

Table 3 Mean scores for the subscales of the short form 36 health survey (SF-36, version 1.0) in north Jordan according to age and sex

Sex/age (years)	Mean (SD) scores on subscales:								
	PF	RP	BP	GH	VT	SF	RE	MH	
Males									
18-24	73.0 (28.3)	61.6 (31.4)	59.9 (24.8)	68.0 (16.4)	60.0 (17.0)	64.5 (24.4)	56.0 (39.4)	60.6 (22.6)	
25-34	71.9 (27.5)	60.7 (37.2)	58.7 (28.0)	65.8 (20.1)	53.5 (19.3)	63.6 (23.7)	53.9 (43.9)	60.6 (21.6)	
35-44	67.2 (20.6)	55.9 (35.9)	45.1 (20.5)	61.6 (13.7)	53.5 (19.8)	70.6 (21.9)	55.9 (40.8)	62.4 (19.2)	
45-54	65.2 (21.8)	49.1 (36.4)	46.9 (27.7)	59.7 (15.7)	52.0 (20.1)	68.1 (21.5)	53.1 (42.6)	57.3 (25.7)	
≥ 55	49.3 (30.1)t	39.3 (40.5)	37.7 (22.9)	52.6 (13.7)	59.3 (18.1)	69.6 (20.2)	61.9 (48.8)	69.1 (21.3)	
Total	64.3 (29.4)	62.1 (34.5)	57.6 (27.0)	63.6 (19.2)	55.8 (20.0)	66.8 (21.5)	61.1 (39.2)	61.4 (22.2)	
Females									
18-24	73.9 (33.6)	64.5 (27.6)	64.4 (30.9)	66.2 (20.3)	56.4 (20.9)	66.8 (22.2)	47.4 (36.9)	54.7 (26.4)	
25-34	65.9 (29.0)	60.5 (33.0)	56.5 (26.0)	65.6 (17.0)	58.6 (18.0)	62.8 (21.3)	51.3 (40.2)	62.4 (19.4)	
35-44	63.1 (28.0)	64.6 (34.9)	55.8 (26.3)	64.0 (17.9)	51.8 (20.3)	66.6 (21.4)	67.4 (38.6)	59.3 (23.5)	
45-54	64.1 (30.0)	63.2 (36.8)	56.8 (28.1)	62.1 (20.9)	56.5 (20.3)	71.1 (20.9)	68.1 (36.1)	62.7 (20.1)	
≥ 55	53.5 (24.7)	53.8 (39.1)	58.8 (23.8)	58.5 (22.4)	57.3 (21.6)	67.8 (21.9)	67.7 (41.2)	69.6 (22.3)	
Total	69.8 (26.4)	57.9 (35.2)	54.6 (26.3)	64.6 (17.4)	55.7 (18.8)	65.9 (23.2)	55.1 (41.5)	60.8 (22.0)	

PF = physical function; RP = role-physical; BP = bodily pain; GH = general health; VT = vitality; SF = social functioning; RE = role-emotional; MH = mental health.
SD = standard deviation.