# Palestinian Central Bureau of Statistics (PCBS)

**Decrease in the Consumer Price Index during December, 12/2017**

The overall **CPI for Palestine** **during December 2017 decreased by 0.41%** compared with November 2017 (by 0.44% in Gaza Strip, and by 0.43% in the West Bank\*\*, while it slightly increased by 0.07% in Jerusalem J1\*).

The changes in Palestinian CPI for December 2017 is traced back to changes in prices of the following expenditure sub groups compared with previous month:

| **Sub Groups** | **%Change**  |
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| Potatoes and other Tubers | - 6.73% |
| Fresh Vegetables | - 6.44% |
| Eggs | - 6.42% |
| Fresh Fruit | - 5.84% |
| Fresh Fish | - 4.33% |
| Gas | + 2.40% |
| Liquid Fuel for Cars | + 1.62% |
| Liquid Fuel for House | + 1.32% |
| Rice | + 1.15% |

The Palestinian CPI during December 2017 slightly decreased by 0.02% compared with December 2016 (by 1.01% in the West Bank\*\*, while it increased by 1.43% in Jerusalem J1\*, and by 0.30% in Gaza Strip).

**The Palestinian CPI during 2017 increased by 0.21% compared with 2016 (by 2.18% in Jerusalem J1\*, and by 0.11% in Gaza Strip, while it slightly decreased by 0.01% in the West Bank\*\*).**

**The table shows monthly percent changes in CPI by region for the months of 2017:**

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| **Month** | **Monthly Percent Change** |
| **Palestine** | **West Bank\*\*** | **Gaza Strip** | **Jerusal-em J1\*** |
| January | + 0.14 | + 0.03 | + 0.38 | + 1.02 |
| February | + 0.62 | + 0.78 | + 0.40 | + 0.35 |
| March  | + 1.08 | + 0.22 | + 2.33 | - 0.70 |
| April | - 0.50 | - 1.01 | + 0.13 | + 0.61 |
| May | - 0.84 | - 0.50 | - 1.62 | - 0.17 |
| June | - 0.96 | - 0.90 | - 1.61 | - 0.29 |
| July | - 0.15 | + 0.36 | - 0.58 | - 0.13 |
| August | + 0.56 | + 0.57 | + 0.31 | + 0.47 |
| September | + 0.65 | + 0.14 | + 1.39 | + 0.28 |
| October | + 0.20 | - 0.08 | + 0.65 | + 0.08 |
| November | - 0.38 | - 0.17 | - 0.96 | - 0.16 |
| December | - 0.41 | - 0.43 | - 0.44 | + 0.07 |
| **2017** | **+ 0.21** | **- 0.01** | **+ 0.11** | **+ 2.18** |

**The trend line of Consumer Price Index in Palestine for the months of 2017 (Base Year 2010=100)**

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**Notes**:

\*The data of Jerusalem J1 includes that part of Jerusalem governorate which was annexed forcefully by Israel following its occupation of the West Bank in 1967.

\*\*The data of the West Bank doesn't include that part of Jerusalem governorate which was annexed forcefully by Israel following its occupation of the West Bank in 1967.

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