

## **The Palestinian Central Bureau of Statistics Issued a Report about the Environmental Economic Survey 2008.**

- **95% of the Economic Establishments in the Palestinian Territory Don't Separate its Solid Waste**
- **A decrease is being Detected in the Percentage of Economic Establishments that served by Local Authorities in Disposing their Solid Waste**

The Palestinian Central Bureau of Statistics (PCBS) implemented the Environmental Economic Survey 2008. The main objective of the survey is to provide reliable data on the environmental situation of the economical establishments in the Palestinian Territory, including the amounts of water consumption, main source of water, wastewater disposal methods, solid waste management, and solid waste disposal places.

The percentage of establishments that separate solid waste in the Palestinian Territory in 2008 was 4.8% of the establishments compared with 6.0% in 2006. On the regional level, there is 6.6% of the establishments in the West Bank and 1.3% in Gaza Strip that separate its solid waste.

The percentage of the establishments in the Palestinian Territory in 2008 that served by local authorities to disposing solid waste was 70.4%, compared with 79.6% in 2006. Whereas the percentage of the establishments that dispose its solid waste by itself was 22.5%, (27.5% of the total establishments in the West Bank and 11.9% in Gaza Strip).

The quantity of consumed water by establishments in the Palestinian Territory in 2008 was 3,452.3 thousand cubic meters per month, consumed through different types of activities.

Results also show that the 87.5% of the establishments in the Palestinian Territory in 2008 obtain water from public water network as a main source of obtaining water. The percentage of establishments that obtain water from the public water network in the West Bank was 86.6%, compared with 89.3% in Gaza Strip. These figures indicate that the percentage of economic establishments in the Palestinian Territory that use the public water network increased in 2008 (87.5%) compared with 86.7% in 2006.

The percentage of establishments in the Palestinian Territory in 2008 that use the wastewater network to dispose wastewater was 66.4%, compared with 21.9% using porous cesspits. These figures show that the percentage of economic establishments in the Palestinian Territory that use wastewater network to dispose their wastewater decreased in comparison with the previous years; the percentages were 66.8% for 2006 and 67.9% for 2004.

Data reveal that the paper and cartons were ranked first among the separated solid waste components, with 22.2% of the economic establishments in the Palestinian Territory in 2008, followed by medical waste, including sharp, radioactive, and infected wastes, (21.7%) and Glass and Metal (17.9%). These percentages differ geographically, separation of medical waste ranks first among the separated solid waste components of the total establishments in the West Bank (23.1%), whereas food waste ranks first in the Gaza Strip (29.6%). These percentages differ slightly from those of 2006.