

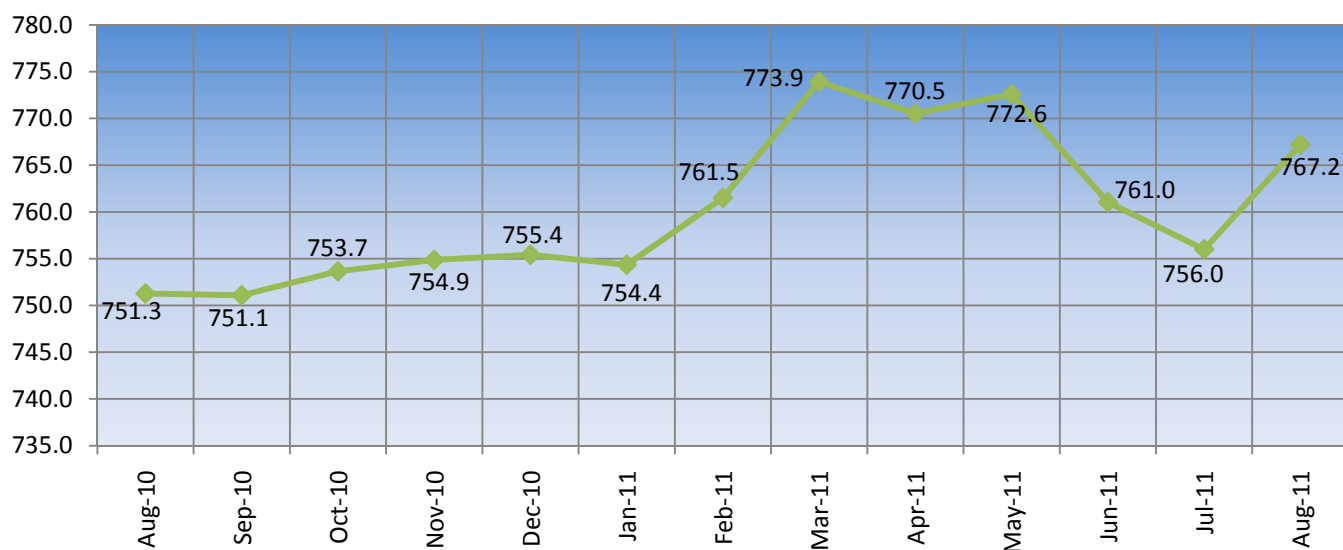
Minimal consumer basket in Montenegro August 2011

The total value of minimal consumer basket for August 2011 amounted 767.2 Euro, of which 252.1 Euro belongs to food and non-alcoholic beverages, 339.2 Euro to non-food products and services and 175.9 Euro to value of imputed rent.

The total value of minimal consumer basket in August 2011 compared with July increased 1.5%. The value of minimal consumer basket for food and non-alcoholic beverages in August 2011 compared with July 2011 increased 0.4%, for non-food products and services compared with July 2011 increased 1.0%, while the value of imputed rent compared with July 2011 increased 4.0% .

The value of minimal consumer basket increased 2.1% in August 2011 compared to August 2010, and compared to December 2010 it increased 1.6%.

Minimal consumer basket by months



Value of minimal consumer basket in Montenegro
August 2011

Product group (food and non-alcoholic beverages)	Monthly expenditures for household with 4 members, in €	Nonfood products and services	Value in €
Wheat and wheat product	35.2	Clothes and footwear	42.2
Vegetable and vegetable products	35.1	Housing, water, electricity, gas and other fuels	79.7
Fruit and fruit products	29.8	Household furnishing and maintenance	25.2
Fresh and processed meat	47.8	Health	24.4
Fresh and processed fish	4.2	Transport	55.2
Oils and fats	7.0	Communication	35.0
Milk, dairy products, and eggs	75.8	Culture and recreation	18.8
Other food products	16.2	Education	10.7
Non-alcoholic beverages	1.1	Hotels, restaurants and cafes	17.2
		Other goods and services	30.7
Total	252.1	Total	339.2
		Imputed rent	175.9

METHODOLOGICAL EXPLANATIONS

The value of minimal consumer basket is the sum of expenditures for food and other expenditures covering bought products, own production, and gifts for an average household consisting of four members, two adults and two children. When defining minimal expenditures for food and non-alcoholic beverage, the necessary quantity of minimal calories is 2.211 calories per day per inhabitant, based on the best practice of nutritionist.

The value of minimal consumer basket covers: expenditures for minimum of necessary food and non-alcoholic beverages (comprising 130 food products); expenditures for minimum necessary non food products and services and value of imputed rent.

For calculating the value of minimal food and non-alcoholic beverage basket of 130 products, an average price in current months is used, multiplied with monthly quantity in kg for four-member household. For calculating the value of non-food products and services and imputed rent basket, indices of consumer prices (CPI) are used. Imputed rent is an estimated value of rent for household living in its own dwelling.

Issued and printed by Statistical Office of Montenegro (MONSTAT)
81000 Podgorica, IV Proleterske br.2, Phone (+382) 20 230-811, Fax (+382) 20 230-814

The release prepared by:

Nataša ĐUROVIĆ

Tel. +382-20-230 969

natasa.djurovic@monstat.org