

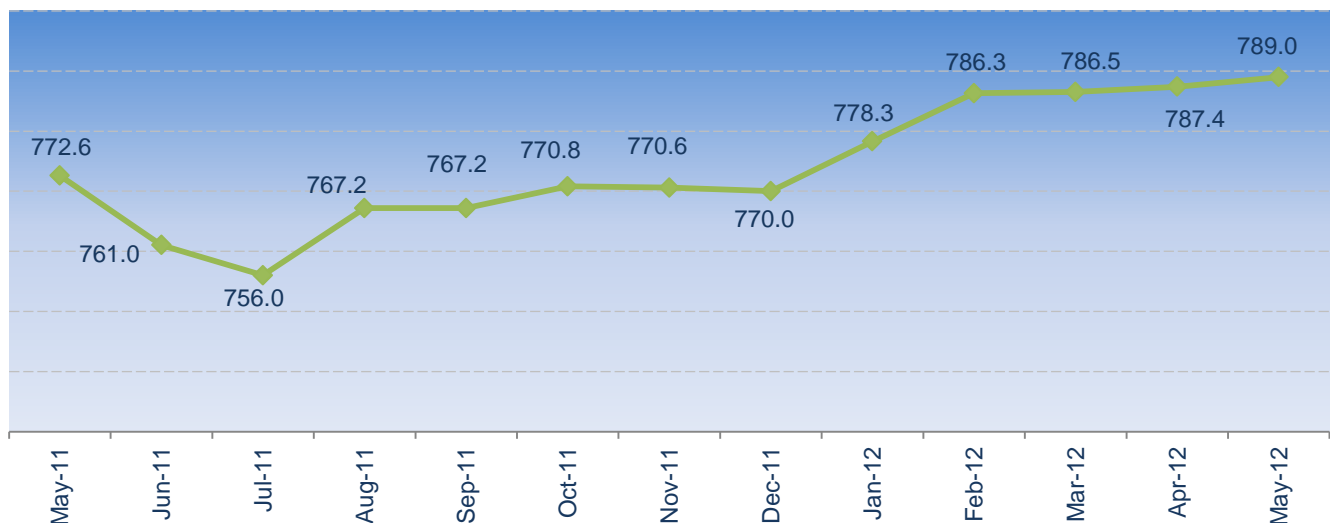
Minimal consumer basket in Montenegro May 2012

The total value of minimal consumer basket for May 2012 amounted 789.0 Euro, of which 257.2 Euro belongs to food and non-alcoholic beverages, 345.4 Euro to non-food products and services and 186.4 Euro to value of imputed rent.

The total value of minimal consumer basket in May 2012 compared with April 2012 increased 0.2%. The value of minimal consumer basket for food and non-alcoholic beverages in May 2012 compared with April 2012 increased 0.2%, for non-food products and services compared with April 2012 increased 0.4%, while the value of imputed rent compared with April 2012 decreased 0.1% .

The value of minimal consumer basket increased 2.1% in May 2012 compared to May 2011, and compared to December 2011 it increased 2.5%.

Chart 1. Minimal consumer basket by months



**Table 1. Value of minimal consumer basket in Montenegro
May 2012**

Product group (food and non-alcoholic beverages)	Monthly expenditures for household with 4 members, in EUR	Nonfood products and services	Value in EUR
Wheat and wheat product	33.1	Clothes and footwear	41.8
Vegetable and vegetable products	36.1	Housing, water, electricity, gas and other fuels	84.5
Fruit and fruit products	34.9	Household furnishing and maintenance	25.4
Fresh and processed meat	47.5	Health	24.6
Fresh and processed fish	5.5	Transport	56.6
Oils and fats	6.6	Communication	35.1
Milk, dairy products, and eggs	75.8	Culture and recreation	19.2
Other food products	16.7	Education	10.7
Non-alcoholic beverages	1.1	Hotels, restaurants and cafes	17.9
		Other goods and services	29.5
Total	257.2	Total	345.4
		Imputed rent	186.4

METHODOLOGICAL NOTES

The value of minimal consumer basket is the sum of expenditures for food and other expenditures covering bought products, own production, and gifts for an average household consisting of four members, two adults and two children. When defining minimal expenditures for food and non-alcoholic beverage, the necessary quantity of minimal calories is 2.211 calories per day per inhabitant, based on the best practice of nutritionist.

The value of minimal consumer basket covers: expenditures for minimum of necessary food and non-alcoholic beverages (comprising 130 food products); expenditures for minimum necessary non food products and services and value of imputed rent.

For calculating the value of minimal food and non-alcoholic beverage basket of 130 products, an average price in current months is used, multiplied with monthly quantity in kg for four-member household. For calculating the value of non-food products and services and imputed rent basket, indices of consumer prices (CPI) are used. Imputed rent is an estimated value of rent for household living in its own dwelling.

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