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In February 2019 the Consumer Price Index increased by 0.3 percent compared to the previous month, while the annual inflation rate amounted to 2.3 percent.

The following table shows percentage changes in prices for the commodity groups of the consumer basket as well as the relevant contributions to the overall monthly inflation rate.

PERCENTAGE CHANGE FEBRUARY 2019 (OVER JANUARY 2019)

CONTRIBUTIONS* OF THE GROUPS TO THE OVERALL MONTHLY INFLATION OF FEBRUARY 2019 (TOTAL 0.3 PER CENT)

Commodity Group	Percentage Change (%)
Food and non-alcoholic beverages	0.1
Alcoholic beverages and tobacco	6.7
Clothing and footwear	-4.6
Housing, water, electricity, gas and other fuels	0.1
Furnishings, household equipment and maintenance	-0.1
Health	0.1
Transport	0.2
Communication	-0.2
Recreation and culture	-2.1
Education	-0.1
Restaurants and hotels	0.0
Miscellaneous goods and services	0.4

%

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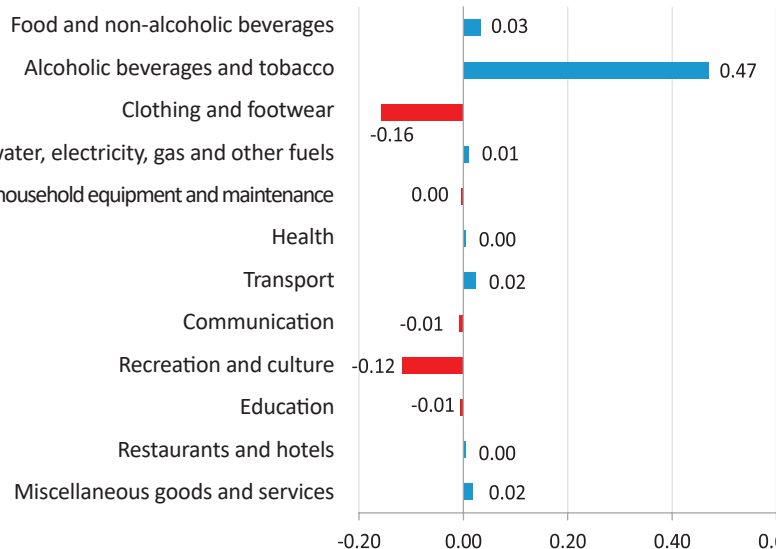
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Percentage points

Overall inflation — 0.3

The monthly inflation rate was mainly influenced by price changes for the following groups:

Alcoholic beverages and tobacco: the prices increased by 6.7 percent, with a relevant contribution of 0.47 percentage points to the overall monthly CPI growth. The prices increased for tobacco (13.0 percent);

Clothing and footwear: the prices in the group decreased by 4.6 percent, contributing -0.16 percentage points to the overall monthly inflation rate. The prices in the group decreased both for clothing (-4.6 percent) and footwear (-4.8 percent).

* Individual contributions may not sum up to the total changes in the index due to rounding.

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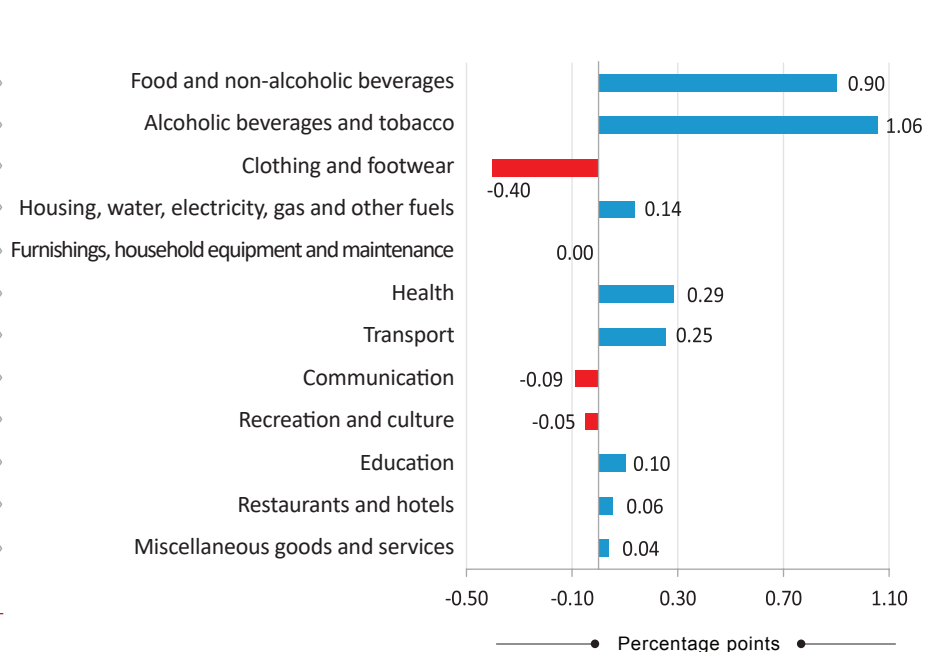
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The following table shows percentage changes in prices for the commodity groups of the consumer basket, as well as the relevant contributions to the overall annual inflation rate in February 2019.

PERCENTAGE CHANGE FEBRUARY 2019 (OVER FEBRUARY 2018)

CONTRIBUTIONS* OF THE GROUPS TO THE OVERALL ANNUAL INFLATION OF FEBRUARY 2019 (TOTAL 2.3 PER CENT)

	%
Food and non-alcoholic beverages	2.9
Alcoholic beverages and tobacco	16.1
Clothing and footwear	-11.1
Housing, water, electricity, gas and other fuels	1.6
Furnishings, household equipment and maintenance	-0.1
Health	3.4
Transport	2.0
Communication	-2.4
Recreation and culture	-0.9
Education	2.3
Restaurants and hotels	1.4
Miscellaneous goods and services	0.8



Overall inflation ————— • 2.3

The annual inflation rate was mainly influenced by price changes for the following groups:

Alcoholic beverages and tobacco: the prices increased by 16.1 percent, with a relevant contribution of 1.06 percentage points to the overall annual CPI growth. The prices increased for tobacco (32.7 percent);

Food and non-alcoholic beverages: the prices within the group increased by 2.9 percent, contributing 0.9 percentage points to the overall annual inflation rate. Within the group the prices were higher for the following subgroups: fish (12.5 percent), bread and cereals (10.2 percent), vegetables (7.6 percent), meat (4.3 percent), also mineral waters, soft drinks, fruit and vegetable juices (2.5 percent). Meanwhile, the prices decreased for fruit and grapes (-23.6 percent) and for sugar, jam, honey, chocolate and confectionery (-3.4 percent);

Health: the prices increased by 3.4 percent, which resulted in a 0.29 percentage point contribution to

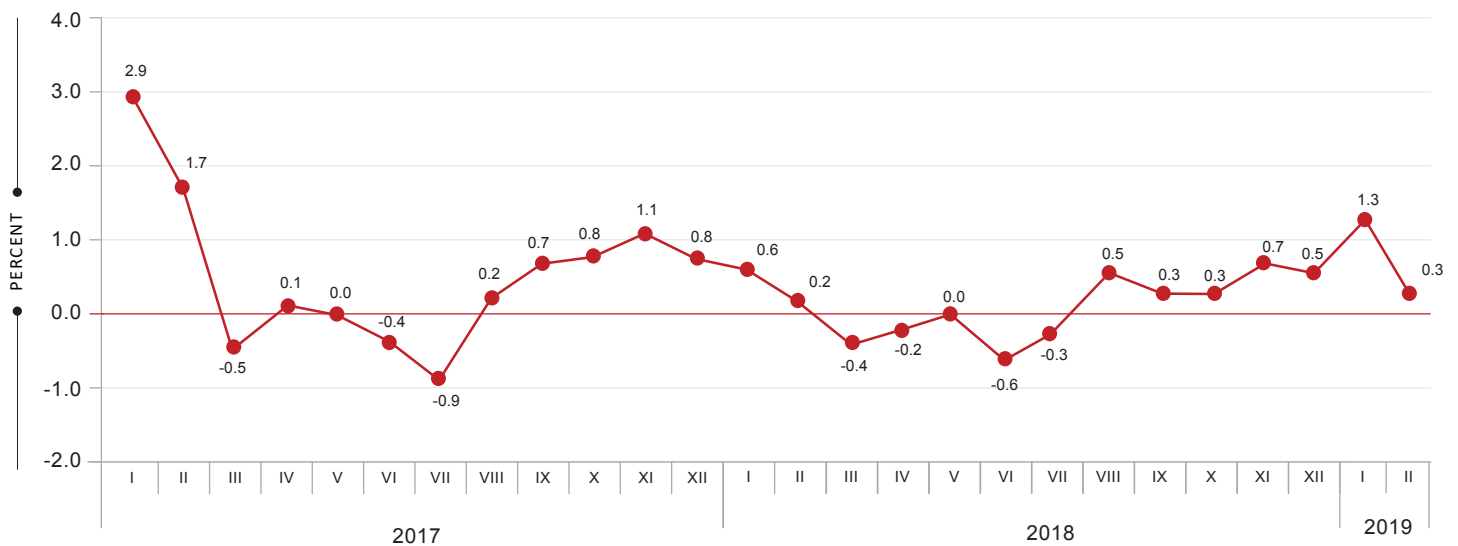
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the overall annual inflation rate. The prices were higher for the following subgroups: medical products, appliances and equipment (4.8 percent), out-patient services (4.1 percent) and hospital services (1.4 percent);

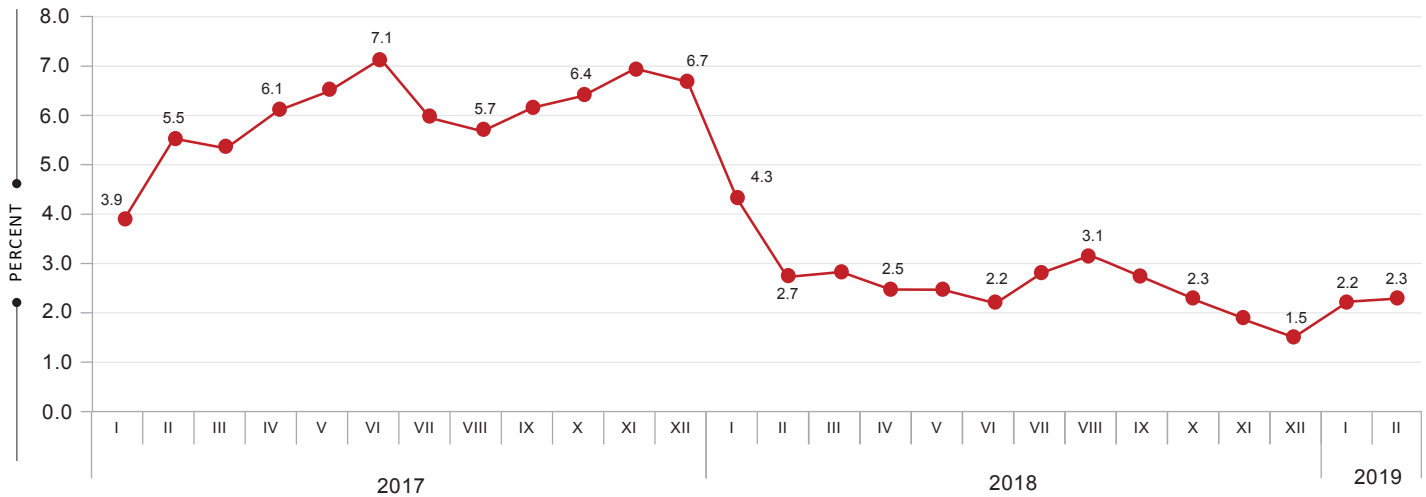
Transport: the prices in the group increased by 2.0 percent, with a relevant contribution of 0.25 percentage points to the overall index growth. The prices within the group increased for operation of personal transport equipment (3.4 percent) and transport services (1.2 percent).

MONTHLY INFLATION

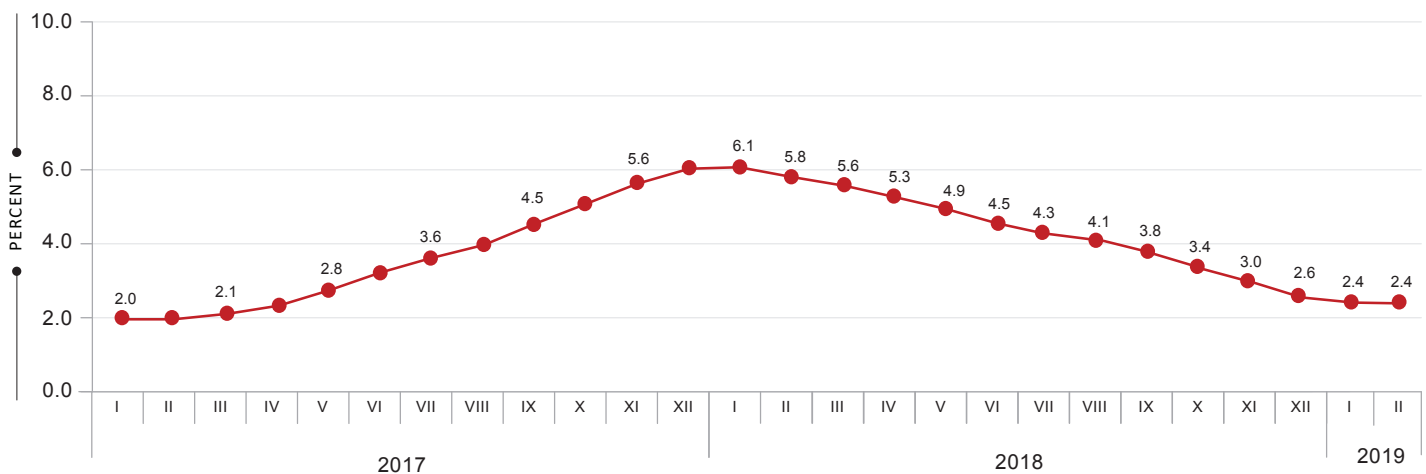


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ANNUAL INFLATION RATE IN GEORGIA
(YEAR-ON-YEAR CHANGE)



AVERAGE INFLATION RATE
(12 MONTH AVERAGE OVER THE PREVIOUS 12 MONTH AVERAGE,
PERCENTAGE CHANGE)



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