

# News Release

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## The Price Indices for December 2014

## **Consumer Price Indices (CPI)**

The CPI in December 2014 (2011=100) decreased 0.36% from the preceding month, mainly because prices of fuels and lubricants declined 9.40%, and prices of garments dropped 2.93%. Prices of water, electricity, and gas supply moved down 1.45%, but prices of vegetables went up 4.11%. The general CPI excluding fruits, vegetables, and energy, i.e. core CPI, edged down 0.06%.

The annual change of CPI in December 2014, compared with the same month of 2013, climbed 0.61%. Prices of food rose 4.34%, since prices of vegetables, meats, and food away from home surged 11.56%, 9.27% and 4.48%. Prices of fuels and lubricants decreased 21.07%. The core CPI increased 1.38%.

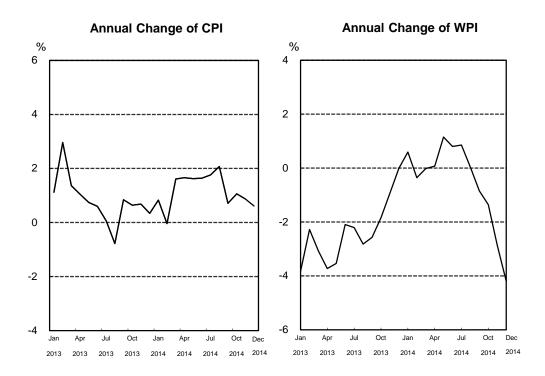
In 2014, the CPI went up 1.20%. Prices of commodity group rose 1.25%, and prices of service group climbed 1.16%. The core CPI increased 1.26%.

## Wholesale Price Indices (WPI)

The WPI in December 2014 dropped 0.79% from the preceding month. Since prices of crude petroleum and natural gas moved down 14.03%, prices of petroleum and coal products fell 9.35%, and prices of chemical materials decreased 3.75%. Prices of electronic parts and components rose 1.71% to mitigate the decrease.

The annual change of WPI in December 2014, compared with the same month of 2013, went down 4.20%. Prices of quarrying and mineral products dropped 29.65%. Prices of petroleum and coal products fell 25.88%, and prices of chemical materials decreased 11.40%. However, prices of electronic parts and components rose 3.12%. The WPI for domestic sales excluding imports went down 4.63%, import price index dropped 8.40%, and export price index moved down 0.05%.

In 2014, the WPI edged down 0.51%. Prices of import price index decreased 2.02%, and raw materials declined 4.19%.



### **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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