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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**  
**May 2008**

The following shows the basic findings of round 39 on the perceptions of the owners / managers of industrial establishments concerning the economic situation for May 2008. The round was conducted during the period 3-23 June, 2008, taking May 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 May 2008 compared with April 2008**

According to 30.7% of the owners / managers of the industrial establishments, the production performance of their establishments during May 2008 was worse than in April 2008 (78.1% for Gaza Strip and 19.2% for the West Bank). 28.3% reported facing a worse situation in trying to obtain needed raw materials and inputs during May 2008 (78.2% for Gaza Strip and 16.2% for the West Bank), while 31.0% report that employee productivity declined compared with the previous month (73.4% for Gaza Strip and 20.8% for the West Bank).

According to the results, 71.8% of the owners / managers reported that their establishment's financial situation was worse (71.8% for Gaza Strip and 18.5% for the West Bank), while 9.4% reported that banks credits were more difficult during May 2008 (36.0% for Gaza Strip and 2.7% for the West Bank) comparing to the previous month..

**Challenges**

**Drop in sales level**

The perceptions of 86.3% of 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 closure, as well as security reasons, while 9.8% of them indicate that the main reason was the decline in consumer purchasing power. At the same time, 32.9% of the owners / managers of industrial establishments in the West Bank indicate that the main reason was the decline in consumer purchasing power, while 14.6% of them indicate that the main reason was the closure of the border crossings as well as security reasons.

**Local and external competition**

In the Palestinian Territory, 88.1% of the owners / managers of the industrial establishments indicated that their establishment's main product faced local or external competition (75.0% for Gaza Strip and 91.3% for West Bank).

According to 74.8% of the owners / managers of the industrial establishments in the Palestinian Territory, the main product faced local competition (83.3% for Gaza Strip and 73.1% for the West Bank); on the other hand, 25.2% of the owners / managers of the industrial establishments indicated that their main product faced external competition (26.9% for the West Bank, and 16.7% for Gaza Strip).

**Employment**

16.2% of the owners / managers of the industrial establishments in the Palestinian Territory laid off workers in May 2008 (59.4% for Gaza Strip and 5.7% for the West Bank); however, 78.7% of the owners / managers of the industrial establishments stated that there had not been any change to the number of workers, (87.9% for the West Bank and 40.6% 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 (May 2008); show that 32.8% 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 15.2% expected increases during May 2008.

The results showed that 33.2% of the owners / managers of the industrial establishments in the Palestinian Territory expected sales to increase during May 2008.

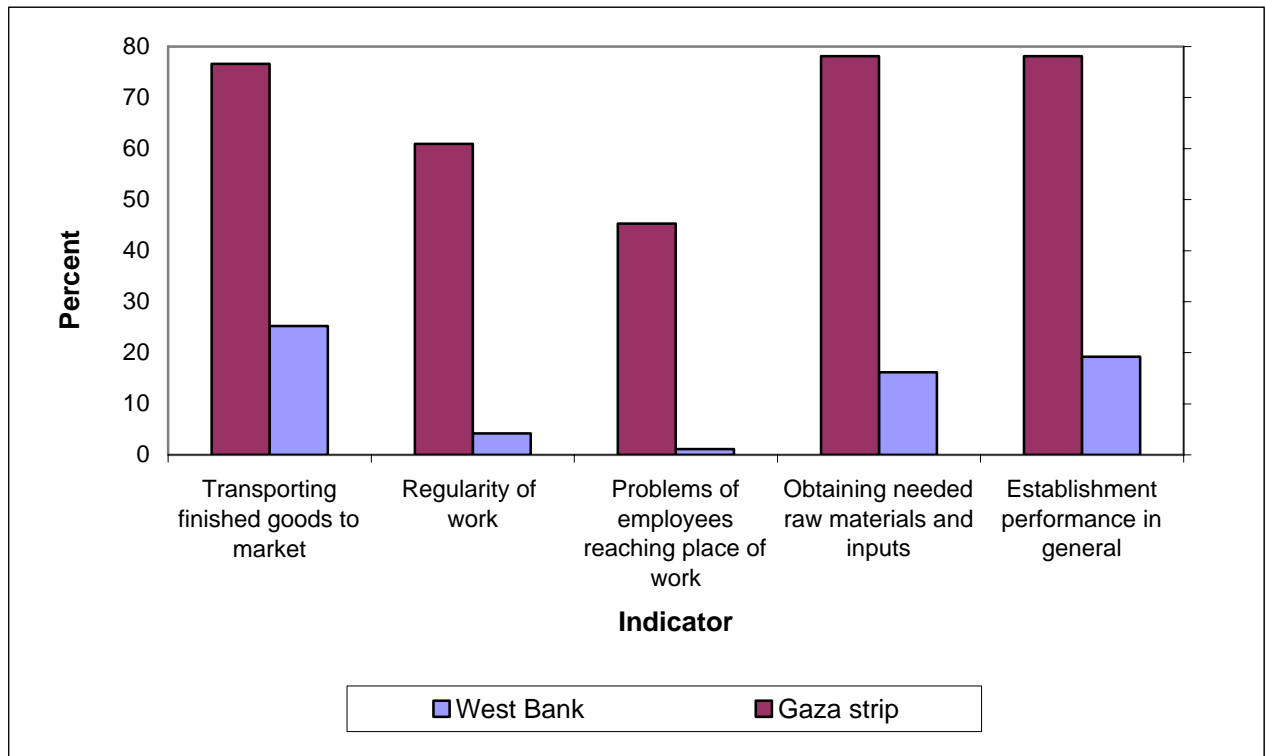
**Medium term**

The expectations of 41.6% 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 (38.5% in the West Bank and 54.7% in Gaza Strip).

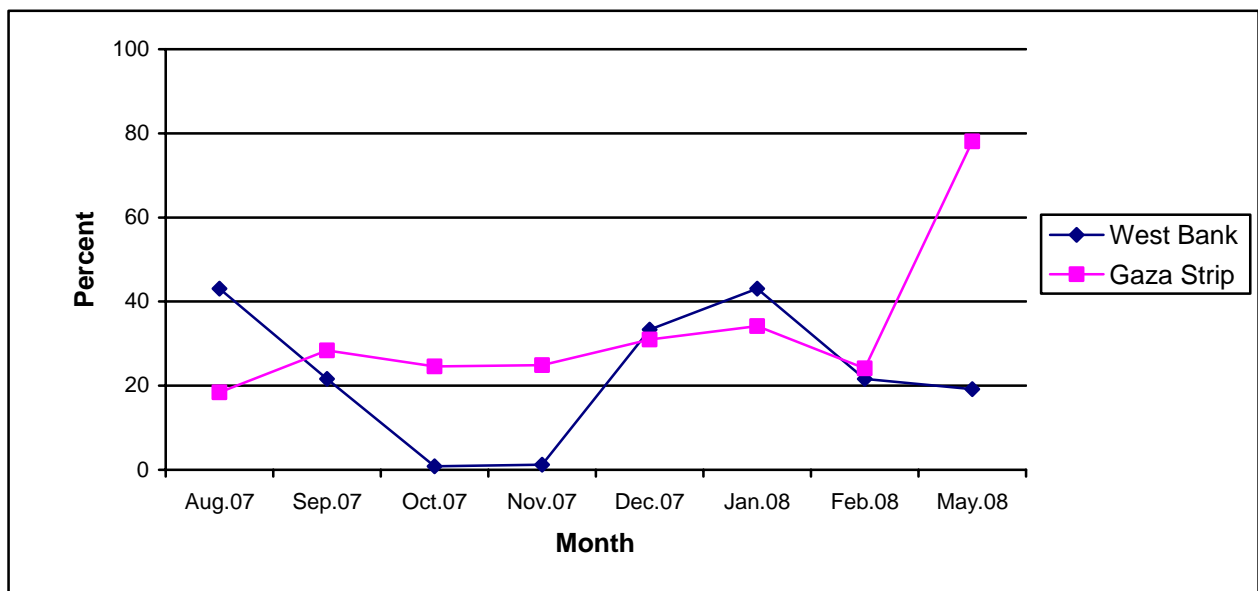
Concerning expectations for employment in the Palestinian Territory, 22.3% expect an increase in employment (53.1% in Gaza Strip and 14.8% in the West Bank).

Sales during the next six months will rise, according to the expectations of 43.9% of the owners / managers of the industrial establishments in the Palestinian Territory (54.7% in Gaza Strip and 41.3% in the West Bank).

**Figure 1: Percentage of Industrial Establishment Owners / Managers Who Encountered Worse Economic Conditions during May 2008 Compared to the Previous Month for the Main Indicators in the Palestinian Territory**



**Figure 2: Trends of Establishments Encountering a Worse Situation in Production Performance during May 2008 Compared to the Previous Month for The Palestinian Territory**



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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 the Palestinian Territory 2008**

Indicator	Reference Month									
	2008					2007				
	May	April	Mar.	Feb.	Jan.	Dec.	Nov.	Oct.	Sep.	Aug.
Establishment performance in general	30.7	-	-	24.1	34.2	31.0	24.9	24.6	28.4	18.4
Obtaining needed raw materials and inputs	28.3	-	-	16.4	20.1	27.7	22.4	22.4	29.7	18.4
Problems of employees reaching place of work	9.8	-	-	5.7	2.2	2.4	2.5	2.2	7.6	6.9
Regularity of work	15.2	-	-	8.0	7.9	16.5	11.8	10.2	11.7	7.2
Transporting finished goods to market	35.3	-	-	23.7	23.0	28.0	22.6	19.5	19.7	18.4

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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 the West Bank\* 2008**

Indicator	Reference Month									
	2008					2007				
	May	April	Mar.	Feb.	Jan.	Dec.	Nov.	Oct.	Sep.	Aug.
Establishment performance in general	19.2	22.4	0.8	21.6	43.1	33.3	1.2	0.8	21.6	43.1
Obtaining needed raw materials and inputs	16.2	25.5	1.6	23.9	38.0	33.7	2.7	1.6	23.9	38.0
Problems of employees reaching place of work	1.1	19.3	0.8	16.5	49.2	29.5	3.9	0.8	16.5	49.2
Regularity of work	4.2	0.8	1.2	18.1	70.5	9.4	0.8	1.2	18.1	70.5
Transporting finished goods to market	25.2	21.8	0.4	0.4	90.2	7.1	2.0	0.4	0.4	90.2

\* West Bank includes Jerusalem Governorate with J1

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**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 2008**

Indicator	Reference Month									
	2008					2007				
	May	April	Mar.	Feb.	Jan.	Dec.	Nov.	Oct.	Sep.	Aug.
Establishment performance in general	78.1	-	-	24.1	34.2	31.0	24.9	24.6	28.4	18.4
Obtaining needed raw materials and inputs	78.2	-	-	16.4	20.1	27.7	22.4	22.4	29.7	18.4
Problems of employees reaching place of work	45.4	-	-	5.7	2.2	2.4	2.5	2.2	7.6	6.9
Regularity of work	60.9	-	-	8.0	7.9	16.5	11.8	10.2	11.7	7.2
Transporting finished goods to market	76.6	-	-	23.7	23.0	28.0	22.6	19.5	19.7	18.4

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**Table 2-1: Percentage Distribution of Owners/ Managers of the Industrial Establishments According to Their Opinions for Main Indicators During May 2008 Compared with April 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	8.5	22.2	45.6	22.8	0.9
Production situation	100	10.0	27.7	34.4	26.4	1.5
Employees productivity	100	8.8	22.2	43.8	23.1	2.1
Obtaining needed raw materials and inputs	100	11.9	16.4	62.3	8.5	0.9
Problems of employees reaching place of work	100	6.1	3.7	85.6	3.7	0.9
Regularity of work	100	7.0	8.2	79.9	3.4	1.5
Transporting finished goods to market	100	10.1	25.2	52.8	11.3	0.6
Financial situations	100	7.9	21.0	55.6	15.5	0.0
Banks credits & facilities	100	6.3	3.1	86.8	3.8	0.0
Level of employment	100	8.5	19.8	62.6	9.1	0.0
Value of sales	100	10.6	30.4	31.3	27.4	0.3

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**Table 2-2: Percentage Distribution of Owners/ Managers of the Industrial Establishments According to Their Opinions for Main Indicators During May 2008 Compared with April 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	18.5	52.5	27.2	1.1
Production situation	100	2.3	25.3	38.8	31.7	1.9
Employees productivity	100	1.9	18.9	49.1	27.5	2.6
Obtaining needed raw materials and inputs	100	0.4	15.8	72.9	9.8	1.1
Problems of employees reaching place of work	100	0.0	1.1	93.6	4.2	1.1
Regularity of work	100	0.0	4.2	90.1	3.8	1.9
Transporting finished goods to market	100	3.4	21.8	60.3	13.7	0.8
Financial situations	100	1.1	17.4	62.9	18.6	0.0
Banks credits & facilities	100	0.0	2.7	92.6	4.7	0.0
Level of employment	100	2.7	14.0	72.3	11.0	0.0
Value of sales	100	3.8	27.9	34.7	33.2	0.4

\* 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 May 2008 Compared with April 2008 in Gaza Strip**

Problem	Total	Much Worse	Somewhat Worse	/ About the Same/ Unchanged	Somewhat Better	Much Better	
Establishment performance in general	100	40.6	37.5	17.2	4.7	0.0	
Production situation	100	42.2	37.5	15.6	4.7	0.0	
Employees productivity	100	37.5	35.9	21.9	4.7	0.0	
Obtaining needed raw materials and inputs	100	59.4	18.8	18.7	3.1	0.0	
Problems of employees reaching place of work	100	31.3	14.1	53.0	1.6	0.0	
Regularity of work	100	35.9	25.0	37.5	1.6	0.0	
Transporting finished goods to market	100	37.5	39.1	21.8	1.6	0.0	
Financial situations	100	35.9	35.9	25.1	3.1	0.0	
Banks credits & facilities	100	31.3	4.7	64.0	0.0	0.0	
Level of employment	100	32.8	43.8	21.8	1.6	0.0	
Value of sales	100	39.1	40.6	17.2	3.1	0.0	

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

Problem	Gaza Strip	* West Bank*	Palestinian Territory
Employees productivity	73.4	20.8	31.0
Financial situations	71.8	18.5	28.9
Banks credits & facilities	31.0	2.7	9.4
Level of employment	76.6	16.7	28.3
Value of sales	79.7	31.7	41.0

\* West Bank includes Jerusalem Governorate with J1

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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 May 2008**

Reason	Gaza Strip	* West Bank*	Palestinian Territory
Decrease in demand	2.0	2.4	2.3
Difficulties in exporting finished goods	0.0	0.0	0.0
Decline in the consumer purchasing power	9.8	32.9	24.1
Product Marketing Obstacles	0.0	9.8	6.0
Competence product	1.9	4.9	3.8
Seasonally related	0.0	15.9	9.7
Military check points/ israeli actions/ closures	86.3	14.6	42.1
Other	0.0	19.5	12.0
<b>Total</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>

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

Employment Mobility	Gaza Strip	* West Bank*	Palestinian Territory
Hiring employees	0.0	6.4	5.1
Firing employees	59.4	5.7	16.2
No change	40.6	87.9	78.7
<b>Total</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>

\* West Bank includes Jerusalem Governorate with J1

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

Competence existence	Gaza Strip	* West Bank*	Palestinian Territory
There is competition	75.0	91.3	88.1
There is no competition	25.0	8.7	11.9
<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 Industrial Establishments During May 2008 by Region**

Type of competence	Gaza Strip	* West Bank*	Palestinian Territory
Local	83.3	73.1	74.8
Foreign	16.7	26.9	25.2
<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 Industrial Establishments for the Month that Follow the Reference Month Compared With the Reference (May, 2008) Month for the Main Indicators by Region**

Indicator	Reference Month										
	2008					2007					
	May	April	Mar.	Feb.	Jan.	Dec.	Nov.	Oct.	Sep.	Aug.	
<b>Percentage of who are expecting better establishment situation</b>											
Palestinian Territory	32.8	-	-	31.8	28.7	18.2	18.8	22.1	19.4	30.6	
West Bank*	29.4	36.0	35.4	31.5	26.2	19.5	22.2	22.1	19.4	31.4	*
Gaza Strip	46.9	-	-	34.1	56.5	13.3	4.9	22.6	19.2	27.8	
<b>Percentage of who are expecting higher employment level</b>											
Palestinian Territory	15.2	-	-	7.3	6.9	5.4	5.4	9.6	9.0	13.9	
West Bank*	8.0	10.3	10.5	5.1	4.7	5.1	6.0	9.3	8.0	14.0	*
Gaza Strip	45.4	-	-	20.5	30.4	6.8	3.3	13.2	13.5	13.9	
<b>Percentage of who are expecting higher sales volume</b>											
Palestinian Territory	33.2	-	-	33.3	31.2	19.9	19.1	23.4	20.8	30.9	
West Bank*	29.9	38.9	37.1	33.1	28.9	21.2	22.2	24.1	21.1	31.8	*
Gaza Strip	46.9	-	-	34.1	56.5	15.0	6.6	22.6	19.2	27.8	

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\* West Bank includes Jerusalem Governorate with J1

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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 (May, 2008) for the Main Indicators by Region**

Indicator	Reference Month										
	2008					2007					
	May	April	Mar.	Feb.	Jan.	Dec.	Nov.	Oct.	Sep.	Aug.	
<b>Percentage of who are expecting better establishment situation</b>											
Palestinian Territory	41.6	-	-	61.7	59.6	33.5	36.0	37.4	41.5	40.3	
West Bank*	38.5	49.4	57.2	62.2	58.2	36.5	33.3	36.3	41.8	42.9	*
Gaza Strip	54.7	-	-	58.4	78.9	20.3	52.4	43.2	39.7	32.0	
<b>Percentage of who are expecting higher employment level</b>											
Palestinian Territory	22.3	-	-	25.2	22.7	13.2	21.6	16.4	21.5	20.3	
West Bank*	14.8	15.8	22.9	23.2	20.5	11.9	19.0	14.3	19.8	18.8	*
Gaza Strip	53.1	-	-	38.9	52.6	18.6	38.1	27.3	28.6	25.3	
<b>Percentage of who are expecting higher sales volume</b>											
Palestinian Territory	43.9	-	-	67.6	64.1	36.5	38.6	38.5	42.7	40.6	
West Bank*	41.3	53.8	59.8	68.9	63.0	39.8	36.4	37.5	43.4	43.7	*
Gaza Strip	54.7	-	-	58.4	78.9	22.0	52.4	43.2	39.7	30.7	

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\* West Bank includes Jerusalem Governorate with J1

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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 (May, 2008) Compared With the Reference Month by Region**

Indicator	Gaza Strip	* West Bank*	Palestinian Territory	
Establishment performance in general	46.9	23.4	28.0	
Employees productivity	46.9	23.5	28.0	
Obtaining needed raw materials and inputs	46.9	7.2	14.9	
Problems of employees reaching place of work	28.1	5.0	9.4	
Regularity of work	45.4	9.1	16.1	
Transporting finished goods to market	46.9	11.1	18.1	
Financial situations	48.5	11.4	18.6	
Banks credits & facilities	20.3	3.5	6.9	

\* West Bank includes Jerusalem Governorate with J1

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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 (May,2008) Compared With the Reference Month for the Main Indicators by Region**

Indicator	Gaza Strip	* West Bank*	Palestinian Territory	
Establishment performance in general	54.7	29.0	34.0	
Employees productivity	54.7	27.7	32.9	
Obtaining needed raw materials and inputs	53.2	11.0	19.2	
Problems of employees reaching place of work	29.7	4.5	9.4	
Regularity of work	53.2	11.7	19.8	
Transporting finished goods to market	54.7	17.5	24.8	
Financial situations	53.2	17.0	24.1	
Banks credits & facilities	25.0	4.7	8.7	

\* West Bank includes Jerusalem Governorate with J1

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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 (May, 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	5.8	18.2	48.0	27.7	0.3	
Production situation	100	5.8	18.5	42.9	32.5	0.3	
Volume of sales	100	5.5	20.1	41.2	32.6	0.6	
Employees productivity	100	5.5	14.3	52.2	27.4	0.6	
Obtaining needed raw materials and inputs	100	5.8	11.9	67.4	14.6	0.3	
Problems of employees reaching place of work	100	5.5	1.2	83.9	8.8	0.6	
Regularity of work	100	6.1	8.5	69.3	15.5	0.6	
Level of employment	100	7.3	7.9	69.6	14.9	0.3	
Transporting finished goods to market	100	8.6	11.3	62.0	17.8	0.3	
Financial situations	100	7.6	13.1	60.7	18.3	0.3	
Banks credits & facilities	100	5.0	2.5	85.6	6.9	0.0	

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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 (May, 2008) Compared With the Reference Month in the West Bank\***

Problem	Total	Much Worse	Somewhat Worse	About the Same/ Unchanged	Somewhat Better	Much Better
Establishment performance in general	100	0.4	19.6	56.6	23.4	0.0
Production situation	100	0.4	20.0	50.2	29.4	0.0
Volume of sales	100	0.4	22.0	47.7	29.5	0.4
Employees productivity	100	0.4	15.2	60.9	23.1	0.4
Obtaining needed raw materials and inputs	100	0.0	11.7	81.1	7.2	0.0
Problems of employees reaching place of work	100	0.4	0.8	93.8	4.2	0.8
Regularity of work	100	0.4	8.0	82.5	8.7	0.4
Level of employment	100	1.9	7.2	82.9	8.0	0.0
Transporting finished goods to market	100	3.4	11.1	74.4	11.1	0.0
Financial situations	100	2.3	13.6	72.7	11.4	0.0
Banks credits & facilities	100	0.0	2.4	94.1	3.5	0.0

\* West Bank includes Jerusalem Governorate with J1

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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 (May, 2007) 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	28.1	12.5	12.5	45.3	1.6	
Production situation	100	28.1	12.5	12.5	45.3	1.6	
Volume of sales	100	26.6	12.5	14.0	45.3	1.6	
Employees productivity	100	26.6	10.9	15.6	45.3	1.6	
Obtaining needed raw materials and inputs	100	29.7	12.5	10.9	45.3	1.6	
Problems of employees reaching place of work	100	26.6	3.1	42.2	28.1	0.0	
Regularity of work	100	29.7	10.9	14.0	43.8	1.6	
Level of employment	100	29.7	10.9	14.0	43.8	1.6	
Transporting finished goods to market	100	29.7	12.5	10.9	45.3	1.6	
Financial situations	100	29.7	10.9	10.9	46.9	1.6	
Banks credits & facilities	100	25.0	3.1	51.6	20.3	0.0	

**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 (May, 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	6.4	16.7	42.9	32.5	1.5	
Production situation	100	6.7	21.9	29.8	39.8	1.8	
Volume of sales	100	7.0	22.0	27.1	42.1	1.8	
Employees productivity	100	5.5	19.8	41.8	31.4	1.5	
Obtaining needed raw materials and inputs	100	6.1	11.0	63.7	17.7	1.5	
Problems of employees reaching place of work	100	5.5	1.2	83.9	8.5	0.9	
Regularity of work	100	7.0	7.6	65.6	18.0	1.8	
Level of employment	100	6.4	8.2	63.2	20.7	1.5	
Transporting finished goods to market	100	8.9	8.9	57.4	23.6	1.2	
Financial situations	100	7.9	14.0	54.0	22.9	1.2	
Banks credits & facilities	100	4.7	2.2	84.4	7.8	0.9	

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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 (May, 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	18.5	51.4	27.5	1.5
Production situation	100	1.5	24.9	35.1	36.6	1.9
Volume of sales	100	2.3	25.0	31.4	39.4	1.9
Employees productivity	100	0.4	22.3	49.7	26.1	1.5
Obtaining needed raw materials and inputs	100	0.8	11.0	77.2	9.5	1.5
Problems of employees reaching place of work	100	0.8	0.4	94.3	3.4	1.1
Regularity of work	100	1.9	7.2	79.2	9.8	1.9
Level of employment	100	1.1	8.0	76.1	13.3	1.5
Transporting finished goods to market	100	4.2	8.8	69.5	16.4	1.1
Financial situations	100	3.0	15.2	64.8	15.9	1.1
Banks credits & facilities	100	0.0	2.4	92.9	3.5	1.2

\* West Bank includes Jerusalem Governorate with J1

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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 (May, 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	28.1	9.4	7.8	53.1	1.6	
Production situation	100	28.1	9.4	7.8	53.1	1.6	
Volume of sales	100	26.6	9.4	9.3	53.1	1.6	
Employees productivity	100	26.6	9.4	9.3	53.1	1.6	
Obtaining needed raw materials and inputs	100	28.1	10.9	7.8	51.6	1.6	
Problems of employees reaching place of work	100	25.0	4.7	40.6	29.7	0.0	
Regularity of work	100	28.1	9.4	9.3	51.6	1.6	
Level of employment	100	28.1	9.4	9.3	51.6	1.6	
Transporting finished goods to market	100	28.1	9.4	7.8	53.1	1.6	
Financial situations	100	28.1	9.4	9.3	51.6	1.6	
Banks credits & facilities	100	23.4	1.6	50.0	25.0	0.0	