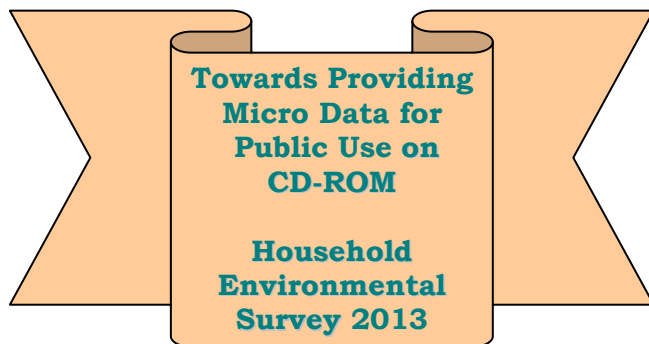




Palestinian Central Bureau of Statistics



Out of its mission in its precise scientific mission, the Palestinian Central Bureau of Statistics (PCBS) recently issued a micro data for public use from Household Environmental Survey 2013 on CD-ROM.

Summary about Household Environmental Survey 2013:

This survey is based on a household sample survey, which was conducted during the period from 18/08/2013 to 03/10/2013. It provides basic statistics on various aspects of environment, including water, solid waste, wastewater, noise and air pollution. A special questionnaire was designed in accordance with United Nation standards and recommendations in the field of environment statistics adapted to the Palestinian conditions. The questionnaire covered the following items:

Sources of water supply in houses, household solid waste disposal, components, and approximate quantity, wastewater disposal and the existence and use of cesspits in houses, Air pollution in the area of the house by smell, dust and smoke, Exposure to noise.

Importance of Providing Micro Data:

The importance of providing accurate and reliable data emanates from the need to provide micro data for concerned parties in the form of huge database involving data on many indicators pertinent to the household environment in Palestine.

Providing data on this form will help and enable the researchers and interested agencies to derive its own required data and indicators without referring to the PCBS, in addition, this step will save more time for both PCBS and the concern party.

Data Type and Size:

Data provided by Household Environmental Survey 2013 contains a database in the third quarter of 2013 and the reference period for water and solid waste quantities indicators was July 2013, whereas for the rest indicators, the reference period was the data collection period. The number of responded households was 2,716. The data are available on SPSS format, and its size amounts 2.27 MB.

Micro Data Beneficiaries:

Many parties and institutions may benefit from a database of the Household Environmental Survey 2013 in policy and decision-making based on solid scientific bases. Such parties and institutions involve governmental entities and ministries specialized in this field such as Ministry of Planning, Ministry of Local Government, Environmental Quality Authority, in addition to Universities, Research Centers, international organization concerning with this field of statistics.

Data Confidentiality:

Data compiled in the context of Household Environmental Survey 2013 involves data about Palestinian household. The confidentiality of such data is honored and safeguarded in accordance with article (17) of the Palestinian General Statistical Law of 2000, which stipulates "All individual information and data submitted

to the bureau for statistical purposes shall be treated as confidential and shall not be divulged, in whole or in part, to any individual or to a public or private body, or used for any purpose other than for preparing statistical tables".

How to Obtain Micro Data for Public Use:

The aforementioned database is accessible by institutions and individuals. To obtain a copy of micro data from the Household Environmental Survey 2013 on a CD-ROM format, interested institutions and individuals should contact the PCBS' *Dissemination and Documentation Dept. / Division of Users Services* located in the PCBS main office in Ramallah:

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