

# PRESS RELEASE

## CONSUMER PRICES

### Consumer prices index for the whole nation

*Indice nazionale dei prezzi al consumo per l'intera collettività*

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#### Consumer prices index for the whole nation

	Index number 1995=100			Percentage changes	
	December 2005	November 2006	December 2006	On previous month	On corresponding month of previous year
including tobacco	128.1	130.4	130.5	+0.1	+1.9
excluding tobacco (law 5.2.1992, n.81)	127.7	129.9	130.0	+0.1	+1.8

#### Consumer prices index for whole nation by type of expenditure

Type of expenditure	Index numbers	Percentage changes	
		On previous month	On corresponding month of previous year
Food and non-alcoholic beverages	125.8	+0.2	+2.7
Alcoholic beverages and tobacco	164.2	0.0	+5.0
Clothing and footwear	131.9	0.0	+1.4
Housing, water, electricity, gas and other fuel	145.7	+0.1	+4.8
Furnishings, household equipment and routine maintenance of the house	125.5	+0.1	+1.6
Health	120.4	-0.2	-2.4
Transport	134.5	+0.1	+1.7
Communications	76.1	-0.7	-4.8
Recreation and culture	121.0	+0.4	+1.7
Education	135.6	0.0	+2.3
Hotels, cafes and restaurants	143.2	0.0	+2.6
Miscellaneous goods and services	138.3	0.0	+2.6
<b>Overall index</b>			
- including tobacco	130.5	+0.1	+1.9
- excluding tobacco	130.0	+0.1	+1.8

**Harmonised EU consumer prices index - base 2005=100 - Italy**  
*Indice armonizzato dei prezzi al consumo per i paesi dell'Unione europea  
(comprendente delle riduzioni temporanee di prezzo) - base 2005=100 - Italia*

**Harmonised EU consumer prices index - Italy**

Index number 2005=100			Percentage changes	
December 2005	November 2006	December 2006	On previous month	On corresponding month of previous year
101.2	103.2	103.3	+0.1	+2.1

**Harmonised EU consumer prices index by type of expenditure – Italy**

Type of expenditure	Index number	Percentage changes	
		On previous month	On corresponding month of previous year
Food and non-alcoholic beverages	103.0	+0.2	+2.7
Alcoholic beverages and tobacco	106.3	0.0	+5.0
Clothing and footwear	106.1	+0.2	+1.5
Housing, water, electricity, gas and other fuel	107.2	+0.2	+4.9
Furnishings, household equipment and routine maintenance of the house	102.5	+0.1	+1.6
Health	99.6	0.0	-0.7
Transport	102.8	+0.2	+1.7
Communications	94.1	-0.6	-4.8
Recreation and culture	102.1	+0.5	+1.9
Education	104.4	0.0	+2.4
Hotels, cafes and restaurants	102.8	0.0	+2.6
Miscellaneous goods and services	104.0	0.0	+2.6
<b>HICP (all-items index)</b>	103.3	+0.1	+2.1

**Consumer prices index for blue and white collar workers households**  
*Indice dei prezzi al consumo per le famiglie di operai ed impiegati*

**Consumer prices index for blue and white collar workers households**

	Index number 1995=100			Percentage changes	
	December 2005	November 2006	December 2006	On previous month	On corresponding month of previous year
including tobacco	127.0	129.3	129.3	0.0	+1.8
excluding tobacco (law 5.2.1992. n.81)	126.3	128.3	128.4	+0.1	+1.7

**Consumer prices index for blue and white collar workers households by type of expenditure**

Type of expenditure	Index numbers	Percentage changes	
		On previous month	On corresponding month of previous year
Food and non-alcoholic beverages	125.4	+0.2	+2.7
Alcoholic beverages and tobacco	166.4	0.0	+5.3
Clothing and footwear	131.5	0.0	+1.4
Housing, water, electricity, gas and other fuel	146.0	+0.1	+4.7
Furnishings, household equipment and routine maintenance of the house	124.9	+0.2	+1.6
Health	118.9	0.0	-2.3
Transport	133.5	+0.2	+1.7
Communications	76.5	-0.9	-5.8
Recreation and culture	120.7	+0.4	+1.5
Education	137.1	0.0	+2.3
Hotels, cafes and restaurants	139.8	0.0	+2.5
Miscellaneous goods and services	133.9	+0.1	+2.7
<b>Overall index</b>			
- including tobacco	129.3	0.0	+1.8
- excluding tobacco	128.4	+0.1	+1.7

For more details please refer to Italian version.  
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