



Press Release

Palestinian Consumer Price Index Increases 3.76% in 2006

The overall Consumer Price Index (CPI) for the Palestinian Territory with its 1996 base year (1996=100) reached 152.31 in 2006, a 3.76% increase relative to 2005.

Analysis of consumer price developments for 2006 indicates **increases** in the following major expenditure groups:

- Miscellaneous Goods and Services:	+ 5.60 %
- Transport and Communications:	+ 5.57 %
- Food:	+ 4.86 %
- Beverages and Tobacco:	+ 3.29 %
- Housing:	+ 3.27 %
- Education:	+1.55 %
- Medical Care:	+ 1.51 %
- Furniture, Household Goods and Services:	+ 1.40 %
- Textiles, clothing and footwear:	+ 0.64 %

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

- Recreational, Cultural Goods and Services:	- 0.96 %
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Palestinian Territory **regions** experienced different overall CPI developments as follows:

- Gaza Strip:	+ 5.09%
- Remaining West Bank:	+ 4.00%
- Jerusalem:	+ 3.04%

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