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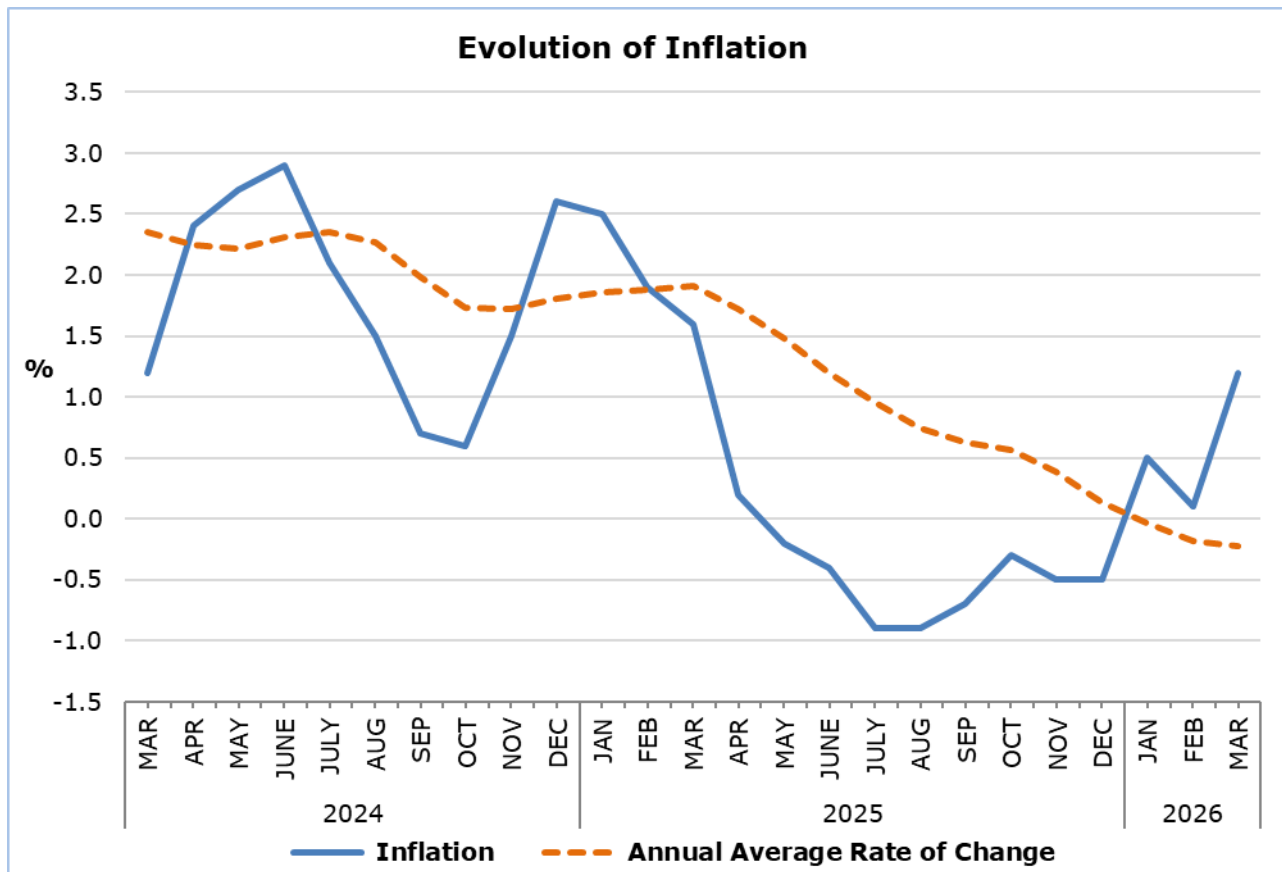
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PRESS RELEASE

CONSUMER PRICE INDEX (CPI): **MARCH 2026**

Inflation 1,2%

Consumer Price Index in March 2026 increased by 1,21 points, reaching 101,07 units compared to 99,86 units in February 2026. Inflation in March 2026 increased at a rate of 1,2%. (Table 1)



The largest positive change among the economic categories compared with March 2025 was recorded in *Agricultural Products* (13,3%), while the largest negative change was observed in *Electricity and Water* (-12,9%). Compared with February 2026, the biggest change was in *Petroleum Products* (9,1%). (Table 2)

Analysis of Percentage Changes

Compared with March 2025, the largest changes were observed in the categories *Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages* (6,2%), *Clothing and Footwear* (-5,8%), *Educational Services* (3,7%) and *Restaurants and Accommodation Services* (3,3%). (Table 1)

In relation to February 2026, the largest changes were recorded in the categories *Clothing and Footwear* (3,9%), *Transport* (2,9%) and *Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages* (2,5%). (Table 1)

Analysis of Effects in Units

The largest positive contribution to the change in the CPI of March 2026 compared with March 2025 was recorded in the categories *Restaurants and Accommodation Services* (3,10), *Recreation, Sports and Culture* (2,74) and *Alcoholic Beverages and Tobacco* (1,85), while the largest negative contribution to the CPI change of March 2026 compared with March 2025 was observed in the categories *Health* (-2,64), *Information and Communication* (-1,61) and *Clothing and Footwear* (-1,12). (Table 3)

The largest impact on the month-to-month changes in the CPI in March 2026 compared with February 2026 was recorded in the categories *Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages* (0,45), *Transport* (0,42), *Clothing and Footwear* (0,23), *Recreation, Sports and Culture* (0,05) and *Restaurants and Accommodation Services* (0,04). (Table 3)

The largest positive contribution to the change in the CPI of March 2026 compared with March 2025 was attributed to *Recreation Services* (2,82), while the largest negative contribution was attributed to *Petrol* (-1,87). (Table 4)

Vegetables (0,80) had the largest positive impact on the change in the CPI of March 2026 compared with the corresponding index of February 2026, while *Electricity* (-0,15) had the largest negative impact. (Table 5)

Table 1

Categories of Goods and Services	CPI (2025=100)		Change (%)		
	February 2026	March 2026	Mar 26 / Mar 25	Mar 26 / Feb 26	Jan – Mar 26 / Jan – Mar 25
Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages	102,67	105,24	6,16	2,50	3,84
Alcoholic Beverages and Tobacco	100,68	100,62	0,81	-0,06	0,84
Clothing and Footwear	90,34	93,85	-5,78	3,89	-6,51
Housing, Water, Electricity, Natural Gas and Other Fuels	100,36	100,23	-1,90	-0,13	-1,32
Furnishings and Home Decoration, Household Equipment, and Routine Home Maintenance	99,52	99,97	0,25	0,45	0,29
Health	100,47	100,86	0,72	0,39	0,67
Transport	97,71	100,56	-0,11	2,92	-2,09
Information and Communication	97,62	97,71	-1,83	0,09	-1,85
Recreation, Sports and Culture	100,89	101,61	2,94	0,71	2,84
Educational Services	102,58	102,58	3,71	0,00	3,71
Restaurants and Accommodation Services	101,80	102,15	3,28	0,34	4,26
Insurance and Financial Services	100,05	100,05	0,12	0,00	0,12
Personal Care, Social Protection, and Miscellaneous Goods and Services	100,45	100,34	1,18	-0,11	1,66
General Consumer Price Index	99,86	101,07	1,15	1,21	0,57

Table 2

Economic Origin	Weights	Change (%)	
		Mar 26/ Mar 25	Mar 26/ Feb 26
Agricultural Goods	648	13,30	6,09
Industrial Goods (excl. Petroleum Products)	4111	-0,56	0,69
Electricity and Water	393	-12,94	-4,03
Petroleum Products	708	2,26	9,12
Services	4140	2,52	0,10
General Index	10000	1,15	1,21

Table 3

Categories of Goods and Services	Weights 2025	Weights 2026	Effect (units)	
			Mar 26 / Mar 25	Mar 26/ Feb 26
Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages	1906	1762	-0,35	0,45
Alcoholic Beverages and Tobacco	347	528	1,85	0,00
Clothing and Footwear	721	646	-1,12	0,23
Housing, Water, Electricity, Natural Gas and Other Fuels	1122	1187	0,43	-0,02
Furnishings and home decoration, Household Equipment, and Routine Home Maintenance	641	619	-0,20	0,03
Health	637	371	-2,64	0,01
Transport	1538	1481	-0,59	0,42
Information and Communication	569	415	-1,61	0,00
Recreation, Sports and Culture	437	694	2,74	0,05
Educational Services	392	376	-0,02	0,00
Restaurants and Accommodation Services	836	1113	3,10	0,04
Insurance and Financial Services	326	236	-0,90	0,00
Personal Care, Social Protection, and miscellaneous Goods and Services	528	572	0,50	-0,01
General Consumer Price Index	10000	10000	1,15	1,21

Note: The totals are calculated based on the individual impacts using infinite-precision decimals and are published rounded to two decimal places. Any discrepancies in the totals are due to rounding effects as well as the change in the base year.

Table 4

Goods/Services	Effect (units)
	Mar 26/ Mar 25
Positive Effect	
Recreation Services	2,82
Catering Services (food and beverage services)	2,74
Rents	1,52
Negative Effect	
Petrol	-1,87
Mobile Communication Services	-1,51
Insurance	-1,13
Various Other Goods and Services	-1,42
TOTAL	1,15

Table 5

Goods/Services	Effect (units)
	Mar 26/ Feb 26
Positive Effect	
Vegetables	0,80
Fuels and Lubricants	0,54
Clothing	0,16
Negative Effect	
Electricity	-0,15
Passenger Transport	-0,10
Purchase of Vehicles	-0,03
Various Other Goods and Services	-0,01
TOTAL	1,21

METHODOLOGICAL INFORMATION

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/product/service.

Price 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 and services prices for each month, are weighted according to their population. Specifically, the weights for the four districts are: Nicosia 40%, Limassol 30%, Larnaca 18% and Paphos 12%.

The prices of 850 goods and services, which are included in the CPI, are recorded once every month, except for some seasonal products (e.g., vegetables and fruit), meat and fuels, for which prices are collected every week (every Thursday).

Base Year

From January 2026 onwards, the base year is 2025=100. The index reference period was 2015=100 for the period between January 2016 and December 2025.

Classification

Until December 2025, ECOICOP classification was used for the calculation and the dissemination of the CPI. From January 2026 onwards, CYPSTAT adopts the ECOICOP ver.2 classification. The lowest level of detail for the classification used in CPI is COICOP 5-digits level of analysis.

Products/Services and Weights

From January 2026 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 2023.

For more information:

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