Gaza Beat of the Heart

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# Three Years

## of Genocidal War

**Gaza Is Still Bleeding**



## Statistical Report on Health and Humanitarian Impacts

October 2026

Data: Palestinian Ministry of Health - Health Information Unit

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# The Human Toll in Numbers



**Total People Injured**

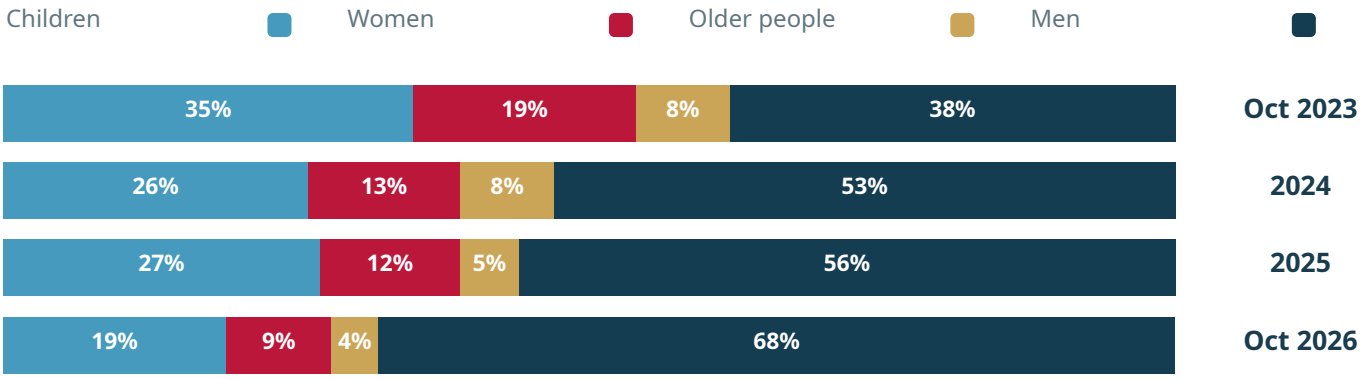
**175,267**

**Total People Killed**

**74,237**

| Group and Share of Deaths | People Killed | People Injured | Share of Injuries |
|---|---|---|---|
| Children 29.6% | 21,976 | 45,569 | 26% |
| Women 15.2% | 11,301 | 24,537 | 14% |
| Older people 7.3% | 5,405 | 12,269 | 7% |
| Men 47.9% | 35,555 | 92,892 | 53% |

## Distribution of Deaths by Population Group




Percentages follow the source report. Reporting periods differ; a group's share is distinct from its absolute count.



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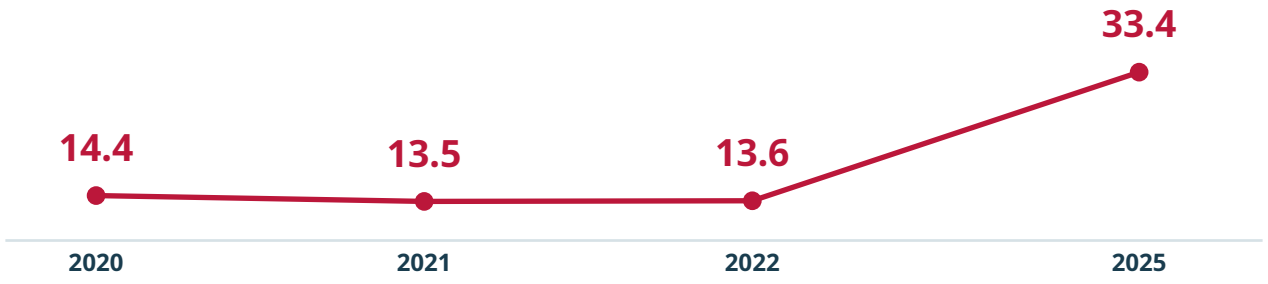
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# Childhood Under Attack and Futures Lost



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|---|---|---|
| **Children Killed** 21,976 | **Killed Before Age One** 1,125 | **Born and Killed During the War** 612 |
| **Children Under Five Killed** 5,444 | **Children Injured** 45,569 | **Children Classified as Orphans** 71,846 |
| **Amputation Cases in Children** 1,134 | **A Child Is Killed Every** 71 minutes | **Children Facing Food Insecurity** 1,204,102 |
| **Children Deprived of Education** 914,102 | **Children Awaiting Travel for Care** 5,803 | **Children Who Died Awaiting Evacuation** 264 |

## Under-Five Mortality Rate per 1,000 Live Births




Child categories overlap and must not be added together. Age labels clarify the categories in the original report.



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# Food Insecurity and the Risk of Malnutrition



**466**

**Total Malnutrition-Related Deaths Since Monitoring Began**

| Children | Women | Older people | Men |
|---|---|---|---|
| 157 | 48 | 189 | 72 |
| 33.7% | 10.3% | 40.5% | 15.5% |

## Reported Anaemia Among Pregnant Women

| 2022 | 2024 | 2025 | 2026 |
|---|---|---|---|
| 41% | 50% | 67% | 61% |

## Malnutrition Cases Among Children Under Five

| Period | Total Cases | Moderate Acute Malnutrition (MAM) | Severe Acute Malnutrition (SAM) | SAM Share |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 2024 | **40,032** | 32,413 | **7,619** | 19.0% |
| 2025 | **94,086** | 76,137 | **17,949** | 19.1% |
| 2026 January - August | **23,883** | 20,735 | **3,148** | 13.2% |

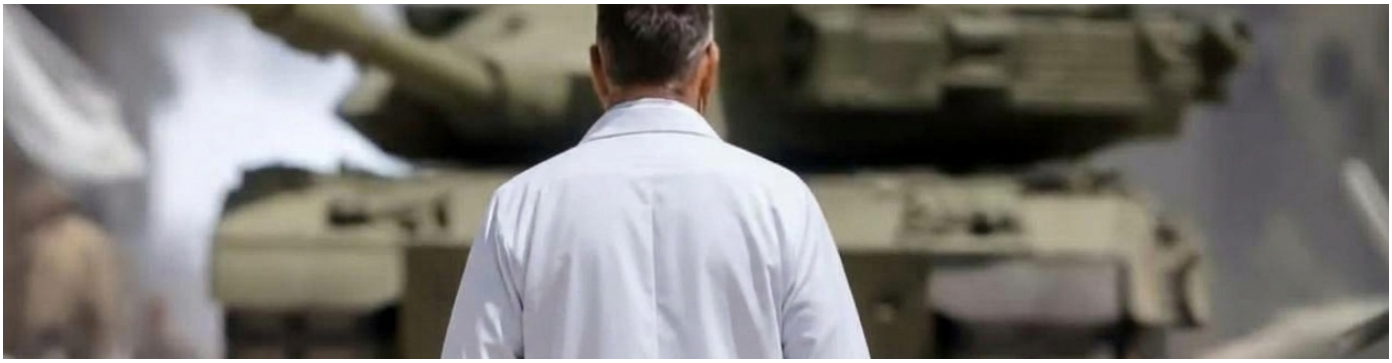
The 2026 data cover January through August only and cannot be compared directly with a full year. Registered cases do not necessarily represent unique children across periods.



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# Damage to Healthcare and Attacks on Health Workers



### Hospitals

| Out of Service | Partially Functioning | Targeted |
|---|---|---|
| 19 | 19 | 38 / 38 |

Partially functioning: 5 government hospitals | Plus 12 field hospitals

### Primary Healthcare Centres

| Out of Service | Partially Functioning | Targeted |
|---|---|---|
| 64 | 94 | 158 / 158 |

Partially functioning: 24 government centres | 10 UNRWA centres

### Ministry of Health Beds

| 2026 | 2022 |
|---|---|
| 1,205 | 2,674 |

### Total Beds

| 2026 | 2022 |
|---|---|
| 2,623 | 3,412 |

Calculation note: ministry beds decreased by 54.9% from 2022. The original stated 121.9%; corrected here using the original counts of 2,674 and 1,205.

| Incidents Targeting Health Facilities | Incidents Targeting Ambulances | Health Workers Killed | Health Workers Arrested |
|---|---|---|---|
| 825 | 216 | 1,723 | 362 |

## Functioning Equipment and Supporting Services

| Power Generators | Oxygen Plants | CT Scanners | MRI Scanners |
|---|---|---|---|
| 16 of 44 | 12 of 35 | 3 of 18 | 0 of 9 |



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# Shortages of Medicines and Medical Supplies



**Essential Medicine Items at Zero Stock**

**44%**

**Medical Consumable Items at Zero Stock**

**54%**

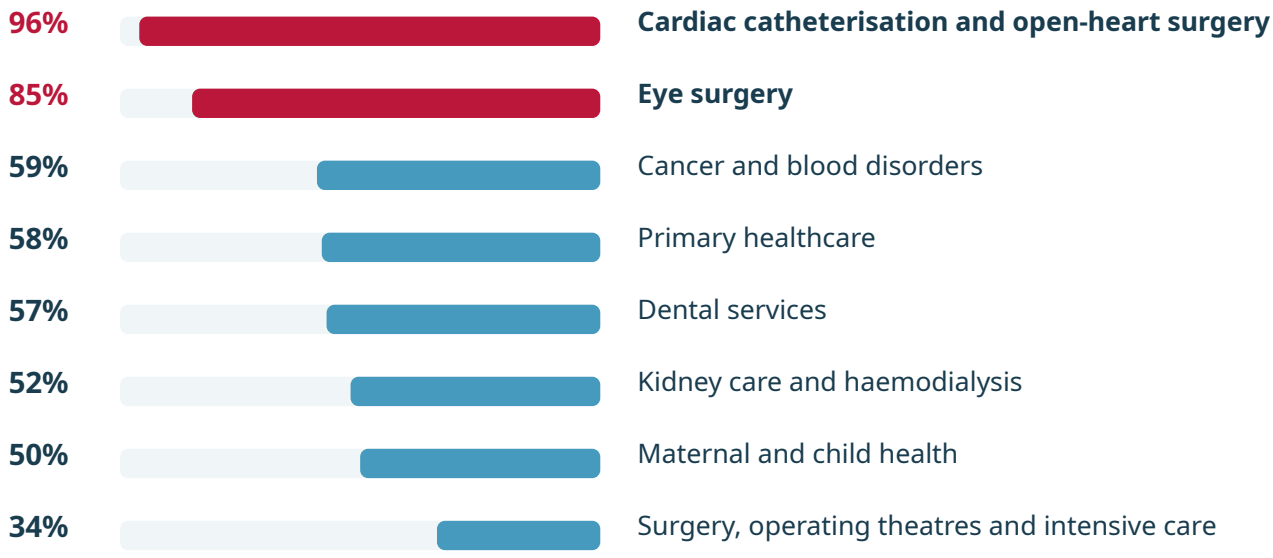
**Shortage of Laboratory Testing Materials**

**83%**

**Shortage of Laboratory Consumables**

**71%**

## Average Medicine Shortages in Critical Services in 2026




Zero-stock items are out of stock. Shortage percentages concern medicines and supplies; they are not service closure percentages or mortality rates.



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# Medical Evacuation and the Cost of Waiting



### Patients Who Died Awaiting Medical Evacuation

**2,027**

264 children | 505 cancer patients

### Registered Patients Waiting to Travel for Treatment

**21,000**

5,803 children | 4,800 cancer patients

### Lifesaving Cases

**160**

### Emergency Cases

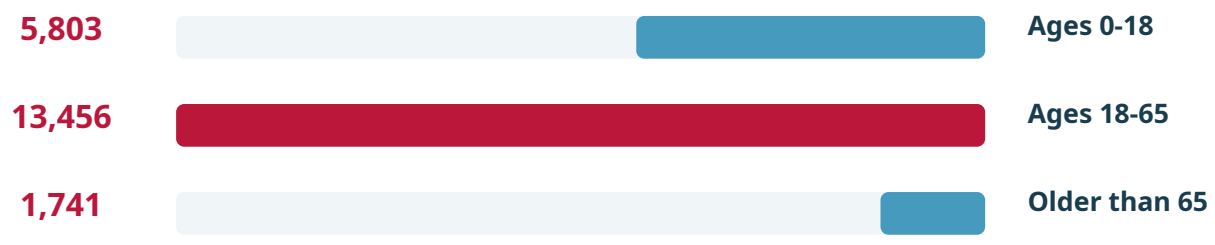
**2,220**

### Patients Evacuated

**2,853**

From February 2026 through this report

## Patients Awaiting Medical Evacuation by Age Group




Clinical categories overlap; age boundaries follow the original. The evacuation count begins in February 2026. The report does not specify the same period for deaths while waiting, so the two counts cannot be compared directly.



Source: Palestinian Ministry of Health - Health Information Unit | October 2026

Study published in 2024 | Indicators as cited in the ministry report

# Alarming Mental Health Indicators Among Gaza's Youth



**98%**

**Reported Persistent Concern for Their Own Lives**

**39%**

**Reported Persistent Fear According to GAD-7**

**61%**

**Reported Moderate to Severe Anxiety**

**57%**

**Reported Moderate to Severe Depression**

**56%**

**Met Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder Checklist Criteria**

**62%**

**Reported Despair, Exhaustion and Helplessness**

These are survey indicators from 2024, not updated prevalence estimates for all young people in Gaza in 2026 or individual clinical diagnoses.

Source: Abu Hamad, B. et al. (2024). Shattered lives & dreams: the toll of the war on Gaza on young people. London: GAGE, Juzoor & UNFPA.

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# Gaza Needs Everything

## But Everything Must Be Organised

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