



## **The occasion of International Literacy Day**

### **10.2% illiteracy among youth in 2011**

CAPMAS issued on Saturday 8/9/2012 a press statement on "International Literacy Day" which celebrate with in September 8 every year, and approved by the General Conference of UNESCO in his decision 1141 issued in the 14<sup>th</sup> session in 1965. Literacy is a human right, a tool of personal empowerment the, and a method for social & human development. The theme of the international literacy day this year is Peace. Its most important indicators are as follows:

#### **Illiteracy in population census:**

- Illiteracy of individuals (10 years & Up) rate decreased from 39.4% in census 1996 to 29.7% in census 2006. Illiteracy number reached about 17 million people in 2006.
- Illiteracy of male's rate decreased from 29.1% in 1996 to 22.4% in 2006.
- Decrease this rate in females from 50.3% to 37.3% during the same years.

#### **Illiteracy estimation based on labor force survey data in 2011:**

##### **Rate of Population illiteracy:**

- Rate of individuals illiteracy (10 years & Up) reached to 26.1% of total Republic and reached number of illiterates about 16.5 million people.
- Decrease this rate to 18.8 for males compared to females.
- Decrease this rate in youth (15-24 years) to 10.2% in comparison with senior people (60 years & Up), which reached to 65.1% and this gives a good indication of the decrease rate of illiteracy in the future.
- Rate of literacy in urban residents reached to 19.0% compared to 31.7% of rural residents.
- Rate of literacy in females in rural areas reached to 41% compared to 24.2% of females in urban areas.

### **Rate of illiteracy in governorates:**

- Rate of population illiteracy less in border governorates (El Wadi El Gedid (10.6%), South Sinai (12.1%), Red Sea (16.3%), Canal governorates (Port Said (14.8%), Ismailia (16.4%), and Suez (16.5%), in addition to Damietta governorate (14.3%).
- Rate of population illiteracy high in Upper governorates (Minia (38.2%), Suhag (12.1%), Beni Suef (35.5%), Fayoum (34.6%), Assuit (32.7%), and Qena (16.5%), in addition to Damietta governorate (14.3%).

### **Rate of illiteracy of employed & unemployed:**

- Rate of total illiteracy of employed persons (15 years & Up) 26.6%, and in males with 24.3% compared to 36.1% females.
- Rate of total illiteracy of unemployed persons (15 – 64 years) 6.2%, and in males with 9.5% compared to 1.9% females.

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