



Press Release

Palestinian Central Bureau Of Statistics (PCBS):

Palestinian Consumer Price Index Increase by 0.40% in May 2009

The Overall Consumer Price Index (CPI) for the Palestinian Territory with its 2004 base year (2004=100) reached 123.05 in May 2009, a 0.40% Increase compared with April 2009, and increased by 2.06% compared with May 2008.

Analysis of consumer price developments for May indicates **increases** in the following major expenditure groups:

- Alcoholic Beverages and tobacco	+ 8.19%
- Restaurants and cafes	+ 0.83%
- Textiles, clothing and footwear	+ 0.56%
- Medical care	+ 0.45%
- Housing	+ 0.08%

At the same time, there were **decrease** in other major expenditure groups including:

- Furniture, household goods	- 0.78%
- Recreational, cultural goods & services	- 0.13%
- Transportation	- 0.10%
- Miscellaneous goods and services	- 0.05%
- Communications	- 0.05%
- Food and soft drinks	- 0.02%

Palestinian Territory **regions** experienced different overall CPI developments as follows:

- Remaining West Bank:	+ 0.51%
- Gaza Strip:	- 0.24%
- Jerusalem J1:	+ 1.43%

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