The Gaza Strip, originally a region in Mandatory Palestine, was created through the armistice agreements between Israel and Egypt in 1949. From that time until 1967, the Strip was under Egyptian control, cut off from Israel as well as the West Bank, which was under Jordanian rule. In 1967, the connection was renewed when both the West Bank and the Gaza Strip were occupied by Israel. The 1993 Oslo Agreements gave the Gaza and the West Bank as a single territorial unit within which freedom of movement would be permitted. However, starting in the early 2000s, Israel began a gradual process of closing off the Strip, since 2007, it has enforced a full closure, forbidding exit and entry except in rare cases. Israel continues to control many aspects of life in Gaza, most of its land crossings, its territorial waters and airspace.

Legend

Crowning Points
- Open
- Closed

Boundaries
- Municipal boundary
- 1995 Armistice Line (Green Line)
- Concrete wall

Scale: 1:200,000

Width: 5.7-12 km / 3.5-7.7 mi
Length: 40-82 km / 25-51 mi
Area: 365 / 142 sq mi
Population: 1,922,294 - 2019 and up to 2.17 million
Unemployment rate: 47%
Percentage of population residing as IDPs: 80%
Population density: 5,250 per sq km / 13,300 per sq mi

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