



## **RASSED's Statment on the Educational, Professional, and Ages of Members of Governorates Councils**

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**RASSED sends a message to members of the governorates' councils a day before its first session**

**49.7 years is the average age of governorates councils members at the national level**

**One former Member of Parliament won a seat in the governorates councils**

**RASSED emphasizes the need to promote transparency and partnership within the duties of governorates councils**

**3 members' ages did not exceed 26 years**

**12.7% of the governorates councils members are for military retirees**

**20.9% of the governorates councils have graduate degrees**

**4 women won seat of the governorates councils by direct competition**

**5 former mayors won governorates councils seats**

Within the framework of monitoring the work of governorates councils and informing the public of all data related to their representatives in the governorates councils, RASSED publishes a statistical report that includes quantitative results and comparisons on the outcomes and winners of the governorates councils elections.

The report indicated that the total number of winners of governorates councils seats were 299 members including 36 women, 12% of the total number of winners for governorates councils, 32 women won by quota seats, and 4 women by direct competition. Two members of the governorates members. Two members won acclamation in the 3rd electoral district on the governorates of Tafila, and the 3rd electoral district in the governorates of Karak as no other candidates ran for the seats of the governorate council in these districts.

The winner of the 16th electoral district in the governorate of Irbid secured the highest number of votes in Jordan with 11437 votes, while the least numbers of votes for a member of governorate council was in the 3rd electoral district in the governorate of Balqa with 426 votes.

The data collected by RASSED team showed that the average age of members of governorates councils was 49.7 years at the national level. The oldest member's age is 76 years winner of the 10th electoral district in the governorate of Zarqa, while the youngest members' age was 26 years from the 1st electoral district in Aqaba, 1st electoral district in Jerash, 3rd electoral district in Ajloun.

On the governorates level, the highest average age of members of a governorate council was in Zarqa with 52.3 years, followed by Karak & Ajloun with age average of 51.2 years, while the least age average was 47 years in Madaba, followed by Amman & Mafraq with average age of 48.2 years.



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The report also indicated that the highest number of winners of governorates councils seats were within the age group between 50-54 years, which reached 16.3% of the total number of members nationwide.

As for the professional backgrounds of the winners, the results shows that 12.7% of the total winners were military retirees. The percentage of academics was 10.6% of the total winners, and the percentage of lawyers was 9.4%, while the engineers accounted for 5.7% of the total number of winners.

Regarding the educational achievements of the members of the governorate councils, the study shows that 41.1% of the total number of winners carry a bachelor's degree, while only 6% of the total winners do not carry degrees beyond a high school certificate, and the percentage of those who hold degrees of higher education (Master and PhD) is 20.9%.

The report also highlighted the experience of the winning members of the governorate councils, ones who have previously either ran or won a seat, the results show that a former Member of Parliament and 5 former mayors have won seats of the governorate councils, 31 former municipal members won seats in the governorate councils, and 35 winners (for the governorate council seats) who have previously ran for municipal or parliamentary councils but did not win. 259 of those who won the seats for governorates councils did not participate or run as candidates for any council before these elections.

In this regard, RASSED proceeds to congratulate all those who have won membership of the governorates councils; which counts as a primary experience at the execution of Jordan's decentralization process, hence, to ensure a wider prospect at meeting the citizens' needs. In addition, this accomplishment lays the responsibility of assigning a credible candidate to the position of Chairman of the governorate council; to ensure the success and sustainability of decentralization and to normalize it as firm behavior for the citizens, and for it to become a legitimate step in the progress of Jordan. RASSED also calls on promoting partnerships to achieve a common ground with the parties involved with decentralization; and to open communication channels/platforms with the local communities. Furthermore, RASSED ensures the necessity of transparency as a primary principle in the work field of the governorate council. In conclusion, governorates council members need to gain all the necessary skillset and knowledge required for the governorate council to excel and for it to meet the best international practices.

