

# STATISTICAL BULLETIN: CONSUMER PRICE INDEX

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Note: This document is a translation of the original CPI bulletin in Spanish, which is the official version.

- In December, the monthly variation of the CPI was -0.5%.
- The most notable variations were the fall in food and non-alcoholic beverages and in recreation and culture and the rise in restaurants and hotels.

In December 2023, the monthly variation of the Consumer Price Index (CPI) was -0.5%, and the twelve-month and annual variations were both 3.9%.

# **Development of the CPI**

Monthly variations (December 2022 - December 2023)



In December, ten of the twelve divisions of the CPI had a negative impact on the monthly variation of the index, one division had a positive impact, and one had no impact. Among the divisions with decreases in prices, the most notable were food and non-alcoholic beverages (-0.8%), which had an impact of -0.189 percentage points (pp), and recreation and culture (-2.8%), which had an impact of -0.189 pp. The remaining divisions with negative influence on the variation of the CPI had a combined impact of -0.213 pp. The only division with a monthly increase in prices was restaurants and hotels (0.8%), which had an impact of 0.053 pp.

# Variations and impacts by division

Base year 2018=100, December 2023

Division	Weighting	Index	Variation			Impact (pp)	
			Monthly <sup>1</sup>	Cumulative <sup>2</sup>	12-month <sup>3</sup>	Monthly <sup>4</sup>	12-month
Food and non-alcoholic beverages	19.30131	155.81	-0.8	5.2	5.2	-0.189	1.160
Alcoholic beverages and tobacco	4.77767	130.44	-0.4	6.5	6.5	-0.020	0.295
Clothing and footwear	3.50596	104.71	-1.1	3.9	3.9	-0.031	0.106
Housing and basic services	14.82720	131.72	-0.1	4.7	4.7	-0.015	0.682
Household equipment and maintenance	6.52285	123.14	-0.3	1.4	1.4	-0.017	0.087
Health	7.76778	120.85	-0.5	5.5	5.5	-0.039	0.380
Transport	13.12148	141.17	-0.4	-2.2	-2.2	-0.050	-0.317
Communications	5.45488	87.13	-0.1	-0.8	-0.8	-0.003	-0.028
Recreation and culture	6.58912	133.98	-2.8	3.6	3.6	-0.189	0.237
Education	6.59568	133.39	0.0	11.0	11.0	0.000	0.675
Restaurants and hotels	6.38347	146.82	0.8	7.6	7.6	0.053	0.513
Miscellaneous goods and services	5.1526	133.85	-0.7	2.9	2.9	-0.038	0.151

- (1) This figure refers to the percentage variation of the index from the previous month to the current month.
- (2) This figure refers to the percentage variation of the index from December of the previous year to the current month.
- (3) This figure refers to the percentage variation of the index between the current month and the same month of the previous year.
- (4) The sum of the impacts is equal to the monthly variation of the CPI, and it may vary if calculated with more decimals.

**CPI December 2023**Base year 2018=100

General CPI						
134.10						
CPI 12-month variation						
3.9%	1					
CPI monthly variation						
-0.5%	•					
CPI without volatile products						
Monthly variation						
-0.2%	•					
CPI except food and energy						
Monthly variation						
-0.4%	•					
Energy						
Monthly variation						
-0.8%	<b></b>					
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-0.8%	lacksquare					



# **Divisions**

### Division 1: Food and non-alcoholic beverages



Food and non-alcoholic beverages decreased in eight of its eleven classes. The most notable decreases were in vegetables, legumes, and tubers (-4.3%), which had an impact of -0.137 pp; and milk, cheese, and eggs (-1.5%), which had an impact of -0.045 pp. Of the seventy-six products of the division, thirty-six decreased in prices, notably potatoes (-16.0%), which had an impact of -0.110 pp, and bread (-1.5%), which had an impact of -0.038 pp. The remaining products with negative influence on the CPI had a combined impact of -0.196 pp.

#### **Division 9: Recreation and culture**



Monthly decreases were observed in twelve of the sixteen classes of recreation and culture. The most notable decreases were in package tours (-7.5%), which had an impact of -0.111 pp, and computer-processing equipment (-5.5%), which had an impact of -0.017 pp. Of the thirty-seven products of the division, twenty-two decreased in prices, notably package tours (-7.5%), which had an impact of -0.111 pp, and computers (-6.2%), which had an impact of -0.017 pp. The remaining products with negative influence on the CPI had a combined impact of -0.076 pp.

### **Division 11: Restaurants and hotels**



A monthly increase was observed in one of the two classes of restaurants and hotels. The class that increased in prices was restaurants, cafes, and similar establishments (1.0%), which had an impact of 0.064 pp. Of the seven products of the division, six increased in prices, notably food consumed outside the home (1.3%), which had an impact of 0.044 pp, and take-out food (0.5%), which had an impact of 0.010 pp. The remaining products with positive influence had a combined impact of 0.011 pp.

# **Products**

### **Package tours**

In December, the monthly variation in the price of package tours was -7.5%, which had an impact of -0.111 pp on the variation of the general CPI. The cumulative and twelve-month variations were both -1.4%.

### **Potatoes**

The monthly variation in the price of potatoes was -16.0%, which had an impact of -0.110 pp. The twelve-month and cumulative variations were both 73.8%.

# Gasoline

The monthly variation in the price of gasoline was -1.9%, which had an impact of -0.064 pp. The twelve-month and cumulative variations were both -2.5%.

### Air transportation services

The monthly variation in the price of this product was -4.0%, which had an impact of -0.042 pp. The twelve-month and cumulative variations were both -12.9%.

## Interurban bus transportation services

The monthly variation in the price of this product was 12.2%, which had an impact of 0.075 pp. The twelve-month and cumulative variations were both 1.5%.

### Food consumed outside the home

The monthly variation in the price of this product was 1.3%, which had an impact of 0.044 pp. The cumulative and twelve-month variations were both 8.4%.



The CPI is used for the following purposes:

- Official measurement of inflation in Chile.
- Determing factor in the variation of the UF and UTM.
- Measurement for adjusting and upating contracts and monetary values.

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