

# PRESS RELEASE

## CONSUMER PRICES

### Consumer prices index for the whole nation

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

**MARCH 2008**

#### Consumer prices index for the whole nation

	Index number 1995=100			Percentage changes	
	March 2007	February 2008	March 2008	On previous month	On corresponding month of previous year
including tobacco	131.2	134.8	135.5	+0.5	+3.3
excluding tobacco (law 5.2.1992, n.81)	130.6	134.2	134.9	+0.5	+3.3

#### 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	133.2	+0.6	+5.5
Alcoholic beverages and tobacco	172.1	+0.2	+2.8
Clothing and footwear	134.4	+0.2	+1.7
Housing, water, electricity, gas and other fuel	153.0	+0.3	+4.3
Furnishings, household equipment and routine maintenance of the house	130.8	+0.2	+3.5
Health	121.4	0.0	-0.3
Transport	143.7	+1.4	+5.8
Communications	69.7	+0.1	-2.1
Recreation and culture	122.5	+0.1	+0.7
Education	138.9	0.0	+2.4
Hotels, cafes and restaurants	148.5	+0.7	+2.8
Miscellaneous goods and services	143.7	+0.3	+3.3
<b>Overall index</b>			
- including tobacco	135.5	+0.5	+3.3
- excluding tobacco	134.9	+0.5	+3.3

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

**Harmonised EU consumer prices index - Italy**

Index number 2005=100			Percentage changes	
March 2007	February 2008	March 2008	On previous month	On corresponding month of previous year
103.5	105.5	107.2	+1.6	+3.6

**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	109.1	+0.6	+5.5
Alcoholic beverages and tobacco	111.4	+0.2	+2.9
Clothing and footwear	104.4	+12.1	+2.3
Housing, water, electricity, gas and other fuel	112.7	+0.3	+4.4
Furnishings, household equipment and routine maintenance of the house	106.7	+0.6	+3.5
Health	102.5	+0.2	-0.3
Transport	109.8	+1.4	+5.8
Communications	86.1	0.0	-2.2
Recreation and culture	103.4	+0.1	+0.9
Education	107.1	0.0	+2.5
Hotels, cafes and restaurants	106.6	+0.7	+2.8
Miscellaneous goods and services	108.0	+0.7	+3.3
<b>HICP (all-items index)</b>	107.2	+1.6	+3.6

**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	
	March 2007	February 2008	March 2008	On previous month	On corresponding month of previous year
including tobacco	129.9	133.5	134.2	+0.5	+3.3
excluding tobacco (law 5.2.1992. n.81)	129.0	132.5	133.2	+0.5	+3.3

**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	132.8	+0.6	+5.5
Alcoholic beverages and tobacco	174.6	+0.1	+2.8
Clothing and footwear	133.9	+0.2	+1.6
Housing, water, electricity, gas and other fuel	152.8	+0.2	+3.9
Furnishings, household equipment and routine maintenance of the house	129.7	+0.2	+3.1
Health	120.0	0.0	-0.3
Transport	142.6	+1.4	+5.9
Communications	69.9	0.0	-2.6
Recreation and culture	121.8	+0.1	+0.6
Education	140.4	0.0	+2.3
Hotels, cafes and restaurants	144.8	+0.6	+2.7
Miscellaneous goods and services	139.4	+0.4	+3.6
<b>Overall index</b>			
- including tobacco	134.2	+0.5	+3.3
- excluding tobacco	133.2	+0.5	+3.3

For more details please refer to Italian version.

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