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

August 2006

The Consumer Price Index (CPI) in August 2006, as compared to August 2005, increased by 3,5%. A year earlier, the annual rate of change of the CPI was 3,7%.

The CPI in August 2006, as compared to July 2006, decreased by 0,7%. A year earlier, the monthly rate of change of the CPI was –0.4%.

In the twelve-month period September 05 – August 06 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 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 – August 2006

Monthly rates of change

(2005=100,0)

Main groups of goods and services	Weights HBS 04 / 05 (%)	2006	2006	Rate of change (%)	2005	2005	Rate of change (%)
		August	July		August	July	
1 Food & non-Alcoholic Beverages	178,21	102,56	102,35	0,2	97,99	96,72	1,3
2 Alcoholic Beverages & Tobacco	41,60	105,46	105,39	0,1	101,25	101,23	0,0
3 Clothing and Footwear	87,01	91,12	98,65	-7,6	90,29	96,48	-6,4
4 Housing	116,51	107,79	107,06	0,7	100,18	100,08	0,1
5 Household Equipment	78,22	98,80	101,03	-2,2	96,18	98,62	-2,5
6 Health	74,55	102,70	102,59	0,1	100,41	100,39	0,0
7 Transport	132,21	105,47	105,86	-0,4	101,99	101,04	0,9
8 Communication	47,02	100,12	100,13	0,0	100,66	99,60	1,1
9 Recreation and Culture	50,30	101,12	101,35	-0,2	99,78	99,90	-0,1
10 Education	26,63	102,70	102,70	0,0	98,81	98,81	0,0
11 Hotels, Cafés & Restaurants	100,19	102,66	102,53	0,1	100,12	100,13	0,0
12 Miscellaneous Goods & Services	67,56	102,02	102,31	-0,3	99,76	100,09	-0,3
Overall Index	1000,00	102,19	102,95	-0,7	98,70	99,14	-0,4

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 – August 2006

Annual rates of change

(2005=100,0)

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Main groups of goods and services		August		Rate of change (%)	Effect
		2005	2004		
1	Food and non Alcoholic Beverages	97,99	96,65	1,4	0,2564
2	Alcoholic Beverages and Tobacco	101,25	98,01	3,3	0,1440
3	Clothing and Footwear	90,29	87,16	3,6	0,3255
4	Housing	100,18	91,74	9,2	1,1590
5	Household Equipment	96,18	94,54	1,7	0,1368
6	Health	100,41	96,36	4,2	0,3044
7	Transport	101,99	96,76	5,4	0,6985
8	Communication	100,66	101,03	-0,4	-0,0092
9	Recreation and Culture	99,78	97,88	1,9	0,0939
10	Education	98,81	94,78	4,3	0,1206
11	Hotels, Cafés and Restaurants	100,12	97,32	2,9	0,3087
12	Miscellaneous Goods and Services	99,76	96,85	3,0	0,1940
Overall Index		98,70	95,14	3,7	

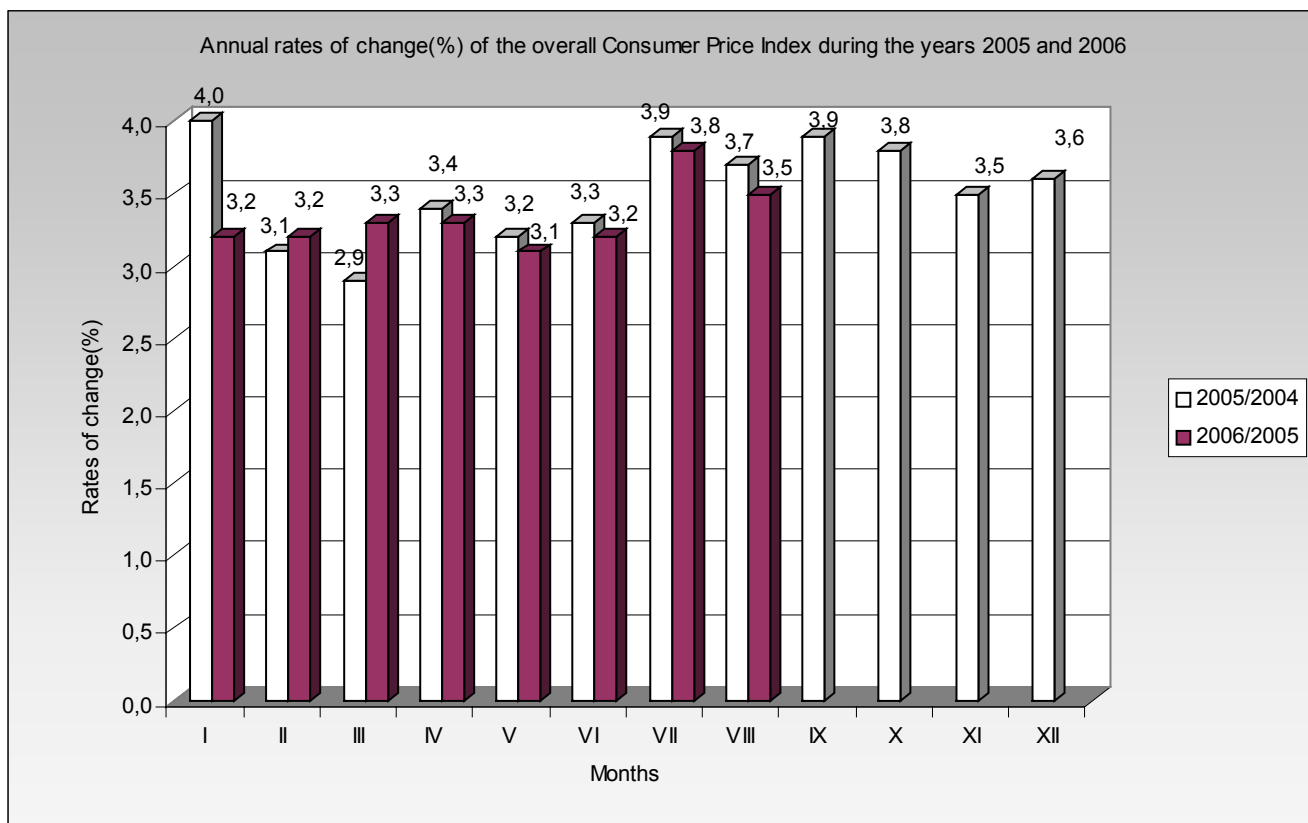
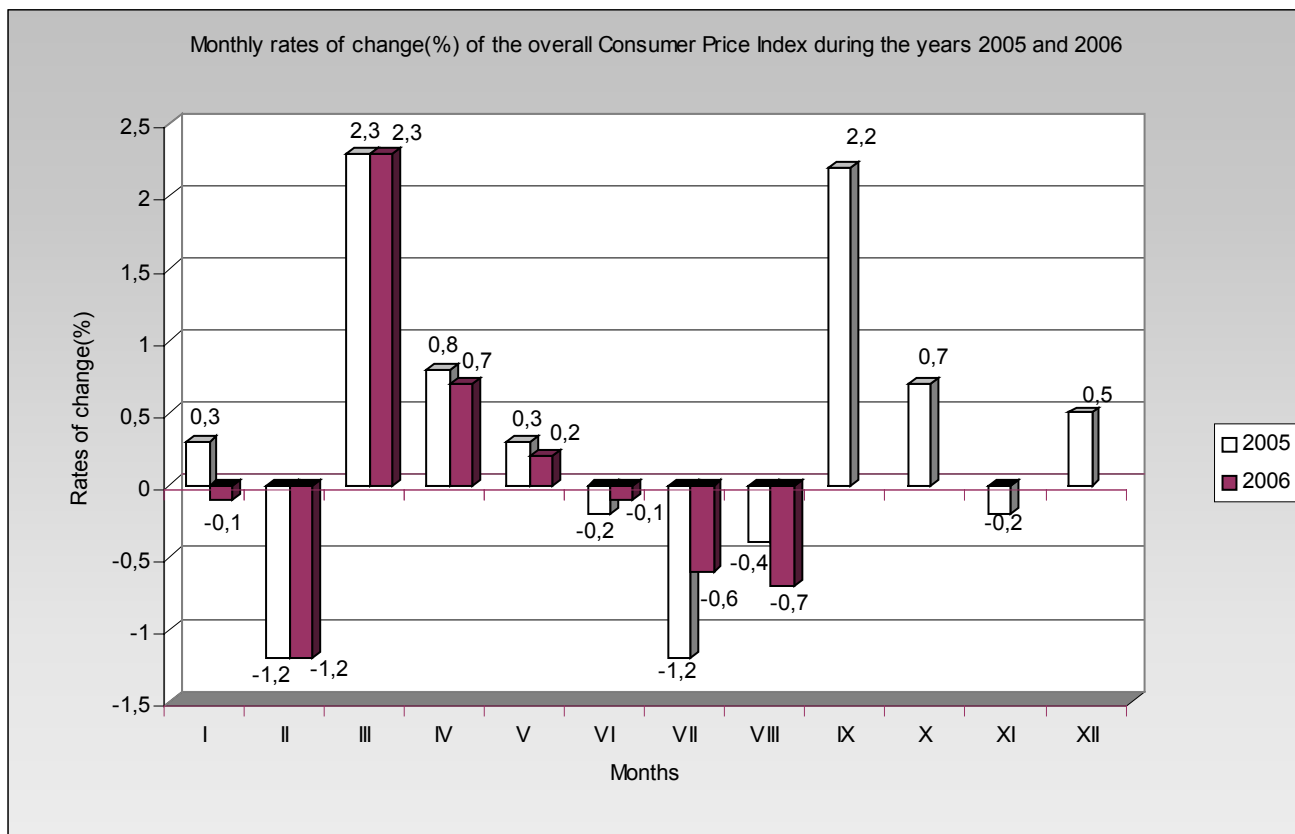
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Main groups of goods and services		August		Rate of change (%)	Effect
		2006	2005		
1	Food and non Alcoholic Beverages	102,56	97,99	4,7	0,8262
2	Alcoholic Beverages and Tobacco	105,46	101,25	4,2	0,1772
3	Clothing and Footwear	91,12	90,29	0,9	0,0735
4	Housing	107,79	100,18	7,6	0,8991
5	Household Equipment	98,80	96,18	2,7	0,2073
6	Health	102,70	100,41	2,3	0,1729
7	Transport	105,47	101,99	3,4	0,4658
8	Communication	100,12	100,66	-0,5	-0,0256
9	Recreation and Culture	101,12	99,78	1,3	0,0682
10	Education	102,70	98,81	3,9	0,1049
11	Hotels, Cafés and Restaurants	102,66	100,12	2,5	0,2576
12	Miscellaneous Goods and Services	102,02	99,76	2,3	0,1549
Overall Index		102,19	98,70	3,5	

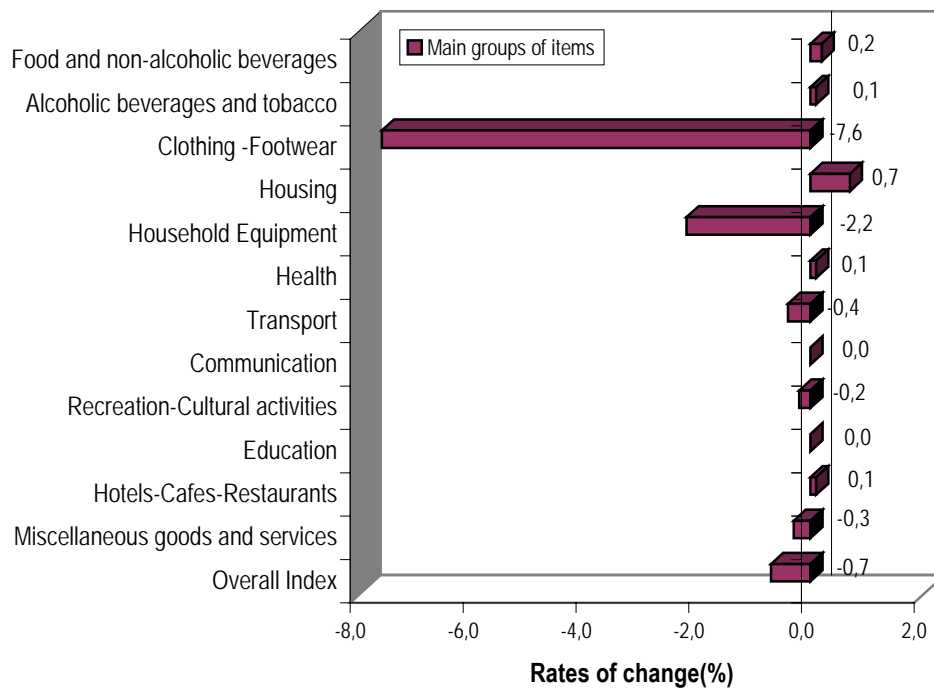
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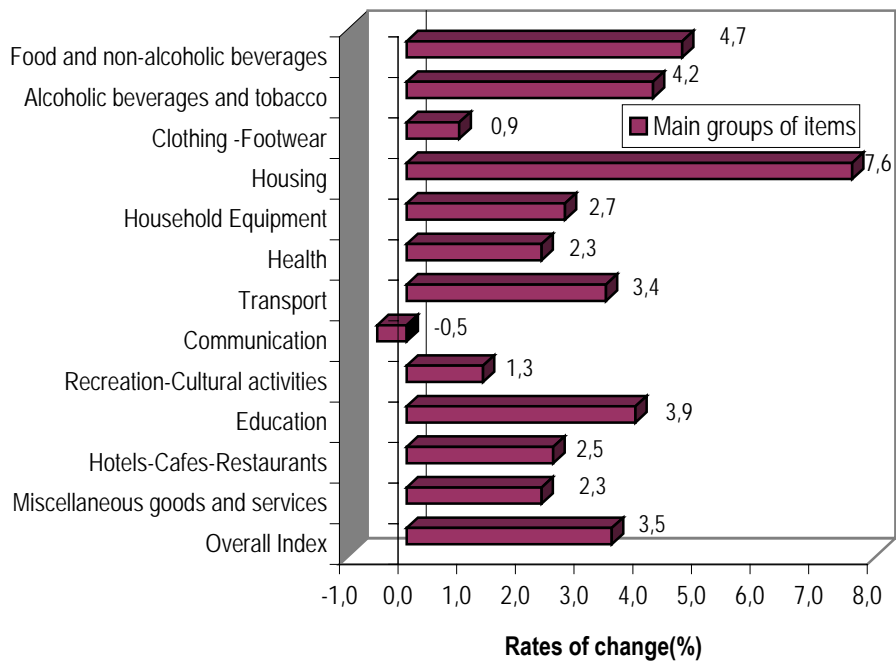
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Monthly rates of change (%) of the CPI between August 2006 and July 2006



Annual rates of change (%) of the CPI between August 2006 and August 2005



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