



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

**Sharp Increase in the Consumer Price
Index (CPI) September, 09/2020**

The overall CPI for Palestine during September 2020 **Recorded a Sharp Increase by 1.26%** compared with August 2020 (by 1.57% in Gaza Strip, by 1.32% in the West Bank**, and by 0.44% in Jerusalem J1*).

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

Sub Groups	Percent Change
Fresh Vegetables	+ 19.65%
Dried Vegetables	+ 14.03%
Fresh Chicken	+ 9.89%
Eggs	+ 6.96%
Fresh Fruit	- 2.17%

The Palestinian CPI during September 2020 decreased by 1.52% compared with September 2019 (by 1.63% in the West Bank**, by 1.24% in Gaza Strip, while it Slightly Increased by 0.08% 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 3,087 outlets in September 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**	1,977	111	95%
Gaza Strip	768	29	96%
Jerusalem J1*	134	68	66%
Total	2,879	208	93%

3. The number of price observations collected to compile the Palestinian Consumer Price index is 38,395 price observations; where 96% was collected in September 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**	25,910	917	97%
Gaza Strip	9,156	201	98%
Jerusalem J1*	1,969	242	89%
Palestine	37,035	1,360	96%

4. 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.

5. 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.

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

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