

The Price Indices for March 2017

Consumer Price Indices (CPI)

The CPI in March 2017 (2011=100) decreased 0.37% from the preceding month, mainly because prices of fruits, vegetables, fuels and lubricants, entertainment expenses, and fish and seafood fell 6.36%, 2.58%, 1.89%, 1.44%, and 1.26% respectively. Moreover, prices of garments declined 1.22% for winter clothes promotion. Nonetheless, prices of eggs, medical care services, transportation fees, and food away from home rose 5.03%, 0.38%, 0.35%, and 0.25% respectively. The general CPI excluding fruits, vegetables and energy (core CPI) fell 0.06%.

The annual change of CPI in March 2017, compared with the same month of 2016, moved up 0.18%. Prices of fuels and lubricants, fruits, fish and seafood, and food away from home increased 15.63%, 13.81%, 4.10%, and 1.96% respectively. Additionally, prices of transportation fees and medical care services rose 1.67% and 1.59%. On the other hand, prices of vegetables, eggs, and water, electricity and gas supply fell 38.34%, 12.24%, and 4.80%. The core CPI increased 0.95%.

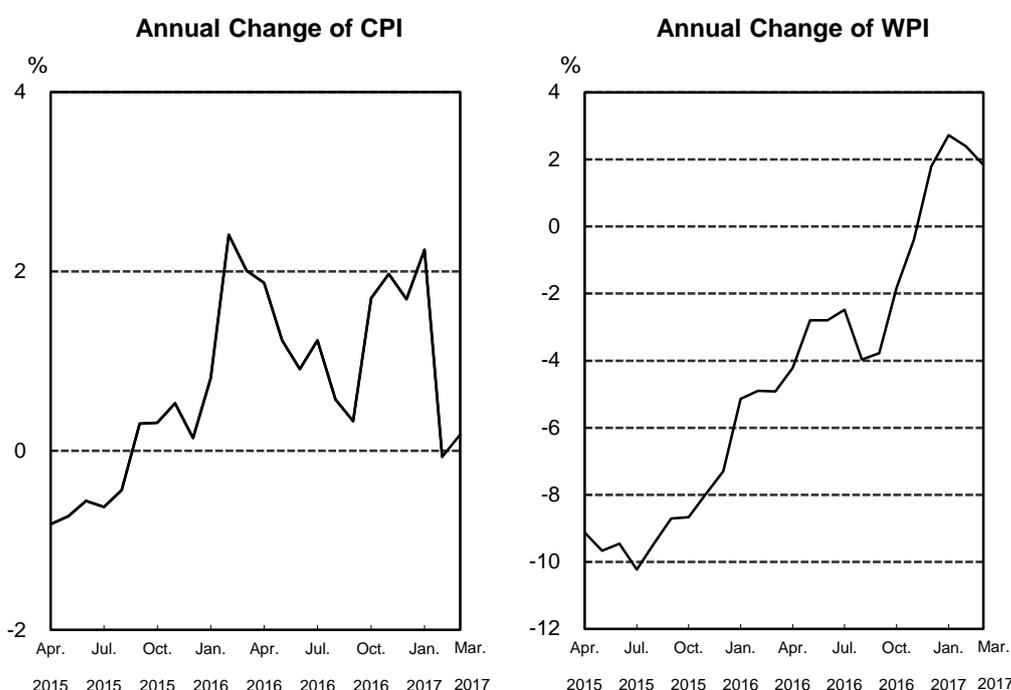
For the first quarter of 2017, the CPI increased 0.78% over the same period of previous year. Prices of commodity and services rose 0.62% and 0.90%. The core CPI increased 0.91%.

Wholesale Price Indices (WPI)

The WPI in March 2017 decreased 0.67% from the preceding month. Prices of crude petroleum and natural gas, petroleum and coal products, chemical materials, and electronic parts and components declined 4.17%, 3.13%, 1.41%, and 0.52%. However, prices of poultry and livestock products rose 1.34%.

The annual change of WPI in March 2017, compared with the same month of 2016, increased 1.84%. Prices of crude petroleum and natural gas, quarrying products and other mineral products, petroleum and coal products, basic metals, and chemical materials rose 34.64%, 33.76%, 27.28%, 16.51%, and 14.42%. However, prices of machinery and equipment, computers, electronic and optical products, and electronic parts and components decreased 5.10%, 4.59%, and 4.57%. The WPI for domestic sales excluding imports increased 4.27%, import price index increased 2.99%, but export price index decreased 0.97%.

For the first quarter of 2017, the WPI increased 2.32% over the same period of previous year.



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