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## **PRESS RELEASE**

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

**January 2009**

The Consumer Price Index (CPI) in January 2009, as compared to January 2008, increased by 1,8%. A year earlier, the annual rate of change of the CPI was 3,9%.

The CPI in January 2009, as compared to December 2008, decreased by 0,5%. A year earlier, the monthly rate of change of the CPI was -0,3%.

In the twelve-month period February 08 – January 09 the average rate of change of the CPI was 4,0%. A year earlier, the corresponding rate of change of the CPI was 3,0%.

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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.

## Consumer Price Index – January 2009

Monthly rates of change

(2005=100,0)

Main groups of goods and services	Weights HBS 04 / 05 (%)	2009	2008	Rate of change (%)	2008	2007	Rate of change (%)
		January	December		January	December	
1 Food & non-Alcoholic Beverages	178,21	116,21	114,58	1,4	111,97	110,23	1,6
2 Alcoholic Beverages & Tobacco	41,60	115,17	115,16	0,0	112,73	112,68	0,0
3 Clothing and Footwear	87,01	106,53	114,82	-7,2	103,34	111,36	-7,2
4 Housing	116,51	114,66	114,79	-0,1	115,83	115,61	0,2
5 Household Equipment	78,22	107,43	109,66	-2,0	104,79	106,74	-1,8
6 Health	74,55	111,19	110,82	0,3	107,75	106,62	1,1
7 Transport	132,21	102,55	101,90	0,6	106,83	105,91	0,9
8 Communication	47,02	97,83	97,84	0,0	98,63	98,64	0,0
9 Recreation and Culture	50,30	107,14	107,22	-0,1	104,62	104,87	-0,2
10 Education	26,63	116,79	116,79	0,0	111,52	111,52	0,0
11 Hotels, Cafés & Restaurants	100,19	115,42	115,38	0,0	109,91	109,59	0,3
12 Miscellaneous Goods & Services	67,56	109,75	110,14	-0,4	106,36	106,53	-0,2
Overall Index	1000,00	110,46	110,99	-0,5	108,55	108,85	-0,3

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 – January 2009

Annual rates of change

(2005=100,0)

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Main groups of goods and services		January 2008	January 2007	Rate of change (%)	Effect
1	Food and non Alcoholic Beverages	111,97	106,10	5,5	1,0013
2	Alcoholic Beverages and Tobacco	112,73	112,15	0,5	0,0230
3	Clothing and Footwear	103,34	104,06	-0,7	-0,0604
4	Housing	115,83	105,55	9,7	1,1470
5	Household Equipment	104,79	103,17	1,6	0,1211
6	Health	107,75	104,61	3,0	0,2238
7	Transport	106,83	100,78	6,0	0,7657
8	Communication	98,63	101,22	-2,6	-0,1163
9	Recreation and Culture	104,62	103,39	1,2	0,0590
10	Education	111,52	106,59	4,6	0,1257
11	Hotels, Cafés and Restaurants	109,91	105,40	4,3	0,4324
12	Miscellaneous Goods and Services	106,36	103,66	2,6	0,1741
Overall Index		108,55	104,48	3,9	

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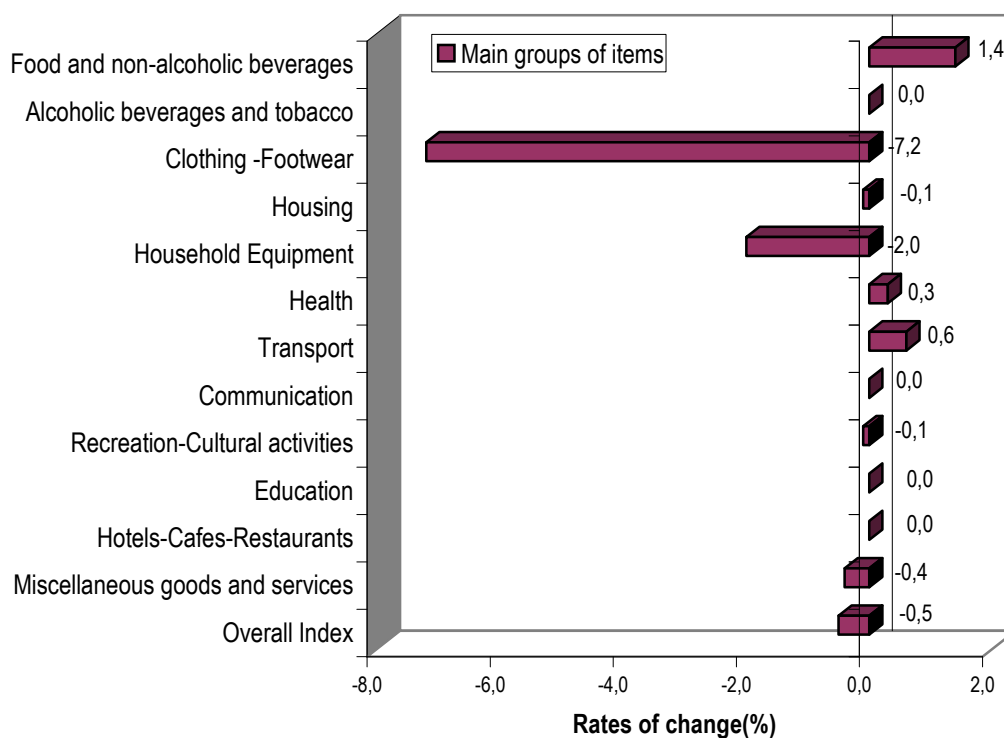
Main groups of goods and services		January 2009	January 2008	Rate of change (%)	Effect
1	Food and non Alcoholic Beverages	116,21	111,97	3,8	0,6959
2	Alcoholic Beverages and Tobacco	115,17	112,73	2,2	0,0938
3	Clothing and Footwear	106,53	103,34	3,1	0,2561
4	Housing	114,66	115,83	-1,0	-0,1257
5	Household Equipment	107,43	104,79	2,5	0,1900
6	Health	111,19	107,75	3,2	0,2364
7	Transport	102,55	106,83	-4,0	-0,5218
8	Communication	97,83	98,63	-0,8	-0,0347
9	Recreation and Culture	107,14	104,62	2,4	0,1168
10	Education	116,79	111,52	4,7	0,1293
11	Hotels, Cafés and Restaurants	115,42	109,91	5,0	0,5081
12	Miscellaneous Goods and Services	109,75	106,36	3,2	0,2115
Overall Index		110,46	108,55	1,8	

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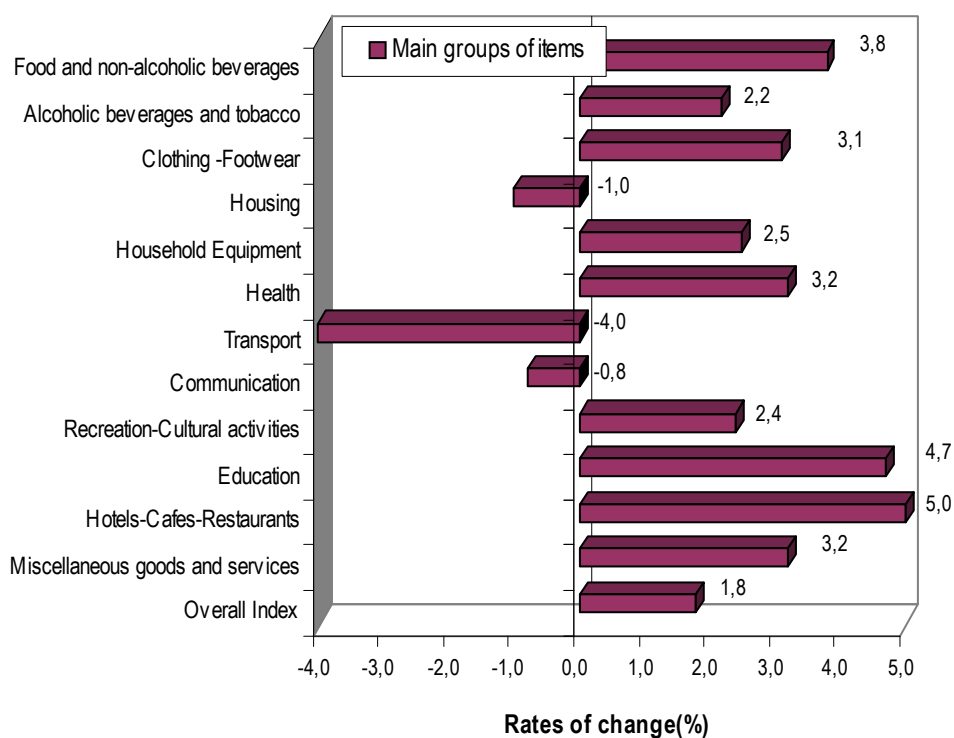
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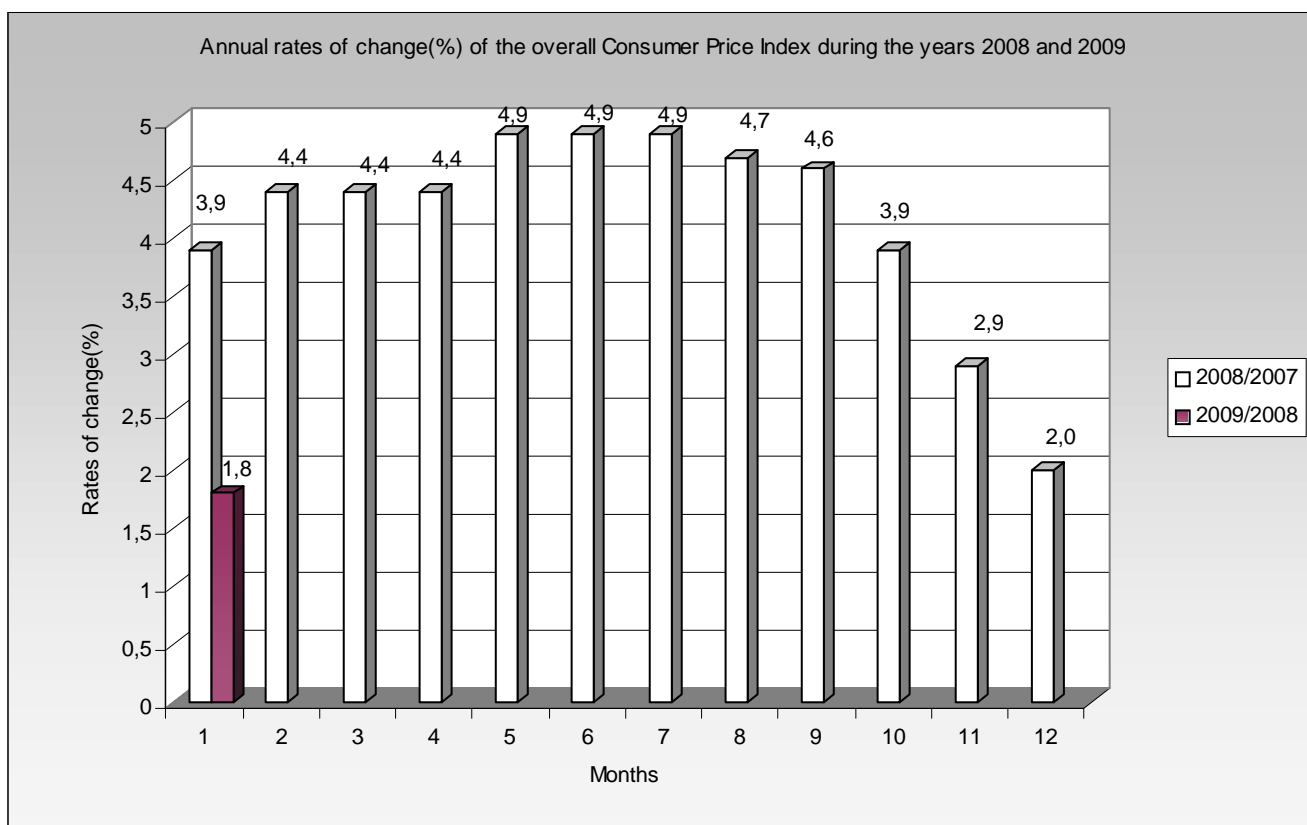
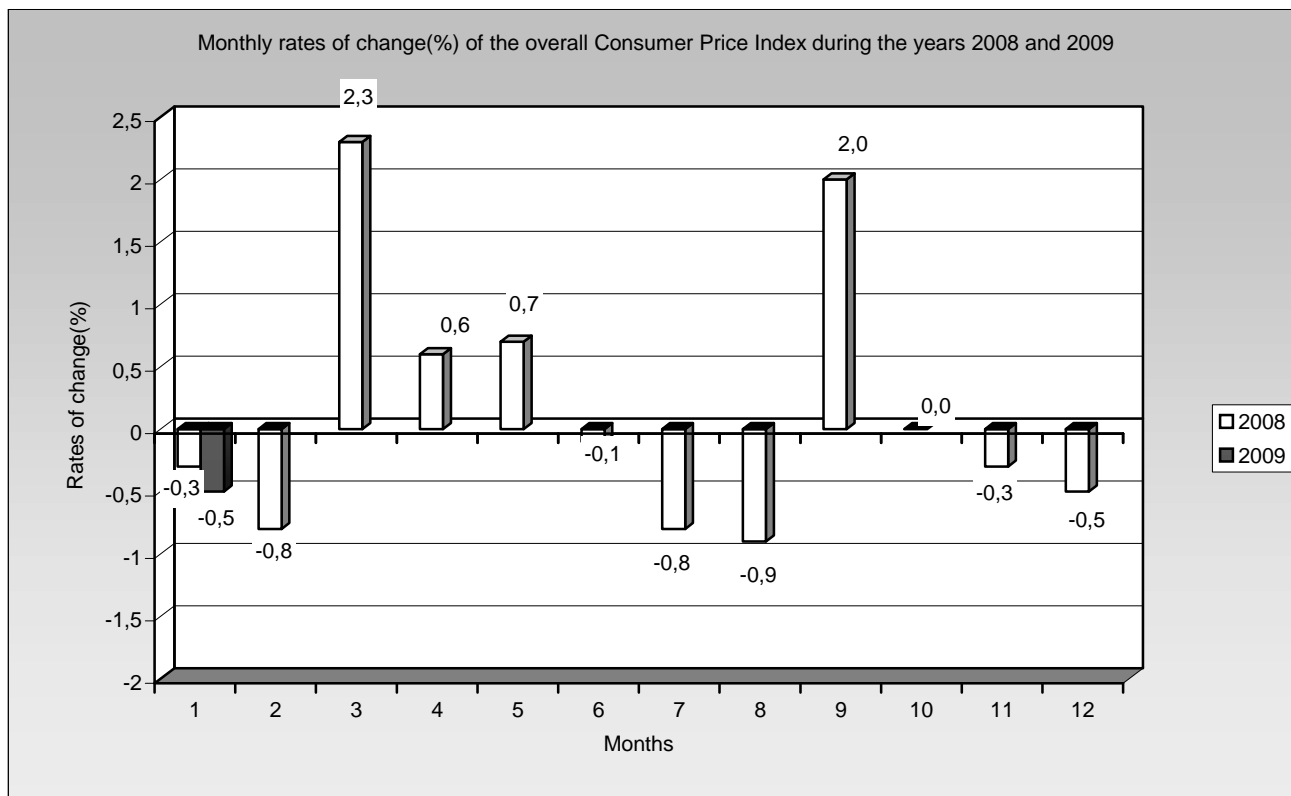
## DIAGRAMS

Monthly rates of change (%) of the CPI between January 2009 and December 2008



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





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