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CENSUSES EXPERIENCE IN PALESTINE

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CENSUSES IN PALESTINE

- First census in October 1922 under British colony: the estimated population 752 thousand
- The second census in November 1931 under British colony: the estimated population 1033 thousand
- Under Jordan administration about 667 thousands in 1952 and about 805 thousands in 1962 in the West Bank (WB)
• Under Israel occupation in 1967 census, the WB was about 599 thousand & about 400 thousand in Gaza Strip (GS)
• In December 1997 the first census was conducted by Palestinians
• The second census conducted in 2007
• In statistical law the population & housing census should be conducted every 10 years
content of the census

- Population & housing census questionnaire
- Building questionnaire
- Establishment questionnaire
- Post enumeration questionnaire
Population & housing census questionnaire

- Population: sex, date of birth, age, nationality, religion, residence, refugee status, disabilities, its causes
- Education: attendance, attainment, literacy, specialization
- Labor force: work status, occupation, activity, sector, employment status, place of work, age at first marriage, live births, living children's,
Housing units: type, tenure, number of rooms, bedroom, source of water, connection to electricity, water, sewage system network, source of energy for cooking, and heating

Availability of durable goods: refrigerator, gas etc.
1. traditional methodologies in designing the questionnaires
2. Traditional way of updating maps
3. Identifying & delineation enumeration area
4. Face to face data collection
1. 100% questionnaires editing
2. Traditional data keying
3. Two shifts
4. 100% verification at the first week
5. 100% for consistency checks
6. Several cross tabulation checks by subject matters
DISSEMINATION

1. Preliminary results within one month at most
2. The final results within 7 months
3. 3.77 m in Palestine  1.42 m in Gaza strip
   2.35 m in the West Bank
4. 38 Statistical reports at national, regional and governorate level for population
5. 38 Statistical reports at national, regional and governorate level for housing
1. POST ENUMERATION SURVEY: The under coverage 3% in the west bank, 2.1% in gaza strip
DISSEMINATION

1. Statistical atlas in the web
2. Census info
3. Public use files
4. Meta data
5. Raw data inside PCBS
## challenges

1. Occupation
2. Jerusalem J1
3. High cost
OUR ASPIRATIONS

1. Decreasing the content of the census
2. Testing the NEW methodologies in data collection processing, and dissemination
3. Conduct one or two pilots to test methodologies
4. Using one of the NEW methodologies
5. Developing our capabilities in using GIS for dissemination
Thank you