

**Palestinian Central Bureau of Statistics  
(PCBS)  
Increase in the Consumer Price Index  
(CPI) during May,05/2019**

The overall CPI for Palestine during May 2019 increased by 0.43% compared with April 2019 (by 1.89% in Jerusalem J1\*, and by 1.12% in Gaza Strip, while it decreased by 0.14% in the West Bank\*\*).

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

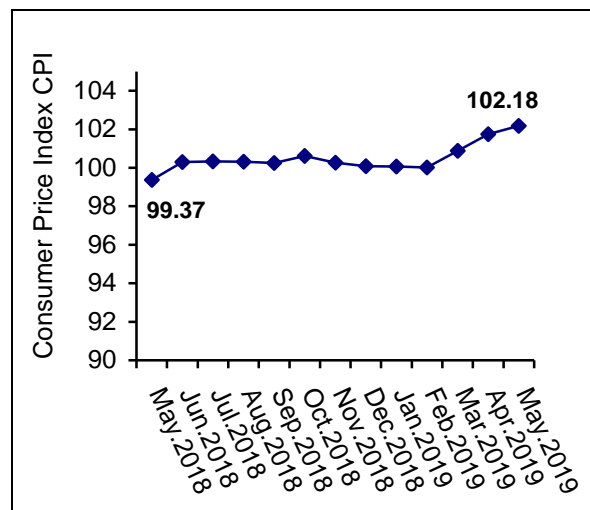
| Sub Groups  | Percent Change |
|---|----------------|
| Personal Care, Social Protection and Miscellaneous Goods and Services | + 8.63%        |
| Restaurants' and Accommodation Services                               | + 1.15%        |
| Clothing and Footwear   | + 1.12%        |
| Dried Vegetables  | - 19.95%       |
| Fresh Vegetables  | - 16.58%       |
| Potatoes and other Tubers   | - 9.75%        |
| Eggs  | - 5.26%        |
| Fresh Fruit   | - 1.86%        |
| Fresh Chicken   | - 1.13%        |
| Gas   | - 0.73%        |

The Palestinian CPI during May 2019 increased by 2.82% compared with May 2018 (by 2.83% in Gaza Strip, by 2.43% in Jerusalem J1\*, and by 2.37% in the West Bank\*\*).

**The table shows monthly percent changes in CPI by Palestinian regions for the months: January – May 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         |

**The trend line of Consumer Price Index in Palestine for the months:  
May 2018 – May 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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