

## Consumer price indices: provisional data

*January 2013*

- In January 2013, the Italian consumer price index for the whole nation (NIC) increased by 0.2% compared with the previous month and by 2.2% with respect to January 2012 (0.1 lower than in December 2012).

The fourth consecutive Italian inflation slowdown is mainly due to the annual growth rates decrease of prices of Housing, water, electricity, gas and other fuels (+4.7%, from 6.4% in December) and of Transport (+3.1%, from +4.6% in December). These slowdowns are also produced by the comparison with January 2012 when large increases of energetic goods prices were recorded.

Food and non-alcoholic beverages had an upward impact effect on inflation. The main cause is the large increase of Fresh Vegetables prices (+9.8% compared with the previous month, +13,4% with respect to January 2012).

- In January 2013, the Italian harmonized index of consumer prices (HICP) decreased by 2.0% compared with the previous month and rose by 2.4% with respect to January 2012 (0.2 lower than in December 2012).

The large decrease on monthly basis was mainly due to the winter sales of Clothing and footwear (-21.2% compared with December 2012), which are not taken into account in the national index NIC.

TABLE 1. ITALIAN CONSUMER PRICE INDEX FOR THE WHOLE NATION (NIC), BY COICOP DIVISION  
January 2013, weights, indices and percentage changes (base 2010=100)

Divisions	Weights	Indices	<u>Jan-13</u> Dec-12	<u>Jan-13</u> Jan-12	<u>Dec-12</u> Dec-11	<u>Jan-12</u> Dec-11
Food and non-alcoholic beverages	159,283	107.0	0.8	3.1	2.6	0.3
Alcoholic beverages, tobacco	31,924	110.5	0.2	2.6	2.6	0.2
Clothing and footwear	83,387	105.0	0.0	1.4	1.5	0.1
Housing, water, electricity, gas and other fuels	108,990	115.0	0.3	4.7	6.4	1.9
Furnishings, household equipment and routine household maintenance	80,405	104.3	0.1	1.2	1.5	0.4
Health	72,976	100.7	0.3	0.1	-0.1	0.1
Transport	149,173	113.0	-0.7	3.1	4.6	0.7
Communication	25,293	97.3	0.2	-0.9	-0.9	0.2
Recreation and culture	79,758	100.5	0.0	-0.2	-0.2	0.0
Education	11,306	106.8	0.0	3.0	3.0	0.0
Restaurants and hotels	112,287	103.5	0.1	1.6	1.6	0.1
Miscellaneous goods and services	85,218	106.9	0.5	2.3	1.3	-0.5
<b>ALL ITEMS</b>	<b>1,000,000</b>	<b>106.7</b>	<b>0,2</b>	<b>2,2</b>	<b>2,3</b>	<b>0,3</b>

TABLE 2. ITALIAN HARMONIZED CONSUMER PRICE INDEX (HICP), BY COICOP DIVISION  
January 2013, weights, indices and percentage changes (base 2005=100)

Divisions	Weights	Indices	Jan-13 Dec-12	Jan-13 Jan-12	Dec-12 Dec-11	Jan-12 Dec-11
Food and non-alcoholic beverages	168,380	120.5	0.8	3.1	2.6	0.3
Alcoholic beverages, tobacco	33,736	133.3	0.3	2.7	2.6	0.2
Clothing and footwear	94,556	90.9	-21.2	0.6	1.1	-20.7
Housing, water, electricity, gas and other fuels	115,234	134.7	0.3	4.7	6.4	1.9
Furnishings, household equipment and routine household maintenance	85,060	114.8	-0.3	1.6	1.3	-0.5
Health	34,486	119.2	0.1	1.8	1.8	0.1
Transport	157,538	127.4	-0.8	3.1	4.6	0.7
Communication	26,738	81.7	0.2	-1.0	-1.0	0.2
Recreation and culture	63,424	105.4	-0.1	-0.1	-0.3	-0.3
Education	11,958	120.4	0.0	2.9	2.9	0.0
Restaurants and hotels	118,603	114.3	0.0	1.5	1.6	0.1
Miscellaneous goods and services	90,287	122.2	-0.1	2.5	1.3	-1.2
<b>ALL ITEMS</b>	<b>1,000,000</b>	<b>116.9</b>	<b>-2.0</b>	<b>2.4</b>	<b>2.6</b>	<b>-1.8</b>

For more detailed please refer to the Italian version

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