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Main Indicators of Victimization Survey - 1996, 1999, 2004, 2008, 2012, 2016

Indicator	Years					
	1996	1999	2004	2008	2012	2016
Victims of Criminal Offenses at the Household Level						
Percentage of victimized households of all criminal offenses	5.6	5.1	11.3	7.5	9.6	7.0
Percentage of households exposed to theft (excluding vehicle)	1.6	1.2	1.2	2.0	3.2	3.6
Percentage of households exposed to vehicle theft or part of it	1.8	1.9	1.1	6.1	4.3	4.0
Percentage of households exposed to robbery or theft attempt	..	0.5	0.4	0.6	0.7	0.6
Percentage of households exposed to property damage	1.3	0.2	1.5	1.7	0.5	0.4
Percentage of households exposed to threat	1.3	0.4	0.6	0.9	0.3	0.7
Percentage of households exposed to assault	1.2	0.4	1.5	0.9	0.7	0.9
Percentage of households exposed to Israeli soldiers or settlers harassment or assault	..	1.3	7.1	2.4	4.4	1.3
Percentage of households exposed to other crimes	..	..	0.3	0.4	0.2	0.3
Households victims of informatics threats on websites						
The percentage of households that one of its members was exposed to Informatics threats at least once	..	..	..	..	..	3.8
Victims at the Individual Level by Last Criminal Offense*						
Percentage of persons exposed to theft\ theft robbery attempt	54.2	55.2	19.5	33.9	41.9	61.8
Percentage of persons exposed to threat\ assault	18.8	18.0	13.1	18.4	10.6	14.9
Percentage of persons exposed to property damage	16.1	4.4	8.2	18.3	3.0	0.4
Location of Last Crime						
Percentage of persons exposed to criminal offense inside house	23.5	16.5	44.8	45.9	49.3	35.8
Percentage of persons exposed to criminal offense nearby house	32.8	41.7	17.5	26.4	19.0	26.8
Last Crime Reporting*						
Percentage of victimized persons who reported the crime	40.2	43.2	29.5	53.0	43.4	43.0
Reasons for Not Reporting Last Crime*						
Percentage of victimized persons not reporting because crime was not serious enough	..	51.7	29.3	28.5	46.4	40.7
Percentage of victimized persons not reporting because of personal\ tribal solution	..	10.7	30.0	18.3	8.2	12.6
Percentage of victimized persons not reporting because of preferring no interference of police	..	10.7	20.7	21.2	23.2	24.3
Perpetrator of Last Crime*						
Percentage of persons exposed to criminal offense from Israeli soldiers or settlers	11.6	26.8	62.7	33.3	42.2	17.1
Percentage of persons exposed to criminal offense from a relative	13.0	8.9	4.4	3.9	4.8	12.4
Physical Harm and Tangible Losses of Last Crime*						
Percentage of persons exposed to criminal offense and caused physical harm	22.6	16.5	10.5	12.3	5.5	8.6
Percentage of persons exposed to criminal offense and caused tangible losses	77.4	61.0	60.0	63.9	74.9	68.2
Percentage of persons exposed to criminal offense and caused physical harm and tangible losses	..	3.2	3.4	1.8	1.5	3.2
Percentage of persons exposed to criminal offense and caused tangible losses of more than 1000 Jordanian Dinars	15.3	14.7	21.2	30.4	19.9	19.8
Party Prone to Tangible Losses of Last Crime*						
Percentage of persons exposed to criminal offense and the victim was prone to tangible losses	85.8	88.7	78.6	72.7	94.4	91.8

(-): Means data not available.

(*): Percent of the total individuals who have been subject to at least one criminal offense

Main Findings

PCBS conducted the Sixth round of the Victimization Survey of 2016. Data collection was conducted during the fourth quarter of 2016 (09/10/2016 – 05/01/2017).

The main objective of the survey is to monitor key indicators concerning current status of households and individuals who were subject to criminal offenses.

The survey was based on a questionnaire completed by a random sample of 7,603 households: 5,083 in the West Bank and 2,520 in Gaza Strip.

Criminal Offenses against Households

The results of the survey revealed that offenses against households were 7.0% of Palestinian households in Palestine: 5.3% in the West Bank and 10.1% in Gaza Strip.

The offenses cited in the survey were including: theft, (excluding vehicles) 3.6%, theft of a vehicle or part of it 4.0%, damage to property 0.4%, and assault on individuals 0.9%.

In addition, 1.3% of households had been subject to harassment or assault by Israeli soldiers or settlers.

The results showed that the percentage of households that one of its members was exposed to informatics threats at least once 3.8% (2.9% in the West Bank and 5.4% in Gaza Strip).

In general the results showed that crime against households was higher in Gaza Strip than in the West Bank.

Criminal Offenses against Individuals

1.4% of individuals in Palestine had been victims of a criminal offense: 1.1% in the West Bank and 1.8% in Gaza Strip.

Criminal offenses against individuals in Palestine were as follows: 58.0 % theft

distributed as the following: (43.9% in the West Bank and 71.0% in Gaza Strip); 10.7% assaults (5.4% in the West Bank and 15.5% in Gaza Strip); 3.7% damage to property (4.1% in the West Bank and 3.3% in Gaza Strip); and 15.7% of individuals had been harassed or assaulted by Israeli soldiers or settlers (32.5% in the West Bank and 0.3% in Gaza Strip) out of the victimized individuals.

Location of Last Crime

35.8% of criminal offenses in Palestine took place inside the home, 26.8% near the home, 16.3% outside the locality and 17.4% took place elsewhere in the locality. The percentage of criminal offenses occurring inside the home in Gaza Strip was 38.2% compared with 33.3% in the West Bank. The number of criminal offenses that took place outside the locality was low in Gaza Strip at 10.0% compared with 23.1% in the West Bank.

Crime Reporting

Reported crime by victims of offenses in Palestine retained almost the same proportion, reaching 43.0% in 2016 compared with 43.4% in 2012.

The percentage of criminal offenses against individuals causing actual bodily harm was 8.6%; and it was higher in the West Bank at 12.4% compared with 5.1% in Gaza Strip.

The results showed that 19.8% of the criminal offenses against individuals in Palestine in which tangible losses were reported, these losses were estimated of the amount JD 1000 and more,

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Concepts and Definitions

Victim:

The person effected by an offense or loss or prey to catastrophic, criminal or brutal event.

Assault:

Refers to physical attack against another person, battery but excluding indecent assault. Some criminal or penal codes distinguish between aggravated and simple assault depending on the degree of resulting injury

Crime:

Any act involving violation of law or public rights duties towards the state or society in general.

Criminal:

The person violating effective law via criminal events against other persons or their properties.

Household:

One or group of persons living together who make common provision for food or other essentials for living. Households members may be related, unrelated or combination of both.

Human losses:

All losses a person may suffer during the crime took place in the last 12 months, which resulted in wounds, murder, malformation or disability.

Location:

The place where the crime happened.

Properties:

All movable and fixed assets properties belonging to the individuals (household members) regardless of whether they were inside or outside the house.

Theft:

Refers to the removal of property without the property owner's consent. Theft excludes burglary and house breaking. It includes the theft of motor vehicle, shoplifting and other minor offenses, e.g. pilfering and petty theft, may or may not be included as thefts.

Robbery:

Illegally breaking into the property of somebody with the intention to commit a crime.

Cybercrime:

Define as: "Offences that are committed against individuals or groups of individuals with a criminal motive to intentionally harm the reputation of the victim or cause physical or mental harm, or loss, to the victim directly or indirectly, using modern telecommunication networks such as Internet (Chat rooms, emails, notice boards and groups)

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Table 1: Percent of Victimized Households by Type of Criminal Offense and Region 2016

Type of Criminal Offense	المنطقة		فلسطين Palestine	نوع الفعل الإجرامي
	قطاع غزة Gaza Strip	الضفة الغربية West Bank		
Theft (Excluding Vehicle)	7.2	1.6	3.6	سرقة (باستثناء السيارة)
Vehicle Theft or part of it	7.4	3.4	4.0	سرقة السيارة/ بعض قطع السيارة
Robbery or Theft Attempt	0.8	0.5	0.6	محاولة السطو والسرقة
Property Damage	0.5	0.3	0.4	إتلاف ممتلكات
Threat	1.2	0.5	0.7	التهديد
Assault	1.8	0.4	0.9	الاعتداء
Israeli Soldiers or Settlers Harassment or Assault	*0.0	2.0	1.3	تحرش واعتداء الجيش والمستوطنين الإسرائيليين
Other Crimes	0.4	0.2	0.3	جرائم أخرى
Households who exposed to at least one criminal offense	10.1	5.3	7.0	الأسر التي تعرضت لفعل إجرامي واحد على الأقل

• Value Less than 0.05

*القيمة أقل من 0.05

جدول 2 : نسبة الأسر الذين يستخدمون الانترنت وتعرض أحد أفرادها لتهديدات معلوماتية على مواقع الانترنت حسب المنطقة، 2016

Table 2: Percentage of Internet Users Households who Exposed to Informatics Threats on the Internet by Region, 2016

Informatics Threats	المنطقة			التهديدات المعلوماتية
	قطاع غزة Gaza Strip	الضفة الغربية West Bank	فلسطين Palestine	
Entry of Viruses through the Internet	3.6	1.7	2.4	دخول فيروسات من خلال الانترنت
Damage of Information	0.4	0.5	0.5	تخريب المعلومات أو العبث بها
Publish of Pornographic Content	2.1	1.0	1.4	نشر محتوى غير لائق
Theft of Personal Data	1.9	0.8	1.2	سرقة البيانات الشخصية
Theft of Credit Card Numbers	0.1	0.0	*0.0	سرقة ارقام بطاقات الائتمان
Other	0.0	0.0	0.0	أخرى
Households who exposed to at least one Informatics Threats	5.4	2.9	3.8	الأسر التي تعرض أحد أفرادها لتهديد معلوماتي واحد على الأقل

• Value Less than 0.05

*القيمة أقل من 0.05

Victims of Criminal Offenses at the Individual Level

ضحايا الأفعال الإجرامية على مستوى الأفراد

جدول 3: التوزيع النسبي للأفراد ضحايا الأفعال الإجرامية حسب نوع الفعل الإجرامي والمنطقة 2016

Table 3: Percentage Distribution of Victimized Persons by Type of Criminal Offense and Region 2016

Type of Criminal Offense	Region المنطقة		فلسطين Palestine	نوع الفعل الإجرامي
	قطاع غزة Gaza Strip	الضفة الغربية West Bank		
Theft	71.0	43.9	58.0	سرقة
Robbery or Theft Attempt	1.4	6.4	3.8	محاولة سطو وسرقة
Property Damage	3.3	4.1	3.7	إتلاف ممتلكات
Threat	4.2	4.3	4.2	تهديد
Assault	15.5	5.4	10.7	اعتداء
Israeli Soldiers or Settlers Harassment or Assault	0.3	32.5	15.7	إعتداء وتحرش الجيش الإسرائيلي والمستوطنين
Other Crimes	4.3	3.4	3.9	جرائم أخرى
Total	100	100	100	مجموع
Persons who exposed to at least one criminal offense	1.8	1.1	1.4	الأفراد الذين تعرضوا لفعل إجرامي واحد على الأقل

جدول 4: التوزيع النسبي للأفراد ضحايا الأفعال الإجرامية حسب مكان حصول الجريمة والمنطقة 2016

Table 4: Percentage Distribution of Victimized Persons by Location of Crime and Region 2016

Location of Crime	Region المنطقة		فلسطين Palestine	مكان حصول الجريمة
	قطاع غزة Gaza Strip	الضفة الغربية West Bank		
Inside Own Home	38.2	33.3	35.8	داخل المنزل
Near Own Home	29.7	23.7	26.8	بجوار المنزل
Elsewhere Inside Locality	21.7	12.7	17.4	مكان آخر داخل التجمع السكاني
Outside Locality	10.0	23.1	16.3	خارج التجمع السكاني
At Israeli Checkpoints	0.4	7.2	3.7	على الحواجز العسكرية الإسرائيلية
Total	100	100	100	مجموع

جدول 5: التوزيع النسبي للأفراد ضحايا الأفعال الإجرامية حسب التبليغ عن الجريمة والمنطقة 2016

Table 5: Percentage Distribution of Victimized Persons by Crime Reporting and Region 2016

Crime Reporting	Region المنطقة		فلسطين Palestine	التبليغ عن الجريمة
	قطاع غزة Gaza Strip	الضفة الغربية West Bank		
Reported	45.9	38.3	43.0	تم التبليغ
Not Reported	54.1	61.7	57.0	لم يتم التبليغ
Total	100	100	100	مجموع

جدول 6: التوزيع النسبي للأفراد ضحايا الأفعال الإجرامية حسب سبب عدم التبليغ عن الجريمة والمنطقة 2016
Table 6: Percentage Distribution of Victimized Persons by Reason for not Reporting and Region 2016

Reasons For Not Reporting	Region المنطقة		فلسطين Palestine	أسباب عدم التبليغ
	قطاع غزة Gaza Strip	الضفة الغربية West Bank		
Not Serious Enough	46.0	33.1	40.7	عدم خطورة الحادث
Personally Solute	9.4	13.7	11.2	حل الموضوع شخصيا/
Go to the tribal judiciary	0.8	2.2	1.4	التوجه للقضاء العشائري
Go to the national factions	0.5	0.0	0.3	التوجه للقوى الوطنية
Insurance not Available	0.0	11.0	4.5	عدم توفر تأمين
Dislike of Police interfering	28.2	18.7	24.3	عدم الرغبة في تدخل الشرطة
Do not Trust in Authorities	8.5	4.4	6.8	عدم الثقة بالأجهزة المختصة
Social Position	0.6	5.8	2.7	المكانة الاجتماعية
Other Reasons*	6.0	11.1	8.1	أسباب أخرى*
Total	100	100	100	المجموع

*: includes lack of knowledge of the offender, and do not want to accuse anyone, and the lack of evidence and proof

* تشمل عدم معرفة المجرم، وعدم الرغبة في اتهام أحد، وعدم وجود دلائل وإثباتات

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Table 7: Percentage Distribution of Victimized Persons by Reported Crime Underwent Legal Proceedings and Region 2016

Reported Crime Underwent Legal Proceedings	Region المنطقة		فلسطين Palestine	وصول الجريمة المبلغ عنها إلى المحكمة
	قطاع غزة Gaza Strip	الضفة الغربية West Bank		
Yes	11.3	24.4	15.7	نعم
No	88.7	75.6	84.3	لا
Total	100	100	100	المجموع

جدول 8: التوزيع النسبي للأفراد ضحايا الأفعال الإجرامية حسب منفذ الجريمة والمنطقة 2016
Table 8: Percentage Distribution of Victimized Persons by Crime Executor and Region 2016

Crime Executor	Region المنطقة		فلسطين Palestine	منفذ الجريمة
	قطاع غزة Gaza Strip	الضفة الغربية West Bank		
Israeli Soldiers or Settlers	0.3	35.0	17.1	جيش الاحتلال أو المستوطنين الإسرائيليين
A relative	14.7	10.1	12.4	أحد الأقارب
From same Locality; Not Relative	8.7	6.5	7.7	أحد أبناء التجمع السكاني من غير الأقارب
Other Known	10.7	10.5	10.6	آخرون (تم التعرف عليهم)
Other Unknown	65.6	37.9	52.2	آخرون (لم يتم التعرف عليهم)
Total	100	100	100	المجموع

جدول 9: التوزيع النسبي للأفراد ضحايا الأفعال الإجرامية حسب نوع الضرر والمنطقة 2016

Table 9: Percentage Distribution of Victimized Persons by Type of Harm and Region 2016

Type of Harm	Region المنطقة		فلسطين Palestine	نوع الضرر
	قطاع غزة Gaza Strip	الضفة الغربية West Bank		
Bodily Harm	5.1	12.4	8.6	يوجد أضرار بشرية فقط
Tangible Losses	75.1	60.9	68.2	يوجد أضرار مادية فقط
Bodily Harm and Tangible Losses	2.6	3.8	3.2	يوجد أضرار بشرية ومادية
None	17.2	22.9	20.0	لا يوجد أضرار
Total	100	100	100	المجموع

جدول 10: التوزيع النسبي للأفراد ضحايا الأفعال الإجرامية حسب قيمة الأضرار المادية والمنطقة 2016

Table 10: Percentage Distribution of Victimized Persons by Tangible Losses and Region 2016

Tangible Losses (Jordanian Dinar)	Region المنطقة		فلسطين Palestine	الأضرار المادية (بالدينار الأردني)
	قطاع غزة Gaza Strip	الضفة الغربية West Bank		
1-49	17.3	4.5	11.7	49-1
50-99	16.1	7.1	12.2	99-50
100-249	35.9	30.2	33.4	249-100
250-999	18.3	28.9	22.9	999-250
1000+	12.4	29.3	19.8	+1000
Total	100	100	100	مجموع

جدول 11: التوزيع النسبي للأفراد ضحايا الأفعال الإجرامية حسب الجهة التي تحملت عبء الأضرار المادية والمنطقة 2016

Table 11: Percentage Distribution of Victimized Persons by Party Prone Tangible Losses 2016

Party Prone Tangible Losses	Region المنطقة		فلسطين Palestine	الجهة التي تحملت عبء الأضرار المادية
	قطاع غزة Gaza Strip	الضفة الغربية West Bank		
The Victim	95.8	86.6	91.8	الضحية
Other than Victim	4.2	13.4	8.2	غير الضحية
Total	100	100	100	مجموع