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The Price Indices for January 2019

Consumer Price Indices (CPI)

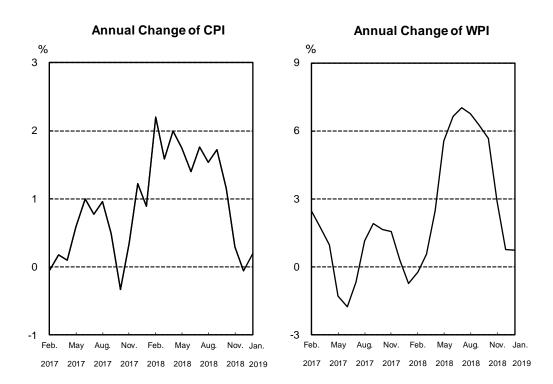
The CPI in January 2019 (2016=100) decreased 0.09% from the preceding month. Prices of garments fell 4.90% owing to the winter sale. Prices of fuels and lubricants also fell 1.28%. Nonetheless, prices of eggs, as well as fish and seafood rose 3.38% and 3.05%, respectively, both of which offset the decrease. The general CPI excluding fruits, vegetables and energy (core CPI) decreased 0.06%.

The annual change of CPI in January 2019, compared with the same month of 2018, increased 0.20%. Prices of eggs, fruits, as well as fish and seafood rose 20.75%, 3.02%, and 2.28%, respectively. However, prices of vegetables, communication fees, as well as fuels and lubricants fell 17.79%, 4.67%, and 4.33%, respectively, all of which offset the increase. The core CPI increased 0.53%.

Wholesale Price Indices (WPI)

The WPI in January 2019 decreased 0.33% from the preceding month. Prices of petroleum and coal products, as well as fishery products fell 4.10% and 3.62%, respectively.

The annual change of WPI in January 2019, compared with the same month of 2018, increased 0.75%. Prices of quarrying and mining products, as well as non-metallic mineral products rose 8.07% and 5.53%, respectively. However, prices of petroleum and coal products, as well as chemical material, other chemical products and pharmaceuticals fell 6.31% and 5.33%, respectively. The WPI for products domestically produced for domestic purchase decreased 0.85%, but import price index and export price index rose 2.30% and 0.67%, respectively.



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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