

## Consumer price indices

*August 2012*

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 2012:

- 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 0.4% compared to the previous month and by 3.2% 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 – held steady compared to the previous month and rose by 3.3% in comparison to the same month of the previous year;
- the EU Harmonized Index of Consumer Prices at Constant Tax rates **HICP-CT** (see Italian **IPCA-TC**) held steady compared to the previous month and rose by 2.4% 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)	106.5	+0.4	+3.2
HICP (base 2005=100)	116.5	0.0	+3.3
HICP-CT (base 2005=100)	115.2	0.0	+2.4

## National Consumer Prices Index (CPI). August 2012

Divisions	Indices	Percentage changes on the previous month	Percentage changes on the same month of the previous year
Food and non-alcoholic beverages	104.6	-0.1	+2.5
Alcoholic beverages and tobacco	110.1	+0.1	+6.3
Clothing and footwear	104.2	-0.1	+2.9
Housing, water, electricity, gas and other fuel	113.3	+0.2	+7.1
Furnishings, household equipment and routine maintenance of the house	103.9	0.0	+2.1
Health	100.5	0.0	+0.2
Transport	116.0	+2.7	+6.2
Communications	97.5	+0.4	-0.8
Recreation and culture	101.3	+0.3	+0.7
Education	103.8	0.0	+2.0
Hotels, cafes and restaurants	104.8	-0.1	+2.2
Miscellaneous goods and services	105.9	0.0	+2.4
<b>All-items</b>	<b>106.5</b>	<b>+0.4</b>	<b>+3.2</b>

## Harmonized Index of Consumer Price (HICP). August 2012

Divisions	Indices	Percentage changes on the previous month	Percentage changes on the same month of the previous year
Food and non-alcoholic beverages	117.7	-0.1	+2.6
Alcoholic beverages and tobacco	132.6	0.0	+6.3
Clothing and footwear	89.0	-5.6	+2.4
Housing, water, electricity, gas and other fuel	132.7	+0.2	+7.1
Furnishings, household equipment and routine maintenance of the house	114.0	-0.1	+1.8
Health	118.1	0.0	+2.0
Transport	130.9	+2.7	+6.3
Communications	81.8	+0.4	-0.8
Recreation and culture	106.4	+0.3	+0.8
Education	117.1	0.0	+2.0
Hotels, cafes and restaurants	115.8	-0.1	+2.2
Miscellaneous goods and services	120.9	0.0	+2.4
<b>All-items</b>	<b>116.5</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>+3.3</b>

For more detailed information please refer to the Italian version

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