

### Number of inhabitants:

-Al-Midya has not had an accurate census since the time of the British, particularly in regard to the number of emigrants after the occupation of 1948 and after the occupation of the West Bank in 1967 so that the figures must be estimated.

-The number of Al-Midya residents after 1948 is estimated to have been 450 persons.

-The number of residents after the 1967 occupation (those that stayed in the village) is estimated to be 380 persons.

-The present number of residents (1987) is about 600 persons.

-The number of emigrants during the two occupations is estimated at 1500 persons.

-This means that the number of residents and former residents abroad is about 2100 persons.

-There are two main families in Al-Midya, the family of Sadqa and the family of Suleiman.

-The number of family households in the village is 88.

-The family size averages 6 to 7 persons.

-Of the village residents, 54 percent are able to work. Their ages range from 15 to 65 years. Their number is about 324 persons

-Of these, 50 persons work in Israel.

-The rest of the village work force is employed in the West Bank and are agricultural workers.

-Of the 15.4 % of the work force employed in Israel, the average wage is around NIS 300 monthly (JD 70, US \$ 200).

### Agricultural Resources:

-The residents of Al-Midya depend mainly on agriculture which constitutes 80% of their means of livelihood and income. Al-Midya is well known for its orchards, particularly olives, almonds, grapes and figs. It is also known for its winter crops like wheat, barley, and corn.

-Agriculture depends totally on winter rains for lack of irrigation facilities.

-Concerning livestock resources, the village residents depend on stockbreeding. Livestock is estimated at 400 sheep, 20 cows, and about 500 poultry, all divided into four small farms.