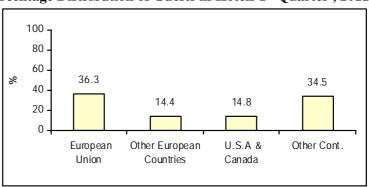
Palestinian Central Bureau of Statistics (PCBS) Release on the Hotel Activities Survey, First Quarter 2011

Most of Hotel Guests are from European Union Countries

Percentage Distribution of Guests in Hotels 1st Quarter, 2011

The total number of guests in the Palestinian hotels was 132 thousands persons spend 291 thousands nights, of whom 36% were from European Union countries, and 14% were from other European Union countries, while 15% of the guests were from USA and Canada.



A Decrease in the Main Hotel Indicators

Rooms occupancy had reached 30% in the first quarter of 2011, it showing a decrease by 27% compared with the previous quarter, also the number of guests and nights decreased by 23% and 22% respectively. In comparison with the first quarter of 2010, there is a decrease by 2% in the occupancy rooms percent, while the total number of guests and nights increased by 6% and 2% respectively.

Percentage Changes of Main Hotel Indicators

The Indicator	Value	Percentage change (%) comparing with	
		4 th Quarter 2010	1 st Quarter 2010
Number of guests	132,112	-22.6	6.4
Number of guest nights	290,842	-21.6	1.7
Rooms occupancy %	30.3	-26.6	-2.3
Average occupancy of rooms	1,569.5	-22.3	1.0
Average occupancy of beds	3,231.6	-19.9	1.7

Hotel Capacity During March, 2011

The operating hotels in March 2011 were distributed as follows:

- North of West Bank: 7 hotels including 175 rooms comprising 418 beds.
- Middle of West Bank: 26 hotels including 1,282 rooms comprising 2,566 beds.
- Jerusalem Region: 30 hotels including 1,467 rooms comprising 3,195 beds.
- South of West Bank: 24 hotels including 1,843 rooms comprising 3,939 beds.
- Gaza Strip: 10 hotels including 392 rooms comprising 700 beds.

The survey of hotel activities-first quarter 2011 was implemented by PCBS to provide key indicators on hotel activity including number of hotels, guests, occupancy rates of rooms and beds, number of workers in hotels, in addition to the capacity of hotels.

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