INTRODUCTORY NOTE

The publication provides a general overview of the price level movements in the sphere of consumption.

A revision of the weighting system was carried out in 2025. The weights are updated since January 2026 on the basis of the household expenditure of national accounts statistics. They are primarily based on the expenditure in 2024 and are modified by the estimate of the expenditure in 2025. The weights for detailed elementary aggregates are updated using Household Budget Survey extended by other available sources and surveys. Price indices that are calculated according to new revised index patterns are published since January 2026.

In accordance with the relevant EU legislation, the consumer price index is newly published since January 2026 in the updated classification of individual consumption by purpose CZ-COICOP (COICOP 2018), see CZ-COICOP_2018.

Starting from January 2026, the price reference period of December 2023 for the price indices is changed to December 2025. According to Regulation (EU) 2016/792 of the European Parliament and of the Council, a time series of basic indices is introduced with the average of the year 2025 = 100 as the basis. From this time series, indices are calculated for other bases (previous month = 100, same period of the previous year = 100 and the index of moving averages for the last 12 months to the average of the previous 12 months). The original time series with base year 2015 = 100 will continue to be calculated and published, but other indices using these time series are no longer derived.

More detailed information on methodological changes from January 2026 onward is available on the CZSO website.

Prices of individual kinds of goods and services are collected monthly, when contemporary we can distinguish three basic modes of price collection – field survey, central prices and scanner data. Prices collected by field survey ale collected directly in selected shops (about 8 500) by field survey employees of the CZSO in 35 chosen districts across Czechia and in the Capital City of Prague. Centrally surveyed prices are e.g. prices that are same for the entire Czechia or average prices detectable from various questionnaires, prices surveyed on the Internet. Scanner data are data from retail chain cash registers, their gradual implementation into the inflation rate compilation process began in 2019.

More detailed information on the consumer prices survey and the calculations of the respective indices is available in the Methodological manual of the Consumer Price Indices on the CZSO website: Inflation, Inflation Rate – Methodology

The calculation of the price indices is based on prices of representatives collected in selected reporting units by aggregating simple price indices into an aggregate using a modified Laspeyres formula.

$$I = \frac{\sum \frac{p_1}{p_0} * p_0 q_0}{\sum p_0 q_0} * 100$$

p_1 = *the price of goods (service) in the reference (current) period.*
p_0 = *the price of goods (service) in the base period*
$p_0.q_0$ = *constant weight: household expenditure on goods (service) in the base period.*