Consumer price indices in March 2021

Consumer prices in March 2021, compared with the corresponding month of the previous year,   
increased by 3,2% (with an increase of prices   
of services by 7,3% and goods by 1,9%).  
As related to the previous month consumer prices   
increased by 1,0% (of which goods by 1,0% and   
services by 0,8%).

**** 3.2%

an increase compared with the corresponding month of the previous year

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| SPECIFICATION | III 2021 | | | I-III 2021 | | CONTRIBUTION OF CHANGESII 2021= =100 |
| III 2020= =100 | XII 2020= =100 | II 2021= =100 | I-III 2020=100 | X-XII 2020=100 |
| **TOTAL** | **103,2** | **102,8** | **101,0** | **102,7** | **102,1** | **x** |
| Food and non-alcoholic  beverages | 100,5 | 103,3 | 100,7 | 100,6 | 102,5 | 0,20 |
| Alcoholic beverages  and tobacco | 102,1 | 101,2 | 100,4 | 102,5 | 100,8 | 0,03 |
| Clothing and footwear | 98,6 | 99,4 | 104,1 | 97,3 | 95,6 | 0,16 |
| Housing, water, electricity, gas and other fuels | 106,0 | 103,6 | 100,2 | 106,6 | 103,6 | 0,04 |
| Furnishings, household equipment and routine household maintenance | 101,9 | 100,5 | 100,1 | 101,9 | 100,4 | 0,00 |
| Health | 103,7 | 100,5 | 99,9 | 104,2 | 100,5 | -0,01 |
| Transport | 105,4 | 107,7 | 104,1 | 99,9 | 105,6 | 0,38 |
| Communication | 107,4 | 103,9 | 102,6 | 106,1 | 102,0 | 0,13 |
| Recreation and culture | 104,9 | 102,2 | 100,6 | 104,2 | 101,7 | 0,04 |
| Education | 105,5 | 100,7 | 100,1 | 105,5 | 100,7 | 0,00 |
| Restaurants and hotels | 104,6 | 101,1 | 100,1 | 105,0 | 101,2 | 0,00 |
| Miscellaneous goods and services | 102,1 | 100,3 | 99,8 | 102,3 | 100,2 | -0,01 |

Table 1. Consumer price indices in March 2021

Contribution of price changes to the total consumer price index

In March of the current year, compared with the previous month, the highest contribution to the total consumer price index came from higher prices related to Transport (by 4,1%), Food (by 0,7%), Clothing and footwear (by 4,1%) and Communication (by 2,6%), which increased the index by 0,38 pp, 0,18 pp, 0,16 pp and 0,13 pp, respectively. Lower prices related to Health (by 0,1%) decreased the index by 0,01 pp.  
Compared with the corresponding month of the previous year, higher prices related to Dwelling (by 5,1%), Transport (by 5,4%) and Communication (by 7,4%) increased the consumer price index by 1,25 pp, 0,50 pp and 0,36 pp, respectively. Lower prices related to Clothing and footwear (by 1,4%) decreased the index by 0,06 pp.

Chart 1. Contribution of price changes of selected groups of consumer goods and services in March 2021 (change in pp compared with the previous period)

**Chart 2. Weighting system used in the compilations of consumer price indices in** **2021**

Chart 3. Changes in consumer prices as related to the previous period (in %)

Chart 4. Changes in consumer prices as related to the corresponding period of the previous year (in %)

In March 2021 the consumer price index was within the deviations from inflation target determined by the Monetary Policy Council (2,5% +/- 1 pp)

Chart 5. Changes in prices according to consumer price index (CPI) and harmonised index of consumer prices (HICP) as related to the corresponding period of the previous year (in %)

Table 2. Consumer price indices in March 2021

| SPECIFICATION | III 2021 | | | I-III 2021 | | |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| III 2020= =100 | XII 2020= =100 | II 2021= =100 | I-III 2020= =100 | X-XII 2020= =100 |
| **TOTAL** | **103,2** | **102,8** | **101,0** | **102,7** | **102,1** |
| Goods | 101,9 | 102,8 | 101,0 | 101,4 | 102,1 |
| Services | 107,3 | 102,7 | 100,8 | 107,3 | 102,0 |
| FOOD, NON-ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES,  ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES AND TOBACCO | 100,8 | 102,8 | 100,7 | 101,0 | 102,2 |
| FOOD AND NON-ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES | 100,5 | 103,3 | 100,7 | 100,6 | 102,5 |
| Food | 100,0 | 103,0 | 100,7 | 100,2 | 102,3 |
| of which: |  |  |  |  |  |
| Rice | 107,4 | 100,6 | 100,6 | 107,6 | 100,7 |
| Flour | 104,4 | 102,3 | 101,0 | 104,4 | 101,0 |
| Bread | 105,8 | 103,2 | 101,1 | 106,1 | 102,3 |
| Pasta products and couscous | 101,3 | 100,7 | 100,3 | 101,7 | 100,2 |
| Meat | 97,0 | 102,9 | 101,5 | 97,4 | 101,2 |
| of which: |  |  |  |  |  |
| Beef | 101,4 | 101,7 | 99,9 | 101,6 | 102,0 |
| Veal | 101,6 | 100,9 | 100,1 | 101,7 | 100,6 |
| Pork | 89,0 | 102,5 | 103,6 | 88,0 | 98,8 |
| Poultry | 97,8 | 114,5 | 103,2 | 97,9 | 109,5 |
| Dried, salted or smoked meat | 99,1 | 99,9 | 100,3 | 100,1 | 99,6 |
| Fish and seafood | 103,2 | 101,1 | 100,2 | 103,2 | 101,1 |
| Milk, cheese and eggs | 102,0 | 100,8 | 100,3 | 102,2 | 100,8 |
| of which: |  |  |  |  |  |
| Milk | 103,4 | 100,9 | 100,2 | 103,9 | 101,1 |
| Yoghurt, cream, milk-based desserts, milk-based beverages and other similar milk-based products | 102,2 | 101,3 | 100,5 | 101,9 | 100,9 |
| Cheese and curd | 102,3 | 100,8 | 100,3 | 102,5 | 100,9 |
| Eggs | 99,4 | 100,0 | 99,7 | 99,6 | 100,5 |
| Oils and fats | 98,0 | 100,4 | 100,6 | 98,1 | 99,2 |
| Vegetable fats | 100,0 | 101,2 | 100,3 | 100,2 | 100,2 |
| Animal fats | 96,5 | 99,8 | 100,8 | 96,6 | 98,5 |
| of which butter | 96,3 | 99,8 | 100,8 | 96,3 | 98,5 |
| Fruit | 99,3 | 106,5 | 99,1 | 101,7 | 106,2 |
| Vegetables | 99,0 | 108,2 | 101,6 | 98,0 | 108,6 |
| Sugar | 101,9 | 101,4 | 99,6 | 102,7 | 101,5 |
| Non-alcoholic beverages | 106,2 | 106,1 | 100,7 | 105,3 | 104,7 |
| of which: |  |  |  |  |  |
| Coffee | 99,6 | 100,9 | 100,0 | 99,9 | 100,4 |
| Tea | 98,7 | 99,8 | 99,7 | 99,2 | 99,6 |
| Cocoa and powdered chocolate | 103,2 | 101,9 | 100,2 | 103,4 | 100,8 |
| Mineral or spring waters | 108,5 | 106,9 | 101,5 | 107,1 | 105,1 |
| Fruit and vegetable juices | 101,7 | 102,5 | 100,6 | 101,7 | 101,2 |
| ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES AND TOBACCO | 102,1 | 101,2 | 100,4 | 102,5 | 100,8 |
| Alcoholic beverages | 102,3 | 101,7 | 100,5 | 102,5 | 101,1 |
| Tobacco | 101,3 | 100,0 | 100,0 | 102,5 | 99,9 |
| CLOTHING AND FOOTWEAR | 98,6 | 99,4 | 104,1 | 97,3 | 95,6 |
| of which: |  |  |  |  |  |
| Garments | 98,1 | 99,3 | 104,2 | 97,0 | 95,5 |
| Footwear | 99,7 | 100,1 | 104,8 | 97,8 | 95,5 |
| DWELLING | 105,1 | 102,9 | 100,2 | 105,5 | 102,8 |
| HOUSING, WATER, ELECTRICITY, GAS  AND OTHER FUELS | 106,0 | 103,6 | 100,2 | 106,6 | 103,6 |
| of which: |  |  |  |  |  |
| Actual rentals for housing | 102,6 | 101,6 | 100,5 | 102,8 | 101,1 |
| Water supply | 104,0 | 100,8 | 100,1 | 104,1 | 100,6 |
| Refuse collection | 132,5 | 109,7 | 100,7 | 137,0 | 109,6 |
| Sewage collection | 104,2 | 101,6 | 100,5 | 104,2 | 101,3 |
| Electricity, gas and other fuels | 104,2 | 104,3 | 100,1 | 104,8 | 104,4 |
| Electricity | 109,5 | 109,5 | 100,0 | 111,3 | 109,9 |
| Gas | 96,6 | 100,1 | 100,5 | 95,8 | 99,4 |
| Liquid and solid fuels | 102,5 | 100,0 | 99,9 | 102,4 | 100,2 |
| Heat energy | 102,5 | 100,9 | 100,0 | 102,6 | 101,1 |
| FURNISHINGS, HOUSEHOLD EQUIPMENT AND ROUTINE HOUSEHOLD MAINTENANCE | 101,9 | 100,5 | 100,1 | 101,9 | 100,4 |
| of which: |  |  |  |  |  |
| Furniture and furnishings | 102,8 | 101,3 | 100,0 | 102,9 | 101,4 |
| Household appliances | 101,5 | 99,8 | 99,6 | 101,9 | 100,2 |
| Cleaning and maintenance products | 100,4 | 99,7 | 99,7 | 100,7 | 99,6 |
| Domestic services and household  services | 106,7 | 102,1 | 100,4 | 106,9 | 101,9 |
| HEALTH | 103,7 | 100,5 | 99,9 | 104,2 | 100,5 |
| of which: |  |  |  |  |  |
| Pharmaceutical products | 101,4 | 99,7 | 99,6 | 102,2 | 99,9 |
| Therapeutic appliances and equipment | 102,3 | 100,7 | 100,0 | 102,2 | 100,5 |
| Medical services | 107,8 | 101,9 | 100,5 | 108,0 | 101,7 |
| Dental services | 112,6 | 102,3 | 100,4 | 112,7 | 101,7 |
| Hospital services | 106,2 | 101,2 | 100,4 | 105,9 | 101,0 |
| TRANSPORT | 105,4 | 107,7 | 104,1 | 99,9 | 105,6 |
| of which: |  |  |  |  |  |
| Purchase of vehicles | 100,9 | 101,1 | 100,5 | 100,5 | 100,6 |
| of which motor cars | 100,6 | 100,8 | 100,4 | 100,2 | 100,4 |
| Fuels for personal transport equipment | 107,6 | 112,0 | 106,6 | 98,7 | 108,7 |
| Diesel | 104,8 | 112,2 | 106,6 | 95,7 | 109,6 |
| Petrol | 107,4 | 111,4 | 106,3 | 99,6 | 108,0 |
| Liquid petroleum gas and other fuels for personal transport equipment | 120,9 | 115,2 | 108,3 | 104,1 | 110,6 |
| Transport services | 101,3 | 101,2 | 99,6 | 101,8 | 101,8 |
| COMMUNICATION | 107,4 | 103,9 | 102,6 | 106,1 | 102,0 |
| of which: |  |  |  |  |  |
| Telephone and telefax equipment | 89,7 | 99,7 | 98,6 | 89,5 | 98,8 |
| Telephone and telefax services | 108,3 | 104,1 | 102,8 | 107,0 | 102,1 |
| RECREATION AND CULTURE | 104,9 | 102,2 | 100,6 | 104,2 | 101,7 |
| of which: |  |  |  |  |  |
| Audio-visual, photographic and information processing equipment | 101,4 | 99,8 | 99,2 | 101,9 | 101,0 |
| Recreational and cultural services | 110,5 | 104,6 | 102,6 | 109,2 | 101,9 |
| of which: |  |  |  |  |  |
| Recreational and sporting servicesu | 104,6 | 100,6 | 100,1 | 105,3 | 100,4 |
| Cultural services | 113,0 | 106,3 | 103,5 | 110,9 | 102,4 |
| of which television and radio licence fees, subscriptions | 117,2 | 108,7 | 104,9 | 114,2 | 103,3 |
| Books | 101,2 | 99,6 | 98,2 | 101,6 | 101,9 |
| Newspapers and periodicals | 105,4 | 101,2 | 100,1 | 105,5 | 102,2 |
| Stationery and drawing materials | 103,5 | 100,8 | 100,3 | 103,5 | 100,7 |
| Package holidaysu | 104,7 | 102,6 | 99,9 | 101,3 | 102,3 |
| Package domestic holidaysu | 106,4 | 103,5 | 99,9 | 106,2 | 103,9 |
| Package international holidaysu | 101,9 | 101,3 | 99,9 | 94,3 | 99,7 |
| EDUCATION | 105,5 | 100,7 | 100,1 | 105,5 | 100,7 |
| RESTAURANTS AND HOTELS | 104,6 | 101,1 | 100,1 | 105,0 | 101,2 |
| MISCELLANEOUS GOODS AND SERVICES | 102,1 | 100,3 | 99,8 | 102,3 | 100,2 |
| of which: |  |  |  |  |  |
| Personal care | 103,0 | 100,0 | 100,5 | 102,8 | 100,3 |
| of which: |  |  |  |  |  |
| Hairdressing salons and personal grooming establishments | 110,5 | 102,1 | 100,5 | 111,0 | 101,8 |
| Articles for personal hygiene and wellness, esoteric products and beauty products | 101,7 | 99,7 | 100,5 | 101,5 | 100,1 |
| Social protection | 110,4 | 102,7 | 100,4 | 110,7 | 102,3 |
| Insurance | 97,0 | 101,0 | 97,4 | 98,4 | 99,5 |
| Charges by banks and post offices | 147,6 | 99,7 | 98,4 | 148,5 | 102,2 |

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