

Palestinian Central Bureau of Statistics (PCBS)

Press Release on the Results of the Economic Establishments 2007

PCBS released the final results of the economic census conducted in the conjunction in population census late 2007

The census results reveal that the total number of establishments in the Remaining West Bank and Gaza Strip is 132,874 with 94,205 of them in the Remaining West Bank (70.9%) and 38,669 in Gaza Strip (29.1%).

The total number of operating establishments in the Remaining West Bank and Gaza Strip is 116,804, distributed as 82,871 in the Remaining West Bank and 33,933 in Gaza Strip; 3,657 are completely closed establishments; 2,796 of them in the Remaining West Bank and 861 in Gaza Strip. The total number of establishments under preparation is 638; 498 of them in the Remaining West Bank and 140 in Gaza Strip. The total number of auxiliary units is 6,645; 4,818 of them in the Remaining West Bank and 1,827 in Gaza Strip, and temporarily closed is 5,130 ; 3,222 of them in the Remaining West Bank and 1,908 in Gaza Strip.

Hebron governorate has the highest number of establishments with 17,661, followed by Nablus governorate with 14,582 establishments and Gaza governorate with 14,053. Jericho and Al-Aghwar governorate has the lowest number of establishments with 1,388 establishments.

90.6% of the enumerated establishments belong to the private sector while 5.0% are governmental sector, 3.3% are non governmental organizations. The establishments belonging to local authorities, UNRWA and international organization constitute 1.1%.

The census results indicated that the main economic activity of 54.0% of the establishments is wholesale, retail trade and repairs, while 14.0% of the establishments is manufacturing .

The total number of persons engaged in establishments that are operating in the private sector, non governmental organization sector and government companies is 296,965 in the Remaining West Bank and Gaza Strip, 81.4% of them are males and 18.6% are females, 70.6% of the workers in establishments are in the Remaining West Bank while 29.4% are in Gaza Strip.

The results of the census indicated that the total number of establishments in 2007 increased by 13.4% compared to the 2004 census, and by 34.1% compared to the 1997 census.

The total number of establishments increased in all economic activities except construction activities and electricity and water supply activities, which decreased with 10.9%, 6.5% respectively compared to the 2004 census, while the largest rise was in mining and quarrying activities, which rose by 41.7%.