

The Price Indices for March 2019

Consumer Price Indices (CPI)

The CPI in March 2019 (2016=100) decreased 0.62% from the preceding month, mainly because prices of services for nursery and nursing care, fruit, entertainment expenses, as well as fish and seafood fell 22.96%, 3.56%, 3.37%, and 2.67%, respectively, after the Chinese New Year holidays. However, prices of vegetables, as well as fuels and lubricants rose 4.41% and 1.37%, respectively, both of which offset the decrease. The general CPI excluding fruits, vegetables and energy (core CPI) decreased 0.71%.

The annual change of CPI in March 2019, compared with the same month of 2018, increased 0.58%. Prices of eggs and vegetables rose 24.44% and 9.04%, respectively. Besides, prices of water, electricity and gas supply rose 2.53% owing to the increase of gas price. Nonetheless, prices of communication fees and fruits declined 4.69% and 3.36%, respectively, both of which offset the increase. The core CPI increased 0.47%.

For the first quarter of 2019, the CPI increased 0.33% over the same period of previous year. Prices of commodity declined 0.01%. However, prices of service moved up 0.64%. The core CPI increased 0.42%.

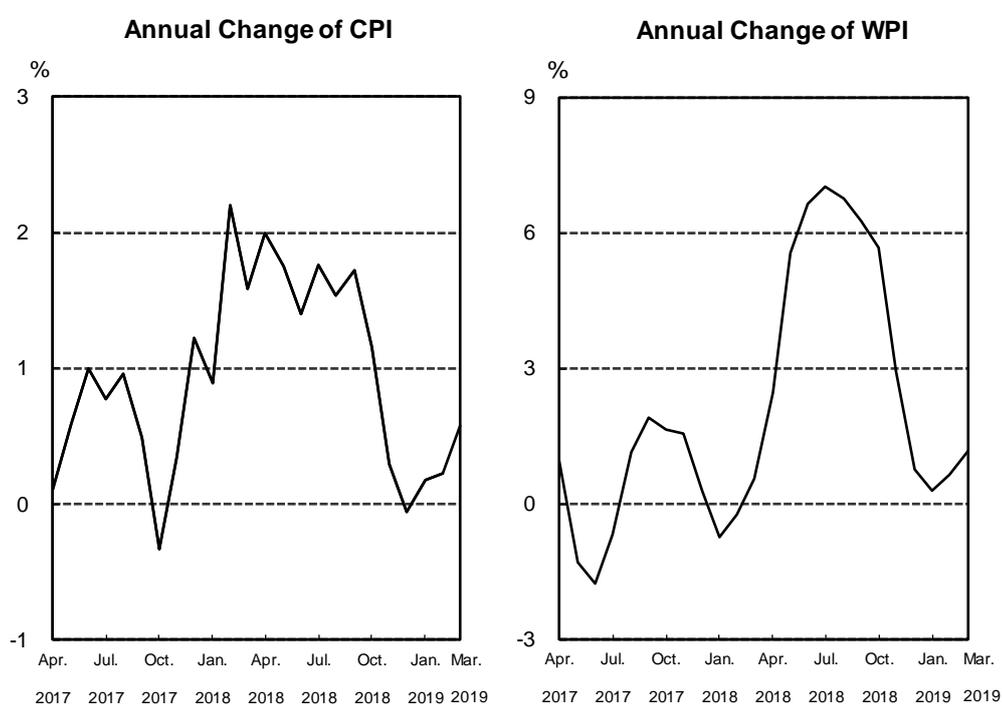
Wholesale Price Indices (WPI)

The WPI in March 2019 increased 0.44% from the preceding month. Prices of petroleum and coal products, as well as farm products rose 4.09% and 1.88%, respectively. Nonetheless, prices of fishery products fell 2.66%.

The annual change of WPI in March 2019, compared with the same month of 2018, increased 1.19%. Prices of quarrying and mining products, as

well as petroleum and coal products rose 10.04% and 4.03%, respectively. However, prices of chemical material, other chemical products and pharmaceuticals fell 4.60%. The WPI for products domestically produced for domestic purchase increased 0.14%, import price index and export price index also rose 2.51% and 0.84%, respectively.

For the first quarter of 2019, the WPI increased 0.72% over the same period of previous year.



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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