

The Price Indices for January 2015

Consumer Price Indices (CPI)

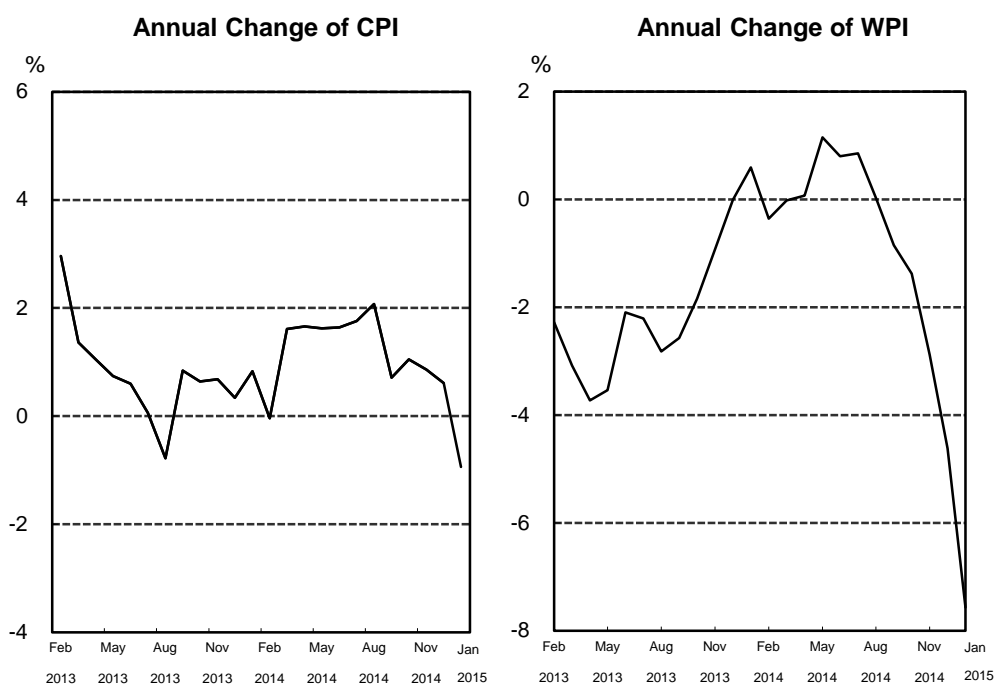
The CPI in January 2015 (2011=100) decreased 1.24% from the preceding month. Given the recent falling oil prices, the electricity refund plan of Taiwan Power Company brought prices of water, electricity, and gas supply declining 18.53%. Prices of fuels and lubricants dropped 10.77%, and prices of vegetables moved down 8.89%. Prices of eggs and meats went up 6.50% and 2.55%, and prices of fish and seafood rose 2.17%. The general CPI excluding fruits, vegetables, and energy, i.e. core CPI, edged down 0.03%.

The annual change of CPI in January 2015, compared with the same month of 2014, fell 0.94%. Prices of fuels and lubricants decreased 29.52%, and prices of water, electricity, and gas supply declined 18.90%. Due to the distortions from the timing of Chinese New Year, prices of services for nursery and nursing care, tour fees and taxi fees dropped from relatively high bases last year. Prices of food rose 4.45%, since prices of vegetables, meats, and food away from home surged 20.21%, 9.50% and 3.98%. The core CPI increased 0.64%.

Wholesale Price Indices (WPI)

The WPI in January 2015 dropped 2.32% from the preceding month. Following prices of crude petroleum and natural gas falling, prices of petroleum and coal products went down 15.60%, and prices of chemical materials decreased 4.96%. Prices of water supply, electricity, and gas declined 6.40% due to an electricity refund plan. Prices of electronic parts and components rose 0.52% to mitigate the decrease.

The annual change of WPI in January 2015, compared with the same month of 2014, decreased 7.57%. Prices of quarrying and mineral products dropped 39.97%. Prices of petroleum and coal products fell 38.17%, and prices of chemical materials declined 19.34%. However, prices of electronic parts and components rose 2.39%. The WPI for domestic sales excluding imports went down 8.05%, import price index dropped 12.58%, and export price index moved down 2.67%.



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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