

The Price Indices for April 2015

Consumer Price Indices (CPI)

The CPI in April 2015 (2011=100) increased 0.48% from the preceding month, mainly because prices of garments went up 14.94% with the availability of new arrivals for spring/summer clothing. Prices of services for entertainment advanced 1.36%. Prices of vegetables rose 16.18% to lift prices of food, but prices of fruits and meats fell to offset the increase. Since electricity prices adjusted downward, prices of water, electricity, and gas supply moved down 5.15%. The general CPI excluding fruits, vegetables, and energy, i.e. core CPI, increased 0.55%.

The annual change of CPI in April 2015, compared with the same month of 2014, moved down 0.80%. Prices of fuels and lubricants decreased 25.38%. The lowering prices of electricity and gas brought prices of water, electricity, and gas supply decreasing 11.84%. Prices of food rose 1.50%, but prices of fruits went down 11.48%. The core CPI increased 0.68%.

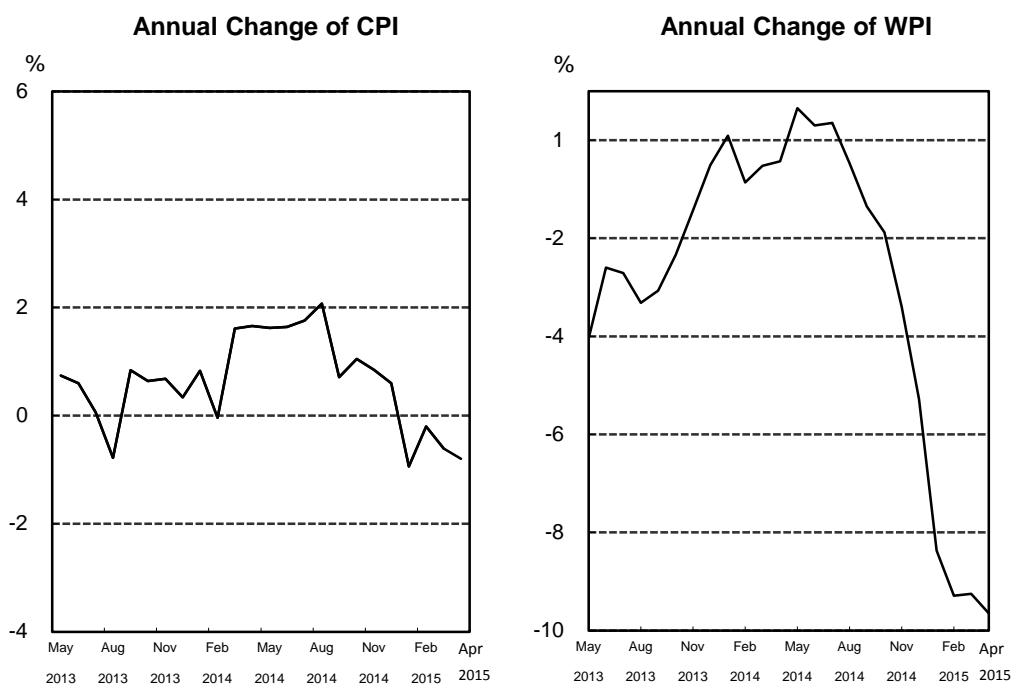
For the first four months, the CPI decreased 0.64% over the same period of previous year. Prices of commodity fell 3.08%, but prices of service rose 1.20%. The core CPI increased 1.02%.

Wholesale Price Indices (WPI)

The WPI in April 2015 fell 1.07% from the preceding month, mainly because prices of electronic parts and components decreased 1.32%. In addition, the downward adjustment of electricity prices brought prices of water supply, electricity, and gas lowering 8.52%. Prices of basic metals declined 2.53%. Prices of vegetables, crude petroleum, and chemical materials went up to cushion the fall.

The annual change of WPI in April 2015, compared with the same month of 2014, decreased 9.15%. Prices of quarrying and mineral products dropped 35.83%. Prices of manufacturing goods went down 6.96%. Among which, prices of petroleum and coal products fell 35.55%, prices of chemical materials declined 15.92%, and prices of basic metals declined 9.99%. Prices of water supply, electricity, and gas moved down 12.55%. The WPI for domestic sales excluding imports went down 9.10%, import price index dropped 13.69%, and export price index moved down 5.15%.

For the first four months, the WPI decreased 8.64% over the same period of previous year. Prices of crude materials dropped 31.38%, prices of intermediate materials fell 8.79%, and prices of finished goods declined 5.37%.



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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