

The Price Indices for August 2014

Consumer Price Indices (CPI)

The CPI in August 2014 (2011=100) increased 0.43% from the preceding month, mainly because prices of food went up 2.13%. In addition to the need of Ghost Festival, high temperature and heavy rainfall brought prices of vegetables and fruits mounting 14.14% and 7.89%. Because of the updated discount for electricity conservation, prices of water, electricity, and gas supply rose 1.87%. Prices of garments dropped 4.19% for seasonal sale, and prices of fuels and lubricants fell. The general CPI excluding fruits, vegetables, and energy, i.e. core CPI, edged down 0.11%.

The annual change of CPI in August 2014, compared with the same month of 2013, climbed 2.07%. Prices of food rose 5.60%, since prices of meats, vegetables, and food away from home surged 11.85%, 11.16%, and 4.54%. Prices of water, electricity, and gas supply advanced 6.01%, while prices of fuels and lubricants declined. The core CPI increased 1.67%.

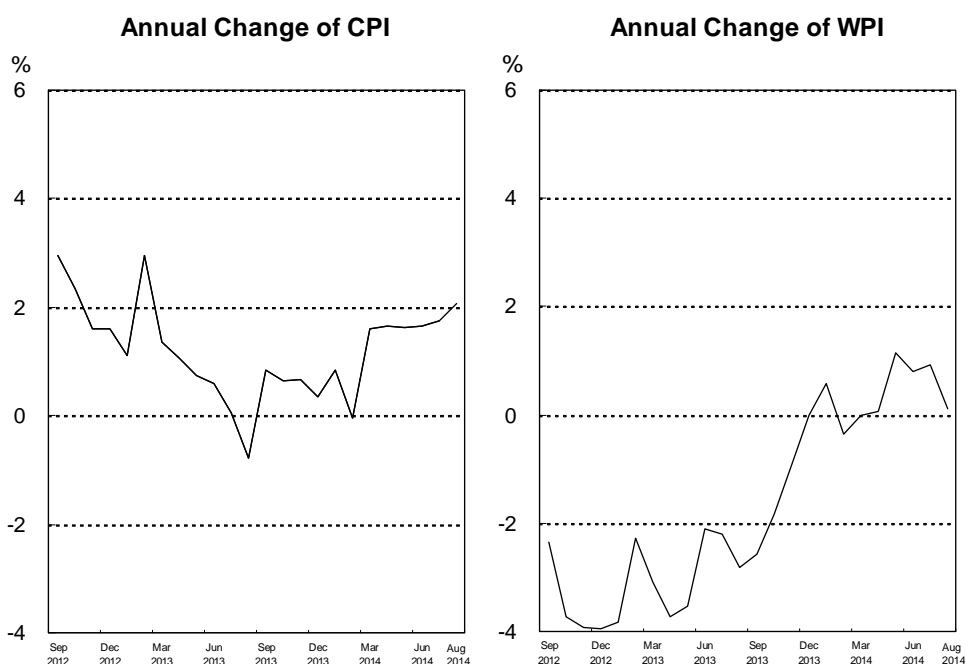
For the first eight months, the CPI went up 1.39% over the same period of the previous year. Prices of commodity group rose 1.90%, and prices of service group climbed 1.00%. The core CPI increased 1.15%.

Wholesale Price Indices (WPI)

The WPI in August 2014 decreased 0.37% from the preceding month. Prices of crude petroleum and natural gas moved down 3.60%. Prices of petroleum and coal products fell 2.62%, but prices of farm products went up 7.42% to offset the drop.

The annual change of WPI in August 2014, compared with the same month of 2013, went up 0.12%. Prices of water supply, electricity, and gas increased 8.85%, and prices of basic metals rose 4.26%. However, prices of computer and electronic and optical products decreased 5.94%. The WPI for domestic sales excluding imports moved up 2.12%, import price index fell 1.47%, and export price index dropped 0.11%.

For the first eight months of 2014, the WPI advanced 0.41% over the same period of the previous year.



Statistical Tables

Table1 The Changes of Consumer Price Indices

Table2 The Changes of Wholesale Price Indices

Table3 The Changes of Import Price Indices

Table4 The Changes of Export Price Indices

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