



Palestinian Central Bureau of Statistics released the results of Existing Building Survey in Palestinian Territory 2008

Palestinian Central Bureau of Statistics released the main results of the Existing Buildings Survey in the Palestinian Territory 2008; the survey provides data on construction new buildings and additions, capital repair and improvements on existing buildings and on going maintenance.

The survey results indicated that the value of constructing new buildings and additions in the Palestinian Territory in 2008 was US\$ 540.1 million, the cost of current maintenance on existing buildings was US\$ 113.6 million for 2008, while the capital repair and improvements cost for existing buildings totaled US\$ 301.2 million in the same year.

The survey results also indicated that the value of constructing new buildings and additions in the West Bank in 2008 was US\$ 539.9 million, and US\$ 0.2 million in Gaza Strip, with an increase in the West Bank by 10.2% compared with 2007. While the decrease in the value of constructing new buildings and additions in Gaza strip is due to the Israeli blockade and the non-availability of construction materials.

The cost of on going maintenance of existing buildings was US\$ 72.6 million for 2008 in the West Bank, and US\$ 40.9 million in Gaza Strip, while the capital repair and improvements cost for existing buildings totaled US\$ 297.9 million in 2008 in the West Bank, and it amounted to US\$ 3.2 million in the Gaza Strip.

The final results in the West Bank showed an increase in the total cost value of on going maintenance by 2.1% for the year 2008 compared with 2007, while the results showed a decrease in the total cost value of capital repair and improvements by 30.9% for the year 2008 compared with 2007.

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