



Press Release

Palestinian Central Bureau Of Statistics (PCBS):

**Road Cost Index (RCI) Increases by 0.74% in the West Bank* in July 2009
Compared with the Previous Month**

The overall Road Cost Index (RCI) reached 105.37 in July 2009 with an increase of 0.74% compared with the previous month, (December 2008=100) .

Analysis of Road Cost developments for July indicates an **increase** in the cost of the following major groups:

- Iron and steel	+ 6.35%
- Plastic products	+ 0.83%
- Road Paints	+ 0.78%
- Asphalt & bitumen mixture & its products	+ 0.72%

On the other hand, there was a **decrease** in the cost of the following major groups:

- Cement products	- 0.60%
- Quarries and quarrying products	- 0.57%
- Cement	- 0.37%

* **West Bank:** Not include those parts of Jerusalem which were annexed by Israel in 1967.

Disclaimer: PCBS would like to draw attention that the data of Gaza Strip is not available, due to the closure of PCBS' offices in Gaza Strip since 15/04/2008

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