

Press Release

For the Hotel survey, Annual Report 2003

The Palestinian Central Bureau of Statistics is pleased to disseminate the main findings of the Hotel Survey for the year 2003. 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, Percentage occupancy of rooms, and other main indicators.

As figures indicate, there are 75 operating hotels in December 2003, offer 3,050 rooms with total available beds of 6,620. the average occupancy of rooms and beds during the year 2003 reached to 371.6 and 546.0 consequently. This occupancy was declined by 72.1% for the average occupancy of rooms and 77.7% for the average occupancy of beds compared with the year 1999.

During the year 2003, the total number of guests to the Palestinian Territory reached 62,812 with a decline of 80.2% compared with the year 1999, while and number of nights was 199,275. during the year 2003, It declined by 77.7% compared with the year 1999.

The number of workers in the hotels services sector was 951 out of them 855 are males and 96 are females. There were 245 administrators out of them 207 are males and 38 are females. The number of workers declined by 26.8% compared with the year 1999.

The table below presents the main results of the year 2003, and explains the changes occurred at the main indicators of the hotel activity, due to the Israeli measures imposed on the Palestinian Territory, compared with the year 1999:

The Indicator	Value 2003	Percentage change%			
		2000	2001	2002	2003
No. Of operating hotels	75	16.5	-7.7	-20.9	-17.6
Average number of workers	1197	46.6	-11.1	-26.6	-26.8
Number of guests	62812	5.9	-81.0	-83.8	-80.2
Number of guest nights	199275	13.5	-79.4	-81.1	-77.7
Average occupancy of rooms	371.6	11.1	-77.2	-77.3	-72.1
Average occupancy of beds	546.0	13.5	-79.4	-81.1	-77.7
Percentage occupancy of rooms	11.7	-5.6	-74.1	-71.6	-67.0
Percentage occupancy of beds	8.0	-2.2	-76.0	-76.2	-73.6