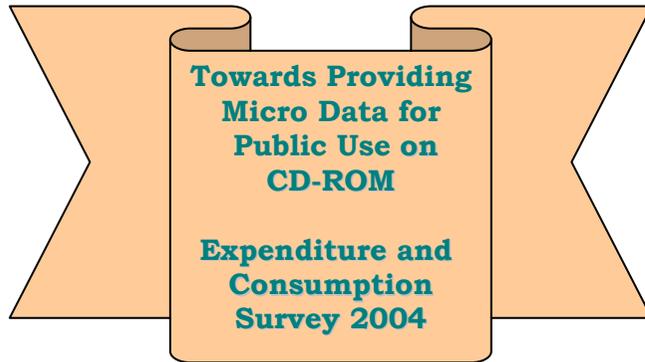




Palestinian Central Bureau of Statistics



Out of its mission in its precise scientific mission, the Palestinian Central Bureau of Statistics (PCBS) recently issued a Micro data for public use from Expenditure and Consumption Survey for 2004 on CD-ROM.

Summary about Expenditure and Consumption Survey:

The Palestinian Central Bureau of Statistics (PCBS) conducted a household expenditure and consumption survey for the first time between 1/10/1995 and 30/9/1996, PCBS conducted a second survey between 1/1-31/12/1997, PCBS conducted a third survey between 1/1-31/12/1998, PCBS conducted a fourth survey between 15/3/2001 – 14/3/2002, and PCBS conducted a fifth survey between 15/1/2004 – 14/1/2005. The findings of these surveys constituted a solid database and enabled PCBS to publish detailed statistics regarding expenditure and consumption for the first time.

The basic goal of this survey is to provide a necessary database for formulating national

policies at various levels. This survey providing the contribution of the household sector to the Gross National Product (GNP), This survey determining the incidence of poverty, Providing weighted data which reflects the relative importance of the consumption items to be employed to determine the benchmark for rates and prices of items and services. The survey is a fundamental cornerstone in the process of studying the nutritional status in the Palestinian territory.

Importance of providing Micro Data:

The importance of this section emanates from the need to provide micro data for concerned parties in the form of huge database involving crucial data on many indicators pertinent to the Expenditure and consumption survey such as average expenditure, poverty rate.

Data Type and Size:

Data provided by this department on Palestinian Expenditure and Consumption Survey constitute an information bank. It is worthy to point that providing such data about living conditions and monitoring changes from time to time.

The sample design took into account the geographic distribution of the household in order to ensure full coverage of the various localities, e.g. cities, villages and camps, of the Palestinian Territory. the sample size was 3,098 households.

Micro Data Beneficiaries:

Many parties and institutions may benefit from a database on the Palestinian Expenditure and Consumption in policy and decision making based on solid scientific bases. Such parties and institutions involve governmental entities and ministries specialized in this field such as Palestinian Legislative Council, Council of Ministers as well as research centers engaged in Economic and Social studies, researchers, universities.

Data Confidentiality:

Data compiled in the context of Expenditure and Consumption survey involve Household and

personal data. The confidentiality of such data is honored and safeguarded in accordance with Article (17) of the Palestinian General Statistical Law of 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 micro data from the Expenditure and Consumption survey for 2004 on a CD-ROM format, interested institutions and individuals should contact the PCBS' *Dissemination and Documentation Dept. / Division of Users Services* located in the PCBS main office in Al-Bireh:

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