

Palestinian Central Bureau of Statistics (PCBS)

Press Release on the Main Results of the ninth Round of Transport Survey - The Informal Sector in Palestinian Territory 2004

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Palestinian Central Bureau of Statistics (PCBS) releases the main findings on the transport survey- the informal sector in Palestinian Territory 2004 (involving land transport for both passengers and goods carried out by vehicles not belonging to permanent economic establishment). Data collection took place during the period 12/2 /2005 – 25/3/2005. The survey results along with the results of the formal transport sector survey 2003, reveal a comprehensive profile for transport activity.

The main results show that, the total number of operating vehicles was 11,144, of which 10,225 for passenger transport, and 919 vehicles for freight transport by road, these vehicles were distributed as 67.8% for public vehicles, 23.9% for private vehicles, and 8.3% for freight transport. Also the results indicate that the number of persons engaged in those vehicles was 11,866, and their compensations was 5.6 million in US \$.

The total value of output was 129.6 million in US \$, the public vehicles contributed by 70.1%, private vehicles 21.5%, and the contribution of freight transport by road was 8.4%. The intermediate consumption was 63.0 million in US \$, and value added was 66.6 million in US\$.

The survey results show that there are some improvements on the number of vehicles, which increased by 6.8%, the numbers of employees also increased by 3.9%.

On the other hand, the value of output decreased in 2004 by 2.1%, the value added decreased by 7.9% in the same period, this related to the transport wage decreasing compared with 2003, in addition to the increasing in the intermediate consumption caused by the fuel price increasing in 2004.