

Preface

The Department of Statistics (DOS) is pleased to publish this Report which includes an in depth analysis of some topics included in the Multi-purpose Household Survey which has been conducted during the second half of 2003 such as; population, housing units characteristics, education, economic participation and home economy.

This analysis has come as a fruitful result of cooperation between the Department of Statistics researchers and their counterparts from the Norwegian Institute for Applied International Studies (Fafo IAS). This cooperation aims at enhancing the capabilities of the DOS staff in the field of data in-depth analysis which will serve the needs of planners, decision makers and researchers.

This report has been prepared to represent a unique image about certain characteristics of the Jordanian society and is considered as a complementary effort for the first report which was made during 1998, based on the results of the Jordan Living Conditions Survey implemented in 1996.

Highlighting the Jordanian living conditions is so crucial for establishing the most appropriate measures for the purpose of improving these conditions .This concept has been one of the most urgent needs for both public and private sectors.

In this context, the Department of Statistics would like to express its deepest thanks and appreciation to the Norwegian Institute for Applied International Studies (Fafo IAS) who provided the needed technological and technical assistance. Thanks also are extended to the Norwegian Government who funded the project. The DOS hopes that this report would be of great help to those interested in social aspects related to life conditions.

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