



**Press Release**

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

**5.09% increase for Wholesale Price Index and 4.14% for Producer Price Index  
during the second quarter comparing with first quarter of 2008**

Palestinian Central Bureau of Statistics (PCBS) released the second quarter statistical release on the price indices in the Palestinian Territory for the year 2008.

The results indicate that there was an increase in the price index for the Palestinian Territory with its 1996 base year (1996=100) as follow:

The overall wholesale Price Index (WHI) reached 171.95 in quarter 2 2008, a 5.09% increase relative to quarter 1 2008, and increase by 13.78% relative to the same quarter of 2007. The overall producer Price Index (PPI) reached 156.86 in quarter 2 2008, a 4.14% increase relative to quarter 1 2008, and increase by 9.87% relative to the same quarter of 2007.

Analysis of wholesale price developments for this quarter indicates **changes in** the following major groups as follow:

- Agriculture goods:	+5.31 %
- Fishing:	-0.66 %
- Mining and quarrying:	+3.84%
- Manufacturing group:	+ 5.08 %

Analysis of producer price developments for this quarter indicates **changes in** the following major groups as follow:

- Agriculture goods:	+ 5.00%
- Fishing:	- 0.26 %
- Mining and quarrying:	+1.21 %
- Manufacturing group:	+3.50 %