

Consumer price indices

December 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 December 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% 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 0.3% compared to the previous month and by 3.7% 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)	104.1	+0.4	+3.3
HICP (base 2005=100)	116.3	+0.3	+3.7

National Consumer Prices Index (CPI). December 2011

Divisions	Indices	Percentage changes on the previous month	Percentage changes on the same month of the previous year
Food and non-alcoholic beverages	103.5	0.0	+2.9
Alcoholic beverages and tobacco	107.5	0.0	+6.0
Clothing and footwear	103.4	+0.1	+2.8
Housing, water, electricity, gas and other fuel	107.8	+0.2	+6.2
Furnishings, household equipment and routine maintenance of the house	102.7	+0.1	+2.2
Health	100.5	-0.2	+0.3
Transport	108.8	+1.7	+7.1
Communications	98.0	-0.2	-2.0
Recreation and culture	100.7	+0.3	0.0
Education	103.7	+0.1	+2.0
Hotels, cafes and restaurants	101.8	-0.3	+1.7
Miscellaneous goods and services	105.0	+0.2	+3.6
All-items	104.1	+0.4	+3.3

Harmonized Index of Consumer Price (HICP). December 2011

Divisions	Indices	Percentage changes on the previous month	Percentage changes on the same month of the previous year
Food and non-alcoholic beverages	116.5	0.0	+3.1
Alcoholic beverages and tobacco	129.5	0.0	+6.1
Clothing and footwear	114.0	+0.2	+2.6
Housing, water, electricity, gas and other fuel	126.2	+0.2	+6.1
Furnishings, household equipment and routine maintenance of the house	113.6	+0.1	+2.2
Health	117.0	0.0	+7.0
Transport	122.7	+1.7	+7.1
Communications	82.3	-0.1	-2.0
Recreation and culture	105.8	+0.4	-0.1
Education	117.0	+0.1	+2.0
Hotels, cafes and restaurants	112.5	-0.3	+1.7
Miscellaneous goods and services	120.7	+0.2	+3.6
All-items	116.3	+0.3	+3.7

For more detailed information please refer to the Italian version

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