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

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The overall IPI in Palestine reached 98.44 during May 2018 with a decrease of 3.16% compared to April 2018 (Base Month December 2015 = 100).

IPI for May 2018 decreased due to the decrease in the **activities of** **Manufacturing Industry** by 4.85% which had a share of 83.19% of the total industry, while the **activities of Water Supply, Sewerage, Waste Management and Remediation**  increased by 15.93% which had a share of 0.78% of the total industry, the **activities of Mining and Quarrying** by 11.67% which had a share of 4.06% of the total industry, and the **activities of Electricity, Gas, Steam and Air Conditioning Supply** by 3.77% which had a share of 11.98% of the total industry.

**The table shows monthly percent changes in IPI for the period January – May 2018:**

| **Month** | **Monthly Percent Change (%)** |
| --- | --- |
|  January  | 7.29 - |
|  February | 1.03 - |
|  March | 4.81 + |
| **Q1.2018** | **5.50 -** |
|  April | 3.34 - |
|  May | 3.16 - |

**The trend line of the Industrial Production Index in Palestine, for the period:**

 **May 2017 - May 2018**

**(Base Month December 2015 = 100)**

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**Note**:

* Relative weight for the main industrial activities represents the percentage distribution of value added for the industrial activities in 2013.