



Press Release

**1.98% increase in the Industrial Production Index for the West Bank During
March 2009 compared to February 2009**

The overall Industrial Production Index (IPI) reached 107.93 in March 2009, compared to 104.95 in February 2009.

The results indicate that there was a 1.98% increase in the industrial production index in March 2009 compared to February 2009 (January 2009 base month =100).

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

- Water Supply:	+ 23.44 %
- Cutting & formation of stones:	+ 12.22 %
- Tanning of leather, manufacture of bags:	+ 10.71 %
- Manufacture of rubber and plastic:	+ 8.28 %
- Mining and Quarrying:	+ 8.27 %
- Manufacture of basic metals:	+ 7.61 %
- Manufacture of textiles:	+ 7.19 %

Whereas the analysis of Industrial Production Index developments for this month indicates **decreases** in the following major groups:

- Publishing, printing and reproduction:	-14.56 %
- Manufacture of Furniture:	-14.47 %
- Recycling:	-10.24 %
- Manufacture of coke, refined petroleum products	-6.52 %

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(100 =2009)) 2009

**Monthly Industrial Production Index and its Percent Changes by Industrial
Activities in The West Bank During March 2009
(Base Month January 2009)**

Major Economic Activities	West Bank			
	% Change	2009	2009	
		March 2009	Feb 2009	
Mining and quarrying	8.27	106.79	98.63	
Manufacture of food and beverages	-1.68	100.02	101.73	
Manufacture of tobacco products	1.88	103.05	101.15	
Manufacture of textiles	7.19	102.70	95.81	
Manufacture of wearing apparel	2.39	118.14	115.38	
Tanning of leather, manufacture of bags	10.71	104.50	94.39	
Manufacture of wood and its products	3.91	97.11	93.46	
Manufacture of paper and its products	5.55	110.68	104.86	()
Publishing, printing and reproduction	-14.56	80.95	94.75	
Manufacture of coke, refined petroleum products	-6.52	102.38	109.52	
Manufacture of chemicals & its products	0.63	90.40	89.83	
Manufacture of rubber and plastic	8.28	104.08	96.12	
Cutting & formation of stones	12.22	128.36	114.38	
Manufacture of basic metals	7.61	123.22	114.51	
Manufacture of metal products	-0.68	89.53	90.14	
Manufacture of other equipments	-3.80	72.42	75.28	
Manufacture of electrical machinery	-1.82	100.00	101.85	
Manufacture of medical equipments	3.71	103.16	99.47	
Manufacture of furniture	-14.47	114.28	133.62	
Recycling	-10.24	116.29	129.55	
Electricity	1.67	87.73	86.29	
Water Supply	23.44	128.69	104.25	
All items of industrial production index	1.98	107.93	104.95	