

**Palestinian Central Bureau of Statistics**  
**Press Release**  
**For the Hotel survey, Fourth Quarter 2005**  
**34,535 guests spent 89,294 nights during the fourth quarter 2005**

The Palestinian Central Bureau of Statistics is pleased to release the main findings of the Hotel Survey for the fourth quarter 2005. Similarly to the previous times we have published data, this release aims at giving the public an overall idea of the most important indicators in Hotel Survey, mainly the number of guests, average number of workers, occupancy rates, and other main indicators.

The number of hotels operating in the Palestinian Territory at the end of fourth quarter was 77 hotels, comprising a total of 3,691 rooms with a total of 7,923 available beds, of which 18 hotels including 869 rooms comprising 1,967 beds in Jerusalem area, and the results show that the number of workers in the Palestinian hotels was 1,318 of which 12.7% from these workers are females.

During the fourth quarter 2005, the total number of guests to the Palestinian Territory reached 34,535 persons, of which 36.1% of them were European Union countries, and 25.5% were from Palestinian guests, while the total number of guest nights was 89,294 nights, of which 21.7% were Palestinian guests, and 38.7% were guests from the European Union countries.

**Short Term Changing**

the number of the guests whom arrived from outside Palestinian Territory during the fourth quarter of 2005, were increased, where the percentage were reached in the first three quarters 64.9%, 63.4%, and 61.9% while it reached 74.5% during the fourth quarter.

The number of workers in the fourth quarter were reached 1,280 persons, while there was increasing in the number of nights during the last three quarters of which 24.0%, 24.4% and 20.9% respectively, comparing with the first quarter 2005.

17.0% from the hotel rooms were occupied in the second quarter which was highest occupation rate comparing with the other quarters, as it reached 11.9% in the first quarter, and 16.4% for both third and fourth quarters.

**Long Term Changing**

Since September 2000, there has been a dramatic drop in the main indicators of hotel activity, because of the Israeli measures against the Palestinian foundations. By comparing with same quarter of the year 1999, we found that the percentage occupancy of rooms declined by 60.4%, while the number of guests declined by 65.2%, and the number of nights declined by 68.8%, on the other hand, this reduction considered the lowest in the previous four years, which reflect the improvement of this indicators during this period, as explained in table below, which reflects the percentage change in the main indicators during the fourth quarter of each year comparing with the fourth quarter 1999:

**Percentage Change in the Variables During the Fourth Quarter of the Years  
2000-2005, in Compare with the Fourth Quarter 1999**

The Indicator	Value During the 4 <sup>th</sup> Quarter 2005	Percentage change (%) comparing with 4 <sup>th</sup> Quarter 1999					
		2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005
Number of operating hotels	77	16.5	-7.7	-20.9	-17.6	-12.1	-15.4
Average number of workers	1318	39.5	-41.4	-33.4	-34.4	-32.6	-28.9
Number of guests	34535	-71.2	-88.7	-86.3	-83.4	-75.5	-65.2
Number of guest nights	89294	-66.2	-85.0	-84.6	-82.6	-78.2	-68.8
Average occupancy of rooms	605.7	-62.5	-83.3	-80.2	-77.6	-75.4	-63.0
Average occupancy of beds	970.6	-66.2	-85.0	-84.6	-82.6	-78.2	-68.8
Percentage occupancy of rooms %	16.4	-69.1	-78.5	-74.4	-71.0	-73.4	-60.4
Percentage occupancy of beds %	12.2	-72.0	-81.3	-79.9	-77.7	-76.1	-66.8