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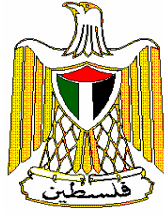
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Note For Users

1. (0.0) in the tables means that the percentage is equal or close to zero (less than 0.05%).
2. (-)in the tables means there are no observations
3. There are certain missing cases for certain variables related to access to technology tools at households, Missing cases explain the slight differences in totals of observations when comparing tables.



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Press Release on Preliminary Results:

Households Survey on Information and Communications Technology- 2006

A considerable progress on Access and Penetration Indicators of ICT tools among Palestinian households and individuals, in comparison between years 2006 and 2004; 73.0% is the percentage of change of households who have access to internet service at home, 24.0% is the percentage of change of households who have a computer, 55% is the percentage of change of persons who use the computer, 42% is the percentage of change of persons who know how to use the computer.

The Households Survey on Information and Communications Technology- 2006 is a random sample survey implemented during the period from 25/4/2006 to 30/5/2006. The sample size is 4,609 households; 3,109 households in the West Bank and 1,500 households in Gaza Strip. Besides targeting the household as a single unit, the survey targeted persons aged 10 years and over. The number of the households completed the interview was 3,975 households, these off 2,614 households in the West Bank and 1,361 households in Gaza Strip.

This survey aims to provide data on the computers, access to the Internet, mobile phone ownership, mass media use, in addition to Self Propelled Automatic Message (SPAM) and it is effect on Internet users.

Access and penetration to Information and Communications Technology Tools:

Data showed that the percentage of households who own computer amounted to 32.8%, with 33.9% in the West Bank against 30.8% in Gaza Strip. As for access to the Internet, the findings indicated that 15.9% of the Palestinian households in the Palestinian Territory have access to Internet, with 15.7% in the West Bank against 16.2% in Gaza Strip.

The percentage of households own TV sets amounted to 95.3%; with 96.3% in the West Bank against 93.4% in Gaza Strip, while the percentage of households own satellite dish in the Palestinian Territory is 80.4%; with 82.7% in the West Bank against 75.9% in Gaza Strip. Likewise, the findings indicated that 50.8% of the Palestinian households in the Palestinian Territory have a fixed phone line. The findings also indicated that 81.0% of the Palestinian households comprises at least one member who possess a mobile phone, with 82.1% in the West Bank against 78.6% in Gaza Strip.

The findings also indicated that 37.7% of Persons aged 10 years and over own a mobile phone, with 41.9% in the West Bank against 30.1% in Gaza Strip.

Telephone Line and Mobile Service Providers:

Regarding to telephone line and mobile providers, data revealed that 90.3% of the households get the service from the Palestinian telecommunications company, with 86.0% in the West Bank, against

99.8% in Gaza Strip, While 9.7% get the service from BEZEQ (the Israeli telecommunications company), with 13.9% in the West Bank, against 0.2% in Gaza Strip. Regarding to mobile line service providers among persons (10 years and over), 60.9% indicated that Jawwal Company provides them with the service, with 46.4% in the West Bank, against 96.8% in Gaza Strip. 15.2% indicated that Orange Israeli Company provides them with the service, with 19.5% in the West Bank, against 4.6% in Gaza Strip, and 26.5% indicated that Celecom Israeli company provides them with the service, with 37.1% in the West Bank, against 0.5% in Gaza Strip. Finally, 3.4% indicated that Belephone company provides them with the service with 4.8% in the West Bank and , while the percentage is negligible in Gaza Strip.

Computer and its Usage:

Results revealed that 62.7% of the households who have a computer, indicated that the main purpose for having it is for learning purposes, while 17.5% for entertainment purposes, 8.4% for work purposes, 7.1% for improving skills of using computer, 4.0% for access to Internet, and finally 0.3% for other purposes.

Regarding to the main reason for not having a computer by households, data showed that 77.7% of the households return the reason to the high cost of the computer, with 75.5% in the West Bank against 81.9% of household in Gaza Strip. While because no one at the family is qualified for using the computer 38.6%, (40.9% in the West Bank against 34.3.0% in Gaza Strip).

The data showed that 50.9% of persons (aged 10 years and over) use the computer, with 51.8% in the West Bank against 49.5% in Gaza Strip. While among females and males, it was 55.3% for males use the computer against 46.4% for females. Also the findings indicated that “home” constitutes the most common place for using the computer (52.0%), 21.0% use it at school or university, 8.2% at work, 7.1% at Internet coffee, and finally 4.6% at other places.

Furthermore, 39.7% of the persons (aged 10 years and over) normally use the computer for entertainment and recreational purposes in the Palestinian Territory, with 38.7% in the West Bank against 41.5% in Gaza Strip, followed for study and educational purposes 38.7%, with 39.4% in the West Bank against 37.5% in Gaza Strip, followed for Internet access (10.0%), with 10.3% in the West Bank against 9.4% in Gaza Strip. While 8.8% use the computer mainly for work, with 8.9% in the West Bank against 8.7% in Gaza Strip.

The main time of using the computer was mainly between 15:00 and 20:00 amounted to 43.7% of users, while 33.6% of the users use it between 8:00 – 15:00, and 22.7% of users use the computer after 20:00 o'clock.

Internet and its Usage:

The data revealed that 49.9% of the persons (10 years and over) who use the computer know how to use the Internet. On the other hand, the percentage of persons who actually use the Internet 18.1% in the Palestinian Territory, this percentage considerably varies between males and females (23.6% and 13.1%, respectively). Moreover, the survey findings indicated that “home” is the most common place

for Internet use (49.6%), with considerable differences among males and females, (43.6%, 60.6% respectively).

Furthermore, the findings revealed that the most common purposes for using the Internet were; Study, entertainment and knowledge purposes (19.3%, 16.5% and 15.4% respectively), with significant differences between males and females, which was for males (12.8%, 20.0% and 16.5% respectively), and (31.2%, 9.9% and 12.3% respectively) for females.

According to the main time of using the Internet, the data showed 39.6% of users use it between 15:00 and 20:00 o'clock, with 42.6% of users in the West Bank against 34.1% in Gaza Strip. While 36.7% of users use it after 20:00 o'clock, with 35.8% of users in the West Bank against 47.1% of users in Gaza Strip.

As for having e-mail, the findings indicated that 58.3% of persons aged 10 years and over have e-mail, with 57.4% in the West Bank against 60.0% in Gaza Strip, with a noticeable variation between males and females, (63.0% and 49.6% respectively). Also, the data revealed that 93.1% use the e-mail for personal mailing, with 95.1% in the West Bank against 89.3% in Gaza Strip.

The results showed that 60.3% of the households stated that the monthly payment for using the Internet at home is suitable, against 24.3% considering it as much, 11.3% of households considered the Internet monthly payment too much, and only 4.0% of households considered that payment a little.

Self-Propelled Automatic Messages (SPAM):

Data showed that 57.5% of those who have e-mail usually receive SPAM messages, with 59.1% in the West Bank against 54.4% in Gaza Strip. Moreover, 58.4% of receivers of SPAM messages believed that the Internet Service Providers and the e-mail service Providers are responsible to block such messages, while 28.6% of receivers believed that the SPAM receiver himself is responsible to block these messages, 9.5% of receivers believe that the government is responsible to block SPAM messages.

Interest in Palestine TV:

The findings indicated that 29.9% of the Palestinian households view Palestine TV on a daily basis, with 24.3% in the West Bank against 40.8% in Gaza Strip. While 46.9% of households view Palestine TV from time to time, with 50.7% in the West Bank and 39.3% in Gaza Strip. Also, 23.2% of the households who have TV do not view Palestine TV, with 25.0% in the West Bank against 19.9% in Gaza Strip.

Regarding to the reason for not viewing Palestine TV, the data showed that 24.1% of the households return the reason to the fact that they couldn't receive Palestine TV transmission signal, 22.5% because there are other alternatives like satellite channels, and the same percentage (22.5%) due to boring programs presented by Palestine TV.

Cultural Activities:

The results showed that 6.2% of persons (aged 10 years and over) are members in Sport Clubs, with 6.9% in the West Bank against 5.0% in Gaza Strip. Also the data showed that 6.0% of persons are members in Charitable Societies, with 4.6% in the West Bank against 8.5% in Gaza Strip. 7.6% of persons are members in Unions or Associations, with 5.9% in the West Bank against 10.7% in Gaza

Strip. Only 3.9% of persons are registered in public libraries, with 4.0% of persons in the West Bank against 3.7% in Gaza Strip and 3.1% of persons are members in Cultural Clubs, the same percentage between West Bank and Gaza persons.

Regarding to attendance of symposiums and public lectures, 23.8% of the persons (aged 10 years and over) in the Palestinian Territory indicated that they attend such activities, with 19.0% in the West Bank against 32.2% in Gaza Strip.

Concepts and Definitions

Computer Usage:	It is defined for this survey purposes as the basic uses of the computer (during the last twelve months) like: open the computer and open files as well, create, copy, paste, and save files.
E mail:	It is a mean for exchange messages, texts and attached files among internet or intranet users.
E- Commerce:	It is the conducting of business communication and transactions over computer networks and through individual computers linked to the Word Wide Web. Strictly defined, eCommerce is the buying and selling of goods and services, and the transfer of funds, through digital communications.
Household Membership:	Persons staying in the dwelling unit at the time of an interview are considered members of the household if (1) the dwelling unit is their usual or only place of residence or (2) a place of residence is maintained for them here and elsewhere, but they spend most of their time in this residence.
Household:	One person or a group of persons with or without a family relationship who live in the same dwelling unit, share meals and make joint provisions for food and other essentials of living.
Information Technology and Communications (ICT):	It is used to describe the tools and the process to access, retrieve, store, organize manipulate, produce present and exchange information by electronic and other manual automated means.
Internet:	A world-wide public computer network. Organizations and persons can connect their computers to this network and exchange information across a country and/or across the world. The Internet provides access to a number of communication services including the World Wide Web and carries email, news, entertainment and data files.
Internet Usage:	It is defined for this survey purposes as the basic uses of the Internet (during the last twelve months) like: access to certain sites, reading newsletters, and download files or programs from the web.
Main Telephone Lines	It is a telephone line connecting the subscriber's terminal equipment to the public switched network and which has dedicated port in the telephone exchange equipment.
Mobile Phone:	The mobile phone that belongs to any telecommunication company.
Public Library	A library serving the country or a specific area. The beneficiaries could be members of the whole society or of a certain area in return of a fee or not.

It could be general or specialized in a certain area of knowledge, e.g. medicine, engineering, military science...etc.

Reference Date:

The date referred to in calculating ages. In this survey it is 20/04/2006.

**Self Propelled
Automatic Mail:**

It is unsolicited electronic messaging, regardless of its content.

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Table 1: A List of Selected Indicators Compared With Years (2004,2006)

Indicator	Percentage of Change	2006 %	2004 %	
Households Who Own Computer	24.2	32.8	26.4	
Households Who Have Access to Internet	72.8	15.9	9.2	
Households Who Don Not Have Computer by Main Reasons:				:
High cost of the PC	-1.3	77.7	78.7	
No one in the household is qualified to use the computer	-8.7	38.6	42.3	
Time Wasting	37.0	18.5	13.5	
Households Who Have Satellite Dish	8.1	80.4	74.4	()
Households Who Have Telephone Line	24.5	50.8	40.8	
Households Who Have Mobile Line	11.3	81.0	72.8	()
Persons (10 Years and Over) Who Use the Computer	42.5	50.9	35.7	(10)
Persons (10 Years and Over) Who Use the Internet	54.6	18.4	11.9	(10)

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Table 2: Percentage of Households Who Have Some (ICT) Tools at Home by Region, 2006

Some (ICT) Tools	Region		
	Gaza Strip	West Bank	Palestinian Territory
Computer	30.8	33.9	32.8
Telephone Line	45.6	53.5	50.8
Internet at Home	16.2	15.7	15.9
Mobile Phone	78.6	82.1	81.0
Radio	80.2	80.9	80.6
Digital Video Disc (DVD)	7.4	12.0	10.4
TV Dish	75.9	82.7	80.4
TV Set	93.4	96.3	95.3
Video Player	10.8	24.1	19.6
Number of Observations	1,361	2,607	3,968

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Table 3: Telephone Lines for Households and Mobile Lines for Individuals by Line Service Providers and Region, 2006

Indicator	Region		
	Gaza Strip	West Bank	Palestinian Territory
Percentage Distribution of Households by Telephone line Provider			
Palestinian Telephone and communication company (BEZEQ) Company	99.8	86.0	90.3
Both	0.2	13.9	9.7
Both	-	0.1	0.0
Total	100	100	100
Number of Observations	618	1,371	1,988
Percentage of Persons by Mobile line Provider*			
Jawwal	96.8	46.4	60.9
Orange	4.6	19.5	15.2
Celecom	0.5	37.1	26.5
Belephone	-	4.8	3.4
Number of Observations	452	1,057	1,509

*Note: the Individual may have more than one mobile line.

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Table 4: Percentage Distribution of Households by Main Reason For Having Computer and Region, 2006

Main Reason For Having Computer	Region		
	Gaza Strip	West Bank	Palestinian Territory
Teaching	68.3	60.1	62.7
Entertainment	11.8	20.1	17.5
Use for Work	9.1	8.1	8.4
Use for Internet	4.3	3.9	4.0
For Developing Computer Skills of using	6.3	7.5	7.1
Other	0.2	0.3	0.3
Total	100	100	100
Number of Observations	418	871	1,289

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Table 5: Percentage of Households Who Do Not Have Computer by Reasons For Not Purchasing Computer and Region, 2006

Reasons For Not Purchasing Computer	Region		
	Gaza Strip	West Bank	Palestinian Territory
No One in the household is qualified for using the Computer	34.3	40.9	38.6
Costly	81.9	75.5	77.7
Time Wasting	14.1	20.8	18.5
No Need	21.9	34.3	30.0
Harmful for Health	7.6	10.6	9.5
Other	8.9	9.8	9.5
Number of Observations	943	1,736	2,679

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Table 6: Percentage Distribution of Persons (10 Years and Over) by Status of Use of the Computer Regardless of Lat Use, Sex and Region, 2006

Status of Use of Computer and Sex	Region		
	Gaza Strip	West Bank	Palestinian Territory
Both Sexes			
Can use in a good manner	19.5	21.6	20.9
Can use in an acceptable manner	30.0	30.2	30.0
Can not use absolutely	50.6	48.2	49.1
Total	100	100	100
Number of Observations	1,335	2,476	3,811
Males			
Can use in a good manner	23.1	24.5	24.0
Can use in an acceptable manner	29.0	32.6	31.3
Can not use absolutely	47.9	42.9	44.7
Total	100	100	100
Number of Observations	656	1,147	1,803
Females			
Can use in a good manner	15.8	18.7	17.6
Can use in an acceptable manner	30.9	27.6	28.8
Can not use absolutely	53.3	53.7	53.6
Total	100	100	100
Number of Observations	679	1,329	2,008

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Table 7: Percentage Distribution of Persons (10 Years and Over) Who Used the Computer (During the Last Twelve Months) by Main Time of Using and Region, 2006

Time of Use	Region			
	Gaza Strip	West Bank	Palestinian Territory	
8:00 - 15:00 O'clock	32.8	34.0	33.6	15:00 – 8:00
15:01 - 20:00 O'clock	41.9	44.6	43.7	20:00 – 15:01
After 20:00 O'clock	25.3	21.4	22.7	20:00
Total	100	100	100	
Number of Observations	539	945	1,484	

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Table 8: Percentage Distribution of Persons (10 Years and Over) Who Used the Computer (During the Last Twelve Months) by the Main Purpose of Use , Sex and Region, 2006

Main Purpose of Use and Sex	Region			
	Gaza Strip	West Bank	Palestinian Territory	
Both Sexes				
Entertainment	41.5	38.7	39.7	
Windows Applications	2.6	2.3	2.4	
Learning and Study	37.5	39.4	38.7	()
Work	8.7	8.9	8.8	
Internet	9.4	10.3	10.0	
Other	0.3	0.4	0.4	
Total	100	100	100	
Number of Observations	541	944	1,485	
Males				
Entertainment	45.4	43.0	43.8	
Windows Applications	2.7	2.4	2.5	
Learning and Study	26.5	31.3	29.6	()
Work	12.0	10.4	11.0	
Internet	13.2	12.4	12.7	
Other	0.2	0.5	0.4	
Total	100	100	100	
Number of Observations	305	526	831	
Females				
Entertainment	36.7	32.9	34.3	
Windows Applications	2.4	2.2	2.3	
Learning and Study	51.3	50.4	50.7	()
Work	4.6	6.8	6.0	
Internet	4.6	7.4	6.4	
Other	0.4	0.3	0.3	
Total	100	100	100	
Number of Observations	236	418	654	

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Table 9: Percentage Distribution of Persons (10 Years and Over) Used the Computer (During the Last Twelve Months) by the Main Place of Use , Sex and Region, 2006

The Main Place of Use and Sex	Region			
	Gaza Strip	West Bank	Palestinian Territory	
Both Sexes				
Home	50.2	53.0	52.0	
Work	8.2	8.3	8.2	
School\ University	16.3	23.5	21.0	/
Internet Cafes	6.9	7.2	7.1	
Friend's Home	9.4	5.9	7.1	
Sport or Cultural Clubs	1.6	0.1	0.7	/
Other Places	7.4	2.0	3.9	
Total	100	100	100	
Number of Observations	540	945	1,485	
Males				
Home	51.5	51.8	51.7	
Work	11.0	9.3	9.9	
School\ University	5.8	19.0	14.5	/
Internet Cafes	12.2	11.4	11.7	
Friend's Home	12.1	6.9	8.7	
Sport or Cultural Clubs	0.9	0.3	0.5	/
Other Places	6.5	1.3	3.0	
Total	100	100	100	
Number of Observations	305	526	831	
Females				
Home	48.5	54.7	52.4	
Work	4.6	6.9	6.1	
School\ University	29.6	29.6	29.6	/
Internet Cafes	0.4	1.6	1.1	
Friend's Home	5.9	4.4	5.0	
Sport or Cultural Clubs	2.5	-	0.9	/
Other Places	8.5	2.8	4.9	
Total	100	100	100	
Number of Observations	235	419	654	

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Table 10: Percentage Distribution of Households Which any Member of the Household Used the Internet at Home by the Period of Time for the Last Use and Region, 2006

Period of Time for the Last Use	Region			
	Gaza Strip	West Bank	Palestinian Territory	
Less Than One Week	77.6	74.2	75.4	
More than One Week and Less Than One Month	10.5	16.4	14.4	
2 – 3 Months	7.8	7.1	7.3	3 - 2
4 – 6 Months	1.8	1.9	1.9	6 - 4
7 – 12 Months	1.5	0.2	0.7	12 - 7
More Than One Year	0.8	0.2	0.3	
Total	100	100	100	
Number of Observations	219	404	623	

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Table 11: Percentage Distribution of Households by their Opinion About Monthly Expenditure for Internet at Home and Region, 2006

Opinion About Monthly Expenditure for Internet	Region			
	Gaza Strip	West Bank	Palestinian Territory	
Too Much	15.6	9.0	11.3	
Much	24.6	24.2	24.3	
Suitable	55.5	62.9	60.3	
Few	4.3	3.9	4.0	
Total	100	100	100	
Number of Observations	219	402	621	

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Table 12: Percentage Distribution of Persons (10 Years and Over) by Knowledge and Use of the Internet service (Regardless of Last Use) Sex and Region, 2006

Knowledge and Use of Internet and Sex	Region		
	Gaza Strip	West Bank	Palestinian Territory
Both Sexes			
Know the Internet and use it	17.6	18.9	18.4
Know the Internet and Don't Use it	33.0	30.7	31.5
Do not Know the Internet	49.4	50.4	50.1
Total	100	100	100
Number of Observations	1,335	2,474	3,809
Males			
Know the Internet and use it	23.8	23.6	23.6
Know the Internet and Don't Use it	31.6	32.1	31.9
Do not Know the Internet	44.6	44.3	44.5
Total	100	100	100
Number of Observations	656	1,146	1,802
Females			
Know the Internet and use it	11.3	14.1	13.1
Know the Internet and Don't Use it	34.5	29.3	31.1
Do not Know the Internet	54.2	56.6	55.8
Total	100	100	100
Number of Observations	679	1,328	2,007

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Table 13: Percentage Distribution of Persons (10 Years and Over) Who Used the Internet (During the Last twelve Months) by Main Time of Using the Internet and Region, 2006

Main Time of Use	Region			
	Gaza Strip	West Bank	Palestinian Territory	
8:00 - 15:00 O'clock	18.9	21.6	20.7	15:00 – 8:00
15:01 - 20:00 O'clock	34.1	42.6	39.7	20:00 – 15:01
After 20:00 O'clock	47.0	35.8	39.6	20:00
Total	100	100	100	
Number of Observations	231	398	629	

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Table 14: Percentage Distribution of Persons (10 Years and Over) Who Used the Internet (During the Last Twelve Months) by the Main Purpose of Usage and Region, 2006

Main Purpose of Usage	Region		
	Gaza Strip	West Bank	Palestinian Territory
Work	10.3	8.8	9.3
Bank and Financial Services	0.7	0.5	0.6
Dealing with Governmental Organizations	-	0.3	0.2
Electronic Commerce	-	0.4	0.3
Acquisition	13.6	15.8	15.0
E-mailing	8.5	9.5	9.1
Education	15.8	21.1	19.3
Entertainment	13.5	18.0	16.5
Scientific Issues	8.1	8.8	8.5
Updating of Programs and internet Issues	0.5	1.2	1.0
Women and Family Issues	2.0	1.7	1.8
Chatting	3.4	5.6	4.8
Spiritual Issues	4.3	1.3	2.4
Political Issues and News	14.2	5.9	8.8
Health Issues	2.8	0.7	1.4
Other	2.3	0.4	1.0
Total	100	100	100
Number of Observations	231	398	629

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Table 15: Percentage Distribution of Males (10 Years and Over) Who Used the Internet (During the Last Twelve Months) by the Main Purpose of Usage and Region, 2006

Main Purpose of Usage	Region		
	Gaza Strip	West Bank	Palestinian Territory
Work	10.9	9.0	9.7
Bank and Financial Services	1.0	0.8	0.9
Dealing with Governmental Organizations	-	-	-
Electronic Commerce	-	0.2	0.1
Acquisition	16.1	16.7	16.5
E-mailing	10.3	9.7	9.9
Education	9.7	14.5	12.8
Entertainment	16.6	21.9	20.0
Scientific Issues	6.1	7.8	7.2
Updating of Programs and internet Issues	0.7	1.8	1.4
Women and Family Issues	0.6	1.0	0.8
Chatting	4.7	6.5	5.8
Spiritual Issues	4.1	2.0	2.8
Political Issues and News	17.2	7.5	11.0
Health Issues	0.8	0.2	0.4
Other	1.2	0.4	0.7
Total	100	100	100
Number of Observations	157	237	394

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Table 16: Percentage Distribution of Females (10 Years and Over) Who Used the Internet (During the Last Twelve Months) by the Purpose of Usage and Region, 2006

Main Purpose of Usage	Region		
	Gaza Strip	West Bank	Palestinian Territory
Work	9.0	8.4	8.6
Bank and Financial Services	-	-	-
Dealing with Governmental Organizations	-	0.7	0.5
Electronic Commerce	-	0.9	0.6
Acquisition	8.2	14.2	12.3
E-mailing	4.6	9.1	7.7
Education	28.9	32.3	31.2
Entertainment	7.0	11.3	9.9
Scientific Issues	12.3	10.6	11.1
Updating of Programs and internet Issues	-	0.3	0.2
Women and Family Issues	5.2	2.9	3.6
Chatting	0.6	4.0	3.0
Spiritual Issues	4.6	0.3	1.6
Political Issues and News	7.7	3.2	4.6
Health Issues	7.2	1.6	3.3
Other	4.7	0.2	1.8
Total	100	100	100
Number of Observations	74	161	235

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Table 17: Percentage Distribution of Persons (10 Years and Over) Who Used the Internet (During the Last Twelve Months) by the Main Place of Use, Sex and Region, 2006

Main Place of Use and Sex	Region			
	Gaza Strip	West Bank	Palestinian Territory	
Both Sexes				
Home	46.0	51.4	49.6	
Work	12.9	10.4	11.3	
School\ University	8.7	10.9	10.2	/
Internet Cafes	20.1	20.3	20.2	
Friend's Home	4.6	5.9	5.5	
Sport or Cultural Clubs	1.3	0.5	0.8	/
Other Places	6.4	0.6	2.4	
Total	100	100	100	
Number of Observations	231	398	629	
Males				
Home	41.9	44.5	43.6	
Work Place	13.8	12.4	12.9	
School\ University	3.3	8.2	6.4	/
Internet Cafes	29.7	27.8	28.5	
Friend's Home	4.3	6.4	5.6	
Sport or Cultural Clubs	1.9	0.8	1.2	/
Other Places	5.1	0.1	1.8	
Total	100	100	100	
Number of Observations	157	237	394	
Females				
Home	54.7	63.2	60.6	
Work	11.1	7.0	8.2	
School\ University	20.2	15.7	17.1	/
Internet Cafes	-	7.4	5.1	
Friend's Home	5.3	5.2	5.2	
Sport or Cultural Clubs	-	-	-	/
Other Places	8.7	1.5	3.8	
Total	100	100	100	
Number of Observations	74	161	235	

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Table 18: Percentage Distribution of Persons (10 Years and Over) Who Used the Internet (During the Last Twelve Months) by Having E-mail, Sex and Region, 2006

Having E-mail and Sex	Region		
	Gaza Strip	West Bank	Palestinian Territory
Both Sexes			
Have	60.0	57.4	58.3
Do not Have	40.0	42.6	41.7
Total	100	100	100
Number of Observations	231	399	630
Males			
Have	70.6	58.6	63.0
Do not Have	29.4	41.4	37.0
Total	100	100	100
Number of Observations	158	237	395
Females			
Have	37.0	55.3	49.6
Do not Have	63.0	44.7	50.4
Total	100	100	100
Number of Observations	73	162	235

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Table 19: Percentage of Persons (10 Years and Over) Who Have E-mail by the Purpose of Use, Sex and Region, 2006

Purpose of Use and Sex	Region		
	Gaza Strip	West Bank	Palestinian Territory
Both Sexes			
Personal mail	89.3	95.1	93.1
Work	26.0	23.3	24.3
Education	43.4	45.5	44.7
Electronic Commerce	6.6	3.1	4.3
Other	3.3	1.2	2.0
Number of Observations	139	225	364
Males			
Personal mail	91.4	96.0	94.2
Work	28.0	24.0	25.6
Education	36.5	42.9	40.3
Electronic Commerce	8.2	4.5	6.0
Other	4.1	1.4	2.5
Number of Observations	110	137	247
Females			
Personal mail	80.7	93.4	90.4
Work	18.0	22.1	21.2
Education	71.9	50.0	55.1
Electronic Commerce	-	0.6	0.4
Other	-	0.8	0.6
Number of Observations	29	88	117

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Table 20: Percentage Distribution of Persons (10 Years and Over) Who Have an E-mail by Receiving Self Propelled Automatic Mail (SPAM) and Region, 2006

Receiving (SPAM)	Region			
	Gaza Strip	West Bank	Palestinian Territory	
Yes, Always	17.5	21.8	20.3	
Yes, Some times	36.9	37.3	37.2	
No	45.6	40.9	42.5	
Total	100	100	100	
Number of Observations	140	226	366	

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Table 21: Percentage Distribution of Persons (10 Years and Over) Who Receive Self Propelled Automatic Mail (SPAM) by their belief Who is Responsible for Blocking them and Region, 2006

Who is Responsible for Blocking SPAM	Region			
	Gaza Strip	West Bank	Palestinian Territory	
Internet \ Mail Providers	42.0	66.6	58.4	/
Governmental Responsibility	11.4	8.6	9.5	
SPAM Receiver	41.4	22.2	28.6	
Others	5.2	2.6	3.5	
Total	100	100	100	
Number of Observations	74	128	202	

Table 22: Percentage Distribution of Persons (10 Years and Over) Who Do not Use the Internet by Main Reason, Sex and Region, 2006

Main Reason for not using the Internet and Sex	Region		
	Gaza Strip	West Bank	Palestinian Territory
Both Sexes			
Computer Not Available	46.4	36.2	40.0
Don't Know How to Use Internet	18.1	19.8	19.1
Internet Service is Not Available	9.3	7.6	8.2
Avoiding Virus Attacks	0.1	0.5	0.3
Expensive	2.7	4.7	4.0
No Need	13.8	19.6	17.4
No Enough Time	6.9	4.8	5.6
Do Not Have Internet Connection	0.7	4.3	2.9
Other	2.0	2.5	2.5
Total	100	100	100
Number of Observations	438	718	1,156
Males			
Computer Not Available	42.6	35.1	37.7
Don't Know How to Use Internet	20.8	19.4	19.9
Internet Service is Not Available	7.2	7.8	7.6
Avoiding Virus Attacks	-	0.6	0.4
Expensive	2.8	3.9	3.6
No Need	18.0	20.5	19.6
No Enough Time	6.4	4.9	5.4
Do Not Have Internet Connection	0.4	5.6	3.8
Other	1.8	2.2	2.0
Total	100	100	100
Number of Observations	196	357	553
Females			
Computer Not Available	49.9	37.5	42.4
Don't Know How to Use Internet	15.6	20.2	18.4
Internet Service is Not Available	11.2	7.4	8.9
Avoiding Virus Attacks	0.2	0.4	0.3
Expensive	2.6	5.6	4.4
No Need	9.8	18.5	15.1
No Enough Time	7.3	4.7	5.8
Do Not Have Internet Connection	0.9	2.8	2.1
Other	2.5	2.9	2.6
Total	100	100	100
Number of Observations	242	361	603

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Table 23: Percentage Distribution of Persons (10 Years and Over) by Availability of Mobile Phone and Region, 2006

Availability of Mobile Phone	Region			
	Gaza Strip	West Bank	Palestinian Territory	
Available	30.1	41.9	37.7	
Not Available	69.9	58.1	62.3	
Total	100	100	100	
Number of Observations	1,335	2,474	3,809	

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Table 24: Percentage Distribution of Households by Watching of Palestine Television and Region, 2006

Watching Palestine Television	Region			
	Gaza Strip	West Bank	Palestinian Territory	
Yes, Always	40.8	24.3	29.9	
Yes, Sometimes	39.3	50.7	46.9	
No	19.9	25.0	23.2	
Total	100	100	100	
Number of Observations	1,359	2,604	3,963	

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Table 25: Percentage Distribution of Households Who Do Not View Palestine Television by Main Reason and Region, 2006

Main Reason of not viewing	Region			
	Gaza Strip	West Bank	Palestinian Territory	
Couldn't Receive the Transmission Signal	11.9	28.8	24.0	
No Free Time	5.2	4.6	4.8	
The Programs are Repeated	3.0	6.0	5.1	
Do not Have Antenna For Palestine TV	9.0	9.2	9.1	
There are Alternatives (Satellite Channels)	17.6	24.8	22.7	()
The Programs are Boring	26.1	15.0	18.2	/
Other	27.2	11.6	16.2	
Total	100	100	100	
Number of Observations	270	633	903	

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Table 26: Percentage of Persons (10 Years and Over) Who Practice in Recreational and Leisure Activities by Type of Activity and Region, 2006

Type of Activity	Region			
	Gaza Strip	West Bank	Palestinian Territory	
Writing	16.2	17.1	16.8	
Playing a Musical Instrument	2.9	4.6	4.0	
Societies or Clubs Activities	18.0	13.9	15.4	
Playing Sport	17.0	13.6	14.8	
Dancing and Music Band	3.7	6.1	5.3	
Attending Symposiums and Public Lectures	32.3	19.0	23.8	
Singing in Bands	3.6	3.5	3.6	
Drawing	21.2	15.1	17.3	
Number of Observations	1,335	2,476	3,811	

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Table 27: Percentage of Persons (10 Years and Over) Who are A member at Cultural Institutions, Type and Region, 2006

Type of Cultural Institutions	Region			
	Gaza Strip	West Bank	Palestinian Territory	
Sport Club	5.0	6.9	6.2	
Cultural Club	3.1	3.1	3.1	
Public Library	3.7	4.0	3.9	
Charitable Society	8.5	4.6	6.0	
Unions	10.7	5.9	7.6	/
Other	2.0	0.9	1.3	
Number of Observations	1,335	2,474	3,809	

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Table 28: Selected Cultural Indicators for Persons (10 Years and Over) by Sex and Region, 2006

Indicator and Sex	Region		
	Gaza Strip	West Bank	Palestinian Territory
Both Sexes			
Newspapers Reading	42.9	46.3	45.1
Magazines Reading	40.1	34.0	36.2
Television Viewing	93.1	95.5	94.6
Viewing Local Television Stations	49.1	45.7	46.9
Radio Listening	79.3	68.5	72.4
Listening to Local Radio	76.9	57.6	64.5
Listen to Voice of Palestine	51.8	42.8	46.0
Number of Observations	1,335	2,474	3,809
Males			
Newspapers Reading	42.8	51.9	48.6
Magazines Reading	35.5	32.0	33.2
Television Viewing	94.1	96.4	95.6
Viewing Local Television Stations	50.4	47.9	48.8
Radio Listening	80.8	70.3	74.1
Listening to Local Radio	76.9	58.8	65.2
Listen to Voice of Palestine	52.5	44.3	47.2
Number of Observations	656	1,146	1,802
Females			
Newspapers Reading	43.1	40.7	41.5
Magazines Reading	44.7	36.2	39.2
Television Viewing	92.0	94.5	93.6
Viewing Local Television Stations	47.8	43.4	45.0
Radio Listening	77.8	66.7	70.7
Listening to Local Radio	76.9	56.4	63.7
Listen to Voice of Palestine	51.1	41.3	44.8
Number of Observations	679	1,328	2,007