

# 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 nonresidential 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.

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