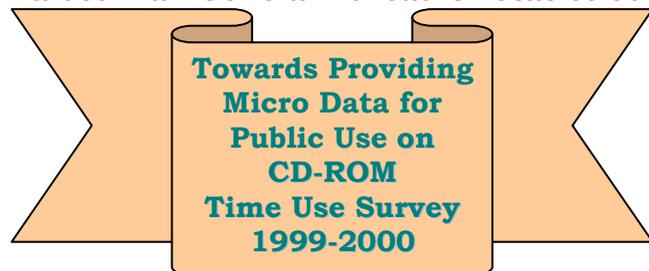




## Palestinian Central Bureau of Statistics



Towards the implementation of its dissemination strategy, the Palestinian Central Bureau of Statistics (PCBS) has started to provide micro data for public use on CD-ROM. A user friendly CD-ROM of micro data has been prepared for each household or enterprise survey conducted by PCBS. This CD-ROM contains the micro data for public use from the Time Use Survey 1999-2000.

PCBS hopes that this step will properly serve various stakeholders.

### About Time Use Survey 1999-2000:

The Time Use Survey (TUS) provides data on the social structure in the Palestinian Territories. It takes essential part in defining the nature of the activities practiced by the Palestinians in their daily life.

The TUS will enable us to identify the changes in the social structure in the Palestinian Territories, along with the changes in women status and participation in the developmental process.

The PCBS has carried out this survey for the first Time on 1999-2000.

The main objectives of the Time Use Survey are as follows:

- To Provide statistics about all activities practiced by the Palestinian Community in the Palestinian Territory.
- To provide statistics on the average time spent on carrying out different activities by individuals.
- To provide statistics on the percentage of individuals carrying out specific activities.
- To provide statistics on the social environment in which the activity is practiced.
- To provide statistics on the time spent by women on carrying out paid or unpaid work, household and production activities.
- To provide statistics on the time spent on different activities such as watching television, attending religious activities, ceremonies and participation in sport activities.
- To provide statistics on the time spent on travels by individuals.

### Importance of Providing Micro Data

The aim of Micro Data on the Time Use Survey is to further serve a wide range of users such as, Universities, research centers, and other concerned parties.

### Data Type and Size:

The data set contains six files of the TUS 1999-2000 which was implemented during the period 8/5/1999 – 7/5/2000 including the various seasons, occasions and feasts. The sample size was 4,019 households, of which 2,583 households in the West Bank and 1,436 households in Gaza Strip.

In order to ensure full coverage of the various localities, e.g. cities, villages and camps, the sample design took into account the distribution

of individuals by gender and the targeted age groups in order to ensure a representative distribution of the sample.

### Micro Data Beneficiaries:

Many users are expected to benefit from the data set of the Time Use Survey 1999-2000. At the top of these users are governmental entities and ministries interested in this field such as Palestinian Legislative Council, Ministry of Labour, research centers engaged in TUS, researchers, Universities and relevant international organizations (e.g. United Nations Statistical Division).

### Data Confidentiality:

Data compiled in the context of Time Use survey 1999-2000 include individual and personal data. The confidentiality of such data is honored and safeguarded in accordance with Article (17) of the Palestinian General Statistics Law 2000, which stipulates "All individual information and data submitted to the Bureau for statistical purposes shall be treated as confidential and shall not be divulged, in whole or in part, to any individual or to a public or private body, or used for any purpose other than for preparing statistical tables".

### How to Obtain Micro Data for Public Use:

The aforementioned database shall be accessible by institutions and individuals. To obtain a copy of the Micro data from the Time Use Survey 1999-2000 on a CD-ROM format, interested institutions and individuals should contact the PCBS' *Dissemination and Documentation Dept. / Division of Users Services* located at the PCBS main office in Al-Bireh:

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