**Palestinian Central Bureau of Statistics(PCBS)**

**Press Release on Hotel Activities Survey in the West Bank - Fourth Quarter 2013**

**191 Thousand Guests Spent 490 Thousand Nights**

During the fourth quarter of 2013, 190,893 guests stayed in hotels in the West Bank, spending 489,517 nights. Of these nights, 33% were by guests from European Union countries, 8% by Palestinians, and 9% from the United States and Canada.

The percentage of hotel guests increased by 41% compared to the third quarter of 2013 and figures were also increased by 26% compared to the fourth quarter of 2012**.**

**Hotel Room Occupancy during Fourth Quarter 2013**

The room occupancy rate in the West Bank was 28% in the fourth quarter of 2013.

Room occupancy during the fourth quarter of 2013 increased by 22.3% compared to the third quarter of 2013 decreased by 0.7% than in the fourth quarter of 2012.

**Main Hotel Indicators**

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| **Indicator** | 4th Quarter  2013 | 4th Quarter 2012 | 3rd  Quarter  2013 |
| No. of guests | 190,893 | 152,159 | 135,808 |
| No. of guest nights | 489,517 | 362,286 | 321,264 |
| Average room occupancy | 1,703.3 | 1,519.7 | 1,374.1 |
| Average bed occupancy | 5,320.8 | 3,937.9 | 3,492.0 |
| Room occupancy % | 28.0 | 28.2 | 22.9 |

During the fourth quarter of 2013, there were 2,950 hotel workers: 2,265 males and 685 females.

**Hotel Capacity by Region**

In December 2013, 113 of the 120 hotels in the West Bank responded to the survey for the fourth quarter of 2013. They had available 6,072 rooms with a total of 13,902 beds. These were distributed by region as follows:

* North of West Bank: 16 hotels comprising 300 rooms with 878 beds.
* Middle of West Bank: 34 hotels comprising 1,481 rooms with 3,529 beds.
* Jerusalem: 28 hotels comprising 1,572 rooms with 3,490 beds.
* South of West Bank: 35 hotels comprising 2,719 rooms with 6,005 beds.