

WEST BANK and GAZA

GEODATA

Area

West Bank: 5,700 km²; Gaza: 363 km²

Population

West Bank: 1.7 million (1996)

Gaza: 1.1 million (1998 est.)

Population growth rate

West Bank: 3.7%; Gaza: 4% (1999 est.)

Major languages

Arabic, Hebrew; (English is used in trade and commerce)

Major religious groups

Muslim, Christian

POLITICAL DATA

Type of government

Elected legislature

Democratic institutions

Legislative council

Leader

PLO Chairman Yasser Arafat

Minister of Planning and International Co-operation

Nabil Shaath

ECONOMIC DATA

GDP

\$4 billion US (1998)

GDP growth rate

4.5% (1999 est.)

GDP per capita

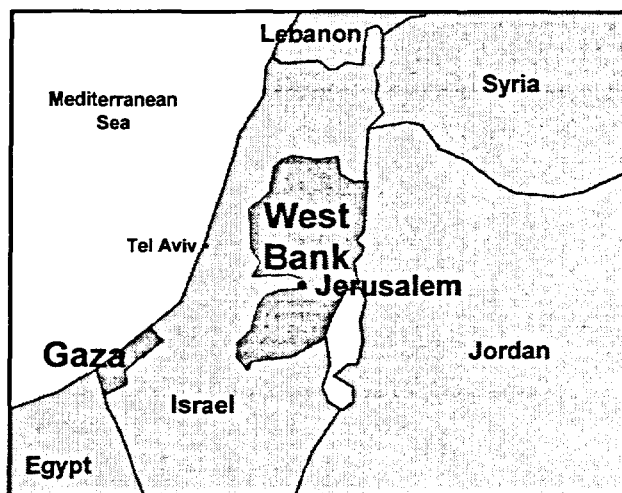
West Bank: \$950 US; Gaza: \$600 US (1996)

Inflation rate

8.1% (1997 est.)

Unemployment rate

West Bank: 18.2%; Gaza: 31.6% (1997 est.)



Main exports

Olives, fruits, vegetables, limestone

Main imports

Consumer products, industrial equipment

Main exports to Canada

\$1 million (approx.) (1998 est.), including shoes, handicrafts

Main imports from Canada

\$1 million (approx.) (1998 est.), including paper, consumer products

Canadian official development assistance

\$11.1 million (1998-99)

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