

Consumer price indices

December 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 December 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 0.2% compared to the previous month and by 2.3% 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 0.3% compared to the previous month and by 2.6% 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**) rose by 0.3% compared to the previous month and by 2.3% 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	+0.2	+2.3
HICP (base 2005=100)	119.3	+0.3	+2.6
HICP-CT (base 2005=100)	117.9	+0.3	+2.3

National Consumer Prices Index (CPI). December 2012

Divisions	Indices	Percentage changes on the previous month	Percentage changes on the same month of the previous year
Food and non-alcoholic beverages	106.2	+0.3	+2.6
Alcoholic beverages and tobacco	110.3	0.0	+2.6
Clothing and footwear	105.0	0.0	+1.5
Housing. water. electricity. gas and other fuel	114.7	+0.2	+6.4
Furnishings. household equipment and routine maintenance of the house	104.2	0.0	+1.5
Health	100.4	-0.1	-0.1
Transport	113.8	+1.1	+4.6
Communications	97.1	+0.3	-0.9
Recreation and culture	100.5	+0.2	-0.2
Education	106.8	0.0	+3.0
Hotels. cafes and restaurants	103.4	+0.1	+1.6
Miscellaneous goods and services	106.4	0.0	+1.3
All-items	106.5	+0.2	+2,3

Harmonized Index of Consumer Price (HICP). December 2012

Divisions	Indices	Percentage changes on the previous month	Percentage changes on the same month of the previous year
Food and non-alcoholic beverages	119.5	+0.3	+2.6
Alcoholic beverages and tobacco	132.9	0.0	+2.6
Clothing and footwear	115.3	-0.1	+1.1
Housing. water. electricity. gas and other fuel	134.3	+0.1	+6.4
Furnishings. household equipment and routine maintenance of the house	115.1	+0.1	+1.3
Health	119.1	+0.4	+1.8
Transport	128.4	+1.1	+4.6
Communications	81.5	+0.4	-1.0
Recreation and culture	105.5	+0.3	-0.3
Education	120.4	0.0	+2.9
Hotels. cafes and restaurants	114.3	+0.1	+1.6
Miscellaneous goods and services	122.3	0.0	+1.3
All-items	119.3	+0.3	+2.6

For more detailed information please refer to the Italian version

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