# Palestine Palestinian Central Bureau of Statistics



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Construction Cost Index (CCI), Road Cost Index (RCI), Water Networks Cost Index (WNCI) and Sewage Networks Cost Index (SNCI) in the West Bank\* during September, 09/2016

### Slight Increase in the Construction Cost Index for Residential Buildings

The Construction Cost Index for Residential buildings reached 102.23 with a slight increase of 0.03% in the West Bank\* during September compared with August 2016 (base year 2013=100).

The Construction Cost Index for Residential buildings slightly increased due to the increase in rental of equipment by 0.93%, and a slight increase in labor wages by 0.08%, while the prices of raw materials slightly decreased by 0.09% during September 2016 compared with the previous month.

### Slight Increase in the Construction Cost Index for Non-residential Buildings

The Construction Cost Index for Non-residential buildings reached 102.37 with a slight increase of 0.03% in the West Bank\* during September compared with August 2016 (base year 2013=100).

The Construction Cost Index for Non-residential buildings slightly increased due to the increase in rental of equipment by 1.00%, and a slight increase in labor wages by 0.08%, while the prices of raw materials slightly decreased by 0.07% during September 2016 compared with the previous month.

## Slight Increase in the Construction Cost Index for Skeleton Buildings

The Construction Cost Index for Skeleton buildings reached 99.50 with a slight increase of 0.05% in the West Bank\* during September compared with August 2016 (base year 2013=100).

The Construction Cost Index for Skeleton buildings slightly increased due to the increase in rental of equipment by 0.89%, and labor wages

by 0.39%, while the prices of raw materials decreased by 0.17% during September 2016 compared with the previous month.

#### **Increase in the Road Cost Index (RCI)**

The overall Road Cost Index (RCI) reached 107.02 with an increase of 0.54% in the West Bank\* during September compared with August 2016 (base month December 2008=100).

The overall Road Cost Index increased due to the increase in operating costs of equipment & maintenance by 2.48%, the prices of raw materials by 0.62%, rental of equipment by 0.49%, as well as, labor wages slightly increased by 0.01% during September 2016 compared with the previous month.

#### **Increase in the Water Networks Cost Index** (WNCI)

The overall Water Networks Cost Index (WNCI) reached 110.25 with an increase of 0.22% in the West Bank\* during September compared with August 2016 (base month January 2010=100).

Water Networks Cost Index reached 114.00 with an increase of 0.40%, while Water Reservoirs Cost Index reached 102.00 with a decrease of 0.22% during September 2016 compared with the previous month.

#### **Increase in the Sewage Networks Cost Index** (SNCI)

The overall Sewage Networks Cost Index (SNCI) reached 108.22 with an increase of 0.81% in the West Bank\* during September compared with August 2016 (base month January 2010=100).

\* The data of West Bank doesn't include that part of Jerusalem which was annexed forcefully by Israel following its occupation of the West Bank in 1967.

#### NB:

- 1. Gaza Strip data is not available.
- 2. The difference in the percentage change in major groups of road, construction, water networks, and sewage networks cost index is due to the nature compositions of these major groups.

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