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Harmonised Index of Consumer Prices (HICP) flash estimated August 2008

The HICP annual inflation estimated stands at 4.9% in August

The HICP annual inflation is expected to be 4.9% in August 2008, according to the flash estimated issued by the INE. This indicator provides a preview of the HICP that, if confirmed, would imply a four-tenths decrease on the annual rate, since in July this change was 5.3%.

The INE issues this indicator with the aim of incorporating it into the calculation of the HICP flash estimate of the European Monetary Union (EMU) published by Eurostat. Obtaining this EMU flash estimate forms part of the Eurostat and European Central Bank policy of offering data that is comparable in time and quality with that produced by the United States.

Computation of the flash estimated

The flash estimated is computed using the same methodology as that used for the HICP. The difference between these indicators lies in the information used. The flash estimation procedure uses statistical modelling methods to estimate the information that is not available at the time of publication.

The flash estimated provides information only as a guideline, and therefore it does not have to coincide with the HICP data.

Future publishing dates

The expected dates of publication for the coming months are:

Index for	Spanish HICP flash estimated	Spanish HICP
August 2008	28 August 2008	11 September 2008
September 2008	29 September 2008	14 October 2008
October 2008	30 October 2008	12 November 2008

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