

## Consumer price index (CPI) February 2012

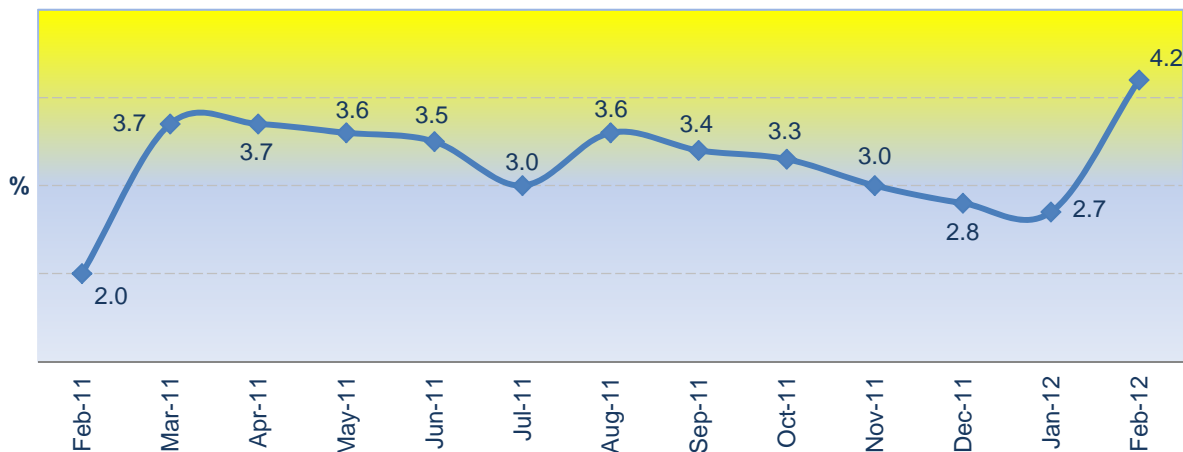
**Monthly inflation in January increased +1.0%, while the annual inflation was 4.2%.**

*Monthly inflation measured by Consumer price index increased +1.0% in February. This was influenced mostly by the increase in prices of food (fruits and vegetables), tobacco and solid fuels.*

*When observing the main groups, monthly growth of prices was noticed in the following groups: Alcoholic beverages and tobacco (+3.1%); Housing, water, electricity, gas and other fuels (+3.1%); Miscellaneous goods and services (2.3%); Food and non-alcoholic beverages (+1.8%); while a decrease in prices is recorded in groups: Clothing and footwear (-3.1%); Health (-0.3%); Recreation and culture (-0.3%); Furnishing, household equipment and routine household maintenance (-0.1%). Prices in the groups: Transport; Communications; Education; Hotels and restaurants remain at the same level as in the previous month.*

*Positive annual inflation rates in February were observed in the following groups: Alcoholic beverages and tobacco (+24.8%); Housing, water, electricity, gas and other fuels (+8.5%); Health (+6.6%); Transport (+5.8%); Miscellaneous goods and services (+5.4%); Food and non-alcoholic beverages (+3.3%); Communications (+1.0%); while negative annual inflation rates were observed in the following groups: Clothing and footwear (-2.2%); Recreation and culture (-0.7%); Hotels and restaurants (-0.5%); Education (-0.3%); Furnishing, household equipment and routine household maintenance (-0.1%).*

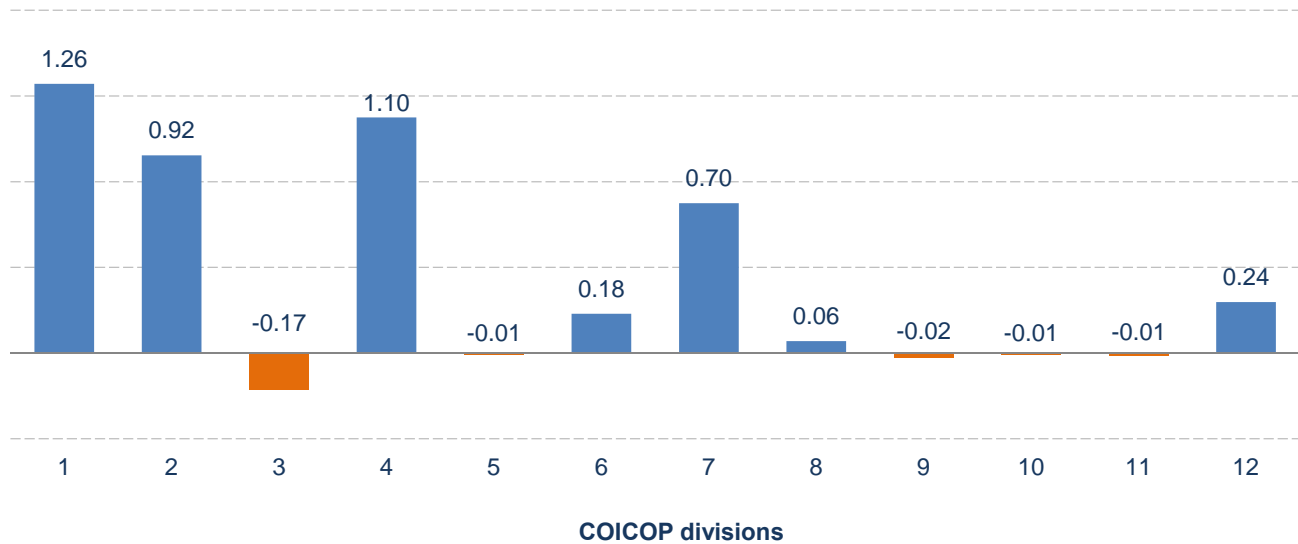
**Consumer price index (CPI),  
 annual rates**



**Table 1. Inflation rates measured by CPI, in %**

Naziv		Weights ‰	Feb 2012 Ø 2011	Feb 2012 Jan 2012	Feb 2012 Feb 2011	Jan-Feb 2012 Jan-Feb 2011
<b>00</b>	<b>CPI - total</b>	<b>1 000.0</b>	<b>2.5</b>	<b>1.0</b>	<b>4.2</b>	<b>4.2</b>
01	Food and non-alcoholic beverages	375.5	1.6	1.8	3.3	3.2
02	Alcoholic beverages and tobacco	37.2	15.6	3.1	24.8	23.3
03	Clothing and footwear	76.1	-2.8	-3.1	-2.2	-0.8
04	Housing, water, electricity, gas and other fuels	128.7	8.4	3.1	8.5	7.0
05	Furnishing, household equipment and routine household maintenance	49.4	-	-0.1	-0.1	-0.1
06	Health	28.0	3.0	-0.3	6.6	8.2
07	Transport	121.6	1.4	-	5.8	7.0
08	Communications	55.8	0.5	-	1.0	1.0
09	Recreation and culture	32.1	-0.4	-0.3	-0.7	-0.9
10	Education	21.8	-0.2	-	-0.3	-0.3
11	Restaurants and hotels	29.6	-0.6	-	-0.5	-0.4
12	Miscellaneous goods and services	44.2	4.1	2.3	5.4	4.1

**Diagram 1. Impacts of divisions on the annual inflation rate (in %), February 2012**



**Table 2. Inflation rates presented by divisions. groups measured by CPI, in %**

<b>COICOP /HICP</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>Weights ‰</b>	<b>Feb 2012 Ø 2011</b>	<b>Feb 2012 Jan 2012</b>	<b>Feb 2012 Feb 2011</b>	<b>Jan-Feb 2012 Jan-Feb 2011</b>
<b>00</b>	<b>CPI – total</b>	<b>1000.0</b>	<b>2.5</b>	<b>1.0</b>	<b>4.2</b>	<b>4.2</b>
<b>01</b>	<b>FOOD AND NON-ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES</b>	<b>375.5</b>	<b>1.6</b>	<b>1.8</b>	<b>3.3</b>	<b>3.2</b>
011	Food	354.6	1.7	1.9	3.5	3.3
012	Non-alcoholic beverages	20.9	0.7	0.2	0.9	1.5
<b>02</b>	<b>ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES AND TOBACCO</b>	<b>37.2</b>	<b>15.6</b>	<b>3.1</b>	<b>24.8</b>	<b>23.3</b>
021	Alcoholic beverages	15.4	4.0	1.2	5.9	6.0
022	Tobacco	21.8	23.8	4.4	38.8	35.9
<b>03</b>	<b>CLOTHING AND FOOTWEAR</b>	<b>76.1</b>	<b>-2.8</b>	<b>-3.1</b>	<b>-2.2</b>	<b>-0.8</b>
031	Clothing	44.5	-4.2	-5.3	-3.5	-0.9
032	Footwear	31.6	-0.9	0.1	-0.6	-0.7
<b>04</b>	<b>Housing. water. electricity. gas and other fuels</b>	<b>128.7</b>	<b>8.4</b>	<b>3.1</b>	<b>8.5</b>	<b>7.0</b>
041	Actual rentals	11.1	1.1	1.1	1.1	0.5
043	Maintenance and repair of the dwelling	8.8	-2.1	0.1	-4.8	-3.4
044	Water supply and miscellaneous services relating to the dwelling	13.9	18.2	-	37.0	37.0
045	Electricity. gas. and other fuels	94.9	8.4	4.0	6.4	4.3
<b>05</b>	<b>Furnishing. household equipment and routine household maintenance</b>	<b>49.4</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-0.1</b>	<b>-0.1</b>	<b>-0.1</b>
051	Furniture and furnishings. carpets and other floor coverings	12.6	-1.6	-0.6	-3.3	-3.1
052	Household textiles	2.5	6.1	3.2	8.6	6.9
053	Household appliances	15.1	-	-	-	0.1
054	Glassware. tableware and household utensils	1.9	1.1	-0.2	1.7	1.7
055	Tools and equipment for house and garden	1.6	1.6	-	4.3	3.0
056	Goods and services for routine household maintenance	15.7	-0.6	-0.4	-0.7	-0.5
<b>06</b>	<b>HEALTH</b>	<b>28.0</b>	<b>3.0</b>	<b>-0.3</b>	<b>6.6</b>	<b>8.2</b>
061	Medical products. appliances and equipment	20.0	3.2	-0.5	7.6	9.0
062	Out-patient services	8.0	2.5	-	3.8	5.9

<b>07</b>	<b>TRANSPORT</b>	<b>121.6</b>	<b>1.4</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>5.8</b>	<b>7.0</b>
071	Purchase of vehicles	13.3	-	-	-	-
072	Operation of personal transport equipment	68.3	1.2	-	3.8	5.0
073	Transport services	40.0	2.1	-	11.0	12.8
<b>08</b>	<b>COMMUNICATIONS</b>	<b>55.8</b>	<b>0.5</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>1.0</b>	<b>1.0</b>
081	Postal services	2.1	6.0	-	12.7	12.7
08.x	Telephone and telefax equipment and telephone and telefax services	53.7	0.4	-	0.9	0.9
<b>09</b>	<b>RECREATION AND CULTURE</b>	<b>32.1</b>	<b>-0.4</b>	<b>-0.3</b>	<b>-0.7</b>	<b>-0.9</b>
091	Audio-visual, photographic and information processing equipment	8.3	-1.5	-0.1	-2.4	-2.7
092	Other major durables for recreation and culture	0.3	0.2	-	0.4	0.4
093	Other recreational items and equipment, gardens and pets	3.3	-0.1	-	-0.8	-0.6
094	Recreational and cultural services	1.3	0.3	-	0.5	1.3
095	Newspapers, books and stationery	18.9	-0.1	-0.4	-	-0.3
<b>10</b>	<b>EDUCATION</b>	<b>21.8</b>	<b>-0.2</b>	<b>-0.5</b>	<b>-0.3</b>	<b>-0.3</b>
10x	Pre-primary and primary, secondary, tertiary and education not definable by level	21.8	-0.2	-0.5	-0.3	-0.3
<b>11</b>	<b>RESTAURANTS AND HOTELS</b>	<b>29.6</b>	<b>-0.6</b>	<b>1.2</b>	<b>-0.5</b>	<b>-0.4</b>
111	Catering services	20.6	-0.7	2.2	-0.7	-0.6
112	Accommodation services	9.0	1.1	-0.5	2.2	2.2
<b>12</b>	<b>MISCELLANEOUS GOODS AND SERVICES</b>	<b>44.2</b>	<b>4.1</b>	<b>0.6</b>	<b>5.4</b>	<b>4.1</b>
121	Personal care	37.2	4.4	1.1	5.7	4.3
123	Personal effects n.e.c.	3.2	4.9	-0.8	7.8	6.5
124	Social protection	1.0	-	2.9	-	-
125	Insurance	0.6	3.9	2.3	5.4	6.6
126	Financial services n.e.c.	2.0	-	-	-	-
127	Other services n.e.c	0.2	-1.2	-2.2	-2.2	-3.4

**Table 3. Groups with most important impacts on monthly inflation rate, February 2012**

COICOP/ HICP	Group	Weights ‰	monthly inflation %	influence in percentage points
011	Food	354.6	1.9	0.67
045	Electricity, gas and other fuels	94.9	4.0	0.38
121	Personal care	37.2	2.6	0.10
022	Tobacco	21.8	4.4	0.09
021	Alcoholic beverages	15.4	1.2	0.02
041	Actual rentals for housing	11.1	1.1	0.01
052	Household textiles	2.5	3.2	0.01
012	Non-alcoholic beverages	20.9	0.2	0.01
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091	Audio-visual, photographic and information processing equipment	8.3	-0.1	0.00
056	Goods and services for routine household maintenance	15.7	-0.4	-0.01
095	Newspapers, books and stationery	18.9	-0.4	-0.01
051	Furniture and furnishings, carpets and other floor coverings	12.6	-0.6	-0.01
061	Medical products, appliances and equipment	20.0	-0.5	-0.01
031	Clothing	44.5	-5.3	-0.24

**Table 4. Groups with most important impacts on annual inflation rate, February 2012**

COICOP/ HICP	Group	Weights ‰	monthly inflation %	influence in percentage points
011	Food	354.6	3.5	1.23
022	Tobacco	21.8	38.8	0.85
045	Electricity, gas and other fuels	94.9	6.4	0.60
044	Water supply and miscellaneous services relating to the dwelling	13.9	37.0	0.51
073	Transport services	40	11.0	0.44
072	Operation of personal transport equipment	68.3	3.8	0.26
121	Personal care	37.2	5.7	0.21
061	Medical products, appliances and equipment	20	7.6	0.15
021	Alcoholic beverages	15.4	5.9	0.09
08.x	Telephone and telefax equipment and telephone and telefax services	53.7	0.9	0.05
062	Out-patient services	8	3.8	0.03
081	Postal services	2.1	12.7	0.03
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111	Catering services	20.6	-0.7	-0.01
032	Footwear	31.6	-0.6	-0.02
091	Audio-visual, photographic and information processing equipment	8.3	-2.4	-0.02
051	Furniture and furnishings, carpets and other floor coverings	12.6	-3.3	-0.04
043	Maintenance and repair of the dwelling	8.8	-4.8	-0.04
031	Clothing	44.5	-3.5	-0.16

## METHODOLOGICAL NOTES

**Consumer price indices** (CPI) are the most important short-term indicators and the basis for taking decisions in the area of economy and finance. Since January 2009 they are used as *official measure of inflation* in Montenegro.

Consumer price index is used for harmonising wages and salaries in accordance with collective contracts, pensions, and social benefits. Also, it is used for deflating certain macroeconomic aggregates in national accounts statistics and for other purposes.

*Consumer price index* is defined as measure of average price change of fixed good and service basket bought by household for the purposes of satisfying its needs.

*Weights* used for calculating the consumer price index express a relative importance of selected products and services in total household consumption at the domestic territory.

Product list is regularly revised so that its representative status related to consumption structure and consumer habits is preserved.

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**The influence of certain groups on inflation rate** indicates how much that group has influenced on the total inflation rate. The influence depends on weights and inflation rate of given group. The weights represents a relative share of household consumption of certain groups or subgroup of products in the total consumption. Consequently, weights have an important role in the calculation of inflation rate. They represent "importance" of certain product group in the total household consumption in certain reference period. For example, if during certain month prices of bread increases for 10%, this will influence for approx. 0.5% ( $10 \times 5\% = 0.5\%$  - since the share of bread in the total expenses is 5%). But, if the prices of medicaments increase 12%, this will increase the inflation for 0.06% ( $12 \times 0.5\% = 0.06\%$  - since the share of medicaments in the total expenses 0.5%). This simple example indicates how much large influence have weights on the final number presenting the inflation.

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