

**Table 4 Changes in the density of nurses in Arab countries of the World Health Organization (WHO) Eastern Mediterranean Region, 1970–2000**

Country	No. of nurses per 10 000 population		
	1970	1980	2000
Bahrain	26.4	30.2	45.7
Djibouti	27.9	8.8	8.0
Egypt	10.8	16.5	26.5
Iraq	3.5	6.1	12.1
Jordan	13.2	8.3	32.5
Kuwait	45.9	54.6	40.0
Lebanon	9.5	13.9	30.0
Libya	15.3	31.3	50.0
Oman	2.9	8.5	37.0
Qatar	25.8	35.4	54.8
Saudi Arabia	2.7	7.2	32.3
Somalia	3.4	5.2	2.0
Sudan	6.5	7.3	5.1
Syrian Arab Republic	3.7	8.9	18.8
Tunisia	14.1	11.7	36.4
UAE	10.5	40.0	35.2
Yemen	–	2.6	5.2

*Sources: [50,51].*