

**Palestinian Central Bureau of Statistics
(PCBS)**

**Increase in the Consumer Price Index
(CPI) during August,08/2019**

The overall CPI for Palestine during August 2019 increased by 0.31% compared with July 2019 (by 0.32% in the West Bank**, by 0.28% in Gaza Strip, and by 0.15% in Jerusalem J1*).

The changes in Palestinian CPI for August 2019 is traced back to changes in prices of the following expenditure sub groups compared with previous month:

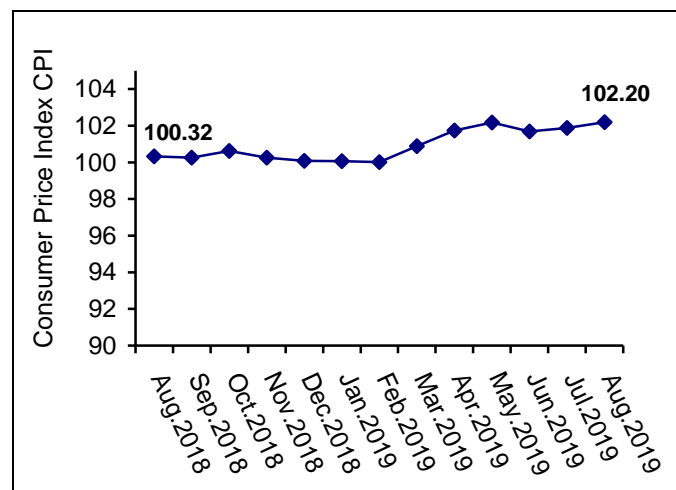
Sub Groups	Percent Change
Fresh Vegetables	+ 8.74%
Fresh Fruit	+ 4.58%
Eggs	+ 4.41%
Potatoes and other Tubers	+ 3.10%
Dried Vegetables	+ 1.36%
Fresh Chicken	+ 0.73%
Gas	- 1.18%
Fresh Meat	- 0.81%

The Palestinian CPI during August 2019 increased by 1.87% compared with August 2018 (by 1.98% in the West Bank**, by 1.81% in Jerusalem J1*, and by 1.14% in Gaza Strip).

The table shows monthly percent changes in CPI by Palestinian regions for the months: January – August 2019:

Month	Monthly Percent Change			
	Palestine	West Bank**	Gaza Strip	Jerusal-em J1*
January 2019	+ 0.01	+ 0.01	+ 0.15	- 0.19
February 2019	- 0.05	+ 0.17	- 0.57	- 0.49
March 2019	+ 0.85	+ 0.88	+ 0.89	+ 0.57
April 2019	+ 0.85	+ 1.09	+ 0.07	+ 0.76
May 2019	+ 0.43	- 0.14	+ 1.12	+ 1.89
June 2019	- 0.48	- 0.34	- 1.26	- 0.01
July 2019	+ 0.18	+ 0.32	- 0.38	+ 0.16
August 2019	+ 0.31	+ 0.32	+ 0.28	+ 0.15

**The trend line of Consumer Price Index in Palestine for the months:
August 2018 – August 2019
(Base Year 2018 = 100)**



Notice:

- The base year of Consumer Price Index has been updated to be 2018.
- Reliance on the new version of the Classification of Individual Consumption according to Purpose COICOP – 2018 issued by the United Nation Statistic Division (UNSD), to classify major groups, commodities' and services consumed.

Notes:

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

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

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