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# Palestinian Central Bureau of Statistics (PCBS)

**Increase in the Consumer Price Index during August, 08/2017**

The overall **CPI for Palestine** **during August 2017 increased by 0.56%** compared with July 2017 (by 0.57% in the West Bank\*\*, by 0.47% in Jerusalem J1\*, and by 0.31% in Gaza Strip).

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

| **Sub Groups** | **Percent Change %** |
| --- | --- |
| Dried Vegetables | + 15.23% |
| Eggs | + 14.39% |
| Fresh Vegetables | + 7.05% |
| Fresh Poultry | + 5.77% |
| Liquid Fuel for House | + 4.01% |
| Liquid Fuel for Cars | + 3.24% |
| Potatoes and other Tubers | + 2.81% |
| Fresh Fish | + 1.36% |
| Fresh Fruit | - 5.91% |
| Gas | - 2.54% |

The Palestinian CPI during August 2017 decreased by 0.70% compared with August 2016 (by 1.24% in Gaza Strip, and by 1.16% in the West Bank\*\*, while it increased by 1.89% in Jerusalem J1\*).

The Palestinian CPI during the first eight months of 2017 increased by 0.13% compared with the same period of the previous year (by 2.62% in Jerusalem J1\*, and by 0.27% in the West Bank\*\*, while it decreased by 0.33% in Gaza Strip).

**The table below shows monthly percent changes in CPI by region for the period**

 **January – August 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 |

**The trend line of Consumer Price Index in Palestine for August 2016 – August 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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