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## **GPN global labor market database: Egypt**

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**Table 1 Population and GDP Growth Rate**

| year      | Real GDP Growth Rate* | Population Growth Rate** | GDP pc Growth Rate |
|-----------|-----------------------|--------------------------|--------------------|
| 1989/90   | 6.0                   | 2.07                     | 3.93               |
| 1990/91   | 3.7                   | 2.07                     | 1.63               |
| 1991/92   | 1.9                   | 2.07                     | -0.17              |
| 1992/93   | 2.5                   | 2.07                     | 0.43               |
| 1993/94   | 3.9                   | 2.07                     | 1.83               |
| 1994/95   | 4.7                   | 2.07                     | 2.63               |
| 1995/96   | 5.0                   | 2.16                     | 2.84               |
| 1996/97   | 5.3                   | 2.26                     | 3.04               |
| 1997/98   | 5.7                   | 2.10                     | 3.60               |
| 1998/99   | 6.1                   | 2.14                     | 3.96               |
| 1999/2000 | 5.1                   | 2.11                     | 2.99               |
| 2000/2001 | 3.4                   | 2.13                     | 1.27               |

Source: \*Ministry of Foreign Trade, Monthly Economic Bulletins

\*\*Central Authority for Public Mobility and Statistics, Statistical Year Book, 2002.

**Table 2 Distribution of The Labor Force by Working Status  
(15 years and more)**

| Years | Employment | Unemployment | Labor Force | Unemployment Rate |
|-------|------------|--------------|-------------|-------------------|
| 1976  | 9,154,952  | 458,817      | 9,613,769   | 4.8               |
| 1986  | 11,385,726 | 1,419,258    | 12,804,984  | 11.1              |
| 1996  | 15,611,981 | 1,535,071    | 17,147,052  | 9.0               |
| 1997  | 16,121,300 | 1,446,500    | 17,567,800  | 8.2               |
| 1998  | 16,182,900 | 1,447,500    | 17,630,400  | 8.2               |
| 1999  | 16,182,900 | 1,482,000    | 18,617,000  | 8.0               |
| 2000  | 16,182,900 | 1,691,800    | 19,189,200  | 8.8               |
| 2001  | 16,182,900 | 1,780,000    | 19,666,400  | 9.1               |
| 2002  | 16,182,900 | 1,997,000    | 20,176,000  | 9.9               |

Source: CAPMAS, Population Censuses and LFSS.

| <b>Table 3 Unemployment Rate by Educational Status (15 years and more)%</b> |             |             |             |             |
|---|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| <b>Educational Status</b>   | <b>1976</b> | <b>1986</b> | <b>1996</b> | <b>1998</b> |
| Illiterate  | 21          | 2           | 2           | 1           |
| Read & Write  | 10          | 1           | 1           | 1           |
| Primary   | 5           | 1           | 1           | 1           |
| Below Intermediate  | 3           | 2           | 1           | 0           |
| Intermediate  | 35          | 68          | 75          | 70          |
| Above Intermediate  | 2           | 6           | 7           | 9           |
| University  | 10          | 20          | 13          | 18          |
| Above University  | 0           | 0           | 0           | 0           |
| Unclassified  | 14          | 0           | 0           | 0           |
| Total   | 100         | 100         | 100         | 100         |

Censuses, 1976, 1986 and 1996, and Labor Force Sample Survey, 1998.

**Table 4 Unemployed by Sex (>15 years ) %**

| Years | Male | Female | Total |
|-------|------|--------|-------|
| 1976  | 71   | 29     | 100   |
| 1986  | 70   | 30     | 100   |
| 1996  | 64   | 36     | 100   |
| 1998  | 49   | 51     | 100   |

Source: Calculated from CAPMAS, General Population Censuses, 1976, 1986 and 1996, and Labor Force Sample Survey, 1998.

**Table 5 Unemployment Rate by Sex (>15years)**

| Years | Male | Female | Total |
|-------|------|--------|-------|
| 1990  | 5.2  | 17.9   | 8.6   |
| 1995  | 7.6  | 24.1   | 11.3  |
| 1998  | 5.1  | 19.9   | 8.2   |

Source:CAPMAS, different years.

**Table 6 Unemployed by Rural/Urban  
Distribution (15-64 years)**

| Years | Urban | Rural | Total |
|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| 1976  |       |       |       |
| 1986  | 54    | 46    | 100   |
| 1996  | 44    | 56    | 100   |
| 1998  | 42    | 58    | 100   |

Source: Calculated from CAPMAS, General Population Censuses, 1976, 1986 and 1996, and Labor Force Sample Survey, 1998.

**Table 7 Unemployed by Region (15-64 years)**

| Share in UE         | 1988 | 1998 |
|---------------------|------|------|
| Greater Cairo       | 34.8 | 16.5 |
| Alex and Canal Zone | 10.8 | 9.4  |
| Urban Lower Egypt   | 13.6 | 14.8 |
| Urban Upper Egypt   | 6.5  | 7.2  |
| Rural Lower Egypt   | 19.2 | 39.0 |
| Rural Upper Egypt   | 15.1 | 13.2 |

Source: Radwan, S., (2002) Employment and Unemployment in Egypt  
Conventional Problems, Unconventional remedies, ECES, Cairo, WP No.70,p.10.

| <b>Table 8 Distribution of Expenditures according to Population Percentiles 1999/2000</b> |                                       |
|---|---------------------------------------|
| <b>Population Percentiles (Poorest to Richest)</b>  | <b>Share of Total Expenditures(%)</b> |
| 1   | 3.2                                   |
| 2   | 4.4                                   |
| 3   | 5.2                                   |
| 4   | 6.0                                   |
| 5   | 6.9                                   |
| 6   | 8.0                                   |
| 7   | 9.3                                   |
| 8   | 11.2                                  |
| 9   | 14.7                                  |
| 10  | 31.1                                  |

Gini Coefficient= 38.0

Source: World Bank, (2002), Arab Republic of Egypt: Poverty Reduction in Egypt, Diagnosis and Strategy, Report No. 24234-EGT, Volume 1, Page 13-14, June.

**Table 9 Poverty Incidence by Region  
(Percent) (P0)**

| Regions           | 1995/96 | 1999/00 |
|-------------------|---------|---------|
| Metropolitan      | 13.1    | 5.1     |
| Lower Egypt Urban | 8.3     | 6.2     |
| Lower Egypt Rural | 21.5    | 11.8    |
| Upper Egypt Urban | 10.8    | 19.3    |
| Upper Egypt Rural | 29.3    | 34.2    |
| Frontier Urban    | 5.6     | 3.7     |
| Frontier Rural    | 13.8    | 18.3    |
| All Egypt         | 19.4    | 16.7    |

Source: World Bank, (2002), Arab Republic of Egypt: Poverty Reduction in Egypt, Diagnosis and Strategy, Report No. 24234-EGT, Volume 2,

**Table 10 Nominal and Real wages**  
(Nominal: L.E. Per Week) (Real: 1986=100)

| Year/Sector | 1987 |    | 1990 |    | 1991 |    | 1994 |    | 1995 |    | 1996 |    |
|-------------|------|----|------|----|------|----|------|----|------|----|------|----|
|             | N    | R  | N    | R  | N    | R  | N    | R  | N    | R  | N    | R  |
| Public      | 37   | 35 | 55   | 31 | 57   | 27 | 81   | 26 | 88   | 27 | 103  | 28 |
| Private     | 42   | 39 | 57   | 32 | 64   | 30 | 84   | 27 | 88   | 27 | 91   | 24 |
| Total       | 38   | 35 | 55   | 31 | 59   | 28 | 82   | 26 | 88   | 27 | 99   | 27 |

Source: Nominal Wages: CAPMAS, Employment, Wages and Hours of Work (Ewhw), Several Issues  
Real Wages: Calculated using Urban CPI for year 1986=100

Source: El-Ehwany, N. & H. El-Laithy (2001) Poverty, Employment and Policy Making in Egypt  
ILO, Cairo,p.44.

**Table 3 Economic Data**

| Year  | 1995/96 | 1996/97 | 1997/98 | 1998/99 | 1999/00 | 2000/01 | 2001/02 |
|---|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|
| GDP at Factor Cost (Current Prices) LE Bill |         | 240.359 | 259.723 | 282.355 | 316.404 | 338.6   | 363.144 |
| Real GDP Growth Rate                        | 5.0     | 5.3     | 4.6     | 6.3     | 5.1     | 3.3     | 3.1     |
| Inflation Rate                              | 7.3     | 6.2     | 3.8     | 3.8     | 2.8     | 2.4     | 2.4     |

Source: Ministry of Planning and Central Bank of Egypt

**Table 11 Unionization Rate (1998)**

|                                  |            |
|----------------------------------|------------|
| Employment at Public Enterprises | 1,161,600  |
| Total Employment                 | 16,183,000 |
| Unionization Rate %              | 7.2        |

Source: Calculated from CAPMAS, Labor Force Sample Survey, 1998.

Maximum Work Hours= 48hrs/week