



MINISTRY OF EDUCATION AND HIGHER EDUCATION

CITIZENS' BUDGET

2024

Vision: A Palestinian society that possesses the values, knowledge, culture and technology to produce knowledge and employ it in liberation and development.

Mission: To build an educational system that contributes to the consolidation of ethical, national and humanitarian values and serves as an incubator of critical thinking. To develop the principles of research and search for knowledge as well as necessary capacities to bring about active citizens, through the empowerment of a unique educational cadre that is capable of bringing about positive change in the educational process. The results of the new educational system contribute to meeting the needs of comprehensive development and creation of promising economic opportunities that fulfill the goals of a modern, enlightened Palestinian society.

Strategic objections of the educational sector:

- **First goal:** Ensure safe, comprehensive and just enrollment in the educational system at all levels
- **Second goal:** Develop teaching and learning methods and environment centered on the benefit of students
- **Third goal:** Enhance accountability, results-based leadership, governance and administration
- **Programs:** Early childhood, Primary education, Secondary education, Vocational education, Non-Formal Education, Governance and Administration

2024 budget

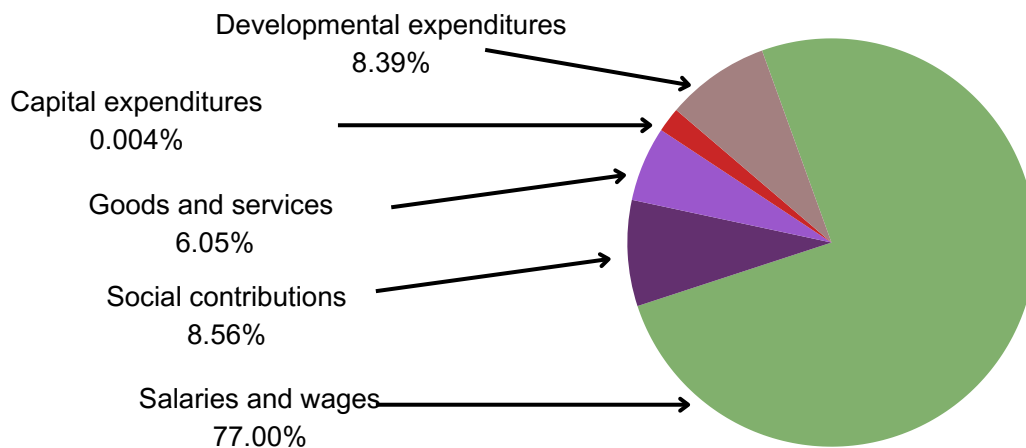
The 2024 Ministry of Education budget was **ILS3,568 million**, while the higher education budget was **ILS205.6 million**. The percentage of the Ministry of Education and Higher Education's budget was **20.5%** of the overall expenditures from the 2024 public budget

It should be noted that there are additional budgets such as education ministry tax or the programs and projects funded after the budget was prepared and adopted, or sponsored schools programs, which increases the budget earmarked for education in Palestine.

Items of the 2024 Ministry of Education Budget

Item	Budget/million shekels	Percentage
Salaries and wages	2,748	77.00%
Social contributions	305	8.56%
Goods and services	216	6.05%
Capital expenditures	0.13	0.004%
Developmental expenditures	299	8.39%
Total	3,568	100.00%

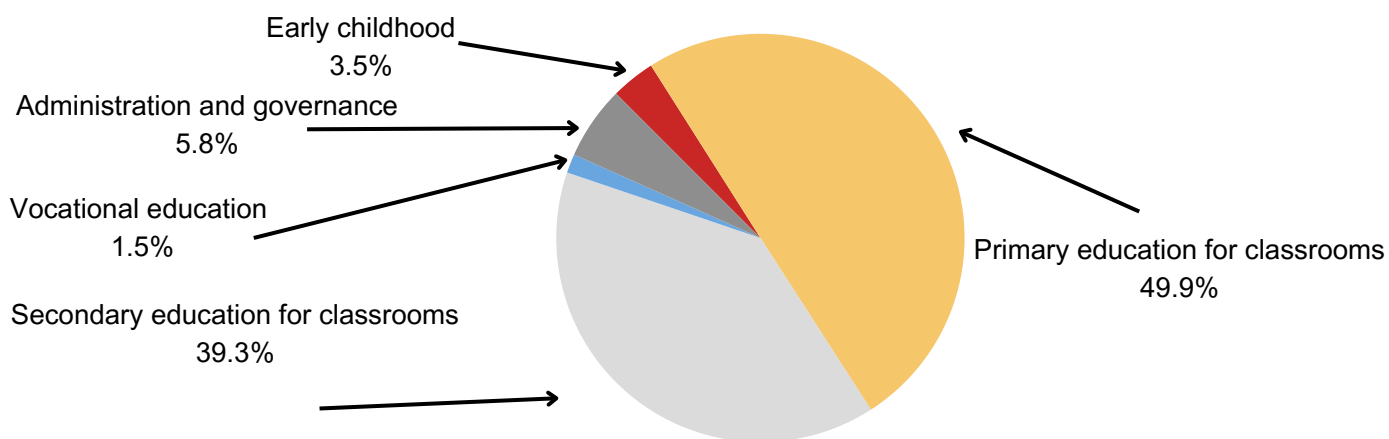
Distribution of 2024 Ministry of Education budget on items – per million shekels



Distribution of 2024 Ministry of Education budget according to programs

Program	Budget/million shekels	Percentage
Early childhood	123.2	3.5%
Primary education for classrooms	1,782.0	49.9%
Secondary education for classrooms	1,400.6	39.3%
Vocational education	55.2	1.5%
Administration and governance	207.0	5.8%
Total budgets for programs	3,568	100%

Percentages of budget distribution on various programs – 2024



2024 Higher Education Budget – per million shekels

Higher Education expenditures	Budget/million shekels
Operational and capital expenditures	198.6
Developmental expenditures	7
Total	205.6

Largest developmental projects in 2024/million USD

Program	Project	Budget/million USD
Primary education	Construction, furnishing and maintenance of classrooms	25.90
Secondary education	Completion of construction, furnishing and maintenance of classrooms	10.17
Primary education	Support of schools in Jerusalem, Area C and hotspots to the end of 2024	7.47
Primary education	Development and improvement of skills among primary school students in reading, science, math and technology	3.639
Secondary education	Construction and furnishing of computer labs	3.26
Early childhood	Opening of government KG classes in elementary schools and developing capacities of kindergartens	2.84
Primary education	Renewal and replacement of damaged school furniture	2.62
Administration and governance	Emergency administration in Area C and Jerusalem	2.58
Vocational education	Construction of new vocational schools until end of 2024	2.33
Secondary education	Support and advocacy for students and schools in Jerusalem and Area C	2.27
Primary education	Construction and furnishing of computer labs in elementary schools	1.801
Primary education	Maintenance of school buildings and facilities in the West Bank and Jerusalem until 2027	1.75
Primary education	Digitization and smart learning strategy	1.690
Primary education	Math, music, arts, cultural, scientific, health and scouts activities	1.165
Secondary education	Renewal and replacement of damaged school furniture	0.98
Secondary education	Maintenance of school buildings and facilities in the West Bank and Jerusalem until 2027	0.76
Vocational education	Maintenance and expansion of vocational schools and units 2023-2024	0.53
Primary education	Construction, furnishing and maintenance of 50 classrooms in Jerusalem by 2030	0.45
Primary education	Resource room for special needs students until 2024; supporting inclusive education for people with disabilities	0.35
Primary education	Construction, furnishing and maintenance of 10 classrooms a year until the end of 2026 to provide classrooms in Area C, targeted by Israeli attacks	0.20
Primary education	Expansion in Construction, furnishing and maintenance of ‘defiance and steadfastness” schools in Area C at an average of two schools a year until 2026	0.10

Largest Development Projects in Higher Education Program – 2024/ per million shekels

Name of project	Budget/million shekels
Construction of central institute for vocational and technological education building in Nablus Vocational and Tech University	2.4
Completion of Al Quds Open University building – Tubas campus	1.8
Promoting and supporting entrepreneur skills and projects for higher education graduates	1.5
Finishing and furnishing of educational building at the Palestine Technology University (Khadori) Arroub campus.	1.4

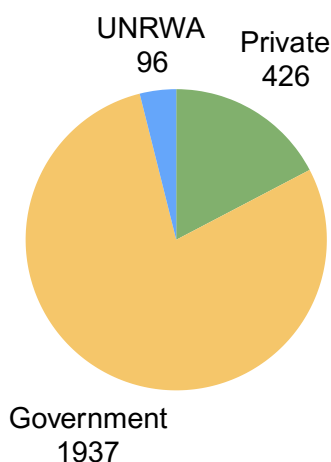
Gender-related development projects in higher education program/shekels

Project	Budget/shekels
Multidisciplinary intervention in supporting gender equality	650,000
Development of student loan fund and services provided to the public	380,000
“Amal” project for fostering a human rights and gender culture	67,614

2024 student, school and teacher statistics:

- 630,000 students (male and female) deprived of education in the Gaza Strip due to the Israeli war
- 39,000 students deprived of taking the high school matriculation exam – Tawjihi
- 58,000 students from the Gaza Strip deprived of starting first grade
- 90% of school buildings damaged

Number and categorization of schools in the West Bank according to the supervisory authority- 2024

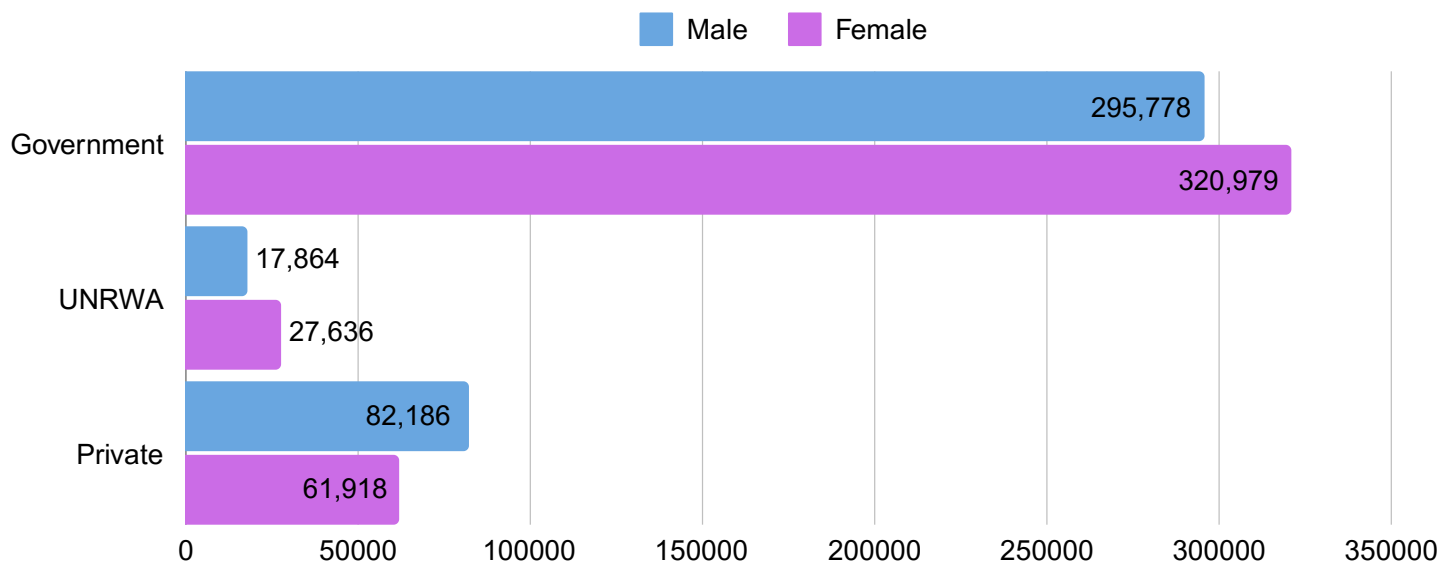


Type of school	Government	UNRWA	Private	Total
No.	1,937	96	426	2,459

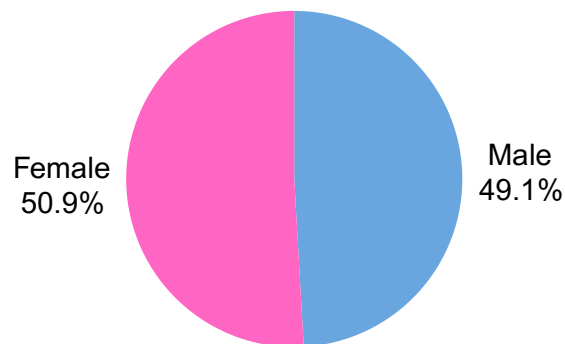
Number and distribution of students in the West Bank and Jerusalem according to gender and supervisory authority – 2024

Supervisory authority	Government	UNRWA	Private	Total
Male	295,778	17,864	82,186	395,828
Female	320,979	27,636	61,918	410,533
Total	616,757	45,500	144,104	806,361

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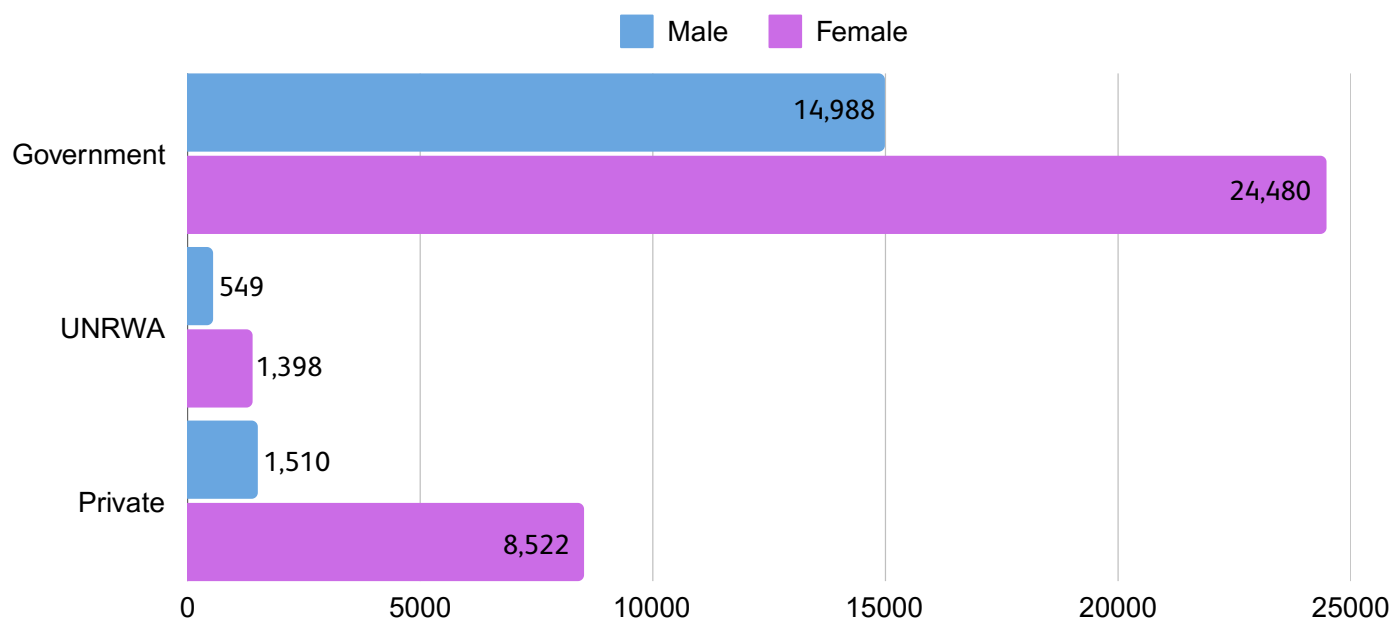
Percentage of students according to gender in the different classifications of schools in the West Bank and Jerusalem



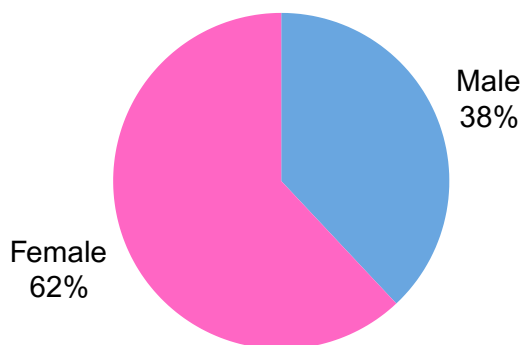
Number and distribution of teachers in the West Bank and Jerusalem according to gender and supervisory authority – 2024

Supervisory authority	Government	UNRWA	Private	Total
Male	14,988	549	1,510	17,047
Female	24,480	1,398	8,522	34,400
Total	39,468	1,947	10,032	51,447

Number and distribution of teachers in the West Bank and Jerusalem according to gender and supervisory authority – 2024



Percentage of teachers in the government sector in the West Bank and Jerusalem - 2024



Important Terms:

- **Citizen Budget:** a simplified document of the general budget Ministry of Education. Expressed in numbers, figures and graphs, it summarizes the key expenditure policies, approaches and priorities of the Ministry for the upcoming year. The budget enables citizens to become familiarized with the distribution of expenses among different programs and items in the education sector and consequently, to monitor governmental expenditures on education and higher education.
- **Operational costs:** the necessary expenditures for the operation of the public institution, i.e. the Ministry (Electricity, water, fuel, travel, etc.)
- **Developmental expenditures:** are expenditures, which have a nature that is different from current expenditures in terms of their useful life and the return from expenditures, and are financed by the PA budget and donors.
- **Capital expenditures:** what the government [Ministry] spends on the possession of capital assets (buildings, land, equipment, vehicles, etc.)
- **Procurement services:** The Ministry procures certain services (insurance, cleaning, maintenance, etc.) from a private institution in exchange for money, whereby the private institution provides the required services according to agreed conditions.
- **Current expenditures:** This includes salaries and wages, raises, operational and referral expenditures of the ministry, public institutions and the other executive bodies of the State of Palestine.

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