

Covid lockdowns will leave 63% of Palestinian families unable to cover their expenses - October 5, 2020

The Palestinian Central Bureau of Statistics (PCBS) said the majority of Palestinian families – 63 per cent – will not be able to cover their expenses for up to a month, if the government re-imposes a new lockdown to combat the coronavirus. PCBS yesterday published a survey it had conducted on a sample of 9,926 households in the occupied West Bank and the Gaza Strip which assessed the pandemic's impact on the social and economic conditions in Palestine. According to the results, 42 per cent of families (46 per cent in the West Bank and 38 per cent in the Gaza Strip) had their income reduced by at least half during lockdown, compared to that in February.