

Palestinian Central Bureau of Statistics (PCBS)

Press Release For the Hotel Survey, Third Quarter 2006

33,388 Guests Spent 83,375 Nights During the Third Quarter 2006

The Palestinian Central Bureau of Statistics (PCBS) is pleased to release the main findings of the hotel survey for the third quarter 2006, which aims to provide the public with an overall idea of the most important indicators of the hotel survey, mainly the number of guests, average number of workers, occupancy rates, and other main indicators.

The number of operating hotels in the Palestinian Territory in September 2006 was 78 hotels, comprising a total of 4,063 rooms with a total of 8,443 available beds; of which 23 hotels including 1252 rooms comprising 2,593 beds in Jerusalem area. Therefore the results showed that the number of workers in the Palestinian Territory hotels was 1,286 of which 13.2% were females.

During the third quarter 2006, the total number of guests to the Palestinian Territory reached 33,388 persons; of which 33.5% were from European Union countries, and 19.0% were from Palestinian guests, while the total number of guest nights reached 83,375 of which 12.9% were Palestinian guests, and 31.0% were guests from the European Union countries.

Short Term Changes

The number of guests whom arrived from outside the Palestinian Territory during the third quarter of 2006 is 80.9%, and this percent decreased by 2.0% compared with the second quarter 2006.

Mid Term Changes

Since September 2000, there has been a dramatic drop in the main indicators of hotel activity due to the Israeli measures against the Palestinian population. The results showed that the decline in the percentage occupancy of rooms reached 66.5% by comparing with the same quarter of the year 2000, and the number of nights declined by 75.2%.