



Press Release

Palestinian Central Bureau of Statistics (PCBS):

Palestinian Consumer Price Index Increased by 0.60% in July 2009

The Overall Consumer Price Index (CPI) for the Palestinian Territory with its 2004 base year (2004=100) reached 124.22 in July 2009, a 0.60% Increase compared with June 2009, and increased by 1.72% compared with July 2008.

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

- Housing	+1.27%
- Alcoholic Beverages and tobacco	+1.26%
- Transportation	+ 0.82%
- Food and soft drinks	+0.67%
- Furniture, household goods	+ 0.60%
- Medical care	+ 0.14%
- Textiles, clothing and footwear	+ 0.14%
- Communications	+ 0.13%
- Miscellaneous goods and services	+ 0.06%

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

- Restaurants, cafes and hotels	- 0.21%
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Palestinian Territory **regions** experienced different overall CPI developments as follows:

- Remaining West Bank:	+ 0.92%
- Jerusalem J1:	+ 0.35%
- Gaza Strip:	+ 0.28%

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