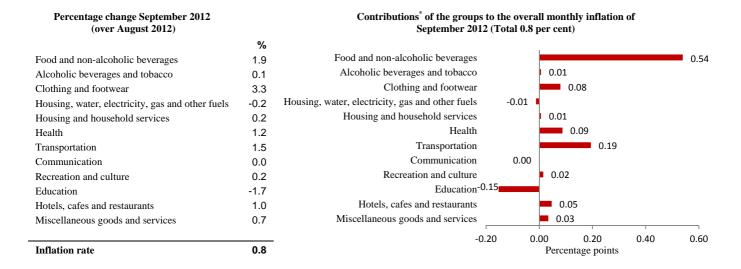


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Inflation Rate in Georgia, September 2012 (Over August 2012)

In September 2012 the monthly inflation rate in Georgia amounted to 0.8 percent. The following table shows percentage changes in prices for the commodity groups of the consumer basket as well as the relevant contributions to the overall inflation rate.



The overall index reflects a significant change in the price level for the following groups of products and services:

Prices on **food and non-alcoholic beverages** increased by 1.9 percent, with the relevant contribution to the overall index equaling 0.54 percentage points. The highest price increases were recorded for the subgroups of fruits and grapes (10.7 percent); vegetables including potatoes and other tubers (5.9 percent) and milk, cheese and eggs (5.9 percent).

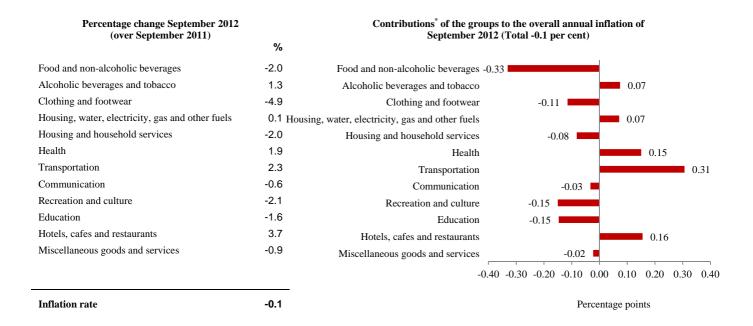
Transport prices increased by 1.5 percent contributing 0.19 percentage points to the overall index. The prices in this group increased for the subgroups of passenger transport by air (5.2 percent) and fuels and lubricants (2.4 percent).

Education prices fell by 1.7 percent, with the relevant contribution to the overall index equalling -0.15 percentage points. The prices in this group decreased for the subgroup of post-secondary non-tertiary education (3.1 percent).

^{*} Individual contributions may not sum up to the total due to rounding.

Inflation Rate in Georgia, September 2012 (Over September 2011)

In September 2012 the annual inflation rate in Georgia equaled -0.1 percent. The following table shows percentage changes in prices for the commodity groups of the consumer basket as well as the relevant contributions to the overall inflation rate.



The most significant contributions to the annual CPI rate were made by changes in the price level for the following groups:

Food and non-alcoholic beverages: the prices decreased by 2.0 percent in the given period. Accordingly, the contribution of the group to the overall index equaled -0.33 percentage points. Big price decreases were recorded for the subgroups of sugar and confectionary (9.6 percent); bread and cereals (7.2 percent); oils and fats (4.9 percent). Meanwhile, fish prices posted a 4.9 percent increase.

Transport: the prices increased by 2.3 percent contributing 0.31 percentage points to the overall index. The significant price increases in this group were recorded for the subgroup of passenger transport by air (22.1 percent).

Hotels, cafes and restaurants: the prices grew by 3.7 percent contributing 0.16 percentage points to the overall index. The price increases in this group were recorded for the subgroup of restaurants and cafes (6.6 percent).

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Monthly Inflation

