

Consumer price indices in March 2018

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↓ 0,1%

a decrease compared with
the previous month

Consumer prices in March 2018, compared with the previous month, decreased by 0,1% (of which goods and services by 0,1%). Compared with the corresponding month of the previous year, consumer prices increased by 1,3% (of which services – by 2,0% and goods – by 1,1%).

Table 1. Consumer price indices in March 2018

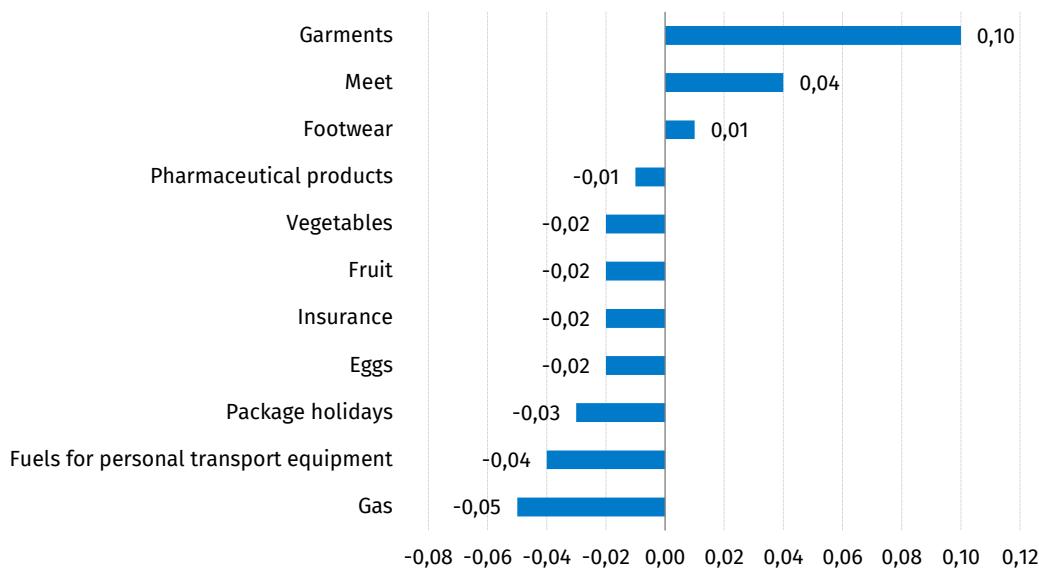
SPECIFICATION	III 2018			I-III 2018		CONTRIBUTION OF CHANGES II 2018= =100
	III 2017= =100	XII 2017= =100	II 2018= =100	I-III 2017=100	X-II 2017=100	
TOTAL	101,3	100,0	99,9	101,5	100,4	x
Food and non-alcoholic beverages	103,7	100,7	99,9	103,9	101,6	-0,02
Alcoholic beverages and tobacco	100,9	100,8	100,1	101,1	100,7	0,00
Clothing and footwear	96,3	96,9	102,3	95,9	94,9	0,11
Housing, water, electricity, gas and other fuels	102,0	100,2	99,8	102,1	100,5	-0,03
Furnishings, household equipment and routine household maintenance	100,0	100,3	99,6	100,3	100,4	-0,02
Health	101,4	100,6	99,9	101,7	100,7	-0,01
Transport	98,1	98,1	99,3	98,3	99,7	-0,06
Communication	100,6	98,8	100,0	101,1	99,2	0,00
Recreation and culture	101,0	100,4	99,5	101,7	101,1	-0,03
Education	102,2	100,4	100,1	102,1	100,4	0,00
Restaurants and hotels	102,9	100,7	100,1	102,9	100,7	0,01
Miscellaneous goods and services	99,6	99,6	99,4	99,8	99,9	-0,03

Compared with the previous month, in March 2018 less was paid mainly for goods and services related to Transport (by 0,7%), Recreation and Culture (by 0,5%) and Furnishings, household equipment and routine household maintenance (by 0,4%)

Contributions of price changes to the total consumer price index

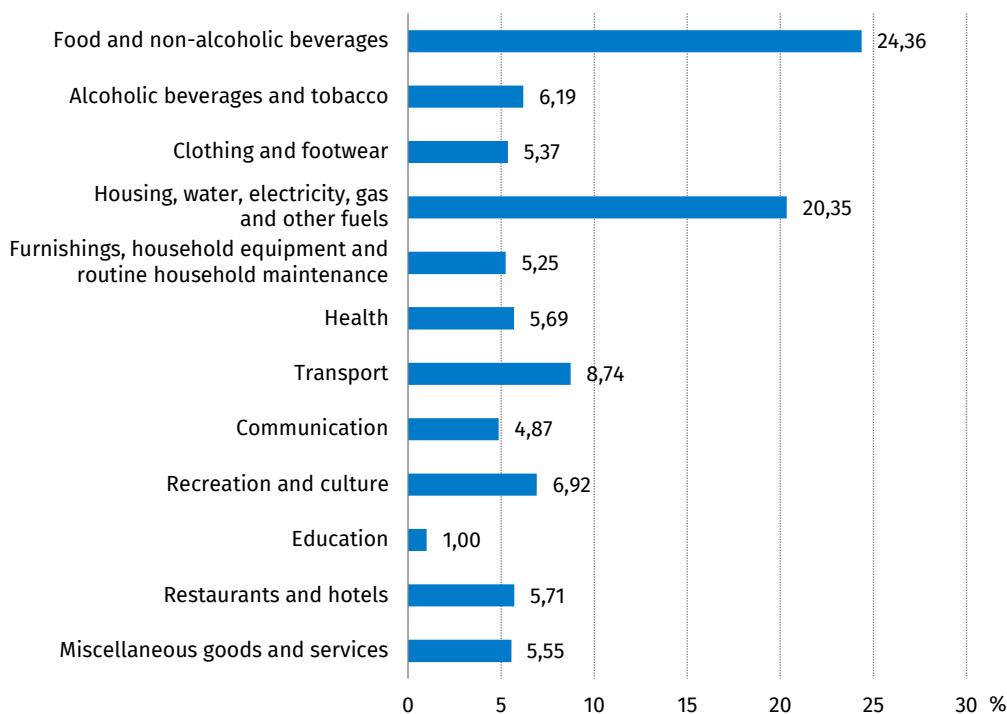
In March of the current year, compared with the previous month, the highest contribution to the total consumer price index came from lower prices related to Transport (by 0,7%) and Dwelling (by 0,2%), which lowered the index by 0,06 pp and 0,05 pp, respectively. Higher prices related to Clothing and footwear (by 2,3%) increased the index by 0,11 pp. Compared with the corresponding month of the previous year, higher prices of Food (by 3,9%) and related to Dwelling (by 1,6%) increased the index by 0,86 pp and 0,42 pp, respectively. Lower prices of Clothing and footwear (by 3,7%) and related to Transport (by 1,9%) lowered the index by 0,20 pp and 0,17 pp, respectively.

Chart 1. Contributions of price changes of selected groups of consumer goods and services in March 2018 (change in pp compared with the previous period)



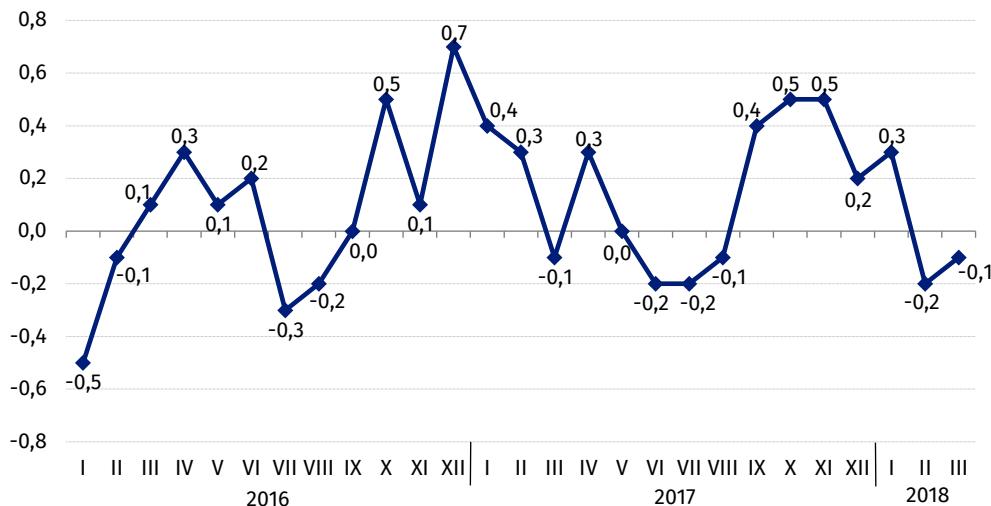
In March 2018, the highest contribution to the total consumer price index came from higher prices of Garments, which increased the index by 0,10 pp

Chart 2. Weighting system used in the compilations of consumer price indices in 2018



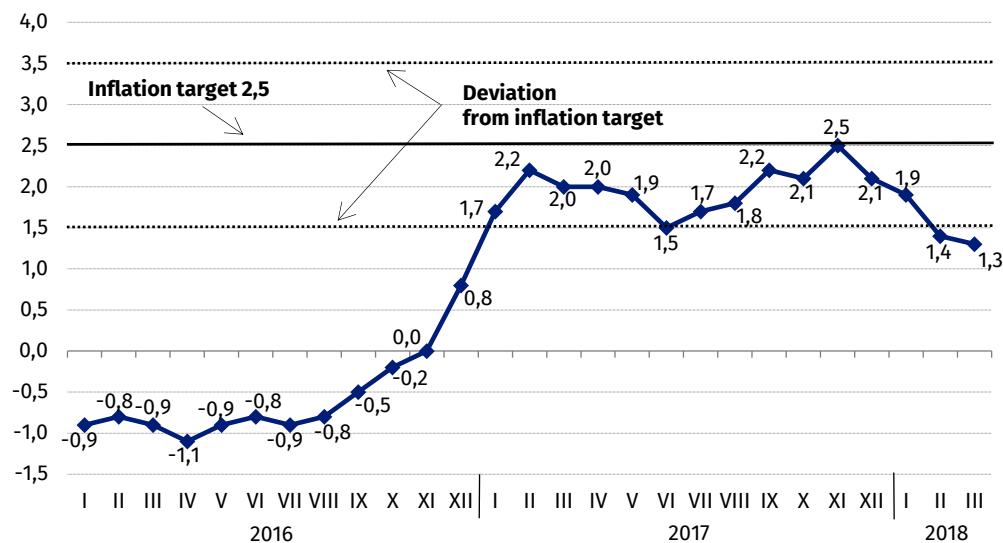
In 2018, similarly to previous years, the largest share of expenditures in the compilations of the consumer price index have Food and non-alcoholic beverages (24,36%) and goods and services related to Housing, water, electricity, gas and other fuels (20,35%)

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



Compared with the previous month, in March 2018 consumer prices decreased by 0,1%

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



In March 2018, consumer price index was below 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)**

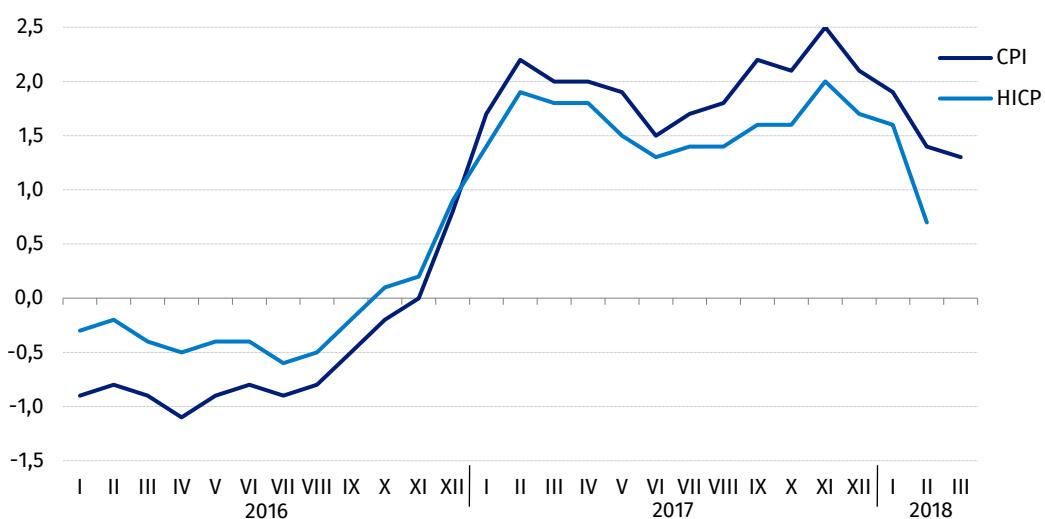


Table 2. Consumer price indices in March 2018

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	III 2017= =100	XII 2017= =100	II 2018= =100	I-III 2017= =100	X-XII 2017= =100
TOTAL	101,3	100,0	99,9	101,5	100,4
Goods	101,1	100,0	99,9	101,2	100,3
Services	102,0	100,0	99,9	102,4	100,4
FOOD, NON-ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES, ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES AND TOBACCO	103,1	100,7	99,9	103,4	101,4
FOOD AND NON-ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES	103,7	100,7	99,9	103,9	101,6
Food	103,9	100,7	99,9	104,2	101,7
of which:					
Rice	101,8	101,2	100,1	101,4	101,0
Flour	99,2	101,4	99,2	100,4	101,6
Bread	104,5	101,4	100,1	104,5	101,7
Pasta products and couscous	102,8	100,5	100,5	102,3	100,1
Meat	103,9	100,1	100,6	104,0	100,0
of which:					
Beef	103,0	100,4	99,8	103,6	101,4
Veal	103,2	100,9	100,0	103,0	100,9
Pork	103,5	98,7	101,3	102,6	98,2
Poultry	104,3	101,8	101,5	105,4	100,8
Dried, salted or smoked meat	104,2	100,0	100,1	104,3	100,2
Fish and seafood	101,0	100,9	100,1	101,0	100,6
Milk, cheese and eggs	107,9	98,7	99,5	109,0	101,5
of which:					
Milk	102,3	99,3	99,6	102,4	100,0
Yoghurt, cream, milk-based desserts, milk-based beverages and other similar milk-based products	107,4	100,7	100,2	108,1	101,4
Cheese and curd	102,9	99,9	100,2	103,1	100,1
Eggs	131,1	92,4	96,5	136,6	106,5
Oils and fats	110,7	96,8	99,5	112,1	96,4
Vegetable fats	101,0	100,5	99,9	101,7	99,5
Animal fats	119,6	94,1	99,2	121,7	94,2
of which butter	120,8	93,7	99,0	123,0	93,7
Fruit	110,9	108,4	98,9	112,0	108,6
Vegetables	99,8	102,2	99,4	99,1	108,4
Sugar	69,9	85,5	97,3	73,7	84,8
Non-alcoholic beverages	101,6	101,2	100,2	101,5	100,7
of which:					
Coffee	102,9	101,2	100,3	103,0	100,5
Tea	101,9	100,6	100,2	102,1	100,7
Cocoa and powdered chocolate	102,4	101,9	99,6	103,0	101,0
Mineral or spring waters	101,1	101,6	100,3	100,5	100,8
Fruit and vegetable juices	102,5	103,2	100,2	102,3	101,9

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ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES AND TOBACCO	100,9	100,8	100,1	101,1	100,7
Alcoholic beverages	100,4	100,7	100,0	100,5	100,6
Tobacco	102,2	100,9	100,2	102,6	101,0
CLOTHING AND FOOTWEAR	96,3	96,9	102,3	95,9	94,9
of which:					
Garments	95,2	97,1	102,9	94,7	94,8
Footwear	98,2	96,3	101,0	98,2	94,7
DWELLING	101,6	100,2	99,8	101,7	100,4
HOUSING, WATER, ELECTRICITY, GAS AND OTHER FUELS	102,0	100,2	99,8	102,1	100,5
of which:					
Actual rentals for housing	103,2	101,2	100,4	103,2	100,9
Water supply	101,1	100,3	100,1	101,3	100,3
Refuse collection	104,1	102,6	100,3	103,9	102,1
Sewage collection	101,7	100,6	100,0	101,9	100,7
Electricity, gas and other fuels	101,7	99,6	99,5	101,7	100,1
Electricity	100,0	100,0	100,0	100,0	100,0
Gas	98,3	97,9	97,9	98,4	99,4
Liquid and solid fuels	108,5	99,8	99,8	108,9	100,8
Heat energy	100,7	100,3	100,0	100,5	100,3
FURNISHINGS, HOUSEHOLD EQUIPMENT AND ROUTINE HOUSEHOLD MAINTENANCE	100,0	100,3	99,6	100,3	100,4
of which:					
Furniture and furnishings	100,6	101,0	99,8	100,8	100,7
Household appliances	98,9	100,2	99,7	98,9	100,5
Cleaning and maintenance products	98,9	99,7	98,8	99,5	100,2
Domestic services and household services	104,0	101,2	100,2	104,1	101,3
HEALTH	101,4	100,6	99,9	101,7	100,7
of which:					
Pharmaceutical products	100,1	100,1	99,6	100,5	100,3
Therapeutic appliances and equipment	101,6	100,0	99,9	101,8	100,4
Medical services	104,0	101,3	100,4	104,0	101,2
Dental services	104,1	101,6	100,4	104,2	101,4
Hospital services	100,3	101,1	98,9	100,0	101,6
TRANSPORT	98,1	98,1	99,3	98,3	99,7
of which:					
Purchase of vehicles	94,8	99,0	99,5	94,5	99,7
Motor cars	94,5	98,9	99,4	94,2	99,6
Fuels for personal transport equipment	97,7	98,4	99,1	97,9	100,0
Diesel	98,7	99,0	99,4	98,5	100,7
Petrol	98,1	98,7	99,3	98,4	100,1
Liquid petroleum gas and other fuels for personal transport equipment	91,7	94,2	97,5	93,6	96,9

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Transport services	100,8	92,0	98,5	101,6	96,9
COMMUNICATION	100,6	98,8	100,0	101,1	99,2
of which:					
Telephone and telefax equipment	86,5	96,5	99,7	86,6	95,9
Telephone and telefax services	101,1	98,8	100,0	101,5	99,3
RECREATION AND CULTURE	101,0	100,4	99,5	101,7	101,1
of which:					
Audio-visual, photographic and information processing equipment	97,0	98,9	99,7	97,2	98,9
Recreational and cultural services	101,6	101,0	100,3	102,8	101,4
of which:					
Recreational and sporting services	102,0	100,8	100,5	102,1	100,5
Cultural services	101,6	101,1	100,3	103,0	101,7
of which television and radio licence fees, subscriptions	100,6	101,2	100,3	103,3	102,4
Books	94,2	99,4	98,8	93,6	100,5
Newspapers and periodicals	103,4	102,1	100,5	104,1	101,8
Stationery and drawing materials	102,1	100,7	100,2	102,1	100,7
Package holidays	101,4	99,3	98,4	102,5	101,2
Package domestic holidays	103,0	100,8	99,6	102,7	101,1
Package international holidays	100,0	98,0	97,4	102,2	101,2
EDUCATION	102,2	100,4	100,1	102,1	100,4
RESTAURANTS AND HOTELS	102,9	100,7	100,1	102,9	100,7
MISCELLANEOUS GOODS AND SERVICES	99,6	99,6	99,4	99,8	99,9
of which:					
Personal care	100,3	100,4	99,6	100,3	100,5
of which:					
Hairdressing salons and personal grooming establishments	103,6	101,4	100,3	103,6	101,3
Articles for personal hygiene and wellness, esoteric products and beauty products	99,7	100,2	99,5	99,7	100,4
Social protection	103,5	102,1	100,1	103,8	102,0
Insurance	96,5	97,1	98,0	97,5	97,8
Charges by banks and post offices	85,7	89,9	100,0	90,5	93,2

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