

At the nineteenth anniversary of Independence Declaration on 15/11/2007.

Palestinian Central Bureau of Statistics

Issuing the:

Statistical Abstract of Palestine No. (8)

The PCBS today, Thursday, 15/11/2007 a press release which announced the release of the Statistical Abstract of Palestine No. (8), at the nineteenth anniversary of Independence Declaration on 15/11/2007, as this book of important reports and statistical reference is a comprehensive, continuous time series in different areas, and summarizes the statistical data in one book for all areas of the lives of Palestinians in the occupied Palestinian territories in addition to what could be secured statistics on the Palestinians in various areas whereabouts.

The book provides Palestine annual statistical data and indicators in different areas of demographic, social, geographic and economic review in three basic chapters where the first chapter deals with the most prominent feature of the Palestinians of the Diaspora, the second chapter reviews the reality of the Palestinians in Israel, while the third chapter reviews the characteristics of the Palestinian society in the Palestinian territory (West Bank and Gaza Strip).

The PCBS pointed that the data of this Abstract based primarily on diverse field surveys carried out by PCBS through years of work, in particular the results of surveys that have been implemented in 2006. Where use of data comparisons at various indicators from the same source, and the index for more than one source as well as estimates and measurements in some areas to survey data renewed, and the use of data that had been their precursors from administrative records of public institutions, as well as data from surveys field, which has been implemented in groupings Palestinians in the Diaspora in addition to the records of the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestinian Refugees and statistical sources on different conditions of Palestinians in locations whereabouts.

The results highlighted as follows :

1. Palestinians in Diaspora

- **Living Conditions:** The percent of Deep Poverty cases in Lebanon 12%, 7% in Syria, and 3.0% in Jordan in the year 2006.

2. Palestinians in Israel

- **Education:** The number of Arabic schools in Israel was 847 schools for the various stages in the scholastic year 2006/2007, with 12,470 classes, 465,583 students, and 29,837 teachers.
- **Labor:** The labor force participation rate for Palestinian persons aged 15-64 years in Israel was 41.9%, and the unemployment rate was 11.5% in 2006.

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 144, in year 2006, the area of built-up land in Israeli Settlements in West Bank was 187.1 km² as in August, 2006.
- **Education:** in the scholastic year 2006/2007, the total number of schools and kindergartens in the Palestinian Territory was 3,270 (excluding The schools and kindergartens supervised by Israeli municipality and culture committee in Jerusalem Governorate). Average number of pupils per teacher was 20.0 students in all stages. Literacy rate among Palestinian population 15 years and over reached 93.0% in year 2006; 97.1% for males and 89.8% for females.
- **Health:** The total number of hospitals in Palestinian Territory was 76 hospitals, in year 2006. Children who moderately suffered from stunting 10.2%, 7.9% in the West Bank and 13.2% in Gaza Strip. Life expectancy at birth in the Palestinian Territory was 71.7 years for males and 73.2 years for females, in year 2006.
- **Living Conditions:** The percent of poverty cases in the Palestinian Territory was 30.8% distributed by 24% in West Bank and 50.7% in Gaza Strip, while the percent of Deep Poverty in the Palestinian Territory 18.5% distributed by 13% in the West Bank and 34.8% in Gaza Strip in the year 2006.
- **Housing and Housing Conditions:** The percentage of households owned their housing units in 2006 was 81.5%, and Rented their housing units 11.5%, and other 7%, and average housing density was 1.8 persons in the same year.
- **Labor:** In 2006, the labor force participation rate for persons aged 15 years and over was 41.3%, and the unemployment rate was 23.6%.
- **Transportation and Communications:** The road network length in the Palestinian Territory bypass including roads in 2006 was 5,146.9 km (excluding those parts of Jerusalem which were annexed forcefully by Israel in 1967), the number of licensed road vehicles for 2006 was 116,646 vehicles thereof 78,695 private cars.
- **National Accounts:** The Gross Domestic Product per Capita in the Remaining West Bank and Gaza Strip was USD 1,129, in the year 2006.