



Press Release

Palestinian Central Bureau of Statistics (PCBS):

Palestinian Consumer Price Index Increased by 0.58% in December 2009

The Overall Consumer Price Index (CPI) for the Palestinian Territory with its 2004 base year (2004=100) reached 127.75 in December 2009, it increased by 0.58% compared with November 2009, and increased by 4.34% compared with December 2008.

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

- Food and soft drinks	+ 1.13%
- Miscellaneous goods and services	+ 0.99%
- Education	+ 0.99%
- Textiles, clothing and footwear	+ 0.67%
- Housing	+ 0.45%
- Furniture, household goods	+ 0.40%
- Recreational, cultural goods & services	+ 0.40%

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

- Restaurants, cafes and hotels	- 0.84%
- Transportation	- 0.61%
- Communications	- 0.04%
- Medical care	- 0.38%
- Alcoholic Beverages and tobacco	- 0.02%

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

- Jerusalem J1**:	+ 0.98%
- Gaza Strip:	+ 0.54%
- West Bank*:	+ 0.44%

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

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