



**Press Release by the Palestinian
Central Bureau of Statistics
(PCBS) on the Occasion of Arab
Housing Day -
Housing Conditions in the
Palestinian Territory, 2010**

The Palestinian Central Bureau of Statistics (PCBS) presents the main indicators of Palestinian housing conditions for 2010 on Arab Housing Day. The marking of this day comes about in response to a decision by the Council of Arab Housing and Reconstruction Ministers within the framework of the League of Arab States to adapt the first Monday of October every year as "Arab Housing Day".

On this occasion PCBS presents housing conditions in Palestinian Territory, 2010 as concenter with the Palestinian leadership's move towards UN bid to recognize a Palestinian State within 1967 borders.

**26% Expected Increase in the Number
of Housing Units**

According to housing projections by PCBS, the number of housing units in the Palestinian Territory in 2011 is expected to reach 884,385 units with an increase of about 26% compared to 2007.

**Apartments are the Common Type of
Housing Units in the Palestinian
Territory**

Data indicates that 0.9% of households in the Palestinian Territory live in a villa, 48% live in a house, and 50% live in an apartment. The percentage of households whom living in owned housing units in the Palestinian Territory is 84%: (82% in the West Bank and 87% in Gaza Strip).

**1.6 Person Per Room in Housing in the
Palestinian Territory**

The results show that average housing density in the Palestinian Territory is 1.6 Person per room in 2010. The average for the West Bank is 1.5 compared to an average of 1.8 Person per room in Gaza Strip. Around 10% of households in the Palestinian Territory live in housing units with three persons or more per room: 8% in the West Bank and 12% in Gaza Strip.

The average number of rooms in the housing unit in the Palestinian Territory in 2010 is 3.6. About 15% of the households live in housing units with 1-2 rooms; 17% in the West Bank and 13% in Gaza Strip.

**153 Jordanian Dinars Average Monthly
Rent for Rented Housing Unit in the
Palestinian Territory**

The average monthly rent for a housing unit in the Palestinian Territory was 153 Jordanian dinars in 2010: 165 JDs in the West Bank and 109 JDs in Gaza Strip. Data also indicate that 43% of households in the West Bank living in a rented housing unit pay a monthly rent of 150 JDs or more compared to 7% in Gaza Strip.

**More than Two-Thirds of Households in
the Palestinian Territory Need Housing
Units in the Next Ten Years**

Around 72% of households in the Palestinian Territory will be in need for new housing units to be built during the next ten years: 72% in the West Bank, and 71% in Gaza Strip.

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