

Consumer price indices

February 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 February 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% to the previous month and by 3.3% 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 0.2% compared to the previous month and by 3.4% 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)	104.8	+0.4	+3.3
HICP (base 2005=100)	114.4	+0.2	+3.4

National Consumer Prices Index (CPI). February 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	+0.8	+2.8
Alcoholic beverages and tobacco	107.7	0.0	+6.1
Clothing and footwear	103.5	0.0	+2.9
Housing, water, electricity, gas and other fuel	110.2	+0.4	+7.2
Furnishings, household equipment and routine maintenance of the house	103.3	+0.2	+2.3
Health	100.7	+0.1	-0.1
Transport	110.6	+0.9	+7.5
Communications	97.6	-0.6	-2.4
Recreation and culture	101.3	+0.6	+1.0
Education	103.8	+0.1	+2.1
Hotels, cafes and restaurants	101.8	-0.1	+1.3
Miscellaneous goods and services	104.7	+0.2	+2.8
All-items	104.8	+0.4	+3.3

Harmonized Index of Consumer Price (HICP). February 2012

Divisions	Indices	Percentage changes on the previous month	Percentage changes on the same month of the previous year
Food and non-alcoholic beverages	117.8	+0.8	+3.0
Alcoholic beverages and tobacco	129.9	+0.1	+6.2
Clothing and footwear	87.9	-2.8	-0.1
Housing, water, electricity, gas and other fuel	129.0	+0.3	+7.2
Furnishings, household equipment and routine maintenance of the house	113.1	+0.1	+1.8
Health	117.6	+0.4	+6.7
Transport	124.8	+1.0	+7.6
Communications	81.9	-0.7	-2.4
Recreation and culture	106.4	+0.9	+1.2
Education	117.0	0.0	+2.0
Hotels, cafes and restaurants	112.6	0.0	+1.4
Miscellaneous goods and services	119.4	+0.2	+2.8
All-items	114.4	+0.2	+3.4

For more detailed information please refer to the Italian version

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