

Table 1 Trends and projections in old-age dependency ratios in Arab countries (1980–2030)

Country	Dependency ratio (%) ^a		
	1980	2010	2030
Algeria	8	7	13
Bahrain	3	3	12
Comoros	6	5	6
Djibouti	4	5	7
Egypt	6	8	13
Iraq	8	6	6
Jordan	7	7	8
Kuwait	3	4	14
Lebanon	10	11	17
Libya	4	7	11
Mauritania	5	5	6
Morocco	8	8	15
Oman	5	4	11
Palestine	5	5	7
Qatar	2	1	5
Saudi Arabia	6	4	9
Somalia	6	5	6
Syria	7	7	11
Sudan	6	6	8
Tunisia	7	10	18
United Arab Emirates	2	1	8
Yemen	5	5	5

Source: United Nations Department of Economic and Social Affairs, 2012 (26), using medium variants

^aDependency ratios are calculated by the source through the following formula (number of persons aged 65 years and above per 100 persons between the ages of 15–64 years) of the de facto population.