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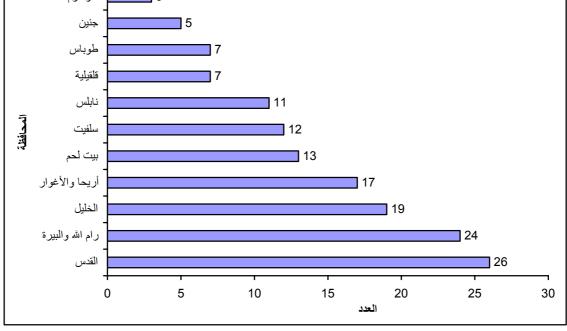
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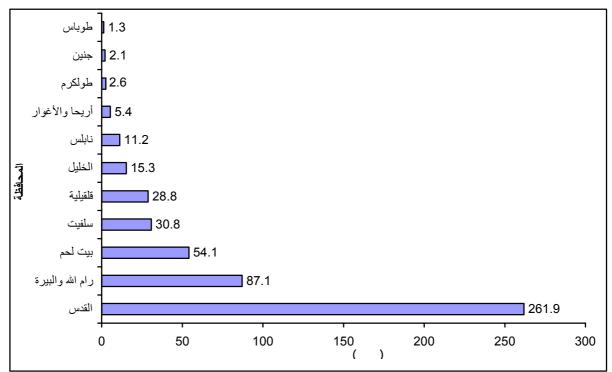
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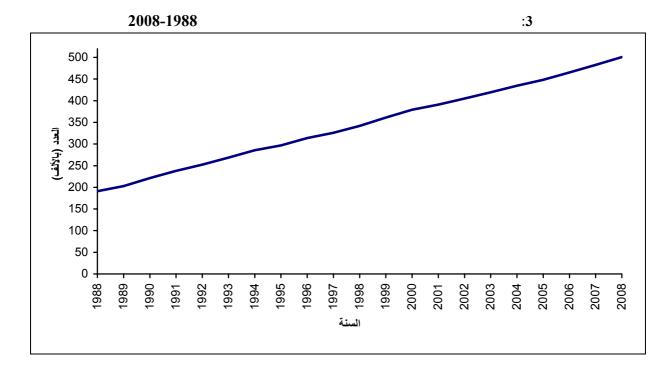
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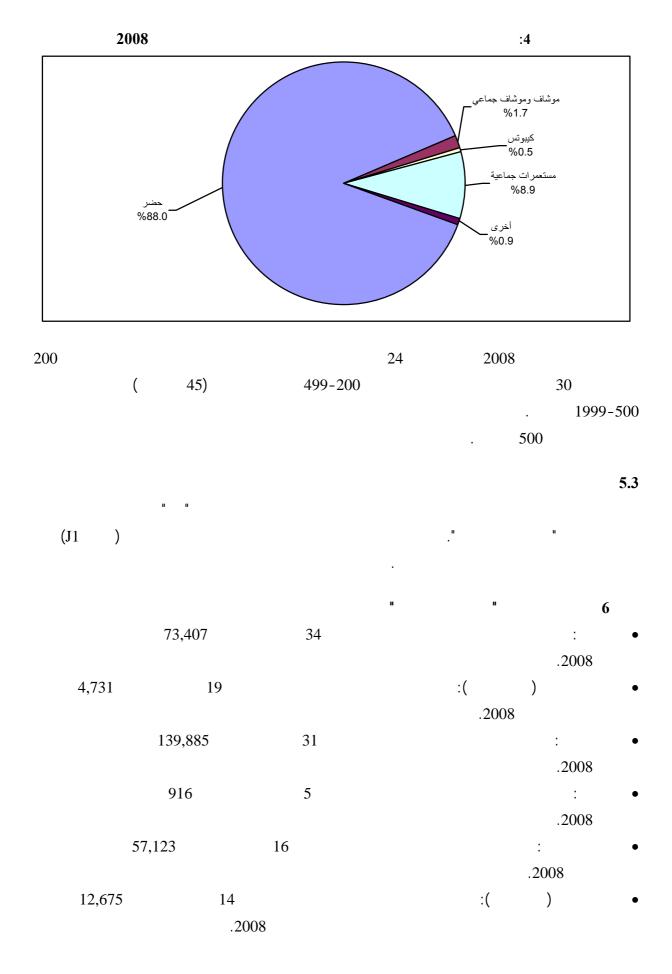
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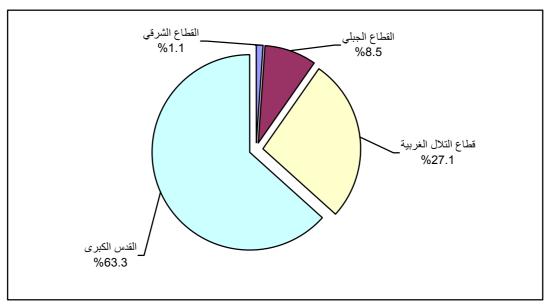
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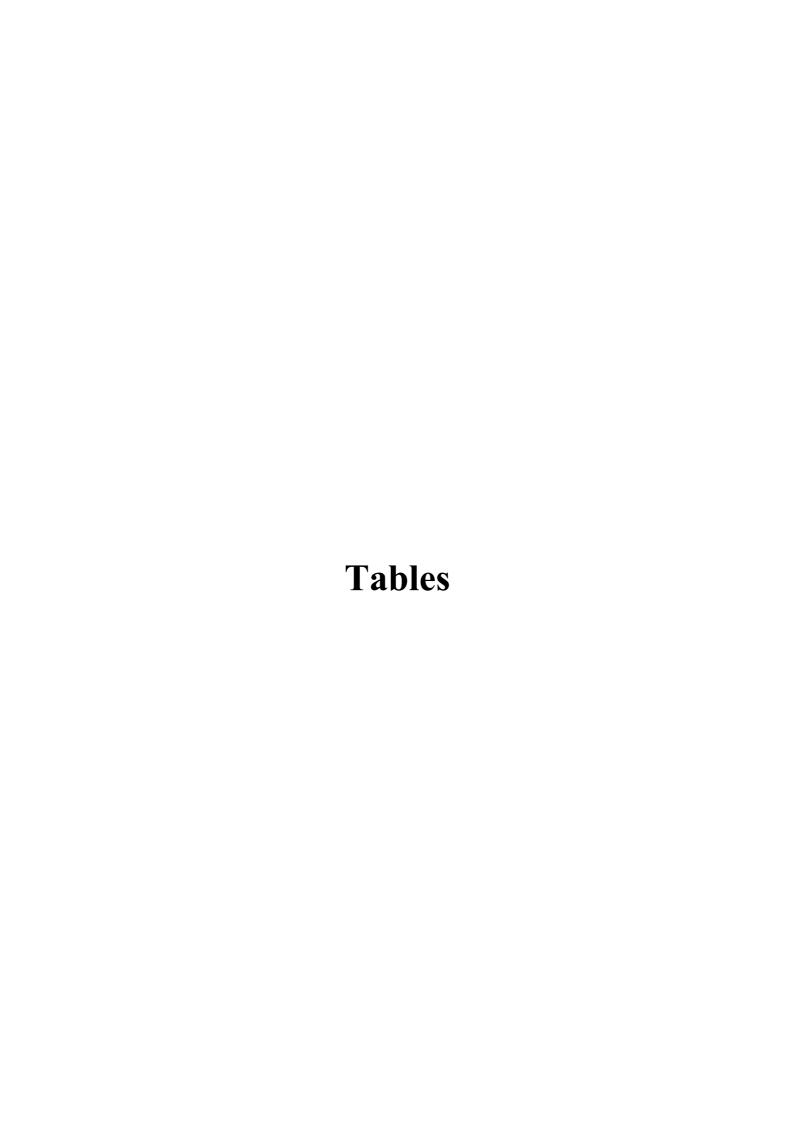


Table 1: Selected Indicators about Occupation Sites in the West Bank

Indicator	Value	
Number of Occupation Sites, 2008:		:2008
Settlements	144	
Outposts inside Settlements Boundaries	96	
Outposts outside Settlements Boundaries	109	
Others	43	
Military Bases	48	
Total	440	
Percentage Area Beyond the Reach of Palestinians (% Of the West Bank Total Area), 2007	38.3	2007 (%)
Area of Built-Up Land (1000 m ²), 2006:		:2006 (² 1000)
Civil or Semi Military Occupation Sites	188,068	
Military Bases	47,141	
Total	235,209	
Annexation and Expansion Wall, 2008:		:2008
Length of Completed Part (km)	425	()
Total Length (km)	770	()
Percentage of Settlers Inside the Wall (% of the Total Settlers Population)	88	%)
Number of Settlers Compared with Total Jewish Population 1972, 2008:		:2008 1972
Number of Settlers in the West Bank, 1972	12,403	1972
Number of Settlers in the West Bank, 2008	500,670	2008
Number of Jewish in Historical Palestine and other Arab Occupied Land, 1972	2,752,700	1972
Number of Jewish in Historical Palestine and other Arab Occupied Land, 2008	5,565,500	2008

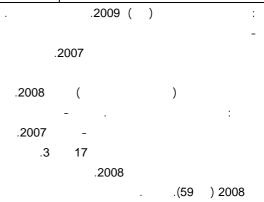
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Israel Central Bureau of Statistics, 2008. Statistical Abstract of Israel 2008 (No. 59). Jerusalem.



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Table 2: Number of Settlements in the West Bank, by Governorate and Classification, 2008

		Classification	Classification						
Governorate	Total	Settlements Annexed to Israel	Settlements Affiliated the Yesha Council						
West Bank	144	21	123						
Remaining West Bank	128	5	123						
Jenin	5	-	5						
Tubas	7	-	7						
Tulkarm	3	-	3						
Nablus	11	-	11						
Qalqiliya	7	-	7						
Salfit	12	-	12						
Ramallah & Al-Bireh	24	4	20						
Jericho & Al-Aghwar	17	-	17						
Jerusalem	26	16	10						
Area J1	16	16	-	J1					
Area J2	10	-	10	J2					
Bethlehem	13	-	13						
Hebron	19	1	18						

Source: Palestinian Central Bureau of Statistics, 2009.

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Table 3: Number of Settlers in the Settlements in the West Bank, by Governorate and Classification, 2008

		Classification		
Governorate	Total	Total Settlements Sett Annexed to Israel		
West Bank	500,670	211,933	288,737	
Remaining West Bank	302,212	13,475	288,737	
Jenin	2,107	-	2,107	
Tubas	1,328	-	1,328	
Tulkarm	2,627	-	2,627	
Nablus	11,206	-	11,206	
Qalqiliya	28,827	-	28,827	
Salfit	30,824	-	30,824	
Ramallah & Al-Bireh	87,059	13,102	73,957	
Jericho & Al-Aghwar	5,430	-	5,430	
Jerusalem	261,885	198,458	63,427	
Area J1	198,458	198,458	-	J1
Area J2	63,427	-	63,427	J2
Bethlehem	54,111	-	54,111	
Hebron	15,266	373	14,893	

Sources: Palestinian Central Bureau of Statistics, 2009. .2009 Israeli Colonizing and Land Grab Database .() (Unpublished Data). Ramallah- Palestine, Israel Central Bureau of Statistics, 2009. Population of .2009 Localities with over 1000 Residents, as 31/12/2008 .() 2008/12/31 1000 (Provisional Data). Jerusalem, The Jerusalem Institute for Israeli Studies, 2008. 2007/2006 .2008 Statistical Yearbook of Jerusalem 2006/2007 (No. 23). .(23) Jerusalem.

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Table 4: Number of Settlers in the Settlements and Palestinian Population in the West Bank, by Governorate, 2008

Governorate	Percentage of Settlers to Total Population	Total Population	Palestinian Population	Number of Settlers
West Bank	17.2	2,917,477	2,416,807	500,670
Jenin	0.8	265,729	263,622	2,107
Tubas	2.5	53,399	52,071	1,328
Tulkarm	1.6	163,758	161,131	2,627
Nablus	3.3	339,809	328,603	11,206
Qalqiliya	23.5	122,554	93,727	28,827
Salfit	33.6	91,836	61,012	30,824
Ramallah & Al-Bireh	23.2	375,471	288,412	87,059
Jericho & Al-Aghwar	11.1	49,004	43,574	5,430
Jerusalem	41.3	633,666	371,781	261,885
Bethlehem	23.0	235,440	181,329	54,111
Hebron	2.6	586,814	571,548	15,266

Sources: Palestinian Central Bureau of Statistics, 2009. Israeli Colonizing and Land Grab Database (Unpublished Data). Ramallah- Palestine,

Palestinian Central Bureau of Statistics, 2009. Revised estimated population based on the result of Population, Housing, and Establishment Census-2007. Ramallah- Palestine,

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Table 5: Number of Settlements in the West Bank, by Year of Establishment, 1967- 2008

Year of Establishment	Number of Settlements	
Total	144	
1967	1	1967
1968	5	1968
1969	5	1969
1970	4	1970
1971	4	1971
1972	4	1972
1973	3	1973
1974	1	1974
1975	6	1975
1976	1	1976
1977	16	1977
1978	9	1978
1979	5	1979
1980	10	1980
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1989	4	1989
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1991	1	1991
1996	2	1996
1997	1	1997
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Source: Palestinian Central Bureau of Statistics,
2009. Israeli Colonizing and Land Grab Database
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Table 6: Number of Settlers in the Settlements in the West Bank, by Year and Region, 1986-2008

		Region		
Year	West Bank	(J1) Jerusalem (Area J1)	Remaining West Bank	
1986			60,766	1986
1987			67,483	1987
1988	190,953	117,550	73,403	1988
1989	202,885	123,061	79,824	1989
1990	221,348	132,460	88,888	1990
1991	238,060	137,331	100,729	1991
1992	252,545	140,872	111,673	1992
1993	268,756	146,436	122,320	1993
1994	285,791	152,219	133,572	1994
1995	296,959	156,724	140,235	1995
1996	313,658	159,684	153,974	1996
1997	326,053	158,929	167,124	1997
1998	341,929	162,842	179,087	1998
1999	361,150	170,400	190,750	1999
2000	379,099	173,986	205,113	2000
2001	391,049	175,987	215,062	2001
2002	405,149	178,437	226,712	2002
2003	419,402	181,425	237,977	2003
2004	434,368	184,944	249,424	2004
2005(R)	448,489	187,573	260,916	2005
2006(R)	(R)465,419	(R)190,534	(R)274,885	(R)2006
2007	(R)482,825	(R)194,099	(R)288,726	(R)2007
2008	500,670	198,458	302,212	2008

Sources: Israel Central Bureau of Statistics, Statistical

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The Jerusalem Institute for Israeli Studies, Statistical Yearbook of Jerusalem. Jerusalem, Various Years.

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Table 7: Number of Settlements in the West Bank, by Governorate and Period of Establishment, 2008

		Period of Est	ablishment								
Governorate	norate Total		1998-1995	1994-1991	1990-1987	1986-1983	1982-1979	1978-1975	1974-1971	1970-1967	
West Bank	144	1	4	1	9	31	39	32	12	15	
Jenin	5	-	-	-	-	1	3	1	-	-	
Tubas	7	-	-	-	-	2	1	2	1	1	
Tulkarm	3	-	-	-	1	-	2	-	-	-	
Nablus	11	-	-	-	-	6	1	2	2	-	
Qalqiliya	7	-	-	-	1	2	2	2	-	-	
Salfit	12	-	-	1	-	3	5	3	-	-	
Ramallah & Al-Bireh	24	-	3	-	1	4	8	7	-	1	
Jericho & Al-Aghwar	17	-	-	-	-	-	4	6	4	3	
Jerusalem	26	1	1	-	2	6	2	3	4	7	
Bethlehem	13	-	-	-	1	1	4	4	1	2	
Hebron	19	-	-	-	3	6	7	2	-	1	

Source: Palestinian Central Bureau of Statistics, 2009. Israeli Colonizing and Land Grab

Database (Unpublished Data). Ramallah- Palestine.

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Table 8: Number of Settlers in the Settlements in the West Bank, by Governorate and Period of Establishment, 2008

		Period of Establishment											
Governorate	Total	Unknown	1998-1995	1994-1991	1990-1987	1986-1983	1982-1979	1978-1975	1974-1971	1970-1967			
West Bank	500,670	4,935	56,595	1,113	56,680	93,138	47,644	99,885	63,900	76,780			
Jenin	2,107	-	-	-	-	159	1,799	149	-	-			
Tubas	1,328	-	-	-	-	-	209	606	161	352			
Tulkarm	2,627	-	-	-	1,408	-	1,219	-	-	-			
Nablus	11,206	-	-	-	-	6,524	1,300	3,120	262	-			
Qalqiliya	28,827	-	-	-	1,100	10,400	7,227	10,100	-	-			
Salfit	30,824	-	-	1,113	-	2,131	6,872	20,708	-	-			
Ramallah & Al-Bireh	87,059	-	46,200	-	2,600	14,047	10,495	12,277	-	1,440			
Jericho & Al-Aghwar	5,430	-	-	-	-	-	490	2,392	828	1,720			
Jerusalem	261,885	4,935	10,395	-	15,362	56,994	3,900	45,940	59,349	65,010			
Bethlehem	54,111	-	-	-	34,700	-	11,278	3,775	3,300	1,058			
Hebron	15,266	-	-	-	1,510	2,883	2,855	818	-	7,200			
Sources: Palestinian C	ontrol Burgou	of Statistics	2009 Israeli	Colonizing or	ad Land Crah)			.2008				

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Table 9: Number of Settlements in the West Bank, by Governorate and Type of Settlement, 2008

		Type of Se							
Governorate		Rural							
Governorate	Total	Total	Others	Communal Settlements	Kibbutz	Collective Moshav	Moshav	Urban	
West Bank	144	99	10	54	9	9	17	45	
Remaining West Bank	128	99	10	54	9	9	17	29	
Jenin	5	5	-	4	-	1	-	-	
Tubas	7	7	2	1	-	1	3	-	
Tulkarm	3	3	-	2	-	-	1	-	
Nablus	11	9	-	7	-	-	2	2	
Qalqiliya	7	2	1	1	-	-	-	5	
Salfit	12	9	2	7	-	-	-	3	
Ramallah & Al-Bireh	24	15	1	10	-	2	2	9	
Jericho & Al-Aghwar	17	17	2	1	4	1	9	-	
Jerusalem	26	4	-	3	1	-	-	22	
Area J1	16	-	-	-	-	-	-	16	J1
Area J2	10	4	-	3	1	-	-	6	J2
Bethlehem	13	10	1	6	3	-	-	3	
Hebron	19	18	1	12	1	4	-	1	

Source: Palestinian Central Bureau of Statistics, 2009. Israeli Colonizing and Land Grab Database

(Unpublished Data). Ramallah- Palestine.

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Table 10: Number of Settlers in the Settlements in the West Bank, by Governorate and Type of Settlement, 2008

		Type of Set	ttlement						
Governorate		Rural							
Governorate	Total	Total	Others	Communal Settlements	Kibbutz	Collective Moshav	Moshav	Urban	
West Bank	500,670	60,173	4,362	44,804	2,420	5,116	3,471	440,497	
Remaining West Bank	302,212	60,173	4,362	44,804	2,420	5,116	3,471	242,039	
Jenin	2,107	2,107	-	1,958	-	149	-	-	
Tubas	1,328	1,328	-	209	-	490	629	-	
Tulkarm	2,627	2,627	-	2,189	-	-	438	-	
Nablus	11,206	6,106	-	5,844	-	-	262	5,100	
Qalqiliya	28,827	1,727	1,100	627	-	-	-	27,100	
Salfit	30,824	8,024	1,000	7,024	-	-	-	22,800	
Ramallah & Al-Bireh	87,059	13,620	665	9,452	-	2,840	663	73,439	
Jericho & Al-Aghwar	5,430	5,430	1,400	1,806	542	203	1,479	-	
Jerusalem	261,885	3,227	-	2,937	290	-	-	258,658	
Area J1	198,458	-	-	-	-	-	-	198,458	J1
Area J2	63,427	3,227	-	2,937	290	-	-	60,200	J2
Bethlehem	54,111	7,911	-	6,710	1,201	-	-	46,200	
Hebron	15,266	8,066	197	6,048	387	1,434	-	7,200	

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Table 11: Number of Urban Settlements in the West Bank, by Governorate and Population Group Size, 2008

		Population Group Size									
Governorate (1)	Total	30,000 30,000 and More	-26,000 29,999	-18,000 21,999	-14,000 17,999	-10,000 13,999	-6,000 9,999	-2,000 5,999	2,000 Less than 2,000	(1)	
West Bank	45	5	1	1	2	4	7	22	3		
Remaining West Bank	29	3	-	-	1	2	5	18	-		
Nablus	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	-		
Qalqiliya	5	-	-	-	-	-	3	2	-		
Salfit	3	-	-	-	1	-	-	2	-		
Ramallah & Al-Bireh	9	1	-	-	-	1	-	7	-		
Jerusalem	22	3	1	1	1	3	2	8	3		
Area J1	16	2	1	1	1	2	2	4	3	J1	
Area J2	6	1	-	-	-	1	-	4	-	J2	
Bethlehem	3	1	-	-	-	-	1	1	-		
Hebron	1	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-		

⁽¹⁾ The urban settlements existence is restricted on the governorates mentioned in this table.

Sources: Palestinian Central Bureau of Statistics, 2008. Israeli Colonizing and Land Grab Database (Unpublished Data). Ramallah- Palestine,

Israel Central Bureau of Statistics, 2008. Population of Localities with over 1000 Residents, as 31/12/2008 (Provisional Data). Jerusalem,

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Table 12: Number of Settlers in the Urban Settlements in the West Bank, by Governorate and Population Group Size, 2008

		Population Group S								
Governorate (1)	Total	30,000	-26,000	-18,000	-14,000	-10,000	-6,000	-2,000	2,000	(1)
		30,000 and More	29,999	21,999	17,999	13,999	9,999	5,999	Less than 2,000	
West Bank	440,497	194,550	27,004	20,135	32,162	43,454	49,216	72,836	1,140	
Remaining West Bank	242,039	110,200	-	-	16,800	21,139	34,900	59,000	-	
Nablus	5,100	-	-	-	-	-	-	5,100	-	
Qalqiliya	27,100	-	-	-	-	-	19,500	7,600	-	
Salfit	22,800	-	-	-	16,800	-	-	6,000	-	
Ramallah & Al-Bireh	73,439	41,700	-	-	-	10,139	-	21,600	-	
Jerusalem	258,658	118,150	27,004	20,135	15,362	33,315	14,316	29,236	1,140	
Area J1	198,458	84,350	27,004	20,135	15,362	22,315	14,316	13,836	1,140	J1
Area J2	60,200	33,800	-	-	-	11,000	-	15,400	-	J2
Bethlehem	46,200	34,700	-	-	-	-	8,200	3,300	-	
Hebron	7,200	-	-	-		-	7,200	-	-	

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Table 13: Number of Rural Settlements in the West Bank, by Type of Settlement and Population Group Size, 2008

		Population Gro	up Size						
Type of Settlement	Total	1,999 - 1,700	1,699 - 1,400	1,399 - 1,100	1,099 - 800	799 - 500	499 - 200	200 Less than 200	
Total	99	4	6	10	12	13	30	24	
Moshav	17	-	-	-	-	-	7	10	
Collective Moshav	9	-	2	-	-	-	5	2	
Kibbutz	9	-	-	-	-	1	4	4	
Communal Settlements	54	4	3	9	12	10	13	3	
Others	10	-	1	1	-	2	1	5	

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2008 :14 Table 14: Number of Settlers in the Rural Settlements in the West Bank, by Type of Settlement and Population Group Size, 2008

		Population Group S	Size						
Type of Settlement	Total	1,999 - 1,700	1,699 - 1,400	1,399 - 1,100	1,099 - 800	799 - 500	499 - 200	200 Less than 200	
Total	60,173	7,050	8,656	12,240	10,377	8,793	10,286	2,771	
Moshav	3,471	-	-	-	-	-	2,196	1,275	I
Collective Moshav	5,116	-	2,840	-	-	-	1,946	330	I
Kibbutz	2,420	-	-	-	-	636	1,312	472	I
Communal Settlements	44,804	7,050	4,416	11,140	10,377	6,837	4,487	497	I
Others	4,362	-	1,400	1,100	-	1,320	345	197	
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Table 15: Number of Settlements in the West Bank, by Governorate and Regional Council, 2008

		Regional Counci	I						
Governorate	Total	Unknown or Not Applicable	() Har Hevron (Mount Hebron)	Gush Ezyon	Megilliot	Matte Binyamin	() Arvot Ha Yarden (Jordan Valley)	Shomeron	
West Bank	144	25	14	16	5	31	19	34	
Remaining West Bank	128	9	14	16	5	31	19	34	
Jenin	5	-	-	-	-	-	-	5	
Tubas	7	2	-	-	-	-	5	-	
Tulkarm	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	3	
Nablus	11	-	-	-	-	3	2	6	
Qalqiliya	7	-	-	-	-	-	-	7	
Salfit	12	-	-	-	-	-	-	12	
Ramallah & Al-Bireh	24	4	-	-	-	19	-	1	
Jericho & Al-Aghwar	17	1	-	-	3	1	12	-	
Jerusalem	26	16	-	1	1	8	-	-	
Area J1	16	16	-	-	-	-	-	-	J1
Area J2	10	-	-	1	1	8	-	-	J2
Bethlehem	13	1	-	11	1	-	-	-	
Hebron	19	1	14	4	-	-	-	-	

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Table 16: Number of Settlers in the Settlements in the West Bank, by Governorate and Regional Council, 2008

		Regional Council							
Governorate	Total	Unknown or Not Applicable	() Har Hevron (Mount Hebron)	Gush Ezyon	Megilliot	Matte Binyamin	() Arvot Ha Yarden (Jordan Valley)	Shomeron	
West Bank	500,670	211,933	12,675	57,123	916	139,885	4,731	73,407	
Remaining West Bank	302,212	13,475	12,675	57,123	916	139,885	4,731	73,407	
Jenin	2,107	-	-	-	-	-	-	2,107	
Tubas	1,328	-	-	-	-	-	1,328	-	
Tulkarm	2,627	-	-	-	-	-	-	2,627	
Nablus	11,206	-	-	-	-	5,722	262	5,222	
Qalqiliya	28,827	-	-	-	-	-	-	28,827	
Salfit	30,824	-	-	-	-	-	-	30,824	
Ramallah & Al-Bireh	87,059	13,102	-	-	-	70,157	-	3,800	
Jericho & Al-Aghwar	5,430	-	-	-	483	1,806	3,141	-	
Jerusalem	261,885	198,458	-	937	290	62,200	-	-	
Area J1	198,458	198,458	-	-	-	-	-	-	J1
Area J2	63,427	-	-	937	290	62,200	-	-	J2
Bethlehem	54,111	-	-	53,968	143	-	-	-	
Hebron	15,266	373	12,675	2,218	-	-	-	-	

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Table 17: Number of Settlements in the West Bank, by Governorate and Geographical Dispersion, 2008

		Geographical Dispersion				
Governorate	Total	Greater Jerusalem	The Western Hills Strip	Mountain Strip	The Eastern Strip	
West Bank	144	37	48	31	28	
Remaining West Bank	128	21	48	31	28	
Jenin	5	-	5	-	-	
Tubas	7	-	-	-	7	
Tulkarm	3	-	3	-	-	
Nablus	11	-	1	8	2	
Qalqiliya	7	-	6	1	-	
Salfit	12	-	11	1	-	
Ramallah & Al-Bireh	24	1	17	6	-	
Jericho & Al-Aghwar	17	1	-	-	16	
Jerusalem	26	25	-	-	1	
Area J1	16	16	-	-	-	J1
Area J2	10	9	-	-	1	J2
Bethlehem	13	8	-	3	2	
Hebron	19	2	5	12	-	

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Table 18: Number of Settlers in the Settlements in the West Bank, by Governorate and Geographical Dispersion, 2008

		Geographical Dispers	ion			
Governorate	Total	Greater Jerusalem	The Western Hills Strip	Mountain Strip	The Eastern Strip	
West Bank	500,670	316,644	135,878	42,501	5,647	
Remaining West Bank	302,212	118,186	135,878	42,501	5,647	
Jenin	2,107	-	2,107	-	-	
Tubas	1,328	-	-	-	1,328	
Tulkarm	2,627	-	2,627	-	-	
Nablus	11,206	-	1,408	9,536	262	
Qalqiliya	28,827	-	25,327	3,500	-	
Salfit	30,824	-	30,016	808	-	
Ramallah & Al-Bireh	87,059	879	73,059	13,121	-	
Jericho & Al-Aghwar	5,430	1,806	-	-	3,624	
Jerusalem	261,885	261,595	-	-	290	
Area J1	198,458	198,458	-	-	-	J1
Area J2	63,427	63,137	-	-	290	J2
Bethlehem	54,111	51,188	-	2,780	143	
Hebron	15,266	1,176	1,334	12,756	-	

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Table 19: Number of Settlements in the West Bank, by Governorate and Average Altitude (Meter), 2008

		Average Altitu	ude (Meter)					()		
Governorate	Total	Unknown	999 - 800	799 - 600	599 - 400	399 - 200	199 - 0	1 200-	200- Less than -200	
West Bank	144	12	25	32	18	27	10	8	12	
Remaining West Bank	128	4	21	28	18	27	10	8	12	
Jenin	5	-	-	-	1	4	-	-	-	
Tubas	7	-	-	-	-	-	5	2	-	
Tulkarm	3	-	-	-	-	3	-	-	-	
Nablus	11	-	1	7	-	2	-	1	-	
Qalqiliya	7	-	-	-	1	3	3	-	-	
Salfit	12	-	-	1	6	5	-	-	-	
Ramallah & Al-Bireh	24	3	3	5	5	7	1	-	-	
Jericho & Al-Aghwar	17	-	-	-	-	2	1	5	9	
Jerusalem	26	8	6	7	3	1	-	-	1	
Area J1	16	8	4	4	-	-	-	-	-	J1
Area J2	10	-	2	3	3	1	-	-	1	J2
Bethlehem	13	-	8	2	1	-	-	-	2	
Hebron	19	1	7	10	1	-	-	-	-	

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2008 () :20
Table 20: Number of Settlers in the Settlements in the West Bank, by Governorate and Average Altitude (Meter), 2008

		Average A	Ititude (Mete	er)				()		
Governorate	Total	Unknown	999 - 800	799 - 600	599 - 400	399 - 200	199 - 0	1 200-	200- Less than –200	
West Bank	500,670	103,166	144,234	115,285	69,504	48,750	16,392	1,652	1,687	
Remaining West Bank	302,212	46,397	81,905	35,925	69,504	48,750	16,392	1,652	1,687	
Jenin	2,107	-	-	-	559	1,548	-	-	-	
Tubas	1,328	-	-	-	-	-	486	842	-	
Tulkarm	2,627	-	-	-	-	2,627	-	-	-	
Nablus	11,206	-	1,408	8,716	-	936	-	146	-	
Qalqiliya	28,827	-	-	-	3,500	13,827	11,500	-	-	
Salfit	30,824	-	-	808	22,935	7,081	-	-	-	
Ramallah & Al-Bireh	87,059	46,200	9,600	4,733	5,601	18,325	2,600	-	-	
Jericho & Al-Aghwar	5,430	-	-	-	-	1,706	1,806	664	1,254	
Jerusalem	261,885	56,769	71,329	95,260	35,537	2,700	-	-	290	
Area J1	198,458	56,769	62,329	79,360	-	-	-	-	-	J1
Area J2	63,427	-	9,000	15,900	35,537	2,700	-	-	290	J2
Bethlehem	54,111	-	51,188	1,899	881	-	-	-	143	
Hebron	15,266	197	10,709	3,869	491	-	-	-	-	

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Table 21: Number of Rural Settlements in the West Bank, by Governorate and Overwhelming Ideology, 2008

		Overwhelming Ideolog	Overwhelming Ideology									
Governorate	Total	Unknown	Mixed	Secular	Religious							
West Bank	99	17	8	36	38							
Jenin	5	1	-	4	-							
Tubas	7	2	-	2	3							
Tulkarm	3	-	-	1	2							
Nablus	9	-	-	3	6							
Qalqiliya	2	-	2	-	-							
Salfit	9	5	-	-	4							
Ramallah & Al-Bireh	15	3	2	2	8							
Jericho & Al-Aghwar	17	2	1	13	1							
Jerusalem	4	-	1	3	-							
Bethlehem	10	2	2	2	4							
Hebron	18	2	-	6	10							

Source: Palestinian Central Bureau of Statistics, 2009. Israeli Colonizing and Land Grab Database

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Table 22: Number of Settlers in the Rural Settlements in the West Bank, by Governorate and Overwhelming Ideology, 2008

_		Overwhelming Ideology			
Governorate	Total	Unknown	Mixed	Secular	Religious
West Bank	60,173	6,350	7,997	10,526	35,300
Jenin	2,107	900	-	1,207	-
Tubas	1,328	-	-	277	1,051
Tulkarm	2,627	-	-	438	2,189
Nablus	6,106	-	-	402	5,704
Qalqiliya	1,727	-	1,727	-	-
Salfit	8,024	3,584	-	-	4,440
Ramallah & Al-Bireh	13,620	871	1,544	1,497	9,708
Jericho & Al-Aghwar	5,430	203	1,400	2,021	1,806
Jerusalem	3,227	-	937	2,290	-
Bethlehem	7,911	391	2,389	536	4,595
Hebron	8,066	401	-	1,858	5,807

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Table 23: Number of Rural Settlements in the West Bank, by Governorate and Organizational Affiliation, 2008

		Organiz	zational Af	filiation										
Governorate	Total	Not Appli- cable	Un- known	HaMerkas Hakhaqlai	Amana	Haihud HaHaqla'i	Herut	Po'ale Agudat Yisrael	HaOved HaZiy- yoni	The United Kibbutz Movement	HaKib- butz HaDati	HaP'oel HaMiz- rahi	Moshavim Movement	
West Bank	99	10	3	1	36	6	12	4	3	7	3	8	6	
Jenin	5	-	-	1	1	-	2	-	1	-	-	-	-	
Tubas	7	2	1	-	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	
Tulkarm	3	-	-	-	2	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Nablus	9	-	-	-	7	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Qalqiliya	2	1	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Salfit	9	2	1	-	1	-	2	-	-	-	-	3	-	
Ramallah & Al-Bireh	15	1	-	-	8	1	-	3	1	-	-	-	1	
Jericho & Al-Aghwar	17	2	-	-	1	1	2	-	1	5	-	-	5	
Jerusalem	4	-	-	-	2	-	1	-	-	1	-	-	-	
Bethlehem	10	1	1	-	2	-	1	-	-	1	2	2	-	
Hebron	18	1	-	-	12	-	2	1	-	-	1	1	-	

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Table 24: Number of Settlers in the Rural Settlements in the West Bank, by Governorate and Organizational Affiliation, 2008

		Organiza	tional Affi	liation										
Governorate	Total	Not Appli- cable	Un- known	HaMerkas Hakhaqlai	Amana	Haihud HaHaqla'i	Herut	Po'ale Agudat Yisrael	HaOved HaZiy- yoni	The United Kibbutz Movement	HaKib- butz HaDati	HaP'oel HaMiz- rahi	Moshavim Movement	
West Bank	60,173	4,362	1,715	900	30,400	1,287	6,131	3,252	696	1,178	1,445	7,811	996	
Jenin	2,107	-	-	900	340	-	718	-	149	-	-	-	-	
Tubas	1,328	-	209	-	-	277	-	-	-	-	-	842	-	
Tulkarm	2,627	-	-	-	2,189	-	438	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Nablus	6,106	-	-	-	5,844	262	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Qalqiliya	1,727	1,100	-	-	-	-	627	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Salfit	8,024	1,000	1,113	-	1,210	-	2,107	-	-	-	-	2,594	-	
Ramallah & Al-Bireh	13,620	665	-	-	8,630	614	-	3,048	430	-	-	-	233	
Jericho & Al-Aghwar	5,430	1,400	-	-	1,806	134	465	-	117	745	-	-	763	
Jerusalem	3,227	-	-	-	2,000	-	937	-	-	290	-	-	-	
Bethlehem	7,911	-	393	-	2,389	-	391	-	-	143	1,058	3,537	-	
Hebron	8,066	197	-	-	5,992	-	448	204	-	-	387	838	-	

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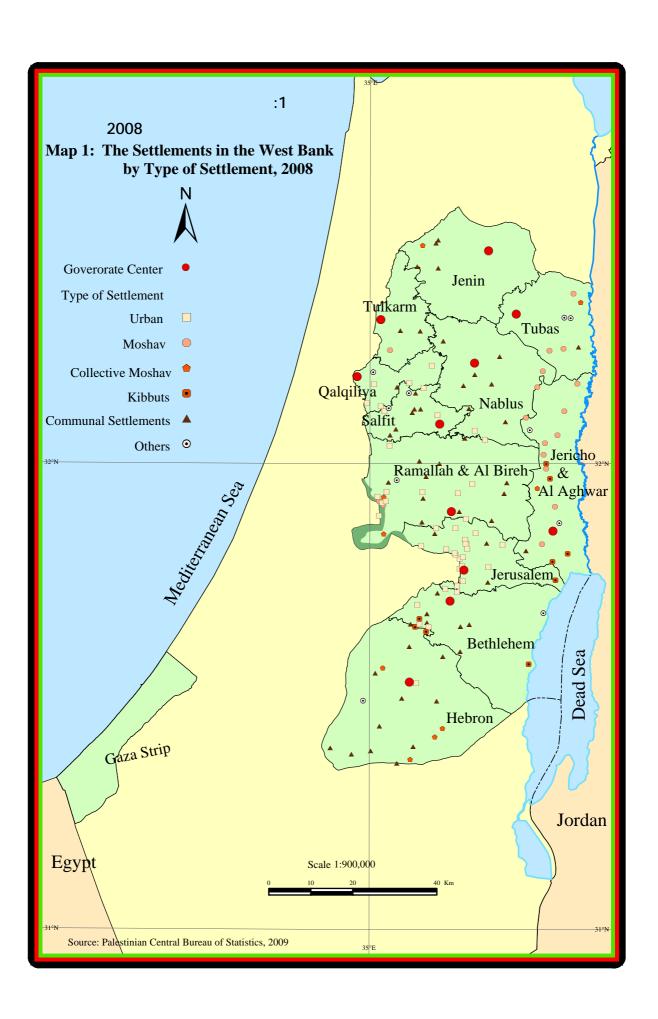
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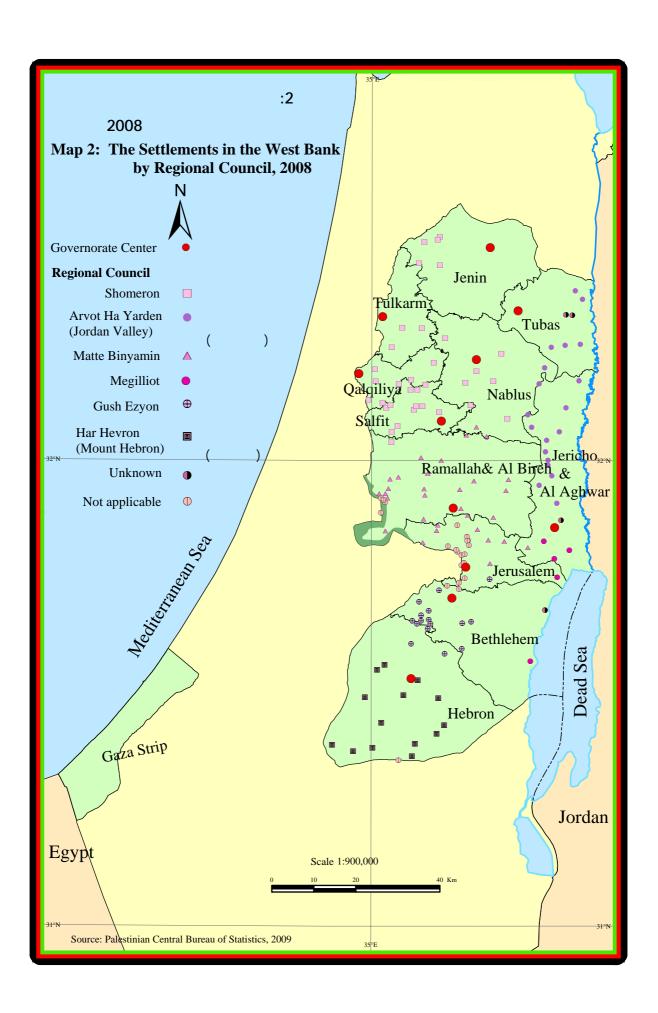
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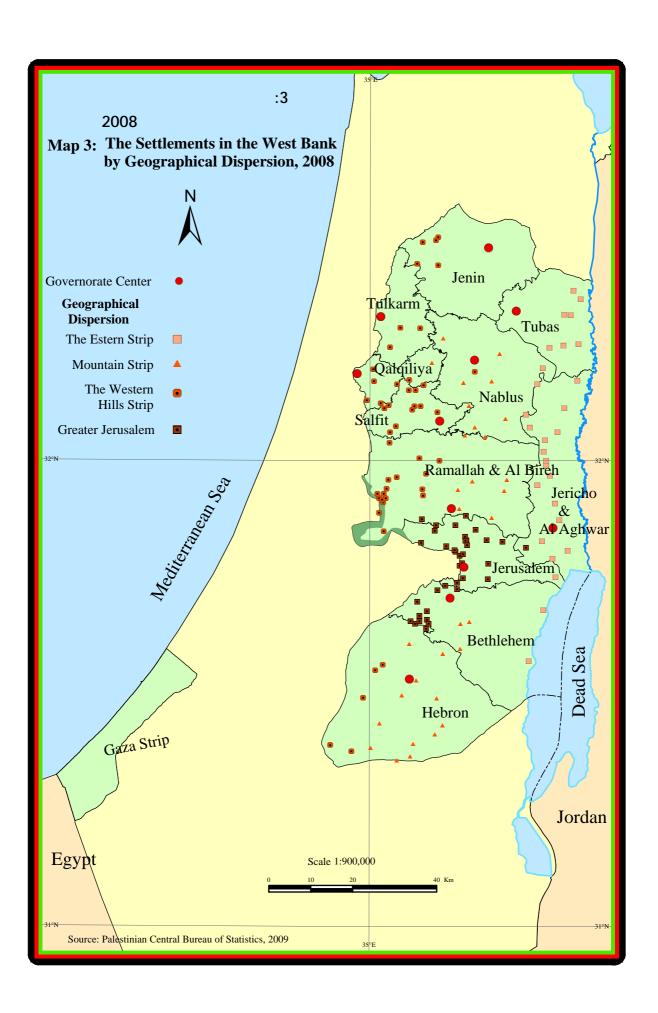
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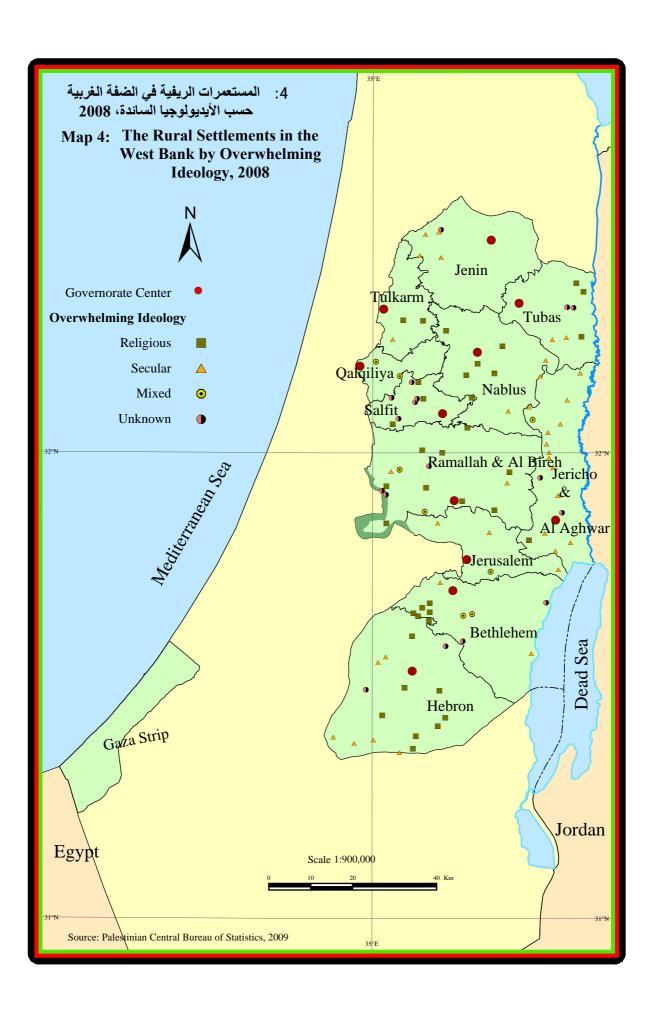
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Data at the end of year, unless otherwise stated.

The Statistics presented in this report are derived from various sources, which are not fully consistent. Therefore it's advisable to take this in consideration while using these statistics.

For the purpose of correlating area with population, a number of settlements of Jerusalem J1 were joined together in this report, and as a result the number of settlements was reduced from 22 settlements in the year 2003 to 16 settlements in the years 2004-2008. It should be emphasized that this decrease does not indicate in any way a reduction in settling in that area.

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Preface

Israeli settlement activities in the Palestinian Territory constitute the most serious danger of the Israeli occupation that hampers the establishment of a viable national Palestinian state in the West Bank and the Gaza Strip. Guided by the Israeli government, the majority of Israeli organizations and institutions are working on the implementation of an organized program that aims to expand the settlements in the Palestinian Territory. Indeed, the settlements network and the accompanied changes in the demographical and topographical aspects are the main obstacle to establish a Palestinian state in the West Bank and the Gaza Strip with geographical continuity.

The Israeli-Jewish settlement movement does not only affect the political and security stability in the Palestinian Territory. It also destroys the social, economic, and environmental balance of the Palestinian society and the Palestinian land. This movement retards the development of the Palestinian society, pollutes the Palestinian environment, plays a significant role in controlling, destroying and cantonizing the Palestinian society and Territory. Moreover, the Israeli settlements are used as military bases to launch their continued war, incursions and hostilities against the Palestinian people. The effects of building Israeli settlements on Palestinian land have been devastating to Palestinian localities, which pay a heavy price for the expansion of such settlements, and for the daily assaults of Israeli settlers which are seen and heard by Israeli soldiers without taking any action to halt such activities.

We have continued to publish annual reports in this series which represents the main developments in Israeli settlement activities in the Palestinian Territory. We have focused on presenting quantitative descriptions of a number of main indicators related to settlements and settlers.

This report contains statistical data about the population and geographic indicators of the Israeli settlements in the West Bank. This report presents statistical information about the number of settlers and levels and nature of settling, in addition to the geographical spread, ruling ideology and other related subjects.

PCBS hopes that the main findings of this report will contribute to building a general frame about the situation of the Israeli settlements in the West Bank, in addition to providing reliable and useful statistics for Palestinian planners and decision-makers.

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Executive Summary

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Data indicate that the number of settlers in the West Bank at the end of 2008 reached 500,670 settlers including 302,212 in Remaining West Bank.

Data shows that most of settlers live in Jerusalem Governorate (261,885 Settlers) 198,458 of them in (J1), then Ramallah & Al-Bireh Governorate (87,059 Settlers), then Bethlehem Governorate (54,111 Settlers), then Salfit Governorate (30,824 Settlers). While the minimum number of settlers found in Tubas Governorates of (1,328 Settlers).

Phases of Settlements Building

Stage One, 1967-1976: Settlement building was established selectively, within a colonization policy based on quality, not quantity; settlements in this stage were concentrated in Jerusalem and the Jordan Valley, inspired by the Allon Plan

Stage Two, 1977-1984: During this stage there was an growing influential settlement movement for building and expanding settlements horizontally, the most important plans/projects during this stage could be summarized as follows: Sharon's Plan, Matityahu Drobls Plan and Gush Emunim Plan.

Stage Three, 1985-1990: At this stage colonialism re-accelerated - in terms of quantity - to the pace of the first stage.

Stage Four, 1991-2008: During this stage, the pace of settlement expansions sharply decreased. There was no building of new settlements in the years 1992-1995 and 1999-2008, for the first time since the Israeli occupation of Palestinian Territories began, due to the peace process and international pressure on Israel to freeze colonialism, and due to the absence of political stability in Israel during that stage.

The Israeli Occupation Authorities resorted to expand existing settlements during this period in order to compensate for the lack of new settlements, both through increasing population and establishment of new "neighborhoods" within the existing settlements. In addition, beginning with the establishment of the Annexation and Expansion Wall in June 2002, which was designed as a result of internal negotiations between the Israeli government and settler leaders, 88% of settlers were now inside the Annexation and Expansion Wall.

In the same period settlers established new outposts; the total of outposts reached was 205 by the year 2008.

Overall, the number of settlements increased between 1967 and 2008 from 1 settlement in 1967 to 144 in 2008.

Settlers in the Palestinian Territory increased their numbers by more than 40 times during the period 1972-2008. In comparison, the Jews in Historical Palestine area and in other Arab Occupied Territory increased their number by 2 times during the same period.

The Nature of Settling in the Palestinian Territory

In 2008, the number of urban settlements reached 45 in West Bank, 22 of them in Jerusalem Governorate, settlers of this type of settlements represent 88.0% of the total settlers in the West Bank, settlers of this type concentrated in Jerusalem Governorate, then Ramallah & Al-Bireh Governorate, then Bethlehem Governorate, then Qalqiliya Governorate, then Salfit Governorate. There are no urban settlements in Jenin, Tubas, Tulkarm, and Jericho & Al-Aghwar Governorates.

Overwhelming Ideology

Rural Settlement were classified according to the Overwhelming Ideology as: Religious, Secular, Mixed settlements

The settlers' population of rural settlements is distributed among 99 settlements, including 38 religious settlements with a population of 35,300 settlers, 36 secular settlements with a population of 10,526 settlers, and 8 mixed settlements with a population of 7,997 settlers. There are no available data with respect to religious ideology of the remaining settlements.

Chapter One

Introduction

1.1 Introduction

During the ongoing years of occupation, the Israeli Authorities employed their gigantic potentials to change the facts on the ground through the establishment and expansion of the Israeli settlements. Israeli measures continued in war and peace times, within a two-fold strategy of building an Israeli society on the occupied land and of destroying the Palestinian society through separation of the Palestinian communities and formation of cantons.

The preparation and dissemination of documented and updated statistics related to Israeli settlements on the West Bank is extremely needed as a major tool for the decision-makers.

1.2 Report Aims

The main objective of this report is to provide statistical data on the following indicators:

- The number and area of the settlements.
- The settler population in the settlements.

PCBS provides statistical data about Israeli settlements in the West Bank in terms of the demographic features of the settlements in question. The collected data is reference material for analytical studies dealing with the future prospects of the settlements' communities, and a step for developing a comprehensive database with respect to the settlements issue; eventually it will be an information tool in the hands of all those concerned, including strategic planners, decision-makers and researchers.

1.3 Report Structure

This report is divided into five chapters: The first chapter contains the introduction, aims and report structure. The second chapter contains the concepts and definitions in this report. The third chapter defines the main findings of the report. The fourth chapter explains the methodology of collection and tabulation of data. The fifth chapter handles data quality by presenting the main notes on the data and evaluation of this report's data sources.

Chapter Two

Concepts and Definitions

A Settlement

A settlement, which is considered by the Israeli occupation as legal settlement and meets locality conditions. The Israeli Central Bureau of Statistics defines a locality as follows: An inhabited place according to the following criteria:

- 1. Mainly has 20 or more inhabitants.
- 2. Self-ruled.
- 3. Not included in the formal borders of another locality.
- 4. Formally recognized.

In addition to the settlements and Jewish neighborhoods; located in Jerusalem (J1).

Outpost

Civil or semi military building, which is not recognized by Israeli authority. However, the recognition would come later at the politically correct moment. Henceforth, an outpost may become a settlement or a military base.

Occupation Site

Includes settlements, outposts, military settlements, semi-military settlements, agricultural settlements, Israeli industrial areas and Israeli military bases.

Yesha Council

It refers to A council that represents settlers in the Remaining West Bank. Yesha is also the representing body of a number of regional councils.

Regional Council

It's an administrative authority representing a number of settlements.

Built –Up land in the Occupation Site

It refers to all areas of human activity within a settlement including built- up areas, service facilities, public parks, squares, and roads. It excludes any land that is planned for construction according to the master plan of the occupation site or confiscated land to be annexed later to the occupation site.

Urban Settlement

It's a settlement has 2000 or more inhabitants, beside those settlements located inside Jerusalem area (J1), which classified as urban settlements regardless the number of population.

Rural Settlement

It's a settlement has less than 2,000 inhabitants, also includes agricultural localities. Excluding settlements located inside Jerusalem area (J1), which classified as urban settlements regardless the number of population.

Moshav

It refers to a rural settlement organized as a cooperative association, which has the right to agricultural farmland (as defined by the Israel Lands Administration). These settlements consist of family units, each of which is an independent economic entity. Part of the

production and economic administration of the moshav is handled by the cooperative association, and the residents determine the degree of cooperation.

Collective Moshav

It refers to a collective rural settlement where production and marketing are cooperative and consumption is private.

Kibbutz

It refers to a collective rural settlement with cooperative production, marketing, and consumption.

Institutional Settlement

It refers to an institution, which has the characteristics of a settlement but is not within the administrative boundaries of another settlement.

Communal Settlement

It refers to a settlement organized as a cooperative association, which has no right to farmland and its members determine the extents of its cooperative activities concerning production, consumption, municipal, and social activities.

Other Rural Settlement

It's a settlement has less than 2,000 inhabitants and not found in any type of the settlements above.

Geographical Dispersion

This classification divides the West Bank into four areas (strips): the mountain strip, the western hills strip, and greater Jerusalem strip.

Each area includes settlements that share certain similarities in terms of topography, proximity to Palestinian communities and main roads, economic infrastructure, the composition of the population, distance from the Green Line, and the like.

The Eastern Strip: includes the Jordan Valley area and the shores of the Dead Sea (outside the Green Line), as well as the eastern slopes of the mountain range that bisects the entire West Bank from north to south.

The Mountain Strip: the area on or adjacent to the peaks of the mountain range. This area is also known as the watershed line or the mountain-peak area.

The Western Hills Strip: includes the western slopes of the mountain range, and extends to the Green Line to the west.

Greater Jerusalem Strip: this area extends across a wide radius around West Jerusalem. Although in purely geographical terms this area lies mainly in the Mountain Strip, it has unique characteristics that demand separate attention.

Average altitude (Meters)

The average height of land above the level of the Sea (meter) in relation to main population center.

Jerusalem (J1)

Includes that part of Jerusalem, which was annexed forcefully by Israel following its occupation of the West Bank in 1967. This part includes the following localities: (Beit Hanina, Shu'fat Refugees Camp, Shu'fat, Al' Isawiya, Sheikh Jarrah, Wadi Al - Joz, Bab Al-Sahira, As Suwwana, At -Tur, Jerusalem "Al - Quds", Ash - Shayyah, Ras Al-Amud, Silwan, Ath – Thuri, Jabal Al – Mukabbir, As – Sawahira Al – Gharbiya, Beit Safafa, Sharafat, Sur Bahir, and Um Tuba, Kufr A'qab).

Jerusalem (J2)

Includes the remaining parts of the governorate, namely: Rafat, Mikhmas, Qalandya Refugees Camp, the Bedouin Community - Jaba', Qalandya, Beit Duqqu, Jaba', Al – Judeira, Beit Anan, Al-Ram, Dahiat Al-Pareed, Al Al – Jib, Bir Nabala, Beit Ijza, Al – Qubeiba, Khirbet Um Al – Lahem, Biddu, An – Nabi Samu'eil, Hezma, Beit Hanina Al Tehta, Qatanna, Beit Surik, Beit Iksa, A'nata, The Bedouin Community – Al – Khan Al – Ahmar, Az Za'eem, Al – Sawahreh Al – Sharqiyeh, Ash – Sheikh Sa'd, The Bedouin Communites . Al – Eizariya, Abu Deis

Remaining West Bank

Includes the West Bank except that part of Jerusalem which was forcefully Annexed by Israel following its occupation of the West Bank in 1967, i.e. excluding J1 area in Jerusalem governorate.

A set of special symbols was used in the tables of this report

- (-): Nil
- (..): Data not available
- (R): Revised Figures

Main Findings

3.1 Occupation Sites

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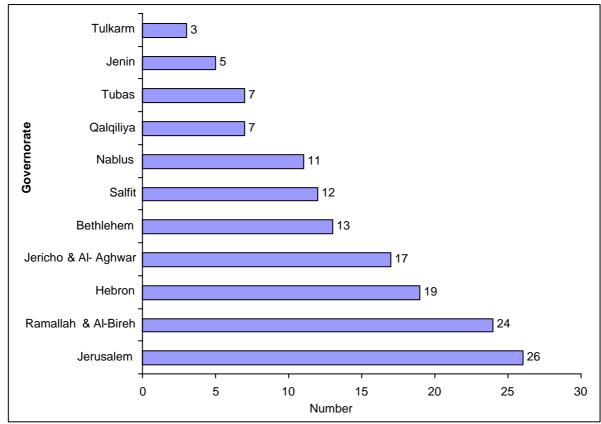


Figure 1: Number of Settlements in the West Bank, by Governorate, 2008

3.2 The Settlers Population

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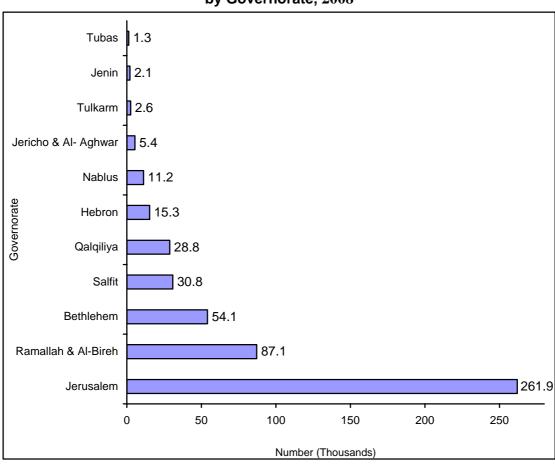


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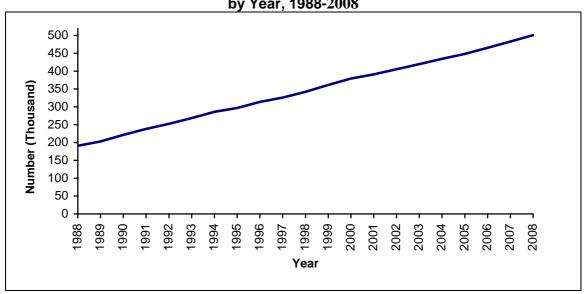


Figure 3: Number of Settlers in the Settlements in the West Bank by Year, 1988-2008

3.3 The Nature of Settling in the West Bank

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In 2008 the data pointed out that there were 99 rural settlements in the West Bank, 54 settlements of them were classified as communal settlements with a population of 44,804 settlers, followed by moshav settlements (17 settlements with a population of 3,471 settlers).

3.4 Geographical Dispersion

Eastern Strip

This strip, at the end of 2008, includes 28 settlements with a population of 5,647 settlers representing 1.1% of all settlers in the West Bank.

Mountain Strip

This strip, at the end of 2008, includes 31 settlements with a population of 42,501 settlers representing 8.5% of all settlers in the West Bank.

Western Hills Strip

This strip, at the end of 2008, includes 48 settlements with a population of 135,878 settlers representing 27.1% of all settlers in the West Bank.

Greater Jerusalem Strip

This strip, at the end of 2008, includes 37 settlements with a population of 316,644 settlers representing 63.3% of all settlers in the West Bank.

Chapter Four

Methodology

This section presents the methodology used in data collection from the different sources: Applied Research Institute-Jerusalem (ARIJ), Israeli Central Bureau of Statistics, The Jerusalem Institute for Israeli Studies, The Israeli Information Center for Human Rights in the Occupied Territories - B'TSELEM.

4.1 Comprehensive

Data of Israeli settlements include all the areas classified by the Official Authority as West Bank, including settlements in J1, and no-man's-land in Ramallah & Al-Bireh Governorate.

Data on Israeli Settlements in the Palestinian Territory Report was prepared depending on the data about occupation sites extracted from the database, which was created to supply data about Israeli settlements in the Palestinian Territory.

4.2 Data Sources

Israeli Settlements Database

Since 2002, PCBS has created and developed a database including all the Israeli settlements in the Palestinian Territory, depending on various data sources, such as the Palestinian Ministry of Planning, in addition to other Palestinian sources and Israeli sources.

This database formed the overall framework for the list of Israeli settlements and associated indicators.

Applied Research Institute-Jerusalem (ARIJ)

Area of occupation sites and outposts were based on data of Applied Research Institute.

It should be noted that the data source of Applied Research Institute data is orthophoto and field research.

Israeli Central Bureau of Statistics

ICBS represents the main source of data on annual population of Israeli settlements and the establishment date of settlements, the type of settlements, Regional Council and institutional affiliations.

It should be noted that this data source represented the Israeli settlements located in the Remaining West Bank only. There is no data on settlements in the Jerusalem area (J1).

The Jerusalem Institute for Israeli Studies

Jerusalem Institute for Israeli Studies represents the main source of data for the settler population of the settlements located in the Jerusalem area (J1).

4.3 Data Processing

The Israeli settlements database contains many fields necessary for the preparation of tables; this database needs to be updated annually, and tables extracted based on the updated results, as follows:

- 1. Updating the database of previous years with regard to the population of each settlement, and the classification of new fields within the category of revised.
- 2. Linking the population of each settlement with a population of attribution and the settlements for which data are available; usually such data is temporary data.
- 3. With regard to settlements that do not have a population of attribution (often those with less than 1000 people), there is a population estimate based on the latest data available, using an assumption for the constant annual growth rate for the last two years for each settlement.
- 4. Re-examining the population of each settlement to change the classification depending on the number of people in attribution, for example, for settlements with a population over 2000, classification can be changed from rural to urban, and all fields related to this classification will be changed.
- 5. After updating the database, a comprehensive audit was done to examine the logic and consistency of the figures compared with previous data
- 6. Matching the results in the database with the results in the original sources and within the same geographic area of comparable data.
- 7. Extraction tables and auditing.

Chapter Five

Data Quality

This section provides the most important points that concern the statistical quality for the data used as sources for this report, "Israeli Settlements in the Palestinian Territory." This depends on the data about occupation sites which was extracted from the database created to supply data about Israeli settlements in the Palestinian Territory, in addition to special technical notes which should be taken into consideration.

5.1 Accuracy of the Data

Area and the number of occupation sites

The data of area and number of occupation sites depend on data from the Applied Research Institute in the comprehensive database for all of the West Bank.

The data on the occupation sites (civil or semi-military occupation sites) could not be distributed by governorate because of differences between their classification and that adopted as the Palestinian official classification.

Number of Population

The number of settlers for the settlements which do not have data about population was estimated based on the assumption of constant annual growth rate of the latest two years according to available data.

Although this estimate is the most accurate, a lack of data is noted from some settlements due to an unexpected surge of settlement, so that the rate of annual growth for some reached 100%.

Naturally, the estimates at the level of governorates are more precise, and will minimize the effect of the anomalous values.

Regarding the general estimates at the level of the West Bank, accuracy of the data was improved to reflect a margin error of \pm 6%.

5.2 Technical Notes

- For the purpose of correlating area with population, a number of settlements in Jerusalem-J1 were joined together in this report. As a result the number of settlements was reduced from 22 settlements in the year 2003 to 16 settlements in years 2004, 2005, 2006 and 2007. It should be emphasized that this decrease does not point in any way to reduction in settlement in that area.
- Data do not include Gaza Strip settlements, because of the Israeli withdrawal from Gaza Strip in 2005.
- There is a lack of inclusiveness of some data from all sources.
- Data derived from the Israel Central Bureau of Statistics publications does not include that part of Jerusalem that was annexed by Israel in 1967, in addition to settlements that were annexed by Israel from Ramallah and al-Bireh or Hebron Governorates.
- The statistics presented in this report are derived from various sources, which are not fully consistent. Therefore it is advisable to take this into consideration when using these statistics.

- The population data of settlements with less than 1000 settlers and the population of settlements in JI area are not available for the year 2007. This data was estimated through calculating the growth ratio of these settlements for the years 2007, 2008, assuming that it equals the growth ratio through the years 2007, 2008.
- Mention should be made to the universality of military bases in the statements of this report, unlike the years 2005-2007.

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