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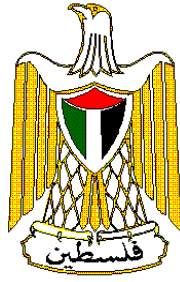
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**Press Release on Labour Force Survey Results: The Status of the Labour
Market in the Localities in which the Expansion and Annexation Wall
Passes through.
(October– December, 2003) Round**

This release depend on the results of the Labour Force Survey on the status of the labour market in the localities in which the Expansion and Annexation Wall passes through (the 4th quarter 2003) . Data was collected from 04/10/2003 to 31/12/2003.

The survey sample based on the 1997 census, 7,563 households were selected about 6,201 questionnaires were completed. The sample size for the region sited in the western part of the Expansion and Annexation Wall is about 309 households, while it is about 874 households in the eastern part of the wall.

Economically Active:

According to the ILO standards, the number of participants in labour force of the regions sited on the Expansion and Annexation Wall reached 110,000 persons (21,000 in the western part of the Wall, 89,000 in the eastern part) compared with 815,0000 participants in labour force in Palestinian Territory (555,000 in the West Bank, 260,000 in Gaza Strip) . The results showed that the participation rate for the region sited on the Expansion and Annexation Wall reached 43.7% (40.3% in the western part and 44.5% in the eastern part) compared with 40.6% participants in labour force in Palestinian Territory (42.3%in the West Bank, 37.5% in Gaza Strip).

Unemployed Persons:

Number of persons who don't work nevertheless seeking or not seeking job, reached 34,000 person in the regions sited on the Expansion and Annexation Wall during the 4th quarter 2003 (6,000 person in the western part, while 28,000 in the eastern part), which represents 27.9% from total labour force on the regions sited on the Expansion and Annexation Wall (26.1% in the western part, 28.3% in the eastern part), according to the relaxed definition of unemployment.

While those who don't work, but seeking job, reached 22,000 person which represent 19.1% of the total labour force on the regions sited on the Expansion and Annexation Wall (15.1% in the western part of the wall and 20.0%in the eastern part) according to the ILO standards.

The results showed that the unemployment rate concentrated among the youth aged 15-29 years old in the regions sited on Expansion and Annexation Wall it reached 24.2% (20.7% in the western part, 25.1% in the eastern part). Also the results revealed that unemployment reached the highest level among persons finished 1-6 years old it reached 25.8% (23.7% in the western part of the Wall, 26.2% on the eastern part).

Employed Persons:

The high percentage of the Underemployment in the localities in which the Expansion and Annexation Wall passes through vis-avis the Palestinian Territory reached 11.9% as compared to 6.3% in the Palestinian Territory.

The results showed that 29.5% of employed persons on the region sited on the Expansion and Annexation Wall working in services (29.2% in the western part, 29.5% in the eastern part),

while 17.3% working in commerce restaurants and hotels (23.9% in the western part, 15.7% eastern part), while the percentage of those working in Agriculture reached 20.7% (6.2% in the western part, 24.2% eastern part).the percentage of transportation, storage and communication reached 4.6% (4.9% in the western part, 4.6% in the eastern part). Employment in construction in the regions sited on the Expansion and Annexation Wall reached 15.3% (20.2% in the western part, 14.1% in the eastern part).

The results showed that the percentage of those working as wage employees from the Expansion and Annexation Wall region reached 64.8% for worker in the western part, 51.5% working in the eastern part. While self employed persons reached 22.5% in the western part 28.8% in the eastern part. The unpaid family members reached 8.3% in the western part, 16.3% in the eastern part.

Employees from the regions sited on the Expansion and Annexation Wall working in Israel and Israeli settlements reached 11.8% worker during the 4th quarter 2003 (21.1% from the western part of the wall, 9.5% worker from the eastern part) compared with 12.3% workers form West Bank working in Israel and Israeli Settlements during the 4th quarter 2003.

Wages:

Median daily net wage for those working in Israel and settlements from the western part and the eastern part of the Expansion and Annexation Wall reached 134.6 NIS, while median daily net wage for those working in Palestinian Territory from the Expansion and Annexation Wall region reached 73.1 NIS for those working from western part of the wall and 61.5 NIS from eastern part of the wall.

Concepts and Definitions

Man power

All persons in the West Bank and Gaza Strip aged 15 years and over.

Reference week:

The week ending on Friday preceding the interviewer's visit to the household.

Employed:

All persons are 15 years and over who were working at a paid job or business for at least one hour during the reference week, or who did not work, but held a job or owned business from which they were temporarily absent (because of illness, vacation, temporarily stoppage, or any other reason) during the reference week. Employed persons are classified according to employment status as follows:

1. Employer
2. Own-account worker (self-employed)
3. Employee
4. Unpaid family member

Unemployed (According to the ILO Standards):

Unemployed persons are those individuals 15 years and over who did not work at all during the reference week, who were not absent from a job and were available for work and actively seeking a job during the reference week. Persons who work in Israel and were absent from work due to closure are considered unemployed, and also those persons never work and not looking for work but waiting to return back to their works in Israel and Settlements.

Unemployed (According to the Relaxed Definition):

The Number Of Unemployed Persons was calculated under the definition by adding to unemployed Persons according to the ILO Standards, those Persons outside labour force because they were frustrated

Labour force:

The economically active population (Labour Force) consists of all persons 15 years and over who are either employed or unemployed as defined above at the time of survey.

Underemployment:

Underemployment exists when a person's employment is inadequate in relation to alternative employment, account being taken of his/her occupational skills. The underemployed persons are classified into two groups:

1. Visible underemployment
2. Invisible underemployment

Persons outside labour force:

The population not economically active comprises all persons 15 years and over, who were neither employed nor unemployed accordingly to the definitions above.

Indicator Summary of the Labour Market in the Localities in which the Expansion and Annexation Wall Passes Through According to ILO Definitions

Indicator	Third Quarter 2003		Fourth Quarter 2003	
	East the Expansion and Annexation Wall	West the Expansion and Annexation Wall	East the Expansion and Annexation Wall	West the Expansion and Annexation Wall
Labour Force	41.8	40.0	44.5	40.3
Outside Labour Force	58.2	60.0	55.5	59.7
Full Employment	62.7	70.6	67.5	75.3
Under Employment	15.8	20.9	12.5	9.6
Unemployment	21.5	8.5	20.0	15.1
Employed Person by Employment Status				
Employer	4.2	3.4	3.4	4.4
Self Employed	29.9	21.8	28.8	22.5
Wage Employee	51.9	62.8	51.5	64.8
Unpaid Family Member	14.0	12.0	16.2	8.3
Employed Person by Economic Activity				
Agriculture, fishing and forestry	20.5	13.8	24.2	6.2
Mining, quarrying and manufacturing	14.0	22.3	11.9	15.6
Construction	17.2	11.2	14.1	20.2
Commerce, restaurants and hotels	16.3	26.3	15.7	23.9
Transportation, storage and communication	3.9	4.2	4.6	4.9
Services and other branches	28.1	22.2	29.5	29.2
Employed Person by Place of Work				
Palestinian Territory	89.6	63.4	90.5	78.9
Israel and Settlements	10.4	36.6	9.5	21.1
Employed Person in Palestinian Territory by				
Average weekly work hours	43.2	43.7	42.0	44.0
Average monthly work days	24.0	24.6	24.9	25.6
Median daily net wage in NIS	73.1	76.9	61.5	73.1
Average daily net wage in NIS	80.2	81.6	66.6	77.8
Employed Person in Israel and Settlements by				
Average weekly work hours	47.6	43.6	44.5	50.0
Average monthly work days	24.3	20.4	23.9	25.4
Median daily net wage in NIS	134.6	115.4	134.6	134.6
Average daily net wage in NIS	124.3	125.5	118.8	134.4
Unemployment by Age				
15-29	27.1	14.8	25.1	20.7
30-44	20.1	4.9	18.8	10.1
45+	13.1	2.8	12.9	13.8
Unemployment by Years of Schooling				
0	6.0	-	-	-
1-6	27.9	-	26.2	23.7
7-9	29.3	11.5	23.5	15.0
10-12	20.6	7.7	22.4	16.3
13+	13.0	9.8	11.1	9.0
Persons Outside the Labour Force by Reason				
Old/illness	11.1	16.1	13.0	10.6
Housekeeping	47.9	44.2	46.2	52.6
Studying or training	29.0	33.3	31.4	30.3
Others	12.0	6.4	9.4	6.5

Main Findings
According to the Relaxed Definition of Unemployment
(October - December, 2003) Round

The Distribution of Persons Aged 15 Years and Over in the Palestinian Territory by Labour Force Components and Region (Relaxed Definition) is as follows:

Region	Labour Force		Outside Labour Force		Total	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
West the Expansion and Annexation Wall	23,000	44.1	28,000	55.9	51,000	100
East the Expansion and Annexation Wall	99,000	49.7	101,000	50.3	200,000	100
Total	122,000	48.6	129,000	51.4	251,000	100
West Bank	609,000	46.4	704,000	53.6	1,313,000	100
Gaza Strip	282,000	40.7	411,000	59.3	693,000	100
Palestinian Territory	891,000	44.4	1,115,000	55.6	2,006,000	100

The Distribution of Labour Force Participants Aged 15 Years and Over in the Palestinian Territory by Labour Force Components and Region (Relaxed Definition) is as follows:

Region	Employment		Unemployment		Total	
	Number	(%)	Number	(%)	Number	(%)
West the Expansion and Annexation Wall	17,000	73.9	6,000	26.1	23,000	100
East the Expansion and Annexation Wall	71,000	71.7	28,000	28.3	99,000	100
Total	88,000	72.1	34,000	27.9	122,000	100
West Bank	440,000	72.2	169,000	27.8	609,000	100
Gaza Strip	177,000	62.4	105,000	37.6	282,000	100
Palestinian Territory	617,000	69.1	274,000	30.9	891,000	100

**Main Findings: According to the ILO Standards
(October - December, 2003) Round**

3-1 Population aged 15 years and over

- The percentage of the population aged 15 years and over is 54.0% at the 4th Quarter of 2003.

The Distribution of Persons Aged 15 Years and Over in the Palestinian Territory by Labour Force Components and Region (ILO Standards) is as follows:

Region	Labour Force		Outside Labour Force		Total	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
West the Expansion and Annexation Wall	21,000	40.3	30,000	59.7	51,000	100
East the Expansion and Annexation Wall	89,000	44.5	111,000	55.5	200,000	100
Total	110,000	43.7	141,000	56.3	251,000	100
West Bank	555,000	42.3	758,000	57.7	1,313,000	100
Gaza Strip	260,000	37.5	433,000	62.5	693,000	100
Palestinian Territory	815,000	40.6	1,191,000	59.4	2,006,000	100

3-2 Labour Force (According to the ILO Standards):

- The labour force participation rate reached 40.6% in the Palestinian Territory, 42.3% in the West Bank and 37.5% in Gaza Strip, The labour force participation rate on the total of the Expansion and Annexation Wall reached 43.7%, 40.3% in West the Expansion and Annexation Wall and 44.5% in East the Expansion and Annexation Wall.

The Distribution of Labour Force Participants Aged 15 Years and Over in the Palestinian Territory by Labour Force Components and Region (ILO Standards) is as follows (%):

Region	Full Employment	Under Employment	Unemployment	Total
West the Expansion and Annexation Wall	75.3	9.6	15.1	100
East the Expansion and Annexation Wall	67.5	12.5	20.0	100
Total	69.0	11.9	19.1	100
West Bank	71.4	7.9	20.7	100
Gaza Strip	65.0	2.9	32.1	100
Palestinian Territory	69.4	6.3	24.3	100

3-3 Employment (According to the ILO Standards):

Employed Persons Aged 15 Years and Over in the Palestinian Territory are Distributed by Employment Status (ILO Standards) as follows (%):

Employment Status	Employer	Self Employed	Wage Employee	Unpaid Family Member	Total
West the Expansion and Annexation Wall	4.4	22.5	64.8	8.3	100
East the Expansion and Annexation Wall	3.4	28.8	51.5	16.3	100
Total	3.6	27.6	54.1	14.7	100
West Bank	4.9	28.1	55.2	11.8	100
Gaza Strip	2.2	24.9	62.9	10.0	100
Palestinian Territory	4.1	27.2	57.4	11.3	100

Employed Persons Aged 15 Years and Over in the Palestinian Territory are Distributed by Economic Activity and Place of work (ILO Standards) as Follows (%):

Economic Activity	West Bank	Gaza Strip	Palestinian Territory	West the Expansion and Annexation Wall	East the Expansion and Annexation Wall	Total
Agriculture, fishing and forestry	15.2	15.9	15.4	6.2	24.2	20.7
Mining, quarrying and manufacturing	14.1	9.0	12.6	15.9	11.9	12.6
Construction	15.6	10.2	14.1	20.2	14.1	15.3
Commerce, restaurants and hotels	20.8	17.3	19.8	23.9	15.7	17.3
Transportation, storage and communication	6.4	5.3	6.1	4.9	4.6	4.6
Services and other branches	27.9	42.3	32.0	29.2	29.5	29.5
Total	100	100	100	100	100	100

Employed Persons Aged 15 Years and Over in the Palestinian Territory are Distributed by Place of Work and Region (ILO Standards) as follows (%):

Place of Work	West Bank	Gaza Strip	Palestinian Territory	West the Expansion and Annexation Wall	East the Expansion and Annexation Wall	Total
Palestinian Territory: Number	386,000	173,000	559,000	13,000	65,000	78,000
Percentage	87.7	97.8	90.6	78.9	90.5	88.2
Israel and Settlements: Number	54,000	4,000	58,000	4,000	6,000	10,000
Percentage	12.3	2.2	9.4	21.1	9.5	11.8
Total: Number	440,000	177,000	617,000	17,000	71,000	88,000
Percentage	100	100	100	100	100	100

Work days, hours and wages

The average weekly work hours average monthly workdays and average daily wage per employee aged 15 years and over according to Place of Work are as follows:

Indicator	Place of Work		
	West Bank	Gaza Strip	Israel and Settlements
Average weekly work hours	42.0	39.8	45.5
Average monthly work days*	24.4	22.9	22.1
Median daily net wage in NIS	61.6	50.0	134.6
Average daily net wage in NIS	72.5	55.3	131.8

*: Including paid days that have been not worked

The average weekly work hours average monthly workdays and average daily wage per employee aged 15 years and over in West the Expansion and Annexation Wall and East the Expansion and Annexation Wall are as follows:

Indicator	Place of Work			
	Palestinian Territory		Israel and Settlements	
	West the Expansion and Annexation Wall	East the Expansion and Annexation Wall	West the Expansion and Annexation Wall	East the Expansion and Annexation Wall
Average weekly work hours	44.0	42.0	50.0	44.5
Average monthly work days*	25.6	24.9	25.4	23.9
Median daily net wage in NIS	73.1	61.5	134.6	134.6
Average daily net wage in NIS	77.8	66.6	134.4	118.8

*: Including paid days that have been not worked

3-4 Unemployment (According to the ILO Standards):

- Unemployment rate for persons aged 15 years and over in the Palestinian Territory reached 24.3%; 20.7% in the West Bank and 32.1% in Gaza Strip, Unemployment rate on the total of the Expansion and Annexation Wall reached 19.1%, 15.1% in West the Expansion and Annexation Wall and 20.0% in East the Expansion and Annexation Wall.

Unemployment Rate for Persons Aged 15 Years and Over in the Palestinian Territory by Age and Region (ILO Standards) (%):

Region	Age			
	15-29	30-44	45+	Overall Average
West the Expansion and Annexation Wall	20.7	10.1	13.8	15.1
East the Expansion and Annexation Wall	25.1	18.8	12.9	20.0
West Bank	26.4	18.5	12.7	20.7
Gaza Strip	40.3	25.8	26.7	32.1

**Unemployment Rate for Persons Aged 15 Years and Over in the Palestinian Territory
by Years of Schooling and Region (ILO Standards) (%):**

Region	Years of Schooling					Overall Average
	0	1-6	7-9	10-12	13+	
West the Expansion and Annexation Wall	-	23.7	15.0	16.3	9.0	15.1
East the Expansion and Annexation Wall	-	26.2	23.5	22.4	11.1	20.0
West Bank	7.2	23.2	22.5	23.4	14.9	20.7
Gaza Strip	15.4	38.2	32.6	30.9	30.3	32.1

Note: (-) means there are no enough observations in this section.

3-5 Persons outside the labour force (ILO Standards):

- The percentage of persons aged 15 years and over outside the labour force in the Palestinian Territory reached 59.4%; 57.7% in the West Bank and 62.5% in Gaza Strip, The percentage of outside the labour force on the total of the Expansion and Annexation Wall reached 56.3%, 59.7% in West the Expansion and Annexation Wall and 55.5%in East the Expansion and Annexation Wall

**Persons Aged 15 Years and Over Outside the Labour Force in the Palestinian Territory are
Distributed by Reason and Region (ILO Standards) as follows (%):**

Reason	West Bank	Gaza Strip	Palestinian Territory	West the Expansion and Annexation Wall	East the Expansion and Annexation Wall	Total
Old/illness	11.8	10.1	11.2	10.6	13.0	12.5
Housekeeping	50.3	50.9	50.5	52.6	46.2	47.6
Studying or training	30.8	34.0	32.0	30.3	31.4	31.2
Others	7.1	5.0	6.3	6.5	9.4	8.7
Total	100	100	100	100	100	100