

Palestinian Central Bureau of Statistics "PCBS" Releases a Statistical Report about Domestic and Outbound Tourism, 2009

Palestinian Central Bureau of Statistics "PCBS" conducted a specialized household survey of domestic and outbound tourism 2009, with a sample of 7,772 Palestinian households.

The results of the survey indicated that 38.1% of households in the Palestinian Territory took domestic trips during the year 2009, of which 33.9% in the West Bank and 47.9% in Gaza Strip.

In the West Bank, 31.1% of the households that took trips visited Jericho and Al-Aghwar governorate, while 20.4% visited Tulkarm governorate and 15.0% visited Nablus governorate.

In Gaza Strip, 41.5% of the households that took trips visited Gaza governorate, while 31.0% visited Khan Yunis governorate.

The total expenditure of households in the Palestinian Territory on domestic trips during the year 2009 was about US\$ 10.5 million, with US\$ 7.7 million in the West Bank and US\$ 2.8 million in Gaza Strip.

The average expenditure on domestic trip by households in the Palestinian Territory was US\$ 42.6 with US\$ 50.1 in the West Bank and US\$ 30.2 in Gaza Strip.

The results of the survey showed that 15.6% of households in the Palestinian Territory took outbound trips during the year 2009 of which 21.9% in the West Bank and 0.7% in Gaza Strip.

52.0% of the households that took trips visited Jordan; while 21.4% visited the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia.

Survey results showed that 17.9% of households that conducted trips were aimed at leisure and recreation, 46.3% were to visit relatives and friends, and 35.8% were for work and official missions.

The total expenditures of households in the Palestinian Territory on the outbound trips was about US\$ 137 million of which US\$ 26 million expend on entertainments tourism trips.

The average expenditures on the outbound tourism trip by household in the Palestinian Territory was US\$ 975.2 during the year of 2009.