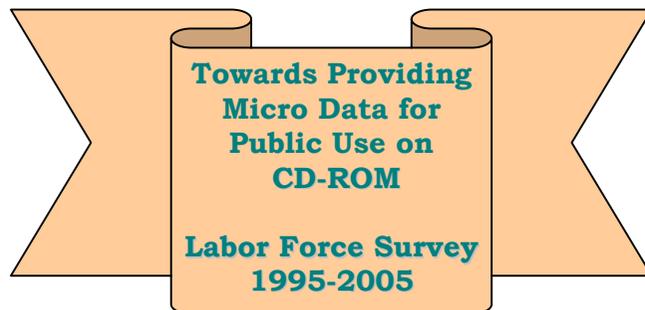




Palestinian Central Bureau of Statistics



As another step towards the implementation of its dissemination strategy, the Palestinian Central Bureau of Statistics (PCBS) has started to provide micro data for public use on CD-ROMs. A user friendly CD-ROM of micro data has been prepared for each household or enterprise survey conducted by PCBS. These CD-ROMs contains the micro data for public use from the Labor Force survey 1995-2005.

Summary about Labor Force Survey:

The Labor Force Surveys constitute one of the basic statistical surveys that have been implemented by the PCBS since 1995, which includes a series of sample statistical surveys aimed to identify the reality of the Palestinian labor market. Such surveys also provide sufficient data essential for policy making and developing employment levels in the Palestinian Territory. In addition, this series aims to build a database that enables researchers, planners and decision makers to identify changes in the labor market from

a year to another and carry out comparisons among similar seasons in different consecutive years.

Importance of providing Micro Data:

The importance of this section emanates from the need to provide micro data for concerned parties in the form of huge database including crucial data on many indicators pertinent to the labor market such as employment, underemployment and unemployment, wages, work hours, and workdays, and child labor indicators.

Data Type and Size:

Data provided on the Palestinian labor market constitute data bank. It is worthy to point that providing such data serves the Palestinian labor market and monitoring changes therein from time to time.

The available data on CD-ROM represent data of the continuous labor force survey round since 1995-2005, on quarterly basis, each round targeted 7,560 household, representing about 22,000 individual aged 15 years above.

Data files for each year are available, as independent files for each round for providing seasonal indicators about labour market, also a grouped file representing the whole year data for providing annual indicators.

Micro Data Beneficiaries:

Many parties and institutions are expected to benefit from a database on the Palestinian labor market in policy and decision making based on solid scientific bases. Such parties and institutions involve governmental entities and ministries specialized in this field such as Ministry of Labor, Ministry of

Finance, Employees General Bureau, Palestinian Legislative Council, the Cabinet as well as other institutions concerned about labor and laborers including employees and employers organizations, research centers engaged in labor and laborers issues, researchers, universities and relevant International Organizations (e.g. International Labor Organization ILO)

Data Confidentiality:

Data compiled in the context of labor force surveys involve individual and personal data. The confidentiality of such data is honored and safeguarded in accordance with Article (17) of the Palestinian General Statistical Law of 2000, which stipulates "All individual information and data submitted to the Bureau for statistical purposes shall be treated as confidential and shall not be divulged, in whole or in part, to any individual or to a public or private body, or used for any purpose other than for preparing statistical tables".

How to Obtain Micro Data for Public Use:

The aforementioned database shall be accessible by institutions and individuals. To obtain a copy of micro data from the labor force survey for 1995-2005 on a CD-ROM format, interested institutions and individuals should contact the PCBS' *Dissemination and Documentation Dept. / Division of Users Services* located in the PCBS main office in Al-Bireh:

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