

**Press Release**  
**For the Hotel survey, Second Quarter 2004**  
**22,431 Guests spent 61,979 nights**

The Palestinian Central Bureau of Statistics is pleased to disseminate the main findings of the Hotel Survey for second quarter 2004. 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.

As figures indicate, there are 80 operating hotels in June 2004, offers 3,051 rooms with total available beds of 6,841. During the second quarter 2004, the total number of guests to the Palestinian Territory hotels reached 22,431, they declined by percentage of 68.8% compared with the same quarter of the year 1999. The number of workers in the hotels administrators were 254 employees, while there were 931 workers in hotel services, 12.6% of these workers were females, the average number of workers declined by 22.2% during the second quarter 2004 compared with the same quarter of the year 1999.

Total number of nights was 61,979. It declined by 69.3% compared with the corresponding quarter in the year 1999, while the Percentage occupancy of rooms was 13.3%, it declined by 62.5% during the second quarter 2004 compared with the same quarter of the year 1999.

The table below represents the main results of the second quarter of 2004, and explains the changes occurred on the main indicators of the hotel activity, cause of the Israeli siege, compared with the same quarter of the year 1999.

Indicator	Value During the 2 <sup>nd</sup> Quarter 2004	Percentage change (%) comparing with 2 <sup>nd</sup> Quarter 1999				
		2000	2001	2002	2003	2004
Number of operating hotels	80	14.4	-7.8	-20.0	-15.6	-11.1
Average number of workers	1,185	48.2	16.5	-17.9	-22.4	-22.2
Number of guests	22,431	48.1	-74.7	-83.1	-79.3	-68.8
Number of guest nights	61,979	63.1	-73.7	-78.9	-77.2	-69.3
Percentage occupancy of rooms %	13.3	28.3	-73.3	-70.6	-69.1	-62.5
Percentage occupancy of beds %	9.4	9.5	-74.4	-74.9	-74.4	-67.2