



The Palestinian Central Bureau of Statistics (PCBS) And The Palestine Monetary Authority (PMA)

The Net Stock of the International Investment Position (IIP) amounted to USD 3,397 million at the End of the Second Quarter of 2023

The Palestinian Central Bureau of Statistics (PCBS) and the Palestine Monetary Authority (PMA) announced the preliminary results of the International Investment Position (IIP), and External Debt statistics for Palestine as of end of the second quarter 2023 and end of year 2022¹.

The primary results of the IIP (external assets – foreign liabilities) for Palestine at the end of the second quarter 2023 revealed that the net IIP amounted to USD 3,397 million increased by 2% compared to previous quarter, which means that the Palestinian economy's investments outside Palestine outweighs investments in Palestine from abroad.

58% of the total external assets of the Palestinian economy are currency and deposits at the End of the Second Quarter of 2023, due to the absence of a Palestinian national currency

The total stocks of External Assets for Palestinian economy amounted to USD 9,514 million, the Foreign Direct Investment Abroad contributed to 3%, and Portfolio Investments abroad reached 17%, while Other Foreign Investments Abroad (mainly currency and deposits) reached 67% and Reserve Assets amounted to 13%. At sectoral level, the external investments of the banking sector represented a large share of the external assets (balances abroad, vault cash and portfolio investment) standing at 66% of the total value of external assets for Palestinian economy.

53% of the total foreign liabilities on the Palestinian economy at the End of the Second Quarter of 2023 are foreign direct investment

The total stocks of Foreign Liabilities in Palestine (stocks of non-residents invested in Palestine) amounted to USD 6,117 million, the Foreign Direct Investment in Palestine contributed to 53%, Portfolio Investments in Palestine reached 13%, and Other Investments in Palestine (mainly loans and deposits from abroad) amounted to 34%. At sectoral level, the foreign investments in banks sector contributed a major value in the foreign liabilities, represented by 35% of the total value of foreign liabilities on Palestinian economy.

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¹ In parallel with this release, the annual data for 2022 will also be published on the websites of both institutions

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The Government's External Debt stock stabilized at about 1.3 billion US dollars at the end of the second quarter of 2023

The Gross External Debt on the Palestinian economic sectors reached USD 2,109 million decreased by 3% compared with previous quarter. Debt on government sector represented 62%, while debt on the banking sector (deposits of non-residents in banks operating in Palestine) reached 35%, and debt on other sectors (non-bank financial corporations, non-financial corporations, NGOs and households sector) amounted to 2%, and the lending between affiliated companies reached 1%.

The International Investment Position (IIP) is an accounting sheet that records the investments stocks for the residents in Palestine (individuals, institutions and government) invested in the rest of the world (abroad) under the name of (assets), and compares them to the investments stocks owned by residents outside Palestine (individuals, institutions and government) invested in Palestine under the name of (liabilities).

The Balance of Payments Manual - fifth edition, issued by the International Monetary Fund in 1993, divides the assets and liabilities into direct investment (investment by 10% and more in the non-resident capital), and portfolio investment (investment less than 10% in the non-resident capital as well as investment in bonds), and other investments. It divides these other investments into stocks of trade credit, loans, currency and deposits and any other assets or liabilities), in addition to the Reserve Assets, i.e. Stocks held by the Central Banks/ Monetary Authorities to address the imbalances in the balance of payments, it is worth mentioning that the reserve assets are only included in the asset side.

The External Debt is an accounting sheet that records the debt stocks on Palestinian economic sectors due to non-residents. These include (loans from non-residents, deposits of non-residents deposited in the banks operating in Palestine, the Palestinian bonds purchased by non-residents, debt transactions between the non-resident enterprises and fellow enterprises in Palestine. They encompass as well any other liabilities on Palestinian economy) the data of external debt have been extracted from the liabilities side in the international investment position matrix (debt items). Preparing, classifying and publishing of the data are based on (External Debt Statistics Manual) issued by IMF in 2003, this manual is harmonized with the fifth edition of Balance of Payments Manual.

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Table 1: International Investment Position (IIP) Stock by Economic Sectors for Palestine, at the end of the Second Quarter, 2023

Value in million USD

Economic Sector				Other Sectors		
Investments Stocks by Type of Investment	Monetary Authorities (PMA)	Govern ment Sector	Banks Sector	Non-bank Financial Corporations, Non-Financial Corporations, and NGOs Sector	House- Holds Sector	TOTAL
International Investment Position	1.520	542	4.164	702	1.053	2 207
(net)* Total External Assets	1,529 1,529	-542 759	4,164	-702 906	-1,052 36	3,397
Foreign Direct Investment	1,529	159	6,284	900	30	9,514
Abroad	0	0	0	292	0	292
Portfolio Investments Abroad	153	0	950	524	0	1,627
Other Investments Abroad	162	759	5,334	90	36	6,381
Of which: currency and	-		· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·			
deposits**	162	0	5,301	6	36	5,505
Reserve Assets	1,214	0	0	0	0	1,214
Total Foreign Liabilities	0	1,301	2120	1,608	1,088	6,117
Foreign Direct Investment in Palestine	0	0	1,159	983	1,088	3,230
Foreign Portfolio Investments in Palestine	0	0	211	578	0	789
Foreign Other Investments in Palestine:	0	1,301	750	47	0	2,098
Of which: loans from abroad	0	1,301	83	47	0	1,431
Of which: currency and deposits***	0	0	667	0	0	667

Notes:

- The data in the above table are close to the nearest integer.
- The data does not include the value of land owned by non-residents.
- * International investment position (net): equals total external assets minus total foreign liabilities.
- ** Currency and deposits: Include the residents deposits in banks abroad, in addition to foreign exchange in Palestinian economy.
- *** Currency and deposits: Include the deposits of non-residents deposited in resident banks.

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Table 2: Gross External Debt Position on Palestine, at the End of the First Quarter, 2023 and Second Quarter, 2023

Value in million USD

Economic Sector	Stock at the end of the First Quarter 2023	Stock at the end of the Second Quarter 2023
General Government	1,300	1,301
Short-term	243	252
Long-term	1057	1,049
Monetary Authorities	0	0
Short-term	0	0
Long-term	0	0
Banks	726	750
Short-term	208	338
Long-term	518	412
Other Sectors	104	47
Short-term	0	0
Long-term	104	47
Direct Investment: lending between		
affiliated companies	41	11
Debt liabilities to affiliated companies	0	0
Debt liabilities to direct investors	41	11
Gross External Debt Position	2,171	2,109





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Table 3: International Investment Position (IIP) Stock by Economic Sectors for Palestine, at the end of 2022

Value in million USD

Economic Sector				Other Sectors		
Investments Stocks by Type of Investment	Monetary Authorities (PMA)	Government Sector	Banks Sector	Nonbank Financial Corporations, Non-Financial Corporations, and NGOs Sector	House- Holds Sector	TOTAL
International Investment						
Position (net)*	1,264	-932	4,619	-724	-1038	3,189
Total External Assets	1,264	369	6,683	905	39	9,260
Foreign Direct Investment	_	_	_		_	
Abroad	0	0	0	292	0	292
Portfolio Investments Abroad	150	0	959	523	0	1,632
Other Investments Abroad	218	369	5,724	90	39	6,440
Of which: currency and						
deposits**	218	0	5,691	6	39	5,954
Reserve Assets	896	0	0	0	0	896
Total Foreign Liabilities	0	1,301	2,064	1,629	1,077	6,071
Foreign Direct Investment in		,			·	
Palestine	0	0	1,147	997	1,077	3,221
Foreign Portfolio Investments in						
Palestine	0	0	271	585	0	856
Foreign Other Investments in						
Palestine:	0	1,301	646	47	0	1,994
Of which: loans from abroad	0	1,301	0	47	0	1,348
Of which: currency and						
deposits***	0	0	646	0	0	646

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- * International investment position (net): equals total external assets minus total foreign liabilities.

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Table 4: Gross External Debt Position on Palestine, at the end of years 2021, 2022

Value in million USD

Economic Sector	Stock at the end of 2021	Stock at the end of 2022
General Government	1,319	1,302
Short-term	191	221
Long-term	1128	1081
Monetary Authorities	0	0
Short-term	0	0
Long-term	0	0
Banks	780	646
Short-term	378	413
Long-term	402	233
Other Sectors	104	47
Short-term	0	0
Long-term	104	47
Direct Investment: lending between		
affiliated companies	41	11
Debt liabilities to affiliated enterprises	0	0
Debt liabilities to direct investors	41	11
Gross External Debt Position	2,244	2,006