# Palestinian Central Bureau of Statistics (PCBS)

**Press Release on Israeli Settlements in Palestine**

**More than 617 thousands Settlers in the West Bank, Half of them are in Jerusalem Governorate**

There were 150 settlements in the West Bank at the end of 2015. The majority are located in Jerusalem governorate: 26 settlements, of which 16 are on land annexed by Israel (J1)[[1]](#footnote-1), and 10 settlements in Jerusalem (J2).

**Number of Israeli Settlements in the West Bank by Governorate, 2015**

Data indicate that the number of settlers in the West Bank at the end of 2015 was 617,291.

**Number of Settlers in the West Bank Settlements by Year and Region 2010 -2015**

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| **Year** | **Region** | |
| Jerusalem (J1)1 | West Bank |
| 2010 | 196,178 | (R)524,952 |
| 2011 | 199,647 | (R)542,997 |
| 2012 | 203,176 | (R)562,747 |
| 2013 | (R)206,767 | (R)580,762 |
| 2014 | (R)210,420 | (R)598,369 |
| 2015 | 214,135 | 617,291 |

R: revised data

Most settlers (292,555) are concentrated in Jerusalem governorate, constituting 47.4% of all settlers in the West Bank. Of these, 214,135 settlers are in the Jerusalem (J1) area. Other settlers are in Ramallah & Al-Bireh governorate (123,194 settlers), Bethlehem governorate (75,320 settlers), and Salfit governorate (39,488 settlers). The governorate with the lowest number of settlers was Tubas with 2,036 settlers.

**Number of Israeli Settlers in the West Bank by Governorate, 2015**

1. Includes that part of Jerusalem which was annexed forcefully by Israel following its occupation of the West Bank in 1967 [↑](#footnote-ref-1)