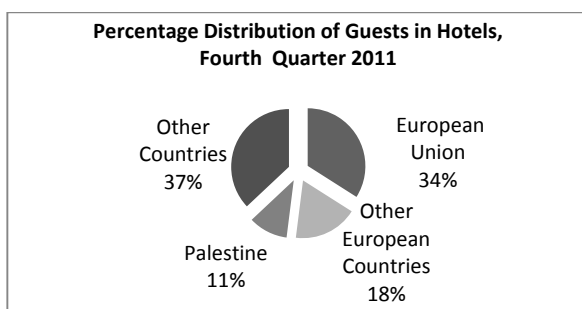




Press Release on the Hotel Activities Survey, Fourth Quarter 2011

A Third of Hotel Guests are from European Union Countries

During the fourth quarter of 2011, the total number of guests in Palestinian hotels was 137 thousand, spending 362 thousand guest nights: 34% were from European Union countries, 11% were Palestinian, 18% were from other European countries, 10% were from Asia, and 6% were from USA and Canada.



Marked Change in Main Hotel Indicators

Room occupancy was 27% in the fourth quarter of 2011, a decrease from 41% in the fourth quarter of 2010 and a fall of 20% in the number of guests. Yet, when compared with the third quarter of 2011, room occupancy was higher by 21% and the number of guest nights up by 30%.

Value of Variables in Main Hotel Indicators 4th Quarter 2011 Compared with 4th Quarter 2010 and 3rd Quarter 2011

Indicator	Value		
	4th Quarter 2011	4th Quarter 2010	3rd Quarter 2011
Number of guests	137,426	170,671	106,100
Number of guest nights	361,612	370,966	253,635
Average room occupancy	1,554.1	2,019.7	1,243.8
Average bed occupancy	3,930.6	4,032.2	2,756.9
Room occupancy %	27.0	41.3	22.4

Hotel Capacity During December 2011

Hotels operating within the Palestinian Territory in the fourth quarter of 2011 were distributed as follows:

- North of West Bank: 8 hotels comprising 223 rooms with 637 beds.
- Middle of West Bank: 27 hotels comprising 1,343 rooms with 3,388 beds.
- Jerusalem Region: 28 hotels comprising 1,455 rooms with 3,051 beds.
- South of West Bank: 28 hotels comprising 2,185 rooms with 4,500 beds.
- Gaza Strip: 12 hotels comprising 627 rooms with 1,183 beds.

The Survey of Hotel Activities-Fourth Quarter 2011 was implemented by PCBS to provide key indicators on hotel activity, including the number of hotels, guests, occupancy rates of rooms and beds, number of workers in hotels, and hotel capacity.

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