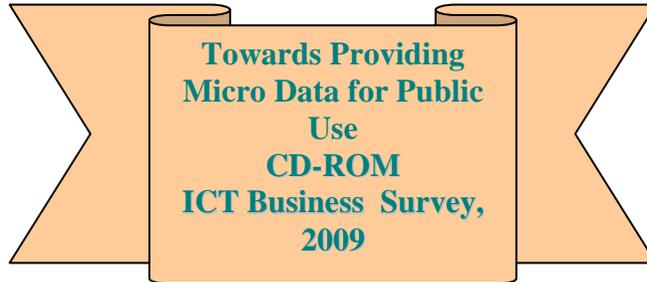




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As another step towards the implementation of its dissemination strategy, the Palestinian Central Bureau of Statistics (PCBS) has started to provide micro data for public use on CD-ROM and contains the micro data for public use from the Business Survey on Information and Communications Technology (BICT), 2009.

Summary on the ICT Business Survey, 2009.

In line with the policy of the PCBS with regard to publishing Palestinian statistics, BICT survey was implemented in 2009 to provide statistical information for decision makers. This activity contributes strongly toward enriching the database of information and communications technology (ICT) by providing a set of indicators important for meeting local needs, and consistent with the international recommendations. The indicators help to determine the extent of progress and economic growth of the Palestinian economy through the revolutionary impact of information and communication technologies that have become a feature of this era.

The main objective of this survey is to provide statistical data on ICT for the establishments in the Palestinian Territory.

The specific objectives can be summarized in the following: -

- Enriching ICT statistical data on the actual use and access by the economic establishments of ICT.
- Identifying the characteristics of the tools and means of ICT used in the economic activity, the type of economic activity and size of establishments.
- Providing opportunity for national and international and regional comparisons which helps in knowing the location of the Palestinian Territory among the technological world countries.
- Assisting planners and policy makers in understanding the current status of the Technology-Based Economy in the Palestinian Territory, which helps to meet the future needs of the Palestinian economy.

Data Type and Size:

The data set of the BICT survey, 2009 was carried out in January and July 2010. The sample size is 1,905 establishments, of which 1,591 are establishments in the West Bank and 314 establishments in Gaza Strip.

Establishments were divided into three levels, namely:

First level, geographical classification of establishments and classified into two regions: the West Bank and Gaza Strip.

Second Level, economic activity of the establishments classified according to International Industrial Classification for Economic Activities (ISIC).

Third level, employment size category of the establishments classified according to the number of employees.

Micro Data Beneficiaries:

Many users are expected to benefit from the data set of the BICT survey, 2009. At the top of these users are governmental entities and ministries specialized in this field such as the Ministry of Communications and Information Technology, companies and establishments working in the ICT sector, international organizations, such as the International Telecommunication Union "ITU", the World Bank, and the Arab Regional Office of the International Telecommunication Union.

Data Confidentiality:

Data compiled in the context of the BICT survey, 2009. Involve individual 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 Data Treated for Public Use:

The aforementioned database shall be accessible by establishments. To obtain a copy of treated data files for the BICT survey, 2009 On a CD-ROM format, should contact the PCBS's *Dissemination and Documentation Dept. / Division of Users Services* located in the PCBS main office in Ramallah :

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