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## **Notice to users of this report**

PCBS would like to point out to users of this press release that the data presented was based on a sample of 496 establishments.

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

It is worth noting that the increase in the sample improves data quality and insures more comprehensive representation of the sample for economic activities that were not covered in the previous sample.

The available data refers to the West Bank which include Jerusalem Governorate which J1 is part of it since the round 35, meanwhile the previous rounds refer to the Remaining West Bank without J1.

**Jerusalem J1:** That part of the governorate of Jerusalem which was annexed after the 1967 occupation by Israel. Jerusalem

**Press Release**  
**Main findings of the Survey of the Perceptions of the Owners / Managers of**  
**Industrial Establishments Regarding the Economic Situation**  
**July 2008**

The following shows the basic findings of round 41 on the perceptions of the owners / managers of industrial establishments concerning the economic situation for July 2008. The round was conducted during the period 3-23 August, 2008, taking July 2008 as the 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 496 industrial establishments (343 in West Bank, 138 in Gaza Strip in addition to 15 in Jerusalem J1). A two-stage 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, constituting approximately 70% of the total industrial production, were selected; establishments that employed less than 20 employees were excluded.

**Performance of industrial establishments in July 2008 compared with June 2008**

According to 20.9% of the owners / managers of the industrial establishments, the production performance of their establishments during July 2008 was improvement than in June 2008 (15.2% for Gaza Strip and 22.5% for the West Bank).

10.6% reported facing an improvement situation in trying to obtain needed raw materials and inputs during July 2008 (8.9% for Gaza Strip and 11.1% for the West Bank), while 24.7% report that employee productivity increased compared with the previous month (16.4% for Gaza Strip and 27.1% for the West Bank).

According to the results, 16.1% of the owners / managers reported that their establishment's financial situation was improvement (11.4% for Gaza Strip and 17.5% for the West Bank), while 3.2% reported that banks credits were more easy during July 2008 (1.3% for Gaza Strip and 3.7% for the West Bank) comparing to the previous month..

**Challenges**

**Drop in sales level**

The perceptions of 57.9 the owners / managers of industrial establishments in Gaza Strip reported that the main reason for an expected cutback or drop in sales level is due to the israeli closures. At the same time, 35.6% of the owners / managers of industrial establishments in the West Bank indicate that the main reason was the decline in consumer purchasing power.

**Local and external competition**

In the Palestinian Territory, 89.0% of the owners / managers of the industrial establishments indicated that their establishment's main product faced local or external competition (76.6% for Gaza Strip and 91.1% for West Bank).

According to 76.6% of the owners / managers of the industrial establishments in the Palestinian Territory, the main product faced local competition (86.1% for Gaza Strip and 75.2% for the West Bank); on the other hand, 23.4% of the owners / managers of the industrial establishments indicated that their main product faced external competition (24.8% for the West Bank, and 13.9% for Gaza Strip).

**Employment**

8.9% of the owners / managers of the industrial establishments in the Palestinian Territory laid off workers in July 2008 (14.9% for Gaza Strip and 7.8% for the West Bank); however, 78.8% of the owners / managers of the industrial establishments stated that there had not been any change to the number of workers, (79.9% for the West Bank and 72.3% for Gaza Strip).

**Expectations****Short term**

The expectations of the owners / managers of the industrial establishments in the short term, i.e., one month after the reference month (July 2008); show that 30.3% expected an improvement in their production in general in the Palestinian Territory.

The expectations of the owners / managers of the industrial establishments in the Palestinian Territory concerning employment were pessimistic since only 10.1% expected increases during July 2008.

The results showed that 28.7% of the owners / managers of the industrial establishments in the Palestinian Territory expected sales to increase during July 2008.

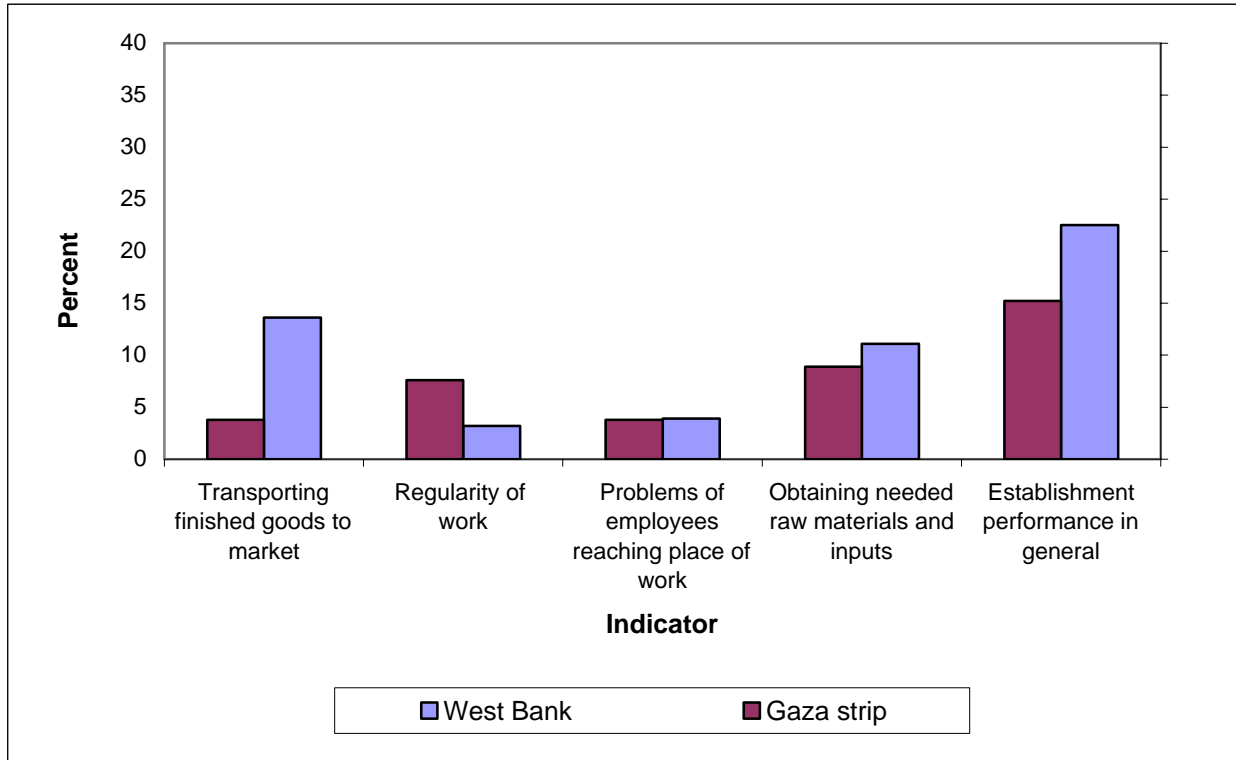
**Medium term**

The expectations of 34.5% of the owners / managers of the industrial establishments in the medium term (in the next six months) were for improvement in production in the Palestinian Territory (30.4% in the West Bank and 58.7% in Gaza Strip).

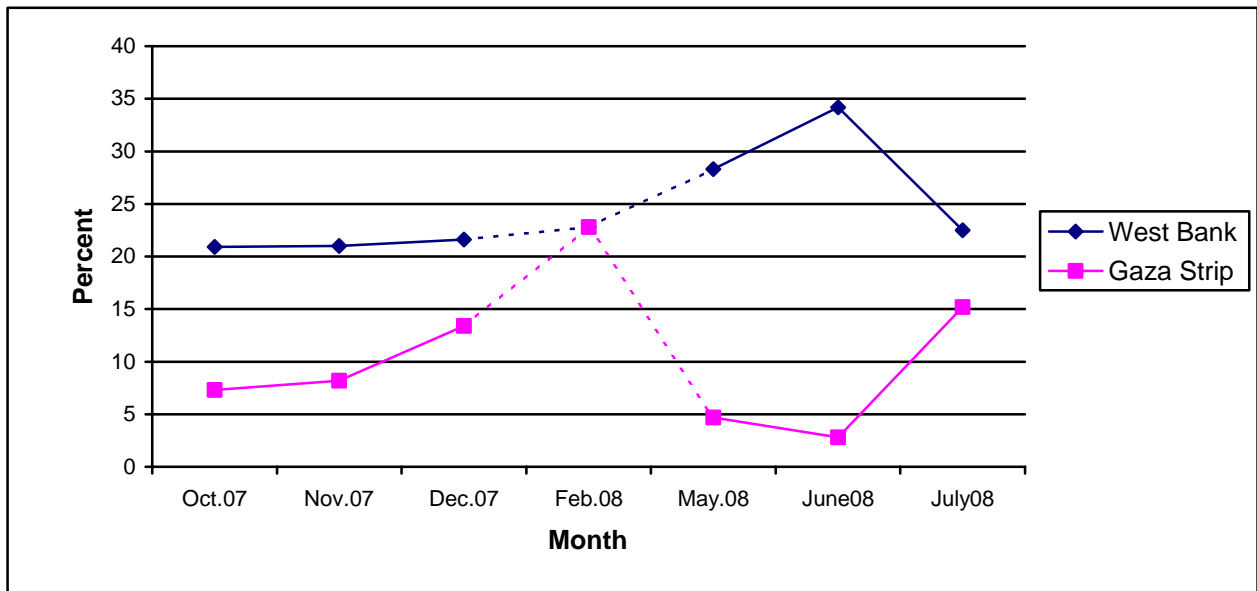
Concerning expectations for employment in the Palestinian Territory, 15.1% expect an increase in employment (54.4% in Gaza Strip and 8.5% in the West Bank).

Sales during the next six months will rise, according to the expectations of 35.1% of the owners / managers of the industrial establishments in the Palestinian Territory (58.7% in Gaza Strip and 31.1% in the West Bank).

**Figure 1: Percentage of Industrial Establishment Owners / Managers Who Encountered Improvement Economic Conditions during July 2008 Compared to the Previous Month for the Main Indicators by Region**



**Figure 2: Trends of Establishments Encountering an Improvement Situation in Production Performance during July 2008 Compared to the Previous Month by Region**



# Tables



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**Table 1-1: Percentage of the Industrial Establishments Encountered Improvement Situation During the Reference Month Compared to that before the Reference Month for the Main Indicators in the Palestinian Territory 2008**

Indicator	Reference Month									
	2008							2007		
	July	June	May	April	Mar.	Feb.	Jan.	Dec.	Nov.	Oct.
Establishment performance in general	20.9	27.4	23.7	-	-	22.8	-	19.9	18.5	18.5
Obtaining needed raw materials and inputs	10.6	29.8	27.9	-	-	21.4	-	17.9	19.8	20.1
Problems of employees reaching place of work	3.9	26.2	25.2	-	-	16.7	-	16.2	17.9	16.0
Regularity of work	4.2	12.4	9.4	-	-	6.3	-	6.4	7.0	7.0
Transporting finished goods to market	11.4	4.5	4.6	-	-	4.0	-	5.7	6.7	8.3

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**Table 1-2: Percentage of Industrial Establishments Encountered Improvement Situation During the Reference Month Compared to that before the Reference Month for the Main Indicators in the West Bank\* 2008**

Indicator	Reference Month									
	2008							2007		
	July	June	May	April	Mar.	Feb.	Jan.	Dec.	Nov.	Oct.
Establishment performance in general	22.5	34.2	28.3	-	-	22.8	-	21.6	21.0	20.9
Obtaining needed raw materials and inputs	11.1	37.3	33.6	-	-	21.2	-	19.5	22.2	22.9
Problems of employees reaching place of work	3.9	32.6	30.1	-	-	15.7	-	17.4	19.8	17.8
Regularity of work	3.2	15.4	10.9	-	-	6.3	-	5.9	7.9	7.4
Transporting finished goods to market	13.6	5.4	5.3	-	-	2.8	-	5.1	7.1	8.9

\* West Bank includes Jerusalem Governorate with J1

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**Table 1-3: Percentage of Industrial Establishments Encountered Improvement Situation During the Reference Month Compared to that before the Reference Month for the Main Indicators in Gaza Strip 2008**

Indicator	Reference Month									
	2008							2007		
	July	June	May	April	Mar.	Feb.	Jan.	Dec.	Nov.	Oct.
Establishment performance in general	15.2	2.8	4.7	-	-	22.8	-	13.4	8.2	7.3
Obtaining needed raw materials and inputs	8.9	2.8	4.7	-	-	22.8	-	11.7	9.8	7.3
Problems of employees reaching place of work	3.8	2.8	4.7	-	-	22.8	-	11.7	9.8	7.3
Regularity of work	7.6	1.4	3.1	-	-	6.8	-	8.3	3.3	5.4
Transporting finished goods to market	3.8	1.4	1.6	-	-	11.4	-	8.3	4.9	5.4

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**Table 2-1: Percentage Distribution of Owners/ Managers of the Industrial Establishments According to Their Opinions for Main Indicators During July 2008 Compared with June 2008 in the Palestinian Territory**

<b>Problem</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>Much Worse</b>	<b>Somewhat Worse</b>	<b>About the Same/ Unchanged</b>	<b>Somewhat Better</b>	<b>Much Better</b>
Establishment performance in general	100	2.8	16.1	60.2	17.8	3.1
Production situation	100	2.8	21.1	48.0	25.3	2.8
Employees productivity	100	2.8	16.1	56.4	21.9	2.8
Obtaining needed raw materials and inputs	100	4.2	11.7	73.5	8.9	1.7
Problems of employees reaching place of work	100	0.6	1.4	94.1	3.3	0.6
Regularity of work	100	1.9	5.6	88.3	3.1	1.1
Transporting finished goods to market	100	1.4	13.3	73.9	10.6	0.8
Financial situations	100	1.7	14.2	68.0	14.4	1.7
Banks credits & facilities	100	0.6	2.0	94.2	2.9	0.3
Level of employment	100	1.9	8.9	76.9	11.7	0.6
Value of sales	100	3.3	22.8	46.4	25.3	2.2

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**Table 2-2: Percentage Distribution of Owners/ Managers of the Industrial Establishments According to Their Opinions for Main Indicators During July 2008 Compared with June 2008 in the West Bank**

Problem	Total	Much Worse	Somewhat Worse	About the Same/ Unchanged	Somewhat Better	Much Better
Establishment performance in general	100	0.7	17.1	59.7	21.4	1.1
Production situation	100	0.7	23.6	44.2	30.4	1.1
Employees productivity	100	0.7	17.1	55.1	26.4	0.7
Obtaining needed raw materials and inputs	100	1.4	10.7	76.8	10.4	0.7
Problems of employees reaching place of work	100	0.0	1.4	94.7	3.9	0.0
Regularity of work	100	0.4	3.9	92.5	3.2	0.0
Transporting finished goods to market	100	0.7	16.1	69.6	13.2	0.4
Financial situations	100	0.7	17.1	64.7	17.1	0.4
Banks credits & facilities	100	0.0	2.6	93.7	3.7	0.0
Level of employment	100	1.1	9.0	75.9	14.0	0.0
Value of sales	100	0.7	25.4	42.0	31.2	0.7

\* West Bank includes Jerusalem Governorate with J1

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**Table 2-3: : Percentage Distribution of Owners/ Managers of the Industrial Establishments According to Their Opinions for Main Indicators During July 2008 Compared with June 2008 in Gaza Strip**

Problem	Total	Much Worse	Somewhat Worse	/ About the Same/ Unchanged	Somewhat Better	Much Better	
Establishment performance in general	100	10.1	12.7	62.0	5.1	10.1	
Production situation	100	10.1	12.7	60.7	7.6	8.9	
Employees productivity	100	10.1	12.7	60.8	6.3	10.1	
Obtaining needed raw materials and inputs	100	13.9	15.2	62.0	3.8	5.1	
Problems of employees reaching place of work	100	2.5	1.3	92.4	1.3	2.5	
Regularity of work	100	7.6	11.4	73.4	2.5	5.1	
Transporting finished goods to market	100	3.8	3.8	88.6	1.3	2.5	
Financial situations	100	5.1	3.8	79.7	5.1	6.3	
Banks credits & facilities	100	2.5	0.0	96.2	0.0	1.3	
Level of employment	100	5.1	8.9	79.7	3.8	2.5	
Value of sales	100	12.7	13.9	60.7	5.1	7.6	

**Table 3: Percentage of Industrial Establishments Encountered Improvement Situation During the Reference Month (July 2008) Compared to that before the Reference Month for the Main Indicators by Region**

Indicator	Gaza Strip	* West Bank*	Palestinian Territory	
Employees productivity	16.4	27.1	24.7	
Financial situations	11.4	17.5	16.1	
Banks credits & facilities	1.3	3.7	3.2	
Level of employment	6.3	14.0	12.3	
Value of sales	12.7	31.9	27.5	

\* West Bank includes Jerusalem Governorate with J1

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**Table 4: Percentage Distribution of Owners/Managers of the Active Industrial Establishments According to the Reasons for Sales Level Stability or Decline by Region During July 2008**

Reason	Gaza Strip	* West Bank*	Palestinian Territory	
Decrease in demand	0.0	5.5	4.3	
Difficulties in exporting finished goods	0.0	2.7	2.2	
Decline in the consumer purchasing power	15.8	35.6	31.5	
Product Marketing Obstacles	0.0	2.8	2.2	( )
Competence product	26.3	8.2	12.0	
Seasonally related	0.0	27.4	21.7	
Military check points/ israeli actions/ closures	57.9	6.8	5.4	/ /
Other	0.0	11.0	20.7	
<b>Total</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>	

\* West Bank includes Jerusalem Governorate with J1

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**Table 5: Percentage Distribution of the Active Industrial Establishments According to the Employment Mobility During July 2008 by Region**

Employment Mobility	Gaza Strip	* West Bank*	Palestinian Territory
Hiring employees	12.8	12.3	12.3
Firing employees	14.9	7.8	8.9
No change	72.3	79.9	78.8
<b>Total</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>

\* West Bank includes Jerusalem Governorate with J1

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**Table 6: Percentage Distribution of the Existing of Competence of the Main Product According to the Owners\ Managers of the Active Industrial Establishments During July 2008 by Region**

Competence existence	Gaza Strip	* West Bank*	Palestinian Territory
There is competition	76.6	91.1	89.0
There is no competition	23.4	8.9	11.0
<b>Total</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>

\* West Bank includes Jerusalem Governorate with J1

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**Table 7: Percentage Distribution of the Type of Competence According to the Owners\ Managers of the Active Industrial Establishments During July 2008 by Region**

Type of competence	Gaza Strip	* West Bank*	Palestinian Territory
Local	86.1	75.2	76.6
Foreign	13.9	24.8	23.4
<b>Total</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>

\* West Bank includes Jerusalem Governorate with J1

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**Table 8: Expectations of Owners/ Managers of the Active Industrial Establishments for the Month that Follow the Reference Month Compared With the Reference (July, 2008) Month for the Main Indicators by Region**

Indicator	Reference Month										
	2008							2007			
	July	June	May	April	Mar.	Feb.	Jan.	Dec.	Nov.	Oct.	
<b>Percentage of who are expecting better establishment situation</b>											
Palestinian Territory	30.3	32.5	32.8	-	-	31.8	28.7	18.2	18.8	22.1	
West Bank*	26.3	29.6	29.4	36.0	35.4	31.5	26.2	19.5	22.2	22.1	*
Gaza Strip	53.2	54.3	46.9	-	-	34.1	56.5	13.3	4.9	22.6	
<b>Percentage of who are expecting higher employment level</b>											
Palestinian Territory	10.1	11.9	15.2	-	-	7.3	6.9	5.4	5.4	9.6	
West Bank*	3.7	6.2	8.0	10.3	10.5	5.1	4.7	5.1	6.0	9.3	*
Gaza Strip	46.8	54.3	45.4	-	-	20.5	30.4	6.8	3.3	13.2	
<b>Percentage of who are expecting higher sales volume</b>											
Palestinian Territory	28.7	32.0	33.2	-	-	33.3	31.2	19.9	19.1	23.4	
West Bank*	24.5	29.0	29.9	38.9	37.1	33.1	28.9	21.2	22.2	24.1	*
Gaza Strip	53.2	54.3	46.9	-	-	34.1	56.5	15.0	6.6	22.6	

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\* West Bank includes Jerusalem Governorate with J1

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**Table 9: Expectations of Owners/ Managers of the Active Industrial Establishments for the Six Months that Follow the Reference Month Compared With the Reference Month (July, 2008) for the Main Indicators by Region**

Indicator	Reference Month										
	2008							2007			
	July	June	May	April	Mar.	Feb.	Jan.	Dec.	Nov.	Oct.	
<b>Percentage of who are expecting better establishment situation</b>											
Palestinian Territory	34.5	35.7	41.6	-	-	61.7	59.6	33.5	36.0	37.4	
West Bank*	30.4	32.9	38.5	49.4	57.2	62.2	58.2	36.5	33.3	36.3	*
Gaza Strip	58.7	57.1	54.7	-	-	58.4	78.9	20.3	52.4	43.2	
<b>Percentage of who are expecting higher employment level</b>											
Palestinian Territory	15.1	15.4	22.3	-	-	25.2	22.7	13.2	21.6	16.4	
West Bank*	8.5	9.7	14.8	15.8	22.9	23.2	20.5	11.9	19.0	14.3	*
Gaza Strip	54.4	57.1	53.1	-	-	38.9	52.6	18.6	38.1	27.3	
<b>Percentage of who are expecting higher sales volume</b>											
Palestinian Territory	35.1	36.6	43.9	-	-	67.6	64.1	36.5	38.6	38.5	
West Bank*	31.1	34.1	41.3	53.8	59.8	68.9	63.0	39.8	36.4	37.5	*
Gaza Strip	58.7	55.9	54.7	-	-	58.4	78.9	22.0	52.4	43.2	

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\* West Bank includes Jerusalem Governorate with J1

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**Table 10: Expectations of Owners/ Managers of the Active Industrial Establishments about Better Expectations for their Establishments for the Month that Follow the Reference Month (July, 2008) Compared With the Reference Month by Region**

Indicator	Gaza Strip	* West Bank*	Palestinian Territory	
Establishment performance in general	53.2	20.7	25.5	
Employees productivity	53.2	20.4	25.2	
Obtaining needed raw materials and inputs	51.0	4.8	11.7	
Problems of employees reaching place of work	14.9	4.1	5.7	
Regularity of work	44.7	4.8	10.7	
Transporting finished goods to market	42.5	8.5	13.6	
Financial situations	51.0	8.9	15.2	
Banks credits & facilities	8.5	1.5	2.6	

\* West Bank includes Jerusalem Governorate with J1

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**Table 11: Expectations of Owners/ Managers of the Active Industrial Establishments about Better Expectations for their Establishments for the Six Months that Follow the Reference Month (July,2008) Compared With the Reference Month for the Main Indicators by Region**

Indicator	Gaza Strip	* West Bank*	Palestinian Territory	
Establishment performance in general	57.5	26.0	30.6	
Employees productivity	56.5	26.0	30.4	
Obtaining needed raw materials and inputs	52.2	9.6	15.8	
Problems of employees reaching place of work	15.2	6.3	7.6	
Regularity of work	54.4	7.8	14.5	
Transporting finished goods to market	45.7	14.1	18.6	
Financial situations	56.6	13.8	20.0	
Banks credits & facilities	8.7	3.1	4.0	

\* West Bank includes Jerusalem Governorate with J1

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**Table 12-1: Percentage Distribution of Owners/ Managers of the Active Industrial Establishments According to Their Opinions for Main Indicators for the Month that Follow the Reference Month (July, 2008) Compared With the Reference Month in the Palestinian Territory**

<b>Problem</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>Much Worse</b>	<b>Somewhat Worse</b>	<b>/ About the Same/ Unchanged</b>	<b>Somewhat Better</b>	<b>Much Better</b>	
Establishment performance in general	100	1.6	16.1	56.8	23.3	2.2	
Production situation	100	1.6	21.1	47.0	28.1	2.2	
Volume of sales	100	1.6	23.3	46.4	26.5	2.2	
Employees productivity	100	1.6	17.7	55.5	23.3	1.9	
Obtaining needed raw materials and inputs	100	1.6	5.4	81.3	9.8	1.9	
Problems of employees reaching place of work	100	0.6	1.3	92.4	5.4	0.3	
Regularity of work	100	1.3	8.2	79.8	9.8	0.9	
Level of employment	100	2.2	7.3	80.4	8.5	1.6	
Transporting finished goods to market	100	0.9	9.1	76.4	12.3	1.3	
Financial situations	100	1.3	14.2	69.3	13.6	1.6	
Banks credits & facilities	100	0.6	1.3	95.5	2.6	0.0	

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**Table 12-2: Percentage Distribution of Owners/ Managers of the Active Industrial Establishments According to Their Opinions for Main Indicators for the Month that Follow the Reference Month (July, 2008) Compared With the Reference Month in the West Bank\***

<b>Problem</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>Much Worse</b>	<b>Somewhat Worse</b>	<b>About the Same/ Unchanged</b>	<b>Somewhat Better</b>	<b>Much Better</b>
Establishment performance in general	100	0.0	16.3	63.0	20.0	0.7
Production situation	100	0.0	22.2	51.5	25.9	0.4
Volume of sales	100	0.0	24.8	50.7	24.1	0.4
Employees productivity	100	0.0	18.5	61.1	20.4	0.0
Obtaining needed raw materials and inputs	100	0.4	3.7	91.1	4.4	0.4
Problems of employees reaching place of work	100	0.0	0.4	95.5	4.1	0.0
Regularity of work	100	0.0	7.0	88.2	4.8	0.0
Level of employment	100	1.1	5.9	89.3	3.7	0.0
Transporting finished goods to market	100	0.4	9.3	81.8	8.5	0.0
Financial situations	100	0.4	14.8	75.9	8.9	0.0
Banks credits & facilities	100	0.0	0.8	97.7	1.5	0.0

\* West Bank includes Jerusalem Governorate with J1

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**Table 12-3: Percentage Distribution of Owners/ Managers of the Active Industrial Establishments According to Their Opinions for Main Indicators for the Month that Follow the Reference Month (July, 2008) Compared With the Reference Month in Gaza Strip**

<b>Problem</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>Much Worse</b>	<b>Somewhat Worse</b>	<b>About the Same/ Unchanged</b>	<b>Somewhat Better</b>	<b>Much Better</b>
Establishment performance in general	100	10.6	14.9	21.3	42.6	10.6
Production situation	100	10.6	14.9	21.3	40.4	12.8
Volume of sales	100	10.6	14.9	21.3	40.4	12.8
Employees productivity	100	10.6	12.8	23.4	40.4	12.8
Obtaining needed raw materials and inputs	100	8.5	14.9	25.6	40.4	10.6
Problems of employees reaching place of work	100	4.3	6.4	74.4	12.8	2.1
Regularity of work	100	8.5	14.9	31.9	38.3	6.4
Level of employment	100	8.5	14.9	29.8	36.2	10.6
Transporting finished goods to market	100	4.3	8.5	44.7	34.0	8.5
Financial situations	100	6.4	10.6	32.0	40.4	10.6
Banks credits & facilities	100	4.3	4.3	82.9	8.5	0.0

**Table 13-1: Percentage Distribution of Owners/ Managers of the Active Industrial Establishments According to Their Opinions for Main Indicators During the Next Six Months Compared with Reference Month (July, 2008) in the Palestinian Territory**

<b>Problem</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>Much Worse</b>	<b>Somewhat Worse</b>	<b>/ About the Same/ Unchanged</b>	<b>Somewhat Better</b>	<b>Much Better</b>	
Establishment performance in general	100	2.2	19.6	47.6	26.2	4.4	
Production situation	100	4.4	29.7	31.4	30.1	4.4	
Volume of sales	100	4.7	32.3	27.9	31.3	3.8	
Employees productivity	100	4.4	23.4	41.8	26.9	3.5	
Obtaining needed raw materials and inputs	100	2.5	6.3	75.4	13.6	2.2	
Problems of employees reaching place of work	100	0.6	1.9	89.9	7.0	0.6	
Regularity of work	100	3.8	13.9	67.8	12.0	2.5	
Level of employment	100	3.5	8.9	72.5	12.3	2.8	
Transporting finished goods to market	100	1.9	11.7	67.8	16.1	2.5	
Financial situations	100	2.5	19.0	58.5	16.8	3.2	
Banks credits & facilities	100	1.3	2.3	92.4	3.3	0.7	

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**Table 13-2: Percentage Distribution of Owners/ Managers of the Active Industrial Establishments According to Their Opinions for Main Indicators During the Next Six Months Compared with Reference Month (July, 2008) in the West Bank\***

<b>Problem</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>Much Worse</b>	<b>Somewhat Worse</b>	<b>About the Same/ Unchanged</b>	<b>Somewhat Better</b>	<b>Much Better</b>
Establishment performance in general	100	1.1	20.4	52.5	23.0	3.0
Production situation	100	3.3	32.6	33.7	27.4	3.0
Volume of sales	100	3.7	35.6	29.6	28.9	2.2
Employees productivity	100	3.3	25.6	45.1	24.1	1.9
Obtaining needed raw materials and inputs	100	1.5	5.2	83.7	8.5	1.1
Problems of employees reaching place of work	100	0.0	1.1	92.6	5.6	0.7
Regularity of work	100	3.0	14.1	75.1	6.3	1.5
Level of employment	100	2.6	8.1	80.8	7.0	1.5
Transporting finished goods to market	100	1.5	12.2	72.2	12.6	1.5
Financial situations	100	1.9	20.0	64.3	11.9	1.9
Banks credits & facilities	100	0.8	1.9	94.2	2.3	0.8

\* West Bank includes Jerusalem Governorate with J1

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**Table 13-3: Percentage Distribution of Owners/ Managers of the Active Industrial Establishments According to Their Opinions for Main Indicators During the Next Six Months Comparing with Reference Month (July, 2008) in Gaza Strip**

<b>Problem</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>Much Worse</b>	<b>Somewhat Worse</b>	<b>/ About the Same/ Unchanged</b>	<b>Somewhat Better</b>	<b>Much Better</b>	
Establishment performance in general	100	8.5	14.9	19.1	44.7	12.8	
Production situation	100	10.9	13.0	17.4	45.7	13.0	
Volume of sales	100	10.9	13.0	17.4	45.7	13.0	
Employees productivity	100	10.9	10.9	21.7	43.5	13.0	
Obtaining needed raw materials and inputs	100	8.7	13.0	26.1	43.5	8.7	
Problems of employees reaching place of work	100	4.3	6.5	74.0	15.2	0.0	
Regularity of work	100	8.7	13.0	23.9	45.7	8.7	
Level of employment	100	8.7	13.0	23.9	43.5	10.9	
Transporting finished goods to market	100	4.3	8.7	41.3	37.0	8.7	
Financial situations	100	6.5	13.0	23.9	45.7	10.9	
Banks credits & facilities	100	4.3	4.3	82.7	8.7	0.0	