

Harmonized indices of consumer prices in August 2025

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Harmonized annual inflation decreased to 4.4% in August 2025

In August 2025 the annual inflation in the Slovak Republic, according to the common European methodology, decreased to the value 4.4%, in the month-on-month comparison it reached 0.1%. The annual harmonized inflation rate in the Slovak Republic was higher than the value recorded under the national methodology published on 16 September 2025 in the statistical product [Inflation - consumer price indices in August 2025](#).

In the month-on-month development, prices increased in 5 divisions (household expenditure groups), the overall price increase was mostly influenced by a price increase in the **Transport** division by 1.9%. Prices decreased in more divisions; of this, the month-on-month inflation was most affected by a decrease in prices in the division **Furniture, household equipment and routine household maintenance** by 0.5%. In annual comparison prices increased in all 12 divisions - from 2.1% in **Transport** division to 10.1% in **Education** division.

The average annual HICP inflation rate (for the period September 2024 to August 2025 compared to the period September 2023 to August 2024) ²⁾ reached the value 4.0%.

The values of harmonized inflation for August 2025 in the EU and EFTA countries will be published by Eurostat on 17 September 2025 at 11 a.m. on its [website](#).

- 1) annual inflation compares the change in the price level in the monitored month of a given year compared to the price level of the same month in the previous year
- 2) average annual HICP inflation rate compares the change in the average price level for the average of the Harmonized indices of consumer prices for the last 12 months to the average of the previous 12 months

Data source: DATAcube. database

- Harmonized indices of consumer prices (Average of year 2015=100) - monthly [\[sp0017ms\]](#)
- Harmonized indices of consumer prices in comparison with the corresponding period of the previous year - monthly [\[sp0003ms\]](#)
- Harmonized indices of consumer prices in comparison with previous month - monthly [\[sp0002ms\]](#)
- Harmonized Indices of Consumer Prices - indices to different basis - monthly [\[sp2046ms\]](#)
- Harmonized indices of consumer prices detailed breakdown (average of year 2015=100) - monthly [\[sp1017ms\]](#)
- Harmonized indices of consumer prices detailed breakdown (average of year 2015=100) - monthly [\[sp1018ms\]](#)

Other data source:

- Contributions to the month-on-month harmonized inflation rate (HICP) 08/2025 ([ZIP – 21,6 kB](#))

Outputs on the topic of inflation measured by the Harmonised Index of Consumer Prices (HICP):

Change in the methodology of consumer prices survey

From January 2024, the Statistical Office of the SR processes price outputs for **Food and non-alcoholic beverages** division from a new data source - from **scanner data**, i.e. from the transaction data of retail chains. They replaced the traditional field survey, thus significantly expanding inputs on consumer prices in the mentioned division. From January 2025, data for the **Alcoholic beverages and tobacco** division will be collected in the same way. The use of scanner data is an important part of the modernization of price statistics while maintaining and increasing its quality.

Harmonised inflation in the EU (HICP)

Harmonized Indices of Consumer Prices (HICP) are calculated according to a common methodology EU for **comparability** of inflation across countries. **Annual average rate of change** measured by the Harmonized Index of Consumer Prices, is an important indicator of price stability in a country and its level is assessed as one of the four so-called Maastricht criteria before a country enters the euro area. The Statistical Office publishes data on the Harmonized Indices of Consumer Prices - the so-called HICP inflation monthly, on the day of publication of the data by Eurostat - in accordance to the [First Release Calendar](#) in the DATAcube. database chapter: [2. 3. 3 - Harmonized indices of consumer prices \(HICP inflation\)](#).

HICP inflation, i.e. inflation measured by the Harmonized Index of Consumer Prices is published usually a few days after the publication of inflation calculated according to the national methodology (CPI inflation). The consumer baskets of HICP and CPI differ slightly from each other; HICP, unlike CPI, does not include the item "Imputed rent" and selected items related to major household repairs and maintenance, which results in some differences in the weights of other items.

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