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**PRESS RELEASE
CONSUMER PRICE INDEX
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The Consumer Price Index (CPI) in February 2004 as compared to February 2003, increased by 2,5%. A year earlier, the annual rate of change of the CPI was 4,3%.

The CPI in February 2004 as compared to January 2004 decreased by 0,3%. A year earlier, the monthly rate of change of the CPI was 0,1 %.

In the twelve-months, March 03- February 04 the average rate of change of the CPI was 3,4%. A year earlier, the annual average rate of change of the CPI was 3,6%.

Consumer Price Index – February 2004
Monthly rates of change
1999=100,0

	Main groups of goods and services	Weights HBS 98 / 99 (‰)	2004	2004	Rate of change (%)	2003	2003	Rate of change (%)
			February	January		February	January	
1	Food & non-Alcoholic Beverages	184,89	122,9	119,5	2,8	118,4	115,5	2,6
2	Alcoholic Beverages & Tobacco	38,87	128,9	128,8	0,0	120,4	120,2	0,1
3	Clothing and Footwear	99,06	100,1	109,1	-8,2	97,6	104,5	-6,6
4	Housing	117,13	120,5	120,7	-0,2	119,7	117,7	1,7
5	Household Equipment	86,41	106,0	106,2	-0,2	104,3	104,9	-0,6
6	Health	69,07	119,6	118,1	1,2	114,4	114,2	0,2
7	Transport	129,81	110,4	110,6	-0,2	110,6	109,6	0,9
8	Communication	37,55	77,9	77,9	0,0	82,2	82,5	-0,3
9	Recreation and Culture	49,01	113,6	113,3	0,2	110,3	109,9	0,3
10	Education	27,43	119,4	119,4	0,0	114,4	114,4	0,0
11	Hotels, Cafés & Restaurants	96,61	125,5	126,9	-1,1	119,9	120,9	-0,9
12	Miscellaneous Goods & Services	64,17	114,8	114,7	0,1	112,5	112,3	0,2
	Overall Index	1000,00	114,8	115,1	-0,3	112,0	111,8	0,1

Consumer Price Index – February 2004
Annual rates of change
1999=100,0

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Main groups of goods and services		February		Rate of change (%)	Effect
		2003	2002		
1	Food and non Alcoholic Beverages	118,4	114,2	3,7	0,73
2	Alcoholic Beverages and Tobacco	120,4	113,5	6,0	0,25
3	Clothing and Footwear	97,6	96,1	1,5	0,13
4	Housing	119,7	111,2	7,6	0,93
5	Household Equipment	104,3	102,1	2,2	0,18
6	Health	114,4	108,3	5,7	0,39
7	Transport	110,6	104,3	6,0	0,76
8	Communication	82,2	85,2	-3,5	-0,10
9	Recreation and Culture	110,3	106,5	3,5	0,17
10	Education	114,4	109,4	4,5	0,13
11	Hotels, Cafés and Restaurants	119,9	113,3	5,8	0,60
12	Miscellaneous Goods and Services	112,5	109,4	2,8	0,18
Overall Index		112,0	107,3	4,3	

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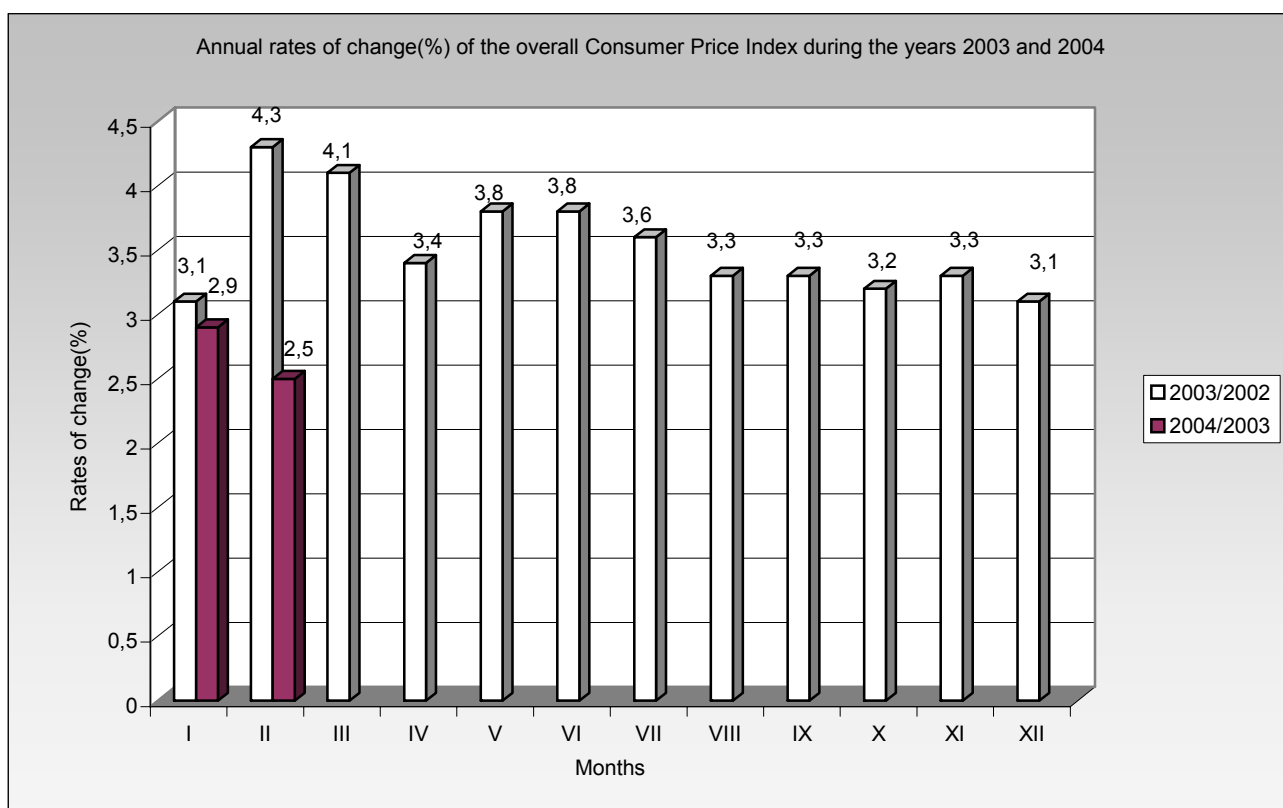
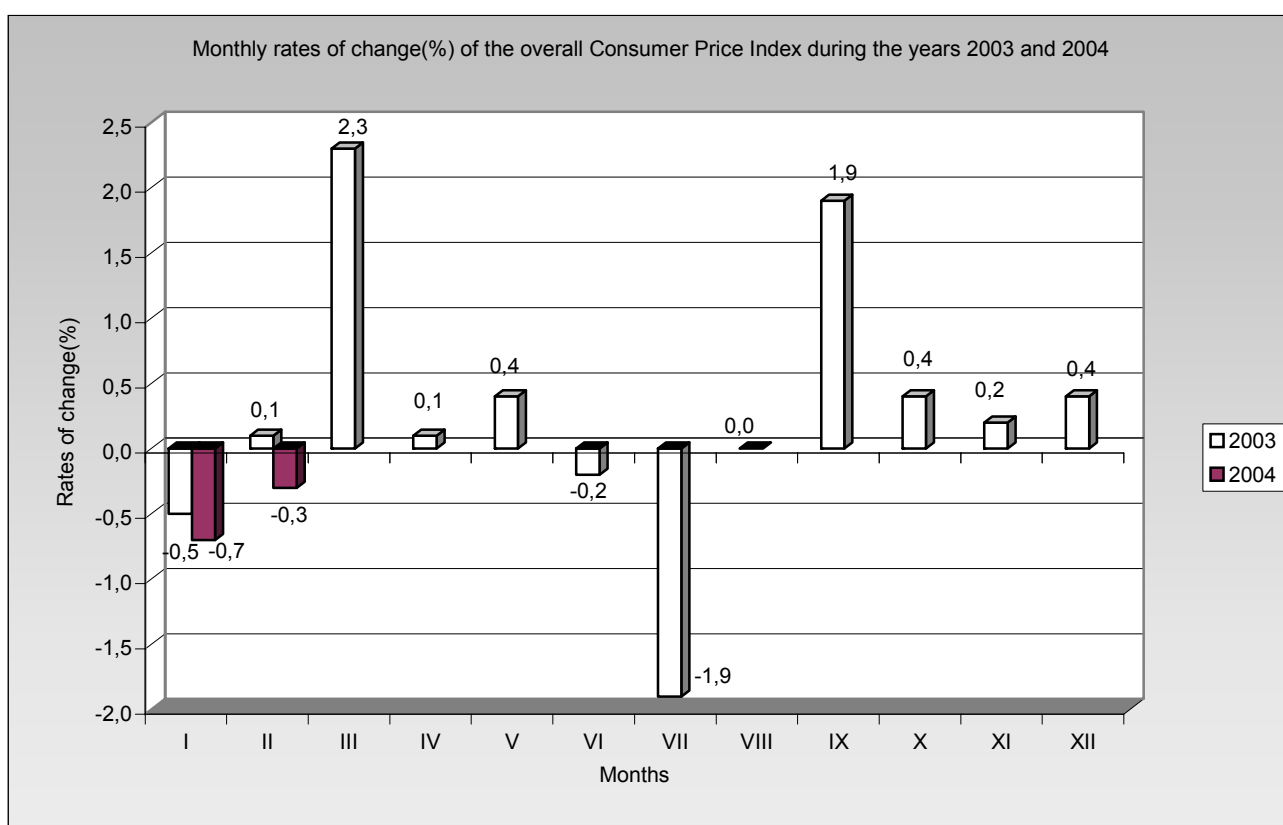
Main groups of goods and services		February		Rate of change (%)	Effect
		2004	2003		
1	Food and non Alcoholic Beverages	122,9	118,4	3,7	0,73
2	Alcoholic Beverages and Tobacco	128,9	120,4	7,1	0,3
3	Clothing and Footwear	100,1	97,6	2,6	0,23
4	Housing	120,5	119,7	0,7	0,09
5	Household Equipment	106,0	104,3	1,6	0,13
6	Health	119,6	114,4	4,5	0,32
7	Transport	110,4	110,6	-0,2	-0,02
8	Communication	77,9	82,2	-5,3	-0,15
9	Recreation and Culture	113,6	110,3	3,0	0,14
10	Education	119,4	114,4	4,4	0,12
11	Hotels, Cafés and Restaurants	125,5	119,9	4,7	0,48
12	Miscellaneous Goods and Services	114,8	112,5	2,0	0,13
Overall Index		114,8	112,0	2,5	

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

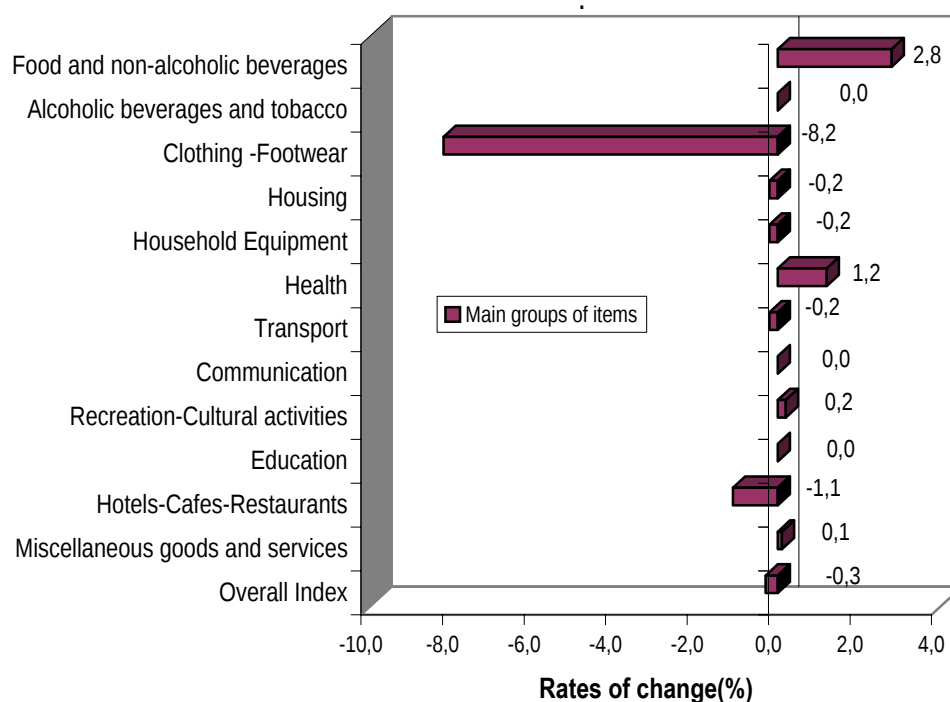
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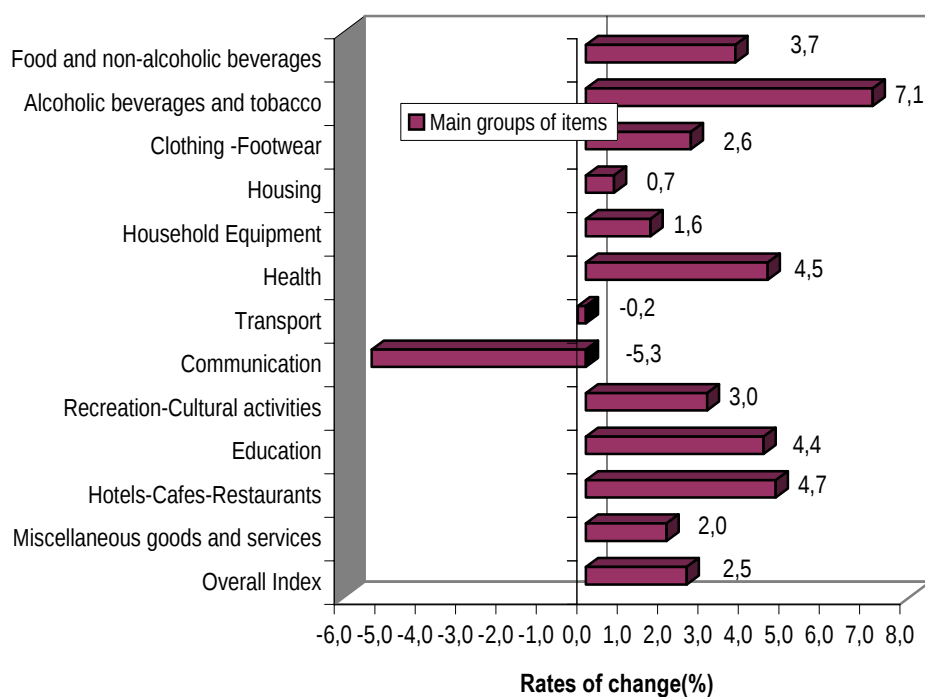
DIAGRAMS



Monthly rates of change (%) of the CPI between February 2004 and January 2004



Annual rates of change (%) of the CPI between February 2004 and February 2003.



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