

The Price Indices for May 2015

Consumer Price Indices (CPI)

The CPI in May 2015 (2011=100) increased 0.24% from the preceding month. Prices of fuels and lubricants went up 5.61%. Prices of water, electricity, and gas supply rose 2.88%, as the effect of electricity refund plan diminishing. Prices of vegetables moved up 5.08%, but prices of fruits, meats, and eggs fell to offset the increase of food prices. Prices of garments moved down 2.09% due to special discount for Mother's Day. The general CPI excluding fruits, vegetables, and energy, i.e. core CPI, decreased 0.05%.

The annual change of CPI in May 2015, compared with the same month of 2014, moved down 0.73%. Prices of fuels and lubricants decreased 21.39%. The lowering prices of electricity and gas brought prices of water, electricity, and gas supply declining 9.90%. Prices of food increased 0.87%. Prices of vegetables and food away from home rose 8.69% and 2.02%, but prices of fruits dropped 11.47%. The core CPI increased 0.61%.

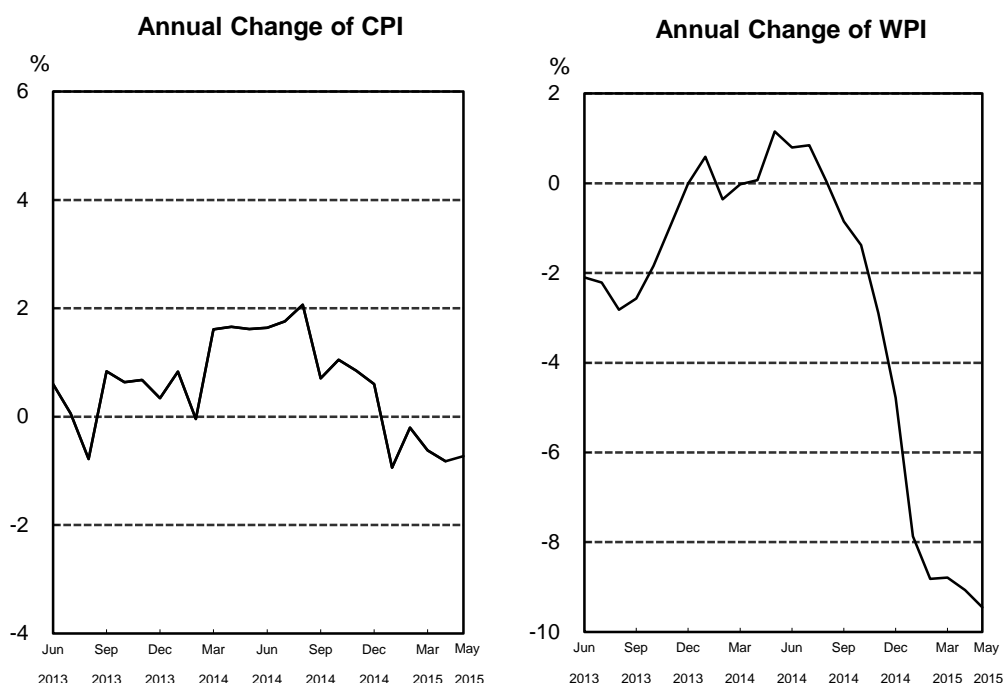
For the first five months, the CPI decreased 0.66% over the same period of previous year. Prices of commodity fell 3.07%, but prices of service rose 1.15%. The core CPI increased 0.94%.

Wholesale Price Indices (WPI)

The WPI in May 2015 fell 0.32% from the preceding month, mainly because prices of electronic parts and components decreased 1.36%. Prices of basic metals declined 1.84%. Prices of computers and electronic and optical products went down 1.19%. Prices of crude petroleum and natural gas rebounded 6.51%, and prices of petroleum and coal products rose 5.72%.

The annual change of WPI in May 2015, compared with the same month of 2014, decreased 9.45%. Prices of quarrying and mineral products dropped 33.62%. In manufacturing products, prices of petroleum and coal products went down 31.85%, prices of chemical materials declined 14.07%, and prices of basic metals fell 12.81%. Prices of water supply, electricity, and gas moved down 12.28%. The WPI for domestic sales excluding imports decreased 9.01%, import price index dropped 14.02%, and export price index declined 5.75%.

For the first five months, the WPI went down 8.80% 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

Table4 The Changes of Export Price Indices

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