

Palestinian Central Bureau of Statistics (PCBS)

Releases a Statistical Report About the Hotel Activities Survey, Second Quarter 2009

Palestinian Central Bureau of Statistics is pleased to release the main findings of the Hotel Activities Survey for the second quarter 2009, which aims at giving the public an overall idea of the most important indicators of the Hotel Activities, mainly the number of guests, average number of workers, occupancy rates, and other main indicators.

The number of operating hotels in the Palestinian Territory at the end of the second quarter was 91 operating hotels in June 2009, offering 4,511 rooms with total available beds of 9,825 of which 29 hotels including 1,513 rooms comprising 3,355 beds were in the Jerusalem region. The results show that the number of workers in the Palestinian hotels was 1,490 of which 224 are females.

During the second quarter 2009, the total number of guests to the Palestinian Territory reached 99,202 persons, of which 15% were Palestinian guests, and 35% were from the European Union countries. 44% of the guest total were in Jerusalem hotels, whereas the percentage reached 26% in hotels in Middle of the West Bank, 29% in hotels in South of the West Bank, 2% in hotels in North of the West Bank, and 0.2% in hotels in Gaza Strip.

While the total number of guest nights reached 240,846 nights, 11% of these nights were occupied by Palestinian guests, 39% by guests who arrived from European Union countries, and 11% by the guests who arrived from the United States of America and Canada.

Most of the guests nights were in Jerusalem and South of the West Bank, representing 45% and 33% of the total guests respectively, and less than 1% of nights in Gaza Strip hotels.

The table below presents the main results of the second quarter of 2009, and explains the changes that occurred in the main indicators for Palestinian hotels activities, compared with the previous quarter, and with the results of the second quarter of 2008.

| The Indicator | Value During the 2nd Quarter 2009 | Percentage change (%) comparing with | |
|----------------------------|-----------------------------------|--------------------------------------|------------------------------|
| | | 1 st Quarter 2009 | 2 nd Quarter 2008 |
| Number of operating hotels | 91 | 21.3 | 11.0 |
| Average number of workers | 1,490 | 10.8 | 20.3 |
| Number of guests | 99,202 | 43.0 | -21.7 |
| Number of guest nights | 240,846 | 43.2 | -25.6 |
| Average occupancy of rooms | 1,265.3 | 32.9 | -29.8 |
| Average occupancy of beds | 2,646.7 | 41.6 | -25.6 |
| Rooms occupancy % | 29.5 | 23.9 | -30.6 |
| Beds occupancy % | 28.8 | 30.3 | -25.2 |

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