

Consumer price indices

August 2011

The Consumer Price Index measures the change in prices over time of a set of goods and services (CPI basket) representative of Italian household consumption.

In August 2011:

- the National Consumer Price Index for the whole nation **CPI** (see Italian **NIC**) – used to measure inflation over the entire Italian economic system – rose by 0.3% compared to the previous month and by 2.8% in comparison to the same month of the previous year;
- the EU Harmonized Index of Consumer Prices **HICP** (see Italian **IPCA**) – developed to facilitate the comparison of inflation between Member States – rose by 0.4% compared to the previous month and by 2.3% in comparison to the same month of the previous year.

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	Indices	Percentage changes on the previous month	Percentage changes on the same month of the previous year
CPI (base 2010=100)	103.2	+0.3	+2.8
HICP (base 2005=100)	112.8	+0.4	+2.3

National Consumer Prices Index (CPI). August 2011

Divisions	Indices	Percentage changes on the previous month	Percentage changes on the same month of the previous year
Food and non-alcoholic beverages	102.0	-0.1	+2.2
Alcoholic beverages and tobacco	103.6	+0.9	+3.8
Clothing and footwear	101.3	0.0	+1.4
Housing, water, electricity, gas and other fuel	105.8	+0.1	+5.1
Furnishings, household equipment and routine maintenance of the house	101.8	+0.1	+1.7
Health	100.3	+0.1	+0.5
Transport	109.2	+1.6	+7.0
Communications	98.3	+0.3	-2.6
Recreation and culture	100.6	+0.3	+0.2
Education	101.8	0.0	+2.5
Hotels, cafes and restaurants	102.5	-0.4	+1.8
Miscellaneous goods and services	103.4	0.0	+3.1
All-items	103.2	+0.3	+2.8

Harmonized Index of Consumer Price (HICP). August 2011

Divisions	Indices	Percentage changes on the previous month	Percentage changes on the same month of the previous year
Food and non-alcoholic beverages	114.7	-0.1	+2.1
Alcoholic beverages and tobacco	124.8	+0.8	+3.7
Clothing and footwear	86.9	-1.5	-9.3
Housing, water, electricity, gas and other fuel	123.9	+0.2	+5.2
Furnishings, household equipment and routine maintenance of the house	112.0	0.0	+1.5
Health	115.8	+4.0	+6.9
Transport	123.2	+1.6	+7.0
Communications	82.5	+0.2	-2.5
Recreation and culture	105.6	+0.4	+0.2
Education	114.8	0.0	+1.7
Hotels, cafes and restaurants	113.3	-0.4	+1.8
Miscellaneous goods and services	118.1	+0.1	+3.1
All-items	112.8	+0.4	+2.3

For more detailed information please refer to the Italian version

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