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## **PRESS RELEASE**

### **CONSUMER PRICE INDEX<sup>1, 2, 3</sup> (2005=100,0)**

**September 2008**

The Consumer Price Index (CPI) in September 2008, as compared to September 2007, increased by 4,6%. A year earlier, the annual rate of change of the CPI was 2,9%.

The CPI in September 2008, as compared to August 2008, increased by 2,0 %. A year earlier, the monthly rate of change of the CPI was also 2,0%.

In the twelve-month period October 07 – September 08 the average rate of change of the CPI was 4,3%. A year earlier, the corresponding rate of change of the CPI was 2,7%.

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<sup>1</sup>The 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.

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

<sup>3</sup> 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 2008

Monthly rates of change

(2005=100,0)

Main groups of goods and services	Weights HBS 04 / 05 (‰)	2008	2008	Rate of change (%)	2007	2007	Rate of change (%)
		September	August		September	August	
1 Food & non-Alcoholic Beverages	178,21	111,61	110,72	0,8	107,41	105,99	1,3
2 Alcoholic Beverages & Tobacco	41,60	114,94	114,91	0,0	112,51	112,49	0,0
3 Clothing and Footwear	87,01	113,00	97,87	15,5	109,49	94,84	15,4
4 Housing	116,51	122,03	121,75	0,2	110,12	109,85	0,2
5 Household Equipment	78,22	108,84	103,94	4,7	105,74	100,99	4,7
6 Health	74,55	110,23	109,85	0,3	105,96	105,86	0,1
7 Transport	132,21	110,69	111,10	-0,4	104,55	104,36	0,2
8 Communication	47,02	97,84	97,84	0,0	98,64	101,10	-2,4
9 Recreation and Culture	50,30	106,09	105,74	0,3	104,07	103,45	0,6
10 Education	26,63	116,68	111,52	4,6	111,24	106,59	4,4
11 Hotels, Cafés & Restaurants	100,19	113,16	112,61	0,5	107,24	107,03	0,2
12 Miscellaneous Goods & Services	67,56	108,62	107,63	0,9	105,17	104,22	0,9
Overall Index	1000,00	111,81	109,66	2,0	106,86	104,77	2,0

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 2008**

Annual rates of change  
(2005=100,0)

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Main groups of goods and services		September 2007	September 2006	Rate of change (%)	Effect
1	Food and non Alcoholic Beverages	107,41	103,33	3,9	0,6996
2	Alcoholic Beverages and Tobacco	112,51	108,01	4,2	0,1801
3	Clothing and Footwear	109,49	105,85	3,4	0,3054
4	Housing	110,12	108,03	1,9	0,2350
5	Household Equipment	105,74	103,31	2,3	0,1825
6	Health	105,96	102,94	2,9	0,2167
7	Transport	104,55	101,72	2,8	0,3600
8	Communication	98,64	100,12	-1,5	-0,0669
9	Recreation and Culture	104,07	101,50	2,5	0,1249
10	Education	111,24	106,28	4,7	0,1273
11	Hotels, Cafés and Restaurants	107,24	102,91	4,2	0,4178
12	Miscellaneous Goods and Services	105,17	103,07	2,0	0,1371
Overall Index		106,86	103,82	2,9	

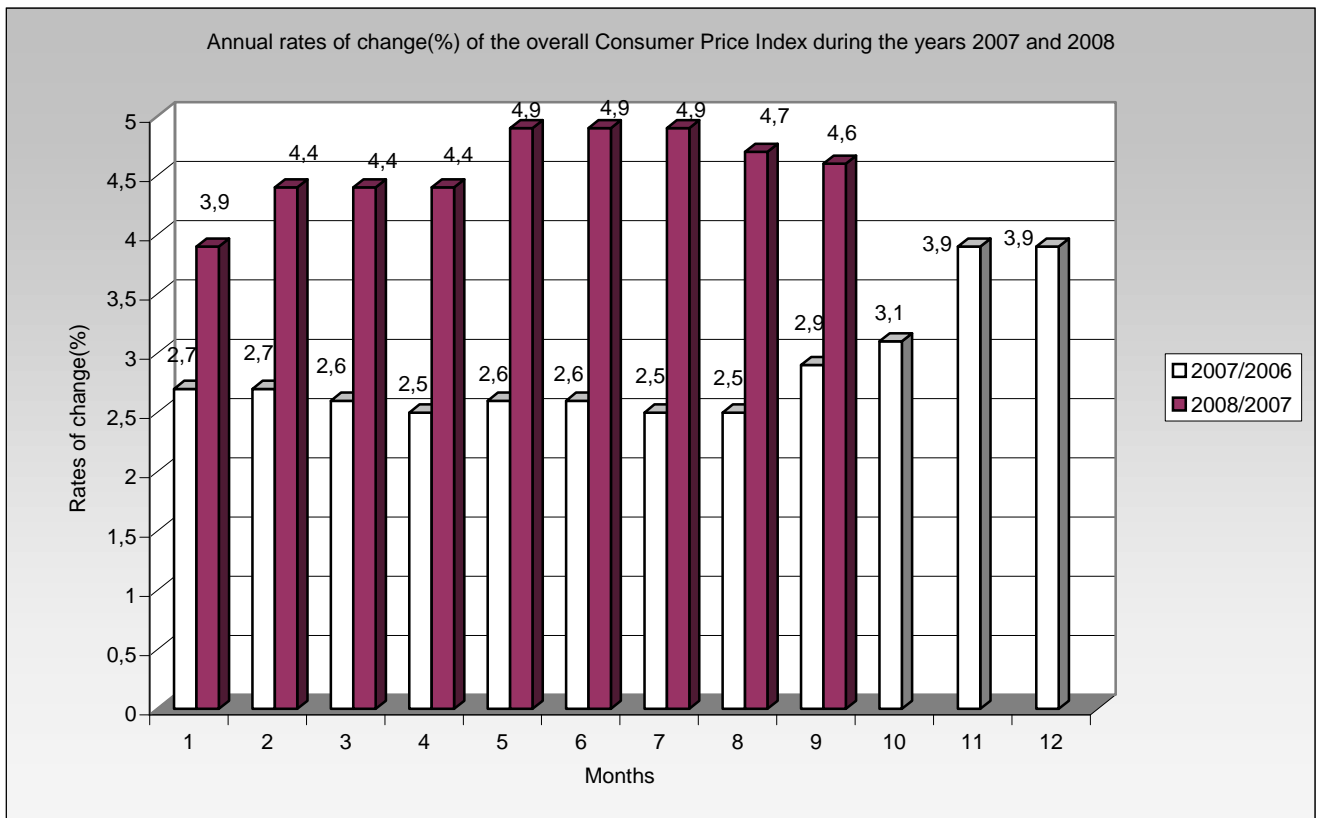
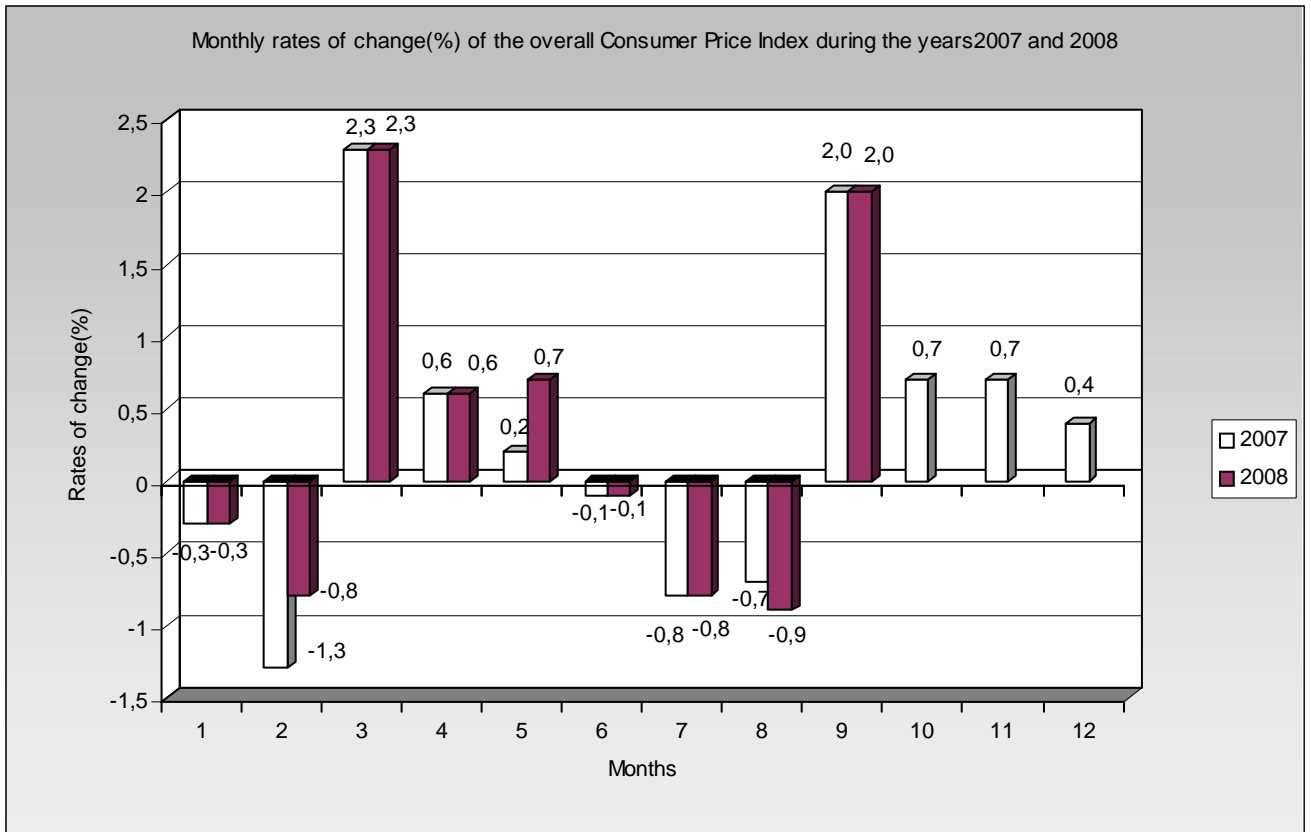
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Main groups of goods and services		September 2008	September 2007	Rate of change (%)	Effect
1	Food and non Alcoholic Beverages	111,61	107,41	3,9	0,7011
2	Alcoholic Beverages and Tobacco	114,94	112,51	2,2	0,0948
3	Clothing and Footwear	113,00	109,49	3,2	0,2856
4	Housing	122,03	110,12	10,8	1,2985
5	Household Equipment	108,84	105,74	2,9	0,2276
6	Health	110,23	105,96	4,0	0,2982
7	Transport	110,69	104,55	5,9	0,7601
8	Communication	97,84	98,64	-0,8	-0,0352
9	Recreation and Culture	106,09	104,07	1,9	0,0948
10	Education	116,68	111,24	4,9	0,1356
11	Hotels, Cafés and Restaurants	113,16	107,24	5,5	0,5553
12	Miscellaneous Goods and Services	108,62	105,17	3,3	0,2181
Overall Index		111,81	106,86	4,6	

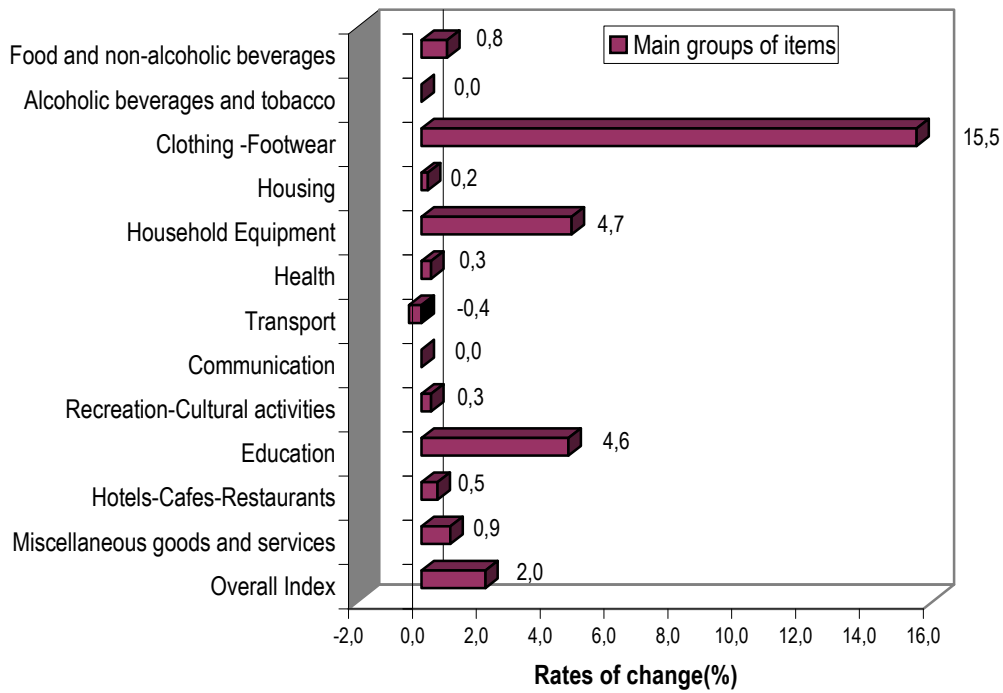
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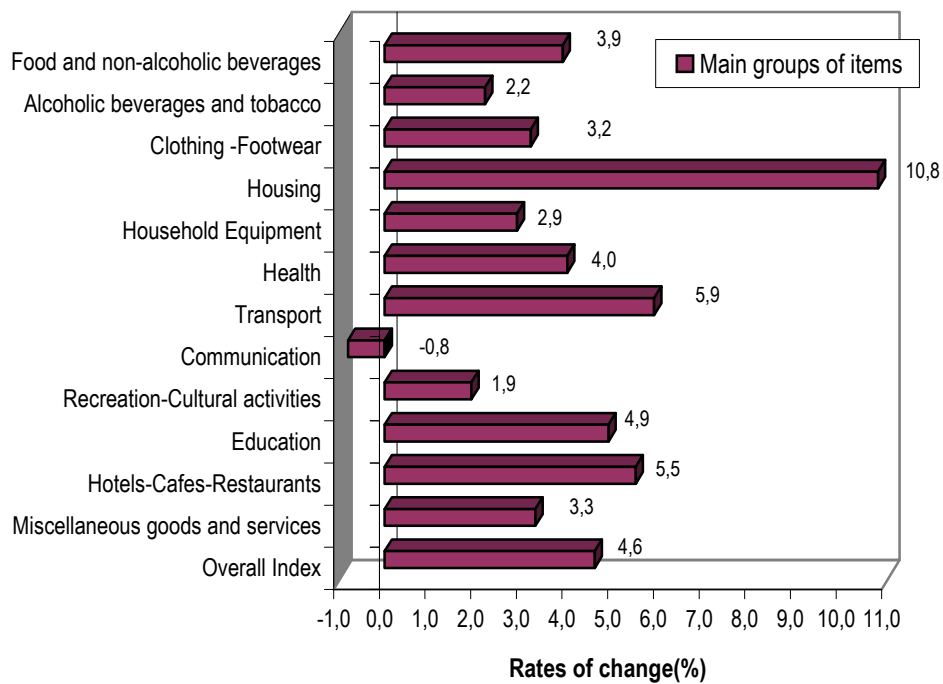
## DIAGRAMS



Monthly rates of change (%) of the CPI between September 2008 and August 2008



Annual rates of change (%) of the CPI between September 2008 and September 2007



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