##### **Palestinian Central Bureau of Statistics (PCBS)**

**Reality of the Private and Non-Government Enterprises in Palestine\* 2020**

**63.4% Of the Total Number of Employees in Private and Non-Government Enterprises are Waged Employees.**

505,182 employed persons in an economic enterprises operating in Palestine (331,161 employed persons in the West Bank and 174,021 employed persons in Gaza Strip), with a decrease of 8.1% compared with 2019. Internal trade and services activities contributed to the highest percentage of this reduction (internal trade contributed with 34.5% and services with 29.7%). Among the percentage distribution in 2020, internal trade activity contributed to the highest percentage of operating among employees with 40.3% of the total number of employees, followed by services that constituted 30.4%, industry 21.7%, finance and insurance activities 2.8%, construction activities 1.8%, and the percentages of the information and communications, and transportation and storage activities reached 1.7% and 1.3%, respectively.

The number of employees ranged between unpaid employees (owners of the enterprises and their households members) which constituted 36.6% of the total number of employees, and wage employees that constituted 63.4% of the total number of employees. The total value of compensation for wage employees reached USD 2,551.2 million.

**Number of Employees in Private and Non-Government Sectors by**

**Economic Activity and Region in 2020**

| **Economic Activity** | **Region** | | |
| --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **West Bank\*** | **Gaza Strip** | **Palestine\*** |
| Industry | 84,318 | 25,322 | 109,640 |
| Construction | 6,014 | 2,846 | 8,860 |
| Internal Trade | 127,517 | 76,160 | 203,677 |
| Transportation and Storage | 4,663 | 2,077 | 6,740 |
| Information and Communications | 6,258 | 2,478 | 8,736 |
| Finance and Insurance | 10,796 | 3,153 | 13,949 |
| Services | 91,595 | 61,985 | 153,580 |
| **Total** | **331,161** | **174,021** | **505,182** |

**Industry Activities Constituted the Highest Value of Output of the Economic Activities in Palestine\* in 2020**

The total value of output by economic enterprises was USD 13,123.7 million in Palestine (USD 10,873.1 million in the West Bank and USD 2,250.6 million in Gaza Strip) with a decrease of 15.9% compared with 2019. Industrial and services activities constituted the highest percentage of this reduction (with a contribution of 44.8% for internal trade and 27.6% for industry).

Among the percentage distribution 2020, industrial activities contributed with 34.0% of the total output followed by internal trade activities that constituted 31.3%, services activities reached 20.9%, finance and insurance activities reached 7.6%, information and communications reached 3.6%, while percentages of construction activities and transportation and storage activities reached 1.7% and 0.9%, respectively.

**A Decrease of 13.7% in the Value Added of the Economic Activities in Palestine\* in 2020 Compared with 2019.**

Results showed that the total value added of economic activities in 2020 was USD 8,891.4 million with a decrease of 13.7% compared with 2019, due to the procedures taken to stop the outbreak of COVID-19 in Palestine. Internal trade and communication activities contributed with the highest percentage of this reduction (internal trade contributed with a percentage of 67.7% and communications contributed with 12.3%).

In 2020, the highest value added was from the internal trade activities with a percentage of 37.7%, followed by industry activities with a percentage of 24.5%, services activities with a percentage of 23.6%, finance and insurance activities with a percentage of 8.1%, information and communications activities with a percentage of 4.0%, construction 1.2%, and transportation and storage with a percentage of 0.9%.

**Value Added of Economic Activities in Palestine\* for the years 2015-2020**

**Percentage Distribution of Value Added from Economic Enterprises Operating in the Private and Non-Government Sectors in Palestine\* by Economic Activity, 2020**

**Note**:

\*Data exclude those parts of Jerusalem, which were annexed by Israeli occupation in 1967.