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Increase of 0.2% in the Consumer Price Index (CPI) for February 2026

- **The CPI increased 0.2% in February 2026 compared to January 2025. It was 103.5 points compared to 103.3 points in the previous month (base: average 2024 = 100.0 points).**
- **The CPI excluding vegetables and fruit and the CPI excluding housing increased 0.2%, each and were 103.6 and 102.6 points, respectively. The CPI excluding energy increased 0.3% and was 103.8 points.**
- **Prices of the following groups increased in particular: fresh fruit 3.6%, culture and entertainment 0.8%, miscellaneous 0.6%, food, excluding vegetables and fruit, housing, dwelling maintenance and transport increased 0.3%, each.**
- **Prices of the following groups decreased in particular: clothing 3.3%, fresh vegetables 1.4% and furniture and household equipment 0.2%.**
- **Since the start of the year the CPI and the CPI excluding vegetables and fruit both decreased 0.1%, each. The CPI excluding housing decreased 0.2% and the CPI excluding energy remained unchanged.**
- **Over the past 12 months (February 2026 compared to February 2025) the CPI and the CPI excluding vegetables and fruit both increased 2.0%, each. The CPI excluding energy increased 2.3% and the CPI excluding housing increased 1.2%.**
- **On February 2026 the seasonally adjusted CPI and the seasonally adjusted CPI excluding vegetables, fruit and housing increased 0.2%, each. The seasonally adjusted CPI excluding housing increased 0.1%.**
- **Based on the data trend for the period November 2025 – February 2026, the annual pace of increase in the CPI was 1.5%. The annual pace of increase in the CPI excluding housing was 0.3%; in contrast, the annual pace of decrease in the CPI excluding vegetables, fruit and housing was 0.3%.**

Explanations (Metadata)

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

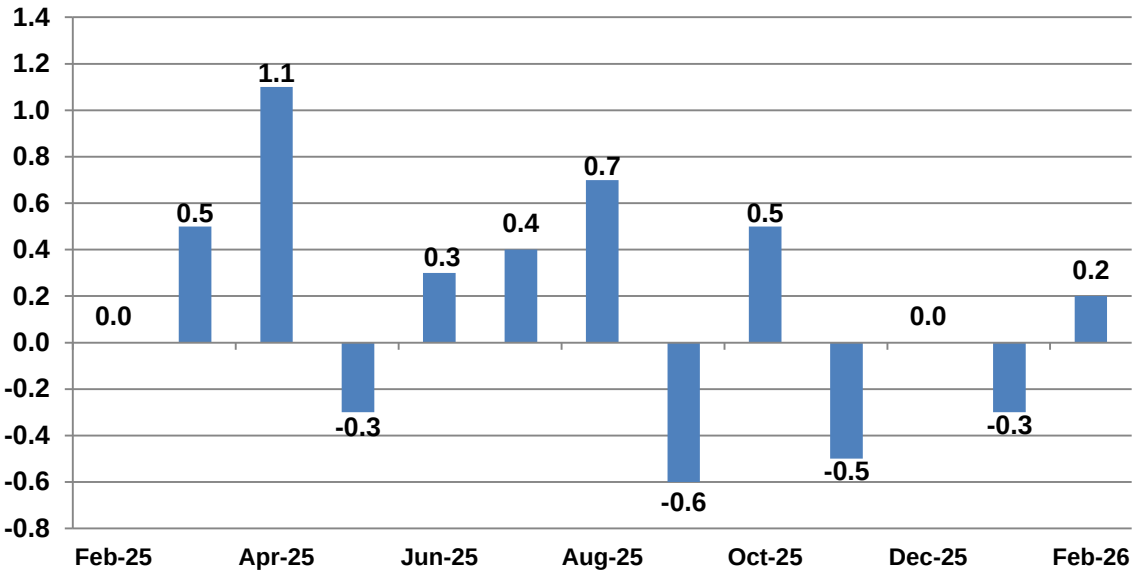

Diagram 2 – CPI 12-Month Inflation Rate for the Past 10 Years Product and Service

Groups that Particularly Influenced the Index This Month:

Product / Service Group	Percentage Change	Contribution to Index's Percentage Change
The owner occupiers' household services	**0.4**	**0.0695**
Travel abroad	**2.3**	**0.0430**
Fresh fruit	**3.6**	**0.0326**
Cigarettes and tobacco	**0.5**	**0.0157**
Recreation, holidays and trips	**2.3**	**0.0156**
Rent	**0.2**	**0.0143**
Jewellery	**3.3**	**0.0143**
Holding celebrations	**1.1**	**0.0115**
Vehicle insurance	-0.4	-0.0082
Fresh vegetables	-1.4	-0.0195
Clothing	-3.3	-0.0572

Major Changes in Primary Consumption Items

Food (excluding vegetables and fruit)

The food price index increased 0.3%.

The following increased in particular: coffee capsules (5.2%), brined cheese (3.2%), chicken and turkey liver (2.9%), frozen chicken (2.7%), fresh and frozen meat substitutes and products thereof (2.4%), tahini (2.4%), Sabbath loaf (2.3%), frozen beef (2.2%), other parts of poultry (2.2%), prepared fish products (2.1%), legumes (2.0%), chocolate spread, butterscotch spread and peanut butter (2.0%), vinegar, mustard, sauces, and dressings (2.0%), black coffee (1.9%), mayonnaise (1.9%), oil (1.8%), puffed cereals (1.7%), minced beef (1.6%), white flour (1.4%), cultured milk, yogurt, and milk desserts (1.4%), baby food (1.4%), pitta (oriental bread) (1.2%), meals at coffee shops (1.2%), crackers (various) (1.1%) ,sausage, pastrami and hot dogs (1.1%) and processed and other cheeses (1.1%).

The following decreased in particular: chocolate (4.0%), candy and miscellaneous sweets (1.9%), spices (various) (1.9%), cookies and biscuits (1.5%), processed fish (1.2%), soy drinks or flavoured milk (1.1%), fresh chicken (1.0%) and concentrates and syrups (1.0%).

Vegetables and Fruit

The vegetables and fruit price index increased 0.6%.

The fresh fruit price index increased 3.6%; in contrast, the fresh vegetables price index decreased 1.4%. The frozen, pickled, and canned vegetables price index increased 0.9% and the dried, preserved and frozen fruit price index increased 0.8%.

Among the fresh fruit, the following increased in particular: strawberries (34.0% compared to April 2025), persimmons (9.0%), pomegranates (8.6%), avocados (4.8%) and bananas (1.6%).

The following decreased in particular: lemons (8.2%), grapefruit (7.4%), oranges (6.7%), pears (4.3%), pomelos (3.7%), kiwi (2.6%), apples (2.2%) and clementine (1.4%).

Among the fresh vegetables, the following decreased in particular: cauliflower (14.8%), artichoke (11.7%), tomatoes (6.9%), sweet potatoes (6.3%), zucchini (5.9%), broccoli (5.6%), beets (3.9%), fresh mushrooms (3.8%) and kohlrabi (1.7%).

The following increased in particular: radishes (6.9%), garlic (6.1%), onions, leeks, and scallions (5.6%), fennel (4.8%), fresh beans (3.7%), eggplant (3.7%), peppers (3.6%), leaf vegetables (3.2%), culinary herbs (1.5%), cabbage (1.4%), sprouts (1.3%) and lettuce (1.3%).

Among the processed vegetables and fruit, the following increased in particular: canned tomatoes and tomato puree (2.3%), other frozen vegetables (2.0%), other pickled vegetables (1.9%) and dried fruit (1.9%).

The following decreased in particular: pickled cucumbers (1.6%).

Housing

The housing price index increased 0.3%.

The owner occupiers' household services index decreased 0.4% and the rent index increased 0.2%. The other housing expenditures (brokerage, contract, insurance etc.) index increased 0.3%.

Owner Occupiers' Household Services

The owner occupiers' household services index increased 0.4% in February 2026 compared to January 2026. This decrease reflects the changes in rental prices set in contracts signed in January 2025 – February 2026, compared to contracts signed in December 2025 – January 2026.

Rent

For tenants who renewed a contract, there was an increase of 2.7% and for new tenants (apartments in the sample that had a tenant turnover) there was an increase of 5.8%.

It should be emphasized that these rates of change reflect an approximation of the annual rate of change in rent in these groups. This is because the rent does not change for the vast majority of tenants during the last year due to being under a lease in which the monthly rent is determined, usually without linkage mechanisms.

Dwelling Maintenance

The dwelling maintenance index increased 0.3%.

The following increased in particular: liquid and powdered laundry detergent (5.9%), kerosene and diesel oil for heating (5.7%), other cleaning materials (4.3%), other laundry products (3.6%), dishwashing products (3.0%), plumbing services (1.5%) and painting and whitewashing services (1.1%).

Furniture and Household Equipment

The furniture and household equipment price index decreased 0.2%.

The following decreased in particular: tablecloths and napkins (13.0%), curtains and upholstery fabrics (3.9%), sheets (2.8%), mirrors, clocks, and frames (2.2%), heating stoves (1.4%), kitchen accessories (1.4%), sofas and armchairs (1.3%), freezer (1.3%), pots, pans, and baking pans (1.3%), refrigerator (1.2%), other household electrical equipment (1.2%), carpets (1.2%) and towels (1.1%).

The following increased in particular: flowers and plants (2.9%), cutlery (2.3%), lampshades, chandeliers and table lamps (2.1%), pillows and cushions (1.7%), plates (1.2%), tables (1.1%), furniture for babies (1.1%), serving dishes and storage containers (1.1%), disposable plates, cups, and cutlery (1.1%) and accessories for electrical equipment (1.0%).

Clothing and Footwear

The clothing and footwear index decreased 2.4%; the seasonally adjusted index decreased 0.1%.

The clothing index decreased 3.3%; in contrast, the footwear index increased 0.2%.

Among clothing item, the following decreased in particular: sports and exercise clothes (6.9%), outerwear (3.3%), women's underwear and sleepwear (3.2%), miscellaneous clothing (2.9%), children's underwear and sleepwear (2.5%) and men's socks (2.0%).

Health

The health index decreased 0.1%.

The following decreased in particular: lenses and frames for prescription glasses (2.7%), contact lenses and solutions (2.5%) and dietary supplements (1.9%).

The following increased in particular: sunglasses (1.6%) and body hygiene products (1.1%).

Education, Culture and Entertainment

The education, culture and entertainment price index increased 0.5%.

The culture and entertainment index increased 0.8% and the education services index increased 0.3%.

The following increased in particular: hotels and guest houses (3.0%), toys for kids and teenagers (1.3%), reading and nonfiction books (1.1%) and holding celebrations (1.1%).

The following decreased in particular: notebooks and paper products (1.9%), tickets or subscription to sporting event (1.4%) and photography equipment and services (1.2%).

Transport and Communication

The transport and communication index increased 0.3%.

The transport index increased 0.3%; in contrast, the communication index remained unchanged.

The following increased in particular: travel abroad (2.3%) and motor scooters and motorcycles (1.7%).

The following decreased in particular: hauling services (2.3%) and car rental for domestic travel (1.5%).

Miscellaneous

The miscellaneous index increased 0.6%.

The following increased in particular: jewellery (3.3%), toiletries and bath products (1.7%), hair products and accessories (1.6%), toilet paper, tissues and wipes (1.4%) and wristwatches (1.0%).

The following decreased in particular: hair dryers and blow dryers (1.5%).

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

Index for Month	To be published on date	Time
March 2026	Wednesday, April 15, 2026	18:30
April 2026	Friday, May 15, 2026	14:00
May 2026	Monday, June 15, 2026	18:30
June 2026	Wednesday, July 15, 2026	18:30
July 2026	Friday, August 14, 2026	14:00
August 2026	Tuesday, September 15, 2026	18:30
September 2026	Thursday, October 15, 2026	18:30
October 2026	Sunday, November 15, 2026	18:30
November 2026	Tuesday, December 15, 2026	18:30
December 2026 and Annual Summary of 2026	Friday, January 15, 2027	14:00
January 2027	Monday, February 15, 2027	18:30
February 2027	Monday, March 15, 2027	18:30