

Palestinian Central Bureau of Statistics Issuing the

Statistical Abstract of Palestine No. (6) 9.6 Million the Number of Palestinians in the Mid of the Year 2004

The sixth statistical abstract is one of a series that the PCBS used to issue periodically, this yearbook is one of an important reports which constitute a comprehensive statistical reference, and a continuous time series in different fields, and summarizes statistical data in one book in various aspects of life in the Palestinian Territory along with available statistics on Palestinian all over the world.

This Yearbook presents the Palestinian demographic, social and economic conditions in year 2004 in three main chapters, the first chapter discusses the most prominent characteristics of Palestinians in the Diaspora, the second chapter discusses the conditions of Palestinians in Israel, and the third chapter addresses the conditions of the Palestinians in the Palestinian Territory.

The data of the yearbook depends mainly on different surveys that were conducted by PCBS in the year 2004, this data has been used for making comparisons among different indicators for the same source, and among the same indicator from different sources, in addition to the estimation and measurements in some aspects on survey data. The data was derived from administrative records for public institutions, and from field surveys that were implemented in the Palestinian localities in Diaspora, in addition to the UNRWA records, and other statistical sources which cover the Palestinian situation in their existence places, the most outstanding results were as following:

The total number of Palestinian population in the world in the mid year 2004 was estimated by 9.6 millions, of which; 4.9 millions in diaspora, 1.1 million in Israel, and 3.6 millions in the Palestinian Territory.

1. Palestinians in Diaspora:

- **Education:** In the scholastic year 2003/2004, the total number of UNRWA schools in Jordan, Syria, and Lebanon was 387 schools, with 5,978 classes, 7,612 teachers, and 241,629 students.
- **Labor:** In 2000, the labor force participation rate for persons aged 15 years and over in Jordan, and Syria was 40.9%, 49.3% respectively, while it was 42.3% in Lebanon in 1999.

2. Palestinians in Israel:

- **Education:** The number of Arabic schools in Israel was 693 schools for the various stages in the scholastic year 2004\2005, with 11,526 classes, 431,317 students, and 27,741 teachers.
- **Labor:** In 2004, the labor force participation rate for Palestinian persons aged 15-64 years in Israel was 41.2%, and the unemployment rate was 10.8%.

3. Palestinians in Palestinian Territory (West Bank and Gaza Strip):

- **Land:** The area of the Palestinian Territory is 6,020 km². The number of Israeli settlements is 165, in year 2004, the area of built-up land in Israeli Settlements in West Bank was 187.3 km² as in Aug. 2004 and in Gaza Strip was 27.8 km² as in June 2004.
- **Education:** In the scholastic year 2004/2005 the total number of schools and kindergartens in the Palestinian Territory was 3,093 (excluding The schools and kindergartens supervised by Israeli municipality and culture committee in Jerusalem Governorate). Average number of pupils per teacher was 26.8 students in all stages. Literacy rate among Palestinian population 15 years and over reached 92.3% in year 2004; 96.5% for males and 88.0% for females.
- **Culture:** In the year 2004, the total number of mosques in Palestinian Territory 1,900 mosques, and 978 quran houses, there were 6 museums, 62 cultural centers, 5 theatres, and 2 cinemas.
- **Health:** The total number of hospitals in Palestinian Territory was 74 hospitals, involving 5,108 beds, in year 2004. The infant mortality rate in the Palestinian Territory was 24.2, the under-five mortality rate reached 28.3 for period 1999-2003. Life expectancy at birth in the Palestinian Territory was 71.4 years for males and 72.9 years for females, in year 2004.
- **Housing and Housing Conditions:** The total number of housing units in the Palestinian Territory in 1997 was 466,651 housing units, 85.2% of them are residential only, the percentage of households owned their housing units in 2004 was 82.9%, and average housing density was 1.8 persons.
- **Labor:** In 2004, the labor force participation rate for persons aged 15 years and over was 40.4%, and the unemployment rate was 26.8%.
- **Transportation and Communications:** The road network length in the Palestinian Territory bypass including roads in 2004 was 4,995.9 km (excluding those parts of Jerusalem which were annexed forcefully by Israel in 1967), the number of licensed road vehicles for 2004 was 122,814 vehicles thereof 85,858 private cars.
- **Constructions:** In 2004, 5,008 building licenses were issued with total area 2,025.8 thousand m².
- **Tourism:** At the end of 2004, the total number of hotels in the Palestinian Territory was 80 hotels, the number of available rooms 3,554 rooms, and number of available beds was 7,575 beds.
- **National Accounts:** The Gross Domestic Product per Capita in the Remaining West Bank and Gaza Strip was USD 1,272.3, the Gross National Income per Capita was USD 1,374.3, the Gross National Disposable Income per Capita was USD 1,831.4, for the year 2003 and in at constant prices.