

## **The Palestinian Central Bureau of Statistics (PCBS) releases Statistical Report about the Hotel Activities Survey, Second Quarter 2010**

The Palestinian Central Bureau of Statistics (PCBS) is pleased to release the main findings of the Hotel Activities Survey for the second quarter 2010, which aims to give users 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 second quarter was 94 operating hotels in June 2010, offering 4,800 rooms with 10,118 total available beds, of which 29 hotels comprising 1,452 rooms that offer 3,165 beds were in the Jerusalem region. The results show that the number of workers in the Palestinian hotels was 1,707 of whom 250 were females.

During the second quarter 2010, the total number of guests to the Palestinian Territory reached 140,009 persons of whom 9.6% were Palestinian guests, and 41.7% were from the European Union countries. The number of guests showed an increase of 42.3% compared with the same quarter of the year 2009.

The total number of guest nights reached 318,371 nights; while 9.1% of these nights were occupied by Palestinian guests, 44.1% by guests from European Union countries, and 12.9% by guests from the United States and Canada.

Most of the guests nights were in south of the West Bank and Jerusalem, representing 43.1% and 39.2% of the total guests respectively; while less than 1% of nights in Gaza Strip hotels.

The table below presents the main results of the second quarter of 2010, 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 second quarter of 2009.

The Indicator	Value During the 2 <sup>nd</sup> Quarter 2010	Percentage change (%) comparing with	
		1 <sup>st</sup> Quarter 2010	2 <sup>nd</sup> Quarter 2009
Number of operating hotels	94	-1.1	3.3
Average number of workers	1,707	-5.3	14.6
Number of guests	140,009	13.7	42.3
Number of guest nights	318,371	11.8	32.7
Average occupancy of rooms	1,648.0	6.0	30.2
Average occupancy of beds	3,511.7	10.6	32.7
Rooms occupancy %	34.3	10.6	16.3
Beds occupancy %	34.1	15.2	18.8