Table 4 Mean scores for the subscales of the short form 36 health survey (SF-36, version 1.0) in north Jordan according to sociodemographic characteristics

Variable	Mean (SD) scores on subscales:							
	PF	RP	BP	GH	VT	SF	RE	MH
Age (years)								
18–24	73.3 (30.2)	62.6 (30.0)	61.5 (27.0)	67.4 (17.3)	58.7 (18.4)	65.3 (23.6)	53.0 (38.6)	58.5 (24.1)
25–34	68.7 (28.4)	60.6 (34.9)	57.6 (26.9)	65.7 (18.4)	56.2 (18.7)	63.2 (22.4)	52.6 (41.8)	61.6 (20.4)
35–44	w64.2 (26.2)	62.2 (35.3)	52.9 (25.2)	63.3 (16.8)	52.3 (20.1)	67.7 (21.5)	64.2 (39.4)	60.2 (22.3)
45–54	64.4 (27.9)	59.3 (37.0)	54.0 (28.2)	61.4 (19.5)	55.3 (20.2)	70.2 (21.0)	63.9 (38.4)	61.2 (21.8)
≥ 55	52.8 (25.3)	51.3 (39.2)	55.2 (24.7)	57.4 (21.2)	57.6 (20.8)	68.1 (21.4)	66.7 (42.0)	69.5 (21.8)
P-value	0.010	0.459	0.126	0.018	0.145	0.145	0.025	0.112
Sex								
Male	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)
Female	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)
P-value	0.013	0.875	0.278	0.108	0.313	0.051	0.040	0.977
Education level								
≤ High school	58.2 (28.9)	54.2 (34.5)	51.4 (26.4)	60.4 (17.5)	53.4 (18.6)	65.2 (20.1)	60.8 (39.0)	59.3 (21.8)
> High school	73.2 (26.0)	65.5 (34.3)	60.4 (26.4)	66.9 (18.8)	57.6 (20.0)	67.5 (23.7)	57.0 (41.2)	62.7 (22.3)
P-value	0.005	0.824	0.214	0.424	0.219	0.002	0.054	0.932
Family income								
≤ 350	62.8 (28.3)	56.6 (35.1)	51.7 (26.0)	62.1 (18.9)	54.1 (19.9)	65.5 (21.6)	60.6 (40.5)	59.1 (22.8)
> 350	70.5 (27.9)	64.5 (34.1)	61.4 (26.6)	66.1 (17.9)	57.5 (19.0)	67.4 (22.8)	56.7 (40.0)	63.4 (21.2)
P-value	0.472	0.692	0.112	0.393	0.559	0.483	0.848	0.299
Family size								
≤ 5	69.9 (26.0)	60.6 (35.5)	57.4 (26.7)	63.5 (19.2)	55.0 (20.8)	64.9 (23.1)	60.0 (40.4)	60.8 (22.3)

	PF	RP	BP	GH	VT	SF	RE	MH
> 5	64.3 (29.6)	60.2 (34.3)	55.6 (26.7)	64.3 (18.0)	56.2 (18.6)	67.5 (21.5)	57.6 (40.2)	61.3 (22.1)
P-value	0.001	0.449	0.868	0.449	0.145	0.421	0.918	0.597
Marital status								
Single	71.7 (29.7)	65.2 (31.4)	61.3 (26.2)	67.4 (17.2)	59.4 (18.0)	64.9 (23.8)	54.1 (39.4)	60.1 (22.9)
Married	63.8 (27.2)	57.9 (36.3)	53.8 (26.7)	62.2 (18.9)	53.8 (28.7)	67.3 (21.2)	61.2 (40.5)	61.7 (21.7)
P-value	0.207	0.001	0.681	0.372	0.127	0.062	0.727	0.242
Insurance status								
Insured	68.5 (28.1)	63.1 (34.2)	58.9 (26.2)	65.1 (18.6)	56.4 (19.7)	67.4 (22.8)	58.9 (40.4)	61.4 (22.3)
Not insured	60.2 (28.2)	51.8 (35.5)	48.6 (27.0)	60.7 (17.9)	53.5 (18.8)	63.3 (20.0)	58.3 (39.9)	60.5 (21.8)
P-value	0.596	0.718	0.579	0.974	0.630	0.058	0.784	0.631

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.