



PCBS Releases

**Palestinian Central Bureau of Statistics (PCBS)**

**3.44% decrease for Wholesale Price Index and 1.08% decrease for Producer Price Index during the Fourth quarter 2008 compared with the Previous quarter**

Palestinian Central Bureau of Statistics (PCBS) releases the fourth quarter statistical release on the price indices in the Palestinian Territory for the year 2008.

The results indicated that there was decrease in the price index for the Palestinian Territory with its 1996 base year (1996=100) as follow:

The overall wholesale Price Index (WHI) reached 169.03 in the 4<sup>th</sup> quarter 2008, with 3.44% decrease compared to 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter 2008, and increase by 7.17% compared to the same quarter of 2007. The overall producer Price Index (PPI) reached 157.80 in the 4<sup>th</sup> quarter 2008, with 1.08% decrease compared to 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter 2008, and increase by 7.04% compared to the same quarter of 2007.

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

- Agriculture goods:	- 2.41 %
- Fishing:	- 0.26 %
- Mining and quarrying:	- 0.35 %
- Manufacturing group:	- 3.88 %

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

- Agriculture goods:	-1.64%
- Fishing:	- 0.23 %
- Mining and quarrying:	-0.45 %
- Manufacturing group:	-0.57 %