



## INFLATION AND CONSUMER PRICE INDICES IN FEBRUARY 2025

The monthly inflation rate was 0.6%, while the annual inflation rate was 4.0%. The inflation rate is measured by the CPI, with monthly inflation referring to the month of February 2025 compared to the previous month, and annual inflation for February 2025 compared to the same month of the previous year.

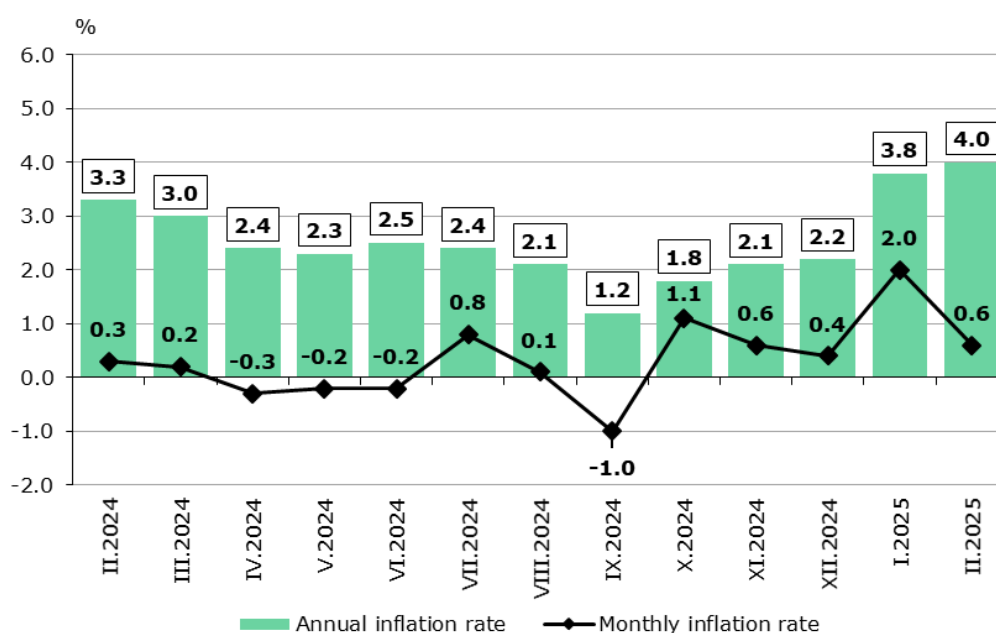
In February 2025, compared to the previous month, the highest increase was registered in the following groups: 'Communications' (+2.3%), 'Alcoholic beverages and tobacco' (+1.0%), 'Restaurants and hotels' (+0.9%), 'Recreation and culture' (+0.9%) and 'Food and non-alcoholic beverages' (+0.8%). A decrease in the prices was recorded in the groups: 'Clothing and footwear' (-2.1%) and 'Furnishings, household equipment and routine maintenance of the house' (-0.1%).

### Consumer Price Index (CPI)

In February 2025, the **monthly inflation** rate was 0.6% and the **annual inflation** rate in February 2025, compared to February 2024, was 4.0%<sup>1</sup>.

The inflation rate since the beginning of the year (February 2025 compared to December 2024) was 2.6%, and the annual average inflation rate for the period March 2024 - February 2025 compared to the period March 2023 - February 2024 was 2.5%.

**Figure 1. Inflation, measured by CPI, by month**



<sup>1</sup> According to the CPI methodology. For more information, see the Methodological notes on pages 5 and 6 and Annex, Table 1.

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### ***Monthly inflation***

In February 2025, the prices of goods and services increased in the following consumer groups:

- 'Communications' - an increase of 2.3%;
- 'Alcoholic beverages and tobacco' - an increase of 1.0%;
- 'Restaurants and hotels' - an increase of 0.9%;
- 'Recreation and culture' - an increase of 0.9%;
- 'Food and non-alcoholic beverages' - an increase of 0.8%;
- 'Transport' - an increase of 0.6%;
- 'Miscellaneous goods and services' - an increase of 0.6%;
- 'Health' - an increase of 0.4%;
- 'Education' - an increase of 0.4%;
- 'Housing, water, electricity, gas and other fuels' - an increase of 0.3%.

The prices of goods and services decreased in the following consumer groups:

- 'Clothing and footwear' - a decrease of 2.1%;
- 'Furnishings, household equipment and routine maintenance of the house' - a decrease of 0.1%.

### ***Accumulated inflation***

The accumulated inflation, measured by CPI, for the last three years (February 2025 compared to February 2022) was 24.7% and for the last five years (February 2025 compared to February 2020) was 37.1%.

### ***Final data for January 2025***

According to the final data of the NSI, in January 2025, the monthly inflation rate was 2.0% compared to the previous month, and the annual inflation rate in January 2025 compared to January 2024 was 3.8%<sup>1</sup>.

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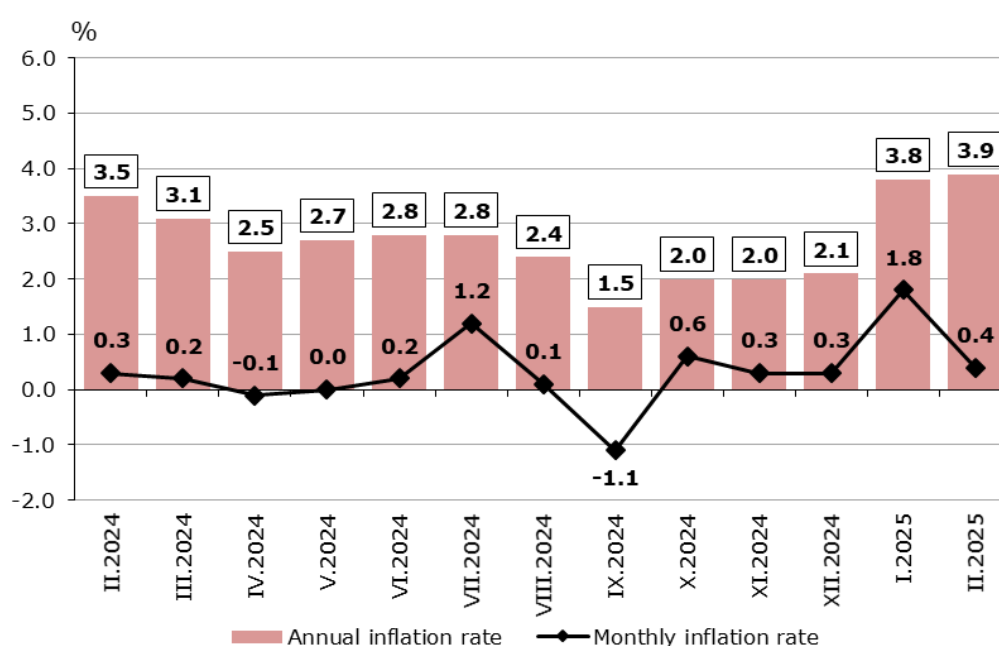
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### Harmonized Index of Consumer Prices (HICP)

In February 2025, the **monthly inflation** rate, measured by HICP, was 0.4% and the **annual inflation** rate in February 2025 compared to February 2024 was 3.9%<sup>1</sup>.

The inflation rate since the beginning of the year (February 2025 compared to December 2024) was 2.2%, and the annual average inflation rate for the period March 2024 - February 2025 compared to the period March 2023 - February 2024 was 2.6%.

**Figure 2. Inflation, measured by HICP, by month**



### Monthly inflation

In terms of HICP, in February 2025, the prices of goods and services increased in the following consumer groups:

- 'Communications' - an increase of 2.3%;
- 'Alcoholic beverages and tobacco' - an increase of 1.0%;
- 'Food and non-alcoholic beverages' - an increase of 0.7%;
- 'Restaurants and hotels' - an increase of 0.7%;
- 'Housing, water, electricity, gas and other fuels' - an increase of 0.6%;
- 'Recreation and culture' - an increase of 0.5%;

<sup>1</sup> According to the HICP methodology. For more information, see the Methodological notes on pages 5 and 6 and Annex, Table 2.

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- 'Miscellaneous goods and services' - an increase of 0.5%;
- 'Health' - an increase of 0.4%;
- 'Education' - an increase of 0.4%;
- 'Furnishings, household equipment and routine maintenance of the house' - an increase of 0.3%.

The prices of goods and services decreased in the following consumer groups:

- 'Clothing and footwear' - a decrease of 1.9%;
- 'Transport' - a decrease of 0.6%.

### ***Accumulated inflation***

The accumulated inflation, measured by HICP, for the last three years (February 2025 compared to February 2022) was 22.3% and for the last five years (February 2025 compared to February 2020) was 32.9%.

### **Price Index of a Small Basket (PISB)**

In February 2025, a price increase of 0.6%, measured by the **Price Index of a Small Basket**, was registered on a monthly basis, and since the beginning of the year, there was a price increase of 3.7%<sup>1</sup>.

In February 2025, compared to the previous month, the prices of goods and services in the small basket for the 20% of households with the lowest income changed as follows:

- 'Food products' - an increase of 1.1%;
- 'Services' - an increase of 0.1%;
- 'Non-food products' - an increase of 0.1%.

### ***Final data for January 2025***

According to the final data of the NSI, in January 2025, a price increase of 3.1%, measured by the PISB, was registered on a monthly basis<sup>2</sup>.

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<sup>1</sup> For more information, see the Methodological notes on pages 5 and 6 and Annex, Table 3.

<sup>2</sup> For more information, see the Methodological notes on pages 5 and 6 and Annex, Table 5.

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### Methodological notes

The **Consumer Price Index (CPI)** is the official measure of inflation in the Republic of Bulgaria. It measures the total relative price change of goods and services used by households for private (non-production) consumption. It is calculated by applying the structure of Bulgarian households' final monetary consumption expenditures. The main source of information for the expenditures is the household budget survey in the country. The CPI in year  $t$  is calculated with the expenditures' structure of year  $t - 1$ .

The **Harmonized Index of Consumer Prices (HICP)** is the comparable measure of inflation across EU Member States. It is one of the criteria for price stability and the readiness of Bulgaria to join the Eurozone. HICP, as well as CPI, measures the total relative price change of goods and services. Both indices are calculated using the same basket of goods and services but differ with concern to the weights used. HICP is calculated using weights, which reflect the individual and collective consumption of all households (incl. institutional and foreign households) in the country's economic territory. The main source of information for HICP weights is the national accounts (NA) data. For calculating the HICP in 2025, NA data for households' final monetary consumption expenditures (HFMCE) - domestic concept in 2023 is used. NA 2023 data are reviewed and updated to make them representative of 2024, following Eurostat's methodological guidance on the compilation of HICP weights in case of large changes in consumer expenditures<sup>1</sup>.

In compliance with Regulation (EC) No. 2015/2010, **since January 2016, the base year for the HICP has changed**, and all indices have been calculated and published using **2015 as a base year**. The time series have been recalculated according to the new base year and have been posted on the NSI website ([www.nsi.bg](http://www.nsi.bg)).

The **Price Index of a Small Basket (PISB)** measures the relative average price changes of 100 socially useful and vital living goods and services. The weights of this index reflect the expenditures of the 20% lowest households' incomes. The source of the information on weights is the Households Budget Survey in the country. This index in year  $t$  is calculated with the weights of year  $t - 1$ .

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<sup>1</sup> Guidance on the compilation of HICP weights in case of large changes in consumer expenditures, Eurostat, Directorate C, Macro-economic statistics, 3.02.2020: <https://ec.europa.eu/eurostat/documents/10186/10693286/Guidance-on-the-compilation-of-HICP-weights-in-case-of-large-changes-in-consumer-expenditures.pdf>.

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The **chain** consumer price indices measure the price change in the current month compared to the previous month. The chain consumer price indices are used as a measure of **monthly inflation**.

The **12-month** consumer price indices measure the price changes occurring between the current month and the same month of the previous year. The 12-month consumer price indices are used as a measure of **annual inflation**.

Consumer price indices **over December of the previous year** measure the accumulated changes in prices of the current month concerning December of the previous year. Consumer price indices over December of the previous year are used as measures of **inflation since the beginning of the year**. In December of each year, the 12-month index is equal to the index over December of the previous year.

The **annual average** consumer price indices measure the average price change during the 12 months of the current year compared to the average price change during the 12 months of the previous year. The annual average consumer price indices are used as a measure of the **annual average inflation**.

**CPI as well as PISB in January 2025 are released as preliminary** since they are calculated with the household budget data for the period October 2023 - September 2024. **The final CPI and PISB indices for January 2025**, calculated with the annual 2024 household budget data for the weights, are released along with the February 2025 data.

### **Statistical area: Inflation and Consumer Price Indices:**

[Inflation and Consumer Price Indices|National Statistical Institute \(nsi.bg\)](#)

### **IS Infostat: Consumer prices:**

[https://infostat.nsi.bg/infostat/pages/module.jsf?x\\_2=68](https://infostat.nsi.bg/infostat/pages/module.jsf?x_2=68)

### **Metadata and Methodology:**

[Consumer Price Indices \(CPI\)|National Statistical Institute \(nsi.bg\)](#)

### **Inflation Rate Calculator:**

[Inflation Rate Calculator|National Statistical Institute \(nsi.bg\)](#)

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**Table 1**

#### Consumer Price Indices in February 2025

(Per cent)

Commodity groups	Weights	February 2025		
		January 2025 = 100	December 2024 = 100	February 2024 = 100
<b>00 Total CPI</b>	<b>100.000</b>	<b>100.6</b>	<b>102.6</b>	<b>104.0</b>
01 Food and non-alcoholic beverages	29.826	100.8	103.3	104.6
02 Alcoholic beverages and tobacco	4.718	101.0	102.7	107.4
03 Clothing and footwear	4.552	97.9	93.9	98.6
04 Housing, water, electricity, gas and other fuels	13.573	100.3	105.0	105.6
05 Furnishings, household equipment and routine household maintenance	5.967	99.9	100.5	99.3
06 Health	7.928	100.4	101.7	102.7
07 Transport	9.312	100.6	102.4	102.1
08 Communication	5.022	102.3	104.8	100.9
09 Recreation and culture	7.645	100.9	102.6	106.1
10 Education	0.509	100.4	101.0	106.8
11 Restaurants and hotels	5.764	100.9	103.2	109.5
12 Miscellaneous goods and services	5.184	100.6	101.6	104.2
<b>Foods</b>	<b>31.131</b>	<b>100.8</b>	<b>103.3</b>	<b>104.5</b>
<b>Non-foods</b>	<b>34.890</b>	<b>100.2</b>	<b>100.5</b>	<b>100.2</b>
<b>Catering</b>	<b>5.009</b>	<b>101.1</b>	<b>103.4</b>	<b>109.6</b>
<b>Services</b>	<b>28.969</b>	<b>100.7</b>	<b>104.2</b>	<b>107.2</b>

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**Table 2**

**Harmonized Indices of Consumer Prices in February 2025**

Commodity groups	Weights	February 2025			
		2015 = 100	January 2025 = 100	December 2024 = 100	February 2024 = 100
	‰	%			
<b>00 Total HICP</b>	<b>1000.000</b>	<b>142.09</b>	<b>100.4</b>	<b>102.2</b>	<b>103.9</b>
01 Food and non-alcoholic beverages	219.661	177.75	100.7	103.3	104.6
02 Alcoholic beverages and tobacco	56.922	135.58	101.0	102.8	107.0
03 Clothing and footwear	39.747	102.92	98.1	94.2	99.4
04 Housing, water, electricity, gas and other fuels	96.547	158.90	100.6	104.8	105.6
05 Furnishings, household equipment and routine household maintenance	69.081	125.77	100.3	100.6	99.9
06 Health	76.061	128.18	100.4	101.6	102.7
07 Transport	141.190	121.56	99.4	100.8	102.6
08 Communication	53.837	95.26	102.3	104.8	100.9
09 Recreation and culture	92.041	124.01	100.5	101.3	101.1
10 Education	13.934	161.77	100.4	101.0	106.6
11 Restaurants and hotels	82.002	178.05	100.7	103.2	109.6
12 Miscellaneous goods and services	58.976	148.78	100.5	103.1	106.1



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**Table 3**

**Price indices of 100 socially useful and vital for the  
living goods and services in the small basket for the  
20% lowest income households in February 2025**

Commodity groups	Weights	(Per cent)
		February 2025 January 2025 = 100
<b>Total PISB</b>	<b>100.000</b>	<b>100.6</b>
Food and non-alcoholic beverages	50.013	101.1
Clothing and footwear	3.895	97.6
Housing, water, electricity, gas and other fuels	23.511	100.1
Furnishings, household equipment and routine household maintenance	2.767	97.5
Health	12.894	100.8
Transport	0.695	100.2
Communication	0.098	105.4
Recreation and culture	0.561	100.2
Miscellaneous goods and services	5.566	101.6
Foods	50.013	101.1
Non-foods	29.156	100.1
Services	20.831	100.1

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**Table 4**

**Consumer Price Indices in January 2025**  
**(final data)**

Commodity groups	Weights	(Per cent)	
		January 2025	
		December 2024 = 100	January 2024 = 100
<b>00 Total CPI</b>	<b>100.000</b>	<b>102.0</b>	<b>103.8</b>
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**Table 5**

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(final data)**

Commodity groups	Weights	(Per cent)
		January 2025 December 2024 = 100
<b>Total PISB</b>	<b>100.000</b>	<b>103.1</b>
Food and non-alcoholic beverages	50.013	103.2
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