

In April the annual change of the consumer price index was mainly influenced by housing expenditures

According to Statistics Estonia, the change of the consumer price index was -0.1% in April 2013 compared to March and 3.1% compared to April of the previous year.

Goods were 2.1% and services 4.9% more expensive compared to April of the previous year.

Regulated prices of goods and services have risen by 1.0% and non-regulated prices by 3.8% compared to April of the previous year.

Compared to April 2012, the consumer price index was mainly influenced by housing expenditures, which gave over a half of the total increase. Of which in turn two thirds gave 28% more expensive electricity and a seventh 4.6% more expensive heat energy. Food gave over 40% of the total increase, of which 6.3% more expensive meat products accounted for a quarter and respectively 26% and 23% more expensive vegetables and fruit gave more than 40%. In April 2013, motor fuel was 6.6% cheaper than a year earlier. Compared to the same period of the previous year, of food products, the prices of potatoes have increased the most (61%) and the prices of coffee have decreased the most (14%). After Easter eggs were also 20% cheaper.

In April compared to March, the consumer price index was mainly influenced by 16% cheaper plane tickets and 1.4% price decrease of motor fuel. Also electricity was 1.3% and heat energy 1.1% cheaper. Compared to the previous month, the prices of fruit increased by 6.1% and the prices of vegetables by 3.2%. During a month, of food products, prices of Chinese cabbage increased two times and the prices of cucumbers decreased by a third.

Change of the consumer price index by commodity groups, April 2013

Commodity group	April 2012 – April 2013, %	March 2013 – April 2013, %
TOTAL	3.1	-0.1
Food and non-alcoholic beverages	5.2	0.4
Alcoholic beverages and tobacco	4.9	0.3
Clothing and footwear	5.3	0.2
Housing	9.7	-0.2
Household goods	1.4	0.2
Health	6.2	0.3
Transport	-4.6	-1.4
Communications	-9.2	-1.6
Recreation and culture	0.9	-0.2
Education	2.7	0.0
Hotels, cafés and restaurants	6.4	1.9
Miscellaneous goods and services	0.8	0.8

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