**Palestinian Central Bureau of Statistics (PCBS)**

**Construction Cost Index (CCI), Road Cost Index (RCI), Water Networks Cost Index (WNCI) and Sewage Networks Cost Index (SNCI) in the West Bank\***

 **During April, 04/2019**

**Decrease in the Construction Cost Index (CCI) for Residential Buildings**

The Construction Cost Index (CCI) for residential buildings reached 105.95 with a decrease of 0.13% in the West Bank\* during April 2019 compared with March 2019 (base year 2013=100).

At the level of major groups, the prices of raw materials decreased by 0.22%, while rental of equipment increased by 0.12%. At the same time, labour wages remained stable during April 2019 compared with the previous month.

**Decrease in the Construction Cost Index (CCI) for Non-residential Buildings**

The Construction Cost Index (CCI) for non-residential buildings reached 105.84 with a decrease of 0.13% in the West Bank\* during April 2019 compared with March 2019 (base year 2013=100).

At the level of major groups, the prices of raw materials decreased by 0.22%, while rental of equipment increased by 0.12%. At the same time, labour wages remained stable during April 2019 compared with the previous month.

**Decrease in the Construction Cost Index (CCI) for Skeleton Buildings**

The Construction Cost Index (CCI) for skeleton buildings reached 104.98 with a decrease of 0.40% in the West Bank\* during April 2019 compared with March 2019 (base year 2013=100).

At the level of major groups, the prices of raw materials decreased by 0.62%, while rental of equipment slightly increased by 0.08%. At the same time, labour wages remained stable during April 2019 compared with the previous month.

**Slight Increase in the Road Cost Index (RCI)**

The overall Road Cost Index (RCI) reached 109.02 with a slight increase of 0.03% in the West Bank\* during April 2019 compared with March 2019 (base month December 2008=100).

At the level of major groups, operating costs of equipment and maintenance increased by 1.30%, while rental of equipment decreased by 0.10%, and the prices of raw materials slightly decreased by 0.03%. At the same time, labour wages remained stable during April 2019 compared with the previous month.

**Stability in the Water Networks Cost Index (WNCI)**

The overall Water Networks Cost Index (WNCI) remained stable at the level of 113.25 in the West Bank\* during April 2019 compared with March 2019 (base month January 2010=100).

Water Networks Cost Index reached 115.62 with an increase of 0.27%, while Water Reservoirs Cost Index reached 108.02 with a decrease of 0.62% during April 2019 compared with the previous month.

**Increase in the Sewage Networks Cost Index (SNCI)**

The overall Sewage Networks Cost Index (SNCI) reached 109.38 with an increase of 0.18% in the West Bank\* during April 2019 compared with March 2019 (base month January 2010=100).

**Note**:

\*Data exclude those parts of Jerusalem which were annexed by Israeli Occupation in 1967.

**NB:**

1. Gaza Strip data is not available.
2. The differences in the percentage change in major groups of road, construction, water networks, and sewage networks cost indices is due to the nature compositions of these major groups.