**PCBS:  Press Release on the Results of the Labour Force Survey, in the West Bank Second Quarter (April – June, 2025)  Round**

**About One-Quarter of Participants of Labour Force in the West Bank Became Unemployed in the 2nd Quarter of 2025**

**The number of employed persons from the West Bank in the 2nd quarter of 2025 increased by 23 thousand compared with the 1st quarter of 2025.**

The number of employed persons from the West Bank (excluding those working abroad) increased from about 691 thousand in the 1stquarter of 2025 to about 714 thousand in the 2nd quarter of 2025, with a percentage of about 3%.

**The number of employed persons in the local market in the West Bank increased by about 25 thousand between the 1st quarter and the 2nd quarter of 2025**

The number of employed persons in the local market in the West Bank increased from about 650 thousand employed persons in the 1stquarter of 2025 to 675 thousand employed persons in the 2nd quarter of 2025, an increase of about 4%.

Results showed that the increase in the number of employed persons in the local market in the West Bank was due to the increase in the number of employed persons in Construction activities, followed by Services activities, then Transportation, Storage and Communication.

The average daily wage for wage employees in the West Bank was 134.8 NIS, while the average weekly working hours was 41.9 hours per week. The average monthly working days was 22.3 working days.

**About two-thirds of employed persons are wage employees**

64.7% of employed persons are wage employees, 23.0% of employed persons are self-employed, 7.1% of employed persons are employers, and 5.2% are unpaid family members.

**More than one-third of the wage employees in the private sector are hired without any employment contract.**

42.5% of wage employees in the private sector are hired without any employment contract, and 39.9% of wage employees receive a contribution to their pension fund/end of service compensation. Moreover, 53.2% of wage female employees received a paid maternity leave.

**17% of wage employees in the private sector receive a monthly wage of less than the minimum wage level (1,880 NIS) in the West Bank**

The percentage of wage employees in the private sector who receive a monthly wage less than the minimum wage level in the West Bank was 16.5% in the 2nd quarter of 2025 (about 42 thousand employees).

It is worth mentioning that the Council of Ministers issued a decree stating that the minimum wage is to be (1,880 NIS) as of the beginning of 2022.

The average monthly wage for those who receive less than the minimum wage in the West Bank was 1,445 NIS.

**More than one quarter of the labour force participants were unemployed in the West Bank in the 2nd quarter of 2025**

The unemployment rate among labour force participants (15 years and above) in the 2nd quarter of 2025 was 28.6%, while the total underutilization of labour was about 31.5%. According to the International Labour Organization Standards (ICLS-19th), the unemployment rate among males in the West Bank reached 28.3%, compared to 29.8% for females.

Unemployment Rate (ICLS 19th) in the West Bank, Q1- 2023 – Q2-2025

The number of unemployed persons in the West Bank reached about 287 thousand in the 2nd quarter of 2025 (28.6%) compared to about 300 thousand in the 1stquarter of 2025 (30.2%).

The number of participants in the labour force reached one million person in the 2nd quarter of 2025, compared to 993 thousand in the 1stquarter of 2025, where the participation rate in the labour force was 45.4% in the 2nd quarter of 2025 compared to 45.2% in the 1stquarter of 2025.

Labor force participation rate among males in the West Bank reached 72.1% in the 2nd quarter of 2025 compared to 72.0% in the 1stquarter of 2025. Also participation rate among females reached 17.8% in the 2nd quarter of 2025 compared to 17.5% in the 1st quarter of 2025.

Within the same context, the total of labour underutilization reached 324 thousand persons.

**Unemployment rate was the highest among youth graduates with an intermediate diploma certificate and higher**

About 43.5% is the unemployment rate among youth graduates (aged 19-29 years) with intermediate diploma certificate and higher in the West Bank; 28.6% among males compared to 56.6% among females.

**The number of employed individuals in Israel and Israeli settlements slightly decreased by about one thousand between the 1st quarter** of **2025 and the 2nd quarter of 2025**

The number of employed persons from the West Bank in Israel and Israeli settlements decreased between the 1st quarter of 2025 and 2nd quarter of 2025 by 1,200 employed persons, where the total number of employed persons in Israel was about 23,400 thousand in the 2nd  quarter of 2025 compared to about 25 thousand in the 1stquarter of 2025, while the number of workers in Israeli settlements reached 15,700 in the 2nd quarter 2025 compared to 15,300 in the 1st quarter 2025.

The average daily wage for wage employees in Israel and Israeli settlements was 243.4 NIS in the 2nd quarter of 2025, compared to 254.9 NIS in the 1st quarter of 2025.