

Longstanding restrictions on the movement of people and goods to and from Gaza have undermined the living conditions of about two million Palestinians in that area. Many of the restrictions, originally imposed by Israel in the early 1990s, were intensified after June 2007, following the Hamas takeover of Gaza and the imposition of a land, sea and air blockade, citing security concerns. Movement between Gaza and Egypt has been restricted as well. These restrictions continue to reduce access to livelihoods, essential services and housing, disrupt family life, and undermine people's hopes for a secure and prosperous future.

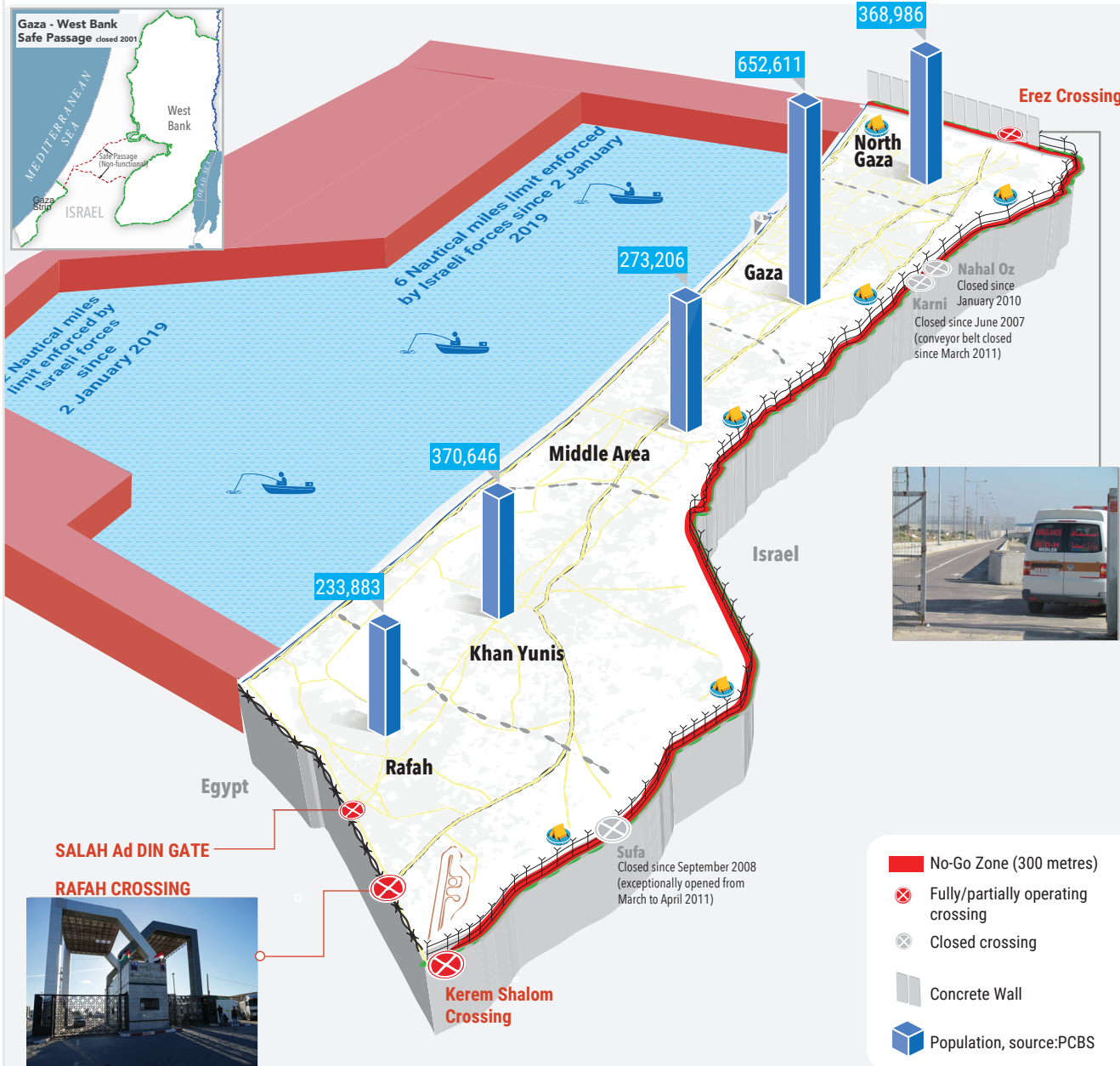
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www.ochaopt.org/data/crossings

1.9 Million Total population

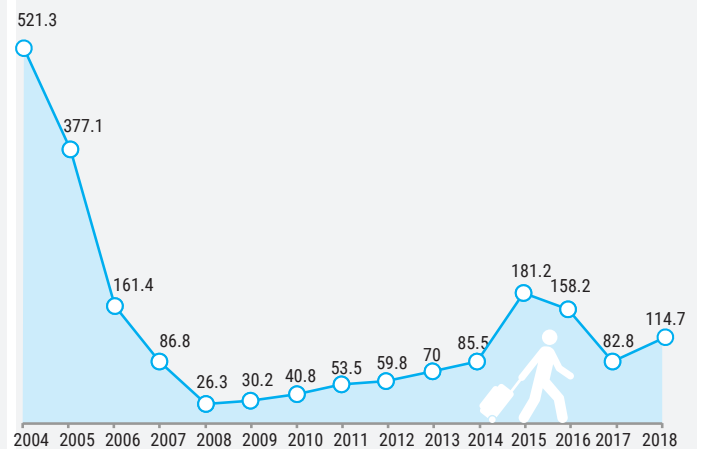
1.33 Million (70%) Registered Refugees
Source: PCBS

365 km² Total Area

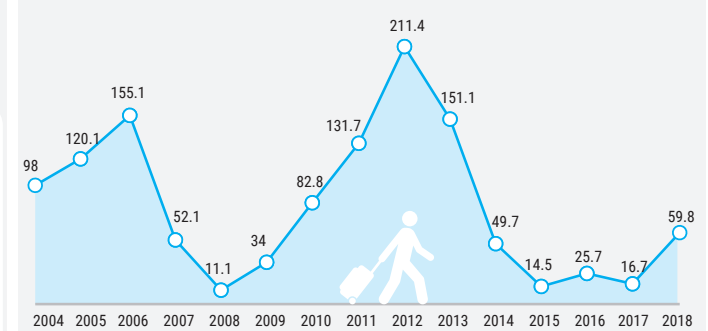
5,203 Approximate inhabitants per Km²
Source: PCBS



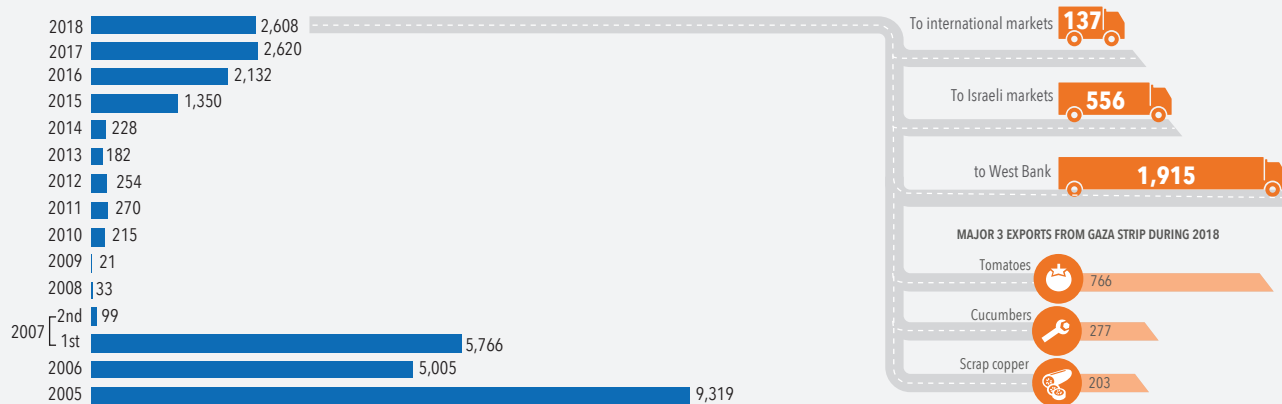
Number of departures through Erez crossing with Israel (in thousands)



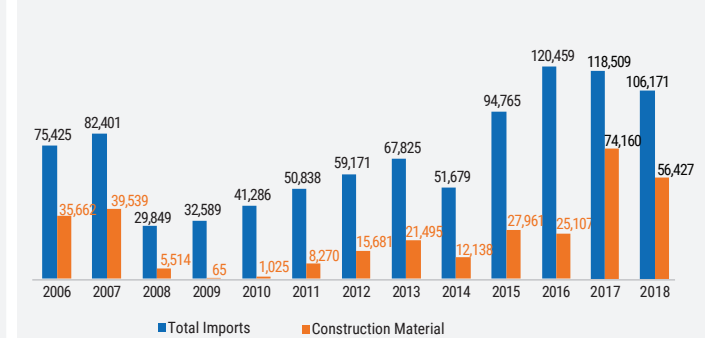
Number of departures through Rafah crossing with Egypt (in thousands)



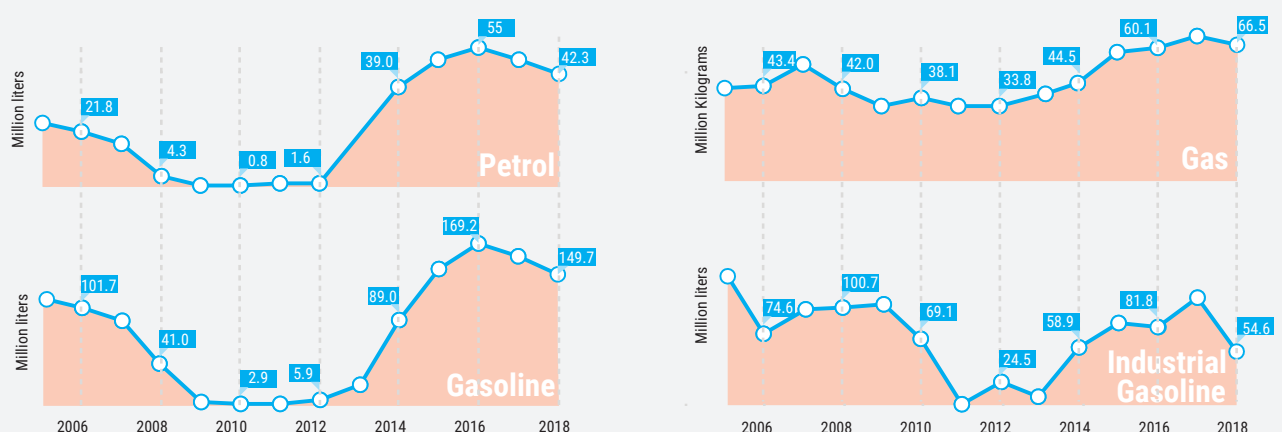
Exit of goods (# of truckloads)



Construction materials out of total imports (# of truckloads)



Fuel imports



Fish Catch (Ton)

