

The Palestinian Central Bureau of Statistics (PCBS)

On the eve of Palestinian National Culture Day on 13 March 2011, the Palestinian Central Bureau of Statistics (PCBS) issues a Statistical Review on the Status of Cultural Institutions in year 2010:

- **88% of cultural centers in the Palestinian Territory occupy rented buildings.**
- **21% of persons employed by museums in the Palestinian Territory have less than secondary school level of education.**
- **76% of radio and TV stations in the West Bank produce programs in cooperation with other parties.**
- **46% of employees in theatres in the Palestinian Territory are specialized in acting.**
- **22% of publishing and distribution institutions in the Palestinian Territory perform publishing activities only.**

The Cultural Institution is any institution including goods (tools and equipment) used in art, craft playing and sport activity. These goods facilitate performance at cultural activities

Cultural Centers

The total number of operating cultural centers in the Palestinian Territory in 2010 reached 471 of which 350 in the West Bank and 121 in Gaza Strip. The operating cultural centers are distributed in all governorates where Nablus recorded the highest with 70 centers followed by Hebron governorate with 65 cultural centers.

About 95% of cultural centers in the Palestinian Territory are supervised by Administration Boards of which 95% in the West Bank compared with 93% in Gaza Strip. The total number of employees in the cultural centers reached 3,388 distributed by gender as 52% males and 48% females.

About 64% of cultural centers in the Palestinian Territory receive financial or in-kind support from local communities (68% in the West Bank and 52% in Gaza Strip). About 88% of cultural centers occupy rented buildings of which 86% in the West Bank and 96% in Gaza Strip. While 9% of cultural centers occupy owned buildings, 1% occupy donated buildings and 2% occupy mixed buildings (rented, owned and donated).

Libraries are available in 42% of the cultural centers in the Palestinian Territory where the West Bank comprises 41% and 44% in Gaza Strip. About three quarters of cultural centers with libraries provide special section for children. Moreover, 40% of cultural centers are equipped to receive individuals with special needs.

More than one quarter of cultural centers have computer lab (30% in the West Bank and 22% in Gaza Strip). From these centers with computer lab, 69% have internet connection.

Museums

There are 6 museums in the Palestinian Territory all of which are located in the West Bank. These museums are distributed as follows: 2 in Bethlehem governorate while one museum in each of Nablus, Ramallah and Al-Bireh, Hebron and Jerusalem.

There are 14 employees working in the museums, distributed as 64% males 36% females. Regarding education level of employees, 21% of persons employed by museums have less than secondary school level of education and 79% have secondary or higher education.

Radio and TV Stations

There are 45 operational radio and television stations in the West Bank (none in Gaza Strip) distributed in all governorates excluding Tubas, Salfit and Jerusalem.

Regarding the type of station in the West Bank, 56% are radio stations; while 38% as TV stations and 6% are both radio and TV stations. About three quarters of stations produce programs in cooperation with other parties.

Transmission of local programs comprises about 44% of all transmission hours.

There are 450 employees (71% are males and 29% females) working for radio and television stations. About 4% of the staff in the stations have education level of less than secondary, while 96% have education level of secondary or higher.

About 68% of the employees in the Radio and TV stations are specialists compared with 32% as non-specialists.

Public Libraries

There are 65 operating public libraries in the Palestinian Territory including 52 in the West Bank and 13 in Gaza Strip. Libraries are distributed in all governorates.

The number of employees in public libraries amounted to 140 of whom 46% are males. About 7% of the employees in public libraries have educational level of less than secondary and 93% have secondary or higher education.

The number of beneficiaries from the services of public libraries reached 90,040 person in the Palestinian Territory; distributed by region as 94% in the West Bank and 6% in Gaza Strip; while the distribution by sex indicates 48% as males compared to 52% females.

About 97% of public libraries are visited for reading, distributed to 97% in the West Bank and 100% in Gaza Strip. On the other hand, 94% of public libraries are visited for borrowing titles.

Public libraries that are visited by persons with special needs amounted to 40% of which 40% in the West Bank and 39% in Gaza Strip.

About 69% of public libraries have computers; 37% of public libraries avail computers to be used by their visitors; and 77% of libraries that avail computers to visitors provide internet services. In addition, 66% of libraries have TV set.

Theatres

The number of operating theaters in the Palestinian Territory is 15, 14 theaters in the West Bank and one in Gaza Strip.

The number of employees in theatres reached 87 employees of whom 71% are males. The majority of these employees have secondary or higher education while less than one quarter have less than secondary school level. About 46% of employees in theatres are specialized in acting.

Publishing and Distribution Institutions

The number of publishing and distribution institutions in the Palestinian Territory amounted to 9, of which 8 are located in the West Bank and one in Gaza Strip. About 22% of publishing and distribution institutions do publishing only; 11% do printing only; and 67% do both printing and publishing. Additionally, 89% of publishing and distribution institution print books, 11% print newspapers, 11% print magazines, while 22% print other cultural materials.