

## **Palestinian Central Bureau of Statistics (PCBS) released a Statistical Report about Israeli Settlements in the Palestinian Territory 2005**

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The Palestinian Central Bureau of Statistics (PCBS) released a Statistical Report about Israeli Settlements in the Palestinian Territory for the year 2005.

The report contains statistical data about population, social, economic, and geographic indicators of the Israeli Settlements. The report complies with PCBS work plan and is the outcome of the efforts of PCBS to produce a series of statistical reports on Israeli aggression against Palestinian people. Such series of statistical reports aiming at producing required data on the situation of the Israeli settlements in the Palestinian Territory and to disclose the basic characteristics and factors in which they have an effect on the Palestinian society

Available data indicate that number of settlers in the Palestinian Territory in 2005 reached 451,441 settlers including Data indicate that the number of settlers in the West Bank in 2005 reached 451,441 settlers including 191,575 in Jerusalem Governorate (J1).

In demographic terms, the percentage of settlers in the West Bank, according to 2005 data equaled 15.8% of the total persons living in the West Bank with the highest percentage at Jerusalem Governorate at 38.0% (43.3% of J1). The lowest percentage was in Jenin Governorate, at 0.7%.

Data indicate that the settlements in the West Bank were distributed into four strips; Eastern Strip includes 28 formal settlements, Mountain Strip includes 31 formal settlements, Western Hills Strip includes 48 formal settlements, and the Greater Jerusalem Strip includes 37 formal settlements.

The area of Built-Up Land of the Occupation Sites in West Bank totaled to 187,092 thousand square meters in August 2005, the largest area was in Jerusalem Governorate at approximately 23.7% of the total area of Built-Up Land of formal settlements in the West Bank.