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The Price Indices for March 2021

Consumer Price Index (CPI)

The CPI in March 2021 (2016=100) decreased 0.59% from the preceding month, mainly because indices for nanny and nursing cost, as well as entertainment expenses fell 19.69% and 3.64%, respectively, after the Lunar New Year holidays in February. Indices for vegetables and garments also fell 7.63% and 1.10%, respectively. However, the index for eggs rose 3.97%; the index for fuels and lubricants rose 3.24% as the international oil prices went up, offsetting part of the decrease. The general CPI excluding fruits, vegetables and energy (core CPI) fell 0.60%.

The CPI in March 2021, compared with the same month of 2020, increased 1.26%, mainly because the index for fuels and lubricants rose 17.08% due to a relatively lower comparison base, the index for transportation fees rose 11.68% due to the increase in airfares, and indices for eggs and garments also rose 3.16% and 2.90%, respectively. However, the index for fruits fell 4.55%, partly offsetting the increase. The core CPI increased 1.07%.

For the first quarter of 2021, the CPI increased 0.82% over the same period of previous year. Indices for commodity and service moved up 0.56% and 1.04%, respectively. The core CPI increased 0.91%.

Wholesale Price Index (WPI)

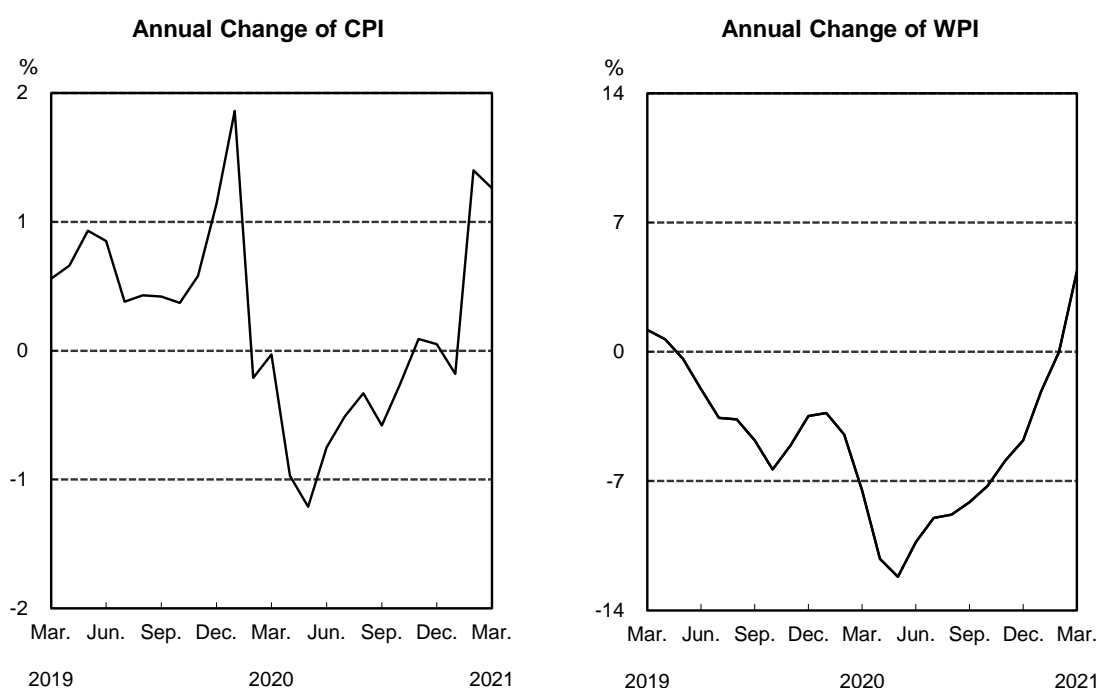
The WPI in March 2021 increased 1.55% from the preceding month. Indices for crude petroleum and natural gas, as well as petroleum and coal products rose 6.69% and 6.34%, respectively. The index for chemical material, other chemical products and pharmaceuticals also rose 6.15%. Moreover, the index for basic metals also rose 2.19%.

The WPI in March 2021, compared with the same month of 2020, increased 4.36%. Indices for petroleum and coal products, as well as quarrying and mining products rose 33.02% and 27.56%, respectively. The index for basic metals also rose 21.54%. Moreover, the index for chemical material, other chemical products and pharmaceuticals also rose 19.12%. On the other hand, the index for water, electricity and gas fell 2.61%, offsetting part of the increase. The price index for domestic sales excluding imports (DPI) increased 7.88%, import price index (IPI) and export price index (EPI) also rose 5.48% and 0.87%, respectively.

For the first quarter of 2021, the WPI increased 0.69% over the same period of previous year. The DPI and IPI rose 4.07% and 0.38%, respectively, but EPI fell 1.57%.

Producer Price Index (PPI)

The PPI, the price index for products domestically produced, in March 2021 increased 1.88% from the preceding month. The index for chemical material, other chemical products and pharmaceuticals rose 8.24%. Indices for petroleum and coal products, as well as basic metals also rose 5.87% and 1.97%, respectively. However, the index for farm products fell 1.91%, offsetting part of the increase from the other groups.



Statistical Tables

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