

Palestinian Central Bureau Of Statistics (PCBS):

Road Cost Index (RCI) Increased by 0.11% in the West Bank* in September 2009 Compared with the Previous Month

The overall Road Cost Index (RCI) reached 104.74 in September 2009 with an increase of 0.11% compared with the previous month. (December 2008=100) .

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

- Electric wires and cables	+ 1.73%
- Quarries and quarrying products	+ 0.56%
- Other metals	+ 0.55%
- Road Paints	+ 0.40%
- Cement	+ 0.20%

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

- Iron and steel	- 0.38%
- Plastic products	- 0.34%
- Asphalt & bitumen mixture & its products	- 0.09%

* West Bank: Excluding those parts of Jerusalem which were annexed by Israel in 1967.

NB: 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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