

## OCCUPIED PALESTINIAN TERRITORY

**Region:** Arab States

**Income group:** Lower-middle income

**Summary:** Occupied Palestinian Territory has reported 2 metadata sources, which collect information on international labour migration statistics, such as the *Population, Housing and Establishment Census* and the *Labour Force Survey*, which are carried out by the Palestinian Central Bureau of Statistics.

Geographically all the sources cover whole country, however different population groups such as:

- *Nationals (citizens) in the country (covered by the Population, Housing and Establishment Census and the Labour Force Survey),*
- *Nationals (citizens) employed in the country (covered by the Population, Housing and Establishment Census and the Labour Force Survey),*
- *Foreigners (non-citizens) living in the country (covered by the Population, Housing and Establishment Census),*
- *Foreign workers (non-citizens) living in the country (covered by the Population, Housing and Establishment Census), and*
- *Refugees (covered by the Labour Force Survey).*

Periodicity of data collection varies depending on the type of source. The *Population, Housing and Establishment Census* was last processed in 2007 and the *Labour Force Survey* is carried out on continuously basis starting from 1995. Age coverage of the *Labour Force Survey* is 15 years and older.

The five essential demographic characteristics covered by the census and the *Labour Force Surveys* are age, sex, marital status, educational attainment, and household size.

International migration characteristics covered by Census are country of birth, country of previous residence for foreigners, and country of previous residence for citizens who lived abroad but returned. The question on nationality is asked in the *Labour Force Survey*.

Labour related characteristics that can be found in both the *Population, Housing and Establishment Census* and *Labour Force Survey* include employment status, occupation, industry/economic sector, status in employment, and hours usually worked. Additionally, question on disability is asked in the *Census*, and data on wage or earnings rate per time period and possible benefits such as retirement pension and paid vacation are available in the *Labour Force Survey*.

Definitions of “*international migrant workers*” and “*employment*” are applied in the sources. “*Employment*” used in the *Population, Housing and Establishment Census* and the *Labour Force Survey* is the standard ILO definition.

To classify occupation, industry, status in employment, and education, internationally and nationally adapted classifications are used in the sources.

Micro data from the census and survey are available for research and analysis outside the agency for different prices depending on users.

## Metadata sources:

Type of source	Name of the source	Agency Responsible	Periodicity of data collection	Year the source started	Year of the last source
Q1. Population Census	Population, Housing and Establishment Census	Palestinian Central Bureau of Statistics	-	-	2007
Q2. Household Survey	Labour Force Survey	Palestinian Central Bureau of Statistics	Continuously	1995	-

## Findings:

The latest *Population, Housing and Establishment Census* was processed in 2007 by the Palestinian Central Bureau of Statistics, covering the whole country. There are five population groups examined in the Census:

- *Nationals (citizens) in the country,*
- *Nationals (citizens) employed in the country,*
- *Foreigners (non-citizens) living in the country,*
- *Foreign workers (non-citizens) living in the country, and*
- *Refugees.*

The census obtains detailed data on demographic characteristics of these population groups, such as age, sex, marital status, educational attainment, and household size. The questions raised in the assessment on the topic of international migration related characteristics are country of birth, country of previous residence for foreigners, and country of previous residence for citizens who lived abroad but returned. The *Population, Housing and Establishment Census* covers labour related characteristics of all current household members of all ages (disability) and seven years old and over (others), such as:

- Employment status,
- Occupation,
- Industry/economic sector,
- Status in employment,
- Hours usually worked, and
- Disability.

*"Employment"* refers to persons who were at work at least one hour during the reference period, whether for their own account or for others paid or unpaid, or in the interest of the household. To classify occupation, industry, status in employment, and education, both internationally and nationally adapted classifications are applied. For example:

- ISCO-88 (where three digits are used to release the data);
- ISIC rev 3 (where four digits are used to release the data);
- National adaptation of ICSE; and
- ISCED-1997.

Micro data are available for research and analysis outside the agency, and cost of obtaining micro-data depends on the applicants.

The *Labour Force Survey* commenced in 1995, and is held continuously by the Palestinian Central Bureau of Statistics. A completed sample size of the examination is 6,800 households with 28,000 individuals. It

geographically measures the whole country and amasses information on the following three population groups aged 10 years and over.

- *Nationals (citizens) in the country,*
- *Nationals (citizens) employed in the country, and*
- *Refugees.*

The survey obtains detailed data on demographic characteristics of each person in a household, such as age, sex, marital status, educational attainment, household size. Statistics on the international migration related characteristics presented through the source is nationality. For the population groups assessed in the ***Labour Force Survey***, the data on labour related characteristics of all current household members aged 10 years and over is available, particularly for:

- Employment status,
- Occupation,
- Industry/economic sector,
- Status in employment,
- Wage or earnings rate per time period, and
- Hours usually worked.

The survey also includes questions on the possible benefits received from the employer, such as retirement pension and paid vacation.

***"Employment"*** refers to persons aged 15 years and over who were at work at least one hour during the reference period, or who were not at work during the reference period, but held a job or owned business from which they were temporarily absent (because of illness, vacation, temporarily stoppage, or any other reason) he/she was employed, unpaid family member or other.

To classify occupation, industry, status in employment, and education, internationally adapted classifications are applied. For example:

- ISCO-08 (where six digits are used to release the data);
- ISIC Rev 4 (where five digits are used to release the data);
- ICSE-1993; and
- ISCED-1997.

Micro data are available for research and analysis outside the agency and cost of obtaining micro-data depends on the users.

## **Q1. Population Census**

### ***SOURCE***

**Title of source:** Population, Housing and Establishment Census-2007

**Year of last census:** 2007

**Agency responsible:** Palestinian Central Bureau of Statistics

## *COVERAGE*

**Geographical coverage:** Whole country

**Population groups covered:** Nationals (citizens) in the country, nationals (citizens) employed in the country, foreigners (non-citizens) living in the country, foreign workers (non-citizens) living in the country, refugees

- **Publication/dissemination of data on population groups covered:** Nationals (citizens) in the country, nationals (citizens) employed in the country, foreigners (non-citizens) living in the country, foreign workers (non-citizens) living in the country, refugees

## *TOPIC COVERED*

**Demographic characteristics:** Age, sex, marital status, educational attainment, household size

**International migration related characteristics:** Country of birth, country of previous residence for foreigners, country of previous residence for citizens who lived abroad but returned

- **Coverage for international migration related characteristics:** All persons
- **Exceptions for international migration related characteristics:** N.A.

**Information about household members left to live abroad:** No

**Labour related characteristics of all current household members:** Employment status, occupation, industry/economic sector, status in employment, hours usually worked, disability

- **Age coverage:** All ages (disability) and seven years old and over (others)

**Remittances related characteristics:** N.A.

**Information on immigrants and return migrants:** No

- **Information on the situation of the person prior to leaving the household last time is obtained:** N.A.

**Data collected and not published/disseminated:** No

## *CONCEPTS AND DEFINITIONS*

**Definition of international migrant workers:** There are no data for international migration from census in Palestine such as foreign workers or foreign-born workers.

**Definition of national (citizen) living abroad:** N.A.

**Definition of employment:** Persons who were at work at least one hour during the reference period, whether for their own account or for others paid or unpaid, or in the interest of the household. Employees classified according to the number of weekly working hours of the workers (1-14) hours, workers (15-34) hours, workers 35 hours or more.

## *CLASSIFICATION*

**Classification used for occupation:** ISCO-88

- **Number of digits used to release occupation data:** 3

**Classification used for industry:** ISIC Rev 3

- **Number of digits used to release industry data:** 4

**Classification used for status in employment:** National adaptation of ICSE

**Classification used for status in education:** ISCED-1997

### ***DATA COLLECTION AND DISSEMINATION***

**Data collection method:** Face-to-face interview by census enumerator using paper questionnaire (PAPI)

**Compulsory participation of households:** Yes

**Official estimate of under-coverage rate:** Yes

- **Under-coverage rate of total population:** 2.7%

**Dissemination of results:** Printed publication (Palestinian Central Bureau of Statistics, 2008. Census Final Results Summary-(Population, Buildings, Housing, Establishments), electronic format (CD-ROM, DVD-ROM, diskettes, etc.), Web site (<http://www.pcbs.gov.ps/Downloads/book1822.pdf>)

**Metadata has been prepared and disseminated:** Yes

**Micro-data availability outside NSO/responsible agency:** Yes

- **Limitations:** No limitation. Just study the demand (the applicant and the objectives of the research)
- **Cost of obtaining micro-data:** It depends on the applicants.

## **Q2. Household Survey**

### ***SOURCE***

**Title of survey:** Labour Force Survey

**Agency responsible:** Palestinian Central Bureau of Statistics

### ***PERIODICITY AND COVERAGE***

**Periodicity of data collection:** Continuously

**Year the survey first started:** 1995

**Geographical coverage:** Whole country

**Population groups covered:** Nationals (citizens) in the country, nationals (citizens) employed in the country, refugees

- **Publication/dissemination of data on population groups covered:** Nationals (citizens) in the country, nationals (citizens) employed in the country, refugees

**Age coverage:** 10 years old and over

### ***TOPIC COVERED***

**Demographic characteristics:** Age, sex, marital status, educational attainment, household size

**International migration related characteristics:** Nationality

- **Coverage for international migration related characteristics:** N.A.
- **Exceptions for international migration related characteristics:** N.A.

**Information about household members left to live abroad:** No

**Labour related characteristics of all current household members:** Employment status, occupation, industry/economic sector, status in employment, wage or earnings rate per time period, hours usually worked

**Benefits received from the employer:** Retirement pension, paid vacation

**Remittances related characteristics:** No.

**Information on immigrants and return migrants:** No

- **Information on the situation of the person prior to leaving the household last time is obtained:** N.A.

**Data collected and not published/disseminated:** No

**Information on persons who left to live or work abroad (recruitment, communication, assistance etc.):** No

### *CONCEPTS AND DEFINITIONS*

**Definition of international migrant workers:** N.A.

**Definition of national (citizen) living abroad:** N.A.

**Definition of employment:** Persons aged 15 years and over who were at work at least one hour during the reference period, or who were not at work during the reference period, but held a job or owned business from which they were temporarily absent (because of illness, vacation, temporarily stoppage, or any other reason) he/she was employed, unpaid family member or other. The employed person is normally classified in one of two categories according to the number of weekly work hours, i.e. 1-14 work hours and 15 work hours and above. Also the absence due to sick leave, vacation, temporarily stoppage, or any other reason considered employed from 1-14 hours.

### *CLASSIFICATION*

**Classification used for occupation:** ISCO-08

- **Number of digits used to release occupation data:** 6

**Classification used for industry:** ISIC Rev 4

- **Number of digits used to release industry data:** 5

**Classification used for status in employment:** ICSE-1993

**Classification used for status in education:** ISCED-1997

### *DATA COLLECTION AND DISSEMINATION*

**Data collection method:** face-to-face computer assisted interview by census enumerator (CAPI)

**Compulsory participation of households:** Yes

**Dissemination of results:** Electronic format (CD-ROM, DVD-ROM, diskettes, etc.), Web site

**Metadata has been prepared and disseminated:** Yes

**Micro-data availability outside NSO/responsible agency:** Yes

- **Limitations:** N.A.

- **Cost of obtaining micro-data:** It depends on the users.

### *SAMPLE DESIGN*

**Sample frame used:** Population census

**Completed sample size:** 6,800 households (28,000 individuals)

**Evaluation of the overall response rate or refusal rate:** Yes