

The Price Indices for April 2018

Consumer Price Indices (CPI)

The CPI in April 2018 (2016=100) increased 0.64% from the preceding month, mainly because prices of garments, fruits, as well as fuels and lubricants rose 12.43%, 5.26%, and 3.60%, respectively. However, prices of vegetables and transportation fees declined 2.30% and 1.40%. The general CPI excluding fruits, vegetables and energy (core CPI) increased 0.47%.

The annual change of CPI in April 2018, compared with the same month of 2017, increased 1.98%. Prices of tobacco and betel nuts rose 27.69% due to the increase of cigarette tax. Prices of fuels and lubricants also increased 12.08% as the international oil prices kept rising. Moreover, prices of vegetables, as well as fish and seafood rose 7.76% and 3.97%. Nonetheless, prices of fruits and eggs fell 7.08% and 4.25%. The core CPI increased 1.30%.

For the first four months of 2018, the CPI increased 1.65% over the same period of previous year. Prices of commodity and services moved up 2.61% and 1.10%. The core CPI increased 1.51%.

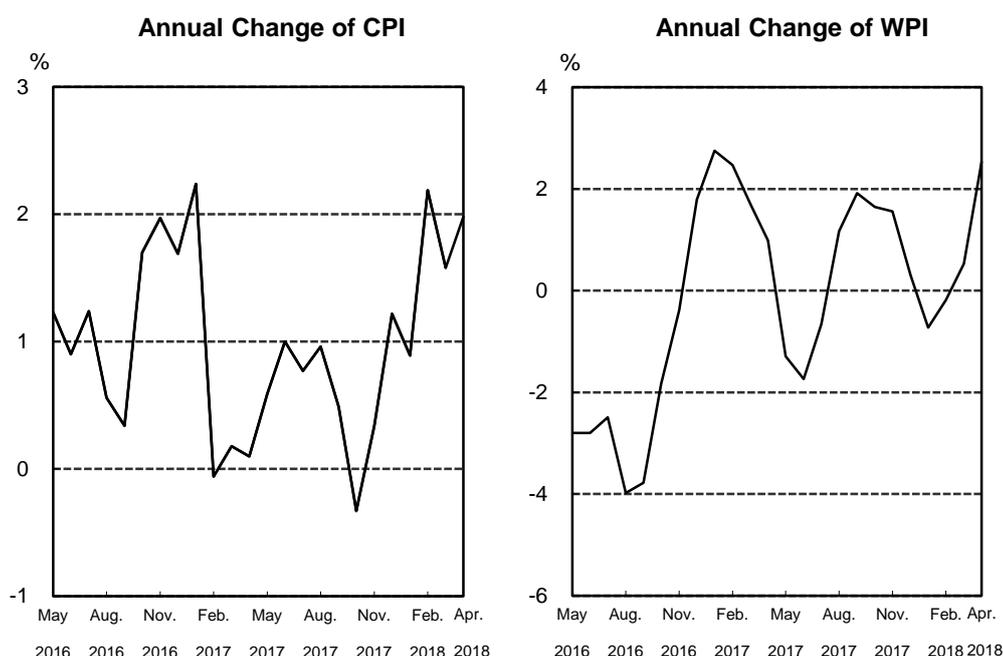
Wholesale Price Indices (WPI)

The WPI in April 2018 increased 1.05% from the preceding month. Prices of crude petroleum and natural gas, petroleum and coal products, as well as farm products rose 7.01%, 4.45%, and 2.85%, respectively.

The annual change of WPI in April 2018, compared with the same month of 2017, increased 2.53%. Prices of tobaccos, quarrying and mining products, as well as petroleum and coal products increased 21.28%, 20.97%, and 15.43%, respectively. However, prices of farm products, poultry and livestock

products, as well as computer, electronic and optical products decreased 10.53%, 8.98%, and 4.16%, respectively. The WPI for products domestically produced for domestic purchase increased 2.98%, import price index and export price index also rose 4.31% and 0.72%.

For the first four months of 2018, the WPI increased 0.53% over the same period of previous year.



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