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Consumer Price Index in Urban Areas in Iran

Esfand 1388

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(1383=100)

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

Esfand 1388

(1383=100)

increase



no change or virtually unchanged



decrease



Percent change compared to

previous month

similar month of
the previous year

Groups

General Index

1.8



10.4



Major Groups :

1- Food and Beverages

3.7



14.6



2- Tobacco

0.4



21.1



3- Clothing and Footwear

1.3



8.8



4- Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas and other Fuels

0.1



5.6



5- Furnishings, Household Equipment and Routine-
Household Maintenance

1.7



4.9



6- Medical Care

1.2



21.1



7- Transportation

2.7



9.3



8- Communication

0



0.1



9- Recreation and Culture

3.7



10.4



10- Education

0



14.9



11- Restaurants and Hotels

1.8



15.4



12- Miscellaneous Goods and Services

1.1



10.7



Special Groups :

1- Goods

2.7



10.9



2- Services

0.9



9.9



3 - Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas and other Fuels

0.1



5.6



Consumer Price Index in Urban Areas in Iran

Esfand 1388

(1383=100)

The Consumer Price Index (**CPI**) increased 1.8 percent in Esfand 1388. The index level of 211.9 (1383=100) was 10.4 percent higher than in Esfand 1387.

The inflation rate has advanced 10.8 percent over the last twelve months.

The food and beverages index went up 3.7 percent in Esfand, largely due to the increases of the indexes for poultry by 12.3 percent and watermelon by 17.4 percent. Advances in the indexes for mutton by 2.3 percent, cucumber 14.7 percent, orange 7.8 percent, onion 27.0 percent, grapes 13.4 percent, pomegranate 12.3 percent, lettuce 19.4 percent, beef 1.8 percent, apple 4.0 percent, banana 14.6 percent, sweet lemon 11.1 percent, potato 4.9 percent, fish (from Persian Gulf and Oman Sea) 4.8 percent, pistachio 5.9 percent, loaf sugar 2.8 percent, rice (sadri-highest quality) 0.8 percent, eggs 1.6 percent, pasteurized butter 4.9 percent, candy and chocolate 1.4 percent and tea 0.9 percent accounted for the rise of this group index as well. Within the food and beverages group, decreases in the indexes for lime by 7.0 percent, saffron 6.0 percent, tomato 2.2 percent, non-pasteurized cheese 1.3 percent, and tomato paste 0.8 percent were also considerable in Esfand.

The index for tobacco went down 0.4 percent in Esfand, reflecting 1.1 percent decrease in the index for imported cigarettes.

The clothing and footwear index went up 1.3 percent, mostly as a result of the increases in the indexes for ready to wear clothing by 1.2 percent, footwear by 1.7 percent and tailoring, cleaning and laundering wage by 2.6 percent.

During Esfand, the housing, water, electricity, gas and other fuels index increased 0.1 percent which was attributed to the advances of the indexes for rental equivalence of owner occupied houses and rent of residential houses each by 0.1 percent. The index for maintenance and repair services was virtually unchanged in Esfand.

The furnishings, household equipment and routine household maintenance index went up 1.7 percent in Esfand. The rises in the indexes for furniture and furnishings, carpets and other floor coverings by 4.4 percent, carpet washing fee by 5.7 percent, household textiles by 0.9 percent, and glassware, tableware, and utensils by 0.5 percent contributed principally to this advance.

The index for medical care advanced 1.2 percent in Esfand. Increases in the indexes for medical, paramedical and dental services by 1.5 percent and hospital services by 1.0 percent mainly accounted for the Esfand rise of this group index. The index for medicine was up 0.6 percent.

The transportation index went up 2.7 percent with the advance being driven by increases of 5.5 and 20.9 percent in the operation of personal transport equipment index and bus travel fare index, respectively. The indexes for taxi fare and automobile(Samand) rose 1.1 and 1.8 percent.

The index for communication was unchanged in Esfand.

The index for recreation and culture rose 3.7 percent, largely due to the increases of the indexes for package holiday and newspaper by 11.6 and 25.0 percent, respectively.

The education index was virtually unchanged in Esfand .

The index for restaurants and hotels increased 1.8 percent in Esfand that was principally attributed to the advance of food away from home index by 1.3 percent, and accommodation services of hotels, boarding houses and motels by 7.6 percent.

The miscellaneous goods and services index went up 1.1 percent in Esfand. Increases in the indexes for services of hairdressing salons and barbers and goldsmith wage by 2.4 and 2.0 percent, respectively were the major reasons for this rise.

Consumer Price Index in Urban Areas in Iran (1383=100)

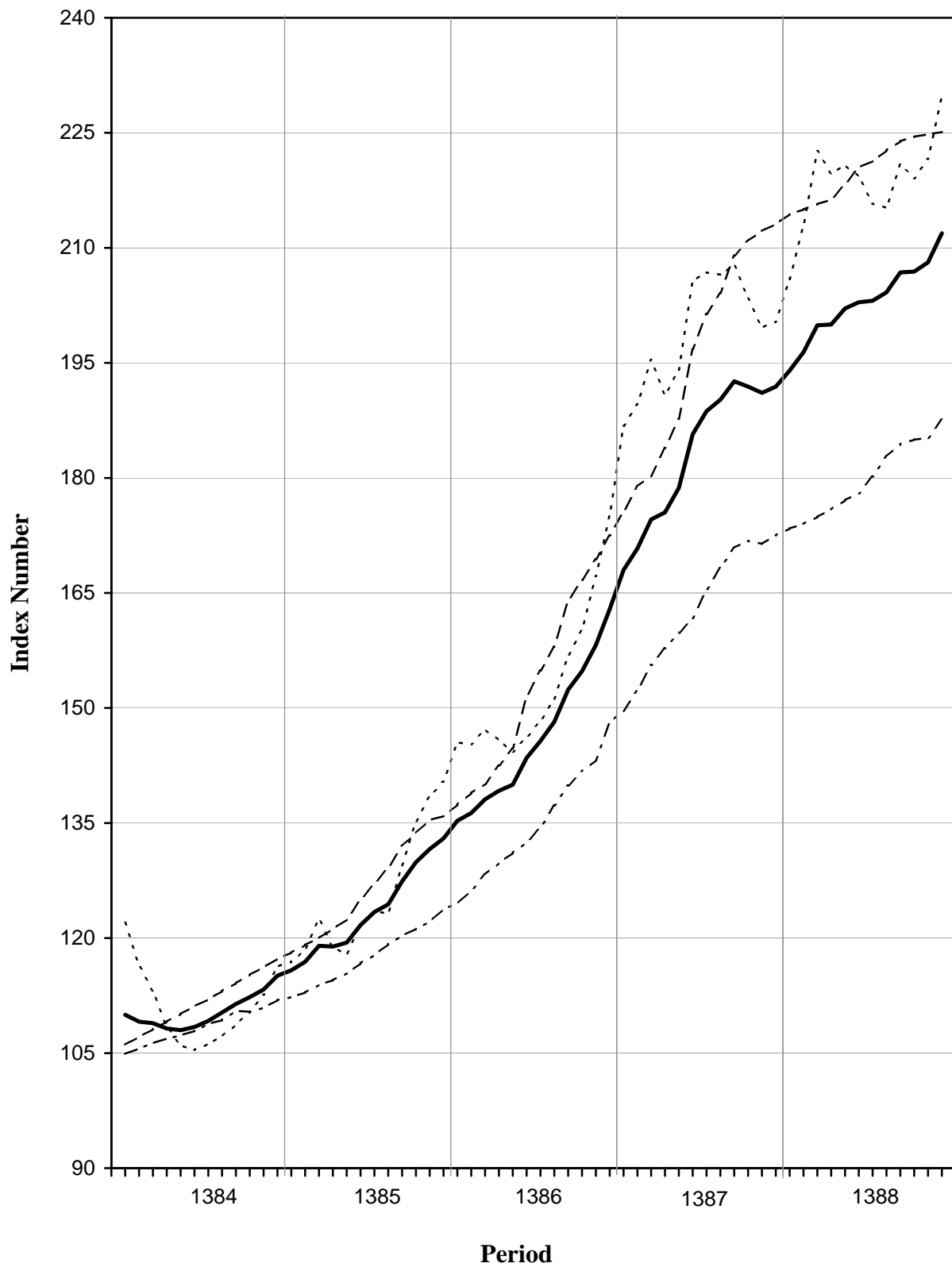


Table 1
Consumer Price Index in Urban Areas in Iran
Index Numbers and Their Percent Changes
Esfand 1388
(1383=100)

Description	Base Year Weight	Index Number in Esfand 1388	Percent Change			
			Esfand 1388 compared to previous month		Esfand 1387 compared to previous month	
General Index	100.00	211.9	1.8	10.4	0.4	17.8
Major Groups and selected sub-groups:						
1-Food and Beverages	28.49	229.7	3.7	14.6	0.4	14.4
Food	27.26	232.1	3.7	14.9	0.4	14.5
Bread and cereals	4.56	231.0	0.9	3.8	-4.1	29.4
Meat	6.74	251.2	4.8	33.9	4.8	14.3
Fish and seafood	0.79	236.9	2.8	14.5	-1.3	20.4
Dairy products and eggs	3.47	193.1	0.3	2.7	1.0	17.7
Fats and oils	0.97	192.2	1.3	1.5	-2.3	6.3
Fruit and nut	5.26	236.5	7.3	17.0	3.9	10.6
Vegetables, pulses and vegetable products	3.87	231.5	4.8	8.6	-5.0	0.2
Sugar, sugar lump, jam,honey,chocolate and confectionary	1.27	242.0	1.7	24.7	1.3	16.7
Salt, spices, sauces, condiments and food products	0.32	300.7	-1.9	2.0	4.5	52.5
Beverages	1.23	171.5	0.9	6.7	-0.3	11.6
2-Tobacco	0.52	226.1	-0.4	21.1	1.1	20.1
3-Clothing and Footwear	6.22	187.6	1.3	8.8	0.6	16.5
4-Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas and other Fuels	28.60	225.1	0.1	5.6	0.4	23.5
Rent of residential houses	5.80	228.0	0.1	5.5	0.5	24.4
Rental equivalence of owner occupied houses	19.17	229.2	0.1	6.1	0.5	24.5
Maintenance and repair services	1.82	276.6	0	6.6	0.2	24.8
Water	0.44	132.0	0	0	0	11.9
Electricity, gas and other fuels	1.37	120.2	0.2	-5.8	-0.2	1.8
5-Furnishings, Household Equipment and Routine-Household Maintenance	6.26	192.3	1.7	4.9	-0.5	16.1
6-Medical Care	5.54	245.6	1.2	21.1	0.8	21.9
7-Transportation	11.97	166.5	2.7	9.3	-0.5	11.2
8-Communication	1.63	97.1	0	0.1	0	0.1
9-Recreation and Culture	3.80	155.3	3.7	10.4	2.9	9.3
10-Education	2.07	234.0	0	14.9	0.1	16.3
11-Restaurants and Hotels	1.72	233.9	1.8	15.4	0.7	26.8
12-Miscellaneous Goods and Services	3.18	217.7	1.1	10.7	0.9	21.9
Special Groups:						
1-Goods	57.13	196.7	2.7	10.9	-0.1	13.4
2-Services	42.87	232.1	0.9	9.9	1.0	23.2
3-Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas and other Fuels	28.60	225.1	0.1	5.6	0.4	23.5

Table 2
Consumer Price Index in Urban Areas in Iran
General and Major Groups Index Numbers
(1383=100)

Description Period	General Index	Food and Beverages	Tobacco	Clothing and Footwear	Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas and other Fuels	Furnishings,Household Equipment and Routine Household Maintenance	Medical Care	Transportation	Communication	Recreation and Culture	Education	Restaurants and Hotels	Miscellaneous Goods and Services
1369	6.8	6.1	9.2	13.0	6.0	13.0	3.2	7.6	9.2	15.6	3.8	5.1	9.8
1370	8.2	7.8	10.2	14.6	7.2	13.9	4.2	10.4	10.6	15.4	4.9	6.5	10.8
1371	10.2	10.1	10.1	16.1	9.1	15.5	6.5	12.8	11.5	15.4	7.0	8.7	12.4
1372	12.5	12.4	12.8	18.6	10.8	18.7	9.3	15.4	13.8	18.7	10.2	10.9	15.0
1373	16.9	16.9	19.3	25.8	13.0	26.8	13.1	22.1	22.3	29.5	14.4	14.1	19.4
1374	25.2	27.2	32.9	41.7	16.8	41.7	17.4	31.6	37.4	50.5	18.3	20.8	27.9
1375	31.0	31.3	31.9	56.1	22.7	49.2	23.4	36.6	47.5	62.7	23.4	27.4	37.8
1376	36.4	35.7	34.9	63.8	29.6	52.5	29.6	41.9	50.1	62.6	24.8	30.5	46.0
1377	43.0	44.4	45.4	67.1	35.7	56.1	36.2	48.0	58.1	65.7	27.4	38.3	51.0
1378	51.6	54.3	58.8	71.5	42.4	64.4	45.0	61.4	69.4	78.0	32.2	47.4	60.3
1379	58.2	59.3	58.9	77.7	50.3	71.8	54.4	66.6	74.8	81.2	41.0	55.9	67.9
1380	64.8	63.6	60.2	81.4	59.7	74.3	62.7	71.9	75.5	88.3	54.6	62.9	73.2
1381	75.0	75.7	81.1	84.7	71.4	78.5	72.9	79.3	81.2	89.8	67.6	73.6	78.9
1382	86.7	87.5	90.6	91.2	84.6	86.1	85.2	90.1	89.0	96.0	81.7	86.3	88.7
1383	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
1384	110.4	111.1	105.7	108.4	111.6	111.8	115.7	104.6	98.1	106.0	118.7	111.7	111.0
1385	123.5	125.6	114.8	117.5	126.6	124.6	131.7	111.6	97.3	112.0	143.4	124.4	127.8
1386	146.2	152.8	140.7	134.8	153.4	144.6	154.1	126.7	97.1	121.2	163.5	145.6	148.7
1387	183.3	198.9	167.8	163.1	196.2	179.0	190.0	149.0	96.9	133.6	187.5	189.0	184.3
1387													
Esfand	191.9	200.4	186.7	172.5	213.1	183.3	202.8	152.3	97.0	140.7	203.6	202.6	196.7
1388													
Farvardin	194.0	205.9	193.8	173.4	214.4	183.2	204.1	152.0	97.2	138.5	203.6	204.7	199.2
Ordibehesht	196.4	212.9	196.6	174.0	215.0	183.2	205.5	152.1	97.1	137.7	203.9	206.8	199.9
Khordad	199.9	222.6	198.2	174.9	215.7	183.8	208.0	153.9	97.1	138.0	204.9	208.6	201.3
Tir	200.0	219.7	212.8	175.9	216.3	186.6	212.4	154.4	97.2	138.7	205.5	211.1	202.8
Mordad	202.1	220.8	221.4	177.1	218.3	187.0	222.3	156.2	97.4	144.1	205.7	213.7	203.8
Shahrivar	202.9	219.3	223.3	178.0	220.5	185.4	228.9	156.8	97.4	146.7	206.5	214.3	205.7
Mehr	203.1	215.8	232.0	180.2	221.3	186.3	232.2	158.4	97.3	147.9	213.2	219.8	208.6
Aban	204.2	215.2	232.2	182.8	222.7	186.9	234.0	159.3	97.4	148.8	229.8	223.2	210.9
Azar	206.8	220.9	229.7	184.4	223.9	187.5	237.0	159.9	97.4	149.1	233.8	225.7	212.9
Dey	206.9	219.1	227.0	185.0	224.5	188.3	239.1	161.8	97.3	149.0	233.9	227.7	213.4
Bahman	208.1	221.6	226.9	185.2	224.8	189.0	242.6	162.1	97.1	149.7	233.9	229.7	215.4
Esfand	211.9	229.7	226.1	187.6	225.1	192.3	245.6	166.5	97.1	155.3	234.0	233.9	217.7