



Press Release

Palestinian Central Bureau of Statistics (PCBS):

Palestinian Consumer Price Index decreased by 0.04% in October 2009

The Overall Consumer Price Index (CPI) for the Palestinian Territory with its 2004 base year (2004=100) reached 126.22 in October 2009, it decreased by 0.04% compared with September 2009, and increased by 1.69% compared with October 2008.

Analysis of consumer price developments for October indicates **decreases** in the following major expenditure groups:

- Communications	- 3.04%
- Transportation	- 0.76%
- Food and soft drinks	- 0.24%
- Furniture, household goods	- 0.08%

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

- Restaurants, cafes and hotels	+ 1.01%
- Housing	+ 0.92%
- Miscellaneous goods and services	+ 0.89%
- Medical care	+ 0.61%
- Textiles, clothing and footwear	+ 0.60%
- Recreational, cultural goods & services	+ 0.27%
- Alcoholic Beverages and tobacco	+ 0.01%

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

- Gaza Strip:	- 0.59%
- Jerusalem J1:	+ 0.34%
- West Bank*:	+ 0.38%

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

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