



**Press Release**

**2.23% increase for Wholesale Price Index and 1.74% for Producer Price Index  
during the fourth quarter 2007**

Palestinian Central Bureau of Statistics (PCBS) released the fourth quarter statistical release on the price indices in the Palestinian Territory for the year 2007.

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 157.72 in q4 2007, a 2.23% increase relative to q3 2007. The overall producer Price Index (PPI) reached 147.42 in q4 2007, a 1.74% increase relative to q3 2007.

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

- Manufacturing group:	+ 2.41 %
- Mining and quarrying:	+ 2.84 %
- Agriculture goods:	+ 1.64 %
- Fishing:	+ 1.00 %

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

- Mining and quarrying:	+ 2.41 %
- Manufacturing group:	+ 2.47 %
- Agriculture goods:	+ 0.95 %
- Fishing:	+ 1.18 %

Comparing prices of fourth quarter 2007 with the same quarter 2006, the results show that there was an increase by 4.96% for wholesale price index, and by 3.68% for producer price index.

2007 - 2007 :

**Wholesale Price Indices and percentage changes by Categories in the Palestinian Territory: quarter 3 2007 - quarter 4 2007**  
**Base year (1996=100)**

Categories	Wholesale Price Index									ISIC
	Total			% Change	Imported		% Change	Local		
	% Change	Q4 2007	Q3 2007		Q4 2007	Q3 2007		Q4 2007	Q3 2007	
Agriculture	1.64	161.19	158.59	0.97	146.18	144.78	1.74	163.67	160.87	A
Fishing	1.00	190.72	188.83	0.17	138.19	137.95	1.03	192.98	191.02	B
Mining & Quarrying	2.84	133.79	130.09	2.74	129.40	125.95	2.90	136.17	132.34	C
Manufacturing	2.41	157.30	153.60	2.54	168.99	164.80	2.17	139.85	136.87	D
<b>All Items Price Index</b>	<b>2.23</b>	<b>157.72</b>	<b>154.28</b>	<b>2.45</b>	<b>166.69</b>	<b>162.71</b>	<b>2.00</b>	<b>149.30</b>	<b>146.38</b>	

2007 - 2007 :

**Producer Price Indices and Percentage Changes by Categories in the Palestinian Territory: quarter 3 2007 - quarter 4 2007**

Base year (1996=100) سنة الأساس

Categories	Producer Price Index									ISIC
	% Change	Total		% Change	Exported		% Change	Local		
		Q4 2007	Q3 2007		Q4 2007	Q3 2007		Q4 2007	Q3 2007	
Agriculture	0.95	153.42	151.97	0.84	156.32	155.02	0.95	153.35	151.90	A
Fishing	1.18	156.02	154.21	1.18	156.02	154.21	1.18	156.02	154.21	B
Mining & Quarrying	2.41	131.97	128.87	2.41	131.97	128.87	2.41	131.97	128.87	C
Manufacturing	2.47	142.81	139.37	2.07	143.04	140.15	2.55	142.56	139.02	D
<b>All Items Price Index</b>	<b>1.74</b>	<b>147.42</b>	<b>144.89</b>	<b>1.93</b>	<b>144.21</b>	<b>141.47</b>	<b>1.72</b>	<b>147.68</b>	<b>145.19</b>	