

# Palestinian Central Bureau of Statistics (PCBS)

### Construction Cost Index (CCI), Road Cost Index (RCI), Water Networks Cost Index (WNCI) and Sewage Networks Cost Index (SNCI) in the West Bank\* during July, 07/2016

### Decrease in the Construction Cost Index for Residential Buildings

The Construction Cost Index for Residential buildings reached 102.66 with a decrease of 0.45% in the West Bank\* during July compared with June 2016 (base year 2013=100).

The Construction Cost Index for Residential buildings decreased due to the decrease in the prices of raw materials by 0.77%, while rental of equipment increased by 0.51%. At the same time, labor wages remained stable during July 2016 compared with the previous month.

### **Decrease in the Construction Cost Index for Non-residential Buildings**

The Construction Cost Index for Non-residential buildings reached 102.77 with a decrease of 0.49% in the West Bank\* during July compared with June 2016 (base year 2013=100).

The Construction Cost Index for Non-residential buildings decreased due to the decrease in the prices of raw materials by 0.81%, while rental of equipment increased by 0.47%. At the same time, labor wages remained stable during July 2016 compared with the previous month.

### Decrease in the Construction Cost Index for Skeleton Buildings

The Construction Cost Index for Skeleton buildings reached 100.20 with a decrease of 0.95% in the West Bank\* during July compared with June 2016 (base year 2013=100).

The Construction Cost Index for Skeleton buildings decreased due to the decrease in the prices of raw materials by 1.47%, while rental of equipment increased by 0.23%. At the same time, labor wages remained stable during July 2016 compared with the previous month.

### Decrease in the Road Cost Index (RCI)

The overall Road Cost Index (RCI) reached 107.72 with a decrease of 0.30% in the West Bank\* during July compared with June 2016 (base month December 2008=100).

The overall Road Cost Index decreased due to the decrease in the prices of raw materials by 0.41%, operating costs of equipment & maintenance by 0.28%, and rental of equipment by 0.24%. At the same time, labor wages remained stable during July 2016 compared with the previous month.

## Decrease in the Water Networks Cost Index (WNCI)

The overall Water Networks Cost Index (WNCI) reached 110.65 with a decrease of 0.60% in the West Bank\* during July compared with June 2016 (base month January 2010=100).

Water Reservoirs Cost Index reached 103.23 with a decrease of 1.60%, and Water Networks Cost Index reached 114.02 with a decrease of 0.18% during July 2016 compared with the previous month.

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

The overall Sewage Networks Cost Index (SNCI) reached 107.39 with an increase of 0.28% in the West Bank\* during July compared with June 2016 (base month January 2010=100).

#### Note:

\* 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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