



### Palestinian Expenditure and Consumption Survey 2010

#### Monthly Average of Per Capita Expenditure Was 148 JDs.

#### The Share of Food Expenditure from Per Capita Total Expenditure was 36.4 percent.

The monthly average of per capita expenditure in the Palestinian territory was 147.5 JDs (173.1 JDs in the West Bank, and 103.1 JDs in Gaza Strip).

Percentage of per capita expenditure on food groups to the total per capita expenditure was 36.4 percent (34.1 percent in the West Bank, and 42.6 percent in Gaza Strip), and followed by the percentage of per capita expenditure on transport and communication by 15.2 percent, and the lowest percentage of expenditure was on recreation group by 1.5 percent, and second lowest percentage was on personal care group by 2.8 percent in the Palestinian territory.

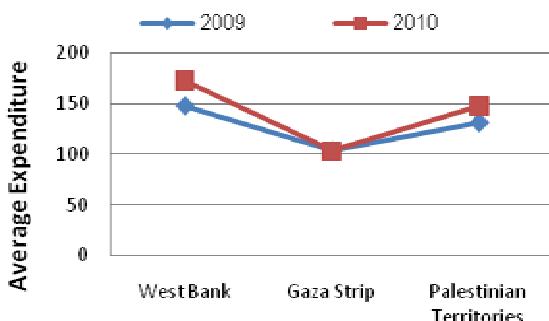
By the type of locality, the monthly average of per capita expenditure was 152.1 JDs in urban areas, 144.3 JD in rural areas, and 118.1 JDs in refugee camps.

#### Increase in Per Capita Expenditure in the West Bank (Current Prices)

It is noticed that there is an increase in the monthly average of per capita expenditure in 2010 compared to 2009, in 2010 the per capita expenditure was 173.1 JDs in the West Bank, while it was 147.4 JDs in 2009, with an increase of 17.4 percent .

In Gaza Strip, the situation was different, the monthly average of per capita expenditure slightly decreased in 2010 compared to 2009 by 0.4 percent, the per capita expenditure was 103.1 JDs in 2010, while it was 103.5 JDs in 2009.

Monthly Average Per Capita Expenditure in JD by Region for Years 2009-2010



#### The Monthly Average of Household Expenditure was 887 JDs (Current Prices)

According to the results of the Palestinian expenditure and consumption survey, the monthly average of household expenditure on various goods and services amounted to 886.9 JDs ( 993.8 JDs in the West Bank compared with 680.7 JDs in Gaza Strip), taking into consideration that the average of household size was in the Palestinian territory 6.0 individuals (5.7 individuals in the West Bank and 6.6 individuals in Gaza Strip).

Household expenditure refers to the amount of cash spent on purchasing goods and services for living purposes, the value of goods and services payments or part of payments received from the employer, cash expenditure spent as taxes (non-commercial or non-industrial), gifts, donations, interests on debts, and other non-consumption items.

#### Expenditure on Tobacco is Higher than Expenditure on Education

Results indicated that the monthly average of household expenditure in the Palestinian territory on tobacco and cigarettes has exceeded household expenditure on education, personal care and recreational activities, where the amount of the monthly average of household expenditure on tobacco and cigarettes was 38.7 JDs, while the monthly average household expenditure on education, personal care and recreational activities was 31.4, 24.4, 13.4 JDs respectively.



By the type of locality, the monthly average of household expenditure was 910.7 JDs in urban areas, 876.5 JDs in rural areas, and 717.7 JDs in refugee camps.

### **Food Share from Total Consumption in Gaza Strip is higher than West Bank**

Level of living for household in Gaza Strip is less than that in the West Bank. The results showed the percentage of household food consumption to the total consumption was 35.6 percent in the Palestinian territory (33.8 percent in the West Bank compared to 40.8 percent in Gaza Strip). The household consumption of food in the West Bank is 20.3 percent more than of that in Gaza Strip.

Household consumption refers to the amount of cash spent on purchasing goods and services for living purposes, the value of goods and service payments or part of payments received from the employer, own-produced goods and food, including consumed quantities during the recording period, and Imputed rent.

The results presented here are based on the available data from the Household Expenditure and Consumption Survey (PECS 2010). Data collection for this survey took place from January 15, 2010, to January 14, 2011. These results are based on a random sample of 3,757 households whom completed the interview (2,575 households in the West Bank and 1,182 households in Gaza Strip).

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