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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 481 establishments.

PCBS indicates also that the size of the sample for the previous rounds (January 2006 -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 Main findings for the Perceptions of the Owners/Managers of Industries with  
Respect to the Economic Situation  
October 2007**

The following shows the basic findings of round 31 of the trends of the owners/ managers survey of industrial establishments, concerning the economic situation for October 2007. The round was conducting during the period of November 3-23, 2007, taking into consideration October, 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 481 industrial establishments (343 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.

**Performance of industrial establishments in October 2007 compared with September - 2007**

According to 24.6% of the owners/ managers of the industrial establishments, the performance of the production of their establishments during October 2007 had become worse than in September 2007 (40.0% for Gaza Strip and 21.3% for the Remaining West Bank); meanwhile 22.4 % refer that obtaining needed raw materials and inputs encountered worse situation during October 2007 (40.0% for Gaza Strip and 18.6% for the Remaining West Bank).

While 21.7% refer that employees productivity was worse, compared with the previous month (41.8% for Gaza Strip and 17.5% for the Remaining West Bank).

According to results, 19.5% of the owners/ managers refer that their establishments financial situation was worse (41.8% for Gaza Strip and 14.8% for the Remaining West Bank), while 4.8% refers that the banks credits was worse during October 2007 (9.1% for Gaza Strip and 3.9% for the Remaining West Bank).

**Challenges**

**Drop in sales level**

The expectations of 76.9% of the owners/managers of industrial establishments revealed that the main reason for an expected drawback or steady sales level is due to closure of the border crossings as well as security reasons, while 11.5% indicate the main reason was Palestinian interior situation and Gaza Events. Meanwhile 35.4% of the owners/managers of industrial establishments in remaining west bank indicates that the main reason was the seasonality of the sales, while 34.2% of them indicate that the main reason was the decline in the consumer purchasing power.

**Local and external competition**

In the Remaining West Bank and Gaza Strip, 95.2% of the owners of the industrial establishments indicated that the main product of their establishments faced local or external competition, (98.2% for Gaza Strip and 94.6% for the Remaining West Bank).

According to 84.2% of the owners of the industrial establishments in the Remaining West Bank and Gaza Strip, the main product faced local competition (98.1% for Gaza Strip and

81.1% for the Remaining West Bank); on the other hand, 15.8% of the owners of the industrial establishments indicated that their main product faced external competition (18.9% for the Remaining West Bank and 1.9% for Gaza Strip).

### **Employment**

According to 7.7% of the owners of the industrial establishments in the Remaining West Bank and Gaza Strip, their establishments laid off workers in October 2007 (12.7% for Gaza Strip and 6.6% for Remaining West Bank); however, 86.6% (87.2% for Remaining West Bank and 83.6% for Gaza Strip) of the owners of the industrial establishments stated that there had not been any change to the number of workers.

### **Expectations**

#### **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 (October 2007); show that 22.1% expected improvement in their production in general in Remaining West Bank and Gaza Strip.

The expectations in the Remaining West Bank and Gaza Strip concerning employment for October 2007 indicate pessimism since 9.6% only expected increases during November 2007.

The results showed that 23.4% of the owners/ managers of the industrial establishments in the Remaining West Bank and Gaza Strip expected sales to increase during November 2007.

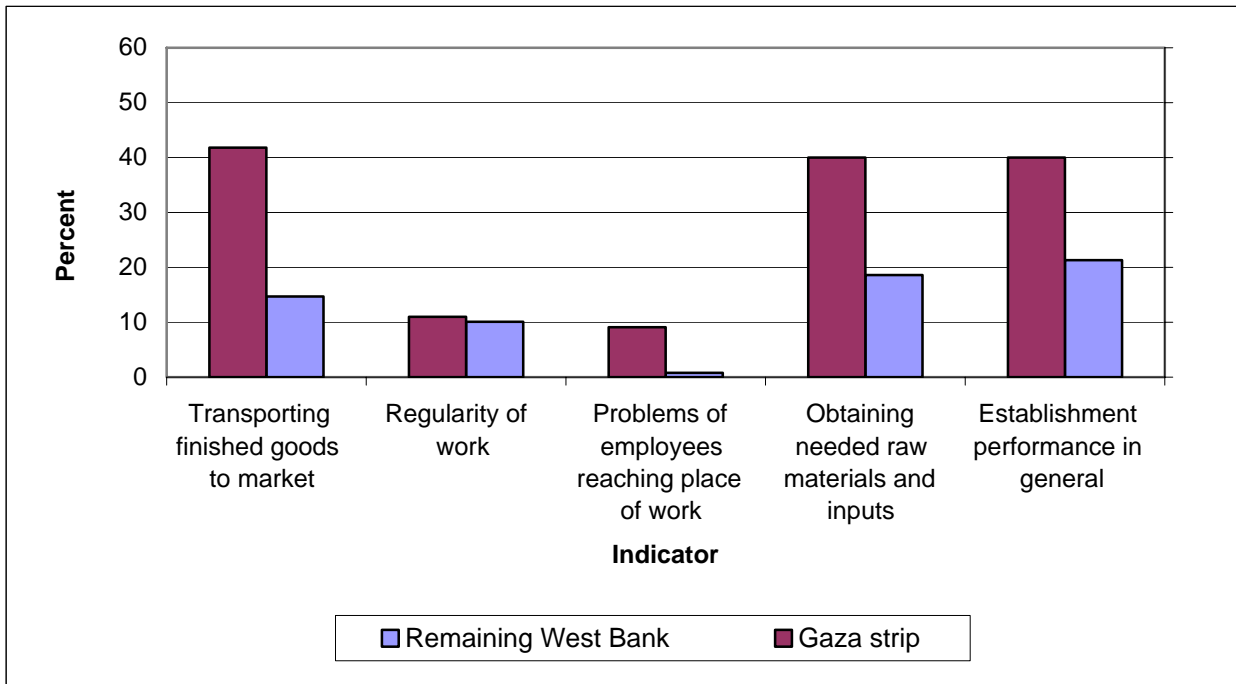
#### **Medium term**

The expectations of the owners/ managers of the industrial establishments in the medium term (in the next six months) 36.0% expected improvement in production in the next six months in Remaining West Bank and Gaza Strip (52.4% in Gaza Strip and 33.3% in Remaining West Bank).

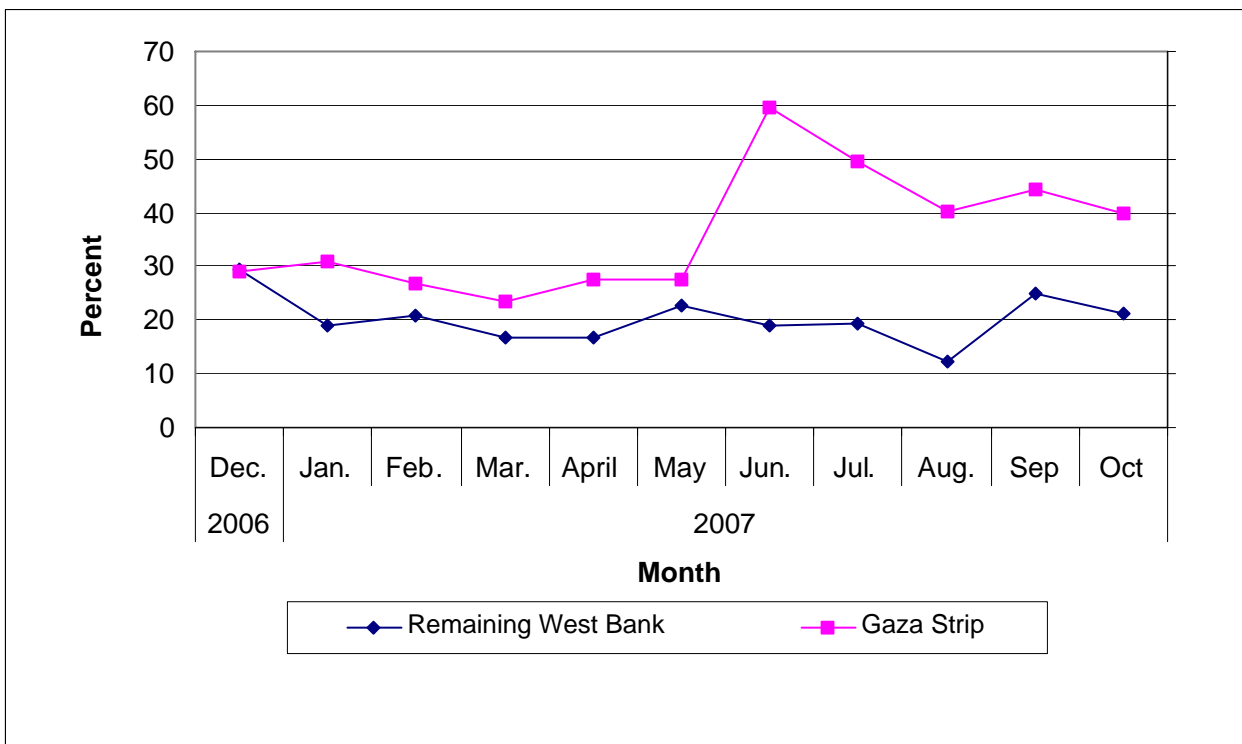
According to expectations concerning employment in the Remaining West Bank and Gaza Strip, 21.6% expect increase in employment (38.1% in Gaza Strip and 19.0% in Remaining West Bank).

Sales during the next six months will rise, according to the expectations of 38.6% of the owners and managers of the industrial establishments in the Remaining West Bank and Gaza Strip (52.4% in Gaza Strip and 36.4% in Remaining West Bank).

**Figure 1: Percentage of Industrial Establishment Owners/ Managers Encountered Worse Situation During October 2007 Compared to the Pervious Month for the Main Indicators in Remaining West Bank and Gaza Strip**



**Figure 2: The Direction of Establishments Encountered Worse Situation in its Production Performance During the October 2007 Compared to Pervious Month for 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								
	Oct.	Sep.	Aug.	Jul.	Jun.	May.	April.	Mar.	Feb.
Establishment performance in general	24.6	28.4	18.4	27.0	29.5	24.0	19.4	18.6	22.7
Obtaining needed raw materials and inputs	22.4	29.7	18.4	22.3	23.2	16.0	13.1	10.5	12.5
Problems of employees reaching place of work	2.2	7.6	6.9	6.0	10.7	4.5	2.3	3.3	3.8
Regularity of work	10.2	11.7	7.2	5.7	13.9	7.0	3.3	5.7	9.1
Transporting finished goods to market	19.5	19.7	18.4	19.5	27.6	20.8	18.4	16.2	18.8

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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								
	Oct.	Sep.	Aug.	Jul.	Jun.	May	April	Mar.	Feb.
Establishment performance in general	21.3	24.9	12.4	19.5	19.0	22.8	16.6	16.7	20.9
Obtaining needed raw materials and inputs	18.6	15.1	15.8	11.5	10.4	13.4	11.3	7.1	10.2
Problems of employees reaching place of work	0.8	7.2	3.9	3.6	4.4	2.0	1.9	2.5	4.0
Regularity of work	10.1	11.4	3.5	2.4	5.6	4.7	3.4	4.6	9.4
Transporting finished goods to market	14.7	14.8	12.4	13.1	16.9	16.9	14.7	14.7	16.4

**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								
	Oct.	Sep.	Aug.	Jul.	Jun.	May	April	Mar.	Feb.
Establishment performance in general	40.0	44.2	40.3	49.4	59.5	27.4	27.4	23.4	26.8
Obtaining needed raw materials and inputs	40.0	32.6	27.8	54.1	59.5	22.6	17.9	19.1	18.0
Problems of employees reaching place of work	9.1	9.6	18.0	13.0	28.1	10.7	3.2	5.3	3.3
Regularity of work	11.0	13.4	20.8	15.3	37.1	12.7	3.2	8.5	8.3
Transporting finished goods to market	41.8	42.3	40.3	38.8	57.3	30.4	28.5	20.2	24.5

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**Table 2-1: Percentage Distribution of Owners/ Managers of the Industrial Establishments According to Their Opinions for Main Indicators During October 2007 Compared with September 2007 in Remaining West Bank and 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	<b>100</b>	2.2	22.4	56.9	18.2	0.3	
Production situation	<b>100</b>	2.9	24.6	52.4	19.5	0.6	
Employees productivity	<b>100</b>	1.6	20.1	62.3	15.7	0.3	
Obtaining needed raw materials and inputs	<b>100</b>	2.6	19.8	70.6	6.7	0.3	
Problems of employees reaching place of work	<b>100</b>	0.3	1.9	89.5	7.7	0.6	
Regularity of work	<b>100</b>	0.3	9.9	83.4	6.1	0.3	
Transporting finished goods to market	<b>100</b>	1.0	18.5	70.0	10.2	0.3	
Financial situations	<b>100</b>	1.3	18.2	67.4	12.8	0.3	
Banks credits & facilities	<b>100</b>	0.6	4.2	88.8	6.1	0.3	
Level of employment	<b>100</b>	0.6	12.1	75.5	11.2	0.6	
Value of sales	<b>100</b>	1.9	31.6	46.0	19.5	1.0	

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**Table 2-2: Percentage Distribution of Owners/ Managers of the Industrial Establishments According to Their Opinions for Main Indicators During October 2007 Compared with 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	1.9	19.4	57.8	20.9	-	
Production situation	100	2.7	21.7	52.7	22.5	0.4	
Employees productivity	100	1.2	16.3	64.7	17.8	-	
Obtaining needed raw materials and inputs	100	2.3	16.3	74.0	7.4	-	
Problems of employees reaching place of work	100	0.4	0.4	90.3	8.5	0.4	
Regularity of work	100	0.4	9.7	83.3	6.6	-	
Transporting finished goods to market	100	0.4	14.3	74.0	11.3	-	
Financial situations	100	0.8	14.0	70.9	14.3	-	
Banks credits & facilities	100	0.8	3.1	89.5	6.6	-	
Level of employment	100	0.8	11.6	74.4	12.8	0.4	
Value of sales	100	1.6	29.1	46.0	22.5	0.8	

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

Problem	Total	Much Worse	Somewhat Worse	/ About the Same/ Unchanged	Somewhat Better	Much Better	
Establishment performance in general	100	3.6	36.4	52.7	5.5	1.8	
Production situation	100	3.6	38.2	50.9	5.5	1.8	
Employees productivity	100	3.6	38.2	50.9	5.5	1.8	
Obtaining needed raw materials and inputs	100	3.6	36.4	54.6	3.6	1.8	
Problems of employees reaching place of work	100	-	9.1	85.5	3.6	1.8	
Regularity of work	100	-	11.0	83.6	3.6	1.8	
Transporting finished goods to market	100	3.6	38.2	50.9	5.5	1.8	
Financial situations	100	3.6	38.2	50.9	5.5	1.8	
Banks credits & facilities	100	-	9.1	85.5	3.6	1.8	
Level of employment	100	-	14.6	80.0	3.6	1.8	
Value of sales	100	3.6	43.6	45.5	5.5	1.8	

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**Table 3: Percentage of Industrial Establishments Encountered Worse Situation During the Reference Month (October 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	41.8	17.5	21.7	
Financial situations	41.8	14.8	19.5	
Banks credits & facilities	9.1	3.9	4.8	
Level of employment	14.6	12.4	12.7	
Value of sales	47.2	30.7	33.5	

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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 October 2007**

Reason	Gaza Strip	Remaining West Bank	Remaining West Bank and Gaza Strip	
Decrease in demand	3.9	6.3	5.7	
Difficulties in exporting finished goods	-	1.3	1.0	
Decline in the consumer purchasing power	7.7	34.2	27.6	
Competence product	-	5.1	3.8	
Seasonally related	-	35.4	26.7	
Military check points/ israeli actions/ closures	76.9	-	19.0	/ /
Other	11.5	17.7	16.2	
<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 October 2007 by Region**

Employment Mobility	Gaza Strip	Remaining West Bank	Remaining West Bank and Gaza Strip
Hiring employees	3.7	6.2	5.9
Firing employees	12.7	6.6	7.7
No change	83.6	87.2	86.4
<b>Total</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>

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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 October 2007 by Region**

Competence existence	Gaza Strip	Remaining West Bank	Remaining West Bank and Gaza Strip
There is competition	98.2	94.6	95.2
There is no competition	1.8	5.4	4.8
<b>Total</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>

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

Type of competence	Gaza Strip	Remaining West Bank	Remaining West Bank and Gaza Strip
Local	98.1	81.1	84.2
Foreign	1.9	18.9	15.8
<b>Total</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>

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

Indicator	Reference Month								
	2007								
	Oct.	Sep.	Aug.	Jul.	Jun.	May.	April.	Mar.	Feb.
<b>Percentage of who are expecting better establishment situation</b>									
Remaining West Bank and Gaza Strip.	22.1	19.4	30.6	35.1	33.0	36.2	45.0	50.3	40.3
Remaining West Bank	22.1	19.4	31.4	39.7	34.8	37.0	43.7	50.8	38.0
Gaza Strip	22.6	19.2	27.8	21.0	28.1	34.3	48.4	49.0	45.8
<b>Percentage of who are expecting higher employment level</b>									
Remaining West Bank and Gaza S.	9.6	9.0	13.9	19.3	13.0	15.3	22.2	20.1	14.9
Remaining West Bank	9.3	8.0	14.0	20.4	13.2	13.1	18.5	16.7	12.5
Gaza Strip	13.2	13.5	13.9	16.0	12.4	20.6	32.7	28.7	20.5
<b>Percentage of who are expecting higher sales volume</b>									
Remaining West Bank and Gaza S.	23.4	20.8	30.9	35.1	32.8	35.5	44.2	48.5	40.2
Remaining West Bank	24.1	21.1	31.8	39.7	34.4	36.0	42.6	47.9	37.8
Gaza Strip	22.6	19.2	27.8	21.0	28.1	34.3	48.4	50.0	46.3



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

Indicator	Reference Month								
	2007								
	Oct.	Sep.	Aug.	Jul.	Jun.	May.	April.	Mar.	Feb.
<b>Percentage of who are expecting better establishment situation</b>									
Remaining West Bank and Gaza S.	36.0	37.4	41.5	40.3	40.7	42.1	62.8	67.0	69.8
Remaining West Bank	33.3	36.3	41.8	42.9	43.7	44.5	63.4	69.2	72.4
Gaza Strip	52.4	43.2	39.7	32.0	32.2	36.3	61.3	61.3	63.5
<b>Percentage of who are expecting higher employment level</b>									
Remaining West Bank and Gaza S.	21.6	16.4	21.5	20.3	14.8	20.3	30.2	30.1	30.9
Remaining West Bank	19.0	14.3	19.8	18.8	14.0	19.8	25.4	24.7	28.8
Gaza Strip	38.1	27.3	28.6	25.3	17.2	21.6	44.0	44.1	36.0
<b>Percentage of who are expecting higher sales volume</b>									
Remaining West Bank and Gaza S.	38.6	38.5	42.7	40.6	41.2	42.2	62.6	67.0	70.1
Remaining West Bank	36.4	37.5	43.4	43.7	44.3	44.7	63.0	68.8	72.5
Gaza Strip	52.4	43.2	39.7	30.7	32.2	36.3	61.3	62.4	64.0

**Table 10: Expectations of Owners/ Managers of the Industrial Establishments about Better Expectations for their Establishments for the Month that Follow the Reference Month (October, 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	22.6	19.0	19.6	
Employees productivity	22.6	20.6	20.9	
Obtaining needed raw materials and inputs	22.6	8.2	10.6	
Problems of employees reaching place of work	13.2	8.9	9.6	
Regularity of work	13.2	10.5	11.2	
Transporting finished goods to market	22.6	11.7	12.9	
Financial situations	22.6	13.6	14.4	
Banks credits & facilities	11.3	7.7	7.8	

**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 (October ,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	52.4	29.9	33.0	
Employees productivity	52.4	28.3	31.7	
Obtaining needed raw materials and inputs	52.4	12.4	18.0	
Problems of employees reaching place of work	28.6	8.9	11.6	
Regularity of work	38.1	14.8	18.0	
Transporting finished goods to market	52.4	19.0	23.6	
Financial situations	52.4	20.9	25.3	
Banks credits & facilities	19.0	10.5	11.7	

**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 (October, 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	1.6	20.3	58.5	19.0	0.6	
Production situation	100	1.6	26.0	50.3	21.5	0.6	
Value of sales	100	1.9	27.7	47.0	22.8	0.6	
Employees productivity	100	1.6	23.8	53.7	20.3	0.6	
Obtaining needed raw materials and inputs	100	1.3	14.8	73.3	10.3	0.3	
Problems of employees reaching place of work	100	1.0	4.8	84.6	9.0	0.6	
Regularity of work	100	0.6	10.3	77.9	10.6	0.6	
Level of employment	100	1.0	10.3	79.1	9.3	0.3	
Transporting finished goods to market	100	1.9	13.9	71.3	12.6	0.3	
Financial situations	100	1.9	18.3	65.4	14.1	0.3	
Banks credits & facilities	100	1.0	5.5	85.7	7.4	0.4	

**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 (October, 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	0.8	16.3	63.9	18.2	0.8	
Production situation	100	0.8	23.3	53.8	21.3	0.8	
Value of sales	100	1.2	25.2	49.5	22.9	1.2	
Employees productivity	100	0.8	20.5	58.1	19.8	0.8	
Obtaining needed raw materials and inputs	100	0.4	9.7	81.7	7.8	0.4	
Problems of employees reaching place of work	100	0.8	2.3	88.0	8.1	0.8	
Regularity of work	100	0.4	7.8	81.3	10.1	0.4	
Level of employment	100	0.8	7.8	82.1	8.5	0.8	
Transporting finished goods to market	100	1.2	8.6	78.5	10.5	1.2	
Financial situations	100	1.2	14.0	71.2	12.4	1.2	
Banks credits & facilities	100	1.2	5.0	86.1	6.6	1.1	

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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 (October, 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	5.7	39.6	32.1	22.6	-	
Production situation	100	5.7	39.6	32.1	22.6	-	
Value of sales	100	5.7	39.6	32.1	22.6	-	
Employees productivity	100	5.7	39.6	32.1	22.6	-	
Obtaining needed raw materials and inputs	100	5.7	39.6	32.1	22.6	-	
Problems of employees reaching place of work	100	1.9	17.0	67.9	13.2	-	
Regularity of work	100	1.9	22.6	62.3	13.2	-	
Level of employment	100	1.9	22.6	62.3	13.2	-	
Transporting finished goods to market	100	5.7	39.6	32.1	22.6	-	
Financial situations	100	5.7	39.6	32.1	22.6	-	
Banks credits & facilities	100	-	7.5	81.2	11.3	-	

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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 (October, 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	3.3	21.3	42.4	32.7	0.3	
Production situation	100	6.3	23.7	34.0	35.7	0.3	
Value of sales	100	6.7	26.0	28.7	38.3	0.3	
Employees productivity	100	6.0	20.3	42.0	31.7	-	
Obtaining needed raw materials and inputs	100	2.7	16.7	62.6	17.7	0.3	
Problems of employees reaching place of work	100	2.7	3.7	82.0	11.3	0.3	
Regularity of work	100	4.3	10.7	67.0	17.3	0.7	
Level of employment	100	3.0	12.0	63.4	21.3	0.3	
Transporting finished goods to market	100	3.0	14.0	59.4	23.3	0.3	
Financial situations	100	5.7	17.0	52.0	25.0	0.3	
Banks credits & facilities	100	1.7	8.0	78.6	11.7	-	

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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 (October, 2007) in Remaining West Bank**

Problem	Total	Much Worse	Somewhat Worse	/ About the Same/ Unchanged	Somewhat Better	Much Better	
Establishment performance in general	100	1.6	20.5	48.0	29.5	0.4	
Production situation	100	5.0	23.3	38.4	32.9	0.4	
Value of sales	100	5.4	26.0	32.2	36.0	0.4	
Employees productivity	100	4.7	19.4	47.6	28.3	-	
Obtaining needed raw materials and inputs	100	0.8	15.1	71.7	12.0	0.4	
Problems of employees reaching place of work	100	1.2	2.3	87.6	8.5	0.4	
Regularity of work	100	3.1	10.1	72.0	14.0	0.8	
Level of employment	100	1.6	11.6	67.8	18.6	0.4	
Transporting finished goods to market	100	1.2	12.0	67.8	18.6	0.4	
Financial situations	100	4.3	15.5	59.3	20.5	0.4	
Banks credits & facilities	100	1.6	7.8	80.1	10.5	-	

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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 (October, 2007) in Gaza Strip**

Problem	Total	Much Worse	Somewhat Worse	About the Same/ Unchanged	Somewhat Better	Much Better	
Establishment performance in general	100	14.3	26.2	7.1	52.4	-	
Production situation	100	14.3	26.2	7.1	52.4	-	
Value of sales	100	14.3	26.2	7.1	52.4	-	
Employees productivity	100	14.3	26.2	7.1	52.4	-	
Obtaining needed raw materials and inputs	100	14.3	26.2	7.1	52.4	-	
Problems of employees reaching place of work	100	11.9	11.9	47.6	28.6	-	
Regularity of work	100	11.9	14.3	35.7	38.1	-	
Level of employment	100	11.9	14.3	35.7	38.1	-	
Transporting finished goods to market	100	14.3	26.2	7.1	52.4	-	
Financial situations	100	14.3	26.2	7.1	52.4	-	
Banks credits & facilities	100	2.4	9.5	69.1	19.0	-	

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