

Palestinian Central Bureau of Statistics

Press Release

Main Findings for the Palestinian National Accounts 2001-2002

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The findings of the National Accounts at constant prices of the Palestinian Territory for the years 2001, 2002 show Substantial decline in the performance of the economy for the years 2001,2002. The GDP and the GNI estimates have substantially decreased during those years, as well as their per capita indicators. The value of the Gross Domestic Product for the year 2001 was 4,325.7 million US\$, with a decline of 11.4% compared to the year 1999 and 6.4% compared to the year 2000 at constant prices (1997 is the base year). At the same time GDP per capita declined by 18.9% compared to the year 1999 and 10.6% with the year 2000.

As for the Gross National Income of the Palestinian Territory and its per capita, the Gross National Income amounted to 4,817.4 million US\$ during the year 2001 declined by 17.5% and 11.2% compared to the years 1999 and 2000 respectively. While the GNI per capita declined by 24.5% compared to the year 1999 and 15.2% with the year 2000. The same trend was for the Disposable Income for the year 2001 amounted to about 5,840.7 million US\$ declined by 6.9% compared to the year 1999 and by 3.2% compared to the year 2000. As for the per capita of the Gross Disposable Income it declined by 14.8% and 7.5% in accordance to the years 1999 and 2000 respectively.

Main National Accounts Indicators in the Palestinian Territory at constant prices (1999-2002)

value in US\$ million

Indicator	1999	2000	2001	2002
Gross Domestic Product (GDP)	4,883.4	4,619.2	4,325.7	4,169.3
Gross National Income (GNI)	5,842.6	4,426.5	4,817.4	4,570.7
Gross Disposable Income (GDI)	6,273.2	6,031.1	5,840.7	5,739.0
GDP per capita	1,617.2	1,466.4	1,311.2	1,203.4
GNI per capita	1,934.9	1,722.7	1,460.3	1,319.3
GDI per capita	2,077.4	1,914.6	1,770.5	1,656.5

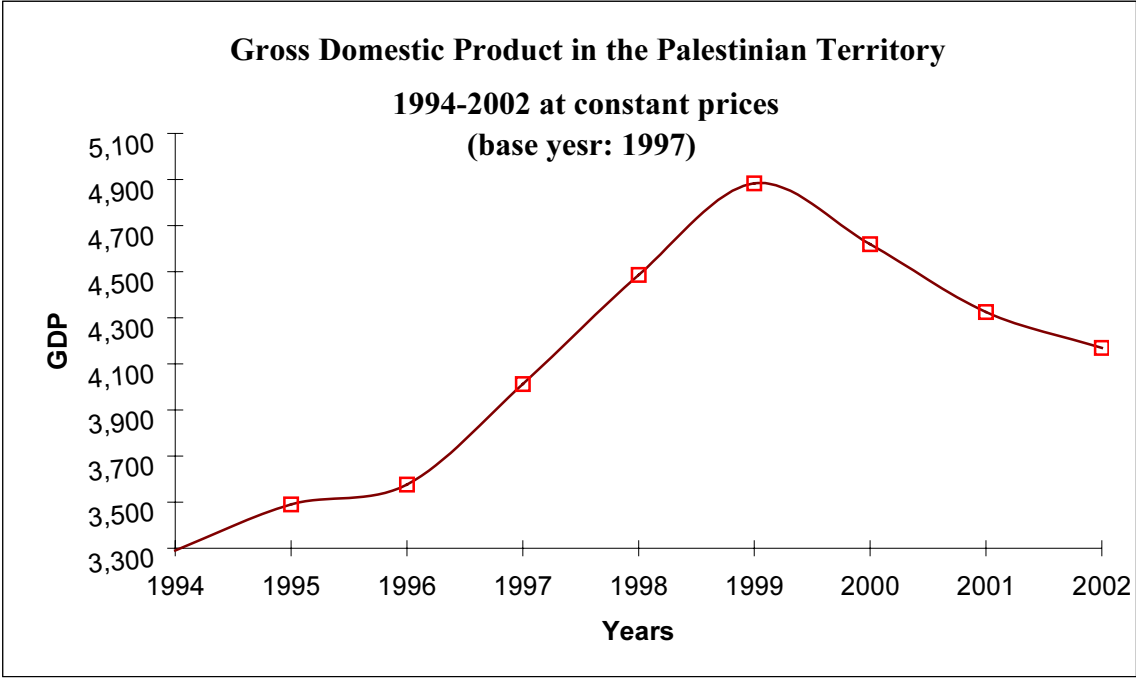
Continuous Decline during 2002

There was substantial decline in the performance of the different activities during the year 2002, therefore the value of the total decline in the GDP increases from 264.2 2 million US\$ by the end of the year 2000 to become 1,536 million US\$ by the end of the year 2002, the value of this decline was about half for the GDP of the year 1999.

This refer to the point that the GDP reached its lowest level during the year 2002, and it was 4,169.3 million US\$, declined by the amount of 14.6% compared with 1999 and 3.6% with the year 2001.

On other hand, the compensation of employees from Israel and settlements declined during the year 2002, and the decline amounted - as a result of closing the Israeli Labour Market beyond the Palestinian workers- to 1,263 million US\$ during the first 27 month of Intifada. In accordance to the Gross compensation of employees in Israel for the year 1999, 584 million US\$ was during 2002.

Therefore, the amount of the declines in the GDP and working in Israel by the end of the year 2002 compared to the year 1999 about 2,798.9 million US\$, amounted to half of the GDP for the year 1999.



Percentage Contribution of Economic Activity to GDP

The percentage contribution of the different economic activities to the GDP affected mainly during the years 2001, 2002. As for the Industrial activities, the share declined to 14.1% during the year 2002 while it was 15.7% in the year 2000, this decline comes mainly from the manufacturing activity. Agriculture share to the GDP declined from 9.5% in the year 2000 to 8.3% during the year 2001 then it grows to 9.2% in the year 2002.

As for the construction activity it declined continuously to reach its lowest level during the year 2002 with percentage contribution amounted to 3.8% while it reached its peak during the year 1999 (11%). The same thing for the financial activities as its share declined to 3.7% during the year 2002 while it was 4.1% during the year 2000.

On the other hand the transport activity goes up to 7.9% during the year 2002, the same case was the services activity as its contribution to GDP increases to 26.1% in the year 2002, in addition to the Public Administration and Defense Activity as its share increases to 13.4% during the year 2002.

Note to Data Users:

All the previous data in this Press Release is at constant Prices, the year 1997 is the base year.