# Palestinian Central Bureau of Statistics (PCBS)

# Press Release on Hotel Activities Survey in the West Bank during the Fourth Quarter 2015

**About 118 Thousand Guests Spent 374 Thousand Nights**

During the fourth quarter of 2015, 118,322guests stayed in hotels in the West Bank: 30% were from European Union countries and 8% were Palestinians.

Guests’ rate decreased by 22% compared with the same quarter 2014, and decreased by 4% compared to its level in the third quarter of 2015.

During the fourth quarter of 2015, the number of guest nights in the West Bank hotels was 373,621 thousand: of these 57% of total nights in hotels in the south of the west bank, 26% in Jerusalem hotel.

**Variables in Main Hotel Indicators**

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| **Indicator** | 4th Quarter2015 | 4th Quarter2014 | 3rd Quarter2015 |
| No. of guests | 118,322 | 152,531 | 123,531 |
| No. of guest nights | 373,621 | 406,394 | 336,822 |
| Average room occupancy | 1,494.5 | 1,650.5 | 1,545.9 |
| Average bed occupancy | 4,061.1 | 4,417.3 | 3,661.1 |
| Rooms occupancy % | 22.2 | 24.5 | 22.9 |

During the fourth quarter of 2015, there were 2,889 hotel workers: (2,232 males and 657 females).

**Hotel Room Occupancy**

The room occupancy rate in the West Bank was 22% in the fourth quarter of 2015.

Room occupancy during the fourth quarter of 2015 was 9% lower than in the fourth quarter 2014 and 3% lower than in the third quarter of 2015.

**Hotel Capacity by Region**

A hundred and twelve hotels operating in the West Bank responded to the Hotel Activities Survey in December of 2015. These hotels had 6,792 rooms available with 14,995 beds. These were distributed by region as follows:

* North of West Bank: 18 hotels comprising 366 rooms with 1,053 beds.
* Middle of West Bank: 36 hotels comprising 1,599 rooms with 3,401 beds.
* Jerusalem: 21 hotels comprising 1,403 rooms with 3,034 beds.
* South of West Bank: 37 hotels comprising 3,424 rooms with 7,507 beds.