

Consumer price indices: provisional data

January 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 January 2010:

- the National Consumer Price Index for the whole nation (see Italian **NIC**) – used to measure inflation over the entire Italian economic system – rose by 0.1% compared to the previous month, and by 1.3% in comparison to the same month of the previous year;
- the EU Harmonized Index of Consumer Prices (**HICP**) – developed to facilitate the comparison of inflation between member states – declined by 1.4% and rose by 1.4% 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
NIC (base 1995=100)	138.5	+0.1	+1.3
HICP (base 2005=100)	108.4	-1.4	+1.4

For more detailed information please refer to the Italian version

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