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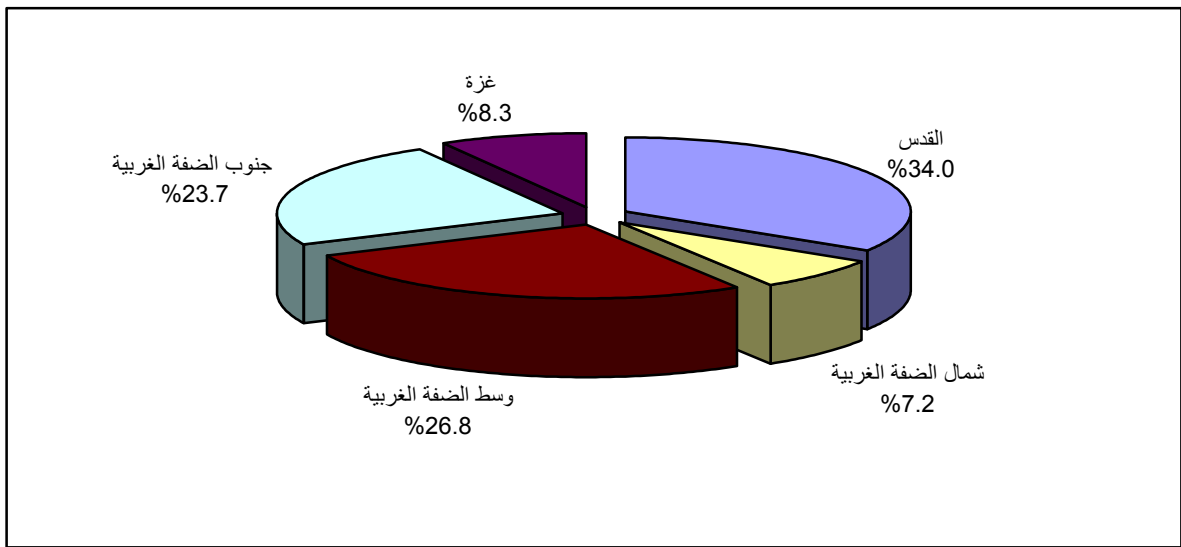
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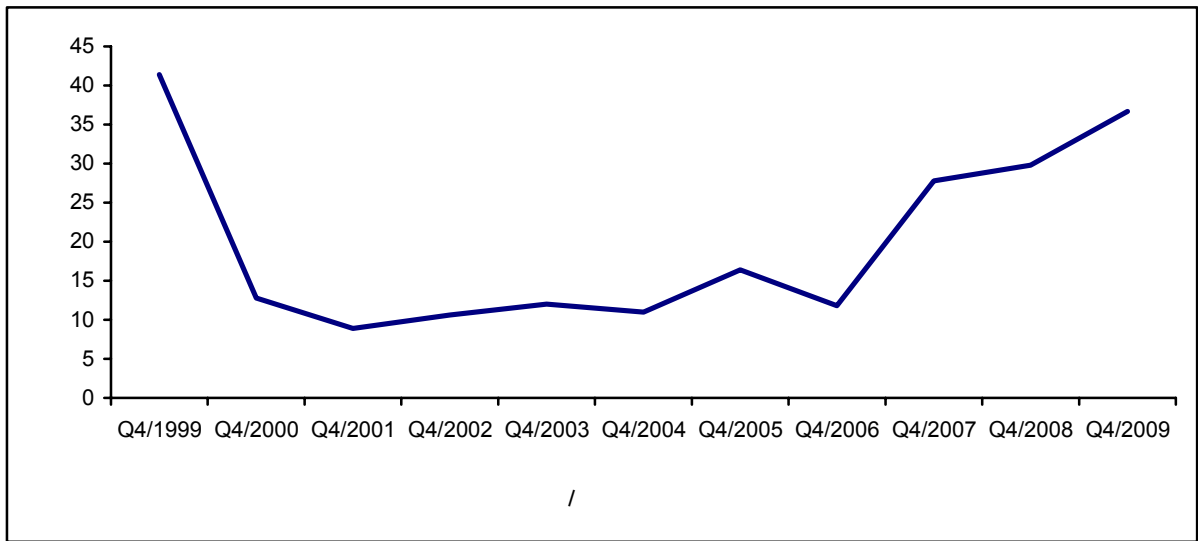


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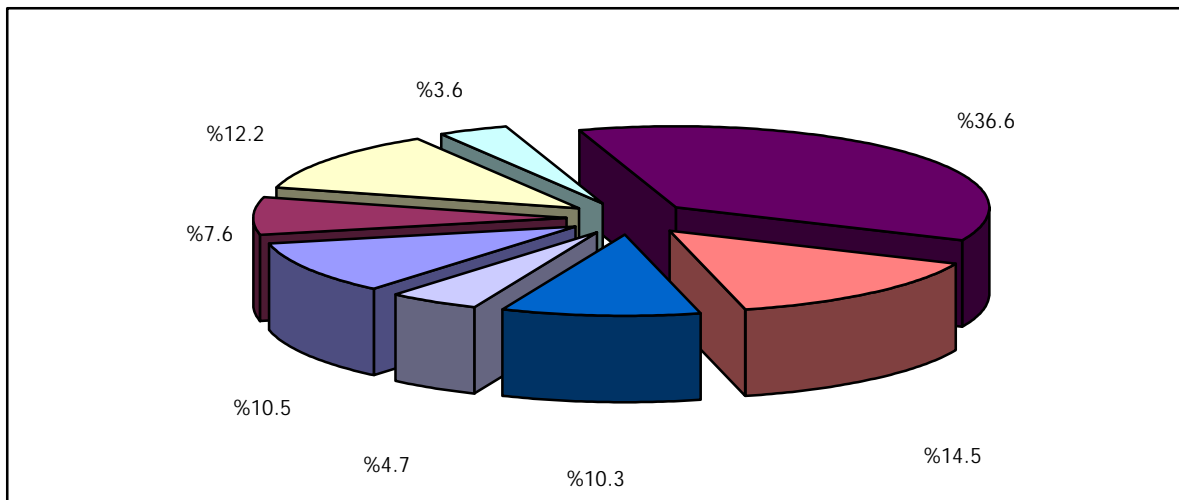
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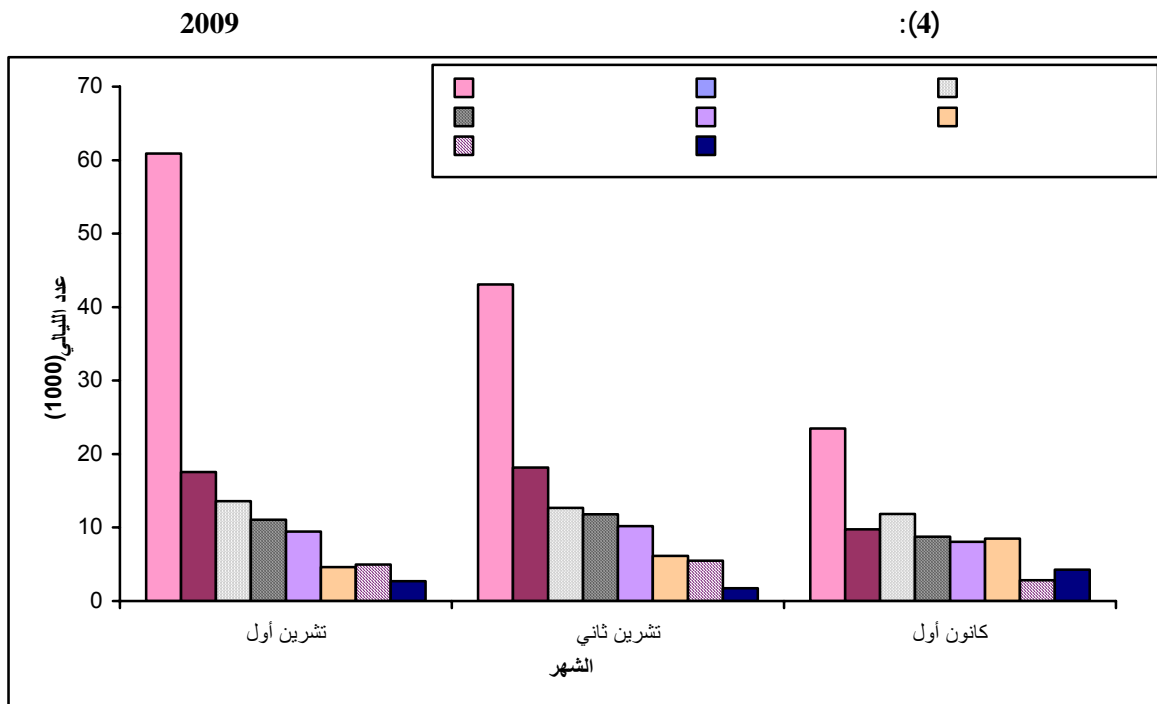
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Table 1: Main Indicators for Hotel Activities by Month and Region During the Fourth Quarter, 2009

Region	Month	Bed Occupancy		Room Occupancy		No. of Nights	No. of Guests	No. of Beds	No. of Rooms	No. of Hotels	
		%	Average	%	Average						
Palestinian Territory *		31.4	3,387.1	36.7	1,791.1	311,617	142,504	10,774	4,879	** 97	*
All Regions	October	37.8	4,026.1	41.9	2,013.5	124,809	54,661	10,654	4,811	94	
	November	34.3	3,644.1	37.5	1,816.5	109,324	49,353	10,625	4,841	93	
	December	22.6	2,499.5	31.0	1,544.0	77,484	38,490	11,042	4,986	97	
North of West Bank	October	15.1	55.0	22.0	36.6	1,705	829	364	166	7	
	November	17.2	64.2	25.1	41.6	1,925	1,111	373	166	7	
	December	10.5	38.1	15.1	25.1	1,182	644	364	166	7	
Middle of West Bank	October	27.4	659.1	41.1	443.8	20,431	10,747	2,401	1,079	25	
	November	26.0	624.5	39.6	427.2	18,736	9,504	2,406	1,079	25	
	December	17.7	435.2	30.9	334.9	13,490	6,459	2,465	1,083	26	
Jerusalem	October	51.1	1,825.0	77.7	1,230.0	56,576	24,908	3,574	1,583	32	
	November	49.8	1,665.4	72.2	1,085.0	49,961	23,679	3,344	1,503	30	
	December	39.3	1,448.5	62.4	1,022.7	44,902	21,379	3,688	1,639	33	
South of West Bank	October	39.3	1,485.5	18.2	302.0	46,049	18,153	3,779	1,662	22	
	November	32.5	1,287.5	14.7	260.6	38,626	15,021	3,966	1,772	23	
	December	14.3	571.2	8.9	157.4	17,706	9,825	3,989	1,777	23	
Gaza Strip	October	0.3	1.5	0.4	1.2	48	24	536	321	8	
	November	0.5	2.5	0.7	2.1	76	38	536	321	8	
	December	1.2	6.6	1.2	3.8	204	183	536	321	8	

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

** Represent the number of hotels in Palestinian Territory as in December.

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Table 2: Number of Hotels and Rooms by Facilities and Region as in December, 2009

Region	Facilities								No. of Rooms	No. of Hotels
	Internet	Telephone	Air Conditioning	Heating	Refrigerator	T.V	Radio	Private Bathroom		
Palestinian Territory	2,464	4,466	4,420	4,499	3,309	4,353	1,306	4,807	4,986	97
North of West Bank	118	129	149	149	149	149	12	149	166	7
Middle of West Bank	767	982	1,047	1,038	881	1,047	167	1,063	1,083	26
Jerusalem	557	1,434	1,397	1,551	952	1,297	949	1,576	1,639	33
South of West Bank	828	1,622	1,572	1,678	1,076	1,587	153	1,705	1,777	23
Gaza Strip	194	299	255	83	251	273	25	314	321	8

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Table 3: Number of Hotels by Availability of Public Services and Region as in December, 2009

	No. of Operating Hotels	Public Services											Region
		Pupic Telephone	Fax	Internet	Bar	Typing	Cofee - shop	Photocopying	Laundry	Shops	Room Services	Other	
	97	12	87	84	47	71	56	83	51	12	82	23	Palestinian Territory
	7	1	5	4	0	4	3	5	4	1	7	1	North of West bank
	26	6	24	17	11	18	18	24	15	3	26	19	Middle of West bank
	33	1	27	32	17	27	20	27	15	0	20	0	Jerusalem
	23	4	23	23	17	19	11	22	14	7	21	3	South of West bank
	8	0	8	8	2	3	4	5	3	1	8	0	Gaza Strip

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Table 4: Average Number of Workers in Hotels by Type of Work, Sex and Region During the Fourth Quarter, 2009

Region	Total			Operation			Administration			* No. of Hotels*
	Total	Females	Males	Total	Females	Males	Total	Females	Males	
Palestinian Territory	1,648	250	1,398	1,349	187	1,162	299	63	236	97
North of West Bank	61	8	53	39	6	33	22	2	20	7
Middle of West Bank	517	56	461	427	38	389	90	18	72	26
Jerusalem	552	85	467	448	61	387	104	24	80	33
South of West Bank	439	100	339	376	82	294	63	18	45	23
Gaza Strip	79	1	78	59	0	59	20	1	19	8

* As in December, 2009

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Table 5: Number and Percentage of Guests by Nationality and Region During the Fourth Quarter, 2009

Region	Month	Nationality										No. of Hotels
		U.S.A & Canada		Asia		Israel		Arab Countries		Palestine		
		%	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%	Number	
Palestinian Territory		12.2	17,324	10.3	14,698	7.6	10,783	0.8	1,088	10.5	14,943	
All Regions	October	11.3	6,198	10.2	5,574	4.4	2,384	0.7	393	8.8	4,784	94
	November	12.4	6,103	10.9	5,359	6.8	3,343	0.9	453	11.2	5,525	93
	December	13.1	5,023	9.8	3,765	13.1	5,056	0.6	242	12.0	4,634	97
North of West Bank	October	5.3	44	0.6	5	17.6	146	2.1	17	56.0	464	7
	November	4.1	46	0.4	4	39.8	442	1.5	17	41.8	464	7
	December	3.6	23	0.5	3	34.1	220	1.6	10	49.4	318	7
Middle of West Bank	October	7.9	848	10.4	1,123	8.2	869	3.1	329	32.8	3,523	25
	November	12.2	1,161	8.2	775	8.8	842	3.7	348	46.9	4,456	25
	December	6.8	439	8.0	515	10.3	670	3.4	219	61.5	3,973	26
Jerusalem	October	18.6	4,636	4.4	1,085	3.5	868	0.0	4	0.0	0	32
	November	18.0	4,270	8.3	1,960	3.4	797	0.0	0	0.0	0	30
	December	19.4	4,149	8.9	1,898	7.5	1,610	0.0	0	0.0	0	33
South of West Bank	October	3.7	670	18.5	3,361	2.8	501	0.2	39	4.4	790	22
	November	4.2	626	17.4	2,617	8.4	1,262	0.6	88	3.9	589	23
	December	4.2	412	13.7	1,349	26.0	2,556	0.1	13	3.4	333	23
Gaza Strip	October	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	16.7	4	29.2	7	8
	November	0.0	0	7.9	3	0.0	0	0.0	0	42.1	16	8
	December	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	5.5	10	8

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Table 5 (Cont.): Number and Percentage of Guests by Nationality and Region During the Fourth Quarter, 2009

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	142,504	0.4	542	3.6	5,158	14.5	20,684	36.6	52,241	3.5	5,043
All Regions	October	100	54,661	0.4	242	2.3	1,277	14.4	7,802	43.6	23,852	3.9	2,155
	November	100	49,353	0.4	173	2.3	1,119	16.3	8,089	34.7	17,156	4.1	2,033
	December	100	38,490	0.3	127	7.2	2,762	12.5	4,793	29.2	11,233	2.2	855
North of West Bank	October	100	829	0.5	4	0.1	1	0.0	0	17.8	148	0.0	0
	November	100	1,111	0.1	1	0.0	0	0.1	1	11.4	127	0.8	9
	December	100	644	0.0	0	0.2	1	0.0	0	10.6	69	0.0	0
Middle of West Bank	October	100	10,747	0.2	23	0.4	47	14.9	1,602	14.9	1,606	7.2	777
	November	100	9,504	0.1	7	0.3	30	4.4	421	13.3	1,260	2.1	204
	December	100	6,459	0.1	5	0.5	33	2.2	140	6.0	387	1.2	78
Jerusalem	October	100	24,908	0.8	208	4.2	1,045	12.9	3,216	51.2	12,738	4.4	1,108
	November	100	23,679	0.6	131	2.1	506	15.1	3,569	45.8	10,869	6.7	1,577
	December	100	21,379	0.5	104	5.7	1,223	16.0	3,412	38.4	8,220	3.6	763
South of West Bank	October	100	18,153	0.0	7	1.0	184	16.4	2,984	51.5	9,347	1.5	270
	November	100	15,021	0.2	32	3.9	583	27.3	4,098	32.5	4,883	1.6	243
	December	100	9,825	0.2	18	15.3	1,505	12.6	1,241	24.4	2,385	0.1	13
Gaza Strip	October	100	24	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	54.1	13	0.0	0
	November	100	38	5.3	2	0.0	0	0.0	0	44.7	17	0.0	0
	December	100	183	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	94.0	172	0.5	1

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Table 6: Number and Percentage of Guest Nights by Nationality and Region During the Fourth Quarter, 2009

Region	Month	Nationality										No. of Hotels
		U.S.A & Canada		Asia		Israel		Arab Countries		Palestine		
		%	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%	Number	
Palestinian Territory		12.2	38,123	10.1	31,591	6.2	19,263	0.6	1,896	8.9	27,723	
All Region	October	10.8	13,582	8.8	11,044	3.7	4,596	0.6	763	7.6	9,459	94
	November	11.7	12,697	10.8	11,799	5.6	6,155	0.6	685	9.3	10,206	93
	December	15.2	11,844	11.3	8,748	11.0	8,512	0.6	448	10.4	8,058	97
North of West Bank	October	8.0	136	1.1	18	10.1	173	1.9	33	58.4	996	7
	November	5.5	107	0.9	17	25.7	496	2.7	52	47.6	916	7
	December	7.1	84	0.3	3	20.2	240	1.3	15	61.3	725	7
Middle of West Bank	October	9.7	1,962	11.5	2,350	9.1	1,850	3.3	671	34.6	7,077	25
	November	13.9	2,600	8.0	1,505	10.6	1,969	2.9	543	43.1	8,073	25
	December	12.5	1,682	9.1	1,232	10.3	1,387	3.1	420	51.1	6,894	26
Jerusalem	October	16.6	9,384	3.5	1,955	2.9	1,655	0.0	8	0.0	0	32
	November	16.2	8,163	9.0	4,509	3.3	1,628	0.0	0	0.0	0	30
	December	20.3	9,106	10.2	4,580	7.6	3,425	0.0	0	0.0	0	33
South of West Bank	October	4.6	2,100	14.6	6,721	2.0	918	0.1	47	2.9	1,355	22
	November	4.7	1,827	14.9	5,765	5.4	2,062	0.2	90	3.1	1,189	23
	December	5.5	972	16.6	2,933	19.5	3,460	0.1	13	2.3	411	23
Gaza Strip	October	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	8.3	4	64.6	31	8
	November	0.0	0	3.9	3	0.0	0	0.0	0	36.8	28	8
	December	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	13.7	28	8

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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	311,617	0.5	1,512	2.8	8,769	14.6	45,462	40.9	127,413	3.2	9,865	
All Regions	October	100	124,809	0.4	446	2.2	2,720	14.1	17,558	48.8	60,886	3.0	3,755	
	November	100	109,324	0.6	626	1.6	1,759	16.6	18,148	39.4	43,069	3.8	4,180	
	December	100	77,484	0.6	440	5.5	4,290	12.6	9,756	30.3	23,458	2.5	1,930	
North of West Bank	October	100	1,705	1.6	28	0.4	6	0.1	1	18.4	314	0.0	0	
	November	100	1,925	0.1	1	0.0	0	0.1	2	14.9	286	2.5	48	
	December	100	1,182	0.0	0	0.2	2	0.0	0	9.6	113	0.0	0	
Middle of West Bank	October	100	20,431	0.4	91	0.6	116	10.0	2,048	16.4	3,360	4.4	906	
	November	100	18,736	0.5	94	0.5	94	3.2	599	16.1	3,025	1.2	234	
	December	100	13,490	0.5	68	0.8	110	2.2	296	8.6	1,164	1.8	237	
Jerusalem	October	100	56,576	0.5	311	3.6	2,061	10.9	6,162	58.4	33,014	3.6	2,026	
	November	100	49,961	0.8	397	1.9	935	14.0	6,977	48.7	24,308	6.1	3,044	
	December	100	44,902	0.7	314	5.5	2,477	16.0	7,178	36.0	16,151	3.7	1,671	
South of West Bank	October	100	46,049	0.0	16	1.2	537	20.3	9,347	52.5	24,185	1.8	823	
	November	100	38,626	0.3	132	1.9	730	27.4	10,570	39.9	15,407	2.2	854	
	December	100	17,706	0.3	58	9.6	1,701	12.9	2,282	33.1	5,856	0.1	20	
Gaza Strip	October	100	48	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	27.1	13	0.0	0	
	November	100	76	2.6	2	0.0	0	0.0	0	56.7	43	0.0	0	
	December	100	204	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	85.3	174	1.0	2	

Table 7: Average Length of Stay for the Guests in Hotels by Nationality and Region During the Fourth Quarter, 2009 - (Night/Guest)

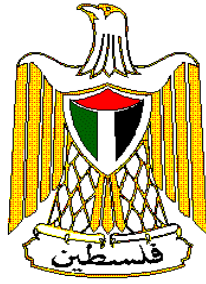
Region	Month	Nationality					No. of Hotels		
		U.S.A & Canada	Asia	Israel	Arab Countries	Palestine			
Palestinian Territory		2.2	2.1	1.8	1.7	1.9			
All Regions	October	2.2	2.0	1.9	1.9	2.0	94		
	November	2.1	2.2	1.8	1.5	1.8	93		
	December	2.4	2.3	1.7	1.9	1.7	97		
North of West Bank	October	3.1	3.6	1.2	1.9	2.1	7		
	November	2.3	4.3	1.1	3.1	2.0	7		
	December	3.7	1.0	1.1	1.5	2.3	7		
Middle of West Bank	October	2.3	2.1	2.1	2.0	2.0	25		
	November	2.2	1.9	2.3	1.6	1.8	25		
	December	3.8	2.4	2.1	1.9	1.7	26		
Jerusalem	October	2.0	1.8	1.9	2.0	0.0	32		
	November	1.9	2.3	2.0	0.0	0.0	30		
	December	2.2	2.4	2.1	0.0	0.0	33		
South of West Bank	October	3.1	2.0	1.8	1.2	1.7	22		
	November	2.9	2.2	1.6	1.0	2.0	23		
	December	2.4	2.2	1.4	1.0	1.2	23		
Gaza Strip	October	0.0	0.0	0.0	1.0	4.4	8		
	November	0.0	1.0	0.0	0.0	1.8	8		
	December	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	2.8	8		

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Table 7 (Cont.): Average Length of Stay for the Guests in Hotels by Nationality and Region During the Fourth Quarter, 2009- (Night/Guest)

Region	Month	Total	Nationality						
			Australia & New Zeland	Africa	Other European Count.	European Union	Central & South America		
Palestinian Territory		2.2	2.8	2.2	1.1	2.4	1.0		
All Regions	October	2.3	1.8	2.3	1.1	2.6	1.0		
	November	2.2	3.6	2.2	1.1	2.5	0.9		
	December	2.0	3.5	2.0	1.0	2.1	1.2		
North of West Bank	October	2.1	7.0	0.0	1.0	2.1	1.5		
	November	1.7	1.0	2.0	1.3	2.3	1.4		
	December	1.8	0.0	0.0	0.9	1.6	2.0		
Middle of West Bank	October	1.9	4.0	1.3	1.1	2.1	1.2		
	November	2.0	13.4	1.4	1.2	2.4	1.1		
	December	2.1	13.6	2.1	1.4	3.0	1.8		
Jerusalem	October	2.3	1.5	1.9	1.1	2.6	0.9		
	November	2.1	3.0	2.0	1.1	2.2	0.9		
	December	2.1	3.0	2.1	0.9	2.0	1.0		
South of West Bank	October	2.5	2.3	3.1	1.0	2.6	1.2		
	November	2.6	4.1	2.6	1.2	3.2	1.1		
	December	1.8	3.2	1.8	1.4	2.5	1.3		
Gaza Strip	October	2.0	0.0	0.0	0.5	1.0	0.0		
	November	2.0	1.0	0.0	1.3	2.5	0.0		
	December	1.1	0.0	0.0	0.9	1.0	0.0		



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Preface

The Palestinian tourism sector has the potential to be a main contributor to the GDP in Palestine.

PCBS began publishing reports about hotel activities from the first quarter of 1996. PCBS is pleased to present the fourth issue of the fifteenth volume on “Hotel Activities in the Palestinian Territory” which covers statistics on the hotel industry for the fourth quarter of 2009.

PCBS has implemented several surveys to cover the supply and demand sides of tourism, including the Hotel Activity survey in the Palestinian Territory, a continuous and permanent survey since 1996, a survey of Tourism Activities 2002 and 2007, and the Domestic Tourism survey for the years 1998, 2005, 2006, 2008 and 2009. The survey of Outbound Tourism in 2004, a survey of Inbound Tourism in 2005, a survey of Inbound Visitors in 2009 and a survey of Hotel Guests in 2008, 2009 were also implemented. This covers an important aspect of tourist demand and is an additional step to further implement surveys for tourism-related statistics, to build the necessary database to establish the Tourism Satellite Accounts (TSA) in the Palestinian Territory.

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 is a step towards supporting the tourism sector which strengthens the national economy.

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Executive Summary

The main findings of the Hotel Activities Survey during the fourth quarter of 2009 are as follows:

- There are 97 operating hotels in December 2009, offering 4,986 rooms with 11,042 total available beds.
- The average occupancy of rooms was 1,791; average occupancy increased by 44.3% compared with the same quarter of the year 2008, but it decreased by 1.9% compared with the previous quarter.
- The Percentage of rooms occupancy was 36.7%; percentage of rooms occupancy decreased by 7.6% compared with the same quarter of the year 2008, but it increased by 23.2% compared with the previous quarter.
- The average number of workers in the hotels was 1,648 of which 250 were females.
- During the fourth quarter 2009, the total number of guests to the Palestinian Territory hotels reached 142,504; the number shows an increase of 21.2% compared with the same quarter of the year 2008, and it increased by 4.8% compared with the third quarter of 2009.
- Most of the guests were in Jerusalem, representing 49.1% of the total guests, whereas 18.7% of the guests were in the Middle of the West Bank and 30.2% were in the South of the West Bank.
- The total number of guest nights was 311,617. The number reflect an increase of 0.3% during the fourth quarter 2009 compared with the previous quarter, and it increased by 0.6% compared with the corresponding quarter in the year 2008.
- The average length of stay in Palestinian hotels was 2.2 nights per guest during the fourth quarter 2009.

Chapter One

Introduction

Tourism is considered a cornerstone of the Palestinian economy and there are many attractive touristic resorts for people of different interests. PCBS began to collect statistical data on tourism and monitor hotel activities through a continuous and comprehensive survey since 1996, carried out on a monthly basis. and following the World Tourism Organization and European Union recommendations. It aimed to produce a comprehensive database and time series of basic indicators on the hotel industry hoping to enable the development and promotion of the tourism industry in the Palestinian Territory.

A quarterly report is regularly produced and a collective comprehensive report is produced annually. This publication presents data on hotels for the fourth quarter 2009; results indicate an improvement in most indicators compared with the previous seven years.

Chapter Two

Concepts and Definitions

This section presents the main concepts and definitions used to derive the main indicators of tourism statistics. These concepts and definitions are based on international recommendations in the field of tourism statistics, and are applied to the rest of the common subjects in the PCBS. The main concepts and definitions 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 various facilities and services to visitors.

Operating Hotels:

It is defined as the hotels that included in the sample frame and results, excluding the non operating hotels that are carrying out repairs or maintenance, and the hotels which didn't respond to the survey.

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. Rooms closed for maintenance or repairs are excluded.

Guests:

It refers to visitors staying in the hotels and using their facilities. Records of new guests are based on the number of visits regardless whether it's the same person or different.

Number of Guest Nights (Bed Occupancy):

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.

Average (rooms, beds) Occupancy:

It is defined as the total number of occupied (rooms, beds) divided by the number of days.

Percentage of (rooms, beds) Occupancy:

It is defined as the average of (rooms, beds) occupancy divided by available (rooms, beds) multiplied by one hundred.

Average Length of Stay:

Represents the total of guest nights by nationality divided by number of guests of the same nationality.

North of West Bank Region:

Jenin, Tulkarm, Nablus, Qalqiliya, Salfit and Tubas governorates.

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 was 126 hotels, including those temporarily closed. There were 97 operating hotels in December 2009, offering 4,986 rooms with 11,042 total available beds.

3.1 Hotel Capacity during December, 2009

The operating hotels within the Palestinian Territory in the fourth quarter 2009 were distributed as follows:

- North of West Bank: 7 hotels including 166 rooms comprising 364 beds.
- Middle of West Bank: 26 hotels including 1,083 rooms comprising 2,465 beds.
- Jerusalem Region: 33 hotels including 1,639 rooms comprising 3,688 beds.
- South of West Bank: 23 hotels including 1,777 rooms comprising 3,989 beds.
- Gaza Strip: 8 hotels including 321 rooms comprising 536 beds.

3.2 Room Occupancy during the Fourth Quarter, 2009

The average occupancy of rooms in the Palestinian hotels was 1,791.1 representing 36.7% from the available rooms.

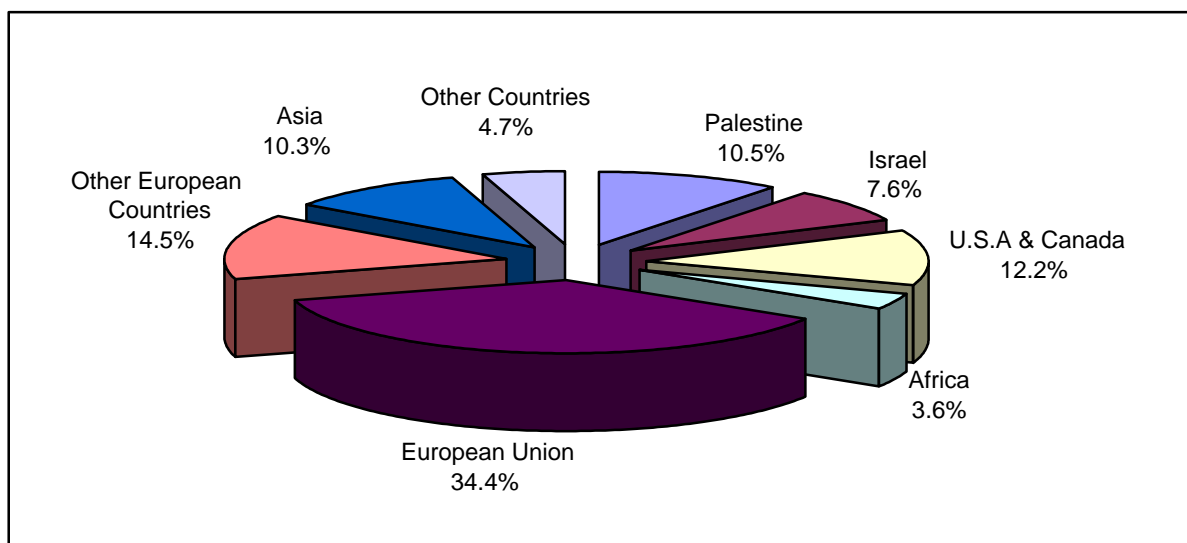
3.3 Hotel Workers during the Fourth Quarter, 2009

The average number of workers in the hotels was 1,648 of which 1,398 were males and 250 were females. The number of workers in hotel administration was 299, of which 236 were males and 63 were females. There were 1,349 workers in hotels services, of which 1,162 were males and 187 were females.

3.4 Guests and Nights Occupancy during the Fourth Quarter, 2009

The total number of guests in the Palestinian hotels was 142,504 persons, of which 10.5% were Palestinian guests, and 36.6% were from the European Union countries. The number of guests showed an increase of 21.2%, compared with the same quarter of the year 2008.

Figure (1): Percentage Distribution of Guests by Nationality During the Fourth Quarter, 2009



The total number of guest nights in Palestinian hotels during the fourth quarter 2009 was 311,617 of which: 8.9% of these nights were occupied by Palestinian guests, 40.9% by guests from European Union countries, and 12.2% by guests from the United States and Canada.

The guest nights distributed according to region are as follows: guests spent 48.6% of total nights in Jerusalem hotels, and 16.9%, 32.9%, and 1.5% in Middle, South, and North of the West Bank, respectively, and 0.1% of nights in Gaza Strip hotels.

The table below presents the main results of the fourth quarter of 2009, and explains the changes that occurred in the main indicators for Palestinian hotels activities compared with the previous quarter, and with the results of the fourth quarter of 2008.

Percentage Change in the Variables During the Fourth Quarter 2009, Compared with the Previous and Fourth Quarter 2008

The Indicator	Value During the 4 th Quarter 2009	Percentage change (%) comparing with	
		4 th Quarter 2008	3 ^{ed} Quarter 2009
Number of operating hotels	97	14.1	9.0
Average number of workers	1,648	16.7	8.2
Number of guests	142,504	21.2	4.8
Number of guest nights	311,617	0.6	0.3
Average occupancy of rooms	1,791.1	44.3	-1.9
Average occupancy of beds	3,387.1	0.6	0.3
Rooms occupancy %	36.7	23.2	-7.6
Beds occupancy %	31.4	-17.4	-6.8