

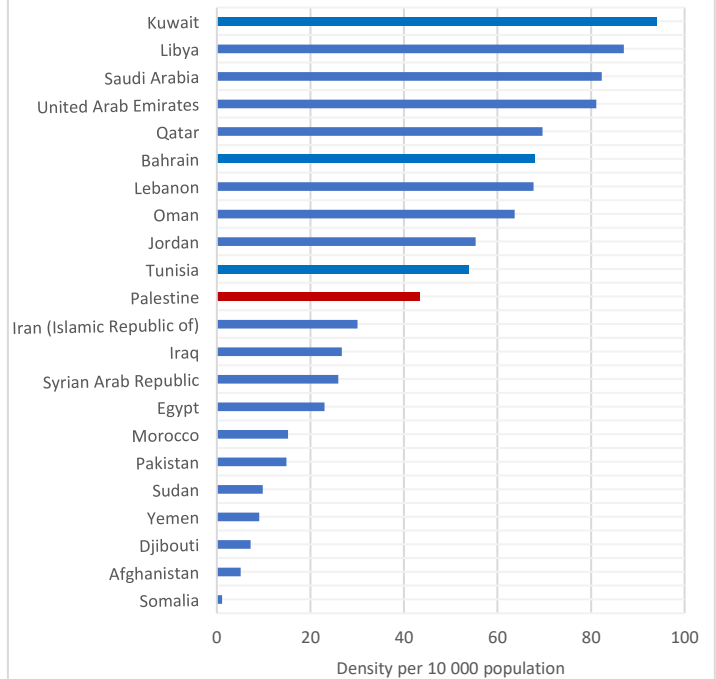
## Health workforce snapshot

# PALESTINE

### PALESTINE AT A GLANCE<sup>1</sup>

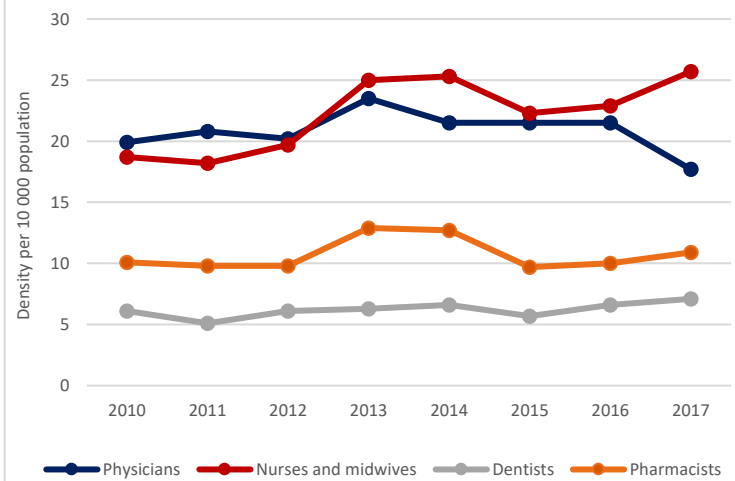
Total population (2017)	4 706 000
Gross national income per capita (US\$, 2018) <sup>2</sup>	5 990
Unemployment (% of total labour force) (2018) <sup>2</sup>	30.84
Per capita current health expenditure (US\$ 2017)	282
Government health expenditure as % of general government expenditure (2017)	16
Out-of-pocket expenditure as % of current health expenditure (2017)	46
Universal health coverage index (2015) <sup>3</sup>	...
Number of refugees (2016)	2 158 274
Number of internally displaced persons (2016)	0
Maternal mortality per 100 000 live births (2015)	45
Under-5 mortality per 1000 live births (2017)	21
Births attended by skilled health personnel (%) (2017)	100
Raised blood glucose (% , 18+ years) (2016)	8.5
Raised blood pressure (% , 18+ years) (2016)	35.8
Hepatitis B incidence rate per 100 000 (2016)	...

### Density of physicians, nurses and midwives in countries of the Region (2017)



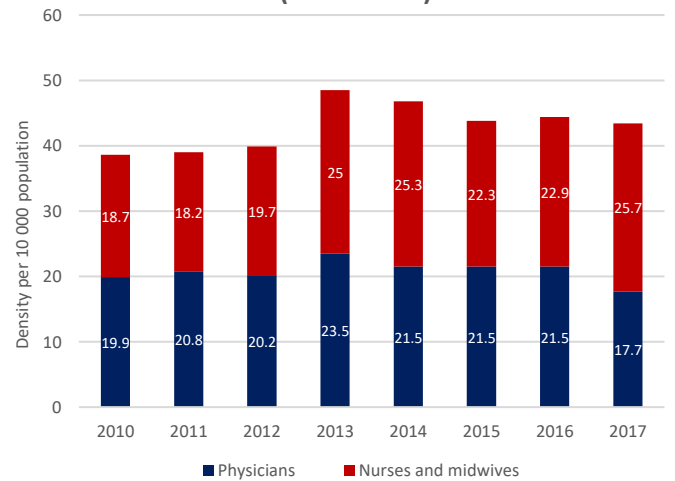
Source: Eastern Mediterranean Health Observatory.

### Density of selected health professionals (2010–2017)



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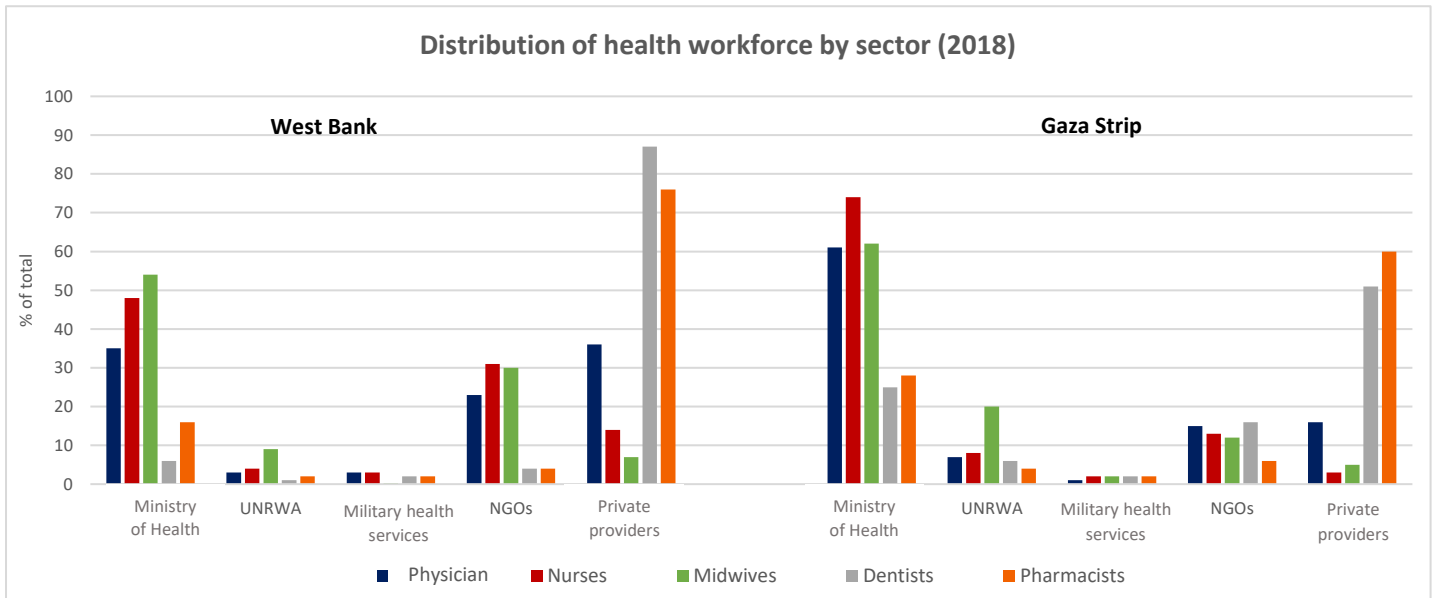
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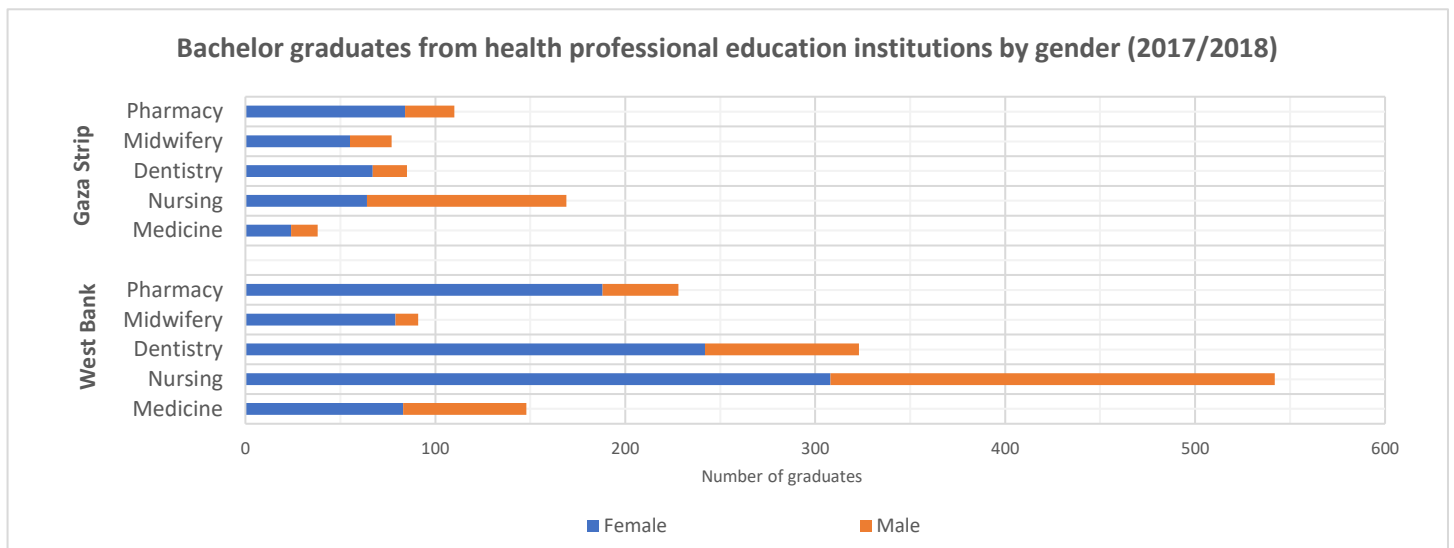
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## KEY FACTS

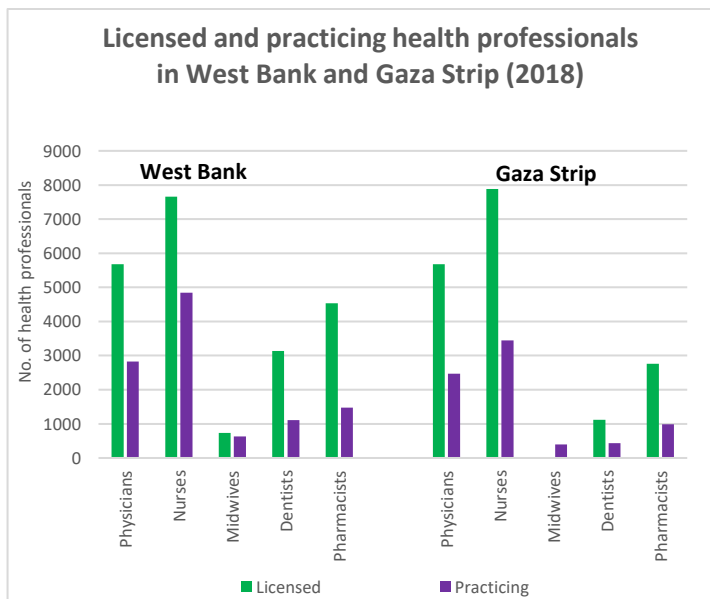
- The total number of health workers is 36 809.<sup>4</sup>
- The health workforce is mostly young, with 74% of all health workforce under the age of 45.<sup>4</sup>
- Shortages are being faced in some specialties.
- Most physicians (83%) and dentists (76%) are males.<sup>4</sup>
- 91% of health workers are employed in the urban areas.<sup>4</sup>
- The health workforce is regulated mainly by the Ministry of Health, which provides lifetime licenses to physicians and dentists and annual re-licensing to all other health professionals.<sup>4</sup>



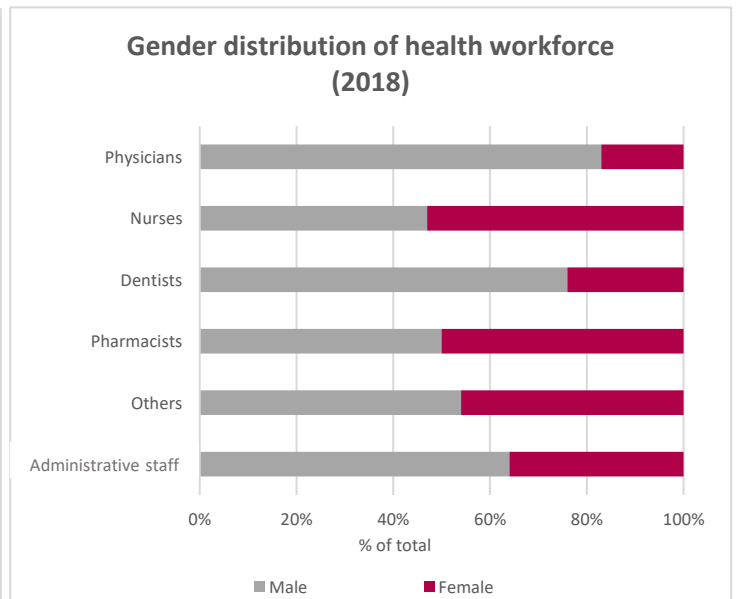
UNRWA = United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East; NGOs = nongovernmental organizations  
 Source: Palestine National Human Resources for Health Observatory.



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