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Abstract:

This study analyzes the nuptiality phenomenon and its trends in the Gaza Strip from a demo-geographic point of view. During the period 1994-2004, it is noticed that substantial retrogradation in the crude marriage rates have taken place from the reported rates between 1984-1993, while the crude divorce rates remain relatively high during the period 1994 – 2004. The aforesaid retrogradation is due to the socio – economic transitions which have happened to the Palestinian society since the establishment of the Palestinian National Authority in 1994. Also, it is concluded that early marriage of females is common and continuous, where the median age at first marriage was about 19.1 years in 2004. The study has indicated important

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demographic transition such as: a clear retrogradation in the total fertility rate from 8.37 live birth per woman in 1992 to 5.8 in 2004. It has also indicated the continuous increase in the percentage of nuclear households from 62.7% in 1995 to about 83.5% in 2004. The research has manifested that the percentage of females singularity show substantial jump to about 10% in the broad age group (30 – 39-year). The study concludes several recommendations in relation to nuptiality to the policy and decision makers.

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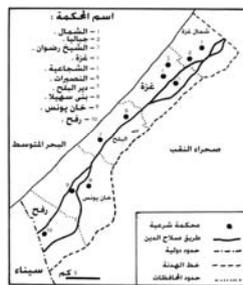
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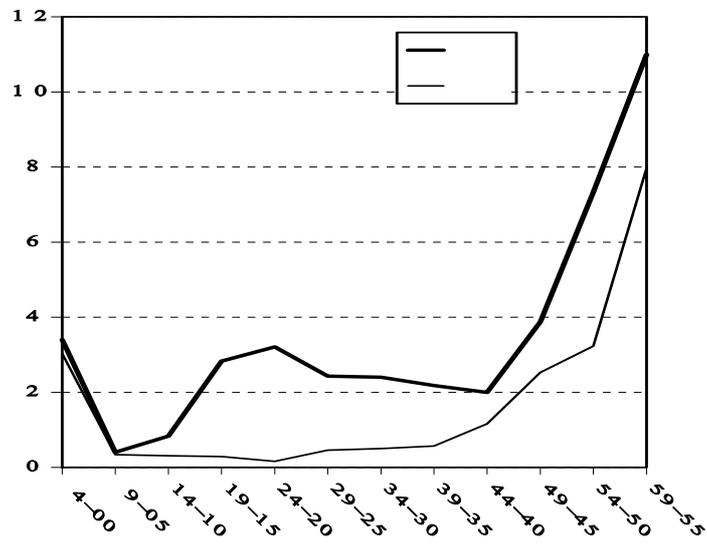
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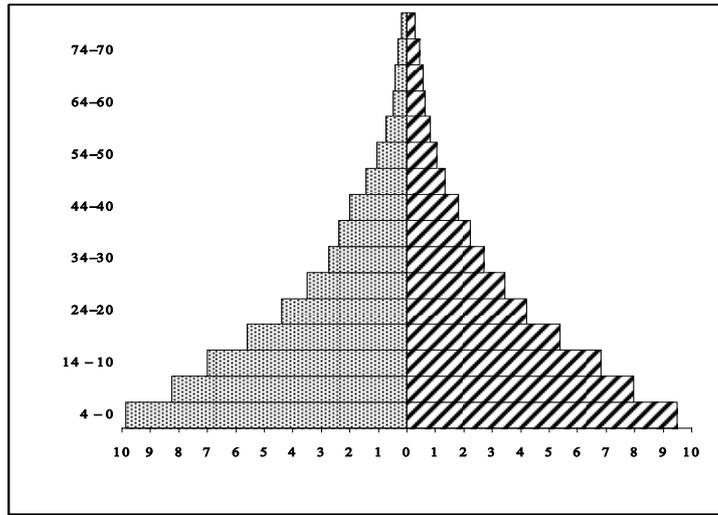
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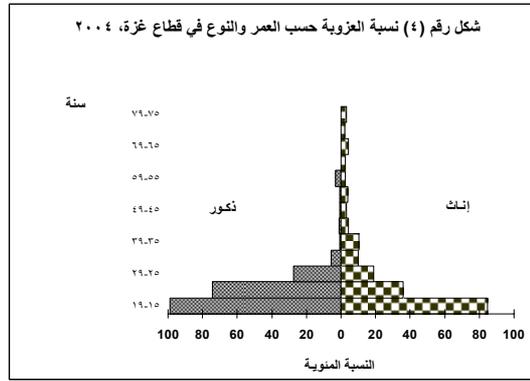
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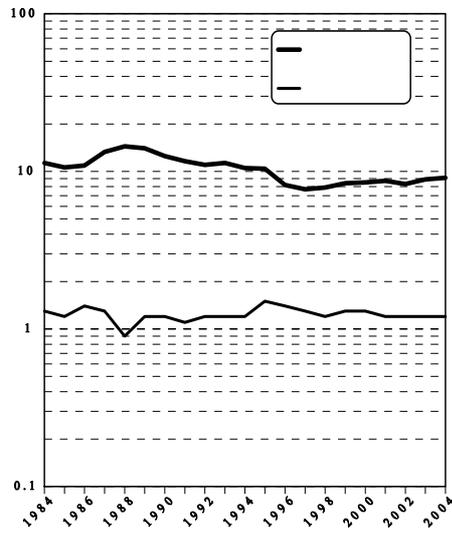
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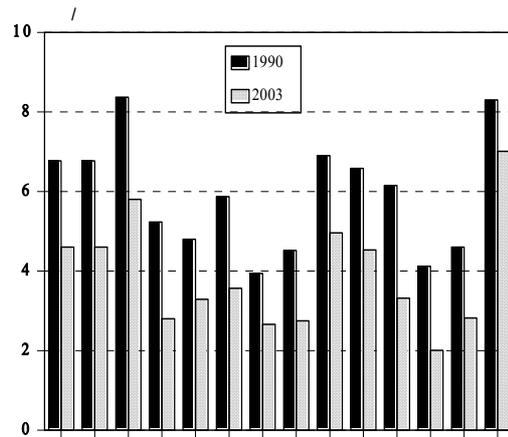
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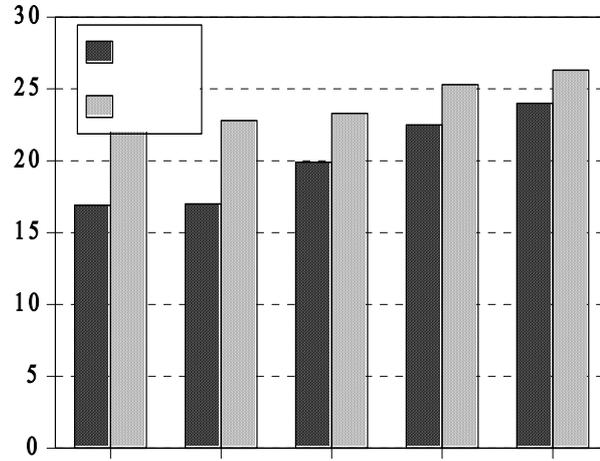
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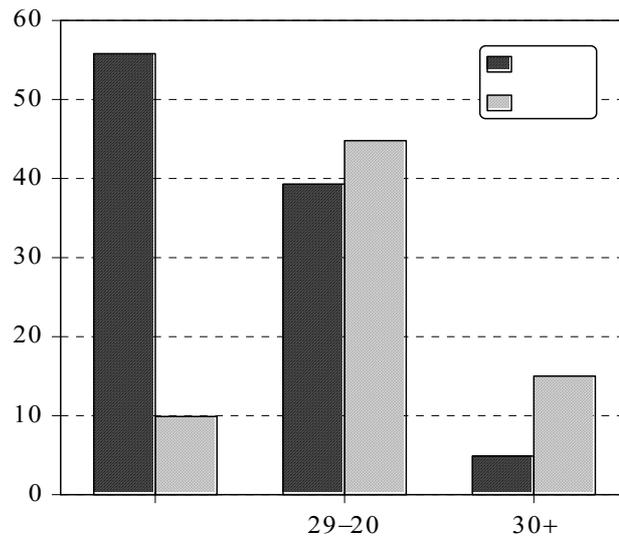
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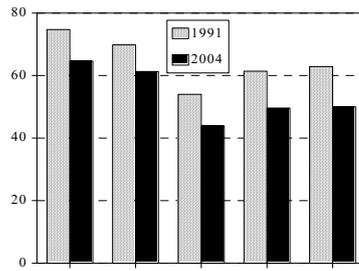
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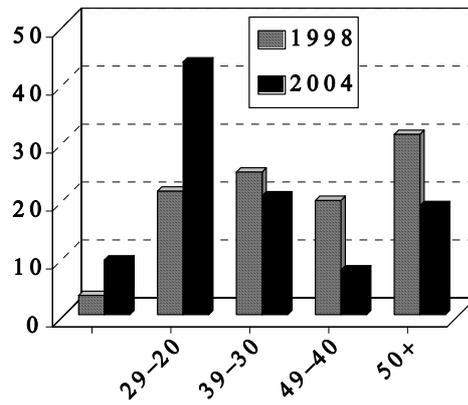
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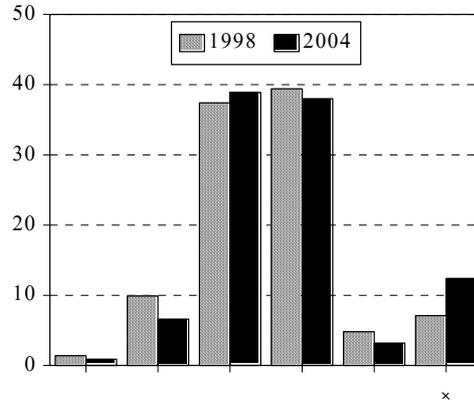
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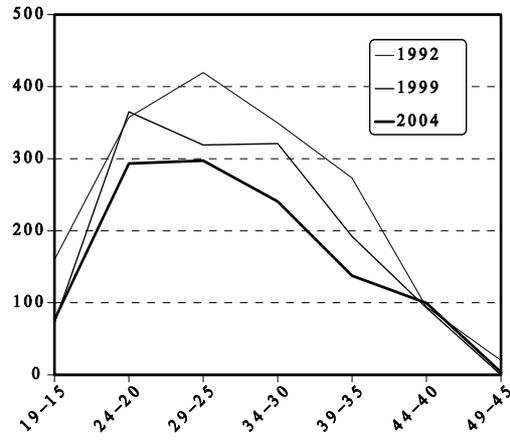
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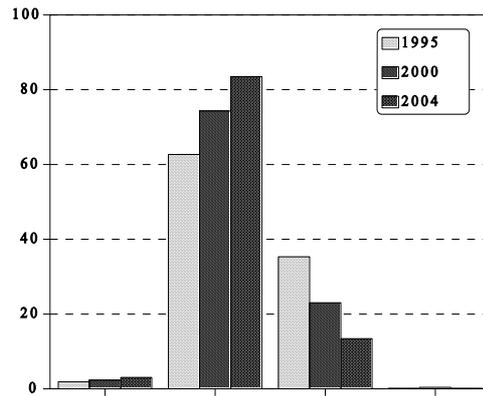
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