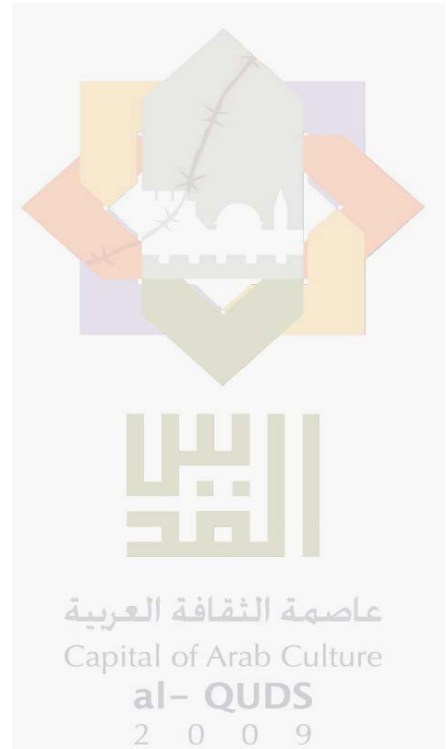
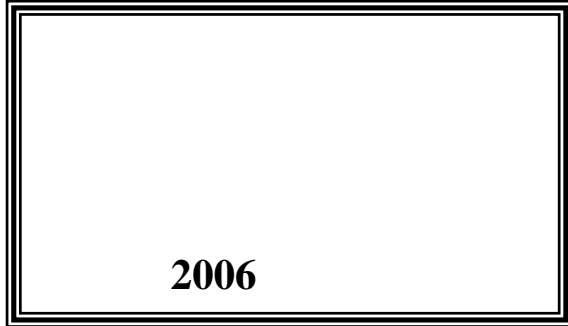




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Tables

Table 1: Main Selected (ICT) Indicators for Selected Years

Indicator	Year				
	2009 %	*2007 %	2006 %	2004 %	
Households that Own Computer	49.2	41.1	32.8	26.4	
Households that Have Access to Internet	28.5	16.9	15.9	9.2	
Households that Own Television	95.7	93.1	95.3	93.4	
Households that Own Video	15.6	..	19.6	24.6	
Households that Own DVD	21.0	..	10.4	..	DVD
Households who Have Satellite Dish	92.0	81.4	80.4	74.4	()
Households who Have Telephone Line	47.5	45.2	50.8	40.8	
Households who Have Mobile Line	92.4	..	81.0	72.8	()
Households with One of Its Members has a Personal Website	9.1	..	5.3	5.1	
Number of Computers Per 100 Inhabitants	9.3	7.9	5.7	..	100
Persons (10 Years and Over) who Use the Computer	57.1	55.4	50.9	35.7	(10)
Persons (10 Years and Over) who Use the Internet	32.3	32.2	18.4	11.9	(10)
Persons (10 Years and Over) who Having E-mail	21.3	..	10.0	5.1	(10)
Persons (10 Years and Over) by Main Purpose Internet Use:					: (10)
For Work	20.3	..	27.8	19.5	
Knowledge Acquisition	85.6	..	86.6	85.4	
For Education	55.3	..	62.9	50.5	
For Entertainment	68.8	..	77.9	59.6	
Communication	53.3	..	60.6	65.1	

*Data Represent West Bank

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Table 2: Percentage of Households Who Have Some (ICT) Tools at Home by Region, 2009

Some (ICT) Tools	Region			
	Gaza Strip	West Bank	Palestinian Territory	
Computer	45.6	51.1	49.2	
Telephone Line	40.0	51.4	47.5	
Internet at Home	30.9	27.2	28.5	
Mobile Phone	93.2	91.9	92.4	
Digital Video Disc (DVD)	5.3	28.9	21.0	
Dish	91.2	92.4	92.0	
TV Set	93.2	97.0	95.7	
Video Player	6.0	20.3	15.6	

Table 3: Percentage Distribution of Households by Availability of Computer, Governorate and Type of Locality, 2009

Governorate and Type of Locality	Total	Availability of Computer	
		Not Available	Available
Palestinian Territory	100	50.8	49.2
West Bank	100	48.9	51.1
Jenin	100	52.0	48.0
Tubas	100	62.6	37.4
Tulkarm	100	41.1	58.9
Nablus	100	44.5	55.5
Qalqiliya	100	44.4	55.6
Salfit	100	44.5	55.5
Ramallah & Al-Bireh	100	47.1	52.9
Jericho & Al-Aghwar	100	53.6	46.4
Jerusalem	100	44.2	55.8
Bethlehem	100	56.6	43.4
Hebron	100	54.2	45.8
Gaza Strip	100	54.4	45.6
North Gaza	100	51.9	48.1
Gaza	100	54.3	45.7
Deir Al-Balah	100	53.5	46.5
Khan Yunis	100	53.7	46.3
Rafah	100	60.8	39.2
Type of Locality	100		
Urban	100	49.7	50.3
Rural	100	56.3	43.7
Camps	100	48.7	51.3

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Table 4: Percentage of Households Who Have Computer by Main Reason For Having Computer and Region, 2009

Main Reason For Having Computer	Region			
	Gaza Strip	West Bank	Palestinian Territory	
Teaching	81.4	85.5	84.3	
Entertainment	86.4	85.5	85.8	
Use in Work	36.9	31.8	33.4	
Use in Internet	67.2	51.2	56.3	
Developing Skills of using Computer	86.5	82.3	83.6	
Other	1.6	1.9	1.8	

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Table 5: Percentage Distribution of Persons (10 Years and Over) by Usage of the Computer and Selected Indicators, 2009

Selected Indicators	Total	Using of the Computer		
		Do not Use	Use	
Region				
Palestinian Territory	100	42.9	57.1	
West Bank	100	42.7	57.3	
Gaza Strip	100	43.2	56.8	
Sex				
Both Sexes	100	42.9	57.1	
Males	100	37.1	62.9	
Females	100	48.7	51.3	
Age				
10 - 14	100	15.5	84.5	14-10
15 - 19	100	15.8	84.2	19-15
20 - 29	100	38.3	61.7	29-20
30 - 39	100	57.4	42.6	39-30
40 - 49	100	68.1	31.9	49-40
50+	100	85.7	14.3	+50
Type of Locality				
Urban	100	41.8	58.2	
Rural	100	47.3	52.7	
Camps	100	42.5	57.5	
Qualification				
Less Than Secondary	100	48.1	51.9	
Secondary and Above	100	29.9	70.1	

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Table 6: Percentage of Persons (10 Years and Over) Who Use the Computer by Governorate, 2009

Governorate	Persons Use Computer	
Palestinian Territory	57.1	
West Bank	57.3	
Jenin	57.1	
Tubas	47.2	
Tulkarm	59.6	
Nablus	58.6	
Qalqiliya	59.7	
Salfit	68.1	
Ramallah & Al-Bireh	60.7	
Jericho & Al-Aghwar	45.5	
Jerusalem	58.5	
Bethlehem	54.3	
Hebron	54.8	
Gaza Strip	56.8	
North Gaza	56.9	
Gaza	56.5	
Deir Al-Balah	50.3	
Khan Yunis	64.4	
Rafah	53.9	

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Table 7: Percentage Distribution of Persons (10 Years and Over) Who Use the Computer by Place of Usage (Most Frequently), and Region, 2009

Place of Usage	Region			
	Gaza Strip	West Bank	Palestinian Territory	
Home	64.4	65.3	64.9	
Work Place	3.1	8.8	6.7	
School\ University	15.1	14.2	14.6	/
Internet Cafes	7.8	4.7	5.8	
Friend's Home	9.0	4.6	6.2	
Sport or Cultural Clubs	-	0.3	0.2	/
Other Places	0.7	2.1	1.6	
Total	100	100	100	

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Table 8: Percentage Distribution of Persons (10 Years and Over) by Status of Use of the Computer, Sex and Region, 2009

Status of Use of Computer and Sex	Region		
	Gaza Strip	West Bank	Palestinian Territory
Both Sexes			
Can use in a good manner	31.9	39.7	36.9
Can use in an acceptable manner	32.3	27.0	28.9
Can not use absolutely	35.8	33.3	34.2
Total	100	100	100
Males			
Can use in a good manner	38.6	43.2	41.5
Can use in an acceptable manner	29.9	28.3	28.9
Can not use absolutely	31.5	28.5	29.6
Total	100	100	100
Females			
Can use in a good manner	25.1	36.1	32.1
Can use in an acceptable manner	34.8	25.6	28.9
Can not use absolutely	40.1	38.3	39.0
Total	100	100	100

Table 9: Percentage Distribution of Households by Availability of Internet at Home, Governorate and Type of Locality, 2009

Governorate and Type of Locality	Total	Availability of Internet		
		Not Available	Available	
Palestinian Territory	100	71.5	28.5	
West Bank	100	72.8	27.2	
Jenin	100	80.5	19.5	
Tubas*	100	88.5	11.5	*
Tulkarm	100	75.7	24.3	
Nablus	100	68.5	31.5	
Qalqiliya	100	72.0	28.0	
Salfit	100	76.7	23.3	
Ramallah & Al-Bireh	100	67.1	32.9	
Jericho & Al-Aghwar*	100	67.7	32.3	*
Jerusalem	100	61.8	38.2	
Bethlehem	100	70.2	29.8	
Hebron	100	81.9	18.1	
Gaza Strip	100	69.1	30.9	
North Gaza	100	69.4	30.6	
Gaza	100	67.6	32.4	
Deir Al-Balah	100	66.9	33.1	
Khan Yunis	100	69.8	30.2	
Rafah	100	74.7	25.3	
Type of Locality				
Urban	100	69.9	30.1	
Rural	100	80.2	19.8	
Camps	100	68.5	31.5	

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Table 10: Percentage Distribution of Households Having Internet at Home by Type of Internet Connection and Region, 2009

Type of Connection	Region المنطقة			
	Gaza Strip	West Bank	Palestinian Territory	
Dial-up	15.5	34.1	27.2	
Asymmetric Digital Subscriber Line (ADSL)	26.4	49.9	41.2	
Satellite	0.2	1.3	0.9	
Integrated Digital Subscriber Line (ISDN)	2.0	0.0	0.8	
Wireless	0.1	6.6	4.2	
Digital Subscriber Line (DSL)	5.5	1.0	2.6	
Don't Know	0.8	1.8	1.3	
Other *	49.5	5.3	21.8	*
Total	100	100	100	المجموع

Other: includes Leased Line, Mobile, and E-Card*

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Table 11: Percentage Distribution of Households by Having any Member Website and Region, 2009

Having Website	Region المنطقة			
	Gaza Strip	West Bank	Palestinian Territory	
Having	6.2	10.6	9.1	
Not Having	92.7	85.7	88.1	
Do not Know	1.1	3.7	2.8	
Total	100	100	100	المجموع

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Table 12: Percentage Distribution of Persons (10 Years and Over) by Usage of the Internet and Selected Indicators, 2009

Selected Indicators	Total	Using of the Internet		
		Do not Use	Use	
Region				
Palestinian Territory	100	67.7	32.3	
West Bank	100	67.3	32.7	
Gaza Strip	100	68.5	31.5	
Sex				
Both Sexes	100	67.7	32.3	
Males	100	61.8	38.2	
Females	100	73.8	26.2	
Age				
10 - 14	100	70.0	30.0	14-10
15 - 19	100	51.5	48.5	19-15
20 - 29	100	54.5	45.5	29-20
30 - 39	100	74.9	25.1	39-30
40 - 49	100	78.0	22.0	49-40
50+	100	92.1	7.9	+50
Type of Locality				
Urban	100	66.2	33.8	
Rural	100	75.1	24.9	
Camps	100	65.5	34.5	

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Table 13: Percentage Distribution of Persons (10 Years and Over) Who Use the Internet by Purpose of Use, 2009

Purpose of Use	Total	Using of the Internet	
		No	Yes
Work	100	79.7	20.3
Documentary Topics and Culture	100	46.1	53.9
Acquisition	100	14.4	85.6
News and Political Issues	100	51.8	48.2
Education	100	44.7	55.3
Entertainment	100	31.2	68.8
Scientific Issues	100	46.7	53.3
Women and family Issues	100	76.6	23.4
Chatting	100	62.9	37.1
Communication	100	46.7	53.3
Financial & Bank Services	100	94.0	6.0
Electronic Commerce	100	95.1	4.9
Spiritual Issues	100	53.2	46.8
Health Issues	100	65.4	34.6
Other	100	98.3	1.7

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Table 14: Percentage Distribution of Persons (10 Years and Over) by Having E-mail, Sex and Region, 2009

Having E-mail and Sex	Region		
	Gaza Strip	West Bank	Palestinian Territory
Both Sexes			
Have	20.0	22.0	21.3
Do not Have	80.0	78.0	78.7
Total	100	100	100
Males			
Have	26.9	27.5	27.3
Do not Have	73.1	72.5	72.7
Total	100	100	100
Females			
Have	13.0	16.4	15.1
Do not Have	87.0	83.6	84.9
Total	100	100	100

Table 15: Percentage of Persons (10 Years and Over) Who Have E-mail by Purpose of Use, Sex and Region, 2009

Purpose of Use and Sex	Region		
	Gaza Strip	West Bank	Palestinian Territory
Both Sexes			
E-mail	95.7	91.8	93.1
Work	15.9	26.1	22.6
Education	39.1	42.5	41.3
Electronic Commerce	0.4	6.6	4.5
Other	0.0	1.2	0.8
Males			
E-mail	96.0	92.3	93.7
Work	19.4	29.9	26.1
Education	36.7	40.0	38.9
Electronic Commerce	0.6	8.7	5.8
Other	0.0	1.4	0.9
Females			
E-mail	95.2	90.8	92.2
Work	8.6	19.6	16.2
Education	44.1	46.6	45.8
Electronic Commerce	0.0	3.2	2.2
Other	0.0	0.9	0.6

0.0 : Means the percentage is less than 0.05

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Table 16: Percentage Distribution of Persons (10 Years and Over) by Having Mobile Phone, Governorate and Type of Locality, 2009

Governorate and Type of Locality	Total	Having Mobile		
		Do not Have	Have	
Palestinian Territory	100	45.7	54.3	
West Bank	100	42.6	57.4	
Jenin	100	40.9	59.1	
Tubas	100	43.2	56.8	
Tulkarm	100	42.1	57.9	
Nablus	100	40.1	59.9	
Qalqiliya	100	47.6	52.4	
Salfit	100	46.1	53.9	
Ramallah & Al-Bireh	100	40.3	59.7	
Jericho & Al-Aghwar*	100	26.1	73.9	*
Jerusalem	100	31.9	68.1	
Bethlehem	100	49.8	50.2	
Hebron	100	51.0	49.0	
Gaza Strip	100	51.1	48.9	
North Gaza	100	45.7	54.3	
Gaza	100	53.2	46.8	
Deir Al-Balah	100	45.2	54.8	
Khan Yunis	100	55.4	44.6	
Rafah	100	53.0	47.0	
Type of Locality				
Urban	100	44.2	55.8	
Rural	100	51.7	48.3	
Camps	100	46.0	54.0	

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Table 17: Percentage Distribution of Persons (10 Years and Over) by Having Mobile Phone and Selected Indicators, 2009

Selected Indicators	Total	Have Mobile Phone امتلاك هاتف خلوي		
		Do not Have	Have	
Region				
Palestinian Territory	100	45.7	54.3	
West Bank	100	42.6	57.4	
Gaza Strip	100	51.1	48.9	
Sex	100			
Both Sexes	100	45.7	54.3	
Males	100	33.3	66.7	
Females	100	58.4	41.6	
Age				
10 - 14	100	91.2	8.8	14-10
15 - 19	100	58.5	41.5	19-15
20 - 29	100	21.5	78.5	29-20
30 - 39	100	21.6	78.4	39-30
40 - 49	100	30.1	69.9	49-40
50+	100	53.1	46.9	+50
Type of Locality				
Urban	100	44.2	55.8	
Rural	100	51.7	48.3	
Camps	100	46.0	54.0	
Qualification				
Less Than Secondary	100	57.4	42.6	
Secondary and Above	100	17.4	82.6	

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Table 18: Percentage Distribution of Persons (10 Years and Over) by Availability of Mobile Phone and Sex, 2009

Sex	Region		
	Gaza Strip	West Bank	Palestinian Territory
Both Sexes			
Available	48.9	57.4	54.3
Not Available	51.1	42.6	45.7
Total	100	100	100
Males			
Available	62.4	69.2	66.7
Not Available	37.6	30.8	33.3
Total	100	100	100
Females			
Available	35.1	45.3	41.6
Not Available	64.9	54.7	58.4
Total	100	100	100

Table 19: Percentage Distribution of Households Having TV Set by Availability of Satellite Dish, Governorate and Type of Locality, 2009

Governorate and Type of Locality	Total	Availability of Satellite Dish		
		Not Available	Available	
Palestinian Territory	100	8.0	92.0	
West Bank	100	7.6	92.4	
Jenin	100	7.9	92.1	
Tubas	100	18.2	81.8	
Tulkarm	100	18.1	81.9	
Nablus	100	6.9	93.1	
Qalqiliya	100	2.4	97.6	
Salfit	100	4.4	95.6	*
Ramallah & Al-Bireh	100	4.5	95.5	
Jericho & Al-Aghwar	100	5.6	94.4	*
Jerusalem	100	3.7	96.3	
Bethlehem	100	12.0	88.0	
Hebron	100	8.2	91.8	
Gaza Strip	100	8.8	91.2	
North Gaza	100	11.2	88.8	
Gaza	100	5.4	94.6	
Deir Al-Balah	100	13.6	86.4	
Khan Yunis	100	11.4	88.6	
Rafah	100	4.5	95.5	
Type of Locality				
Urban	100	7.3	92.7	
Rural	100	10.3	89.7	
Camps	100	9.5	90.5	

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Table 20: Percentage Distribution of Households by Availability of Telephone Line, (Not Mobile Phone), Governorate and Type of Locality, 2009

Governorate and Type of Locality	Total	Availability of Telephone Line		
		Not Available	Available	
Palestinian Territory	100	52.5	47.5	
West Bank	100	48.6	51.4	
Jenin	100	51.5	48.5	
Tubas	100	77.4	22.6	
Tulkarm	100	48.3	51.7	
Nablus	100	42.1	57.9	
Qalqiliya	100	55.5	44.5	
Salfit	100	54.8	45.2	
Ramallah & Al-Bireh	100	34.4	65.6	
Jericho & Al-Aghwar*	100	47.3	52.7	*
Jerusalem	100	38.2	61.8	
Bethlehem	100	49.3	50.7	
Hebron	100	62.9	37.1	
Gaza Strip	100	60.0	40.0	
North Gaza	100	63.7	36.3	
Gaza	100	56.5	43.5	
Deir Al-Balah	100	61.7	38.3	
Khan Yunis	100	55.5	44.5	
Rafah	100	70.5	29.5	
Type of Locality				
Urban	100	50.1	49.9	
Rural	100	58.4	41.6	
Camps	100	60.2	39.8	

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Table 21: Percentage of Households in the West Bank Who Have Computer by Governorate and Type of Locality, 2007

Governorate and Type of Locality	Availability of Computer	
West Bank	42.2	
Jenin	38.5	
Tubas	41.1	
Tulkarm	45.5	
Nablus	47.5	
Qalqiliya	40.3	
Salfit	49.9	
Ramallah & Al-Bireh	45.7	
Jericho & Al-Aghwar	28.2	
Jerusalem*	40.6	*
Bethlehem	40.3	
Hebron	39.2	
Type of Local		
Urban	45.1	
Rural	36.3	
Camps	39.1	

* : Data for Jerusalem do not Include J1

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Table 22: Percentage of Households in the West Bank that Have Access to Internet at Home by Governorate and Type of Locality, 2007

Governorate and Type of Locality	Availability of Internet	
West Bank	16.4	
Jenin	12.6	
Tubas	11.3	
Tulkarm	17.6	
Nablus	20.7	
Qalqiliya	14.4	
Salfit	18.2	
Ramallah & Al-Bireh	24.6	
Jericho & Al-Aghwar	11.3	
Jerusalem*	13.1	*
Bethlehem	19.1	
Hebron	11.3	
Type of Locality		
Urban	18.2	
Rural	12.4	
Camps	14.4	

* : Data for Jerusalem do not Include J1

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Table 23: Percentage of Households in the West Bank Who Have Satellite Dish by Governorate and Type of Locality, 2007

Governorate and Type of Locality	Availability of Satellite Dish	
West Bank	81.4	
Jenin	79.8	
Tubas	76.7	
Tulkarm	78.9	
Nablus	87.1	
Qalqiliya	85.0	
Salfit	90.2	
Ramallah & Al-Bireh	87.8	
Jericho & Al-Aghwar	76.6	
Jerusalem*	71.6	*
Bethlehem	74.2	
Hebron	79.9	
Type of Locality		
Urban	82.7	
Rural	78.6	
Camps	80.0	

* : Data for Jerusalem do not Include J1

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Table 24: Percentage Distribution of Persons in the West Bank (10 Years and Over) Who Use the Computer by Governorate, 2007

Governorate	استخدام الحاسوب Using of the Computer	
West Bank	44.2	
Jenin	43.0	
Tubas	48.7	
Tulkarm	47.7	
Nablus	45.9	
Qalqiliya	42.2	
Salfit	49.3	
Ramallah & Al-Bireh	44.8	
Jericho & Al-Aghwar	34.9	
Jerusalem*	40.5	*
Bethlehem	42.7	
Hebron	43.6	

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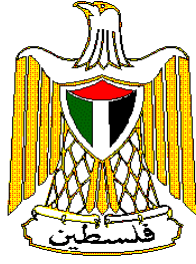
Table 25: Percentage Distribution of Palestinians(5 years and Above) in the West Bank by place of Using Computer, Governorate and Sex, 2007

Governorate and Sex	Total	Place of Using Computer					
		Not Stated	None	Both	Outside Home	At Home	
West Bank	100	0.6	56.2	10.8	11.7	20.7	
Jenin	100	1.0	57.5	10.6	12.5	18.4	
Tubas	100	0.2	52.9	13.9	14.8	18.3	
Tulkarm	100	0.3	52.2	11.9	11.5	24.1	
Nablus	100	0.4	53.8	10.8	10.2	24.8	
Qalqiliya	100	0.5	57.9	9.8	12.1	19.7	
Salfit	100	0.3	51.4	12.0	9.9	26.4	
Ramallah & Al-Bireh	100	0.6	55.5	14.8	10.9	18.2	
Jericho & Al-Aghwar	100	1.3	65.7	7.3	13.1	12.6	
Jerusalem*	100	1.9	58.6	9.6	9.8	20.1	*
Bethlehem	100	0.6	58.4	10.9	11.7	18.4	
Hebron	100	0.5	57.4	8.9	12.7	20.5	
Sex							
Males	100	0.6	52.0	12.8	12.8	21.8	
Females	100	0.5	60.6	8.8	10.5	19.6	

* : Data for Jerusalem do not include J1

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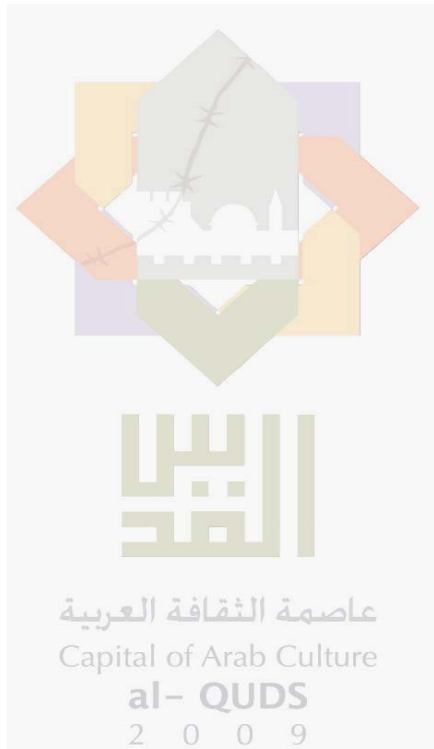
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Preface

Since its establishment in 1993, the Palestinian Central Bureau of Statistics (PCBS) has been trying its best to provide basic official statistics to Palestinian officials and members of the public on most aspects of the Palestinian life in the West Bank and Gaza Strip.

Within the frame of PCBS' efforts in providing official Palestinian Statistics, and because of the wide spread of Information and Communications Technologies (ICT) mainly; Computer, the Internet, and Mobile Phone among the Palestinian people, and the important role they play in permeating and spreading knowledge and culture and their contribution in formulating the public opinion, PCBS prepared a report on ICT Access Among Households and Individuals, 2007-2009 which based on Population, Housing Establishment Census 2007 and Household Culture Survey 2009.

Data presented in this report include many indicators relevant to many subjects related to Computer, Internet, Mobile Phone, expenditures on (ICT) services available to households and individuals, mass media use (audio-visual or written mass media).

The Palestinian Central Bureau of Statistics hopes that this report will enable planners and decision makers to carry out their duties of caring and promoting the (ICT) sector in the Palestinian Territory; and, enlighten decision and policy makers engaged in the comprehensive national development process in the country.

October, 2009

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Executive Summary

- The percentage of households with a computer in the Palestinian Territory 49.2%, of which 51.1% in the West Bank and 45.6% in Gaza Strip in the year 2009, compared with 26.4% of households that have a computer in the Palestinian Territory in 2004. With regard to connectivity, the results show that 28.5% of households in the Palestinian Territory to have an Internet connection, of which 27.2% in the West Bank and 30.9% in Gaza Strip in the year 2009, compared with 9.2% of households in the Palestinian Territory have an Internet connection for the year 2004.
- Results revealed that 84.3% of the households who have a computer, indicated that the main purpose for having it is for learning, while 85.8% for entertainment purposes, 33.4% for work, 83.6% for improving skills of using the computer, 56.3% for access to Internet, and finally 1.8% for other purposes in the year 2009.
- Furthermore, the findings revealed regarding the purpose of using the Internet that 85.6% use the Internet to access knowledge, and 55.3% use the Internet for study purposes and for communication purposes 53.3%, and 68.8% use the Internet for fun and entertainment, while the percentage of individuals who use the Internet to work is 20.3% in the year 2009. When comparing the purpose of using the Internet to individuals in 2004 with the year 2009, the results were almost closed.

Chapter One

Introduction

PCBS publishes official statistical data to decision makers on different fields in the Palestinian society. Accordingly, it carried out several surveys and statistical reports on different categories of the Palestinian society, one of which is this report on ICT Access Among Households and Individuals, 2007-2009, which based mainly on Households Culture Survey 2009 and Population, Housing Establishment Census 2007 (PHC-2007).

1.1 Household Culture Survey 2009

PCBS collected some ICT indicators for the year 2009 emerged with Culture Survey 2009, which conducted during the period 05/05/2009 - 18/06/2009, with a random sample of 5,608 households (4,049 households in the West Bank and 1,559 households in Gaza Strip) in addition to households the survey targeted individuals 10 years and over.

The main objective of this survey is to provide statistical data on Information and Communication Technology for the Palestinian Households in the Palestinian Territory, the specific objectives can be summarized in the following:-

The possession of PCs, TV sets, telecommunication means and satellite dish
Access to the Internet.
Prevalence of computers and access to the Internet.
Possession and Use of Recreation Devices.

1.2 Population, Housing Establishment Census 2007

The PHC-2007 is the second census conducted in the Palestinian Territory. It is the largest and the most inclusive statistical operation conducted to obtain statistical data necessary for socioeconomic planning and monitoring. Given the great importance of this census, the Council of Ministers issued specific decisions at its meeting convened in Ramallah on 16/12/2006 regarding carrying out the Population, Housing and Establishments Census-2007. These decisions set the geographical scope of the census and establishing the national committees assigned to supervise the implementation.

The census is one of the pillars of the official statistical system; accordingly, all sectors of society and its private and governmental institutions were requested to support the national team which has the responsibility for planning and conducting the census activities.

The main objective of the PHC-2007 is to provide figures for the Palestinian population and their geographical distribution in accordance with a number of relatively stable basic characteristics to inform socioeconomic development purposes. Preparations for conducting censuses take usually 3-5 years for piloting, testing tools, work plans, human and physical needs and timetable. The census is one of the most important statistical activities as it provides statistical data on the distribution of population, and their demographic, social and economic characteristics in a certain reference period of time for all the individuals within the borders of the state.

1.3 Report structure

This report includes three chapters in addition to the preface. Chapter One is a general introduction about the subject of the survey, its objectives and structure of the report. Chapter Two displays concepts and definitions used in the survey. Chapter Three sets forth the main results of the report.

Chapter Two

Concepts and Definitions

Asymmetric Digital Subscriber Line (ADSL):

A form of DSL, a data communications technology tool, that enables data transmission over copper telephone lines faster than a conventional modem.

Computer Use:

It is defined for this survey's purposes as the basic uses of the computer (during the last twelve months) such as: opening the computer and files as well, create, copy, paste, and saving files.

Dial-up Internet Access:

It is a form of Internet access via telephone line. The client uses a modem connected to a computer and a telephone line to dial into an Internet service provider's (ISP) node to establish a modem-to-modem link, which is then routed to the Internet.

Digital Subscriber Line DSL):

It is an Internet connection via modem and dial-up software utilizing the Public Switch Telecommunications Network (PSTN).

E-mail:

It is a means for exchanging messages, texts and attached files among internet or intranet users.

E-Commerce:

It is the conducting of business communication and transactions over computer networks and through individual computers linked to the Word Wide Web. Strictly defined, e-commerce is the buying and selling of goods and services, and the transfer of funds, through digital communications.

Household

One person or a group of persons with or without a family relationship who live in the same dwelling unit, share meals and make joint provisions for food and other essentials of living.

Household Membership

Persons staying in the dwelling unit at the time of an interview are considered members of the household if (1) the dwelling unit is their usual or only place of residence or (2) a place of residence is maintained for them here and elsewhere, but they spend most of their time in this residence.

Information Technology and Communications (ICT):

It is used to describe the tools and the process to access, retrieve, store, organize manipulate, produce present and exchange information by electronic and other manual automated means.

Internet:

A worldwide public computer network. Organizations and persons can connect their computers to this network and exchange information across a country and/or across the world. Internet provides access to a number of communication services including the World Wide Web and carries email, news, entertainment and data files.

Internet Use:

It is defined for this survey purposes as the basic uses of the Internet (during the last twelve months) like: access to certain sites, reading newsletters, and download files or programs from the web.

Integrated Services Digital Network (ISDN):

A digital access technique for both voice and data. This is a digital alternative to an analog public switched telephone service and carries data or voltages consisting of discrete steps or levels, as opposed to continuously variable analog data. ISDN enables digital transmission over the PSTN.

Satellite:

A satellite stationed in geosynchronous orbit that acts as a microwave relay station, receiving signals sent from a ground-based station, amplifying them, and retransmitting them on a different frequency to another ground-based station. Satellites can be used for high-speed transmission of computer data.

Website:

Location on the World Wide Web identified by a web address. Collection of web files on a particular subject that includes a beginning file called a home page. Information is encoded with specific languages (Hypertext mark-up language (HTML), XML, Java) readable with a Web browser, like Netscape's Navigator or Microsoft's Internet Explorer.

Chapter Three

Main Findings

3.1 Access and penetration to Information and Communications Technology Tools

Data showed that the percentage of households who own computer amounted to 49.2%, with 51.1% in the West Bank and 45.6% in Gaza Strip in the year 2009, compared with 26.4% of households that have a computer in the Palestinian Territory in 2004. As for access to the Internet, the findings indicated that 28.5% of the Palestinian households in the Palestinian Territory have access to Internet, with 27.2% in the West Bank against 30.9% in Gaza Strip in the year 2009, compared with 9.2% of households in the Palestinian Territory have an Internet connection for the year 2004.

The percentage of households own TV sets amounted to 95.7%; with 97.0% in the West Bank against 93.2% in Gaza Strip in the year 2009, while the percentage of households own satellite dish in the Palestinian Territory is 92.0%; with 92.4% in the West Bank against 91.2% in Gaza Strip in the year 2009. Likewise, the findings indicated that 47.5% of the Palestinian households in the Palestinian Territory have a fixed phone line in the year 2009. The findings also indicated that 92.4% of the Palestinian households comprises at least one member who possess a mobile phone, with 91.9% in the West Bank against 93.2% in Gaza Strip in the year 2009.

The findings also indicated that 54.3% of Persons aged 10 years and over own a mobile phone, with 57.4% in the West Bank against 48.9% in Gaza Strip in the year 2009.

3.2 Use of the Computer

Results revealed that 84.3% of the households who have a computer, indicated that the main purpose for having it is for learning purposes, while 85.8% for entertainment purposes, 33.4% for work purposes, 83.6% for improving skills of using the computer, 56.3% for access to Internet, and finally 1.8% for other purposes in the year 2009.

The data showed that 57.1% of persons (aged 10 years and over) use the computer, with 57.3% in the West Bank against 56.8% in Gaza Strip. While among females and males, the data revealed that 62.9% of males use the computer against 51.3% for females. Also the findings indicated that “home” constitutes the most common place for using the computer (64.9%), 14.6% use it at school or university, 6.7% at work, 5.8% at Internet coffee, and finally 1.6% at other places in the year 2009.

3.3 Use of the Internet

The data revealed that 32.3% of the persons (10 years and over) use the Internet. this percentage considerably varies between males and females (38.2% and 26.2%, respectively) in the year 2009.

Furthermore, the findings revealed regarding the purpose of using the Internet, that 85.6% use the Internet to access knowledge, and 55.3% use the Internet for study purposes and for communication purposes 53.3%, and 68.8% use the Internet for fun and entertainment, while the percentage of individuals who use the Internet to work is 20.3% in the year 2009. When comparing the purpose of using the Internet to individuals in 2004 with the year 2009, the results were almost closed.

As for having e-mail, the findings indicated that 21.3% of persons aged 10 years and over have e-mail, with 22.0% in the West Bank against 20.0% in Gaza Strip, with a noticeable variation between males and females, (27.3% and 15.1% respectively). Also, the data revealed that 93.1% of the e-mail owners use the e-mail for personal mailing, with 91.8% in the West Bank against 95.7% in Gaza Strip in the year 2009.

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