Palestinian Central Bureau of Statistics (PCBS)

Decrease in the Producer Price[1] Index (PPI) during August,08/2018

The overall Producer Price Index (PPI) for Palestine with its base month (December 2015 = 100) reached 104.92 in August 2018, as it decreased by 1.12% compared to July 2018.

PPI for locally consumed products

Producer Price Index for locally consumed products (December 2015 = 100) reached 105.48 in August 2018, which indicates a decrease of 1.24% compared to July 2018.

PPI for local exported products

Producer Price Index for local exported products (December 2015 = 100) reached 100.00 in August 2018, which indicates a slight decrease of 0.02% compared to July 2018.

The changes of PPI for August 2018 were traced back to changes in prices of the following major activities compared to the previous month:

Major Activities	% Change
Water supply; sewerage, waste management and remediation activities	- 4.58%
Electricity, gas, steam and air conditioning supply	- 3.21%
Agriculture, forestry and fishing goods	- 1.99%
Manufacturing	- 0.10%
Mining and quarrying	0.00%

The table shows Monthly percent changes in Palestinian PPI for the period January – August 2018:

Month	Local Products	Exported Products	Total Products
January	+ 1.92	+ 0.09	+ 1.73
February	+ 2.63	- 0.07	+ 2.34
March	- 1.59	- 0.12	- 1.44
April	+ 2.03	+ 0.80	+ 1.91
May	+ 0.40	+ 0.10	+ 0.37
June	+ 0.80	- 0.26	+ 0.69
July	+ 1.52	+ 0.26	+ 1.39
August	- 1.24	- 0.02	- 1.12

1 The producer's price is the amount receivable by the producer from the purchaser for a unit of a good or service produced as output minus any VAT, or similar deductible tax, invoiced to the purchaser. The producer's prices exclude any transport charges invoiced separately by the producer.

The trend line of the PPI in Palestine, for the period:
August 2017 - August 2018
(Base Month December 2015 = 100)

