

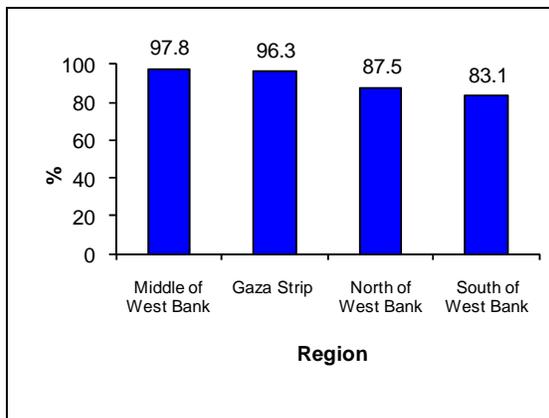


**Press Release by the Palestinian
Central Bureau of Statistics
(PCBS) on the Household
Environmental Survey, 2011**

**Significant increase in connection to
water networks**

The 2011 survey results showed that 91.8% of households in the Palestinian Territory live in housing units connected to a water network, an increase from 84.8% in 1999. The 2011 result is distributed as 89.4% of West Bank households and 96.3% of households in the Gaza Strip. This percentage varies according to locality type: 93.8% of urban households, 79.8% of rural households, and 97.7% in camps.

**Percentage of Households in the
Palestinian Territory whom Living in
Housing Units Connected to the Public
Water Network and Region, 2011**



**Household sector consumed about 17
million cubic meters per month
(MCM/month) of water**

The household sector in the Palestinian Territory consumed about 17 million cubic meters of water per month (MCM/month) during 2011: 11 MCM/month in the West Bank and 6 MCM/month in the Gaza Strip. The monthly average household consumption of water in the Palestinian Territory was 23.8 cubic meters (M³): 23.6 M³ in the West Bank and 24.3 M³ in the Gaza Strip.

**Increased connection to wastewater
networks**

Data from 2011 indicated that the wastewater network was used by 55.0% of households in the Palestinian Territory to dispose of their wastewater while porous cesspits were used by 39.0% of households. The percentage of households using the wastewater network increased from 39.3% in 1999.

**Solid waste disposal primarily dealt with
by local authority**

The local authorities collected solid waste for 74.5% of households in the Palestinian Territory in 2011 compared to 71.8% in 2009. UNRWA collected 8.5% of solid waste in 2011 compared to 8.2% in 2009.



Fall in average daily production of household waste:

The approximate quantity of household waste produced daily was less than 4.0 kg for 74.4% of households in the Palestinian Territory in 2011 and was estimated at more than 7.0 kg for 4.1% of them.

The average daily production of household waste in the Palestinian Territory in 2011 was estimated to be 3.0 kg: 3.2 kg in the West Bank and 2.6 kg in the Gaza Strip. The quantity of solid waste produced daily was 2,152 tons in the Palestinian Territory in 2011 compared with 2,321 tons in 2009.

Quantity of Solid Waste Produced Daily and Average Daily Household Production of Solid Waste in the Palestinian Territory by Region, 2011

Region	Total daily produced quantity (Ton)	Average household daily production (Kg)
Palestinian Territory	2,151.9	3.0
West Bank	1,505.4	3.2
North of West Bank	670.1	3.5
Middle of West Bank	376.0	2.6
South of West Bank	459.3	3.4
Gaza Strip	646.5	2.6

Exposure to Noise and Smells

Results indicated that 19.9% of households in the Palestinian Territory in 2011 are exposed to noise very often; the percentage of households that are exposed to noise very often decreased from 23.4% in the year 2009.

Results showed that 15.7% of households in the Palestinian Territory are exposed very often to smell, where as 72.2% of households reported that they are seldom or not exposed to smell during 2011.

Wastewater was the major source of smell for 37.1% of households complaining of smell sometimes or very often in the Palestinian Territory. Dumping sites were the second most important source of smell for 30.0% of these households.

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