



Press Release

Palestinian Central Bureau of Statistics (PCBS):

Palestinian Consumer Price Index Increased by 2.75% in 2009

The Overall Consumer Price Index (CPI) for the Palestinian Territory with its 2004 base year (2004=100) reached 124.34 in 2009, it increased by 2.75% relative to 2008, and increased by 4.34% in December 2009 compared with December 2008.

Analysis of consumer price developments for 2009 indicates **increases** in the following major expenditure groups:

- Alcoholic Beverages and tobacco	+ 9.93%
- Furniture, household goods	+ 7.21%
- Restaurants, cafes and hotels	+ 4.73%
- Miscellaneous goods and services	+ 4.46%
- Education	+ 4.42%
- Textiles, clothing and footwear	+ 3.76%
- Food and soft drinks	+ 3.60%
- Recreational, cultural goods & services	+ 2.19%

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

- Transportation	- 2.64%
- Communications	- 0.90%
- Housing	- 0.73%
- Medical care	- 0.35%

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

- Jerusalem J1**:	+ 3.54%
- Gaza Strip:	+ 4.42%
- West Bank*:	+ 0.57%

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

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