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Increase of 0.1% in the Consumer Price Index (CPI), October 2021

- The CPI increased 0.1% in October 2021 compared to September 2021. It was 102.4 points compared to 102.3 points in the previous month (base: average 2020 = 100.0 points). The CPI excluding housing and the CPI excluding energy have also increased 0.1% and were 102.5 and 102.2 points, respectively. The CPI excluding vegetables and fruit has increased 0.2% and was 102.4 points.
- Prices of the following items increased in particular: clothing and footwear 3.6%, culture and entertainment 1.1% and food 0.9%.
- Prices of the following items decreased in particular: fresh fruit and vegetables 2.5% and transport 1.1%.
- Since the start of the year the CPI, the CPI excluding vegetables and fruit and the CPI excluding housing increased 2.6%, each. The CPI excluding energy increased 2.4%.
- Over the past 12 months (October 2021 compared to October 2020) the CPI increased 2.3%. The CPI excluding vegetables and fruit and the CPI excluding housing increased 2.4%, each. The CPI excluding energy increased 2.1%.
- In October 2021 the seasonally adjusted CPI and the seasonally adjusted CPI excluding housing decreased 0.2%, each; in contrast the seasonally adjusted CPI excluding vegetables, fruit and housing remained unchanged.
- Based on the trend data for the period July 2021 – October 2021, the annual pace of increase in the CPI and for the CPI excluding housing were 1.8%, each. The annual pace of increase in the CPI excluding vegetables, fruit and housing was 2.1%.

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Diagram 1 – Monthly Percentage Change in CPI during the Past 12 Months

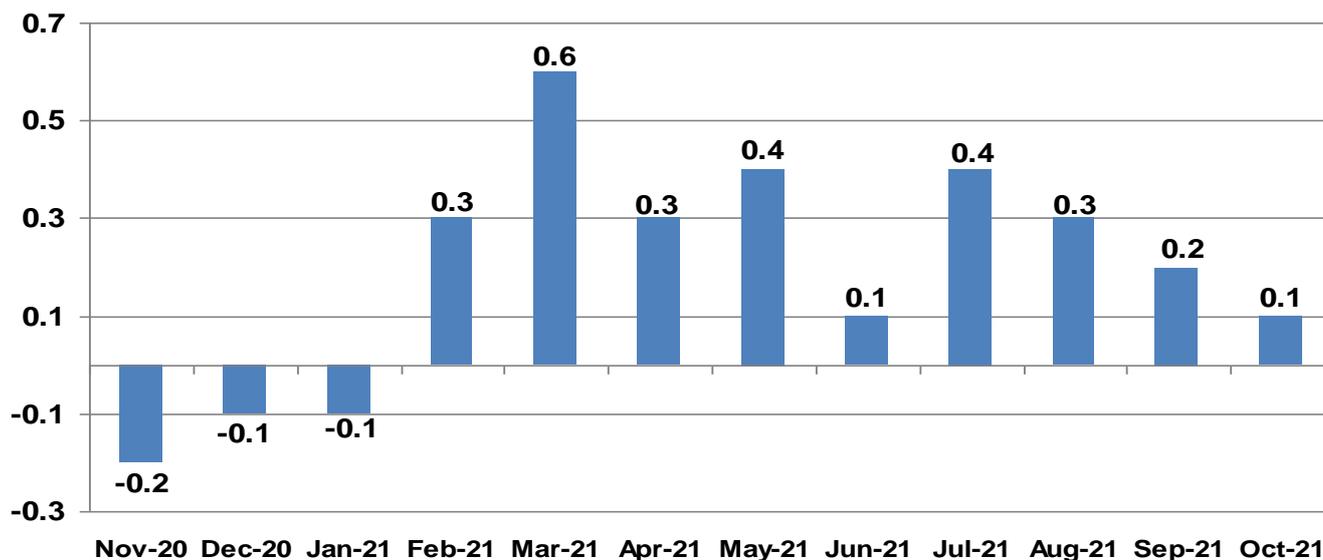


Diagram 2 – CPI 12-Month Inflation Rate for the Past 10 Years



Product and Service Groups that Particularly Influenced the Index This Month:

<i>Product / Service Group</i>	<i>Percentage Change</i>	<i>Contribution to Index's Percentage Change</i>
clothing	3.7	0.0723
cars	1.3	0.0700
vehicle fuel and lubricants	1.4	0.0405
recreation, holidays and trips	4.2	0.0326
footwear	3.8	0.0225
chicken and parts thereof	-1.9	-0.0240
fresh fruit and vegetables	-2.5	-0.0684
expenditures for travel abroad and domestic flights	-7.9	-0.2987

Major Changes in Primary Consumption Items

Food (excluding vegetables and fruit)

The food price index increased 0.9%.

The following increased in particular: prepared vegetable salads (5.8%), butter (4.0%), sweets and chocolate (4.0%), ice cream (3.6%), oil (3.4%), jam, honey and confiture (3.1%), alcoholic beverages (2.6%), biscuits, cakes, cookies, etc. (2.1%), spices, sauces, baking products and baby food (2.1%), pastry products (1.6%), soft drinks (1.6%), sugar (1.5%), instant coffee (1.4%), cereals and cereal products (1.2%), beef, minced (1.2%), prepared fish products (1.2%), cheese and milk desserts (1.2%), white cheese spread (1.1%), other meat (mutton and pork) (1.0%), brined cheese (1.0%) and processed and other cheeses (1.0%).

The following decreased in particular: chicken and parts thereof (1.9%).

Vegetables and Fruit

The vegetables and fruit index decreased 1.4%.

The fresh fruit index decreased 2.8% and the fresh vegetables index decreased 2.3%; in contrast the frozen, pickled and canned vegetables index increased 3.4% and the dried, preserved and frozen fruit index increased 2.0%.

Among the fresh fruit, the following decreased in particular: avocados (21.1%), oranges (fell 15.1% compared to August 2021), pomegranates (13.7%), clementine (13.0%), sugar melons (10.1%), peaches (6.3%), mangos (2.3%), plums (1.5%) and lemons (1.1%).

The following increased in particular: persimmons (rose 6.5% compared to March 2021), kiwi (rose 32.8% compared to May 2021), table grapes (7.1%), pomelos (rose 5.5% compared to April 2021) and pears (4.5%).

Among the fresh vegetables, the following decreased in particular: cauliflower (13.7%), eggplant (9.7%), cabbage (8.1%), cucumbers (7.7%), broccoli (7.1%), fennel (5.6%), peppers (3.9%), kohlrabi (3.5%), garlic (2.8%), culinary herbs (2.7%), lettuce (2.7%), sprouts (2.4%), artichoke (2.2%), tomatoes (1.6%) and mushrooms (1.2%).

The following increased in particular: corn on the cob (10.7%), carrots (6.4%), radishes (3.1%), squash (2.4%), beans (1.4%) and onions (1.2%).

Among the processed vegetables and fruit, the following increased in particular: frozen vegetables (7.6%), olives (5.7%), dried fruit (4.2%), pickled vegetables (2.1%), walnuts and pistachio nuts (2.0%), peanuts (1.8%) and almonds (1.4%).

The following decreased in particular: canned legumes and vegetables (1.2%).

Housing

The housing price index remained unchanged.

The owned dwellings services index remained unchanged; in contrast the rent index increased 0.2%.

Owned Dwellings Services

The owned dwellings services index remained unchanged in October 2021 compared to September 2021. The rate of change reflects the changes in rental prices set in contracts signed in September 2021 – October 2021, compared to contracts signed in August 2021 – September 2021.

Dwelling Maintenance

The dwelling maintenance index increased 0.3%.

The following increased in particular: kerosene and diesel oil for heating (4.7%), painting, whitewashing, etc. (3.8%), glazier service (2.4%), plumbing services (1.5%), gas for domestic consumption (1.3%) and laundry detergent, cleaning materials, and pesticides (1.3%).

Furniture and Household Equipment

The furniture and household equipment index increased 0.2%.

The following increased in particular: outdoor furniture (4.8%), candles and air fresheners (4.2%), disposable plates, cups, and cutlery (2.3%), tables (1.4%) and electrical equipment for heating and cooling the dwelling (1.1%).

The following decreased in particular: tablecloths (5.2%), bedding and towels (4.2%), plates (3.0%), serving dishes and storage containers (2.5%), bathroom accessories (2.5%), bookcases/bookshelves (2.4%), kitchen accessories (2.3%), mugs, cups, and glasses (2.2%), buffets (1.6%), cooking and baking utensils (1.2%), beds and mattresses (1.0%) and cutlery (1.0%).

Clothing and Footwear

The clothing and footwear index increased 3.6%; the seasonally adjusted index decreased 0.8%.

The clothing index increased 3.7% and the footwear index increased 3.8%.

Among clothing item, the following increased in particular: sports and exercise clothes (22.5%), underwear (3.7%) and outerwear (3.0%).

The following decreased in particular: miscellaneous clothing such as swimsuits (1.3%).

Among footwear item, the following increased in particular: women's footwear (8.2%) and children's footwear (3.2%).

Health

The health index increased 0.2%.

The following increased in particular: private physician (2.0%) and body hygiene products (1.1%).

The following decreased in particular: sunglasses (2.4%) and contact lenses and solutions (1.3%).

Education, Culture and Entertainment

The education, culture and entertainment index increased 0.7%.

The education services index increased 0.1% and the culture and entertainment index increased 1.1%.

Note that in October 2021, a direct measurement of prices of academic education at universities and colleges was conducted for the school year 2021/2022. Compared to the previous school year, 2020/2021, tuitions at academic institutions increased 1.5%.

In addition the following increased in particular: student housing (rose 12.2% compared to October 2020), recreation, holidays and trips (4.2%), camping equipment and accessories (4.0%), reading books (2.8%), musical instruments (2.1%), toys for kids and teenagers (1.9%), magazines and journals (1.1%) and holding celebrations (1.1%).

The following decreased in particular: cinema tickets (5.4%).

Transport and Communication

The transport and communication index decreased 1.1%.

The transport index decreased 1.1%; in contrast the communication index remained unchanged.

The following decreased in particular: expenditures for travel abroad and domestic flights (7.9%), hauling services (4.1%) and vehicle registration and fees (1.4%).

The following increased in particular: car rental for domestic travel (6.7%), vehicle fuel and lubricants (1.4%), cars (1.3%) and vehicle accessories and washing vehicle (1.1%).

Miscellaneous

The miscellaneous index increased 0.2%.

The following increased in particular: wallets (1.5%) and bathing products and cosmetics (1.0%).

The following decreased in particular: diapering products and accessories for babies (1.4%).

The price indices will be published at the following times during the next 12 months:

Index for Month	To be published on date	Time
November 2021	Wednesday, December 15, 2021	18:30
December 2021 and Annual Summary of 2021	Friday, January 14, 2022	14:00
January 2022	Tuesday, February 15, 2022	18:30
February 2022	Tuesday, March 15, 2022	18:30
March 2022	Friday, April 15, 2022	14:00
April 2022	Sunday, May 15, 2022	18:30
May 2022	Wednesday, June 15, 2022	18:30
June 2022	Friday, July 15, 2022	14:00
July 2022	Monday, August 15, 2022	18:30
August 2022	Thursday, September 15, 2022	18:30
September 2022	Friday, October 14, 2022	14:00
October 2022	Tuesday, November 15, 2022	18:30