

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

Palestinian Central Bureau of Statistics is pleased to release the main findings of the Hotel Activities Survey for the first 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 first quarter was 75 operating hotels in December 2009, offering 3,694 rooms with total available beds of 7,612, of which 24 hotels including 1,109 rooms comprising 2,355 beds were in the Jerusalem region; the results show that the number of workers in the Palestinian hotels was 1,345 of which 201 are females.

During the first quarter 2009, the total number of guests to the Palestinian Territory reached 69,380 persons, of which 9% of them were Palestinian guests, and 35% were from the European Union countries. 50% of the guest total were in Jerusalem hotels, whereas the percentage reached 11% in hotels in Middle of the West Bank, 37% in hotels in South of the West Bank, 2% in hotels in North of the West Bank, and 0.4% in hotels in Gaza Strip.

While the total number of guest nights reached 168,167 nights, 7% of these nights was occupied by Palestinian guests, 37% by guests who arrived from European Union countries, and 13% by the guests who arrived from United State of America and Canada.

Guests spent 53% of total nights in Jerusalem hotels, and 9%, 36%, 2% in Middle, South, and North of the West Bank, respectively, and 0.2% of nights in Gaza Strip hotels.

The table below presents the main results of the first 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 first quarter of 2008.

The Indicator	Value During the 1st Quarter 2009	Percentage change (%) comparing with	
		4 th Quarter 2008	1 st Quarter 2008
Number of operating hotels	75	-11.8	-8.5
Number of guests	69,380	-41.0	-20.0
Number of guest nights	168,167	-45.7	-19.1
Rooms occupancy %	23.5	-20.1	-29.8
Beds occupancy %	21.7	-41.8	-14.0

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