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The Price Indices for April 2020

Consumer Price Indices (CPI)

The CPI in April 2020 (2016=100) decreased 0.20% from the preceding month, mainly because the price of fuels and lubricants fell 18.97% as the international oil prices receded. Price of water, electricity and gas, as well as transportation fees also fell 2.18% and 1.85%, respectively. However, the price of garments rose 11.16% due to the new arrival of spring and summer clothes, offsetting part of the decrease. The general CPI excluding fruits, vegetables and energy (core CPI) increased 0.33%.

The CPI in April 2020, compared with the same month of 2019, decreased 0.97%, mainly because the price of fuels and lubricants fell 35.50% as the international oil prices plummeted. Prices of vegetables, eggs, communication fees, as well as entertainment expenses also fell 13.63%, 7.32%, 5.80%, and 3.72%, respectively. On the other hand, prices of fruits, personal effects, as well as garments rose 14.18%, 3.99%, and 2.45%, respectively, offsetting part of the decrease. The core CPI rose 0.05%.

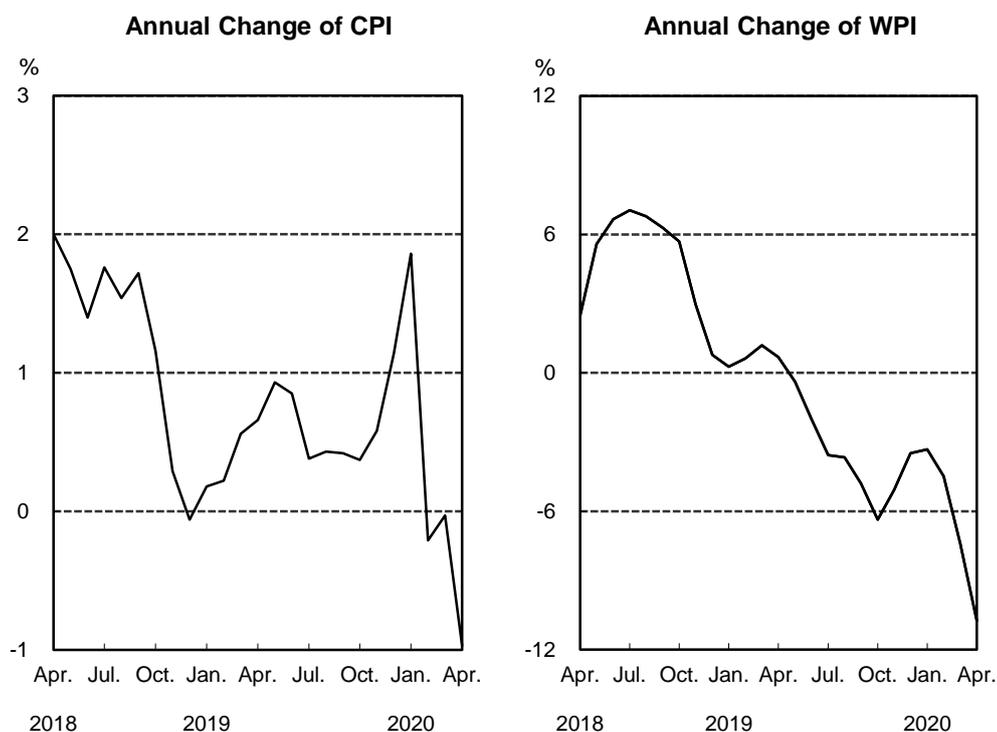
For the first four months of 2020, the CPI increased 0.17% over the same period of previous year. Prices of commodity and service moved up 0.06% and 0.19%, respectively. The core CPI increased 0.34%.

Wholesale Price Indices (WPI)

The WPI in April 2020 decreased 3.15% from the preceding month, mainly owing to prices of crude petroleum and natural gas, as well as petroleum and coal products fell 28.69% and 26.92%, respectively. The price of chemical material, other chemical products and pharmaceuticals also declined 6.41%.

The WPI in April 2020, compared with the same month of 2019, decreased 10.75%. Prices of crude petroleum and natural gas, as well as petroleum and coal products fell 55.68% and 49.21%, respectively. The price of chemical material, other chemical products and pharmaceuticals also declined 21.14%. Moreover, the price of basic metals fell 10.73%. The price index for products domestically produced for domestic purchase decreased 9.24%, import price index and export price index also fell 14.66% and 8.47%, respectively.

For the first four months of 2020, the WPI decreased 6.51% 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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