



Press Release

Palestinian Central Bureau of Statistics (PCBS):

Palestinian Consumer Price Index Increased by 0.54% in September 2009

The Overall Consumer Price Index (CPI) for the Palestinian Territory with its 2004 base year (2004=100) reached 126.28 in September 2009, it increased by 0.54% compared with August 2009, and increased by 1.68% compared with September 2008.

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

- Education	+ 6.97%
- Furniture, household goods	+ 1.37%
- Medical care	+ 0.83%
- Restaurants, cafes and hotels	+ 0.53%
- Miscellaneous goods and services	+ 0.40%
- Transportation	+ 0.29%
- Housing	+ 0.26%
- Food and soft drinks	+ 0.28%
- Communications	+ 0.27%
- Recreational, cultural goods & services	+ 0.17%
- Textiles, clothing and footwear	+ 0.16%

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

- Alcoholic Beverages and tobacco	- 0.06%
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Palestinian Territory **regions** experienced different overall CPI developments as follows:

- Jerusalem J1:	+ 0.63%
- Gaza Strip:	+ 0.42%
- West Bank*:	+ 0.40%

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

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