The Palestinian Central Bureau of Statistics (PCBS) And The Palestine Monetary Authority (PMA)

Announce preliminary results of the Foreign Investment Survey at the end of 2024

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The Palestinian Central Bureau of Statistics (PCBS) and the Palestine Monetary Authority (PMA) have released the preliminary results of the Foreign Investment Survey of Resident Enterprises in Palestine as of the end of 2024. This survey is part of the periodic release of foreign investment data, representing the continuation of efforts made by both institutions.

Key Findings

The total investment stock abroad of resident enterprises in Palestine (assets) amounted to USD 11,013 million at the end of 2024, of which 68% was foreign currency in these enterprises and their deposits in banks abroad. Considering the specific situation of Palestine, Palestine does not own a national currency, which is included in the other investments on the assets side.

In addition, the total foreign investment stock in resident enterprises in Palestine (liabilities) amounted to USD 3,704 million at the end of 2024, with 63% being foreign direct investment (FDI). (See table 1).

The total investments stock abroad of resident enterprises in Palestine (assets) at the end of 2024 was distributed as Other investments (trade credit, loans, currency and deposits, other assets) abroad amounted to USD 7,654 million, with a rate of 70% of total assets; portfolio investments abroad amounted to USD 1,774 million, with a rate of 16% of total assets; stock of reserve assets for the PMA amounted to USD 1,328 million, with a rate of 12 % of total assets; and the foreign direct investments (FDI) abroad amounted to USD 257 million, with a rate of 2% of total assets at the end of 2024.

While the total foreign investment stock in resident enterprises in Palestine (liabilities) was distributed as Foreign Direct Investments (FDI) amounted to USD 2,348 million, with a rate of 64% of total liabilities; portfolio investments were USD 608 million, with a rate 16% of total liabilities; while other investments (trade credit, loans, currency and deposits, other liabilities) totaled USD 748 million with a rate of 20% of total liabilities at the end of 2024.

Results showed that 57% of foreign direct investments (FDI) in resident enterprises in Palestine concentrated in the financial intermediation activity. Whereas investments from Jordan contributed 81% of the total stock of FDI in resident enterprises in Palestine.

Results also showed that 59% of total portfolio investments in resident enterprises in Palestine concentrated in the financial intermediation activity. Whereas investments from Jordan contributed 58% of the total stock of Portfolio investments in resident enterprises in Palestine.

The Foreign Investment Survey serves as a fundamental tool for compiling international investment position (IIP) data on private economic activities. It captures flows and balances of investments made by resident enterprises in Palestine abroad. In addition to balances and flows of foreign investments in resident enterprises in Palestine. The survey provides a clear depiction of Palestine's external financial assets and liabilities, categorized by economic activity and country. It aligns with international recommendations and considers Palestine's unique circumstances. Data classification follows functional categories consistent with financial account components in the balance of payments and IIP, incorporating adjustments for non-economic transaction-related changes.

This ongoing effort underscores the commitment to international standards, while acknowledging Palestine's distinctive economic context.

Table 1: Main Indicators of the Foreign Investment Survey of Resident Enterprises in Palestine (stocks) at end of 2024

Value in million USD

Indicator	Stock 2024	Percentage (%)
Total Assets*	**11,013**	**100**
Stocks of Foreign Direct Investment	**257**	**2.0**
Stocks of Portfolio Investments	**1,774**	**16.0**
of which: Equity securities	519	
of which: Debt securities	1,255	
Stocks of Other Investments:	**7,654**	**70.0**
of which: Trade credits	29	
of which: Loans	144	
of which: Currency and deposits	7,481	
of which: Other Assets	0	
Stocks of Reserves Assets	**1,328**	**12.0**
Total Liabilities**	**3,704**	**100**
Stocks of Foreign Direct Investment	**2,348**	**64**
Stocks of Portfolio Investments	**608**	**16**
of which: Equity securities	608	
of which: Debt securities	0	
Stocks of Other Investments:	**748**	**20**
of which: Trade credits	0	
of which: Loans	120	
of which: Currency and deposits	628	
of which: Other Liabilities	0	

*Assets are the investments abroad of Resident enterprises in Palestine

** Liabilities are the foreign investments in Resident enterprises in Palestine

Table 2: Percentage Distribution of Foreign Direct Investment (FDI) in Resident Enterprises in Palestine by Economic Activity at end of 2024

Economic Activity	Value (in Million USD)	Percentage (%)
Financial Intermediation	1,329	56.6
Services, Transport, Storage, communications & internal trade	590	25.1
Constructions	225	9.6
Industry	204	8.7
Total	**2,348**	**100**

Table 3: Percentage Distribution of Foreign Direct Investment (FDI) in Resident Enterprises in Palestine by Country at end of 2024

Country	Value (in Million USD)	Percentage (%)
Jordan	1,892	80.6
Qatar	143	6.1
Saudi Arabia	89	3.8
USA	61	2.6
Egypt	52	2.2
France	47	2.0
Bahrain	33	1.4
UAE	16	0.7
Cyprus	9	0.4
Other	6	0.2
Total	**2,348**	**100**

Table 4: Percentage Distribution of Foreign Portfolio Investment in Resident Enterprises in Palestine by Economic Activity at end of 2024

Economic Activity	Value (in Million USD)	Percentage (%)
Financial Intermediation	359	59.1
Services, Transport, Storage, Communications & Internal Trade	166	27.3
Constructions	44	7.2
Industry	39	6.4
Total	**608**	**100**

Table 5: Percentage Distribution of Foreign Portfolio Investment in Resident Enterprises in Palestine by Country at end of 2024

Country	Value (in Million USD)	Percentage (%)
Jordan	353	58.0
Kingdom of Saudi Arabia	71	11.7
United Arab Emirates	55	9.0
Kuwait	29	4.8
Qatar	26	4.3
Cyprus	15	2.5
Bahrain	12	2.0
Greece	12	2.0
United Kingdom	9	1.4
United States of America	8	1.3
Other countries	18	3.0
Total	**608**	**100**