

Palestinian Central Bureau of Statistics

Press Release

For the Hotel survey, Second Quarter 2007

75,241 guests spent 158,943 nights during the second quarter 2007

The Palestinian Central Bureau of Statistics is pleased to release the main findings of the Hotel Survey for the second quarter 2007, which aims at giving the public an overall idea of the most important indicators of the Hotel Survey, mainly the number of guests, average number of workers, occupancy rates, and other main indicators.

The number of hotels operating in the Palestinian Territory at the end of second quarter were 77 hotels, comprising a total of 4,005 rooms with a total of 8,537 available beds, of which 19 hotels including 1,023 rooms comprising 2,202 beds in Jerusalem region, and the results show that the number of workers in the Palestinian hotels was 1,268 of which 173 are females.

During the second quarter 2007, the total number of guests to the Palestinian Territory reached 75,241 persons, of which 17.8% of them were Palestinian guests, and 28.7% were from the European Union countries. Most of those guests were in Jerusalem hotels with a percentage of 44.8% from the guests total, where as the percentage reached up to 36.6% in the Middle of the West Bank hotels, and 17.0%, 1.2% in the South and North of the West Bank hotels respectively, while percentage of guests in Gaza Strip hotels was 0.4%.

While the total number of guest nights reached 158,943 nights, of which 11.3% of these nights was occupied by Palestinian guests, while 37.3% by the guests whom arrived from European Union countries, and 9.7% of these nights were occupied by the guests whom arrived from United State of America and Canada.

When comparing the results of the second quarter 2007 with the same period in 2000, which witnessed a record high number of guests and nights and therefore the occupancy rate in the Palestinian Territory, we note the decline in the volume of main hotel indicators, where the decrease in the number of guests, nights and occupancy rate of 29.2 %, 51.8% and 44.9% respectively, but this rate of decline is the lowest compared to previous six years, having started these reductions recede gradually since 2001, as mentioned in the table below.

Percentage Change in the Variables During the Second Quarter of the Years 2000-2007, in Compare with the Second Quarter 2000

The Indicator	Value During the 2 nd Quarter 2007	Percentage change (%) comparing with 2 nd Quarter 2000						
		2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007
Number of operating hotels	77	-19.4	-30.1	-26.2	-22.3	-24.3	-26.2	-25.2
Number of guests	75,241	-92.5	-93.8	-86.0	-78.9	-67.7	-56.8	-29.2
Number of guest nights	158,943	-83.9	-87.1	-86.0	-81.2	-72.2	-63.6	-51.8
Percentage occupancy of rooms %	25.0	-79.3	-77.1	-76.0	-70.7	-62.6	-54.8	-44.9
Percentage occupancy of beds %	20.2	-76.8	-77.1	-76.8	-70.1	-57.3	-49.0	-35.7