

Some of the Socio-economic Characteristics of the Palestinian Refugees and Displaced Persons in the Two Camps of Irbid Governorate and the Surrounding Areas: A Comparative Analysis

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Abstract

The objectives of this study are: first: to analyze some of the Socio-economic characteristics of the Palestinian Refugees and displaced persons in the two camps of Irbid governorate (Irbid Camp and Azmi Al-Mufti Camp), and also in the surrounding areas (Irbid City and Husn City). Second: to compare these characteristics between the refugees and displaced persons in the areas of the study (Azmi Al-Mufti Camp, Irbid Camp, Irbid City, and Husn City), and also between the following groups: refugees, displaced persons, and the rest of the Jordanian Society.

The study demonstrated significant differences between the areas of the study, and also between its groups. Unemployment rate was the highest in Azmi Al-Mufti Camp, 22.67%, then in Irbid Camp 20.89%, Irbid City 14.05%, and it was the lowest in Husun City 11.76%, while the rate was 19.72% for the refugees, 19.47% for the displaced persons and 13.14 for the rest of the Jordanian Society. In terms of the monthly income of a household evaluated in Jordanian Dinar, it reached for the previous areas and groups 182.77, 172.98, 233.95, 269.03, 155.57, 162.83, and 248.02 respectively. Dependency ratio, it was 5.2,5.3, 4.4, 4.1, 5.4, 5.0 and 3.8 respectively. With respect to the family size, it was 8.11, 8.51, 7.12, 8.29, 8.114, 8.07, and 7.86 respectively.

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