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











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Summary Results of the Consumer Price Index in Urban Areas in Iran

Farvardin 1385

increase 
 no change 
 decrease 

percent change compared to

Groups	percent change compared to			
	previous month		similar month of the previous year	
General Index	0.4		6.5	
Major Groups :				
1- Food, Beverages and Tobacco	0.3		3.2	
2- Clothing and Footwear	0.4		8.0	
3- Housing, Water, Fuel and Power	0.7		12.8	
4- Household Furnishings and Operations	0.7		7.3	
5- Transportation and Communication	0.1		7.8	
6- Medical Care	1.7		19.8	
7- Recreation, Reading and Education	0.3		17.3	
8- Miscellaneous Goods and Services	2.2		11.6	
Special Groups :				
1- Goods	0		0.1	
2- Services	1.0		16.3	
3- Housing, Water, Fuel and Power	0.7		12.8	

Consumer Price Index in Urban Areas in Iran

Farvardin 1385

(1376=100)

The Consumer Price Index (**CPI**) went up 0.4 percent in Farvardin 1385. Showing the index point of 326.3, the **CPI** was 6.5 percent higher than the similar month in 1384.

The inflation rate increased 11.1 percent during twelve months ending Farvardin 1385.

During Farvardin 1385, the food, beverages and tobacco group index went down 0.3 percent, mainly due to the decrease of “fresh fruits and vegetables” index by 4.5 percent. In the given month the indices of “fish” and “pistachio” decreased by 4.2 percent and 1.9 percent, respectively. The indices of “poultry”, “meat”, “dairy products and eggs”, “sugar products and honey”, “food away from home” and “bread” increased by 5.7 percent, 1.1 percent, 1.5 percent, 2.4 percent, 1.7 percent and 1.3 percent, respectively.

The clothing and footwear group index increased 0.4 percent, mainly due to the increase of “ready to wear clothing” index by 0.4 percent. The indices of “apparel goods and services” and “footwear” increased 0.7 percent and 0.3 percent, respectively.

During Farvardin 1385, the housing, water, fuel and power group index went up 0.7 percent. The “rental equivalence of owner occupied houses” group index and the “rent of residential houses” group index increased by 0.8 percent and 0.7 percent, respectively. The index of “maintenance and repair services” increased 1.3 percent.

The household furnishings and operations group index rose 0.7 percent. This advance was mainly due to the increase of “household furnishings” group index by 0.7 percent. The “household goods and services” group index increased 0.4 percent.

The transportation and communication group index went down 0.1 percent. In the given month, the index of “public transportation” decreased by 0.4 percent while the index of “private transportation” increased 0.1 percent.

During Farvardin 1385, the medical care group index went up 1.7 percent, mainly due to the increase of “medical services” group index by 1.4 percent. In the given month the “medicines” group index increased 2.8 percent.

The recreation, reading and education group index went up 0.3 percent.

The miscellaneous goods and services group index went up 2.2 percent, mainly due to increase of the price for “funeral expenses” increased by 5.2 percent.

Consumer Price Index in Urban Areas in Iran (1376=100)

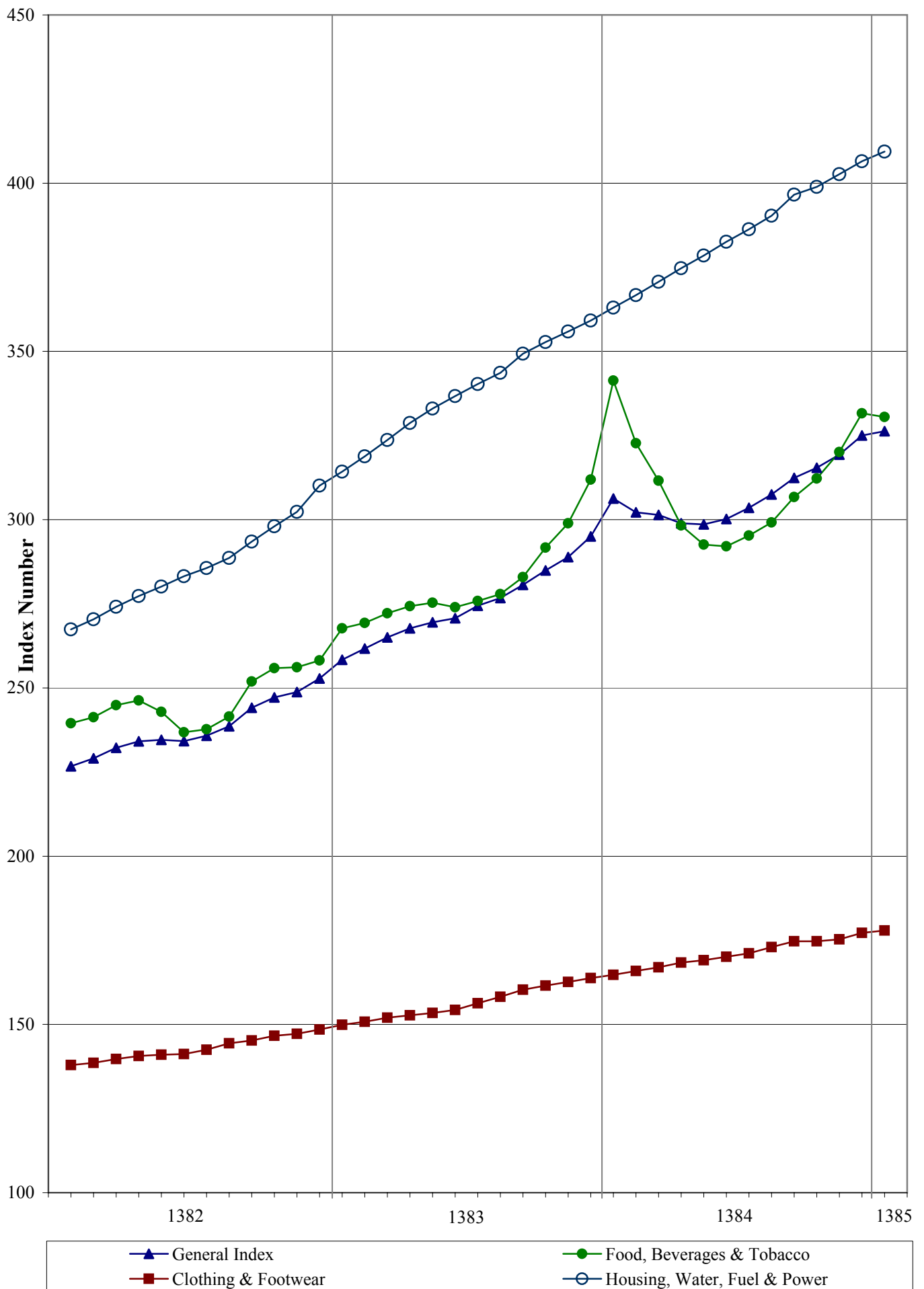


Table 1
Consumer Price Index in Urban Areas in Iran
Index Numbers and Their Percent Changes
Farvardin 1385
(1376=100)

Description	Base Year Weight	Index Number in Farvardin 1385	Percent Change			
			Farvardin 1385 compared to:		Farvardin 1384 compared to:	
			previous month	similar month of the previous year	previous month	similar month of the previous year
General Index	100.00	326.3	0.4	6.5	3.8	18.5
Major Groups:						
1-Food, Beverages and Tobacco	32.45	330.5	-0.3	-3.2	9.4	27.5
Food	31.15	331.1	-0.4	-3.6	9.8	28.3
Food at home	30.24	330.3	-0.5	-3.9	10.0	28.8
Bread, rice and cereal products	5.56	298.1	0.4	7.9	1.3	14.0
Pulses	0.54	397.4	-0.2	42.4	1.0	16.7
Dairy products and eggs	3.84	298.2	1.5	8.4	-2.3	7.2
Meat, poultry and fish	7.91	389.6	1.7	6.9	3.2	9.2
Fruits and vegetables	7.95	359.8	-4.3	-24.8	28.8	73.6
Fats, oils and butter	1.18	209.2	0.2	1.6	0.2	23.0
Sugar products and honey	1.27	280.8	2.4	13.9	2.0	26.2
Dry tea	0.86	183.2	-0.1	0.2	0.4	13.0
Other food commodities	1.13	235.7	-0.2	4.2	1.5	29.2
Food away from home	0.91	359.3	1.7	10.2	1.6	13.4
Beverages	0.46	318.4	1.7	12.6	0.6	9.7
Tobacco	0.84	315.6	0.6	5.4	0.7	8.4
2-Clothing and Footwear	9.55	177.9	0.4	8.0	0.5	10.2
3-Housing, Water, Fuel and Power	27.04	409.4	0.7	12.8	1.1	15.5
Housing	25.41	407.7	0.8	13.7	1.2	15.8
Rent of residential houses	5.57	409.4	0.7	13.3	1.1	15.6
Rental equivalence of owner-occupied houses	18.44	410.6	0.8	13.6	1.1	15.5
Maintenance and repair services	1.40	362.6	1.3	16.2	2.1	21.4
Water, fuel and power	1.63	435.3	-0.1	1.2	-0.1	11.3
4-Household Furnishings and Operations	7.22	222.1	0.7	7.3	0.6	17.7
5-Transportation and Communication	11.40	264.7	-0.1	7.8	0	7.5
6-Medical Care	4.57	434.0	1.7	19.8	1.5	18.4
7-Recreation, Reading and Education	3.53	315.5	0.3	17.3	0.5	14.4
8-Miscellaneous Goods and Services	4.24	333.6	2.2	11.6	1.9	12.7
Special Groups:						
1-Goods	60.93	270.0	0	0.1	6.4	21.1
2-Services	12.03	424.3	1.0	16.3	1.1	16.2
3-Housing, Water, Fuel and Power	27.04	409.4	0.7	12.8	1.1	15.5

Table2
Consumer Price Index in Urban Areas in Iran
 General and Major Groups Index Numbers
 (1376=100)

Description Period	General Index	Food, Beverages and Tobacco	Clothing and Footwear	Housing, Water, Fuel and Power	Household Furnishings and Operations	Transportation and Communication	Medical Care	Recreation, Reading and Education	Miscellaneous Goods and Services
1369	18.6	17.6	20.5	20.4	24.6	18.2	10.9	19.1	18.1
1370	22.4	21.9	23.0	24.4	26.2	24.4	14.2	20.6	20.9
1371	27.9	28.2	25.2	30.7	29.4	29.8	22.0	23.1	23.8
1372	34.3	34.7	29.2	36.5	35.6	34.2	31.4	30.2	32.6
1373	46.3	47.6	40.6	44.0	50.7	52.1	44.2	44.8	47.1
1374	69.2	76.3	65.6	56.8	78.6	75.4	58.7	72.6	69.2
1375	85.2	87.8	88.4	76.7	93.0	87.7	78.9	91.3	91.3
1376	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
1377	118.1	124.5	105.3	120.8	106.8	114.7	122.2	107.1	113.5
1378	141.8	152.7	112.1	143.4	122.8	146.0	152.0	126.9	137.5
1379	159.7	166.3	121.8	169.8	137.6	158.4	183.5	144.4	158.1
1380	177.9	178.5	127.4	201.8	142.0	170.5	211.6	168.9	187.5
1381	206.0	213.2	132.6	241.2	150.0	187.6	246.0	192.2	204.6
1382	238.2	246.1	142.8	285.9	164.7	213.1	287.6	217.6	245.0
1383	274.5	281.0	156.3	338.0	191.2	236.6	337.5	250.8	281.0
1384	307.6	310.3	171.0	384.8	214.0	254.7	402.8	288.8	315.8
1384:									
Farvardin	306.3	341.3	164.7	363.0	206.9	245.5	362.4	268.9	298.8
Ordibehesht	302.2	322.7	165.9	366.7	208.6	246.1	373.3	269.2	301.1
Khordad	301.4	311.6	167.0	370.7	210.2	250.9	386.5	268.9	309.2
Tir	298.9	298.3	168.4	374.7	211.2	251.7	395.7	268.9	311.5
Mordad	298.6	292.6	169.1	378.5	212.2	252.2	400.5	269.5	312.5
Shahrivar	300.2	292.1	170.1	382.6	213.5	253.1	406.1	270.4	314.4
Mehr	303.5	295.3	171.7	386.3	214.6	254.6	409.4	281.6	321.4
Aban	307.5	299.2	173.0	390.3	216.0	256.5	411.3	313.0	322.9
Azar	312.4	306.7	174.7	396.6	217.1	259.8	414.6	313.4	323.2
Dey	315.4	312.2	174.7	398.9	217.8	260.5	422.3	313.6	324.0
Bahman	319.3	320.1	175.3	402.7	218.7	261.0	424.7	313.9	324.7
Esfand	325.0	331.6	177.2	406.5	220.6	264.9	426.7	314.7	326.3
1385:									
Farvardin	326.3	330.5	177.9	409.4	222.1	264.7	434.0	315.5	333.6