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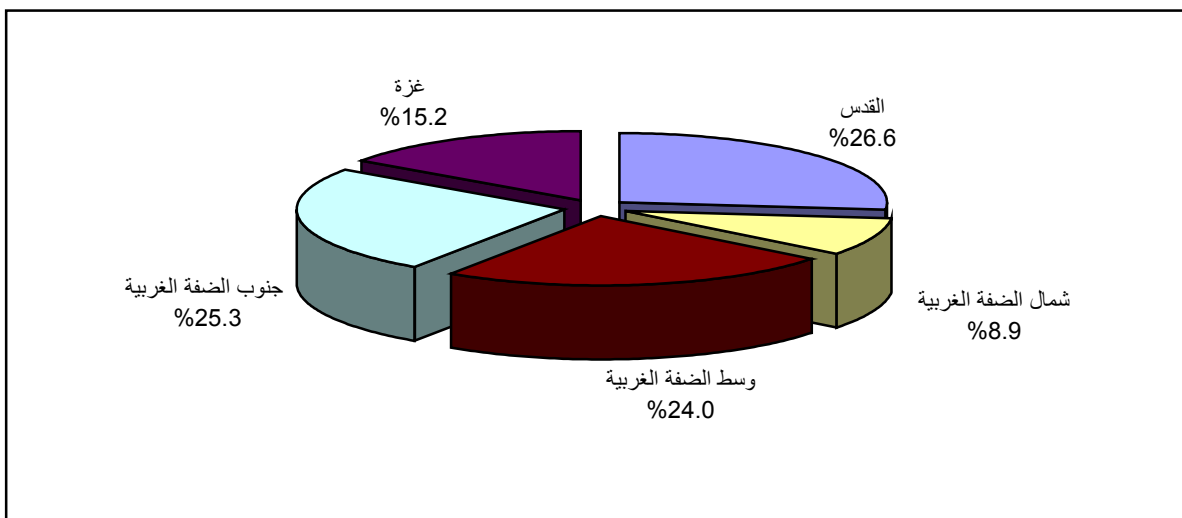
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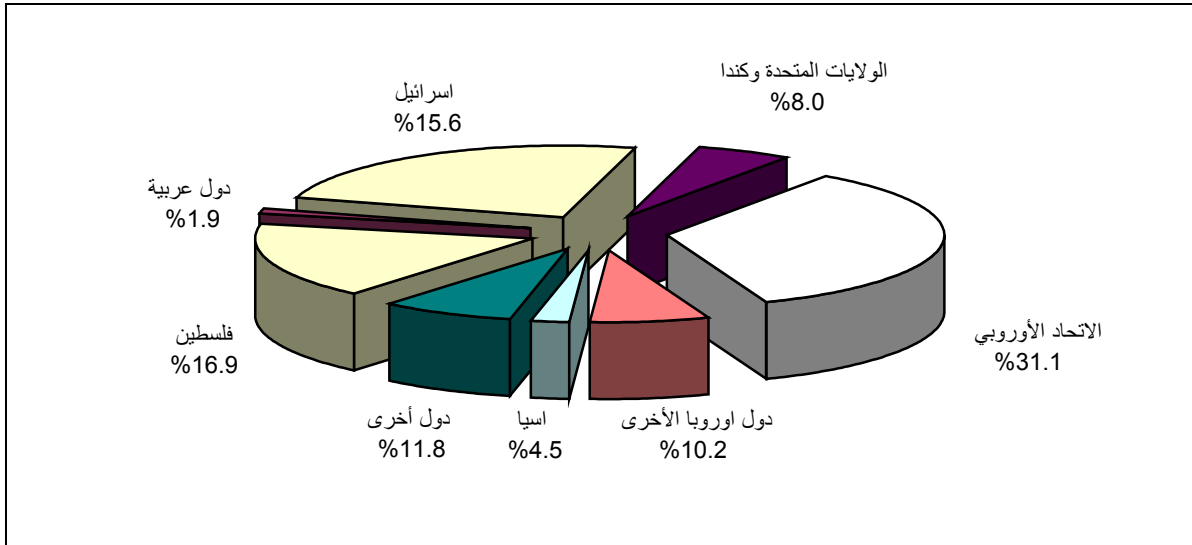
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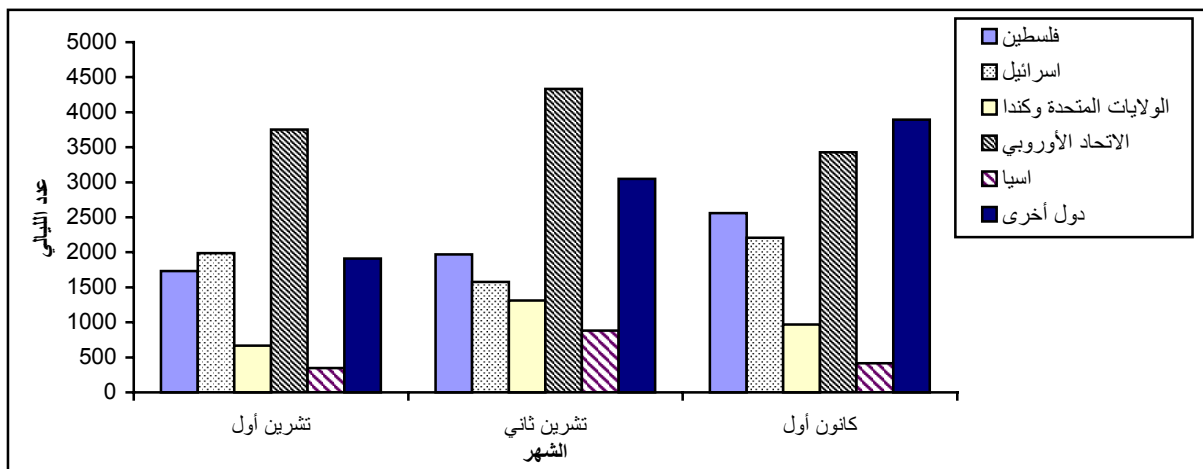
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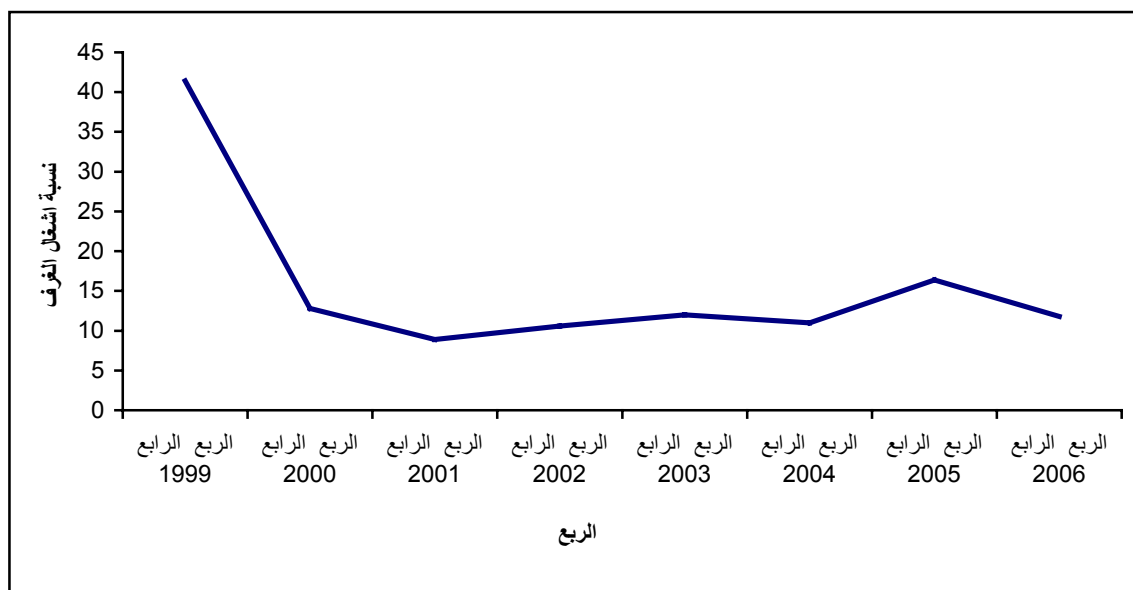
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Table 1: Main Indicators for Hotel Activities by Month and Region During the Fourth Quarter, 2006

Region	Month	Bed Occupancy		Room Occupancy		No. of Nights	No. of Guests	No. of Beds	No. of Rooms	No. of Operating Hotels		
		%	Average	%	Average							
Total*		9.8	883.7	11.8	486.1	81297	37008	8989	4130			*
Palestinian Territory	October	8.4	783.8	12.2	508.4	24297	10403	9344	4171	81	تشرين	
	November	11.2	996.9	12.7	524.4	29906	13128	8889	4140	80		
	December	10.0	874.0	10.5	426.9	27094	13477	8733	4079	79		
North of West Bank	October	7.0	18.6	10.7	11.9	576	444	264	112	7		
	November	8.5	22.6	11.0	12.3	677	367	264	112	7		
	December	6.4	16.8	10.8	12.1	520	409	264	112	7		
Middle of West Bank	October	2.9	59.8	5.2	46.1	1854	1308	2089	892	19		
	November	7.5	157.0	12.7	113.2	4710	3510	2085	892	19		
	December	7.0	146.6	12.0	107.1	4545	3478	2087	892	19		
Jerusalem	October	17.3	526.9	29.2	358.4	16334	5962	3048	1226	23		
	November	25.4	642.1	26.8	307.7	19263	6745	2523	1150	22		
	December	19.8	483.5	21.1	238.5	14988	6358	2443	1130	21		
South of West Bank	October	5.2	167.4	5.7	87.4	5189	2541	3198	1521	20		
	November	5.0	160.1	5.5	85.3	4804	2320	3224	1542	20		
	December	6.5	209.3	4.0	61.3	6487	3023	3231	1542	20		
Gaza Strip	October	1.5	11.1	1.1	4.6	344	148	745	420	12		
	November	1.9	15.1	1.3	5.9	452	186	793	444	12		
	December	2.5	17.9	2.0	7.9	554	209	708	403	12		

* Represents the quarter average except number of guests and number of guest nights which represent the total for the quarter.

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Table 2: Number of Hotels and Rooms by Facilities and Region as of December, 2006

Region	Facilities								No. of Rooms	No. of Operating Hotels
	Internet	Telephone	Air Conditioning	Heating	Refrigerator	T.V	Radio	Private Bathroom		
Palestinian Territory	1131	3839	3512	3896	2519	3429	1319	3941	4079	79
North of West Bank	0	93	73	93	93	93	0	93	112	7
Middle of West Bank	333	846	758	855	748	855	181	856	892	19
Jerusalem	258	1035	968	1058	426	848	540	1054	1130	21
South of West Bank	423	1484	1387	1542	957	1271	582	1542	1542	20
Gaza Strip	117	381	326	348	295	362	16	396	403	12

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Table 3: Number of Hotels by Availability of Public Services and Region as of December, 2006

Region	Public Services										No. of Operating Hotels
	Other	Room Service	Hair Dresser	Shops	Laundry	Photocopying	Typing	E-mail	Fax	Puplic Telephone	
Palestinian Territory	30	67	8	8	37	59	53	46	66	39	79
North of West bank	0	7	1	2	3	3	3	3	4	2	7
Middle of West bank	11	15	3	1	12	13	11	10	17	6	19
Jerusalem	7	16	3	2	11	15	14	17	20	15	21
South of West bank	12	18	1	2	9	17	15	11	14	9	20
Gaza Strip	0	11	0	1	2	11	10	5	11	7	12

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Table 4: Average Number of Workers in Hotels by Type of Work, Sex and Region During the Fourth Quarter, 2006

Region	Total		Operation		Administration		* No. of Operating Hotels *	
	Females	Males	Females	Males	Females	Males		
Palestinian Territory	176	1126	130	903	46	223	79	
North of West Bank	7	44	4	30	3	14	7	
Middle of West Bank	56	356	45	303	11	53	19	
Jerusalem	47	354	32	289	15	65	21	
South of West Bank	51	174	41	128	10	46	20	
Gaza Strip	15	198	8	153	7	45	12	

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Table 5: Number and Percentage of Guests by Nationality and Region During the Fourth Quarter, 2006

Region	Month	Nationality										No. of Operating Hotels
		U.S.A & Canada		Asia		Israel		Arab Countries		Palestine		
		%	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%	Number	
Total		8.0	2949	4.5	1650	15.6	5776	1.9	698	16.9	6263	
Palestinian Territory	October	6.4	668	3.3	348	19.1	1988	0.9	96	16.7	1734	81
	November	10.0	1311	6.7	884	12.0	1579	2.5	334	15.0	1971	80
	December	7.3	970	3.1	418	16.4	2209	2.0	268	19.0	2558	79
North of West Bank	October	2.5	11	2.7	12	2.0	9	0.0	0	83.6	371	7
	November	6.0	22	0.0	0	1.1	4	0.8	3	71.4	262	7
	December	3.7	15	0.0	0	1.0	4	1.2	5	87.0	356	7
Middle of West Bank	October	4.1	54	0.0	0	5.0	65	6.7	88	76.8	1005	19
	November	9.9	346	2.1	75	17.3	606	9.1	321	35.6	1251	19
	December	7.8	272	3.0	104	9.4	326	7.2	249	46.4	1615	19
Jerusalem	October	9.0	534	1.2	76	28.7	1710	0.0	0	0.0	0	23
	November	11.1	751	9.3	630	11.6	785	0.1	6	0.0	0	22
	December	9.9	627	1.4	89	16.9	1077	0.0	1	0.0	0	21
South of West Bank	October	1.3	32	10.1	257	7.7	196	0.2	4	13.0	331	20
	November	7.4	172	7.5	173	7.4	171	0.0	1	18.5	429	20
	December	1.1	33	7.3	222	26.2	793	0.2	7	18.7	564	20
Gaza Strip	October	25.0	37	2.0	3	5.4	8	2.7	4	18.2	27	12
	November	10.8	20	3.2	6	7.0	13	1.6	3	15.6	29	12
	December	11.0	23	1.4	3	4.3	9	2.9	6	11.0	23	12

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Table 5 (Cont.): Number and Percentage of Guests by Nationality and Region During the Fourth Quarter, 2006

Region	Month	Total		Nationality									
				Australia & New Zealand		Africa		Other European Countries		European Union		Central & South America	
		%	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%	Number
Total		100	37008	3.0	1107	1.1	419	10.2	3763	31.1	11517	7.7	2866
Palestinian Territory	October	100	10403	0.3	25	0.2	26	0.5	54	36.2	3754	16.4	1710
	November	100	13128	1.4	187	0.7	95	16.8	2199	33.1	4334	1.8	234
	December	100	13477	6.6	895	2.2	298	11.2	1510	25.4	3429	6.8	922
North of West Bank	October	100	444	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	8.7	39	0.5	2
	November	100	367	0.3	1	0.0	0	0.0	0	20.1	74	0.3	1
	December	100	409	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	7.1	29	0.0	0
Middle of West Bank	October	100	1308	0.1	1	0.1	1	0.8	11	4.9	64	1.5	19
	November	100	3510	4.8	169	1.5	51	4.2	146	12.6	442	2.9	103
	December	100	3478	5.2	182	3.3	115	4.5	157	7.8	271	5.4	187
Jerusalem	October	100	5962	0.4	21	0.4	24	0.5	30	31.6	1885	28.2	1682
	November	100	6745	0.2	12	0.7	44	30.4	2048	34.7	2343	1.9	126
	December	100	6358	11.2	713	2.8	178	20.9	1330	26.3	1671	10.6	672
South of West Bank	October	100	2541	0.0	0	0.0	1	0.0	0	67.7	1720	0.0	0
	November	100	2320	0.0	1	0.0	0	0.2	4	58.9	1366	0.1	3
	December	100	3023	0.0	0	0.0	1	0.2	6	44.2	1335	2.1	62
Gaza Strip	October	100	148	2.0	3	0.0	0	8.8	13	31.2	46	4.7	7
	November	100	186	2.2	4	0.0	0	0.5	1	58.6	109	0.5	1
	December	100	209	0.0	0	1.9	4	8.1	17	58.9	123	0.5	1

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Table 6: Number and Percentage of Guest Nights by Nationality and Region During the Fourth Quarter, 2006

Region	Month	Nationality										No. of Operating Hotels
		U.S.A & Canada		Asia		Israel		Arab Countries		Palestine		
		%	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%	Number	
Total		10.3	8412	5.4	4434	11.9	9689	1.0	849	11.2	9089	
Palestinian Territory	October	8.5	2061	5.7	1374	13.1	3187	0.6	139	9.4	2280	81
	November	12.1	3629	6.2	1864	9.0	2679	1.2	366	10.8	3238	80
	December	10.0	2722	4.4	1196	14.1	3823	1.3	344	13.2	3571	79
North of West Bank	October	2.6	15	2.8	16	2.1	12	0.0	0	83.5	481	7
	November	5.5	37	0.0	0	0.9	6	1.2	8	62.8	425	7
	December	5.2	27	0.0	0	0.8	4	1.3	7.0	86.0	447	7
Middle of West Bank	October	5.7	105	0.0	0	4.3	79	6.7	124	67.7	1256	19
	November	9.6	452	1.7	78	14.7	692	7.1	338	43.4	2043	19
	December	9.3	427	2.7	124	7.4	336	6.3	285	49.3	2241	19
Jerusalem	October	10.5	1714	4.5	730	17.1	2791	0.0	0	0.0	0	23
	November	14.0	2716	7.3	1402	9.1	1751	0.0	8	0.0	0	22
	December	14.2	2134	2.5	369	14.9	2235	0.0	1	0.0	0	21
South of West Bank	October	3.1	160	12.0	622	5.6	292	0.2	9	9.6	497	20
	November	7.4	359	7.9	378	4.4	209	0.1	3	14.7	705	20
	December	1.2	75	10.7	694	19.1	1237	0.4	25	12.8	833	20
Gaza Strip	October	19.5	67	1.7	6	3.8	13	1.7	6	13.4	46	12
	November	14.5	65	1.3	6	4.6	21	2.0	9	14.4	65	12
	December	10.7	59	1.6	9	2.0	11	4.7	26	9.0	50	12

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Table 6 (Cont.): Number and Percentage of Guest Nights by Nationality and Region During the Fourth Quarter, 2006

Region	Month	Total		Nationality									
				Australia & New Zealand		Africa		Other European Countries		European Union		Central & South America	
		%	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%	Number
Total		100	81297	1.9	1546	0.8	618	12.4	10043	36.8	29899	8.3	6718
Palestinian Territory	October	100	24297	0.2	50	0.3	78	0.8	196	43.2	10504	18.2	4428
	November	100	29906	0.7	199	0.6	178	20.3	6056	37.4	11185	1.7	512
	December	100	27094	4.8	1297	1.3	362	14.0	3791	30.3	8210	6.6	1778
North of West Bank	October	100	576	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	8.7	50	0.3	2
	November	100	677	0.1	1	0.0	0	0.0	0	29.4	199	0.1	1
	December	100	520	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	6.7	35	0.0	0
Middle of West Bank	October	100	1854	0.4	7	0.8	15	2.4	44	9.3	172	2.8	52
	November	100	4710	3.6	171	1.3	62	3.2	150	12.8	601	2.6	123
	December	100	4545	5.3	239	2.6	118	4.2	190	8.7	395	4.2	190
Jerusalem	October	100	16334	0.2	26	0.3	56	0.7	118	40.0	6538	26.7	4361
	November	100	19263	0.1	12	0.6	116	30.6	5892	36.3	6983	2.0	383
	December	100	14988	7.1	1058	1.6	233	23.8	3571	26.9	4035	9.0	1352
South of West Bank	October	100	5189	0.0	0	0.1	7	0.0	0	69.4	3602	0.0	0
	November	100	4804	0.1	7	0.0	0	0.2	12	65.1	3127	0.1	4
	December	100	6487	0.0	0	0.0	1	0.1	6	52.2	3389	3.5	227
Gaza Strip	October	100	344	4.9	17	0.0	0	9.9	34	41.3	142	3.8	13
	November	100	452	1.8	8	0.0	0	0.4	2	60.8	275	0.2	1
	December	100	554	0.0	0	1.8	10	4.3	24	64.3	356	1.6	9

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Table 7: Average Length of Stay for the Guests in Hotels (Nights/Guest) by Region, Month and Nationality During the Fourth Quarter, 2006

Region	Month	Nationality					No. of Operating Hotels		
		U.S.A & Canada	Asia	Israel	Arab Countries	Palestine			
Total		2.9	2.7	1.7	1.2	1.5			
Palestinian Territory	October	3.1	3.9	1.6	1.4	1.3	81		
	November	2.8	2.1	1.7	1.1	1.6	80		
	December	2.8	2.9	1.7	1.3	1.4	79		
North of West Bank	October	1.4	1.3	1.3	0.0	1.3	7		
	November	1.7	0.0	1.5	2.7	1.6	7		
	December	1.8	0.0	1.0	1.4	1.3	7		
Middle of West Bank	October	1.9	0.0	1.2	1.4	1.2	19		
	November	1.3	0.0	1.1	1.1	1.6	19		
	December	1.6	1.2	1.0	1.1	1.4	19		
Jerusalem	October	3.2	9.6	1.6	0.0	0.0	23		
	November	3.6	2.2	2.2	1.3	0.0	22		
	December	3.4	4.1	2.1	1.0	0.0	21		
South of West Bank	October	5.0	2.4	1.5	2.3	1.5	20		
	November	2.1	2.2	1.2	3.0	1.6	20		
	December	2.3	3.1	1.6	3.6	1.5	20		
Gaza Strip	October	1.8	2.0	0.0	1.5	1.7	12		
	November	3.3	1.0	1.6	3.0	2.2	12		
	December	2.6	3.0	0.0	4.3	2.2	12		

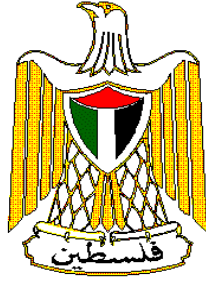
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Table 7 (Cont.): Average Length of Stay for the Guests in Hotels (Nights/Guest) by Region, Month and Nationality During The Fourth Quarter, 2006

Region	Month	Total	Nationality						
			Australia & New Zealand	Africa	Other European Count.	European Union	Central & South America		
Total		2.2	1.4	1.5	2.7	2.6	2.3		
Palestinian Territory	October	2.3	2.0	3.0	3.6	2.8	2.6		
	November	2.3	1.1	1.9	2.8	2.6	2.2		
	December	2.0	1.4	1.2	2.5	2.4	1.9		
North of West Bank	October	1.3	0.0	0.0	0.0	1.3	0.0		
	November	1.8	0.0	0.0	0.0	2.7	0.0		
	December	1.3	0.0	0.0	0.0	1.2	0.0		
Middle of West Bank	October	1.4	7.0	15.0	4.0	2.7	2.7		
	November	1.3	1.0	0.0	1.0	1.4	1.2		
	December	1.3	1.3	0.0	1.2	1.5	1.0		
Jerusalem	October	2.7	1.2	2.3	0.0	3.5	0.0		
	November	2.9	1.0	2.6	2.9	3.0	3.0		
	December	2.4	0.0	1.3	2.7	2.4	2.0		
South of West Bank	October	2.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	2.1	0.0		
	November	2.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	2.3	0.0		
	December	2.1	0.0	0.0	1.0	2.5	3.7		
Gaza Strip	October	2.3	5.7	0.0	0.0	3.1	0.0		
	November	2.4	2.0	0.0	2.0	2.5	1.0		
	December	2.7	0.0	0.0	1.4	2.9	0.0		



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Preface

The Palestinian tourism sector has the potential to be a main contributor to the GDP in Palestine. However, the tourism industry is crippled by a multiplicity of problems especially the political situation, which must be overcome.

The Palestinian Central Bureau of Statistics (PCBS) started publishing reports about hotel activities since the first quarter of 1996. PCBS is pleased to present the fourth issue of the twelfth volume on "Hotel Activities in the Palestinian Territory" which covers statistics on the hotel industry for the fourth quarter of 2006.

The data of hotel activities of this quarter was also collected during the Israeli siege and closure imposed on the Palestinian Territory, which reflects a decreasing for the main indicators comparing with the same quarter of the year 2000.

This report addresses the main indicators of the hotel industry. These indicators include the number of operating hotels, number of rooms and beds, public facilities in the surveyed hotels, number of employed persons in hotels, number of guest nights in the reference period, number of guests by nationality and rates of bed and room occupancy.

We hope that the Hotel Activities survey in the Palestinian Territory conducted by the PCBS comprises a step towards a comprehensive statistical program encompassing all aspects of tourism activities according to the latest international standards.

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Executive Summary

Results reveal that, there are 79 operating hotels in December 2006, offers 4,079 rooms with total available beds of 8,733.

- During the fourth quarter 2006, the total number of guests to the Palestinian Territory hotels reached 37,008, the results indicate that 51.5% from them stayed in Jerusalem hotels.
- Total number of nights was 81,297 and 62.1% from these nights were in Jerusalem hotels
- The number of workers in the hotels were 1,302 of which 1,126 are males and 176 are females. The number of workers declined by 1.2% during the fourth quarter 2006 compared with the third quarter 2006.
- Average occupancy of rooms was 486.1, it declined by 10.7% during the fourth quarter 2006 compared with the third quarter of the same year.
- The percentage of room occupancy was 11.8%, it declined by 15.1% during the fourth quarter 2006 compared with the third quarter 2006.
- The average length of stay in the Palestinian hotels was 2.2 nights per guest during the fourth quarter 2006, with the highest average in Jerusalem hotels, which reached 2.7 nights per guest

Chapter One

Introduction

Tourism is considered as a cornerstone of the Palestinian economy because there are many attractive touristic resorts for people of different interests. Therefore, Palestinian Central Bureau of Statistics (PCBS) commenced to collect statistical data on tourism and monitor hotel activities through a comprehensive survey since First Quarter 1996, and on regular basis. Such activity followed the World Tourism Organization and European Union recommendations. It is aimed to produce a comprehensive database and time series of basic indicators of hotel industry, hoping to enable the development and promotion of the tourism industry in Palestine.

This survey is carried out on monthly basis using a specifically designed questionnaire about hotel guests, nights, workers, facilities.

A quarterly report is regularly produced and a collective comprehensive report is produced annually. This publication presents data on hotels for the fourth quarter 2006.

Concepts and Definitions

Hotel:	It is defined as an accommodation establishment providing overnight lodging for the visitors in a room or unit. It should hold a number of persons exceeding that of an average single family. The establishment must be under one management, and provides different facilities and services to visitors.
Hotel Workers:	It refers to all persons working in the hotel on full or part time bases including owners and paid or unpaid household members.
Number of Rooms:	It refers to the furnished rooms for the use of guests. Such rooms might be single, double, triple, or quadruple. Rooms involving more than four beds were classified under (others) in the questionnaire. As for the suite, it is usually comprised of one bedroom or more, a living room and private toilet facilities.
Available Beds and Rooms:	It refers to beds and rooms, which are ready for use during the reference period. Closed rooms for maintenance or repairs are excluded.
Guests:	It refers to visitors staying in the hotels and using their facilities in return for a certain charge. Records of new guests are based on the number of visits regardless whether it's the same person or different.
Number of Guest Nights:	Number of beds booked for hotel guests. Such beds are considered as occupied whether they were actually used or not. It is measured by guest night unit.
Room Occupancy:	Number of booked and paid rooms. Such rooms are considered occupied whether they were actually used or not.
Bed Occupancy:	Number of booked and paid beds. Such beds are considered occupied whether they were actually used or not.
Average (rooms, beds) Occupancy:	It is defined as the total number of occupied (rooms, beds) divided by number of days
Average Length of Stay:	Represents the total of guest nights by nationality divided by number of guests of the same nationality .
Percentage of (rooms, beds) Occupancy:	It is defined as the average of (rooms, beds) occupancy divided by available (rooms, beds) multiplied by one hundred.

North of West Bank Region: Jenin, Tulkarm, Nablus, Qalqiliya, and Salfit governorates, and Tubas district.

Middle of West Bank Region: Ramallah and Al-Bireh, Jericho and Al-Aghwar governorates.

Jerusalem Region: Jerusalem governorate.

South of West Bank Region Bethlehem and Hebron governorates.

Gaza Strip Region: Gaza North, Gaza, Deir Al-Balah, Khan Yunis and Rafah governorates.

Chapter Three

Main Findings

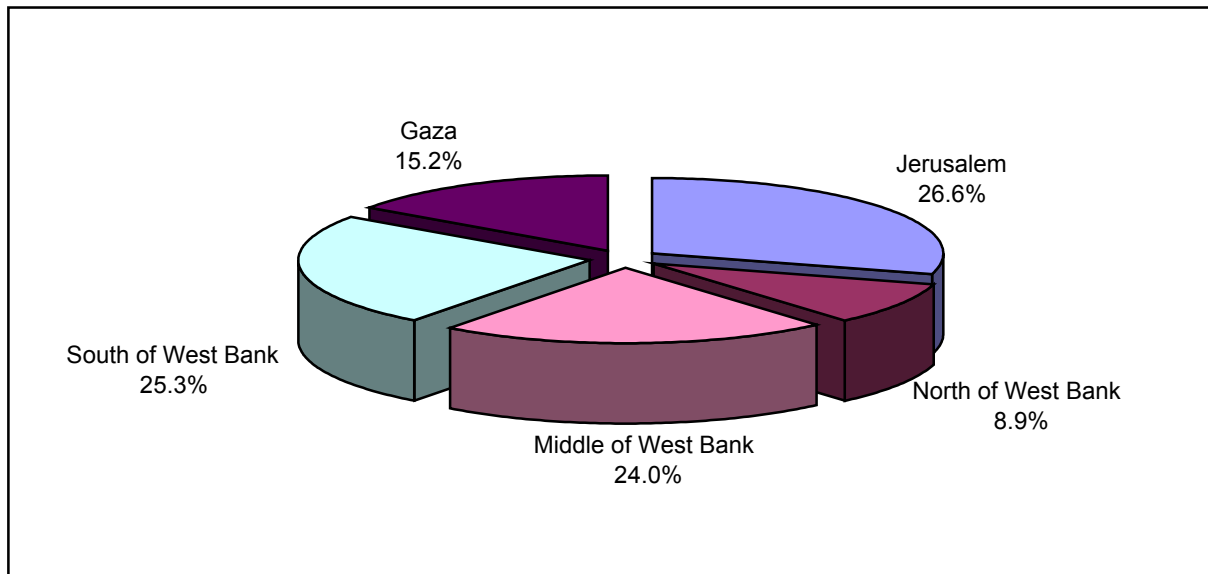
The total number of hotels in the Palestinian Territory is 123 hotels, including the temporary closed hotels. There are 79 operating hotels in December 2006, offers 4,079 rooms with total available beds of 8,733.

• **Hotels and Capacity During the Fourth Quarter 2006**

The operating hotels within the Palestinian Territory as in June 2006, are distributed as follows:

- North of West Bank: 7 hotels including 112 rooms comprising 264 beds.
- Middle of West Bank: 19 hotels including 892 rooms comprising 2,087 beds.
- Jerusalem Region: 21 hotels including 1,130 rooms comprising 2,443 beds.
- South of West Bank: 20 hotels including 1,542 rooms comprising 3,231 beds.
- Gaza Strip: 12 hotels including 403 rooms comprising 708 beds.

Figure (1): Percentage Distribution of Operating Hotels by Region as of December, 2006



• **Hotel Workers During the Fourth Quarter 2006**

The number of workers in the hotels administration were 269 of which 223 are males and 46 are females. There were 1,033 workers in hotels services, of which 903 are males and 130 are females.

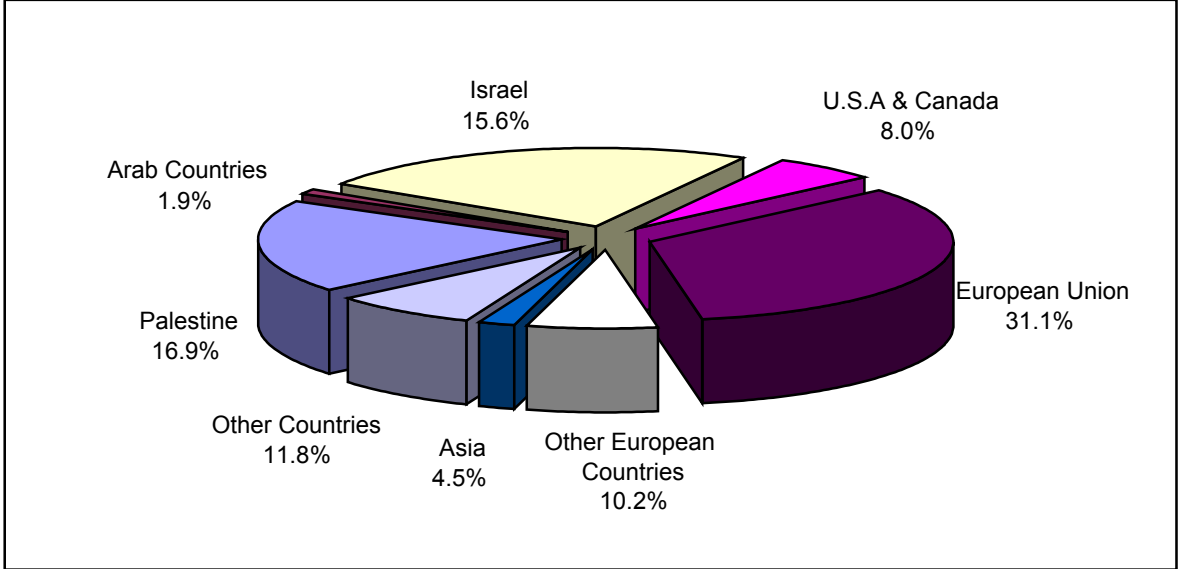
• **Guests and Occupancy During the Fourth Quarter 2006**

The total number of guests to the Palestinian hotels was 37,008 persons, of which 31.1% were from the European Union Countries and 16.9% of them were Palestinian guests.

Most of those guests were in Jerusalem hotels with a percentage of 51.5% from the guests total, where as the percentage reached up to 22.2% in the Middle of the West Bank hotels, and

21.3%, 3.3% in the South and North of the West Bank hotels respectively, while percentage of guests in Gaza Strip hotels was 1.7%.

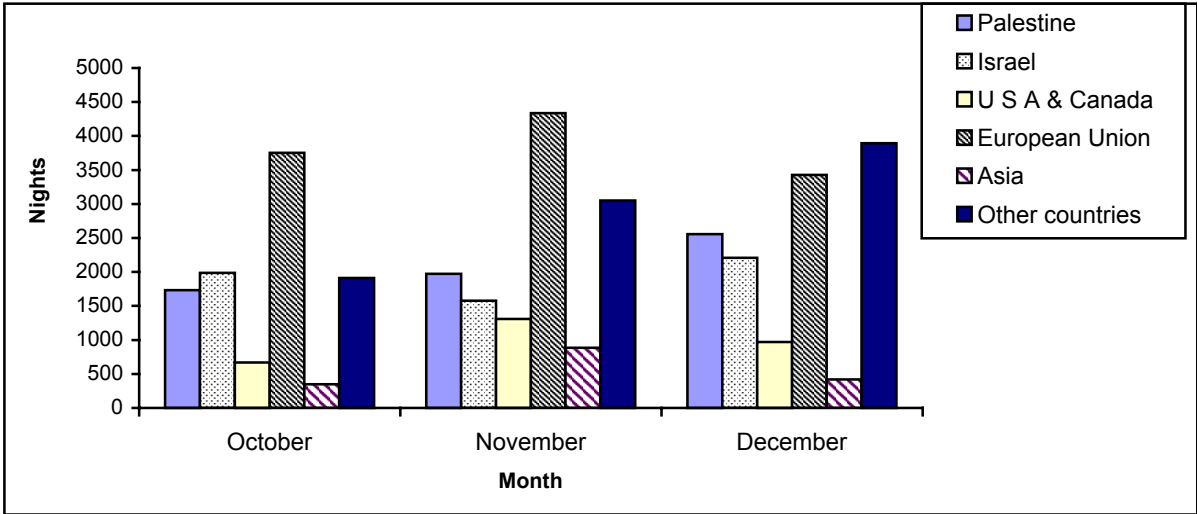
Figure (2): Percentage Distribution of Guests by Nationality During the Fourth Quarter, 2006



The total number of guest nights in the Palestinian hotels during the fourth quarter 2006 was 81,297 nights, of which 36.8% by the guests whom arrived from European Union countries and 11.2% of these nights was occupied by Palestinian guests, while, 10.3% of these nights were occupied by the guests whom arrived from United State of America and Canada.

Whereas the guests spent 62.1% of those nights in Jerusalem hotels, and 13.7%, 20.3%, 2.2% in the Middle, South, and North of the West Bank respectively, while the percentage of guest nights in Gaza Strip hotels was 1.7%.

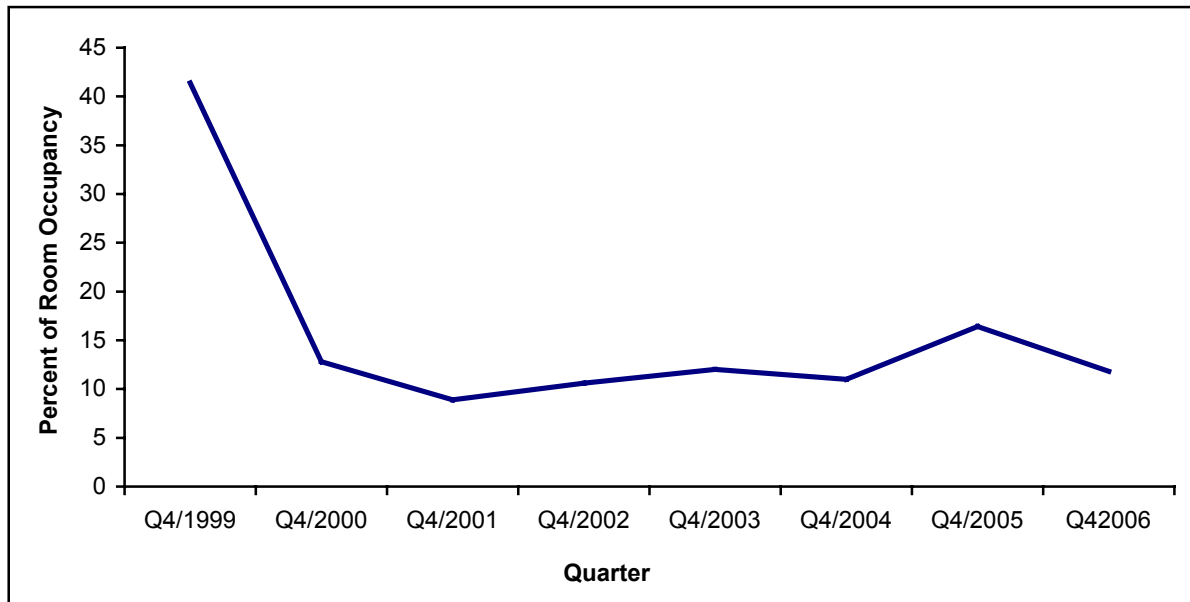
Figure (3): Number of Guest Nights by Nationality During the Fourth Quarter, 2006



- **Room Occupancy During the Fourth Quarter 2006**

The average occupancy of rooms in the Palestinian hotels was 486.1, and the percentage occupancy of rooms was 11.8%, whereas, 25.7% the percentage occupancy of rooms in Jerusalem hotels, while its 10.0% in the Middle of the West Bank hotels, and the results indicate that the percentage of rooms occupancy is equal 5.0% and 10.8% in the South and North of the West Bank respectively, and its equal 1.5% in Gaza Strip.

Figure (4): Percentage of Room Occupancy During the Fourth Quarter (1999 - 2006)



- **Average Length of Stay During the Fourth Quarter 2006**

The average length of stay in the Palestinian hotels was 2.2 nights per guest, and the highest average was 2.7 nights in the Jerusalem hotels while in the North and Middle and South of the West Bank was 1.5, 1.4 and 2.1 nights per guest respectively, and 2.5 nights in Gaza Strip hotels.

The table below presents the main results of the fourth quarter of 2006, and explains the changes occurred on the main indicators of the Palestinian hotels activities, due to the Israeli siege, compared with the same quarter of the year 1999.

Also, the following table indicate that there is a reduction in the number of guests and number of nights in comparison with the same period in year 1999, which reached 62.7% and 71.6% respectively.

**Percentage Change in the Variables During the Fourth Quarter of the Years
2000-2006, in Compare with the Fourth Quarter 2000**

The Indicator	Value During the Fourth Quarter 2006	Percentage change (%) comparing with Fourth Quarter 1999						
		2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006
Number of operating hotels	79	16.5	-7.7	-20.9	-17.6	-12.1	-15.4	-13.2
Average number of workers	1,302	39.5	-41.4	-33.4	-34.4	-32.6	-28.9	-29.8
Number of guests	37,008	-71.2	-88.7	-86.3	-83.4	-75.5	-65.2	-62.7
Number of guest nights	81,297	-66.2	-85.0	-84.6	-82.6	-78.2	-68.8	-71.6
Average occupancy of rooms	486.1	-62.5	-83.3	-80.2	-77.6	-75.4	-63.0	-70.3
Average occupancy of beds	883.7	-66.2	-85.0	-84.6	-82.6	-78.2	-68.8	-71.6
Percentage occupancy of rooms %	11.8	-69.1	-78.5	-74.4	-71.0	-73.4	-60.4	-71.5
Percentage occupancy of beds %	9.8	-72.0	-81.3	-79.9	-77.7	-76.1	-66.8	-73.4