

Palestinian Central Bureau of Statistics Release Results of Outbound Tourism Survey 2004

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The Palestinian Central Bureau of Statistics is pleased to release the main findings of the Outbound Tourism Survey 2004. Data collection took place during the period 02/01/2005 - 31/03/2005.

This release aims at giving the public an overall idea of the most important indicators in outbound tourism survey, mainly the percentage of traveled household, the average of expenditure for the outbound tourism by the Palestinian household, the average length of stay of the households in the destination country, and other main indicators.

The results of the survey indicate that 12.5% of the Palestinian households conducted at least one visit outside the Palestinian Territory during the year 2004, while 87.5% of them did not, and that the main reasons for not conducting any trip is the bad economic situation in the Palestinian Territory by 48.4%, on the other hand, the results show that 28.9% of the trips that conducted by Palestinian households consists of one participants, against 36.0% of the trips with tow participants, and 13.0% of the trips consists three participants, while 22.1% composed from more than three persons.

The results indicate that the main purposes by the Palestinian households for conducting trips were: visiting relatives and friends 45.7%, religion purposes 29.5%, for treatments 11.4%, while 13.4% of households that conducted trips did not determine the reasons for conducting.

During the year 2004, the results of the survey show us that the average length of stay of households in the destination country is 22 nights. This average is different between households according to purpose of the visit and the destination country.

During the year 2004, The average expenditure for outbound tourism by the Palestinian household was US\$1,217. The distribution of expenditure according to the mode of the household's consumption outside their country showed that US\$365 was consumed on shopping, while the transportation and telecommunications cost was US\$316, and US\$168 was consumed on accommodations.

The results indicate that the main destination country was Jordan, 48.7% of the travelers visited Jordan, whereas 30.7% of the households traveled to Saudi Arabia. The results also indicate that 8.2% of the traveled households went to Egypt.