



# Press Release

## Central Agency for Public Mobilization And Statistics

### On the occasion of the international literacy day

#### 8.6% illiteracy rate among youth in Egypt in 2013

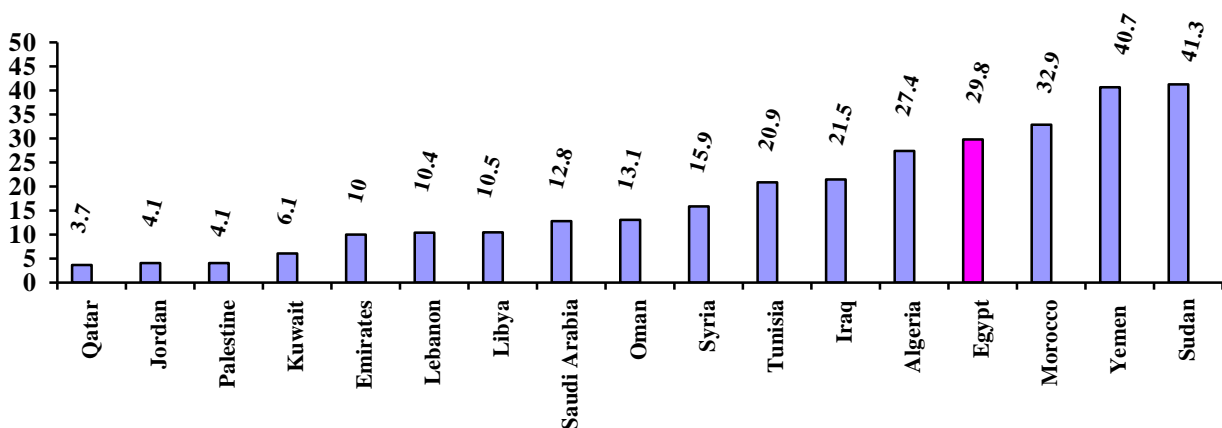
The Central Agency for Public Mobilization and Statistics issued on 7/9/2014 a press release on the occasion of the international literacy day, which hold annually on 8 September, and determined by the UNESCO general conference resolution No1141 at the 14<sup>th</sup> committee in 1965. The literacy is considered one of the human rights, a tool of personal capacities improvement, and a way of social and human development.

**The most important illiteracy indicators are as follows:**

#### The illiteracy Rates in the Arab Countries and in the world.

33% is the illiteracy rate in Arab countries compared to 18,8% for the world during the period 2005-2012

**Illiteracy rate (15 years and over) in Egypt compared to some Arab countries during the period 2005-2012**



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

29.7% is the illiteracy rate for persons (10 years and over)  
in the last census in 2006

- The illiterates (10 years and over) reached 17 millions in 2006; 10.5 millions of them are females, which represent 62% of the total illiterates.
- The illiteracy rate decreased from 39.4% in 1996 census to 29.7% in 2006 census.
- The illiteracy rate for males decreased from 29.1% in 1996 to 22.4% in 2006, and from 50.3% to 37.3% for females in the same years - According to the residence, the illiteracy rate decreased from 26.7% in 1996 to 20.4% in 2006 in urban areas and from 49.6% to 37.1% in rural areas in the same years.

❖ **Estimated illiteracy rates according to Labor Force Survey in 2013**

• **Illiteracy rates for persons:**

25.9% is the illiteracy rate for persons (10 years and over) in 2013

- The total number of illiterates (10 years and over) reached about 17.2 millions in 2013, 10.9 millions of them were females.
- More than one fourth of persons was illiterate (25.9%), 18.5% for males compared to 33.6% for females.
- About one from three persons of population (15 years and over) was illiterate, such that the illiteracy rate reached 29.8%; 21.2% for males compared to 38.5% for females.
- The illiteracy rate among youth (15-24 years) was very low (8.6%) compared to the older people (60 years and over), which reached 64.9%, which is considered a good indicator of illiteracy rate decrease in the future.
- According to the residence; the illiteracy rate reached 19.1% in urban areas and 31.2% in rural areas. According to gender; the illiteracy rate of females reached 40.7% in the rural areas, while it reached 24.6% in the urban areas, the illiteracy rate of males reach 22.1% in the rural areas, while it reached 13.9% in the urban areas.

- **Illiteracy rates according to governorates:**

The highest illiteracy rate was in Upper Egypt governorates

- Illiteracy rate in Cairo reached 20.2% , 16.6% in Alexandria, while it reached 31.8% in Behira and 29.8% in Kafer El-shik
- The lowest illiteracy rate was recorded in the frontier governorates (12% in the Red Sea, 14% in North of Sinai, 18.6% in The new valley), the canal governorates (13.3% in Port said, 17.6% in Ismailia, 22.8% in Suez), and 16.9% in Damietta.
- The highest illiteracy rate was recorded in Upper Egypt governorates (37% in Fayoum, 35.5 % in Suhag, 35% in Minia, 34.4 % in Luxor, 33.1 % in Beni suef, 32.5% in Asyout, while Aswan was the lowest one, which recorded 17.5%.

- **The illiteracy rates among employed and unemployed persons:**

25.9% is the illiteracy rate for employed compared to 9.8% for unemployed

- Illiteracy rate among employed persons (15 years and over) reached 25.9%, (23.4% for males and 35.5% for females). It reached 16% in urban areas compared to 33% in rural ones, while illiteracy rate among unemployed persons (15-64) reached 9.8% (13.1% for males compared to 5.3 % for females).