

Palestinian Central Bureau of Statistics (PCBS)

On the eve of Palestinian National Culture Day, 13 March 2010, the Palestinian Central Bureau of Statistics Gives a Statistical Review on the Culture of Households and Individuals:

- **61.0% of individuals aged 10 years and over read books in 2009.**
- **32.3% of individuals aged 10 years and over used the internet in 2009.**
- **93.9% of the Palestinian households monitor the type of programs watched by their children (5-17 years) on television in 2009.**

61.0% of individuals aged 10 years and over in the Palestinian Territory read books in 2009

Culture survey data in 2009 showed that 61.0% of individuals aged 10 years and over read books (i.e., out of every 10 individuals aged 10 years and over in the Palestinian Territory there are 6 individuals who read books), of which 62.7% in the West Bank and 58.0% in Gaza Strip, and 57.9% for males and 64.2% for females.

Around one third of households in the Palestinian Territory obtained daily newspapers in 2009

32.1% of the Palestinian households obtained the daily newspapers on daily basis in 2009 (one household out of three households obtain daily newspapers on daily basis), of which 35.1% for the West Bank and 26.2% for Gaza Strip.

The survey findings also showed that 31.5% of individuals aged 10 years and over in the Palestinian society read newspapers (i.e., around three out of 10 individuals aged 10 years and over in the Palestinian Territory read newspapers). However, there is a significant difference between the West Bank and Gaza Strip: the West Bank percentage was 38.7% while in Gaza Strip was 19.0%.

More than half of individuals aged 10 years and over in the Palestinian society use computers, while around one third of individuals aged 10 years and over use internet in 2009

Culture survey data in 2009 showed that 57.1% of individuals aged 10 years and over use computers (i.e., 57 individuals out of every 100 individuals aged 10 years and over in the Palestinian Territory use computers) of which 57.3% in the West Bank and 56.8% in

Gaza Strip. Findings confirmed that 32.3% of individuals aged 10 years and over use internet of which 38.2% males and 26.2% females.

3% of individuals aged 10 years and over are members of a public library in the Palestinian Territory in 2009

The culture survey data in 2009 showed that 6.9% of individuals aged 10 years and over are members of sport clubs (i.e., 7 individuals out of every 100 individuals aged 10 years and over in the Palestinian Territory are members of sport clubs). Also, 4.3% of individuals are members of charitable associations (i.e., 4 individuals out of every 100 individuals aged 10 years and over in the Palestinian Territory are members of charitable associations). 4.6% are members of unions. Findings confirmed that 3.3% of individuals are subscribers to public libraries. Findings revealed that 3.5% of individuals aged 10 years and over are affiliated to political parties and 3.0% are members of cultural clubs.

About one quarter of households among households who have a TV set in the Palestinian Territory view Palestine TV on a daily basis in 2009

In 2009, data showed that 92.5% of individuals aged 10 years and over view television daily or sometimes, of which 95.0% in the West Bank and 88.0% in Gaza Strip.

25.3% of households that have a TV set watch Palestine Television daily (i.e., out of every 4 households in the Palestinian Territory who have a TV set, one household views Palestine Television daily), of which 25.2% for the West Bank and 25.6% for Gaza Strip.

Also 60.8% of individuals aged 10 years and over listen to the Voice of Palestine, of which 61.7% for males and 59.9% for females.

Around two thirds of households in the Palestinian Territory control hours their children (5-17 years) spent on the computer in 2009

93.9% of the households monitor the type of programs watched by their children (5-17 years) on television (i.e., 94 households out of every 100 households in the Palestinian Territory monitor the type of programs watched by their children (5-17 years) on television) of which 93.6% in the West Bank and 94.5% in Gaza Strip in 2009.

69.9% of the households control hours their children (5-17 years) spend on daily basis on the computer, 75.9% in the West Bank and 60.3% in Gaza Strip.