

## Press Release For the Hotel survey, First Quarter 2004

The Palestinian Central Bureau of Statistics is pleased to disseminate the main findings of the Hotel Survey for first quarter 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 figures indicate, there are 74 operating hotels in March 2004, offer 2,897 rooms with total available beds of 6,258.

During the first quarter 2004, the total number of guests to the Palestinian Territory hotels reached 18,743, they declined by percentage of 64.6%, compared with the same quarter of the year 1999

The number of workers in the hotels administration part during the First quarter 2004 is 196 of which 162 are males and 34 are females, and in the hotels services sector is 1,159 of which 1,022 are males and 137 are females. Average number of workers declined by 10.6% during the first quarter, compared with the same quarter of the year 1999.

Average occupancy of rooms was 405.3 it declined by 60.4% during the First quarter 2004, compared with the same quarter of the year 1999.

Total number of nights was 56,831. It declined by 63.5% compared with the corresponding quarter in the year 1999.

The table below presents the main results of the first quarter of 2004, and explains the changes occurred at the main indicators of the hotel activity, because of the Israeli siege, compared with the same quarter of the year 1999.

Percentage changes of the indicators during the first quarter of each year, compared with the first quarter of 1999.

The Indicator	Value During the 1 <sup>st</sup> Quarter 2004	Percentage change (%)		
		1 <sup>st</sup> Quarter 2002	1 <sup>st</sup> Quarter 2003	1 <sup>st</sup> Quarter 2004
Number of operating hotels	74	-24.2	-16.5	-17.6
Average number of workers	1,355	-29.2	-18.3	-10.6
Number of guests	18,743	-78.9	-78.2	-64.6
Number of guest nights	56,831	-74.2	-74.1	-63.5
Average occupancy of rooms	405.3	-72.5	-69.7	-60.4
Average occupancy of beds	624.5	-74.2	-74.1	-63.9
Percentage occupancy of rooms %	13.3	-63.2	-65.4	-52.2
Percentage occupancy of beds %	9.3	-65.8	-71.0	-57.6