

## **Palestinian Central Bureau of Statistics released the results of the annual report on transportation and communication statistics in the Palestinian Territory, 2004**

**The transportation and communication sector contributed 5.4% of the total job opportunities in Palestinian Territory in 2004. The total road network length was 4,996 km out of which the 819 Km bypass roads, the number of subscribers of Jawwal cellular phone was 436,628.**

The Palestinian Central Bureau of Statistics is pleased to release the main findings of the transportation and communication statistics for the year 2004. 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. Also 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 2004 was 122,814, compared to 105,774 vehicles in 2003, with an increase by 16.1%. The number of registered road accidents amount to 4,722, and the number of casualties resulting from those accidents reached 5,107.

The number of international mail received totaled to 641,769 postal materials, and the international dispatched mail was 95,943 postal materials, and the domestic mail in RWBGS was 3 million postal materials. The number of main telephone lines at the end of 2004 was 271,458 lines compared to 243,494 lines in 2003 with an increase by 11.5%. The monthly average number of telephone calls in RWBGS was 33.9 million call, and the monthly average total length of telephone calls was 125.7 million minutes.

The number of subscribers of internet service was 39,015 through 9 companies providing the internet service.