

Consumer price indices

February 2011

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 2011:

- 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 0.3% compared to the previous month and by 2.4% 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 2.1% 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)	101.5	+0.3	+2.4
HICP (base 2005=100)	110.6	+0.2	+2.1

National Consumer Prices Index (CPI). February 2011

Divisions	Indices	Percentage changes on the previous month	Percentage changes on the same month of the previous year
Food and non-alcoholic beverages	101.8	+0.4	+2.0
Alcoholic beverages and tobacco	101.5	0.0	+2.1
Clothing and footwear	100.6	0.0	+1.0
Housing, water, electricity, gas and other fuel	102.8	+0.6	+4.4
Furnishings, household equipment and routine maintenance of the house	101.0	+0.2	+1.4
Health	100.8	+0.3	+0.6
Transport	102.9	+0.8	+5.3
Communications	100.0	0.0	-0.6
Recreation and culture	100.3	0.0	+0.4
Education	101.7	0.0	+2.5
Hotels, cafes and restaurants	100.5	+0.1	+1.9
Miscellaneous goods and services	101.8	+0.1	+3.0
All-items	101.5	+0.3	+2.4

Harmonized Index of Consumer Price (HICP). February 2011

Divisions	Indices	Percentage changes on the previous month	Percentage changes on the same month of the previous year
Food and non-alcoholic beverages	114.4	+0.3	+2.1
Alcoholic beverages and tobacco	122.3	0.0	+2.1
Clothing and footwear	88.0	-2.1	-4.3
Housing, water, electricity, gas and other fuel	120.3	+0.6	+4.3
Furnishings, household equipment and routine maintenance of the house	111.1	+0.3	+1.6
Health	110.2	+0.5	+2.3
Transport	116.0	+0.7	+5.2
Communications	83.9	-0.1	-0.6
Recreation and culture	105.1	0.0	+0.4
Education	114.7	0.0	+1.8
Hotels, cafes and restaurants	111.1	+0.1	+1.8
Miscellaneous goods and services	116.2	+0.1	+3.2
All-items	110.6	+0.2	+2.1

For more detailed information please refer to the Italian version

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