

Consumer price indices

March 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 March 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 0.4% compared to the previous month and by 2.5% 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 2.2% compared to the previous month and by 2.8% 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) | 101.9 | +0.4 | +2.5 |
| HICP (base 2005=100) | 113.0 | +2.2 | +2.8 |

National Consumer Prices Index (CPI). March 2011

| Divisions | Indices | Percentage changes on the previous month | Percentage changes on the same month of the previous year |
|---|--------------|---|---|
| Food and non-alcoholic beverages | 102.1 | +0.3 | +2.3 |
| Alcoholic beverages and tobacco | 101.5 | 0.0 | +2.1 |
| Clothing and footwear | 100.9 | +0.3 | +1.2 |
| Housing, water, electricity, gas and other fuel | 103.3 | +0.5 | +4.5 |
| Furnishings, household equipment and routine maintenance of the house | 101.2 | +0.2 | +1.4 |
| Health | 100.8 | 0.0 | +0.9 |
| Transport | 104.3 | +1.4 | +5.5 |
| Communications | 99.9 | -0.1 | -0.5 |
| Recreation and culture | 99.7 | -0.6 | -0.3 |
| Education | 101.7 | 0.0 | +2.5 |
| Hotels, cafes and restaurants | 101.3 | +0.8 | +2.4 |
| Miscellaneous goods and services | 102.0 | +0.2 | +3.0 |
| All-items | 101.9 | +0.4 | +2.5 |

Harmonized Index of Consumer Price (HICP). March 2011

| Divisions | Indices | Percentage changes on the previous month | Percentage changes on the same month of the previous year |
|--|--------------|---|---|
| Food and non-alcoholic beverages | 114.8 | +0.3 | +2.4 |
| Alcoholic beverages and tobacco | 122.4 | +0.1 | +2.2 |
| Clothing and footwear | 107.6 | +22.3 | +3.0 |
| Housing, water, electricity, gas and other fuel | 120.9 | +0.5 | +4.5 |
| Furnishings, household equipment and routine maintenance of the house | 111.7 | +0.5 | +1.5 |
| Health | 110.3 | +0.1 | +2.4 |
| Transport | 117.6 | +1.4 | +5.5 |
| Communications | 83.9 | 0.0 | -0.5 |
| Recreation and culture | 104.5 | -0.6 | -0.3 |
| Education | 114.7 | 0.0 | +1.7 |
| Hotels, cafes and restaurants | 111.9 | +0.7 | +2.3 |
| Miscellaneous goods and services | 117.1 | +0.8 | +3.1 |
| All-items | 113.0 | +2.2 | +2.8 |

For more detailed information please refer to the Italian version

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