

AL HALOUSIYAH VILLAGE PROFILE

1. LOCATION AND PHYSICAL CHARACTERISTICS

Al Halousiyah is a village located in the district of Tyre a city in the Southern Governorate of Lebanon (one of the eight governorates). It is around 80 kilometres away from Beirut the capital of Lebanon. Its elevation is around 275 meters above sea level with an average annual rainfall of 600-700 mm. Al Halousiyah is characterized by a moderate climate and the average annual temperature is 22 degrees Celsius.

Al Halousiyah falls along the Litani River and is bordered by Al Zarariya to the north, Tirflisi to the west, Al Humayra to the east, and Dayr Qanoun Al Naher to the South.

The village is distinguished by its white soil suitable for the cultivation of olives and figs, and by its red soil suitable for the cultivation of citrus plants.

2. POPULATION

The total population of Al Halousiyah is around 4881. The village inhabitants witnessed internal displacement, by which around 1821 villagers were displaced to other parts of the country. Additionally, a number of the village inhabitants around 200 migrated to countries such as Germany, Australia, Africa, and Saudi Arabia (See Table 1).

Table 1: Distribution of Population

Population	Numbers	In Percent
Residents	2860	58.6 %
Displaced	1821	37.3 %
Migrants	200	4.1%
Total	4881	100.0

There are 2860 residents in winter in Al Halousiyah, while the number rises to around 3800 people during the summer. The number of registered voters is around 1685 voters.

2.1 Age Groups

The distribution of the population by age groups in Al Halousiyah is as follows: 65.5 % are less than 21 years, 31.5 % are between 21 - 64 years, and 3 percent are 65 years and older (See Table 2).

Table 2: Distribution of Population by Age Groups

Age Group	Number	In percent
Under 21	3196	65.5

Between 21-65	1535	31.5
Above 65	150	3.0
Total	4881	100.0

2.2 Labour Force

Labour force participation in Al Halousiyah is 25 % of the total resident population of the village.

The working women participate in agricultural work of the village, in addition to a few who occupy positions in the educational sector in Al Halousiyah or nearby villages. Additionally, many of the young people in the village who have abandoned school joined the working force and are engaged in professions located both in Al Halousiyah and in close neighbourhoods.

Unemployment in Al Halousiyah is around 10 %.

The distribution of the labour force by economic activity in Al Halousiyah is as follows:

- Agriculture (70%) such as olives, citrus, pomegranate, seeds and figs.
- Liberal professions and crafts (23%)
- Government Employees Sector, mainly in the security forces or the military (7%)

3. ECONOMIC ACTIVITIES

3.1 AGRICULTURAL SECTOR

Al Halousiyah lies on a total area of about 4430 dunums of which 3800 dunums are considered arable land, and 143 dunums are residential land with around 450 people working in the sector (See table 3).

Table 3: Land use

Distributed spaces	Area (in dunums)
Outlying area of the village	4430
Area of arable land	3800
Cultivated areas	2540
Irrigated areas	540

Table 4 shows the different types of rain-fed and irrigated open-cultivated vegetables in Al Halousiyah. The most common cultivated product within this area is olives. Also, there are about 20 dunums on which there are greenhouses planted with different

There is one type of aromatic medical plant in the village: thyme; cultivated on a total area of 20 dunums.

Table 4: Agricultural Products

Products	In Percent of cultivated areas
Olives	70
Citrus Fruits	20
Grains	4
Green House cultivations	0.8
Thyme	0.8

Al Halousiyah also produces a range of Agro-food that are traded in neighbouring villages and to Beirut specifically its Southern Suburbs. The different types of Agro- productions are as follows:

- Olive Oil
- Jams (Apricot, cherry, figs, dates)
- Orange blossom water
- Ketchup
- Cheese and dairy products

The village also has some agricultural enterprises and cooperatives such as:

- Cooperative Association for AGRO Al Halousiyah and its vicinity (50 members).
- Cooperative Association for Agricultural and Animal Development (15 members).
- Around 15 citrus groves.
- A Factory for milk and cheeses.
- An olive press.

There are however prominent problems facing the agricultural sector in Al Halousiyah such as:

- Difficulty of access to the olive groves.
- Lack of extension services
- The high cost of pesticides
- The difficulty in spraying olive trees
- The lack of irrigation.
- Delays in marketing olive oil production.

3.2 LIVESTOCK

Residents in Al Halousiyah are breeding domestic animals such as sheep, goats, chickens, and bees (See Table 5).

Table 5: Livestock in Al Halousiyah

Cows	Beehives	Chicken farms
130 heads, 85 of which are for milking.	100	4

The village produces an average of around 1600 kilos of milk per day which are consumed by the villagers and the rest are marketed in nearby towns or sold to the dairy factory in Al Halloussieh. Meat is not produced in Al Halousiyah and is imported for consumption from slaughterhouses in the region surrounding the village

3.3 CRAFTS AND TRADE SECTORS

There are several craft and trade activities in Al Halousiyah, mainly in painting, aluminium, carpeting, and concrete carpeting (see Table 6).

Table 6: Crafts and Trades

Profession	Number of Workers or institutions
Carpenter	3 institutions
Concrete carpeting	3 institutions
Wholesale	10 people
Industrial Smith	5 people
Car mechanics	3 people
Painters	10 people
Furniture painters	30 people
Construction	7 people
Sanitary	4 people
Tiling	3 people
Electricians	5 people
Bakers	1 person
Barber	3 people
Aluminium	2 people

The economic status of the population has severely declined, as many citizens have lost their jobs and have become unemployed due to many challenges such as:

- A narrow market
- Competition by foreign labour
- Traditional value system of the workers

4. EDUCATION

98 % of school children had primary education.

5. HEALTH STATUS

Al Halousiyah health facilities are limited, as there is no governmental or private health centre. However, there is one health clinic in the village which provides the following services such as general medicine, paediatric health, and dentistry. Residents also benefit from the services of four medical doctors residing in the village.

In emergency cases, residents of Al Halousiyah use hospitals and health centres in Tyre which is about 16km from the village.

6. ENVIRONMENTAL CONDITIONS

Al Halousiyah relies on one artesian well for the irrigation of the citrus fields and on one artesian well for both the provision of drinking water and irrigation services. It experiences several environmental problems: lack of wastewater management and the absence of a public sewage network; and the improper solid waste management due to the lack of a sanitary landfill. Solid wastes are usually collected in one place and then burned without treatments to the hazards emitted and with no considerations to the environments.

Additionally, the village faces improper pollution management and the inability to control pollutants from neighbouring towns such as the burning of wastes odours and hazards emitted by Tirfliseh.

7. RELATIONSHIPS WITH NEARBY VILLAGES AND THE ROLE OF THE IMMIGRANTS

Al Halousiyah has built trade relationships with the neighbouring villages and businesses, and relies on them to market most of its agricultural and industrial production.

Additionally, the remittances sent by immigrants to their families in the village has not been invested in construction but has been used as a source of support to boost the incomes of their relatives.

8. INSTITUTIONS AND SERVICES

Al Halousiyah is governed by a municipal council which was founded in 2004, and is currently administrated by 12 members elected by the locals of the area. The council is assisted by several committees composed of locals from the village. There are also 3 contracted employees working in the municipality. The municipal council owns a permanent headquarters.

Additionally, Al Halousiyah has a number of local institutions dealing with social matters in the village, they are:

- Al Halousiyah's Social and Cultural Club.
- Collaborative charity Association of Al Halousiyah.
- Islamic Scouting Association.
- Association of the Mahdi Scouts.