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Table 1-A Distribution of the labor Force by Working Status

| Year | Total population (000) | Labor Force (000) | Employed (000) | Unemployed (000) | Refined Economic Activity Rate | Unemployment Rate |
|------|------------------------|-------------------|----------------|------------------|--------------------------------|-------------------|
| 2000 | 4820.0 | 1899.1 | 1638.8 | 260.3 | 39.4 | 13.7 |
| 2001 | 4940.0 | 1916.7 | 1631.1 | 285.6 | 38.8 | 14.9 |
| 2002 | 5070.0 | 1946.9 | 1649.8 | 297.1 | 38.4 | 15.3 |
| 2003 | 5200.0 | 1944.8 | 1663.0 | 281.8 | 37.4 | 14.5 |
| 2004 | 5350.0 | 2000.9 | 1750.5 | 250.5 | 37.4 | 12.5 |

Table 1-B Participation Rate by sex

| | Total | Male | Female |
|------|-------|------|--------|
| 2000 | 39.4 | 66.1 | 12.3 |
| 2001 | 38.8 | 65.5 | 11.7 |
| 2002 | 38.4 | 64.2 | 12.3 |
| 2003 | 37.4 | 63.2 | 11.2 |
| 2004 | 37.4 | 63.7 | 10.4 |

Table 2 Unemployment Rate by Sex

| | Total | Male | Female |
|-------------|--------------|-------------|---------------|
| 2000 | 13.70 | 12.30 | 21.00 |
| 2001 | 14.90 | 14.00 | 20.20 |
| 2002 | 15.30 | 14.00 | 21.90 |
| 2003 | 14.50 | 13.40 | 20.80 |
| 2004 | 12.50 | 11.80 | 16.50 |

Table 3 Unemployment Rate by sex and Education level

| | 2000 | 2001 | 2002 | 2003 | 2004 |
|----------------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|
| Total | 13.70 | 14.90 | 15.30 | 14.50 | 12.50 |
| Illiterate | 10.10 | 10.70 | 10.90 | 9.80 | 8.90 |
| Less than Secondary | 14.80 | 16.60 | 17.00 | 15.60 | 13.80 |
| Secondary | 12.30 | 14.30 | 13.50 | 12.10 | 9.30 |
| Intermediate Diploma | 13.90 | 13.60 | 14.20 | 13.20 | 11.80 |
| Bachelor & above | 11.80 | 11.80 | 13.30 | 14.70 | 11.90 |
| | | | | | |
| Male | 12.30 | 14.00 | 14.00 | 13.40 | 11.80 |
| Illiterate | 10.40 | 10.60 | 11.50 | 10.80 | 9.50 |
| Less than Secondary | 14.30 | 16.40 | 16.60 | 15.50 | 13.90 |
| Secondary | 10.70 | 12.50 | 11.80 | 11.40 | 9.00 |
| Intermediate Diploma | 8.40 | 7.50 | 8.40 | 8.70 | 8.00 |
| Bachelor & above | 9.20 | 9.80 | 10.30 | 10.70 | 9.20 |
| | | | | | |
| Female | 21.00 | 20.20 | 21.90 | 20.80 | 16.50 |
| Illiterate | 8.70 | 11.90 | 6.40 | 2.30 | 3.80 |
| Less than Secondary | 23.40 | 19.50 | 23.50 | 18.20 | 10.80 |
| Secondary | 21.80 | 24.60 | 23.10 | 16.80 | 12.10 |
| Intermediate Diploma | 22.70 | 22.70 | 23.30 | 20.90 | 19.90 |
| Bachelor & above | 18.50 | 16.90 | 20.40 | 24.00 | 18.10 |

Table 4 Population Of Jordan by sex

| | Total population | Male | Female | Population Growth Rate |
|-------------|-------------------------|-------------|---------------|-------------------------------|
| 2000 | 4820.0 | 2482.3 | 2337.7 | 3.0 |
| 2001 | 4940.0 | 2544.1 | 2395.9 | 3.0 |
| 2002 | 5070.0 | 2611.0 | 2459.0 | 2.8 |
| 2003 | 5200.0 | 2678.0 | 2522.0 | 2.8 |
| 2004 | 5350.0 | 2757.7 | 2592.3 | 2.5 |

2.8

0.484542

Table 5 Population and GDP Growth Rate

| | Real GDP Growth Rate | Population Growth Rate | GDP Pc Growth Rate \$ |
|-------------|---------------------------------|-----------------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| 2000 | 4.2 | 3.0 | 1.4 |
| 2001 | 5.3 | 3.0 | 2.7 |
| 2002 | 5.7 | 2.8 | 3.0 |
| 2003 | 4.1 | 2.8 | 1.5 |
| 2004 | 7.5 | 2.5 | 4.5 |

Table 6 Economic Indicators

| | 2000 | 2001 | 2002 | 2003 | 2004 |
|---------------------------------------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| Population | 4820 | 4940 | 5070 | 5200 | 5350 |
| GDP at Current Market Prices(Million US\$) | 8456.6 | 8950.7 | 9458.7 | 9957.4 | 11208.5 |
| GDP Percapita (current)(US\$) | 1754.5 | 1811.9 | 1865.6 | 1914.9 | 2095.0 |
| GDP at Constant Market Prices(Million US\$) | 7615.9 | 7989.2 | 8374.0 | 8707.7 | 9357.7 |
| GDP Percapita (constant) (US\$) | 1580.1 | 1617.3 | 1651.7 | 1674.6 | 1749.1 |
| GDP Percapita (growth rate) | 1.4 | 2.7 | 3.0 | 1.5 | 4.5 |
| Disposaple Income (Million US\$) | 9840.1 | 10244.9 | 10923.5 | 12324.6 | - |
| Personal disposaple income percapita(US\$) | 2041.5 | 2073.9 | 2154.5 | 2370.1 | - |
| Inflation Rate | 0.7 | 1.8 | 1.8 | 1.6 | 3.4 |
| Exports (Million US\$) | 1901.4 | 2296.9 | 2773.0 | 3085.1 | 3954.0 |
| Imports (Million US\$) | 4078.3 | 4306.2 | 4505.7 | 5083.5 | 7223.7 |
| Trade Balance | -2176.9 | -2009.3 | -1732.7 | -1998.4 | -3269.6 |
| Trade Balance % of GDP | -25.7 | -0.22 | -0.18 | -0.20 | -0.29 |
| Export/Imports | 46.6 | 53.3 | 61.5 | 60.7 | 54.7 |
| Foreign Direct Investment *(Million US\$) | 801.7 | 120.3 | 64.1 | 424.6 | 621.0 |
| Saving/GDP (%) | 11.8 | 10.0 | 13.4 | 20.1 | - |
| Investments/GDP (%) | 22.2 | 20.8 | 20.1 | 20.4 | - |
| Source: Central Bank of Jordan | | | | | |

Table 7 Poverty Rate

| | Poverty Line \$ | % Poor People |
|------|----------------------------|--------------------------|
| 1992 | 296.5 | 24.0 |
| 1997 | 516.8 | 21.3 |
| 2002 | 553.5 | 14.2 |

* 296.5 estimated for those paying rent for their house

* 241.7 estimated for House owner

Table 8 Nominal and Real Wages

| | JDs Per Month | | | | | | | |
|----------------|---------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| | 2000 | | 2001 | | 2002 | | 2003 | |
| | N | R | N | R | N | R | N | R |
| Public | 261 | 262.3 | 270.0 | 270.5 | 274.0 | 274.0 | 291.0 | 283.6 |
| Private | 202 | 203.0 | 205.0 | 205.4 | 213.0 | 213.0 | 211.0 | 205.7 |
| Total | 226 | 227.1 | 232 | 232.5 | 240 | 240.0 | 244 | 237.8 |

Real Wages: Calculated using Consumer Price Index (CPI) 2002=100

N: Nomial R: Real wages

Exchange Rate JD=1.412 US\$

Table 9 Unionization Rate *

| | 1999 | 2000 | 2001 | 2002 | |
|------------------------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|--|
| unionized workers | 286000 | 297000 | 310000 | 317000 | |
| Total Employment | 966078 | 975257 | 1002922 | 1029563 | |
| Unionization Rate (%) | 29.6% | 30.5% | 30.9% | 30.8% | |

Source: Calculated by National Account Division at the Department of Statistics

Maximum Work Hours = 48 hrs/week

Minimum Wages = 85 JDs = 113 \$ Per month

Table 10 Inquality of per capita real

| Quintile Shares | 1997 | 2002 |
|------------------------|-------------|-------------|
| Top | 45.6 | 45.2 |
| Fourth | 21.1 | 21.5 |
| Middle | 15.1 | 15.3 |
| Second | 11.2 | 11.1 |
| Lowest | 7.0 | 6.9 |
| Gini Index | 37.9 | 37.6 |