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Women's Education in Palestine

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- ❖ According to UNICEF, the net enrollment ratio of women in secondary education institutions in Palestine from 2008-2012 stood at 85.3%.¹
- ❖ A 2012 Report on Gender Discrimination from Birzeit University indicates shrinking gender disparity within educational institutions. For instance, 9.2% of females had a bachelor's degree or higher, compared to 11.5% of men, a small difference between the sexes.²
- ❖ According to a 2012 report by the Palestinian Central Bureau of Statistics, women with 13 years of more of education face the highest unemployment rates in the Palestinian Territories, standing at nearly 45%.³
- ❖ According to the 2012-2013 Gaza Statistics Book, roughly 42,000 men were enrolled in higher education institutions throughout the Gaza Strip, compared to roughly 50,000 women.⁴
- ❖ According to a 2013 report by UN Women, female students in Palestine are admitted to secondary and higher education institutions at higher rates than their male counterparts (73.6% and 66.8% respectively).⁵
- ❖ According to a 2013 report by The Palestinian Central Bureau of Statistics (PCBS), for individuals 15 years old and above, the literacy rate among Palestinian women is 93.6%, which is more than 3.5 times higher than their male counterparts, whose literacy rate stands at roughly 26.7%.⁶
- ❖ As of 2014, according to the World Bank, irrespective of age, primary school completion rates among female students stood at 95%.⁷
- ❖ According to a 2015 report by the UNDP, across all of Palestine, in primary education institutions, males have a higher dropout rate than females (0.9% to 0.5% respectively).⁸

¹ http://www.unicef.org/infobycountry/oPt_statistics.html

² http://www.academia.edu/9704055/Status_of_Women_and_Girls_in_the_Palestinian_Territories_Analysis_of_Gender-Based_Discrimination_regarding_Education_the_Labour_Market_and_Domestic_Physical_Violence

³ <http://www.thedailybeast.com/witw/articles/2013/07/08/will-educated-women-build-palestine.html>

⁴ <http://www.ean-edu.org/assets/alqaroutreport.pdf>

⁵ http://www.lacs.ps/documents/Show.aspx?ATT_ID=7778

⁶ <http://gulfnews.com/news/mena/palestine/literacy-rate-among-palestinian-women-at-93-6-1.1155834>

⁷ <http://data.worldbank.org/indicator/SE.PRM.CMPT.FE.ZS/countries/PS-XQ-XN?display=graph>

⁸ <http://www.ps.undp.org/content/dam/papp/docs/Publications/UNDP-papp-research-PHDR2015Education.pdf>