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Notice to users of this report

PCBS would like to point out to users of this press release that the data presented was based on a sample of 496 establishments.

The size of the sample for the previous rounds (January 2006-July 2006) was 346 establishments, which resulted in minor discrepancies for the percentage distribution of opinions in the Palestinian Territory as a total and in both regions separately.

It is worth noting that the increase in the sample improves data quality and insures more comprehensive representation of the sample for economic activities that were not covered in the previous sample.

The available data refers to the West Bank which include Jerusalem Governorate which J1 is part of it since the round 35, meanwhile the previous rounds refer to the West Bank without J1.

It also notes that the change in the data of the month in May 2008, was due to temporary closed establishments during the reference month while they were working during the month before.

Jerusalem J1: That part of the governorate of Jerusalem which was annexed after the 1967 occupation by Israel. Jerusalem

Press Release
Main findings of the Survey of the Perceptions of the Owners/Managers of
Industries Regarding the Economic Situation
June 2008

The following shows the basic findings of round 40 on the perceptions of the owners/managers of industrial establishments concerning the economic situation for June 2008. The round was conducted during the period 3-23 July, 2008, taking June 2008 as the reference month. The aim of the survey is to observe and monitor the trends of the opinions of the owners/managers of the industrial establishments. The sample size is 496 industrial establishments (343 in the West Bank, 138 in Gaza Strip in addition to 15 in Jerusalem J1). A two-stage sample was designed for this survey: in the first stage the industrial survey 2004 was used as a sampling frame for the survey, while in the second stage all the industrial establishments, constituting approximately 70% of the total industrial production, were selected; establishments that employed less than 20 employees were excluded.

1. Performance of industrial establishments in June 2008

1-1 Overall performance

According to 28.6% of the owners/managers of the industrial establishments, the performance of their establishments in production in June 2008 had become worse than in May 2008 (22.7% for the West Bank and 50.0% of Gaza Strip); however, 44.0% of them stated that there had not been any change (43.1% of the West Bank and 47.2% of Gaza Strip).

1-2 Determinants production cost

96.6% of the owners/managers of the active industrial establishments reported that effect of the **costs of raw materials and inputs** was the most important factor on the production cost (96.9% for the West Bank and 94.3% for Gaza Strip); Alternatively 91.2% of the opinions of the owners of the industrial establishments pointed out the power of the **political situation** (86.9% of the West Bank and 91.5% of Gaza Strip). Moreover, 81.0% of the owners/managers of the active industrial establishments identified the impact of **Cost of Transportation** on production cost, (83.0% for the West Bank and 65.7% for Gaza Strip).

1-3 Borrowing and financing

Survey results show weak borrowing by the active industrial establishments from operating banks in the Palestinian Territory during the second quarter 2008; 97.0% of the owners of industrial establishments stated that they refrained from borrowing from the operating banks, while 2.4% of them did apply for bank loans only one time; 0.6% applied 2-5 times.

2. Expectations

2-1 Short term

The expectations of the owners/managers of the active industrial establishments in the short term, i.e. after one month of the reference month (June 2008), shows that 32.5% expected improvement in their production in general; whereas, 17.9% expected worse performance.

The expectations in the Palestinian Territory concerning employment in June 2008 indicate pessimism since only 11.9% expected increase during July 2008 (6.2% in the West Bank and 54.3% in Gaza Strip), whereas 81.0% expected employment to stay the same as it is, (88.4% in the West Bank and 25.7% in Gaza Strip).

The results show that 32.0% of the owners/ managers of the industrial establishments in the Palestinian Territory expected sales to increase during July 2008, but 18.3% of them expected sales to plummet; however, 49.7% expected sales to remain the same as they were in June 2008.

2-2 Medium term

The expectations of the owners/ managers of the active industrial establishments in the medium term (in the next six months) were as follows: 57.1% of Gaza Strip business people expected improvement in production in the next six months; 20.0% expected no change, and 22.9% expected worse results during the next six months in Gaza Strip . On the other hand, 32.9% of business owners in the West Bank expected improved production for the establishments, 31.3% expected drop in establishments production, and 35.8% expected no change in the production of the active industrial establishments during the next six months in the West Bank.

According to expectations concerning employment in the Palestinian Territory, 15.4% expect increase in employment and 9.9% expected drop in the employment level in the next six months, and 74.7% expected employment level to remain the same.

Sales during the next six months will rise, according to the expectations of 36.6% of the owners and managers of the active industrial establishments in the Palestinian Territory, whereas 33.2% of them expected sales to decrease; on the other hand, 30.2% indicated that sales will not change.

3. Challenges

3-1 Drop in sales level

The expectations of 28.7% of the owners/managers of the active industrial establishments revealed that the main reason for an expected drawback or steady sales level is purchasing power of the consumers plunge; 18.1% believe that the main reason is due to seasonality of sales (21.0% in the West Bank and not exist in Gaza Strip).

3-2 Exports hindrance

The owners of the active industrial establishments indicated a number of difficulties that hinder exports; 100.0% of the owners of the exporting enterprises in the Palestinian Territory indicated that their enterprises face hindrances because of export financing; 99.1% believed that Palestinian export regulation and license is an additional obstacle faces the exporting process; 99.0% of the respondent indicated that the Compliance to quantity demanded and delivery time hindered the export process.

3-3 Local and external competition

In the Palestinian Territory, 89.5% of the owners of the active industrial establishments indicated that the main product of their establishments faced local or external competition, (92.3% for the West Bank and 68.6% for Gaza Strip).

According to 71.2% of the owners of the active industrial establishments in the Palestinian Territory, the main product faced local competition; on the other hand, 28.8% of the owners of the industrial establishments indicated that their main product faced external competition.

Results varied by geographic area since 69.6% of the owners of the active industrial establishments in the West Bank pointed out the presence of local competition and 30.4% indicated presence of foreign competition. Alternatively, opinions in Gaza stated that 87.5% of the industrial enterprises in Gaza Strip faced local competition while 12.5% in Gaza strip faced foreign competition.

3-4 Employment

According to 11.5% of the owners of the active industrial establishments in the Palestinian Territory, their establishments laid off workers in June 2008 (9.2% for the West Bank and 28.6% for Gaza Strip).

The following figure shows the direction of the levels of optimism among the owners/managers of the active industrial establishments with respect to production status, increase in employment level, and increase in the value of sales in the Palestinian Territory.

Figure 1: Percentage of the Industrial Establishment Owners/ Managers Who Encountered Worse Economic Conditions during June 2008 Compared to the Previous Month for the Main Indicators in the Palestinian Territory

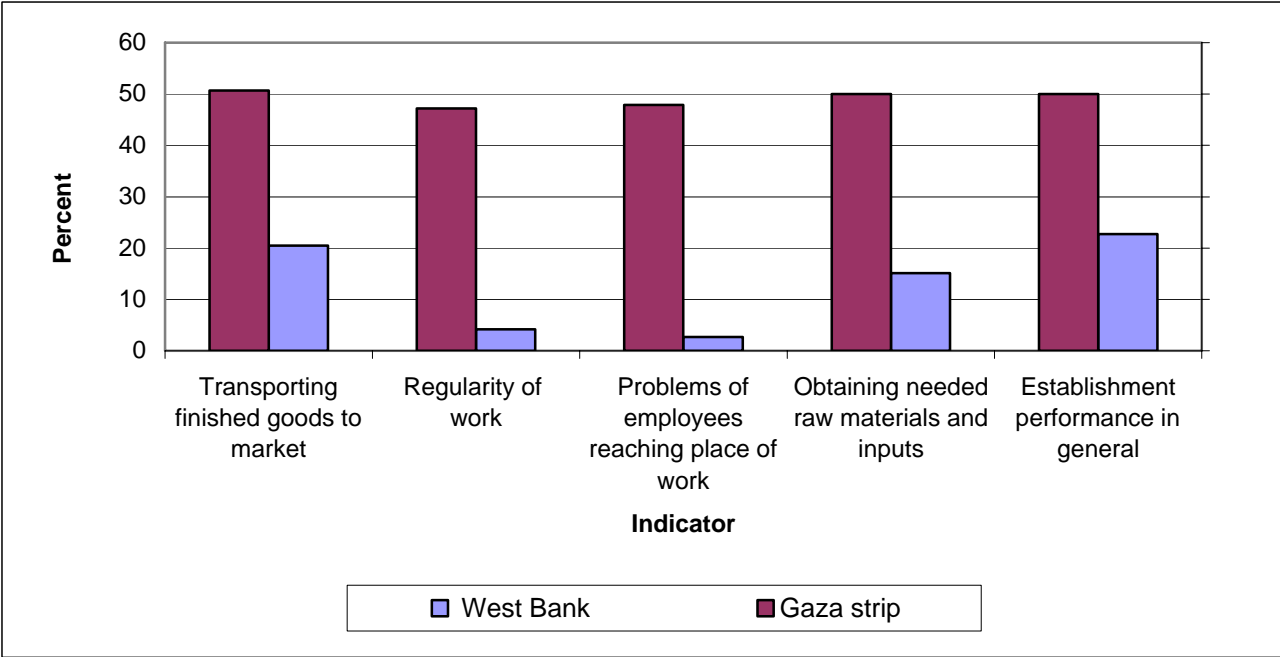
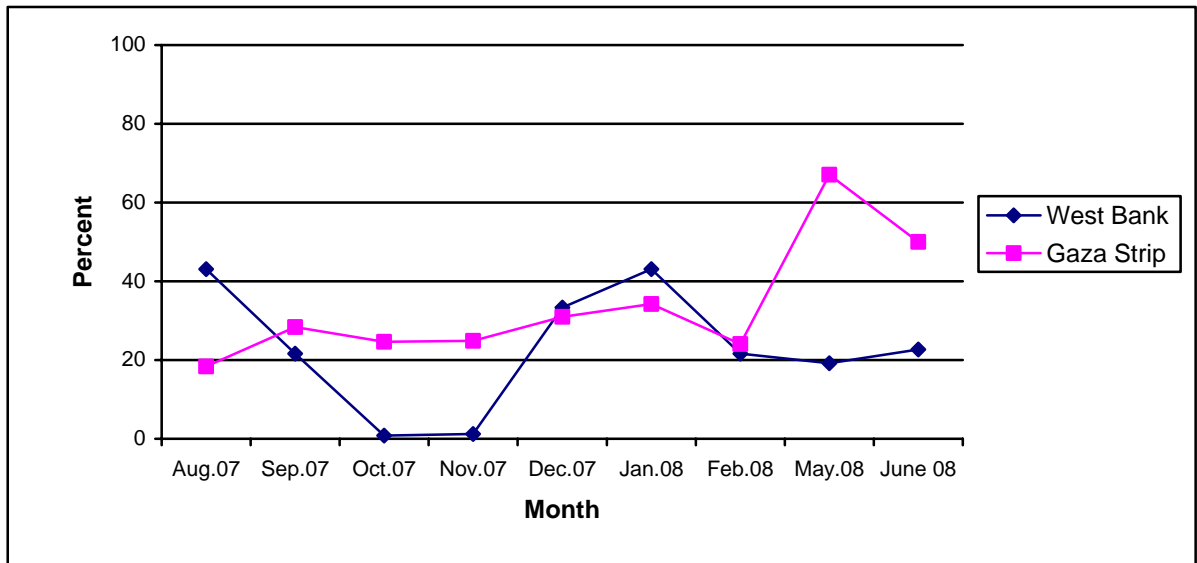


Figure 2: Trends of the Establishments Encountering a Worse Situation in Production Performance during June 2008 Compared to the Previous Month for the Palestinian Territory



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Table 1-1: Percentage of the Industrial Establishments Encountered Worse Situation During the Reference Month Compared to that before the Reference Month for the Main Indicators in the Palestinian Territory 2008

Indicator	Reference Month									
	2008						2007			
	June	May	April	Mar.	Feb.	Jan.	Dec.	Nov.	Oct.	Sep.
Establishment performance in general	28.6	29.9	-	-	24.1	34.2	31.0	24.9	24.6	28.4
Obtaining needed raw materials and inputs	22.7	27.6	-	-	16.4	20.1	27.7	22.4	22.4	29.7
Problems of employees reaching place of work	12.4	9.7	-	-	5.7	2.2	2.4	2.5	2.2	7.6
Regularity of work	13.6	15.0	-	-	8.0	7.9	16.5	11.8	10.2	11.7
Transporting finished goods to market	27.0	34.3	-	-	23.7	23.0	28.0	22.6	19.5	19.7

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Table 1-2: Percentage of the Industrial Establishments Encountered Worse Situation During the Reference Month Compared to that before the Reference Month for the Main Indicators in the West Bank* 2008

Indicator	Reference Month									
	2008						2007			
	June	May	April	Mar.	Feb.	Jan.	Dec.	Nov.	Oct.	Sep.
Establishment performance in general	22.7	19.2	22.4	0.8	21.6	43.1	33.3	1.2	0.8	21.6
Obtaining needed raw materials and inputs	15.1	16.2	25.5	1.6	23.9	38.0	33.7	2.7	1.6	23.9
Problems of employees reaching place of work	2.7	1.1	19.3	0.8	16.5	49.2	29.5	3.9	0.8	16.5
Regularity of work	4.2	4.2	0.8	1.2	18.1	70.5	9.4	0.8	1.2	18.1
Transporting finished goods to market	20.5	25.2	21.8	0.4	0.4	90.2	7.1	2.0	0.4	0.4

* West Bank includes Jerusalem Governorate with J1

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Table 1-3: Percentage of the Industrial Establishments Encountered Worse Situation During the Reference Month Compared to that before the Reference Month for the Main Indicators in Gaza Strip 2008

Indicator	Reference Month									
	2008						2007			
	June	May	April	Mar.	Feb.	Jan.	Dec.	Nov.	Oct.	Sep.
Establishment performance in general	50.0	67.1	-	-	24.1	34.2	31.0	24.9	24.6	28.4
Obtaining needed raw materials and inputs	50.0	67.1	-	-	16.4	20.1	27.7	22.4	22.4	29.7
Problems of employees reaching place of work	47.9	39.5	-	-	5.7	2.2	2.4	2.5	2.2	7.6
Regularity of work	47.2	52.6	-	-	8.0	7.9	16.5	11.8	10.2	11.7
Transporting finished goods to market	50.7	65.8	-	-	23.7	23.0	28.0	22.6	19.5	19.7

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Table 2-1: Percentage Distribution of Owners/ Managers of the Industrial Establishments According to Their Opinions for Main Indicators During June 2008 Compared with May 2008 in the Palestinian Territory

Problem	Total	Much Worse	Somewhat Worse	About the Same/ Unchanged	Somewhat Better	Much Better
Establishment performance in general	100	9.0	19.6	44.0	26.2	1.2
Production situation	100	9.0	22.6	38.6	28.6	1.2
Employees productivity	100	7.8	19.0	47.0	25.0	1.2
Obtaining needed raw materials and inputs	100	7.9	14.8	65.0	12.1	0.3
Problems of employees reaching place of work	100	7.0	5.5	83.0	4.2	0.3
Regularity of work	100	6.9	6.6	80.4	5.2	0.9
Transporting finished goods to market	100	8.8	18.2	62.1	10.6	0.3
Financial situations	100	7.6	15.7	60.1	16.3	0.3
Banks credits & facilities	100	7.4	4.9	84.0	3.7	0.0
Level of employment	100	6.9	13.0	70.1	10.0	0.0
Value of sales	100	8.1	27.7	33.4	29.9	0.9

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Table 2-2: Percentage Distribution of Owners/ Managers of the Industrial Establishments According to Their Opinions for Main Indicators During June 2008 Compared with May 2008 in the West Bank

Problem	Total	Much Worse	Somewhat Worse	/ About the Same/ Unchanged	Somewhat Better	Much Better	
Establishment performance in general	100	2.7	20.0	43.1	33.4	0.8	
Production situation	100	2.7	23.8	36.2	36.5	0.8	
Employees productivity	100	1.2	20.0	46.2	31.8	0.8	
Obtaining needed raw materials and inputs	100	1.2	13.9	69.5	15.4	0.0	
Problems of employees reaching place of work	100	0.0	2.7	91.9	5.4	0.0	
Regularity of work	100	0.0	4.2	88.8	6.2	0.8	
Transporting finished goods to market	100	2.3	18.1	66.0	13.6	0.0	
Financial situations	100	0.8	15.8	62.9	20.5	0.0	
Banks credits & facilities	100	0.4	4.7	90.2	4.7	0.0	
Level of employment	100	0.0	12.0	75.3	12.7	0.0	
Value of sales	100	1.5	30.4	29.2	37.7	1.2	

* West Bank includes Jerusalem Governorate with J1

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Table 2-3: : Percentage Distribution of Owners/ Managers of the Industrial Establishments According to Their Opinions for Main Indicators During June 2008 Compared with May 2008 in Gaza Strip

Problem	Total	Much Worse	Somewhat Worse	/ About the Same/ Unchanged	Somewhat Better	Much Better	
Establishment performance in general	100	31.9	18.1	47.2	0.0	2.8	
Production situation	100	31.9	18.1	47.2	0.0	2.8	
Employees productivity	100	31.9	15.3	50.0	0.0	2.8	
Obtaining needed raw materials and inputs	100	31.9	18.1	48.6	0.0	1.4	
Problems of employees reaching place of work	100	32.4	15.5	50.7	0.0	1.4	
Regularity of work	100	31.9	15.3	50.0	1.4	1.4	
Transporting finished goods to market	100	32.4	18.3	47.9	0.0	1.4	
Financial situations	100	31.9	15.3	50.0	1.4	1.4	
Banks credits & facilities	100	31.9	5.6	62.5	0.0	0.0	
Level of employment	100	31.9	16.7	51.4	0.0	0.0	
Value of sales	100	31.9	18.1	48.6	1.4	0.0	

Table 3: Percentage of the Industrial Establishments Encountered Worse Situation During the Reference Month (June 2008) Compared to that before the Reference Month for the Main Indicators by Region

Problem	Gaza Strip	* West Bank*	Palestinian Territory
Employees productivity	47.2	21.2	26.8
Financial situations	47.2	16.6	23.3
Banks credits & facilities	37.5	5.1	12.3
Level of employment	48.6	12.0	19.9
Value of sales	50.0	31.9	35.8

* West Bank includes Jerusalem Governorate with J1

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Table 4: Percentage Distribution of Owners/Managers of the Industrial Establishments According to the Reasons for Sales Level Stability or Decline by Region During June 2008

Reason	Gaza Strip	* West Bank*	Palestinian Territory
Decrease in demand	0.0	11.1	9.6
Difficulties in exporting finished goods	0.0	1.2	1.1
Decline in the consumer purchasing power	15.4	30.9	28.7
Product Marketing Obstacles	0.0	4.9	4.3
Competence product	0.0	4.9	4.3
Seasonally related	0.0	21.0	18.1
Military check points/ israeli actions/ closures	0.0	11.1	9.6
Other	84.6	14.8	24.5
Total	100	100	100

* West Bank includes Jerusalem Governorate with J1

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Table 5: Percentage Distribution of the Active Industrial Establishments According to the Employment Mobility During June 2008 by Region

Employment Mobility	Gaza Strip	* West Bank*	Palestinian Territory
Hiring employees	5.7	8.5	8.1
Firing employees	28.6	9.2	11.5
No change	65.7	82.3	80.3
Total	100	100	100

* West Bank includes Jerusalem Governorate with J1

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Table 6: Percentage Distribution of the Existing of Competence of the Main Product According to the Owners\ Managers of the Active Industrial Establishments During June 2008 by Region

Competence existence	Gaza Strip	* West Bank*	Palestinian Territory
There is competition	68.6	92.3	89.5
There is no competition	31.4	7.7	10.5
Total	100	100	100

* West Bank includes Jerusalem Governorate with J1

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Table 7: Percentage Distribution of the Type of Competence According to the Owners\ Managers of the Active Industrial Establishments During June 2008 by Region

Type of competence	Gaza Strip	* West Bank*	Palestinian Territory
Local	87.5	69.6	71.2
Foreign	12.5	30.4	28.8
Total	100	100	100

* West Bank includes Jerusalem Governorate with J1

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Table 8: Expectations of Owners/ Managers of the Active Industrial Establishments for the Month that Follow the Reference Month Compared With the Reference (June, 2008) Month for the Main Indicators by Region

Indicator	Reference Month										
	2008						2007				
	June	May	April	Mar.	Feb.	Jan.	Dec.	Nov.	Oct.	Sep.	
Percentage of who are expecting better establishment situation											
Palestinian Territory	32.5	32.8	-	-	31.8	28.7	18.2	18.8	22.1	19.4	
West Bank*	29.6	29.4	36.0	35.4	31.5	26.2	19.5	22.2	22.1	19.4	*
Gaza Strip	54.3	46.9	-	-	34.1	56.5	13.3	4.9	22.6	19.2	
Percentage of who are expecting higher employment level											
Palestinian Territory	11.9	15.2	-	-	7.3	6.9	5.4	5.4	9.6	9.0	
West Bank*	6.2	8.0	10.3	10.5	5.1	4.7	5.1	6.0	9.3	8.0	*
Gaza Strip	54.3	45.4	-	-	20.5	30.4	6.8	3.3	13.2	13.5	
Percentage of who are expecting higher sales volume											
Palestinian Territory	32.0	33.2	-	-	33.3	31.2	19.9	19.1	23.4	20.8	
West Bank*	29.0	29.9	38.9	37.1	33.1	28.9	21.2	22.2	24.1	21.1	*
Gaza Strip	54.3	46.9	-	-	34.1	56.5	15.0	6.6	22.6	19.2	

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* West Bank includes Jerusalem Governorate with J1

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Table 9: Expectations of Owners/ Managers of the Active Industrial Establishments for the Six Months that Follow the Reference Month Compared With the Reference Month (June, 2008) for the Main Indicators by Region

Indicator	Reference Month										
	2008						2007				
	June	May	April	Mar.	Feb.	Jan.	Dec.	Nov.	Oct.	Sep.	
Percentage of who are expecting better establishment situation											
Palestinian Territory	35.7	41.6	-	-	61.7	59.6	33.5	36.0	37.4	41.5	
West Bank*	32.9	38.5	49.4	57.2	62.2	58.2	36.5	33.3	36.3	41.8	*
Gaza Strip	57.1	54.7	-	-	58.4	78.9	20.3	52.4	43.2	39.7	
Percentage of who are expecting higher employment level											
Palestinian Territory	15.4	22.3	-	-	25.2	22.7	13.2	21.6	16.4	21.5	
West Bank*	9.7	14.8	15.8	22.9	23.2	20.5	11.9	19.0	14.3	19.8	*
Gaza Strip	57.1	53.1	-	-	38.9	52.6	18.6	38.1	27.3	28.6	
Percentage of who are expecting higher sales volume											
Palestinian Territory	36.6	43.9	-	-	67.6	64.1	36.5	38.6	38.5	42.7	
West Bank*	34.1	41.3	53.8	59.8	68.9	63.0	39.8	36.4	37.5	43.4	*
Gaza Strip	55.9	54.7	-	-	58.4	78.9	22.0	52.4	43.2	39.7	

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Table 10: Expectations of Owners/ Managers of the Active Industrial Establishments about Better Expectations for their Establishments for the Month that Follow the Reference Month (June, 2008) Compared With the Reference Month by Region

Indicator	Gaza Strip	* West Bank*	Palestinian Territory	
Establishment performance in general	54.3	23.5	27.1	
Employees productivity	54.3	25.1	28.6	
Obtaining needed raw materials and inputs	54.3	6.9	12.6	
Problems of employees reaching place of work	54.3	4.6	10.5	
Regularity of work	54.3	8.5	13.9	
Transporting finished goods to market	54.3	9.7	15.0	
Financial situations	54.3	12.7	17.7	
Banks credits & facilities	17.1	3.2	4.9	

* West Bank includes Jerusalem Governorate with J1

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Table 11: Expectations of Owners/ Managers of the Active Industrial Establishments about Better Expectations for their Establishments for the Six Months that Follow the Reference Month (June, 2008) Compared With the Reference Month for the Main Indicators by Region

Indicator	Gaza Strip	* West Bank*	Palestinian Territory	
Establishment performance in general	58.8	28.9	32.4	
Employees productivity	57.1	27.5	31.1	
Obtaining needed raw materials and inputs	55.9	8.2	13.7	
Problems of employees reaching place of work	57.1	5.5	11.6	
Regularity of work	57.1	8.6	14.4	
Transporting finished goods to market	57.1	14.0	19.1	
Financial situations	57.1	16.7	21.5	
Banks credits & facilities	20.0	4.4	6.2	

* West Bank includes Jerusalem Governorate with J1

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Table 12-1: Percentage Distribution of Owners/ Managers of the Active Industrial Establishments According to Their Opinions for Main Indicators for the Month that Follow the Reference Month (June, 2008) Compared With the Reference Month in the Palestinian Territory

Problem	Total	Much Worse	Somewhat Worse	/ About the Same/ Unchanged	Somewhat Better	Much Better	
Establishment performance in general	100	1.0	15.3	56.6	27.1	0.0	
Production situation	100	1.0	16.9	49.6	32.5	0.0	
Volume of sales	100	1.0	17.3	49.7	32.0	0.0	
Employees productivity	100	1.0	13.9	56.5	28.6	0.0	
Obtaining needed raw materials and inputs	100	0.7	8.5	78.2	12.6	0.0	
Problems of employees reaching place of work	100	0.3	2.4	86.8	10.5	0.0	
Regularity of work	100	0.3	5.4	80.4	13.9	0.0	
Level of employment	100	0.3	6.8	81.0	11.9	0.0	
Transporting finished goods to market	100	1.7	11.9	71.4	15.0	0.0	
Financial situations	100	1.0	14.6	66.7	17.7	0.0	
Banks credits & facilities	100	1.0	2.4	91.7	4.9	0.0	

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Table 12-2: Percentage Distribution of Owners/ Managers of the Active Industrial Establishments According to Their Opinions for Main Indicators for the Month that Follow the Reference Month (June, 2008) Compared With the Reference Month in the West Bank*

Problem	Total	Much Worse	Somewhat Worse	About the Same/ Unchanged	Somewhat Better	Much Better	
Establishment performance in general	100	0.8	14.6	61.1	23.5	0.0	
Production situation	100	0.8	16.5	53.1	29.6	0.0	
Volume of sales	100	0.8	17.0	53.2	29.0	0.0	
Employees productivity	100	0.8	13.1	61.0	25.1	0.0	
Obtaining needed raw materials and inputs	100	0.4	6.9	85.8	6.9	0.0	
Problems of employees reaching place of work	100	0.0	0.4	95.0	4.6	0.0	
Regularity of work	100	0.0	3.9	87.6	8.5	0.0	
Level of employment	100	0.0	5.4	88.4	6.2	0.0	
Transporting finished goods to market	100	1.5	10.8	78.0	9.7	0.0	
Financial situations	100	0.8	14.3	72.2	12.7	0.0	
Banks credits & facilities	100	0.8	2.4	93.6	3.2	0.0	

* West Bank includes Jerusalem Governorate with J1

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Table 12-3: Percentage Distribution of Owners/ Managers of the Active Industrial Establishments According to Their Opinions for Main Indicators for the Month that Follow the Reference Month (June, 2007) Compared With the Reference Month in Gaza Strip

Problem	Total	Much Worse	Somewhat Worse	About the Same/ Unchanged	Somewhat Better	Much Better	
Establishment performance in general	100	2.9	20.0	22.8	54.3	0.0	
Production situation	100	2.9	20.0	22.8	54.3	0.0	
Volume of sales	100	2.9	20.0	22.8	54.3	0.0	
Employees productivity	100	2.9	20.0	22.8	54.3	0.0	
Obtaining needed raw materials and inputs	100	2.9	20.0	22.8	54.3	0.0	
Problems of employees reaching place of work	100	2.9	17.1	25.7	54.3	0.0	
Regularity of work	100	2.9	17.1	25.7	54.3	0.0	
Level of employment	100	2.9	17.1	25.7	54.3	0.0	
Transporting finished goods to market	100	2.9	20.0	22.8	54.3	0.0	
Financial situations	100	2.9	17.1	25.7	54.3	0.0	
Banks credits & facilities	100	2.9	2.9	77.1	17.1	0.0	

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Table 13-1: Percentage Distribution of Owners/ Managers of the Active Industrial Establishments According to Their Opinions for Main Indicators During the Next Six Months Compared with Reference Month (June, 2008) in the Palestinian Territory

Problem	Total	Much Worse	Somewhat Worse	About the Same/ Unchanged	Somewhat Better	Much Better
Establishment performance in general	100	0.3	25.9	41.3	31.1	1.4
Production situation	100	0.3	29.9	34.1	34.7	1.0
Volume of sales	100	0.3	32.9	30.2	35.6	1.0
Employees productivity	100	0.3	26.6	42.0	30.4	0.7
Obtaining needed raw materials and inputs	100	0.3	9.2	76.8	13.0	0.7
Problems of employees reaching place of work	100	0.3	2.7	85.4	10.6	1.0
Regularity of work	100	0.3	8.5	76.8	13.7	0.7
Level of employment	100	0.3	9.6	74.7	14.7	0.7
Transporting finished goods to market	100	0.7	13.0	67.2	18.4	0.7
Financial situations	100	0.3	20.5	57.7	20.8	0.7
Banks credits & facilities	100	0.7	3.1	90.0	5.9	0.3

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Table 13-2: Percentage Distribution of Owners/ Managers of the Active Industrial Establishments According to Their Opinions for Main Indicators During the Next Six Months Compared with Reference Month (June, 2008) in the West Bank*

Problem	Total	Much Worse	Somewhat Worse	/ About the Same/ Unchanged	Somewhat Better	Much Better	
Establishment performance in general	100	0.0	26.6	44.5	27.4	1.5	
Production situation	100	0.0	31.3	35.8	31.7	1.2	
Volume of sales	100	0.0	34.5	31.4	32.9	1.2	
Employees productivity	100	0.0	27.5	45.0	26.7	0.8	
Obtaining needed raw materials and inputs	100	0.0	7.8	84.0	7.4	0.8	
Problems of employees reaching place of work	100	0.0	0.8	93.7	4.3	1.2	
Regularity of work	100	0.0	7.4	84.0	7.8	0.8	
Level of employment	100	0.0	8.5	81.8	8.9	0.8	
Transporting finished goods to market	100	0.4	12.0	73.6	13.2	0.8	
Financial situations	100	0.0	20.9	62.4	15.9	0.8	
Banks credits & facilities	100	0.4	3.2	92.0	4.0	0.4	

* West Bank includes Jerusalem Governorate with J1

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Table 13-3: Percentage Distribution of Owners/ Managers of the Active Industrial Establishments According to Their Opinions for Main Indicators During the Next Six Months Comparing with Reference Month (June, 2008) in Gaza Strip

Problem	Total	Much Worse	Somewhat Worse	About the Same/ Unchanged	Somewhat Better	Much Better	
Establishment performance in general	100	2.9	20.6	17.7	58.8	0.0	
Production situation	100	2.9	20.0	20.0	57.1	0.0	
Volume of sales	100	2.9	20.6	20.6	55.9	0.0	
Employees productivity	100	2.9	20.0	20.0	57.1	0.0	
Obtaining needed raw materials and inputs	100	2.9	20.6	20.6	55.9	0.0	
Problems of employees reaching place of work	100	2.9	17.1	22.9	57.1	0.0	
Regularity of work	100	2.9	17.1	22.9	57.1	0.0	
Level of employment	100	2.9	17.1	22.9	57.1	0.0	
Transporting finished goods to market	100	2.9	20.0	20.0	57.1	0.0	
Financial situations	100	2.9	17.1	22.9	57.1	0.0	
Banks credits & facilities	100	2.9	2.9	74.2	20.0	0.0	

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Table 14: Percentage Distribution of Owners/Managers of the Active Industrial Establishments Opinion About the Factors Affecting Production Cost During June 2008 by Region

Factors		Opinion						
		No effect	Relatively weak effect	Weak effect	Relatively large effect	Large effect		
Foreign competition	Palestinian Territory	38.1	6.4	16.9	13.9	24.7		
	West bank	35.0	7.3	16.5	15.0	26.2		
	Gaza strip	60.0	0.0	20.0	5.7	14.3		
Informal Sector	Palestinian Territory	37.6	7.8	25.1	18.3	11.2		
	West bank	33.8	8.8	25.8	20.4	11.2		
	Gaza strip	65.7	0.0	20.0	2.9	11.4		
Local Competition	Palestinian Territory	15.7	3.7	16.9	25.4	38.3		
	West bank	13.1	4.2	17.7	26.9	38.1		
	Gaza strip	34.3	0.0	11.4	14.3	40.0		
Transport cost	Palestinian Territory	8.4	3.1	7.5	40.7	40.3		
	West bank	5.8	3.5	7.7	44.2	38.8		
	Gaza strip	28.6	0.0	5.7	14.3	51.4		
Political situation	Palestinian Territory	4.0	1.0	7.5	32.9	54.6		
	West bank	3.8	1.2	8.1	36.9	50.0		
	Gaza strip	5.6	0.0	2.9	2.9	88.6		
Costs of raw materials and inputs	Palestinian Territory	1.7	1.0	0.7	26.8	69.8		
	West bank	1.1	1.2	0.8	28.8	68.1		
	Gaza strip	5.7	0.0	0.0	11.4	82.9		

Table 15: Percentage Distribution of the Frequency of Loans Requested From the Banks According to the Owners/Managers of the Active Industrial Establishments Opinion During June 2008 by Region

Frequency	Gaza Strip	West Bank	Palestinian Territory	
No loan request	97.1	96.9	97.0	
Once	2.9	2.3	2.4	
2-5	0.0	0.8	0.6	5-2
Total	100	100	100	

Table 16: Percentage Distribution of Owners/ Managers of the Active Industrial Establishments According to Their Views About the Export Obstacles During June 2008 by Region

Problems	Region	Not applicable	I don't know	Large difficulty	Medium difficulty	Small difficulty	No difficulty		
Commitment to international market requirements	Palestinian Territory	1.8	0.0	8.3	20.2	69.7	0.0		
	West bank	1.9	0.0	8.4	19.6	70.1	0.0		
	Gaza strip	0.0	0.0	0.0	50.0	50.0	0.0		
Commitment to export market packaging requirements	Palestinian Territory	4.6	0.9	4.6	22.0	67.9	0.0		
	West bank	4.7	0.9	4.7	21.5	68.2	0.0		
	Gaza strip	0.0	0.0	0.0	50.0	50.0	0.0		
Price competition in the export market	Palestinian Territory	0.0	5.5	16.5	40.4	37.6	0.0		
	West bank	0.0	5.6	15.9	40.2	38.3	0.0		
	Gaza strip	0.0	0.0	50.0	50.0	0.0	0.0		
Compliance to quantity demanded and delivery time	Palestinian Territory	0.0	1.0	6.4	22.9	69.7	0.0		
	West bank	0.0	0.0	6.5	23.4	70.1	0.0		
	Gaza strip	0.0	50.0	0.0	0.0	50.0	0.0		
Export financing	Palestinian Territory	0.0	0.0	7.3	33.1	59.6	0.0		
	West bank	0.0	0.0	7.5	33.6	58.9	0.0		
	Gaza strip	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	100.0	0.0		
Marketing ability	Palestinian Territory	0.0	1.8	5.5	38.6	54.1	0.0		
	West bank	0.0	0.9	5.6	39.3	54.2	0.0		
	Gaza strip	0.0	50.0	0.0	0.0	50.0	0.0		
Regular achievement of raw materials	Palestinian Territory	4.6	3.7	10.1	33.9	47.7	0.0		
	West bank	4.7	2.8	9.3	34.6	48.6	0.0		
	Gaza strip	0.0	50.0	50.0	0.0	0.0	0.0		

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Table 16 (Cont): Percentage Distribution of Owners/ Managers of the Active Industrial Establishments According to Their Views About the Export Obstacles During June 2008 by Region

Problems	Region	Not applicable	I don't know	Large difficulty	Medium difficulty	Small difficulty	No difficulty		
Regular achievement of export	Palestinian Territory	0.0	3.7	10.1	46.8	39.4	0.0		
	West bank	0.0	2.8	9.3	47.7	40.2	0.0		
	Gaza strip	0.0	50.0	50.0	0.0	0.0	0.0		
Regular achievement of employee	Palestinian Territory	4.6	0.0	4.6	11.0	79.8	0.0		
	West bank	4.7	0.0	4.7	10.2	80.4	0.0		
	Gaza strip	0.0	0.0	0.0	50.0	50.0	0.0		
Palestinian export regulation and license	Palestinian Territory	0.9	0.0	1.8	34.9	62.4	0.0		
	West bank	0.9	0.0	1.9	34.6	62.6	0.0		
	Gaza strip	0.0	0.0	0.0	50.0	50.0	0.0		
Information access to the foreign market	Palestinian Territory	0.0	2.8	14.7	37.5	45.0	0.0		
	West bank	0.0	2.8	15.0	37.3	44.9	0.0		
	Gaza strip	0.0	0.0	0.0	50.0	50.0	0.0		
Traveling problems imposed on entering foreign markets	Palestinian Territory	1.8	3.7	14.7	42.2	37.6	0.0		
	West bank	1.9	2.8	15.0	42.9	37.4	0.0		
	Gaza strip	0.0	50.0	0.0	0.0	50.0	0.0		
Import regulation in the foreign market	Palestinian Territory	0.9	2.8	19.3	40.3	36.7	0.0		
	West bank	0.9	1.9	19.6	41.2	36.4	0.0		
	Gaza strip	0.0	50.0	0.0	0.0	50.0	0.0		
Costumer payment guarantee	Palestinian Territory	0.0	5.5	9.2	33.9	51.4	0.0		
	West bank	0.0	5.6	8.4	34.6	51.4	0.0		
	Gaza strip	0.0	0.0	50.0	0.0	50.0	0.0		

Table 17: Percentage of Mechanism of Finding Customers in the Export Market During June 2008 by Region

Approaching Customers	Gaza Strip	West Bank	Palestinian Territory
Market researches	50.0	49.5	49.5
Information gathered from commerce chamber industrial union etc...	50.0	18.7	19.3
Participate in international exhibitions and organized business missions	50.0	42.1	42.2
Self-organized visits to the export market	100.0	61.7	62.4
Personal relationships and contacts	50.0	97.2	96.3
Through internet	0.0	21.5	21.1
Customer self initiative	0.0	71.0	69.7

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Table 18: Percentage of Distribution and Marketing Channels of Export Products to Israel Markets and Other Markets During June 2008 by Region

Achievement channel	Region and Market						
	Gaza Strip		West Bank		Palestinian Territory		
	Other market	Israeli market	Other market	Israeli market	Other market	Israeli market	
Direct sales to the customer	0.0	50.0	30.5	82.2	29.9	81.7	
Through establishment agency in this market	0.0	50.0	7.6	0.9	7.5	1.8	
Through palestinian agency	100.0	50.0	12.4	12.1	14.0	12.8	
Through israeli agency as a local seller or exporter	0.0	50.0	2.9	15.0	2.8	15.6	
Through the row material provider company (reproduce)	0.0	0.0	0.0	4.7		4.6	()
No exports reported to this market	0.0	0.0	3.8	1.9	3.7	1.8	
Other	0.0	0.0	29.0	1.0	28.4	1.0	