

Consumer price indices: final data

February 2013

- In February 2013, Italian consumer price index for the whole nation (NIC) increased by 0.1% compared with the previous month and by 1.9% with respect to February 2012 (0.3 lower than in January 2013). Final data confirm provisional estimates.

The fifth consecutive Italian inflation slowdown is partially due to the annual growth rate decrease of prices of Food and non-alcoholic beverages (2.4%, from 3.1% in January).

Also Communication had a downward impact effect on inflation. The main cause is the large decrease of Wireless telephone services (-7.0% compared with the previous month, -7.9 with respect to February 2012).

Italian core inflation, calculated excluding energy and unprocessed food, was 1.5%, down from 1.7% in January.

Italian consumer price index, excluding energy, increased by 1.5% with respect to February 2012 (0.3 lower than in January).

- In February 2013, Italian harmonized index of consumer prices (HICP) decreased by 0.2% compared with the previous month and rose by 2.0% with respect to February 2012 (0.4 lower than in January 2013). Also in this case, final data confirm preliminary ones.

The further decrease on monthly basis, was mainly due, as in January, to the clothing and footwear winter sales dynamics, which are not taken into account in the national index NIC.

Core inflation measured by Italian HICP was 1.4%, down from 1.8% in January.

Italian harmonized index of consumer prices, excluding energy, increase by 1.6% with respect to February 2012 (0.4 lower than January).

- In February 2013, the Italian harmonized index of consumer prices at constant tax rates (HICP-CT) decreased by 0.2% compared with the previous month and rose by 1.9% with respect to February 2012.

TABLE 1. ITALIAN CONSUMER PRICE INDEX FOR THE WHOLE NATION (NIC), BY COICOP DIVISION

February 2013, weights, indices and percentage changes (base 2010=100)

Divisions	Weights	Indices	Feb-13 Jan-13	Feb-13 Feb-12	Jan-13 Jan-12	Feb-12 Jan-12
Food and non-alcoholic beverages	159,283	107.1	0.1	2.4	3.1	0.8
Alcoholic beverages, tobacco	31,924	110.7	0.2	2.8	2.6	0.0
Clothing and footwear	83,387	105.0	0.0	1.4	1.4	0.0
Housing, water, electricity, gas and other fuels	108,990	115.3	0.1	4.6	4.9	0.4
Furnishings, household equipment and routine household maintenance	80,405	104.8	0.2	1.5	1.5	0.2
Health	72,976	100.8	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1
Transport	149,173	113.4	0.4	2.5	3.1	0.9
Communication	25,293	93.6	-3.8	-4.1	-0.9	-0.6
Recreation and culture (a)	79,758	101.0	0.5	-0.3	-0.2	0.6
Education	11,306	106.8	0.0	2.9	3.0	0.1
Restaurants and hotels	112,287	103.4	0.0	1.6	1.5	-0.1
Miscellaneous goods and services	85,218	107.1	0.1	2.3	2.4	0.2
ALL ITEMS	1,000,000	106.8	0.1	1.9	2.2	0.4

(a) Following further checks, Recreation and culture index of February 2013 and the corresponding percentage changes were revised.

TABLE 2. ITALIAN CONSUMER PRICE INDEX FOR THE WHOLE NATION (NIC), BY TYPE OF PRODUCTS
February 2013, weights, indices and percentage changes (base 2010=100)

Special aggregates	Weights	Indices	Feb-13 Jan-13	Feb-13 Feb-12	Jan-13 Jan-12	Feb-12 Jan-12
Food including alcohol:	168,499	107.2	0.1	2.5	3.2	0.8
Processed food including alcohol	103,559	106.5	0.2	2.0	2.0	0.2
Unprocessed food	64,940	108.1	0.0	3.1	4.8	1.7
Energy:	94,758	129.2	0.6	5.0	5.4	1.0
Regulated energy products	42,914	125.0	0.0	7.9	8.0	0.1
Non-regulated energy products	51,844	131.7	1.1	2.9	3.5	1.7
Tobacco	22,708	112.0	0.0	2.7	2.7	0.0
Non energy industrial goods:	273,437	103.1	0.1	0.6	0.7	0.2
Durable goods	89,934	101.7	-0.2	-0.1	0.0	-0.1
Non-durable goods (a)	71,031	102.7	0.4	0.6	0.6	0.4
Semi-durable goods	112,472	104.5	0.1	1.2	1.2	0.1
Goods	559,402	108.3	0.2	2.0	2.3	0.5
Services related to housing	71,158	106.4	0.2	2.2	2.4	0.4
Services related to communication	20,227	98.0	-4.2	-4.2	0.1	0.1
Services related to recreation, including repair and personal care	171,125	103.4	0.0	1.4	1.5	0.1
Services related to transport	81,266	108.9	0.0	3.0	3.8	0.8
Services - miscellaneous	96,822	104.4	0.1	2.0	2.0	0.1
Services	440,598	104.9	-0.1	1.7	2.1	0.3
ALL ITEMS	1,000,000	106.8	0.1	1.9	2.2	0.4
All items excluding energy and unprocessed food (Core inflation)	840,302	104.7	0.0	1.5	1.7	0.2
All items excluding energy	905,242	104.9	0.0	1.5	1.8	0.4

(a) Non-durable goods index of February 2013 and the corresponding percentage changes were revised.

TABLE 3. ITALIAN HARMONIZED CONSUMER PRICE INDEX (HICP), BY COICOP DIVISION
February 2013, weights, indices and percentage changes (base 2005=100)

Divisions	Weights	Indices	Feb-13 Jan-13	Feb-13 Feb-12	Jan-13 Jan-12	Feb-12 Jan-12
Food and non-alcoholic beverages	168,380	120.5	0.0	2.3	3.1	0.8
Alcoholic beverages, tobacco	33,736	133.4	0.1	2.7	2.7	0.1
Clothing and footwear	94,556	87.9	-2.7	0.0	-0.1	-2.8
Housing, water, electricity, gas and other fuels	115,234	135.0	0.1	4.7	4.8	0.3
Furnishings, household equipment and routine household maintenance	85,060	114.8	-0.1	1.5	1.7	0.1
Health	34,486	119.2	0.1	1.4	1.7	0.4
Transport	157,538	127.9	0.4	2.5	3.1	1.0
Communication	26,738	78.5	-3.9	-4.2	-1.0	-0.7
Recreation and culture (a)	63,424	106.1	0.8	-0.3	-0.2	0.9
Education	11,958	120.5	0.0	3.0	3.0	0.0
Restaurants and hotels	118,603	114.2	-0.1	1.4	1.5	0.0
Miscellaneous goods and services	90,287	122.2	0.0	2.3	2.5	0.2
ALL ITEMS	1,000,000	116.7	-0.2	2.0	2.4	0.2
All items at constant tax rates	1,000,000	115.3	-0.2	1.9	2.2	0.2

(a) Recreation and culture index of February 2013 and the corresponding percentage changes were revised.

TABLE 4. ITALIAN HARMONIZED CONSUMER PRICE INDEX (HICP), BY SPECIAL AGGREGATES
February 2013, weights, indices and percentage changes (base 2005=100)

Special aggregates	Weights	Indices	Feb-13 Jan-13	Feb-13 Feb-12	Jan-13 Jan-12	Feb-12 Jan-12
Food, alcohol and tobacco:	202,116	122.3	0.0	2.3	3.0	0.7
Processed food (including alcohol and tobacco)	120,383	124.1	0.1	2.1	2.1	0.2
Unprocessed food	81,733	119.7	-0.1	2.7	4.4	1.5
Energy:	100,192	148.1	0.6	5.0	5.4	1.0
Electricity, gas, solid fuels and heat energy	48,926	144.6	0.0	7.8	7.9	0.1
Liquid fuels and fuels and lubricants for personal transport equipment	51,266	150.3	1.1	2.7	3.4	1.8
Non-energy industrial goods:	285,769	104.8	-0.7	0.5	0.7	-0.5
Durable goods	89,609	111.3	-0.1	0.1	0.4	0.2
Non-durable goods (a)	69,287	119.3	0.4	1.9	2.1	0.6
Semi-durable goods	126,873	92.4	-1.9	0.2	0.2	-1.9
Goods	588,077	116.7	-0.3	1.9	2.4	0.2
Services related to housing	75,233	123.9	0.2	2.2	2.4	0.3
Services related to communication	26,738	78.4	-3.9	-4.2	-0.9	-0.6
Services related to recreation, including repairs and personal care	159,052	115.2	0.0	1.6	1.7	0.1
Services related to transport	85,218	126.9	0.1	3.2	3.8	0.7
Services - miscellaneous	65,682	118.9	0.2	2.5	2.4	0.1
Services	411,923	116.4	-0.2	1.7	2.2	0.3
ALL ITEMS	1,000,000	116.7	-0.2	2.0	2.4	0.2
All items excluding energy and unprocessed food (Core inflation) (a)	818,075	113.3	-0.4	1.4	1.8	0.0
All items excluding energy	899,808	113.9	-0.3	1.6	2.0	0.1

(a) Non-durable goods and Core inflation indices of February 2013 and the corresponding percentage changes were revised.

For more detailed please refer to the Italian version

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