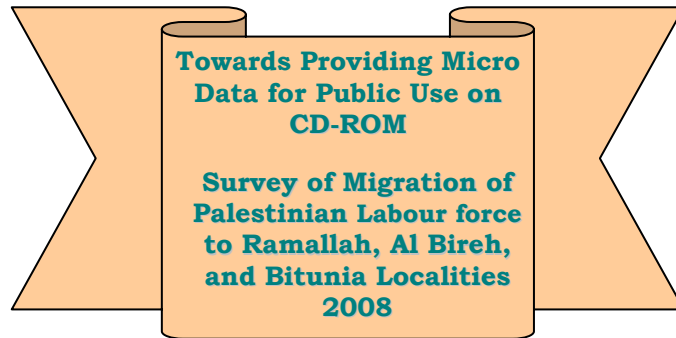




Palestinian Central Bureau of Statistics



Recognizing its scientific mission that aims to disseminate the statistical figure and ensure its use by all concerned parties who are interested in the use of the best dissemination techniques and methods, the Palestinian Central Bureau of Statistics (PCBS) provides the qualified data of the Survey of the Migration of Palestinian Labour force to Ramallah, Al Bireh, and Bitunia Localities 2008 on a CD-ROM for public use. The topics include household members' data, employed characteristics, migrants, migrants abroad, and living conditions.

Summary of the Survey of the Migration of Palestinian Labour force to Ramallah, Al Bireh, and Bitunia Localities 2008:

Accurate and up-to-date statistics are necessary for policy making at all levels. PCBS has always sought to adhere to the internationally acknowledged standards and concepts in the area of statistical research and collection of information taking into consideration the special

situation of the Palestinian society. It is worth noting that the absence of such standards and concepts from the Palestinian arena during the years of occupation led to wasting resources in desperate attempts to collect information from the field and measure variables as they were. Despite achieving few successes, most of the field efforts during the past years failed to achieve the desired results.

The significance of the data of the Survey of the Migration of Palestinian Labour force to Ramallah, Al Bireh, and Bitunia Localities 2008:

The Survey aims to achieve the following objectives:

- Identify the characteristics of the employed migrants
- Define the economic limitations for the internal Labour force migration
- Analyze the economic impacts of the internal Labour force migration through explaining its impact on:
 - o Macroeconomic variables such as its impact on the agriculture sector, the private sector, constructions, services, and size of investment.
 - o The labor market with respect to impact on supply and demand for work, wage levels, and impact on structural changes in the labor market.
 - o The employed migrants workers with respect to the living standard, type of economic activity, wage level...etc.
 - o The relationship between unemployment rates and internal migration.
 - o Demographic changes at targeted areas.

Type and size of data:

The qualified data provide household members' data, employed characteristics, the characteristics of the migrants to Ramallah, Al Bireh, and Bitunia localities, migrants abroad, and the living conditions. The data cover 850 households.

The entire households living in Ramallah, Al Bireh, and Bitunia localities were taken into consideration upon the designing of the sample. However, the focus was on the migrant households and individuals who arrived to the localities in question from outside of their boundaries.

Beneficiaries:

Many institutions are expected to benefit from the data including the Ministry of Planning, the Ministry of Labor, the Ministry of Women's Affairs, the NGOs, research centers, scholars, and universities.

Data confidentiality:

The collected data of the Survey of the Migration of Palestinian Labour force to Ramallah, Al Bireh, and Bitunia Localities 2008, include private individual data. Data confidentiality has been taken into consideration in line with the General Statistics Law of 2000, Article 17, paragraph one, which stipulates that "All individual information and data, provided to PCBS for statistical purposes are confidential. They shall not be viewed by any individual, public or private commission, or used for purposes other than preparing statistical tables."

How to Obtain Micro Data for Public Use:

The aforementioned database shall be accessible by institutions and individuals. To obtain a copy of the Micro data from the Migration of Palestinian Labour force to Ramallah, Al Bireh, and Bitunia Localities Survey, 2008. on a CD-ROM format, interested institutions and individuals should contact the PCBS' Dissemination and Documentation Dept./ Division of Users Services located at the PCBS main office in Al-Bireh:

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