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Acronyms and Abbreviations

CAS	Central Administration of Statistics
GER	The Gross Enrolment Ratio
ILO	International Labour Organization
LFHLCS	Labour Force and Households' Living Conditions Survey
NEET	Not in Education, Employment or Training
NER	The Net Enrolment Rate
NSSF	National Social Security Fund
SMAM	Singulate Mean Age at Marriage
UNDP	United Nations Development Programme

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The 2018-2019 LFHLCS is the first Lebanese survey to produce estimates not only at the national and sub-national governorate (*mouhafaza*) levels, but also at the district (*caza*) level. Lebanon is composed of eight governorates, called *mouhafaza*, and 26 districts, called *caza*. Only the governorates of Beirut and Akkar were taken as a whole in the survey sample and were not subdivided into districts.

LFHLCS covered all the population of Lebanon living in primary residential dwellings. It was carried out from April 2018 to March 2019. It did not cover the population living in non-residential units, such as construction and agriculture sites, shops, stores, factories, unfinished buildings, army barracks, refugee camps and adjacent gatherings, and informal settlements.

With an unprecedented complete national sample size of 50,000 households, more than 39,000 responded to the survey, providing a relatively high response rate of 79%.

Through 227 questions organized into 10 modules, the LFHLCS questionnaire gathered extensive data that were used in the production of a broad array of indicators and a cross-sectional analysis regarding:

- The demographic and social characteristics of households and the individuals living in them on a regular basis (more than six months in a year), including information on education, health, social security and others;
- The labour force situation and the economic activity of all active individuals in the household;
- The characteristics of the household and the conditions of the dwellings and the available amenities.

The concepts, definitions and methodologies that were used in the survey, were designed according to the latest international survey statistical standards especially those in line with the 19th ICLS Resolution concerning statistics of work, employment and labour underutilization.²

¹ For more information about the 2018-2019 LFHLCS, refer to the main survey report, available at <http://www.cas.gov.lb/index.php/component/content/article?id=212>.

² Source: ILO, *Resolution concerning statistics of work, employment and labour underutilization, 19th International Conference of Labour Statisticians, 2013*.

District Statistics

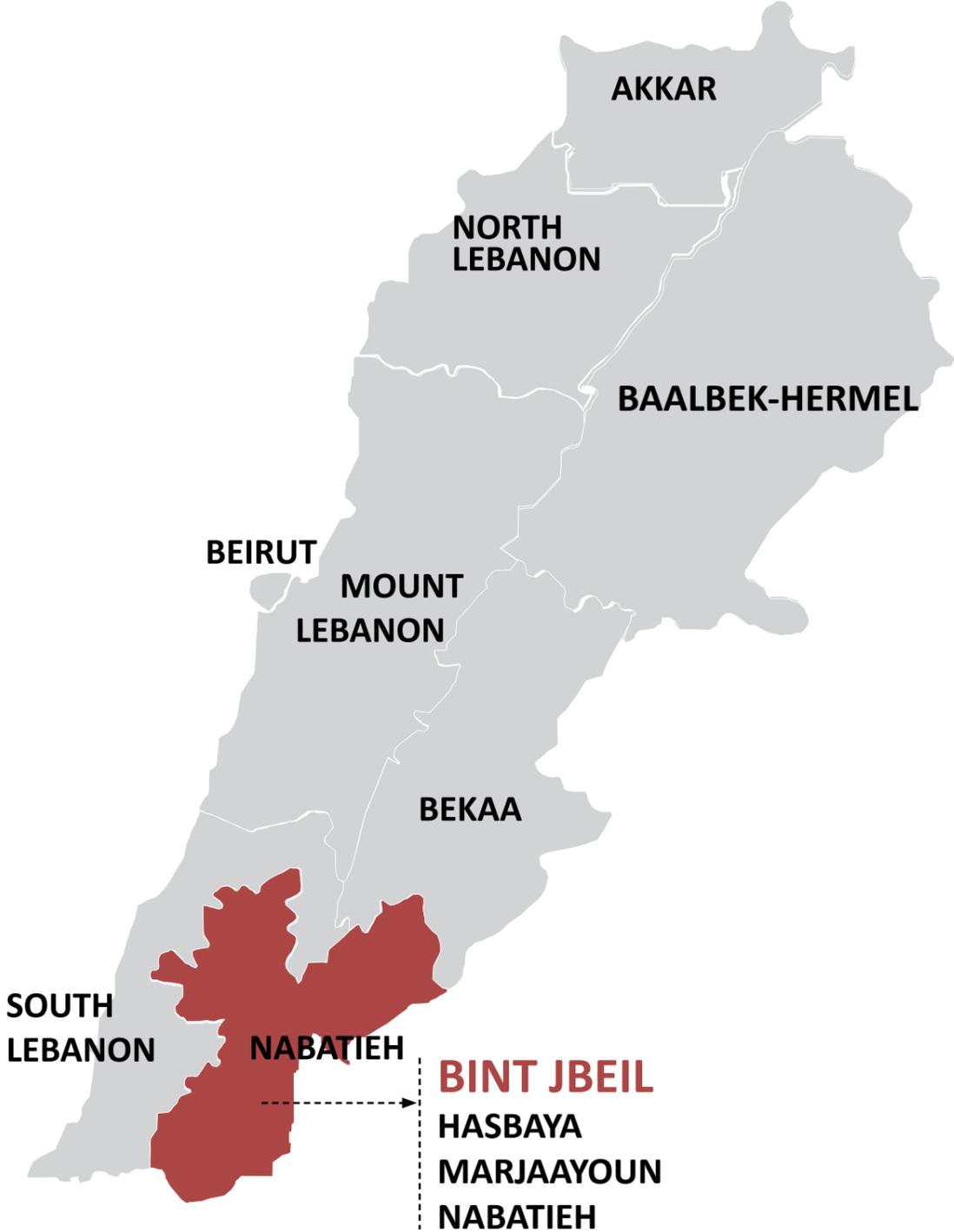
The district statistics represent an invaluable source of updated information and analysis of the prevailing social and economic conditions in each district. They are made available to the district authorities and leadership - including the Kâim-Makâm (Caza Governor), the District Unions of Municipalities, and a range of other government and non-government district planners, policy makers and users. The district statistics also aim at informing appropriate and evidence-based development policies and programmes at the district level.

This report presents data pertaining to the district of Bint Jbeil, which is situated in the Governorate of Nabatieh.

It consists of five chapters highlighting the following aspects:

-  I. Demographics
-  II. Housing
-  III. Education
-  IV. Social and Economic Background
-  V. Labour Force and Employment

Wherever possible and statistically significant, the indicators presented at the district level are compared to the national values for the purpose of contextualization and comparison.





I. DEMOGRAPHICS

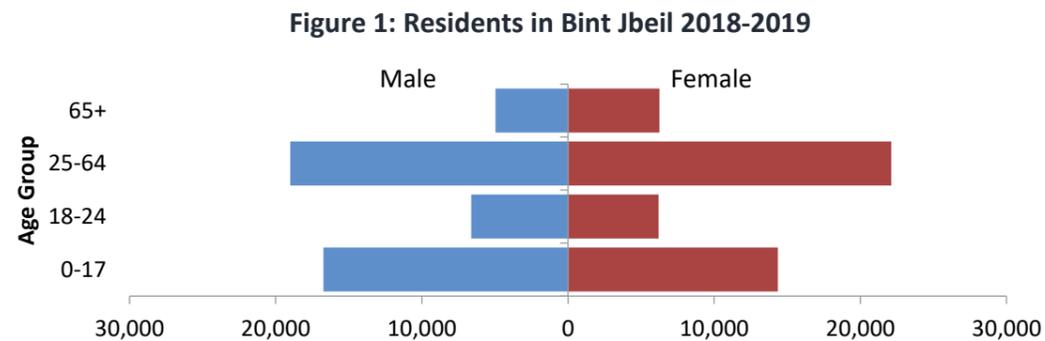
The residents in Bint Jbeil: who and how many are they?

The survey results show that in 2018–19, the caza of Bint Jbeil hosted 2 per cent of residents of Lebanon, with around 96,200 residents. 50.8 per cent of the residents were females and 49.2 per cent males.

whereas those aged between 18 and 24 years old represented 13.3 per cent. The remaining 11.7 per cent were the older residents (65+ years old). (Figure 1)

42.7 per cent of the residents in Bint Jbeil were found in the age group 25–64 years. The younger residents of less than 18 years old represented 32.3 per cent of the total,

In 2018–19, the age dependency ratio³ for Bint Jbeil was 62.5 per cent, compared to 53.9 per cent at the national level. It is instructive to note that, compared to the other cazas, this ratio was the highest.



The Survey results showed that males predominated as heads of household. It was estimated that 77.8 per cent of households were headed by a man compared to 81.5 per cent nationally, while 22.2 per cent of households were headed by a woman relatively to 18.5 per cent in Lebanon. (Figure 2)

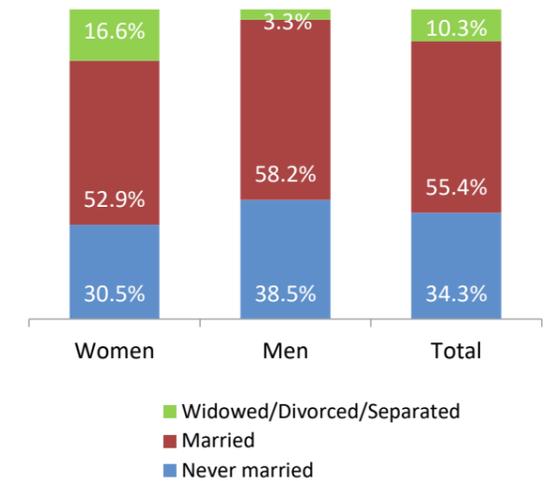
Figure 2: Head of household by sex



³Age dependency ratio is the number of dependents aged 0-14 years and those aged 65+ compared to the total population aged 15-64 years, which is the working age population. It describes the degree to which the economically non-productive population is dependent on the working-age population. The higher the ratio, the greater the economic burden.

More than half (55.4 per cent) of all residents aged 15 and above in Bint Jbeil declared that they were “married” in 2018–19, whereas 34.3 per cent stated that they were “never married”. The proportion of married women (52.9 per cent) was lower than for men (58.2 per cent), and the share of never married women (30.5 per cent) also fell behind that of never married men (38.5 per cent). Interestingly, the share of women who stated they were either widowed, divorced or separated (16.6 per cent) was about five times higher than that of men (3.3 per cent). (Figure 3)

Figure 3: Marital status (aged 15+) by sex



WHAT IS THE SMAM?

The singulate mean age at marriage (SMAM) is the average length of single life expressed in years among those who marry before age 50. It is a synthetic indicator calculated from marital status categories of men and women aged 15 to 54 at the date of the census or the survey.

Among Bint Jbeil residents, the Singulate Mean Age at Marriage (SMAM) was 23.5 years for women and 29.7 years for men, while at the national level, results showed a mean age of 25.6 and 30.7 for women and men respectively. It is instructive to note that, compared to the national level, data shows an earlier mean age of marriage for women in Bint Jbeil.



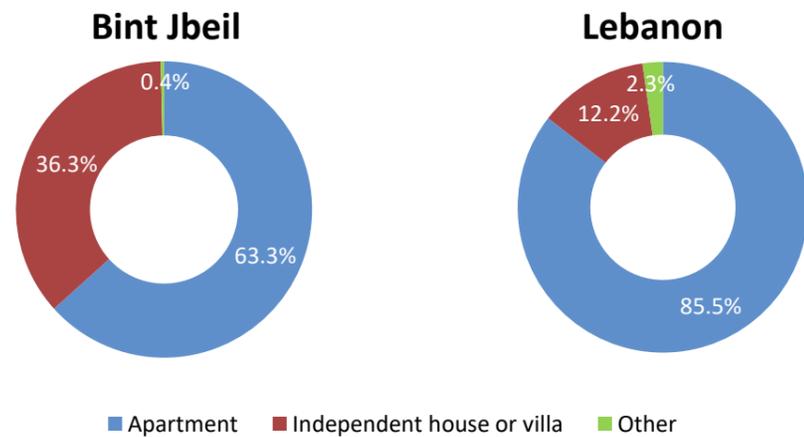
II. HOUSING

Where do residents in Bint Jbeil live?

The largest share of primary residences in Bint Jbeil were apartments (63.3 per cent), whereas 36.3 per cent were independent houses or villas. It is worth noting that the

proportion of independent houses or villas at the caza level was nearly three times higher than that of the national level (12.2 per cent). (Figure 4)

Figure 4: Distribution of primary residences by type of dwelling

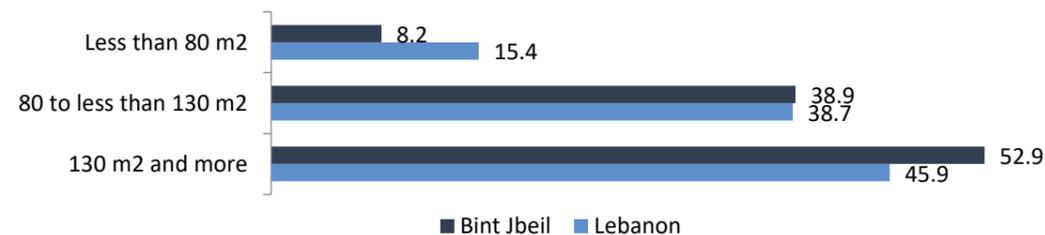


Primary residences by area (m²)

52.9 per cent of the primary residences in Bint Jbeil were 130 square meters and more compared to 45.9 per cent at the national level. Small residences of less than 80 m² were the least common – 8.2 per cent of the

dwellings compared to 15.4 per cent at the level of the country. Residences of 80 to less than 130 m² comprised 38.9 per cent of the total, compared to almost the same proportion nationally. (Figure 5)

Figure 5: Primary residences by area of residence (%)

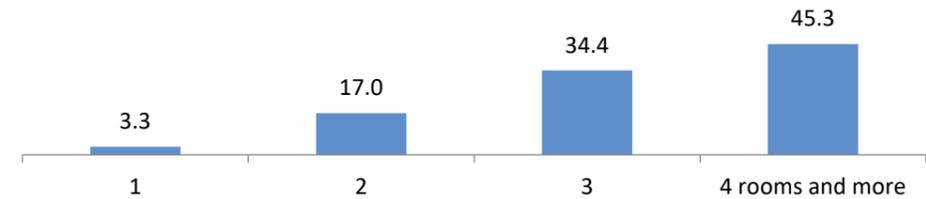


How many rooms does a household have?

In Bint Jbeil, 45.3 per cent of the primary residences had 4 rooms and over, followed by almost one third of the dwellings (34.4 per cent) composed of 3 rooms. Nationally,

57.8 per cent of the primary residences had 4 rooms and over and 25.1 per cent had 3 rooms. (Figure 6)

Figure 6: Primary residences by number of rooms (%)



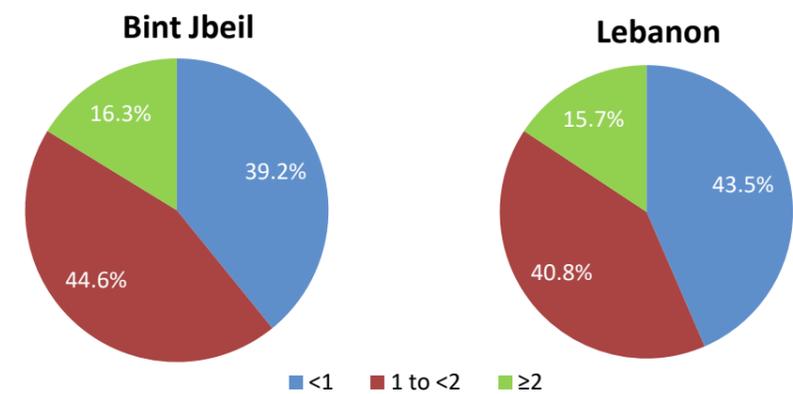
Persons per room

The number of individuals per room is an indicator that provides a measure of residential crowding and occupancy.

households was higher for a density between one and two individuals per room whereas it was lower for a density of less than one individual per room. As for the residences that were found to be more crowded (more than two persons per room), they represented 16.3 per cent of the households, a proportion somewhat close to the national level. (Figure 7)

44.6 per cent of the households in Bint Jbeil had a density between one and two individuals per room, followed by 39.2 per cent of households who had a density of less than one individual per room. Compared to the national level, the distribution of

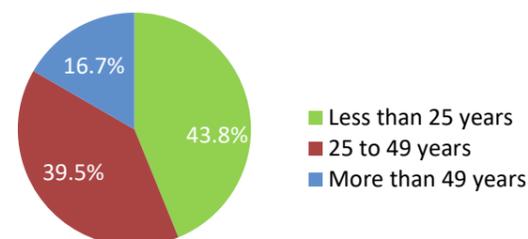
Figure 7: Persons per room (%)



Are the primary residences old or new?

43.8 per cent of the dwellings in Bint Jbeil were constructed less than 25 years ago, a percentage markedly higher than that observed all over Lebanon (33.8 per cent). On the other side, 16.7 per cent of primary residences were constructed more than 49 years ago, compared to around a third nationally (31.8 per cent). (Figure 8)

Figure 8: Primary residences by age of residence



Connectivity to infrastructure and utilities

Non-piped water supply was the main source of drinking water in Bint Jbeil (93.8 per cent) and remarkably more prevalent at the district level than the national level (76.9 per cent). On the other side, piped water

supply was among the lowest at the caza level: for only 6.2 per cent of households, drinking water was in the form of a supply piped directly to the residence. (Figure 9)

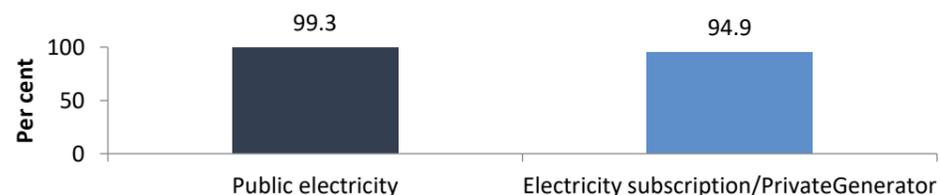
Figure 9: Facilities of main source of drinking water at the dwelling (%)



Connection to the public electricity network was the most common in the caza (99.3 per cent), whereas 94.9 per cent of households were subscribed to a private electricity source or had their own private generator. At the national level, almost identical results

were observed for the connection to the public electricity; however, subscription to a private electricity was remarkably more prevalent in Bint Jbeil (84 per cent in Lebanon). (Figure 10)

Figure 10: Sources of electricity in primary residences



Cost associated with residence

The average yearly expenditure on services for main dwellings in Bint Jbeil was estimated at approximately 2,793 thousand LBP, compared to 3,308 thousand LBP nationally. At the district level, average spending was mainly on generators (785 thousand LBP) followed by electricity (479 thousand LBP); whereas the lowest average

yearly expenses were on satellite/dish (187 thousand LBP). These expenses were lower compared to the ones observed at the national level. The median annual expenses in Bint Jbeil were 2,514 thousand LBP, which was lower than that observed in Lebanon as a whole (2,940 thousand LBP). (Table 1)

Table 1: Yearly expenditures on services for main dwellings (in thousand LBP)

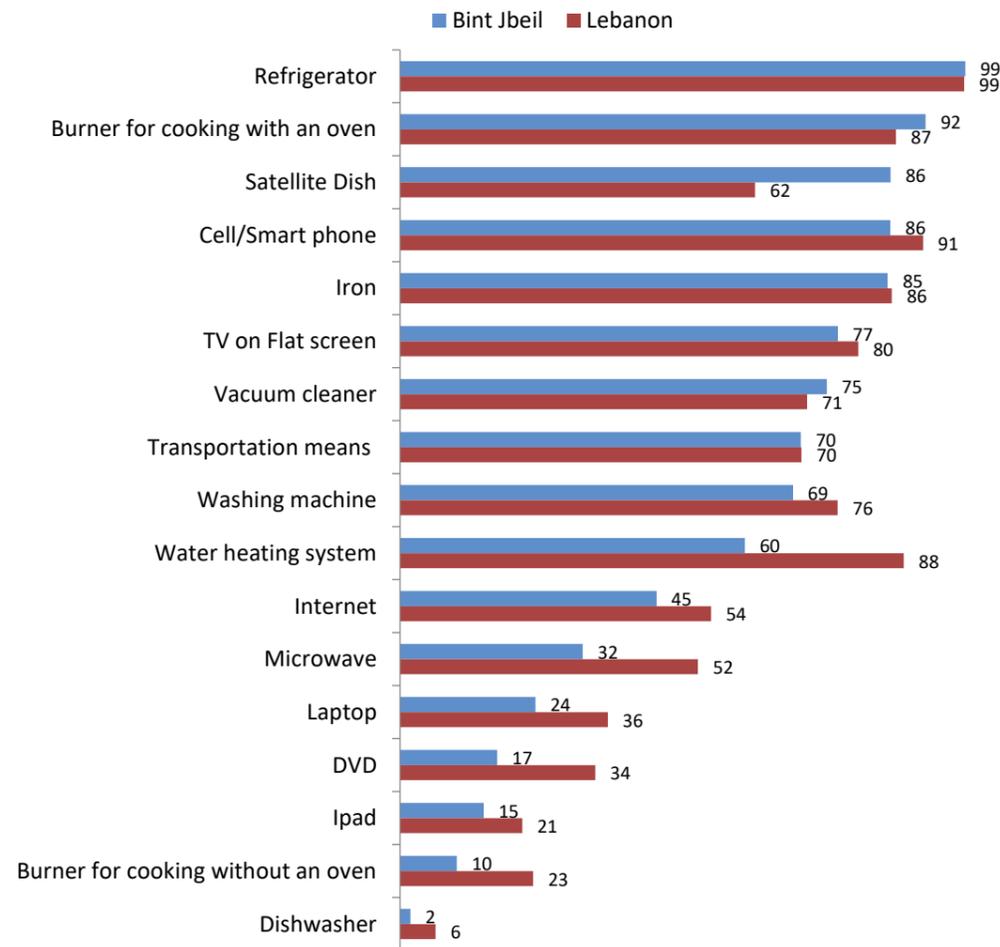
Services	Bint Jbeil		Lebanon	
	Mean	Median	Mean	Median
Public water	284	287	293	300
Electricity	479	360	671	480
Generator	785	600	1,100	900
Satellite/dish	187	180	231	240
Fixed phones (without Internet)	407	360	433	360
Total yearly Expenses on services	2,793	2,514	3,308	2,940

Home appliances and means of transportation

Almost all households had a refrigerator (99 per cent) and about 92 per cent had a burner for cooking with an oven in Bint Jbeil. Dishwashers were the least common in the district (2 per cent of households) with a lower proportion relatively to the national level (6 per cent). It is instructive to note that the proportion of households who had a satellite dish in the caza exceeded considerably that at the country level. In contrast, the proportions of those who had

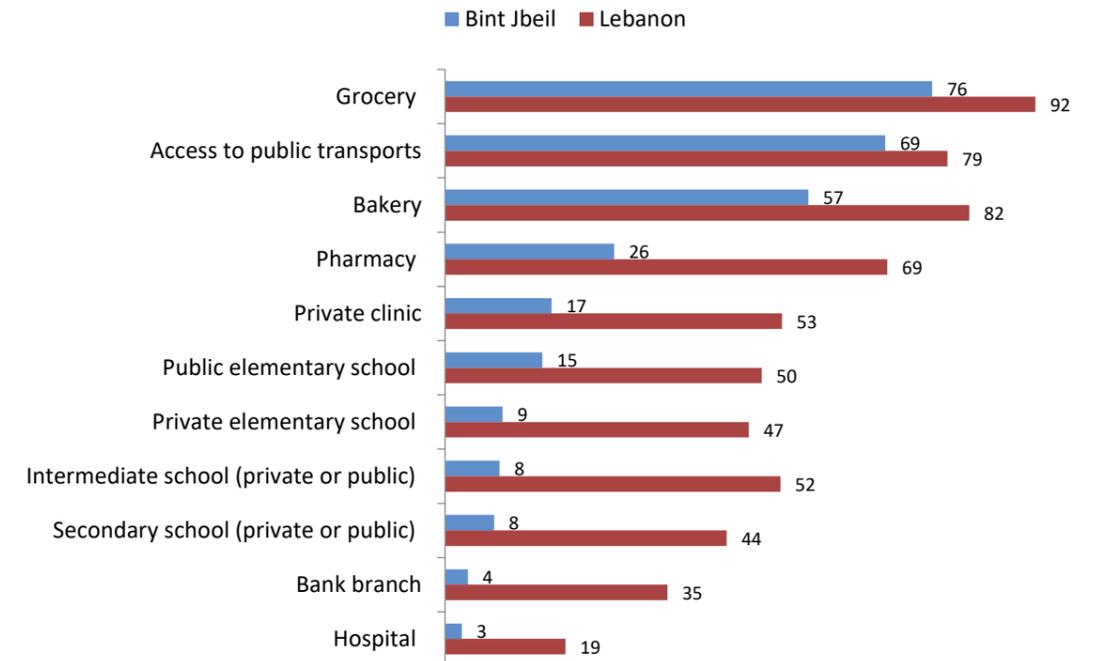
a water heating system, a microwave, a laptop, a DVD or a burner for cooking without an oven fell remarkably behind the national levels. It is worth noting that the relatively low proportion of burner for cooking without an oven is compensated for by the higher percentage of households in the caza who had a burner for cooking with an oven compared to the national level. (Figure 11)

Figure 11: Home appliances types and means of transportation (%)



Note: The internet does not include Cable/ADSL/3G or 4G.

Figure 12: Access to services (%)



Access to basic services

The majority of primary residences in Bint Jbeil had access to at least one grocery store (76 per cent) within a 10-minute walk from home. Bank branches (4 per cent) and hospitals (3 per cent) were the least common services in Bint Jbeil.

It is worth noting that compared to the national level, considerably lower levels of access to all the major services within a 10-minute walk from home was observed in Bint Jbeil.

For instance, access to pharmacy was 43 percentage points less, to private clinic 36 percentage points less and to bakery 25 percentage points less. Moreover, the widespread of bank branches fell behind the national level by 31 percentage points, whereas access to hospital was 16 percentage points less. Additionally, access to elementary, intermediate and secondary schools was considerably lower in Bint Jbeil than in Lebanon. (Figure 12)



III. EDUCATION

Gross Enrolment Ratio versus Net Enrolment Rate

Both Gross Enrolment Ratio (GER) and Net Enrolment Rate (NER) decreased between elementary and secondary levels. In Bint Jbeil, the GER at the elementary level was 98.5 per cent while it was 78.4 per cent at the secondary level. The NER at the elementary level was 87 per cent but decreased to 54.4 per cent at the secondary level. At the intermediate level, both gross enrolment ratio and net enrolment rate were higher in Bint Jbeil than the national level, yet only the GER was found to be relatively higher at the secondary level. (Table 2)

Table 2: Enrolment by level of education (in %)

Level of education	Bint Jbeil		Lebanon	
	Gross Enrolment Ratio	Net Enrolment Ratio	Gross Enrolment Ratio	Net Enrolment Ratio
Elementary level	98.5	87.0	98.9	87.2
Intermediate level	106.0	70.1	93.4	67.8
Secondary level	78.4	54.4	76.8	54.9

Note: These results exclude domestic workers

WHAT ARE THE GER AND NER?

The Gross Enrolment Ratio (GER) is defined as the number of students enrolled in a given level of education, regardless of age, expressed as a percentage of the official school-age population corresponding to the same level of education. A high GER generally indicates a high degree of participation, whether the pupils belong to the official age group or not. A GER value approaching or exceeding 100% indicates that a country is, in principle, able to accommodate all of its school-age population.

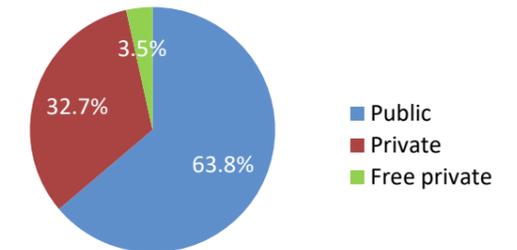
The Net Enrolment Rate (NER) is defined as the total number of students in the theoretical age group for a given level of education enrolled in that level, expressed as a percentage of the total population in that age group. A high NER denotes a high degree of coverage for the official school-age population. The theoretical maximum value is 100%.

*Source: UNESCO Institute for Statistics.

Schooling in Bint Jbeil

In Bint Jbeil, students aged 3-24 years were more likely to enrol in public educational institutions (63.8 per cent), rather than private institutions (32.7 per cent). At the national level, the enrolment in private institutions was higher (47.8 per cent); however, the enrolment in public institutions was lower (46.5 per cent). (Figure 13)

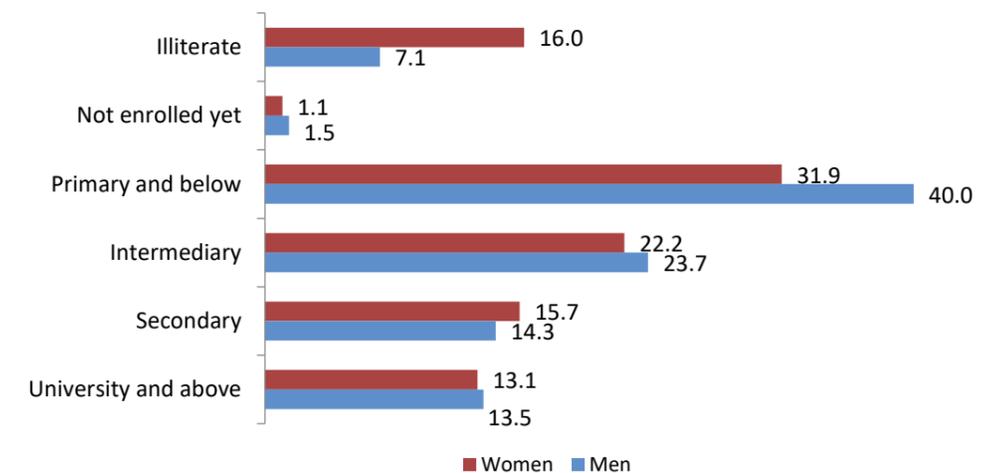
Figure 13: Distribution of students by type of educational institution



The "primary and below" level⁴ (35.9 per cent) was the highest educational attainment in the caza, with a higher proportion for males (40 per cent) than females (31.9 per cent). Although the illiterate residents aged 3 years and above were twice as high among females (8.7 per cent) as among males (4.4 per cent) at the

national level, gender discrepancies were more observed at the caza level (16 per cent for women and 7.1 per cent for men). This result may be explained by the fact that the proportion of elderly women aged 65+ years is greater than that of men. Furthermore, the survey results show that the illiteracy rate among the elderly is greater. (Figure 14)

Figure 14: Residents (aged 3+) by level of education attained and sex (%)



The survey shows that the illiteracy rate for residents aged 10 years and above increased with age. 52.2 per cent of residents aged 65 years old and above were illiterate. In contrast, 1.3 per cent of those aged between 10 and 17 years old were illiterate. It is worth noting that women

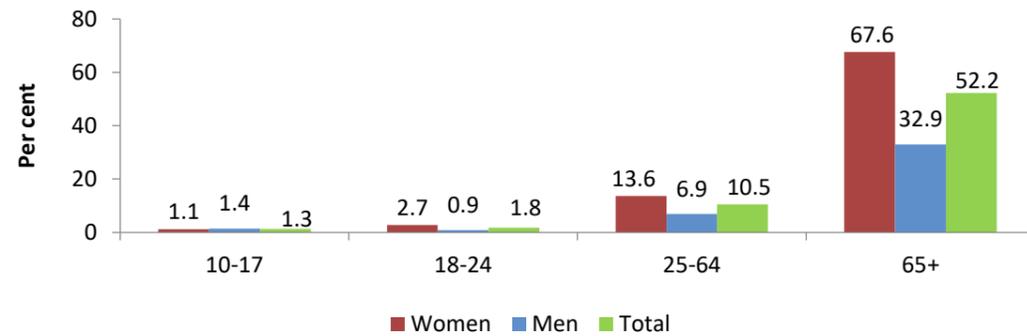
aged 18 years and above were more likely to be illiterate than men; yet, gender discrepancies were mostly noticed for illiterate residents aged 65 years and more, with a notable gender gap reaching 34.7 percentage points (67.6 per cent for women and 32.9 per cent for men). (Figure 15a)

⁴Primary and below: include Read and write, Pre-school, Primary, and undefined education level.



Bint Jbeil district

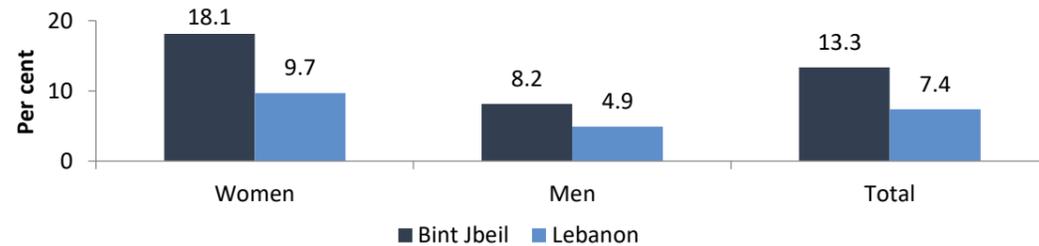
Figure 15a: Illiteracy rate by age group and sex (aged 10 years +)



At the caza level, Bint Jbeil had the highest illiteracy rate among residents aged 10 years and above (13.3 per cent). It was reported to be noticeably higher than the national rate of 7.4 per cent. Additionally, the illiteracy rate was found to be higher for

women (18.1 per cent) than for men (8.2 per cent) in the district, but also in Lebanon, where the proportion of illiterate women (9.7 per cent) was twice as high as that of men (4.9 per cent). (Figure 15b)

Figure 15b: Total illiteracy rate by sex (aged 10 years +)



IV. SOCIAL AND ECONOMIC BACKGROUND

How much do households earn in total?

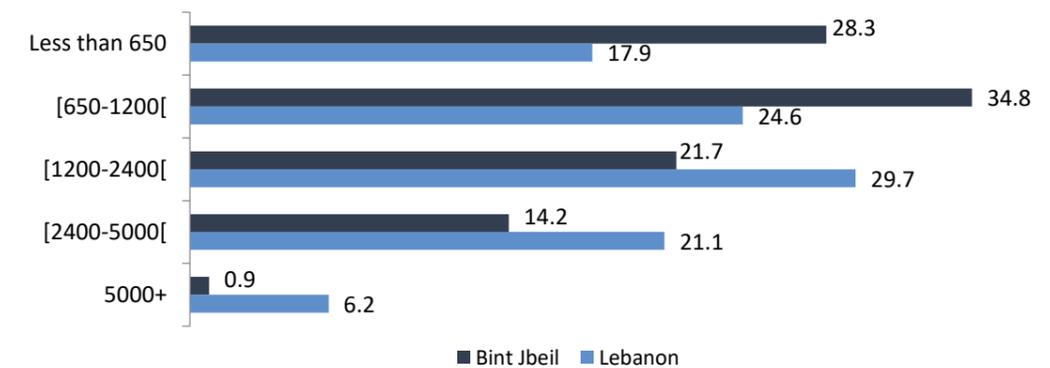
34.8 per cent of households in Bint Jbeil had a total income from all sources ranging between 650 and 1,200 thousand LBP in the month preceding the Survey, a proportion markedly above the national level (24.6 per cent). That was followed by 28.3 per cent of households at the caza level who had earnings of less than 650 thousand LBP.

In contrast, households in Bint Jbeil were less likely to earn a total income between 1,200 and 2,400 thousand LBP (21.7 per

cent) or between 2,400 and 5,000 thousand LBP (14.2 per cent) compared to the other income categories. It is worth noting that only 0.9 per cent of households earned 5 million LBP or more.

Compared to the national level, households in Bint Jbeil were more likely to have earnings below 1,200 thousand LBP, whereas they were less likely to earn more than this amount. (Figure 16)

Figure 16: Household income range from all sources in the month preceding the Survey in thousand LBP (%)



... and how do they perceive their wealth status?

Households classified their wealth status from their own subjective point of view. 66.8 per cent classified themselves as "average or average to poor", 22.9 per cent as "poor or very poor", and 10.4 per cent declared they are "wealthy or financially well-off". Nationally, although the

proportion of households who classified themselves as "poor or very poor" was higher (26.3 per cent), the proportion of those who considered themselves "wealthy or financially well-off" was relatively lower (6.1 per cent). (Figure 17)

Figure 17: Self classification of wealth of households

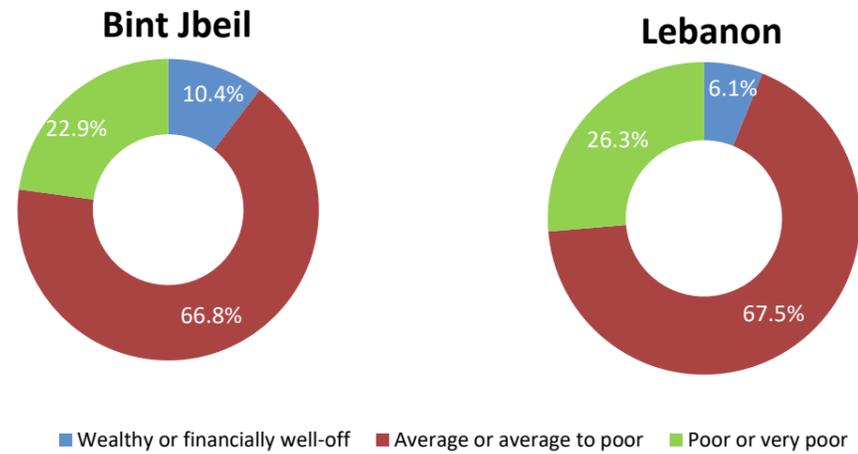
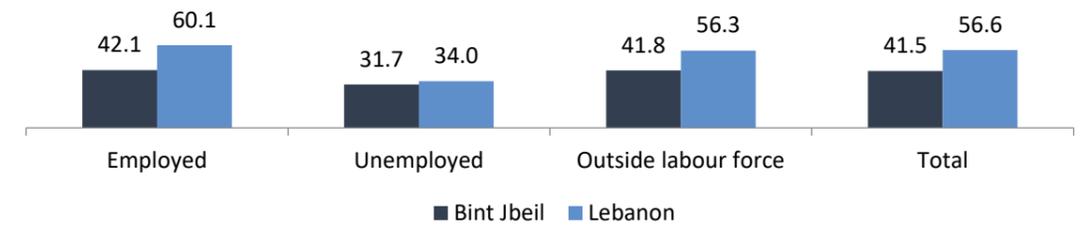


Figure 19: Residents (aged 15 years +) by employment status and health insurance coverage (%)

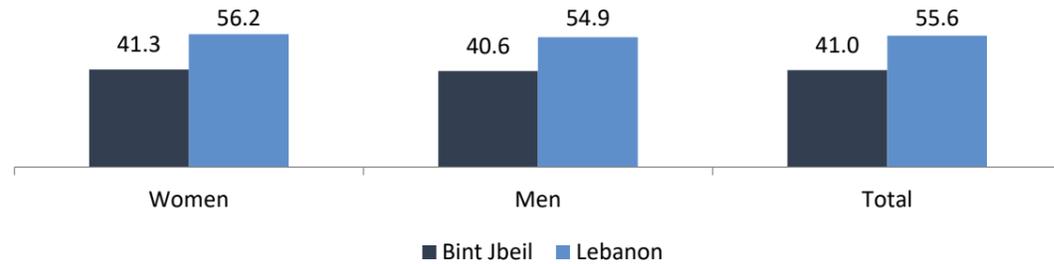


Health Coverage⁵

Only 41 per cent of the total residents in Bint Jbeil were covered by at least one type of health insurance: health coverage was almost identical for women and men (41.3 per cent and 40.6 per cent respectively). At

the national level, the results show a relatively higher health coverage for both women (56.2 per cent) and men (54.9 per cent). (Figure 18)

Figure 18: Health coverage by sex (%)



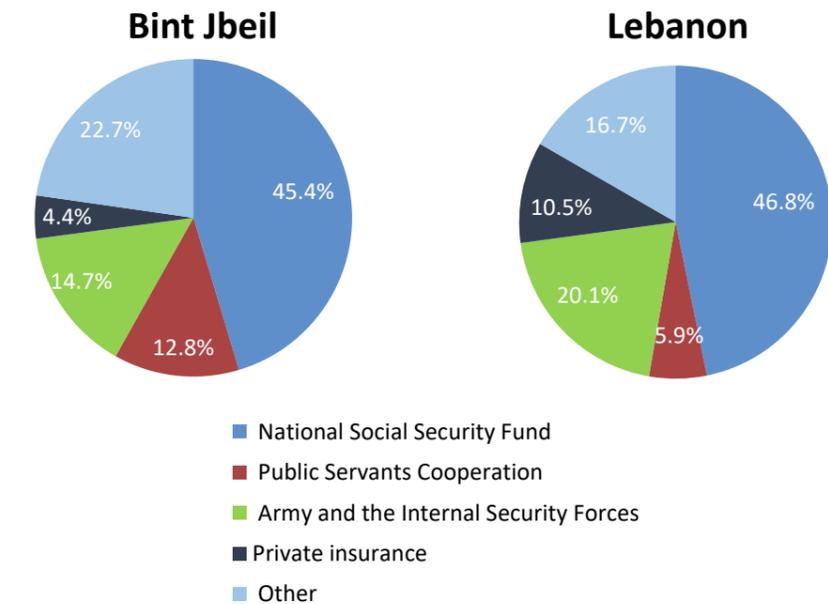
In Bint Jbeil, 41.5 per cent of the residents aged 15 years and above had a health coverage, whereas nationally, the proportion of the insured population in the same age group was remarkably higher (56.6 per cent). The proportions of employed, unemployed and residents

outside the labour force who were covered in Bint Jbeil (42.1 per cent, 31.7 per cent and 41.8 per cent respectively) were all less than those observed at the national level. It is worth noting that unemployed residents were the least covered in the district. (Figure 19)

The main source of health coverage in Bint Jbeil was the National Social Security Fund (NSSF)⁶, which covered 45.4 per cent of the insured population. 14.7 per cent of the insured population were covered by the Lebanese Army and the Internal Security Forces, a proportion below the national level. Interestingly, the coverage of the

Public Servants Cooperation was noticeably greater in Bint Jbeil (12.8 per cent) than in the whole of Lebanon (5.9 per cent), whereas private insurance was significantly less common (4.4 per cent in Bint Jbeil compared to 10.5 per cent in Lebanon). (Figure 20)

Figure 20: Distribution of residents benefiting from health insurance by source of insurance



⁵In this section, all the figures exclude the domestic workers.

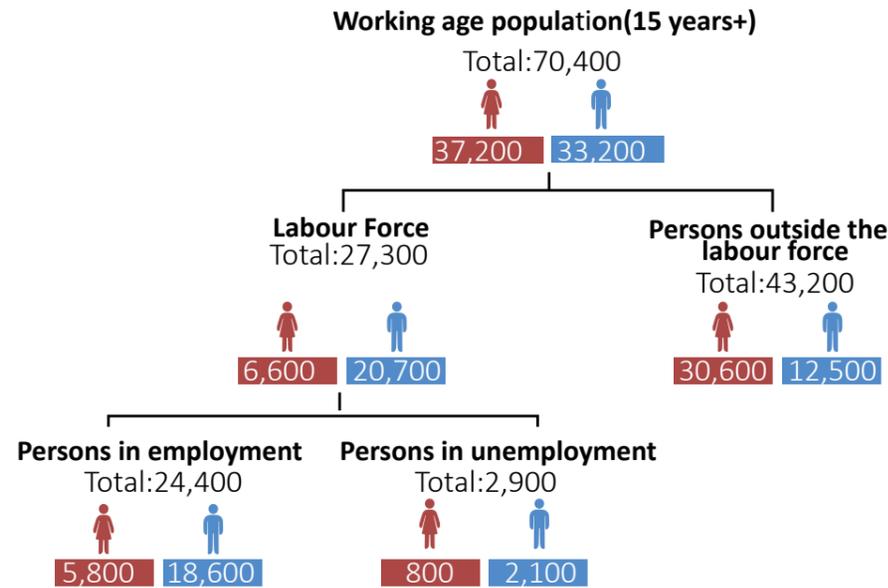
⁶ Including Facultative Fund.



V. LABOUR FORCE and EMPLOYMENT

Labour market structure

Among the estimated 70,400 individuals aged 15 years old and above living in primary residential dwellings in Bint Jbeil in 2018–19, about 27,300 people were in the labour force, either employed (24,400) or unemployed (2,900). The remaining 43,200 individuals were outside the labour force.



Note: Estimation below 2,500 has a standard error above 20 per cent. Due to rounding, numbers presented may not add up precisely to the totals.

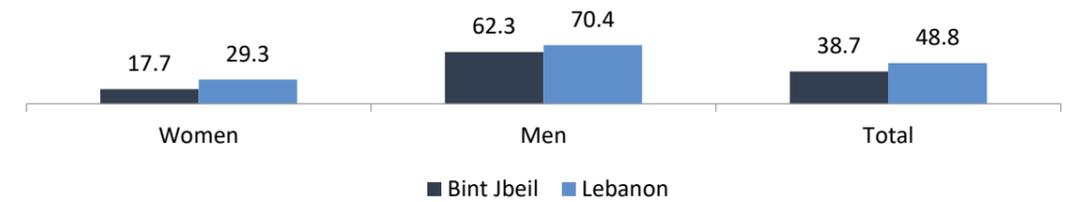
Who is Employed, Searching for a job or Inactive - From a Gender Point of View

Total labour force participation rate⁷ in Bint Jbeil was one of the lowest among all cazas (38.7 per cent). It was found to be markedly lower than the national rate of 48.8 per cent. Gender disparity was high in Bint Jbeil, and more accentuated than the national level. Men's participation rates (62.3 per cent in Bint Jbeil and 70.4 per cent in Lebanon) were higher compared to women's (17.7 per cent in Bint Jbeil and 29.3 per cent in Lebanon) at both the district and national levels, with a notable gender gap⁸ reaching 44.6 percentage points and 41.1 percentage points respectively. (Figure 21)

⁷ Labour Force Participation Rate = $\frac{\text{Persons in Employment} + \text{Persons in Unemployment}}{\text{Working-age Population (15+ years old)}} * 100$

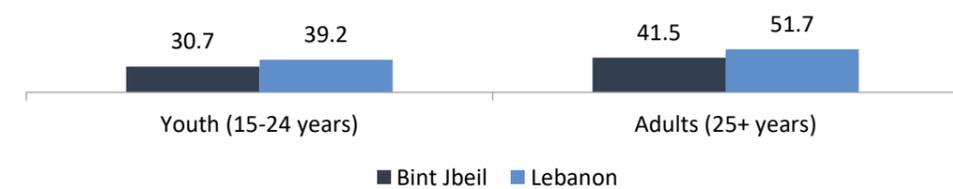
⁸ In this brief, the gender gap is calculated by subtracting the female rate from the male rate.

Figure 21: Labour force participation rate (%)



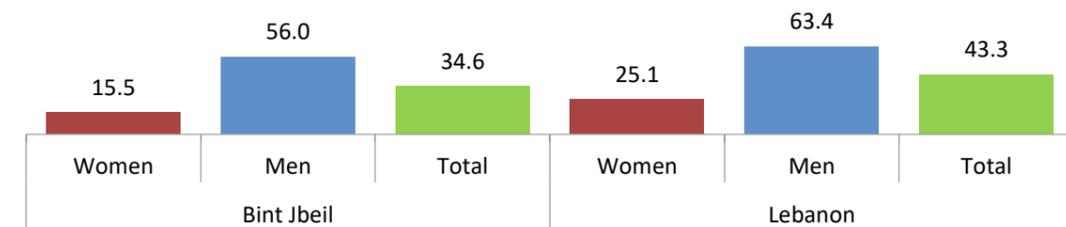
The share of the adult labour force (be they unemployed or in work) exceeded that of the youth and marked 41.5 per cent compared to 30.7 per cent in Bint Jbeil, and 51.7 per cent compared to 39.2 per cent at the national level. (Figure 22)

Figure 22: Labour force participation rate among youth and adults (%)



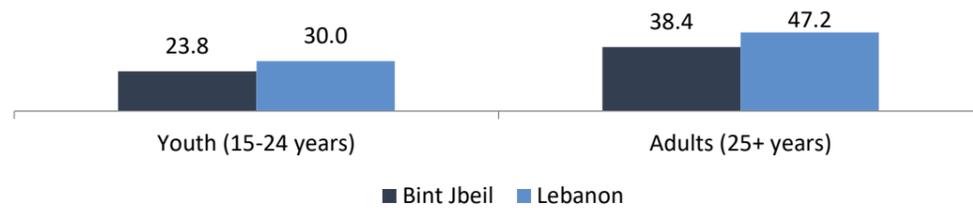
The employment-to-population ratio in Bint Jbeil (34.6 per cent) was lower than that of the country (43.3 per cent). There were some notable gender disparities in the employment-to-population ratio at both the district and country levels. 15.5 per cent of women and 56 per cent of men were employed in Bint Jbeil with a gender gap of 40.5 percentage-point difference. In Lebanon, the employment-to-population ratio reached 25.1 per cent for women and 63.4 per cent for men, marking a gender gap of 38.3 percentage-point difference. (Figure 23)

Figure 23: Employment-to-population ratio (%)



The comparison of the results by broad age groups shows that the youth employment-to-population ratio in Bint Jbeil (23.8 per cent) was remarkably lower than that of the adults (38.4 per cent). It is worth noting that these ratios were lower than those marked at the national level. The gap between the two age groups was less significant at the caza level (14.6 percentage-point difference relative to 17.2 percentage points in Lebanon). (Figure 24)

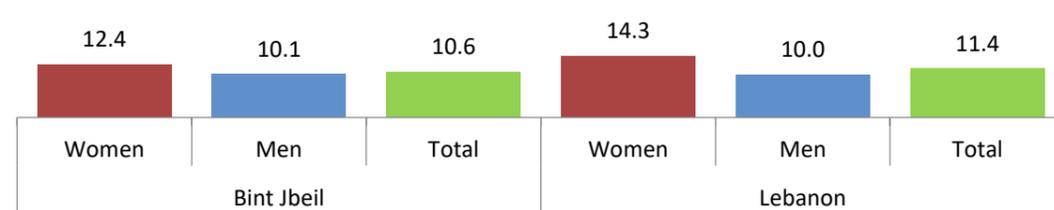
Figure 24: Employment-to-population ratio by broad age groups (%)



The unemployment rate⁹ in Bint Jbeil (10.6 per cent) was below the national level (11.4 per cent). Differences at the country level were observed between men (10 per cent) and women (14.3 per cent); yet the gap was lower in Bint Jbeil where the unemployment

rate was 12.4 per cent for women and 10.1 per cent for men. In other words, the gender gap in the unemployment rate was less significant in Bint Jbeil (2.3 percentage-point difference) than in Lebanon as a whole (4.3 percentage-point difference). (Figure 25)

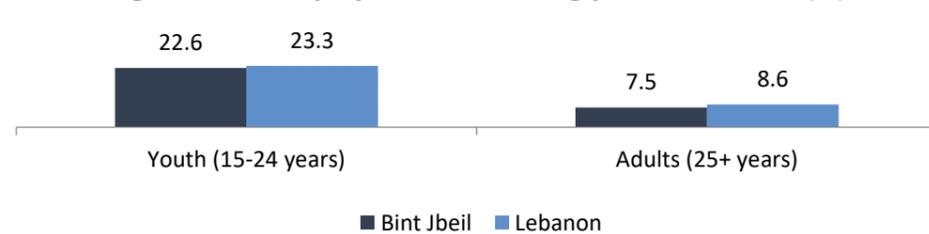
Figure 25: Unemployment rate by sex (%)



Unemployment was less prevalent among adults than among youth at both the district and country levels, with a rate reaching 7.5 per cent and 22.6 per cent respectively in Bint Jbeil, compared to 8.6 per cent and 23.3 per cent respectively in Lebanon as a whole.

The gap between the youth and the adults' unemployment rate reached 15.1 percentage points in Bint Jbeil and 14.7 percentage points in Lebanon as a whole. (Figure 26)

Figure 26: Unemployment rate among youth and adults (%)

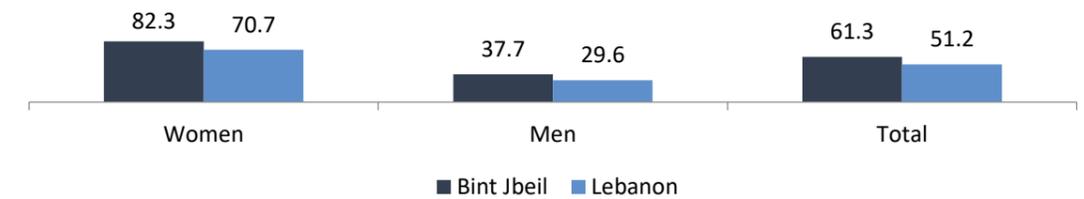


⁹ Unemployment rate = $\frac{\text{Persons in Unemployment (aged 15 years and above)}}{\text{Labour Force (aged 15 years and above)}} * 100$

The inactivity rate, which represents the proportion of the persons considered inactive- neither working nor looking for any job- in the total population aged 15 years and above in Bint Jbeil (61.3 per cent) exceeded markedly that of Lebanon (51.2

per cent) and was one of the highest among all cazas. 82.3 per cent of women and 37.7 per cent of men were inactive at the caza level, compared to 70.7 per cent of women and 29.6 per cent of men at the national level. (Figure 27)

Figure 27: Inactivity rate of residents aged 15 years + (%)

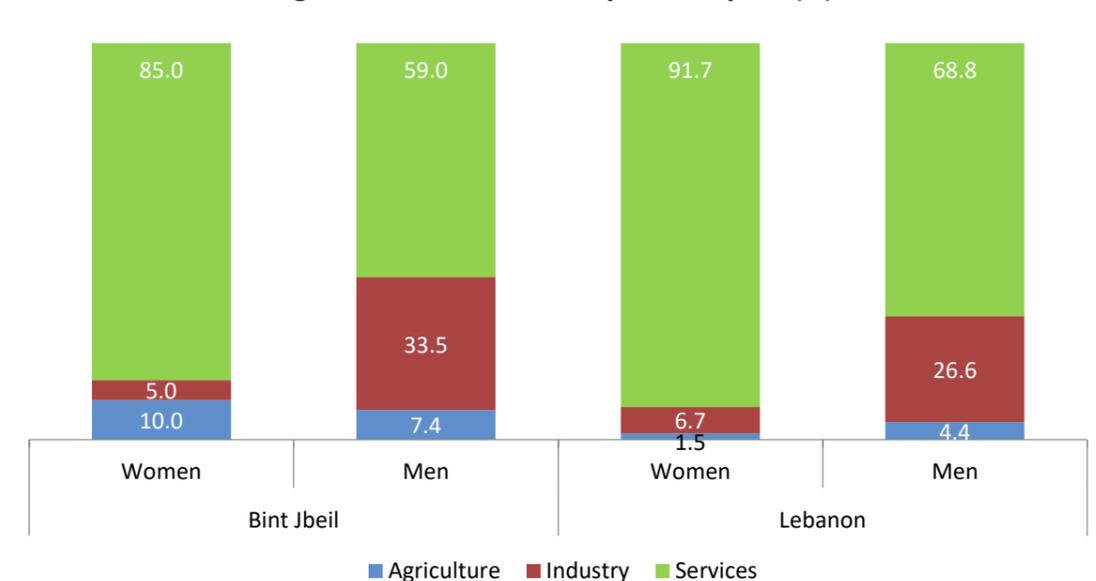


Where do they work?

The Services sector was the largest employment sector for women and men, with respectively 85 per cent and 59 per cent in Bint Jbeil, compared to 91.7 per cent and 68.8 per cent in Lebanon. In this sector, women surpassed men by 26 percentage points at the caza level. It was particularly noticeable that 33.5 per cent of working

men and 5 per cent of working women were employed in industry in Bint Jbeil, compared to 26.6 per cent of working men and 6.7 per cent of working women in the whole of Lebanon. Employment in agriculture in Bint Jbeil was for both working men (7.4 per cent) and women (10 per cent) above the national levels. (Figure 28)

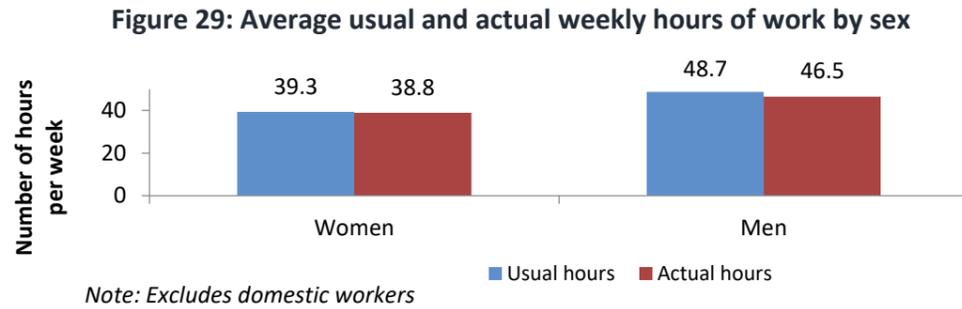
Figure 28: Economic activity sector by sex (%)



... and how many hours per week

Men in employment were reported to be working longer paid hours than women. The average number of actual weekly paid hours was 46.5 for men and 38.8 for women. Furthermore, the actual number of hours of work was slightly below the usual number of

hours for both sexes, due to temporary absences such as vacation, annual leave, etc. In Lebanon as a whole, the actual number of hours of work was 50 per cent for men and 39.1 per cent for women. (Figure 29)



What type of jobs do they hold and where?

According to the ILO, the concept of "informal employment" refers to jobs that do not provide employees with legal or social protection, thus exposing them to greater economic risks than other employed people. As for concept of the "informal sector", it is a subset of unincorporated enterprises not constituted as separate legal entities independent of their owners.

informal jobs at their main occupation, a result that was found to be markedly higher than the national level (54.9 per cent), and 56.6 per cent of the employed population were working in the informal sector. It is instructive to note that the latter proportion was considerably above the national level (35.2 per cent). The proportion of employed individuals holding an informal job in a formal sector was lower in Bint Jbeil than in Lebanon (13.8 per cent and 19.8 per cent respectively). (Table 3)

The results show that 70.4 per cent of the employed population in Bint Jbeil held

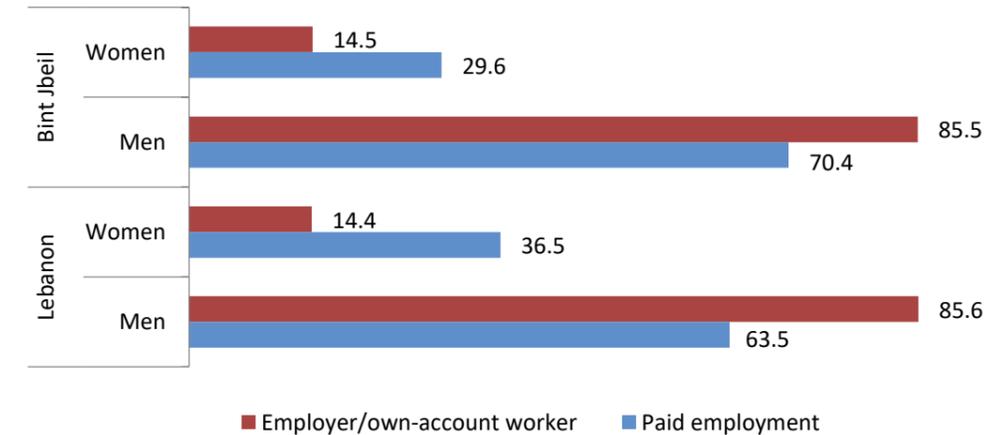
Table 3: Formality versus Informality (in %)

Type of employment	Bint Jbeil			Lebanon		
	Informal Sector	Formal Sector	Total	Informal Sector	Formal Sector	Total
Informal	56.6	13.8	70.4	35.1	19.8	54.9
Formal	0.0	29.6	29.6	0.0	45.0	45.1
Total	56.6	43.3	100.0	35.2	64.8	100.0

Women's share in employment was low, yet more prevalent for paid employment than "employer/own-account worker". The majority of employers or own-account workers in Bint Jbeil were men (85.5 per cent), a proportion that was almost equal to

that attained at the national level (85.6 per cent). Men's share in paid employment was higher in Bint Jbeil compared to the national level (70.4 per cent and 63.5 per cent respectively). (Figure 30)

Figure 30: Employed (15 years and above) by employment status and sex (%)

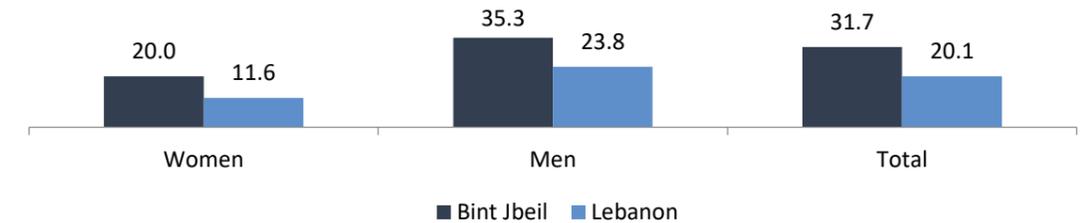


How many jobs are "vulnerable"?

In Bint Jbeil, vulnerable employment (31.7 per cent) was reported to be remarkably higher than that observed at the country level (20.1 per cent). It is worth noting that vulnerable employment was remarkably

higher for men in Bint Jbeil compared to the whole of Lebanon. Moreover, it was more prevalent among men (35.3 per cent) than among women (20 per cent). (Figure 31)

Figure 31: Vulnerable employment (%)



DID YOU KNOW?

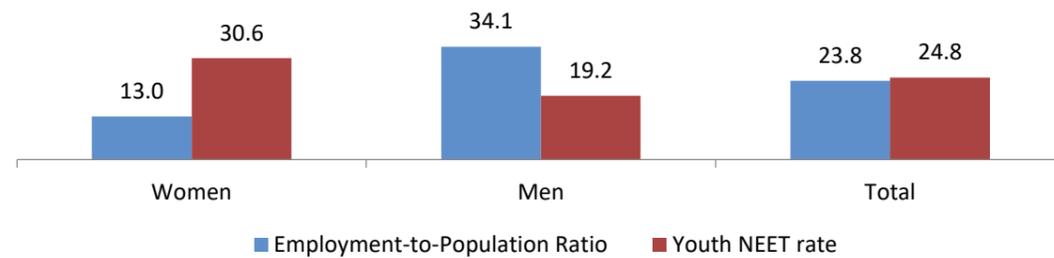
According to the International Labour Organization (ILO) definition, "Vulnerable Employment" is the sum of own-account workers and contributing family workers in total employment. This category of workers has a lower likelihood of having formal work arrangements and is therefore more likely to lack elements associated with adequate social security and a voice at work.

Youth in Employment versus Youth Not in Education, Employment or Training (NEET)

Youth NEET rate - *Youth not in education, employment or training rate* - (24.8 per cent) in Bint Jbeil was higher than the youth employment-to-population ratio (23.8 per cent). Compared to the national level, the youth employment-to-population ratio was

lower in Bint Jbeil and the Youth NEET rate was higher (30 per cent and 21.8 per cent respectively in Lebanon). Moreover, women's NEET rate (30.6 per cent) was markedly higher than that of men (19.2 per cent) in Bint Jbeil. (Figure 32)

Figure 32: Youth in employment and NEET rate (%)



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