

Annual change of consumer price index was mainly influenced by housing in November

According to Statistics Estonia, the change of the consumer price index was 0.1% in November 2011 compared to October and 4.2% compared to November of the previous year.

Goods were 4.2% and services 4.1% more expensive compared to November 2010.

Regulated prices of goods and services have risen by 7.3% and non-regulated prices by 3.1% compared to November of the previous year.

Compared to November of the previous year, the consumer price index was mainly influenced by housing expenditures, which gave over a third of the total increase. The main reason for this was 8.6% more expensive electricity, heat energy and heating compared to the period a year ago. 4.3% more expensive food and non-alcoholic beverages gave a quarter of the total increase of the index, and 13.4% more expensive motor fuel gave a sixth of the total increase of the index compared to November of the previous year. Compared to the same period a year ago, the postal services (52%), sugar (42%), coffee (32%) and heating oil (31%) have increased the most. In November this year fresh vegetables were 21% cheaper than in the previous year.

In November compared to October, the consumer price index was mainly influenced by the 0.7% price increase of food, of which over a half gave the seasonal increase in the prices of fresh vegetables (10.3%) and nearly 40% the price increase of meat products (1.8%). Compared to October, the cucumbers were two times more expensive, the grapes 46% and tomatoes 20% more expensive. Onions were 23% and mandarins 21% cheaper.

Change of the consumer price index by commodity groups, November 2011

Commodity group	November 2010 – November 2011, %	October 2011 – November 2011, %
TOTAL	4.2	0.1
Food and non-alcoholic beverages	4.3	0.6
Alcoholic beverages and tobacco	4.7	0.2
Clothing and footwear	4.8	0.5
Housing	7.9	-0.1
Household goods	2.3	0.6
Health	1.3	-0.1
Transport	5.5	-0.3
Communications	-6.2	0.3
Recreation and culture	0.3	-1.1
Education	2.0	0.1
Hotels, cafés and restaurants	8.5	0.1
Miscellaneous goods and services	3.6	0.5

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