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In clear violation of various international human rights treaties that forbid depriving students of their education (According to Art. 13 of the International Covenant on Economic, Social, and Cultural Rights, for instance, every person is entitled to the right of education and states must do everything in their power to safeguard this right), the siege on the WBGS (imposed for the 7th week as we go to press) is preventing thousands of students and teachers from reaching their schools and universities. The worst situation is in the Israeli-controlled H2 area of Hebron, where over 13,000 students are in the heart of the city.

Education is the largest public service sector within the PA; educational services in the WBGS are provided by the public (PA, UNRWA), private and NGO sectors, with the latter two dominating the pre-school and tertiary levels while the former focuses on basic and secondary education. Many schools are overcrowded, with some 25% operating on more than one shift.

The Palestinian school system is a two-stream system (literary and scientific) that consists of primary and secondary grades. After the ninth school year, students must choose a stream along which to complete the required 12 years of schooling, which end with the *Tawjihi* (matriculation) exam; passing is a condition for university or college enrollment.

► **KINDERGARTENS**

Total Number (all private)	843	(WB: 606; GS: 237; 3 male; 7 female; 833 co-ed)
Pupils enrolled	77,402	(WB: 50,788; GS: 26,614; 40,600 male; 36,802 female)
Teachers	3,618	(WB: 2,342; GS: 1,277; 54 male; 3,564 female)
Average number of children	26.6 per class	(WB: 26.2; GS: 27.3)

► **SCHOOLS**

Total Number	1,767	of which: 1,259 basic and 508 secondary schools
Classes	26,449	of which: 291 kindergarten, 21,143 basic, 2,395 sec. school
Literacy Rate	85.5%	(male: 91.9%; female: 79%; MENA region average: 57%)
Students enrolled	865,540	
Drop-outs (1998/99):	15,173	(=1.9%; 2.0% male; 1.8% female; mainly 7-10 th graders)
Repeaters (1998/99)	19,622	(=2.4%; 2.7% male; 2.1% female; mainly 3 rd -5 th + 7 th graders)

(Source: Ministry of Education, *Education Statistics Series* no. 6, June 2000.)

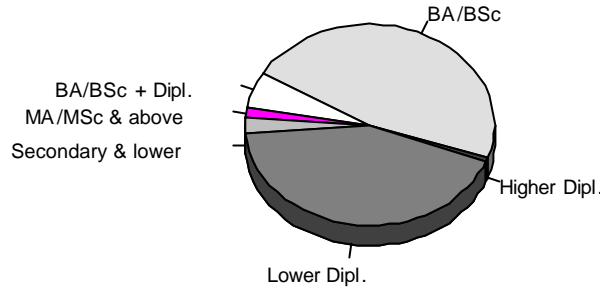
TEACHERS, SCHOOLS & STUDENTS BY SUPERVISING AUTHORITY, 1999/2000

		West Bank ^a	Gaza	Total
Private	Teachers (m / f)	3,325	316	3,641 (1,218 / 2,423)
	Schools (m / f / co-ed)	197	17	214 (26 / 16 / 172)
	Students	50,787	4,891	55,678
UNRWA	Teachers (m / f)	1,646	4,282	5,928 (2,979 / 2,949)
	Schools (m / f / co-ed)	96	168	264 (103 / 85 / 76)
	Students	53,738	169,347	223,085
Government	Teachers (m / f)	17,891	6,366	24,257 (12,830 / 11,427)
	Schools	1,069	220	1,289 (465 / 484 / 340)
	Students	412,190	174,587	586,777
Total	Teachers (m / f)	22,862	10,964	33,825 (17,027 / 16,799)
	Schools (m / f / co-ed)	1,362	405	1,767 (594 / 585 / 588)
	Students (m / f)	485,490	327,232	865,540 (436,442 / 429,098)

^a incl. Waqf and private schools in Jerusalem (Source: Min. of Education, *Education Statistics Series* no. 6, June 2000.)



TEACHER QUALIFICATION:



Of the 33,825 teachers in the WBGs, 22,620 are specialized in humanities

DISTRIBUTION OF STUDENTS PER CLASS / TEACHER BY SUPERVISING AUTHORITY

Average no. of students per:	UNWRA		Government		Private		Total	
	Class	Teacher	Class	Teacher	Class	Teacher	Class	Teacher
West Bank ¹	38.7	32.7	33.3	23	25	15.3	32.7	22.6
Gaza Strip	49.9	39.5	42	27.4	26.3	15.5	45.1	31.8
Total	44.3	37.6	38.9	24.2	25.7	15.3	38.9	25.6

¹includes Jerusalem. (Source: Ministry of Education, *Education Statistics Series* no. 6, June 2000.)

► **HIGHER EDUCATION AND UNIVERSITIES**

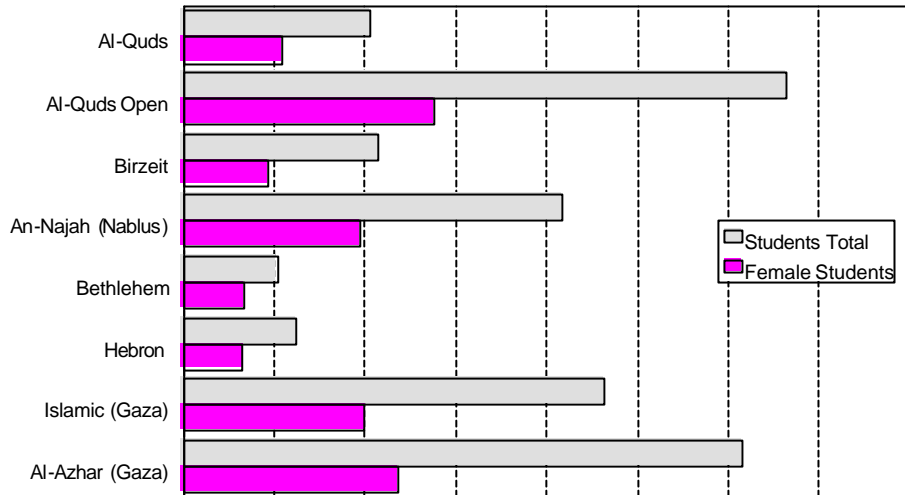
Universities	8	(WB: 6; GS: 2)
Students enrolled (1998/99)	57,341	(male: 32,315, female: 25,026)
Graduates (1997/98)	6,323	(male: 3,328, female: 2,995)
Teaching Staff (1998/99)	2,791	(male: 2,493, female: 298)
Colleges - offering BA	4	(WB: 3; GS: 1)
- community colleges	17	(WB: 14)
Students enrolled (1998/99)	5,436	(male: 2,533, female: 2,903)
Graduates (1997/98)	1,175	(male: 338, female: 837)
Teaching Staff (1998/99)	432	(male: 317, female: 115)

(Source: PCBS and PA Ministry of Education, 1998/99.)



UNIVERSITY STUDENTS IN THE WBGs, 1998/99

(Source: PCBS and PA Ministry of Education, 1998/99.)



► **VOCATIONAL TRAINING**

Students	Industrial	Agricultura 	Commercia 	Legal	Hotel	Total
West Bank	1,598	74	960	30	31	2,693
male/female	1,573/25	74/-	422/538	30/-	31/-	2,130/563
Gaza	-	65	65	75	-	205
male/female	-	51/14	-/65	26/49	-	77/128
Total	1,598	139	1,025	105	31	2,898

(Source: Ministry of Education, *Education Statistics Series* no. 6, June 2000.)

► **OTHER EDUCATIONAL-CULTURAL FEATURES**

Museums	10	(WB: 9, GS: 1)
Theaters	8	(WB: 6, GS: 2)
Public Libraries (supervised by the Min. of Culture)	80	(WB: 56, GS: 24; for adults: 20)
Sport Clubs	331	(WB: 294, GS: 37)
Youth Centers	30	(WB: 22, GS: 8)

(Source: PCBS, 1999.)