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Understanding the recent decline on period fertility among Muslims in Israel

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Perspective in the Region: Fertility Transition in MENA countries and Israeli Muslims

Accessibility of higher education in the periphery

Cuts in child allowances in 2003

Encouraging Arab women participate in the labor market (OECD)

Source: The World Bank, World DataBank, World Development Indicators and ICBS
Explaining the recent decline on period fertility: what has changes in the last 15 years?

- Population Composition Effect
- Cohort Changes
- Marriage
- Women Empowerment
- Family Preferences
- Standard of Living
Population Composition Effect: Muslims in Israel by region

Source: registration data, Israel
Population Composition Effect: Muslims in Israel by religiosity

Source: Linkage between Social survey 2002-2014 and population register
Average Cumulative Number Of Children Ever Born among Muslims in Israel by mother age at birth and mother year of born cohort

Source: registration data, Israel
Women Empowerment: Change in Education

percentages of More Educated Women (>=13 years of schooling) among Muslims in Israel by age: 1995-2014

percentages of Employed Women among Muslems in Israel by education and age

Family Preferences: Ideal Number of Children

Ideal Number Of Children Among Muslim Women in Israel by education and age (cohort): 2009

- **Post Secondary Diploma**
  - 25-34: 6.2% +5, 44.8% 4, 32.3% 3, 16.8% 2, 0% 0-1
  - 35-49: 18.1% +5, 33.4% 4, 39.5% 3, 8.9% 2, 0% 0-1

- **Secondary Diploma or Less**
  - 25-34: 19.7% +5, 44.2% 4, 27.2% 3, 8.2% 2, 0% 0-1
  - 35-49: 25.9% +5, 54.2% 4, 11.8% 3, 11.8% 2, 0% 0-1

Source: Social Survey, 2009
Standard of Living: Households below the Poverty Line

The Percentage of Households below the Poverty Line According To Different Number of Children, 2014

The Percentage of Households below the Poverty Line According To Number of earners, 2014

Source: Household Income and Expenditure Survey
Young couples understand the relationship between the number of children and the number of earners in the family and between the standard of living.