

The Impact of Urbanization on Urban Population Structure in Jordan: Projections and Some Basic Needs Assessment.

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Abstract

The purpose of this study is:

- a) To explore the impact of urbanization on population structure of urban areas in Jordan.
- b) To examine the relationship between rapid urban population growth rates and housing needs, as well as the need for culture and sport youth centers.

The study predicts that:

First : the urban areas in Jordan need 350000 housing units in 2014 of which 64% are needed in the urban areas of Amman Governorate.

Second: Amman city needs 81 % of the housing units needed for the major cities.

The study also shows a very low membership ratio in the culture and sport centers in urban areas.

The study concludes that attention should be given to promote investment, mainly in housing sector and youth activities, in small urban areas in order to increase job opportunities. Besides intensive research should be conducted to highlight more developmental issues in such urban areas.

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