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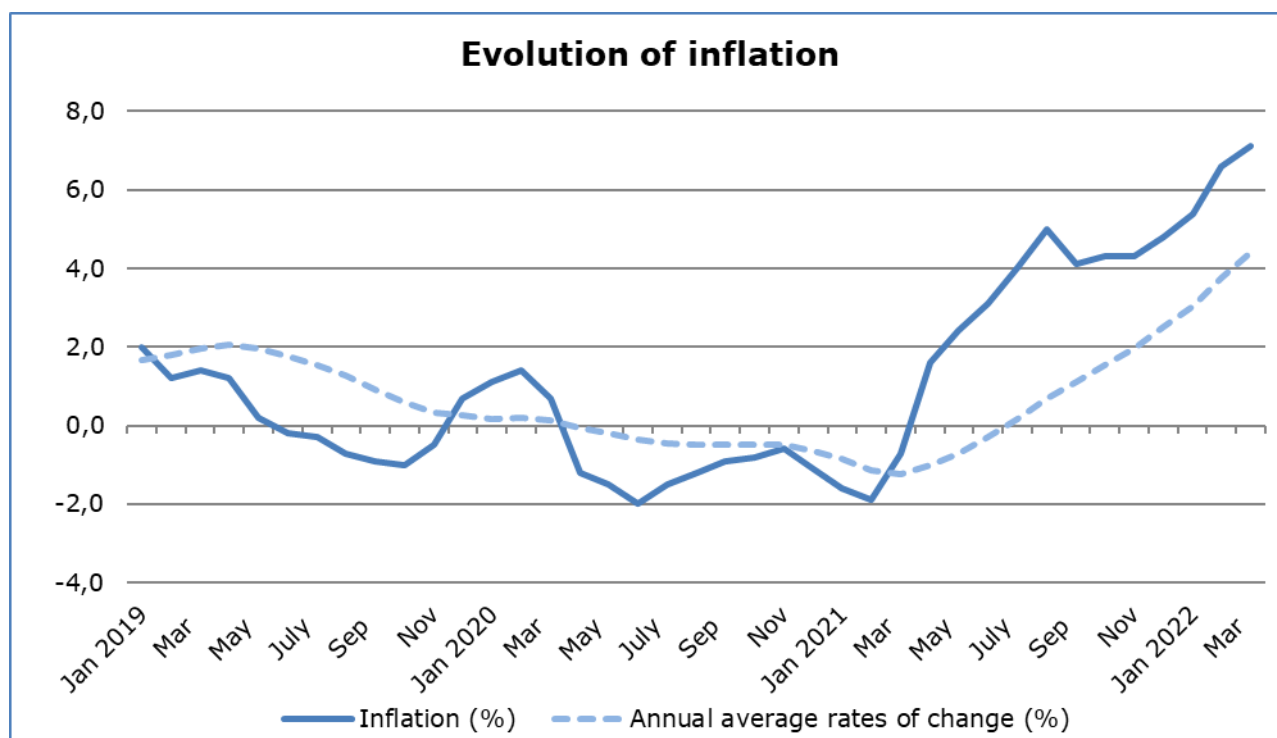
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CONSUMER PRICE INDEX (CPI): MARCH 2022

Inflation 7,1%

In March 2022, the Consumer Price Index increased by 1,94 units and reached 107,78 units compared to 105,84 units in February 2022. In March 2022, the inflation increased by 7,1%. (Table 1)

For the period January-March 2022, the CPI increased by 6,4% compared to the corresponding period of the previous year.



As regards the economic origin, the largest changes when compared to the index of March 2021 were recorded in *Electricity* (31,9%), in *Petroleum Products* (27,3%) and in *Agricultural Goods* (18,2%). In comparison to the index of the previous month, the largest change was monitored in *Electricity* (7,9%). (Table 2)

Analysis of percentage changes

Compared to March 2021, the largest changes were monitored in the categories *Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas and Other Fuels* (16,6%) and *Transport* (14,0%). (Table 1)

In comparison to the CPI of the previous month, the largest change was noted in *Clothing and Footwear* (8,7%). (Table 1)

For the period January – March 2022, compared to the corresponding period of the previous year, the largest changes were recorded in *Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas and Other Fuels* (14,7%) and *Transport* (14,1%). (Table 1)

Analysis of effects in units

Compared to the Index of March 2021, the categories *Transport* (2,09), *Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas and Other Fuels* (1,97) and *Food and non-Alcoholic Beverages* (1,78) had the largest effect on the change of the CPI. (Table 3)

The category *Clothing and Footwear* (0,59) had the largest effect on the change of the CPI compared to the previous month. (Table 3)

Petroleum Products (2,12), *Electricity* (1,04) and *Fresh Vegetables* (0,91) had the most notable effect on the change of the CPI of March 2022 compared to March 2021. (Table 4)

Finally, *Clothing* (0,40), *Petroleum Products* (0,35) and *Electricity* (0,31) had the largest positive effect on the change of the CPI of March 2022 compared to the previous month. (Table 5)

Table 1

Categories of Goods and Services	CPI (2015=100)		Change (%)		
	February 2022	March 2022	Mar 22/ Mar 21	Mar 22/ Feb 22	Jan- Mar 22/ Jan- Mar 21
Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages	107,66	109,26	9,35	1,49	6,98
Alcoholic Beverages and Tobacco	98,43	98,25	0,76	-0,18	0,74
Clothing and Footwear	94,32	102,56	2,80	8,74	3,67
Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas and Other Fuels	119,84	124,13	16,56	3,58	14,65
Furnishings, Household Equipment and Routine Maintenance of the House	96,58	98,31	3,17	1,79	2,31
Health	103,33	103,38	0,75	0,05	0,90
Transport	109,28	111,62	14,04	2,14	14,06
Communication	93,65	93,76	2,49	0,12	2,42
Recreation and Culture	104,31	104,74	2,64	0,41	2,33
Education	107,36	107,36	0,56	0,00	0,56
Restaurants and Hotels	109,50	109,92	4,72	0,38	4,14
Miscellaneous Goods and Services	101,91	102,29	1,88	0,37	1,63
General Consumer Price Index	105,84	107,78	7,13	1,83	6,37

Table 2

Economic Origin	Weights	Change (%)	
		Mar 22/ Mar 21	Mar 22/ Feb 22
Agricultural goods	655	18,17	1,39
Industrial goods (excl. petroleum products)	4195	3,61	2,52
Electricity	319	31,91	7,85
Petroleum products	550	27,31	3,55
Water	57	0,00	0,00
Services	4224	2,59	0,35
General Index	10000	7,13	1,83

Table 3

Categories of Goods and Services	Weights	Effect (units)	
		Mar 22/ Mar 21	Mar 22/ Feb 22
Food and non-Alcoholic Beverages	1906	1,78	0,30
Alcoholic Beverages, Tobacco	347	0,03	-0,01
Clothing and Footwear	721	0,20	0,59
Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas and Other Fuels	1119	1,97	0,48
Furnishings, Household Equipment and Routine Maintenance of the House	644	0,19	0,11
Health	637	0,05	0,00
Transport	1524	2,09	0,36
Communication	439	0,10	0,00
Recreation and Culture	575	0,15	0,02
Education	392	0,02	0,00
Restaurants and Hotels	836	0,41	0,04
Miscellaneous Goods and Services	860	0,16	0,03
General Consumer Price Index	10000	7,17	1,94

Note: Totals are calculated on the basis of the effects of the categories with infinite decimal figures and rounded up to two decimals when published. Figures June not add to totals due to rounding error.

Table 4

Goods/Services	Effect (units)
	Mar 22/ Mar 21
<i>Positive effect</i>	
Petroleum products	2,12
Electricity	1,04
Fresh vegetables	0,91
Catering services	0,41
Purchase of cars	0,30
Services for the maintenance and repair of the dwelling	0,29
Other goods and services	2,10
TOTAL	7,17

Table 5

Goods/Services	Effect (units)
	Mar 22/ Feb 22
<i>Positive effect</i>	
Clothing	0,40
Petroleum products	0,35
Electricity	0,31
Footwear	0,20
Other goods and services	0,68
TOTAL	1,94

METHODOLOGICAL NOTES

Definitions

The **Consumer Price Index (CPI)** is compiled to measure the changes of prices over time of consumer goods and services acquired, used or paid by households. Specifically, the national CPI of Cyprus covers the consumption expenses of specific goods and services (shopping basket of goods and services), of the resident households and of the households that intend to live in Cyprus for at least one year. CPI is the official index for the estimation of inflation.

The **Inflation** shows the change of the CPI when compared with the index of the corresponding month of the previous year.

The **Effect** represents the amount of the overall change in the General Index which is accounted for by any given category.

Collection

The price collection is carried out only in urban districts of Nicosia, Larnaca, Limassol and Paphos. For each city, the fluctuations in the product prices each month, are weighted according to their population. Specifically, the weights for the four districts are: Nicosia 42%, Limassol 30%, Larnaca 18% and Paphos 10%.

The prices of 805 goods and services are recorded once every month, except for some seasonal products (e.g vegetables and fruits), meat and fuels, whose prices are collected every week (every Thursday).

Base year

The index reference period was 2005=100 for the period between January 2006 and January 2015. From January 2016 and onwards, the base year is 2015=100.

Classification

Until January 2015, COICOP 4 classification was used for the calculation and the dissemination of the CPI. From January 2016 and onwards, CYPSTAT is adopting the ECOICOP classification satisfying relevant Eurostat's Regulation. In other words, the lowest level of detail for the classification used in CPI is COICOP 5-digits.

Products/Services and weights

From January 2018 and onwards, the products included in the CPI as well as their corresponding weights have been revised. The revision was based on the results of the Household Budget Survey 2015/2016.

For more information:

CYPSTAT Portal, subtheme [Price Indices](#)

[CYPSTAT-DB](#) (Online Database)

[Predefined Tables](#) (Excel)

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