

Consumer price indices in August 2020

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2.9%

an increase compared with the corresponding month of the previous year

Consumer prices in August 2020 compared with the corresponding month of the previous year increased by 2,9% (with an increase of prices of services – by 6,6% and goods – by 1,5%).

As related to the previous month consumer prices decreased by 0,1% (with a decrease of prices of goods – by 0,3% and an increase of prices of services – by 0,2%).

Table 1. Consumer price indices in August 2020

SPECIFICATION	VIII 2020			I-VIII 2020	CONTRIBUTION OF CHANGES VII 2020= =100
	VIII 2019= =100	XII 2019= =100	VII 2020= =100	I-VIII 2019= =100	
TOTAL	102,9	101,8	99,9	103,6	x
Food and non-alcoholic beverages	103,0	101,3	98,9	106,1	-0,28
Alcoholic beverages and tobacco	104,8	104,5	100,0	104,3	0,00
Clothing and footwear	98,1	93,3	98,5	97,6	-0,07
Housing, water, electricity, gas and other fuels	107,2	106,3	100,3	107,2	0,05
Furnishings, household equipment and routine household maintenance	100,9	101,2	99,7	100,7	-0,01
Health	105,4	104,6	100,2	104,7	0,01
Transport	92,9	93,2	101,9	94,1	0,16
Communication	103,4	103,8	100,2	102,9	0,01
Recreation and culture	102,2	102,3	99,6	102,6	-0,03
Education	105,8	101,9	100,1	105,2	0,00
Restaurants and hotels	105,7	103,9	100,2	106,0	0,01
Miscellaneous goods and services	104,4	101,6	100,0	102,9	0,00

Contribution of price changes to the total consumer price index

In August of the current year, compared with the previous month, the highest contribution to the total consumer price index came from lower prices of Food (by 1,2%) and Clothing and Footwear (by 1,5%), which decreased the index by 0,29 pp and 0,07 pp, respectively. Higher prices related to Transport (by 1,9%) and Dwelling (by 0,1%) increased the index by 0,16 pp and 0,03 pp, respectively.

Compared with the corresponding month of the previous year, higher prices related to Dwelling (by 5,7%), Food (by 3,1%) and Restaurants and hotels (by 5,7%) increased the index by 1,38 pp, 0,72 pp and 0,35 pp, respectively. Lower prices related to Transport (by 7,1%) and Clothing and footwear (by 1,9%) decreased the index by 0,70 pp and 0,09 pp, respectively.

Chart 1. Contribution of price changes of selected groups of consumer goods and services in August 2020 (change in pp compared with the previous period)

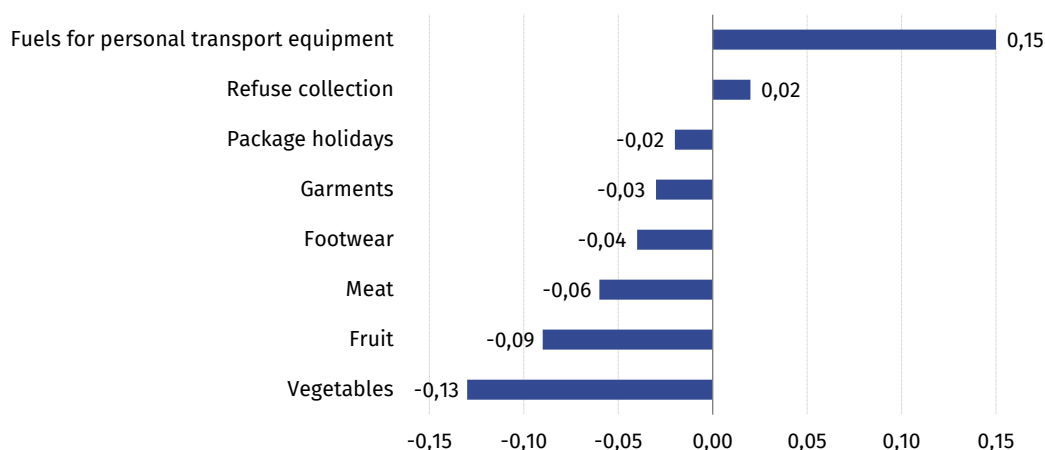


Chart 2. Weighting system used in the compilations of consumer price indices in 2020

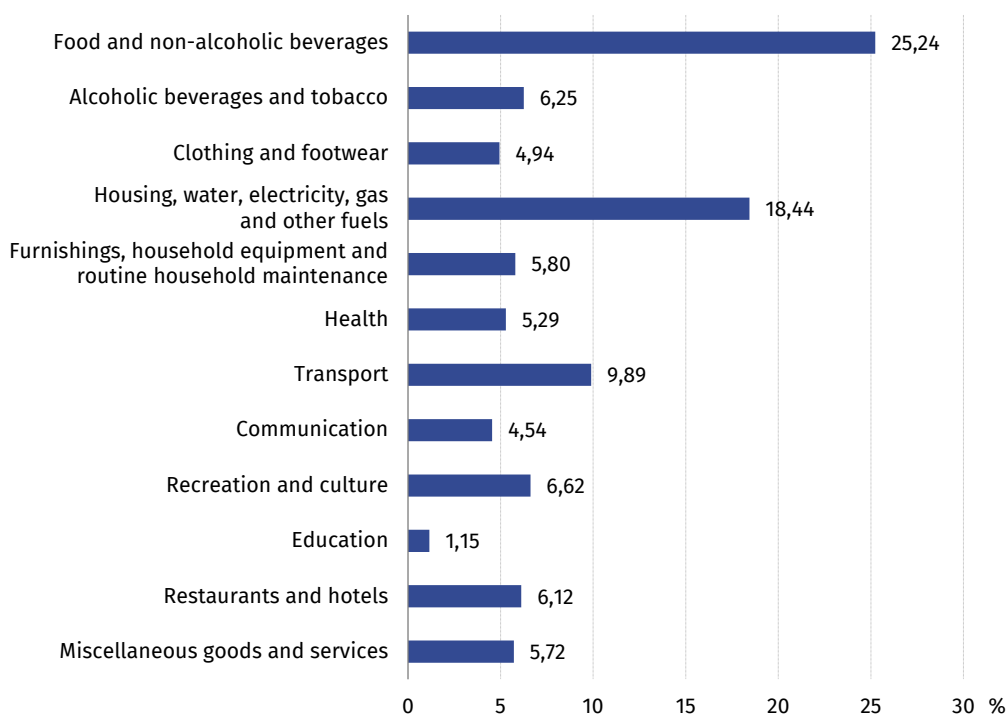


Chart 3. Consumer prices (change in % compared with the previous period)

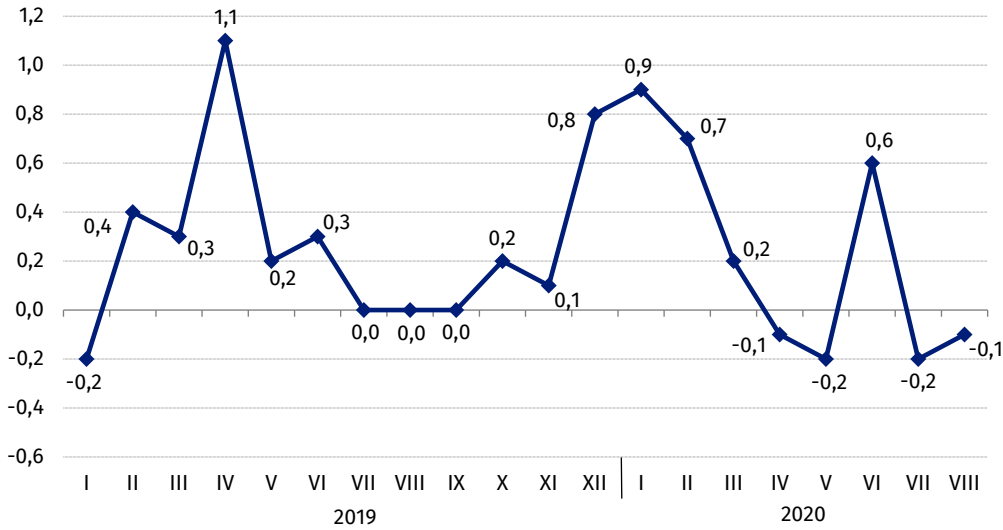
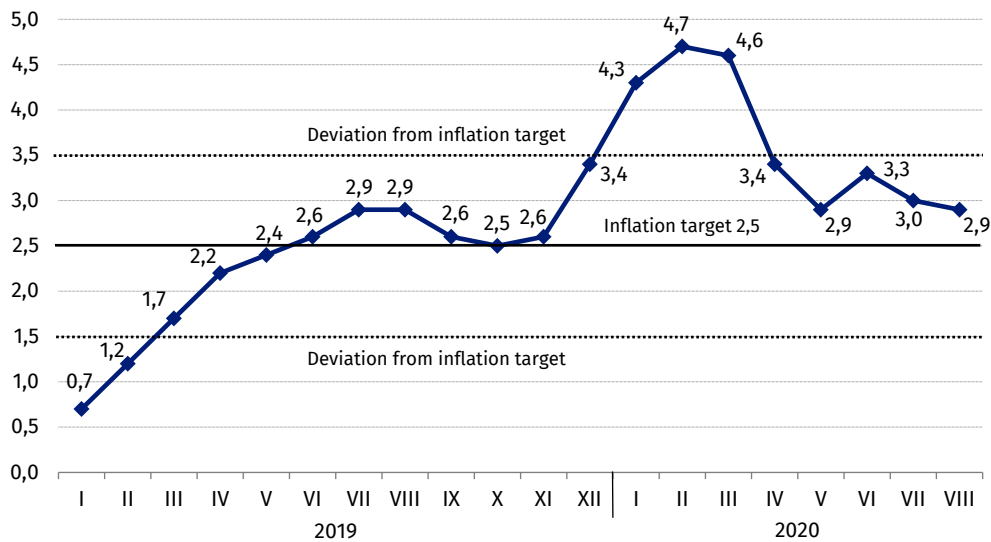


Chart 4. Consumer prices (change in % compared with the corresponding period of the previous year)



In August 2020 the consumer price index was within the deviations from inflation target determined by the Monetary Policy Council (2,5% +/- 1 pp)

Chart 5. Consumer price index (CPI) and harmonised index of consumer prices (HICP) (change in % compared with the corresponding period of the previous year)

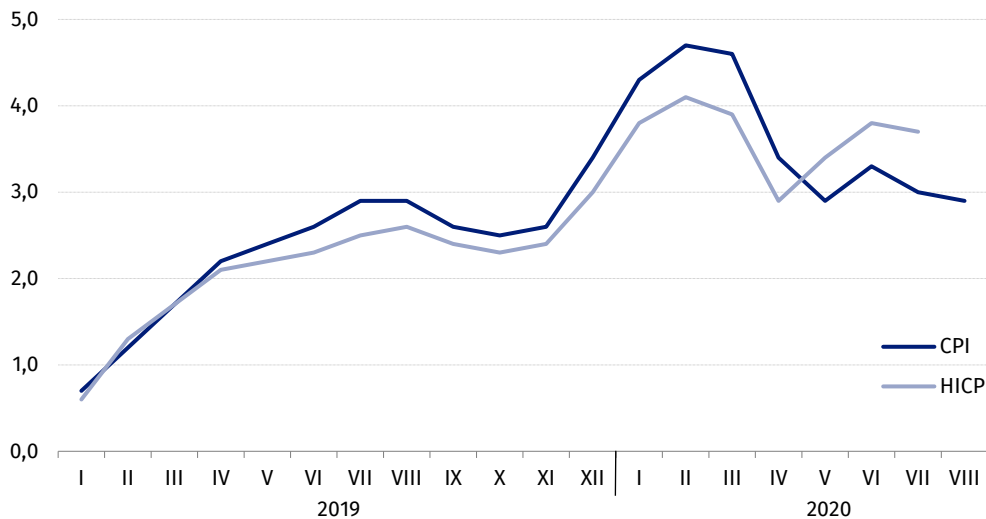


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	VIII 2019= =100	XII 2019= =100	VII 2020= =100	I-VIII 2019= =100
TOTAL	102,9	101,8	99,9	103,6
Goods	101,5	100,5	99,7	102,5
Services	106,6	105,3	100,2	106,7
FOOD, NON-ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES, ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES AND TOBACCO	103,4	102,0	99,1	105,8
FOOD AND NON-ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES	103,0	101,3	98,9	106,1
Food	103,1	101,3	98,8	106,5
of which:				
Rice	108,7	108,4	101,3	107,0
Flour	105,7	105,5	98,5	105,6
Bread	108,6	105,9	99,9	108,3
Pasta products and couscous	103,2	101,8	100,1	104,1
Meat	104,3	99,9	99,0	109,6
of which:				
Beef	101,5	100,6	99,4	102,2
Veal	103,0	102,2	100,0	103,7
Pork	101,8	92,8	98,5	113,5
Poultry	95,4	96,1	96,0	101,5
Dried, salted or smoked meat	108,3	103,6	100,0	111,7
Fish and seafood	104,2	103,3	100,1	104,5
Milk, cheese and eggs	103,5	102,6	100,1	103,4
of which:				
Milk	107,6	105,1	99,9	106,9
Yoghurt, cream, milk-based desserts, milk- based beverages and other similar milk- based products	103,1	102,6	100,0	103,6
Cheese and curd	103,1	102,2	100,3	102,8
Eggs	100,4	100,4	99,7	100,2
Oils and fats	99,7	100,6	99,8	99,0
Vegetable fats	100,8	102,3	100,2	101,1
Animal fats	98,8	99,4	99,5	97,5
of which butter	97,3	98,7	99,5	95,7
Fruit	118,5	118,2	95,8	121,8
Vegetables	90,3	89,1	95,4	102,4
Sugar	104,1	104,1	99,2	107,9
Non-alcoholic beverages	101,8	101,8	100,1	102,2
of which:				
Coffee	100,4	100,7	99,7	101,2
Tea	101,3	101,6	99,9	101,9
Cocoa and powdered chocolate	106,3	105,9	100,9	105,2
Mineral or spring waters	102,8	103,2	100,0	103,0
Fruit and vegetable juices	102,7	102,3	100,3	103,0

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ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES AND TOBACCO	104,8	104,5	100,0	104,3
Alcoholic beverages	103,9	103,9	100,0	103,6
Tobacco	107,2	106,0	100,1	106,2
CLOTHING AND FOOTWEAR	98,1	93,3	98,5	97,6
of which:				
Garments	98,1	92,8	99,0	97,2
Footwear	97,6	93,6	96,9	98,3
DWELLING	105,7	105,1	100,1	105,7
HOUSING, WATER, ELECTRICITY, GAS AND OTHER FUELS	107,2	106,3	100,3	107,2
of which:				
Actual rentals for housing	105,3	103,4	100,3	105,9
Water supply	104,2	103,8	100,4	103,2
Refuse collection	150,5	144,5	101,3	151,9
Sewage collection	104,6	104,1	100,3	104,7
Electricity, gas and other fuels	104,5	104,1	100,1	105,0
Electricity	111,7	111,7	100,0	111,8
Gas	95,7	95,4	100,0	98,5
Liquid and solid fuels	102,3	101,4	100,5	100,3
Heat energy	101,8	100,7	100,0	102,4
FURNISHINGS, HOUSEHOLD EQUIPMENT AND ROUTINE HOUSEHOLD MAINTENANCE	100,9	101,2	99,7	100,7
of which:				
Furniture and furnishings	99,0	100,0	99,6	98,9
Household appliances	100,2	100,9	99,7	99,1
Cleaning and maintenance products	101,8	102,0	99,3	102,1
Domestic services and household services	107,8	105,9	100,6	107,0
HEALTH	105,4	104,6	100,2	104,7
of which:				
Pharmaceutical products	103,6	102,5	100,2	103,6
Therapeutic appliances and equipment	102,5	101,7	100,0	101,9
Medical services	109,3	107,1	100,4	108,2
Dental services	114,5	112,3	100,4	110,1
Hospital services ^U	103,4	113,8	100,2	103,1
TRANSPORT	92,9	93,2	101,9	94,1
of which:				
Purchase of vehicles	99,4	101,1	99,8	98,1
of which motor cars	99,2	100,9	99,7	97,9
Fuels for personal transport equipment	87,7	88,2	103,3	88,9
Diesel	86,6	86,3	103,3	88,7
Petrol	86,7	89,7	103,8	88,4
Liquid petroleum gas and other fuels for personal transport equipment	99,7	85,6	100,4	92,7
Transport services	93,9	92,4	101,4	102,3

SPECIFICATION	VIII 2020			I-VIII 2020
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COMMUNICATION	103,4	103,8	100,2	102,9
of which:				
Telephone and telefax equipment	87,7	92,7	99,2	90,0
Telephone and telefax services	104,0	104,2	100,3	103,4
RECREATION AND CULTURE	102,2	102,3	99,6	102,6
of which:				
Audio-visual, photographic and information processing equipment	97,7	98,9	100,0	96,4
Recreational and cultural services	103,7	103,6	100,2	102,7
of which:				
Recreational and sporting services ^u	106,5	103,5	100,0	105,1
Cultural services	102,6	103,7	100,2	101,7
of which television and radio licence fees, subscriptions	101,7	104,5	100,0	99,8
Books	104,2	95,1	99,3	103,9
Newspapers and periodicals	105,6	105,5	100,0	105,8
Stationery and drawing materials	103,2	102,4	100,1	103,2
Package holidays ^u	99,8	104,4	99,0	104,8
Package domestic holidays ^u	106,6	110,4	99,3	107,4
Package international holidays ^u	94,8	100,1	98,8	102,9
EDUCATION	105,8	101,9	100,1	105,2
RESTAURANTS AND HOTELS	105,7	103,9	100,2	106,0
MISCELLANEOUS GOODS AND SERVICES	104,4	101,6	100,0	102,9
of which:				
Personal care	104,7	103,5	100,3	103,2
of which:				
Hairdressing salons and personal grooming establishments	113,5	111,8	100,5	110,1
Articles for personal hygiene and wellness, esoteric products and beauty products	102,7	101,5	100,2	101,7
Social protection	112,4	109,7	100,2	109,8
Insurance	102,9	92,7	99,3	101,1
Charges by banks and post offices	142,9	142,9	100,0	120,4

Documents 'Guidance on the compilation of the HICP in the context of the COVID-19 crisis' and 'Guidance note on HICP issues emerging from the lifting of lockdown measures' were published by Eurostat under the following links https://ec.europa.eu/eurostat/documents/10186/10693286/HICP_guidance.pdf, https://ec.europa.eu/eurostat/documents/10186/10693286/HICP_lifting_lockdown_measures_guidance.pdf

The guidelines recommended by Eurostat concerning consumer price indices are also presented in Polish under the link <https://stat.gov.pl/obszary-tematyczne/ceny-handel/wskazniki-cen/wytyczne-dotyczace-opracowania-hicp-w-kontekscie-kryzysu-zwiazanego-z-covid-19,19,1.html>

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