

Press Release For the Hotel survey, Third Quarter 2003

The Palestinian Central Bureau of Statistics is pleased to disseminate the main findings of the Hotel Survey for third quarter 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 76 operating hotels in June 2003, offer 3,296 rooms with total available beds of 7,087.

During the third quarter 2003, the total number of guests to the Palestinian Territory hotels reached 19,821; they declined by 83.1%, compared with the same quarter of the year 2000.

The number of workers in the hotels services sector was 893 out of them 798 are males and 95 are females. There were 242 administrators out of them 203 are males and 39 are females. The number of workers declined by 59.5% compared with the same quarter of the year 2000.

Average occupancy of rooms was 526.4. It declined by 72.5% during the third quarter 2003 compared with the same quarter of the year 2000.

Total number of nights was 62,632. It declined by 81.3% compared with the corresponding quarter in 2000.

The table below presents the main results of the third quarter 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 same quarter of the year 2000:

The Indicator	Value During the Third Quarter 2003	Percentage change (%) compared with Third Quarter 2000		
		2001	2002	2003
Number of operating hotels	76	-22.2	-32.4	-29.6
Average number of workers	1,135	-46.1	-55.7	-59.5
Number of guests	19,821	-88.6	-87.7	-83.1
Number of guest nights	62,632	-87.9	-87.4	-81.3
Average occupancy of rooms	526.4	-86.2	-84.9	-72.5
Average occupancy of beds	680.8	-87.9	-87.4	-81.3
Percentage occupancy of rooms %	16.7	-81.7	-77.8	-59.8
Percentage occupancy of beds %	10.0	-84.1	-81.7	-73.1