

Palestinian Central Bureau of Statistics (PCBS):

Construction Cost Index (CCI) Decreased by 1.23% in the West Bank* in August 2009 Compared with the Previous Month

The overall Construction Cost Index (CCI) reached 107.83 in August 2009 with a decreased of 1.23% compared with previous month, (December 2007=100).

Analysis of Construction Cost developments for August indicates a **decrease in the cost** of the following major construction inputs:

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| - Iron and steel | - 8.89% |
| - Iron Reservoirs | - 0.72% |
| - Aluminum and metal doors and windows | - 0.67% |

At the same time, there was an **increase in** the cost of the following major groups:

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| - Tiles and Panels from Ceramic | + 0.86% |
| - Cutting and shaping stones | + 0.33% |

* West Bank: Excluding those parts of Jerusalem which were annexed by Israel in 1967.

NB: Data of Gaza Strip is not available, due to the closure of PCBS' offices in Gaza Strip since 15/04/2008.

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