REPORTED IMPACT SNAPSHOT | GAZA STRIP

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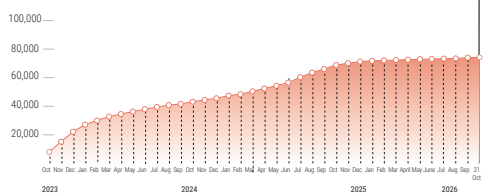
REPORTED CASUALTIES (Cumulative) as of 21 October 2026

Palestinians*

74,494 Reported fatalities include

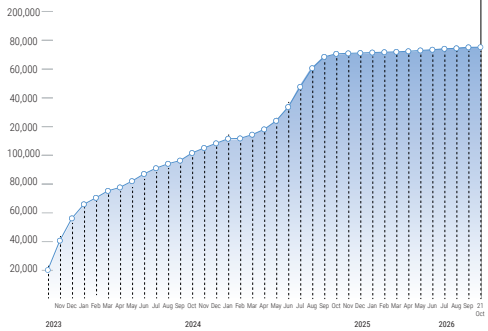
74,237 identified fatalities as of 7 October 2026 as:

Men	Children	Women	Elderly
35,555	21,976	11,301	5,405



** Source: MoH Gaza*

175,604 Reported injuries



** Source: MoH Gaza*

Israelis**

Israel

Over **1,200***** Reported fatalities

1,162 identified fatalities, including at least 33 children

~5,400 Reported injuries

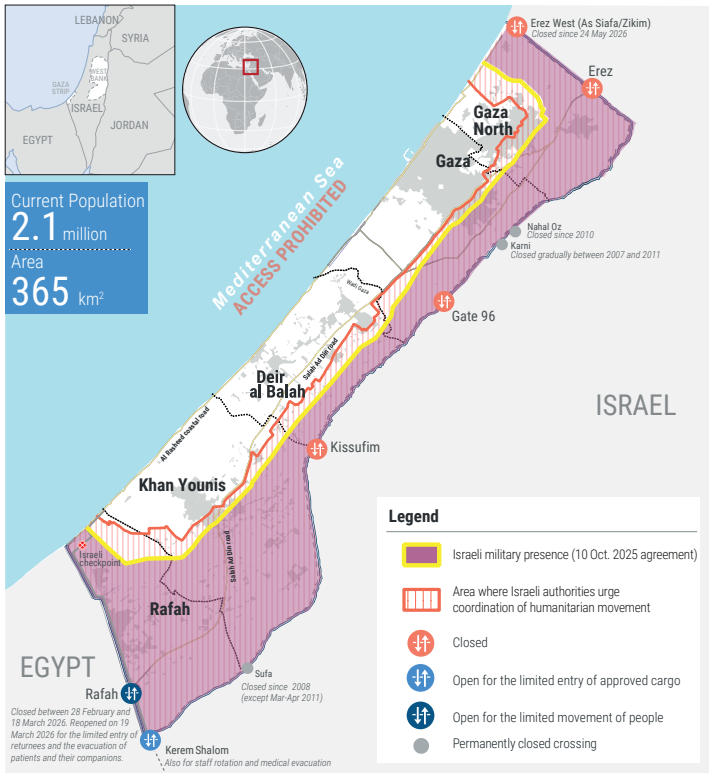
Gaza****

474 Reported fatalities **3,004** Reported injuries

*** According to Israeli media citing official sources.*

**** This includes fatalities on 7 October and the immediate aftermath, including foreign nationals.*

***** The reported Israeli casualties are soldiers killed or injured since the start of the ground operation (source: Israeli military website).*



PROTECTION

597 Aid workers killed, incl. at least

408 Men	**189** Women

By organization type

403 UN and other personnel contracted by the UN (incl. **394** UNRWA) | **135** NGOs/INGOs | **55** PRCS | **4** ICRC

>1,700	145	262
Health workers killed, including some also counted under aid workers above (source: MoH, as of 7 October 2025)	Civil Defence staff killed while on duty (source: PCD)	Journalists and media workers killed (source: PJS, as of 30 June 2026)

- Nearly the entire population, including over **one million** children, is estimated to require protection services and mental health and psychosocial support (Flash Appeal, December 2025 and UNICEF, December 2025).
- **60,000** children have lost one or both parents (source: UNICEF, October 2026).
- **>918,000** people are estimated to be living in close proximity to identified explosive ordnance threats (source: Protection Cluster, as of September 2026).
- **280** people were killed and **1,175** were injured in explosive ordnance-related incidents since October 2023 (source: Protection Cluster, as of September 2026)

WATER SANITATION AND HYGIENE*

- **84%** of assessed households faced moderate to high levels of water insecurity in the 30 days prior to early September.
- **37%** of assessed households had total water access below minimum humanitarian standards (15L/person/day), including **65%** below minimum for drinking water (6L/person/day).
- **83%** of assessed households reported facing challenges in accessing safe and clean sanitation facilities.
- **34%** of assessed households reported solid waste accumulation in their vicinity, and **46%** observed sewage/sludge near their shelters.
- **60%** of assessed households reported skin diseases in the 30 days prior to early September.
- **97%** of key informants reported that householders are facing barriers to accessing hygiene and non-food items, primarily due to insufficient distributions and high cost of items when available on the market.
- **87%** of assessed households reported availability of soap at their shelters.

**Source: WASH Cluster telephone-based Light-Touch Monitoring Survey, 7-15 September 2026. Findings are not statistically representative of the population.*

FOOD SECURITY

- **>1.4 million** (67% of the population) are expected to face Crisis or worse levels of acute food insecurity in July-December 2026, up from **1.2 million** people (59%) between mid-April and 30 June 2026. (source: IPC, 23 July 2026).
- **~1.9 million** (90% of the pop.) would face high levels of acute food insecurity through December 2026 in the absence of humanitarian food assistance. (source: IPC, 23 July 2026).
- **2** meals a day on average were consumed by most surveyed households.
- **4%** of surveyed households went a full day without eating at least once in the last 30 days.
- **24%** of surveyed households consumed only one meal a day.
- **59%** of surveyed households in Gaza and North Gaza governorates, and **52%** of surveyed households in Deir al Balah and Khan Younis governorates relied on humanitarian aid as their primary source of food.
- **77%** of surveyed households relied on waste burning to prepare food.
- **16.6%** of greenhouse area is undamaged and accessible (source: FAO and UNOSAT, as of 24 June 2026).
- **3%** of Gaza's cropland is undamaged and accessible (source: FAO and UNOSAT, as of 24 June 2026).

**Source: WFP Palestine Market Monitor, Mid-September 2026, unless otherwise specified.*

NUTRITION*

- **>2,800** children aged 6-59 months were admitted for malnutrition treatment in September including over 360 with Severe Acute Malnutrition (source: Nutrition Cluster).
- **30%** of infants and young children under two years achieve minimum dietary diversity.
- **7.2%** of pregnant and breastfeeding women found to be acutely malnourished.
- **12.2%** of infants and young children under five affected by stunting, indicating prolonged nutritional deprivation.
- **~74,200** children aged 6-59 months and **~24,600** pregnant and breastfeeding women are expected to require nutrition treatment or support between May 2026 and April 2027. These include **>11,400** severe cases among children (source: IPC, 23 July 2026).

**Source: Nutrition Cluster SMART survey as of July 2026, unless otherwise noted.*
***These figures reflect recent updates from partners.*

EDUCATION*

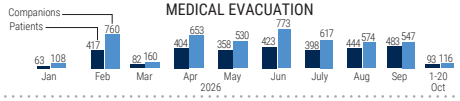
- **~771,200** preschool (114,000) and school-aged (~657,200) children in Gaza require education support for the 2026/2027 school year.
- **>46,500** children had their education interrupted due to the closure of learning spaces in 2026.
- **~200,000** children without access to structured learning.
- **~570,000** preschool and school-aged children are enrolled in temporary learning spaces, including private and community-led learning spaces (source: Education Cluster, as of September 2026)
- **~93%** of school buildings (526 out of 564) will require full reconstruction or major rehabilitation to be functional again, as of 11 October 2025.
- **>63** university buildings destroyed (source: MoE, 12 August 2025).

**Source: Education Cluster Situation and Advocacy Paper, as of September 2026, unless otherwise noted.*

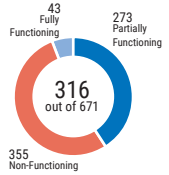
HEALTH*

- **30** Emergency Medical Teams (EMTs) including **104** national and **67** international personnel, as of 21 October 2026.
- Between 14 and 20 October, **50** patients, including **28** children, and **67** companions were evacuated via Rafah and Kerem Shalom crossings.
- Since the ceasefire agreement was announced on 10 October 2025, **3,478** patients and **5,762** companions were evacuated via Rafah and Kerem Shalom crossings, with support from WHO. Of these, **2,677** patients and **3,972** companions were evacuated via Rafah since it reopened on 2 February 2026 (as of 20 October 2026).
- Over **43,000** of the people injured since October 2023 are estimated to have potentially life-changing injuries. (source: WHO, as of May 2026).

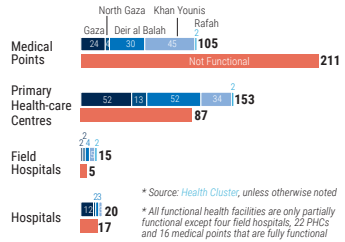
MEDICAL EVACUATION



HEALTH SERVICES FUNCTIONALITY** (as of 21 October 2026)



Includes hospitals, field hospitals, PHCs, medical points, ambulance centres, emergency centres and mobile clinics.



** Source: Health Cluster, unless otherwise noted*

** All functional health facilities are only partially functional except four field hospitals, 22 PHCs and 16 medical points that are fully functional*

REPORTED DAMAGE*

- **92%** of assessed establishments in the commerce and industry sector are destroyed or damaged.
- **74%** of the road network is destroyed and **13%** is damaged.
- **88%** of above-ground WASH assets and **76%** of underground networks are damaged.
- **83%** of the Gaza Strip's coastal zone is fully or partially destroyed
- **76%** of assessed cultural and heritage sites are destroyed or damaged.
- **90%** of energy infrastructure including electricity distribution network and associated assets are destroyed.
- **82%** of all structures are destroyed or damaged (source: UNOSAT, as of 16 June 2026).

**Source: Gaza Strip RDNA as of October 2025, issued in April 2026, unless otherwise specified.*

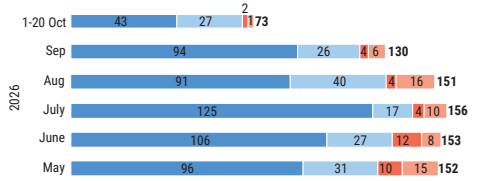
SHELTER*

- **1.98 million people (94% of the population)** estimated to need shelter and NFI assistance, including about **1.2 million people (58%)** facing Critical (Phase 4) or Catastrophic (Phase 5) shelter conditions.
- **65%** of assessed households were living in tents or makeshift shelters, of which **54%** were in poor or very poor condition.
- **76.6%** of housing units (371,888 out of 485,361) destroyed or damaged (source: UN, EU and the World Bank, Gaza Strip RDNA as of October 2025, issued in April 2026).
- **>950,000** people are estimated to live in **989** displacement sites at medium or high flood risk, including over **400,000** people in **451** high-risk sites (source: Shelter Cluster, Site Management Cluster and IOM Gaza Flooding Risk Assessment as of September 2026).

**Source: Shelter severity and household needs assessment, August 2026 (data collected in June 2026), unless otherwise specified.*

HUMANITARIAN ACCESS

Missions requiring coordination with the Israeli authorities



- **Facilitated:** CLA accepts a facilitation request and the movement on the ground is not impeded.
- **Impeded:** CLA accepts a facilitation request but the movement is blocked or delayed on the ground, resulting in some missions being aborted or accomplished partially.
- **Denied:** The Israeli Coordination and Liaison Administration (CLA) rejects a facilitation request.
- **Withdrawn:** Humanitarian organizations cancel their facilitation request due to logistical, operational, or security reasons.