

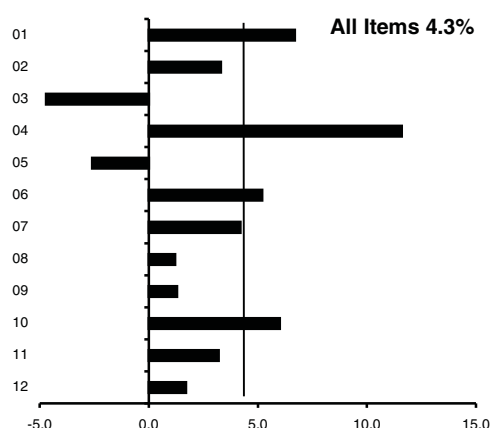


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## Consumer Price Index Detailed Sub-Indices Release January 2008

**Comparison of main CPI groups to the overall CPI annual % change - January 2008**



CPI (Base: December 2006 = 100)

COICOP Group	% changes	
	One month	12 months
01 Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages	+0.4	+6.7
02 Alcoholic Beverages and Tobacco	+0.8	+3.3
03 Clothing and Footwear	-12.9	-4.7
04 Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas and Other Fuels	+0.4	+11.6
05 Furnishings, Household Equipment and Routine Household Maintenance	-2.9	-2.6
06 Health	+2.9	+5.2
07 Transport	-0.3	+4.2
08 Communications	-	+1.2
09 Recreation and Culture	+0.2	+1.3
10 Education	+0.1	+6.0
11 Restaurants and Hotels	-0.2	+3.2
12 Miscellaneous Goods and Services	-0.2	+1.7
<b>ALL ITEMS</b>	<b>-0.5</b>	<b>+4.3</b>

### Annual Inflation falls to 4.3% in January

Consumer Prices in January, as measured by the CPI, decreased by 0.5% in the month. This compares to a decrease of 0.1% in January of last year. As a result the annual rate of inflation fell to 4.3%, down from 4.7% in December 2007.

The most significant monthly price changes were decreases in *Clothing & Footwear* (-12.9%) and *Furnishings, Household Equipment & Routine Household Maintenance* (-2.9%). There were increases in *Health* (+2.9%), *Alcoholic Beverages & Tobacco* (+0.8%), *Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas & Other Fuels* (+0.4%) and *Food & Non-Alcoholic Beverages* (+0.4%).

The most notable changes in the year were increases in *Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas & Other Fuels* (+11.6%), *Food & Non-Alcoholic Beverages* (+6.7%), *Education* (+6.0%) and *Health* (+5.2%). There were decreases in *Clothing & Footwear* (-4.7%) and *Furnishings, Household Equipment & Routine Household Maintenance* (-2.6%).

In the year to January, an increase of 3.3% was recorded for Goods while Services increased by 5.1%.

This release provides a detailed analysis of the major price developments within the main CPI commodity groups in tables 1 to 12. It also details historical changes for each of the twelve main commodity groups and various CPI sub-indices (including Groceries Order indices) in tables 13 to 17.

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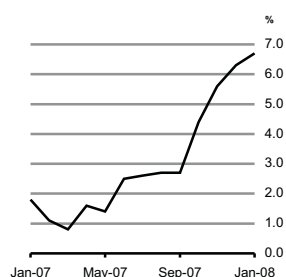
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## January 2008

### 01 Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages

Annual % change



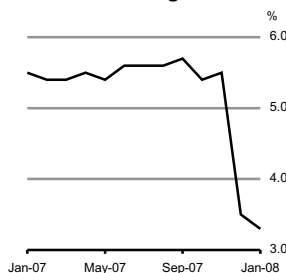
01 Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages

Food & Non-Alcoholic Beverages prices increased by 0.4% in the month and by 6.7% in the year to January 2008. This compares to an increase of 1.8% for the year to January 2007.

In the month, food prices increased by 0.4% while non-alcoholic beverages prices increased by 0.2%. Price increases were recorded for lamb (+4.7%), beef (+4.2%), fresh fish (+1.8%), other vegetable products (+1.6%), preserves (+1.2%), biscuits (+0.8%), cocoa (+0.8%), cheese (+0.7%), tinned vegetables (+0.7%), frozen, tinned & smoked fish (+0.6%), eggs (+0.6%) and other fruits (+0.6%). Price decreases were recorded for potatoes (-3.2%), pork (-3.1%), butter (-1.3%), sugar & sweeteners (-1.3%), coffee (-1.2%) and breakfast cereals (-0.8%).

### 02 Alcoholic Beverages and Tobacco

Annual % change



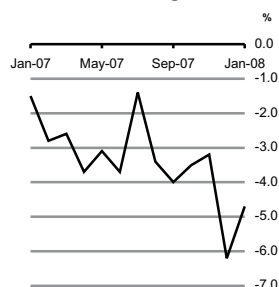
02 Alcoholic Beverages and Tobacco

Alcoholic Beverages and Tobacco prices increased by 0.8% in the month and by 3.3% in the year to January 2008. This compares to an increase of 5.5% for the year to January 2007.

In the month, alcoholic beverages prices increased by 1.4% while tobacco prices increased by 0.3%. A price increase was recorded for spirits (+5.8%), wine & cider (+0.4%), cigarettes (+0.3%) and other tobacco products (+0.3%). A price decrease was recorded for beer (-0.1%).

### 03 Clothing and Footwear

Annual % change

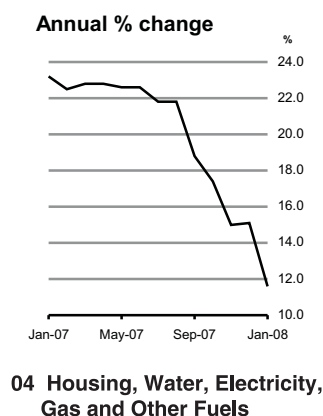


03 Clothing and Footwear

Clothing & Footwear prices decreased by 12.9% in the month and by 4.7% in the year to January 2008. This compares to a decrease of 1.5% for the year to January 2007. In the month, clothing prices decreased by 13.4%, while footwear prices decreased by 10.8%.

In the month, price decreases were recorded for garments (-14.0%), shoes & other footwear (-11.0%) and other articles of clothing (-7.2%). Price increases were recorded for dry cleaning & laundry (+0.4%) and dress hire & repair of clothing (+0.3%).

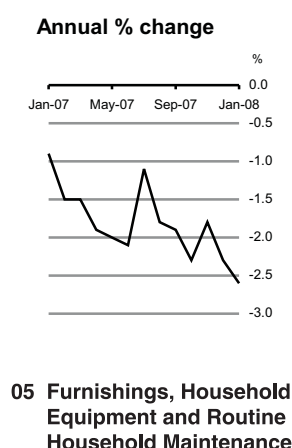
## 04 Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas and Other Fuels



This group covers the former categories of Housing (excluding insurance) and Fuel & Light combined into one overall category. In Ireland, the sub-category “water supply, refuse & miscellaneous services” includes waste collection charges (both public and private) and chimney sweep costs at this time. Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas & Other Fuels costs increased by 0.4% in the month and by 11.6% in the year to January 2008. This compares to an increase of 23.2% for the year to January 2007.

In the month, price increases were recorded for liquid fuels (i.e. home heating oil) (+4.5%), solid fuels (+1.2%), bottled gas (+1.2%), water supply, refuse & miscellaneous services (+0.7%) and mortgage interest (+0.6%). A price decrease was recorded for materials for maintenance and repair of dwelling (-1.8%).

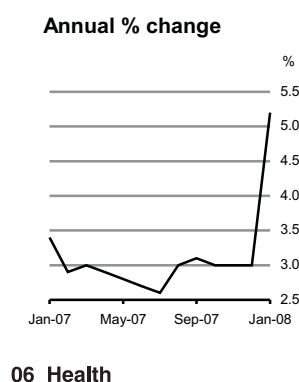
## 05 Furnishings, Household Equipment and Routine Household Maintenance



Furnishings, Household Equipment & Routine Household Maintenance costs decreased by 2.9% in the month and by 2.6% in the year to January 2008. This compares to a decrease of 0.9% for the year to January 2007.

In the month, price decreases were recorded for household textiles (-7.7%), furniture & furnishings (-5.1%), glassware, tableware & household utensils (-4.5%), major household appliances (-4.2%), carpets & other floor coverings (-4.1%), small electric household appliances (-4.0%), major tools & equipment (-2.8%) and small tools & miscellaneous accessories (-1.4%).

## 06 Health



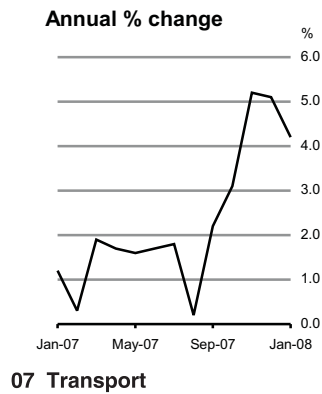
Health costs and charges increased by 2.9% in the month and by 5.2% in the year to January 2008. This compares to an increase of 3.4% for the year to January 2007.

In the month, price increases were recorded for hospital services (+9.1%), prescribed drugs (+0.5%) and other medical products (+0.1%). A price decrease was recorded for other medicines (-0.1%).

## 07 Transport

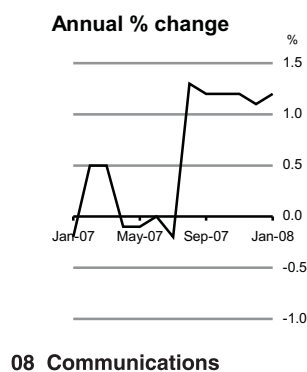
Transport costs decreased by 0.3% in the month and increased by 4.2% in the year to January 2008. This compares to an increase of 1.2% for January 2007.

In the month, price decreases were recorded for air transport (-16.6%) and bicycles (-2.0%). Price increases were recorded for sea transport (+4.5%), petrol (+0.8%), other vehicle costs (which includes parking fees and car rental charges) (+0.8%), diesel (+0.5%) and rail transport (+0.3%).



## 08 Communications

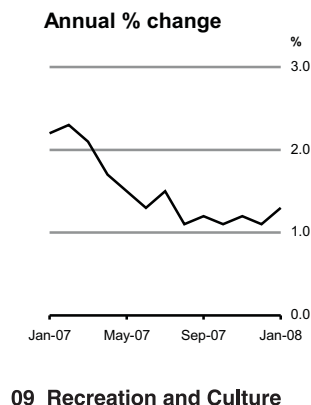
Communication costs remained unchanged in the month and increased by 1.2% in the year to January 2008. This compares to a decrease of 0.2% for the year to January 2007.



## 09 Recreation and Culture

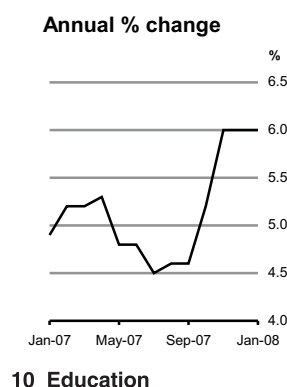
Recreation and Culture prices increased by 0.2% in the month and by 1.3% in the year to January 2008. This compares to an increase of 2.2% for the year to January 2007.

In the month, price increases were recorded for television services (+4.1%), gardens, plants & flowers (+1.4%), newspapers & periodicals (+0.5%) and pets & related products (+0.5%). Price decreases were recorded for equipment for the reception, recording & reproduction of sound & pictures (-4.6%), games, toys & hobbies (-2.6%), information processing equipment (-2.3%), optical instruments (-1.9%) and books (-1.2%).

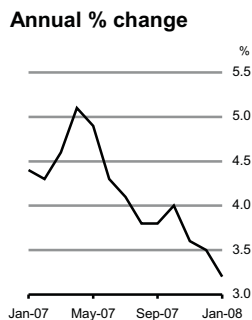


## 10 Education

Education costs increased by 0.1% in the month and by 6.0% in the year to January 2008. This compares to an increase of 4.9% for the year to January 2007.



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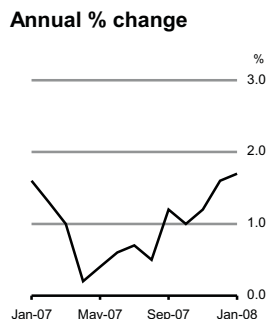


11 Restaurants and Hotels

Restaurant and Hotel prices decreased by 0.2% in the month and increased by 3.2% in the year to January 2008. This compares to an increase of 4.4% for the year to January 2007.

In the month, price decreases were recorded for accommodation services (-1.5%), wine & cider (-0.1%) and soft drinks & mineral water (-0.1%). A price increase was recorded for canteens (+0.7%).

## 12 Miscellaneous Goods and Services



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Overall prices decreased by 0.2% in the month and increased by 1.7% in the year to January 2008. This compares to an increase of 1.6% recorded for the year to January 2007.

In the month, price decreases were recorded for financial services (-7.9%), other personal goods (-5.9%), dwelling insurance (-3.3%), electric appliances for personal care (-3.0%) and motor car insurance (-0.7%). Price increases were recorded for other social protection (which includes nursing home costs) (+4.3%), childcare (+1.7%), health insurance (+1.1%), hairdressing (+0.5%) and cosmetics & skincare products (+0.4%).

**Table 1 Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages - January 2008**

Description	Dec 2006 base expenditure weight %	Current Index	% change 1 mth	% change 12 mths
<b>Food</b>	10.8076	107.0	0.4	7.0
Bread and Cereals	2.0242	113.2	0.1	13.1
Bread	0.6553	120.1	0.3	20.1
Flour	0.0517	144.3	0.3	44.4
Biscuits	0.3268	111.4	0.8	11.5
Cakes	0.3762	109.1	-0.7	8.2
Breakfast cereals	0.2949	103.6	-0.8	3.8
Other cereals	0.0992	107.9	0.2	8.2
Other bread & cereals	0.2201	110.0	0.1	9.9
Meat	2.6729	102.5	1.4	2.3
Beef	0.7179	104.6	4.2	2.3
Lamb	0.2234	107.0	4.7	6.9
Pork	0.1781	94.3	-3.1	-2.4
Bacon	0.3906	99.4	0.4	-0.7
Poultry	0.4633	101.4	-0.5	3.5
Other meat products	0.6996	103.4	0.4	2.8
Fish	0.3592	104.4	1.2	4.3
Fresh fish	0.1814	103.9	1.8	3.6
Frozen/tinned/smoked fish	0.1778	104.8	0.6	4.8
Milk, cheese and eggs	1.3177	115.7	0.3	15.8
Milk	0.6567	120.5	0.2	20.1
Other milk products	0.2608	110.4	0.4	11.0
Cheese	0.2790	108.4	0.7	9.1
Eggs	0.1212	118.3	0.6	19.0
Oils and fats	0.2734	112.6	-0.3	12.5
Butter	0.0813	114.7	-1.3	14.6
Margarine & low fat spreads	0.1448	114.4	0.2	14.4
Other oils & fats	0.0474	103.2	0.1	2.9
Fruit	0.8597	100.7	0.2	1.3
Fresh fruit	0.7731	100.4	0.2	1.1
Other fruits	0.0866	103.1	0.6	2.7
Vegetables	1.5782	103.3	-0.3	2.9
Potatoes	0.3256	95.1	-3.2	-5.1
Other fresh vegetables	0.6079	107.8	-0.2	5.8
Tinned vegetables	0.0956	110.8	0.7	10.9
Frozen vegetables	0.1549	103.2	-0.7	2.9
Other vegetable products	0.3943	101.2	1.6	2.8
Sugar, jam, honey, chocolate and confectionery	0.8912	109.7	0.2	9.8
Sugar & sweeteners	0.0583	99.4	-1.3	-0.2
Preserves	0.0526	108.1	1.2	8.2
Sweets & chocolate	0.5151	110.9	0.4	11.0
Desserts & ice cream	0.2652	109.9	-0.1	10.1
Other food products	0.8312	102.5	-0.1	2.9
Condiments & sauces	0.2761	103.8	0.3	4.6
Soup	0.1102	102.1	0.2	2.2
Miscellaneous food items	0.4449	101.7	-0.5	1.9
<b>Non-alcoholic beverages</b>	0.9347	103.2	0.2	3.3
Coffee, tea and cocoa	0.2380	103.3	-0.2	3.5
Tea	0.1417	102.3	0.4	2.4
Coffee	0.0817	104.3	-1.2	4.6
Cocoa	0.0146	107.8	0.8	7.7
Mineral waters, soft drinks & juices	0.6967	103.2	0.3	3.3
Soft drinks & mineral water	0.4523	102.2	0.2	2.1
Fruit juices	0.2444	105.0	0.5	5.5
<b>Total</b>	<b>11.7423</b>	<b>106.7</b>	<b>0.4</b>	<b>6.7</b>

**Table 2 Alcoholic Beverages and Tobacco - January 2008**

Description	Dec 2006 base expenditure weight %	Current Index	% change 1 mth	% change 12 mths
<b>Alcoholic Beverages</b>	2.8725	102.1	1.4	0.5
Spirits	0.5818	107.4	5.8	1.0
Wine & cider	1.5258	101.1	0.4	0.6
Beer	0.7649	100.1	-0.1	0.1
<b>Tobacco</b>	3.1759	106.3	0.3	5.7
Cigarettes	3.1271	106.3	0.3	5.8
Other tobacco products	0.0488	104.3	0.3	3.1
<b>Total</b>	<b>6.0484</b>	<b>104.3</b>	<b>0.8</b>	<b>3.3</b>

**Table 3 Clothing and Footwear - January 2008**

Description	Dec 2006 base expenditure weight %	Current Index	% change 1 mth	% change 12 mths
<b>Clothing</b>	4.4488	81.3	-13.4	-4.4
Garments	4.2028	80.3	-14.0	-4.6
Other articles of clothing	0.1001	88.5	-7.2	-5.3
Cleaning, repair & hire of clothing	0.1459	105.0	0.4	4.7
Dry cleaning & laundry	0.1052	105.6	0.4	5.3
Dress hire & repair of clothing	0.0408	103.4	0.3	3.2
<b>Footwear</b>	0.9670	83.3	-10.8	-6.8
Shoes & other footwear	0.9537	83.0	-11.0	-7.0
Repair & hire of footwear	0.0133	103.3	0.1	3.1
<b>Total</b>	<b>5.4158</b>	<b>81.7</b>	<b>-12.9</b>	<b>-4.7</b>

**Table 4 Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas and Other Fuels - January 2008**

Description	Dec 2006 base expenditure weight %	Current Index	% change 1 mth	% change 12 mths
Rents & other housing costs	9.5303	123.7	0.5	18.6
Rents	2.8696	112.3	0.0	12.3
Mortgage interest	6.6607	128.6	0.6	21.1
Maintenance & repair of the dwelling	2.4521	101.9	-1.1	2.5
Materials for maint. & repair of dwelling	1.5062	100.9	-1.8	1.9
Services for maint. & repair of dwelling	0.9459	103.5	0.0	3.5
Water supply, refuse & misc. services	0.5117	105.2	0.7	0.8
Electricity, gas & other fuels	4.0142	106.3	1.3	2.0
Electricity	1.5444	106.5	0.0	-5.4
Natural gas	0.7560	82.5	0.0	-17.5
Bottled gas	0.1177	104.4	1.2	4.3
Liquid fuels	0.8538	127.1	4.5	32.3
Solid fuels	0.7423	106.6	1.2	5.5
<b>Total</b>	<b>16.5083</b>	<b>115.6</b>	<b>0.4</b>	<b>11.6</b>

**Table 5 Furnishings, Household Equipment and Routine Household Maintenance - January 2008**

Description	Dec 2006 base expenditure weight %	Current Index	% change 1 mth	% change 12 mths
Furniture, furnishings, carpets & other flooring	1.0812	90.7	-4.9	-5.0
Furniture & furnishings	0.9467	91.1	-5.1	-4.6
Carpets & other floor coverings	0.1345	87.8	-4.1	-7.9
Household textiles	0.2424	87.1	-7.7	-5.5
Household appliances	1.0459	92.9	-3.8	-4.3
Major household appliances	0.8435	91.8	-4.2	-5.3
Small electric household appliances	0.1285	92.8	-4.0	-3.8
Repair of household appliances	0.0740	105.5	0.0	5.5
Glassware, tableware & hsehd utensils	0.2577	90.4	-4.5	-5.5
Tools & equipment for house & garden	0.3627	97.4	-1.6	-1.6
Major tools & equipment	0.0808	97.0	-2.8	-2.0
Small tools & misc. accessories	0.2820	97.4	-1.4	-1.6
Goods & services for routine hsehd maint.	1.4321	101.1	0.1	1.2
Non-durable household goods	0.6683	101.7	0.3	2.0
Domestic & household services	0.7638	100.6	0.0	0.6
<b>Total</b>	<b>4.4221</b>	<b>94.9</b>	<b>-2.9</b>	<b>-2.6</b>

**Table 6 Health - January 2008**

Description	Dec 2006 base expenditure weight %	Current Index	% change 1 mth	% change 12 mths
Medical products, appliances & equip.	1.1764	99.5	0.2	-0.5
Pharmaceutical products	0.8672	98.4	0.3	-1.6
Prescribed drugs	0.6160	97.3	0.5	-2.7
Other medicines	0.2512	101.1	-0.1	1.0
Other medical products	0.0456	101.5	0.1	1.4
Therapeutic appliances & equip	0.2637	102.8	0.0	2.8
Outpatient services	1.0313	106.1	0.0	5.9
Medical services	0.6684	106.5	0.0	6.2
Doctors' fees	0.4792	105.5	0.0	5.5
Alternative & complementary medicine	0.1893	109.1	0.0	8.1
Dental services	0.3628	105.2	0.0	5.2
Hospital services	0.9459	113.9	9.1	11.2
<b>Total</b>	<b>3.1536</b>	<b>106.0</b>	<b>2.9</b>	<b>5.2</b>

**Table 7      Transport - January 2008**

Description	Dec 2006 base expenditure weight %	Current Index	% change 1 mth	% change 12 mths
Purchase of vehicles	5.7319	100.7	0.0	0.4
Motor cars	5.6398	100.7	0.0	0.4
Motor cycles	0.0373	99.9	0.0	-0.1
Bicycles	0.0549	97.1	-2.0	-1.2
Operation of personal transport equip.	5.9606	111.0	0.5	11.1
Spare parts & accessories	0.3444	102.6	0.0	2.6
Fuels & lubricants	3.7506	115.1	0.6	15.3
Petrol	2.9759	115.1	0.8	15.2
Diesel	0.7604	115.7	0.5	16.2
Motor oil	0.0143	104.8	0.0	4.3
Maintenance & repair	0.7045	108.0	0.0	8.0
Other services	1.1611	101.9	0.2	1.7
Motor tax	0.8380	100.0	0.0	0.0
Other vehicle costs	0.3173	107.1	0.8	6.3
Driving licences	0.0058	100.0	0.0	0.0
Transport services	1.6008	96.8	-3.9	-7.0
Rail transport	0.2189	103.1	0.3	0.3
Road transport	0.9286	101.6	0.0	1.3
Bus fares	0.3926	103.7	0.0	3.1
Taxi	0.5360	100.0	0.0	0.0
Air transport	0.4009	81.2	-16.6	-28.8
Sea transport	0.0290	107.6	4.5	6.4
Combined transport	0.0183	104.1	0.0	1.3
Other transport	0.0051	99.2	0.0	-0.8
<b>Total</b>	<b>13.2933</b>	<b>104.8</b>	<b>-0.3</b>	<b>4.2</b>

**Table 8      Communications - January 2008**

Description	Dec 2006 base expenditure weight %	Current Index	% change 1 mth	% change 12 mths
Postal services	0.0798	110.4	0.0	10.4
Telephone & communication services	3.3387	100.9	0.0	1.0
<b>Total</b>	<b>3.4184</b>	<b>101.1</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>1.2</b>

**Table 9 Recreation and Culture - January 2008**

Description	Dec 2006 base expenditure weight %	Current Index	% change 1 mth	% change 12 mths
Audio-visual, photographic & information processing equipment	1.0479	87.0	-1.7	-11.0
Equipment for the reception, recording & reproduction of sound & pictures	0.2217	81.2	-4.6	-15.5
Photographic & cinematographic equip. & optical instruments	0.2622	83.7	-1.9	-14.6
Information processing equip.	0.1713	80.3	-2.3	-17.3
Recording media	0.3927	95.5	0.3	-3.2
Other major durables for recreation & culture	0.0146	97.9	0.0	-2.1
Other recreational items & equip. incl. gardens & pets	1.5602	99.7	-0.4	0.1
Games, toys & hobbies	0.5606	91.2	-2.6	-6.4
Equipment for sport, camping & open air recreation	0.1917	99.2	0.0	-0.8
Gardens, plants & flowers	0.4325	104.6	1.4	2.8
Pets & related products	0.2570	106.8	0.5	6.9
Veterinary & other services for pets	0.1184	107.2	0.0	7.2
Recreational & cultural services	3.2243	105.5	1.2	4.7
Recreational & sporting services	1.1232	107.0	0.0	7.0
Sports admittance	0.1449	109.7	0.0	9.7
Sports participation	0.3086	101.2	0.0	1.2
Club & society subscriptions	0.6697	109.1	0.0	9.1
Cultural services	2.1011	104.7	2.0	3.4
Cinema	0.2026	103.7	0.2	3.9
Nightclubs	0.2299	104.5	0.3	4.2
Cultural admittance	0.5231	101.7	0.0	1.7
Other entertainment	0.1791	101.1	0.0	1.2
Television services	0.9664	107.1	4.1	4.2
Newspapers, books & stationery	1.7290	103.6	0.0	3.6
Books	0.4724	101.3	-1.2	1.5
Newspapers & periodicals	0.9333	105.8	0.5	5.7
Stationery	0.3233	100.5	0.1	0.5
Package holidays	2.5280	101.5	0.2	1.4
<b>Total</b>	<b>10.1041</b>	<b>101.3</b>	<b>0.2</b>	<b>1.3</b>

**Table 10 Education - January 2008**

Description	Dec 2006 base expenditure weight %	Current Index	% change 1 mth	% change 12 mths
Primary education	0.0334	108.7	0.0	8.7
Second level education	0.1695	109.9	0.0	9.9
Third level education	1.0183	106.1	0.1	6.0
Other education & training	0.8217	105.2	0.0	5.2
<b>Total</b>	<b>2.0429</b>	<b>106.1</b>	<b>0.1</b>	<b>6.0</b>

**Table 11 Restaurants and Hotels - January 2008**

Description	Dec 2006 base expenditure weight %	Current Index	% change 1 mth	% change 12 mths
Catering services	13.0297	104.1	0.1	3.7
Restaurants, cafes & licenced premises	11.6723	104.0	0.0	3.9
Beer	4.7087	103.8	0.0	3.7
Spirits	1.3776	104.0	0.1	3.9
Wine & cider	1.0197	103.3	-0.1	3.2
Soft drinks & mineral water	0.3351	104.6	-0.1	4.7
Restaurants, cafes & fast-food	4.2313	104.3	0.1	4.1
Canteens	1.3573	104.8	0.7	2.4
Accommodation services	2.3950	99.1	-1.5	0.3
<b>Total</b>	<b>15.4247</b>	<b>103.3</b>	<b>-0.2</b>	<b>3.2</b>

**Table 12 Miscellaneous Goods and Services - January 2008**

Description	Dec 2006 base expenditure weight %	Current Index	% change 1 mth	% change 12 mths
Personal care	2.3999	103.1	0.2	3.3
Hairdressing salons & personal grooming	0.8844	106.7	0.5	6.4
Hairdressing	0.7537	106.2	0.5	5.8
Health & beauty treatments	0.1236	109.3	0.0	9.3
Other personal grooming	0.0071	106.0	-0.4	6.0
Electric appliances for personal care	0.0130	95.5	-3.0	-2.1
Other appliances, articles & products for personal care	1.5025	101.1	0.2	1.5
Hygiene products	0.3344	103.5	0.1	3.4
Hair products	0.2034	98.6	0.2	2.2
Cosmetics & skincare products	0.6554	100.6	0.4	0.5
Toilet accessories	0.3093	101.3	-0.2	1.3
Personal goods	0.4855	92.4	-3.9	-2.8
Jewellery, clocks & watches	0.1711	103.8	-0.4	4.6
Other personal goods	0.3143	86.3	-5.9	-7.1
Social protection	1.0171	104.8	1.6	4.2
Childcare	0.9858	104.4	1.7	3.9
Other social protection	0.0314	119.5	4.3	15.6
Insurance	3.9334	100.1	-0.3	0.2
Dwelling insurance	0.7502	99.4	-3.3	-0.6
Health insurance	1.7726	108.5	1.1	8.5
Transport insurance	1.4106	89.9	-0.7	-9.8
Motor cycle insurance	0.0193	86.8	0.0	-13.2
Motor car insurance	1.3913	89.9	-0.7	-9.8
Financial services	0.1262	106.6	-7.9	6.4
Other services	0.4639	104.3	0.0	4.1
<b>Total</b>	<b>8.4260</b>	<b>101.4</b>	<b>-0.2</b>	<b>1.7</b>

**Table 13 COICOP Groups Consumer Price Monthly Percentage Changes**

Period		Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages	Alcoholic Beverages and Tobacco	Clothing and Footwear	Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas and Other Fuels	Furnishings, Household Equipment and Routine Household Maintenance	Health	Transport	Communications	Recreation and Culture	Education	Restaurants and Hotels	Miscellaneous Goods and Services	All Items CPI
Mid-December 2006		%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%
% Base Expenditure														
Weights		11.742	6.048	5.416	16.509	4.422	3.154	13.293	3.418	10.104	2.043	15.425	8.426	100.000
2007	Mid-January	-	+1.0	-14.3	+3.6	-2.6	+0.8	+0.6	-0.1	-	+0.1	+0.1	-0.3	-0.1
	Mid-February	+0.1	-	+11.1	+0.3	+1.7	+0.5	+0.3	-0.1	+0.7	+0.4	+0.4	+0.2	+0.8
	Mid-March	+0.2	+0.2	+2.1	+1.0	-0.1	+0.1	+1.6	+0.3	-0.1	-	+1.0	+0.1	+0.7
	Mid-April	+1.2	+0.2	-0.9	+2.7	-0.5	-	+1.2	-0.2	-	+0.1	+1.1	-0.7	+0.8
	Mid-May	+0.6	-	+0.6	+0.7	+0.1	+0.4	+0.1	-	-	-	+0.6	+0.1	+0.4
	Mid-June	+0.4	+0.1	-1.7	+0.6	-0.4	-	+0.8	-	-0.2	-	+0.7	+0.2	+0.2
	Mid-July	+0.1	-	-8.4	+2.6	-0.8	-	+1.1	-0.1	+0.4	-	+0.5	-0.1	+0.3
	Mid-August	+0.1	-	+5.0	+0.9	+0.6	+0.7	-0.5	+1.5	-0.1	+0.1	+0.2	-	+0.5
	Mid-September	+0.2	-	+4.7	+0.3	+0.2	+0.1	-0.9	-0.1	+0.2	-	-0.3	+2.0	+0.3
	Mid-October	+1.4	-	-0.6	+0.3	-0.6	+0.1	-0.6	-	-	+3.9	-0.1	+0.1	+0.1
	Mid-November	+1.1	+0.1	+1.8	+0.7	+0.5	+0.3	+1.4	-	+0.2	+1.3	-0.6	+0.1	+0.6
	Mid-December	+0.9	+1.9	-3.4	+0.7	-0.4	-	-	-0.1	-	-	-0.1	-0.1	+0.1
2008	Mid-January	+0.4	+0.8	-12.9	+0.4	-2.9	+2.9	-0.3	-	+0.2	+0.1	-0.2	-0.2	-0.5

**Table 14 COICOP Groups Consumer Price Annual Percentage Changes**

Period	Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages	Alcoholic Beverages and Tobacco	Clothing and Footwear	Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas and Other Fuels	Furnishings, Household Equipment and Routine Household Maintenance	Health	Transport	Communications	Recreation and Culture	Education	Restaurants and Hotels	Miscellaneous Goods and Services	All Items CPI
<b>Mid-December 2006</b>	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%
<b>% Base Expenditure</b>													
<b>Weights</b>	<b>11.742</b>	<b>6.048</b>	<b>5.416</b>	<b>16.509</b>	<b>4.422</b>	<b>3.154</b>	<b>13.293</b>	<b>3.418</b>	<b>10.104</b>	<b>2.043</b>	<b>15.425</b>	<b>8.426</b>	<b>100.000</b>
<b>2007</b> Mid-January	+1.8	+5.5	-1.5	+23.2	-0.9	+3.4	+1.2	-0.2	+2.2	+4.9	+4.4	+1.6	+5.2
Mid-February	+1.1	+5.4	-2.8	+22.5	-1.5	+2.9	+0.3	+0.5	+2.3	+5.2	+4.3	+1.3	+4.8
Mid-March	+0.8	+5.4	-2.6	+22.8	-1.5	+3.0	+1.9	+0.5	+2.1	+5.2	+4.6	+1.0	+5.1
Mid-April	+1.6	+5.5	-3.7	+22.8	-1.9	+2.9	+1.7	-0.1	+1.7	+5.3	+5.1	+0.2	+5.1
Mid-May	+1.4	+5.4	-3.1	+22.6	-2.0	+2.8	+1.6	-0.1	+1.5	+4.8	+4.9	+0.4	+5.0
Mid-June	+2.5	+5.6	-3.7	+22.6	-2.1	+2.7	+1.7	-	+1.3	+4.8	+4.3	+0.6	+4.9
Mid-July	+2.6	+5.6	-1.4	+21.8	-1.1	+2.6	+1.8	-0.2	+1.5	+4.5	+4.1	+0.7	+5.0
Mid-August	+2.7	+5.6	-3.4	+21.8	-1.8	+3.0	+0.2	+1.3	+1.1	+4.6	+3.8	+0.5	+4.8
Mid-September	+2.7	+5.7	-4.0	+18.8	-1.9	+3.1	+2.2	+1.2	+1.2	+4.6	+3.8	+1.2	+4.6
Mid-October	+4.4	+5.4	-3.5	+17.4	-2.3	+3.0	+3.1	+1.2	+1.1	+5.2	+4.0	+1.0	+4.8
Mid-November	+5.6	+5.5	-3.2	+15.0	-1.8	+3.0	+5.2	+1.2	+1.2	+6.0	+3.6	+1.2	+5.0
Mid-December	+6.3	+3.5	-6.2	+15.1	-2.3	+3.0	+5.1	+1.1	+1.1	+6.0	+3.5	+1.6	+4.7
<b>Year</b>	<b>+2.8</b>	<b>+5.3</b>	<b>-3.3</b>	<b>+20.4</b>	<b>-1.7</b>	<b>+2.9</b>	<b>+2.2</b>	<b>+0.5</b>	<b>+1.5</b>	<b>+5.1</b>	<b>+4.1</b>	<b>+1.0</b>	<b>+4.9</b>
<b>2008</b> Mid-January	+6.7	+3.3	-4.7	+11.6	-2.6	+5.2	+4.2	+1.2	+1.3	+6.0	+3.2	+1.7	+4.3

**Table 15 Consumer Price Index Goods and Services by COICOP - January 2008**

COICOP	Group	Mid-Dec 2006 % Base Expenditure Weights	% Goods Base Expenditure Weights	% Services Base Expenditure Weights	Index		Percentage changes		
					Goods	Services	Goods 12 Months	Services 12 Months	Overall 12 Months
01	Food and Non Alcoholic Beverages	11.742	11.742	-	106.7	-	+6.7	-	+6.7
02	Alcoholic Beverages and Tobacco	6.048	6.048	-	104.3	-	+3.3	-	+3.3
03	Clothing and Footwear	5.416	5.257	0.159	81.0	104.9	-5.0	+4.6	-4.7
04	Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas and Other Fuels	16.509	3.220	13.289	109.3	117.2	+10.7	+11.9	+11.6
05	Furnishings, Household Equipment and Routine Household Maintenance	4.422	3.557	0.865	93.4	101.1	-3.5	+1.1	-2.6
06	Health	3.154	1.177	1.977	99.5	109.8	-0.5	+8.4	+5.2
07	Transport	13.293	9.827	3.466	106.3	100.8	+6.2	-1.2	+4.2
08	Communications	3.418	0.018	3.400	84.4	101.2	-7.7	+1.3	+1.2
09	Recreation and Culture	10.104	4.233	5.871	97.9	103.8	-1.4	+3.3	+1.3
10	Education	2.043	-	2.043	-	106.1	-	+6.0	+6.0
11	Restaurants and Hotels	15.425	-	15.425	-	103.3	-	+3.2	+3.2
12	Miscellaneous Goods & Services	8.426	2.001	6.425	99.0	102.2	+0.5	+2.1	+1.7
<b>ALL ITEMS</b>		<b>100.000</b>	<b>47.080</b>	<b>52.920</b>	<b>101.3</b>	<b>106.7</b>	<b>+3.3</b>	<b>+5.1</b>	<b>+4.3</b>

**Table 16 Consumer Price Annual Percentage Changes for selected CPI Sub-indices**

Period	Goods		Services		Energy		CPI excluding Mortgage Interest		CPI excluding Housing		CPI excluding Tobacco		CPI excluding Energy Products		All Items	
	%		%		%		%		%		%		%		%	
<b>2005</b> Mid-July	+	0.8	+	3.7	+	12.7	+	1.9	+	1.8	+	2.4	+	1.6	+	2.4
Mid-August	+	0.8	+	3.5	+	12.5	+	1.8	+	1.7	+	2.3	+	1.5	+	2.3
Mid-September	+	2.0	+	3.9	+	19.6	+	2.6	+	2.6	+	3.1	+	1.7	+	3.0
Mid-October	+	1.7	+	4.1	+	19.9	+	2.6	+	2.5	+	3.0	+	1.7	+	3.0
Mid-November	+	0.9	+	4.1	+	12.7	+	2.1	+	2.1	+	2.7	+	1.7	+	2.6
Mid-December	+	0.5	+	4.2	+	10.4	+	1.9	+	1.8	+	2.5	+	1.8	+	2.5
<b>Year</b>	+	<b>0.8</b>	+	<b>4.0</b>	+	<b>12.6</b>	+	<b>1.9</b>	+	<b>1.9</b>	+	<b>2.5</b>	+	<b>1.7</b>	+	<b>2.5</b>
<b>2006</b> Mid-January	+	1.4	+	4.4	+	13.3	+	2.3	+	2.2	+	3.0	+	2.2	+	3.0
Mid-February	+	2.0	+	4.4	+	15.3	+	2.6	+	2.6	+	3.4	+	2.3	+	3.3
Mid-March	+	2.1	+	4.7	+	13.9	+	2.7	+	2.7	+	3.5	+	2.7	+	3.5
Mid-April	+	1.9	+	5.3	+	10.3	+	2.7	+	2.7	+	3.8	+	3.2	+	3.8
Mid-May	+	2.6	+	5.1	+	13.0	+	2.9	+	2.9	+	4.0	+	3.3	+	3.9
Mid-June	+	2.1	+	5.4	+	12.7	+	2.8	+	2.8	+	4.0	+	3.2	+	3.9
Mid-July	+	1.7	+	6.4	+	10.4	+	2.7	+	2.7	+	4.4	+	3.7	+	4.2
Mid-August	+	1.7	+	7.0	+	10.8	+	3.0	+	3.0	+	4.7	+	3.9	+	4.5
Mid-September	–		+	7.5	+	0.1	+	2.0	+	2.0	+	4.2	+	4.3	+	4.0
Mid-October	–	0.6	+	7.8	–	2.0	+	2.0	+	1.9	+	4.0	+	4.4	+	3.9
Mid-November	–	0.3	+	8.5	+	0.3	+	2.2	+	2.0	+	4.6	+	4.8	+	4.4
Mid-December	+	1.2	+	8.0	+	3.8	+	2.8	+	2.7	+	4.7	+	5.0	+	4.9
<b>Year</b>	+	<b>1.2</b>	+	<b>6.2</b>	+	<b>8.2</b>	+	<b>2.6</b>	+	<b>2.5</b>	+	<b>4.0</b>	+	<b>3.6</b>	+	<b>4.0</b>
<b>2007</b> Mid-January	+	0.6	+	9.1	+	4.8	+	2.7	+	2.7	+	4.8	+	5.2	+	5.2
Mid-February	–		+	9.1	+	1.2	+	2.5	+	2.2	+	4.6	+	5.1	+	4.8
Mid-March	+	0.4	+	9.3	+	3.5	+	2.7	+	2.5	+	4.9	+	5.3	+	5.1
Mid-April	+	0.4	+	9.1	+	3.5	+	2.6	+	2.4	+	4.8	+	5.3	+	5.1
Mid-May	+	0.3	+	9.1	+	2.8	+	2.6	+	2.3	+	4.7	+	5.1	+	5.0
Mid-June	+	0.6	+	8.9	+	4.0	+	2.6	+	2.3	+	4.7	+	5.1	+	4.9
Mid-July	+	0.6	+	8.7	+	3.7	+	2.5	+	2.3	+	4.7	+	5.1	+	5.0
Mid-August	+	0.2	+	8.5	+	1.7	+	2.2	+	2.0	+	4.3	+	4.9	+	4.8
Mid-September	+	1.0	+	7.9	+	5.1	+	2.6	+	2.4	+	4.4	+	4.6	+	4.6
Mid-October	+	2.1	+	7.3	+	5.7	+	2.8	+	2.6	+	4.5	+	4.7	+	4.8
Mid-November	+	3.5	+	6.4	+	10.3	+	3.4	+	3.2	+	4.8	+	4.6	+	5.0
Mid-December	+	2.7	+	6.5	+	9.5	+	3.1	+	2.8	+	4.7	+	4.3	+	4.7
<b>Year</b>	+	<b>1.0</b>	+	<b>8.4</b>	+	<b>4.6</b>	+	<b>2.7</b>	+	<b>2.4</b>	+	<b>4.6</b>	+	<b>4.9</b>	+	<b>4.9</b>
<b>2008</b> Mid-January	+	3.3	+	5.1	+	8.3	+	3.0	+	2.7	+	4.3	+	3.9	+	4.3

**Table 17 Groceries and Non-Groceries Order Items (Former)**

Period	Groceries Order Items <sup>1</sup>			Non-Groceries Order Items <sup>2</sup>			Groceries Order and Non-Groceries Order Items		
	Percentage Change			Percentage Change			Percentage Change		
	Current base Dec. 2006	One <sup>3</sup> month	12 <sup>3</sup> months	Current base Dec. 2006	One <sup>3</sup> month	12 <sup>3</sup> months	Current base Dec. 2006	One <sup>3</sup> month	12 <sup>3</sup> months
<b>2005</b> Mid-July	101.2	+ 0.3	–	95.9	–	- 2.6	99.8	+ 0.2	- 0.6
Mid-August	101.2	–	–	95.6	- 0.2	- 2.9	99.7	- 0.1	- 0.8
Mid-September	101.1	- 0.2	- 0.2	96.0	+ 0.3	- 2.0	99.8	–	- 0.6
Mid-October	101.0	–	- 0.3	95.4	- 0.6	- 2.3	99.6	- 0.2	- 0.8
Mid-November	100.8	- 0.2	- 0.3	94.7	- 0.6	- 2.7	99.2	- 0.3	- 0.9
Mid-December	100.5	- 0.3	- 0.4	95.3	+ 0.5	- 3.2	99.2	- 0.1	- 1.1
<b>Year</b>	<b>100.9</b>		<b>- 0.2</b>	<b>96.0</b>		<b>- 2.2</b>	<b>99.7</b>		<b>- 0.8</b>
<b>2006</b> Mid-January	100.8	+ 0.3	- 0.2	95.2	- 0.1	- 2.5	99.4	+ 0.2	- 0.8
Mid-February	101.1	+ 0.3	+ 0.1	97.0	+ 2.0	- 0.9	100.1	+ 0.7	- 0.2
Mid-March	101.3	+ 0.2	+ 0.6	97.5	+ 0.5	+ 1.0	100.3	+ 0.3	+ 0.7
Mid-April	101.5	+ 0.2	+ 0.7	97.7	+ 0.2	+ 2.0	100.6	+ 0.3	+ 1.1
Mid-May	101.9	+ 0.4	+ 1.0	99.0	+ 1.3	+ 3.7	101.1	+ 0.6	+ 1.7
Mid-June	101.4	- 0.5	+ 0.5	98.1	- 0.9	+ 2.4	100.5	- 0.7	+ 0.9
Mid-July	101.1	- 0.3	- 0.1	98.8	+ 0.7	+ 3.1	100.5	–	+ 0.7
Mid-August	101.0	- 0.1	- 0.2	99.0	+ 0.2	+ 3.5	100.5	–	+ 0.8
Mid-September	101.1	–	–	99.5	+ 0.5	+ 3.7	100.6	+ 0.1	+ 0.9
Mid-October	100.9	- 0.2	- 0.2	99.2	- 0.3	+ 4.0	100.4	- 0.2	+ 0.9
Mid-November	100.4	- 0.4	- 0.4	99.1	- 0.1	+ 4.6	100.1	- 0.3	+ 0.9
Mid-December	100.0	- 0.5	- 0.6	100.0	+ 0.9	+ 5.0	100.0	- 0.1	+ 0.9
<b>Year</b>	<b>101.1</b>		<b>+ 0.1</b>	<b>98.3</b>		<b>+ 2.4</b>	<b>100.4</b>		<b>+ 0.7</b>
<b>2007</b> Mid-January	100.3	+ 0.3	- 0.5	100.1	+ 0.1	+ 5.1	100.2	+ 0.2	+ 0.8
Mid-February	100.4	+ 0.1	- 0.7	100.3	+ 0.2	+ 3.4	100.3	+ 0.1	+ 0.2
Mid-March	100.9	+ 0.5	- 0.4	99.5	- 0.8	+ 2.1	100.5	+ 0.2	+ 0.2
Mid-April	101.8	+ 0.9	+ 0.3	100.6	+ 1.1	+ 3.0	101.4	+ 0.9	+ 0.8
Mid-May	102.1	+ 0.3	+ 0.2	101.4	+ 0.8	+ 2.4	101.9	+ 0.5	+ 0.8
Mid-June	102.5	+ 0.4	+ 1.1	101.9	+ 0.5	+ 3.9	102.3	+ 0.4	+ 1.8
Mid-July	102.7	+ 0.2	+ 1.6	101.5	- 0.4	+ 2.7	102.3	–	+ 1.8
Mid-August	102.8	+ 0.1	+ 1.8	101.4	- 0.1	+ 2.4	102.4	+ 0.1	+ 1.9
Mid-September	102.9	+ 0.1	+ 1.8	101.8	+ 0.4	+ 2.3	102.6	+ 0.2	+ 2.0
Mid-October	104.2	+ 1.3	+ 3.3	101.9	+ 0.1	+ 2.7	103.5	+ 0.9	+ 3.1
Mid-November	105.4	+ 1.2	+ 5.0	101.6	- 0.3	+ 2.5	104.2	+ 0.7	+ 4.1
Mid-December	106.1	+ 0.7	+ 6.1	101.4	- 0.2	+ 1.4	104.7	+ 0.5	+ 4.7
<b>Year</b>	<b>102.7</b>		<b>+ 1.6</b>	<b>101.1</b>		<b>+ 2.8</b>	<b>102.2</b>		<b>+ 1.8</b>
<b>2008</b> Mid-January	106.6	+ 0.5	+ 6.3	102.0	+ 0.6	+ 1.9	105.2	+ 0.5	+ 5.0

<sup>1</sup> Groceries Order Items included elements of Food & Non-Alcoholic Beverages, Off-Licence Alcohol and Household Non-Durable Goods.<sup>2</sup> Non-Groceries Order Items included elements of Foods & Non-Alcoholic Beverages and Household Non-Durable Goods<sup>3</sup> Up to December 2006, one month and twelve month percentage changes are based on the previously published base Dec 2001=100 indices.

## Background Notes – Consumer Price Index

- Definition** The Consumer Price Index is designed to measure the change in the average level of prices (inclusive of all indirect taxes) paid for consumer goods and services by all private households in the country and by foreign tourists holidaying in Ireland.
- Consumer Price Index (CPI)** Over 50,000 prices are collected for a representative basket consisting of 616 headings which cover over 1,000 different items in a fixed panel of retail and service outlets throughout the country on the second Tuesday of each month. The date to which the January index relates is Tuesday, 8th January 2008.
- Scope of the Index**
- (i) **Population Coverage:** All private households in the state and the expenditure of foreign tourists within Ireland. It does not include the expenditure of persons in institutions and other non private households. Expenditure which occurs abroad by Irish residents is also excluded. In statistical terms coverage is referred to as the domestic concept.
  - (ii) **Geographic Coverage:** Covers the whole of the Republic of Ireland. Pricing takes place in Dublin and 83 other locations (cities and towns) throughout the country. These sampling points are located in Dublin city and county, the four regional cities of Cork, Limerick, Galway and Waterford, approx. 80% of towns with a population of 10,000 and over, approx. 70% of towns between 5,000 and 9,999 and a smaller proportion below this threshold. The results are weighted to represent the distribution of the population and its related consumer expenditure. The sample is organised on a regional basis for calculation purposes.
  - (iii) **Item Coverage:** All goods and services bought by the reference population for the purposes of consumption are included in the index. Expenditure on capital assets and investments, gambling and certain other activities are however excluded. Over 1,000 different varieties are priced and then aggregated into 616 item headings and 12 group headings based on the COICOP classification. With each rebase the coverage of goods and services is reviewed to ensure that it continues to be representative of consumer tastes and purchasing practices.
- Price Collection** Personal visits are made to retail outlets by some 200 part-time pricers on a monthly basis. Approximately 50,000 price quotations are gathered in this way. In addition 114 special inquiries covering items such as utility charges and services are conducted by post and telephone. Most prices are collected monthly, some quarterly and others annually. The CSO supplies general specifications to price collectors and collectors are free initially to select a brand and in certain cases, size. This allows for a wide variety of different brands of the same item to be priced throughout the country. Once selected, the same item/brand is priced on a monthly basis in order to ensure matched price quotations. If an item disappears, substitution can occur but that price is excluded until matched prices are available for the same comparable item for two consecutive months. The CSO wishes to put on record its appreciation of the co-operation and assistance it receives from retail outlets and other business concerns.
- CPI Weights** The CPI measures in index form the monthly changes in the cost of purchasing a fixed representative 'basket' of consumer goods and services (i.e. Laspeyres formula). The representative share of each item in this basket is proportional to the average amount purchased by all households in the country as determined by the Household Budget Survey and by foreign tourists in this country using estimates of expenditure by tourists across a range of consumer goods and services. Individual items typically purchased by foreign tourists while holidaying in Ireland such as hotel accommodation and meals out have been adjusted to take account of the additional tourist expenditure. Identical items are priced in the same outlet on each occasion so that changes in the cost of this constant basket reflect only pure price changes.

## Background Notes – Consumer Price Index (continued)

**Rebase** The index has been rebased with effect from December 2006, the tenth series since the foundation of the State.

The rebase of the current CPI resulted in a number of methodological changes:

- Updating the expenditure weights;
- A revision of the sample of goods and services;
- An update of the sample of areas priced; and
- A move to a regional structure in the calculation methodology.

**Classification** The classification used in the CPI is based on a version of COICOP – COICOP HICP, the Classification of Individual Consumption Expenditure by Purpose. This replaced the former national classification which was used up to December 2001. The COICOP classification breaks consumer expenditure into twelve different categories covering a comprehensive range of consumer goods and services. Indices for the previous national classification are no longer published as of December 2006. The data, however, will continue to be made available on the CSO website ([www.cso.ie](http://www.cso.ie)) and by request to the Consumer Prices Section ([cpi@cso.ie](mailto:cpi@cso.ie)).

**Methodological Details** A full methodological description of the new series is available in the CPI 2006 Introduction to Series booklet which is published on the website at [http://www.cso.ie/surveysandmethodologies/documents/pdf\\_docs/introduction\\_to\\_series\\_base\\_december\\_2006.pdf](http://www.cso.ie/surveysandmethodologies/documents/pdf_docs/introduction_to_series_base_december_2006.pdf)

**Goods and Services** The consumer basket can be split into two constituent parts - goods and services according to the following definitions.

**Goods** Goods are defined as non service items usually purchased and transportable from a retail outlet - the basket excluding services.

**Services** Services include electricity, gas, telecommunications and other public utilities, alcoholic beverages consumed on licensed premises, meals out, accommodation services, public transport, medical fees, insurances, education fees, hairdressing & other personal services, childcare & social protection, entertainment & recreation services, mortgage interest & rents, package holidays and other miscellaneous services.

**Utilities and Local Charges** Includes electricity, gas, landline telecommunications and local authority service charges.

## Background Notes – COICOP Classification

Prior to the introduction of the December 2001 based series in January 2002 the CPI used a national classification while the HICP used COICOP/HICP. To ensure greater comparability CPI and the HICP have both used the COICOP/HICP classification since December 2001 (Classification of Individual Consumption by Purpose - adapted for the purposes of the EU HICP).

The COICOP classification is based on 12 main subgroups.

<b>01 Food and Non Alcoholic Beverages</b>	Food and non alcoholic beverages purchased in supermarkets, small shops, speciality shops and petrol station forecourt outlets. It excludes meals out which are covered under 11 Restaurants and Hotels.
<b>02 Alcoholic Beverages and Tobacco</b>	Includes alcoholic beverages purchased in off licences and supermarkets but excludes alcohol consumed on or within a licensed premises which is classified under 11 Restaurants and Hotels.
<b>03 Clothing and Footwear</b>	Mens, ladies and childrens clothing and footwear, sports and leisurewear and services such as laundry and dry cleaning, shoe repair, dress hire and alteration.
<b>04 Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas and Other Fuels</b>	This group covers rents, mortgage interest repayments, local authority service charges, goods and services for maintaining, decorating and repairing dwellings and domestic energy products such as electricity, gas and solid fuels.
<b>05 Furnishings, Household Equipment and Routine Household Maintenance</b>	This category covers household items such as furniture, carpets and other floor coverings, house textiles and soft furnishings, household electrical appliances, and other household items such as utensils, tools, garden equipment and non-durable items for cleaning, washing and other day to day household activity. Also included in this category are domestic services such as cleaning and other services.
<b>06 Health</b>	Health includes medical products, appliances and equipment, hospital charges and out patient services supplied by doctors, dentists, opticians, practitioners of alternative and complimentary medicine and paramedical services.
<b>07 Transport</b>	Includes the purchase of new and second hand vehicles, spare parts, car maintenance, fuels and lubricants, public transport and services such as parking, motor association subscriptions, car wash, toll charges, driving tests, licences and car hire.
<b>08 Communications</b>	Post and telecommunications.
<b>09 Recreation and Culture</b>	All goods and services connected with recreation and culture and includes items such as audio visual and photographic equipment, computers, music and videos, sports and recreation goods, games and toys, items connected with gardening and pets, recreational, sporting and cultural activities and events, newspapers and other reading material, package holidays and other items connected with recreation and culture.
<b>10 Education</b>	Covers all aspects of education including primary, secondary, third level and other education and training such as night courses, play schools and examination fees.
<b>11 Restaurants and Hotels</b>	This category covers the following areas: meals in restaurants and hotels; fast food and take-aways; cafes; canteens; alcohol consumed on or within a licensed premises and accommodation services supplied by hotels, guesthouses and hostels.
<b>12 Miscellaneous Goods and Services</b>	This remaining category covers a wide range of items including hairdressing and other grooming; goods for hygiene, hair and body care; personal goods such as jewellery, handbags and wallets; childcare and other social protection services; insurance, financial services and other services including funerals, weddings, legal and professional services.