

**Palestinian Central Bureau of Statistics Issue:
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9.6 Million the Number of Palestinians At the End of the Year 2003**

The issue of the fifth statistical yearbook is one of a series that the PCBS is issued periodically, this yearbook is one of an important reports which included a comprehensive statistical reference, and a continuous time series in different fields, and summaries statistical data in one book in various aspects of life in the Palestinian Territory along with available statistics on Palestinian all over the world.

This Yearbook pretends the Palestinian demographic, social and economic conditions in year 2003 in three main chapters, the first chapter discusses the most prominent characteristics of Palestinians in the Diaspora, the second chapter discusses the conditions of Palestinians in Israel, and the third chapter addresses the conditions Palestinian in the Palestinian Territory.

The data of the yearbook depends mainly on different surveys that were conducted by PCBS in year 2003, this data has been used for making comparatives among different indicators for the same source, and among the same indicator from different sources, in addition to the estimation and measurements in some aspects on survey data. The data has been used which was derived from administrative records for public institutions, and also was taken from the field surveys that was implemented in the Palestinian localities in Diaspora, in addition to international UNRWA records, and other statistical sources which covers the Palestinian situation in their existence places, the most outstanding results were as following:

The total number of Palestinian population in the world for end year 2003 was estimated by 9.6 millions, of which; 4.8 millions in diaspora, 1.1 million persons in Israel, and 3.7 millions in Palestinian Territory.

1. Palestinians in Diaspora:

- **Education:** The total number of schools in UNRWA for each of Jordan, Syria, and Lebanon was 380 schools, with 5,940 classes, 7,493 teachers, and 242,566 students, in scholastic year 2001\2002.
- **Labor:** Labor force participation rate for persons aged (15 years and over) in Jordan was 40.9%, 49.3% in Syria (Year 2000), in Lebanon 42.3% (Year 1999).

2. Palestinians in Israel:

- **Education:** The number of Arabic schools in Israel was 682 schools for the various stages in the scholastic year 2003\2004, with number of classes was 11,307, with 417,921 students and The number of teachers was 26,415 for the scholastic year 2003\2004.
- **Labor:** Labor force participation rate for Palestinian persons aged (15-64 years) in Israel was 41.3%, Unemployment rate for Palestinian persons in the same age was 11.5%, in year 2003.

3. Palestinians in Palestinian Territory (West Bank and Gaza Strip):

- **Land:** The area of the Palestinian Territory is 6,020 km², number of settlements on 172, in year 2003.
- **Education:** in 2003/2004 scholastic year The total number of schools and kindergartens in Palestinian territory was 2,956 schools. Average number of pupils per teacher was 27.3 in all stages and supervising authority. Literacy rates of Palestinian population (15 years and over) 91.9 in year 2003; 96.3 for males and 87.4 for females and this data excluding the data of schools and kindergartens supervised by Israeli municipality and culture committee in Jerusalem Governorate.
- **Culture:** The total number of mosques in Palestinian territory 1,786 mosques, and 934 quran houses, there were 7 museums, 62 cultural centers, 5 theatres, 2 cinemas, in year 2003.
- **Health:** The total number of hospitals in Palestinian Territory was 73 hospitals, involving 4,979 beds, in year 2003. The infant mortality rate in Palestinian territory was 25.5, where as under-five mortality rate 28.7 for years 1995-1999. Life expectancy at birth in the Palestinian territory was 70.7 years for males and 73.8 years for females, in year 2003.
- **Housing and Housing Condition:** The total number of housing units in the Palestinian Territory in year 1997 was 466,651 housing units, 85.2% of them for residential only, the percentage of households owned their housing units in 2003 was 82.9%, and average housing density was 1.9 persons.
- **Labor:** Labor force participation rate for Palestinian persons aged (15 years and over) in the Palestinian Territory was 40.4%, unemployment rate for Palestinian persons in the same age was 25.6%, in year 2003.
- **Transport and Communications:** The road network length in the Palestinian Territory in addition to bypass roads in year 2003 was 4,943.6 km, the number of licensed road vehicles for 2003 was 105,774 vehicles included 70,323 private cars and excluding those parts of Jerusalem which were annexed forcefully by Israel in 1967.
- **Constructions:** 5,235 Building licenses were issued with area 2,090 thousand m², in year 2003.
- **Tourism:** The total number of hotels in the Palestinian Territory was 75 hotels, the number of available rooms 3,050 rooms, and number of available beds was 6,620 beds as it was at the end of 2003.
- **National Accounts:** The Gross Domestic Product per Capita in the Palestinian Territory was USD 1,203.4, the Gross National Income per Capita was USD 1,319.3, the Gross National Disposable Income per Capita was USD 1,656.5, for the year 2002 and in fixed prices.