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CONSUMER PRICE INDEX^{1, 2, 3} (2005=100,0)

September 2006

The Consumer Price Index (CPI) in September 2006, as compared to September 2005, increased by 2,9%. A year earlier, the annual rate of change of the CPI was 3,9%.

The CPI in September 2006, as compared to August 2006, increased by 1,6%. A year earlier, the monthly rate of change of the CPI was 2,2%.

In the twelve-month period October 05 – September 06 the average rate of change of the CPI was 3,4%. A year earlier, the corresponding rate of change of the CPI was also 3,4%.

¹The Consumer Price Index (CPI), in Greece, is compiled since 1959 onwards, by the National Statistical Service of Greece (NSSG). The compiled CPI till the year 2000 referred to the urban areas of Greece, while the compiled CPI from 2001 refers to the whole Country. The CPI is revised in regular time according to the results of the latest, each time, Household Budget Survey (HBS). The last revision of the CPI was based on the results of the HBS conducted in the period 2004/05 and since April 2006, the revised CPI is published, with base year 2005=100,0.

² The aim of this index is to estimate the general level of the prices of goods and services, that compose the "basket" of the purchases of the average household.

³ The revised CPI in conformity with the HICPs practice is rounded up to 2 decimal figures when published.

More information about CPI is included to a special methodological note.

Consumer Price Index – September 2006

Monthly rates of change

(2005=100,0)

	Main groups of goods and services	Weights HBS 04 / 05 (%)	2006		Rate of change (%)	2005		Rate of change (%)
			September	August		September	August	
1	Food & non-Alcoholic Beverages	178,21	103,33	102,56	0,8	98,70	97,99	0,7
2	Alcoholic Beverages & Tobacco	41,60	108,01	105,46	2,4	101,23	101,25	0,0
3	Clothing and Footwear	87,01	105,85	91,12	16,2	102,70	90,29	13,8
4	Housing	116,51	108,03	107,79	0,2	100,62	100,18	0,4
5	Household Equipment	78,22	103,31	98,80	4,6	101,05	96,18	5,1
6	Health	74,55	102,94	102,70	0,2	100,73	100,41	0,3
7	Transport	132,21	101,72	105,47	-3,5	103,29	101,99	1,3
8	Communication	47,02	100,12	100,12	0,0	100,66	100,66	0,0
9	Recreation and Culture	50,30	101,50	101,12	0,4	100,28	99,78	0,5
10	Education	26,63	106,28	102,70	3,5	102,08	98,81	3,3
11	Hotels, Cafés & Restaurants	100,19	102,91	102,66	0,2	100,34	100,12	0,2
12	Miscellaneous Goods & Services	67,56	103,07	102,02	1,0	100,42	99,76	0,7
	Overall Index	1000,00	103,82	102,19	1,6	100,87	98,70	2,2

Note 1: The indices are calculated with infinite decimal figures and rounded up to two decimal figures when published.

Note 2: Percentage changes are calculated on the basis of indices with infinite decimal figures and rounded up to one decimal figure when published.

Consumer Price Index – September 2006

Annual rates of change

(2005=100,0)

I

Main groups of goods and services		September		Rate of change (%)	Effect
		2005	2004		
1	Food and non Alcoholic Beverages	98,70	96,74	2,0	0,3705
2	Alcoholic Beverages and Tobacco	101,23	98,02	3,3	0,1393
3	Clothing and Footwear	102,70	99,16	3,6	0,3616
4	Housing	100,62	91,93	9,5	1,1710
5	Household Equipment	101,05	99,41	1,7	0,1340
6	Health	100,73	97,15	3,7	0,2643
7	Transport	103,29	96,96	6,5	0,8298
8	Communication	100,66	101,04	-0,4	-0,0093
9	Recreation and Culture	100,28	98,56	1,7	0,0831
10	Education	102,08	98,62	3,5	0,1013
11	Hotels, Cafés and Restaurants	100,34	97,48	2,9	0,3099
12	Miscellaneous Goods and Services	100,42	97,66	2,8	0,1804
Overall Index		100,87	97,05	3,9	

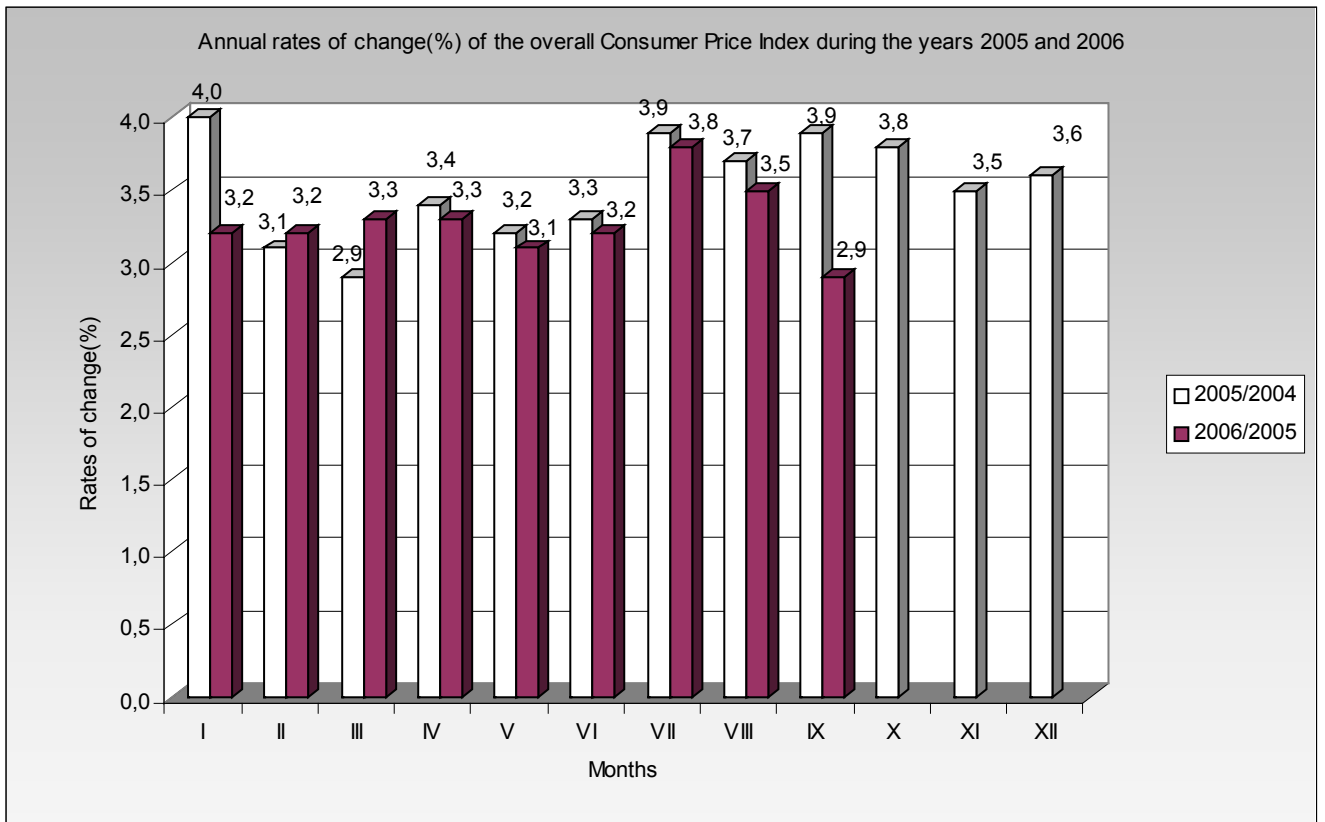
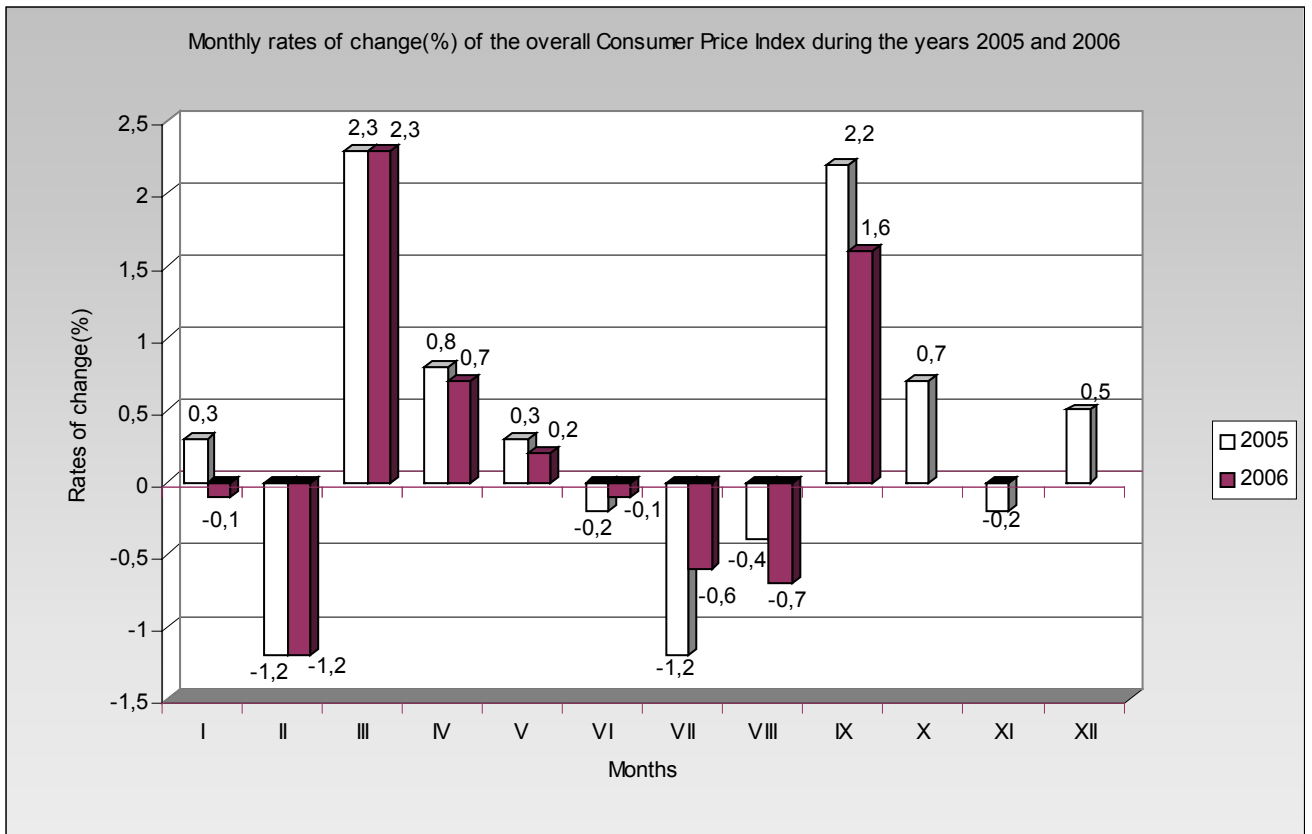
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Main groups of goods and services		September		Rate of change (%)	Effect
		2006	2005		
1	Food and non Alcoholic Beverages	103,33	98,70	4,7	0,8175
2	Alcoholic Beverages and Tobacco	108,01	101,23	6,7	0,2798
3	Clothing and Footwear	105,85	102,70	3,1	0,2711
4	Housing	108,03	100,62	7,4	0,8554
5	Household Equipment	103,31	101,05	2,2	0,1755
6	Health	102,94	100,73	2,2	0,1633
7	Transport	101,72	103,29	-1,5	-0,2047
8	Communication	100,12	100,66	-0,5	-0,0251
9	Recreation and Culture	101,50	100,28	1,2	0,0607
10	Education	106,28	102,08	4,1	0,1110
11	Hotels, Cafés and Restaurants	102,91	100,34	2,6	0,2546
12	Miscellaneous Goods and Services	103,07	100,42	2,6	0,1770
Overall Index		103,82	100,87	2,9	

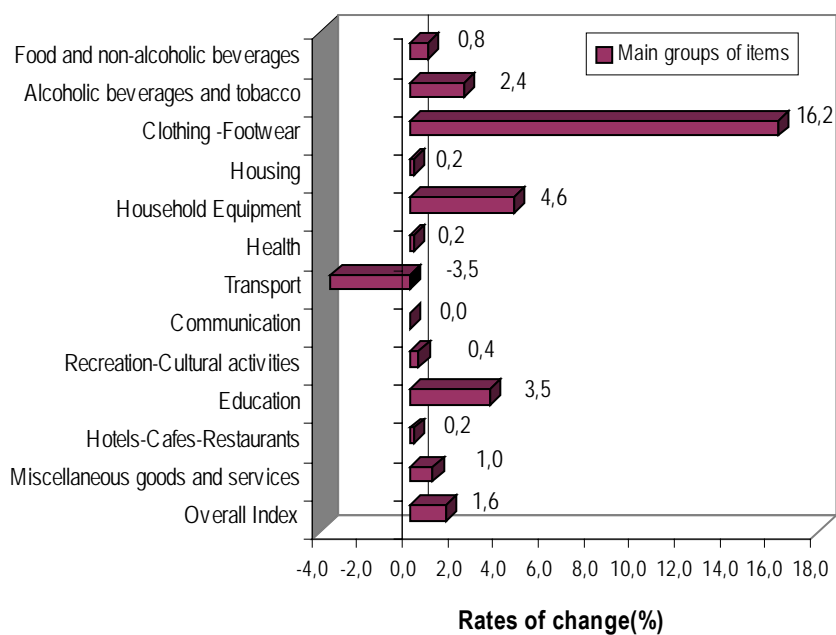
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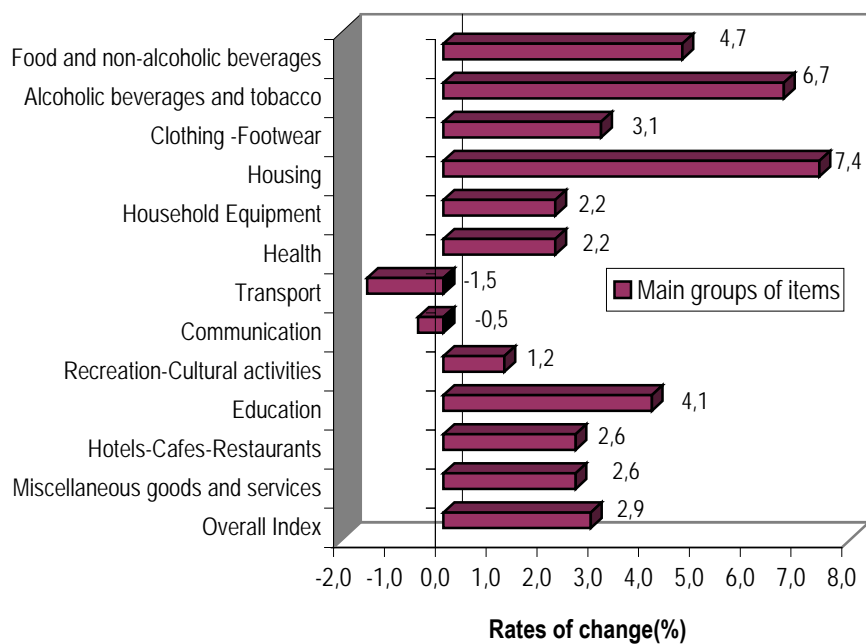
DIAGRAMS



Monthly rates of change (%) of the CPI between September 2006 and August 2006



Annual rates of change (%) of the CPI between September 2006 and September 2005



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