

**Table 2 Changes in the density of physicians in the Arab countries of the World Health Organization (WHO) Eastern Mediterranean Region, 1970–2005**

Country	No. of physicians per 10 000 population					Ratio of no. of physicians year 2005 to 1970
	1970	1990	1995	2000	2005	
Bahrain	5.6	13.0	11.1	13.2	27.6	5.0
Djibouti	4.6	2.1	2.0	1.3	1.8	0.4
Egypt	5.0	17.3	20.2	21.8	24.3	4.9
Iraq	1.7	5.8	5.1	5.5	6.6	4.0
Jordan	2.9	18.3	15.8	19.8	24.5	8.6
Kuwait	10.0	14.8	17.8	16.0	18.0	1.8
Lebanon	6.7	8.9	19.1	29.2	28.4	4.3
Libya	4.6	13.7	13.7	14.0	12.5	2.8
Morocco	-	1.6	3.4	4.6	5.6	-
Oman	0.4	8.6	12.0	13.5	17.9	44.8
Palestine	-	-	0.9	9.4	10.7	-
Qatar	8.3	18.2	14.3	20.1	27.6	3.3
Saudi Arabia	1.0	18.8	16.6	17.1	20.0	20.0
Somalia	0.6	0.6	0.4	0.4	-	-
Sudan	0.5	1.0	1.0	1.5	2.9	5.5
Syrian Arab Republic	2.9	8.6	10.9	13.1	14.8	5.2
Tunisia	1.3	5.7	6.7	7.0	9.5	7.6
UAE	-	17.5	16.8	17.8	16.1	-
Yemen	0.2	1.4	2.6	3.5	3.6	22.5

Source: Annual reports of the Regional Director, WHO Regional Office for the Eastern Mediterranean.

UAE = United Arab Emirates.