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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 Jerusalem J1.

Jerusalem J1: those parts of Jerusalem which were annexed by Israel in 1967.

Press Release
Main findings of the Survey of the Perceptions of the Owners/Managers of
Industrial Establishments Regarding the Economic Situation,
September 2008

The following shows the basic findings of round 43 on the perceptions of the owners/managers of industrial establishments concerning the economic situation for September 2008. The round was conducted during the period 3-23 October, 2008, taking September 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.

1. Performance of industrial establishments in June 2008

1-1 Overall performance

According to 21.0% of the owners / managers of the industrial establishments, the production performance of their establishments during September 2008 was improvement than in August 2008 (19.2% for Gaza Strip and 21.6% for the West Bank).

1-2 Determinants production cost

91.7% of the owners/managers of the active industrial establishments during the third quarter 2008 reported that effect of the costs of raw materials and inputs was the most important factor on the production cost (90.9% for the West Bank and 95.1% for Gaza Strip); Alternatively 83.4% of the opinions of the owners of the industrial establishments pointed out the power of the political situation (81.3% of the West Bank and 91.9% of Gaza Strip). Moreover, 78.2% of the owners/managers of the active industrial establishments identified the impact of Cost of Transportation on production cost, (83.3% for the West Bank and 56.4% 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 third quarter 2008; 95.4% of the owners of industrial establishments stated that they refrained from borrowing from the operating banks, while 3.4% of them did apply for bank loans only one time; 1.2% 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 (September 2008), shows that 33.0% expected improvement in their production in general; whereas, 24.6% expected worse performance.

The expectations in the Palestinian Territory concerning employment in September 2008 indicate pessimism since only 16.1% expected increase during October 2008 (10.3% in the West Bank and 40.3% in Gaza Strip), whereas 74.7% expected employment to stay the same as it is, (80.9% in the West Bank and 48.4% in Gaza Strip).

The results show that 33.9% of the owners/ managers of the industrial establishments in the Palestinian Territory expected sales to increase during October 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: 54.8% of Gaza Strip business people expected improvement in production in the next six months; 27.4% expected no change, and 17.8% expected worse results during the next six months in Gaza Strip . On the other hand, 35.0% of business owners in the West Bank expected improved production for the establishments, 31.2% expected drop in establishments production, and 33.8% 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, 21.6% expect increase in employment and 11.7% expected drop in the employment level in the next six months, and 66.7% expected employment level to remain the same.

Sales during the next six months will rise, according to the expectations of 42.5% of the owners and managers of the active industrial establishments in the Palestinian Territory, whereas 29.8% of them expected sales to decrease; on the other hand, 27.7% indicated that sales will not change.

3. Challenges

3-1 Drop in sales level

The expectations of 31.0% 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 (33.6% in the West Bank and 12.5% in Gaza Strip); on the other hand 14.7% believe that the main reason is due to the Decrease in demand on the establishment products (15.9% in the West Bank and 6.3% in Gaza Strip).

3-2 Exports hindrance

The owners of the active industrial establishments during the third quarter 2008 indicated a number of difficulties that hinder exports; 64.3% of the owners of the exporting establishments in the Palestinian Territory indicated that their establishments face hindrances because of no regular achievement of export; 58.3% believed that no Customer payment guarantee is an additional obstacle faces the exporting process; 58.0% of the respondent indicated that the Import regulation in the foreign market hindered the export process.

3-3 Local and external competition

In the Palestinian Territory, 90.8% of the owners of the active industrial establishments indicated that the main product of their establishments faced local or foreign competition, (92.4% for the West Bank and 83.9% for Gaza Strip).

According to 73.9% of the owners of the active industrial establishments in the Palestinian Territory, the main product faced local competition; on the other hand, 26.1% of the owners of the industrial establishments indicated that their main product faced foreign competition.

Results varied by geographic area since 71.6% of the owners of the active industrial establishments in the West Bank pointed out the presence of local competition and 28.4%

indicated presence of foreign competition. Alternatively, opinions in Gaza stated that 84.6% of the industrial enterprises in Gaza Strip faced local competition while 15.4% in Gaza strip faced foreign competition.

3-4 Employment

According to 7.1% of the owners of the active industrial establishments in the Palestinian Territory, their establishments laid off workers in September 2008 (6.9% for the West Bank and 8.2% for Gaza Strip).

Figure 1: Percentage of Industrial Establishment Owners / Managers Who Encountered Improvement Economic Conditions during September 2008 Compared to the Previous Month for the Main Indicators by Region

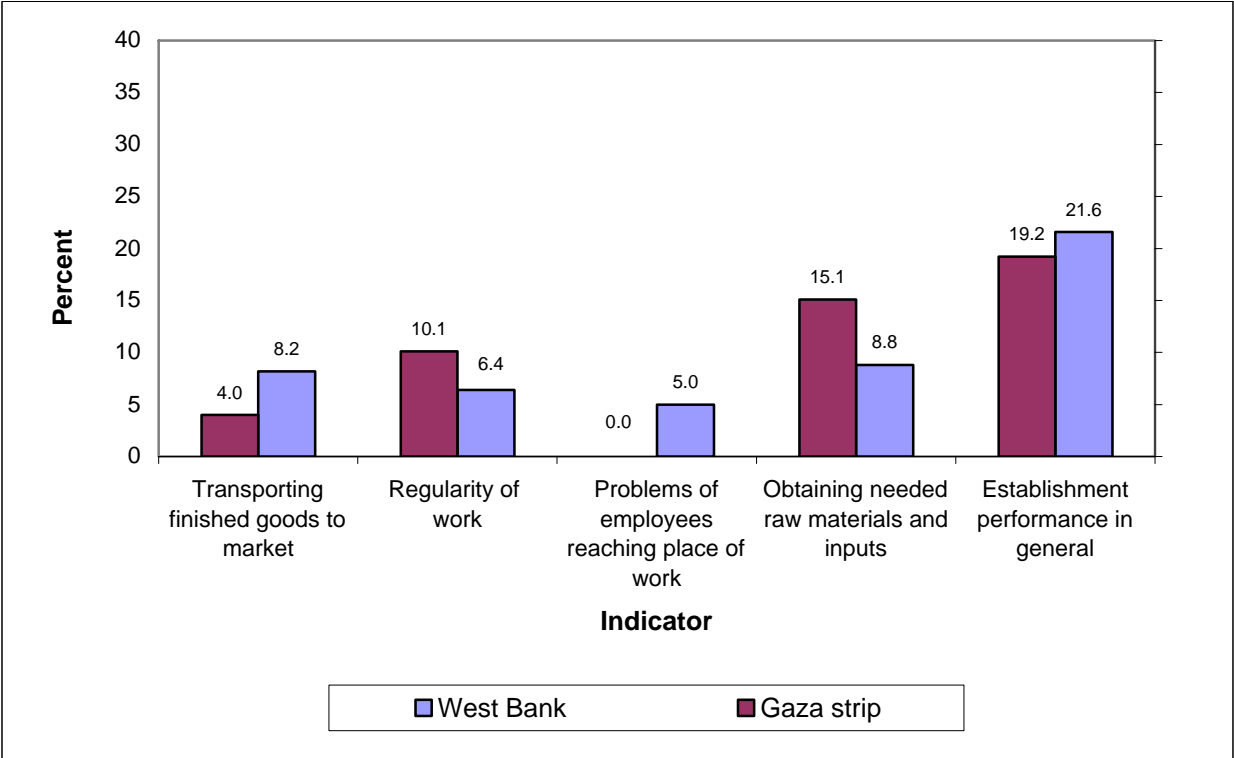
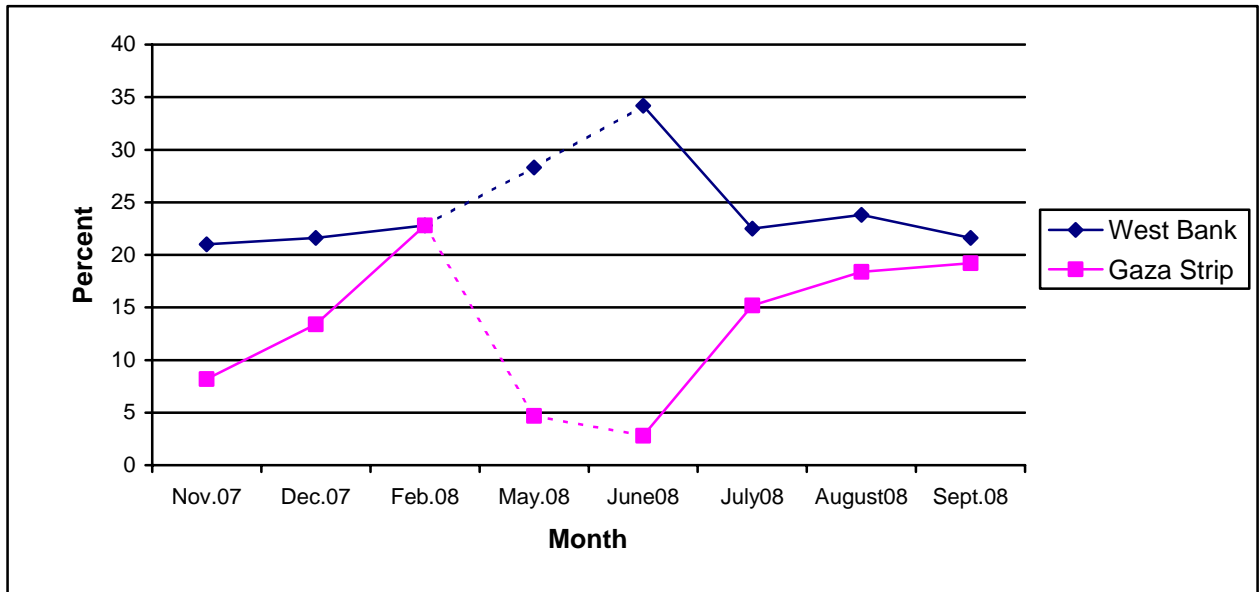


Figure 2: Trends of Establishments Encountering an Improvement Situation in Production Performance during September 2008 Compared to the Previous Month by Region



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Table 1-1: Percentage of the Industrial Establishments Encountered Improvement 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
	Sept.	Aug.	July	June	May	April	Mar.	Feb.	Jan.	Dec.	
Establishment performance in general	21.0	22.2	20.9	27.4	23.7	-	-	22.8	-	19.9	
Obtaining needed raw materials and inputs	10.5	12.4	10.6	29.8	27.9	-	-	21.4	-	17.9	
Problems of employees reaching place of work	3.6	3.9	3.9	26.2	25.2	-	-	16.7	-	16.2	
Regularity of work	7.3	7.8	4.2	12.4	9.4	-	-	6.3	-	6.4	
Transporting finished goods to market	7.1	8.3	11.4	4.5	4.6	-	-	4.0	-	5.7	

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Table 1-2: Percentage of Industrial Establishments Encountered Improvement 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
	Sept.	Aug.	July	June	May	April	Mar.	Feb.	Jan.	Dec.	
Establishment performance in general	21.6	23.8	22.5	34.2	28.3	-	-	22.8	-	21.6	
Obtaining needed raw materials and inputs	8.8	10.6	11.1	37.3	33.6	-	-	21.2	-	19.5	
Problems of employees reaching place of work	5.0	4.8	3.9	32.6	30.1	-	-	15.7	-	17.4	
Regularity of work	6.4	5.2	3.2	15.4	10.9	-	-	6.3	-	5.9	
Transporting finished goods to market	8.2	10.3	13.6	5.4	5.3	-	-	2.8	-	5.1	

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Table 1-3: Percentage of Industrial Establishments Encountered Improvement 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
	Sept.	Aug.	July	June	May	April	Mar.	Feb.	Jan.	Dec.
Establishment performance in general	19.2	18.4	15.2	2.8	4.7	-	-	22.8	-	13.4
Obtaining needed raw materials and inputs	15.1	16.7	8.9	2.8	4.7	-	-	22.8	-	11.7
Problems of employees reaching place of work	0.0	1.8	3.8	2.8	4.7	-	-	22.8	-	11.7
Regularity of work	10.1	14.1	7.6	1.4	3.1	-	-	6.8	-	8.3
Transporting finished goods to market	4.0	3.5	3.8	1.4	1.6	-	-	11.4	-	8.3

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

Problem	Total	Much Worse	Somewhat Worse	/ About the Same/ Unchanged	Somewhat Better	Much Better	
Establishment performance in general	100	6.0	24.9	48.1	17.1	3.9	
Production situation	100	6.6	27.6	45.1	15.5	5.2	
Employees productivity	100	6.0	19.4	57.0	13.1	4.5	
Obtaining needed raw materials and inputs	100	3.1	11.5	74.9	8.4	2.1	
Problems of employees reaching place of work	100	0.5	2.9	93.0	3.1	0.5	
Regularity of work	100	2.9	10.2	79.6	6.0	1.3	
Transporting finished goods to market	100	3.1	13.4	76.4	5.8	1.3	
Financial situations	100	3.9	20.5	60.6	12.1	2.9	
Banks credits & facilities	100	1.1	3.4	91.3	3.9	0.3	
Level of employment	100	2.1	9.7	79.3	7.6	1.3	
Value of sales	100	6.0	29.4	44.4	15.0	5.2	

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

Problem	Total	Much Worse	Somewhat Worse	About the Same/ Unchanged	Somewhat Better	Much Better
Establishment performance in general	100	4.6	31.9	41.9	18.8	2.8
Production situation	100	5.3	35.8	37.6	17.0	4.3
Employees productivity	100	4.6	24.8	53.2	14.2	3.2
Obtaining needed raw materials and inputs	100	1.4	14.5	75.3	7.4	1.4
Problems of employees reaching place of work	100	0.7	3.9	90.4	4.3	0.7
Regularity of work	100	1.8	12.4	79.4	5.7	0.7
Transporting finished goods to market	100	2.8	17.7	71.3	7.1	1.1
Financial situations	100	3.9	25.2	55.3	13.5	2.1
Banks credits & facilities	100	1.4	4.6	88.3	5.3	0.4
Level of employment	100	1.1	12.4	76.9	8.9	0.7
Value of sales	100	4.6	37.6	37.2	16.3	4.3

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

Problem	Total	Much Worse	Somewhat Worse	/ About the Same/ Unchanged	Somewhat Better	Much Better	
Establishment performance in general	100	10.1	5.1	65.6	12.1	7.1	
Production situation	100	10.1	4.0	66.7	11.1	8.1	
Employees productivity	100	10.1	4.0	67.7	10.1	8.1	
Obtaining needed raw materials and inputs	100	8.1	3.0	73.8	11.1	4.0	
Problems of employees reaching place of work	100	0.0	0.0	100.0	0.0	0.0	
Regularity of work	100	6.1	4.0	79.8	7.1	3.0	
Transporting finished goods to market	100	4.0	1.0	91.0	2.0	2.0	
Financial situations	100	4.0	7.1	75.7	8.1	5.1	
Banks credits & facilities	100	0.0	0.0	100.0	0.0	0.0	
Level of employment	100	5.1	2.0	85.9	4.0	3.0	
Value of sales	100	10.1	6.1	64.6	11.1	8.1	

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

Indicator	Gaza Strip	* West Bank*	Palestinian Territory	
Employees productivity	18.2	17.4	17.6	
Financial situations	13.2	15.6	15.0	
Banks credits & facilities	0.0	5.7	4.2	
Level of employment	7.0	9.6	8.9	
Value of sales	19.2	20.6	20.2	

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

Reason	Gaza Strip	* West Bank*	Palestinian Territory	
Decrease in demand	6.3	15.9	14.7	
Difficulties in exporting finished goods	0.0	2.7	2.3	
Decline in the consumer purchasing power	12.5	33.6	31.0	
Product Marketing Obstacles	0.0	0.9	0.9	()
Competence product	12.4	4.5	5.4	
Seasonally related	0.0	10.6	9.3	
Military check points/ israeli actions/ closures	43.8	4.4	9.3	/ /
Other	25.0	27.4	27.1	
Total	100	100	100	

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

Employment Mobility	Gaza Strip	* West Bank*	Palestinian Territory	
Hiring employees	8.2	6.9	7.1	
Firing employees	8.2	8.7	8.7	
No change	83.6	84.4	84.2	
Total	100	100	100	

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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 September 2008 by Region

Competence existence	Gaza Strip	* West Bank*	Palestinian Territory	
There is competition	83.9	92.4	90.8	
There is no competition	16.1	7.6	9.2	
Total	100	100	100	

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

Type of competence	Gaza Strip	* West Bank*	Palestinian Territory	
Local	84.6	71.6	73.9	
Foreign	15.4	28.4	26.1	
Total	100	100	100	

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

Indicator	Reference Month											
	2008											2007
	Sept.	August	July	June	May	April	Mar.	Feb.	Jan.	Dec.		
Percentage of who are expecting better establishment situation												
Palestinian Territory	33.0	28.0	30.3	32.5	32.8	-	-	31.8	28.7	18.2		
West Bank*	29.8	21.6	26.3	29.6	29.4	36.0	35.4	31.5	26.2	19.5	*	
Gaza Strip	46.8	58.9	53.2	54.3	46.9	-	-	34.1	56.5	13.3		
Percentage of who are expecting higher employment level												
Palestinian Territory	16.1	15.6	10.1	11.9	15.2	-	-	7.3	6.9	5.4		
West Bank*	10.3	8.5	3.7	6.2	8.0	10.3	10.5	5.1	4.7	5.1	*	
Gaza Strip	40.3	50.0	46.8	54.3	45.4	-	-	20.5	30.4	6.8		
Percentage of who are expecting higher sales volume												
Palestinian Territory	33.9	28.6	28.7	32.0	33.2	-	-	33.3	31.2	19.9		
West Bank*	30.9	22.3	24.5	29.0	29.9	38.9	37.1	33.1	28.9	21.2	*	
Gaza Strip	46.8	58.9	53.2	54.3	46.9	-	-	34.1	56.5	15.0		

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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 (September, 2008) for the Main Indicators by Region

Indicator	Reference Month										
	2008									2007	
	Sept.	August	July	June	May	April	Mar.	Feb.	Jan.	Dec.	
Percentage of who are expecting better establishment situation											
Palestinian Territory	38.8	39.9	34.5	35.7	41.6	-	-	61.7	59.6	33.5	
West Bank*	35.0	35.7	30.4	32.9	38.5	49.4	57.2	62.2	58.2	36.5	*
Gaza Strip	54.8	60.7	58.7	57.1	54.7	-	-	58.4	78.9	20.3	
Percentage of who are expecting higher employment level											
Palestinian Territory	21.6	19.2	15.1	15.4	22.3	-	-	25.2	22.7	13.2	
West Bank*	14.8	12.9	8.5	9.7	14.8	15.8	22.9	23.2	20.5	11.9	*
Gaza Strip	50.0	50.0	54.4	57.1	53.1	-	-	38.9	52.6	18.6	
Percentage of who are expecting higher sales volume											
Palestinian Territory	42.5	40.9	35.1	36.6	43.9	-	-	67.6	64.1	36.5	
West Bank*	39.5	36.8	31.1	34.1	41.3	53.8	59.8	68.9	63.0	39.8	*
Gaza Strip	54.8	60.7	58.7	55.9	54.7	-	-	58.4	78.9	22.0	

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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 (September, 2008) Compared With the Reference Month by Region

Indicator	Gaza Strip	* West Bank*	Palestinian Territory	
Establishment performance in general	46.8	28.2	31.8	
Employees productivity	45.1	24.0	28.1	
Obtaining needed raw materials and inputs	38.7	7.3	13.3	
Problems of employees reaching place of work	4.8	6.5	6.1	
Regularity of work	37.1	7.7	13.3	
Transporting finished goods to market	17.8	9.2	10.8	
Financial situations	43.6	22.2	26.3	
Banks credits & facilities	1.6	5.0	4.3	

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 (September,2008) Compared With the Reference Month for the Main Indicators by Region

Indicator	Gaza Strip	* West Bank*	Palestinian Territory	
Establishment performance in general	54.8	32.7	36.9	
Employees productivity	53.2	27.0	32.0	
Obtaining needed raw materials and inputs	48.4	11.0	18.2	
Problems of employees reaching place of work	11.3	8.0	8.6	
Regularity of work	48.4	10.7	17.9	
Transporting finished goods to market	24.2	13.7	15.6	
Financial situations	50.0	28.9	32.9	
Banks credits & facilities	4.8	7.3	6.8	

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 (September, 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	1.9	20.1	46.2	28.1	3.7	
Production situation	100	1.5	23.1	42.4	29.0	4.0	
Volume of sales	100	1.9	23.8	40.4	29.9	4.0	
Employees productivity	100	1.5	15.4	55.0	24.1	4.0	
Obtaining needed raw materials and inputs	100	1.2	8.6	76.9	11.1	2.2	
Problems of employees reaching place of work	100	1.2	1.9	90.8	5.2	0.9	
Regularity of work	100	1.2	5.9	79.6	11.1	2.2	
Level of employment	100	1.2	8.0	74.7	13.6	2.5	
Transporting finished goods to market	100	1.5	11.1	76.6	9.3	1.5	
Financial situations	100	1.5	21.3	50.9	23.8	2.5	
Banks credits & facilities	100	0.6	2.5	92.6	4.3	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 (September, 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	2.3	21.8	47.7	26.7	1.5	
Production situation	100	1.9	25.6	42.7	27.9	1.9	
Volume of sales	100	2.3	26.3	40.5	29.4	1.5	
Employees productivity	100	1.9	16.0	58.1	22.5	1.5	
Obtaining needed raw materials and inputs	100	1.5	7.6	83.6	6.9	0.4	
Problems of employees reaching place of work	100	1.5	0.8	91.2	6.1	0.4	
Regularity of work	100	1.5	4.6	86.2	6.9	0.8	
Level of employment	100	1.5	7.3	80.9	9.9	0.4	
Transporting finished goods to market	100	1.9	12.2	76.7	8.8	0.4	
Financial situations	100	1.9	23.3	52.6	21.4	0.8	
Banks credits & facilities	100	0.8	2.3	91.9	5.0	0.0	

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 (September, 2008) 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	0.0	12.9	40.3	33.9	12.9	
Production situation	100	0.0	12.9	40.3	33.9	12.9	
Volume of sales	100	0.0	12.9	40.3	32.3	14.5	
Employees productivity	100	0.0	12.9	42.0	30.6	14.5	
Obtaining needed raw materials and inputs	100	0.0	12.9	48.4	29.0	9.7	
Problems of employees reaching place of work	100	0.0	6.5	88.7	1.6	3.2	
Regularity of work	100	0.0	11.3	51.6	29.0	8.1	
Level of employment	100	0.0	11.3	48.4	29.0	11.3	
Transporting finished goods to market	100	0.0	6.5	75.7	11.3	6.5	
Financial situations	100	0.0	12.9	43.5	33.9	9.7	
Banks credits & facilities	100	0.0	3.2	95.2	1.6	0.0	

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 (September, 2008) in the Palestinian Territory

Problem	Total	Much Worse	Somewhat Worse	/ About the Same/ Unchanged	Somewhat Better	Much Better	
Establishment performance in general	100	3.1	21.8	38.2	32.6	4.3	
Production situation	100	4.6	24.0	32.6	34.2	4.6	
Volume of sales	100	5.2	24.6	27.7	38.2	4.3	
Employees productivity	100	4.6	16.0	47.4	28.6	3.4	
Obtaining needed raw materials and inputs	100	2.5	9.2	70.1	15.7	2.5	
Problems of employees reaching place of work	100	1.5	3.4	86.5	8.0	0.6	
Regularity of work	100	3.4	6.8	71.9	15.1	2.8	
Level of employment	100	2.5	9.2	66.7	18.8	2.8	
Transporting finished goods to market	100	2.2	12.0	70.2	13.8	1.8	
Financial situations	100	3.1	20.9	43.1	29.5	3.4	
Banks credits & facilities	100	0.6	2.8	89.8	6.5	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 (September, 2008) in the West Bank*

Problem	Total	Much Worse	Somewhat Worse	/ About the Same/ Unchanged	Somewhat Better	Much Better	
Establishment performance in general	100	2.3	24.3	40.7	30.8	1.9	
Production situation	100	4.2	27.0	33.8	32.7	2.3	
Volume of sales	100	4.9	27.8	27.8	38.0	1.5	
Employees productivity	100	4.2	17.9	50.9	26.2	0.8	
Obtaining needed raw materials and inputs	100	1.5	9.5	78.0	10.6	0.4	
Problems of employees reaching place of work	100	1.5	3.0	87.5	7.6	0.4	
Regularity of work	100	2.7	6.5	80.1	9.9	0.8	
Level of employment	100	1.5	9.5	74.2	14.4	0.4	
Transporting finished goods to market	100	1.9	13.3	71.1	12.9	0.8	
Financial situations	100	2.3	23.6	45.2	27.8	1.1	
Banks credits & facilities	100	0.8	3.1	88.8	7.3	0.0	

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 (September, 2008) in Gaza Strip

Problem	Total	Much Worse	Somewhat Worse	/ About the Same/ Unchanged	Somewhat Better	Much Better	
Establishment performance in general	100	6.5	11.3	27.4	40.3	14.5	
Production situation	100	6.5	11.3	27.4	40.3	14.5	
Volume of sales	100	6.5	11.3	27.4	38.7	16.1	
Employees productivity	100	6.5	8.1	32.2	38.7	14.5	
Obtaining needed raw materials and inputs	100	6.5	8.1	37.0	37.1	11.3	
Problems of employees reaching place of work	100	1.6	4.8	82.3	9.7	1.6	
Regularity of work	100	6.5	8.1	37.1	37.1	11.3	
Level of employment	100	6.5	8.1	35.5	37.1	12.9	
Transporting finished goods to market	100	3.2	6.5	66.1	17.7	6.5	
Financial situations	100	6.5	9.7	33.9	37.1	12.9	
Banks credits & facilities	100	0.0	1.6	93.5	3.2	1.6	

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

Factors		Opinion						
		No effect	Relatively weak effect	Weak effect	Relatively large effect	Large effect		
Foreign competition	Palestinian Territory	37.9	6.5	11.4	16.7	27.5		
	West bank	30.4	8.0	12.9	19.8	28.9		
	Gaza strip	70.5	0.0	4.9	3.3	21.3		
Informal Sector	Palestinian Territory	30.4	4.0	11.4	26.2	28.0		
	West bank	23.6	4.9	13.3	31.2	27.0		
	Gaza strip	59.7	0.0	3.2	4.8	32.3		
Local Competition	Palestinian Territory	13.0	3.1	7.4	29.0	47.5		
	West bank	11.1	3.4	8.0	31.7	45.8		
	Gaza strip	21.1	1.6	4.8	17.7	54.8		
Transport cost	Palestinian Territory	12.6	1.8	7.4	35.1	43.1		
	West bank	7.6	1.9	7.2	39.2	44.1		
	Gaza strip	33.9	1.6	8.1	17.7	38.7		
Political situation	Palestinian Territory	6.4	3.4	6.8	28.3	55.1		
	West bank	6.5	3.8	8.4	34.2	47.1		
	Gaza strip	6.5	1.6	0.0	3.2	88.7		
Costs of raw materials and inputs	Palestinian Territory	4.0	0.6	3.7	24.6	67.1		
	West bank	3.7	0.8	4.6	29.3	61.6		
	Gaza strip	4.9	0.0	0.0	4.8	90.3		

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

Frequency	Gaza Strip	West Bank	Palestinian Territory	
No loan request	100.0	94.3	95.4	
Once	0.0	4.2	3.4	
2-5	0.0	1.5	1.2	5-2
Total	100	100	100	

Table 16: Percentage Distribution of Owners/ Managers of the Industrial Establishments According to Their Views About the Export Obstacles During the Third Quarter 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	1.0	0.0	5.3	4.4	26.5	62.8		
	West bank	0.9	0.0	5.8	4.8	26.0	62.5		
	Gaza strip	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	33.3	66.7		
Commitment to export market packaging requirements	Palestinian Territory	3.5	0.0	2.7	0.0	27.4	66.4		
	West bank	0.9	0.0	2.9	0.0	27.9	68.3		
	Gaza strip	33.3	0.0	0.0	0.0	22.2	44.4		
Price competition in the export market	Palestinian Territory	0.9	0.0	10.6	10.6	35.4	42.5		
	West bank	1.1	0.0	9.6	11.5	36.5	41.3		
	Gaza strip	0.0	0.0	22.2	0.0	22.2	55.6		
Compliance to quantity demanded and delivery time	Palestinian Territory	0.9	0.0	7.1	5.3	27.4	59.3		
	West bank	1.0	0.0	2.9	5.8	28.8	61.5		
	Gaza strip	0.0	0.0	55.6	0.0	11.1	33.3		
Export financing	Palestinian Territory	0.8	0.0	6.2	8.0	24.8	60.2		
	West bank	0.9	0.0	2.9	8.7	26.0	61.5		
	Gaza strip	0.1	0.0	44.4	0.0	11.1	44.4		
Marketing ability	Palestinian Territory	1.8	0.0	8.8	8.8	31.0	49.6		
	West bank	1.9	0.0	4.8	9.6	32.7	51.0		
	Gaza strip	0.0	0.0	55.6	0.0	11.1	33.3		
Regular achievement of raw materials	Palestinian Territory	8.9	0.0	9.7	11.5	29.2	40.7		
	West bank	9.6	0.0	4.8	12.5	29.8	43.3		
	Gaza strip	0.0	0.0	66.7	0.0	22.2	11.1		

Table 16 (Cont): Percentage Distribution of Owners/ Managers of the Industrial Establishments According to Their Views About the Export Obstacles During the Third Quarter 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	1.8	0.0	10.7	15.2	38.4	33.9		
	West bank	2.0	0.0	5.8	16.5	39.8	35.9		
	Gaza strip	0.0	0.0	66.7	0.0	22.2	11.1		
Regular achievement of employee	Palestinian Territory	0.0	0.0	0.9	2.7	15.9	80.5		
	West bank	0.0	0.0	1.0	2.9	17.3	78.8		
	Gaza strip	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	100.0		
Palestinian export regulation and license	Palestinian Territory	1.8	0.0	2.7	5.3	32.7	57.5		
	West bank	1.9	0.0	1.9	5.8	34.6	55.8		
	Gaza strip	0.0	0.0	11.1	0.0	11.1	77.8		
Information access to the foreign market	Palestinian Territory	1.8	0.0	8.9	6.3	38.4	44.6		
	West bank	1.9	0.0	4.9	6.8	39.8	46.6		
	Gaza strip	0.0	0.0	55.6	0.0	22.2	22.2		
Traveling problems imposed on entering foreign markets	Palestinian Territory	1.8	0.0	16.8	10.6	30.1	40.7		
	West bank	2.0	0.0	11.5	11.5	32.7	42.3		
	Gaza strip	0.0	0.0	77.8	0.0	0.0	22.2		
Import regulation in the foreign market	Palestinian Territory	0.9	0.0	12.5	13.4	32.1	41.1		
	West bank	0.9	0.0	7.8	14.6	35.0	41.7		
	Gaza strip	0.0	0.0	66.7	0.0	0.0	33.3		
Customer payment guarantee	Palestinian Territory	1.0	0.0	22.1	8.8	27.4	40.7		
	West bank	1.0	0.0	18.3	9.6	29.8	41.3		
	Gaza strip	0.0	0.0	66.7	0.0	0.0	33.3		

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

Approaching Customers	Gaza Strip	West Bank	Palestinian Territory
Market researches	0.0	38.5	35.4
Information gathered from commerce chamber industrial union etc...	0.0	16.3	15.0
Participate in international exhibitions and organized business missions	11.1	33.7	31.9
Self-organized visits to the export market	11.1	55.8	52.2
Personal relationships and contacts	88.9	91.3	91.2
Through internet	0.0	15.4	14.2
Customer self initiative	11.1	64.4	60.2

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Table 18: Percentage of Distribution and Marketing Channels of Export Products to Israel Markets and Other Markets During the Third Quarter 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	77.8	55.6	25.3	75.0	29.8	73.5	
Through establishment agency in this market	0.0	0.0	8.4	2.9	7.7	2.7	
Through palestinian agency	11.1	11.1	16.8	7.7	16.3	8.0	
Through Israeli agency as a local seller or exporter	0.0	11.1	3.2	17.3	2.9	16.8	
Through the row material provider company (reproduce)	0.0	0.0	0.0	8.7	0.0	8.0	()
No exports reported to this market	11.1	11.1	1.1	0.0	1.9	0.9	
Other	0.0	0.0	20.0	2.9	18.3	2.7	