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

May 2009

The Consumer Price Index (CPI) in May 2009, as compared to May 2008, increased by 0,5%. A year earlier, the annual rate of change of the CPI was 4,9%.

The CPI in May 2009, as compared to April 2009, increased by 0,2%. A year earlier, the monthly rate of change of the CPI was 0,7%.

In the twelve-month period June 08 – May 09 the average rate of change of the CPI was 2,8%. A year earlier, the corresponding rate of change of the CPI was 3,6%.

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 change of 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.

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

Main groups of goods and services	Weights HBS 04 / 05 (%)	2009	2009	Rate of change (%)	2008	2008	Rate of change (%)
		May	April		May	April	
1 Food & non-Alcoholic Beverages	178,21	116,97	117,15	-0,2	113,96	114,40	-0,4
2 Alcoholic Beverages & Tobacco	41,60	122,29	120,33	1,6	115,15	114,08	0,9
3 Clothing and Footwear	87,01	116,24	114,89	1,2	112,95	111,51	1,3
4 Housing	116,51	115,45	115,08	0,3	120,09	119,70	0,3
5 Household Equipment	78,22	110,39	110,25	0,1	108,69	107,70	0,9
6 Health	74,55	112,75	112,48	0,2	109,58	108,92	0,6
7 Transport	132,21	103,26	102,55	0,7	111,12	108,03	2,9
8 Communication	47,02	97,13	97,35	-0,2	97,83	97,83	0,0
9 Recreation and Culture	50,30	106,94	107,13	-0,2	105,79	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	114,80	115,26	-0,4	111,79	110,93	0,8
12 Miscellaneous Goods & Services	67,56	110,81	110,86	0,0	108,22	107,79	0,4
Overall Index	1000,00	112,23	111,97	0,2	111,68	110,90	0,7

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 – May 2009
(2005=100,0)

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Main groups of goods and services		May 2008	May 2007	Rate of change (%)	Effect
1	Food and non Alcoholic Beverages	113,96	106,86	6,6	1,1887
2	Alcoholic Beverages and Tobacco	115,15	112,37	2,5	0,1084
3	Clothing and Footwear	112,95	109,45	3,2	0,2861
4	Housing	120,09	108,86	10,3	1,2284
5	Household Equipment	108,69	105,29	3,2	0,2497
6	Health	109,58	105,71	3,7	0,2712
7	Transport	111,12	105,67	5,2	0,6772
8	Communication	97,83	101,11	-3,2	-0,1448
9	Recreation and Culture	105,79	103,22	2,5	0,1215
10	Education	111,52	106,59	4,6	0,1234
11	Hotels, Cafés and Restaurants	111,79	105,73	5,7	0,5709
12	Miscellaneous Goods and Services	108,22	104,61	3,4	0,2290
Overall Index		111,68	106,45	4,9	

II

Main groups of goods and services		May 2009	May 2008	Rate of change (%)	Effect
1	Food and non Alcoholic Beverages	116,97	113,96	2,6	0,4804
2	Alcoholic Beverages and Tobacco	122,29	115,15	6,2	0,2662
3	Clothing and Footwear	116,24	112,95	2,9	0,2565
4	Housing	115,45	120,09	-3,9	-0,4833
5	Household Equipment	110,39	108,69	1,6	0,1189
6	Health	112,75	109,58	2,9	0,2115
7	Transport	103,26	111,12	-7,1	-0,9300
8	Communication	97,13	97,83	-0,7	-0,0295
9	Recreation and Culture	106,94	105,79	1,1	0,0519
10	Education	116,79	111,52	4,7	0,1257
11	Hotels, Cafés and Restaurants	114,80	111,79	2,7	0,2696
12	Miscellaneous Goods and Services	110,81	108,22	2,4	0,1566
Overall Index		112,23	111,68	0,5	

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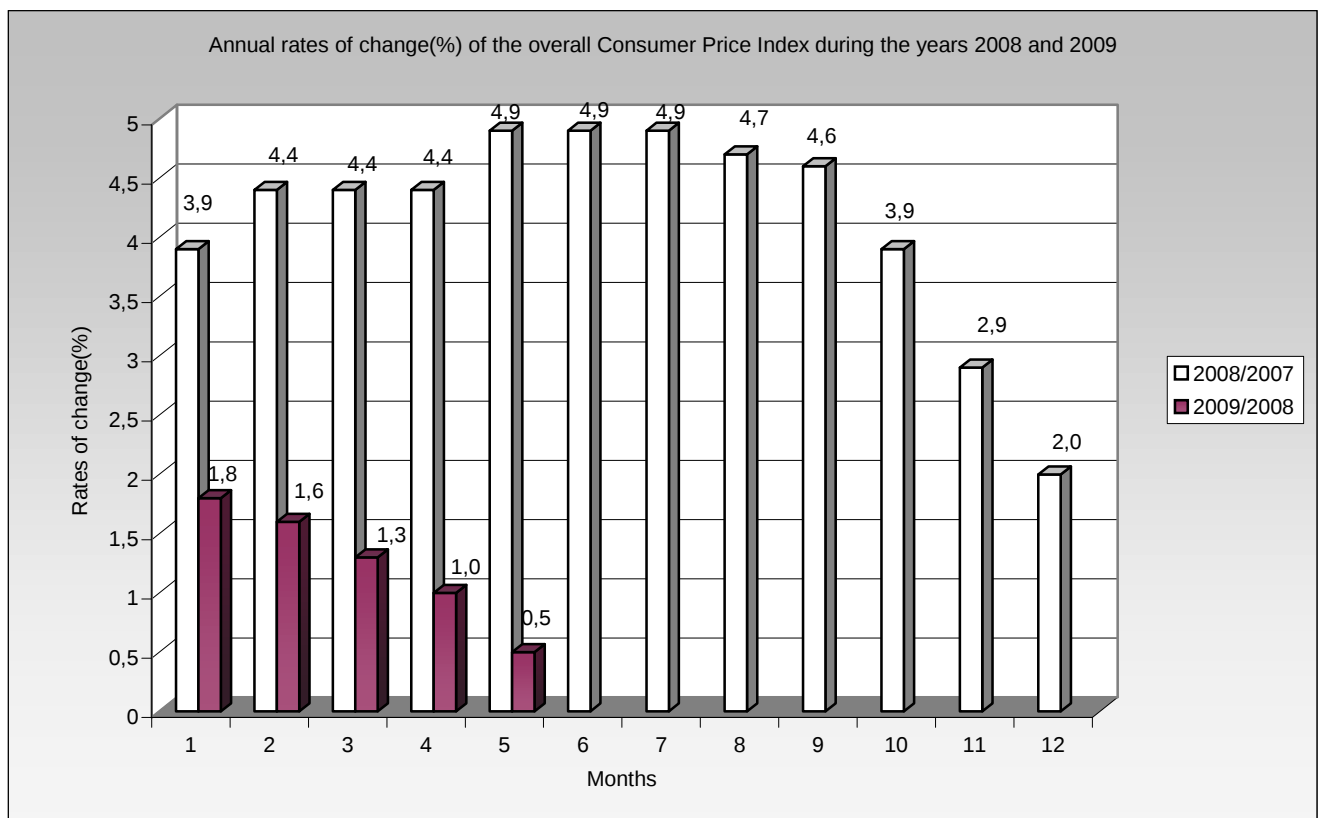
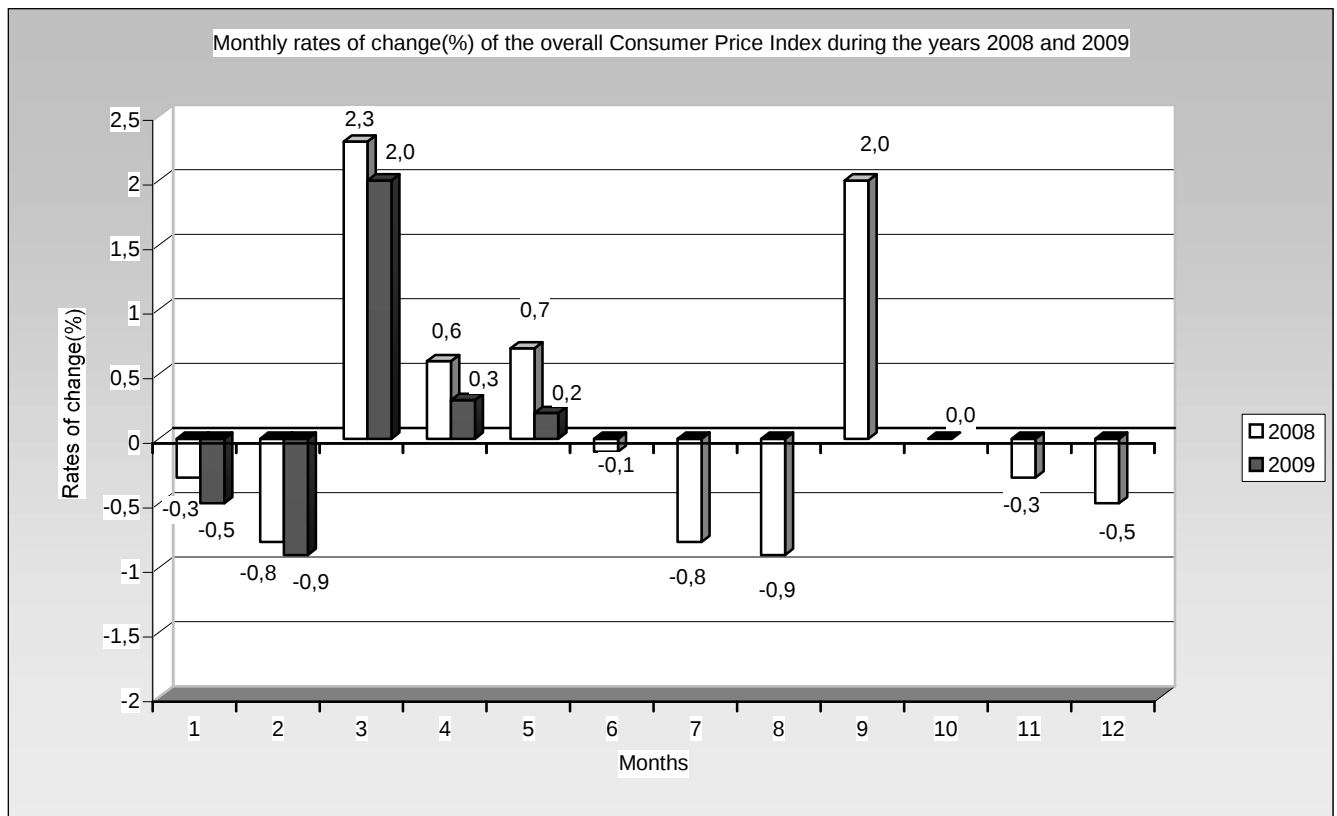
Table 3
Comparisons of the overall Consumer Price Index
(2005=100,0)

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

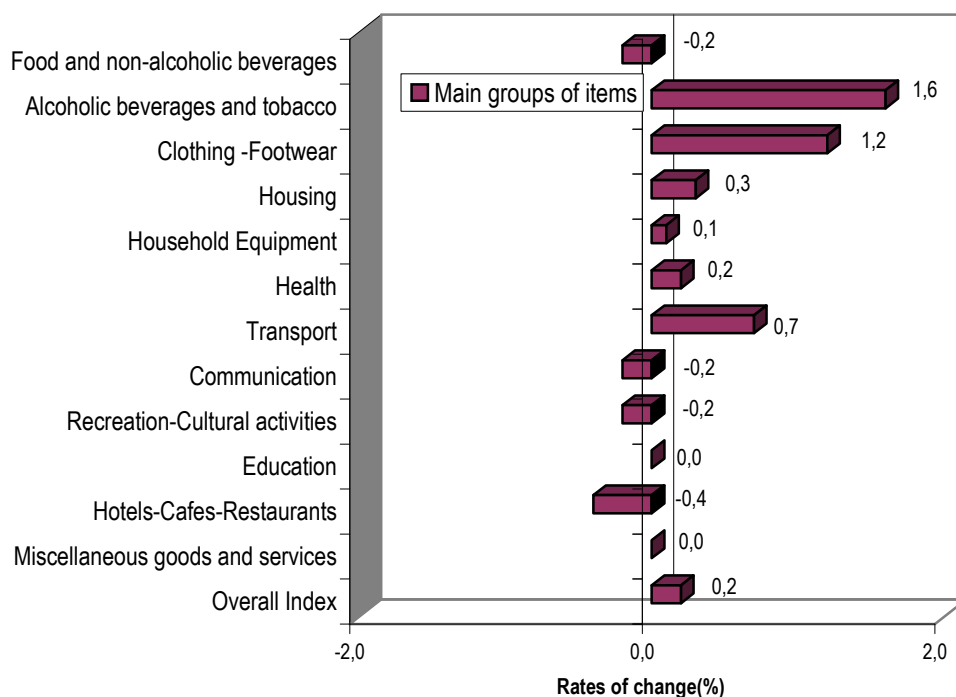
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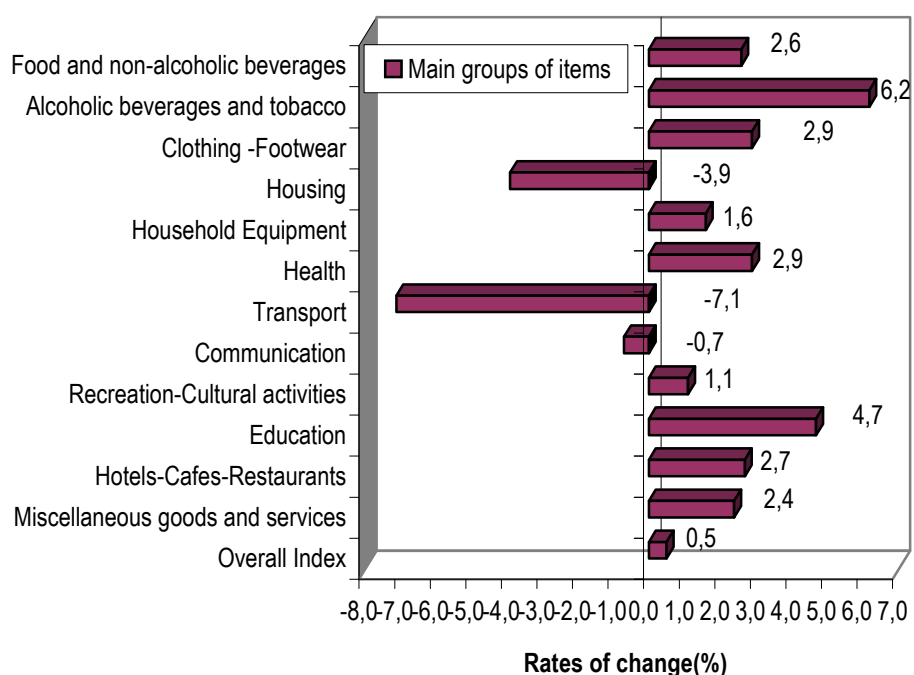
DIAGRAMS



Monthly rates of change (%) of the CPI between May 2009 and April 2009



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



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