

Press Release
For the Hotel survey, Third Quarter 2004
29,141 Guests spent 70,468 nights

The Palestinian Central Bureau of Statistics is pleased to release the main findings of the Hotel Survey for third 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 79 operating hotels in September 2004, offers 3,006 rooms with total available beds of 6,596. During the third quarter 2004, the total number of guests to the Palestinian Territory hotels reached 29,141, they declined by percentage of 68.8% compared with the same quarter of the year 1999. The total number of workers in these hotels was 1,198 persons, 11.9% of them were females. The average number of workers during the third quarter 2004, declined by 28.7% compared with the same quarter of the year 1999.

Total number of nights was 71,468. It declined by 72.1% compared with the corresponding quarter in the year 1999, while the Percentage occupancy of rooms was 12.8%, it declined by 65.6% during the third quarter 2004 compared with the same quarter of the year 1999.

The table below represents the main results of the third 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 3 rd Quarter 2004	Percentage change (%) comparing with 3 rd Quarter 1999				
		2000	2001	2002	2003	2004
Number of operating hotels	79	17.4	-8.7	-20.7	-17.4	-14.1
Average number of workers	1,198	66.8	-10.1	-26.1	-32.5	-28.7
Number of guests	29,141	25.8	-85.6	-84.6	-78.8	-68.8
Number of guest nights	70,468	32.9	-83.9	-83.2	-75.2	-72.1
Average occupancy of rooms	427.0	37.3	-81.0	-79.2	-62.3	-69.4
Average occupancy of beds	766.0	31.4	-84.1	-83.4	-75.5	-72.4
Percentage occupancy of rooms %	12.8	11.6	-79.5	-75.4	-55.1	-65.6