

Palestinian Central Bureau of Statistics (PCBS)

Press Release on Labour Force Survey 2010

Unemployment rate registered the highest in Tulkarm governorate among the West Bank Governorates, while Khan Younis Governorate registered the highest among Gaza Strip governorates

The results indicated in the Labour Force Survey in 2010 that the labour force participation rate was 41.1% in 2010 compared with 41.6% in 2009; 66.8% for males in 2010 compared with 67.0% in 2009, 14.7% for females in 2010 compared with 15.5% in 2009.

23.7% was the unemployment rate in the Palestinian Territory; 23.1% for males and 26.8% for females.

17.2% the unemployment rate in the West Bank with 16.6% for males and 19.7% for females, whereas in Gaza Strip unemployment rate reached 37.8%; with 36.2% for males and 47.8% for females.

unemployment was concentrated among the youth aged 15-24 years at 38.8%; 36.8% for males and 49.6% for females.

The highest unemployment rate in the Gaza Strip by governorate was in Khan Yunis with 44.7%, followed by Deir Al-Balah 39.0%, Rafah 36.4%, then North Gaza 35.8%. While the lowest unemployment rate was in Gaza governorate with 34.5%.

In the West Bank the highest unemployment rate was found in Tulkarm governorate at 22.3%, followed by Hebron 21.4%, Bethlehem 21.2%, then Qalqiliya 19.8. The lowest unemployment rate was in Tubas 11.8%

38.3% of employed persons are working in services, while 19.3% are working in commerce, hotels and restaurants. The main field of employment for females was Services Sector; about 61.8% of employed women work in services. Agriculture provides job opportunities to about 21.4% of females in the Palestinian Territory.

14.2% of employed persons from the West Bank worked in Israel and Israeli settlements in 2010 compared with 13.9% in 2009. while in Gaza Strip there was no access for the workers to work in Israel or Israeli settlements since 2006.

24.0% of employed persons worked in the public sector in the Palestinian Territory in 2010 compared with 25.2% in 2009. The percentage in Gaza Strip was 46.1% in 2010 compared with 48.1% in 2009, while it was 16.2% in 2010 in the West bank compared with 17.0% in 2009.

The nominal daily median net wage of employees worked in the West Bank was 76.9 NIS in 2010, while in Gaza Strip was 46.2 in 2010, for nominal daily median net wage for those working in Israel and Israeli settlements was 150.0 NIS in 2010.