



Levels of Living and Poverty in the Palestinian Territory, 2011

Monthly Average of Per Capita Expenditure Was 158 JDs.

The Share of Food Expenditure from Per Capita Total Expenditure was 35.9 percent.

The monthly average of per capita expenditure in the Palestinian territory was 158.2 JDs (188.1 JDs in the West Bank, and 109.8 JDs in Gaza Strip).

Percentage of per capita expenditure on food groups to the total per capita expenditure was 35.9 percent (34.2 percent in the West Bank, and 40.8 percent in Gaza Strip), and followed by the percentage of per capita expenditure on transport and communication by 16.7 percent, and the lowest percentage of expenditure was on recreation group by 1.5 percent, and second lowest percentage was on personal care group by 2.6 percent in the Palestinian territory.

Increase in Per Capita Expenditure in the West Bank and Gaza Strip (Current Prices)

It is noticed that there is an increase in the monthly average of per capita expenditure in 2011 compared to 2010, in 2011 the per capita expenditure was 188.1 JDs in the West Bank, while it was 173.1 JDs in 2010, with an increase of 8.7 percent. While in Gaza Strip the monthly average of per capita expenditure increased 2011 compared to 2010 by 6.5 percent, the per capita expenditure was 109.8 JDs in 2011, while it was 103.1 JDs in 2010.

The Monthly Average of Household Expenditure was 945 JDs (Current Prices)

According to the results of the Palestinian expenditure and consumption survey, the monthly average of household expenditure on various goods and services amounted to 945.4 JDs (1058.4 JDs in the West Bank compared with 729.3 JDs in Gaza Strip), taking into

consideration that the average of household size was in the Palestinian territory 6.0 individuals (5.6 individuals in the West Bank and 6.6 individuals in Gaza Strip).

Household expenditure refers to the amount of cash spent on purchasing goods and services for living purposes, the value of goods and services payments or part of payments received from the employer, cash expenditure spent as taxes (non-commercial or non-industrial), gifts, donations, interests on debts, and other non-consumption items.

25.8% of Individuals suffer from Poverty in the Palestinian Territory

Slightly more than one out of four Individuals (25.8%) were living below poverty line in 2011, (17.8% in the West Bank and 38.8% in Gaza Strip). Similarly about 12.9% of Individuals were living below the deep poverty line in 2011 (7.8% in the West Bank and 21.1% in Gaza Strip).

Poverty statistics reported in this release are based on the official definition of poverty developed in 1997. The definition combines absolute and relative features and is based on a budget of basic needs for a family of 5 persons (2 adults and 3 children). Two poverty lines were developed according to actual spending expenditure of Palestinian families. The first, termed "deep poverty line," was calculated to reflect a budget for food, clothing and housing. The second, "normal poverty line," adds other necessities including health care, education, transportation, personal care, and housekeeping supplies. The two lines were adjusted to reflect the different consumption needs of families based on their composition (household size and the number of children).

Poverty Line

In 2011, the poverty line and deep poverty line for the reference household (two adults and three children) stood at 2,293 NIS (637 US\$) and 1,832 NIS (509 US\$) respectively.



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