



Palestinian Central Bureau of Statistics released the results of Existing Building Survey in Remaining West Bank and Gaza Strip 2006

Total cost of establishing the new buildings and additions on buildings decreased by 35.9% at the year 2006 comparing with 2005.

Palestinian Central Bureau of Statistics released the main results of the Existing Building Survey in Remaining West Bank and Gaza Strip 2006; the survey provides data on establishing new buildings and additions, capital repair and improvements on existing buildings and current maintenance on existing buildings.

The survey results indicate that the value of establishing new buildings and additions in the year 2006 was 464.7 million US\$, distributed by type of building as: 105.0 million US\$ for buildings, 207.1 million US\$ for villa/house, 27.2 million US\$ for establishments and 125.4 million US\$ for other types of buildings.

The final results show decreasing in the total cost value of capital repair and improvements by 8.7% for the year 2006 compared with 2005, and show increasing in the total cost value of current maintenance by 8.8% in 2006 compared with 2005, the capital repair and improvements cost for existing buildings are 151.1 million US\$ for 2006, the cost of current maintenance on existing buildings reached 105.8 million US\$ for 2006.

Comparing 2006 data with 2000, 2003, 2004, it is noticed that the cost value of establishing new buildings and additions on buildings in Remaining West Bank and Gaza strip decreased by 40.0% compared with 2004, and increased by 36.6%, 15.0% compared with 2000 and 2003 respectively, and the capital repair and improvements cost value on existing buildings decreased by 46.0% compared with 2004, on the contrary its increased by 71.2%, 176.5%, compared with 2000, 2003, respectively, while the cost value of current maintenance on existing buildings increased by 39.5%, 169.4%, 50.5% compared with 2004, 2003, 2000 respectively,