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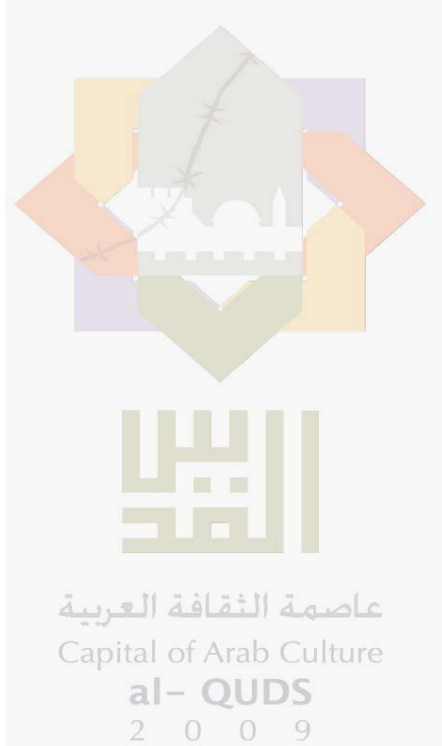
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**Survey on the Socio-Economic Characteristics of
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Important Notice:

- PCBS and PECDAR note that the data contained in this report was collected from Palestinian families affected by the arrest of a member of the family. This reported data reflects their point of view on their socio-economic conditions up until the date of data collection.
- PCBS and PECDAR draw attention to the fact that the data contained in this report includes only the West Bank in this period.
- Yearly economic cost for the current prisoners =The economic opportunity cost for one year (estimated for the prisoners that the employment definition applied on them on the day of arresting, and equal to GDP per worker).
 - + the sum of the running cost for the prisoners for one year (include expenditure on transportation, Canteen, other expenditure).
 - + Fixed cost for all prisoners in one year (include lawyers and Fine costs).
- (-) means nil.

Executive Summary

The Palestinian Central Bureau of Statistics (PCBS) and the Palestinian Economic Council for Development and Reconstruction (PECDAR) conducted a survey of Palestinian households in the West Bank about the socio-economic characteristics of the Palestinian detainees in Israeli jails. The size of the sample totaled 1,854 households including 1,295 households who have detained household members and 589 households who have household members released between January 2007 and August 2008. The data was collected during August 2008. The survey is part of the monitoring of the impact of Israeli measures on Palestinian society that is the result of work of both PCBS and PECDAR on a joint cooperation agreement signed by the two parties. According to the agreement, the findings of the survey revealed the following information concerning:

Currently detained persons and those released between January 2007 and August 2008

Region:

The survey findings showed that 53.8% of the total number of currently detained persons and those released between January 2007 and August 2008 are from the northern parts of the West Bank, compared to 28.3% and 17.9% from the central and southern parts of the West Bank, respectively.

Age Group:

According to the distribution of the currently detained persons and those who were released between January 2007 and August 2008 by age, findings showed that 33.4% are from the age group of 23-27 years, distributed as 34.4% of currently detained persons and 31.2% of released persons. The percentage of persons (detained and released) for the age group of 18-22 years is 25.5%, including 22.5% of detained persons and 32.4% of released persons. The percentage for the age group of 28-32 years is 20.2%, including 19.8% of detained persons and 21.3% of released persons. Moreover, the percentage for the age group of persons above the age of 33 is 16.5%, distributed as 19.3% of currently detained persons and 9.7% of released persons. Those below the age of 18 years constitute 4.4%, including 4.0% who are still detained and 5.4% of released persons.

Marital Status:

According to findings, the marital status of currently detained persons and those released between January 2007 and August 2008 is as follows: 25.3% married, distributed as 24.1% detained and 28.1% released. Approximately one-half (47.2%) of the currently detained persons and those released between January 2007 and August 2008 have high school degrees (Tawjihee), including 46.3% detained and 49.3% released. Comparatively, 5.1% have a bachelors degree, distributed as 5.3% detained and 4.8% released.

Labour Force Statues before Detention:

The survey showed that 56.1% of the currently detained persons and those released between January 2007 and August 2008 were employed before they were detained: 57.8% of the currently detained and 52.3% of the released persons. On the other hand, the unemployment rate before detention was 11.3%, including 10.7% of the currently detained and 12.7% of the released persons. The percentage of currently detained persons and those released between January 2007 and August 2008 who were full-time students before detention was 31.1%, including 30.0% of those still detained and 33.9% of released persons. The percentage of those who were full-time housekeeping was 1.5%, including 1.5% of those who are still detained and 1.1% of the released detainees.

Additionally, findings showed that 78.9% of the currently detained persons and those released between January 2007 and August 2008 were wage employees, including 79.5% of the currently detained and 58.8% of the released persons. 6.7% of the detained and released persons were employers (6.7% detained and 5.9% released) and 10.9% of the currently detained and released persons between January 2007 and August 2008 were self employed, distributed as 10.5% currently detained and 29.4% released. On the other hand, 3.4% of the detained and released persons were unpaid family members at 3.4% currently detained and 5.9% released.

Place of Detention:

Data showed that one-third of the currently detained persons are at Ansar 3 (Naqab) jail, Nafha jail detainees constitute 10.5% followed by Majedo at 9.8%, Ofer at 9.3%, Beersaba at 4.9%, Hasharon at 4.8%, Ashkelon at 2.9%, Shata at 2.7%, Al Damoon jail at 2.2%, Hadareem at 1.8%, Al Ramla jail at 0.9%, Telmond at 0.6%, and 0.2% at the Moskobia jail, Al Jalameh, and Ayaloon, and finally 0.1% at Kfar Yuna and Hawara prisons.

Detention indicators and Detention Status:

The findings of the survey showed that 34.2% of the total number of currently detained persons and those released between January 2007 and August 2008 had been detained before, including 37.0% for the detained and 27.8% for the released.

The findings also showed that 45.2% of the currently detained persons and those released between January 2007 and August 2008 had been detained only once (47.8% for the currently detained persons and 37.0% for those released). 32.1% were detained twice (30.9% of the currently detained and 35.7% of the released) and those who had been detained three times and more constituted 22.7% (21.3% of the currently detained and 27.3% of the released). Moreover, 86.8% of the total number of the currently detained persons and those released between January 2007 and August 2008 were sentenced (81.8% of the detained and 98.4% of the released). Alternatively, the detainees who are still suspended were 13.2% (18.2% detained and 1.6% released).

Humanitarian Aid:

According to findings, 41.8% of the total number of the families of the currently detained persons and those released between January 2007 and August 2008 received humanitarian aid when their family members were in detention (42.5% for the families of the currently detained persons and 40.1% for the families of the released detainees). 68.9% of the aid came from the public sector, 13.0% from foreign agencies, 11.2% from the UNRWA, 8.9% from the private sector, 3.9% from NGOs, and 1.8% came from Arab countries.

Steadfastness Strategies:

According to findings, the families of the currently detained persons and those released between January 2007 and August 2008, relied economically on different sources and means including 82.2% who relied on a monthly income (86.4% for the currently detained and 85.8% for the released persons), 78.4% relied on an income from the government to their detained family member (77.2% for the currently detained and 81.1% for released persons), 65.3% delayed payment of bills (64.9% for the currently detained and 66.1% for the released ones), and 52.9% of the families borrowed money to pay their expenses (51.7% for the currently detained and 55.7% for the released persons)

Households Expenditure on Detained Members

Monthly Running Expenditures:

Findings showed that the average Monthly Running expenditure per person (Transportation, Canteen, other) totaled NIS 1,526. The average expenditure decreased with duration of detention (NIS 5,088 for those who spent less than a year in detention, NIS 764 for those who spent 1-2 years in detention, NIS 623 for those who spent 3-5 years in detention, NIS 524 for those who spent 5-10 years in detention, 430 NIS for who spent more than ten years in detention).

Findings showed that the average household expenditure on their detained members totaled NIS 207 spent on transport to courts, visits to attorneys, and jail duration visits. The average expenditure on transport totaled (NIS 673 for those who spent less than a year in detention, NIS 122 for those who spent 1-2 years in detention, NIS 78 for those who spent 3-5 years in detention, NIS 61 for those who spent 5-10 for in detention, NIS 77 for who spent more than ten years in detention).

The average expenditure on canteen needs totaled NIS 767 (NIS 2,650 for those who spent less than a year in detention, NIS 360 for those who spent 1-2 years in detention, NIS 291 for those who spent 3-5 years in detention, NIS 273 for those who spent 5-10 years in detention, NIS 218 for those who spent more than ten years in detention).

Fixed Expenditures:

Findings showed that the average fixed expenditure per person (lawyers' fees, paying fines) totaled NIS 10,367; (NIS 7,102 for those who spent less than a year in detention, NIS 6,836 for those who spent 1-2 years in detention, NIS 21,551 for those who spent more than ten years in detention).

The results also indicated that the average fixed expenditure of household on the costs of lawyers, had reached NIS 7,908, with the average of spending on lawyers for NIS 5,007 for those who spent less than a year in detention, While NIS 18,484 for those who spent 10 years and more in detention, and the average of spending on fines NIS 2,459 (NIS 2,094 for those who spent less than a year in detention and NIS 3,067 for those who spent 10 years and more in detention) .

Total Economic Cost:

Estimating the economic cost of all detainees was through the considering total of costs (Running Expenditures and fixed Expenditures) on the detainee in addition to the cost of lost opportunity, which was estimated by per capita Group of annual GDP in 2007 (NIS 22,032), indicating that the economic cost of one detainee amounted to NIS 37,447.7.

Monthly Income:

Findings showed that the average monthly income, from all sources, of the households who currently have detained members dropped to NIS 2,241 from NIS 2,339 before their members were placed in detention. Moreover, the average monthly income of currently detained persons dropped to NIS 1,390 from what they had before they were detained (NIS 1,790). Moreover, according to findings, the average income of the households whose members were released between January 2007 and August 2008 dropped from NIS 2,211 before detention to NIS 1,921 after release from detention. The average monthly income of the released detainees, between January 2007 and August 2008, dropped to NIS 1,467 from what they had before they were detained (NIS 1,607).

Concepts and Definitions

Canteen

Is the place inside prisons and detention centers for the sale of goods and products for prisoners; usually families deposit money for covering needs of their detained member.

Currently Detained

A person who is currently detained by the Israeli occupation authority in prisons and detention places, whether the person is convicted or not.

Employed

All persons are 10 years and over who were at work at least one hour during the reference week, or who were not at work during the reference week, but held a job or owned business from which they were temporarily absent (because of illness, vacation, temporarily stoppage, or any other reason). Employed persons are classified according to employment status as follows:

1. Employer:

A person who operates his or her own economic enterprise or engages independently in a profession or trade, and hires one or more wage employees.

2. (Self-employed) own-account worker:

A person who operates his or her own economic enterprise or engages independently in a profession or trade, and hires no employees.

3. Employee:

A person who works for a public or private employer and receives remuneration in wage, salary, commission, tips, piece-rates or pay in kind.

4. Unpaid family member:

A person who works without pay in an economic enterprise operated by a related person living in the same household.

Household

One person or a group of persons with or without a household relationship, who live in the same housing unit, share meals and make joint provision of food and other essentials of living.

Humanitarian Aid

Any in-kind assistance and humanitarian aid received by a household of detained persons due to their deteriorated living conditions regardless the source of assistance.

Monthly Income

Total amount of wages and salaries payable at regular bases for performing a job during the reference month; government allowances received by families of arrested person is considered income.

North West Bank

Includes the governorates of Jenin, Tubas, Tulkarm, Nablus, Qalqilya, Salfit.

Middle West Bank

Includes the governorates of Ramallah and El Bireh, Jerusalem, Jericho.

South West Bank

Includes the governorates of Bethlehem, Hebron.

Reference Period

The Period for which data are collected. In this survey there are many reference periods:

1. Released prisoners during (01/2007-08/2008).
2. Before a year for Labour Force Status questions.
3. Before and after detained and after released.

Released

A person who was detained by Israeli occupation authority in prisons or detention centers and released regardless of the arrest period.

Table 1: Percentage Distribution of the Currently Detained and Released Persons during January 2007- August 2008 by Sex and Region

Region	Total	Released	Currently Detained	
Both Sexes				
North West Bank	53.8	54.5	53.4	
Middle West Bank	17.9	16.8	18.4	
South West Bank	28.3	28.7	28.2	
Total	100	100	100	
Males				
North West Bank	53.7	53.6	53.7	
Middle West Bank	18.3	17.9	18.5	
South West Bank	28.0	28.5	27.8	
Total	100	100	100	
Females				
North West Bank	55.4	67.6	46.9	
Middle West Bank	9.7	-	16.3	
South West Bank	34.9	32.4	36.8	
Total	100	100	100	

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Table 2: Percentage Distribution of the Currently Detained and Released Persons during January 2007- August 2008 by Age

Age Group	Total	Released	Currently Detained	
Less than 18 years old	4.4	5.4	4.0	18
18-22	25.5	32.4	22.5	22-18
23-27	33.4	31.2	34.4	27-23
28-32	20.2	21.3	19.8	32-28
33-37	8.7	6.5	9.7	37-33
38+	7.8	3.2	9.6	+38
Total	100	100	100	

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Table 2: Percentage Distribution of the Currently Detained and Released Persons during January 2007- August 2008 by Marital Status

Marital status	Total	Released	Currently Detained	
Never Married	73.2	71.1	74.1	
Currently Married	25.3	28.1	24.1	
Other*	1.5	0.8	1.8	*
Total	100	100	100	

*Other includes (Divorced, Widowed, Separated)

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Table 3: Percentage Distribution of the Currently Detained and Released Persons during January 2007- August 2008 by the Highest Qualification

Qualification	Total	Released	Currently Detained	
None	2.9	3.3	2.7	
Elementary	13.1	12.5	13.4	
Primary	28.2	27.2	28.6	
Secondary	47.2	49.3	46.3	
Diploma	3.5	2.9	3.7	
Bachelor	5.1	4.8	5.3	
Total	100	100	100	

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Table 5: Percentage Distribution of the Currently Detained and Released Persons during January 2007- August 2008 Labour Force Statues before Detained

Labour Force Statues	Total	Released	Currently Detained	
Employed	56.1	52.3	57.8	
Unemployed	11.3	12.7	10.7	
Study	31.1	33.9	30.0	
Housekeeping	1.5	1.1	1.5	
Total	100	100	100	

Table 6: Percentage Distribution of the Currently Detained and Released Persons during January 2007- August 2008 by Employment Status before Detained

Employment Statues	Total	Released	Currently Detained	
Employer	6.7	5.9	6.7	
Self Employed	10.9	29.4	10.5	
Wage Employee	78.9	58.8	79.4	
Unpaid Family Member	3.4	5.9	3.4	
Total	100	100	100	

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Table 7: Percentage Distribution of the Currently Detained Persons by Prison

Prison	Percentage	
Nafha	10.5	
Bir sab'a	4.9	
Ansar 3	35.4	3
Ofar	9.3	
Asqalan	2.9	
Kfar Youna	0.1	
Shata	2.7	
Moskobieh	0.2	
Ramlla	0.9	/
Al Jalama	0.2	
Ayalon	0.2	
Damoon	2.2	
Hasharoon	4.8	
Hadareem	1.8	
Telmond	0.6	
Meajjedo	9.8	
Hawarra	0.1	
Other	13.4	
Total	100	

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Table 8: Percentage Distribution of the Currently Detained and Released Persons during January 2007- August 2008 by Previous Detention Status

Previous Detention Status	Total	Released	Currently Detained
Ever Detained Before	34.2	27.8	37.0
Never Detained Before	65.8	72.2	63.0
Total	100	100	100

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Table 9: Percentage Distribution of the Currently Detained and Released Persons during January 2007- August 2008 by Conviction Status

Conviction Status	Total	Released	Currently Detained
Sentenced	86.8	98.4	81.8
Suspended	13.2	1.6	18.2
Total	100	100	100

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Table 10: Percentage Distribution of the Currently Detained and Released Persons during January 2007- August 2008 by Frequency of Previous Detention

Frequency of Previous Detention	Total	Released	Currently Detained
Once	45.2	37.0	47.8
Twice	32.1	35.7	30.9
Three times and more	22.7	27.3	21.3
Total	100	100	100

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Table 11: Percentage Distribution of the Households of Currently Detained and Released Persons during January 2007- August 2008 by Assistance Received during the Detention Period of their Sons

Receive Assistance	Total	Released	Currently Detained
Received Assistance	41.8	40.1	42.5
Did not Receive Assistance	58.2	59.9	57.5
Total	100	100	100

Table 12: Percentage of the Households for Currently Detained and Released Persons during January 2007- August 2008 that Assistance Received by Source of Assistance

Source of Assistance	Total	Released	Currently Detained	
Public Sector	68.9	73.1	67.2	
Private Sector	8.9	10.8	8.2	
Arab Countries	1.8	1.3	2.0	
Civil Society	3.9	3.6	4.0	
Foreign Sector	13.0	7.2	15.3	
UNRWA	11.2	9.4	11.9	

Table 13: Percentage of the Households for Currently Detained and Released Persons during January 2007- August 2008 by Measures Taken by Household to Maintain Financial Stability During the Detention period of Sons

Measures	Total	Released	Currently Detained	
Depend on family income	82.2	85.8	86.4	
Getting assistance from family and friends	19.3	19.9	19.0	
Selling jewels or part of it	38.8	36.0	38.9	
Selling available durable goods	4.3	4.1	4.4	
Postpone paying bills	65.3	66.1	64.9	
Governmental prisoner income	78.4	81.1	77.2	
Other prisoner income sources	6.5	6.3	6.5	
Use their saving	30.2	29.7	30.4	
Borrowing from bank financial institution	6.4	5.2	6.9	
Selling or mortgage lands or buildings	10.0	10.0	9.9	رهن ارض او عقارات
Borrow money	52.9	55.7	51.7	

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Table 14: Average Monthly Net Income in NIS before, during and after Detained for the Currently Detained and Released Persons during January 2007- August 2008

Average Monthly Net Income	Released	Currently Detained	
Average Monthly Income in NIS before Detention	1607	1790	
Average Monthly Income in NIS during Detention	1183	1390	
Average Monthly Income in NIS after Detention	1467	-	

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Table 15: Average Monthly Net Income in NIS before, during and after Detained for the Households of Currently Detained and Released Persons during January 2007- August 2008

Average Monthly Net Income	Released	Currently Detained	
Average Monthly Income in NIS before Detention	2211	2339	
Average Monthly Income in NIS during Detention	2219	2241	
Average Monthly Income in NIS after Detention	1921	-	

Table 16: Average of Monthly Running Expenditure in NIS that Households paid by Region and Detention Period

Region and Detention Period	* Total of* average running costs	Other Costs	Canteen costs	(Transportation costs(visits))
North West Bank					
Less than one year	5,959	2,204	3,269	486	
1-2 years	796	310	398	88	2-1
3 years and more and less than 5 years	631	280	298	53	5 3
More than 5 years and less than 10 years	530	196	285	49	10 5
10+	448	158	233	56	+10
Average	1,578	615	826	137	
Middle West Bank					
Less than one year	6,918	2,272	3,517	1,129	
1-2 years	849	295	374	180	2-1
3 years and more and less than 5 years	756	286	334	136	5 3
More than 5 years and less than 10 years	646	228	315	103	10 5
10+	408	109	190	109	+10
Average	2,181	739	1,061	381	
South West Bank					
Less than one year	2,588	759	1,200	628	
1-2 years	655	227	288	140	2-1
3 years and more and less than 5 years	531	180	252	99	5 3
More than 5 years and less than 10 years	436	154	220	63	10 5
10+	426	132	228	66	+10
Average	1,008	316	468	224	
Total					
Less than one year	5,088	1,765	2,650	673	
1-2 years	764	282	360	122	2-1
3 years and more and less than 5 years	623	253	291	78	5 3
More than 5 years and less than 10 years	524	190	273	61	10 5
10+	430	136	218	77	+10
Average	1,526	552	767	207	

* Running cost includes (Transportation costs, Canteen costs, Other Cost)

Table 16: Average of fixed Expenditures in NIS that Households paid by Region and Detention Period

Region and Detention Period	Total of average Fixed costs	Fine Costs	Lawyers costs		
North West Bank					
Less than one year	8,919	1,869	7,050		
1-2 years	7,548	2,093	5,455		2-1
3 years and more and less than 5 years	14,997	2,812	12,185	5	3
More than 5 years and less than 10 years	13,893	2,452	11,441	10	5
10+	12,731	3,500	9,231		+10
Average	11,944	2,330	9,614		
Middle West Bank					
Less than one year	5,071	1,724	3,347		
1-2 years	5,376	1,131	4,246		2-1
3 years and more and less than 5 years	7,265	1,750	5,515	5	3
More than 5 years and less than 10 years	8,770	2,034	6,736	10	5
10+	25,923	3,000	22,923		+10
Average	7,248	1,664	5,584		
South West Bank					
Less than one year	8,239	3,080	5,159		
1-2 years	8,108	2,971	5,137		2-1
3 years and more and less than 5 years	14,154	5,484	8,670	5	3
More than 5 years and less than 10 years	18,654	6,167	12,487	10	5
10+	31,000	-	31,000		+10
Average	12,533	4,143	8390		
Total					
Less than one year	7,102	2,094	5,007		
1-2 years	6,836	1,944	4,892		2-1
3 years and more and less than 5 years	12,227	3,001	9,226	5	3
More than 5 years and less than 10 years	13,427	2,997	10,430	10	5
10+	21,551	3,067	18,484		+10
Average	10,367	2,459	7,908		

* Fixed cost includes (Lawyers costs, Fine Cost)

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