



**واقع المسنين ومتطلبات رعايتهم في الأراضي الفلسطينية
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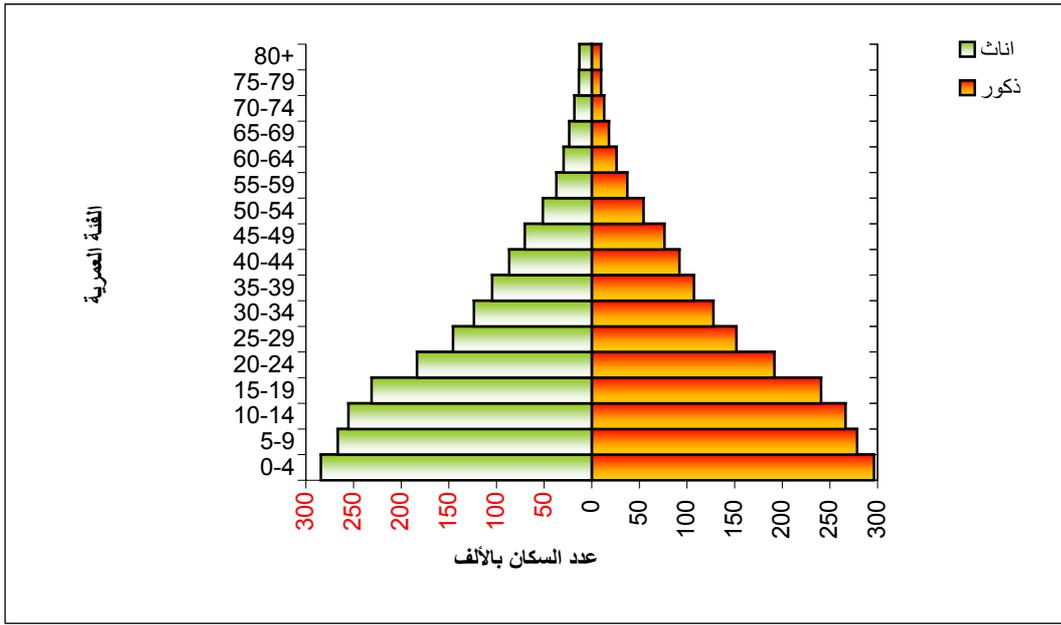
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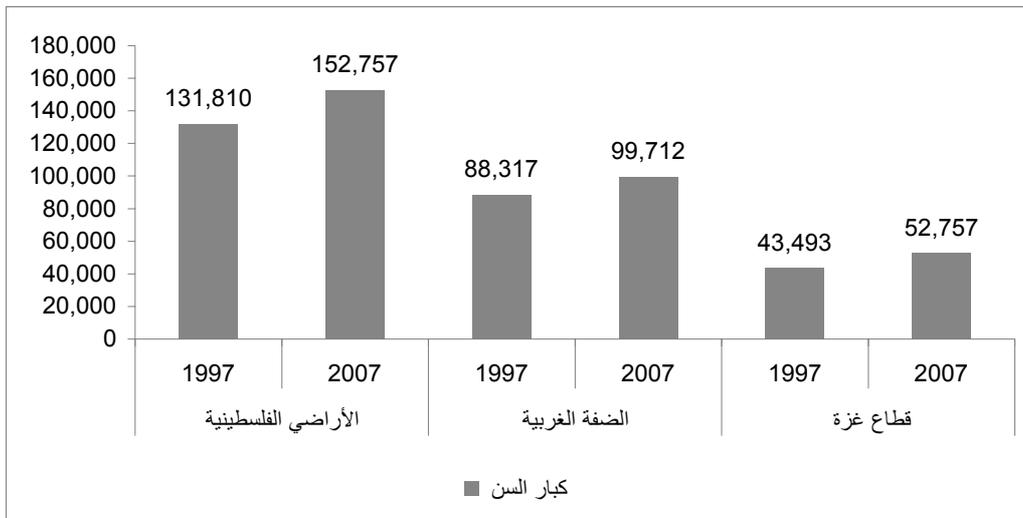
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53.1	526,234	54.0	551,125	53.5	1,077,359	59-15
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4.9	24,368	3.8	19,125	4.3	43,493	+60
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48.4	330,773	48.3	339,964	48.4	670,738	14-0
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62.6	69.7	53.5	52.8	60.2	43.6	56.0	63.4	46.9		
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45.6	25,655	27.1	11,714	37.5	37,369					
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9.9	8.4	8.9	49-45
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6.2	2,213	16.6	53,904	15.6	56,117	39-35
8.4	3,024	14.9	48,457	14.3	51,481	44-40
9.9	3,550	11.6	37,749	11.5	41,299	49-45
10.2	3,659	7.8	25,189	8.0	28,848	54-50
9.9	3,560	5.8	18,779	6.2	22,339	59-55
47.9	17,155	12.3	39,793	15.8	56,948	+60
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100	0.3	7.4	0.4	91.1	0.8		
100	1.5	47.9	1.8	42.7	6.1		
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1.2	4.2	2.5	
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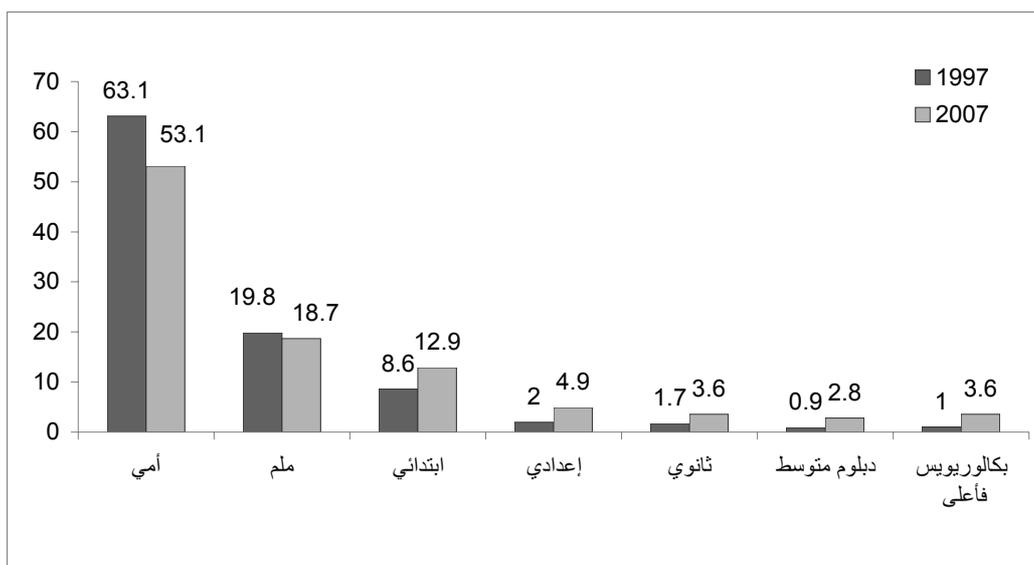
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94.4	41,042	92.7	81,830	93.2	122,872	
26.3	644	27.8	1,801	27.4	2,445	
8.3	204	10.3	666	9.7	870	
1.2	30	1.7	111	1.6	141	
1.6	38	1.8	114	1.7	152	
42.2	1,034	35.2	2,285	37.1	3,319	
2.3	57	2.1	139	2.2	196	
4.2	103	4.7	304	4.6	407	
1.8	43	0.9	61	1.2	104	
8.3	203	9.2	597	9.0	800	
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1.3	55	5.2	243	3.3	298
0.7	31	5.8	270	3.4	301
1.1	46	3.9	183	2.6	229
7.3	315	8.6	398	8.0	713
11.0	470	8.7	403	9.8	873
1.6	67	1.1	53	1.3	120
100	4,289	100	4,649	100	8,938
68.6	2,112	56.4	1,922	62.2	4,034
7.9	242	9.6	327	8.8	569
0.1	4	0.1	5	0.1	9
1.0	31	4.8	162	3.0	193
0.7	22	6.2	210	3.6	232
1.0	30	4.0	135	2.5	165
7.9	244	9.1	311	8.6	555
11.3	347	8.6	293	9.9	640
1.5	47	1.3	43	1.4	90
100	3,079	100	3,408	100	6,487
72.7	880	60.0	745	66.3	1,625
5.4	65	7.9	98	6.7	163
0.2	2	0.2	2	0.2	4
2.0	24	6.5	81	4.3	105
0.7	9	4.8	60	2.8	69
1.3	16	3.9	48	2.6	64
5.9	71	7.0	87	6.4	158
10.2	123	8.9	110	9.5	233
1.7	20	0.8	10	1.2	30
100	1,210	100	1,241	100	2,451

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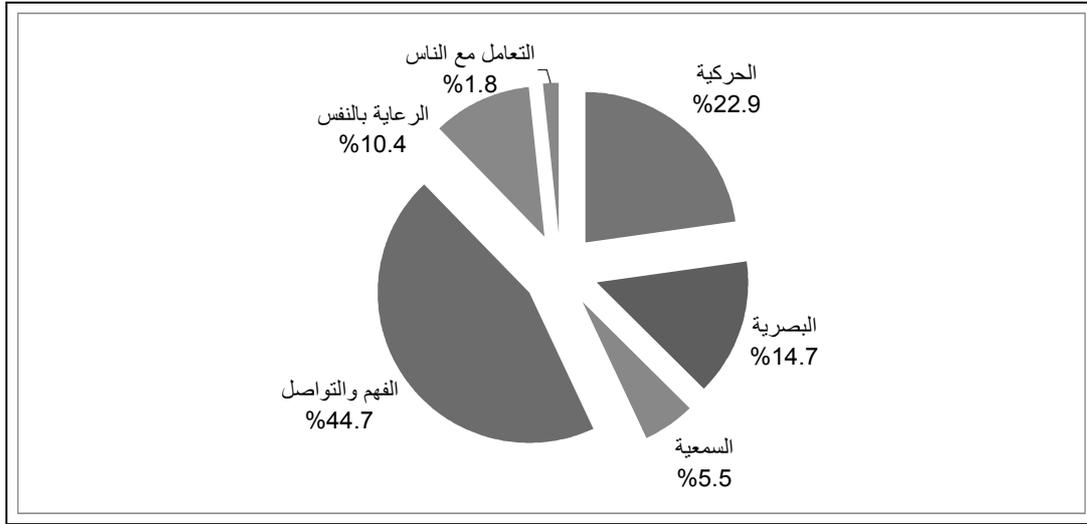
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6.3	16.1	13.4	13.9	17.6	16.5	9.7	16.7	14.7	
4.3	3.9	4.0	11.8	5.5	7.3	7.7	4.7	5.5	
57.5	40.5	45.1	47.5	42.8	44.2	53.0	41.5	44.7	
12.7	13.2	13.1	8.3	6.6	7.1	10.7	10.3	10.4	
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15.7	15,654	15.7	8,861	15.7	6,793		
20.9	20,806	23.9	13,517	16.9	7,289		
3.7	3,704	4.0	2,282	3.3	1,422		
3.6	3,632	3.8	2,168	3.4	1,464		
37.5	37,380	39.5	22,356	34.8	15,024	/	
62.1	61,965	60.0	33,941	64.9	28,024	/	
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25.8	937	22.2	822	32.5	6,762	19.4	3,037	36.4	8,448
1.0	36	0.9	33	0.1	25	0.3	43	0.3	62
65.8	2,390	70.3	2,605	60.8	12,651	74.2	11,609	56.6	13,140
0.2	9	0.2	9	0.8	167	0.9	143	0.9	211
0.3	12	0.4	15	1.0	199	0.3	44	0.2	51
0.8	30	0.5	19	2.2	457	0.8	124	1.4	332
0.4	13	0.4	15	0.5	111	0.7	113	0.4	92
1.0	35	0.7	25	0.1	18	0.1	13	0.0	7
0.0	0	0.0	0	0.4	86	0.6	90	0.8	183
0.1	4	0.2	6	0.3	57	0.2	39	0.2	39
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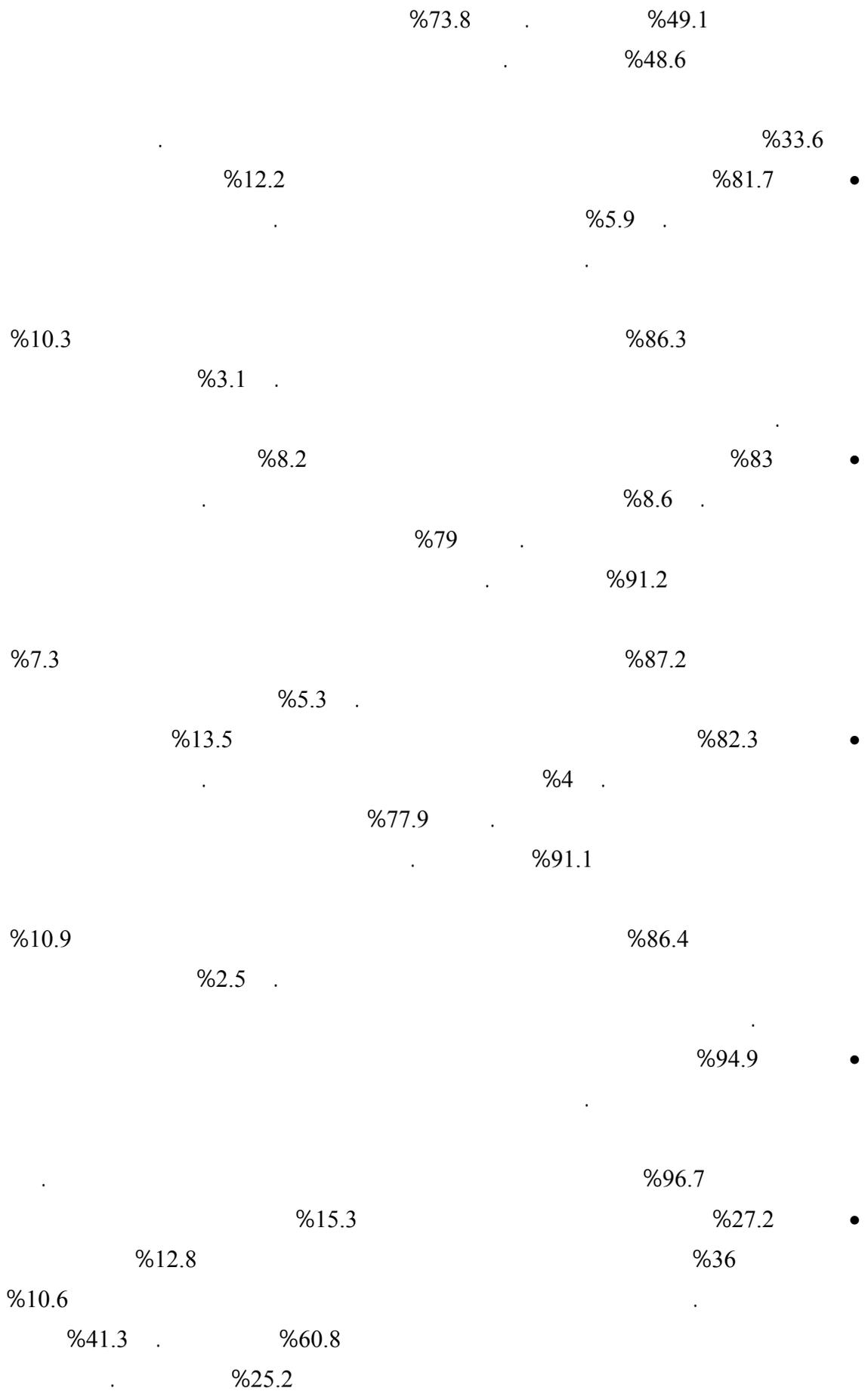
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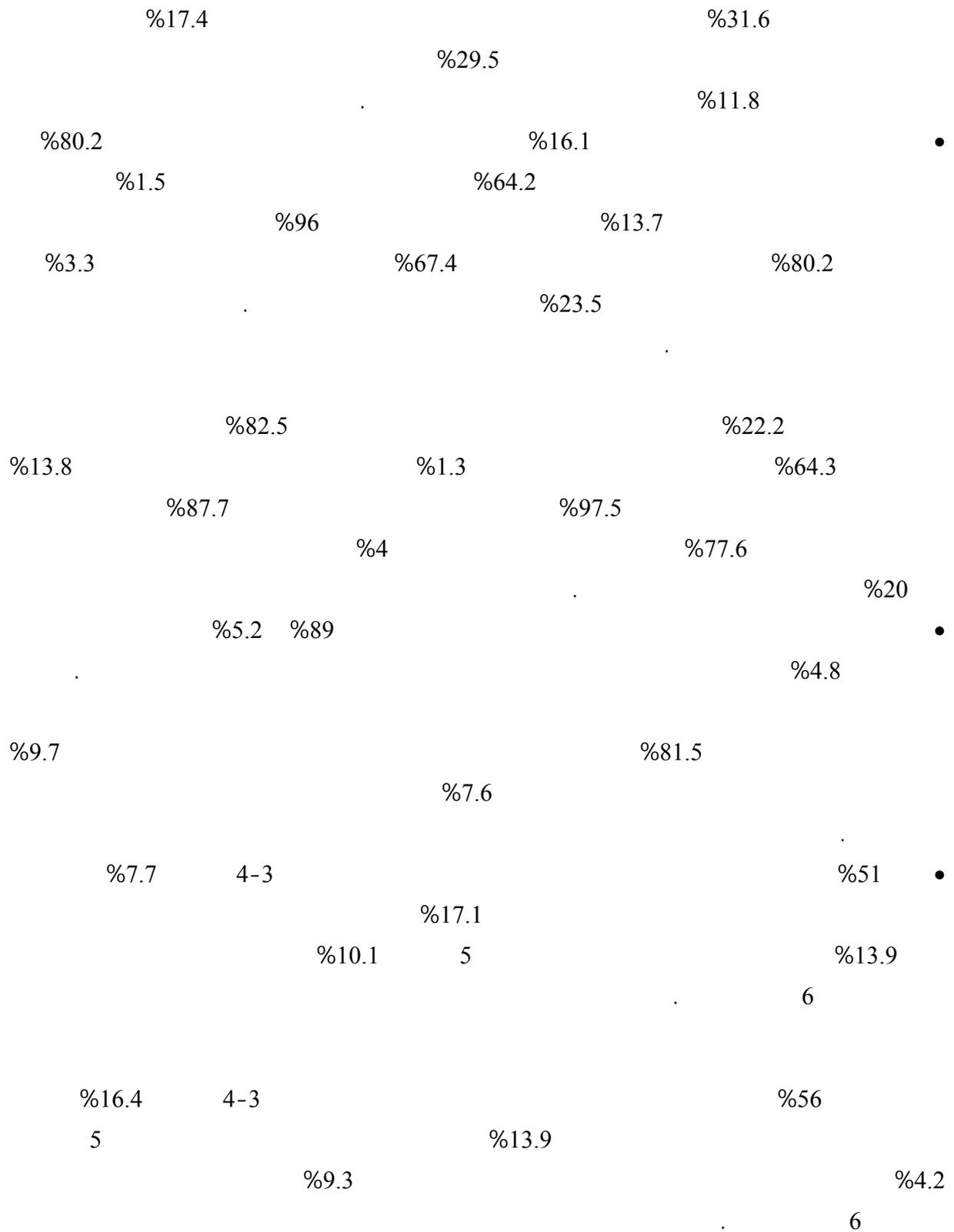
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3.2	906	15.7	6,570	15.1	4,351	9.2	5,257
18.0	5,047	10.9	4,563	20.1	5,800	19.1	10,847
55.9	15,654	24.9	10,403	33.8	9,764	44.7	25,418
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19.1	5,355	15.2	6,369	18.0	5,211	18.6	10,566
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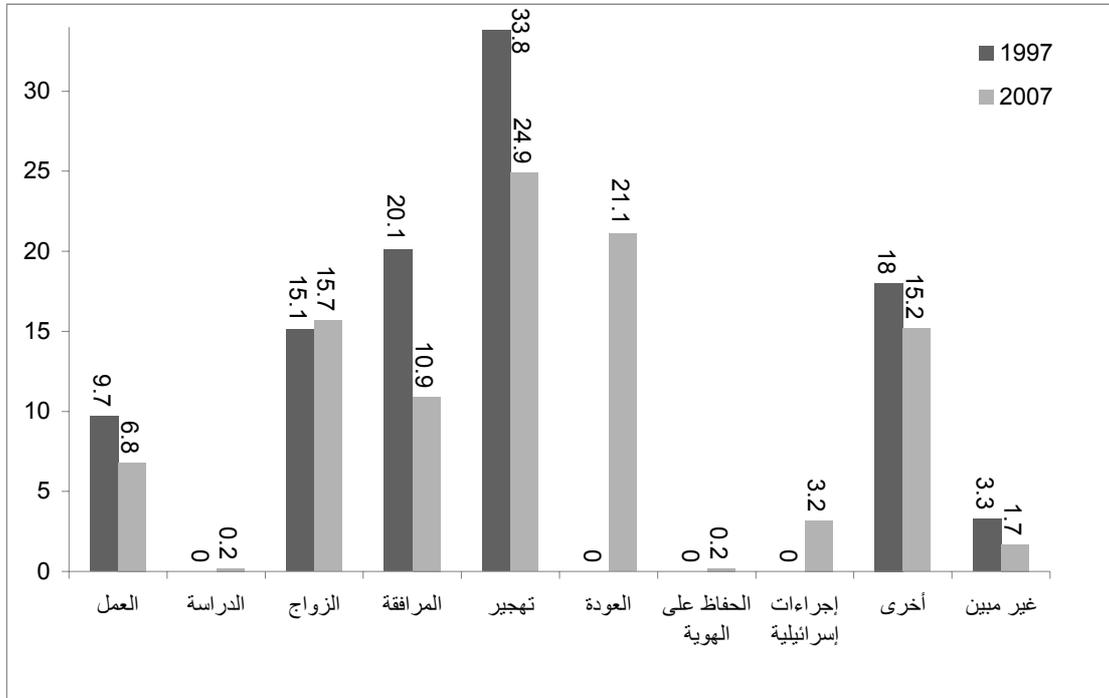
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0.4	0.0	0.8	0.2	0.0	0.3	0.2	0.0	0.5
30.8	55.0	0.0	30.9	56.0	0.0	30.8	55.7	0.0
37.5	31.1	45.6	31.4	29.1	34.2	33.4	29.8	37.9
7.9	4.5	12.2	8.7	4.8	13.5	8.4	4.7	13.1
4.2	6.2	1.8	2.2	3.2	0.9	2.9	4.2	1.2
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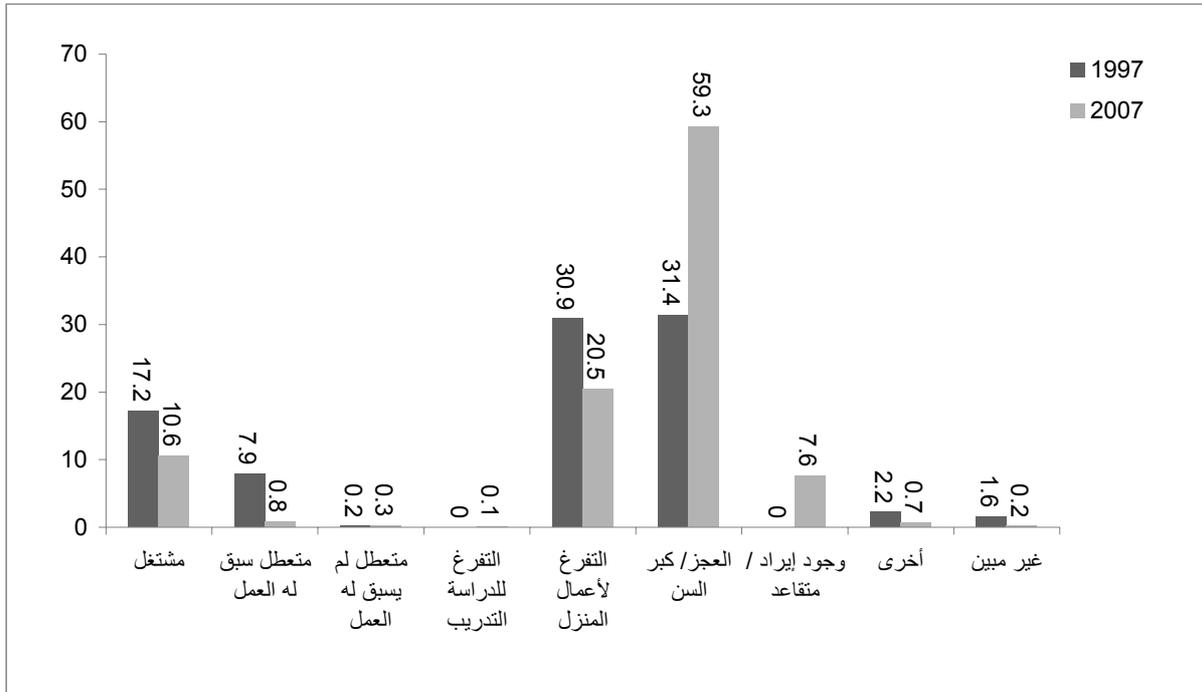
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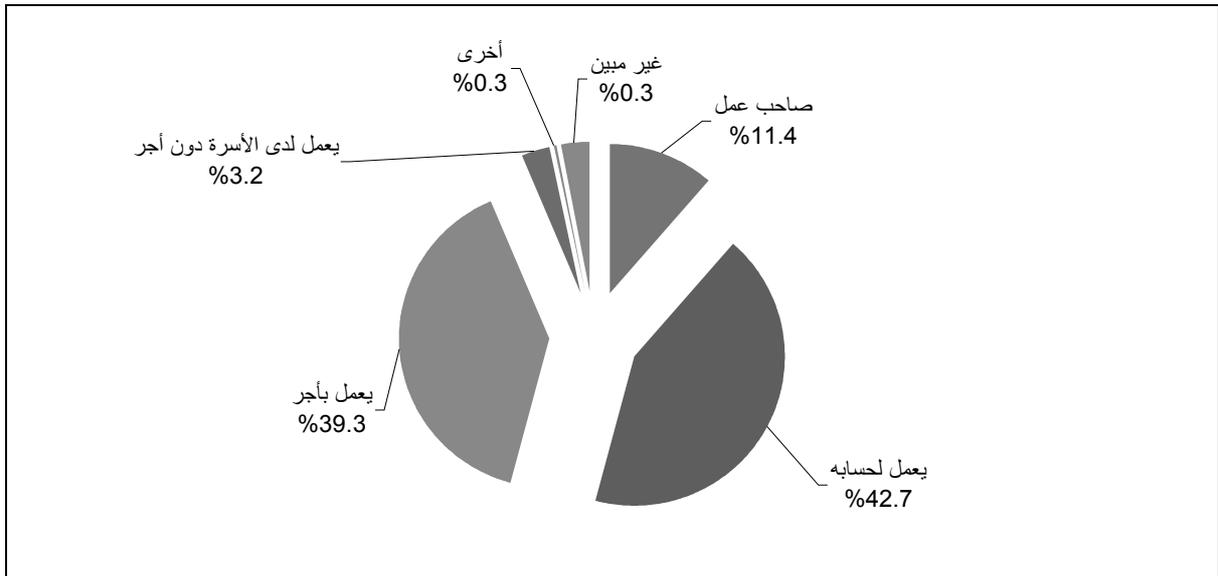
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20.5	20,456	36.1	20,387	0.2	69	
59.3	59,113	58.3	32,954	60.6	26,159	/
7.6	7,530	2.8	1,610	13.7	5,920	/
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54.4	46.3	54.7	34.1	32.1	34.3	39.3	33.6	39.9	
0.3	3.3	0.2	4.3	18.9	2.6	3.2	17.2	2.0	
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35.7	4,064	32.5	339	36.0	3,725	
22.4	2,552	27.6	288	21.9	2,264	
11.1	1,261	11.4	119	11.0	1,142	
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4.4	0.0	4.6	3.0	0.2	3.3	3.4	0.2	3.7	
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1.5	1.5	1.5	0.4	0.5	0.4	0.7	0.6	0.7	
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83.7	86.5	85.0	87.1	87.5	87.3	86.0	87.2	86.5	
95.0	96.5	95.7	95.8	97.2	96.4	95.5	97.0	96.2	
85.2	88.5	86.6	80.2	80.3	80.2	81.8	82.9	82.3	
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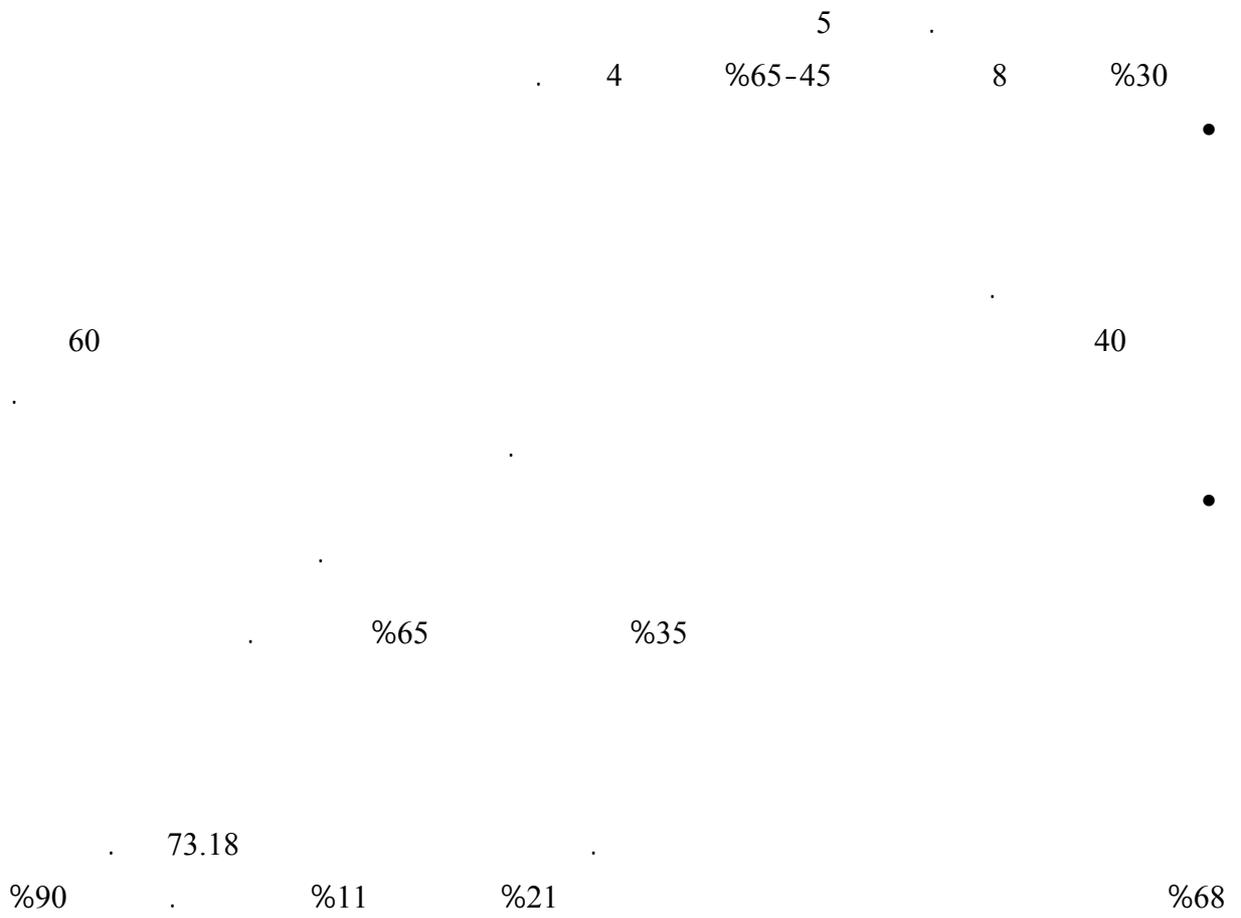
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2.1	920	6.4	5,633	5.0	6,553
0.1	29	0.1	105	0.1	134
100.0	43,442	100.0	88,070	100.0	131,512
95.0	41,260	93.9	82,717	94.3	123,977
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49.1	21,324	22.8	20,057	31.5	41,381
48.6	21,125	73.8	64,990	65.5	86,115
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100.0	43,442	100.0	88,070	100.0	131,512
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8.6	3,732	14.0	12,295	12.2	16,027
3.3	1,412	7.3	6,394	5.9	7,806
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100.0	43,442	100.0	88,070	100.0	131,512
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100.0	43,442	100.0	88,070	100.0	131,512
91.1	39,589	77.9	68,646	82.3	108,235
6.5	2,810	16.9	14,915	13.5	17,725
2.2	973	4.9	4,294	4.0	5,267
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60.8	26,392	10.6	9,374	27.2	35,766	
3.7	1,629	21.0	18,534	15.3	20,163	
1.7	739	18.2	16,032	12.8	16,771	
8.1	3,504	6.1	5,368	6.7	8,872	
25.2	10,929	41.3	36,395	36.0	47,324	/
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12.8	5,573	17.7	15,584	16.1	21,157	
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71.5	31,048	60.6	53,348	64.2	84,396	
28.3	12,277	39.1	34,464	35.5	46,741	
0.3	117	0.3	258	0.3	375	
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8.6	3,738	13.0	11,413	11.5	15,151	
91.0	39,552	86.7	76,342	88.1	115,894	
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76.8	33,378	75.8	66,793	76.2	100,171	
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12.1	5,263	19.5	17,197	17.1	22,460	2
23.4	10,160	26.3	23,162	25.3	33,322	3
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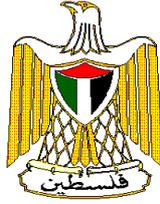
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Preface

The Population, Housing and Establishment Census- 1997 is the cornerstone of the efforts of developing reliable up-to-date and comprehensive database. Statistical surveys and data from administrative records are important data sources.

PCBS is conducting Dissemination and Analysis of Census Finding to enhance awareness of available statistical data in general, and Census finding in particular, as well as their potential utilization and inter linkages with various socioeconomic conditions.

The outputs of the project cover areas of dissemination and analysis of Census findings. This includes producing a series of user-oriented reports at different levels of concern, including analytical, in-depth analysis, and summary reports, of which this report comes as one of the products in the regard.

We hope that this project will contribute to improving the living standards of the Palestinian society through strengthening the development planning process at various levels.

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Important Notes

- The ideas presented in this document do not necessarily express PCBS official position.
- The Researcher worked this study depending on data derived from the PCBS databases and other resources. PCBS will not be responsible for any mistakes of these data.

Executive Summary

1. The aim of this study is to identify the different characteristics of the elderly, whether social (such as gender, age, marital status, etc.) or economic (such as their relationship with their work, profession, economic sector, employment status, etc). In addition, the study aims: to define the characteristics of social care received by the elderly; to demonstrate how relevant and appropriate are the jobs done by the elderly to their age and health conditions; and to compare social and economic characteristics of the elderly between the 1997 and 2007 censuses and then propose practical policies related to them.
2. There is no one internationally-used definition of “old age.” Some countries consider the age of 65 years and above as “old,” while other countries consider the age of 60 as old. The study uses the definition used by the United Nations, which is consistent with the age used by the Palestinian Central Bureau of Statistics for the elderly, which defines an old person as a person who has reached 60 years and above.
3. In order to achieve the study goals, the study was based on data provided by the two censuses conducted by the PCBS in 1997 and 2007, in addition to comparing the different characteristics of the elderly in the two censuses. The study also depends on data available in other PCBS surveys. Along with the data provided by the PCBS, the background theory relating to elderly care is presented, and the role of Palestinian society’s individuals and institutions in handling the elderly is discussed too, along with examining the cases of some of the Arab Countries in this respect.
4. The theoretical framework of care of the elderly can be illustrated through the principles of the Islamic religion in many of the Koran verses and prophetic Hadith, which address all matters relating to them, and encourage taking care of the elderly, and placing them in a prominent place in society, urging all to honor and appreciate them to ensure them a safe, respectful life. The United Nations addressed the subject of elderly care, approved five principles --- independence, participation, care, self-fulfillment and dignity --- and encouraged governments to adopt these principles in their national plans. Some Arab countries have considered these principles while developing a strategic plan for elderly care. The Arab Action Plan for the elderly was prepared until the year 2012, and also the Palestinian Authority developed recently the National Strategic Plan for elderly care in Palestine for 2010-2015.
5. The study aimed at comparing the different characteristics of the elderly in the 1997 and 2007 Censuses, especially that the time span between the two census witnessed Al Aqsa Intifada and the concomitant Israeli practices such as invasions and sieges, which have negatively affected various aspects of the lives of the Palestinians people and all of its social sectors, including the elderly. It should be noted that comparison between the two censuses has been carried out on the level of the West Bank only, due to the lack of data in Gaza Strip in 2007.
6. The study ended up with a number of interesting findings:
 - There is a continuous increase in the number of “elderly” in the Palestinian Territory, as the number increased from 132,000 in 1997 to 152,000 in 2007. Despite this increase in numbers of the elderly, their percentage of the total population decreased from 5.1% in 1997 to 4.5% in 2007.
 - There is a rise in the number of female elderly, compared to male elderly; the gender ratio in the elderly was 88.2 males vs. 100 females in 2007. It was also noted that the high number of females were concentrated in the West Bank, while in Gaza Strip the number of female elderly was less than that of male elderly.
 - There is a shift in the pattern of Palestinian families from the extended family pattern that prevailed decades ago, to the nuclear family pattern. Nuclear families increased

from 73.3% of total households in 1997 to 80.7% in 2007, which indicates a higher probability for some of the elderly to live on their own without their children or grandchildren. This means, on a general level, a reduction in the volume of care or care by children because they live in separate households.

- There is a decrease in the percent of families headed by an elderly person from 18.3% in 1997 to 15% in 2007.
- The highest percentage of elderly persons is married. The percentage of married males was 90% compared to 41.7% for females, while the percent of widowed in terms of gender reached 52.2% for females versus 8.7% only for males.
- There is significant increase in the percentage of illiteracy among the elderly as more than half of the elderly (56.1%) are illiterate. Also the percent of illiteracy among female elderly is 76.2% compared to 30% for males in 2006.
- 65.5% of the elderly people suffer from one or more chronic diseases. The most common chronic diseases are hypertension, diabetes, arthritis, and heart diseases.
- In the year 2006, 14.8% of elderly people (about 23,000 elderly persons) in the Palestinian Territory suffered from difficulty or disability in at least one or more type of disability. The most common difficulty among elderly people is the difficulty of understanding, communication and mobility.
- The elderly people live in modest housings, that is, small houses, some of which are not connected to the public sanitation network, and where some of its inhabitants depend on wood or coal for heating. Positively speaking, most (about 90%) of the elderly people own the house where they live, and most of the houses are connected to the public electricity and water network.
- The rate of poverty among the elderly is high; in 2006 the number reached about 34.1%, forming 5% of the total number of “the poor” in the Palestinian Territory. In addition, there is a significant increase in the rate of poverty in Gaza Strip compared to the West Bank.
- About 28% of the elderly people are not satisfied with their health conditions. About 20% believe that their housing conditions are inappropriate and uncomfortable. 75% of the elderly are not satisfied with the level of services provided by the government agencies for the elderly people, against 9% only who considered the services provided by non-state actors to be satisfactory.
- More than one third of the elderly (37.3%) had changed their place of residence in 1997. The major reason to change their residency was displacement, reaching 44.7%. The percentage of people who changed their place of residency in the West Bank increased in 2007 reaching 41.8 thousands compared to 28.9 thousands in 1997. Displacement remained the major cause of changing place of residence, along with a number of new reasons emerging in 2007, such as “return”.
- There is a significant increase in the rate of elderly persons participating in the labor force in the Palestinian Territory compared to other countries, as 22.7% of the elderly are considered economically active, mostly males.
- The economically active elderly persons are distributed as: 42.7% self-employed, 39.3% paid employees, 11.4% employers, and 3.2% working for the family without pay. Practically, there has been a significant change in the distribution of elderly workers in the West Bank, as there is an increase in the percent of employers and a decrease in the percent of self-employed and in the percent of paid employees.
- Most of the elderly professions are not commensurate with their age and physical strength, as they are concentrated in agriculture and elementary occupations or work

as vendors in the markets, and a low percent of elderly who work in occupations that do not require physical strength, such as technicians and clerks.

- Most of the elderly spend most of their time in personal care and self-preservation, therefore their number of working hours is low compared to the average working hours of the total number of workers.
 - The major reason for the elderly people not to participate in the labor force is their incapacity to work comprising (34.4%), and the second reason is being engaged in full-time household work comprising (30.8%). In 2007 it was noticed that the percentage of incapacity to work increased significantly and the percentage of full-time household work significantly declined.
 - The growing interest and attention to the elderly issues in the present era is attributed to a number of factors and reasons, mainly: the steady increase in the numbers of elderly people, the numerous problems or diseases the elderly suffer from, and in tribute to and recognition of the elderly efforts exerted during their youthful years for the benefit of the community and development.
 - Although the dominant characteristic of the Palestinian society is respect and care for the elderly, there are some exceptions to this rule. In 2006 about one quarter of the elderly had been subject to violence, as (24.7%) reported various forms of abuse by family members.
 - In 2009, the number of non-governmental institutions caring for the elderly sector reached 24 institutions, established mostly by local and foreign charitable and religious associations, versus one governmental institution. These homes faced several problems, notably that most of the buildings were built and designed for different purposes before being used as a home for the elderly. Many of these houses need maintenance and most of these homes do not maintain a fixed-constant income, in addition to the inadequate services provided by the Ministry of Social Affairs for these institutions.
 - In the period 1994-2009 the Palestinian Authority did not have a designated policy for the care of the elderly, and limited its services to social assistance, whether cash or in kind assistance. On the other hand, the Social Protection Program faced several constraints, most importantly, the absence of adequate funding, and the political circumstances and economic conditions, among other factors.
 - The Palestinian government had a number of priorities, including social policies. For implementation of these policies, the Ministry of Social Affairs developed the National Strategic Plan for the Care of the Elderly in Palestine for 2010-2015. The plan is based on the principles of the United Nations on Aging, and on the Arab Plan of Action.
7. The study concluded with a number of recommendations:
- To benefit from the continuous increase in the numbers of elderly people in the Palestinian Territory, we need to focus on the role of development, and not on the role of relief services only, and to benefit from the elderly expertise in the implementation of various relevant programs or activities.
 - Encourage elderly persons to engage in volunteer work and social activities.
 - Develop social welfare programs for female elderly to provide them with at least the minimum of the needed social protection.
 - Raising awareness and creating a national culture on the care of the elderly and their importance in cultural human exchanges, taking advantage of the religious and moral dimension in the care of the elderly. This can be done through workshops and conferences on various issues of elderly care, in addition to radio and television programs promoting the care for the elderly.

- Take advantage of the “International Day for the elderly” in the implementation of various programs and activities by all institutions and agencies involved in the care of elderly, and engaging the elderly themselves in these programs.
- Develop special programs by the relevant authorities to diminish illiteracy among the elderly, especially for females.
- Urge the Palestinian families to keep and take care of the elderly people for the positive effects this has on them, and to support those families by helping them in their responsibilities toward the elderly. In this respect the homes for the elderly can provide training to the elderly or their families on the methods of proper care.
- Allocation of part of the Ministry of Health budget for the follow up of chronic disease cases among the elderly, especially that these diseases require a hospital admission from time to time.
- Establishing mobile units to provide the elderly with health services and other services in their households.
- Urging the Palestinian universities to develop academic courses related to elderly care. Also to include geriatrics and aging issues in the academic courses at the universities, in addition to developing materials about the elderly (their role in society, how to care for them, etc.) in the educational curriculum.
- Establishing a database and comprehensive studies on all matters relating to the elderly.
- Building a website designed for publishing and tackling all issues related to the elderly.
- Issuing the “elderly card” which entitles its holder to benefit from a range of services and privileges, and facilitates the procedures and transactions of the elderly in ministries and government departments.
- Encouraging and urging Palestinian companies, especially large ones, to adopt programs and activities in the domain of elderly care, and to include these programs as an integral part of the social responsibility of these companies, and not dealt with randomly.
- Creating psychosocial support programs for those working in the care for the elderly, and on how to deal with the elderly, particularly those with disabilities, and to focus in these programs on the psychological aspects, rather than focusing on the physical and health services only.
- Establishing health care centers for the elderly, and providing them with free health insurance, especially with the spread of chronic diseases and difficulties or disabilities among them.
- Increasing the Ministry of Social Affairs share in the Palestinian budget for the benefit of the elderly sector by developing new programs, or by giving support to the homes for the elderly, so as to ensure providing the minimum requirements of decent life for this important sector.
- Assisting the nursing homes to specialize in admitting guests from a specific group or age group, and to provide necessary support to these homes to continue delivering their services. Also the current condition of these homes (in terms of construction, no. of rooms, no. of floors, working teams, and capacities) should be studied thoroughly.
- Spreading the culture of voluntary work (in the domain of elderly care) to reach the elderly in their households, and to help their families. Also to establish friendly clubs for the elderly, whose members would pay frequent visits to the homes of the elderly, and that recruits specialized psychiatrists to follow up their health care.

- Forming a national commission on the elderly affairs, composed of members from the private sector, civil society, and the relevant ministries. The commission mission will be developing policies and programs related to the elderly care, and monitoring their implementation.
- Working to enact a law for the “elderly” to organize matters related to them.
- Encouraging studies and research centers and researchers to study the various issues of the elderly, and develop the practical recommendations for the elderly care.
- Recommending that the Palestinian government develops a financing plan for the National Strategic Plan for the care of the elderly, and then working on endorsing it so all the related parties will attend their part in the plan.