Palestinian Central Bureau of Statistics (PCBS)

Press Release on Hotel Activities Survey in the West Bank during the First Quarter 2016

More Than 80 Thousand Guests Spent 250 Thousand Nights

During the first quarter 2016, 80,228 guests stayed at hotels in the West Bank: 33% were from European Union countries and 13% were Palestinians.

The number of hotel guests was 20% lower than in the first quarter of 2015 and 32% lower than in previous quarter.

During the first quarter 2016, the number of guest nights in the West Bank hotels reached 250,131: of which 35% were from European Union countries, 15% were Palestinians, and 11% were from the United States and Canada.

Main Indicators for Hotel Activities

Indicator	1st Quarter 2016	1st Quarter 2015	4th Quarter 2015
No. of guests	80,228	99,689	118,322
No. of guest nights	250,131	291,917	373,621
Average room occupancy	1,113.8	1,359.6	1,494.5
Average bed occupancy	2,748.7	3,243.5	4,061.1
Rooms occupancy %	16.5	19.8	22.1

During the first quarter 2016, there were 2,856 hotel workers: (2,197 males and 659 females).

Hotel Room Occupancy

The room occupancy rate in the West Bank was 16.5% in the first quarter 2016.

Room occupancy during the first quarter 2016 was 17% lower than first quarter of 2015 and 25% lower than in the previous quarter.

Hotel Capacity by Region

113 hotels operating in the West Bank responded to the Hotel Activities as in March of 2016. These hotels had 6,766 rooms available with 14,903 beds. These were distributed by region as follows:

- North of West Bank: 21 hotels comprising 435 rooms with 1,208 beds.
- Middle of West Bank: 35 hotels comprising 1,609 rooms with 3,301 beds.
- Jerusalem region: 20 hotels comprising ,1259 rooms with 2,806 beds.
- South of West Bank: 37 hotels comprising ,3463 rooms with 7,588 beds.