

Glossary: Household final monetary consumption expenditure (HFMCE)

Statistics Explained

Household final monetary consumption expenditure , abbreviated as **HFMCE** , is expenditure made by [households](#) on goods or services for the direct satisfaction of individual needs or wants.

Household final monetary consumption expenditure is used to calculate the [European Union \(EU\) harmonised index of consumer prices \(HICP\)](#) , an important measure of [inflation](#) . It concerns that part of [final consumption expenditure](#) which is:

- by [households](#) , irrespective of their nationality or residence status;
- in monetary transactions;
- on the economic territory of an EU Member State;
- on goods and services that are used for the direct satisfaction of individual needs or wants;
- in one or both of the time periods being compared.

Further information

- [HICP methodology: household final monetary consumption expenditure \(HFMCE\)](#) (background article)

Related concepts

- [Household final consumption expenditure \(HFCE\)](#)
- [Harmonised index of consumer prices \(HICP\)](#)

Statistical data

- [Consumer prices - inflation](#)