##### **Palestinian Central Bureau of Statistics (PCBS)**

**Reality of the Private and Non-government Enterprises in Palestine\* 2019**

**145,628 enterprises were operating in the private and non-government sectors in 2019**

**in Palestine\***

There were 145,628 enterprises in the private and non-government sectors in 2019 in Palestine (98,181 enterprises in the West Bank and 47,447 enterprises in Gaza Strip), with a growth rate of 3.8 % compared with 2018. These enterprises are operating in different economic sectors, and distributed as follows: internal trade activities 55.2%, services 28.5%, industry 14.2%, transportation and storage 0.7%, while each of the information and communications activities and construction activities constituted 0.5%, and lastly, the finance and insurance activities constituted 0.4%.

**Number of enterprises in private and non-government sectors by economic activity and region in 2019**

| **Economic Activity** | **Region** |
| --- | --- |
| **West Bank\*** | **Gaza Strip** | **Palestine** |
| Industry | 15,899 | 4,811 | 20,710 |
| Construction | 439 | 230 | 669 |
| Internal Trade | 53,415 | 26,992 | 80,407 |
| Transportation and Storage | 771 | 299 | 1,070 |
| Information and Communications | 464 | 219 | 683 |
| finance and insurance | 188 | 334 | 522 |
| Services | 27,005 | 14,562 | 41,567 |
| **Total** | **98,181** | **47,447** | **145,628** |

**65.0% of the total number of employees are waged employees.**

There were 549,740 employed persons in economic enterprises operating in Palestine (369,290 employed persons in the West Bank and 180,450 employed persons in Gaza Strip), with a growth rate of 11.0% compared with 2018. Internal trade activities constituted the highest percentage among employees with a percentage of 39.8% of the total number of employees, while services constituted 30.4%, industry 22.1%, finance and insurance activities were 2.7%, construction activities were 1.9%, and the percentages of the information and communications and transportation and storage activities reached 1.6% and 1.5%, respectively.

The number of employees ranged between unpaid employees (owners of the enterprises and their households members) which constituted 35.0% of the total number of employees, and wage employees, that constituted 65.0% of the total number of employees. The total value of compensation for the wage employees reached USD 2,829.3 million.

**Internal Trade Activities Constituted the Highest Value of Output of the Economic Activities in Palestine\***

The total value of output by economic enterprises was USD 15,610.7 million in Palestine (USD 13,270.3 million in the West Bank and USD 2,340.4 million in Gaza Strip) with a growth rate of 7.6% compared with 2018. Internal trade activities constituted 33.5% from the total output followed by industrial activities that constituted 33.0%, services activities reached 18.2%, finance and insurance activities reached 6.4%, information and communications reached 4.3%, while percentages of construction activities and transportation and storage activities reached 3.2% and 1.4%, respectively.

**An increase of 10.6% in the value added of the economic activities in Palestine\* in 2019 compared with 2018.**

Results show that the total value added of economic activities in 2019 was USD 10,298.1 million with a growth rate of 10.6% compared with 2018. The highest value added was from the internal trade activities with a percentage of 41.8%, followed by industry activities with a percentage of 22.1%, services activities with a percentage of 20.6%, finance and insurance activities with a percentage of 6.9%, information and communications activities with a percentage of 5.2%, construction 2.1%, and transportation and storage at a percentage of 1.3%.

**Percentage Distribution of Value Added from Economic Enterprises Operating in the Private and Non-Government Sectors in Palestine\* by Economic Activity, 2019**

**Value Added of Economic Activities in Palestine\* for the years 2015-2019**

**Note**:

\*Data exclude those parts of Jerusalem, which were annexed by Israeli occupation in 1967.