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## **PRESS RELEASE**

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

**August 2009**

The Consumer Price Index (CPI) in August 2009, as compared to August 2008, increased by 0,8%. A year earlier, the annual rate of change of the CPI was 4,7%.

The CPI in August 2009, as compared to July 2009, decreased by 0,7%. A year earlier, the monthly rate of change of the CPI was –0,9%.

In the twelve-month period September 08 – August 09 the average rate of change of the CPI was 1,8%. A year earlier, the corresponding rate of change of the CPI was 4,2%.

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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.

**Table 1**  
**Monthly rates of change of the Consumer Price Index – August 2009**  
**(2005=100,0)**

	Main groups of goods and services	Weights HBS 04 / 05 (%)	2009		Rate of change (%)	2008		Rate of change (%)
			August	July		August	July	
1	Food & non-Alcoholic Beverages	178,21	112,52	113,87	-1,2	110,72	110,60	0,1
2	Alcoholic Beverages & Tobacco	41,60	122,16	122,19	0,0	114,91	114,95	0,0
3	Clothing and Footwear	87,01	100,75	108,52	-7,2	97,87	105,42	-7,2
4	Housing	116,51	115,79	115,70	0,1	121,75	121,57	0,1
5	Household Equipment	78,22	105,90	108,28	-2,2	103,94	106,46	-2,4
6	Health	74,55	112,88	112,87	0,0	109,85	109,82	0,0
7	Transport	132,21	107,63	106,12	1,4	111,10	112,65	-1,4
8	Communication	47,02	98,21	97,13	1,1	97,84	97,84	0,0
9	Recreation and Culture	50,30	106,98	107,02	0,0	105,74	105,95	-0,2
10	Education	26,63	116,79	116,79	0,0	111,52	111,52	0,0
11	Hotels, Cafés & Restaurants	100,19	115,11	114,93	0,2	112,61	112,54	0,1
12	Miscellaneous Goods & Services	67,56	111,82	111,69	0,1	107,63	107,94	-0,3
	Overall Index	1000,00	110,51	111,33	-0,7	109,66	110,70	-0,9

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.

**Table 2**  
**Annual rates of change of the Consumer Price Index – August 2009**  
**(2005=100,0)**

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Main groups of goods and services		August	August	Rate of change (%)	Effect
		2008	2007		
1	Food and non Alcoholic Beverages	110,72	105,99	4,5	0,8052
2	Alcoholic Beverages and Tobacco	114,91	112,49	2,2	0,0963
3	Clothing and Footwear	97,87	94,84	3,2	0,2515
4	Housing	121,75	109,85	10,8	1,3235
5	Household Equipment	103,94	100,99	2,9	0,2198
6	Health	109,85	105,86	3,8	0,2838
7	Transport	111,10	104,36	6,5	0,8495
8	Communication	97,84	101,10	-3,2	-0,1463
9	Recreation and Culture	105,74	103,45	2,2	0,1100
10	Education	111,52	106,59	4,6	0,1254
11	Hotels, Cafés and Restaurants	112,61	107,03	5,2	0,5328
12	Miscellaneous Goods and Services	107,63	104,22	3,3	0,2201
Overall Index		109,66	104,77	4,7	

II

Main groups of goods and services		August	August	Rate of change (%)	Effect
		2009	2008		
1	Food and non Alcoholic Beverages	112,52	110,72	1,6	0,2916
2	Alcoholic Beverages and Tobacco	122,16	114,91	6,3	0,2748
3	Clothing and Footwear	100,75	97,87	2,9	0,2282
4	Housing	115,79	121,75	-4,9	-0,6332
5	Household Equipment	105,90	103,94	1,9	0,1397
6	Health	112,88	109,85	2,8	0,2055
7	Transport	107,63	111,10	-3,1	-0,4182
8	Communication	98,21	97,84	0,4	0,0157
9	Recreation and Culture	106,98	105,74	1,2	0,0569
10	Education	116,79	111,52	4,7	0,1280
11	Hotels, Cafés and Restaurants	115,11	112,61	2,2	0,2290
12	Miscellaneous Goods and Services	111,82	107,63	3,9	0,2576
Overall Index		110,51	109,66	0,8	

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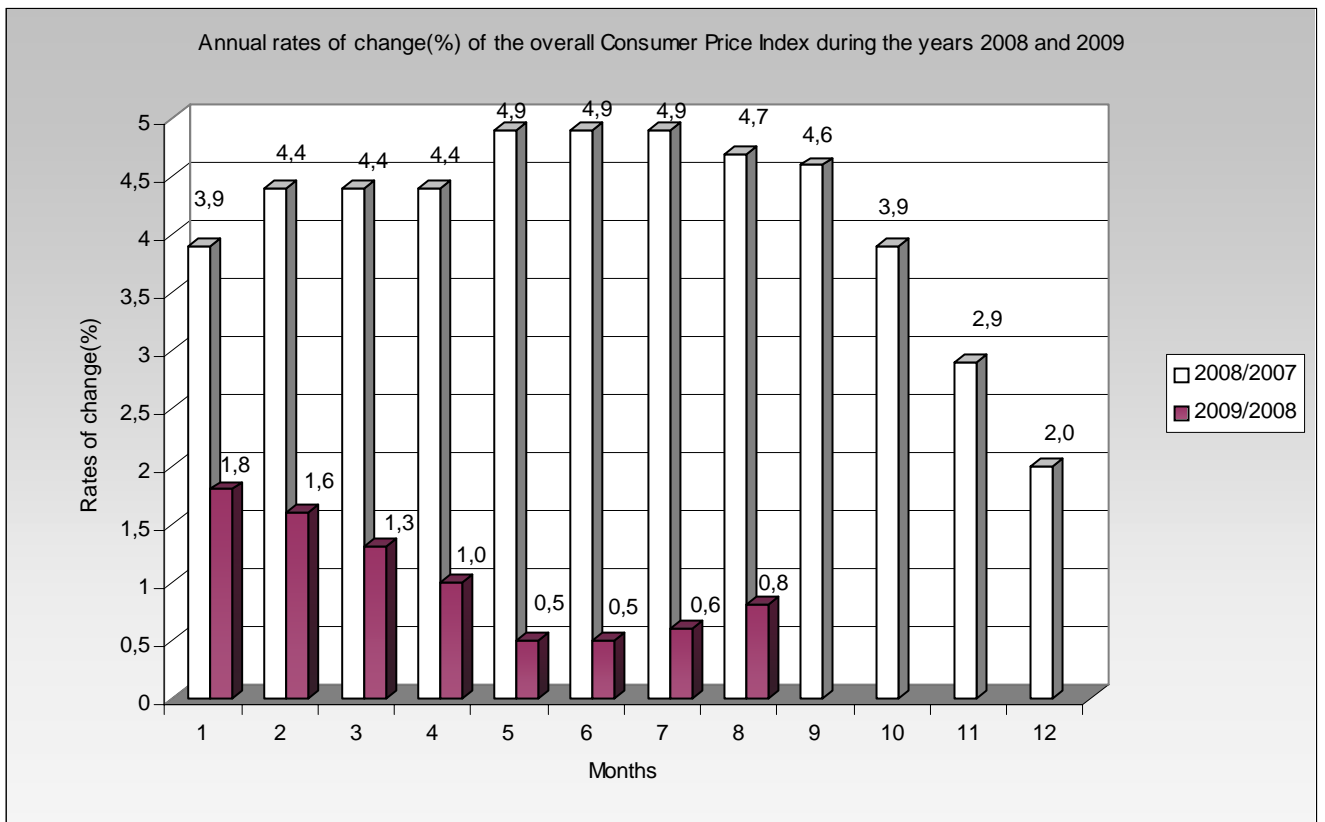
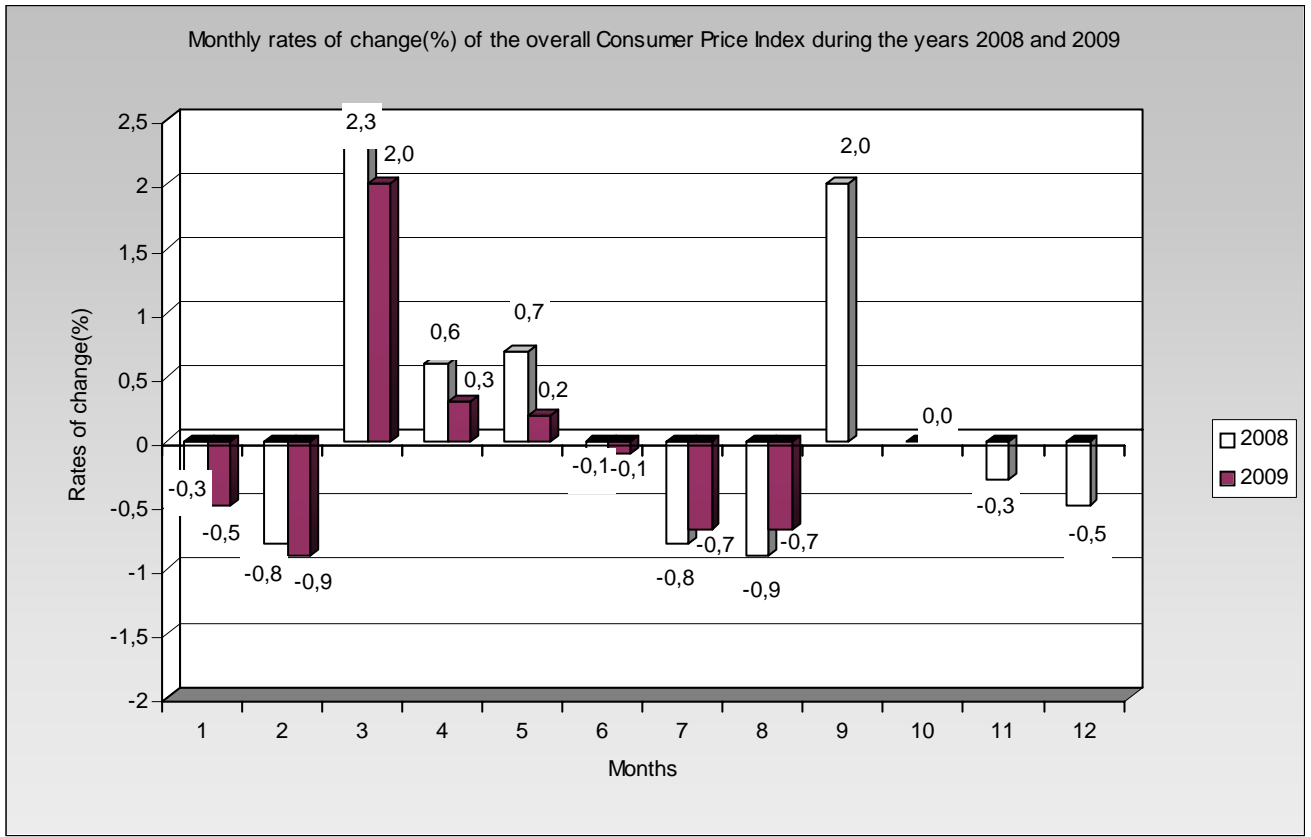
**Table 3**  
**Comparisons of the overall Consumer Price Index**  
**(2005=100,0)**

Year and month	Overall index	Monthly rates of change %	Annual rates of change %	Annual average index (moving average)	Annual average rates of change %
2007 : 1	104,48	-0,3	2,7	103,43	3,2
2	103,15	-1,3	2,7	103,65	3,1
3	105,52	2,3	2,6	103,88	3,0
4	106,19	0,6	2,5	104,09	3,0
5	106,45	0,2	2,6	104,32	2,9
6	106,35	-0,1	2,6	104,55	2,9
7	105,55	-0,8	2,5	104,77	2,8
8	104,77	-0,7	2,5	104,98	2,7
9	106,86	2,0	2,9	105,23	2,7
10	107,63	0,7	3,1	105,50	2,7
11	108,40	0,7	3,9	105,84	2,8
12	108,85	0,4	3,9	106,18	2,9
<i>Annual average</i>	<i>106,18</i>	.	.	<i>106,18</i>	2,9
2008 : 1	108,55	-0,3	3,9	106,52	3,0
2	107,73	-0,8	4,4	106,90	3,1
3	110,20	2,3	4,4	107,29	3,3
4	110,90	0,6	4,4	107,69	3,5
5	111,68	0,7	4,9	108,12	3,6
6	111,57	-0,1	4,9	108,56	3,8
7	110,70	-0,8	4,9	108,99	4,0
8	109,66	-0,9	4,7	109,39	4,2
9	111,81	2,0	4,6	109,81	4,3
10	111,81	0,0	3,9	110,16	4,4
11	111,51	-0,3	2,9	110,41	4,3
12	110,99	-0,5	2,0	110,59	4,2
<i>Annual average</i>	<i>110,59</i>	.	.	<i>110,59</i>	4,2
2009 : 1	110,46	-0,5	1,8	110,75	4,0
2	109,45	-0,9	1,6	110,90	3,7
3	111,63	2,0	1,3	111,01	3,5
4	111,97	0,3	1,0	111,10	3,2
5	112,23	0,2	0,5	111,15	2,8
6	112,16	-0,1	0,5	111,20	2,4
7	111,33	-0,7	0,6	111,25	2,1
8	110,51	-0,7	0,8	111,32	1,8

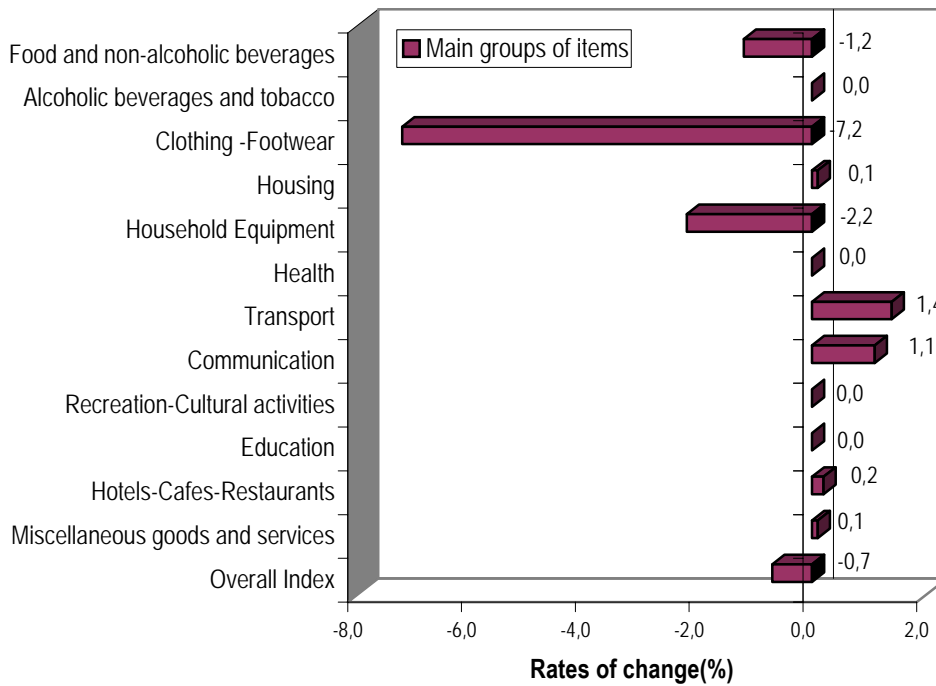
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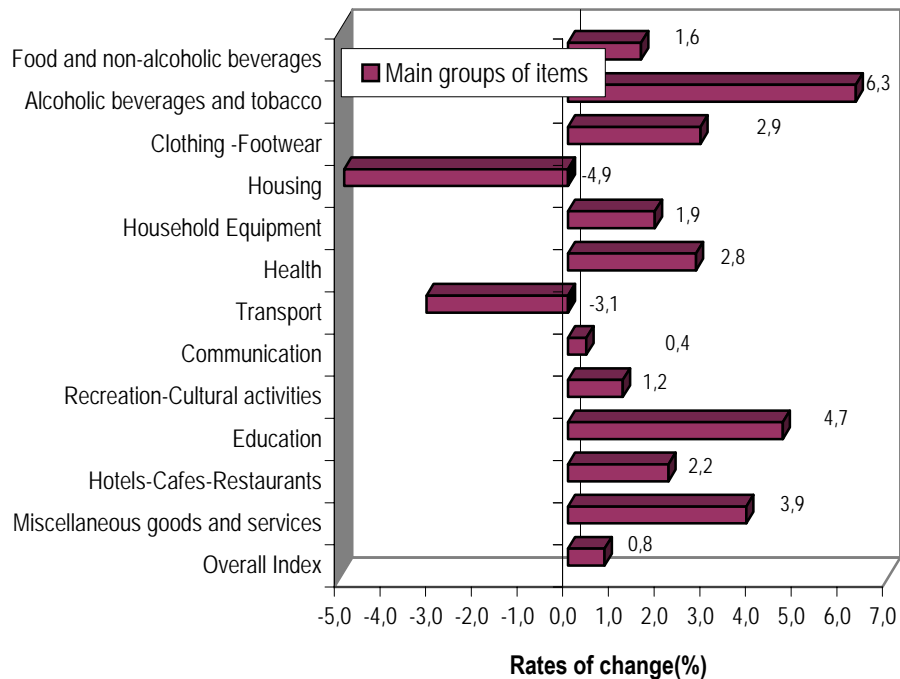
## DIAGRAMS



Monthly rates of change (%) of the CPI between August 2009 and July 2009



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



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