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

March 2009

The Consumer Price Index (CPI) in March 2009, as compared to March 2008, increased by 1,3%. A year earlier, the annual rate of change of the CPI was 4,4%.

The CPI in March 2009, as compared to February 2009, increased by 2,0%. A year earlier, the monthly rate of change of the CPI was 2,3%.

In the twelve-month period April 08 – March 09 the average rate of change of the CPI was 3,5%. A year earlier, the corresponding rate of change of the CPI was 3,3%.

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 change of 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 – March 2009

Monthly rates of change

(2005=100,0)

Main groups of goods and services	Weights HBS 04 / 05 (%)	2009	2009	Rate of change (%)	2008	2008	Rate of change (%)
		March	February		March	February	
1 Food & non-Alcoholic Beverages	178,21	116,98	116,89	0,1	113,08	112,76	0,3
2 Alcoholic Beverages & Tobacco	41,60	117,28	115,37	1,7	113,65	113,34	0,3
3 Clothing and Footwear	87,01	114,86	96,71	18,8	111,46	93,39	19,4
4 Housing	116,51	113,97	114,20	-0,2	118,81	116,95	1,6
5 Household Equipment	78,22	110,07	105,32	4,5	107,43	102,66	4,6
6 Health	74,55	112,10	111,69	0,4	108,72	108,15	0,5
7 Transport	132,21	103,80	103,45	0,3	107,05	106,41	0,6
8 Communication	47,02	97,35	97,36	0,0	97,83	97,83	0,0
9 Recreation and Culture	50,30	106,88	106,70	0,2	105,83	105,38	0,4
10 Education	26,63	116,79	116,79	0,0	111,52	111,52	0,0
11 Hotels, Cafés & Restaurants	100,19	114,02	113,96	0,0	109,70	109,31	0,3
12 Miscellaneous Goods & Services	67,56	110,37	109,30	1,0	107,15	106,32	0,8
Overall Index	1000,00	111,63	109,45	2,0	110,20	107,73	2,3

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 – March 2009

Annual rates of change
(2005=100,0)

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Main groups of goods and services		March 2008	March 2007	Rate of change (%)	Effect
1	Food and non Alcoholic Beverages	113,08	106,54	6,1	1,1044
2	Alcoholic Beverages and Tobacco	113,65	112,27	1,2	0,0546
3	Clothing and Footwear	111,46	108,03	3,2	0,2831
4	Housing	118,81	107,33	10,7	1,2672
5	Household Equipment	107,43	104,59	2,7	0,2106
6	Health	108,72	105,35	3,2	0,2375
7	Transport	107,05	102,86	4,1	0,5249
8	Communication	97,83	101,11	-3,2	-0,1462
9	Recreation and Culture	105,83	103,31	2,4	0,1203
10	Education	111,52	106,59	4,6	0,1245
11	Hotels, Cafés and Restaurants	109,70	104,93	4,5	0,4527
12	Miscellaneous Goods and Services	107,15	104,02	3,0	0,2005
Overall Index		110,20	105,52	4,4	

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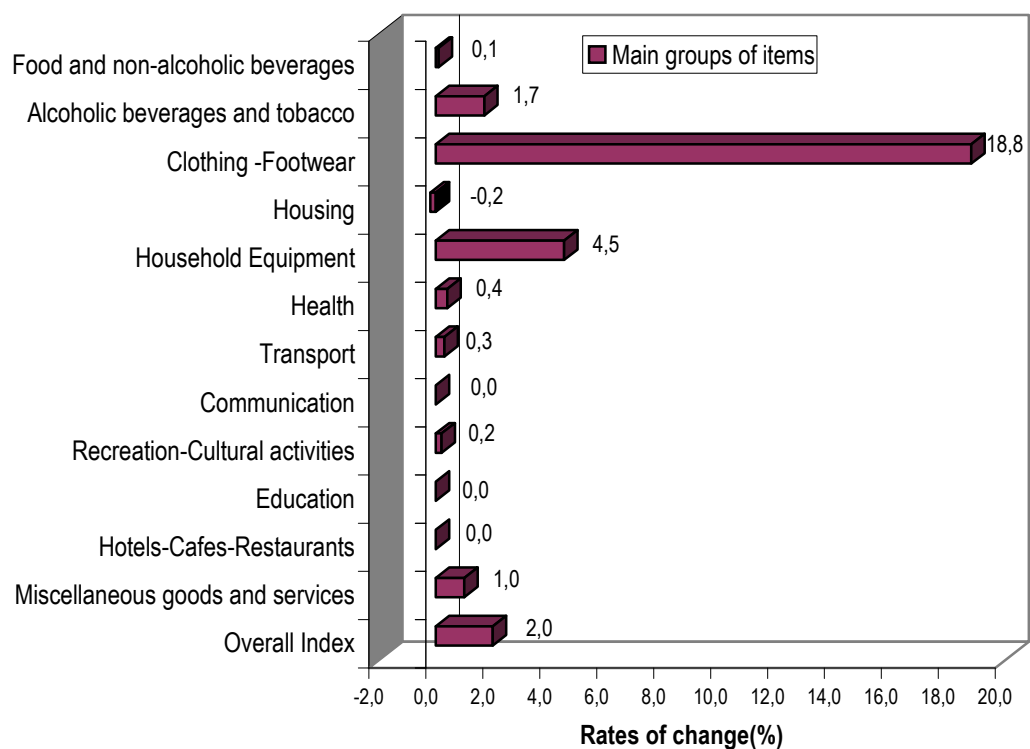
Main groups of goods and services		March 2009	March 2008	Rate of change (%)	Effect
1	Food and non Alcoholic Beverages	116,98	113,08	3,4	0,6306
2	Alcoholic Beverages and Tobacco	117,28	113,65	3,2	0,1370
3	Clothing and Footwear	114,86	111,46	3,0	0,2682
4	Housing	113,97	118,81	-4,1	-0,5117
5	Household Equipment	110,07	107,43	2,5	0,1875
6	Health	112,10	108,72	3,1	0,2290
7	Transport	103,80	107,05	-3,0	-0,3895
8	Communication	97,35	97,83	-0,5	-0,0207
9	Recreation and Culture	106,88	105,83	1,0	0,0479
10	Education	116,79	111,52	4,7	0,1274
11	Hotels, Cafés and Restaurants	114,02	109,70	3,9	0,3927
12	Miscellaneous Goods and Services	110,37	107,15	3,0	0,1971
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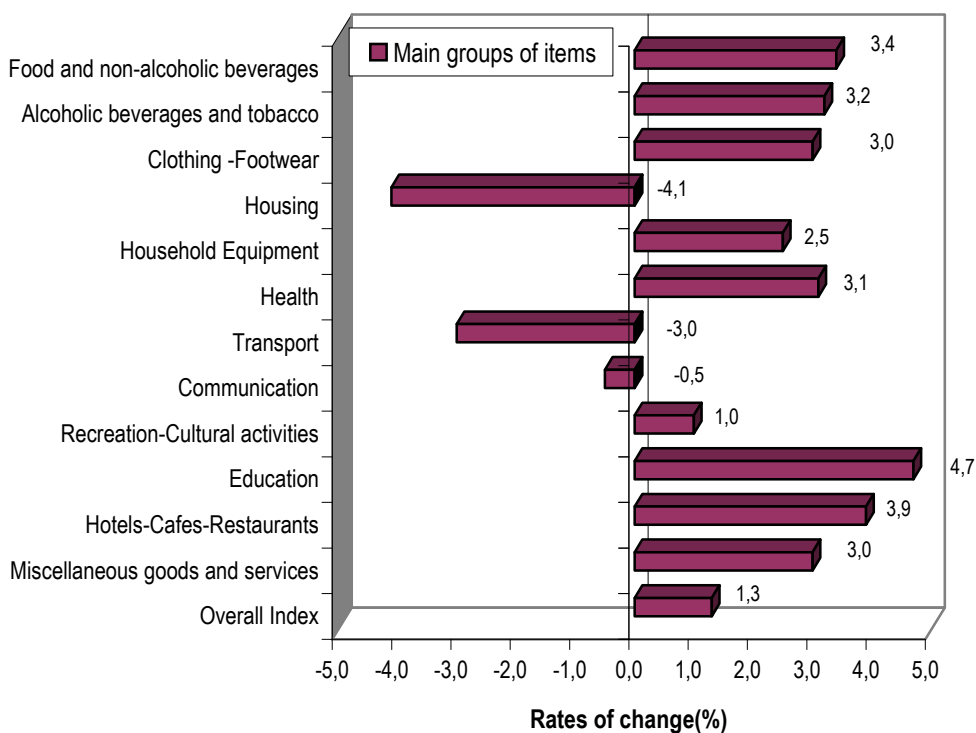
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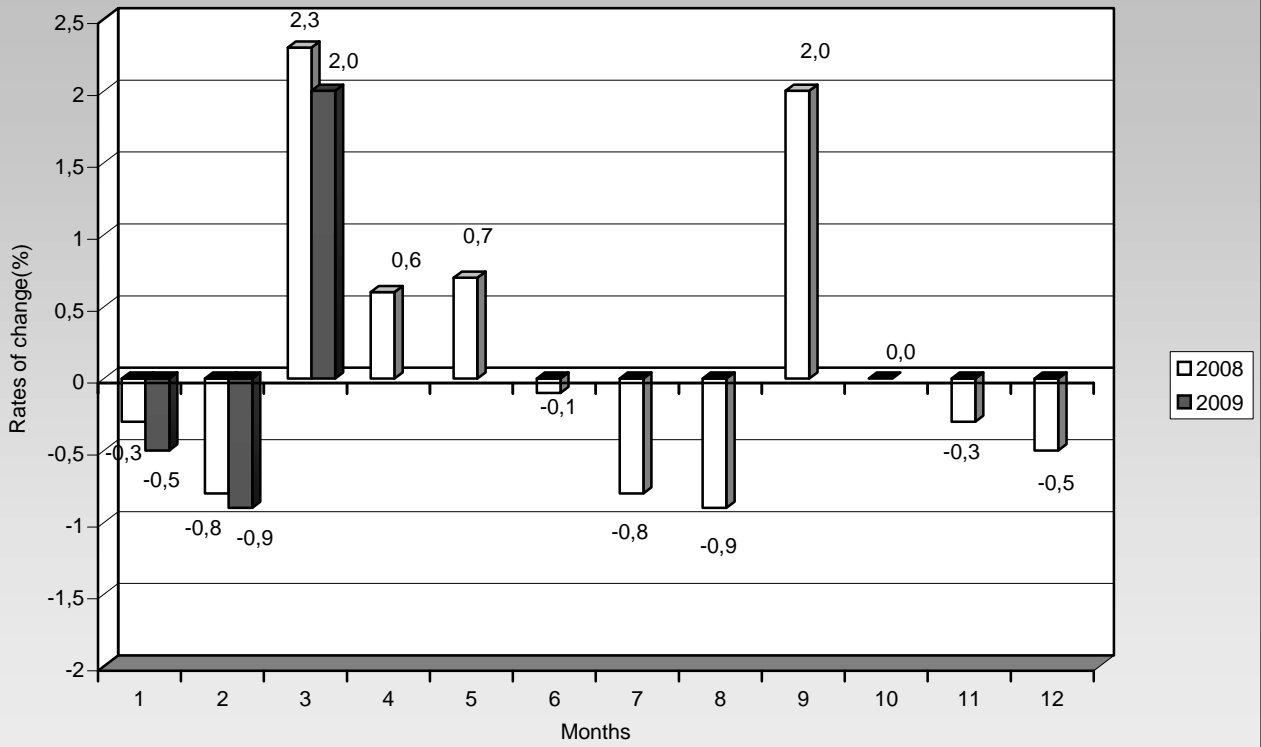
Monthly rates of change (%) of the CPI between March 2009 and February 2009



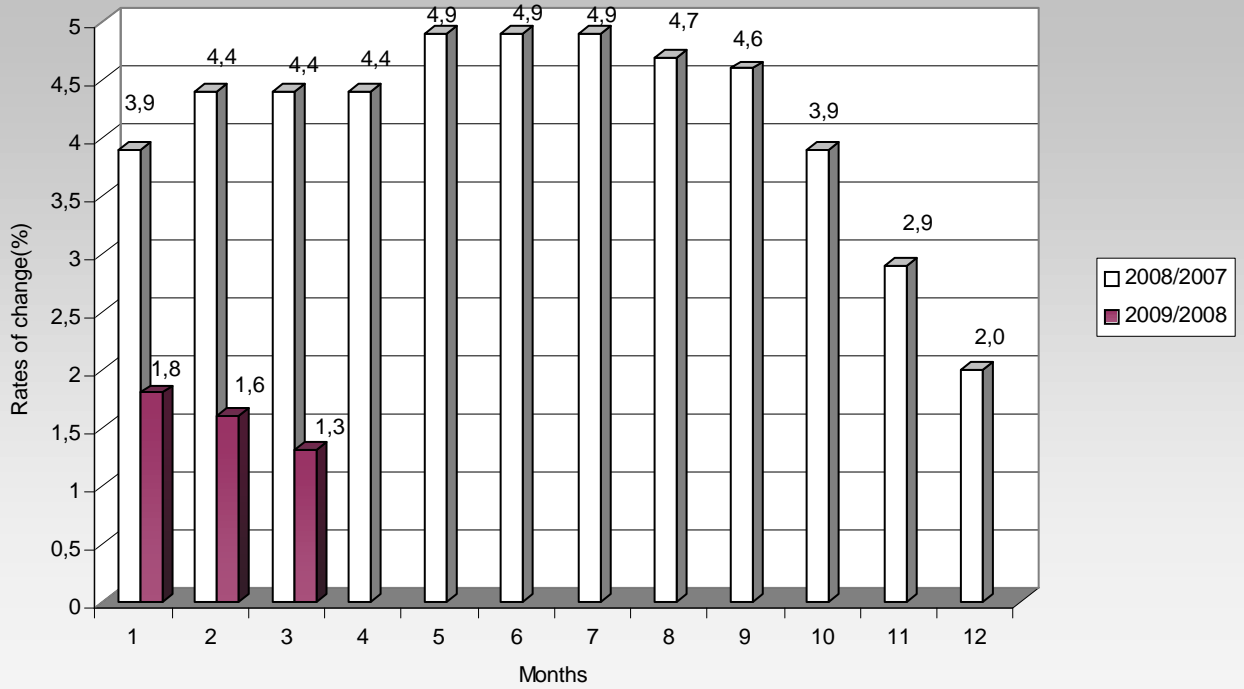
Annual rates of change (%) of the CPI between March 2009 and March 2008



Monthly rates of change(%) of the overall Consumer Price Index during the years 2008 and 2009



Annual rates of change(%) of the overall Consumer Price Index during the years 2008 and 2009



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