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CONSUMER PRICE INDEX**

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The Consumer Price Index (CPI) in August 2003 as compared to August 2002, increased by 3,3%. A year earlier, the annual rate of change of the CPI was 3,5%.

The CPI in August 2003 as compared to July 2003 remained stable. A year earlier, the monthly rate of change of the CPI was 0,2%.

In the twelve-months, September 02 - August 03, the annual average rate of change of the CPI was 3,6 %. A year earlier, the annual average rate of change of the CPI was 3,4%.

Consumer Price Index –August 2003

**Monthly rates of change
1999=100,0**

Main groups of goods and services		Weights HBS 98 / 99 (%)	2003		Rate of change (%)	2002		Rate of change (%)
			August	July		August	July	
1	Food & non-Alcoholic Beverages	184,89	116,9	118,4	-1,3	110,7	110,2	0,4
2	Alcoholic Beverages & Tobacco	38,87	123,5	120,6	2,5	120,0	120,0	0,0
3	Clothing and Footwear	99,06	101,8	102,5	-0,7	101,0	101,0	0,0
4	Housing	117,13	118,2	118,0	0,2	114,8	114,2	0,5
5	Household Equipment	86,41	105,1	105,0	0,1	102,7	102,8	0,0
6	Health	69,07	115,7	115,7	0,0	111,9	111,7	0,3
7	Transport	129,81	110,9	110,0	0,8	107,1	106,7	0,3
8	Communication	37,55	80,5	80,5	0,0	83,5	83,5	0,0
9	Recreation and Culture	49,01	111,1	110,8	0,2	108,5	108,5	0,0
10	Education	27,43	114,4	114,4	0,0	109,4	109,4	0,0
11	Hotels, Cafés & Restaurants	96,61	123,2	122,8	0,3	117,5	117,5	0,1
12	Miscellaneous Goods & Services	64,17	113,7	113,8	0,0	110,4	110,2	0,2
Overall Index		1000,00	112,6	112,7	0,0	109,0	108,7	0,2

Consumer Price Index – August 2003
Annual rates of change
1999=100,0

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Main groups of goods and services		August		Rate of change (%)	Effect
		2002	2001		
1	Food and non Alcoholic Beverages	110,7	106,3	4,2	0,78
2	Alcoholic Beverages and Tobacco	120,0	113,2	6,1	0,25
3	Clothing and Footwear	101,0	98	3,1	0,28
4	Housing	114,8	111,0	3,5	0,43
5	Household Equipment	102,7	101,3	1,4	0,12
6	Health	111,9	106,3	5,3	0,37
7	Transport	107,1	105,7	1,3	0,17
8	Communication	83,5	87,4	-4,4	-0,14
9	Recreation and Culture	108,5	104,1	4,2	0,20
10	Education	109,4	105,6	3,6	0,10
11	Hotels, Cafés and Restaurants	117,5	109,7	7,1	0,72
12	Miscellaneous Goods and Services	110,4	106,1	4,1	0,26
Overall Index		109,0	105,3	3,5	

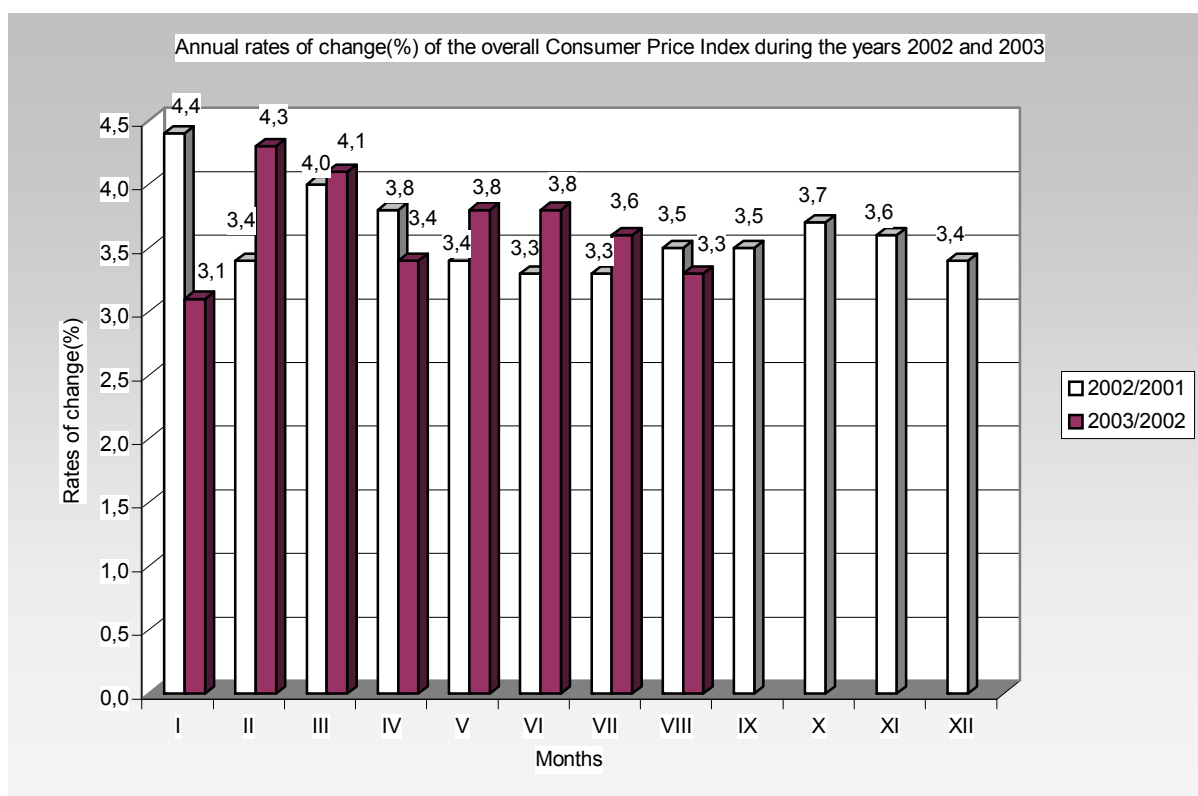
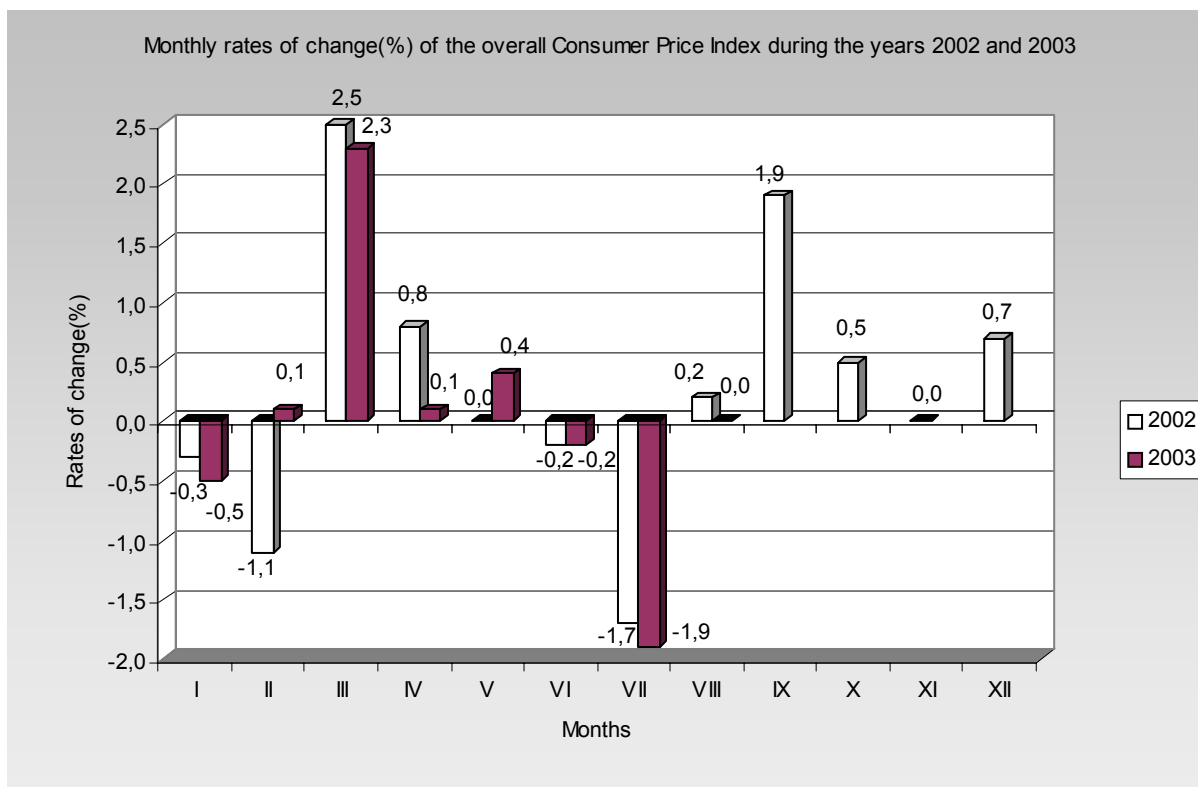
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Main groups of goods and services		August		Rate of change (%)	Effect
		2003	2002		
1	Food and non Alcoholic Beverages	116,9	110,7	5,6	1,05
2	Alcoholic Beverages and Tobacco	123,5	120,0	2,9	0,12
3	Clothing and Footwear	101,8	101,0	0,8	0,07
4	Housing	118,2	114,8	2,9	0,36
5	Household Equipment	105,1	102,7	2,3	0,19
6	Health	115,7	111,9	3,3	0,24
7	Transport	110,9	107,1	3,6	0,45
8	Communication	80,5	83,5	-3,6	-0,10
9	Recreation and Culture	111,1	108,5	2,4	0,12
10	Education	114,4	109,4	4,6	0,13
11	Hotels, Cafés and Restaurants	123,2	117,5	4,8	0,50
12	Miscellaneous Goods and Services	113,7	110,4	3,0	0,19
Overall Index		112,6	109,0	3,3	

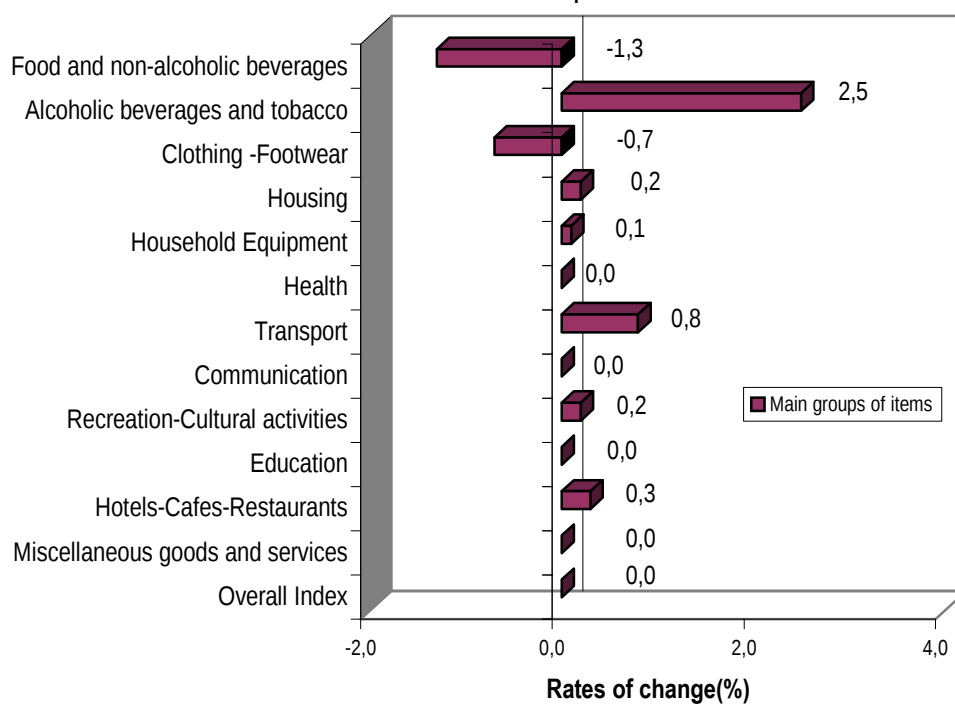
Note 1: The indices are calculated with infinite decimal figures and are rounded up to one decimal figure when published.

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

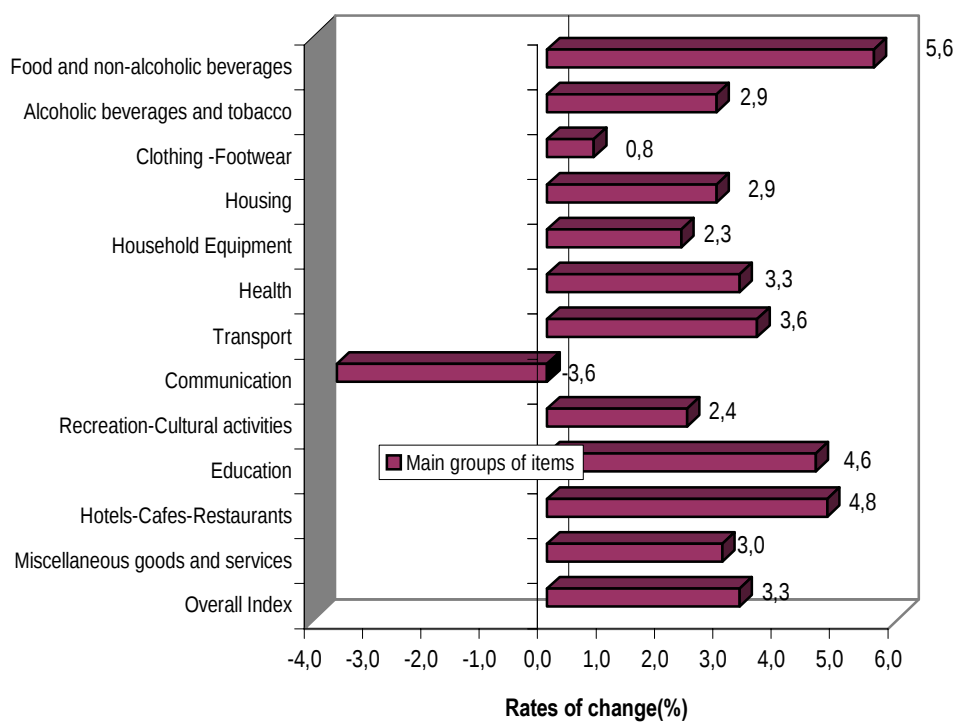
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Monthly rates of change (%) of the CPI between August 2003 and July 2003



Annual rates of change (%) of the CPI between August 2003 and August 2002.



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