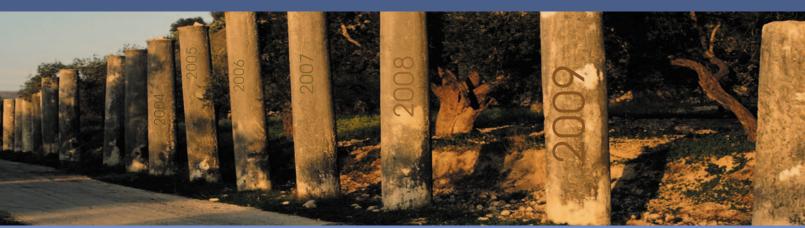


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New premises of the Palestinian Central Bureau of Statistics (PCBS)

PREFACE



The year 2009 has been marked with additional key achievements in the Palestinian official Statistics, mainly the adoption and declaration of the National Strategy for Official Statistics, and the implementation of the International Conference on National Statistical System with distinct presence of prominent international and national figures and specialists as well as substantial recommendations to further develop national statistics. Moreover, PCBS has signed in 2009 several agreements with different Palestinian ministries and institutions to enable them in the production and management of administrative records in accordance with international standards and to meet national needs.

Concerning institutional development, PCBS was able to move to new headquarter that was designed to meet its special needs and requirements including the accommodation of all of its units along with standard facilities. PCBS has also launched the preparatory phase for the first Agriculture Census 2010, and dedicated special priority and attention to the improvement of data quality; in addition to many other achievements that will be elaborated in this report.

The achievements of PCBS were not to be accomplished without the unlimited support from

the Prime Minister H. E. Dr. Salam Fayyad, head of the Advisory Council for Official Statistics. PCBS also appreciates the support of both Dr. Hasan Abu Libdeh, (the first president of PCBS), and Dr. Luay Shabaneh (President of PCBS); in addition to the support of PCBS, partners and stakeholders namely Ministry of Public Work for their cooperation in the construction of PCBS, new headquarter, members of the Advisory Council for Official Statistics, members of PCBS[,] Council, PCBS team who supervised and carried out PCBS reallocation to the new headquarter, and all of PCBS, employees for their cooperation, sincerity, dedication and spirit of initiative and responsibility.

We are certainly very proud of our achievements in year 2009. We are aware of the many challenges and aspirations ahead of us in the coming years that require greater efforts to achieve including the agriculture census in 2010, the implementation of the National Strategy for Official Statistics, the further improvement of data quality as well as development of electronic data dissemination.

Ola Awad Acting President

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Executive Summary

This report recaps PCBS, work as provider of Palestine's official statistics during the year of 2009 highlighting major achievements and events. The report covers PCBS, various work aspects including institutional development, strategic planning, statistical programs, networking, partnership, as well as cooperation at the national, regional, and international levels.

As part of its efforts to further develop the national statistical system, PCBS launched the National Strategy for Official Statistics that sets out national objectives and lay out detailed roadmap to unify methodologies, improve capacity building, strengthen data providers capabilities, and improve statistics-based decision making in governmental institutions.

In line with PCBS, efforts to strengthen institutional development, the year 2009 has been marked with another achievement; namely, the completion of PCBS, newly built and specifically designed premises that accommodate all of its central units with standard facilities. The reallocation of PCBS offices to owned building brings with it saving in expenditures in terms of rent and intensive maintenance.

PCBS has continued to strengthen and further develop partnerships and cooperation with local and international communities. These efforts were strongly highlighted in the preparation and implementation of the international conference

on the challenges and future perspectives of the Palestinian national statistical system with the support of PNA's president H.E Mahmoud Abbas and participation of key national and international experts and professionals. The conference was distinct in its key themes that included the National Strategy for Official Statistics, administrative records, and child and gender statistics.

The year 2009 also witnessed the beginning of the preparatory phase to conduct the first Agriculture Census in Palestine. This phase included the formation of technical and supervisory committees, development of census methodologies, advocate for census support and funding, and the testing of census instruments through a pilot census. The importance of this historical project stems from the fact that there is lack of detailed and comprehensive statistics urgently needed for planning and policy making on the agriculture sector. The Agriculture Census is planned to be conducted in year 2010 and it has the support of the Palestinian cabinet where it was identified as one of PNA's priority project in year 2010.

In line with the objectives of the National Strategy for Official Statistics, important steps were taken to set outstrong foundation for the national statistical system; where the unification of statistical methodologies is considered as the core. Accordingly, the Palestinian Cabinet had issued a resolution that obliges all data providers to use unified classifications, concepts and definitions as set by PCBS. This includes occupational, industrial, foreign trade, and classification of goods as well as PCBS⁷ manual of statistical terminologies.

Along with all of these developments in various fields, PCBS continued to incorporate technology to improve work related processes; namely the utilization of handheld devices (Pocket PC) in the implementation of survey projects as a tool for data

collection. This new technology was utilized partially in the implementation of the agriculture pilot census.

Dissemination and fulfilling the user needs were also at the center of attention in the year 2009, where users' empowerment was exercised in the launching of CensusInfo on PCBS web site. This service includes selected demographic, social, and economic indicators at the level of governorate and locality based on data from census 2007.



Meeting of the Advisory Council for Official Statistics

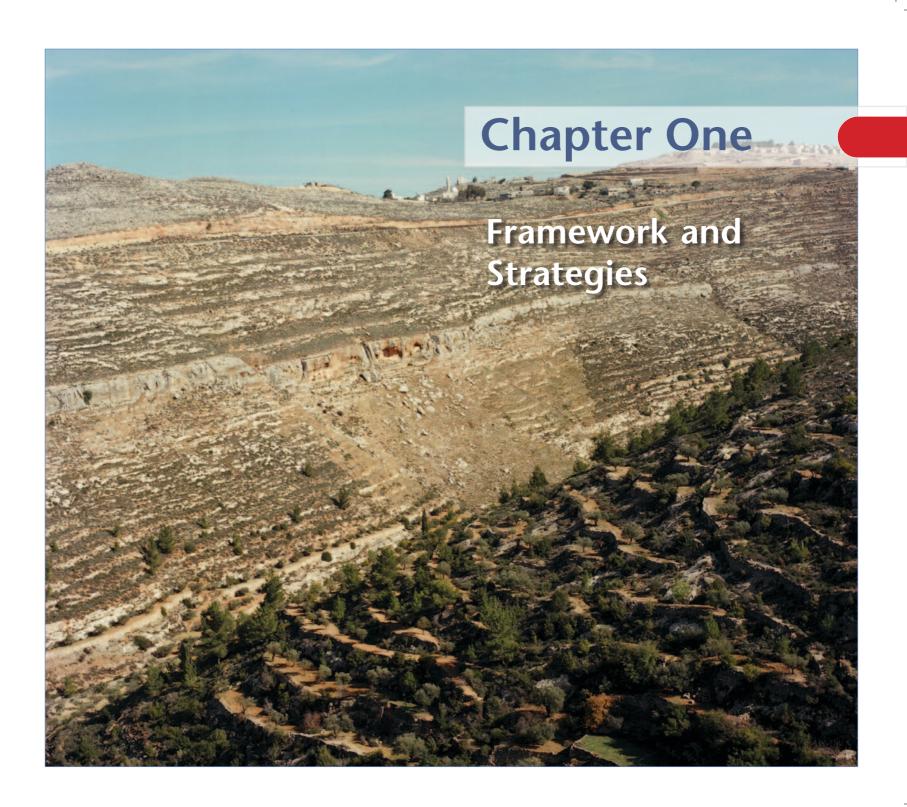
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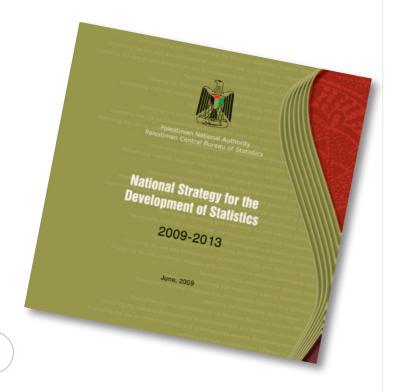
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Chapter One

Framework and **Strategies**



National Statistical System

The National Strategy for Official Statistics 2009-2013 emphasizes the integration and comprehensiveness of the national statistical system that include the Palestinian Central Bureau of Statistics as leading and pivotal component in the national coordination, along with other data producers and data users. The strategy seeks to enable all data providers to produce, disseminate, and utilize statistics effectively. PCBS has exercised its leading role in year 2009 in different ways and within various contexts including:

- The implementation of the international conference on the challenges and future perspectives of the Palestinian statistical system at which the National Strategy for Official Statistics was thoroughly discussed and adopted. PCBS has since then disseminated the strategy to all ministries and official institutions. In addition, a national committee was formed to lead the national efforts in the implementation of the strategy to meet the strategy's national objectives.
- In the field of capacity building for ministries and governmental institutions, PCBS has worked bilaterally with Ministry of Culture as well as Ministry of Tourism and Antiques to develop administrative records systems, data utilization, and technical development of statistical units.

- In the field of data quality, PCBS organized a national workshop on the quality of national accounts at which the roles of Ministry of Finance and Palestinian Monetary Authority were emphasized. The workshop was attended by specialists and professionals representing ministries, research and academic institutions.
- Technical, administrative, and legal studies were prepared to facilitate the on-line linkages of the population register by the four key governmental institutions namely Ministry of Interior, Ministry of Health, the Upper Council of Sharia Jurisdiction and PCBS. A local company was contracted to develop the legal framework, procedures, and system design to accommodate this linkage.
- PCBS has greatly emphasized on dissemination of statistics from the perspective of metadata where a team was formed to investigate various metadata systems, best practices, and international recommendations. In addition, PCBS has started its efforts to comply with the Special Data Dissemination Standard (SDDS) by assessing its readiness and requirements.

The Planning philosophy

PCBS has adopted since its establishment a planning methodology based on long-term strategies that constitute the bureau's general development framework. A mid-term plan is developed every three years to set out specific directions and priorities usually presented into three-years statistical program for internal monitoring as well funding purposes. Annual plans are derived from program documents taking into account the emerging national needs.

Annual plan 2009

The process of preparing the plan for the year 2009 began in the second half of the year 2008, where general directions that reflect national priorities are identified and approved by PCBS² council to guide the development of annual plans by each department. PCBS² plan for year 2009 was based on the Master plan 2000-2010, PCBS² program document 2009-2011, Mid-Term Development Plan (MTDP). Annual plans are developed by each department and consolidated into one document for each directorate with extensive consultation with the main users. The annual plans are usually presented to the Advisory Council for Official Statistics and to PCBS² council as well.

PCBS⁻ annual plan for 2009 was an ambitious one that included major projects such as the Agriculture Census, despite of numerous obstacles on the ground. PCBS was able to accomplish most of its activities due to its commitment and values.

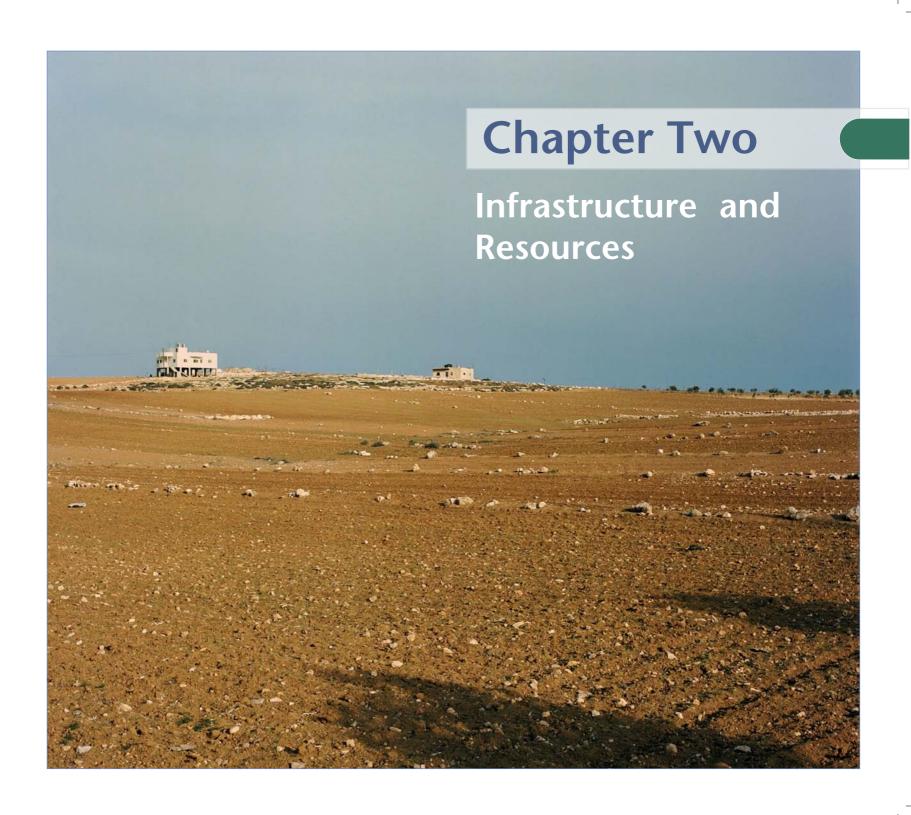
National Strategy for Statistical **System**

The National Strategy for Official Statistics 2009-2013 was launched as a frame to develop the national statistics in Palestine covering data producers as well as data users. The main objective of the strategy is to achieve integration among the different components of the national statistical system to ensure proper utilization of statistics in planning and decision making. The development of national statistics covers core areas such as infrastructure, methodologies, human

resources development through capacity building, statistical awareness of the public, strengthening of national coordination, and capacity building of data producers (i.e. administrative records). PCBS has taken a leading role in the development of the national statistics in Palestine through its initiative in the development of the strategy and its implementation using international good practices. In addition, PCBS, annual plans, starting from 2010, are strongly linked to the objectives of the national strategy to ensure relevancy and homogeneity with the other components of the statistical system.



World Bank expert in a seminar on the results of a technical mission on poverty



Chapter Two

Infrastructure and Resources



Dr. Muhammad Ishtayeh, Minister of Public Work and Housing handing over the keys of the new PCBS premises to Ms. Ola Awad, Acting President of PCBS

The year 2009 was marked with another achievement; namely, the completion of PCBS new premises in a twin-building connected together through an internal bridge.

The specifications of the New **Building**

- · The offices in the two buildings occupy total space of about 8,350 square meters; with about 4,175 square meters for each building
- Each building consists of eight floors; and each floor consists of 440 square meters. In addition, each building has a roof that is 280 square meters.
- The offices have underground parking of 750 square meter

Equipments and facilities

The new offices were built and specifically designed to accommodate PCBS head units with standard facilities. In addition, the new design accommodates delivery of quality services to users.

- · Public safety: video surveillance system, fire alarm systems, emergency exits
- Networks: Internal communication network as

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well as high speed computer network

- Server room: specifically designed according to international standards.
- Power: High capacity generators and centralized Uninterruptible Power Supply (UPS)
- Utilities: Central heating systems, water and sewage systems
- Meeting rooms, training halls, and training labs
- Library
- Parking and cafeteria

Information and Communication Technology (ICT)

ICT Infrastructure

The design and specification of PCBS[,] new offices provided modern ICT infrastructure that includes high speed networks, high capacity servers, computers and communication technologies, surveillance systems, high speed internet connection, and WAN connection for PCBS[,] regional offices.

The core of the ICT infrastructure consists of specifically designed server room with raised floor and fire system (FM200); in addition to modern LAN utilizing CISCO technologies. Communication networks use optical fibers technology for telephones, internet connection (6 Mbps), and WAN.

Using handheld devices

PCBS continued to incorporate technology to improve work related processes; namely the utilization of handheld devices (Pocket PC) in the implementation of survey projects as a tool for data collection. This new technology was utilized partially in the implementation of the Agriculture Pilot Census. The use of handheld devices in data collection was assessed favorably in terms of cost, data quality, and efficiency. PCBS plans to expand this experiment to wider scale.



Hand Held devices

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Human Resources

As part of PCBS, strategy, greater attention is given to human resources and their value to ensure continuous development of the organization. Investment in human resource development has been given priority to motivate the staff and equip them with skills and competencies that suit today's workplace.

At the end of 2009, the total number of PCBS[,] employees reached 297 permanent employees of whom five were hired in the year 2009. In addition, PCBS hired on project contract basis about 567 temporarily employees for fieldwork activities.

Capacity building and training

PCBS continued to give special attention to the training and capacity building of its staff through training courses, training workshops, conferences, seminars, and study visits.



Acting President of PCBS welcoming PCBS, employees in the first day of work at the new PCBS premises on 8/11/2009



Training Course of economic models

Table 1: Distribution of Training Activities by Type and Number of Participants, 2009

	Internal	Activities	National Activities		Activities Abroad	
Activity Type	No. of Activities	No. of Participants	No. of Activities	No. of Participants	No. of Activities	No. of Participants
Training	18	191	24	53	35	61
Workshop	-	-	2	3	24	32
Meeting, con- ference, semi- nar	-	-	3	4	47	69
Study visit	-	-	0	0	6	9
Total	18	191	29	60	112	171

Table 2: Distribution of study scholarships by sought degree and study location, 2009

Type of Scholarchin	Study location			Study location	
Type of Scholarship	National	Abroad	Total		
Bachelor	18	-	18		
Master	2	2	4		
PhD	-	2	2		
Total	20	4	24		

Training of users

PCBS has organized during 2009 (20) training events for data users. Almost (108) staff members from ministries and other governmental institutions have benefited from these courses.

Table 3: Distribution of trainees by type of training activity and training location, 2009

	National		Abroad	
Activity Type	No. of Training Activities	No. of Trainees	No. of Training Activities	No. of Trainees
Training	13	100	4	4
Study visit	-	-	2	2
Meeting	-	-	1	1
Total	13	100	7	7

Trainers and consultants from **PCBS**

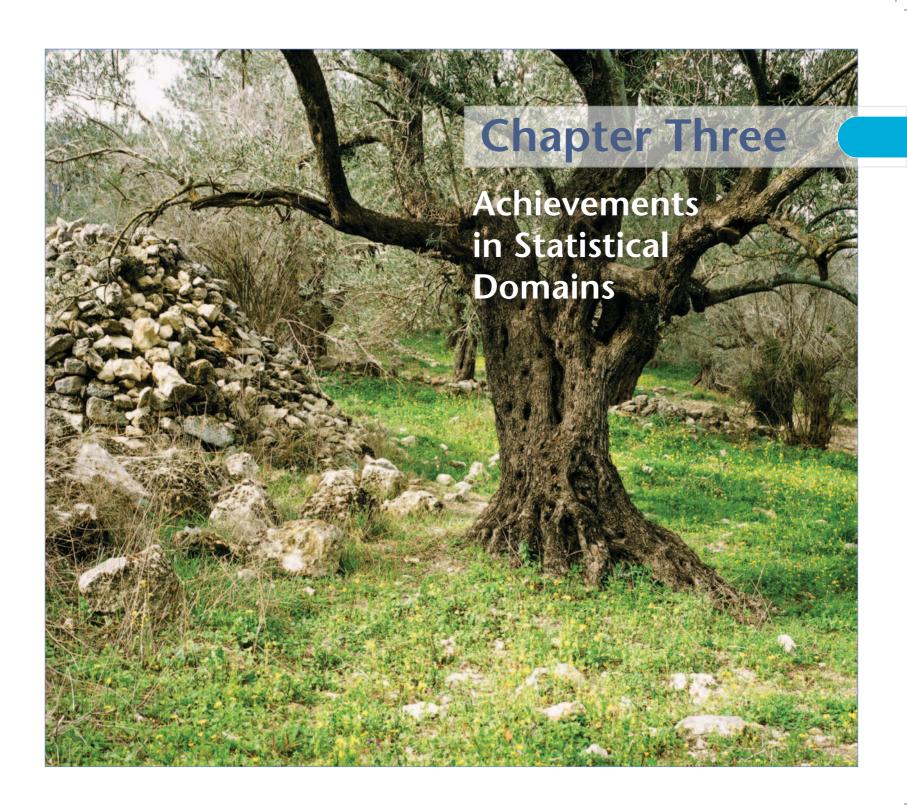
As part of PCBS, cooperation with regional and international organizations, increasing number of PCBS, staff have carried training and consultancy missions to regional countries.

Table 4: Distribution of consultancies given abroad by PCBS employees, 2009

Consultancy type	No. of Consultancies	No. of Trainers/ Consultants
Training	3	3
Workshop	4	8
Meeting	1	1
Total	8	12

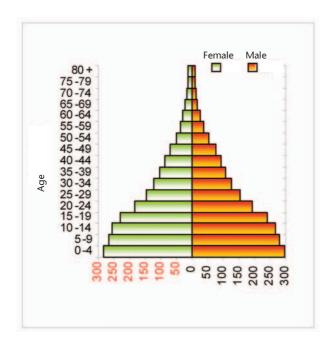
PCBS' participation in official meetings abroad

PCBS[,] employees have benefited from numerous opportunities to participate regional and international events such as meetings, workshops, and training events. The total number of events in which PCBS participated in 2009 reached 103.



Chapter Three

Achievements in **Statistical Domains**



The year 2009 was distinct in the quantity and variety of statistical outputs. This chapter summarized major statistical activities and outputs:

Population and Social Statistics

PCBS had implemented numerous demographic and social surveys during the year 2009 to provide statistical indicators on the distribution and characteristics of population such as education, employment, health, and put this data in the hands of researchers and decision makers. The list of conducted surveys in this subject includes:

- 1. Palestinian Expenditure and Consumption Survey -2009
- 2. Social and Economic Conditions Survey West
- 3. The Impact of War and Siege on Gaza Strip, 2009
- 4. Perception of Women Elected for Local Councils
- 5. Democratic Survey 2009
- 6. Culture Survey 2009
- 7. Labor Force Survey 2009
- 8. Informal Sector Survey 2009

Economic Statistics

PCBS had implemented economic surveys to measure economic growth in the Palestinian society as well as provide statistical indicators on the macro and micro economic, external trade. The economic surveys in 2009 included:

- 1. Existing Buildings Survey
- 2. Building licenses Quarterly
- 3. Olive Presses Survey
- 4. Survey of Industrial Production Index Monthly
- 5. Survey of Consumer Price Index Monthly
- 6. Survey of Producer and Whole sale Price Indices
- 7. Survey of Construction Price Index Quarterly
- 8. Survey of Road Price Index Quarterly
- 9. Foreign Trade Survey
- 10. Finance and Insurance Survey
- 11. Balance of Payments Survey (Annexed with labor force survey) Transactions of Palestinian Households Abroad.
- 12. Survey of the Perceptions of the Owners / Managers of Industrial Enterprises Regarding the Economic Situation Monthly
- 13. The Transport Survey The Informal Sector, 2008
- 14. Economic Surveys Series, 2008

Area Statistics

PCBS produced in 2009 statistical indicators relevant to housing, land use, natural resources, environment, agriculture, energy, and tourism. The implemented surveys included:

- 1. Household Energy Survey, January 2009
- 2. Household Energy Survey, July 2009
- 3. Household Environmental Survey, 2009
- 4. Environmental Economic Survey, 2009
- 5. Environmental Survey for Health Care Centers, 2009
- 6. Survey on Establishing Municipalities Database, 2009
- 7. Impact of Israeli Measures on the Infrastructure of Gaza Strip, 2009
- 8. Domestic and Foreign Tourism Survey, 2008
- 9. Hotel Visitors Survey, 2009
- 10. Hotel Activities Survey, 2009
- 11. Same Day Visitors Survey, 2009
- 12. Hotel Activities Survey Jericho and Al-Aghwar

Censuses

The achievements in the censuses domain are numerous with the preparation for the agriculture census 2010, development of the statistical population register, production of statistical maps, were the focal of activities in 2009.

- 1. Preparation for the agriculture census 2010 including legislation, formation of national committees, formation of technical working groups, preparation of budgets and work plans, and the implementation of pilot census to validate census methodologies and instruments.
- 2. Development of detailed geographical database for Al Bireh city on different levels including enumeration areas, statistical neighborhoods, locality, and governorate.
- 3. Update of the Electronic Statistical Atlas with statistical maps on various subjects and latest years.
- 4. Development of special section on the Statistical Atlas, web site for the dissemination of statistical maps on the levels of the governorate, region, and locality. The statistical maps are based on the data from the Population, Housing, and establishment Census 2007.
- 5. Dissemination of Palestine's Statistical Atlas 2009.
- 6. Preparation of statistical maps on different subjects for PCBS, publications
- 7. Preparation of buildings, data from the Population, Housing, and Establishment Census 2007 for both electronic and paper atlas on the governorate level.

8. Update of the statistical population register till 30/03/2009, and preparation of vital statistics (births, deaths) based on the register.

Quality, standards, and methodologies

The year 2009 had also witnessed a variety of achievement in development of statistical methodologies, sampling, weight calculations, and management of data quality. Major activities and achievements in this respect included

- 1. Preparation of a manual on quality control procedures, which was applied to selected statistical surveys to measure the effectiveness of these control procedures.
- 2. Computerization of monthly quality control



Seminar on quality

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Agriculture Census Logo

forms to ensure complying with quality standards procedures.

- 3. Review, inspection, and evaluation of quality sections in selected statistical reports.
- 4. Evaluation of data quality for the implemented surveys.
- 5. Conduct awareness and informational seminars about data quality to PCBS, employees.
- 6. Produce a report on the results of self assessment for survey's manager (DESAP)
- 7. Design of samples and weight calculations for eighteen surveys
- 8. Preparation of sampling frames for agriculture holdings, household surveys, and other type of surveys.
- 9. Preparation of eleven technical reports and manuals including a report on the results of re-interviewing. In addition, PCBS updated and released the third edition of the manual on statistical terminologies in 2009. The Palestinian Cabinet adopted a resolution to oblige all ministries and governmental institutions to use this manual in production of statistics. PCBS disseminated this manual on its official web site to ensure public accessibility.

Data dissemination

PCBS had used variety of dissemination means including statistical reports, press releases, digital data files, and workshops to reach all type of users. The following figure shows the distributions of statistical dissemination means by subject.

PCBS' official web site

PCBS⁷ web site has increasingly become users⁷ favorite choice in obtaining different statistics on Palestine and Palestinians. The number of visitors to PCBS⁷ web site during 2009 has reached more than 300 thousands with more than half a million hits.

The electronic service on the re-calculation of amounts based on the consumer price index was updated. In addition, CensusInfo was launched on PCBS, web site to provide users with indicators on demographic, social, economic characteristics of the Palestinian society based on the Population, Housing, and Establishment Census 2007.



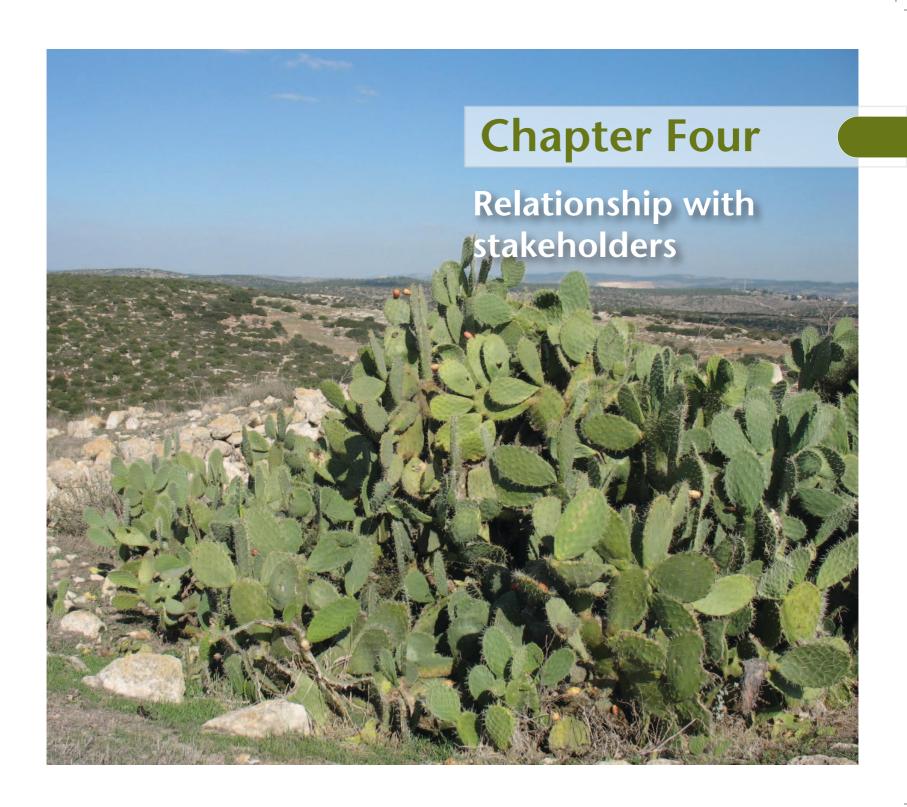
PCBS Web Site

Users' services

The number of data requests during 2009 had reached more than 1000 from local and international users, in addition to many phone enquiries.



Serving data users



Chapter Four

Relationship with stakeholders



One of the sessions of the International Conference on National Statistical System

The year 2009 was rich in the participation and representation of PCBS on the national and international levels. PCBS had strong presence in key regional and international events pertinent to official statistics. PCBS also hosted during 2009 well reputable figures in the international statistical community as part of its campaign to advocate Palestine's official statistics.

International Conference on **National Statistical System**

PCBS has continued to strengthen and further develop partnerships and cooperation with local and international communities. These efforts were strongly highlighted in the preparation and implementation of the international conference on challenges and future perspectives of the Palestinian national statistical system under the patronage of PNA's president H.E. Mahmoud Abbas and participation of key national and international experts and professionals. The themes of the conference covers variety of topics such as the National Strategy for Official Statistics, administrative records, child statistics, and gender statistics. The conference was distinct in its outcomes that included the adoption of the National Strategy for Official Statistics and the recommendation to develop a national monitoring system on children and women well beings.

Agreements with international institutions

In line with PCBS[,] efforts to strengthen technical cooperation with international organizations and to promote PCBS[,] role in the international statistical community, PCBS had signed cooperation agreements and Memorandum of Understanding (MoU), most important of which include:

- PCBS and UNRWA signed Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) to facilitate exchange of statistical indicators.
- 2. PCBS and UNICEF signed agreement to prepare a report on the status of women and children in the Palestinian Territory.
- 3. PCBS and UNICEF signed agreement for training on

- Devlnfo project.
- 4. PCBS and UNICEF signed agreement for the implementation of MICS IV
- 5. PCBS and World Bank (Trust Funds) signed agreement on statistical capacity building.
- PCBS and UNDP signed agreement on the promotion of statistical literacy and capacity building on monitoring the millennium Development Goals (MDGs).
- 7. PCBS and US Census Bureau (USA) signed agreement on the exchange of expertise and capacity building in statistics.
- 8. PCBS, FAO, and WFB signed agreement to implement a survey on social and economic monitoring system.



World Bank delegation visiting PCBS



One of the sessions of the International Conference on National Statistical System- Reality and Vision

- 9. PCBS and World Bank signed agreement to implement a survey on governance.
- 10. Signing of agreement between PCBS and University of Johnsburg to implement a democratic survey.

Agreements with local institutions

PCBS has always devoted to the capacity building of local institutions and agencies to properly utilize statistics in planning and decision making. In 2009, PCBS had signed cooperation agreements and Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with these local institutions and authorities, namely:

1. Signing a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with Ministry of Culture to institutionalize the work on administrative records including capacity



European Union representative visiting PCBS

- building in production and utilization of statistics.
- 2. Signing an agreement with the Center for Women Studies to conduct a survey on perception of women elected for local councils.
- 3. Signing an agreement with Municipalities Development Funds and GTZ to develop database for municipalities.
- 4. Signing an agreement with the Palestinian initiative for the promotion of global dialogue and democracy (Miftah) to conduct a survey on the perception of teachers about gender issues in public schools in the West Bank.
- 5. Signing an agreement with Ministry of Agriculture to conduct a study on the satisfaction of farmers and organizations that deal with the Ministry.
- 6. Signing an agreement with the Palestinian Hydrology Group to conduct a survey on the impact of Israeli measures in water sector and wastewater in the Gaza Strip
- 7. Signing and agreement with Ministry of Tourism and Antiques in cooperation with JAICA to conduct a survey on Tourist activities in Jericho.
- 8. Signing a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with Ministry of Tourism and Antiques strengthen cooperation between PCBS and the ministry.
- 9. Signing and agreement with the Center for Women Studies and Documentation to conduct survey on the perception of legislative council members on gender issues.
- 10. Signing and agreement with Ministry of Social Affairs to conduct a survey on persons with special needs.
- 11. Signing agreement with SHAREK Forum in the field of research and capacity building of youth.

Relationship with donors

PCBS has always given special attention to establish a mutual relationship with donors to ensure their continuous support to Palestine's official statistics as well as scientific research as basis for planning and decision making. The year 2009 was a distinct one in the form of cooperation between PCBS and international organizations namely,

- 1. Core Funding Group (CFG) that include; Norway, Switzerland, and Netherlands.
- 2. The World Bank
- 3. European Union

The support of these international organizations was crucial to complement the PNA's support to the continuous development PCBS' statistical programs.

Meeting representatives of Core Funding Group (CFG) with PCBS

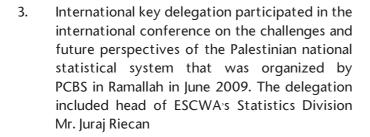
Hosting of delegations and key officials

As part of PCBS efforts to maintain the continuous support for Palestine's official statistics and to advocate Palestinian expertise in various areas in statistical planning and development, key national as well as international officials and delegations had visited Palestine in the year 2009, namely:

 H.E Dr. Salam Fayyad, The Prime Minister, visited PCBS to chair a meeting of the Advisory Council for Official Statistics and also to open a national workshop on National Accounts.



Dr. Salam Fayyad heading the meeting of the Official Statistics Advisory Council





International and National delegation visiting PCBS



Prof. Paul Cheung, Director of the United Nations Statistics Division (UNSD) in a visit to PCBS



Seminar for Mr. Paul Cheung in the presence of the general directors and members of the advisory council

Relationship with partners and users Workshops

PCBS has, since its establishment, given special attention through the user producer dialogue to strengthen its relationship and cooperation with users. PCBS had conducted numerous workshops during 2009 to consult with users on PCBS programs and findings of surveys. The themes of these workshops included:

- 1. The economic status in the southern of the West Bank
- 2. The findings of the Population, Housing, and Establishment Census 2007 on Hebron governorate.
- 3. The findings of the Population, Housing, and Establishment Census 2007 on Bethlehem governorate.
- 4. The social status in the southern of the West Bank
- 5. The findings of the Population, Housing, and Establishment Census 2007 on Jenin governorate.
- 6. The economic status in the northern of the West Bank
- 7. The findings of the Population, Housing, and Establishment Census 2007 on Ramallah and Al-Bireh governorate.
- 8. The findings of the Population, Housing, and Establishment Census 2007 on Jerusalem governorate.
- 9. The findings of the Population, Housing, and Establishment Census 2007 on Jericho and Al-Aghwar governorate.

- 10. The findings of the Population, Housing, and Establishment Census 2007 on Salfit governorate.
- 11. Palestinian localities and status of environment in Ramallah and Al-Bireh governorate.
- 12. Social status in the West Bank's governorates.
- 13. The findings of the Population, Housing, and Establishment Census 2007 on Tubas governorate.
- 14. The findings of the Population, Housing, and Establishment Census 2007 on Tulkarm governorate.
- 15. Palestinian localities and status of environment in Tulkarm governorate.
- 16. The findings of the Population, Housing, and Establishment Census 2007 on Qalqilya governorate.
- 17. Social status in the governorate of Qalqilya.
- 18. The findings of the Population, Housing, and Establishment Census 2007 on Nablus governorate.
- 19. Utilization of PCBS³ statistical data in academic areas / Al-Najah National University.



National workshop on the informal sector

Relationship with the media

PCBS has always appreciated the role of the media in the promotion and dissemination of statistics. PCBS had conducted more than sixty interviews with the media and issued 195 press releases.



PCBS[,] employee in an interview with the media



Acting President in an interview with the media



Chapter Five

PCBS' social responsibility

PCBS has gained reputation in Palestinian society in general and in local communities in particular as caring institution through its social responsibility practices.

National campaign for blood donation

PCBS organized in cooperation with the National Blood Bank in the Ministry of Health a blood donation campaign in which dozens of PCBS, employees exercised their social responsibility and donated blood generously. This campaign was organized in PCBS, premises in year 2009





PCBS, employees donating blood

needy families in the Gaza Strip

PCBS[,] employees organized a donation campaign to provide needy families in the Gaza Strip with winter blankets. This activity was conducted to solidarity with the Palestinian families after the Israeli aggression on the Gaza Strip in 2008.





Donation campaign for Gaza

Donation of winter blankets for Donation of extra belongings needy families

On the occasion of Eid Al-Adha, PCBS organized a donation campaign to collect from its employees extra belongings including clothes for needy families.



Staff Donation Campaign of extra belongings

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Honoring of Tawjihi students

PCBS shared with its employees the celebration in the success of their close relatives in the Twajihi General Examination. Traditionally, this occasion is highly cherished by families as Palestinian society values education in a very distinct manner.



Tawjihi students of PCBS[,] employees being honored



Annex 1 Statistical calendar 2010

No.	Output	Release Date
1	Press Release - Monthly Consumer Price Index, 12/2009	14/01/2010
2	Press Release - Annual Consumer Price Index 2009	20/01/2010
3	Press Release - Producer and Wholesale Price Index, Fourth Quarter 2009	24/01/2010
4	Press Release - Industrial Production Index and the Perceptions of the Owners/ Mangers of Industrial Enterprises Regarding the Economic Situation, December 2009	28/01/2010
5	Press Release - Construction and Road Cost Index, 12/2009	31/01/2010
6	Press Release - Monthly Consumer Price Index, 01/2010	14/02/2010
7	Press Release- Labor Force Survey, Fourth Quarter 2009	22/02/2010
8	Statistical Report - Hotel Activities in the Palestinian Territory, Fourth Quarter 2009	23/02/2010
9	Statistical Report - Building Licenses Survey, Fourth Quarter 2009	24/02/2010
10	Press Release - Construction and Road Cost Index, 01/2010	28/02/2010
11	Press Release - Industrial Production Index and the Perceptions of the Owners/ Mangers of Industrial Enterprises Regarding the Economic Situation, January 2010	28/02/2010
12	Public Use File - Labor Force Survey, Fourth Quarter 2009	07/03/2010
13	Press Release on the Occasion of the International Woman Day	08/03/2010
14	Press Release- Quarterly National Accounts, Fourth Quarter 2009	11/03/2010
15	Press Release - Monthly Consumer Price Index, 02/2010	14/03/2010
16	Press Release on the Occasion of the World Water Day	22/03/2010
17	Press Release on the Occasion of the World Meteorological Day	23/03/2010

No.	Output	Release Date
18	Press Release - Industrial Production Index and the Perceptions of the Owners/ Mangers of Industrial Enterprises Regarding the Economic Situation, February 2010	28/03/2010
19	Press Release on the Occasion of the Land Day	30/03/2010
20	Press Release - Construction and Road Cost Index, 02/2010	31/03/2010
21	Annual Report - Palestinian Children, Issues and Statistics	05/04/2010
22	Press Release- The Economic Forecasts for the Year 2010	06/04/2010
23	Press Release - Monthly Consumer Price Index, 03/2010	14/04/2010
24	Press Release - Olive Presses Survey 2009	15/04/2010
25	Tubas Governorate Statistics Yearbook No.2	18/04/2010
26	Statistical Report- Labor Force Survey 2009	20/04/2010
27	Jenin Governorate Statistics Yearbook No.2	22/04/2010
28	Tulkarm Governorate Statistics Yearbook No.2	25/04/2010
29	Press Release - Producer and Wholesale Price Index, First Quarter 2010	26/04/2010
30	Statistical Report - Hotel Activities in the Palestinian Territory, 2009	27/04/2010
31	Press Release - Industrial Production Index and the Perceptions of the Owners/ Mangers of Industrial Enterprises Regarding the Economic Situation, March 2010	28/04/2010
32	Press Release - Construction and Road Cost Index, 03/2010	29/04/2010
33	Press Release on the Occasion of the International Worker Day	01/05/2010
34	Statistical Report - Price and Price Indices, Annual Bulletin 2009	03/05/2010

No.	Output	Release Date
53	Jerusalem Statistical Yearbook No.12	15/06/2010
54	Press Release on the Occasion of the International Day of Refugees	20/06/2010
55	Statistical Report-Transport Survey (Outside Establishments), 2009	22/06/2010
56	Statistical Report - Household Energy Survey, January 2010	24/06/2010
57	Press Release - Industrial Production Index and the Perceptions of the Owners/ Mangers of Industrial Enterprises Regarding the Economic Situation, May 2010	28/06/2010
58	Press Release - Construction and Road Cost Index, 05/2010	30/06/2010
59	Statistical Tables on Meteorological Conditions in the Palestinian Territory 2009	05/07/2010
60	Statistical Report on the Occasion of the International Population Day	11/07/2010
61	Press Release - Monthly Consumer Price Index, 06/2010	14/07/2010
62	Statistical Report-Transportation and Communication 2009	15/07/2010
63	Press Release - Preliminary Results of the National Health Survey 2010	20/07/2010
64	Statistical Report -Domestic and Outbound Tourism Survey 2009	22/07/2010
65	Public Use File-Transport Survey (Outside Establishments), 2009	22/07/2010
66	Statistical Report- Expenditure and Consumption Survey 2009	25/07/2010
67	Press Release - Producer and Wholesale Price Index, Second Quarter 2010	26/07/2010
68	Press Release - Industrial Production Index and the Perceptions of the Owners/ Mangers of Industrial Enterprises Regarding the Economic Situation, June 2010	28/07/2010
69	Press Release - Construction and Road Cost Index, 06/2010	29/07/2010
70	Statistical Report -Annual Report of the Israeli Settlements, 2009	03/08/2010

No.	Output	Release Date
71	Press Release on the Occasion of the International Youth Day	12/08/2010
72	Press Release - Monthly Consumer Price Index, 07/2010	12/08/2010
73	Qalqilya Governorate Statistics Yearbook No.2	15/08/2010
74	Press Release- Labor Force Survey, Second Quarter 2010	17/08/2010
75	Salfit Governorate Statistics Yearbook No.2	19/08/2010
76	Nablus Governorate Statistics Yearbook No.2	23/08/2010
77	Statistical Report - Hotel Activities in the Palestinian Territory, Second Quarter 2010	25/08/2010
78	Statistical Report - Building Licenses Survey, Second Quarter 2010	26/08/2010
79	Public Use File - Labor Force Survey, Second Quarter 2010	29/08/2010
80	Press Release - Industrial Production Index and the Perceptions of the Owners/ Mangers of Industrial Enterprises Regarding the Economic Situation, July 2010	29/08/2010
81	Statistical Report - Migration Survey 2010	30/08/2010
82	Press Release - Construction and Road Cost Index, 07/2010	31/08/2010
83	Statistical Report- ICT Access Among Households and Individuals 2004-2009	01/09/2010
84	Press Release - The Status of Cultural Institutions Survey 2010	05/09/2010
85	Statistical Report - Environmental Survey for Education Sector, 2010	06/09/2010
86	Press Release on the Occasion of the International Literacy Day	08/09/2010
87	Press Release - Monthly Consumer Price Index, 08/2010	14/09/2010
88	Public Use File - Expenditure and Consumption Survey 2009	15/09/2010

No.	Output	Release Date
89	Statistical Report- Economic Surveys Series, 2009	15/09/2010
90	Press Release- Quarterly National Accounts, Second Quarter 2010	19/09/2010
91	Press Release on the occasion of the World Tourism Day	27/09/2010
92	Press Release - Industrial Production Index and the Perceptions of the Owners/ Mangers of Industrial Enterprises Regarding the Economic Situation, August 2010	28/09/2010
93	Press Release - Construction and Road Cost Index, 08/2010	30/09/2010
94	Press Release on the Occasion of the Arab Housing Day	30/09/2010
95	Press Release on the Occasion of the Anniversary Day of Elderly	01/10/2010
96	Press Release - Foreign Investments Survey 2009	12/10/2010
97	Ramallah and Al- Bireh Governorate Statistics Yearbook No.2	13/10/2010
98	Press Release - Monthly Consumer Price Index, 09/2010	14/10/2010
99	Press Release - Business ICT Survey 2009	17/10/2010
100	Jericho & Al Aghwar Governorate Statistics Yearbook No.2	18/10/2010
101	Statistical Report- National Health Survey 2010	19/10/2010
102	Public Use File -Construction Contractors Survey 2009	20/10/2010
103	Public Use File-Transport, Storage and Communication Survey 2009	20/10/2010
104	Public Use File-Services Survey 2009	20/10/2010
105	Public Use File- Internal Trade Survey 2009	20/10/2010
106	Public Use File -Industrial Survey 2009	20/10/2010

Statistical calendar 2010

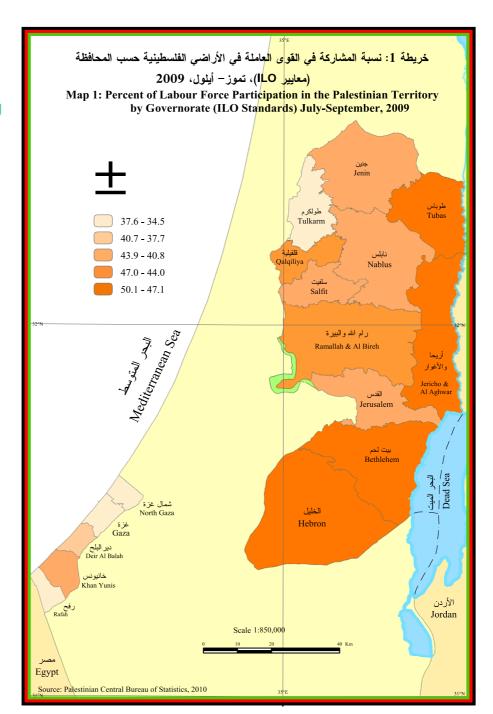
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125	Statistical Report - Building Licenses Survey, Third Quarter 2010	25/11/2010
126	Press Release - Industrial Production Index and the Perceptions of the Owners/ Mangers of Industrial Enterprises Regarding the Economic Situation, October 2010	28/11/2010
127	Public Use File - The Status of Cultural Institutions Survey 2010	30/11/2010
128	Public Use File - Finance and Insurance Survey 2009	30/11/2010
129	Press Release - Construction and Road Cost Index, 10/2010	30/11/2010
130	Statistical Report - Environmental Survey for Health Care Centers 2010	01/12/2010
131	Statistical Report - Agricultural Statistics 2008/2009	05/12/2010
132	Press Release- Government Finance Statistics 2009	06/12/2010
133	Statistical Report - Household Energy Survey, July 2010	08/12/2010
134	Statistical Report- Governance Statistics 2009	09/12/2010
135	Press Release- Quarterly National Accounts, Third Quarter 2010	12/12/2010
136	Press Release - Monthly Consumer Price Index, 11/2010	14/12/2010
137	Public Use File - Business ICT Survey 2009	15/12/2010
138	Statistical Report - Annual Foreign Trade, Goods and Services 2009	15/12/2010
139	Statistical Report - Women and Men in Palestine, Issues and Statistics 2010	19/12/2010
140	Statistical Abstract of Palestine No.11	20/12/2010
141	Statistical Report- The Economic Performance in the Palestinian Territory, 2010	21/12/2010
142	Statistical Report - Balance of Payments 2009	22/12/2010
143	Statistical Report - Basic and Institutional National Accounts 2009	23/12/2010

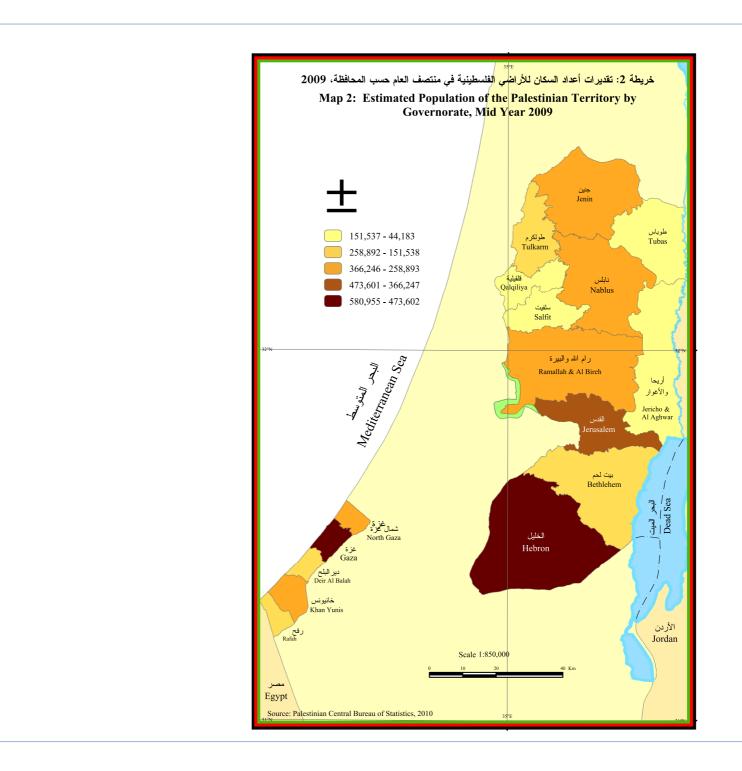
No.	Output	Release Date
144	Statistical Report - Social Survey of Jerusalem 2010	26/12/2010
145	Press Release - Industrial Production Index and the Perceptions of the Owners/ Mangers of Industrial Enterprises Regarding the Economic Situation, November 2010	28/12/2010
146	Statistical Report on the Occasion of the Palestinians at the end of the year 2010	30/12/2010
147	Public Use File - National Health Survey 2010	30/12/2010
148	Press Release - Construction and Road Cost Index, 11/2010	30/12/2010
149	Public Use File - Local Community Survey 2010	31/12/2010
150	Public Use File - Environmental Survey for Education Sector, 2010	31/12/2010



Annex 2

Statistical maps representing selected indicators





Annex 3

Key meetings, workshops, and seminars

Hebron governorate

- 1. Water conference in Palestine
- 2. Conference mental health and civil peace
- 3. The economic status in the southern of the West Bank
- 4. The findings of the Population, Housing, and Establishment Census 2007 on Hebron governorate
- 5. A meeting to form a local council for employment and Technical Vocational Education and Training (TVET).
- 6. A meeting in Hebron Chamber of Commerce titled "Life is better with job opportunity"
- 7. The role of statistical literacy and capacity building for the monitoring of the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs) in the Palestinian Society - 2009

Bethlehem governorate

- 1. The findings of the Population, Housing, and Establishment Census 2007 on Bethlehem governorate
- 2. The social status in the southern of the West Bank
- 3. Honoring of outstanding students in the Tawjihi General |examination
- 4. The role of statistical literacy and capacity building for the monitoring of the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs) in the Palestinian Society
- The performance of the legislative council 5. under the current internal political situation
- 6. Poverty and climate change in Palestine



Workshop for disseminating the results of the Population, Housing and Establishments Census - 2007 in Hebron



Workshop in Bethlehem on agricultural and environmental status

Jenin governorate

- 1. The findings of the Population, Housing, and Establishment Census 2007 on Jenin governorate
- 2. The economic status in the northern of the West Bank
- 3. A meeting to increase statistical literacy among students: Jenin Girls Secondary School

Ramallah and Al-Bireh governorate

- 1. The findings of the Population, Housing, and Establishment Census 2007 on Ramallah and Al-Bireh governorate
- 2. The findings of the Population, Housing, and Establishment Census 2007 on Jerusalem governorate
- 3. The findings of the Population, Housing, and Establishment Census 2007 on Jericho and Al-Aghwar governorate
- 4. The findings of the Population, Housing, and Establishment Census 2007 on Salfit governorate.
- 5. Palestinian localities and status of environment
- 6. Social status in the West Bank's governorates



Workshop in Jenin on the economic situation in Northern West Bank



Workshop in Ramallah on labor force survey

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Tubas governorate

- 1. The findings of the Population, Housing, and Establishment Census 2007 on Tubas governorate
- 2. A meeting to increase statistical literacy among students: Tubas Girls Secondary School

Tulkarm governorate

- 1. The findings of the Population, Housing, and Establishment Census 2007 on Tulkarm governorate.
- 2. Palestinian localities and status of environment



Workshop for disseminating the results of the Population, Housing and Establishments Census - 2007 in Tubas



Workshop for disseminating the results of the Population, Housing and Establishments Census - 2007 in Tulkarm

Qalqilya governorate

- The findings of the Population, Housing, and Establishment Census 2007 on Qalqilya governorate
- 2. Workshop on the social status

Nablus governorate

- 1. The findings of the Population, Housing, and Establishment Census 2007 on Nablus governorate
- 2. A meeting to increase statistical literacy among students: Kamal Junblat Secondary School for Girls
- 3. A meeting to increase statistical literacy among students: Al Kendy Secondary School for Girls
- 4. A meeting with an official with the participation of Ms. Ola Awad, Acting President of PCBS
- 5. Utilization of PCBS statistical data in academic areas / Al-Najah National University.



Workshop for disseminating the results of the Population, Housing and Establishments Census - 2007 in Qalqilyah



Workshop in Nablus on social indicators

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Annex 4

PCBS' outputs 2009 classified by subject

1. Economic Statistics

Report on the preliminary results of the economic surveys, 2007

Report on the preliminary results of the economic surveys, 2008

Report on the Economic surveys, 1998-2006, revised version

Report of transport and informal sector survey, 2008. Preliminary results

Annual report on the Transportation and telecommunication in the Palestinian Territory, 2008

Report on the preliminary results of finance and insurance survey, 2008

Report on the preliminary results of Olive presses, 2008

Report on the National Accounts at current and constant prices, (2004 - 2007)

Report on the Consumer Price Index - Annual Bulletin, 2008

 $Construction\ statistics\ report\ -\ Existing\ buildings,\ quarter\ four\ -2008$

Construction statistics report - Existing buildings, quarter one -2009

Construction statistics report - Existing buildings, quarter Two -2009

Construction statistics report - Existing buildings, quarter three-2009



2. Population and Social Statistics

Labor force survey: Annual report, 2008

Report on victimization survey, 2008: Preliminary results

Palestinian Children Issues and Statistics - Annual Report 2009 Child statistics Series No. (12) (in Arabic only)

Palestinian Children Issues and Statistics - Annual Report 2009 Child statistics Series No. (12) (in English only)

Report on the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs)

Analysis of ICT-Access and Usage of Enterprises in the Palestinian Territory

Palestinians Population Status in the Palestinian territory, 2008 - in arabic only

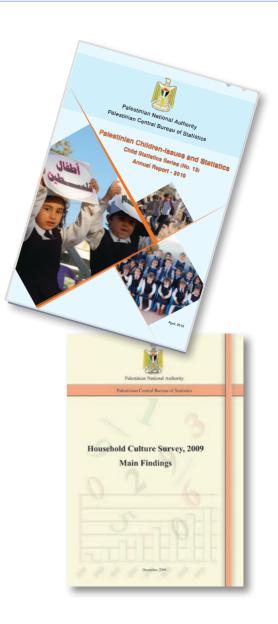
Report on the impact of Israeli War on the Gaza Strip, 2009

Preliminary Report on governance in the Palestinian Territory, 2008.

Main results: Household culture survey, 2008

Palestinian at end of 2009, Arabic only

Population Results: Population, Housing, and establishment Census, 2007 - Arabic Only



3. Area Statistics

Main Indicators by Locality Type - Population, Housing and Establishment Census 2007

Annual report on Hotel Activities in Palestine, 2008

Hotel Activities in Palestine, (Quarter one, 2009), Executive summary

Hotel Activities in Palestine, (Quarter two, 2009), Executive summary

Hotel Activities in Palestine, (Quarter three, 2009), Executive summary

Hotel Guests Survey, 2009 - Main Results

Domestic Tourism Survey, 2008 - Main Results

Meteorological Conditions in the Palestinian Territory, Annual Report 2008

Israeli Settlements in the Palestinian Territory Annual Statistical Report 2008

Water Statistics in the Palestinian Territory 2008

Environmental Economic Survey, 2008 - Annual Report

Environmental Economic Survey, 2009 Main Findings

Brochure Palestinian environment in the figures, 2009 (Arabic Only)

Household Environmental Survey, 2009 - Main Findings

Household Energy Survey: Main Results (January, 2009)

Energy Consumption in the Palestinian Territory: Annual report 2008

Energy Balance in the Palestinian Territory 2007

Energy Balance in the Palestinian Territory 2008

Household Energy Survey: Main Results (July 2009)

Environmental Survey for Health Care Centers 2009, Main Findings

Agricultural Statistics 2007/2008

Housing projection in the Palestinian Territory, till 2017

Land use in the Palestinian Territory, 2008



4. Censuses

Census Final Results - Population Report West Bank 2007

Final Results - Housing Report - West Bank

Statistical Atlas for Palestine 2009

Census Final Results - Summary (Population, Buildings, Housing, Establishments) Nablus Governorate

Census Final Results - Summary (Population, Buildings, Housing, Establishments) Ramallah & Al-Bireh Governorate

Census Final Results - Summary (Population, Buildings, Housing, Establishments) Jericho & Al Aghwar Governorate

Census Final Results - Summary (Population, Buildings, Housing, Establishments) Jerusalem Governorate

Census Final Results - Summary (Population, Buildings, Housing, Establishments) Hebron Governorate

Final Results - Housing Report - Hebron Governorate

Final Results - Housing Report - Jerusalem Governorate

Final Results - Housing Report - Jericho & Al Aghwar Governorate

Final Results - Housing Report - Bethlehem Governorate

Final Results - Housing Report - Jenin Governorate

Final Results - Housing Report - Ramallah & Al-Bireh Governorate

Final Results - Housing Report - Salfit Governorate

Final Results - Housing Report - Tubas Governorate

Final Results - Housing Report - Tulkarm Governorate

Final Results - Housing Report - Qalgilya Governorate

Final Results - Housing Report - Nablus Governorate

Census Final Results - Population Report - Hebron Governorate



Census Final Results - Population Report - Jerusalem Governorate

Census Final Results - Population Report - Jericho & Al Aghwar Governorate

Census Final Results - Population Report - Bethlehem Governorate

Census Final Results - Population Report - Jenin Governorate

Census Final Results - Population Report - Ramallah & Al-Bireh Governorate

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Census Final Results - Population Report - Tubas Governorate

Census Final Results - Population Report - Tulkarm Governorate

Census Final Results - Population Report - Qalqilya Governorate

Census Final Results - Population Report - Nablus Governorate

5. Statistical abstract

Palestine in figures, 2008 (Arabic only)

Palestine in figures, 2008 (English only)

Jerusalem Yearbook, No. (11)

PCBS Annual Report, 2008





