



Press Release

Palestinian Central Bureau Of Statistics

Palestinian Consumer Price Index Decrease by 0.21% in April 2009

The Overall Consumer Price Index (CPI) for the Palestinian Territory with its 2004 base year (2004=100) reached 122.55 in April 2009, a 0.21% decrease compared with March 2009, and increased by 1.74% compared with April 2008.

Analysis of consumer price developments for February indicates **declines in** the following major expenditure groups:

- Housing	- 0.76%
- Food and soft drinks	- 0.69%
- Medical care	- 0.34%
- Furniture, household goods	- 0.17%

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

- Transportation	+ 1.19%
- Al Coholic Beverages and tobacco	+ 0.52%
- Miscellaneous goods and services	+ 0.42%
- Textiles, clothing and footwear	+ 0.27%
- Restaurants and cafes	+ 0.21%
- Recreational, cultural goods & services	+ 0.04%
- Education	+ 0.04%
- Communications	+ 0.02%

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

- Remaining West Bank:	- 0.68%
- Gaza Strip:	- 0.05%
- Jerusalem J1:	+ 0.03%