

Consumer price indices in March 2021

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3.2%

 an increase compared with
the corresponding month
of the previous year

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%).

Table 1. Consumer price indices in March 2021

SPECIFICATION	III 2021			I-III 2021		CONTRIBUTION OF CHANGES II 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

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)

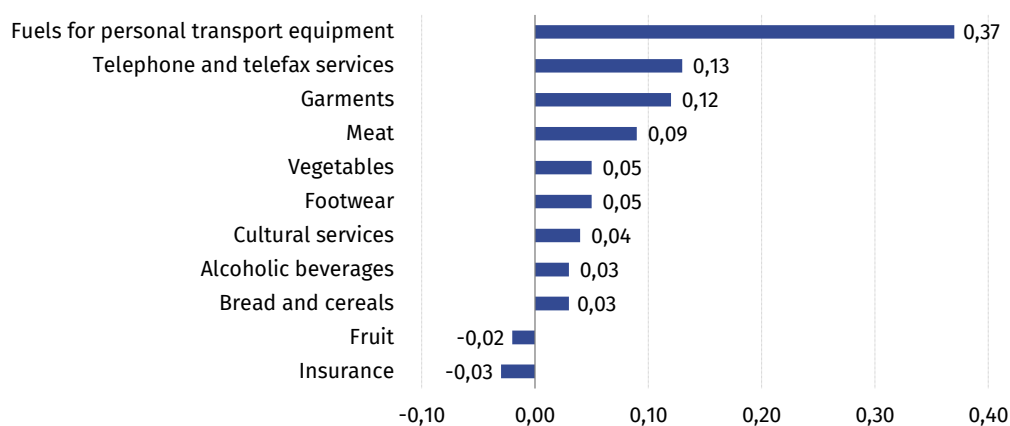


Chart 2. Weighting system used in the compilations of consumer price indices in 2021

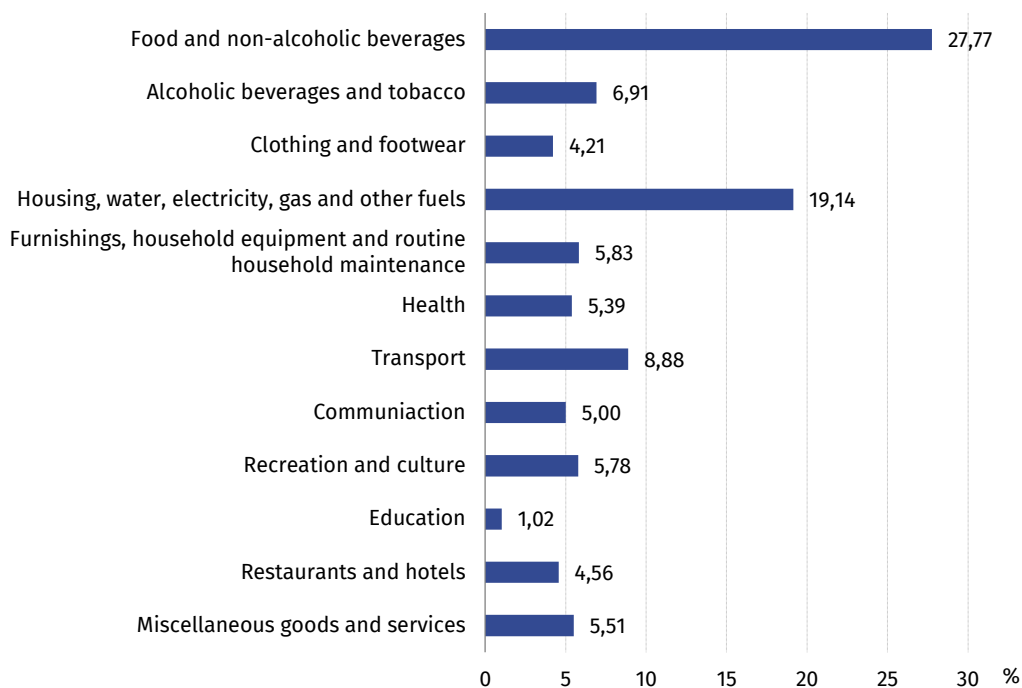


Chart 3. Changes in consumer prices as related to the previous period (in %)

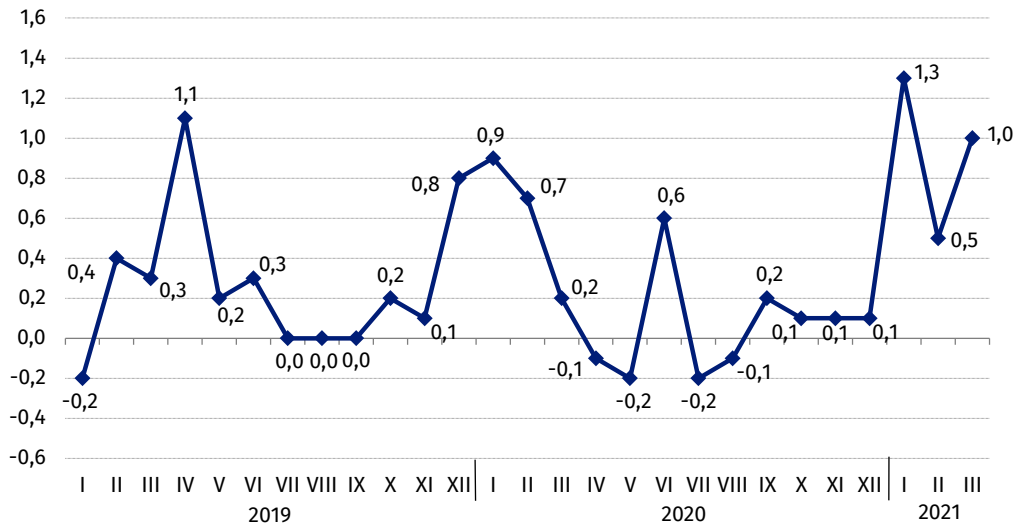
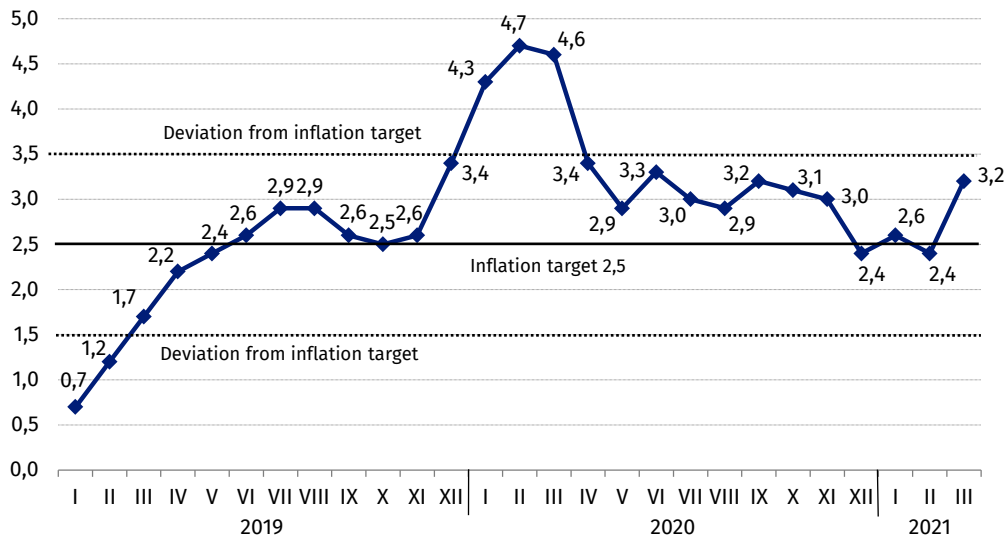


Chart 4. Changes in consumer prices as related to the corresponding period of the previous year (in %)



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 %)

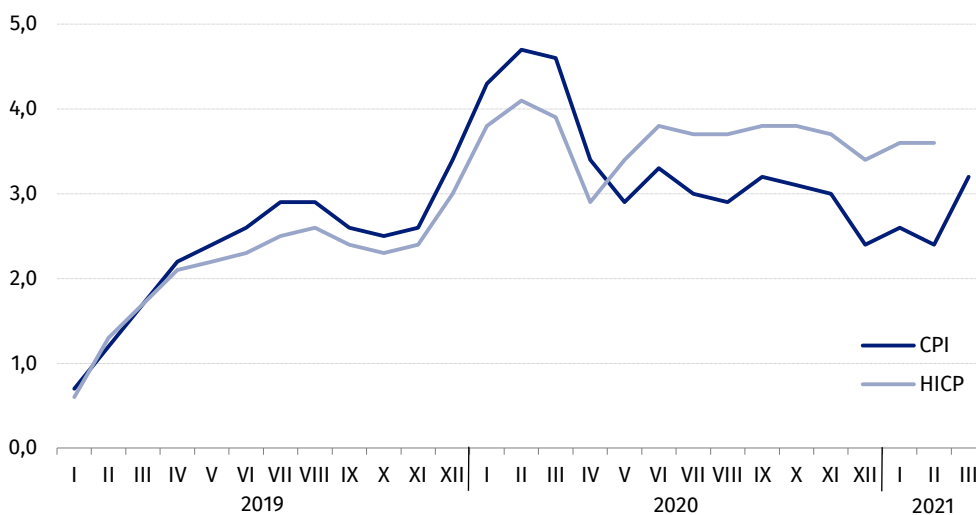


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	III 2020= =100	XII 2020= =100	II 2021= =100	I-III 2020= =100	X-XII 2020= =100
TOTAL	103,2	102,8	101,0	102,7	102,1
Goods	101,9	102,8	101,0	101,4	102,1
Services	107,3	102,7	100,8	107,3	102,0
FOOD, NON-ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES, ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES AND TOBACCO	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 simi- lar 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

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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

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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 services ^u	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 holidays ^u	104,7	102,6	99,9	101,3	102,3
Package domestic holidays ^u	106,4	103,5	99,9	106,2	103,9
Package international holidays ^u	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

^u The share of estimated data for an aggregate more than 50%

The guidelines in the context of the COVID-19 pandemic crisis recommended by Eurostat concerning consumer price indices and weighting system are presented under the link <https://stat.gov.pl/obszary-tematyczne/ceny-handel/wskazniki-cen/wytyczne-dotyczace-opracowania-hicp-w-kontekście-kryzysu-związane-go-z-covid-19,19,1.html>

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