

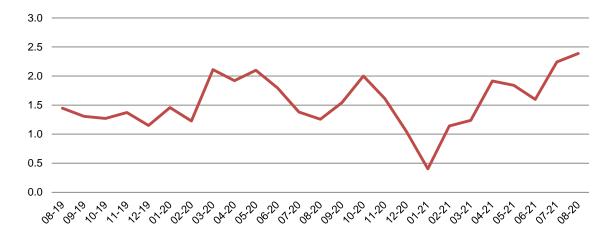
Consumer Price Index

August, 2021

Tirana, on September 08, 2021: Consumer Price Index in August 2021 arrived 102.0 against December 2020 as reference period.

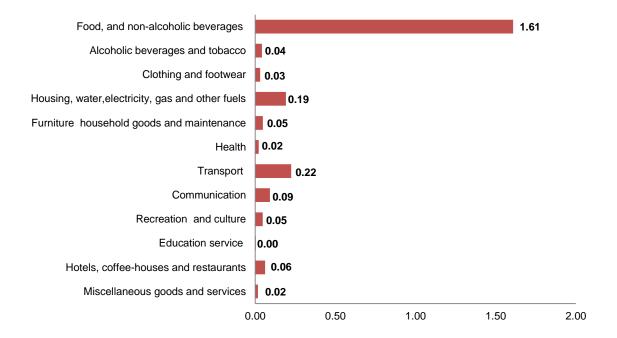
The annual rate of consumer price index in August 2021 is 2.4 %, a year before was 1.3 %. Compared with July 2021, the monthly change of consumer price index in August 2021 is 0.4 %.

Fig. 1 Annual rate of consumer price index



Contribution of main groups in yearly changes of CPI: Annual growth rate in August was influenced mostly from prices of group "Food and non-alcoholic beverage" by +1.61 p.p., followed by "Transport" group contributed by +0.22 p.p.. Price of "Housing, water, electricity and other fuel" by +0.19 p.p., "Communication" group contributed by +0.09 p.p.. Price of "Hotels, coffee-house and restaurants" group contributed by +0.06 p.p.. Prices of "Furniture household goods and maintenance" and "Recreation and culture" groups by 0.05 % each of them. Price of "Alcoholic beverages and tobacco" group contributed by +0.04 p.p.. Price of "Clothing and footwear" group contributed by +0.03 p.p.. Prices of "Health", and "Miscellaneous goods and services" groups contributed by +0.02 p.p. each of them.





Yearly rates of main groups: Compared to August 2020, prices increased the most in the group "Food and non-alcoholic beverage" by 4.6 % followed by "Transport" by 4.3 %, "Communication" by 2.9 %, "Hotels, coffee-house and restaurants" by 1.5 %, "Recreation and culture" by 1.4 %, "Alcoholic beverages and tobacco" by 1.1 %, "Housing, water, electricity and other fuel" by 1.0 %, "Clothing and footwear" by 0.8 %, "Furniture household goods and maintenance" and "Health" by 0.6 % each of them, "Miscellaneous goods and services" by 0.3 %, and "Education service" by 0.1 %.

Within the food group prices of "vegetables included potatoes" subgroup signed an increased by 18.3 %, followed by "oil and fats" by 7.2 %, "fruits" by 3.2 %, "sugar, jam honey, syrup, chocolates and sweets" by 2.5 %, "milk, cheese and eggs" by 2.4 %, "bread and cereals" by 1.9 %, etc.

Monthly rates of main groups: Compared with July 2021 prices of "Food and non-alcoholic beverage" increased by 0.8 %, followed by "Housing, water, electricity and other fuel" and "Recreation and culture" groups by 0.4 % each of them, "Transport" by 0.3 %, and "Hotels, coffee-house and restaurants" by 0.2 %. On the other hand prices of "Alcoholic beverages and tobacco" group decreased by 0.6 %, followed by "Clothing and footwear", "Health" and "Miscellaneous goods and services" by 0.1 % each of them.

Tab. 1 Consumer Price Index

December 2020=100

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Code	Groups	Peshat	08-20	09-50	10-20	11-20	12-20	01-21	02-21	03-21	04-21	05-21	06-21	07-21	08-21
	Total	100	99.6	100.0	100.2	99.7	100.0	101.3	102.4	103.0	103.3	102.4	101.5	101.6	102.0
1	Food, and non-alcoholic beverages	34,9	99.0	100.1	100.7	99.3	100.0	103.0	106.1	107.8	108.3	105.2	102.7	102.7	103.5
2	Alcoholic beverages and tobacco	3,8	100.0	99.7	99.7	99.9	100.0	100.8	101.2	101.3	101.4	101.3	101.5	101.7	101.1
3	Clothing and footwear	4,3	99.3	99.3	99.6	99.9	100.0	100.1	99.8	100.0	100.2	100.3	100.1	100.2	100.1
4	Housing, water, electricity, gas and other fuels	19,7	100.0	100.0	100.1	99.9	100.0	100.1	100.2	100.2	100.2	100.4	100.4	100.6	100.9
5	Fumiture household goods and maintenance	7,9	100.1	99.7	99.9	99.8	100.0	100.7	100.9	101.1	100.6	100.7	100.7	100.7	100.7
6	Health	3,5	100.2	100.1	100.0	100.0	100.0	101.0	101.0	100.9	100.3	100.6	100.8	100.9	100.8
7	Transport	5,3	100.7	100.5	100.1	99.8	100.0	100.2	100.8	101.0	101.2	102.4	102.6	104.7	105.0
8	Communication	3,1	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.1	100.0	100.0	100.0	101.4	102.8	102.8	102.8	103.0	103.0
9	Recreation and culture	3,4	100.1	100.1	99.9	100.2	100.0	100.6	100.1	99.7	101.8	101.5	102.2	101.0	101.4
10	Education service	3,0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.1	100.1	100.1	100.1	100.2	100.2	100.2	100.2
11	Hotels, coffee-houses and restaurants	4,0	99.7	99.8	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.6	100.7	100.7	100.7	100.8	101.0	101.1	101.3
12	Miscellaneous goods and services	7,2	99.7	100.0	100.1	100.1	100.0	100.2	99.9	99.8	100.0	100.1	100.2	100.1	100.0

Tab. 2 Annual rate of CPI

% 08-20/08-19 10-20/10-19 12-20/12-19 01-21/01-20 02-21/02-20 03-21/03-20 05-21/05-20 Code Groups Total 1.3 1.5 2.0 1.6 1.1 0.4 1.1 1.2 1.9 1.8 1.6 2.2 2.4 4.6 Food. and non-alcoholic beverages 3.1 3.8 3.9 2.5 1.2 3.2 3.1 4.5 3.7 2.7 4.1 4.9 2 Alcoholic beverages and tobacco 0.6 0.4 0.3 0.6 0.9 1.1 1.4 1.3 1.7 1.5 1.7 1.8 1.1 3 Clothing and footwear -0.2 -0.7 -0.8 -0.6 -0.6 -0.4 -0.6 0.2 0.4 1.0 0.5 0.7 8.0 Housing, water, electricity, gas and 1.5 1.5 1.5 1.3 1.2 -0.1 0.0 0.1 0.1 0.3 0.5 0.7 1.0 other fuels Furniture household goods and 5 1.9 1.3 1.2 2.0 2.2 0.9 0.9 0.6 1.5 1.2 2.2 0.6 1.1 maintenance 6 0.6 Health -0.2 -0.4 -0.4 -0.3 -0.2 0.9 1.1 0.7 0.1 0.5 0.6 0.7 7 Transport -5.8 -4.6 -4.3 -4.6 -4.9 -4.7 -3.9 -1.6 0.3 2.2 2.5 4.4 4.3 8 Communication 0.5 0.5 0.5 0.5 0.5 0.7 0.7 2.2 3.6 2.8 2.8 2.9 2.9

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9	Recreation and culture	0.0	-0.4	-0.3	0.9	0.5	1.7	0.4	0.1	1.3	1.4	1.4	1.0	1.4
10	Education service	0.2	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1
11	Hotels, coffee-houses and restaurants	0.6	0.6	8.0	0.7	0.7	1.0	1.0	1.1	1.0	1.1	1.3	1.4	1.5
12	Miscellaneous goods and services	0.6	0.9	0.9	0.9	0.7	0.9	0.6	0.5	0.8	0.8	8.0	0.4	0.3

Tab. 3 Monthly rate of CPI

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Code	Groups	08-20	09-50	10-20	11-20	12-20	01-21	02-21	03-21	04-21	05-21	06-21	07-21	09-21
	Total	0.2	0.4	0.2	-0.5	0.3	1.3	1.1	0.7	0.2	-0.9	-0.8	0.1	0.4
1	Food. and non-alcoholic beverages	0.4	1.0	0.6	-1.3	0.7	3.0	3.0	1.6	0.4	-2.8	-2.4	0.0	0.8
2	Alcoholic beverages and tobacco	0.1	-0.3	-0.1	0.3	0.1	0.8	0.4	0.1	0.1	-0.1	0.3	0.2	-0.6
3	Clothing and footwear	-0.3	0.0	0.3	0.4	0.1	0.1	-0.4	0.3	0.2	0.1	-0.2	0.1	-0.1
4	Housing, water. Electricity, gas and other fuels	0.1	0.0	0.1	-0.2	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.2	0.0	0.1	0.4
5	Furniture household goods and maintenance	0.5	-0.4	0.2	0.0	0.2	0.7	0.2	0.2	-0.5	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.0
6	Health	0.0	-0.1	-0.1	0.0	0.0	1.0	0.1	-0.1	-0.6	0.4	0.2	0.1	-0.1
7	Transport	0.5	-0.2	-0.4	-0.3	0.2	0.2	0.6	0.2	0.1	1.2	0.2	2.1	0.3
8	Communication	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.1	-0.1	0.0	0.0	1.4	1.3	0.0	0.0	0.2	0.0
9	Recreation and culture	0.1	0.0	-0.2	0.3	-0.2	0.6	-0.6	-0.4	2.1	-0.3	0.7	-1.2	0.4
10	Education service	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
11	Hotels, coffee-houses and restaurants	0.0	0.1	0.2	0.0	0.0	0.6	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.2	0.1	0.2
12	Miscellaneous goods and services	0.0	0.3	0.0	0.0	-0.1	0.2	-0.2	-0.2	0.2	0.1	0.1	-0.1	-0.1

METHODOLOGY

- Methodological changes

In January of each year some methodological changes and new developments were carried out in CPI:

- Update of weights: Weights are changed; they are now based on the average expenditure from 2018 Household Budget Survey.
- Update of basket: The list of goods and service content 331 products.
- Update of list of the outlets where the prices are collected is updated.

Started from January 2021, the consumer price index is calculated with the new base period. December 2020 is considered as the base period (December 2020 = 100).

INSTAT during the Pandemic period has been following the latest recommendation coming from EUROSTAT and other international partners.

- Definitions

The annual rate measures the price change between the current month and the same month of the previous year. This measure is responsive to recent changes in price levels but can be influenced by one-off effect in either month

The monthly rate measures the price change between current month and previous month. Although upto-date it can be affected by seasonal and other effects.

The 12-month average rate compares average Consumer Price Indices and the latest 12 month to the average of the previous 12 months.