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Minimal consumer basket in Montenegro February 2013

The total value of minimal consumer basket for February 2013 amounted 799.8 Euro, of which 253.7 Euro belongs to food and non-alcoholic beverages, 351.1 Euro to non-food products and services and 195.0 Euro to value of imputed rent.

The total value of minimal consumer basket in February 2013 compared with January 2013 increased 0.05%. The value of minimal consumer basket for food and non-alcoholic beverages in February 2013 compared with January 2013 increased 0.6%, for non-food products and services compared with January 2013 decreased 0.1%, while the value of imputed rent compared with January 2013 decreased 0.4%.

The value of minimal consumer basket increased 1.7% in February 2013 compared to February 2012. and compared to December 2012 it increased 0.05%.



Minimal consumer basket by months

Value of minimal consumer basket in Montenegro February 2013

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	33.2	Clothes and footwear	42.9
Vegetable and vegetable		Housing, water, eletricity, gas and other	
products	38.6	fuels	88.4
Fruit and fruit products	29.2	Household furnishing and maintenance	24.6
Fresh and processed meat	47.7	Health	25.0
Fresh and processed fish	5.8	Transport	56.2
Oils and fats	7.6	Communication	36.2
Milk, diary products, and eggs	73.9	Culture and recreation	19.3
Other food products	16.5	Education	10.7
Non-alcoholic beverages	1.2	Hotels, restaurants and cafes	17.4
		Other goods and services	30.4
Total	253.7	Total	351.1
		Imputed rent	195.0

METHODOLOGICAL EXPLANATIONS

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 nonalcoholic 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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