

The Price Indices for February 2015

Consumer Price Indices (CPI)

The CPI in February 2015 (2011=100) increased 0.36% from the preceding month. During Lunar New Year holidays, prices of services for nursery and nursing care, tour fees, and taxi fees went up. Prices of fuels and lubricants advanced 1.63%. Prices of meats, fish, and seafood rose, while prices of abundant vegetables and fruits fell to cushion the increase. Prices of garments went down 4.77% on winter clothing discount. The general CPI excluding fruits, vegetables, and energy, i.e. core CPI, rose 0.84%.

The annual change of CPI in February 2015, compared with the same month of 2014, moved down 0.19%. Prices of fuels and lubricants decreased 28.11%. The electricity refund plan of Taiwan Power Company brought prices of water, electricity, and gas supply falling 19.83%. Since Chinese New Year occurred in January last year, prices of services for nursery and nursing care, tour fees, and taxi fees went up. Prices of food advanced 3.12%, as prices of meats, vegetables, food away from home, fish, and seafood surged. The core CPI increased 1.78%.

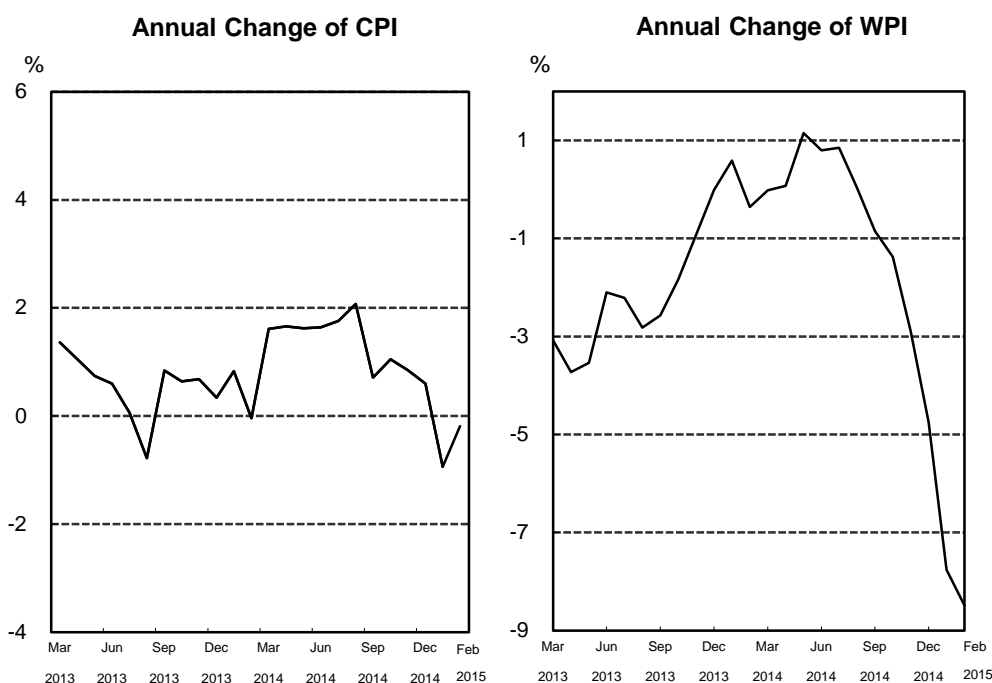
For the first two months of 2015, to exclude the distortions of Lunar New Year effect, the CPI decreased 0.56% over the same period of previous year. Prices of commodity fell 3.12% but prices of service rose 1.34%. The core CPI increased 1.21%.

Wholesale Price Indices (WPI)

The WPI in February 2015 dropped 0.32% from the preceding month. Prices of basic metals moved down 3.02%, and prices of electronic parts and components fell 0.60%. Following the international oil price rebounding, prices of crude petroleum and natural gas increased 10.53%, and prices of petroleum and coal products went up 3.13%.

The annual change of WPI in February 2015, compared with the same month of 2014, decreased 8.49%. Prices of quarrying and mineral products dropped 36.62%. Prices of petroleum and coal products fell 36.64%, and prices of chemical materials declined 21.88%. However, prices of electronic parts and components rose 1.24%. The WPI for domestic sales excluding imports went down 8.47%, import price index dropped 13.16%, and export price index moved down 4.33%.

For the first two months of 2015, the WPI decreased 8.12% over the same period of 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

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