

The Palestinian Central Bureau of Statistics (PCBS)

Press Release

On the final Findings of the Economic Surveys Series, 2009

The Palestinian Central Bureau of Statistics (PCBS) is pleased to disseminate the final findings of the Economic Surveys Series for the year 2009. As in the previous rounds, this release covers the main economic activities practiced in the Palestinian Territory, including; Industry, Constructions, Internal trade, Transport, Storage and communications, as well as Services activities. Data collection took place during the period January, 03, 2010 – May, 28, 2010 on a sample composed of **9,191** enterprise, of which **5,930** in the West Bank and **3,261** in Gaza Strip.

The results of the surveys reveal that there are 102,483 enterprise operating in the covered economic activities. The distribution of these enterprises by economic activity is as follows: industrial activities 15.0%, construction activities 0.5%, internal trade activities 59.8%, services activities 23.6%, and transport, storage and communications activities 1.1%.

During the year 2009, the number of employed persons in these economic activities reached 292,609 worker, distributed by economic activity as follows: industrial activities 22.9%, internal trade activities 42.7%, services activities 29.3%. Whereas the percentage of employed persons in construction activities was 1.8%, storage and communications activities was 3.3%. The results also indicate that the percentage of wage male employees was 37.4% compared to 13.3% for female employees. On the other hand, the percentage of unpaid male employment reached: 44.9% compared to 4.5% for unpaid female employment.

On the other side, the Intermediate Consumption in the enterprises amounted to US\$ 2,025.2 million, distributed as follow: industrial activities 61.6%, construction activities 6.9%, internal trade activities 14.9%, services activities 12.3%, while transport, storage and communications activities was 4.3%.

The results indicate that the value of output in the enterprises in the Palestinian Territory was US\$ 5,717.2 million distributed by economic activity as follows: industrial activities, 40.1%; construction activities, 4.1%; internal trade activities 26.5%; services activities, 16.1%; while transport, storage and communications activities reached 13.2%.

Regarding the other economic indicators, the results of the surveys indicate that the gross value added in the enterprises in the Palestinian Territory was US\$ 3,692.0 million. This value was distributed by economic activity as follows: industrial activities, 28.3%; constructions activities, 2.5%; internal trade activities, 32.9%; services activities, 18.1%; while transport, storage and communications activities was 18.2%.

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