

# The Palestinian Central Bureau of Statistics

## Press Release

### For the Hotel survey, Annual Report 2004

#### 100,184 guests spent 268,695 nights

The Palestinian Central Bureau of Statistics is pleased to release the main findings of the Hotel Survey for year 2004. 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, occupancy rates, and other main indicators.

As results indicate, the total number of hotels in the Palestinian Territory is 124 hotels, including the temporary closed hotels, 80 of those hotels are operating and offered 3,554 rooms with a total of 7,575 available beds in December 2004.

During the year 2004, the total number of guests to the Palestinian Territory reached 100,184 persons, of which 44.1% of them were Palestinian guests, and 19.8% were from the European Union countries, while the total number of guest nights were 268,695 nights, of which 38.8% were for Palestinian guests, and 25.1% were for guests from the European Union countries, whereas the average number of workers in these hotels were 1,217 persons, 12.3% of them were females.

Since September 2000 emanating, results show that there was a clear drop in the main indicators of hotel activity, because of the Israeli measures against the Palestinian foundations. By comparing with same quarter of the year 1999, we found that the percentage occupancy of rooms declined by 59.7%, while the number of guests declined by 68.4% and the number of nights declined by 70.0%, on the other hand, this reduction considered the lowest in the previous three years, which reflect the improvement of this indicators during this period.

The table below represents the main results of the year 2004, and explains the changes occurred on the main indicators of the hotel activity, revert to the Israeli closure, compared with the year 1999.

The Indicator	Value 2004	Percentage change%				
		2000	2001	2002	2003	2004
No. Of operating hotels	80	16.5	-7.7	-20.9	-17.6	-12.1
Average number of workers	1,217	46.5	-8.1	-26.6	-26.9	-25.7
Number of guests	100,184	5.9	-81.0	-83.8	-80.2	-68.4
Number of guest nights	268,695	13.5	-79.4	-81.1	-77.7	-70.0
Average occupancy of rooms	446.9	11.1	-77.3	-77.3	-72.1	-66.5
Percentage occupancy of rooms	13.5	0.0	-72.5	-70.1	-65.1	-59.7
Percentage occupancy of beds	10.2	-2.3	-75.9	-76.6	-73.6	-66.3