



ECONOMY

The CPI for 2023 stands at 4.5% and is down compared to last November

The indicator also decreases compared to the end of 2022, when it was set at 7.1%

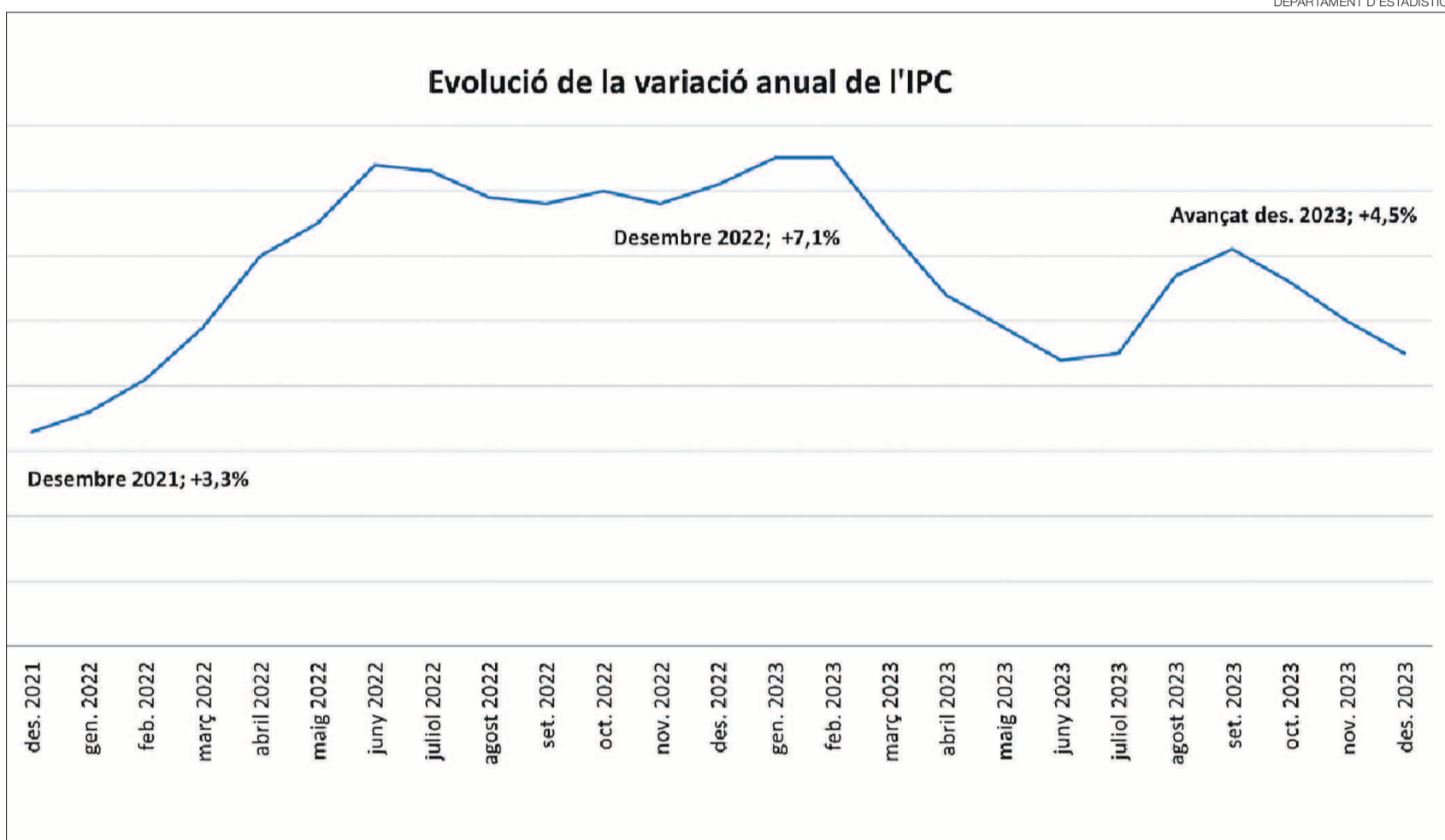
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According to the data published this Tuesday by the Government's Statistics Department, the Consumer Price Index (CPI) for 2023 will be set at 4.5%, being, in this way and with all probability, the increase that it will apply to many public prices and wages between minimum and average. This would mean a decrease of five tenths compared to the CPI for the month of November, which stood at 5%, and of 2.6% compared to the end of the previous year.

The behavior of inflation would be given by the evolution of various prices, such as those of housing, water, gas, electricity and other fuels, as well as recreation, shows and culture, and food and non-alcoholic beverages. On the other side is the transport group, which would have contributed to increasing inflation following the fact that the drop in fuel prices has been less intense than in the year corresponding to 2022.

As the same department reports, this advanced indicator is calculated with the aim of providing the same information, in time and quality, as the data published by the statistical institutes of the European Union. This is the same methodology used to calculate the CPI, the difference between the two being the information used. The advanced indicator only provides indicative information and, therefore, does not necessarily have to coincide with the final CPI data, which will be published next Wednesday, January 10th.

As for Spain's advanced CPI, it



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► The evolution of the CPI in the last year.

Inflation would be caused by the evolution of housing, water or electricity prices, among others

stands at 3.1%. If confirmed as the definitive percentage, it would decrease by one tenth compared to the variation registered in the month of November. However, and with regard to the data from France, the other neighboring country on the Andorran borders, these have not yet been provided by the Department of Statistics, although it is expected that they will be made public in the coming days. ≡

The figures

4,5% the Consumer Price Index (CPI) in 2023

7,1% the Consumer Price Index (CPI) of 2022

5% the Consumer Price Index (CPI) last November

3,1% the Consumer Price Index (CPI) of Spain



► The Head of Government, Xavier Esport, during his New Year's message.

Esport recognizes the increase in inflation experienced last year

The representative declares that «it is significantly more expensive to fill the shopping basket»

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During his New Year's message, the number one of the Executive, Xavier Esport, wanted to refer to the issue surrounding current purchasing power and wages. Putting on the table the more than obvious increase in inflation in the country, the president declared that «cur-

rently it is noticeably more expensive to fill the shopping basket than a year ago due to the rise in inflation, which was decades that we did not see».

Even so, Esport showed during this intervention the failure to reach an agreement between employers and unions to implement an increase in wages for this 2024, although stating that his Government «has followed the negotiations very closely and important concessions have even been made to find an understanding», remar-

king that «we did not want to shirk our responsibility and that is why we have decided to increase the minimum wage and solidarity pensions up to two points above the CPI».

A situation that, along with the increase in all those salaries that are currently below the average wage, will accommodate more than 50% of the country's workers and provide better well-being to all those who are residing in rented flats or they depend on pensions, in order to «secure their future in our country». ≡

NEWS

Arrested a thief wanted since 2018 for burglaries with force at homes

He was caught 'in fraganti' leaving a residence with high-end jewelery and watches

An initial financial loss of around 100,000 euros is attributed to him in a fortnight of thefts

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On December 31st, the Police arrested a 56-year-old man who is not a resident, as the alleged perpetrator of violent thefts committed in homes in Encamp and Canillo.

The investigation began in 2018, when numerous reports of burglaries were received in apartments, mostly tourist apartments, in the parishes of Encamp and Canillo. Specifically in the sectors of Soldeu, Tarter, Ransol and Pas de la Casa mainly. As a result of these allegations, the Crimes Against Property Group of the Judicial Police and Criminal Investigation Area began the relevant work in order to be able to identify, in the same year of the allegations, the person now arrested as the alleged author of the facts

In 2019, a judicial search warrant was issued. Despite this order, the individual now arrested continued to commit thefts with force in the Principality of Andorra, without being able to be located until this December, due to his expertise with the criminal methodology, as well as his ability to dodge the surveillance measures established by the law enforcement agency.

Between the months of November and December 2023, an increase in thefts with force was again identified with the same modus operandi in the previously indicated areas. For this reason, a special surveillance device was established by members of the Judicial Police and Criminal Investigation Area in areas likely to be vulnerable to the activities of the individual suspect. On December 31st, 2023, APJIC officers controlled a person leaving a building who could correspond to the wanted person, proceeding to his identification and subsequent arrest.

At the time of the arrest, he was in possession of high-value jewelry, high-end watches, as well as tools to commit violent thefts, among which defense sprays stand out.

Specifically, an initial financial loss of around 100,000 euros is



► Picture of the loot.

In some of the robberies, the suspect had been surprised inside the homes by their occupants

attributed to him in a fortnight of thefts, committed only between November and December 2023, without quantifying the total loss caused during these last few years, and will be quantified during the ongoing investigation.

In some of the robberies, the suspect had been surprised inside the homes by their occupants, frustrating the latter's claims.

The modus operandi commonly used was that of 'slipping'. This

consists of taking advantage of the fact that the door is not locked (simply suddenly), and using flat and rigid supports, he inserts them through the slot between the frame and the door, and manages to disengage the closing latch.

The operation, named GARSÀ, had been under judicial review since 2018, and has allowed to recover part of the loot.

The detainee was brought before the court yesterday and the in-

vestigation remains open.

ADVICE FROM THE POLICE FORCE// The Police reminds us of the importance of taking security measures at home. Mainly, the closing of the doors with a key, and not with a simple knock on the door, or with the installation of security devices such as cameras or alarms, since beyond being a deterrent they also facilitate the identification of the perpetrators. ≡

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