



## Palestinian Consumer Price Index in the Palestinian Territory

### Decrease in the CPI, May 2012

The overall Consumer Price Index (CPI) for the Palestinian Territory with its 2004 base year (2004=100) reached 135.54 during May 2012. The CPI decreased by 0.20% compared to April 2012, while increased by 2.96% compared to May 2011.

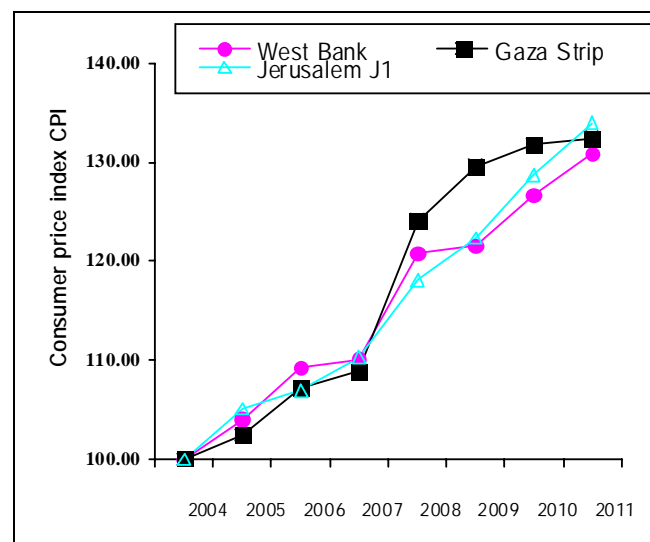
The change in Consumer Price Index (CPI) for May 2012 is traced back to changes in prices of the following major expenditure groups compared to the previous month:

Major Groups	%Change
Food and soft drinks	- 0.53%
Miscellaneous goods & services	- 0.43%
Medical care	- 0.33%
Textile, clothing and footwear	- 0.28%
Alcoholic Beverages and tobacco	+ 0.68%

Changes in the CPI at the different geographical levels are illustrated in comparison to the previous month as of the following:

Geographical levels	%Change
Gaza Strip:	- 0.91%
Jerusalem J1*:	+ 0.07%
West Bank:	+ 0.18%

### The trend line for the consumer price index for 2004 – 2011



#### Note:

\* Jerusalem J1: those parts of Jerusalem which were annexed by Israel in 1967

The data of West Bank doesn't cover Jerusalem J1.

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