



CONSUMER PRICE INDEX: March 2025, annual inflation 2.4%

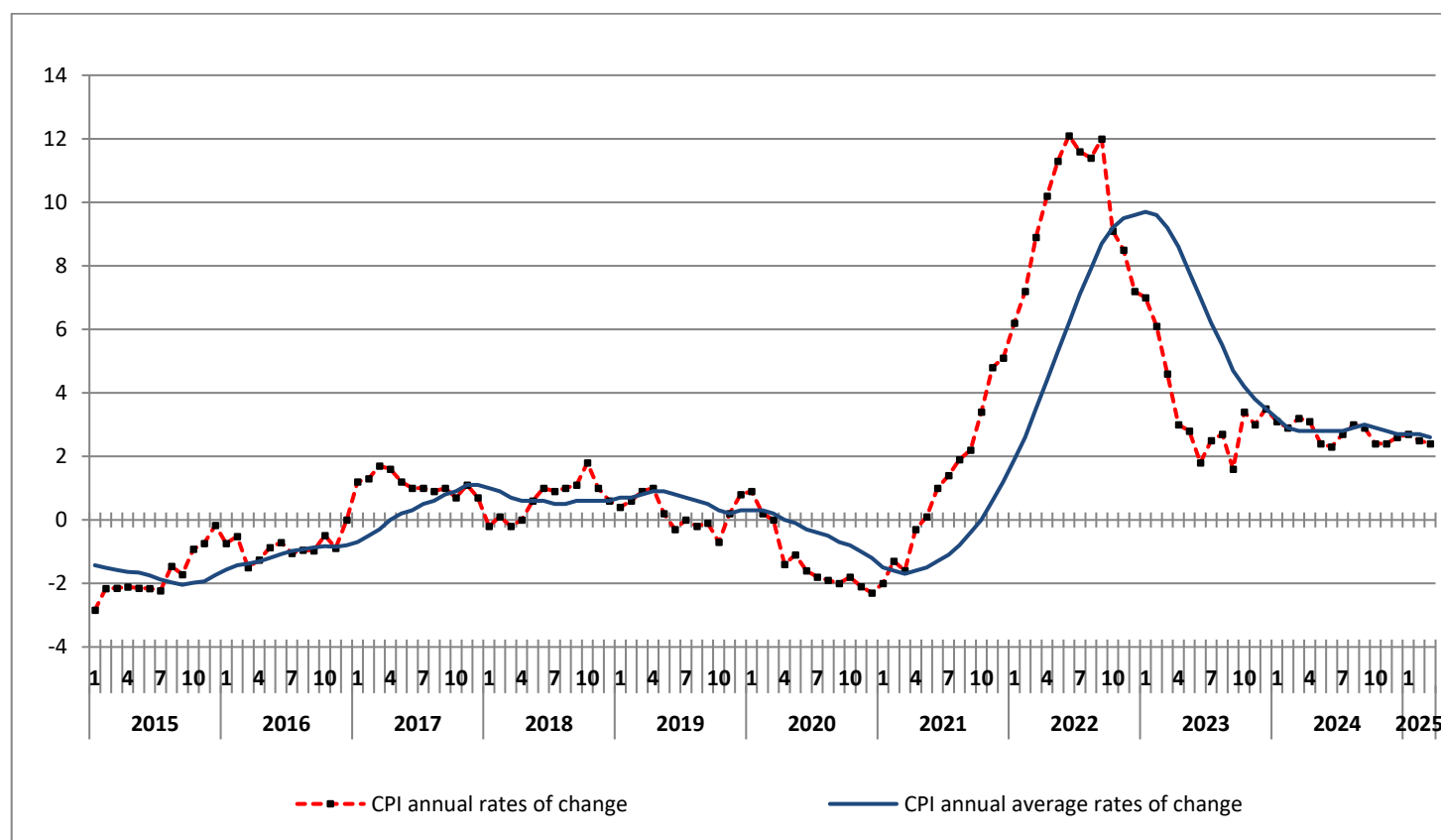
The evolution of the Consumer Price Index (CPI) of March 2025 (reference year 2020=100.0) is depicted as follows:

The CPI in March 2025 compared with March 2024, increased by 2.4%. In March 2024, the annual rate of change of the CPI was 3.2% (Table 2).

The CPI in March 2025 compared with February 2025, increased by 1.4%. In March 2024, the monthly rate of change of the CPI was 1.5% (Table 1).

The average CPI for the twelve - month period from April 2024 to March 2025, compared with the corresponding index for the period April 2023 to March 2024 increased by 2.6%. The annual rate of change of the average CPI between the twelve - month period April 2023 to March 2024 and the period April 2022 to March 2023 was 2.8% (Table 3).

Graph 1. Annual and annual average rates of change (%) of CPI



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Analysis of changes of the CPI: March 2025

I. Monthly rates of change: March 2025 compared with February 2025 (Tables 1, 4)

The 1.4% increase of the Overall CPI in March 2025, compared with the corresponding index in February 2025 is, mainly, due to the changes in the groups of goods and services as follows:

1. An increase of:

- 0.9% in the group Food and non-alcoholic beverages, due to the increase, mainly, in the prices of: *meat, fresh fruit, preserved or processed vegetables, sauces-condiments, coffee*. This increase was partly offset by the decrease, mainly, in the prices of: *fresh whole milk, cheese, olive oil*.
- 31.5% in the group Clothing and footwear, due to the recovery of part of prices up to normal levels as before the winter sales period.
- 0.2% in the group Transport, due to the increase, mainly, in the prices of *tickets for passenger transport by air*. This increase was partly offset by the decrease, mainly, in the prices of *fuels and lubricants*.
- 0.3% in the group Recreation and culture, due to the increase, mainly, in the prices of *small recreational items-flowers-pets*.
- 1.0% in the group Hotel-Cafés-Restaurants, due to the increase, mainly, in the prices of: *restaurants-confectioneries-cafes-buffets, hotels-motels-inns*.
- 0.3% in the group Miscellaneous goods and services, due to the increase, mainly, in the prices of *other personal effects*.

2. A decrease of:

- 0.3% in the group Alcoholic beverages and tobacco, due to the decrease, mainly, in the prices of *alcoholic beverages (not served)*.
- 0.2% in the group Housing, due to the decrease, mainly, in the prices of *heating oil*. This decrease was partly offset by the increase, mainly, in the prices of: *rentals for dwellings, natural gas*.
- 0.5% in the group Health, due to the decrease, mainly, in the prices of *pharmaceutical products*.

II. Annual rates of change: March 2025 compared with March 2024 (Tables 2, 5)

The 2.4% increase of the Overall CPI in March 2025, compared with the corresponding index in March 2024 is, mainly, due to the changes in the groups of goods and services as follows:

1. An increase of:

- 2.2% in the group Food and non-alcoholic beverages, due to the increase, mainly, in the prices of: *other bakery products, meat, fresh fish, other edible oils, fruit, vegetables, sugar-chocolates-sweets-ice creams, coffee-cocoa-tea, mineral water-refreshments-fruit*. This increase was partly offset by the decrease, mainly, in the prices of: *cheese, olive oil*.
- 1.2% in the group Alcoholic beverages and tobacco, due to the increase, mainly, in the prices of *alcoholic beverages (not served)*.
- 3.6% in the group Clothing and footwear, due to the increase in the prices of clothing and footwear.
- 5.9% in the group Housing, due to the increase, mainly, in the prices of: *rentals for dwellings, services for the repair and maintenance of the dwelling, miscellaneous services relating to the dwelling, electricity, natural gas*. This increase was partly offset by the decrease, mainly, in the prices of: *heating oil, solid fuels*.
- 1.6% in the group Health, due to the increase, mainly, in the prices of: *pharmaceutical products, medical products, medical-dental and paramedical services, hospital care*.
- 2.1% in the group Communication, due to the increase, mainly, in the prices of *telephone services*.
- 0.9% in the group Recreation and culture, due to the increase, mainly, in the prices of: *small recreational items-flowers-pets, recreational services, newspapers-books and stationary, package holidays*. This increase was partly offset by the decrease, mainly, in the prices of: *equipment for the reception, recording and reproduction of sound and picture, major durables for recreation and culture*.
- 2.6% in the group Education, due to the increase, mainly, in the prices of: *fees of pre-primary and primary education, fees of secondary education*.
- 6.0% in the group Hotel-Cafés-Restaurants, due to the increase, mainly, in the prices of: *restaurants-confectioneries-cafes-buffets, hotels-motels-inns*.
- 2.2% in the group Miscellaneous goods and services, due to the increase, mainly, in the prices of: *hairdressing salons and personal grooming establishments, other personal effects, social protection services, private insurance connected with health, motor vehicle insurance, other services*. This increase was partly offset by the decrease, mainly, in the prices of *other appliances and articles for personal care*.

2. A decrease of:

- 1.6% in the group Transport, due to the decrease, mainly, in the prices of: *second hand motorcars, fuels and lubricants*. This decrease was partly offset by the increase, mainly, in the prices of: *new motorcars, maintenance and repair of motorcars-motorcycles, other services for motorcars – motorcycles, tickets for passenger transport by air*.

Table 1. Monthly rates of change of CPI
(Reference year: 2020=100.0)

Main groups of goods and services	Weights 2025 (%)	2025	2025	Rate of change %	2024	2024	Rate of change %
		March	February		March	February	
1. Food & non-alcoholic beverages	209.28	132.59	131.43	0.9	129.72	131.19	-1.1
2. Alcoholic beverages and tobacco	34.20	106.93	107.23	-0.3	105.69	105.09	0.6
3. Clothing and footwear	48.18	124.41	94.60	31.5	120.08	88.88	35.1
4. Housing	138.63	126.43	126.73	-0.2	119.38	120.54	-1.0
5. Household equipment	43.38	114.54	114.00	0.5	114.35	114.85	-0.4
6. Health	77.51	111.38	111.95	-0.5	109.66	108.29	1.3
7. Transport	145.29	121.02	120.72	0.2	123.03	120.34	2.2
8. Communication	41.36	94.07	94.00	0.1	92.15	92.47	-0.3
9. Recreation and culture	40.53	107.17	106.85	0.3	106.19	105.88	0.3
10. Education	34.86	109.51	109.51	0.0	106.73	106.73	0.0
11. Hotels-Cafés-Restaurants	117.76	123.95	122.76	1.0	116.92	116.35	0.5
12. Miscellaneous goods and services	69.02	109.11	108.78	0.3	106.80	106.35	0.4
Overall Index	1000.0	120.25	118.55	1.4	117.39	115.61	1.5

Note: The indices are rounded up to two decimal figures when published and percentage changes up to one decimal figure when published.

Graph 2. Annual and monthly rates of change (%) of CPI

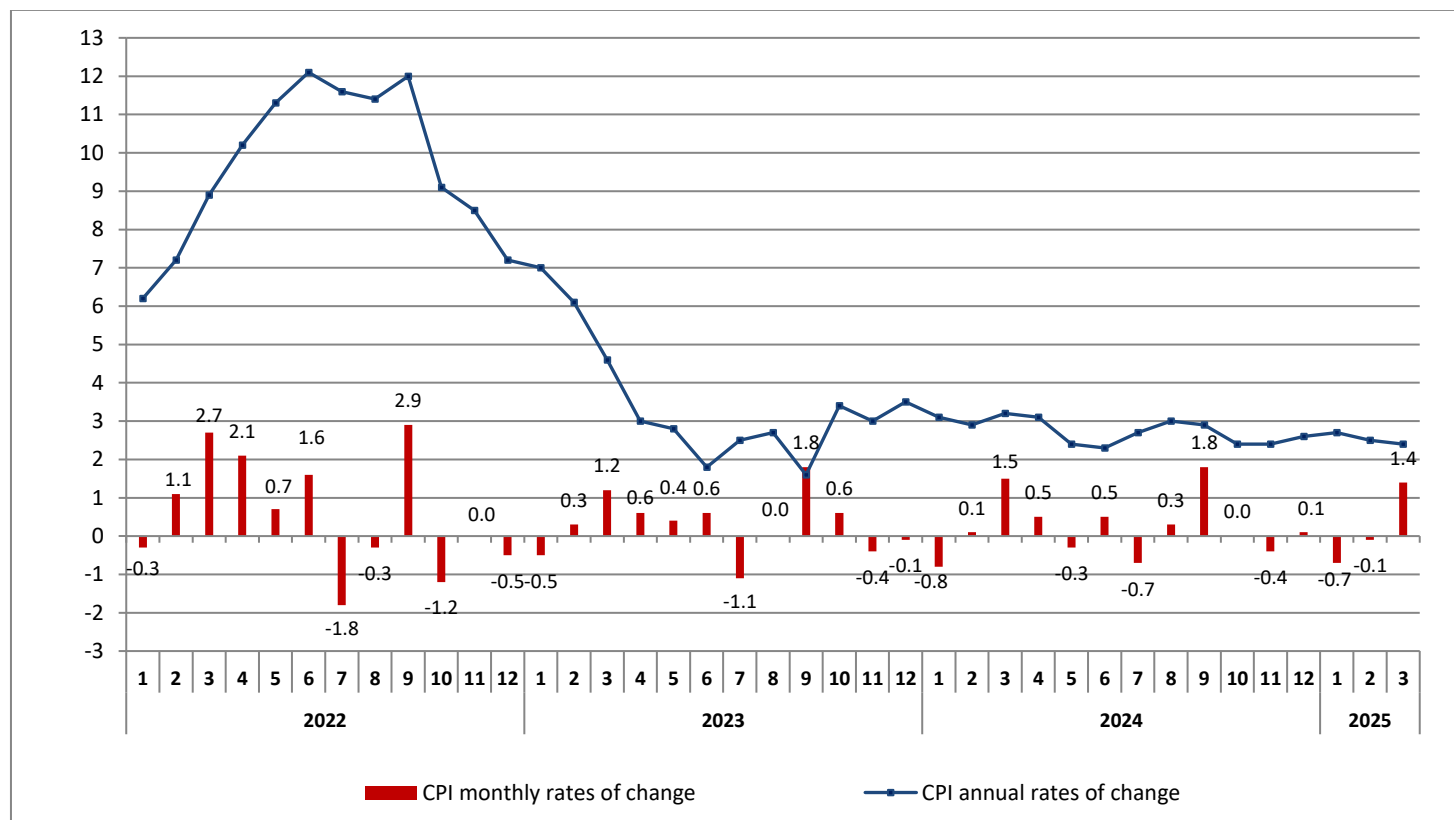


Table 2. Inflation – Annual rates of change of CPI**(Reference year: 2020=100.0)****I: March 2025/2024**

Main groups of goods and services		March		Rate of change (%)	Impact
		2025	2024		
1.	Food and non-alcoholic beverages	132.59	129.72	2.2	0.4701
2.	Alcoholic beverages and tobacco	106.93	105.69	1.2	0.0403
3.	Clothing and footwear	124.41	120.08	3.6	0.2317
4.	Housing	126.43	119.38	5.9	0.7332
5.	Household equipment	114.54	114.35	0.2	0.0071
6.	Health	111.38	109.66	1.6	0.1236
7.	Transport	121.02	123.03	-1.6	-0.2382
8.	Communication	94.07	92.15	2.1	0.0880
9.	Recreation and culture	107.17	106.19	0.9	0.0381
10.	Education	109.51	106.73	2.6	0.1131
11.	Hotels-Cafés-Restaurants	123.95	116.92	6.0	0.6696
12.	Miscellaneous goods and services	109.11	106.80	2.2	0.1518
Overall Index		120.25	117.39	2.4	

II: March 2024/2023

Main groups of goods and services		March		Rate of change (%)	Impact
		2024	2023		
1.	Food and non-alcoholic beverages	129.72	123.18	5.3	1.1727
2.	Alcoholic beverages and tobacco	105.69	103.83	1.8	0.0698
3.	Clothing and footwear	120.08	113.51	5.8	0.2770
4.	Housing	119.38	118.63	0.6	0.0921
5.	Household equipment	114.35	114.37	0.0	-0.0004
6.	Health	109.66	105.00	4.4	0.3358
7.	Transport	123.03	120.65	2.0	0.2817
8.	Communication	92.15	93.86	-1.8	-0.0741
9.	Recreation and culture	106.19	102.83	3.3	0.1270
10.	Education	106.73	103.12	3.5	0.1267
11.	Hotels-Cafés-Restaurants	116.92	109.88	6.4	0.7197
12.	Miscellaneous goods and services	106.80	105.39	1.3	0.0976
Overall Index		117.39	113.73	3.2	

Note: The indices are rounded up to two decimal figures when published and percentage changes up to one decimal figure when published.

Table 3. Comparisons of the overall CPI
(Reference year: 2020=100.0)

Year and month	Overall Index	Monthly rates of change %	Annual rates of change Inflation %	Annual average index (moving average)	Annual average rates of change %
2022 : 1	104.68	-0.3	6.2	101.74	1.9
2	105.84	1.1	7.2	102.33	2.6
3	108.75	2.7	8.9	103.07	3.5
4	111.08	2.1	10.2	103.92	4.4
5	111.80	0.7	11.3	104.87	5.3
6	113.62	1.6	12.1	105.89	6.2
7	111.54	-1.8	11.6	106.86	7.1
8	111.21	-0.3	11.4	107.81	7.9
9	114.48	2.9	12.0	108.83	8.7
10	113.16	-1.2	9.1	109.61	9.2
11	113.15	0.0	8.5	110.36	9.5
12	112.53	-0.5	7.2	110.99	9.6
Annual average	110.99	-	-	110.99	9.6
2023 : 1	111.99	-0.5	7.0	111.60	9.7
2	112.33	0.3	6.1	112.14	9.6
3	113.73	1.2	4.6	112.55	9.2
4	114.45	0.6	3.0	112.83	8.6
5	114.91	0.4	2.8	113.09	7.8
6	115.62	0.6	1.8	113.26	7.0
7	114.30	-1.1	2.5	113.49	6.2
8	114.26	0.0	2.7	113.74	5.5
9	116.34	1.8	1.6	113.90	4.7
10	117.00	0.6	3.4	114.22	4.2
11	116.57	-0.4	3.0	114.50	3.8
12	116.47	-0.1	3.5	114.83	3.5
Annual average	114.83	-	-	114.83	3.5
2024 : 1	115.50	-0.8	3.1	115.12	3.2
2	115.61	0.1	2.9	115.40	2.9
3	117.39	1.5	3.2	115.70	2.8
4	117.96	0.5	3.1	116.00	2.8
5	117.66	-0.3	2.4	116.23	2.8
6	118.24	0.5	2.3	116.44	2.8
7	117.38	-0.7	2.7	116.70	2.8
8	117.68	0.3	3.0	116.98	2.9
9	119.76	1.8	2.9	117.27	3.0
10	119.79	0.0	2.4	117.50	2.9
11	119.33	-0.4	2.4	117.73	2.8
12	119.47	0.1	2.6	117.98	2.7
Annual average	117.98	-	-	117.98	2.7
2025 : 1	118.66	-0.7	2.7	118.24	2.7
2	118.55	-0.1	2.5	118.49	2.7
3	120.25	1.4	2.4	118.73	2.6

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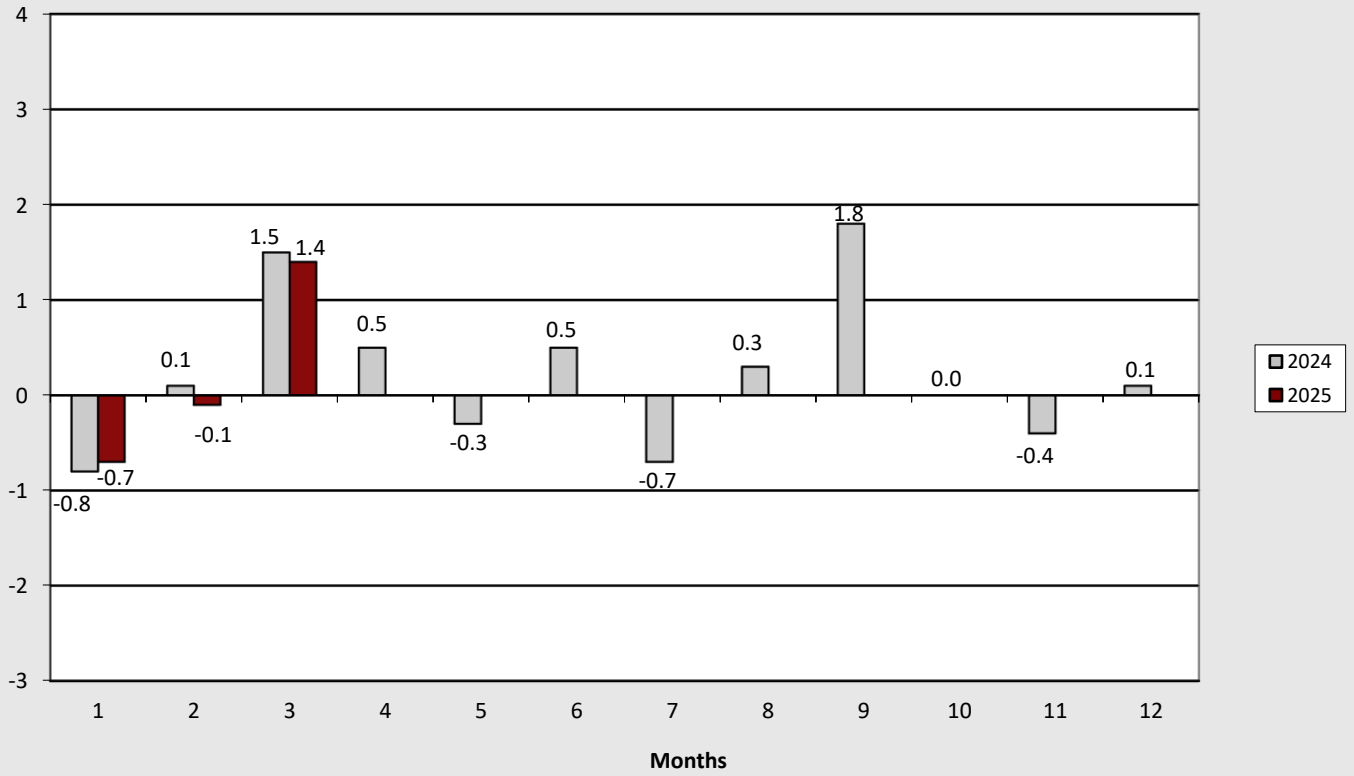
**Table 4. Major price changes from index comparison between
March 2025 and February 2025 and their impact
on the Overall CPI**

Goods and services	Rate of change (%)	Impact
Meat	2.5	0.11
Fresh fruit	9.8	0.14
Preserved or processed vegetables	1.3	0.01
Sauces-condiments	5.8	0.01
Coffee	2.7	0.01
Fresh whole milk	-2.5	-0.01
Cheese	-0.9	-0.01
Olive oil	-7.5	-0.07
Alcoholic beverages (not served)	-0.6	-0.01
Heating oil	-3.7	-0.08
Rentals for dwellings	0.8	0.03
Natural gas	2.6	0.01
Pharmaceutical products	-1.6	-0.04
Passenger transport by air	14.6	0.23
Fuels and lubricants	-3.2	-0.19
Small recreational items-flowers-pets	1.1	0.01
Restaurants-confectioneries-cafes-buffets	0.6	0.07
Hotels-motels-inns	8.1	0.05
Other personal effects	4.1	0.02
Recovery of prices up to normal levels before the winter sales period	-	1.13

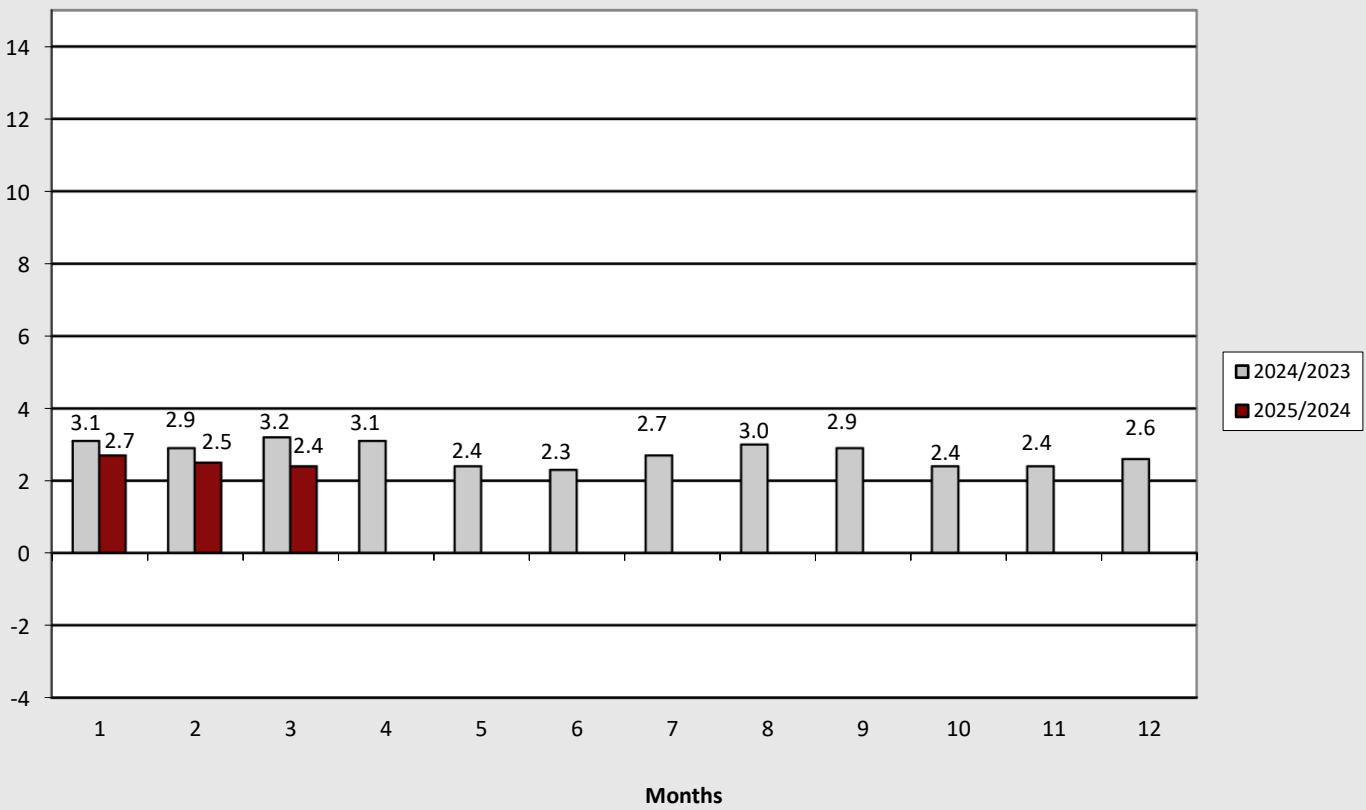
Table 5. Major price changes from index comparison between March 2025 and March 2024 and their impact on the Overall CPI

Goods and services	Rate of change (%)	Impact
Other bakery products	5.7	0.03
Meat	4.9	0.23
Fresh fish	7.3	0.07
Other edible oils	9.7	0.01
Fruit	6.7	0.11
Vegetables	4.1	0.12
Sugar-chocolates-sweets-ice creams	6.0	0.06
Coffee - cocoa - tea	8.5	0.05
Mineral water-refreshments-fruit juices	6.0	0.04
Cheese	-1.3	-0.02
Olive oil	-23.3	-0.26
Alcoholic beverages (not served)	1.9	0.03
Clothing and footwear	3.6	0.23
Rentals for dwellings	10.5	0.38
Services for the repair and maintenance of the dwelling	4.3	0.03
Miscellaneous services relating to the dwelling	1.9	0.05
Electricity	10.4	0.29
Natural gas	54.5	0.14
Heating oil	-8.8	-0.14
Solid fuels	-2.9	-0.02
Non-durable household articles	-3.0	-0.05
Furniture and furnishings	3.4	0.01
Domestic services	4.3	0.04
Pharmaceutical products	2.0	0.05
Medical products	3.3	0.02
Medical-dental and paramedical services	1.5	0.03
Hospital care	0.6	0.01
Second hand motorcars	-4.0	-0.05
Fuels and lubricants	-6.7	-0.38
New motorcars	2.6	0.05
Maintenance and repair of motorcars - motorcycles	3.3	0.02
Other services for motorcars - motorcycles	1.3	0.02
Passenger transport by air	8.1	0.09
Telephone services	2.4	0.10
Small recreational items-flowers-pets	1.2	0.01
Recreational services	4.7	0.03
Newspapers, books and stationery	2.0	0.01
Package holidays	9.3	0.02
Equipment for the reception, recording and reproduction of sound and picture	-12.0	-0.03
Major durables for recreation and culture	-1.3	-0.01
Pre-primary and primary education	2.1	0.02
Secondary education	3.1	0.08
Restaurants-confectioneries-cafes-buffets	5.7	0.61
Hotels-motels-inns	10.8	0.06
Hairdressing salons and personal grooming establishments	3.9	0.05
Other personal effects	6.1	0.02
Social protection services	6.5	0.01
Private insurance connected with health	7.0	0.05
Motor vehicle insurance	5.6	0.08
Other services	4.5	0.01
Other appliances and articles for personal care	-2.6	-0.07

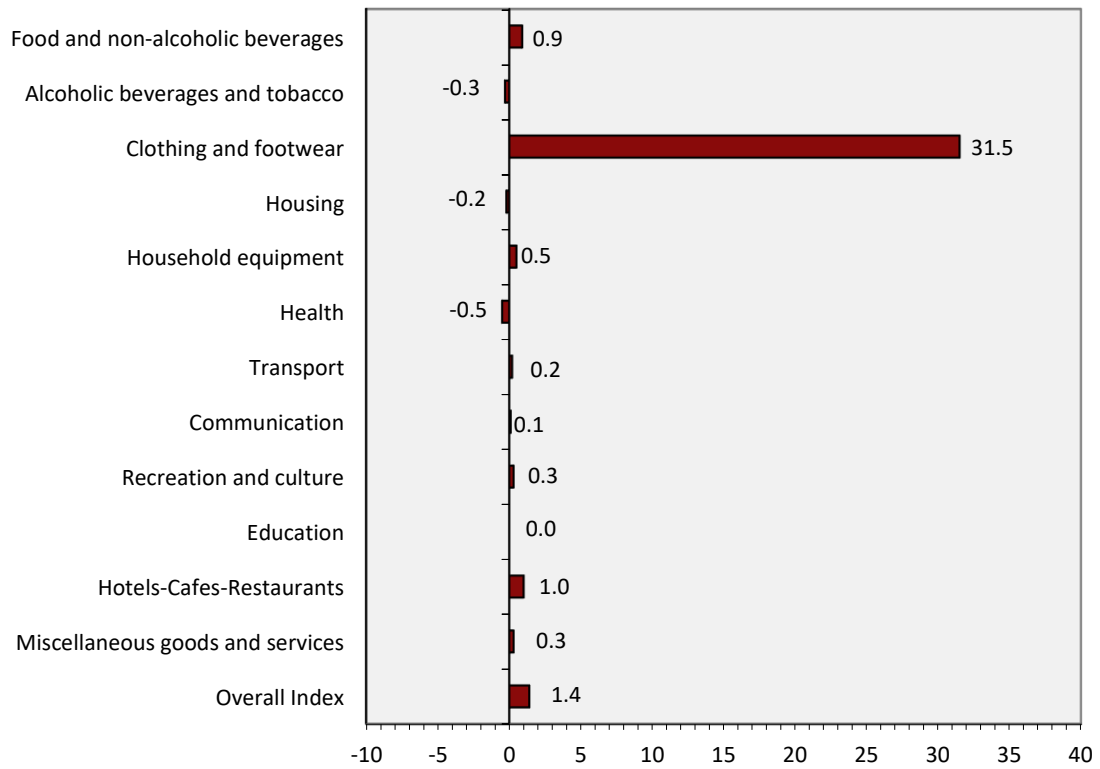
Graph 3. Monthly rates of change (%) of the overall CPI, 2024 and 2025



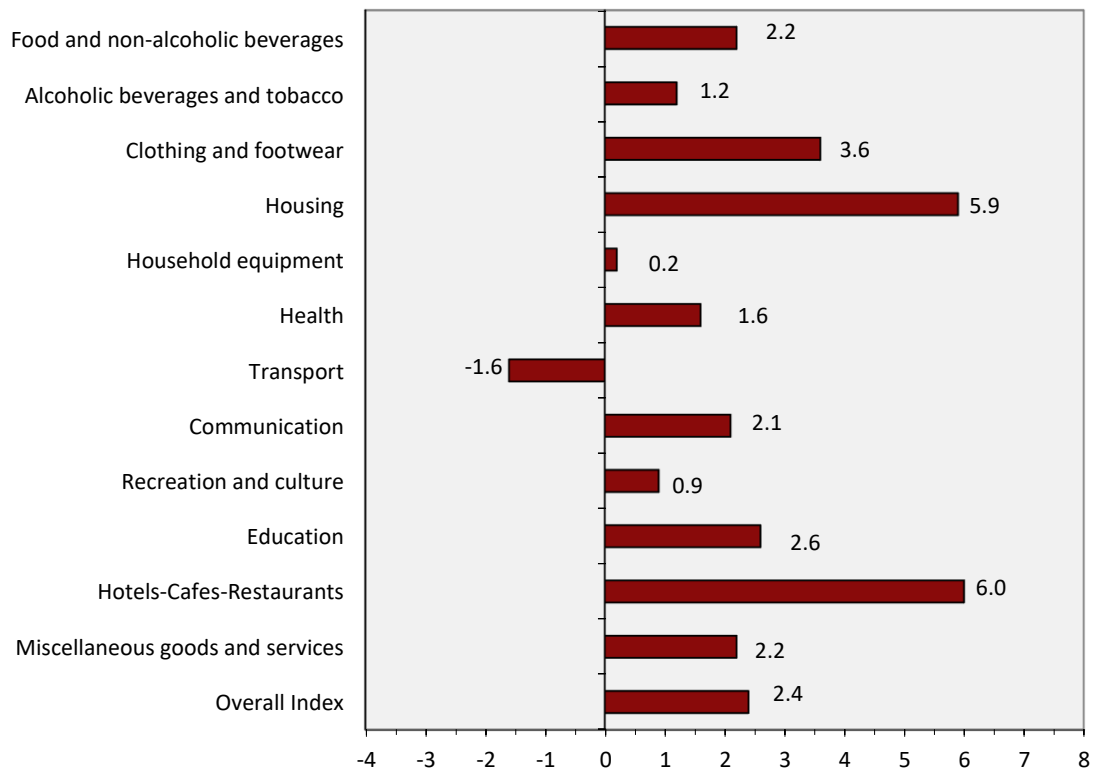
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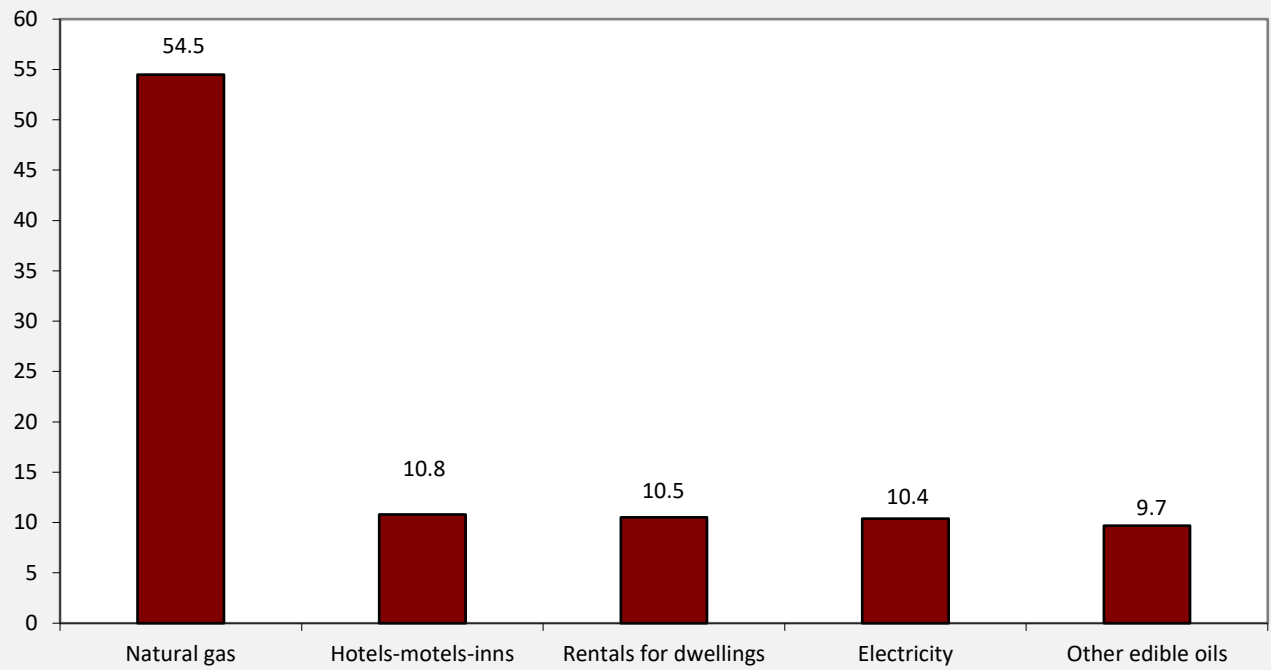
Graph 5. Monthly rates of change (%) of CPI between March 2025 and February 2025



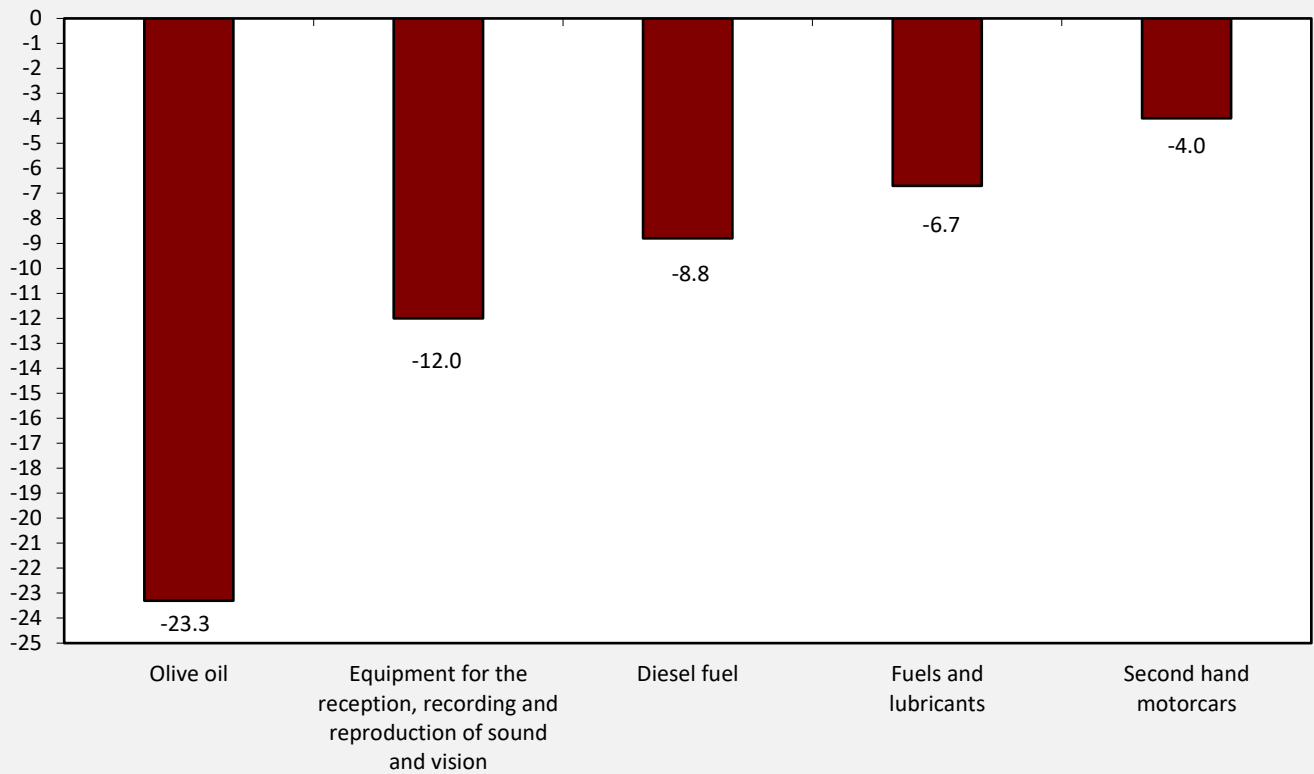
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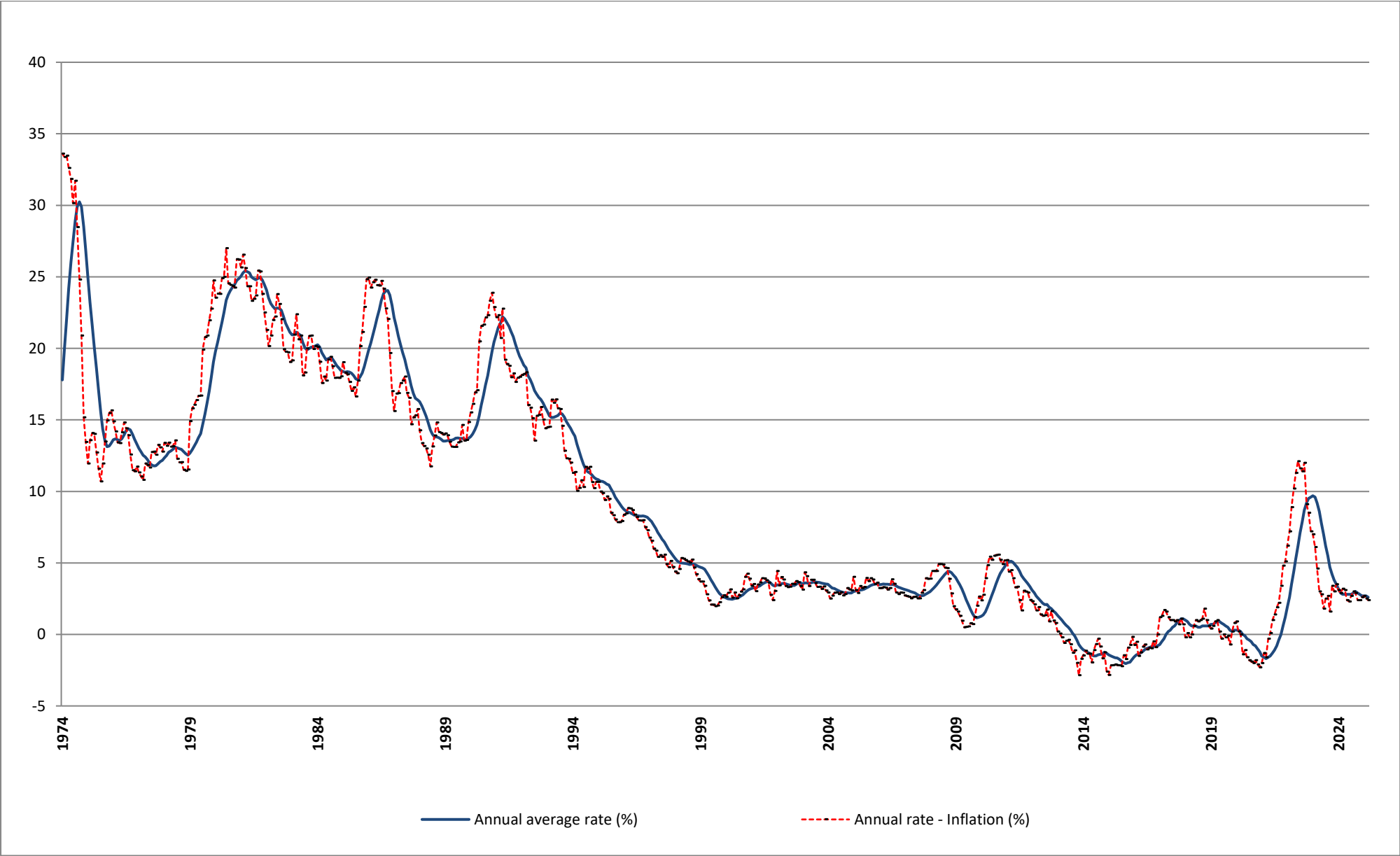
Graph 7. CPI highest annual increases (%)



Graph 8. CPI highest annual decreases (%)



Graph 9. Historical evolution of CPI, 1974 – 2025



METHODOLOGICAL NOTES

Generally	The Consumer Price Index (CPI) is compiled by the Hellenic Statistical Authority (ELSTAT) since 1959. Until the year 2000, the CPI referred to the urban areas of the Country, while from 2001 onwards it refers to the whole Country covering urban, semi-urban and rural areas.
Purpose of the index	The purpose of the CPI is to measure the general level of prices of goods and services purchased by the average Greek household.
Legal basis	Law 3832/2010 .
Reference period	Month.
Base	December of the previous year.
Reference year	2020=100.0.
Chain linking Index	The CPI index follows the chain linking method, introducing new weights annually and having as a base the December of the previous year. The weights are estimated on the basis of the most recent available data of the Household Budget Survey (HBS), extrapolated to the prices of December. The CPI, adjusted on an annual basis to the most recent consumption expenditure pattern of the private households of the Country, ensures the representativeness of goods and services, which compose the “basket” of purchases of the average household.
Geographical and population coverage of the CPI	The CPI refers to the whole Country and covers the resident households of the territory excluding collective households (hospitals, homes for the elderly, boarding houses, prisons, etc.) and non-resident households (tourists) in the Country.
Classification of items	The classification of the CPI items (goods and services) is based on the international classification COICOP (Classification of Individual Consumption by Purpose) as this has been adapted to the needs of the HICPs of the EU Member States with the COICOP5/HICP classification.
Weights of items	The weights of CPI items are updated every year, on the basis of the most recent available data of HBS. The weights are calculated as the share (%) of the expenditures for each group, subgroup and item (good or service) to the total household expenditure of the average household.
Price collection Cities	The CPI prices are collected in 27 cities with representative markets for the coverage of the 13 Regions of the Country. The selection criteria of the price collection cities are the size and the particularities of their markets, the possibility of continuous price collection, the comparability of the index and the cost of price collection.
Population weights	The calculation of the population weights by regions is based on the population data of the 2021 General Population Census and the expenditure data of the latest available HBS by regions.
Selection of items	The composition of the "household basket" i.e. the selection of goods and services which are included in the calculation of CPI is updated annually, using the results of the latest available HBS, other market research, etc. The chain linking methodology allows the change of items of the household basket on an annual basis, in order to ensure the representativeness of the items involved in the calculation of groups and subgroups of CPI.
Price collection-Outlets	The prices collection outlets are retail stores, enterprises providing services, street markets etc. which are considered representative of the branches of shops, where the households make their purchases in the 27 selected cities. The methodology allows the renewal of price collection sources, annually, in order to maintain their representativeness in the calculation of CPI. Prices are collected by employees of ELSTAT as well as by external price collectors, hired on a temporary basis. They pay a visit to the selected outlets within a specific time period of a month (monthly prices) or on a specific day of the week (weekly prices). The collected prices correspond to the prices actually faced by the consumer.
Specification-Substitution of items	All the collected items are defined by the specification, that is the particular characteristics which determine the quality, the trade show and the identity, in general, of good products (such as brand, weight, package etc), in order to avoid any price variations attributable to differences in the specification. Once a specified item (good or service) is no longer available in the market or has ceased to be important, as regards consumption, it is substituted by a newly specified item, which has taken its place in the market.

Calculation of the Consumer Price Index

The Consumer Price Index is a Laspeyres-type index and it is calculated based on December of the previous year.

Implementation of formula in five-digit level of COICOP5

Specifically, if the five-digit item h includes q price collected items, then its index in month t of year T , $R_h^{t,T}$, is given by the following formula:

$$R_h^{t,T} = R_h^{12,T-1} \left[\frac{\sum_{i=1}^q w_i^T R_i^{t,T} / R_i^{12,T-1}}{\sum_{i=1}^q w_i^T} \right],$$

where:

$R_h^{12,T-1}$ = the index of the five-digit item h , in December of year $T-1$.

w_i^T = the weight of the price collected item i , in year T .

$R_i^{t,T}$ = the index of the price collected item i , in month t of year T .

$R_i^{12,T-1}$ = the index of the price collected item i , in December of year $T-1$.

A similar methodology is followed for the calculation of indices in the upper levels (two-digit, three-digit and four-digit) of COICOP5 and the calculation of the overall CPI as well.

Publication of data The published CPI time series (reference year 2020=100.0), covers the period from January 1959 onwards. The CPI data are released each month as scheduled, in accordance with the Releases Calendar of ELSTAT, with the [Release and the tables](#).

References Further information concerning the methodology and the compilation of the CPI is available in the [Single Integrated Metadata Structure \(SIMS\)](#).