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## 0.56% the Average decrease of the General Consumer Price Index for July 2020 compared with the same month of 2019 (100=2018)

The monthly report on the Consumer Price Index in Jordan issued by the Department of Statistics indicates that the Consumer Price Average reached 100.59 in July 2020 against 101.16 during the same month of 2019 recorded a decrease by 0.56%. The main commodities groups, which contributed to this decrease, were "Fuel & lighting" by 0.58 percentage points, "Transport" by 0.46 percentage points, "Rents" by 0.33 percentage points, "Vegetables, Dried and Canned Legumes" by 0.26 percentage points and "Meat & poultry" by 0.16 percentage points. Meanwhile, the main commodities groups which witnessed an increase in their prices were "Tobacco and Cigarettes" by 0.30 percentage points, "Dairy and its products and eggs" by 0.14 percentage points.

On the monthly level, the Consumer Price index for July 2020 reached 100.59 against 100.51 during the previous month of 2020 recorded an increase by 0.08%. The main commodities groups which contributed to this increase were "Transport" by 0.39 percentage points, "Fuel & lighting" by 0.11 percentage points, "Health" by 0.04 percentage points, "spices, food enhancers and other foods" by 0.02 percentage points and "Tobacco and Cigarettes " by 0.02 percentage points. Meanwhile, the main groups which witnessed a decrease in their prices were "Vegetables, Dried and Canned Legumes" by 0.27 percentage points, "Fruits &Nuts" by 0.11

percentage points, "Clothes" by 0.05 percentage points and "Culture & Recreation" by 0.03 percentage points.

The report also shows that the Consumer Price index for the first seven months of 2020 reached 101.10 against 100.41 during the same period of 2019 recorded an increase by 0.69%. The main commodities groups which contributed to this increase were "Dairy and its products and eggs" by 0.17 percentage points, "Fruits &Nuts" by 0.14 percentage points , "Vegetables, Dried and Canned Legumes" by 0.12 percentage points and "Education" by 0.11 percentage points. Meanwhile, the main commodities groups which witnessed a decrease in their prices were "Fuel & lighting" by 0.28 percentage points, "Transport" by 0.15 percentage points, "Clothes" by 0.02 percentage points.

As for the consumer Price index for July 2020 (which is calculated after excluding the most fluctuating commodities' prices of food, fuel, lighting and transport group) it has reached 68.36 against 68.25 recording an increase of 0.16% during the same month of 2019.On the accumulative level the consumer price index for the first seven months of 2020 reached 68.34 against 67.69 compared with 2019 representing an increase by 0.96%.

## Fig 1: General Monthly CPI for 2019 &2020



Table 1: CPI Monthly Indices for 2019 and 2020 (100=2018)

Month	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	June	July	Aug.	Sep.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.
Year				L'	5		5					
2019	99.9	99.6	100.0	100.5	100.6	101.1	101.2	101.2	100.9	101.3	101.3	101.5
2020	101.6	101.5	102.05	101.05	100.39	100.51	100.59					

## Table 2: Monthly & accumulative average change of the Consumer Price Index

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Year	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	June	July	August	Sep.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.
2019												
	-0.67	-0.27	0.35	0.49	0.13	0.52	0.04	0.07	0.33-	0.37	0.07	0.17
Monthly												
2020												
	0.05	-0.05	0.52	-0.98	-0.65	0.12	0.08					
Monthly												
2020												
	1.68	1.79	1.88	1.55	1.20	0.90	0.69					
accumulative												

during 2019 and 2020 (100=2018)

 Table 3: Average change in the accumulative core indices for 2020 (100=2018)

Month	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	June	July	Aug.	Sep.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.
Year												Dec.
2020	1.01	1.13	1.19	1.23	1.25	1.10	0.96					