

Palestinian Central Bureau of Statistics (PCBS) Releases a Statistical Report about the Hotel Activities Survey, third Quarter 2009

Palestinian Central Bureau of Statistics is pleased to release the main findings of the Hotel Activities Survey for the third 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 third quarter was 89 operating hotels in September 2009, offering 4,666 rooms with total available beds of 10,238 of which 30 hotels including 1,503 rooms comprising 3,343 beds were in the Jerusalem region. The results show that the number of workers in the Palestinian hotels was 1,523 of which 227 are females.

During the third quarter 2009, the total number of guests to the Palestinian Territory reached 135,939 persons, of which 15% were Palestinian guests, and 34% were from the European Union countries. 50% of the guest total were in Jerusalem hotels, whereas the percentage reached 21% in hotels in Middle of the West Bank, 26% in hotels in South of the West Bank, 2% in hotels in North of the West Bank, and the percent 1% in Gaza Strip hotels.

While the total number of guest nights reached 310,643 nights, 16% of these nights were occupied by Palestinian guests, 37% 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 50% and 31% of the total guests respectively, and 1% of nights in Gaza Strip hotels.

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

The Indicator	Value During the 3 rd Quarter 2009	Percentage change (%) comparing with	
		2 nd Quarter 2009	3 rd Quarter 2008
Number of operating hotels	89	-2.2	4.7
Average number of workers	1, 523	2.2	5.0
Number of guests	135,939	37.0	42.0
Number of guest nights	310,643	29.0	30.3
Average occupancy of rooms	1,825.6	44.3	38.9
Average occupancy of beds	3,376.6	27.6	30.3
Rooms occupancy %	39.7	34.6	42.8
Beds occupancy %	33.7	17.0	27.7

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