

Palestinian Central Bureau of Statistics (PCBS)

Releases a Statistical Report About the Hotel Activities Survey, Fourth Quarter 2009

Palestinian Central Bureau of Statistics (PCBS) is pleased to release the main findings of the Hotel Activities Survey for the fourth quarter 2009, which aims at giving the public an overall idea of the most important indicators of the Hotel Activities, mainly the number of guests, average number of workers, occupancy rates, and other main indicators.

The number of operating hotels in the Palestinian Territory at the end of the fourth quarter was 97 operating hotels in December 2009, offering 4,986 rooms with total available beds of 11,042 of which 33 hotels including 1,639 rooms comprising 3,688 beds were in the Jerusalem region. The results show that the number of workers in the Palestinian hotels was 1,648 of which 250 are females.

During the fourth quarter 2009, the total number of guests to the Palestinian Territory reached 142,504 persons, of which 11% were Palestinian guests, and 37% were from the European Union countries. 49% of the guest total were in Jerusalem hotels, whereas the percentage reached 19% in hotels in Middle of the West Bank, 30% in hotels in South of the West Bank, 2% in hotels in North of the West Bank, and the percent less than 1% in Gaza Strip hotels.

While the total number of guest nights reached 311,617 nights, 9% of these nights were occupied by Palestinian guests, 41% by guests who arrived from European Union countries, and 12% by the guests who arrived from the United States of America and Canada.

Most of the guests nights were in Jerusalem and South of the West Bank, representing 49% and 17% of the total guests respectively, and less than 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 the Palestinian hotels activities, compared with the previous quarter, and with the results of the fourth quarter of 2008.

The Indicator	Value During the Fourth Quarter 2009	Percentage change (%) comparing with	
		4 th Quarter 2008	3 rd 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

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