



**Press Release**

**Palestinian Central Bureau of Statistics (PCBS):**

**Palestinian Consumer Price Index Increased by 1.11% in August 2009**

The Overall Consumer Price Index (CPI) for the Palestinian Territory with its 2004 base year (2004=100) reached 125.60 in August 2009, a 1.11% Increase compared with July 2009, and increased by 2.43% compared with August 2008.

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

- Food and soft drinks	+2.08%
- Textiles, clothing and footwear	+ 1.32%
- Housing	+1.15%
- Furniture, household goods	+ 0.60%
- Restaurants, cafes and hotels	+ 0.50%
- Recreational, cultural goods & services	+ 0.19%
- Alcoholic Beverages and tobacco	+0.12%
- Communications	+ 0.09%
- Medical care	+ 0.03%

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

- Transportation	- 0.05%
- Miscellaneous goods and services	-0. 36%

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

- Jerusalem J1:	+ 1.16%
- Gaza Strip:	+ 1.15%
- West Bank*:	+ 1.09%

\* West Bank: Excluding those parts of Jerusalem which were annexed by Israel in 1967.