

Consumer price indices

May 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 May 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 0.1% 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 **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 3.0% 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)	102.5	+0.1	+2.6
HICP (base 2005=100)	114.3	+0.2	+3.0

National Consumer Prices Index (CPI). May 2011

Divisions	Indices	Percentage changes on the previous month	Percentage changes on the same month of the previous year
Food and non-alcoholic beverages	102.8	+0.7	+3.0
Alcoholic beverages and tobacco	101.6	0.0	+2.1
Clothing and footwear	101.3	+0.1	+1.4
Housing, water, electricity, gas and other fuel	104.5	0.0	+4.8
Furnishings, household equipment and routine maintenance of the house	101.5	+0.2	+1.6
Health	100.3	-0.4	+0.4
Transport	105.9	-0.3	+5.7
Communications	98.9	-0.2	-1.1
Recreation and culture	99.7	-0.3	+0.2
Education	101.8	+0.1	+2.5
Hotels, cafes and restaurants	102.5	+0.5	+2.4
Miscellaneous goods and services	102.4	+0.2	+2.8
All-items	102.5	+0.1	+2.6

Harmonized Index of Consumer Price (HICP). May 2011

Divisions	Indices	Percentage changes on the previous month	Percentage changes on the same month of the previous year
Food and non-alcoholic beverages	115.6	+0.7	+3.1
Alcoholic beverages and tobacco	122.4	0.0	+2.2
Clothing and footwear	111.9	+0.1	+1.5
Housing, water, electricity, gas and other fuel	122.4	+0.1	+4.9
Furnishings, household equipment and routine maintenance of the house	112.2	+0.1	+1.5
Health	111.2	-0.4	+3.2
Transport	119.4	-0.4	+5.7
Communications	83.1	-0.1	-1.0
Recreation and culture	104.6	-0.3	+0.2
Education	114.8	+0.1	+1.8
Hotels, cafes and restaurants	113.2	+0.4	+2.4
Miscellaneous goods and services	117.8	+0.3	+2.9
All-items	114.3	+0.2	+3.0

For more detailed information please refer to the Italian version

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