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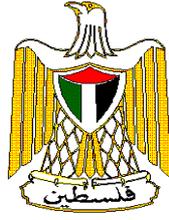
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Press Release

Establishment Census 2004

117,153 the total number of establishments in the Palestinian Territory 2004

The Establishment census 2004 is the third in a series of censuses completed by the Palestinian Central Bureau of Statistics (PCBS) since 1994. Starting with the first census in 1994, the second census was completed in 1997, and the third in 2004.

The main objective of establishment census is listing all establishments in the Palestinian Territory, building a new updated establishment register distributed by main economic activity.

The establishments in the Palestinian Territory totaled 117,153; of them 81,396 in the West Bank (69.5%) and 35,760 in Gaza Strip (30.5%).

Total number of establishments in operation in the Palestinian Territory is 103,846. Distributed as 71,407 in the West Bank and 32,439 in Gaza Strip compared with 5,939 were closed establishments in the Palestinian Territory; of them 4,688 in the West Bank and 1,051 in Gaza Strip and the total number of establishments under preparation is 1,118 in the Palestinian Territory; of them 836 in the West Bank and 282 in Gaza Strip and the total number of Ancillaity units is 6,450 in the Palestinian Territory; of them 4,462 in the West Bank and 1,988 in Gaza Strip.

Hebron governorate has the highest number of establishments (16,088) followed by Gaza governorate with 15,181 establishment and Nabules governorate with 15,042 while Jericho governorate has the lowest number of establishments (872 establishment).

90.8% of the numerated establishments are belonging to the private sector while 5.0% are governmental sector, 2.6% are Non governmental Organizations. The establishments belonging to local authorities, UNRWA and foreign bodies constitute 1.6%

The results of the census indicated that 56.5% of the establishments main economic activity is wholesale, retail trade and repairs, while 13.5% their main economic activity is manufacturing.

The total number of workers in establishments in operation in private sector and government companies was 257,587 in Palestinian Territory, 217,898 males and 39,689 females. 67.5% of the workers in establishments are in the West Bank while 32.5% in Gaza strip.

Definitions and Explanations

Enterprise:	An economic entity that is capable, in its own right, of owning assets, incurring liabilities and engaging in economic activities and transactions with other entities.
Establishment:	An enterprise or part of an enterprise in which one group of goods and services is produced (with the possibility of having secondary activities) .
Establishment status	Refers to the operational status of the establishment. It could be: in operation, closed, under preparation, or auxiliary activity unit.
Ownership	This is the sector to which the establishment parent enterprise belongs. It is determined according to the majority of capital ownership or decision making rights. Ownership can be: private national, private foreign, Non governmental Sector, national government corporation, foreign government corporation, central government, local government, foreign government, UNRWA and lastly international body. It is worth mentioning that reference to national and foreign here is relevant to the residence concept as defined in the SNA-1993 and does not refer to nationality or citizenship.
Economic activity:	The activity generating the majority of value added for the establishment. The UN- International Industrial Classification of all Economic Activities, third revision (ISIC-3), was used for coding at the five digit level.
Number of persons engaged:	This includes paid employees, unpaid owners and family members. Includes also all permanent and temporary staff aged 10 years and more. Reference date for employment data is 30/10/2004