

Palestinian Central Bureau of Statistics Releases a Statistical Report About the Hotel Activities Survey, Fourth Quarter 2008

Palestinian Central Bureau of Statistics is pleased to release the main findings of the Hotel Activities Survey for the fourth quarter 2008, 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 fourth quarter were 85 operating hotels in December 2008, offering 4,172 rooms with total available beds of 8,854 of which 29 hotels including 1,287 rooms comprising 2,771 beds in Jerusalem region, and the results show that the number of workers in the Palestinian hotels was 1,412 of which 188 are females.

During the fourth quarter 2008, the total number of guests to the Palestinian Territory reached 117,545 persons, of which 10% of them were Palestinian guests, and 45% were from the European Union countries. 51% from the guests total, were in Jerusalem hotels, whereas the percentage reached 15% in hotels in the Middle of the West Bank, 32% in hotels in the South of the West Bank, 2% in hotels in the North of the West Bank, and 0.3% in hotels in Gaza Strip.

While the total number of guest nights reached 309,638 nights, 7% of these nights was occupied by Palestinian guests, 51% by guests who arrived from European Union countries, and 9% of these nights was occupied by the guests who arrived from United State of America and Canada.

Guests spent 56% of total nights in Jerusalem hotels, and 11%, 32%, 1% in the Middle, South, and North of the West Bank, respectively, and 0.3% of nights in Gaza Strip hotels.

When comparing the results of the fourth quarter 2008 with the same period in 1999, which witnessed a record high number of guests and nights and therefore the occupancy rate in the Palestinian Territory, we note the increase in the number of guests, and nights of 18%, and 8% respectively.

The Indicator	Value During the 4 rd Quarter 2008	Percentage change (%) comparing with 4 rd Quarter 1999				
		2002	2004	2006	2007	2008
Number of operating hotels	85	-20.9	-12.1	-13.2	-9.9	-6.6
Number of guests	117,545	-86.3	-75.5	-62.7	-10.5	18.4
Number of guest nights	309,638	-84.6	-78.2	-71.6	-30.5	8.0
Rooms occupancy %	29.8	-74.4	-73.4	-71.5	-32.4	-28.0
Beds occupancy %	38.0	-79.9	-76.1	-73.4	-35.3	3.3

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