

## **Palestinian Central Bureau of Statistics Release A Report about Housing Conditions in the Palestinian Territory, 2003**

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Palestinian Central Bureau of Statistics release a report about housing conditions during 1/12/2003 – 31/12/2003 in the Palestinian Territory, 2003.

The survey results indicate that 14,140 of households in the Palestinian Territory lived in houses that had been partly damaged. However, the number is higher for the West Bank at 10,623 than Gaza Strip at 3,717. Where as 491,290 of households in the Palestinian Territory need to build new housing units during the next ten years, while 422,959 of the households in the Palestinian Territory cannot afford to build additional housing units.

Results show that 67.8% live in a house which is higher than the year of 2000 which was 58.0%, where as there was decreasing in the percentage of households who live in apartments from 39.9% to 28.4% at the year of 2003.

Results show that the percentage of households living in owned housing units in the Palestinian Territory is 82.9%, where as 9.4% of households live in rented housing units.

According to the results the average of the housing unit density in the Palestinian Territory in general is 1.9 persons per room and the average was the same in comparing with the year 2000. Also final data indicate that the average number of rooms in the housing unit for the Palestinian Territory is 3.4 and 20.7% of the households in the Palestinian Territory live in housing units with 1-2 rooms; 23.6% in the West Bank and 14.7% in Gaza Strip.

Housing Conditions Survey data indicate that 44.7% of households in the Palestinian Territory have telephone lines. Where as the percentage of households with mobile phones in the Palestinian Territory is 33.2% including 25.9% in the West Bank and 47.8% of households in Gaza Strip.

55.9% of households have satellite connections including 56.9% in the West Bank and 53.9% of households in Gaza Strip. 19.1% of the households in the Palestinian Territory have a computer and 4.3% of them have internet service.