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Notice to users of this report

PCBS would like to indicate to users of this press release that the data presented was based on a sample of 482 establishments.

PCBS indicates also that the size of the sample for the previous rounds (January-July 2006) was 346 establishments, that resulted in small discrepancies for the percentage distribution of the opinions in Remaining West Bank and Gaza Strip as a total and in both regions separately.

Its worthy to mention that the increases in the sample improve the data quality and to insure more comprehensive representation of the sample for economic activities that were not covered in the previous sample.

**Press Release on
The Findings of the Survey of the Trends of the Owners/Managers of Industries
with respect to the Economic Situation
September 2007**

The following shows the basic findings of round 27 of the trends of the owners/ managers survey of industrial establishments, concerning the economic situation for September 2007. The round was conducting during the period of September 2-23, 2007, taking into consideration June, 2007 as reference month. The aim of the survey is to observe and monitor the trends of the opinions of the owners/ managers of the industrial establishments. The sample size is 482 industrial establishment (344 in the Remaining West Bank and 138 in Gaza Strip). A purposive two stages sample was designed for this survey; In the first stage the industrial survey 2004 was used as a sampling frame for the survey, while in the second stage: All the industrial establishments that constituted approximately 70% of the total industrial production were selected, establishments that employed less than 20 employees were excluded.

1. Performance of industrial establishments in September 2007

1-1 Overall performance

According to 28.4% of the owners/ managers of the industrial establishments, the performance of their establishments in production in September 2007 had become worse than in August 2007 (24.9% for the Remaining West Bank and 44.2% of Gaza Strip); however, 49.1% of them stated that there had not been any change (50.2% of the Remaining West Bank and 44.3% of Gaza Strip).

1-2 Determinants production cost

50.3% of the owners/ managers of the industrial establishments reported that effect of the **political situation** on the production cost (44.3% for the Remaining West Bank and 79.6% for Gaza Strip); Alternatively 60.8% of the opinions of the owners of the industrial establishments pointed out the power the increase in the prices and **cost of raw materials** (56.5% of the Remaining West Bank and 81.6% of Gaza Strip). Moreover, 51.0% of the owners/ managers of the industrial establishments identified the impact of **Local Competition** on production cost, (50.2% for the Remaining West Bank and 55.1% for Gaza Strip).

1-3 Borrowing and financing

Survey results show weak borrowing by industrial establishments from operating banks in the Palestinian Territory in during the Second quarter 2007; 99.0% of the owners of industrial establishments stated that they refrained from borrowing from the operating banks while 0.7% of them did apply for bank loans only one time; 0.3% applied 2-5 times, meanwhile no establishment applied more than 5 times for bank loans.

2. Expectations

2-1 Short term

The expectations of the owners/ managers of the industrial establishments in the short term, i.e. after one month of the reference month (September 2007), show that 19.4% expected improvement in their production in general; whereas, 31.1% expected worse performance.

The expectations in the Remaining West Bank and Gaza Strip concerning employment in October 2007 indicate pessimism since only 9.0% (8.0% in the Remaining West Bank and 13.5% in Gaza Strip) expected increase during October 2007 whereas 82.4% (86.9% in the Remaining West Bank and 61.5% in Gaza Strip) expected employment to stay the same as it is.

The results show that 20.8% of the owners/ managers of the industrial establishments in the Remaining West Bank and Gaza Strip expected sales to increase during October 2007 but 31.8% of them expected sales to plummet; however, 47.4% expected sales to remain the same as they were in September 2007.

2-2 Medium term

The expectations of the owners/ managers of the industrial establishments in the medium term (in the next six months) were as follows: 43.2% of Gaza Strip business people expected improvement in production in the next six months; 13.6% expected no change, and 43.2% expected worse results during the next six months. On the other hand, 36.3% of business owners in the Remaining West Bank expected improved production for the establishments, 26.1% expected drop in establishments production, and 37.6% expected no change in the production of the industrial establishments during the next six months in the Remaining West Bank.

According to expectations concerning employment in the Remaining West Bank and Gaza Strip, 16.4% expect increase in employment and 11.7% expected drop in the employment level in the next six months, and 71.9% expected employment level to remain the same.

Sales during the next six months will rise, according to the expectations of 38.5% of the owners and managers of the industrial establishments in the Remaining West Bank and in Gaza Strip; on the other hand, 32.3% indicated that sales will not change.

3. Challenges

3-1 Drop in sales level

The expectations of 33.0% of the owners/managers of industrial establishments revealed that the main reason for an expected drawback or steady sales level is purchasing power of the consumers plunge; while 22.9% indicates that Closure and the Israeli conditions is the main reason ; 22.0% believe that the main reason is the seasonality.

3-2 Exports hindrance

The owners of the industrial establishments indicated a number of difficulties that hinder exports; 74.3% of the owners of the exporting enterprises in the Remaining West Bank indicated that their enterprises face hindrances because of irregular arrival of the Employees; 73.3% believed that commitment to international market requirements is an additional obstacle faces the exporting process ; 71.4% of the respondent indicated that the commitment to export market packaging requirements hindered the export process, while 61.9% saw that export financing was an additional reason hindered the exports process.

3-3 Local and external competition

In the Remaining West Bank and Gaza Strip, 94.1% of the owners of the industrial establishments indicated that the main product of their establishments faced local or external competition, (93.2% for Gaza Strip and 98.1% for the Remaining West Bank).

According to 77.6% of the owners of the industrial establishments in the Remaining West Bank and Gaza Strip, the main product faced local competition; on the other hand, 22.4% of the owners of the industrial establishments indicated that their main product faced external competition.

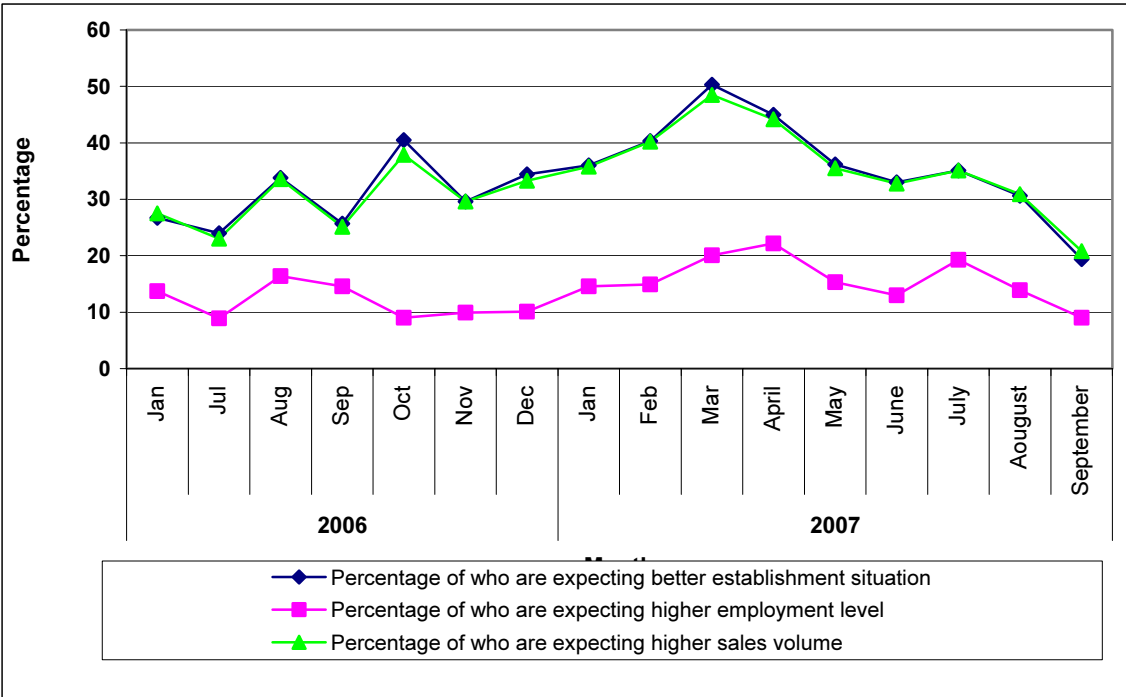
Results varied by geographic area since 72.4% of the owners of the industrial establishments in the Remaining West Bank pointed out the presence of local competition and 27.6% indicated presence of foreign competition. Alternatively, opinions in Gaza stated that 100.0% of the industrial enterprises in Gaza Strip faced local competition while no opinion in Gaza strip faced foreign competition.

3-4 Employment

According to 11.8% of the owners of the industrial establishments in the Remaining West Bank and Gaza Strip, their establishments laid off workers in September 2007; however, 82.0% (85.2% for the Remaining West Bank and 67.3% for Gaza Strip) of the owners of the industrial establishments stated that there had not been any change to the number of workers.

The following figure shows the direction of the levels of optimism among the owners/managers of the industrial establishments with respect to production status, increase in employment level, and increase in the value of sales in the Remaining West Bank and Gaza Strip.

Figure(1): The Direction of Optimism Among the Owners/ Managers of the Industrial Establishments Performance in the Remaining West Bank and Gaza Strip.



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Table 1-1: Percentage of Industrial Establishments Encountered Worse Situation During the Reference Month Compared to that before the Reference Month for the Main Indicators in Remaining West Bank and Gaza Strip 2007

Indicator	Reference Month								
	2007								
	Sep.	Aug.	Jul.	Jun.	May.	April.	Mar.	Feb.	Jan.
Establishment performance in general	28.4	18.4	27.0	29.5	24.0	19.4	18.6	22.7	22.4
Obtaining needed raw materials and inputs	29.7	18.4	22.3	23.2	16.0	13.1	10.5	12.5	11.4
Problems of employees reaching place of work	7.6	6.9	6.0	10.7	4.5	2.3	3.3	3.8	4.3
Regularity of work	11.7	7.2	5.7	13.9	7.0	3.3	5.7	9.1	8.5
Transporting finished goods to market	19.7	18.4	19.5	27.6	20.8	18.4	16.2	18.8	20.6

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Table 1-2: Percentage of Industrial Establishments Encountered Worse Situation During the Reference Month Compared to that before the Reference Month for the Main Indicators in Remaining West Bank 2007

Indicator	Reference Month								
	2007								
	Sep.	Aug.	Jul.	Jun.	May	April	Mar.	Feb.	Jan.
Establishment performance in general	24.9	12.4	19.5	19.0	22.8	16.6	16.7	20.9	19.0
Obtaining needed raw materials and inputs	15.1	15.8	11.5	10.4	13.4	11.3	7.1	10.2	7.1
Problems of employees reaching place of work	7.2	3.9	3.6	4.4	2.0	1.9	2.5	4.0	4.1
Regularity of work	11.4	3.5	2.4	5.6	4.7	3.4	4.6	9.4	8.5
Transporting finished goods to market	14.8	12.4	13.1	16.9	16.9	14.7	14.7	16.4	18.8

Table 1-3: Percentage of Industrial Establishments Encountered Worse Situation During the Reference Month Compared to that before the Reference Month for the Main Indicators in Gaza Strip 2007

Indicator	Reference Month								
	2007								
	Sep.	Aug.	Jul.	Jun.	May	April	Mar.	Feb.	Jan.
Establishment performance in general	44.2	40.3	49.4	59.5	27.4	27.4	23.4	26.8	30.9
Obtaining needed raw materials and inputs	32.6	27.8	54.1	59.5	22.6	17.9	19.1	18.0	22.4
Problems of employees reaching place of work	9.6	18.0	13.0	28.1	10.7	3.2	5.3	3.3	4.7
Regularity of work	13.4	20.8	15.3	37.1	12.7	3.2	8.5	8.3	8.4
Transporting finished goods to market	42.3	40.3	38.8	57.3	30.4	28.5	20.2	24.5	25.3

Table 2-1: Percentage Distribution of Owners/ Managers of the Industrial Establishments According to Their Opinions for Main Indicators During September 2007 Compared with August 2007 in Remaining West Bank and Gaza Strip

Problem	Total	Much Worse	Somewhat Worse	/ About the Same/ Unchanged	Somewhat Better	Much Better	
Establishment performance in general	100	1.4	27.0	49.1	21.1	1.4	
Production situation	100	2.8	31.1	41.2	22.8	2.1	
Employees productivity	100	2.4	27.3	60.0	16.6	1.7	
Obtaining needed raw materials and inputs	100	1.4	17.0	74.0	7.3	0.3	
Problems of employees reaching place of work	100	-	7.6	84.8	7.3	0.3	
Regularity of work	100	0.3	11.4	81.0	7.3	-	
Transporting finished goods to market	100	0.7	19.0	68.2	11.8	0.3	
Financial situations	100	2.8	27.0	54.7	15.2	0.3	
Banks credits & facilities	100	1.7	10.8	80.9	6.3	0.3	
Level of employment	100	0.7	16.6	69.9	12.5	0.3	
Value of sales	100	2.1	35.3	36.3	23.9	2.4	

Table 2-2: Percentage Distribution of Owners/ Managers of the Industrial Establishments According to Their Opinions for Main Indicators During September 2007 Compared with August 2007 in Remaining West Bank

Problem	Total	Much Worse	Somewhat Worse	/ About the Same/ Unchanged	Somewhat Better	Much Better	
Establishment performance in general	100	0.8	24.1	50.2	23.2	1.7	
Production situation	100	2.5	29.1	40.6	25.3	2.5	
Employees productivity	100	2.1	24.5	53.6	17.7	2.1	
Obtaining needed raw materials and inputs	100	0.8	14.3	77.3	7.2	0.4	
Problems of employees reaching place of work	100	-	7.2	84.4	8.0	0.4	
Regularity of work	100	-	11.4	81.0	7.6	-	
Transporting finished goods to market	100	-	14.8	73.0	11.8	0.4	
Financial situations	100	2.5	24.1	57.0	16.0	0.4	
Banks credits & facilities	100	2.1	11.1	79.6	6.8	0.4	
Level of employment	100	-	16.0	70.1	13.5	0.4	
Value of sales	100	1.7	32.9	36.2	26.2	3.0	

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Table 2-3: : Percentage Distribution of Owners/ Managers of the Industrial Establishments According to Their Opinions for Main Indicators During September 2007 Compared with August 2007 in Gaza Strip

Problem	Total	Much Worse	Somewhat Worse	/ About the Same/ Unchanged	Somewhat Better	Much Better	
Establishment performance in general	100	3.8	40.4	44.3	11.5	-	
Production situation	100	3.8	40.4	44.3	11.5	-	
Employees productivity	100	3.8	40.4	44.3	11.5	-	
Obtaining needed raw materials and inputs	100	3.8	28.8	59.7	7.7	-	
Problems of employees reaching place of work	100	-	9.6	86.6	3.8	-	
Regularity of work	100	1.9	11.5	80.8	5.8	-	
Transporting finished goods to market	100	3.8	38.5	46.2	11.5	-	
Financial situations	100	3.8	40.4	44.3	11.5	-	
Banks credits & facilities	100	-	9.6	86.6	3.8	-	
Level of employment	100	3.8	19.2	69.3	7.7	-	
Value of sales	100	3.8	46.2	36.5	13.5	-	

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Table 3: Percentage of Industrial Establishments Encountered Worse Situation During the Reference Month (September 2007) Compared to that before the Reference Month for the Main Indicators by Region

	Region			
	Gaza Strip	Remaining West Bank	Remaining West Bank and Gaza Strip	
Employees productivity	44.2	26.6	29.7	
Financial situations	44.2	26.6	29.8	
Banks credits & facilities	9.6	13.2	12.5	
Level of employment	23.0	16.0	17.3	
Value of sales	50.0	34.6	37.4	

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Table 4: Percentage Distribution of Owners/Managers of the Industrial Establishments According to the Reasons for Sales Level Stability or Decline by Region During September 2007

Reason	Gaza Strip	Remaining West Bank	Remaining West Bank and Gaza Strip	
Decrease in demand	-	8.5	6.4	
Difficulties in exporting finished goods	-	1.2	0.9	
Decline in the consumer purchasing power	-	43.9	33.0	
Obstacles in marketing	-	1.3	1.0	
Competence product	-	3.7	2.8	
Seasonally related	7.4	26.8	22.0	
Military check points/ israeli actions/ closures	85.2	2.4	22.9	/
Other	7.4	12.2	11.0	/
Total	100	100	100	

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Table 5: Percentage Distribution of the Industrial Establishments According to the Employment Mobility During September 2007 by Region

Employment Mobility	Gaza Strip	Remaining West Bank	Remaining West Bank and Gaza Strip
Hiring employees	3.9	6.8	6.2
Firing employees	28.8	8.0	11.8
No change	67.3	85.2	82.0
Total	100	100	100

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Table 6: Percentage Distribution of the Existing of Competence of the Main Product According to the Owners\ Managers of the Industrial Establishments During September 2007 by Region

Competence existence	Gaza Strip	Remaining West Bank	Remaining West Bank and Gaza Strip
There is competition	98.1	93.2	94.1
There is no competition	1.9	6.8	5.9
Total	100	100	100

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Table 7: Percentage Distribution of the Type of Competence According to the Owners\ Managers of the Industrial Establishments During September 2007 by Region

Type of competence	Gaza Strip	Remaining West Bank	Remaining West Bank and Gaza Strip
Local	100.0	72.4	77.6
Foreign	0.0	27.6	22.4
Total	100	100	100

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Table 8: Expectations of Owners/ Managers of the Industrial Establishments for the Month that Follow the Reference Month Compared With the Reference (September, 2007) Month for the Main Indicators by Region 2007

Indicator	Reference Month								
	2007								
	Sep.	Aug.	Jul.	Jun.	May.	April.	Mar.	Feb.	Jan.
Percentage of who are expecting better establishment situation									
Remaining West Bank and Gaza Strip.	19.4	30.6	35.1	33.0	36.2	45.0	50.3	40.3	36.0
Remaining West Bank	19.4	31.4	39.7	34.8	37.0	43.7	50.8	38.0	31.1
Gaza Strip	19.2	27.8	21.0	28.1	34.3	48.4	49.0	45.8	48.6
Percentage of who are expecting higher employment level									
Remaining West Bank and Gaza S.	9.0	13.9	19.3	13.0	15.3	22.2	20.1	14.9	14.6
Remaining West Bank	8.0	14.0	20.4	13.2	13.1	18.5	16.7	12.5	8.9
Gaza Strip	13.5	13.9	16.0	12.4	20.6	32.7	28.7	20.5	28.9
Percentage of who are expecting higher sales volume									
Remaining West Bank and Gaza S.	20.8	30.9	35.1	32.8	35.5	44.2	48.5	40.2	35.8
Remaining West Bank	21.1	31.8	39.7	34.4	36.0	42.6	47.9	37.8	30.7
Gaza Strip	19.2	27.8	21.0	28.1	34.3	48.4	50.0	46.3	48.6

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Table 9: Expectations of Owners/ Managers of the Industrial Establishments for the Six Months that Follow the Reference Month Compared With the Reference Month (September, 2007) for the Main Indicators by Region

Indicator	Reference Month								
	2007								
	Sep.	Aug.	Jul.	Jun.	May.	April.	Mar.	Feb.	Jan.
Percentage of who are expecting better establishment situation									
Remaining West Bank and Gaza S.	37.4	41.5	40.3	40.7	42.1	62.8	67.0	69.8	69.7
Remaining West Bank	36.3	41.8	42.9	43.7	44.5	63.4	69.2	72.4	71.5
Gaza Strip	43.2	39.7	32.0	32.2	36.3	61.3	61.3	63.5	65.4
Percentage of who are expecting higher employment level									
Remaining West Bank and Gaza S.	16.4	21.5	20.3	14.8	20.3	30.2	30.1	30.9	29.2
Remaining West Bank	14.3	19.8	18.8	14.0	19.8	25.4	24.7	28.8	24.8
Gaza Strip	27.3	28.6	25.3	17.2	21.6	44.0	44.1	36.0	40.1
Percentage of who are expecting higher sales volume									
Remaining West Bank and Gaza S.	38.5	42.7	40.6	41.2	42.2	62.6	67.0	70.1	69.5
Remaining West Bank	37.5	43.4	43.7	44.3	44.7	63.0	68.8	72.5	71.1
Gaza Strip	43.2	39.7	30.7	32.2	36.3	61.3	62.4	64.0	65.4

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Table 10: Expectations of Owners/ Managers of the Industrial Establishments about Better Expectations for their Establishments for the Month that Follow the Reference Month (September, 2007) Compared With the Reference Month by Region

Indicator	Region			
	Gaza Strip	Remaining West Bank	Remaining West Bank and Gaza Strip	
Establishment performance in general	19.2	16.8	17.3	
Employees productivity	19.2	16.4	16.9	
Obtaining needed raw materials and inputs	19.2	10.1	11.7	
Problems of employees reaching place of work	11.5	6.3	7.3	
Regularity of work	13.5	7.2	8.3	
Transporting finished goods to market	19.2	8.8	10.7	
Financial situations	19.2	10.5	12.1	
Banks credits & facilities	9.6	5.1	5.9	

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Table 11: Expectations of Owners/ Managers of the Industrial Establishments about Better Expectations for their Establishments for the Six Months that Follow the Reference Month (September ,2007) Compared With the Reference Month for the Main Indicators by Region

Indicator	Region			
	Gaza Strip	Remaining West Bank	Remaining West Bank and Gaza Strip	
Establishment performance in general	43.2	30.8	32.7	
Employees productivity	43.2	27.8	30.3	
Obtaining needed raw materials and inputs	43.2	16.0	20.3	
Problems of employees reaching place of work	20.5	10.1	11.8	
Regularity of work	27.3	12.6	14.9	
Transporting finished goods to market	43.2	14.8	19.2	
Financial situations	43.2	19.8	23.5	
Banks credits & facilities	15.9	10.3	11.1	

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Table 12-1: Percentage Distribution of Owners/ Managers of the Industrial Establishments According to Their Opinions for Main Indicators for the Month that Follow the Reference Month (September, 2007) Compared With the Reference Month in Remaining West Bank and Gaza Strip

Problem	Total	Much Worse	Somewhat Worse	About the Same/ Unchanged	Somewhat Better	Much Better
Establishment performance in general	100	3.1	23.9	55.7	16.6	0.7
Production situation	100	3.8	27.3	49.5	18.7	0.7
Value of sales	100	3.8	28.0	47.4	20.1	0.7
Employees productivity	100	3.8	20.1	59.2	16.6	0.3
Obtaining needed raw materials and inputs	100	2.4	12.8	73.1	11.4	0.3
Problems of employees reaching place of work	100	1.7	4.8	86.2	7.3	-
Regularity of work	100	1.7	6.9	83.1	8.0	0.3
Level of employment	100	1.7	6.9	82.4	8.7	0.3
Transporting finished goods to market	100	2.4	15.6	71.3	10.4	0.3
Financial situations	100	2.8	19.4	65.7	11.8	0.3
Banks credits & facilities	100	2.1	7.0	85.0	5.9	-

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Table 12-2: Percentage Distribution of Owners/ Managers of the Industrial Establishments According to Their Opinions for Main Indicators for the Month that Follow the Reference Month (September, 2007) Compared With the Reference Month in Remaining West Bank

Problem	Total	Much Worse	Somewhat Worse	About the Same/ Unchanged	Somewhat Better	Much Better
Establishment performance in general	100	0.4	19.4	63.4	16.0	0.8
Production situation	100	1.3	23.6	55.7	18.6	0.8
Value of sales	100	1.3	24.5	53.1	20.3	0.8
Employees productivity	100	1.3	15.6	66.7	16.0	0.4
Obtaining needed raw materials and inputs	100	0.4	7.2	82.3	9.7	0.4
Problems of employees reaching place of work	100	-	3.0	90.7	6.3	-
Regularity of work	100	-	5.5	87.3	6.8	0.4
Level of employment	100	-	5.1	86.9	7.6	0.4
Transporting finished goods to market	100	-	9.3	81.9	8.4	0.4
Financial situations	100	0.4	13.5	75.6	10.1	0.4
Banks credits & facilities	100	2.1	6.8	86.0	5.1	-

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Table 12-3: Percentage Distribution of Owners/ Managers of the Industrial Establishments According to Their Opinions for Main Indicators for the Month that Follow the Reference Month (September, 2007) Compared With the Reference Month in Gaza Strip

Problem	Total	Much Worse	Somewhat Worse	About the Same/ Unchanged	Somewhat Better	Much Better	
Establishment performance in general	100	15.4	44.2	21.2	19.2	-	
Production situation	100	15.4	44.2	21.2	19.2	-	
Value of sales	100	15.4	44.2	21.2	19.2	-	
Employees productivity	100	15.4	40.4	25.0	19.2	-	
Obtaining needed raw materials and inputs	100	11.5	38.5	30.8	19.2	-	
Problems of employees reaching place of work	100	9.6	13.5	65.4	11.5	-	
Regularity of work	100	9.6	13.5	63.4	13.5	-	
Level of employment	100	9.6	15.4	61.5	13.5	-	
Transporting finished goods to market	100	13.5	44.2	23.1	19.2	-	
Financial situations	100	13.5	46.2	21.1	19.2	-	
Banks credits & facilities	100	1.9	7.7	80.8	9.6	-	

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Table 13-1: Percentage Distribution of Owners/ Managers of the Industrial Establishments According to Their Opinions for Main Indicators During the Next Six Months Compared with Reference Month (September, 2007) in Remaining West Bank and Gaza Strip

Problem	Total	Much Worse	Somewhat Worse	About the Same/ Unchanged	Somewhat Better	Much Better
Establishment performance in general	100	4.3	17.4	45.6	31.3	1.4
Production situation	100	6.8	22.1	33.7	35.6	1.8
Value of sales	100	6.8	22.4	32.3	36.7	1.8
Employees productivity	100	6.4	17.1	46.2	29.9	0.4
Obtaining needed raw materials and inputs	100	3.9	8.9	66.9	18.9	1.4
Problems of employees reaching place of work	100	2.5	4.6	81.1	11.4	0.4
Regularity of work	100	3.6	8.9	72.6	12.8	2.1
Level of employment	100	2.8	8.9	71.9	14.6	1.8
Transporting finished goods to market	100	4.3	10.7	65.8	17.8	1.4
Financial situations	100	6.0	16.0	54.5	21.7	1.8
Banks credits & facilities	100	2.9	9.3	76.7	10.4	0.7

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Table 13-2: Percentage Distribution of Owners/ Managers of the Industrial Establishments According to Their Opinions for Main Indicators During the Next Six Months Compared with Reference Month (September, 2007) in Remaining West Bank

Problem	Total	Much Worse	Somewhat Worse	About the Same/ Unchanged	Somewhat Better	Much Better
Establishment performance in general	100	1.3	16.5	51.4	29.1	1.7
Production situation	100	4.2	21.9	37.6	34.2	2.1
Value of sales	100	4.2	21.9	36.3	35.4	2.1
Employees productivity	100	3.8	16.9	51.5	27.4	0.4
Obtaining needed raw materials and inputs	100	1.7	6.8	75.5	14.3	1.7
Problems of employees reaching place of work	100	0.4	4.2	85.3	9.7	0.4
Regularity of work	100	1.7	8.9	76.8	10.1	2.5
Level of employment	100	0.8	8.4	76.5	12.2	2.1
Transporting finished goods to market	100	0.8	8.9	75.5	13.1	1.7
Financial situations	100	3.0	14.8	62.4	17.7	2.1
Banks credits & facilities	100	3.0	9.8	76.9	9.4	0.9

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Table 13-3: Percentage Distribution of Owners/ Managers of the Industrial Establishments According to Their Opinions for Main Indicators During the Next Six Months Comparing with Reference Month (September, 2007) in Gaza Strip

Problem	Total	Much Worse	Somewhat Worse	About the Same/ Unchanged	Somewhat Better	Much Better	
Establishment performance in general	100	20.5	22.7	13.6	43.2	-	
Production situation	100	20.5	22.7	13.6	43.2	-	
Value of sales	100	20.5	25.0	11.3	43.2	-	
Employees productivity	100	20.5	18.2	18.1	43.2	-	
Obtaining needed raw materials and inputs	100	15.9	20.5	20.4	43.2	-	
Problems of employees reaching place of work	100	13.6	6.8	59.1	20.5	-	
Regularity of work	100	13.6	9.1	50.0	27.3	-	
Level of employment	100	13.6	11.4	47.7	27.3	-	
Transporting finished goods to market	100	22.7	20.5	13.6	43.2	-	
Financial situations	100	22.7	22.7	11.4	43.2	-	
Banks credits & facilities	100	2.3	6.8	75.0	15.9	-	

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Table 14: Percentage Distribution of Owners/Managers of the Industrial Establishments Opinion About the Factors Affecting Production Cost During September 2007 by Region

Factors		Opinion						
		No effect	Relatively weak effect	Weak effect	Relatively large effect	Large effect		
Foreign competition	Remaining West bank and Gaza strip	36.7	6.6	15.1	15.7	25.9		
	Remaining West bank	27.4	7.6	18.2	18.1	28.7		
	Gaza strip	81.6	2.0	0.1	4.1	12.2		
Informal Sector	Remaining West bank and Gaza strip	42.0	7.7	16.4	21.3	12.6		
	Remaining West bank	30.4	9.3	19.8	25.7	14.8		
	Gaza strip	98.0	-	-	-	2.0		
Local Competition	Remaining West bank and Gaza strip	10.1	5.2	12.4	21.3	51.0		
	Remaining West bank	7.6	5.5	12.6	24.1	50.2		
	Gaza strip	22.4	4.1	10.2	8.2	55.1		
Transport cost	Remaining West bank and Gaza strip	8.7	2.8	13.7	41.6	33.2		
	Remaining West bank	9.3	3.4	16.0	47.7	23.6		
	Gaza strip	6.1	-	2.1	12.2	79.6		
Political situation	Remaining West bank and Gaza strip	5.9	1.4	6.7	35.7	50.3		
	Remaining West bank	6.3	1.7	8.0	39.7	44.3		
	Gaza strip	4.1	-	-	16.3	79.6		
Costs of raw materials and inputs	Remaining West bank and Gaza strip	4.5	1.4	6.4	26.9	60.8		
	Remaining West bank	5.1	1.7	7.6	29.1	56.5		
	Gaza strip	2.0	-	0.1	16.3	81.6		

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Table 15: Percentage Distribution of the Frequency of Loans Requested From the Banks According to the Owners/Managers of the Industrial Establishments Opinion During September 2007 by Region

Frequency	Gaza Strip	Remaining West Bank	Remaining West Bank and Gaza Strip	
No loan request	100.0	98.7	99.0	
Once	-	0.9	0.7	
2-5	-	0.4	0.3	5-2
Total	100	100	100	

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Table 16: Percentage Distribution of Owners/ Managers of the Industrial Establishments According to Their Views About the Export Obstacles During September 2007 by Region

Problems	Region	Not applicable	I don't know	Large difficulty	Medium difficulty	Small difficulty	No difficulty		
Commitment to international market requirements	Remaining West bank and Gaza strip	4.8	-	1.9	2.9	17.1	73.3		
	Remaining West bank	4.8	-	1.9	2.9	17.1	73.3		
	Gaza strip	-	-	-	-	-	-		
Commitment to export market packaging requirements	Remaining West bank and Gaza strip	6.7	-	2.9	-	19.0	71.4		
	Remaining West bank	6.7	-	2.9	-	19.0	71.4		
	Gaza strip	-	-	-	-	-	-		
Price competition in the export market	Remaining West bank and Gaza strip	4.8	-	4.8	14.3	37.1	39.0		
	Remaining West bank	4.8	-	4.8	14.3	37.1	39.0		
	Gaza strip	-	-	-	-	-	-		
Compliance to quantity demanded and delivery time	Remaining West bank and Gaza strip	1.0	-	-	4.7	23.8	70.5		
	Remaining West bank	1.0	-	-	4.7	23.8	70.5		
	Gaza strip	-	-	-	-	-	-		
Export financing	Remaining West bank and Gaza strip	1.9	1.0	3.6	1.1	30.5	61.9		
	Remaining West bank	1.9	1.0	3.6	1.1	30.5	61.9		
	Gaza strip	-	-	-	-	-	-		
Marketing ability	Remaining West bank and Gaza strip	1.9	1.0	-	6.6	41.0	49.5		
	Remaining West bank	1.9	1.0	-	6.6	41.0	49.5		
	Gaza strip	-	-	-	-	-	-		
Regular achievement of raw materials	Remaining West bank and Gaza strip	16.2	-	1.0	8.5	30.5	43.8		
	Remaining West bank	16.2	-	1.0	8.5	30.5	43.8		
	Gaza strip	-	-	-	-	-	-		

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Table 16 (Cont): Percentage Distribution of Owners/ Managers of the Industrial Establishments According to Their Views About the Export Obstacles During September 2007 by Region

Problems	Region	Not applicable	I don't know	Large difficulty	Medium difficulty	Small difficulty	No difficulty		
Regular achievement of export	Remaining West bank and Gaza strip	-	-	2.9	9.5	50.5	37.1		
	Remaining West bank	-	-	2.9	9.5	50.5	37.1		
	Gaza strip	-	-	-	-	-	-		
Regular achievement of employee	Remaining West bank and Gaza strip	12.4	-	-	0.9	12.4	74.3		
	Remaining West bank	12.4	-	-	0.9	12.4	74.3		
	Gaza strip	-	-	-	-	-	-		
Palestinian export regulation and license	Remaining West bank and Gaza strip	1.0	1.0	-	2.8	31.4	63.8		
	Remaining West bank	1.0	1.0	-	2.8	31.4	63.8		
	Gaza strip	-	-	-	-	-	-		
Information access to the foreign market	Remaining West bank and Gaza strip	8.6	2.9	-	6.6	37.1	44.8		
	Remaining West bank	8.6	2.9	-	6.6	37.1	44.8		
	Gaza strip	-	-	-	-	-	-		
Traveling problems imposed on entering foreign markets	Remaining West bank and Gaza strip	8.6	1.0	2.9	10.3	36.2	41.0		
	Remaining West bank	8.6	1.0	2.9	10.3	36.2	41.0		
	Gaza strip	-	-	-	-	-	-		
Import regulation in the foreign market	Remaining West bank and Gaza strip	8.6	1.9	3.8	7.6	34.3	43.8		
	Remaining West bank	8.6	1.9	3.8	7.6	34.3	43.8		
	Gaza strip	-	-	-	-	-	-		
Costumer payment guarantee	Remaining West bank and Gaza strip	1.9	-	7.6	14.3	41.0	35.2		
	Remaining West bank	1.9	-	7.6	14.3	41.0	35.2		
	Gaza strip	-	-	2.9	9.5	50.5	37.1		

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Table 17: Percentage of Mechanism of Finding Customers in the Export Market During September 2007 by Region

Approaching Customers	Gaza Strip		Remaining West Bank		Remaining West Bank and Gaza Strip	
Market researches	-		61.9		61.9	
Information gathered from commerce chamber industrial union etc...	-		20.0		20.0	
Participate in international exhibitions and organized business missions	-		30.5		30.5	
Self-organized visits to the export market	-		44.8		44.8	
Personal relationships and contacts	-		94.3		94.3	
Through internet	-		9.5		9.5	
Customer self initiative	-		55.2		55.2	

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Table 18: Percentage of Distribution and Marketing Channels of Export Products to Israel Markets and Other Markets During September 2007 by Region

Achievement channel	Region and Market					
	Gaza Strip		Remaining West Bank		Remaining West Bank and Gaza Strip	
	Other market	Israeli market	Other market	Israeli market	Other market	Israeli market
Direct sales to the customer	-	-	34.8	77.9	34.8	77.9
Through establishment agency in this market	-	-	8.7	1.0	8.7	1.0
Through palestinian agency	-	-	17.4	14.4	17.4	14.4
Through israeli agency as a local seller or exporter	-	-	2.2	13.5	2.2	13.5
Through the row material provider company (reproduce)	-	-	2.2	6.7	2.2	6.7
No exports reported to this market	-	-	2.2	1.0	2.2	1.0
Other	-	-	34.1	4.3	34.1	4.3

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