

Palestinian Central Bureau of Statistics released the results of the annual report on transportation and communication statistics in the Palestinian Territory, 2005

The transportation and communication sector contributed 5.7% of the total job opportunities in the Palestinian Territory in 2005. The total road network length was 6,285 km out of which the 974 Km bypass roads, the number of subscribers of Jawwal cellular phone was 567,584.

The Palestinian Central Bureau of Statistics is pleased to release the main findings of the transportation and communication statistics for the year 2005. 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 2005 was 135,359, compared to 122,814 vehicles in 2004, with an increase by 10.2%. The number of registered road accidents amount to 5,628, and the number of casualties resulting from those accidents reached 6,667.

The number of international mail received totaled to 581,013 postal materials, and the international dispatched mail was 96,669 postal materials, and the domestic mail in RWBGS was 3 million postal materials. The number of main telephone lines at the end of 2005 was 337,025 lines compared to 271,458 lines in 2004 with an increase by 24.2%. The monthly average number of telephone calls in RWBGS was 48.2 million call, and the monthly average total length of telephone calls was 123.9 million minutes.