

Consumer price indices

May 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 May 2012:

- the National Consumer Price Index for the whole nation **CPI** (see Italian **NIC**) – used to measure inflation over the entire Italian economic system – held steady compared to the previous month and rose by 3.2% 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 – held steady compared to the previous month and rose by 3.5% 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**) held steady compared to the previous month and rose by 2.5% 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)	105.8	0.0	+3.2
HICP (base 2005=100)	118.3	0.0	+3.5
HICP-CT (base 2005=100)	117.1	0.0	+2.5

National Consumer Prices Index (CPI). May 2012

Divisions	Indices	Percentage changes on the previous month	Percentage changes on the same month of the previous year
Food and non-alcoholic beverages	104.9	0.3	2.0
Alcoholic beverages and tobacco	109.7	0.2	8.0
Clothing and footwear	104.3	0.1	3.0
Housing, water, electricity, gas and other fuel	112.4	0.6	7.6
Furnishings, household equipment and routine maintenance of the house	103.8	0.1	2.3
Health	100.4	-0.1	0.1
Transport	113.1	-0.9	6.8
Communications	96.7	-0.3	-2.2
Recreation and culture	100.3	-0.3	0.6
Education	103.8	0.0	2.0
Hotels, cafes and restaurants	104.0	0.2	1.5
Miscellaneous goods and services	105.2	0.2	2.7
All-items	105.8	0.0	+3.2

Harmonized Index of Consumer Price (HICP). May 2012

Divisions	Indices	Percentage changes on the previous month	Percentage changes on the same month of the previous year
Food and non-alcoholic beverages	118.0	0.3	2.1
Alcoholic beverages and tobacco	132.2	0.2	8.0
Clothing and footwear	114.7	0.2	2.5
Housing, water, electricity, gas and other fuel	131.6	0.7	7.5
Furnishings, household equipment and routine maintenance of the house	114.7	0.1	2.2
Health	118.0	0.1	6.1
Transport	127.6	-0.9	6.9
Communications	81.1	-0.4	-2.4
Recreation and culture	105.2	-0.5	0.6
Education	117.0	-0.1	1.9
Hotels, cafes and restaurants	114.9	0.1	1.5
Miscellaneous goods and services	120.9	0.1	2.6
All-items	118.3	0.0	+3.5

For more detailed information please refer to the Italian version

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