

The Palestinian Central Bureau of Statistics Release A Report about the Area Statistics in the Palestinian Territory 2003

The report includes a number of statistical tables about agriculture, water and wastewater, environment and land use. Also, the report focus on the house and housing conditions data, energy and settlements data.

Results show that the agricultural land of the Palestinian Territory is mainly comprised of land cultivated with permanent crops, which constituted 77.9% of the total agricultural land in 2002, and the population density in 2003 reached about 617.2 capita/ km², while it was about 416.3 capita/ km² in West Bank and about 3,729.7 capita/ km² in Gaza Strip. According to results, there are 19 natural reserves in the West Bank, while there are not any natural reserves in Gaza Strip.

Water resources in the Palestinian Territory are restricted mainly to ground water that abstracted from wells and springs and water purchased from Israeli Water Company (Mekorot), where the total water quantity obtained from these two sources in 2002 was 279.9 million m³. Also data show that the number of wells in the Palestinian Territory in 2002 was 4,538 wells.

Results reveal that the percent of establishments in the Palestinian Territory in May 2003 that use wastewater network to dispose normal wastewater was 72.7%, compared with 23.6% use porous cesspits.

The result about the dumping sites indicate that there are 194 dumping sites in the Palestinian Territory in 2003, of which 189 in the West Bank, and 5 in Gaza Strip.

The results indicate that 71.2% of the Palestinian households are utilizing solar energy by using solar energy heaters in July 2003.

Fishing of all various species of fish during 2002 amounted to about 1,776.3 tons, and the number of slaughtered birds totaled 1,269 thousand whereas the number of slaughtered cows reached 32,941 (including 20,628 in Gaza Strip).

The results of Labour Force Survey, 3rd quarter 2003, show that 5.2% of the Palestinian households in the Palestinian Territory live in housing units of one room, and the housing density was 2.1 persons per room. The Youth Survey results for the year 2003 indicate that most households in the Palestinian society (91.5%) had refrigerators, and 92.3% of the Palestinian households had televisions.

The data of the Land Research Center shows that the total road network length in the Palestinian Territory was 4,641.7 km at the end of 2002, out of which 670.5 Km bypass roads. The total number of licensed vehicles in Remain West Bank and Gaza Strip in 2002 was 93,116. The total number of main telephone lines in Remain West Bank and Gaza Strip at the end of 2002 was 241,894 lines, and the total number of subscriptions of Jawwal cellular phone at the same period was 251,602 subscriptions.

According to the results, there were 171 Israeli settlements in the Palestinian Territory
According to 2002 data. Data indicate that the number of settlers in the Palestinian Territory
in 2002 reached 412,785 settlers