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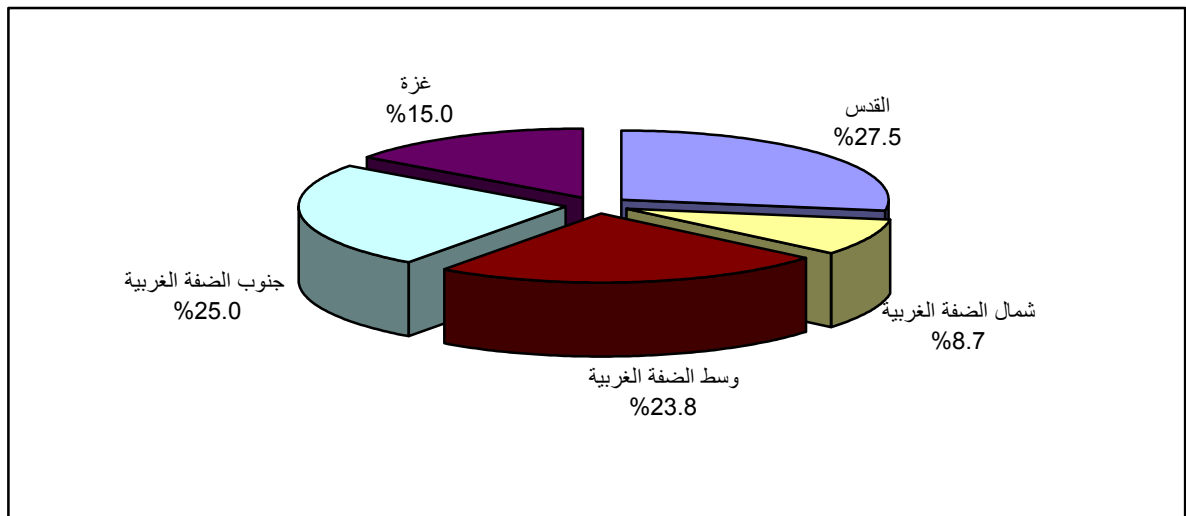
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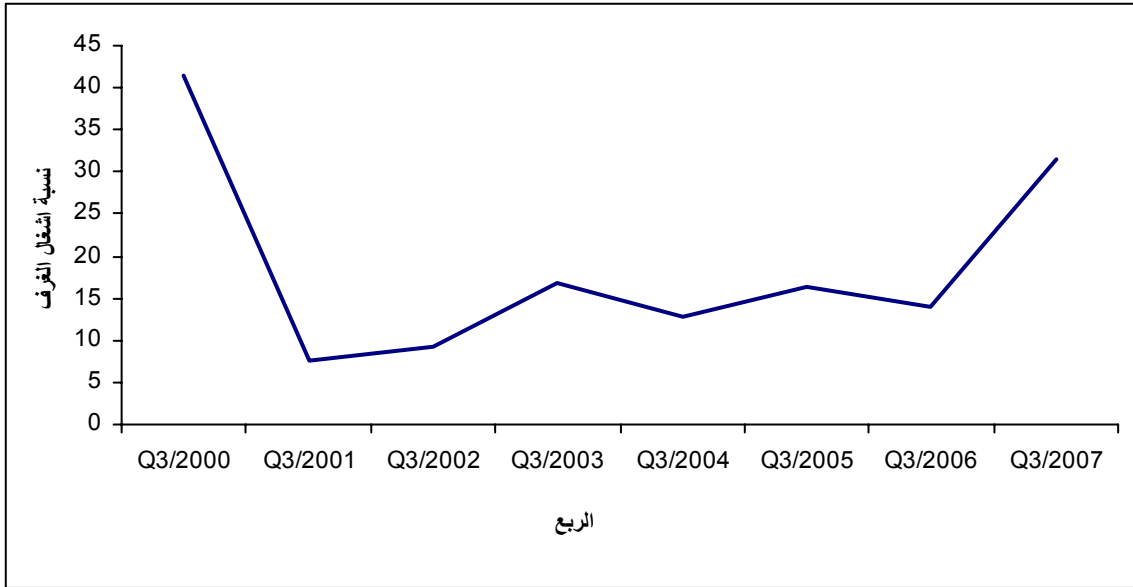
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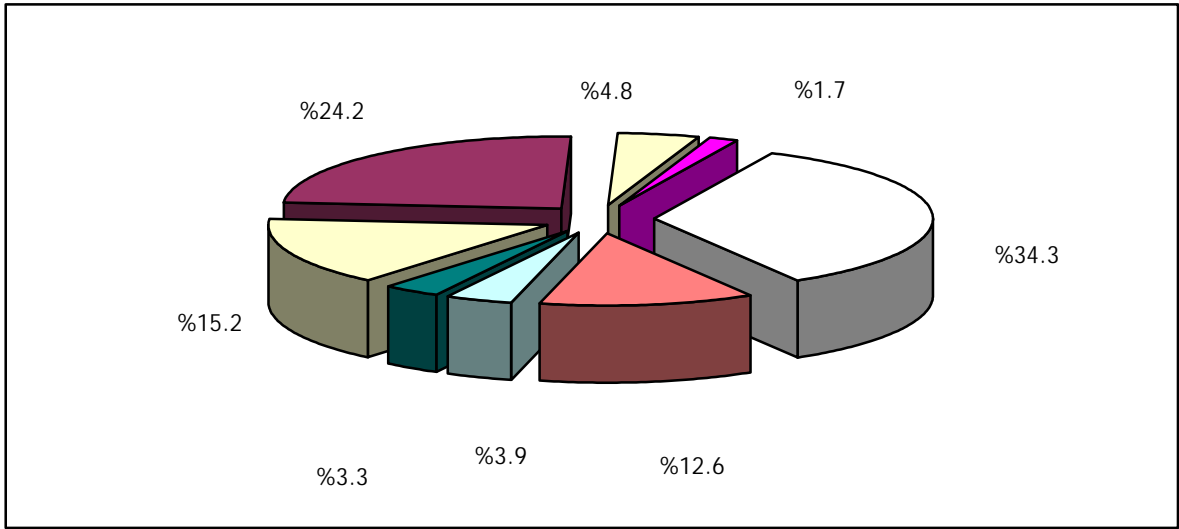
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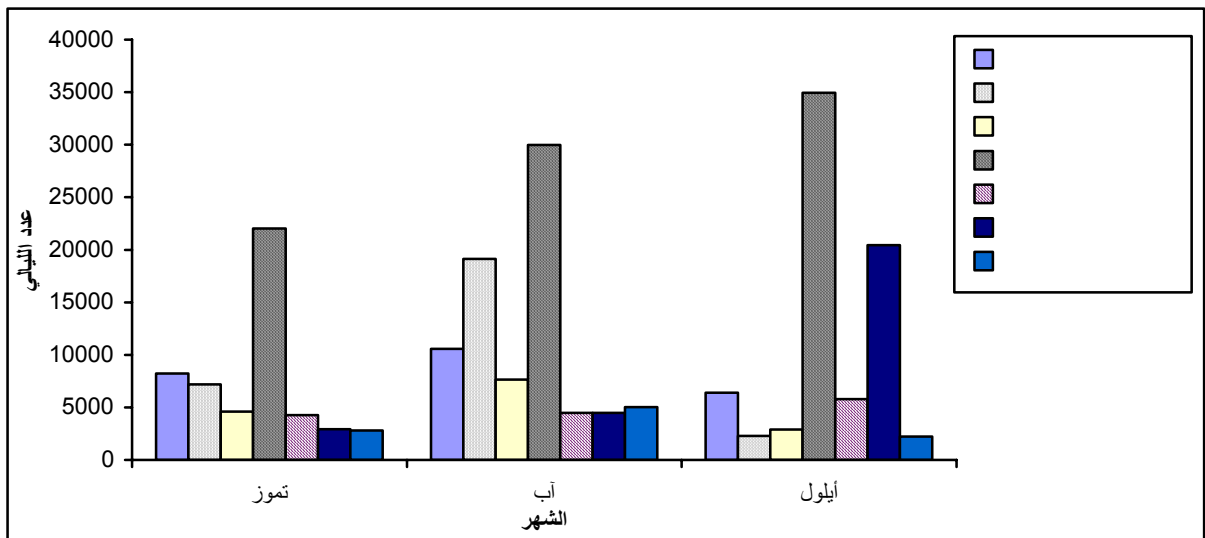
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Table 1: Main Indicators for Hotel Activities by Month and Region During the Third Quarter, 2007

Region	Month	Bed Occupancy		Room Occupancy		No. of Nights	No. of Guests	No. of Beds	No. of Rooms	No. of Operating Hotels	
		%	Average	%	Average						
Palestinian Territory *		25.5	2264.8	31.4	1296.3	208360	102142	8873	4134	80	
All Regions	April	18.9	1679.5	25.7	1061.5	52064	26689	8866	4136	80	
	August	30.6	2710.1	36.1	1496.9	81302	42549	8866	4141	80	
	September	27.2	2419.3	32.4	1336.8	74994	32904	8887	4124	80	
North of West Bank	July	10.2	26.9	15.0	16.8	834	468	264	112	7	
	August	12.8	33.8	19.6	21.9	1015	502	264	112	7	
	September	8.0	21.2	14.8	16.6	656	251	264	112	7	
Middle of West Bank	July	22.5	470.4	30.4	274.4	14582	11362	2095	904	19	
	August	45.9	961.3	57.1	519.0	28838	25104	2095	909	19	
	September	14.4	301.2	18.1	164.7	9336	4802	2096	909	19	
Jerusalem	July	34.2	864.5	51.8	597.3	26799	10646	2531	1154	22	
	August	50.3	1272.9	62.3	719.0	38188	11028	2531	1154	22	
	September	67.5	1707.5	82.8	941.7	52933	23084	2531	1137	22	
South of West Bank	July	9.7	311.7	10.8	167.4	9663	4127	3225	1543	20	
	August	13.4	432.7	14.9	229.4	12980	5807	3225	1543	20	
	September	11.8	381.1	13.3	205.7	11813	4661	3225	1543	20	
Gaza Strip	July	0.8	6.0	1.3	5.6	186	86	751	423	12	
	August	1.2	9.4	1.8	7.6	281	108	751	423	12	
	September	1.1	8.3	1.9	8.1	256	106	771	423	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 September, 2007

Region	Facilities								No. of Rooms	No. of Operating Hotels
	Internet	Telephone	Air Conditioning	Heating	Refrigerator	T.V	Radio	Private Bathroom		
Palestinian Territory	1183	3634	3391	3893	2525	3504	1296	4041	4124	80
North of West Bank	0	93	93	93	93	93	0	93	112	7
Middle of West Bank	353	863	775	872	765	872	220	894	909	19
Jerusalem	241	759	790	1020	318	723	478	1098	1137	22
South of West Bank	436	1521	1400	1543	1037	1437	582	1543	1543	20
Gaza Strip	153	398	333	365	312	379	16	413	423	12

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Table 3: Number of Hotels by Availability of Public Services and Region as of September, 2007

Region	Public Services										No. of Operating Hotels
	Other	Room Service	Hair Dresser	Shops	Laundry	Photocopying	Typing	E-mail	Fax	Puplic Telephone	
Palestinian Territory	34	70	8	25	37	61	55	51	69	41	80
North of West bank	0	6	1	2	3	3	3	3	4	2	7
Middle of West bank	13	17	3	2	13	14	12	11	16	7	19
Jerusalem	9	16	3	16	10	15	14	19	21	16	22
South of West bank	12	19	1	3	9	17	15	12	16	9	20
Gaza Strip	0	12	0	2	2	12	11	6	12	7	12

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Table 4: Average Number of Workers in Hotels by Type of Work, Sex and Region During the Third Quarter, 2007

Region	Total		Operation		Administration		* No. of Operating Hotels *
	Females	Males	Females	Males	Females	Males	
Palestinian Territory*	174	1111	128	893	46	218	80
North of West Bank	8	44	4	30	4	14	7
Middle of West Bank	56	364	45	312	11	52	19
Jerusalem	55	359	38	299	17	60	22
South of West Bank	42	150	33	107	9	43	20
Gaza Strip	13	194	8	145	5	49	12

* As in September, 2007

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Table 5: Number and Percentage of Guests by Nationality and Region During the Third Quarter, 2007

Region	Month	Nationality										No. of Operating Hotels
		U.S.A & Canada		Asia		Israel		Arab Countries		Palestine		
		%	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%	Number	
Palestinian Territory		4.8	4880	3.9	3984	24.2	24811	0.6	594	15.2	15553	80
All Regions	July	7.1	1893	4.0	1057	22.3	5950	0.9	238	19.4	5175	80
	August	5.4	2313	3.0	1261	41.1	17489	0.6	252	15.9	6755	80
	September	2.0	674	5.1	1666	4.2	1372	0.3	104	11.0	3623	80
North of West Bank	July	5.1	24	15.9	74	1.9	9	1.5	7	54.5	255	7
	August	4.0	20	0.2	1	1.8	9	0.4	2	75.3	378	7
	September	3.2	8	0.0	0	1.2	3	1.6	4	82.4	207	7
Middle of West Bank	July	7.1	807	1.9	214	37.0	4204	1.9	218	36.8	4173	19
	August	5.4	1350	0.8	212	61.1	15350	1.0	242	20.9	5235	19
	September	3.4	163	0.1	6	3.9	185	1.5	74	62.1	2982	19
Jerusalem	July	8.8	942	4.4	469	14.8	1582	0.1	11	0.0	0	22
	August	8.0	886	4.9	538	16.6	1828	0.1	6	0.0	0	22
	September	2.0	461	3.6	826	4.8	1085	0.1	26	0.0	0	22
South of West Bank	July	2.5	105	7.0	289	3.8	154	0.0	2	17.9	736	20
	August	0.9	50	8.7	508	5.1	297	0.0	0	19.4	1122	20
	September	0.6	26	17.7	827	2.1	96	0.0	0	9.0	423	20
Gaza Strip	July	17.4	15	12.8	11	1.2	1	0.0	0	12.8	11	12
	August	6.5	7	1.9	2	4.6	5	1.9	2	18.4	20	12
	September	15.1	16	6.6	7	2.8	3	0.0	0	10.5	11	12

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Table 5 (Cont.): Number and Percentage of Guests by Nationality and Region During the Third Quarter, 2007

Region	Month	Total		Nationality									
				Australia & Newzeland		Africa		Other European Countries		European Union		Central & South America	
		%	العدد Number	%	العدد Number	%	العدد Number	%	العدد Number	%	العدد Number	%	العدد Number
Palestinian Territory		100	102142	1.7	1720	0.6	570	12.6	12859	34.3	35048	2.1	2123
All Regions	July	100	26689	1.4	378	0.8	225	3.1	838	38.5	10274	2.5	661
	August	100	42549	2.3	984	0.4	188	4.4	1882	24.2	10291	2.7	1134
	September	100	32904	1.1	358	0.5	157	30.8	10139	44.0	14483	1.0	328
North of West Bank	July	100	468	0.2	1	0.0	0	0.6	3	20.1	94	0.2	1
	August	100	502	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.2	1	18.1	91	0.0	0
	September	100	251	0.4	1	0.0	0	1.2	3	10.0	25	0.0	0
Middle of West Bank	July	100	11362	1.5	167	1.0	116	1.6	186	8.4	954	2.8	323
	August	100	25104	0.8	206	0.1	30	1.4	352	5.7	1421	2.8	706
	September	100	4802	0.1	7	1.6	76	15.3	733	9.4	451	2.6	125
Jerusalem	July	100	10646	2.0	208	0.8	80	5.1	540	61.5	6547	2.5	267
	August	100	11028	7.0	776	1.4	158	11.7	1292	46.4	5116	3.9	428
	September	100	23084	1.5	349	0.1	29	39.9	9219	47.7	11012	0.3	77
South of West Bank	July	100	4127	0.0	0	0.7	29	2.6	107	63.8	2635	1.7	70
	August	100	5807	0.0	0	0.0	0	3.8	222	62.1	3608	0.0	0
	September	100	4661	0.0	0	1.1	51	3.6	166	63.2	2946	2.7	126
Gaza Strip	July	100	86	2.3	2	0.0	0	2.3	2	51.2	44	0.0	0
	August	100	108	1.9	2	0.0	0	13.9	15	50.9	55	0.0	0
	September	100	106	0.9	1	0.9	1	17.0	18	46.2	49	0.0	0

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Table 6: Number and Percentage of Guest Nights by Nationality and Region During the Third Quarter, 2007

Region	Month	Nationality										No. of Operating Hotels
		U.S.A & Canada		Asia		Israel		Arab Countries		Palestine		
		%	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%	Number	
Palestinian Territory		7.3	15151	7.0	14542	13.7	28605	0.3	687	12.1	25179	80
All Regions	July	8.8	4605	8.2	4273	13.8	7200	0.5	264	15.8	8229	80
	August	9.4	7639	5.5	4467	23.5	19132	0.4	290	13.0	10563	80
	September	3.9	2907	7.7	5802	3.0	2273	0.2	133	8.5	6387	80
North of West Bank	July	5.5	46	17.1	143	1.1	9	0.8	7	60.2	502	7
	August	4.1	42	0.2	2	1.3	13	1.1	11	77.6	788	7
	September	11.7	77	0.0	0	1.5	10	2.0	13	66.9	439	7
Middle of West Bank	July	6.8	996	2.9	430	29.2	4256	1.6	238	43.9	6405	19
	August	5.7	1650	1.3	370	53.8	15511	0.9	263	26.7	7711	19
	September	7.3	679	0.6	57	4.1	385	0.9	87	56.2	5246	19
Jerusalem	July	11.4	3059	12.0	3203	10.1	2718	0.1	15	0.0	0	22
	August	14.9	5675	7.9	3023	8.0	3056	0.0	12	0.0	0	22
	September	3.8	2018	6.9	3664	3.2	1709	0.1	33	0.0	0	22
South of West Bank	July	4.9	474	4.9	470	2.2	216	0.0	4	13.5	1308	20
	August	2.0	257	8.2	1070	4.2	545	0.0	0	15.5	2014	20
	September	0.8	89	17.5	2072	1.4	166	0.0	0	5.8	689	20
Gaza Strip	July	16.1	30	14.5	27	0.5	1	0.0	0	7.5	14	12
	August	5.3	15	0.7	2	2.5	7	1.4	4	17.8	50	12
	September	17.2	44	3.5	9	1.2	3	0.0	0	5.1	13	12

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Table 6 (Cont.): Number and Percentage of Guest Nights by Nationality and Region During the Third Quarter, 2007

Region	Month	Total		Nationality										الشهر
				& Australia NewZeland		Africa		Other European Countries		European Union		Central & South America		
		%	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%	Number	
Palestinian Territory		100	208360	1.3	2703	0.8	1742	13.4	27877	41.7	86969	2.4	4905	
All Regions	July	100	52064	0.7	390	1.0	526	5.7	2934	42.4	22024	3.1	1619	
	August	100	81302	2.4	1918	0.6	507	5.5	4491	36.9	29987	2.8	2308	
	September	100	74994	0.5	395	0.9	709	27.3	20452	46.7	34958	1.3	978	
North of West Bank	July	100	834	0.1	1	0.0	0	0.4	3	14.7	122	0.1	1	
	August	100	1015	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.1	1	15.6	158	0.0	0	
	September	100	656	0.6	4	0.0	0	4.7	31	12.6	82	0.0	0	
Middle of West Bank	July	100	14582	1.2	179	0.8	118	1.5	219	8.4	1215	3.7	526	
	August	100	28838	0.8	230	0.1	30	1.3	375	6.4	1820	3.0	878	
	September	100	9336	0.2	18	2.4	220	10.8	1005	13.3	1246	4.2	393	
Jerusalem	July	100	26799	0.8	208	1.1	292	9.3	2480	52.1	13989	3.1	835	
	August	100	38188	4.4	1682	1.2	477	9.8	3735	50.1	19098	3.7	1430	
	September	100	52933	0.7	371	0.7	364	36.0	19077	47.9	25332	0.7	365	
South of West Bank	July	100	9663	0.0	0	1.2	116	2.4	229	68.2	6589	2.7	257	
	August	100	12980	0.0	0	0.0	0	2.7	355	67.4	8739	0.0	0	
	September	100	11813	0.0	0	1.0	118	2.4	283	69.2	8176	1.9	220	
Gaza Strip	July	100	186	1.1	2	0.0	0	1.6	3	58.7	109	0.0	0	
	August	100	281	2.1	6	0.0	0	8.9	25	61.3	172	0.0	0	
	September	100	256	0.8	2	2.7	7	21.9	56	47.6	122	0.0	0	

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Table 7: Average Length of Stay for the Guests in Hotels (Nights/Guest) by Region, Month and Nationality During the Third Quarter, 2007

Region	Month	Nationality					No. of Operating Hotels		
		U.S.A & Canada	Asia	Israel	Arab Countries	Palestine			
Palestinian Territory		3.1	3.7	1.2	1.2	1.6	80		
All Regions	July	2.4	4.0	1.2	1.1	1.6	80		
	August	3.3	3.5	1.1	1.2	1.6	80		
	September	4.3	3.5	1.7	1.3	1.8	80		
North of West Bank	July	1.9	1.9	1.0	1.0	2.0	7		
	August	2.1	2.0	1.4	5.5	2.1	7		
	September	9.6	0.0	3.3	3.3	2.1	7		
Middle of West Bank	July	1.2	2.0	1.0	1.1	1.5	19		
	August	1.2	1.7	1.0	1.1	1.5	19		
	September	4.2	9.5	2.1	1.2	1.8	19		
Jerusalem	July	3.2	6.8	1.7	1.4	0.0	22		
	August	6.4	5.6	1.7	2.0	0.0	22		
	September	4.4	4.4	1.6	1.3	0.0	22		
South of West Bank	July	4.5	1.6	1.4	2.0	1.8	20		
	August	5.1	2.1	1.8	0.0	1.8	20		
	September	3.4	2.5	1.7	0.0	1.6	20		
Gaza Strip	July	2.0	2.5	1.0	0.0	1.3	12		
	August	2.1	1.0	1.4	2.0	2.5	12		
	September	2.8	1.3	1.0	0.0	1.2	12		

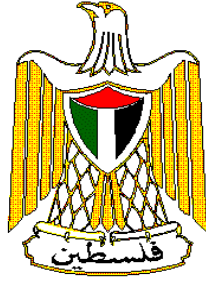
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Table 7 (Cont.): Average Length of Stay for the Guests in Hotels (Nights/Guest) by Region, Month and Nationality During the Third Quarter, 2007

Region	Month	Total	Nationality						
			Australia & New Zeland	Africa	Other European Count.	European Union	Central & South America		
Palestinian Territory		2.0	1.6	3.1	2.2	2.5	2.3		
All Regions	July	2.0	1.0	2.3	3.5	2.1	2.4		
	August	1.9	1.9	2.7	2.4	2.9	2.0		
	September	2.3	1.1	4.5	2.0	2.4	3.0		
North of West Bank	July	1.8	1.0	0.0	1.0	1.3	1.0		
	August	2.0	0.0	0.0	1.0	1.7	0.0		
	September	2.6	4.0	0.0	10.3	3.3	0.0		
Middle of West Bank	July	1.3	1.1	1.0	1.2	1.3	1.6		
	August	1.1	1.1	1.0	1.1	1.3	1.2		
	September	1.9	2.6	2.9	1.4	2.8	3.1		
Jerusalem	July	2.5	1.0	3.7	4.6	2.1	3.1		
	August	3.5	2.2	3.0	2.9	3.7	3.3		
	September	2.3	1.1	12.6	2.1	2.3	4.7		
South of West Bank	July	2.3	0.0	4.0	2.1	2.5	3.7		
	August	2.2	0.0	0.0	1.6	2.4	0.0		
	September	2.5	0.0	2.3	1.7	2.8	1.7		
Gaza Strip	July	2.2	1.0	0.0	1.5	2.5	0.0		
	August	2.6	3.0	0.0	1.7	3.1	0.0		
	September	2.4	2.0	7.0	3.1	2.5	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 third issue of the thirteenth volume on "Hotel Activities in the Palestinian Territory" which covers statistics on the hotel industry for the third quarter of 2007.

PCBS has implemented several surveys to cover the supply and demand sides of tourism, including Hotel Activity survey in the Palestinian Territory, a survey continuous and lasting since 1996, and a survey of Tourism Activities 2002, were also implemented Domestic Tourism survey for the years 1998, 2005 and 2006, in addition to the survey of Outbound Tourism in 2004, a survey of Inbound Tourism 2005, to cover an important aspect of tourist demand, an additional step for the further implementation of surveys related tourism statistics, in order to build the database necessary to establish the tourism satellite accounts (TSA) in the Palestinian Territory.

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, but this decrease is low compared with the same quarters in the previous six years, which reflects a slight improvement during this period.

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 80 operating hotels in September 2007, offers 4,124 rooms with total available beds of 8,887.

- Average occupancy of rooms was 1,296.3, it declined by 32.4% during the third quarter 2007 compared with the same quarter of the year 2000.
- The percentage of room occupancy was 31.4%, it declined by 24.3% during the third quarter 2007 compared with the same quarter of the year 2000.
- The number of workers in the hotels were 1,285 of which 1,111 are males and 174 are females. The number of workers declined by 54.2% during the third quarter 2007 compared with the same quarter of the year 2000.
- During the third quarter 2007, the total number of guests to the Palestinian Territory hotels reached 102,142 they declined by percentage of 13.0%, compared with the same quarter of the year 2000.
- Most of the guests were in Jerusalem and in the Middle of West Bank hotels, with a percentage of 43.8% and 40.4% respectively.
- Total number of nights was 208,360. It declined by 37.9% compared with the corresponding quarter in the year 2000.
- The average length of stay in the Palestinian hotels was 2.0 nights per guest during the third quarter 2007.

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, PCBS commenced to collect statistical data on tourism and monitor hotel activities through a comprehensive survey since 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 third quarter 2007, which its results indicate that the rate of decline is the lowest compared to the previous six years.

Chapter Two

Concepts and Definitions

This section presents the main concepts and definitions used to derive the main indicators of agricultural statistics. These concepts and definitions are based on international recommendations in the field of tourism statistics, and they are the same in all subjects in Palestinian Central Bureau of Statistics. The main concepts and expressions mentioned in this report were as follows:

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

Main Findings

The total number of hotels in the Palestinian Territory is 116 hotels, including the temporary closed hotels. There are 80 operating hotels in September 2007, offers 4,124 rooms with total available beds of 8,887.

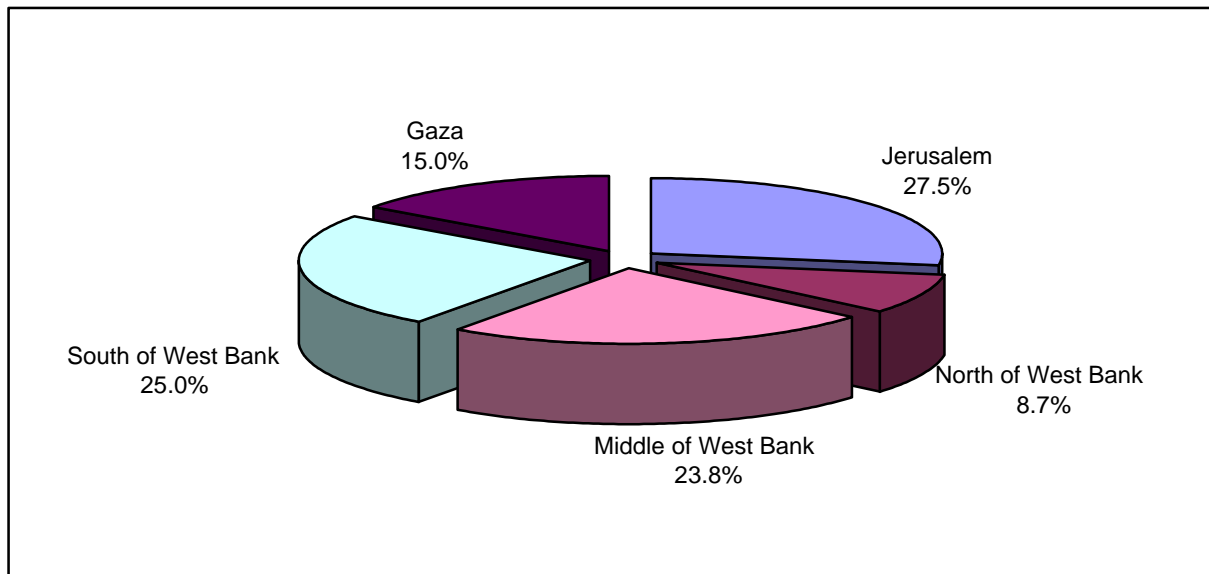
• Hotels and Capacity During the Third Quarter 2007

The operating hotels within the Palestinian Territory as in September 2007, are distributed as follows:

- North of West Bank: 7 hotels including 112 rooms comprising 264 beds.
- Middle of West Bank: 19 hotels including 909 rooms comprising 2,096 beds.
- Jerusalem Region: 22 hotels including 1,137 rooms comprising 2,531 beds.
- South of West Bank: 20 hotels including 1,543 rooms comprising 3,225 beds.
- Gaza Strip: 12 hotels including 423 rooms comprising 771 beds.

The figure below shows the percentage distribution of operating hotels by region as of September, 2007.

Figure (1): Percentage Distribution of Operating Hotels by Region as of September, 2007

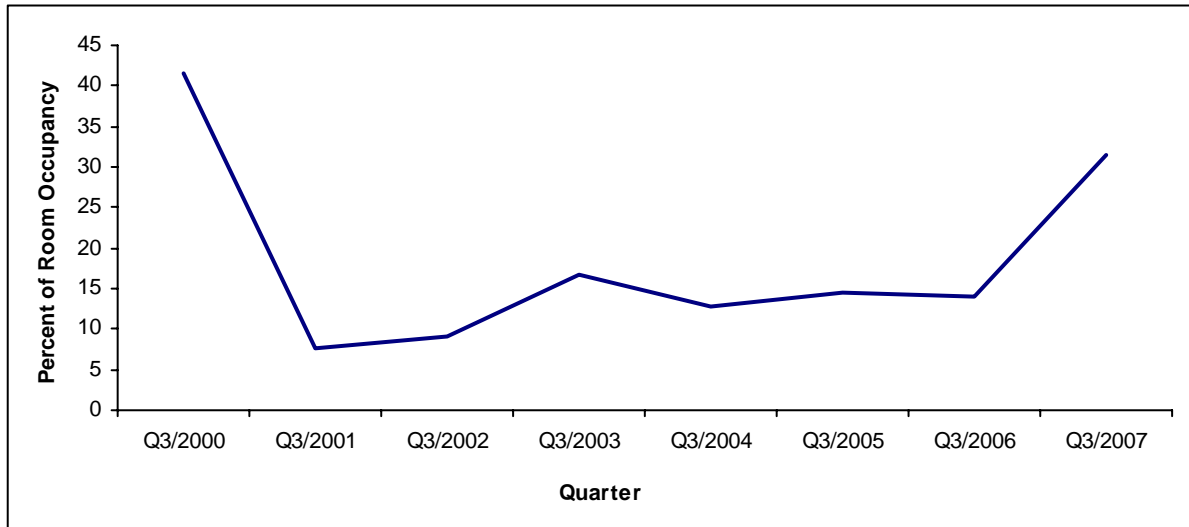


• Room Occupancy During the Third Quarter 2007

The average occupancy of rooms in the Palestinian hotels was 1,296.3 and the percentage occupancy of rooms was 31.4%.

The value of this indicator showed a clear reduction in comparing with the third quarter of the year 2000, but it's seem to increase gradually from the previous six years. The figure below presents the average occupancy of rooms during the third quarter for the years from 2000 to 2007:

Figure (2): Room Occupancy Percent During the Third Quarter (2000 - 2007)



• Hotel Workers During the Third Quarter 2007

The number of workers in the hotels administration were 264 of which 218 are males and 46 are females. There were 1,021 workers in hotels services, of which 893 are males and 128 are females.

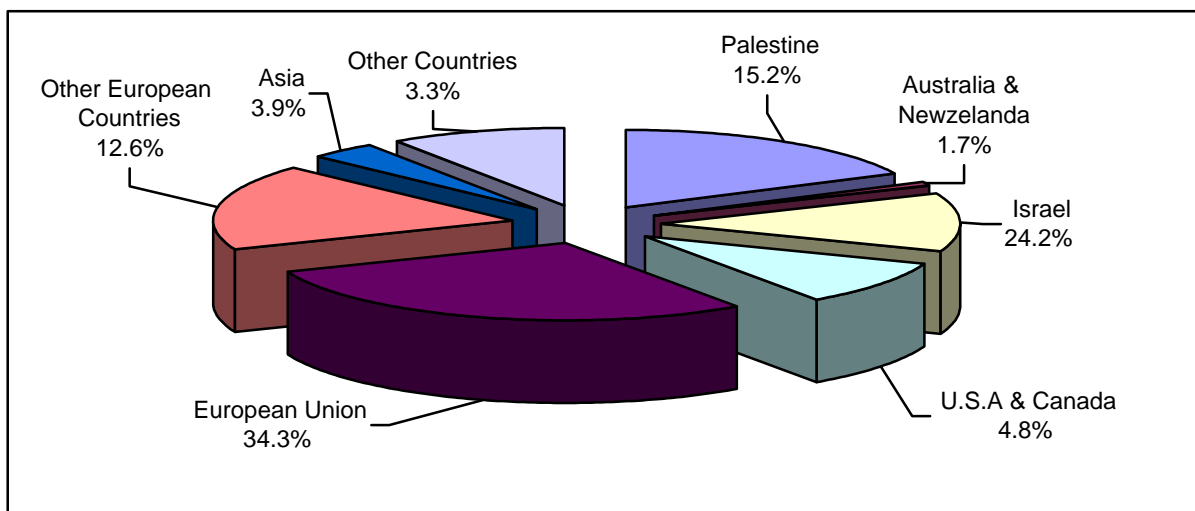
• Guests and Occupancy During the Third Quarter 2007

The total number of guests to the Palestinian hotels was 102,142 persons, of which 15.2% of them were Palestinian guests, and 34.3% were from the European Union countries.

Most of those guests were in Jerusalem hotels with a percentage of 43.8% from the guests total, where as the percentage reached up to 40.4% in the Middle of the West Bank hotels, and 14.3%, 1.2% in the South and North of the West Bank hotels respectively, while percentage of guests in Gaza Strip hotels was 0.3% whereas the value of the same indicator in the third quarter of 2006 was 2.1% .

The percentage distribution of guests by nationality is as in the figure below.

Figure (3): Percentage Distribution of Guests by Nationality During the Third Quarter, 2007

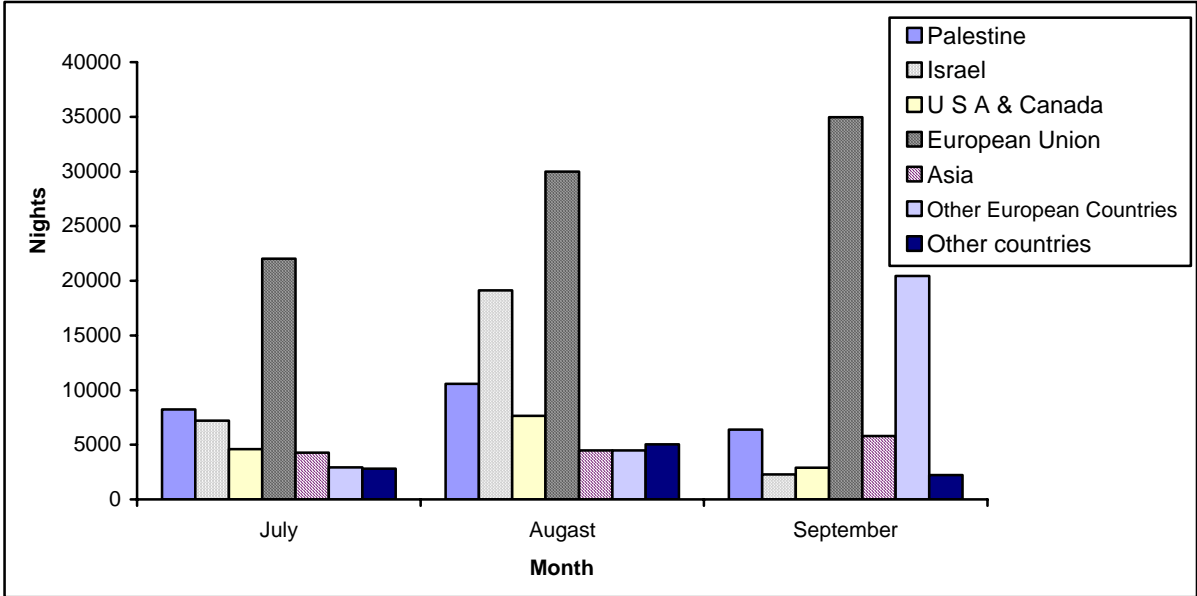


The total number of guest nights in the Palestinian hotels during the third quarter 2007 was 208,360 nights, of which 12.1% of these nights was occupied by Palestinian guests, while 41.7% by the guests whom arrived from European Union countries, and 7.3% of these nights were occupied by the guests whom arrived from United State and Canda.

Whereas the guests spent 56.6% of those nights in Jerusalem hotels, and 25.3%, 16.5%, 1.2% in the Middle, South, and North of the West Bank respectively, while the percentage of guest nights in Gaza Strip hotels was 0.4%, whereas the percentage of guest nights was 2.8% in the third quarter of 2006.

The distribution of guests by nationality and month during this quarter are presented as in the figure next page.

Figure (4): Number of Guest Nights by Nationality During the Third Quarter, 2007



• **Average Length of Stay During the Third Quarter 2007**

The average length of stay in the Palestinian hotels was 2.0 nights per guest, and the highest average was 2.8 nigths in the Jerusalem hotels, while in the North, Middle and South of the West Bank was 2.1, 1.4, 2.3 nights per guest respectively, whereas the average length of stay in Gaza Strip were 2.4 nights per guest.

The table below presents the main results of the third quarter of 2007, 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 2000.

When comparing the results of the third quarter 2007 with the same period in 2000, which witnessed a record high number of guests and nights and therefore the occupancy rate in the Palestinian Territory, we note the decline in the volume of main hotel indicators, where the decrease in the number of guests, nights and room occupancy rate of 13.0%, 37.9% and 24.3% respectively, but this rate of decline is the lowest compared to previous six years, having started these reductions recede gradually since 2001.

**Percentage Change in the Variables During the Third Quarter of the Years
2000-2007, in Compare with the Third Quarter 2000**

The Indicator	Value During the 3 rd Quarter 2007	Percentage change (%) comparing with 3 rd Quarter 2000						
		2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007
Number of operating hotels	80	-22.2	-32.4	-29.6	-26.9	-29.6	-27.8	-25.9
Average number of workers	1,285	-46.1	-55.7	-59.5	-57.3	-55.6	-54.1	-54.2
Number of guests	102,142	-88.6	-87.7	-83.1	-75.2	-69.9	-71.5	-13.0
Number of guest nights	208,360	-87.9	-87.4	-81.3	-79.0	-72.6	-75.2	-37.9
Average occupancy of rooms	1,296.3	-86.2	-84.9	-72.5	-77.7	-69.7	-71.6	-32.4
Average occupancy of beds	2,264.8	-87.9	-87.4	-81.3	-79.0	-72.6	-75.2	-37.9
Percentage occupancy of rooms %	31.4	-81.7	-77.8	-59.8	-69.2	-60.5	-66.5	-24.3
Percentage occupancy of beds %	25.5	-84.1	-81.7	-73.1	-72.0	-64.2	-70.4	-31.5