

Palestinian Central Bureau of Statistics (PCBS):

Construction Cost Index (CCI), Road Cost Index (RCI), Water Networks Cost Index (WNCI) and Sewage Networks Cost Index (SNCI) in the West Bank during January 2011

The overall Construction Cost Index (CCI) reached 111.55 with an increase of 0.87% (base month December 2007=100), the overall Road Cost Index (RCI) reached 109.02 with an increase of 0.62% (base month December 2008=100), the overall Water Networks Cost Index (WNCI) reached 105.38 with an increase of 0.98% (base month January 2010=100), and the overall Sewage Networks Cost Index (SNCI) reached 102.82 with an increase of 0.20% (base month January 2010=100), in the West Bank during January 2011 compared with December 2010.

The rise of the Construction Cost Index for January is traced to changes in the costs of the following major construction inputs compared with the previous month:

-	Iron and steel	+ 5.47%
-	Cement, lime & gypsum	+ 0.75%
-	Equipment and electrical networking	+ 0.46%
-	Cutting and shaping stones	+ 0.21%
-	Quarries and quarrying products	- 0.51%
_	Tiles and panels from ceramic	- 0.20%

The rise of Road Cost Index for January is traced to changes in the cost of the following major road inputs compared with the previous month:

-	Iron and steel	+ 5.81%
-	Electric wires and cables	+ 3.80%
-	Asphalt, bitumen mixture and its products	+ 0.93%
-	Cement	+ 0.93%
-	Cement products	+ 0.12%
-	Quarries and quarrying products	- 0.34%

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The rise of Water Networks Cost Index for January is traced to changes in the cost of the following major water networks inputs compared with the previous month:

-	Water Reservoirs	+ 2.19%
	- Iron	+ 6.10%
	- Construction work and paint	+ 0.32%
	- Excavation	+ 0.28%
	- Concrete	- 0.14%
-	Water Networks	+ 0.41%
	- Asphalt, bitumen mixture and its products	+ 0.92%
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	- Plastic and steel pipes	+ 0.69%
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The rise of Sewage Networks Cost Index for January is traced to changes in the cost of the following major sewage networks inputs compared with the previous month:

-	Asphalt, bitumen mixture and its products	+ 0.92%
-	Fountains	+ 0.75%
-	Excavations	+ 0.28%
-	Plastic and cement pipes	+ 0.17%
-	Deface materials	- 0.65%

The data of the West Bank doesn't cover those parts of Jerusalem which were annexed by Israel in 1967.

NB:

- 1. Data of Gaza Strip is not available.
- 2. The difference in the percent change in major groups of Road, Construction, water networks, and sewage networks Cost Index is due to the nature compositions of these major groups.