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CONSUMER PRICE INDICES, OCTOBER 2026 – Flash Estimate

The prices of goods and services for personal consumption, measured by the consumer price index, according to a flash estimate, increased by **4.9%** on average in October 2026 compared to October 2025 (at the annual level), whereas, compared to September 2026 (at the monthly level), they increased by **0.7%** on average.

According to the main index components (special aggregates), the estimated annual rate of change was 20.7% for Energy, 7.5% for Services, 0.2% for Food, beverages and tobacco, and -1.1% for Non-food industrial goods without energy.

At the monthly level, an increase in the rate of change was estimated for Non-food industrial goods without energy, of 2.2%, and for Energy, of 1.2%, while a decrease in the rate of change was estimated for Services and for Food, beverages and tobacco, of -0.1% in each component.

The prices of goods and services for personal consumption, measured by the harmonised index of consumer prices, according to the flash estimate, increased by **4.4%** on average in October 2026 compared to October 2025 (at the annual level). Compared to September 2026 (at the monthly level), according to the flash estimate, they increased by **0.3%** on average.

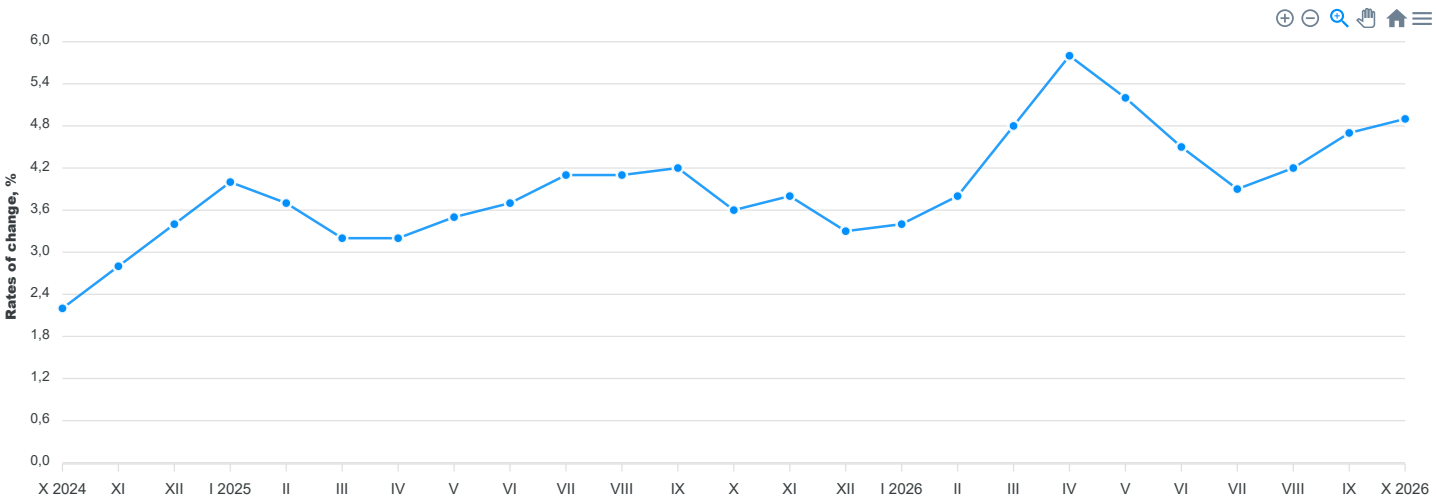
The flash estimate data of the euro area harmonised index of consumer prices for October 2026 are available on the Eurostat website.

The final consumer price index data for October 2026, according to the ECOICOP ver. 2 classification, will be released on 16 November 2026.

1 CONSUMER PRICE INDICES IN OCTOBER 2026 (TOTAL AND SPECIAL AGGREGATES), RATES OF CHANGE

	Weights	X 2026 / X 2025	X 2026 / IX 2026
Consumer price index – total	**1 000,00**	**4,9**	**0,7**
Food, beverages and tobacco	318,95	0,2	-0,1
Energy	156,53	20,7	1,2
Non-food industrial goods without energy	269,37	-1,1	2,2
Services	255,15	7,5	-0,1

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1) Final data, excluding the data for October 2026, that relate to the flash estimate of the consumer price indices.

NOTES ON METHODOLOGY

The flash estimate of the national consumer price index and the harmonised index of consumer prices is based on the data on retail prices obtained from data sources by the end of the reference month to which the prices refer, which accounts for about 80% − 90% of received and processed data. The remaining received data are processed subsequently and included into the calculation of the index for the purpose of the final data release.

Release dates of the flash estimate and final data are available in the Calendar of Statistical Data Issues.

The annual consumer price index measures the changes in prices in the current month compared to the same month of the previous year, while the monthly index measures the changes in prices in the current month compared to the previous month.

Definitions

Consumer price index (CPI) is used as a general measure of inflation in the Republic of Croatia and reflects the changes in the prices of goods and services acquired, used or paid over time by a reference population (private households) for consumption purposes.

Harmonised index of consumer prices (HICP) is a set of European consumer price indices calculated according to a harmonised approach and a special set of definitions, which enables a comparable measure of inflation in the euro area, the European Union, the European Economic Area and in candidate countries.

Both indicators are calculated on the basis of the same representative basket of goods and services. The main difference is the coverage of the population: the HICP includes the total consumption of institutional households and non-residents in the economic territory, and this consumption is not included in the national consumer price index.

Abbreviations

ECOICOP ver. 2	European Classification of Individual Consumption According to Purpose, version 2
Eurostat	Statistical Office of the European Union

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