

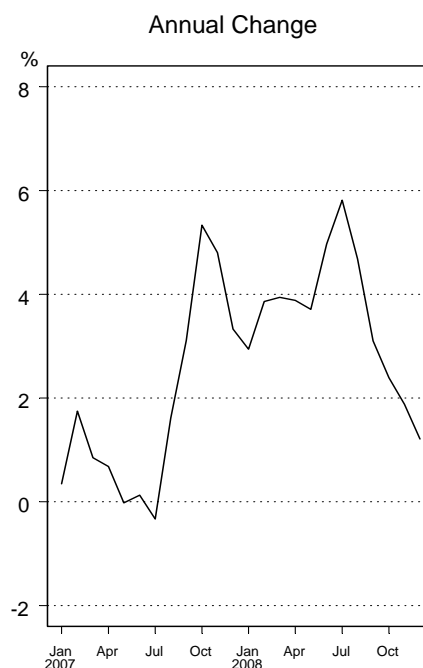
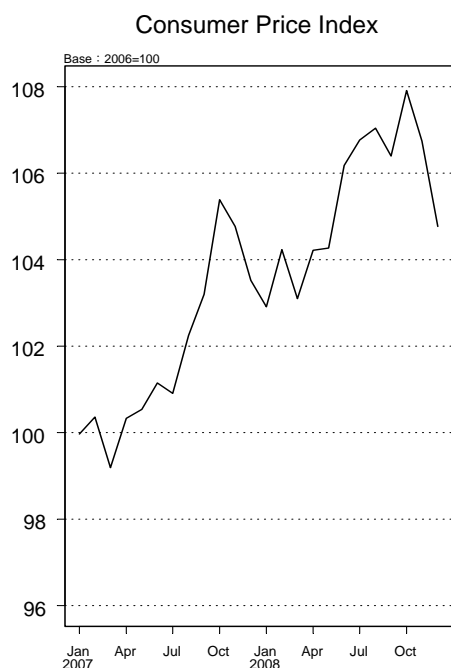
The Price Indices for December 2008

Consumer Price Indices (CPI)

The CPI in December 2008 was 104.77 (2006=100), falling 1.85% from previous month. Due to the substantially decrease of international Crude Oil prices, the price of Fuels & Lubricants went down 8.23%, Vegetables price declined 28.19% and Water, Electricity & Gas Supply fee decreased 3.65%. The General Index excluding Fruits, Vegetables, Fish, Shellfish and Energy, i.e. core CPI, moved down 0.21%.

The annual change rate for CPI in December 2008, compared with the same month of previous year, was 1.21%. Prices of Food moved up 6.61%, where Fish & Shellfish went up 11.79%, Meat up 8.42% and Vegetables moved up 17.29%. Housing prices rose 0.88%, due mainly to prices of Water, Electricity & Gas Supply went up 2.56%. Transportation & Communication prices fell 7.41%, due primarily to prices of Fuels & Lubricants declined greatly 30.43%. The core CPI advanced 2.07%.

For the whole year of 2008, the CPI increased by 3.52% over the same period of previous year, as prices of Commodity and Service moved up 4.97% and 2.25% individually. The core CPI up 3.07%.



Wholesale Price Indices (WPI)

The WPI in December 2008 was 100.45 (2006=100), decreasing 3.79% from previous month, due primarily to prices of Petroleum & Coal Products declined 21.41%, Crude Petroleum and Natural Gas moved down 19.47%, Basic Metal and Chemical Material went down 7.90% and 6.64% individually. Domestic Sales Excluding Imports, Imports and Exports prices declined 4.42%, 4.22% and 2.81% separately.

The annual change rate for WPI in December 2008 decreasing 9.11%, due mainly to prices of Crude Petroleum and Natural Gas went down 48.29%, Petroleum & Coal Products, Chemical Material and Basic Metal moved down 37.00%, 28.54% and 17.88% respectively. Domestic Sales Excluding Imports prices fell 7.80% and Imports and Exports prices went down 10.94% and 8.47% individually.

For the whole year of 2008, the WPI increased 5.22% compared with the same period of previous year, of which the Import Price Index rose 8.88%, while Export Price Index fell 2.05%.



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Table 1 The Changes of Consumer Price Indices

Dec. 2008

Groups	Weight (%)	Index of Dec. 2008 (2006=100)	Compared with Previous Month (%)	Compared with the Same Month of Previous Year (%)	The Annual Average Index of 2008 Compared with 2007's (%)
General Index	1,000.00	104.77	-1.85	1.21	3.52
Basic Group					
1. Food	260.82	113.93	-4.24	6.61	8.55
Meat	23.08	119.00	-0.20	8.42	14.94
Fish & Shellfish	16.71	121.40	0.18	11.79	12.47
Vegetables	24.81	119.14	-28.19	17.29	-0.10
Fruits	27.59	105.78	-7.62	-6.25	12.46
2. Clothing	41.72	107.47	-3.68	-1.96	1.81
Garments	26.97	107.77	-5.88	-3.13	0.82
3. Housing	279.47	101.78	-0.61	0.88	1.41
Residential Rent	185.40	100.60	-0.03	0.14	0.57
Household Keeping Services	14.53	96.34	0.00	0.38	-0.57
Water, Electricity & Gas Supply	36.87	104.65	-3.65	2.56	4.16
4. Transportation & Communication	140.42	96.19	-1.91	-7.41	2.33
Fuels & Lubricants	32.55	79.66	-8.23	-30.43	7.01
Transportation & Communication Services and Vehicle Parts	80.30	102.40	-0.27	0.99	1.48
5. Medicines & Medical Care	47.41	106.64	-0.02	1.38	2.17
Medical Care Services	33.02	101.81	-0.05	0.89	1.18
Medicines & Health Food	10.62	123.48	-0.02	2.81	5.31
6. Education & Entertainment	171.48	101.49	-0.34	0.78	1.31
Educational Expense	111.25	100.44	-0.11	-0.29	0.12
Entertainment Expense	60.22	103.37	-0.75	2.74	3.12
7. Miscellaneous	58.68	103.76	0.30	2.09	1.57
Tobacco & Betelnut	14.65	104.28	0.83	1.17	1.09
Personal Care Services	14.78	98.81	-1.43	-0.88	-0.45
Commodity and Service Groups					
1. Commodity	437.11	106.26	-3.89	0.67	4.97
(Excluding Food)	264.95	100.52	-2.06	-3.76	2.16
Non-durable Consumer Goods (Excluding Food)	299.12	108.50	-4.82	1.72	7.04
Semi-durable Consumer Goods	62.85	105.59	-2.74	-0.71	1.53
Durable Consumer Goods	75.14	96.54	-0.53	-2.65	-1.39
2. Service	562.89	103.38	-0.16	1.64	2.25
Food	88.66	111.99	0.01	5.31	7.45
Housing	209.54	100.38	-0.05	0.17	0.54
Transportation & Communication	76.99	101.96	-0.28	0.76	1.23
Medical Care	33.02	101.81	-0.05	0.89	1.18
Education & Entertainment	129.64	104.91	-0.25	2.51	2.96
Miscellaneous	23.83	98.84	-1.06	-0.80	-0.37
Special Groups					
General Index Excluding Fruits & Vegetables	947.60	104.35	-0.57	1.04	3.42
General Index Excluding Food	739.18	101.45	-0.86	-0.77	1.65
General Index Excluding Fruits, Vegetables, Fish, Shellfish & Energy	866.64	104.94	-0.21	2.07	3.07

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Table 2 The Changes of Wholesale Price Indices

Dec. 2008

Groups	Weight (%)	Index of Dec. 2008 (2006=100)	Compared with Previous Month (%)	Compared with the Same Month of Previous Year (%)	The Annual Average Index of 2008 Compared with 2007's (%)
General Index	1,000.00	100.45	-3.79	-9.11	5.22
Domestic Sales Excluding Imports	307.86	101.94	-4.42	-7.80	8.64
Imports	327.09	103.11	-4.22	-10.94	8.88
Exports	365.05	95.28	-2.81	-8.47	-2.05
Basic Group					
1. Agriculture, Forestry, Fishing and Animal Husbandry Products	27.15	123.59	-7.00	2.45	21.57
(1) Farm Products	12.87	120.13	-14.09	-9.32	17.70
(2) Poultry & Livestock Products	6.60	126.40	0.89	9.67	26.62
(3) Forest Products	0.41	106.74	-12.17	-3.40	-3.70
(4) Fishery Products	7.27	126.13	0.66	23.34	25.32
2. Quarrying and Minerals Products	57.59	96.52	-13.85	-28.96	32.92
(1) Crude Petroleum and Natural Gas	45.78	71.80	-19.47	-48.29	29.89
(2) Sand, Stone and Clay Quarrying	2.56	123.48	-0.84	-1.09	8.78
(3) Other Minerals Products	9.25	211.13	-5.00	63.21	59.79
3. Manufacturing Products	890.99	98.86	-2.95	-8.53	2.17
(1) Foods	18.50	118.60	-1.47	2.02	11.44
(2) Beverages	5.34	102.71	-0.15	2.09	1.77
(3) Tobaccos	2.49	103.24	0.02	0.33	-0.44
(4) Textile Products	21.67	107.48	-0.82	0.06	2.40
(5) Wearing Apparel and Clothing Accessories	4.65	100.94	0.31	2.20	-3.24
(6) Leather, Fur and Related Products	4.97	107.56	-0.93	2.66	-0.14
(7) Wood and Bamboo Products	2.15	113.27	-2.30	7.57	3.91
(8) Pulp, Paper, Paper Products & Printed Matter	15.11	108.65	-4.46	-0.21	9.40
(9) Petroleum & Coal Products	54.63	80.83	-21.41	-37.00	20.44
(10) Chemical Material	91.92	83.92	-6.64	-28.54	5.72
(11) Chemical Products and Medical Goods	28.00	112.66	0.54	8.09	4.57
(12) Rubber & Plastic Products	22.42	112.77	-0.18	6.70	5.94
(13) Non-metallic Mineral Products	13.93	120.67	0.52	11.82	7.90
(14) Basic Metal	84.77	101.72	-7.90	-17.88	10.69
(15) Fabricated Metal Products	42.26	114.48	-3.47	2.51	8.03
(16) Electronic Parts and Components	261.17	84.16	-0.41	-9.04	-11.27
(17) Computer, Electronic and Optical Products	64.22	89.56	0.41	-3.88	-8.95
(18) Electrical Equipment	34.70	102.54	-0.90	-2.94	1.48
(19) Machinery and Equipment	67.61	115.21	2.27	11.94	3.99
(20) Transport Equipment and Parts	34.78	110.12	1.92	8.10	2.58
(21) Furniture and Fixtures	5.20	113.46	-0.56	9.91	4.97
(22) Miscellaneous Products	10.51	110.18	0.46	7.33	1.14
4. Water Supply, Electricity & Gas	24.28	119.85	-2.80	16.70	8.52
By Stage of Processing					
1. Raw Materials	138.48	99.25	-9.59	-26.39	25.93
2. Intermediate Materials	356.29	104.12	-3.69	-6.74	5.68
3. Finished Goods	140.17	107.38	-0.91	3.82	3.85
(1) Capital Goods	53.38	111.31	2.85	10.68	2.19
(2) Consumer Goods	86.79	104.50	-3.22	-0.22	4.64
Special Groups					
Domestic Sales	634.95	102.32	-4.32	-9.44	8.64
Domestic Products	672.91	99.06	-3.58	-8.16	3.34
Non-Heavy Chemical Industrial Products	166.01	110.10	-0.85	3.45	4.20
Heavy Chemical Industrial Products	724.98	96.29	-3.52	-11.31	1.70

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Table 3 The Changes of Import Price Indices

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Groups	Weight (%)	Index of Dec. 2008 (2006=100)	Compared with Previous Month (%)	Compared with the Same Month of Previous Year (%)	The Annual Average Index of 2008 Compared with 2007's (%)
Basic Group (on N.T.D. Basis)					
General Index	1,000.00	103.11	-4.22	-10.94	8.88
1. Animal, Vegetable Products & Prepared Foods	34.64	123.52	-4.56	-10.57	13.24
2. Mineral Products & Nonmetallic Mineral Products	208.51	95.47	-14.67	-30.45	33.30
3. Textiles & Textile Articles	13.85	108.71	0.07	2.22	0.45
4. Wood, Paper, Pulp & Articles Thereof	17.93	111.31	-4.04	-0.96	3.44
5. Chemicals, Plastics, Rubber & Articles Thereof	147.68	102.89	-2.26	-9.18	5.78
6. Primary Metals & Articles Thereof	118.38	95.73	-9.48	-22.28	5.73
7. Machinery, Optical & Precision Instruments	166.28	115.75	3.71	12.77	3.15
8. Electronic Machinery	258.41	90.07	0.07	-4.07	-9.73
9. Transportation Equipment & Parts	21.11	120.62	3.95	17.08	6.37
10. Miscellaneous Products	13.21	111.74	-0.53	0.59	3.74
Basic Group (on U.S.D. Basis)					
General Index	1,000.00	101.18	-4.39	-12.92	13.71
1. Animal, Vegetable Products & Prepared Foods	34.64	121.23	-4.73	-12.56	18.19
2. Mineral Products & Nonmetallic Mineral Products	208.51	93.65	-14.82	-31.99	39.58
3. Textiles & Textile Articles	13.85	106.67	-0.10	-0.06	4.69
4. Wood, Paper, Pulp & Articles Thereof	17.93	109.24	-4.22	-3.16	7.85
5. Chemicals, Plastics, Rubber & Articles Thereof	147.68	100.98	-2.44	-11.20	10.40
6. Primary Metals & Articles Thereof	118.38	94.01	-9.64	-24.01	10.69
7. Machinery, Optical & Precision Instruments	166.28	113.56	3.52	10.26	7.43
8. Electronic Machinery	258.41	88.39	-0.10	-6.20	-5.91
9. Transportation Equipment & Parts	21.11	118.34	3.76	14.47	10.76
10. Miscellaneous Products	13.21	109.64	-0.72	-1.64	8.14

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Dec. 2008

Groups	Weight (%)	Index of Dec. 2008 (2006=100)	Compared with Previous Month (%)	Compared with the Same Month of Previous Year (%)	The Annual Average Index of 2008 Compared with 2007's (%)
Basic Group (on N.T.D. Basis)					
General Index	1,000.00	95.28	-2.81	-8.47	-2.05
1. Animal, Vegetable Products & Prepared Foods	9.95	127.66	2.77	21.44	17.46
2. Textiles & Textile Articles	53.37	106.89	-1.68	0.24	1.16
3. Wood, Paper, Pulp & Articles Thereof	7.52	104.28	-5.59	-3.86	8.91
4. Chemicals, Plastics, Rubber & Articles Thereof	123.31	96.86	-3.83	-14.37	3.94
5. Primary Metals & Articles Thereof	111.70	105.54	-5.73	-6.94	3.33
6. Machinery, Optical & Precision Instruments	154.88	93.52	-0.20	-7.49	-6.80
7. Electronic Machinery	424.79	85.73	-0.52	-7.71	-10.42
8. Transportation Equipment & Parts	32.07	113.14	3.21	9.03	0.49
9. Miscellaneous Products	82.43	91.42	-14.31	-21.18	15.74
Basic Group (on U.S.D. Basis)					
General Index	1,000.00	93.50	-2.99	-10.53	2.21
1. Animal, Vegetable Products & Prepared Foods	9.95	125.24	2.58	18.73	22.39
2. Textiles & Textile Articles	53.37	104.88	-1.86	-1.99	5.44
3. Wood, Paper, Pulp & Articles Thereof	7.52	102.32	-5.77	-6.02	13.68
4. Chemicals, Plastics, Rubber & Articles Thereof	123.31	95.05	-4.02	-16.29	8.54
5. Primary Metals & Articles Thereof	111.70	103.60	-5.90	-9.03	7.87
6. Machinery, Optical & Precision Instruments	154.88	91.75	-0.38	-9.55	-2.81
7. Electronic Machinery	424.79	84.11	-0.68	-9.76	-6.60
8. Transportation Equipment & Parts	32.07	111.01	3.03	6.60	4.70
9. Miscellaneous Products	82.43	89.70	-14.47	-22.94	21.03

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