

Palestinian Central Bureau of Statistics released a Statistical Report about Water in the Palestinian Territory Annual Report, 2008

The Palestinian Central Bureau of Statistics released a statistical report on water in the Palestinian Territory for the year 2008, where is water resources in the Palestinian Territory are limited and controlled by the Israeli authority, which deprives the Palestinians from their legal share of water.

Water resources in the Palestinian Territory are restricted mainly to ground water that extracted from wells and springs and water purchased from the Israeli Water Company (Mekorot), the total water quantity obtained from these two sources in 2008 was 308.7 million m³, compared to 335.4 million m³ in 2007, and 319.1 million m³ in 2006.

Wells are considered the most important source, 225.7 million m³ of water were pumped from water wells represent 73.1% of water resources. The quantity of water purchased from the Israeli Water Company (Mekorot) around 57.8 million m³ and represent 18.7% of water resources. Finally, springs represent the third most important source with an annual discharge of 25.2 million m³ representing 8.2% of water resources in the Palestinian Territory.

In the West Bank 325 wells pumped 66.3 million m³ of water. Distributed by type of use, results were 36.1 million m³ for domestic use, and 30.2 million m³ for agricultural use. The quantity of water pumped in the Palestinian Territory in 2007 was 241.2 million m³ for all uses, (Note that the Data of the West Bank doesn't include those parts of Jerusalem, which were annexed by Israel in 1967).

Data shows that the maximum average annual discharges of springs for the years (2006 – 2008) was 51.7 million m³ in 2006, while the average annual discharges of springs was 44.8 million m³ in 2007, the average of annual discharges was 25.2 million m³ in 2008.

Data shows that the quantity of water purchased from Israeli Water Company (Mekorot) for domestic use was 43.9 million m³ in 2006 and increasing over the next two years 2007 and 2008 to 49.4 and 52.8 million m³ respectively.

Data shows that the quantity of water supplied for domestic use in the Palestinian Territory was 185.5 million m³ in 2008, of which 96.5 million m³ was in the West Bank and 89.0 million m³ in Gaza Strip. In 2007 it decreased to 175.6 million m³, of which 85.5 million m³ was in the West Bank and 90.1 million m³ was in Gaza Strip, (Note that the Data of the West Bank doesn't include those parts of Jerusalem, which were annexed by Israel in 1967).