

The Price Indices for August 2016

Consumer Price Indices (CPI)

The CPI in August 2016 (2011=100) decreased 0.03% from the preceding month. Prices of garments moved down 2.86% due to promotion. Prices of fuels and lubricants declined 2.67%, and prices of entertainment expenses went down 0.67%. Nonetheless, prices of eggs, fruits and vegetables increased 3.94%, 3.84% and 3.38%. The general CPI excluding fruits, vegetables and energy, i.e. core CPI, fell 0.17%.

The annual change of CPI in August 2016, compared with the same month of 2015, moved up 0.57%. Prices of fruits advanced 23.02%. Prices of fish and seafood also went up 5.33%, and prices of food away from home increased 1.31%. However, prices of water, electricity and gas supply declined 10.81%, prices of fuels and lubricants went down 4.30%, and prices of vegetables fell 3.92%. The core CPI rose 0.77%.

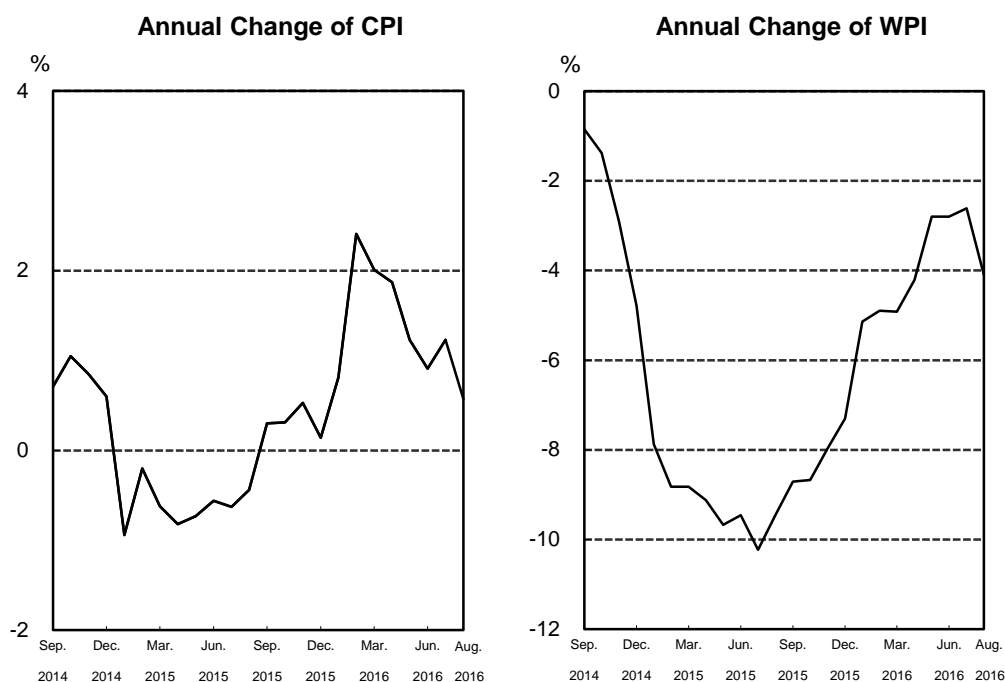
For the first eight months of 2016, the CPI advanced 1.38% over the same period of previous year. Prices of commodity moved up 2.19%, and prices of service rose 0.79%. The core CPI increased 0.81%.

Wholesale Price Indices (WPI)

The WPI in August 2016 decreased 1.17% from the preceding month. Prices of petroleum and coal products fell 4.08%, prices of crude petroleum and natural gas moved down 1.83%, and prices of chemical materials declined 1.57%. In addition, prices of computers and electronic and optical products declined 1.41%, prices of electronic parts and components went down 1.32%, and prices of machinery and equipment decreased 0.68%.

The annual change of WPI in August 2016, compared with the same month of 2015, decreased 4.10%. Prices of petroleum and coal products dropped 15.57%, prices of crude petroleum and natural gas went down 13.41%, and prices of chemical materials fell 7.09%. Furthermore, prices of water supply, electricity and gas moved down 12.96%, prices of computers and electronic and optical products declined 5.72%, and prices of electronic parts and components went down 3.68%. However, prices of non-metallic mineral products increased 2.04%, and prices of machinery and equipment rose 1.16%. The WPI for domestic sales excluding imports decreased 3.19%, import price index fell 3.97%, and export price index declined 4.90%.

For the first eight months of 2016, the WPI decreased 3.93% over the same period of previous year.



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