



Increase in the Consumer Price Index (CPI)

The overall CPI for Palestine during October 2020 **Recorded an Increase by 0.52%** compared with September 2020 (by 1.04% in Gaza Strip, by 0.38% in the West Bank**, and by 0.34% in Jerusalem J1*).

The changes in Palestinian CPI for October 2020 were traced back to changes in prices of the following expenditure sub groups compared with previous month:

Sub Groups	Percent Change
Fresh Vegetables	+ 20.11%
Dried Vegetables	+ 13.02%
Eggs	+ 6.65%
Vegetable Oils	+ 2.44%
Potatoes and other tubers	+ 1.65%
Fresh Chicken	- 2.79%
Fish, Live, Fresh, Chilled, or Frozen	- 2.72%
Liquid Fuel for Car "Diesel"	- 1.49%
Fresh Fruit	- 0.87%

The Palestinian CPI during October 2020 decreased by 0.71% compared with October 2019 (by 1.05% in the West Bank**, while it Increased by 0.84% in Gaza Strip, and by 0.34% in Jerusalem J1*).

Notice for Users:

1. Due to COVID-19 pandemic and inability to conduct face-to-face interview, data for Consumer Price Index has been collected using mobile phones, in all of the Palestinian Governorates interview.

2. The number of outlets, from which Consumer Prices are collected in Palestine, reached 2,661 outlets in October 2020. The percentage for the completion of data collection process is as follows:

Region	Number of Collected Outlets	Number of Non-Collected Outlets	Percentage of Collected Outlets
West Bank**	1,700	92	95%
Gaza Strip	680	14	98%
Jerusalem J1*	108	67	62%
Total	2,488	173	93%

3. All services outlets are excluded from collecting their data for October 2020, because of quarterly collection frequency.

4. The number of price observations collected to compile the Palestinian Consumer Price index is 38,395 price observations; where 96% was collected in October 2020. Hence, the percentages are as follows within the Palestinian regions:

Region	Number of Actual Collected Observation	Estimated Number of Observations	Percentage of Actual Collected Observation
West Bank**	25,814	1,013	96%
Gaza Strip	9,232	125	99%
Jerusalem J1*	1,751	460	79%
Palestine	36,797	1,598	96%

5. International recommendations are followed in estimating the missing data, which are mentioned in the Consumer Price Index guide. Moreover, the **(Group Relative Method)** is one of the best methods used to estimate the missing data, which is the process of estimating the prices based on the change in the prices of the remaining sources for the same category. Accordingly, in case of the closure of an entire source on a temporary basis, all the prices of that source have been estimated based on the change in the prices of the sources that share the same items, which are collected from that source.

6. The estimate also used at the **(Next Level Up in Aggregation)** in case of the disappearance of the index for a whole sub-group or a higher group reaching up to the major groups that constitute the index.

Notes:

*Data represent those parts of Jerusalem, which were annexed by Israeli Occupation in 1967.

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