

The Price Indices for April 2016

Consumer Price Indices (CPI)

The CPI in April 2016 (2011=100) increased 0.34% from the preceding month, mainly because prices of garments went up 15.51% with the availability of new arrivals for spring/summer clothing. Prices of fuels and lubricants moved up 1.88%, and prices of entertainment expenses advanced 1.54%. However, the downward adjustment of electricity prices brought prices of water, electricity and gas supply decreasing 6.03%. Prices of vegetables went down 2.16%. The general CPI excluding fruits, vegetables and energy, i.e. core CPI, increased 0.66%.

The annual change of CPI in April 2016, compared with the same month of 2015, moved up 1.88%. Prices of vegetables, fruits, and food away from home rose 50.85%, 25.92%, and 1.61%. However, prices of fuels and lubricants dropped 12.12%, and the lowering prices of gas and electricity pulled prices of water, electricity and gas supply declining 9.15%. The core CPI increased 0.92%.

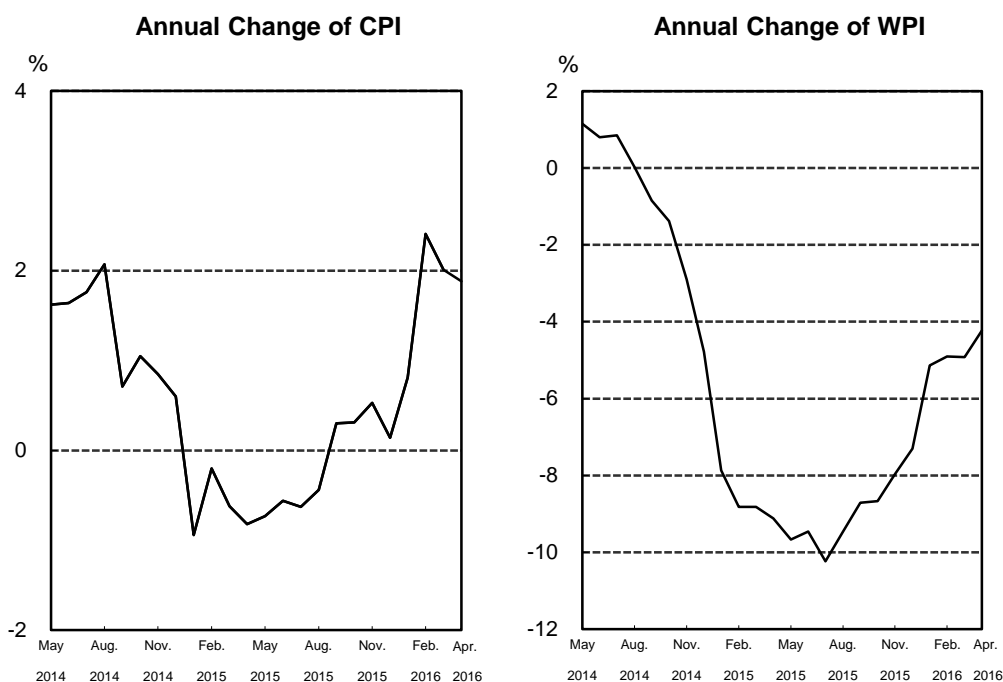
For the first four months of 2016, the CPI increased 1.77% over the same period of previous year. Prices of commodity move up 3.10%, and prices of service rose 0.83%. The core CPI increased 0.80%.

Wholesale Price Indices (WPI)

The WPI in April 2016 decreased 0.24% from the preceding month. Prices of water supply, electricity and gas moved down 8.28% because of electricity prices lowering. Prices of farm products fell 4.58%, prices of computers, electronic and optical products went down 1.19%, and prices of electronic parts and components declined 1.08%. Nonetheless, prices of crude petroleum and natural gas increased 6.49%, prices of petroleum and coal products moved up 4.46%, and prices of basic metals rose 2.78%.

The annual change of WPI in April 2016, compared with the same month of 2015, decreased 4.23%. Since prices of crude petroleum and natural gas dropped 29.33%, prices of petroleum and coal products went down 23.93%, and prices of chemical materials fell 11.29%. Prices of water supply, electricity and gas moved down 13.45%, and price of basic metals declined 10.37%. However, prices of farm products increased 14.55%, and prices of machinery and equipment rose 3.75%. The WPI for domestic sales excluding imports decreased 5.06%, import price index fell 4.60%, and export price index declined 3.26%.

For the first four months of 2016, the WPI decreased 4.80% over the same period of previous year.



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