

## **Palestinian Central Bureau of Statistics Release Results of Domestic Tourism Survey 2006**

### **42.7% from the Palestinian households were conducted a domestic trip inside the Palestinian Territory**

The Palestinian Central Bureau of Statistics is pleased to release the main findings of the Domestic Tourism Survey 2006, Data collection took place during the period 02/01/2007 - 1/4/2007.

The results of the survey indicate that 42.7% of the Palestinian households or one of it's members conducted at least one trip inside the Palestinian Territory during the year 2006 with increase reached 25.6 compared with the year 2005.

40.9% of traveled households in the Palestinian Territory used public buses transport, and 31.7% buses taxes, and 18.9% used their own cars, while 2.5% used rented cars to reach their destinations.

In the West Bank 32.9% of the households that conducted trips where visited Jericho and Al-Aghwar governorate, and in Gaza Strip 48.6% of the households that conducted visited Gaza governorate.

59.4% of the trips conducted by the households had been organized by themselves, while 40.2% of the trips had been organized by the Schools administrations, but only 0.4% of the trips had been organized by the tourist agencies.

The average expenditure for domestic tourism trip by the Palestinian household was 27.7 US\$ in 2006, while expenditure by households of the West Bank was 33.6 US\$ compared to 19.6 US\$ for households of Gaza Strip, but it was 44.6 US\$ by the Palestinian household in 2005.

The distribution of expenditure according to the mode of the households consumption during the trip showed that the consumption of food and drink was 9.7 US\$, 8.4 US\$ was consumed on transportation and telecommunications and 4.1 US\$ for shopping, 5.5 US\$ for Entertainments and other expenditures.

The results indicate that 78.5% of visited places in the Palestinian Territory were have health facilities, and 72.0% were have restaurants and gardens, and 38.0% were available swimming pools.

The results show that 54.2% of the Palestinian households did not conduct any trip during year 2006, for the reason of the bad economic situation in the Palestinian Territory.