



Palestinian Central Bureau of Statistics (PCBS)

Palestinian Consumer Price Index, March 2011

Stability in the CPI

The overall Consumer Price Index (CPI) for the Palestinian Territory with its 2004 base year (2004=100) reached 132.02 in March 2011. The CPI decreased by 0.05% compared with February 2011 and increased by 3.59% compared with March 2010.

The decrease in the Consumer Price Index for March is traced to changes in the prices of the following major Expenditure Groups compared with the previous month:

- Food and soft drinks - 0.68%
- Alcoholic beverages and tobacco + 0.74%
- Textiles, clothing and footwear + 0.67%
- Medical care + 1.05%
- Recreational, cultural goods & services + 1.05%
- Communications + 0.39%
- Miscellaneous goods and services + 0.37%

Changes in the CPI at the different geographical levels:

- Gaza Strip: - 0.84%
- West Bank: - 0.18%
- Jerusalem J1*: + 0.82%

* Jerusalem J1: those parts of Jerusalem which were annexed by Israel in 1967

The data of West Bank doesn't cover those parts of Jerusalem which were annexed by Israel in 1967.