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Palestinian Central Bureau of Statistics (PCBS):

0.79% increase in the Industrial Production Index for West Bank and Gaza Strip During the Second Quarter 2008

The overall Industrial Production Index (IPI) reached 99.31 in the Second quarter 2008, 0.79% increases related to the fourth quarter 2007, and by 0.26% increase compared with the second quarter 2007 in the **West Bank and Gaza Strip**¹.

The results indicate that there was an increase in the industrial production index for the second quarter with its 2006 base year compared with the fourth quarter 2007 as follow:

Analysis of Industrial Production Index developments for this quarter indicates **increases** in the following major groups:

- Publishing, printing and reproduction:	28.12%
- Manufacture of coke, refined petroleum products:	14.71%
- Water Supply:	11.61%
- Manufacture of non- metallic products:	11.15 %
- Manufacture of chemicals and its products:	8.72%

Analysis of Industrial Production Index developments for this quarter indicates **decreases** in the following major groups:

- Manufacture of Textiles	9.55%
- Electricity:	8.92%
- Manufacture of wearing apparel:	7.49%
- Manufacture of other equipments:	6.28%
- Mining and quarrying:	5.82%
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Note: The weights for the year 2005 were used in computing the IPI till having the weights of 2006.

¹ West Bank: means West Bank, which includes those parts of Jerusalem which were annexed after 1967 occupied by Israel.



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Quarterly Industrial Production Index and its Percent Changes by Industrial Activities in West Bank and Gaza Strip for Second Quarter 2008 (Base year 2006)

Major Economic Activities	الضفة الغربية وقطاع غزة* West Bank & Gaza Strip			الأنشطة الاقتصادية الرئيسية
	نسبة التغير	الربع الثاني	الربع الرابع	
	% Change	Q2 2008	Q4 2007	
Manufacturing	0.70	94.66	94.00	الصناعة التحويلية
Water Supply	11.61	97.09	86.99	إمدادات المياه
Electricity	8.92-	100.28	110.10	إنتاج وجمع وتوزيع الكهرباء
Manufacture of other equipments	6.28-	104.13	111.11	صنع الآلات والمعدات الأخرى
Manufacture of medical equipments	3.28	115.32	111.65	صنع الأجهزة الطبية
Manufacture of tobacco products	3.06-	93.90	96.87	صنع منتجات التبغ
Manufacture of non- metallic products	11.15	107.56	96.77	قطع وتشكيل وإتمام وتجهيز الأحجار
Manufacture of chemicals & its products	8.72	105.42	96.96	صنع الأسمدة والمركبات الأزوتية
Manufacture of wearing apparel	7.49-	91.58	98.99	صنع الملابس باستثناء الملابس الفرائية
Tanning of leather, manufacture of bags	2.87	94.80	92.16	دبغ وتهيئة الجلود وصناعة الأحذية
Manufacture of coke, refined petroleum products	14.71	100.00	87.18	صنع المنتجات النفطية المكررة
Manufacture of furniture	5.11-	105.05	110.70	صنع الأثاث
Manufacture of rubber and plastic	6.42	96.47	90.65	صنع المنتجات المطاطية والبلاستيكية
Mining and quarrying	5.82-	93.13	98.89	التعدين و المحاجر
Manufacture of metal products	0.20	96.02	95.83	صنع المنتجات المعدنية الإنشائية
Publishing, printing and reproduction	28.12	123.15	96.12	نشر الصحف والمجلات والدوريات
Manufacture of textiles	9.55-	83.35	92.15	نسج المنسوجات
Manufacture of paper and its products	7.93	97.84	90.65	صنع عجائن الورق والورق القوي
Manufacture of wood and its products	8.11	105.17	97.28	صنع الأخشاب والمنتجات الخشبية
General Industrial Production Index	0.79	99.31	98.53	الرقم القياسي العام لكميات الإنتاج الصناعي

* الضفة الغربية: تعني الضفة الغربية إضافة إلى ذلك الجزء من محافظة القدس الذي ضمته إسرائيل عنوة بعيد احتلالها للضفة الغربية عام 1967.

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ملاحظة: يتعذر المقارنة مع الربع الأول من العام 2008 نظرا لعدم توفر البيانات على المستوى المطلوب (الأراضي الفلسطينية) لعدم توفر بيانات قطاع غزة.

Notice: Comparisons with the First Quarter is not available because of the unavailability of the data at West Bank and Gaza Strip details.