

Palestinian Central Bureau of Statistics

Press Release: The Jerusalem Statistical Yearbook (No. 8)

The publishing of the eighth volume of the Jerusalem Statistical Yearbook, considered a continuation of PCBS' policy to summarize the statistical data about Jerusalem in this kind of reports.

The report covers updating statistical data on various relevant geographic, social, demographic, and economic topics along with other some indicators of the Israeli violations and Al-Aqsa uprising (Intifada).

The main indicators in the book are as follows:

Population: The estimated population in Jerusalem Governorate at the End-Year of 2005 was 402,712 persons, of which 251,289 in the Area "J1"¹ and 151,423 persons in the Area "J2"². The population in Jerusalem Governorate constitutes 10.5% of the total number of population in the Palestinian Territory. The average household size in Jerusalem Governorate was 5.3 persons, whereas 5.9 persons in the Palestinian Territory.

Housing and Housing Conditions: Average number of rooms in Jerusalem governorate 3.3 rooms for the year 2005, 3.1 rooms in Area J1 and 3.7 rooms in Area J2, the average housing density reached to 1.8 persons per room and 12.1% of the households live in housing units with less than one person per room, 43.5% with one person to less than two persons, while 44.4% of the households live in house units with two persons and more per room.

Labor Force: According to ILO Standards, the labor force participation rate for persons aged 15 years and over in Jerusalem governorate was 37.2% in 2005; 65.8% for males and 8.2% for females, Unemployment rate in Jerusalem Governorate for persons aged 15 years and over was 16.8%, 60.3% Employed persons from Jerusalem Governorate are working in the Palestinian Territory and 39.7% in Israel and Settlements.

Economic Sector: The total number of establishments in Jerusalem Governorate was 5,921 establishments in 2005, and the GDP for 2002 in Jerusalem Governorate Area (J1) was US\$ 330.4 million, compared to 337.2 million in 2001.

¹ Includes that part of Jerusalem that was annexed forcefully by Israel following its occupation of the Palestinian Territory in 1967. This part includes the following localities: (Beit Hanina, Shu'fat Refugees Camp, Shu'fat, Al' Isawiya, Sheikh Jarrah, Wadi Al - Joz, Bab Al-Sahira, As Suwwana, At - Tur, Jerusalem "Al - Quds"), Ash - Shayyah, Ras Al-Amud, Silwan, Ath - Thuri, Jabal Al - Mukabbir, As - Sawahira Al - Gharbiya, Beit Safafa, Sharafat, Sur Bahir, and Um Tuba).

² (J2) includes the remaining parts of the governorate, namely: Rafat, Kufr A'qab, Mikhmas, Qalandya Refugees Camp, the Bedouin Community - Jaba', Qalandya, Beit Duqqu, Jaba', Al - Judeira, Beit Anan, Al - Jib, Bir Nabala, Beit Ijza, Al - Qubeiba, Khirbet Um Al - Lahem, Biddu, An - Nabi Samu'eil, Hezma, Beit Hanina Al Tehta, Qatanna, Beit Surik, Beit Ikra, A'nata, The Bedouin Community - Al - Khan Al - Ahmar, Az Za'eem, Al - Eizariya, Abu Deis, Al - Sawahreh Al - Sharqiyeh, Ash - Sheik Sa'd.

Tourism: The total number of hotels in Jerusalem Governorate for 2005 was 18 hotels with 869 rooms and 1,967 beds. The room occupancy rate was 35.5% and the bed occupancy rate was 26.1%.

Education: For the scholastic year 2005/2006, the total number of schools (out of kindergartens and schools which supervised by Israeli Municipality and Culture committee) was 186 schools, the number pupils/students was 59,614 pupils/students, and the number of classes was 2,182 classes.

Health: The percentage of persons included in the health insurance of Jerusalem Governorate in the year 2005 was 90.2 %, it was 98.0% in Area J1 and 77.1% in Area J2. The percentage of smoking persons aged 12 years and over in the same year was 20.2%, of which 21.4% in Area J1 and 18.1% in Area J2 for the year 2005.

Environment: In the year 2005, solid waste was collected daily in 13 localities and more than once a week in 13 localities, the disposal of solid waste in 13 localities is done by burning, 8 localities do it by burying and 8 localities do it by burning and burying, and the disposal of waste water in 9 of Jerusalem governorate localities is done by a sewage system network.

Israeli violations: The number of Jerusalemite confiscated identity cards was 6,684 cards during the period 1967-2004, of which 16 cards in the year 2004, the number of demolished houses in Jerusalem Governorate Area J1 was 94 houses, in the year 2005, and as a result of the expansion and annexation wall from Jerusalem governorate; 1,635 households (includes different communities within the governorate or out of it) consist of 9,609 persons were displaced, in addition, 11,100 dunums were confiscated.

Al- Aqsa Intifada: The number of Al-Aqsa Intifada Martyrs was 4,035 persons until 30/4/2006, of which 66 Martyrs from Jerusalem governorate and the number of Injuries in the Palestinian Territory was 29,803 persons; of which 25.9% of injuries caused by live ammunition, 23.0% by rubber bullets, 22.3% by gas, and 28.8% by other causes which includes beating, torture,.. etc.