

Consumer price indices: provisional data

May 2013

■ In May 2013, according to provisional estimates, the Italian consumer price index for the whole nation (NIC) increased by 0.1% compared with the previous month and by 1.2% with respect to May 2012 (0.1 higher than in April 2013).

The slight speed up of the Italian inflation, the first one after seven consecutive slowdowns, was mainly due to the upward impacts of Food and non-alcoholic beverages (+3.1% on annual basis, up from +2.7% observed in April) and of Transport (+0,1% on annual basis, from -0.2% observed in the previous month).

With regard to Food and non-alcoholic beverages, the main cause was the large increase of Fresh Fruit prices (+7.1% compared with the previous month, +9.7% with respect to May 2012).

Concerning Transport, the upward impact effect was mainly due to the increase of prices of Passenger transport by air (+5.2% on monthly basis; +14.2% on annual basis, from -0.4% observed in April). In the same division, on the other hand, Fuels and lubricants had a large downward impact (-3.0% compared with the previous month; -5.3% with respect to May 2012, from -4.1% observed in April 2013).

■ In May 2013, according to preliminary estimates, the Italian harmonized index of consumer prices (HICP) held steady compared with the previous month and increased by 1.3% with respect to May 2012 (stable compared with April 2013).

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

| Divisions | Weights | Indices | May-13 Apr-13 | <u>May-13</u> May-12 | <u>Apr-13</u> Apr-12 | <u>May-12</u> Apr-12 |
|--|-----------|---------|------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|
| Food and non-alcoholic beverages | 159,283 | 108.1 | 0.7 | 3.1 | 2.7 | 0.3 |
| Alcoholic beverages, tobacco | 31,924 | 111.1 | 0.1 | 1.3 | 1.4 | 0.2 |
| Clothing and footwear | 83,387 | 104.9 | 0.0 | 0.6 | 0.7 | 0.1 |
| Housing, water, electricity, gas and other fuels | 108,990 | 114.3 | -0.1 | 1.7 | 2.4 | 0.6 |
| Furnishings, household equipment and routine household maintenance | 80,405 | 104.8 | 0.0 | 1.0 | 1.1 | 0.1 |
| Health | 72,976 | 100.7 | 0.0 | 0.3 | 0.2 | -0.1 |
| Transport | 149,173 | 113.2 | -0.6 | 0.1 | -0.2 | -0.9 |
| Communication | 25,293 | 94.3 | -0.3 | -2.5 | -2.5 | -0.3 |
| Recreation and culture | 79,758 | 100.4 | -0.4 | 0.1 | 0.2 | -0.3 |
| Education | 11,306 | 106.8 | 0.0 | 2.9 | 2.9 | 0.0 |
| Restaurants and hotels | 112,287 | 105.8 | 0.4 | 1.7 | 1.5 | 0.2 |
| Miscellaneous goods and services | 85,218 | 107.1 | 0.0 | 1.8 | 2.0 | 0.2 |
| ALL ITEMS | 1,000,000 | 107.1 | 0.1 | 1.2 | 1.1 | 0.0 |

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

| Type of products | Weights | Indices | May-13 Apr-13 | <u>May-13</u> May-12 | <u>Apr-13</u> Apr-12 | <u>May-12</u> Apr-12 |
|-----------------------------|-----------|---------|------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|
| Food and alcohol | 168,499 | 108.1 | 0.6 | 3.0 | 2.8 | 0.4 |
| Energy | 94,758 | 124.7 | -1.6 | -2.3 | -0.9 | -0.2 |
| Tobacco | 22,708 | 112.0 | 0.0 | 0.5 | 0.6 | 0.1 |
| Non-energy industrial goods | 273,437 | 102.9 | -0.1 | 0.5 | 0.6 | 0.0 |
| Services | 440,598 | 106.0 | 0.2 | 1.7 | 1.4 | -0.1 |
| ALL ITEMS | 1,000,000 | 107.1 | 0.1 | 1.2 | 1.1 | 0.0 |

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

| Divisions | Weights | Indices | <u>May-13</u> Apr-13 | <u>May-13</u> May-12 | <u>Apr-13</u> Apr-12 | <u>May-12</u> Apr-12 |
|--|-----------|---------|-------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|
| Food and non-alcoholic beverages | 168,380 | 121.4 | 0.7 | 2.9 | 2.6 | 0.3 |
| Alcoholic beverages, tobacco | 33,736 | 133.8 | 0.1 | 1.2 | 1.2 | 0.2 |
| Clothing and footwear | 94,556 | 115.0 | -0.3 | 0.3 | 0.7 | 0.2 |
| Housing, water, electricity, gas and other fuels | 115,234 | 133.8 | -0.1 | 1.7 | 2.4 | 0.7 |
| Furnishings, household equipment and routine household maintenance | 85,060 | 115.7 | 0.1 | 0.9 | 0.9 | 0.1 |
| Health | 34,486 | 119.6 | 0.1 | 1.4 | 1.4 | 0.1 |
| Transport | 157,538 | 127.7 | -0.6 | 0.1 | -0.2 | -0.9 |
| Communication | 26,738 | 79.2 | -0.3 | -2.3 | -2.5 | -0.4 |
| Recreation and culture | 63,424 | 105.4 | -0.5 | 0.2 | 0.2 | -0.5 |
| Education | 11,958 | 120.5 | 0.0 | 3.0 | 2.9 | -0.1 |
| Restaurants and hotels | 118,603 | 116.9 | 0.4 | 1.7 | 1.4 | 0.1 |
| Miscellaneous goods and services | 90,287 | 123.0 | -0.1 | 1.7 | 1.9 | 0.1 |
| ALL ITEMS | 1,000,000 | 119.8 | 0.0 | 1.3 | 1.3 | 0.0 |

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

| Special aggregates | Weights | Indices | May-13 Apr-13 | <u>May-13</u> May-12 | <u>Apr-13</u> Apr-12 | May-12 Apr-12 |
|-----------------------------|-----------|---------|------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|------------------|
| Food, alcohol and tobacco | 202,116 | 123.2 | 0.6 | 2.6 | 2.3 | 0.3 |
| Energy | 100,192 | 142.9 | -1.7 | -2.3 | -0.9 | -0.3 |
| Non-energy industrial goods | 285,769 | 114.2 | -0.1 | 0.6 | 0.8 | 0.1 |
| Services | 411,923 | 117.8 | 0.2 | 1.8 | 1.6 | -0.1 |
| ALL ITEMS | 1,000,000 | 119.8 | 0.0 | 1.3 | 1.3 | 0.0 |

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