Note to users:

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| Industrial Production index for March 2020 has been revised accordance to latest international recommendations in this regard.[New press release](http://www.pcbs.gov.ps/portals/_pcbs/PressRelease/Press_En_5-5-2020-IPI-en_new.docx) |

**Palestinian Central Bureau of Statistics continues to work on data collection and production of Palestinian Industrial Production Index in light of COVID-19 (CORONA VIRUS) pandemic**

**Sharp Decrease in the Industrial Production Index (IPI) in Palestine during March, 2020/03**

The overall IPI in Palestine reached 86.32 during March 2020 with a sharp decrease of 24.60% compared to February 2020 (Base Year2018 = 100).

IPI for March 2020 sharply decreased due to the decrease in the **activities of Mining and Quarrying** by 28.77% which had a share of 2.68% of the total industry, the **activities of Manufacturing Industry** by 28.62% which had a share of 82.98% of the total industry, and the **activities of Electricity, Gas, Steam and Air Conditioning Supply** by 0.79% which had a share of 11.95% of the total industry, while the **activities of Water Supply, Sewerage, Waste Management and Remediation** increased by 0.53% which had a share of 2.39% of the total industry.

**Notice for Users:**

1. As a result of CORONAVIRUS (COVID-19) outbreak, and the implemented measures to limit its spread, the data collection process for Industrial Production Index has been replaced with data collection via phone in all of the Palestinian Governorates instead of collecting data face to face from the field.
2. The number of Industrial facilities, from which Industrial Production values are collected in Palestine, reached 365 facilities. Thus, in light of the temporary closure of many facilities due to applying the Palestinian emergency plan, the completion of data collection process is as follows:

| **Region** | **Number of Collected facilities** | **Number of Non-Collected facilities** | **Percentage of Collected facilities** |
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| Palestine | 351 | 14 | 96% |

Please note that the press release in English is brief compared to the Arabic version

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