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LAND USE ANALYSIS (2005)¹		Area in Dunums		
Arable land		20,840		
Heterogeneous agricultural areas		165		
Permanent crops		12,460		
Green houses		1,850		
Artificial non-agricultural vegetated areas		0		
Industrial, commercial and transport unit		111		
Mine, dump and construction sites		261		
Open spaces with little or no vegetation		4,274		
Open spaces with little or no vegetation(Shaved Area)		4,273		
Shrub and/or herbaceous vegetation associations		948		
Inland waters		226		
Israeli evacuated settlement		119		
Palestinian built-up area		11,600		
Total area		57,127		
DEMOGRAPHY (2007)²				
Total population		205,535		
Males		103,608		
Females		101,927		
ECONOMIC SECTOR³				
Labor force participation rate		38.7%		
Unemployment rate		35.2%		
ECONOMIC ACTIVITY (2009)³	% Of Employment Distribution	% Of Employed Males	% Of Employed Females	
Agriculture, hunting & fishing	10.1	9.8	11.6	
Mining, quarrying & manufacturing	3.4	3.8	1.3	
Construction	0.8	1.0	-	
Commerce, hotels & restaurants	12.9	14.9	3.7	
Transportation, storage & communication	5.4	6.4	0.7	
Services and other branches	67.4	64.0	82.7	
AVERAGE HOUSEHOLD CONSUMPTION (2005)*				
Average household size		5.6		
Average of total food consumption		164.5 JD/ Month		
Average of total non-food consumption		330.2 JD/ Month		

AGRICULTURAL SECTOR (2007/2008)⁴		
Plant production	Production (Tons)	Area (dunums)
Fruit trees	12,750	14,204
Vegetables	38,074	8,876
Field crops	3,506	6,387
Livestock production		
Cattle	986 heads	
Sheep	12,735 heads	
Goats	940 heads	
Poultry (1000)	3,110 birds	
Beehives	2,613 hives	
EDUCATION SECTOR⁵		
Total number of schools	85	
Private schools	4	
Governmental schools	39	
UNRWA	42	
Total number of students	67,693	
Female students	33,688	
Male students	34,005	

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* *The Data is collected from the PCBS*. 2005.