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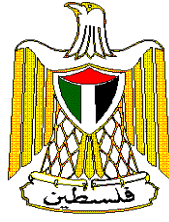
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Press Release

Computer, Internet and Mobile Phone Survey, 2004: Main findings

35.7% persons aged 10 years and over use computer, 33.3% have access to the internet and 30.0% own a mobile phone.

The Computer, Internet and Mobile Phone Survey is a random sample survey implemented in the period 20/7 – 24/8/2004. The sample size is 7,557 households, 4,992 households in the West Bank and 2,565 households in Gaza Strip. Besides targeting the household as a single unit, the survey targeted persons aged 10 years and over, 6,779 households Completed interview 4,386 households in the West Bank and 2,393 households in Gaza Strip.

This survey aims to provide data on the computers, access to the Internet, mobile phone and mass media use.

Computers:

Data showed that the percentage of household own computers amounted to 26.4% (28.4% in the West Bank and 22.5% in Gaza Strip). 29.5% of household the main reason for having computer is to use for the teaching and study of family members (not children) while 27.2% for teaching children of family. 78.7% of households do not own computers the main reason for not having computer is high cost and 42.3% no one at family is qualified for using computer. Also, the findings indicated that 35.7% persons aged 10 years and over use computer. The findings indicated that “home” constitutes the most common setting for using computer 47.0%. Furthermore, 40.5% of the individuals in this age group who use the computer, normally use it for entertainment and recreational purposes, followed by study and educational purposes 32.1%. and the main time of using the computer is between 8:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m, 39.9% of users.

Internet:

As for access to the internet, the findings indicated that 9.2% of the Palestinian households in the Palestinian Territory has access to the internet (9.8% in the West Bank and 7.8% in Gaza Strip). The findings indicated that 60.8% of households stated that monthly cost of using the internet at home is suitable, against 25.8% considering that much.

As for access to the internet among persons aged 10 years and over, the findings indicated that 33.3% of the persons of this age group have access to the internet. This percentage considerably varies between Palestinian males and females 40.7% and 23.7%, respectively. Moreover, the findings of this survey indicated that “home” is the most common setting for internet use among persons aged 10 years and over at 38.4%. Furthermore, the findings revealed that 27.5% of persons of this age group normally use the internet for knowledge purposes. and the main time for access to the internet is between 3:00 p.m. and 8:00 p.m, 39.2% of users.

As for having E-mail the findings indicated that almost 65.5% of persons aged 10 years and over have

E-mail, 68.3% for males and 59.2% for females Also, the findings indicated that 93.9% of users, the purpose of use is personal mail.

Ownership and Use of Electronic Devices:

The percentage of households own TV sets amounted to 93.4%; 94.6% in the West Bank and 91.2% in Gaza Strip, while the percentage of households own satellite dish in the Palestinian Territory is 69.5%; 69.0% in the West Bank and 70.5% in Gaza Strip. Likewise, the findings indicated that 40.8% of the Palestinian households in the Palestinian Territory have a fixed phone line. The findings also indicated that 72.8% of the Palestinian households comprises one member who possess a mobile phone, 77.6% in the West Bank and 64.1% in Gaza Strip.

The findings also indicated that 30.0% of Persons aged 10 years and over own a mobile phone 34.6% in the West Bank and 21.7% in Gaza Strip.

Interest in Palestine TV :

The findings indicated that 29.3% of the Palestinian households who have TV view Palestine TV on a daily basis, 21.6% in the West Bank and 45.1% in Gaza Strip, 49.3% view Palestine TV from time to time, 51.7% in the West Bank and 44.2% in Gaza Strip. Also, 21.4% of the Palestinian households who have TV do not view Palestine TV (26.7% in the West Bank and 10.7% in Gaza Strip). 68.7% do not view Palestine TV due to that they couldn't receive the transmission signal.

Households Culture:

The findings indicated that 27.5% of the Palestinian households own home library. The findings indicated that 25.1% of Persons aged 10 years and over in the Palestinian Territory attend symposiums and public lectures, 22.1% playing sport. The findings indicated that 6.8% of Persons aged 10 years and over in the Palestinian Territory are a member in Sport Club.

Concepts and Definitions

- Mobile Phone:** The mobile phone that belongs to any telecommuntion company
- Public Library** A library serving the country or a specific area. The beneficiaries could be members of the whole society or of a certain area in return of a fee or not. It could be general or specialized in a certain area of knowledge, e.g. medicine, engineering, military science...etc.
- Reference Date:** The date referred to in calculating ages. In this survey it is 20/07/2004.
- View Palestine TV:**
1. **Always:** for households who view Palestine TV on daily basis.
 2. **Sometimes:** for households who view Palestine TV but not on daily basis.
 3. **No:** for households who do who view Palestine TV at all.