



Construction Cost Index (CCI), Road Cost Index (RCI), Water Networks Cost Index (WNCI) and Sewage Networks Cost Index (SNCI) in the West Bank during April 2012

Construction Cost Index (CCI)

The overall Construction Cost Index (CCI) reached 113.46 with a decrease of 0.05% in the West Bank during April compared to March 2012 (base month December 2007=100).

The changes in the Construction Cost Index for April 2012 is traced back to the changes in the cost of the following major construction inputs compared to the previous month:

Major Groups	%Change
Raw materials	- 0.09%
Quarries and quarrying products	- 0.70%
Cement, lime & gypsum	- 0.59%
Plastic products and health tools	- 0.47%
Cement products	- 0.31%
Iron and steel	+ 0.47%
Hiring of equipment	+ 0.25%
Labor cost and wages	+ 0.03%

Road Cost Index (RCI)

The overall Road Cost Index (RCI) reached 113.85 with an increase of 0.05% in the West Bank during April compared to March 2012 (base month December 2008=100).

The changes in the Road Cost Index for April 2012 is traced back to the changes in the cost of the following major road inputs compared to the previous month:

Major Groups	%Change
Raw materials	+ 0.05%
Asphalt, bitumen mixture and its products	+ 0.53%
Iron and steel	+ 0.40%
Cement	- 0.77%
Quarries & quarrying products	- 0.61%
Cement products	- 0.15%
Rental of equipment	+ 0.05%
Labor costs and wages	+ 0.12%
Operating costs of equipment & maintenance	+ 0.12%

Water Networks Cost Index (WNCI)

The overall Water Networks Cost Index (WNCI) reached 108.85 with a decrease of 0.03% in the West Bank during April compared to March 2012 (base month January 2010=100).

The changes in the Water Networks Cost Index for April 2012 is traced back to the changes in the cost of the following major water networks inputs compared to the previous month:

Major Groups	%Change
Water Reservoirs	+ 0.30%
Iron	+ 0.57%
Construction work and paint	+ 0.40%
Excavations	+ 0.44%
Water Networks	- 0.18%
Deface materials	- 0.91%
Plastic and steel pipes	- 0.37%
Asphalt, bitumen mixture and its products	+ 0.51%
Excavations	+ 0.44%



Sewage Networks Cost Index

The overall Sewage Networks Cost Index (SNCI) reached 104.40 with a decrease of 0.08% in the West Bank during April compared to March 2012 (base month January 2010=100).

The changes in the Sewage Networks Cost Index for April 2012 is traced back to the changes in the cost of the following major sewage networks inputs compared to the previous month:

Major Groups	%Change
Deface materials	- 0.91%
Fountains	- 0.10%
Asphalt, bitumen mixture and its products	+ 0.51%
Excavations	+ 0.44%

Note:

The data of the West Bank doesn't cover those parts of Jerusalem which were annexed by Israel 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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