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On the occasion of the international literacy day

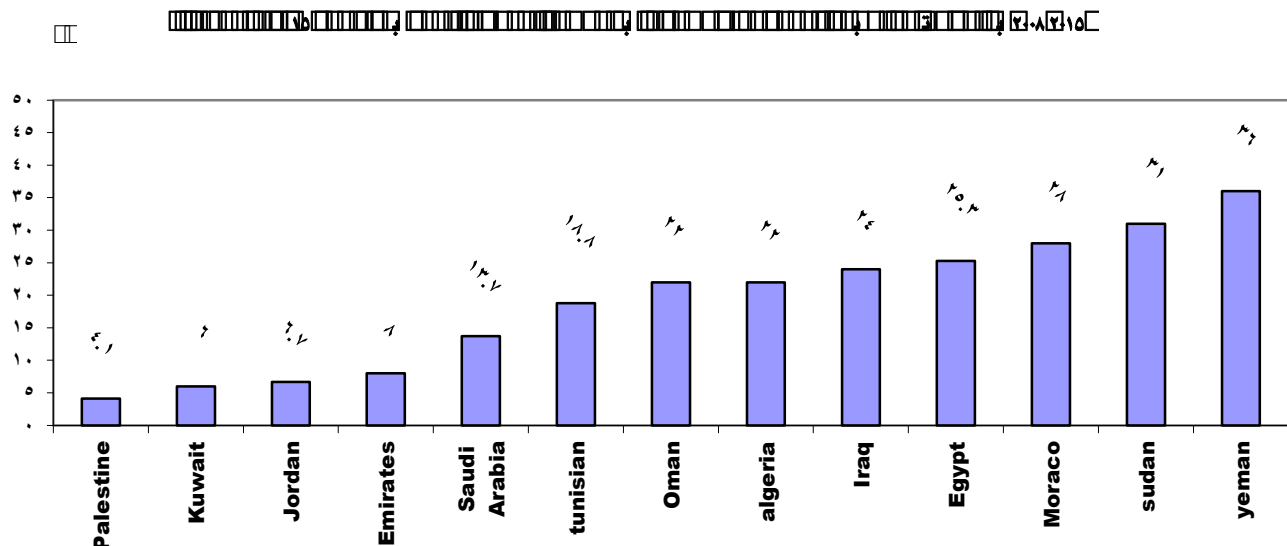
٧,٩% illiteracy rate among youth in Egypt in ٢٠١٤

Central Agency for Public Mobilization and Statistics issued on ٨/٩/٢٠١٥ a press release on the occasion of the international literacy day, which is held annually on ٨ September as determined by the UNESCO general conference at the ١٤th session in ١٩٦٥. Literacy is considered one of the human rights, a tool of enhancing personal capacities, and a way to achieve social and human development.

The most important illiteracy indicators are as follows:

❖ Illiteracy Rates in the Arab Countries and the world.

%٢٧,٩ illiteracy rate in Arab countries compared to the world rate (١٩%) during the period ٢٠٠٨-٢٠١٥



❖ **Illiteracy rates according to the population census:**

**۲۹,۷% illiteracy rate for persons (۱۰ years and over)
in the last census ۲۰۰۶**

- The illiterates (۱۰ years and over) reached ۱۷ millions in ۲۰۰۶; ۱۰.۵ millions of them are females, which represent ۶۲% of the total illiterates.
- The illiteracy rate decreased from ۳۹,۴% in ۱۹۹۶ census to ۲۹,۷% in ۲۰۰۶ census.
- The illiteracy rate for males decreased from ۲۹,۱% in ۱۹۹۶ to ۲۲,۴% in ۲۰۰۶, and from ۵۰,۳% to ۳۷,۳% for females in the same two years respectively.
- The illiteracy rate decreased from ۲۶,۷% in ۱۹۹۶ to ۲۰,۴% in ۲۰۰۶ in urban areas and from ۴۹,۶% to ۳۷,۱% in rural areas in the same two years respectively.

❖ **Estimated illiteracy rates according to Labor Force Survey in ۲۰۱۴**

• **Illiteracy rates for persons:**

**۲۵,۳% illiteracy rate for persons (۱۰ years and over)
in ۲۰۱۴**

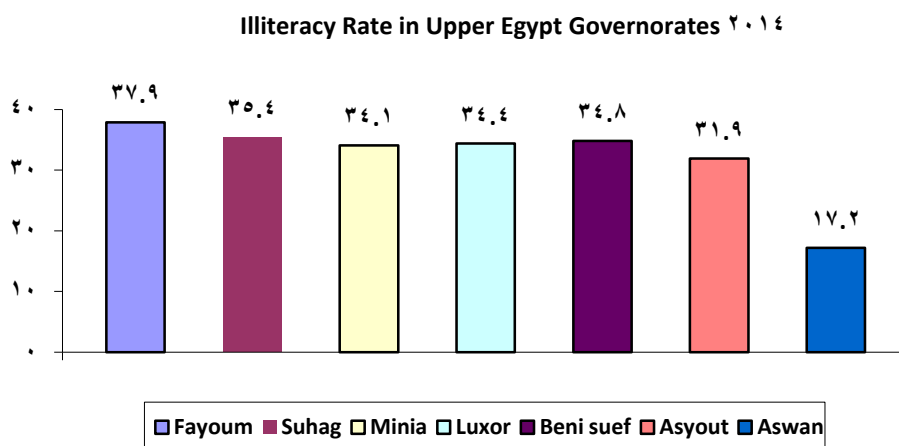
- The total number of illiterates (۱۰ years and over) reached about ۱۷.۲ millions in ۲۰۱۴, ۱۱ millions of them were females.
- One of four persons (۱۰ years and over) was illiterate (۲۵.۳%), ۱۷,۸% for males compared to ۳۳.۱% for females.
- For population (۱۵ years and over), the illiteracy rate reached (۲۹.۲%, ۲۰,۵% for males compared to ۳۸.۱% for females).
- Illiteracy rate decreased among youth (۱۵-۲۴ years) to reach (۷,۹%) compared to the older people (۶۰ years and over), which reached ۶۳,۲%, which is considered a good indicator that illiteracy rate tend to decrease in the future.
- Illiteracy rate reached ۱۸% in urban areas and ۳۱,۲% in rural areas. It increased in urban compared to rural for both females and males, such

that the illiteracy rate of females reached ٤٠.٩% in rural compared to ٢٣,٤% in urban, while the illiteracy rate of males reached ٢١,٨% in rural compared to ١٢,٧% in urban.

- **Illiteracy rates according to governorates:**

The highest illiteracy rate was in Upper Egypt governorates

- Illiteracy rate in Cairo reached ١٧,٩% , ١٥,٤% in Alexandria, while it reached ٣٠,١% in Behira and ٢٨.٨% in Kafer El-shik
- The lowest illiteracy rate was recorded in the frontier governorates (١١% in the Red Sea, ١١,٩% in North Sinai, ١٨.٧% in The new valley). For canal governorates (١٣.٢% in Port said, ١٨,٤% in Ismailia, ٢٠,١% in Suez), and ١٧,٨% in Damietta.
- The highest illiteracy rate was recorded in Upper Egypt governorates (٣٧.٩% in Fayoum, ٣٥.٤ % in Suhag, ٣٤,١% in Minia, ٣٤,٤ % in Luxor, ٣٤,٨ % in Beni suef, ٣١,٩% in Asyout, while Aswan was the lowest one, with only ١٧.٢%.



- **Illiteracy rates among employed and unemployed persons:**

٢٥,٥% is the illiteracy rate for employed compared to ١٠,٨% for unemployed

- Illiteracy rate among employed persons (١٥ years and over) reached ٢٥.٥%, (٢٣% for males and ٣٥.٢% for females). It reached ١٤,٩% in urban areas compared to ٣٣.٢% in rural areas, while illiteracy rate among unemployed persons (١٥-٦٤) reached ١٠,٨% (١٠% for males compared to ١١,٩ % for females) in ٢٠١٤.

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