

Palestinian Central Bureau of Statistics released the results of the annual report on transportation and communication statistics in the Palestinian Territory, 2006

The transportation and communication sector contributed 5.7% of the total job opportunities in the Palestinian Territory in 2006. The total road network length was 5,146.9 km out of which the 764.4 Km bypass roads, the number of subscribers of Jawwal cellular phone was 821,800.

The Palestinian Central Bureau of Statistics is pleased to release the main findings of the transportation and communication statistics for the year 2006. This release aims to give the public an overall idea of the most important indicators, mainly on the components of the transportation system. A major component is land transport which covers roads and their length, bypass roads which were built by the Israeli authorities to serve the Israeli settlements, vehicles by type, in addition to other indicators like driving schools, number of garages, number of road accidents and casualties resulting from those accidents.

The report also shows the main indicators of the air transport sector, which covers the departure and arrival flights from Gaza International Airport. The report presents figures on post office and telecommunication including number of international mail received and dispatched, and the main elements of telecommunication including main telephone lines and, telephone calls and their lengths, number of subscribers of Jawwal cellular phone, Internet service and number of internet cafés.

The number of licensed vehicles in Remaining West Bank (West Bank, excluding those parts of Jerusalem which were annexed by Israel in 1967) and Gaza Strip in 2006 was 116,646, compared to 135,359 vehicles in 2005, with a decrease by 13.8%. The number of registered road accidents amount to 3,509, and the number of casualties resulting from those accidents reached 6,026.

The number of international mail received totaled to 520,972 postal materials, and the international dispatched mail was 86,633 postal materials, and the domestic mail in RWBGS was 3 million postal materials. The number of main telephone lines at the end of 2006 was 321,999 lines compared to 337,025 lines in 2005 with a decrease by 4.5%. The monthly average number of telephone calls in RWBGS was 45.2 million call, and the monthly average total length of telephone calls was 117.7 million minutes.