

Consumer price indices: provisional data

March 2013

- In March 2013, the Italian consumer price index for the whole nation (NIC) increased by 0.3% compared with the previous month and by 1.7% with respect to March 2012 (0.2 lower than in February 2013).

The sixth consecutive Italian inflation slowdown is mainly due to the annual growth rate decrease of prices of Transport (+1.7%, from +2.5% in February). This slowdown is produced by the comparison with March 2012 when large increases of energetic goods prices were recorded.

The NIC index increase with respect to February is mainly due to the rise on a monthly basis of prices of Transport (+1.0%) and Restaurant and hotel (+0.9%) on which seasonal factors had an impact.

- In March 2013, the Italian harmonized index of consumer prices (HICP) increased by 2.3% compared with the previous month and by 1.8% with respect to March 2012 (0.2 lower than in February 2013).

The large increase on a monthly basis is primarily due to the end of clothing and footwear winter sales, which are not taken into account in the NIC index.

TABLE 1. ITALIAN CONSUMER PRICE INDEX FOR THE WHOLE NATION (NIC), BY COICOP DIVISION
March 2013, weights, indices and percentage changes (base 2010=100)

Divisions	Weights	Indices	Mar-13 Feb-13	Mar-13 Mar-12	Feb-13 Feb-12	Mar-12 Feb-12
Food and non-alcoholic beverages	159,283	107.3	0.2	2.5	2.4	0.1
Alcoholic beverages, tobacco	31,924	110.8	0.1	1.6	2.8	1.3
Clothing and footwear	83,387	105.1	0.1	1.2	1.4	0.4
Housing, water, electricity, gas and other fuels	108,990	115.3	0.0	4.3	4.6	0.3
Furnishings, household equipment and routine household maintenance	80,405	104.8	0.0	1.2	1.5	0.3
Health	72,976	100.7	-0.1	0.3	0.1	-0.3
Transport	149,173	114.5	1.0	1.7	2.5	1.8
Communication	25,293	92.6	-1.1	-5.6	-4.1	0.5
Recreation and culture (a)	79,758	101.1	0.1	0.7	-0.3	-0.9
Education	11,306	106.8	0.0	2.9	2.9	0.0
Restaurants and hotels	112,287	104.3	0.9	2.0	1.6	0.5
Miscellaneous goods and services	85,218	107.2	0.1	2.2	2.3	0.2
ALL ITEMS	1,000,000	107.1	0.3	1.7	1.9	0.5

(a) Following revision of Recreation and culture index of February 2013, the percentage change on monthly basis of March and the percentage change on annual basis of February were revised.

TABLE 2. ITALIAN CONSUMER PRICE INDEX FOR THE WHOLE NATION (NIC), BY TYPE OF PRODUCTS
March 2013, weights, indices and percentage changes (base 2010=100)

Type of products	Weights	Indices	<u>Mar-13</u> <u>Feb-13</u>	<u>Mar-13</u> <u>Mar-12</u>	<u>Feb-13</u> <u>Feb-12</u>	<u>Mar-12</u> <u>Feb-12</u>
Food and alcohol	168,499	107.3	0.1	2.5	2.5	0.1
Energy	94,758	129.4	0.2	3.4	5.0	1.8
Tobacco	22,708	112.0	0.0	1.0	2.7	1.6
Non-energy industrial goods	273,437	103.1	0.0	0.7	0.6	-0.1
Services	440,598	105.4	0.5	1.7	1.7	0.5
ALL ITEMS	1,000,000	107.1	0.3	1.7	1.9	0.5

TABLE 3. ITALIAN HARMONIZED CONSUMER PRICE INDEX (HICP), BY COICOP DIVISION
March 2013, weights, indices and percentage changes (base 2005=100)

Divisions	Weights	Indices	<u>Mar-13</u> <u>Feb-13</u>	<u>Mar-13</u> <u>Mar-12</u>	<u>Feb-13</u> <u>Feb-12</u>	<u>Mar-12</u> <u>Feb-12</u>
Food and non-alcoholic beverages	168,380	120.3	-0.2	2.1	2.3	0.0
Alcoholic beverages, tobacco	33,736	133.6	0.1	1.6	2.7	1.2
Clothing and footwear	94,556	111.7	27.1	1.0	0.0	25.8
Housing, water, electricity, gas and other fuels	115,234	135.0	0.0	4.3	4.7	0.3
Furnishings, household equipment and routine household maintenance	85,060	115.2	0.3	0.9	1.5	1.0
Health	34,486	119.4	0.2	1.4	1.4	0.1
Transport	157,538	129.2	1.0	1.7	2.5	1.8
Communication	26,738	77.8	-0.9	-5.6	-4.2	0.6
Recreation and culture (a)	63,424	106.3	0.2	0.9	-0.3	-1.0
Education	11,958	120.5	0.0	3.0	3.0	0.0
Restaurants and hotels	118,603	115.3	1.0	2.0	1.4	0.4
Miscellaneous goods and services	90,287	122.9	0.6	2.1	2.3	0.8
ALL ITEMS	1,000,000	119.4	2.3	1.8	2.0	2.5

(a) Following revision of Recreation and culture index of February 2013, the percentage change on monthly basis of March and the percentage change on annual basis of February were revised.

TABLE 4. ITALIAN HARMONIZED CONSUMER PRICE INDEX (HICP), BY SPECIAL AGGREGATES
March 2013, weights, indices and percentage changes (base 2005=100)

Special aggregates	Weights	Indices	<u>Mar-13</u> <u>Feb-13</u>	<u>Mar-13</u> <u>Mar-12</u>	<u>Feb-13</u> <u>Feb-12</u>	<u>Mar-12</u> <u>Feb-12</u>
Food, alcohol and tobacco	202,116	122.2	-0.1	2.0	2.3	0.3
Energy	100,192	148.4	0.2	3.4	5.0	1.8
Non-energy industrial goods	285,769	113.0	7.8	1.0	0.5	7.3
Services	411,923	117.1	0.6	1.8	1.7	0.5
ALL ITEMS	1,000,000	119.4	2.3	1.8	2.0	2.5

For more detailed please refer to the Italian version

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