

## **PCBS Releases a Statistical Report**

### **30% of the Palestinian Households Traveled for Domestic Tourism During the Year 2008**

PCBS conducted a household survey of specialized domestic tourism 2008, a sample of the Palestinian community of 6,523 Palestinian households.

The results of the survey indicate that 30% of the Palestinian households traveled for domestic tourism during the year 2008, of which 28% in the West Bank, and 34% in Gaza Strip.

The results show that the number of the households that took domestic tourism was 194,539 households, of which 120,218 households in West Bank and 74,323 in Gaza Strip.

In the West Bank 26% of the households that took trips visited Jericho and Al-Aghwar governorate, while 22% visited Qalqilya governorate, and 13% visited Nablus governorate. In Gaza Strip 37% of the households that took trips visited Gaza governorate, while 25% visited Khan Younis governorate.

The results indicate the average expenditure for domestic tourism by the Palestinian household was US\$41.4 while expenditure by households of the West Bank was US\$47.2 compared to US\$32.5 for households of Gaza Strip. The distribution of expenditure according to the mode of the household's consumption during the trip showed that the consumption on food and drink was US\$17.0, on transportation & telecommunications were US\$15.3, on entertainment activities was US\$5.0 and on shopping was US\$4.1

The results show that 99.9% of the trips taken by the households were self organized, and 0.1% were organized by Travel Agencies.

The results indicate that 92% of visited area have restaurants and parks, 86% have basic health facilities, 65% have coffee shops and 63% have commercial enterprise. Results indicated that 48% of the visited areas have swimming pools, 12% have tourism information, and only 5% of visited areas have hotels.

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