

## **The Palestinian Central Bureau of Statistics (PCBS) and The Palestine Monetary Authority (PMA)**

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#### **The Net Stock of the International Investment Position (IIP) amounted to USD 6,975 million at the End of the First Quarter of 2025**

The Palestinian Central Bureau of Statistics (PCBS) and the Palestine Monetary Authority (PMA) announced the preliminary results of the International Investment Position (IIP), and External Debt statistics for Palestine as of end of the first quarter 2025.

The primary results of the IIP (external assets – foreign liabilities) for Palestine at the end of the first quarter 2025 revealed that the net IIP amounted to USD 6,975 million.

**59% of the total external assets of the Palestinian economy are currency and deposits at the end of the first quarter of 2025, due to the absence of a Palestinian national currency, also an decrease of 11% of clearance held by Israel compared with previous quarter.**

The total stocks of External Assets for Palestinian economy amounted to USD 12,994 million, the Foreign Direct Investment Abroad contributed to 3%, and Portfolio Investments abroad reached 12%, while Other Foreign Investments Abroad (mainly currency and deposits) reached 74% and Reserve Assets amounted to 11%.

#### **55% of the total foreign liabilities on the Palestinian economy at the end of the first quarter of 2025 are foreign direct investment**

The total stocks of Foreign Liabilities in Palestine (stocks of non-residents invested in Palestine) amounted to USD 6,019 million, the Foreign Direct Investment in Palestine contributed to 55%, Portfolio Investments in Palestine reached 10%, and Other Investments in Palestine (mainly loans and deposits from abroad) amounted to 35%.

#### **The Government's External Debt stock stabilized at about 1.3 billion US dollars at the end of the first quarter of 2025**

The Gross External Debt on the Palestinian economic sectors reached USD 2,113 million increased by 1% compared with previous quarter. While debt on government sector represented 62% of gross external debt, also debt on the banking sector (deposits of non-residents in banks operating in Palestine) reached 34 %, and debt on other sectors (non-bank financial corporations, non-financial corporations, NGOs and households sector) amounted to 3%, and the lending between affiliated companies reached 1%.


The International Investment Position (IIP) is an accounting sheet that records the investments stocks for the residents in Palestine (individuals, institutions and government) invested in the rest of the world (abroad) under the name of (assets), and compares them to the investments stocks owned by residents outside Palestine (individuals, institutions and government) invested in Palestine under the name of (liabilities).

The Balance of Payments Manual - fifth edition, issued by the International Monetary Fund in 1993, divides the assets and liabilities into direct investment (investment by 10% and more in the non-resident capital), and portfolio investment (investment less than 10% in the non-resident capital as well as investment in bonds), and other investments. It divides these other investments into stocks of trade credit, loans, currency and deposits and any other assets or liabilities), in addition to the Reserve Assets, i.e. Stocks held by the Central Banks/ Monetary Authorities to address the imbalances in the balance of payments, it is worth mentioning that the reserve assets are only included in the asset side.

The External Debt is an accounting sheet that records the debt stocks on Palestinian economic sectors due to non-residents. These include (loans from non-residents, deposits of non-residents deposited in the banks operating in Palestine, the Palestinian bonds purchased by non-residents, debt transactions between the non-resident enterprises and fellow enterprises in Palestine. They encompass as well any other liabilities on Palestinian economy) the data of external debt have been extracted from the liabilities side in the international investment position matrix (debt items). Preparing, classifying and publishing of the data are based on (External Debt Statistics Manual) issued by IMF in 2003, this manual is harmonized with the fifth edition of Balance of Payments Manual.

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**Table 1: International Investment Position (IIP) Stock by Economic Sectors for Palestine, at the end of the First Quarter, 2025**

Value in million USD

Economic Sector  Investments Stocks by Type of Investment	Monetary Authorities	Government Sector	Banks Sector	Other Sectors		TOTAL
				Non-bank Financial Corporations , Non- Financial Corporations , and NGOs Sector	House- Holds Sector	
<b>International Investment Position (net)*</b>	<b>1,776</b>	<b>459</b>	<b>6,372</b>	<b>574-</b>	<b>1,058-</b>	<b>6,975</b>
<b>Total External Assets</b>	<b>1,776</b>	<b>1,791</b>	<b>8,461</b>	<b>910</b>	<b>56</b>	<b>12,994</b>
Foreign Direct Investment Abroad	0	0	0	340	2	342
Portfolio Investments Abroad	131	0	1,007	444	0	1,582
Other Investments Abroad	189	1,791	7,454	126	54	9,614
<i>Of which: currency and deposits**</i>	189	0	7,413	13	54	7,669
Reserve Assets	1,456	0	0	0	0	1,456
<b>Total Foreign Liabilities</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1,332</b>	<b>2,089</b>	<b>1,484</b>	<b>1,114</b>	<b>6,019</b>
Foreign Direct Investment in Palestine	0	0	1,209	1,003	1,114	3,326
Foreign Portfolio Investments in Palestine	0	0	168	423	0	591
Foreign Other Investments in Palestine:	0	1,332	712	58	0	2,102
<i>Of which: loans from abroad</i>	0	1,332	73	58	0	1,463
<i>Of which: currency and deposits***</i>	0	0	639	0	0	639

**Notes:**

- The data in the above table are close to the nearest integer.

- The data does not include the value of land owned by non-residents.

\* International investment position (net): equals total external assets minus total foreign liabilities.

\*\* Currency and deposits: Include the resident's deposits in banks abroad, in addition to foreign exchange in Palestinian economy.

\*\*\* Currency and deposits: Include the deposits of non-residents deposited in resident banks.

**Table 2: Gross External Debt Position on Palestine, at the End of the Fourth Quarter, 2024 and First Quarter, 2025**

Value in million USD

Economic Sector	Stock at the end of the Fourth Quarter 2024	Stock at the end of the First Quarter 2025
<b>General Government</b>	<b>1,322</b>	<b>1,332</b>
Short-term	404	427
Long-term	918	905
<b>Monetary Authorities</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
Short-term	0	0
Long-term	0	0
<b>Banks</b>	<b>701</b>	<b>712</b>
Short-term	325	332
Long-term	376	380
<b>Other Sectors</b>	<b>58</b>	<b>58</b>
Short-term	0	0
Long-term	58	58
<b>Direct Investment: lending between affiliated companies</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>11</b>
Debt liabilities to affiliated companies	0	0
Debt liabilities to direct investors	11	11
<b>Gross External Debt Position</b>	<b>2,092</b>	<b>2,113</b>