



Palestinian Central Bureau Of Statistics (PCBS):

Wholesale Price Index decrease by 0.89% and Producer Price Index by 0.26% during the First quarter 2009 compared with the Previous quarter

Palestinian Central Bureau of Statistics (PCBS) releases the first quarter statistical release on the price indices in the Palestinian Territory for the year 2009.

The results indicated that there was decrease in the price index for the Palestinian Territory with its 1996 base year (1996=100) as follow:

The overall wholesale Price Index (WHI) reached 167.52 in the 1st quarter 2009, with 0.89% decrease compared to 4th quarter 2008, and increase by 2.39% compared to the same quarter of 2008. The overall producer Price Index (PPI) reached 157.39 in the 1st quarter 2009, with 0.26% decrease compared to 4th quarter 2008, and increase by 4.49% compared to the same quarter of 2008.

Analysis of wholesale price developments for this quarter indicates **changes in** the following major groups as follow:

- Agriculture goods:	+ 0.45 %
- Fishing:	+ 0.13 %
- Mining and quarrying:	- 0.37 %
- Manufacturing group:	- 1.36 %

Analysis of producer price developments for this quarter indicates **changes in** the following major groups as follow:

- Agriculture goods:	+ 0.06%
- Fishing:	+ 0.10 %
- Mining and quarrying:	- 0.01 %
- Manufacturing group:	- 0.59 %