

The Palestinian Central Bureau of Statistics

Press Release

For the Hotel survey, Third Quarter 2005

35,337 guests spent 91,859 nights

The Palestinian Central Bureau of Statistics is pleased to release the main findings of the Hotel Survey for the Third quarter 2005. 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.

The number of hotels operating in the Palestinian Territory at the end of third quarter was 76 hotels, comprising a total of 3,431 rooms with a total of 7,408 available beds, of which 18 hotels including 866 rooms comprising 1,972 beds in Jerusalem area, and the results show that the number of workers in the Palestinian hotels was 1,246 of which 12.1% from these workers are females.

During the third quarter 2005, the total number of guests to the Palestinian Territory reached 35,337 persons, of which 34.2% of them were Palestinian guests, and 23.6% were from the European Union countries, while the total number of guest nights was 91,859 nights, of which 25.3% were Palestinian guests, and 28.6% were guests from the European Union countries.

Since September 2000, there has been a dramatic drop in the main indicators of hotel activity, because of the Israeli measures against the Palestinian foundations. By comparing with same quarter of the year 2000, we found that the percentage occupancy of rooms declined by 60.5%, while the number of guests declined by 69.9% and the number of nights declined by 72.6%, on the other hand, this reduction considered the lowest in the previous three years, which reflect the improvement of this indicators during this period, as explained in table below, which reflects the percentage change in the main indicators during the third quarter of each year comparing with the third quarter 2000:

Percentage Change in the Variables During the Third Quarter of the Years 2001-2005, in Compare with the Third Quarter 2000

The Indicator	Value During the 3 rd Quarter 2005	Percentage change (%) comparing with 3 rd Quarter 2000				
		2001	2002	2003	2004	2005
Number of operating hotels	76	-22.2	-32.4	-29.6	-26.9	-29.6
Average number of workers	1,246	-46.1	-55.7	-59.5	-57.6	-55.6
Number of guests	35,337	-88.6	-87.7	-83.1	-75.2	-69.9
Number of guest nights	91,859	-87.9	-87.4	-81.3	-79.0	-72.6
Average occupancy of rooms	580.0	-86.2	-84.9	-72.5	-77.7	-69.4
Average occupancy of beds	998.5	-87.9	-87.4	-81.3	-79.0	-72.6
Percentage occupancy of rooms %	16.4	-81.7	-77.8	-59.8	-69.2	-60.5
Percentage occupancy of beds %	13.3	-84.1	-81.7	-73.1	-72.0	-64.2