



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

Construction Cost Index (CCI)

The overall Construction Cost Index (CCI) indicated stability in the West Bank during March compared to February 2012, it reached 113.52 (base month December 2007=100).

Construction Cost Index for March 2012 change in its following major construction inputs compared to the previous month as follow:

Major Groups	%Change
Cement, lime & gypsum	- 0.67%
Cement products	- 0.20%
Cutting and shaping stones	- 0.12%
Iron and steel	+ 0.11%
Tiles and panels from ceramic	+ 0.10%
Hiring of equipment	+ 0.04%
Labor cost and wages	+ 0.09%

Road Cost Index (RCI)

The overall Road Cost Index (RCI) reached 113.79 with an increase of 0.48% in the West Bank during March compared to February 2012 (base month December 2008=100).

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

Major Groups	%Change
Asphalt, bitumen mixture and its products	+ 1.83%
Cement products	+ 0.21%
Iron and steel	+ 0.15%
Rental of equipment	+ 0.18%
Labor costs and wages	+ 0.09%
Cement	- 0.73%
Quarries & quarrying products	- 0.13%
Operating costs of equipment and maintenance	- 0.20%

Water Networks Cost Index (WNCI)

The overall Water Networks Cost Index (WNCI) reached 108.88 with an increase of 0.32% in the West Bank during March compared to February 2012 (base month January 2010=100).

The changes in the Water Networks Cost Index for March 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	+ 0.12%
Iron	+ 0.09%
Concrete	+ 0.13%
Construction work and paint	+ 0.48%
Excavations	- 0.11%
Water Networks	+ 0.41%
Asphalt, bitumen mixture and its products	+ 1.85%
Plastic and steel pipes	+ 0.27%
Excavations	- 0.11%



Sewage Networks Cost Index

The overall Sewage Networks Cost Index (SNCI) reached 104.48 with an increase of 0.20% in the West Bank during March compared to February 2012 (base month January 2010=100).

The changes in the Sewage Networks Cost Index for March 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
Asphalt, bitumen mixture and its products	+ 1.85%
Plastic and cement pipes	+ 0.39%
Fountains	- 0.24%
Excavations	- 0.11%

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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