

Consumer price indices in March 2019

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0,3%

an increase compared with the previous month

Consumer prices in March 2019, as related to the previous month, increased by 0,3% (of which goods – by 0,4%, and services – by 0,2%). Compared with the corresponding month of the previous year, consumer prices increased by 1,7% (of which services – by 2,7% and goods – by 1,3%).

Table 1. Consumer price indices in March 2019

SPECIFICATION	III 2019			I-III 2019		CONTRIBUTION OF CHANGES II 2019= =100
	III 2018= =100	XII 2018= =100	II 2019= =100	I-III 2018=100	X-XII 2018=100	
TOTAL	101,7	100,5	100,3	101,2	100,2	x
Food and non-alcoholic beverages	102,6	102,4	100,4	101,8	102,3	0,09
Alcoholic beverages and tobacco	101,5	100,8	100,2	101,4	100,5	0,01
Clothing and footwear	97,6	97,2	103,2	97,1	94,8	0,15
Housing, water, electricity, gas and other fuels	101,0	99,4	100,2	100,6	99,3	0,03
Furnishings, household equipment and routine household maintenance	101,1	100,3	100,1	100,9	100,2	0,01
Health	102,9	100,6	100,1	102,7	100,8	0,00
Transport	103,5	98,0	100,2	102,6	97,5	0,02
Communication	97,5	102,6	99,9	96,8	101,4	0,00
Recreation and culture	101,9	101,5	100,2	101,5	101,4	0,01
Education	103,1	100,5	100,0	103,1	100,5	0,00
Restaurants and hotels	103,6	101,2	100,4	103,4	101,0	0,02
Miscellaneous goods and services	100,7	100,3	99,6	100,7	100,6	-0,02

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 of Clothing and footwear (by 3,2%) and Food (by 0,4%), which increased the index by 0,15 pp and 0,09 pp, respectively. Compared with the corresponding month of the previous year, higher prices of Food (by 2,7%) and related to Transport (by 3,5%) and Dwelling (by 1,0%) increased the index by 0,62 pp, 0,35 pp and 0,25 pp, respectively. Lower prices of Clothing and footwear (by 2,4%) and related to Communication (by 2,5%) decreased the index by 0,12 pp and 0,11 pp, respectively.

Chart 1. Contribution of price changes of selected groups of consumer goods and services in March 2019 (change in pp compared with the previous period)

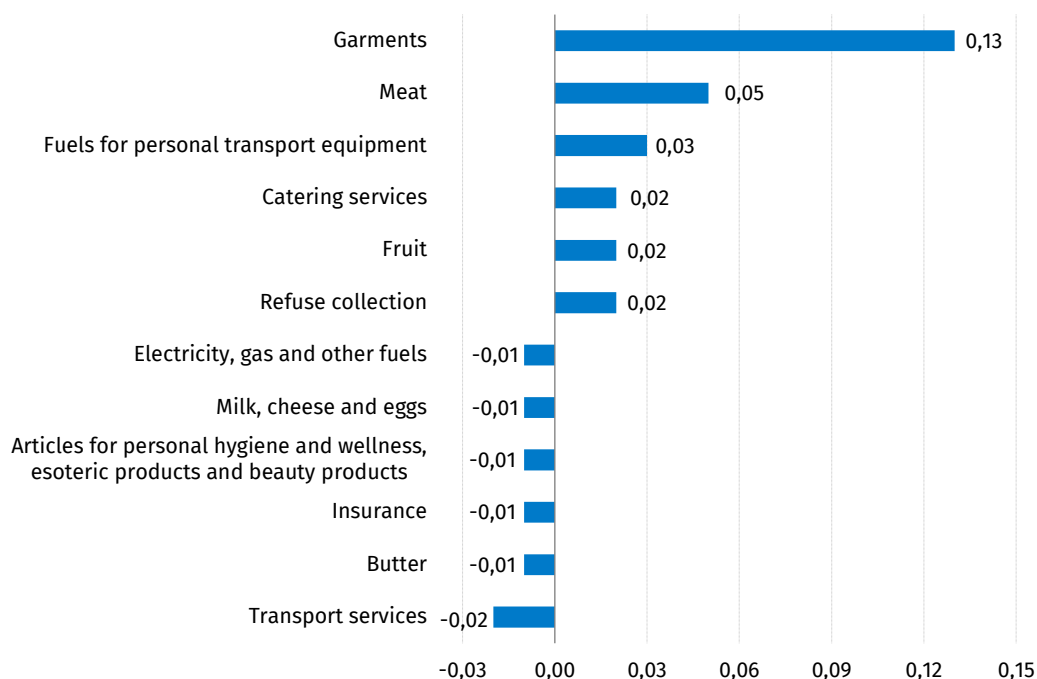
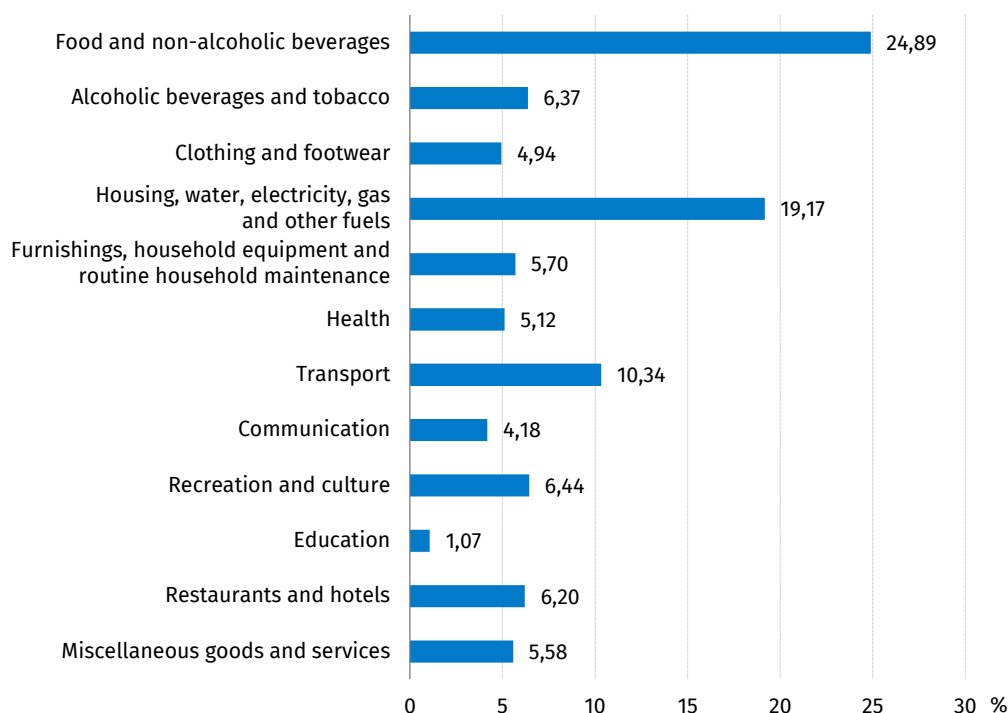


Chart 2. Weighting system used in the compilations of consumer price indices in 2019



In 2019, similarly to previous years, the largest share of expenditures in the compilations of the consumer price index have Food and non-alcoholic beverages (24,89%) and goods and services related to Housing, water, electricity, gas and other fuels (19,17%)

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

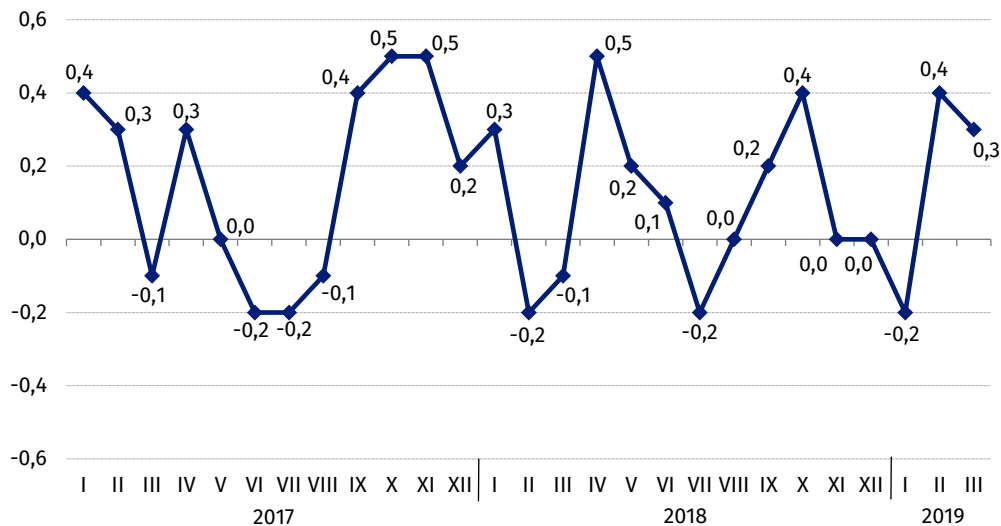
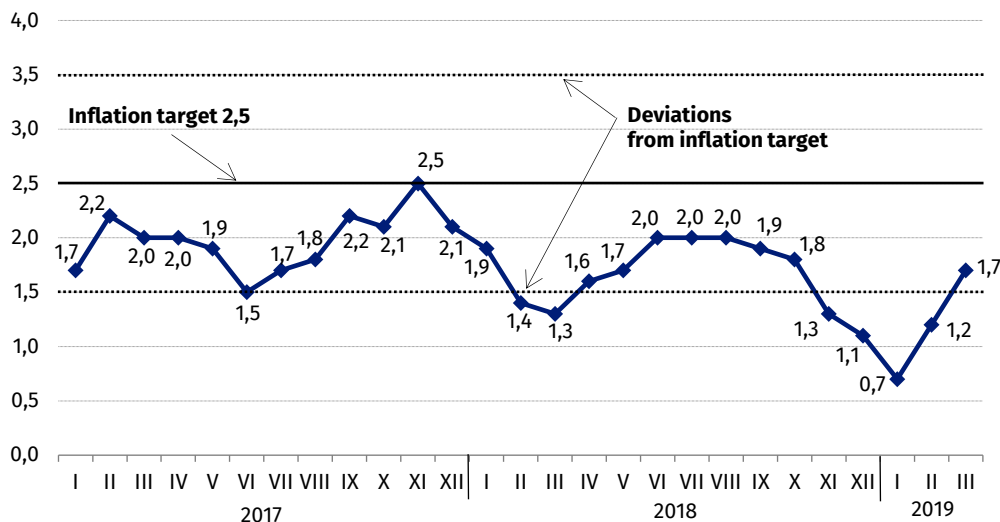


Chart 4. Consumer prices (change in % compared with the corresponding period of the previous year)



In March 2019 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)

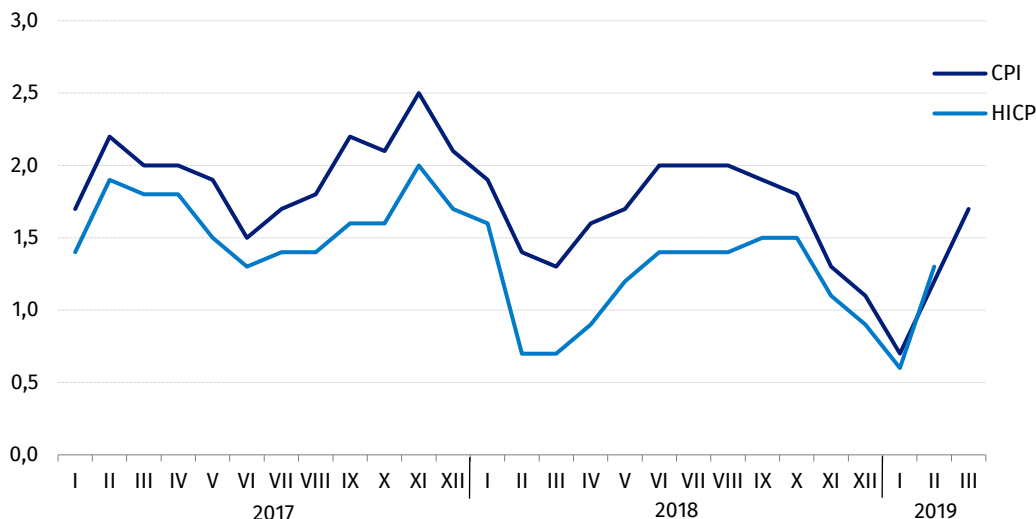


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	III 2018= =100	XII 2018= =100	II 2019= =100	I-III 2018= =100	X-XII 2018= =100
TOTAL	101,7	100,5	100,3	101,2	100,2
Goods	101,3	100,2	100,4	100,8	99,8
Services	102,7	101,4	100,2	102,3	101,4
FOOD, NON-ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES, ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES AND TOBACCO	102,4	102,0	100,3	101,8	101,9
FOOD AND NON-ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES	102,6	102,4	100,4	101,8	102,3
Food	102,7	102,5	100,4	101,9	102,5
of which:					
Rice	101,2	101,4	100,0	101,0	100,9
Flour	109,2	106,1	101,0	107,3	104,6
Bread	109,6	101,8	100,3	109,2	102,4
Pasta products and couscous	102,3	100,9	100,7	102,4	100,8
Meat	100,6	101,0	100,8	100,3	100,1
of which:					
Beef	101,0	99,9	100,2	101,0	100,3
Veal	101,7	100,2	100,1	101,7	100,3
Pork	97,3	98,9	100,3	97,9	99,3
Poultry	102,4	105,9	104,1	100,1	99,9
Dried, salted or smoked meat	101,3	100,6	100,2	101,1	100,3
Fish and seafood	103,0	101,7	100,6	102,7	101,3
Milk, cheese and eggs	99,3	100,0	99,8	98,8	100,1
of which:					
Milk	98,5	99,1	99,1	98,7	99,4
Yoghurt, cream, milk-based desserts, milk-based beverages and other simi- lar milk-based products	101,9	100,7	100,3	101,8	100,6
Cheese and curd	101,6	101,1	100,2	101,3	100,8
Eggs	89,4	96,6	98,1	87,7	97,8
Oils and fats	101,5	99,8	99,0	101,5	99,1
Vegetable fats	100,1	102,5	99,8	99,8	100,7
Animal fats	102,7	97,8	98,4	102,8	97,9
of which butter	103,2	97,8	98,4	103,2	97,8
Fruit	88,7	108,3	101,5	87,2	107,3
Vegetables	116,6	108,6	100,1	113,4	112,4
Sugar	111,2	114,9	102,2	101,9	112,7
Non-alcoholic beverages	101,3	100,8	100,3	101,2	100,4
of which:					
Coffee	100,7	100,5	99,9	101,0	100,3
Tea	100,7	101,1	101,1	100,5	100,4
Cocoa and powdered chocolate	103,7	102,2	99,9	103,3	101,5
Mineral or spring waters	102,6	101,3	101,0	102,3	100,8
Fruit and vegetable juices	101,6	101,3	100,6	101,5	100,3

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

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Liquid petroleum gas and other fuels for personal transport equipment	106,8	89,9	98,0	107,0	90,1
Transport services	102,7	87,6	97,8	102,2	96,5
COMMUNICATION	97,5	102,6	99,9	96,8	101,4
of which:					
Telephone and telefax equipment	89,0	98,6	98,8	89,4	96,7
Telephone and telefax services	97,9	102,8	99,9	97,1	101,5
RECREATION AND CULTURE	101,9	101,5	100,2	101,5	101,4
of which:					
Audio-visual, photographic and information processing equipment	95,2	98,7	99,7	95,2	98,6
Recreational and cultural services	101,9	102,1	100,9	100,9	101,0
of which:					
Recreational and sporting services	103,2	101,6	101,0	103,0	101,1
Cultural services	101,5	102,3	100,9	100,1	100,9
of which television and radio licence fees, subscriptions	100,3	103,5	101,9	97,6	101,0
Books	101,9	98,9	100,7	101,4	99,7
Newspapers and periodicals	105,0	101,0	99,0	106,0	102,9
Stationery and drawing materials	102,8	100,5	100,2	102,9	100,7
Package holidays	103,5	102,7	99,8	102,8	103,3
Package domestic holidays	102,1	101,5	99,2	102,5	101,5
Package international holidays	104,6	103,5	100,2	103,0	104,7
EDUCATION	103,1	100,5	100,0	103,1	100,5
RESTAURANTS AND HOTELS	103,6	101,2	100,4	103,4	101,0
MISCELLANEOUS GOODS AND SERVICES	100,7	100,3	99,6	100,7	100,6
of which:					
Personal care	100,9	100,6	99,8	100,7	100,5
of which:					
Hairdressing salons and personal grooming establishments	104,6	102,4	100,8	104,2	101,9
Articles for personal hygiene and wellness, esoteric products and beauty products	100,2	100,3	99,6	100,1	100,2
Social protection	104,2	102,7	100,5	103,8	102,2
Insurance	99,6	99,4	98,7	100,4	101,1
Charges by banks and post offices	95,8	100,0	100,0	92,3	100,0

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