



# International Indexes of Consumer Prices, August 2013

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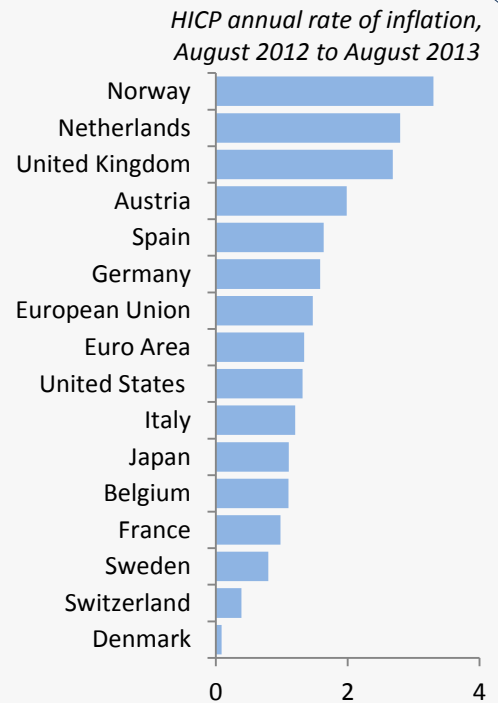
### The Conference Board continues government program on International Labor Comparisons

The Conference Board will continue the International Labor Comparisons (ILC) program that was eliminated by the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics. The international indexes of consumer prices in this report are produced using the same concepts and methodology as those formerly used by BLS. For additional information, see the [news release](#).

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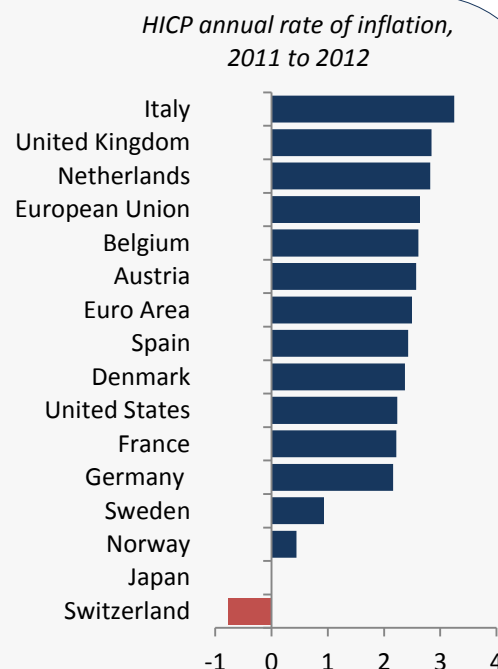
In August 2013, prices increased in all 16 countries relative to August of the previous year, as measured by the Harmonized Index of Consumer Prices (HICP). Norway experienced the highest inflation, followed by the Netherlands. Switzerland and Denmark had the lowest inflation. At 1.1 percent, Japan saw the largest increase in prices since late 2008, curbing deflation for the third month in a row. See [Table 2](#).

Overall Euro Area inflation (1.3 percent) remained below the 2 percent ECB inflation target. Of the Euro countries covered in this report, only Austria (2.0 percent) appears relatively on track, reflecting weak economic conditions in the Euro Area.



Consumer Price Indexes (CPI) and HICP are both measures of inflation. They reflect the average change in prices over time paid by consumers for a market basket of customary goods and services. The CPI measures have not been adjusted for comparability, whereas the HICP are an internationally comparable measure of consumer price inflation. For more information, see the [Technical Notes](#).

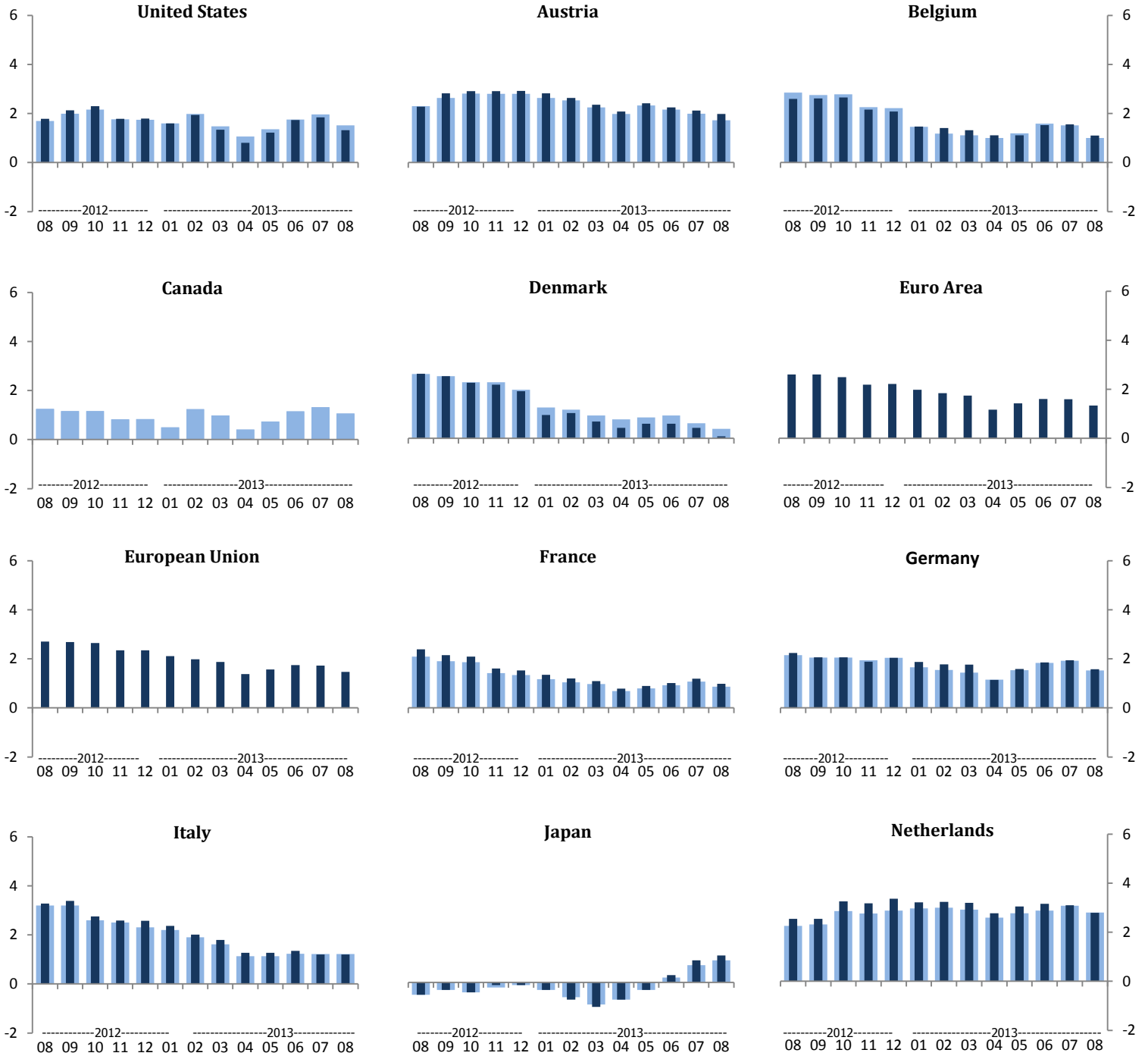
In 2012, the HICP increased in 14 of the 16 countries compared. Italy had the highest inflation followed by the United Kingdom. Japan had no change. Switzerland was the only country covered to experience decreasing prices overall in 2012. See [Table 6](#).



## Consumer Price Indexes (CPI) and Harmonized Indexes of Consumer Prices (HICP)

Percent change from the previous year, 08/2012-08/2013

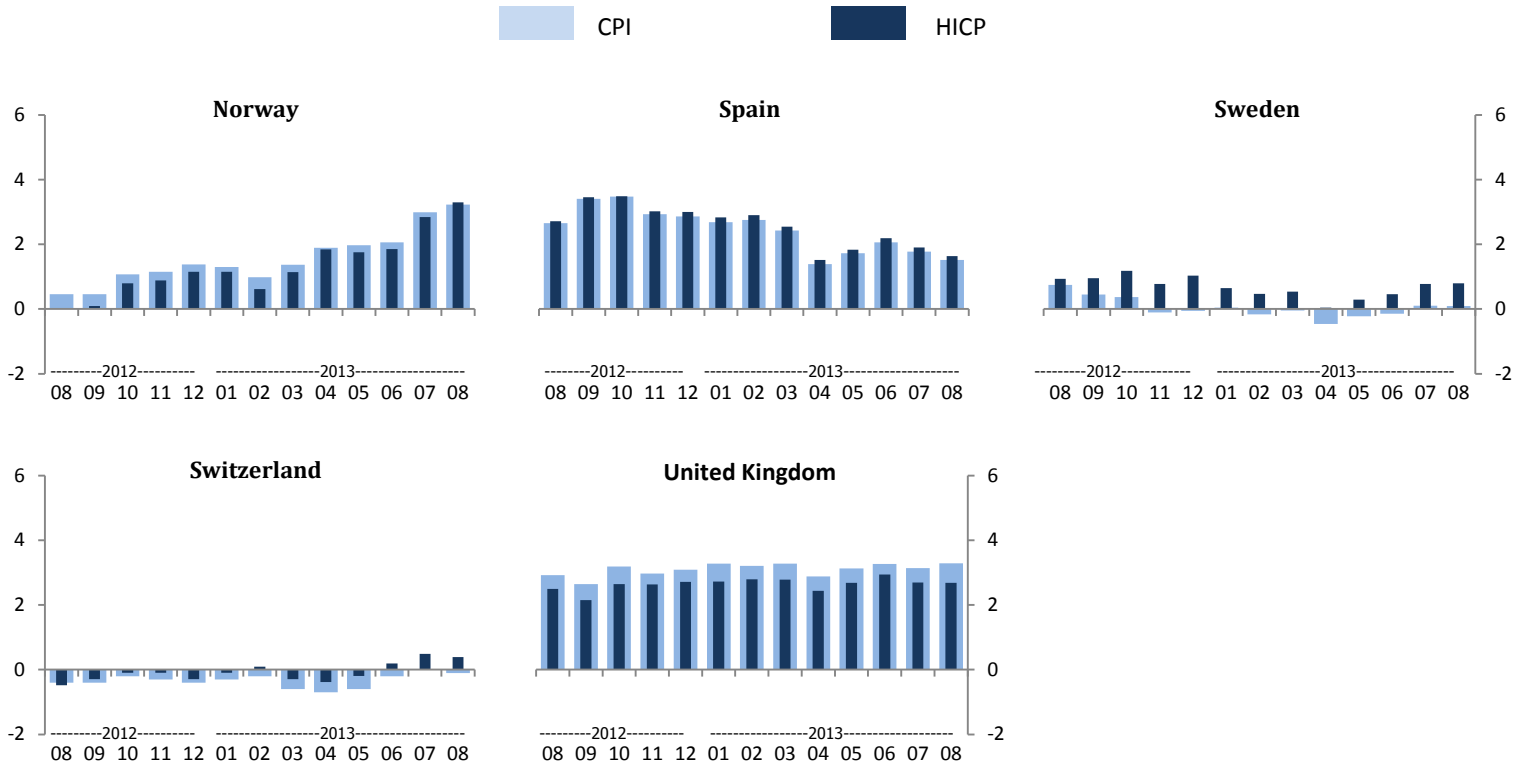
Legend: ■ CPI ■ HICP



Note: HICP data are not available for Canada. CPI data are not included for the Euro Area and the European Union.

Source: The Conference Board, International Labor Comparisons Program

## Consumer Price Indexes (CPI) and Harmonized Indexes of Consumer Prices (HICP) Percent change from the previous year, 08/2012-08/2013 cont.



Source: The Conference Board, International Labor Comparisons Program

**Table 1. Consumer Price Indexes (CPI), 15 countries, 08/2012-08/2013**  
**Percent change from the previous year**

	Aug 12	Sep 12	Oct 12	Nov 12	Dec 12	Jan 13	Feb 13	Mar 13	Apr 13	May 13	Jun 13	Jul 13	Aug 13
United States	1.7	2.0	2.2	1.8	1.7	1.6	2.0	1.5	1.1	1.4	1.8	2.0	1.5
Austria	2.3	2.6	2.8	2.8	2.8	2.6	2.5	2.3	2.0	2.3	2.2	2.0	1.7
Belgium	2.9	2.8	2.8	2.3	2.2	1.5	1.2	1.1	1.0	1.2	1.6	1.5	1.0
Canada	1.2	1.2	1.2	0.8	0.8	0.5	1.2	1.0	0.4	0.7	1.2	1.3	1.1
Denmark	2.6	2.5	2.3	2.3	2.0	1.3	1.2	0.9	0.8	0.9	0.9	0.6	0.4
France	2.1	1.9	1.9	1.4	1.3	1.2	1.0	1.0	0.7	0.8	0.9	1.1	0.9
Germany	2.2	2.0	2.0	1.9	2.0	1.7	1.5	1.4	1.2	1.5	1.8	1.9	1.5
Italy	3.2	3.2	2.6	2.5	2.3	2.2	1.9	1.6	1.1	1.1	1.2	1.2	1.2
Japan	-0.5	-0.3	-0.4	-0.2	-0.1	-0.3	-0.6	-0.9	-0.7	-0.3	0.2	0.7	0.9
Netherlands	2.3	2.3	2.9	2.8	2.9	3.0	3.0	2.9	2.6	2.8	2.9	3.1	2.8
Norway	0.5	0.5	1.1	1.1	1.4	1.3	1.0	1.4	1.9	2.0	2.1	3.0	3.2
Spain	2.7	3.4	3.5	2.9	2.9	2.7	2.8	2.4	1.4	1.7	2.1	1.8	1.5
Sweden	0.7	0.4	0.4	-0.1	-0.1	0.0	-0.2	0.0	-0.5	-0.2	-0.1	0.1	0.1
Switzerland	-0.4	-0.4	-0.2	-0.3	-0.4	-0.3	-0.2	-0.6	-0.7	-0.6	-0.2	0.0	-0.1
United Kingdom	2.9	2.6	3.2	3.0	3.1	3.3	3.2	3.3	2.9	3.1	3.3	3.1	3.3

Source: The Conference Board, International Labor Comparisons Program

**Table 2. Harmonized Indexes of Consumer Prices (HICP), 16 countries and areas, 08/2012-08/2013**  
**Percent change from the previous year**

	Aug 12	Sep 12	Oct 12	Nov 12	Dec 12	Jan 13	Feb 13	Mar 13	Apr 13	May 13	Jun 13	Jul 13	Aug 13
United States	1.8	2.1	2.3	1.8	1.8	1.6	1.9	1.3	0.8	1.2	1.7	1.8	1.3
Austria	2.3	2.8	2.9	2.9	2.9	2.8	2.6	2.4	2.1	2.4	2.2	2.1	2.0
Belgium	2.6	2.6	2.7	2.2	2.1	1.5	1.4	1.3	1.1	1.1	1.5	1.6	1.1
Denmark	2.6	2.5	2.3	2.2	1.9	1.0	1.0	0.7	0.4	0.6	0.6	0.4	0.1
Euro Area	2.6	2.6	2.5	2.2	2.2	2.0	1.8	1.7	1.2	1.4	1.6	1.6	1.3
European Union	2.7	2.7	2.6	2.4	2.3	2.1	2.0	1.9	1.4	1.6	1.7	1.7	1.5
France	2.4	2.2	2.1	1.6	1.5	1.4	1.2	1.1	0.8	0.9	1.0	1.2	1.0
Germany	2.2	2.1	2.1	1.9	2.0	1.9	1.8	1.8	1.1	1.6	1.9	1.9	1.6
Italy	3.3	3.4	2.8	2.6	2.6	2.4	2.0	1.8	1.3	1.3	1.4	1.2	1.2
Japan	-0.5	-0.3	-0.4	-0.1	-0.1	-0.3	-0.7	-1.0	-0.7	-0.3	0.3	0.9	1.1
Netherlands	2.5	2.5	3.3	3.2	3.4	3.2	3.2	3.2	2.8	3.1	3.2	3.1	2.8
Norway	0.0	0.1	0.8	0.9	1.1	1.2	0.6	1.1	1.8	1.8	1.9	2.8	3.3
Spain	2.7	3.5	3.5	3.0	3.0	2.8	2.9	2.6	1.5	1.8	2.2	1.9	1.6
Sweden	0.9	1.0	1.2	0.8	1.0	0.7	0.5	0.5	0.0	0.3	0.5	0.8	0.8
Switzerland	-0.5	-0.3	-0.1	-0.1	-0.3	-0.1	0.1	-0.3	-0.4	-0.2	0.2	0.5	0.4
United Kingdom	2.5	2.2	2.6	2.6	2.7	2.7	2.8	2.8	2.4	2.7	2.9	2.7	2.7

Note: Data for the Euro Area refer to the Monetary Union Index of Consumer Prices (MUICP).

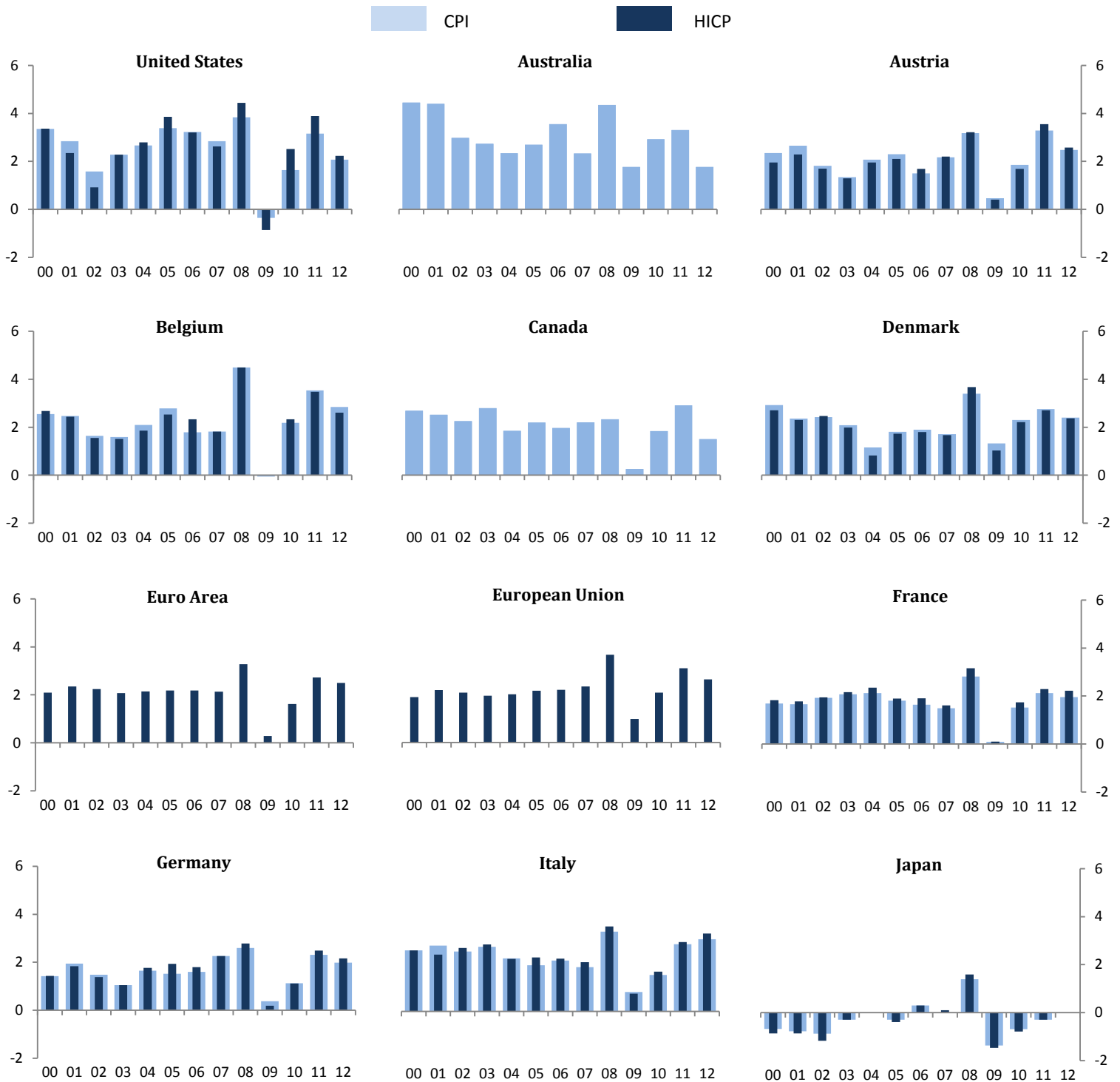
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## Consumer Price Indexes (CPI) and Harmonized Indexes of Consumer Prices (HICP)

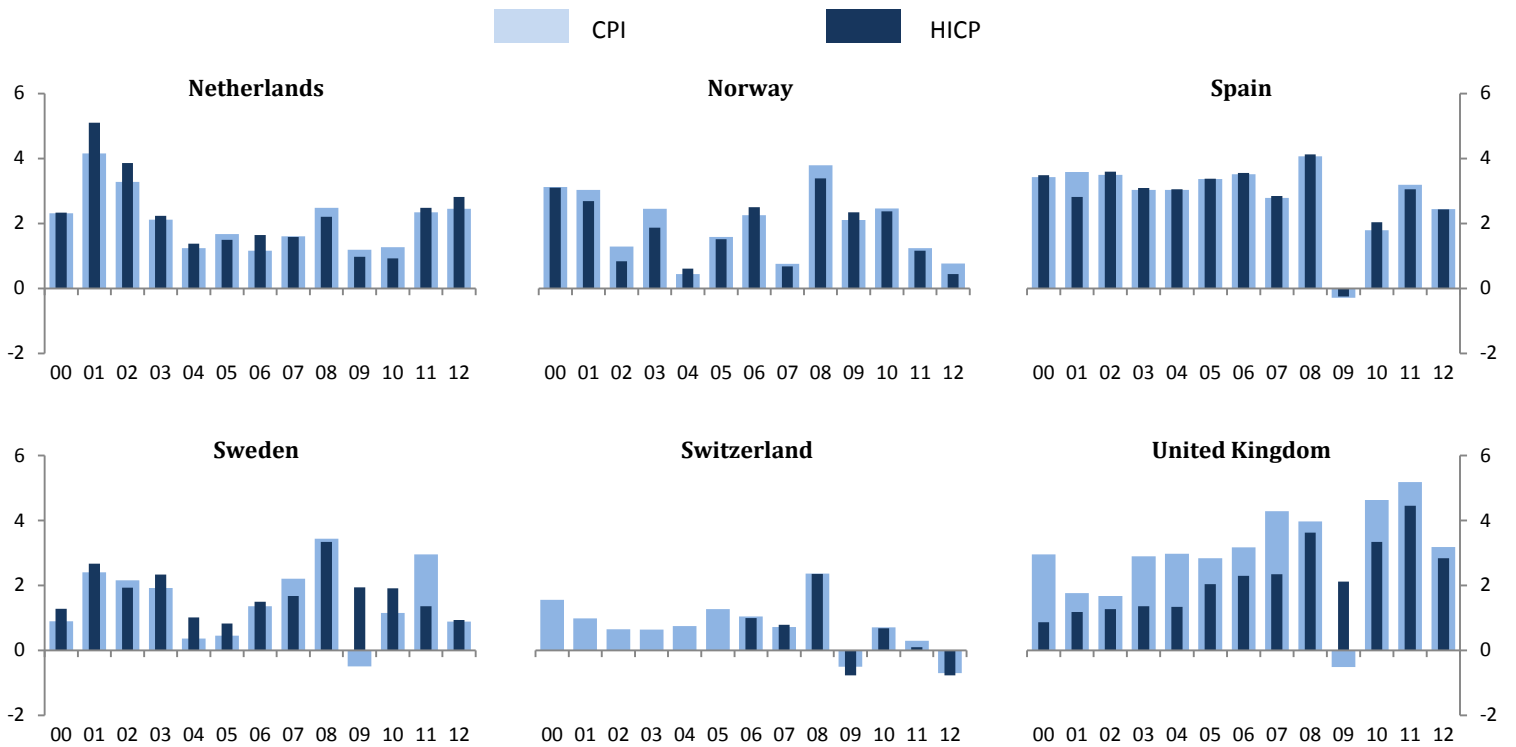
### Annual percent change, 2000-2012



Note: HICP data are not available for Australia and Canada. CPI data are not included for the Euro Area and the European Union.

Source: The Conference Board, International Labor Comparisons Program

## Consumer Price Indexes (CPI) and Harmonized Indexes of Consumer Prices (HICP) Annual percent change, 2000-2012 cont.



Note: HICP data are not available for Switzerland (2000-2005).

Source: The Conference Board, International Labor Comparisons Program

**Table 3. Consumer Price Indexes (CPI), 16 countries, 1999-2012**  
Annual indexes: 1982-84 = 100

	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012
United States	166.6	172.2	177.1	179.9	184.0	188.9	195.3	201.6	207.3	215.3	214.5	218.1	224.9	229.6
Australia	197.0	205.7	214.8	221.2	227.2	232.6	238.8	247.3	253.1	264.1	268.8	276.6	285.8	290.8
Austria	147.9	151.4	155.4	158.2	160.3	163.6	167.4	169.9	173.6	179.1	180.0	183.3	189.3	194.0
Belgium	148.3	152.1	155.8	158.4	160.9	164.3	168.8	171.9	175.0	182.9	182.8	186.8	193.4	198.9
Canada	160.5	164.9	169.0	172.8	177.6	180.9	184.9	188.5	192.7	197.2	197.7	201.3	207.2	210.3
Denmark	162.0	166.8	170.7	174.8	178.5	180.5	183.8	187.3	190.5	197.0	199.6	204.2	209.8	214.9
France	155.0	157.7	160.3	163.4	166.8	170.3	173.4	176.2	178.9	183.9	184.1	186.9	190.8	194.6
Germany	140.0	142.0	144.8	146.9	148.5	150.9	153.2	155.7	159.2	163.3	163.9	165.8	169.6	173.0
Italy	226.3	232.1	238.5	244.5	251.0	256.6	261.5	267.1	272.0	281.1	283.3	287.7	295.7	304.6
Japan	121.8	121.0	120.1	119.0	118.7	118.7	118.3	118.7	118.7	120.3	118.7	117.8	117.5	117.5
Netherlands	137.0	140.2	146.1	150.9	154.0	156.0	158.6	160.4	163.0	167.1	169.0	171.2	175.2	179.5
Norway	186.6	192.4	198.2	200.8	205.7	206.6	209.9	214.7	216.3	224.5	229.2	234.9	237.8	239.6
Spain	234.1	242.1	250.8	259.6	267.5	275.6	284.9	294.9	303.1	315.5	314.6	320.2	330.5	338.6
Sweden	195.1	196.9	201.6	206.0	209.9	210.7	211.7	214.5	219.3	226.8	225.7	228.3	235.1	237.2
Switzerland	143.8	146.1	147.5	148.5	149.4	150.6	152.5	154.1	155.2	158.9	158.1	159.2	159.7	158.5
United Kingdom	194.3	200.1	203.6	207.0	213.0	219.4	225.6	232.8	242.7	252.4	251.1	262.7	276.3	285.2

Source: The Conference Board, International Labor Comparisons Program

**Table 4. Consumer Price Indexes (CPI), 16 countries, 1999-2012**  
Annual percent change

	1999 - 2012	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012
United States	2.5	3.4	2.8	1.6	2.3	2.7	3.4	3.2	2.8	3.8	-0.4	1.6	3.2	2.1
Australia	3.0	4.5	4.4	3.0	2.7	2.3	2.7	3.6	2.3	4.4	1.8	2.9	3.3	1.8
Austria	2.1	2.4	2.7	1.8	1.3	2.1	2.3	1.5	2.2	3.2	0.5	1.9	3.3	2.5
Belgium	2.3	2.5	2.5	1.6	1.6	2.1	2.8	1.8	1.8	4.5	-0.1	2.2	3.5	2.8
Canada	2.1	2.7	2.5	2.2	2.8	1.8	2.2	2.0	2.2	2.3	0.3	1.8	2.9	1.5
Denmark	2.2	2.9	2.4	2.4	2.1	1.2	1.8	1.9	1.7	3.4	1.3	2.3	2.8	2.4
France	1.8	1.7	1.7	1.9	2.1	2.1	1.8	1.6	1.5	2.8	0.1	1.5	2.1	2.0
Germany	1.6	1.4	1.9	1.5	1.0	1.7	1.5	1.6	2.3	2.6	0.4	1.1	2.3	2.0
Italy	2.3	2.5	2.7	2.5	2.7	2.2	1.9	2.1	1.8	3.3	0.8	1.5	2.8	3.0
Japan	-0.3	-0.7	-0.8	-0.9	-0.3	0.0	-0.3	0.3	0.0	1.4	-1.4	-0.7	-0.3	0.0
Netherlands	2.1	2.3	4.2	3.3	2.1	1.2	1.7	1.2	1.6	2.5	1.2	1.3	2.3	2.5
Norway	1.9	3.1	3.0	1.3	2.5	0.4	1.6	2.3	0.8	3.8	2.1	2.5	1.2	0.8
Spain	2.9	3.4	3.6	3.5	3.0	3.0	3.4	3.5	2.8	4.1	-0.3	1.8	3.2	2.4
Sweden	1.5	0.9	2.4	2.2	1.9	0.4	0.5	1.4	2.2	3.4	-0.5	1.2	3.0	0.9
Switzerland	0.8	1.6	1.0	0.6	0.6	0.7	1.3	1.0	0.7	2.4	-0.5	0.7	0.3	-0.7
United Kingdom	3.0	3.0	1.8	1.7	2.9	3.0	2.8	3.2	4.3	4.0	-0.5	4.6	5.2	3.2

Source: The Conference Board, International Labor Comparisons Program

**Table 5. Harmonized Indexes of Consumer Prices (HICP), 16 countries and areas, 1999-2012**  
Annual indexes: 2005 = 100

	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012
United States	85.8	88.7	90.8	91.6	93.7	96.3	100.0	103.2	105.9	110.6	109.7	112.4	116.8	119.4
Austria	89.4	91.2	93.3	94.8	96.1	97.9	100.0	101.7	103.9	107.3	107.7	109.5	113.4	116.3
Belgium	88.3	90.7	92.9	94.3	95.8	97.5	100.0	102.3	104.2	108.9	108.9	111.4	115.3	118.3
Denmark	88.8	91.2	93.3	95.6	97.5	98.3	100.0	101.8	103.5	107.3	108.4	110.8	113.8	116.5
Euro Area	87.9	89.7	91.8	93.9	95.8	97.9	100.0	102.2	104.4	107.8	108.1	109.8	112.8	115.7
European Union	88.5	90.2	92.2	94.1	96.0	97.9	100.0	102.2	104.6	108.4	109.5	111.8	115.2	118.3
France	88.8	90.5	92.1	93.9	95.9	98.1	100.0	101.9	103.6	106.8	106.9	108.8	111.3	113.8
Germany	91.1	92.4	94.1	95.4	96.4	98.1	100.0	101.8	104.1	107.0	107.2	108.4	111.1	113.5
Italy	86.4	88.6	90.7	93.1	95.7	97.8	100.0	102.2	104.3	108.0	108.8	110.6	113.8	117.5
Japan	103.7	102.8	101.9	100.7	100.4	100.4	100.0	100.3	100.4	102.0	100.5	99.7	99.4	99.4
Netherlands	85.1	87.1	91.5	95.1	97.2	98.5	100.0	101.7	103.3	105.5	106.6	107.6	110.2	113.3
Norway	90.0	92.8	95.3	96.1	97.9	98.5	100.0	102.5	103.2	106.7	109.2	111.8	113.1	113.6
Spain	82.6	85.5	87.9	91.0	93.9	96.7	100.0	103.6	106.5	110.9	110.6	112.9	116.4	119.2
Sweden	90.5	91.7	94.1	95.9	98.2	99.2	100.0	101.5	103.2	106.7	108.7	110.8	112.3	113.4
Switzerland	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	100.0	101.0	101.8	104.2	103.4	104.1	104.2	103.4
United Kingdom	92.3	93.1	94.2	95.4	96.7	98.0	100.0	102.3	104.7	108.5	110.8	114.5	119.6	123.0

Note: For the United States, data refer to urban households prior to Dec. 2001. Data for the Euro Area refer to the Monetary Union Index of Consumer Prices (MUICP). Data for the European Union refer to the European Index of Consumer Prices (EICP).

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NA means data not available.

Source: The Conference Board, International Labor Comparisons Program

**Table 6. Harmonized Indexes of Consumer Prices (HICP), 16 countries and areas, 1999-2012**  
Annual percent change

	1999– 2012	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012
United States	2.6	3.4	2.3	0.9	2.3	2.8	3.9	3.2	2.6	4.4	-0.9	2.5	3.9	2.2
Austria	2.0	2.0	2.3	1.7	1.3	2.0	2.1	1.7	2.2	3.2	0.4	1.7	3.6	2.6
Belgium	2.3	2.7	2.4	1.6	1.5	1.9	2.5	2.3	1.8	4.5	0.0	2.3	3.5	2.6
Denmark	2.1	2.7	2.3	2.5	2.0	0.8	1.7	1.8	1.7	3.7	1.0	2.2	2.7	2.4
Euro Area	2.1	2.1	2.4	2.2	2.1	2.1	2.2	2.2	2.1	3.3	0.3	1.6	2.7	2.5
European Union	2.3	1.9	2.2	2.1	2.0	2.0	2.2	2.2	2.3	3.7	1.0	2.1	3.1	2.6
France	1.9	1.8	1.8	1.9	2.2	2.3	1.9	1.9	1.6	3.2	0.1	1.7	2.3	2.2
Germany	1.7	1.4	1.8	1.4	1.0	1.8	1.9	1.8	2.3	2.8	0.2	1.1	2.5	2.2
Italy	2.4	2.5	2.4	2.6	2.8	2.2	2.2	2.2	2.1	3.5	0.7	1.7	2.9	3.3
Japan	-0.3	-0.9	-0.9	-1.2	-0.3	0.0	-0.4	0.3	0.1	1.6	-1.5	-0.8	-0.3	0.0
Netherlands	2.2	2.3	5.1	3.9	2.2	1.4	1.5	1.7	1.6	2.2	1.0	0.9	2.5	2.8
Norway	1.8	3.1	2.7	0.8	1.9	0.6	1.5	2.5	0.7	3.4	2.3	2.4	1.2	0.4
Spain	2.9	3.5	2.8	3.6	3.1	3.1	3.4	3.6	2.8	4.1	-0.2	2.0	3.1	2.4
Sweden	1.7	1.3	2.7	1.9	2.3	1.0	0.8	1.5	1.7	3.3	1.9	1.9	1.4	0.9
Switzerland	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	1.0	0.8	2.4	-0.8	0.7	0.1	-0.8
United Kingdom	2.2	0.9	1.2	1.3	1.4	1.3	2.0	2.3	2.3	3.6	2.1	3.3	4.5	2.8

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