

The Palestinian Central Bureau of Statistics (PCBS)

Press Release

On the Main Findings of the Economic Surveys Series, 2005

The Palestinian Central Bureau of Statistics (PCBS) is pleased to disseminate the main findings of the Economic Surveys Series for the year 2005. As in the previous rounds, this release covers the main economic activities practiced in the Palestinian Territory, including; Industry, Constructions, Internal trade, Transport and communications, and Services activities. Data collection took place during the period April, 5, 2006 – June, 15, 2006 on a sample composed of 8,416 establishments, of which 4,961 in the Remaining West Bank and 3,455 in Gaza Strip.

It is worth to note that this release represents the main findings of the surveys for the Remaining West Bank and Gaza Strip. (Excluding that part of Jerusalem governorate which was annexed after the Israeli occupation in 1967).

The surveys results reveal that, there are 75,304 establishments operating in the year 2005 covered economic activities, this number is distributed by economic activity as follows: industrial activities 16.2%, construction activities 0.7%, internal trade activities 60.5%, services activities 21.8%, and transport, storage and communications activities 0.8%.

During the year 2005, the number of persons engaged in these economic activities was 215,865 worker, 85.7% males and 14.3% females, the percent of unpaid employees (proprietors and family members) is 52.0% from total persons engaged.

The results show that the value of the output was 2,993.8 million US\$, this value was distributed by economic activity as follows: industrial activities 49.3%, construction activities 5.9%, internal trade activities 23.9%, services activities 14.8%, and transport, storage and communications activities 6.1%.

Regarding the other economic indicators, the surveys results indicate that the gross value added amount to 1,698.0 million US\$, and this value was distributed as follows: industrial activities 35.7%, construction activities 8.1%, internal trade activities 30.9%, services activities 17.5%, and transport, storage and communications activities 7.9%.

On the other side, the main findings of the surveys show that Gross Fixed Capital Formation (GFCF) amount to 73.7 million US\$, this value was distributed as follow: industrial activities 24.5%, construction activities 1.5%, internal trade activities 9.5%, services activities 37.1%, and transport, storage and communications activities 27.4%.

Its worth mentioning that results of the tenth round of Economic Surveys Series showed that there are 81,180 establishments covered economic activities in 2004, this number is distributed by economic activity as follows: industrial activities 15.6%, construction activities 0.7%, internal trade activities 61.0%, services activities 21.9%, and transport, storage and communications activities 0.8%.

During the year 2004, the number of persons engaged in these economic activities was 229,979 worker, 86.0% male and 14.0% females, the percent of unpaid employees (proprietors and family members) is 50.9% from total persons engaged.