



Press Release

The yearly Consumer Price Index increased by 3.47% for 2005

The consumer price index numbers in the Palestinian Territory for the base year (1996=100), reached 146.79 for the year 2005, recording a 3.47% increases compared with 2004. Through the analysis of the price changes of commodities, it is apparent **that prices of the following major groups of expenditure have increased as follows:**

- Beverages and tobacco by 5.60%
- Miscellaneous goods and services by 5.30%
- Housing by 4.23%
- Food by 3.77%
- Transport and communications by 3.15%
- Furniture, household goods and services by 2.85%
- Medical care by 2.60%
- Textiles, clothing and footwear by 1.63%
- Education by 1.07%

Prices of other following major groups of expenditure have declined as follows:

- Recreational, Cultural goods and services by 1.40%

Analyzing the price movements of different regions in the Palestinian Territory for 2005, it is apparent that the Prices of Jerusalem have increased by 5.35%, prices of Remaining West Bank* increased by 2.89%, and the prices in Gaza Strip increased by 1.17%.

The Consumer Price Index increased by 19.07% during 2005 compared with 2000.

* Remaining West Bank: means Remaining West Bank, which includes all of the West Bank except for those parts of Jerusalem which were annexed after 1967 occupation by Israel.