

20 February 2007

## Consumer Price Index (CPI). Base 2006

January 2007

### General index

	Monthly variation	Accumulated variation	Interannual variation
January 2007	-0.7	-0.7	2.4

### Main results

- The interannual **variation rate** of the **CPI** for the month of **January** decreases three tenths, to **2.4%**.
- The **annual** core inflation **rate** is of **2.7%**, two tenths greater than that registered in December.
- **Monthly variation** of the general index is of **-0.7%**.
- The **Harmonised Consumer Price Index** (HCPI) places its **annual rate** at **2.4%**, three tenths below that of the previous month.
- The CPI for January 2007 is the first calculated on the new 2006 base.

## Interannual Variation Rates

The interannual rate of the general Consumer Price Index (CPI) over the month of January is of **2.4%**, three tenths lower than that registered in the month of December.

By groups, those that stand out for their greater increases or decreases in annual rates are the following:

- **Alcoholic beverages and tobacco**, the annual rate of which increases more than seven points, reaching **8.9%**, due to the increase in tobacco prices.
- **Transport**, which decreases its annual rate from 1.8% over the month of December to **0.2%** in January. Most of this performance is due to the evolution of prices for *fuels and lubricants*, which have registered a negative monthly rate over this month, compared to its increase in January 2006.
- **Housing**, the annual rate of which is at **3.9%**, one point below that registered in December. This decrease is due to gas and electricity increasing their prices this month less than in January 2006. Furthermore, prices of *heating fuels* have decreased with respect to the increases of last year.
- **Food and non-alcoholic beverages**, the rate of which is at **2.4%**, eight tenths less than last month. Price decreases are remarkable in *olive oil* and *poultry meat*, which registered positive rates last year.

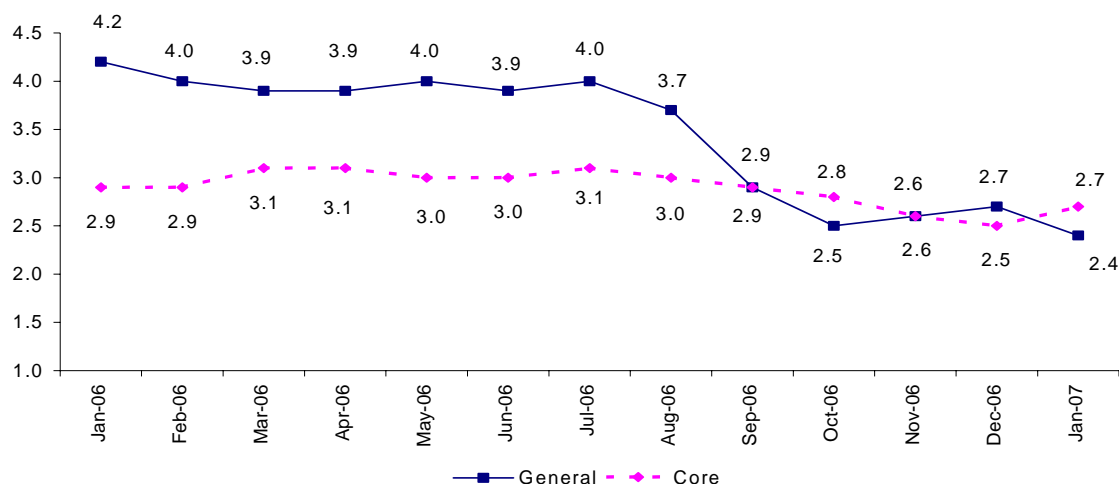
In a more detailed analysis of these groups, the divisions having registered the greatest annual rates in the month of January are:

	Annual rate (%) Dec-06	Annual rate (%) Jan-07
<b>Food</b>		
Oils	-2.6	-13.7
Poultry Meat	12.9	5.0
Fish, crustaceans and molluscs	4.3	2.9
<b>Other divisions</b>		
Tobacco	1.1	11.4
Other fuels	-0.8	-7.4
Gas	9.8	3.8
Fuels and lubricants	0.0	-4.0

The interannual variation rate of **core inflation** (general index without unprocessed food or energy products) increases two tenths up to **2.7%**, which places it again above the general index.

## Annual evolution of CPI, base 2006

General and Core



## Inter-monthly variation rates

In the month of January the inter-monthly variation rate of the general CPI is of **-0.7%**.

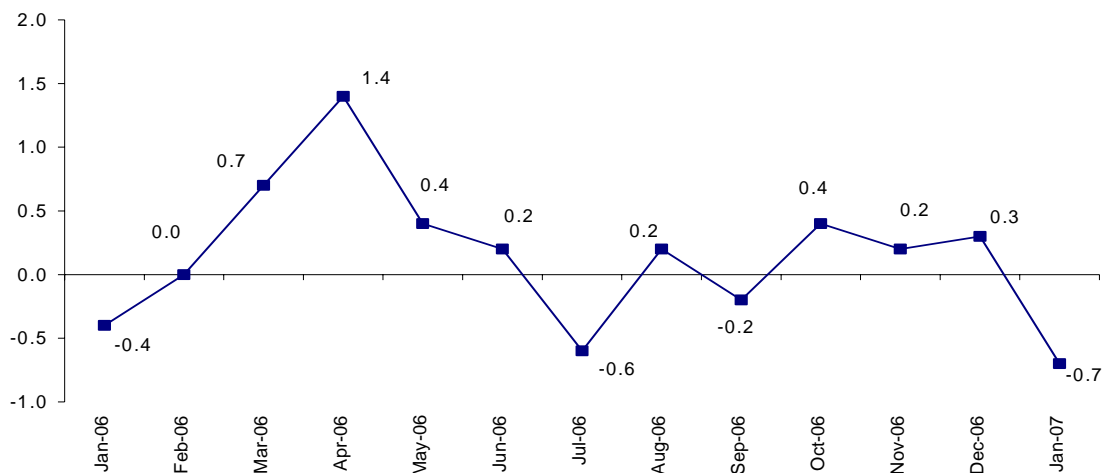
Amongst the groups with the most relevant positive effect in the general index we find the following:

- **Alcoholic beverages and tobacco**, the monthly rate of which is **5.0%** has an effect of **0.141** upon the general index. This rate is due almost entirely to the increase in tobacco prices.
- **Housing**, with a monthly rate of **1.2%** and an effect of **0.122**, due for the most part to the price increase in *electricity, gas, water and other housing services*. The decrease in prices for *heating fuels* is notable.
- **Other goods and services**, with a rate of **1.4%** that has an effect of **0.116** on the general CPI. This increase can be explained for the most part by the increase in *insurance* prices.
- **Hotels, cafes and restaurants**, which in the month of January experienced an increase of **0.8%**, due to the performance of *restaurants, bars and cafes*. Which has an effect of **0.092** on the general CPI.

The groups with the greatest negative monthly variation over the month of January are the following:

- **Clothing and footwear**, with a monthly rate of **-11.7%**, which accounts for the effect of the winter sales. Its effect on the rate of general CPI over January is **-1.052**.
- **Leisure and culture**, whose inter-monthly rate of **-1.8%** is influenced by the reduction in prices of *organised travel*. Its effect is **-0.128**.

## Monthly evolution of CPI, base 2006 General index



### Details of inter-monthly variations

A more detailed analysis shows the divisions that have most affected the monthly rate of CPI in the month of January.

The divisions with the greatest positive effect on the monthly rate were:

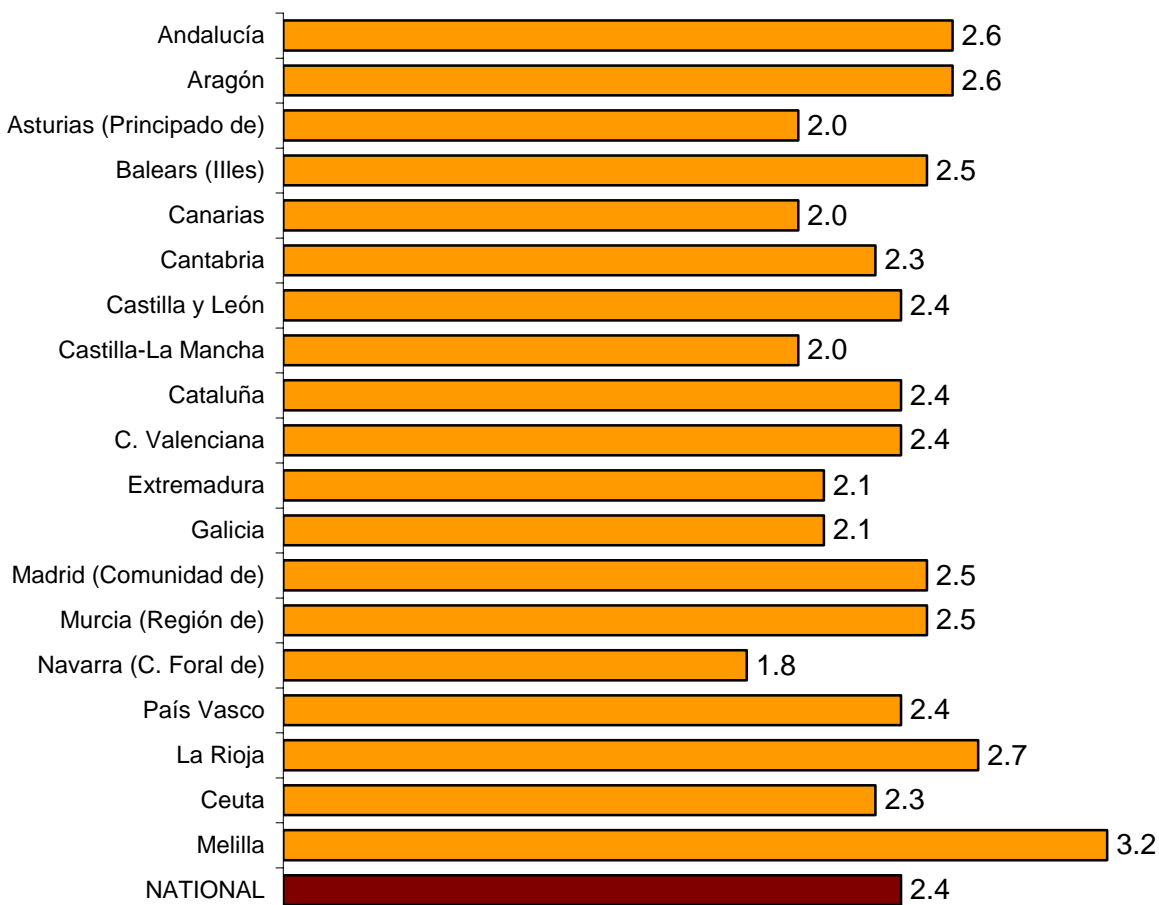
	Monthly rate (%)	Effect
<b>Food</b>		
Bread	2.3	0.042
Beef	1.4	0.016
<b>Other divisions</b>		
Tobacco	6.6	0.131
Insurance	2.6	0.102
Restaurants, bars, cafes, canteens and dining halls	0.9	0.093
Electricity	2.7	0.066
Automobiles	0.5	0.029
Collection of waste, sewage and other services	1.2	0.024

Likewise, the divisions with the greatest negative effect were the following:

	Monthly rate (%)	Effect
<b>Food</b>		
Oils	-8.2	-0.065
Sheep meat	-3.3	-0.012
Poultry Meat	-1.2	-0.010
<b>Other divisions</b>		
Clothing garments	-12.7	-0.871
Footwear	-8.2	-0.159

### Autonomous Communities. Annual variation rates

Annual variations in general CPI in the Autonomous Communities appear in the following graph:



### Harmonised Consumer Price Index (HCPI)

HCPI over the month of January registers an interannual variation rate of **2.4%**, three tenths less than that over the month of December. This rate is the same as that estimated by the leading index for CPI published on 7th February.

The monthly rate of HCPI is of **-0.7%**.

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