

## *West Bank and Gaza Strip*

### SOURCE

**Name of source:** *2011 Population Census and Housing*

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**Type of source:** Population census

**Periodicity:** 10 years

**Objectives:** To provide information about the general characteristics of persons with disability or difficulty through a specialized questionnaire designed to meet the needs of the Palestinian Territory, the recommendation of the World Health Organization (WHO) and the Washington Group for Disability Statistics.

### COVERAGE

**Disabilities:** Seeing, hearing, mobility, learning, remembering, concentrating, mental health, communication

**Population groups:** Total population of all age groups

**Total population covered:** 97.6%

**Economic activities:** All economic activities

**Sectors covered:** All sectors

**Labour force status:** Employed persons, unemployed persons, persons not economically active

**Status in Employment:** Employees, employers, own-account workers, contributing family workers, members of producers' cooperatives

**Geographic areas:** Areas excluded: Israeli settlements

**Establishments:** NR

**Other limitations:** No

### TERMS AND DEFINITIONS

**Term used to denote 'disability':** 'Disabled person'

**Definition of this term:** Persons with disabilities include those who have long-standing physical, mental, intellectual or sensory impairments, which in interaction with various barriers may hinder their full and effective participation in the society on an equal basis with others.

**Source of this definition:** WHO

**Questions used to identify persons with disabilities:** The survey's questionnaire covered a large list of indicators that aim to measure: prevalence of disability among individuals by type and cause; age at the beginning of disability; instruments used by persons with disability by type of disability; difficulties facing persons with disability during daily life practices; attitudes of people and society towards persons with disability; extent of engagement of persons with disability in society by their ability to use public and private transportation; extent of suitability of surrounding environment to persons with disability; the practicing of social and sport activities; relation to labor, educational levels and other related indicators. The used questions were as follows: vision disability; hearing disability; communication disability; mobility disability, which covers disabilities or difficulties that people with disability face inside or outside homes. It also covers difficulties that people face during walking for more than 15 minutes; remembering and concentrating disability, which includes (remembering to do something important, people who suffer from lack of memorizing in continuous manner like difficulty remembering where things have been put in the house, as well as difficulty in concentrating on doing things for 10 minutes); learning disability that includes Difficulty with intellectual functions due to a condition such as acquired brain injury, Down Syndrome, brain damage at birth, difficulty with interpersonal skills due to any condition such as autistic spectrum disorders, difficulty in learning everyday skills such as reading, writing, using simple tools; mental health disability. Possible answers to all types of disabilities are: no difficulty, some difficulty, a lot of difficulties, cannot at all.

**Minimum duration to be considered as a person with disability:** 6 months

## **CLASSIFICATION**

**Classifications:** Sex, age, level of education, other personal characteristics, type of living arrangements, status in employment, occupation, economic activity, type of disability, cause of disability

**Cross-classifications:** No

**REFERENCE PERIOD:** First quarter of 2011

## **DISSEMINATION**

**National publications:** 'Disability Survey, 2011 Press conference report'

**Website:** [http://www.pcbs.gov.ps/Portals/\\_pcbs/PressRelease/disability\\_e2011.pdf](http://www.pcbs.gov.ps/Portals/_pcbs/PressRelease/disability_e2011.pdf)