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## KEY FINDINGS

The headline CPI (for all urban areas) annual inflation rate in January 2011 was 3,7%. This rate was 0,2 of a percentage point higher than the corresponding annual rate of 3,5% in December 2010. On average, prices increased by 0,4% between December 2010 and January 2011.

The **food and non-alcoholic beverages** index increased by 2,2% between December 2010 and January 2011. The annual rate increased to 3,1% in January 2011 from 1,5% in December 2010. The following components in the food and non-alcoholic beverages index increased: fruit (7,1%), oils and fats (4,9%), meat (4,0%), sugar, sweets and desserts (1,9%), vegetables (1,7%), other food (1,6%), cold beverages (1,5%), hot beverages (1,4%), fish (1,1%), bread and cereals (0,5%) and milk, eggs and cheese (0,5%).

The **transport** index increased by 0,5% between December 2010 and January 2011, mainly due to a 29c/l increase in the price of petrol. The annual rate increased to 2,5% in January 2011 from 1,6% in December 2010.

The **restaurants and hotels** index increased by 0,3% between December 2010 and January 2011. The annual rate decreased to 4,9% in January 2011 from 5,7% in December 2010.

The **miscellaneous goods and services** index increased by 0,4% between December 2010 and January 2011, mainly due to a 2,2% increase in bank charges. The annual rate decreased to 3,7% in January 2011 from 4,7% in December 2010.

The provinces with an annual inflation rate lower than or equal to headline inflation were Gauteng (3,7%), North West (3,6%), Limpopo (3,6%), Western Cape (3,5%), Mpumalanga (3,4%) and KwaZulu-Natal (2,9%). The provinces with an annual inflation rate higher than headline inflation were Free State (4,6%), Eastern Cape (4,3%) and Northern Cape (3,8%).

## NOTES

### CPI for February 2011

No surveys in addition to the published surveys will be conducted in February 2011.

### Publication dates for 2011

As from 2011, the CPI will no longer be released on the last Wednesday of each month but will be published the 2<sup>nd</sup> last Wednesday of each month.

Year	Issue	Publication date
2011	February	23 March 2011
	March	20 April 2011
	April	18 May 2011
	May	22 June 2011
	June	20 July 2011
	July	24 August 2011
	August	21 September 2011
	September	19 October 2011
	October	23 November 2011
	November	14 December 2011
	December	18 January 2012

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**TABLES**

**Table A - Consumer Price Index: Indices and percentage changes**

Index description			Weight	Index (2008=100)			Percentage change		
				Jan 2010	Dec 2010	Jan 2011	Month-on-month	Year-on-year	
<b>CPI Headline</b>			100,00	109,5	113,0	113,5	+0,4	+3,7	
<b>Analytical series</b>	<b>CPI per expenditure quintile</b>	1	1,78	110,6	113,7	114,6	+0,8	+3,6	
		2	3,88	110,9	113,9	114,8	+0,8	+3,5	
		3	7,17	110,8	113,9	114,8	+0,8	+3,6	
		4	15,61	110,2	113,7	114,5	+0,7	+3,9	
		5	71,56	109,1	112,7	113,1	+0,4	+3,7	
		<b>CPI for all goods</b>		54,20	108,3	110,3	111,3	+0,9	+2,8
		<b>CPI for durable goods</b>		14,79	101,9	99,9	99,8	-0,1	-2,1
		<b>CPI for semi-durable goods</b>		6,73	106,1	105,8	105,8	0,0	-0,3
		<b>CPI for non-durable goods</b>		32,68	111,6	116,0	117,6	+1,4	+5,4
		<b>CPI for services</b>		45,80	111,0	116,1	116,2	+0,1	+4,7
		<b>CPI for pensioners</b>		..	110,3	114,3	115,0	+0,6	+4,3
		<b>CPI for administered prices</b>	<b>Total</b>	14,66	107,1	116,4	117,4	+0,9	+9,6
			<b>Regulated</b>	9,62	104,9	114,1	115,5	+1,2	+10,1
			<b>Not regulated</b>	5,04	111,2	120,9	121,0	+0,1	+8,8
		<b>CPI for food and non-alcoholic beverages (NAB)</b>		15,68	110,9	111,8	114,3	+2,2	+3,1
		<b>CPI excluding food and NAB</b>		84,32	109,2	113,2	113,4	+0,2	+3,8
		<b>CPI excluding petrol</b>		96,07	110,4	113,8	114,2	+0,4	+3,4
		<b>CPI excluding food and NAB and petrol</b>		80,39	110,3	114,2	114,2	0,0	+3,5
		<b>CPI excluding food and NAB, petrol, VAT, assessment rates, and finance charges</b>		77,05	110,2	113,9	113,9	0,0	+3,4
		<b>CPI excluding housing</b>		77,44	108,9	111,3	112,0	+0,6	+2,8
		<b>CPI excluding petrol and energy</b>		94,39	109,8	112,7	113,1	+0,4	+3,0
		<b>CPI excluding energy</b>		98,32	108,9	111,9	112,5	+0,5	+3,3
		<b>CPI excluding food and NAB, petrol and energy</b>		78,71	109,6	112,9	112,9	0,0	+3,0
	<b>CPI excluding owners' equivalent rent</b>		87,79	109,8	113,2	113,8	+0,5	+3,6	
	<b>CPI excluding administered prices</b>		85,34	109,9	112,4	112,9	+0,4	+2,7	
	<b>CPI administered prices excluding petrol and paraffin</b>		10,57	114,9	125,3	125,3	0,0	+9,1	
<b>Geographic indices</b>	<b>CPI for primary urban areas</b>		62,76	109,4	112,9	113,4	+0,4	+3,7	
	<b>CPI for secondary urban areas</b>		20,33	109,7	113,2	114,0	+0,7	+3,9	
	<b>CPI for rural areas [1]</b>		16,91	109,3	112,2	113,0	+0,7	+3,4	
	<b>CPI for total country</b>		100,00	109,5	112,8	113,4	+0,5	+3,6	
	<b>CPI per province</b>	<b>Western Cape</b>		18,33	110,0	113,3	113,8	+0,4	+3,5
		<b>Eastern Cape</b>		9,91	109,6	113,4	114,3	+0,8	+4,3
		<b>Northern Cape</b>		1,66	108,8	111,9	112,9	+0,9	+3,8
		<b>Free State</b>		6,45	109,3	113,4	114,3	+0,8	+4,6
		<b>KwaZulu-Natal</b>		14,08	109,5	112,1	112,7	+0,5	+2,9
		<b>North West</b>		5,79	109,1	112,2	113,0	+0,7	+3,6
<b>Gauteng</b>			32,77	109,3	112,9	113,3	+0,4	+3,7	
<b>Mpumalanga</b>			5,47	110,4	113,5	114,2	+0,6	+3,4	
	<b>Limpopo</b>		5,54	108,5	112,0	112,4	+0,4	+3,6	

[1] The CPI for rural areas uses weights for rural areas but prices from secondary areas.

Note: Unless otherwise stated all tables refer to all urban areas.

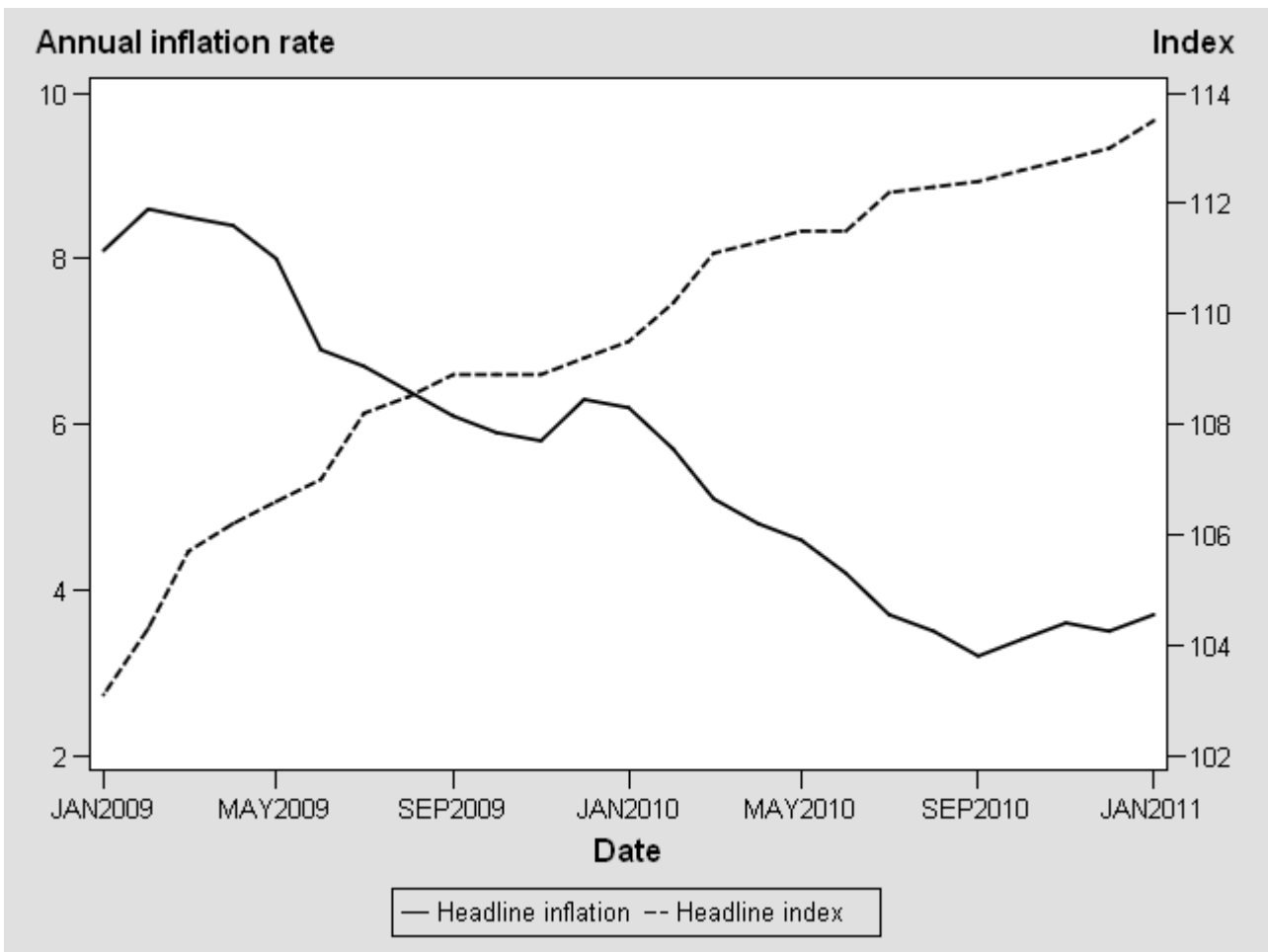
**Table B - Consumer Price Index: Index numbers and year-on-year rates**

**Base year: 2008=100**

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Average [1]
<b>Year</b>													
<b>2009</b>													
<b>Index</b>	103,1	104,3	105,7	106,2	106,6	107,0	108,2	108,5	108,9	108,9	108,9	109,2	107,1
<b>Rate</b>	8,1	8,6	8,5	8,4	8,0	6,9	6,7	6,4	6,1	5,9	5,8	6,3	7,1
<b>2010</b>													
<b>Index</b>	109,5	110,2	111,1	111,3	111,5	111,5	112,2	112,3	112,4	112,6	112,8	113,0	111,7
<b>Rate</b>	6,2	5,7	5,1	4,8	4,6	4,2	3,7	3,5	3,2	3,4	3,6	3,5	4,3
<b>2011</b>													
<b>Index</b>	113,5	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
<b>Rate</b>	3,7	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..

[1] Annual average.

**CPI headline: Index numbers and inflation rate**



**Table C - Contribution of different groups to the annual percentage change in the CPI**

Product group	Contribution	
	Dec 2010	Jan 2011
Food and non-alcoholic beverages	+0,2	+0,5
Alcoholic beverages and tobacco	+0,4	+0,4
Housing and utilities	+1,5	+1,4
Health	+0,1	+0,1
Transport	+0,3	+0,4
Communication	-0,1	-0,1
Recreation and culture	-0,1	-0,1
Education	+0,2	+0,2
Restaurants and hotels	+0,2	+0,1
Miscellaneous goods and services	+0,7	+0,5
Residual	+0,1	+0,3
All Items	+3,5	+3,7

**Table D - Contribution of different groups to the monthly percentage change in the CPI**

Product group	Contribution	
	Dec 2010	Jan 2011
Food and non-alcoholic beverages	0,0	+0,3
Housing and utilities	+0,1	0,0
Transport	0,0	+0,1
Miscellaneous goods and services	0,0	+0,1
Residual	+0,1	-0,1
All Items	+0,2	+0,4

**Table E - Consumer Price Index: Group and product indices and percentage changes**

Index description	Weight	Index (2008=100)			Percentage change	
		Jan 2010	Dec 2010	Jan 2011	Month-on-month	Year-on-year
<b>All Items</b>	100,00	109,5	113,0	113,5	+0,4	+3,7
<b>Food and non-alcoholic beverages</b>	15,68	110,9	111,8	114,3	+2,2	+3,1
<b>Food</b>	14,27	110,3	110,9	113,5	+2,3	+2,9
<b>Processed</b>	6,79	110,4	112,7	114,5	+1,6	+3,7
<b>Unprocessed</b>	7,48	110,2	109,3	112,5	+2,9	+2,1
<b>Bread and cereals</b>	3,08	105,7	108,3	108,8	+0,5	+2,9
<b>Meat</b>	4,59	107,8	109,9	114,3	+4,0	+6,0
<b>Fish</b>	0,66	115,7	114,1	115,3	+1,1	-0,3
<b>Milk, eggs and cheese</b>	1,79	114,3	111,1	111,6	+0,5	-2,4
<b>Oils and fats</b>	0,53	91,3	97,1	101,9	+4,9	+11,6
<b>Fruit</b>	0,47	123,1	121,6	130,2	+7,1	+5,8
<b>Vegetables</b>	1,63	116,4	111,3	113,2	+1,7	-2,7
<b>Sugar, sweets and desserts</b>	0,77	114,8	118,9	121,2	+1,9	+5,6
<b>Other food</b>	0,75	117,7	119,0	120,9	+1,6	+2,7
<b>Non-alcoholic beverages</b>	1,41	117,4	120,5	122,2	+1,4	+4,1
<b>Hot beverages</b>	0,34	125,8	124,8	126,5	+1,4	+0,6
<b>Cold beverages</b>	1,07	114,8	119,1	120,9	+1,5	+5,3
<b>Alcoholic beverages and tobacco</b>	5,58	115,1	123,1	123,4	+0,2	+7,2
<b>Alcoholic beverages</b>	3,29	110,0	116,5	116,9	+0,3	+6,3
<b>Spirits</b>	0,94	112,3	117,5	118,2	+0,6	+5,3
<b>Wine</b>	0,72	110,1	116,2	116,9	+0,6	+6,2
<b>Beer</b>	1,63	108,5	116,0	116,2	+0,2	+7,1
<b>Tobacco</b>	2,29	122,4	132,7	132,7	0,0	+8,4
<b>Clothing and footwear</b>	4,11	106,5	107,2	107,5	+0,3	+0,9
<b>Clothing</b>	2,90	106,9	107,6	107,9	+0,3	+0,9
<b>Footwear</b>	1,21	105,6	106,4	106,5	+0,1	+0,9
<b>Housing and utilities</b>	22,56	111,7	118,7	118,7	0,0	+6,3
<b>Actual rentals for housing</b>	3,49	108,7	114,6	114,6	0,0	+5,4
<b>Owners' equivalent rent</b>	12,21	107,5	111,7	111,7	0,0	+3,9
<b>Maintenance and repair</b>	1,68	114,6	117,5	117,4	-0,1	+2,4
<b>Water and other services</b>	3,31	111,9	122,3	122,3	0,0	+9,3
<b>Electricity and other fuels</b>	1,87	141,1	166,9	167,1	+0,1	+18,4
<b>Household contents and services</b>	5,86	106,3	106,8	106,8	0,0	+0,5
<b>Furnishings, floor coverings and textiles</b>	2,17	98,3	94,5	94,3	-0,2	-4,1
<b>Appliances, tableware and equipment</b>	1,05	110,6	108,2	108,8	+0,6	-1,6
<b>Supplies and services</b>	2,64	111,2	116,3	116,2	-0,1	+4,5
<b>Domestic workers' wages</b>	1,99	109,7	116,0	116,0	0,0	+5,7
<b>Health</b>	1,47	112,5	120,7	120,8	+0,1	+7,4
<b>Medical products</b>	0,57	114,9	121,9	122,1	+0,2	+6,3
<b>Medical services</b>	0,90	111,0	120,0	120,0	0,0	+8,1
<b>Transport</b>	18,80	100,8	102,8	103,3	+0,5	+2,5
<b>Purchase of vehicles</b>	11,25	102,6	102,6	102,6	0,0	0,0
<b>Private transport operation</b>	4,82	92,3	98,8	101,6	+2,8	+10,1
<b>Petrol</b>	3,93	86,8	93,6	96,8	+3,4	+11,5
<b>Other running costs</b>	0,89	116,1	121,1	122,5	+1,2	+5,5
<b>Public transport</b>	2,73	108,3	111,2	109,3	-1,7	+0,9
<b>Communication</b>	3,22	100,6	98,3	98,2	-0,1	-2,4
<b>Postal services and telecommunication services</b>	2,90	103,3	103,1	103,2	+0,1	-0,1
<b>Telecommunication equipment</b>	0,32	76,8	55,0	53,5	-2,7	-30,3
<b>Recreation and culture</b>	4,19	113,5	111,7	110,9	-0,7	-2,3
<b>Recreational equipment</b>	2,23	107,9	100,3	99,5	-0,8	-7,8
<b>Recreational and cultural services</b>	1,25	123,5	127,1	127,5	+0,3	+3,2
<b>Books, newspapers and stationery</b>	0,71	113,5	120,2	117,2	-2,5	+3,3
<b>Education</b>	2,19	111,7	122,0	122,0	0,0	+9,2
<b>Primary and secondary education</b>	1,28	113,1	124,6	124,6	0,0	+10,2
<b>Tertiary</b>	0,90	109,6	118,3	118,3	0,0	+7,9

**Table E - Consumer Price Index: Group and product indices and percentage changes (concluded)**

Index description	Weight	Index (2008=100)			Percentage change		
		Jan 2010	Dec 2010	Jan 2011	Month-on-month	Year-on-year	
<b>Restaurants and hotels</b>							
	2,78	115,4	120,6	121,0	+0,3	+4,9	
<b>Restaurants</b>	1,85	115,5	121,0	121,5	+0,4	+5,2	
<b>Hotels</b>	0,93	115,3	119,6	120,1	+0,4	+4,2	
<b>Miscellaneous goods and services</b>							
	13,56	115,4	119,2	119,7	+0,4	+3,7	
<b>Personal care</b>	2,20	116,4	115,0	115,7	+0,6	-0,6	
<b>Insurance</b>	7,71	113,3	119,3	119,3	0,0	+5,3	
<b>Financial services</b>	1,27	119,4	120,5	123,2	+2,2	+3,2	
<b>Other services</b>	2,38	119,1	121,9	122,9	+0,8	+3,2	

## GLOSSARY

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<b>Annual inflation rate</b>	The annual inflation rate is the change in the CPI for all items of the relevant month of the current year compared with the CPI for all items of the same month in the previous year expressed as a percentage.
<b>Annual percentage change</b>	The annual percentage change is the change in the index of the relevant month of the current year compared with the index of the same month in the previous year expressed as a percentage.
<b>Average annual inflation rate</b>	The average annual inflation rate is the change in the average CPI for all items of one year compared with the average CPI for all items of the previous year expressed as a percentage.
<b>Average annual percentage change</b>	The average annual percentage change is the change in the average index of one year compared with the average index of the previous year expressed as a percentage.
<b>CPI for administered prices</b>	An administered price is defined as the price of a product which is set consciously by an individual producer or group of producers and/or any price which can be determined or influenced by government, either directly or through a government agency/institution without reference to market forces. Products and services included are assessment rates, sanitary fees, refuse removal, water, electricity, paraffin, petrol, public transport – trains, motor licences, motor registration, telephone fees, postage, cell calls, television licence, school fees, university/technicons/colleges and university boarding fees.
<b>CPI for regulated prices</b>	Regulated prices are those administered prices that are monitored and controlled by government policy. To this end, price regulation does not necessarily imply the presence of an economic regulator, but the restriction on the extent to which prices may vary, depending on government's policy objective. Products and services included are water, electricity, paraffin, petrol, telephone fees, postage and cell calls.
<b>Inflation rate</b>	The inflation rate is the change in the CPI for all items of the relevant month of the current year compared with the CPI for all items of the same month in the previous year expressed as a percentage.
<b>Monthly percentage change</b>	The monthly percentage change is the change in the CPI of the relevant month compared with the CPI of the previous month expressed as a percentage.
<b>CPI per expenditure quintile</b>	quintile 1 - up to R 14 564; quintile 2 - R 14 565 up to R 23 278; quintile 3 - R 23 279 up to R 36 755; quintile 4 - R 36 756 up to R 79 152; and quintile 5 - R 79 153 and more.



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