

Consumer price indices

December 2009: provisional indices

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 December 2009:

- 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 0.2% compared to the previous month and by 1.0% 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 – rose by 0.2% and by 1.1% compared to the previous month and the same month of the previous year, respectively.

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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)	138.3	+0.2	+1.0
HICP (base 2005=100)	109.9	+0.2	+1.1

For more details please refer to the Italian version

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