

Consumer price indices

February 2010

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.

Istat estimates that in February 2010:

- 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 0.1% compared to the previous month and by 1.2% 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 – is unchanged from the previous month and rose by 1.1% 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 1995=100)	138.6	+0.1	+1.2
HICP (base 2005=100)	108.3	0.0	+1.1

National Consumer Prices Index (CPI). February 2010

Divisions	Indices	Percentage changes on the previous month	Percentage changes on the same month of the previous year
Food and non-alcoholic beverages	137.2	0.0	+0.1
Alcoholic beverages and tobacco	185.2	+0.1	+3.3
Clothing and footwear	137.5	0.0	+1.0
Housing, water, electricity, gas and other fuel	156.2	+0.3	-1.4
Furnishings, household equipment and routine maintenance of the house	135.0	+0.1	+1.2
Health	123.1	+0.1	+0.3
Transport	144.3	-0.1	+3.5
Communications	68.3	+0.7	0.0
Recreation and culture	123.9	+0.3	+0.5
Education	145.4	0.0	+2.5
Hotels, cafes and restaurants	151.9	0.0	+1.1
Miscellaneous goods and services	151.1	+0.2	+3.0
All - items	138.6	+0.1	+1.2

Harmonized Index of Consumer Price (HICP). February 2010

Divisions	Indices	Percentage changes on the previous month	Percentage changes on the same month of the previous year
Food and non-alcoholic beverages	112.1	-0.1	+0.1
Alcoholic beverages and tobacco	119.8	0.0	+3.3
Clothing and footwear	92.0	-1.4	-0.6
Housing. water. electricity. gas and other fuel	115.3	+0.3	-1.3
Furnishings. household equipment and routine maintenance of the house	109.4	+0.2	+1.1
Health	107.7	+0.4	+2.0
Transport	110.3	-0.1	+3.6
Communications	84.4	+0.7	0.0
Recreation and culture	104.7	+0.4	+0.6
Education	112.7	0.0	+1.9
Hotels. cafes and restaurants	109.1	0.0	+1.2
Miscellaneous goods and services	112.6	+0.1	+2.7
All - items	108.3	0.0	+1.1

For more detailed information please refer to the Italian version

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