

Press Release

On the Main Findings of the Economic Surveys Series, 2006

The Palestinian Central Bureau of Statistics (PCBS) is pleased to disseminate the Primary findings of the Economic Surveys Series for the year 2006. As in the previous rounds, this release covers the main economic activities practiced in the Palestinian Territory, including; Industry, Constructions, Internal trade, Transport and communications, and Services activities. Data collection took place during the period April, 5, 2006 – June, 15, 2006 on a sample composed of **8,176** establishments, of which **4,799** in the Remaining West Bank and **3,377** in Gaza Strip.

It should be mentioned that this release represents the main findings of the surveys for the Remaining West Bank and Gaza Strip. (Excluding that part of Jerusalem governorate which was annexed after the Israeli occupation in 1967).

The surveys results reveal that, there are 71,966 establishments operating in the 2005 covered economic activities in 2006, this number is distributed by economic activity as follows: industrial activities 15.8%, construction activities 0.6%, internal trade activities 61.1%, services activities 21.7%, and transport, storage and communications activities 0.8%.

During the year 2006, the number of persons engaged in these economic activities was 197,302 worker, 86.1% male and 13.9% female, the percent of unpaid employees (proprietors and family members) is 50.5% from total person engaged.

The result shows that value of the output was 3,197.6 million US\$, this value was distributed by economic activity as follows: industrial activities 46.1%, construction activities 5.1%, internal trade activities 23.8%, services activities 15.2%, and transport, storage and communications activities 9.8%.

Regarding the other economic indicators, the surveys results indicate that the gross value added amount to 1,957.1 million US\$, and this value was distributed as follows: industrial activities 34.1%, construction activities 6.9%, internal trade activities 29.5%, services activities 17.0%, and transport, storage and communications activities 12.5%.

On the other side, the main findings of the surveys show that Gross Fixed Capital Formation (GFCF) amount to 88.6 million US\$, this value was distributed as follow: industrial activities 25.2%, construction activities 1.0%, internal trade activities 13.9%, services activities 24.6%, and transport, storage and communications activities 35.3%.

Its worth mentioning that results of the twelfth round of Economic Surveys Series showed that , there are 75,304 establishments covered economic activities in 2005, this number is distributed by economic activity as follows: industrial activities 16.2%, construction activities 0.7%, internal trade activities 60.5%, services activities 21.8%, and transport, storage and communications activities 0.8%.

During the year 2005, the number of persons engaged in these economic activities was 215,865 worker, 85.7% male and 14.3% female, the percent of unpaid employees (proprietors and family members) is 52.0% from total person engaged.