

## **Palestinian Central Bureau of Statistics released a Statistical Report about Israeli Settlements in the Palestinian Territory 2006**

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The Palestinian Central Bureau of Statistics (PCBS) released a Statistical Report about Israeli Settlements in the Palestinian Territory for the year 2006.

The report contains statistical data about population, social, economic, and geographic indicators of the Israeli Settlements. The report complies with PCBS work plan and is the outcome of the efforts of PCBS to produce a series of statistical reports that represent the Israeli aggression against Palestinian people. Such series of statistical reports aiming at producing required data on the situation of the Israeli settlements in the Palestinian Territory and to disclose the basic characteristics and factors in which they have an effect on the Palestinian society

According to 2006 data, the number of settlements in the West Bank totaled 144, most of them were in Jerusalem Governorate (26 settlements) 16 of them were Annexed by Israel, then Ramallah & Al-Bireh Governorate (24 settlements), while the minimum number of settlements found in Tulkarm Governorate (3 settlements).

Available data indicate that the number of settlers in the West Bank in 2006 reached 475,760 settlers, most of settlers live in Jerusalem Governorate (259,712 Settlers) 201,139 of them in (J1), then Ramallah & Al-Bireh Governorate (77,120 Settlers), then Bethlehem Governorate (46,783 Settlers), then Salfit Governorate (29,827 Settlers). While the minimum number of settlers found in Tubas Region of (1,321 Settlers ).

In demographic terms, the percentage of settlers in the West Bank, according to 2006 data equaled 16.1% of the total population living in the West Bank with the highest percentage at Jerusalem Governorate at 38.7% (44.0% of J1). The lowest percentage was in Jenin Governorate, at 0.8%.

Data indicate that the settlements in the West Bank according to the end of the year 2006 data were distributed into four strips; Eastern Strip includes 28 settlements, Mountain Strip includes 31 settlements, Western Hills Strip includes 48 settlements, and the Greater Jerusalem Strip includes 37 settlements.

