

International Youth Day

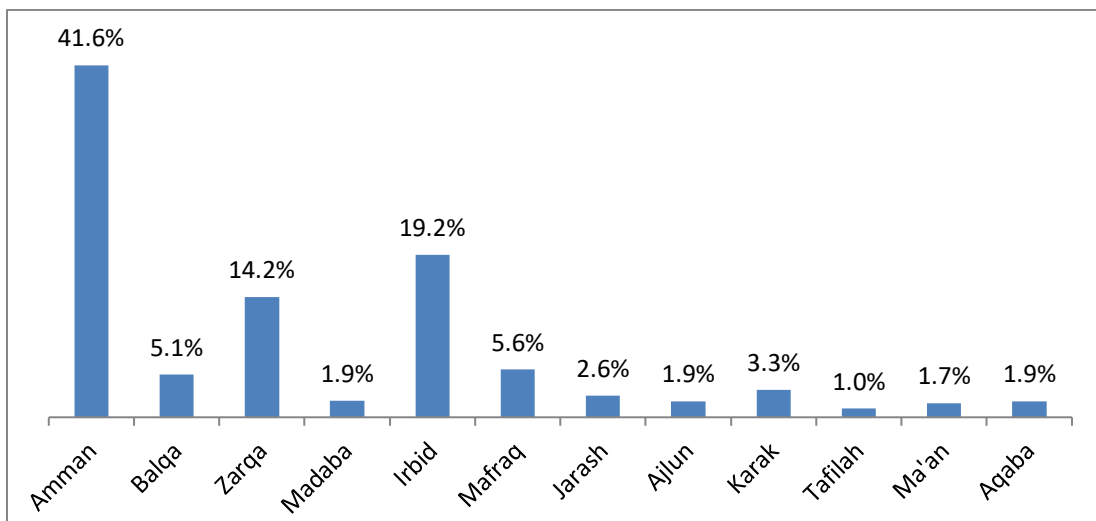
Jordan participates in the global celebration of International Youth Day, which falls on August 12th of each year. This day was established by the United Nations in 1991, emerged from the need to raise the awareness of global issues related to youths.

There is no doubt that celebrating this category of the population has its own significance and importance as it is the main source of future builders and leaders in any society, especially in Jordan. The population estimates prepared by the Department of Statistics indicate that one-fifth of the population in the Kingdom is among the youth in the age group (15-24) years, as their number reached about 2.246 million out of the total population of Jordan estimated at 11.302 million at the end of 2022.

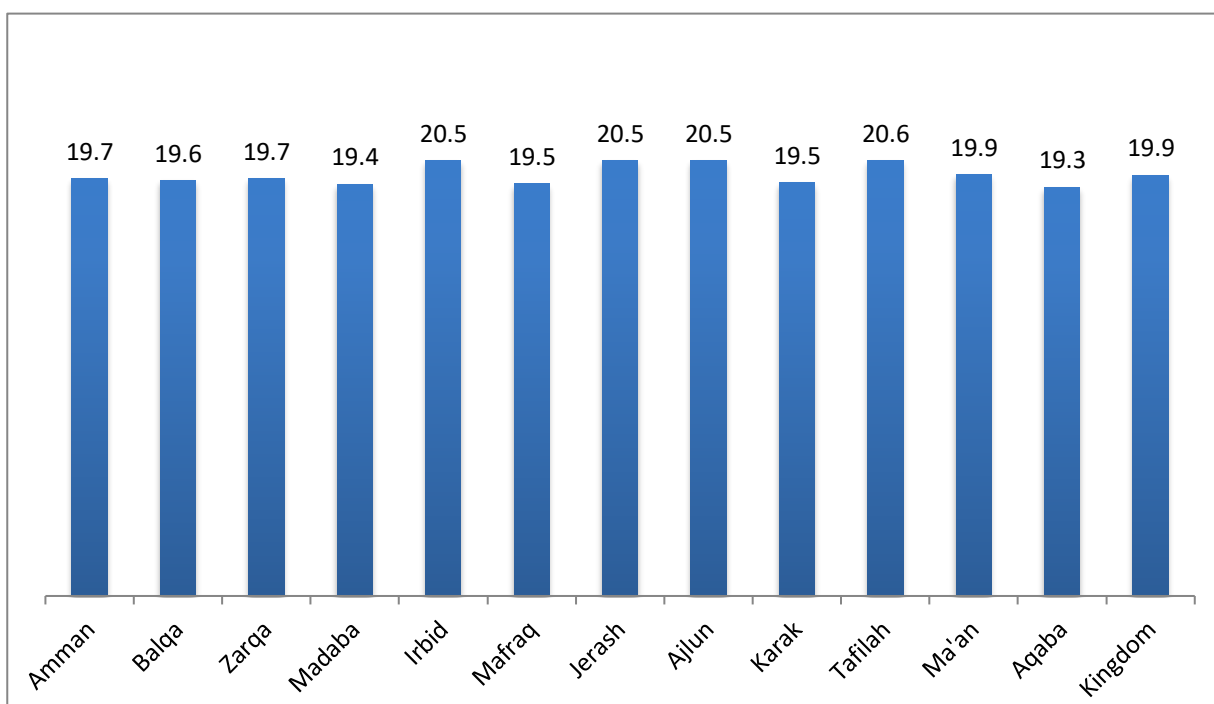
The percentage of youth between males and females has varied slightly, reaching 20.2% among males and 19.5% among females. Their relative distribution at the governorate level was consistent with the overall relative distribution of the population, as Amman accounted for about 42.0% of the total number of youth, 19.2% in Irbid, and Zarqa ranked third with 14.2%, this percentage ranged between 5.6% and 1% in the rest of the governorates.

Demographically, youth is divided into two categories: the adolescent youth category and the adult youth category. Adolescent youth (the population in the age group 15-19 years) constituted more than half of the total youth (50.1%), while the adult youth (the population in the age group (20-24 years) constituted 49.9% of the total youth population. The gender ratio among youth (the number of males per 100 females) has reached 116.1.

Relative distribution of population in the age group (15-24) years, by governorate, 2022



Percentage of population in the age group (15-24) years to the total population, by governorate, 2022



Among the achievements made in Jordan is the decrease in the illiteracy rate among Jordanian youth, as the results of the Labor Force Survey for the year 2022 indicated that the illiterate youth constituted a small percentage of only 0.7%, while the holders of a secondary certificate and higher constituted 38.2%. The results also indicated that the percentage of youth currently enrolled in education is 59.7%, while employed youth of the same age group constituted 11.8% of the total youth. Meanwhile, the survey of ICT Usage in Households showed that the percentage of youth who uses the Internet within the age group (15-24) years is 94.5% for males, compared to 93.2% for females.