Palestinian Central Bureau of Statistics (PCBS)

Decrease in the Consumer Price Index (CPI) November ,11/2020

The overall CPI for Palestine during November 2020 **Recorded a Decrease by 0.37%** compared with October 2020 (by 0.42% in Gaza Strip, by 0.38% in the West Bank**, and by 0.23% in Jerusalem J1*).

The changes in Palestinian CPI for November 2020 were traced back to changes in prices of the following expenditure sub groups compared with previous month:

Sub Groups	Percent Change
Fresh Fruit	- 4.70%
Fresh Vegetables	- 4.53%
Fresh Chicken	- 3.09%
Eggs	- 2.07%
Liquid Fuel for Car "Petrol"	- 1.26%
Dried Vegetables	+ 4.16%
Gas	+ 3.02%

The Palestinian CPI during November 2020 decreased by 0.76% compared with November 2019 (by 1.11% in the West Bank**, while it increased by 0.79% in Gaza Strip, and by 0.28% in Jerusalem J1*).

Notice for Users:

1. Due to COVID-19 pandemic and inability to conduct face-to-face interview, data for Consumer Price Index has been collected using mobile phones, in all of the Palestinian Governorates interview.
2. The number of outlets, from which Consumer Prices are collected in Palestine, reached 2,676 outlets in November 2020. The percentage for the completion of data collection process is as follows:

Region	Number of Collected Outlets	Number of Non-Collected Outlets	Percentage of Collected Outlets
West Bank**	1,707	85	95%
Gaza Strip	686	23	97%
Jerusalem J1*	123	52	70%
Total	2,516	160	94%

3. All services outlets are excluded from collecting their data for November 2020, because of quarterly collection frequency.

4. The number of price observations collected to compile the Palestinian Consumer Price index is 38,395 price observations; where 97% was collected in November 2020. Hence, the percentages are as follows within the Palestinian regions:

Region	Number of Actual Collected Observation	Estimated Number of Observations	Percentage of Actual Collected Observation
West Bank**	26,024	803	97%
Gaza Strip	9,236	121	99%
Jerusalem J1*	1,923	288	87%
Palestine	**37,183**	**1,212**	**97%**

5. International recommendations are followed in estimating the missing data, which are mentioned in the Consumer Price Index guide. Moreover, the **(Group Relative Method)** is one of the best methods used to estimate the missing data, which is the process of estimating the prices based on the change in the prices of the remaining sources for the same category. Accordingly, in case of the closure of an entire source on a temporary basis, all the prices of that source have been estimated based on the change in the prices of the sources that share the same items, which are collected from that source.

6. The estimate also used at the **(Next Level Up in Aggregation)** in case of the disappearance of the index for a whole sub-group or a higher group reaching up to the major groups that constitute the index.

Notes:
*Data represent those parts of Jerusalem, which were annexed by Israeli Occupation in 1967.

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