

CCI Entrepreneurial Ecosystem for Youth and Women Palestine

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Country Overview



Total Population
5,371,230 in 2023

Source: World Development Indicators (WB)



GDP per Capita
3663 USD in 2021

Source: World Development Indicators (WB)

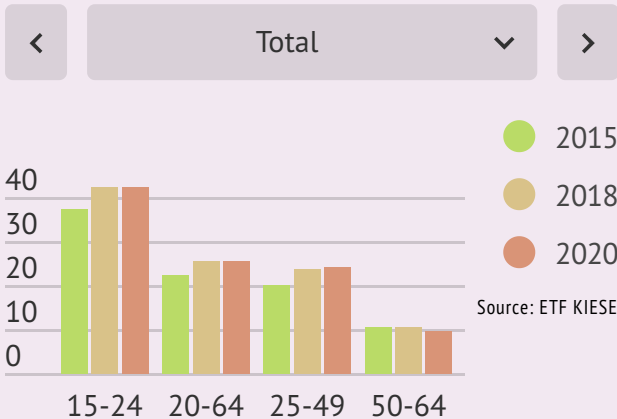
Age distribution of the country



Source: World Development Indicator (WB)

● 0-14 ● 15-64 ● 64+

Unemployment rate by age and gender [%]



CCI in the economy



Exports

- Total exports in cultural activity in 2019 was \$3,536,034
- Amounting to 0.32% of total exports
- 63.8% - visual arts, crafts, and goods
- 26.38% - books and press/literature?
- 9.29% - performance and celebration/entertainment?

(UNESCO's Institute of Statistics- UIS)



Imports

- Imports in cultural goods accounts for \$20,955,650
- This represents 0.31% of total imports

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Data Scarcity

There is a scarcity of data regarding cultural and creative industries in Palestine

Entrepreneurial Ecosystem



27% of MSMEs are facing credit constraints in 2017

Source: International Finance Corporation (WB)
<https://www.smeffinanceforum.org/data-sites/msme-finance-gap>



99% of all enterprises are MSMEs in Palestine in 2015

Source: Karaki (2021).



80% of Palestinian workers are working in MSMEs in 2015

Source: Karaki (2021).



Entrepreneurial Activity

Total early-stage Entrepreneurial Activity (TEA) of 9.84% in 2012
Fear of failure is at 40.05% (GEM website for latest available year)



Perception

80.43% of population believe entrepreneurship is a good career choice and 84.56% view entrepreneurs as high-status (GEM website for latest available year- 2012)



Women Entrepreneurs

Female-to-male Total early-stage Entrepreneurial Activity ratio of 0.21 in 2012 lower than the regional average of 0.54 (GEM website for latest available year)



Women Empowerment



Youth Empowerment



5% of MSMEs are owned by women

7% suffer from credit constraints in 2017

Source: IFC (WB)

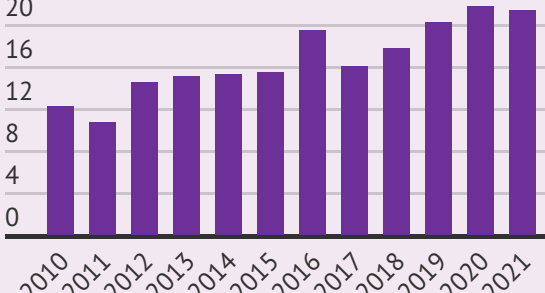


Youth Progress Rank

84/163 in 2020

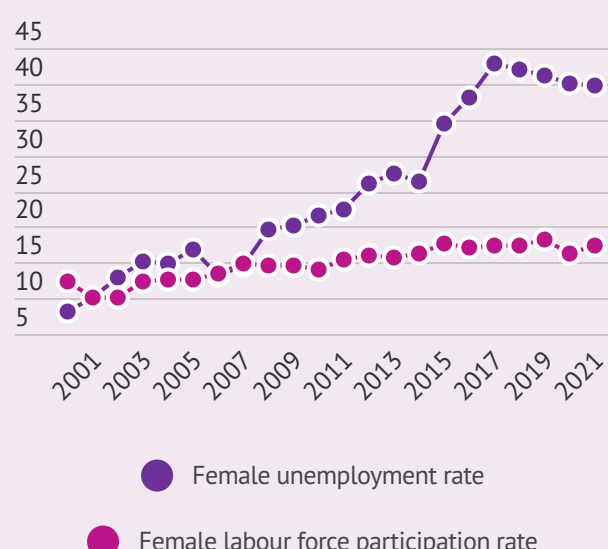
Source: <https://youthprogressindex.org/>

Women in managerial positions (%)



Source: ILOSTAT

Women in the labour market



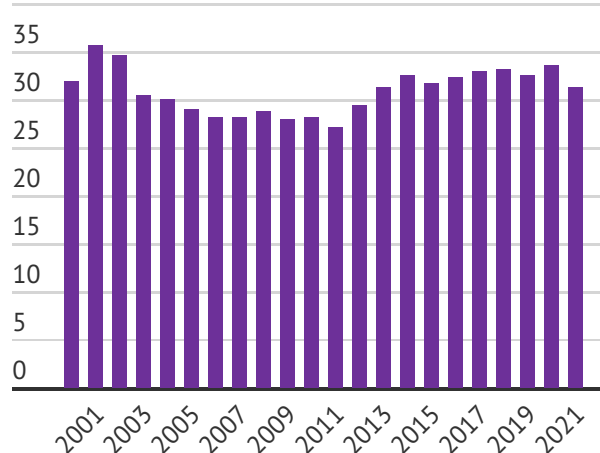
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26% of adult women have an account in a financial institution in 2021

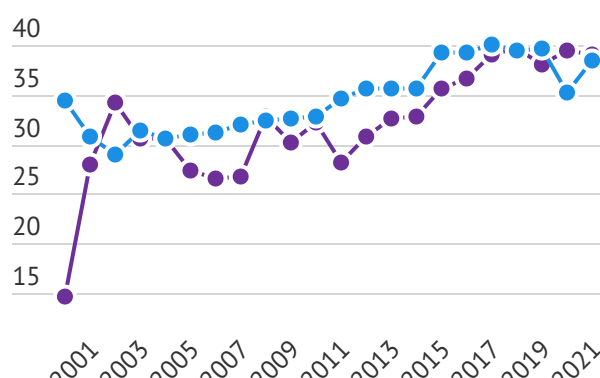
Source: World Development Indicators (WB)

Share of youth not in employment, education or training (NEET)



Source: ILOSTAT

Youth in the labour market



Source: ILOSTAT

Cultural and creative industries in Palestine have the potential to create significant job opportunities for youth and women, contributing to economic growth through innovative products, services, and tourism. While Palestine has made some progress in supporting these industries through creative hubs and festivals, there is still a need to provide access to finance, training, and infrastructure to fully realise their potential. Investing in these industries can also lead to the preservation and promotion of Palestinian culture and heritage.

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