Palestinian Central Bureau of Statistics (PCBS)

Increase in the Industrial Production Index (IPI) in Palestine during March, 03/2018

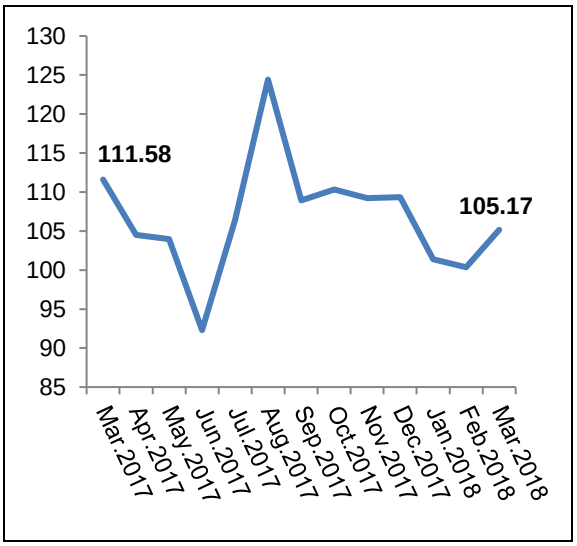
The overall IPI in Palestine reached 105.17 during March 2018 with an increase of 4.81% compared to February 2018 (Base Month December 2015 = 100).

IPI for March 2018 increased due to the increase in the **activities of Mining and Quarrying** by 37.30% which had a share of 4.06% of the total industry, the **activities of Water Supply, Sewerage, Waste Management and Remediation** by 21.60% which had a share of 0.78% of the total industry, and the **activities of Manufacturing Industry** by 3.96% which had a share of 83.19% of the total industry, while the **activities of Electricity, Gas, Steam and Air Conditioning Supply** decreased by 6.51% which had a share of 11.98% of the total industry.

The table shows monthly percent change in IPI for the period January – March 2018:

Month	Percent Change
January	- 7.29
February	− 1.03
March	+ 4.81
Q1.2018	**- 5.50**

The trend line of the Industrial Production Index in Palestine, for the period: March 2017 - March 2018 (Base Month December 2015=100)



Note:

- Relative weight for the main industrial activities represents the percentage distribution of value added for the industrial activities in 2013.