

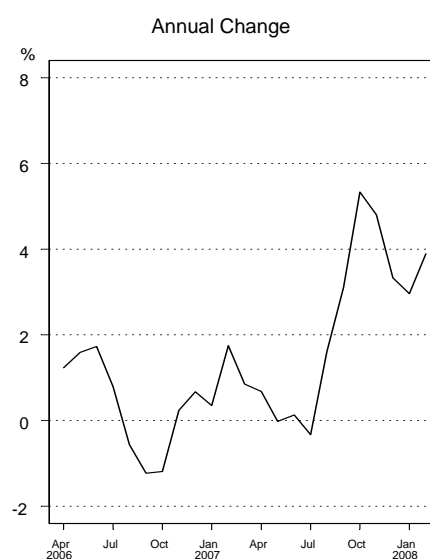
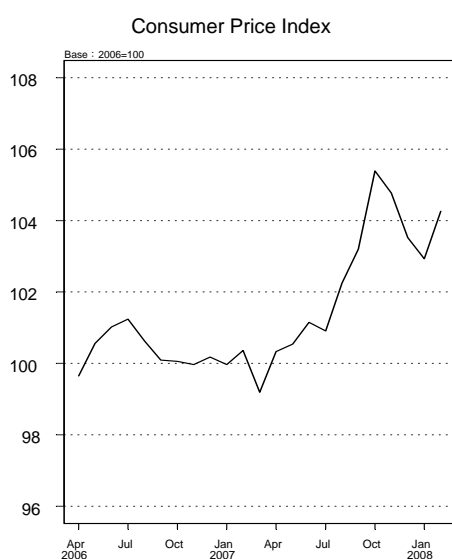
The Price Indices for February 2008

Consumer Price Indices (CPI)

The CPI in February 2008 was 104.26 (2006=100), rose 1.29% from previous month. Due primarily to lack of supply of Vegetables and Fish & Shellfish attacked by cold current, which prices increased 31.99% and 4.77% respectively, meanwhile, Household Keeping Services fees went up 34.45% owing to the annual bonuses being given before the Lunar New Year, whereas Clothing down 4.69% for promotion. The General Index excluding Fruits, Vegetables, Fish, Shellfish and Energy, i.e. core CPI, went up 0.93%

The annual change rate for CPI in February 2008 was 3.89%. Prices of Food increased 9.76%, of which Fruits, Meat and Vegetables advanced 20.27%, 11.74% and 9.45% separately, Eggs up 32.68%, Dairy Products up 14.79%, Cereals & Cereal Products up 10.69%, Fish & Shellfish up 7.44%, Food Away from Home up 6.81%. Transportation & Communication prices advanced 4.25%, due mainly to prices of Fuels & Lubricants jumped 16.25% and Taxi fees raised 12.85%. Medicines & Medical Care prices went up 4.92%, due primarily to shortage of Chinese Herbal Medicine which price rose 20.38%. The core CPI moved up 2.65%.

For the first two months of 2008, the CPI moved up 3.42% compared with the same period of previous year, as prices of Commodity and Service rose 5.16% and 1.75% separately. The core CPI went up 2.68%.



Wholesale Price Indices (WPI)

The WPI in February 2008 was 110.34 (2006=100), decreased 0.76% from previous month, due mainly to 2.43% appreciation of Taiwan Dollar to U.S. Dollar. Besides, prices of Computer, Electronic and Optical Products (fell 2.61%), Electronic Parts and Components (fell 2.04%) and Chemical Material (fell 1.27%) went down, while Basic Metal price rose 2.18%.

The WPI in February 2008 increased 8.47% from the same month of previous year, due mainly to prices of Crude Petroleum and Natural Gas, Petroleum & Coal Products, Basic Metal, and Chemical Material advanced 54.84%, 29.53%, 16.10% and 12.67% individually.

For the first two months of 2008, the WPI moved up 9.24% compared with the same period of previous year, of which the Import and Export Price Index rose 15.50% and 1.26% separately.



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Table 1 The Changes of Consumer Price Indices

Feb. 2008

Groups	Weight (%)	Index of Feb. 2008 (2006=100)	Compared with Previous Month (%)	Compared with the Same Month of Previous Year (%)	The First Two Months of 2008 Compared with the Same Period of Previous Year (%)
General Index	1,000.00	104.26	1.29	3.89	3.42
Basic Group					
1. Food	260.82	107.32	2.18	9.76	7.50
Meat	23.08	112.08	1.00	11.74	11.22
Fish & Shellfish	16.71	116.61	4.77	7.44	6.16
Vegetables	24.81	92.00	31.99	9.45	-11.99
Fruits	27.59	111.14	-4.51	20.27	22.61
2. Clothing	41.72	99.15	-4.69	2.97	3.38
Garments	26.97	96.12	-6.71	1.70	2.29
3. Housing	279.47	102.80	1.85	0.52	0.66
Residential Rent	185.40	100.69	0.14	0.59	0.51
Household Keeping Services	14.53	129.00	34.45	-5.63	-3.03
Water, Electricity & Gas Supply	36.87	102.11	-0.01	1.43	1.44
4. Transportation & Communication	140.42	104.49	0.44	4.25	4.39
Fuels & Lubricants	32.55	114.61	0.02	16.25	16.95
Transportation & Communication Services and Vehicle Parts	80.30	102.10	0.63	1.30	1.30
5. Medicines & Medical Care	47.41	105.51	0.06	4.92	4.97
Medical Care Services	33.02	101.37	0.01	1.23	1.22
Medicines & Health Food	10.62	120.03	0.19	17.47	17.73
6. Education & Entertainment	171.48	102.76	1.58	0.87	1.10
Educational Expense	111.25	100.48	-0.11	0.39	0.49
Entertainment Expense	60.22	106.88	4.62	-0.18	1.27
7. Miscellaneous	58.68	102.76	1.07	0.68	0.74
Tobacco & Betelnut	14.65	104.82	0.83	1.38	1.58
Personal Care Services	14.78	100.47	3.40	-2.58	-2.47
Commodity and Service Groups					
1. Commodity	437.11	104.68	0.78	6.34	5.16
(Excluding Food)	264.95	102.95	-0.65	3.21	3.32
Non-durable Consumer Goods	299.12	106.93	1.77	8.71	7.00
(Excluding Food)	126.96	106.60	0.23	5.72	5.91
Semi-durable Consumer Goods	62.85	99.09	-3.21	1.95	1.99
Durable Consumer Goods	75.14	99.08	-0.01	-1.02	-0.90
2. Service	562.89	103.69	1.69	1.60	1.75
Food	88.66	107.53	0.74	6.81	6.49
Housing	209.54	102.80	2.46	0.08	0.30
Transportation & Communication	76.99	101.86	0.61	1.07	1.09
Medical Care	33.02	101.37	0.01	1.23	1.22
Education & Entertainment	129.64	105.36	2.15	2.26	2.57
Miscellaneous	23.83	100.15	2.09	-1.99	-1.79
Special Groups					
General Index Excluding Fruits & Vegetables	947.60	104.36	0.93	3.11	3.15
General Index Excluding Food	739.18	103.08	0.96	1.73	1.89
General Index Excluding Fruits, Vegetables, Fish, Shellfish & Energy	866.64	103.84	0.93	2.65	2.68

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Table 2 The Changes of Wholesale Price Indices

Feb. 2008

Groups	Weight (%)	Index of Feb. 2008 (2006=100)	Compared with Previous Month (%)	Compared with the Same Month of Previous Year (%)	The First Two Months of 2008 Compared with the Same Period of Previous Year (%)
General Index	1,000.00	110.34	-0.76	8.47	9.24
Domestic Sales Excluding Imports	307.86	112.51	0.69	10.71	10.26
Imports	327.09	116.44	-0.80	14.06	15.50
Exports	365.05	101.39	-2.03	0.02	1.26
Basic Group					
1. Agriculture, Forestry, Fishing and Animal Husbandry Products	27.15	126.32	1.50	24.98	24.87
(1) Farm Products	12.87	135.47	1.35	31.52	32.42
(2) Poultry & Livestock Products	6.60	123.18	1.79	27.40	26.88
(3) Forest Products	0.41	109.66	1.10	-4.48	-5.44
(4) Fishery Products	7.27	111.19	1.58	10.32	8.84
2. Quarrying and Minerals Products	57.59	139.49	-0.03	46.86	50.33
(1) Crude Petroleum and Natural Gas	45.78	139.74	-0.91	54.84	59.88
(2) Sand, Stone and Clay Quarrying	2.56	128.17	-0.05	20.63	20.69
(3) Other Minerals Products	9.25	146.14	4.22	34.41	34.47
3. Manufacturing Products	890.99	107.47	-0.92	5.01	5.67
(1) Foods	18.50	120.54	1.29	15.69	15.35
(2) Beverages	5.34	100.97	-0.12	0.93	1.01
(3) Tobaccos	2.49	102.52	-0.35	-0.18	0.06
(4) Textile Products	21.67	105.98	-1.20	3.11	4.10
(5) Wearing Apparel and Clothing Accessories	4.65	97.18	-1.49	-3.82	-2.83
(6) Leather, Fur and Related Products	4.97	103.41	-1.83	-1.69	0.13
(7) Wood and Bamboo Products	2.15	105.42	-1.61	0.95	2.06
(8) Pulp, Paper, Paper Products & Printed Matter	15.11	111.52	0.19	8.38	8.63
(9) Petroleum & Coal Products	54.63	127.81	-0.82	29.53	30.75
(10) Chemical Material	91.92	117.40	-1.27	12.67	13.34
(11) Chemical Products and Medical Goods	28.00	104.16	-0.86	2.59	3.50
(12) Rubber & Plastic Products	22.42	106.33	-0.21	4.77	5.04
(13) Non-metallic Mineral Products	13.93	109.77	0.05	8.19	8.20
(14) Basic Metal	84.77	129.92	2.18	16.10	15.80
(15) Fabricated Metal Products	42.26	112.00	-0.21	3.84	4.63
(16) Electronic Parts and Components	261.17	89.25	-2.04	-9.10	-8.47
(17) Computer, Electronic and Optical Products	64.22	89.73	-2.61	-8.50	-7.27
(18) Electrical Equipment	34.70	104.99	-0.72	6.11	5.41
(19) Machinery and Equipment	67.61	102.90	-1.64	2.31	3.37
(20) Transport Equipment and Parts	34.78	101.77	-0.88	1.12	1.80
(21) Furniture and Fixtures	5.20	102.30	-1.30	1.40	2.42
(22) Miscellaneous Products	10.51	100.57	-2.15	-1.43	-0.11
4. Water Supply, Electricity & Gas	24.28	102.70	0.00	0.81	0.81
By Stage of Processing					
1. Raw Materials	138.48	138.68	-0.04	41.09	43.82
2. Intermediate Materials	356.29	112.48	0.09	8.84	8.91
3. Finished Goods	140.17	103.65	-0.62	3.62	4.15
(1) Capital Goods	53.38	100.41	-1.55	0.37	1.35
(2) Consumer Goods	86.79	105.18	-0.08	5.14	5.39
Special Groups					
Domestic Sales	634.95	114.28	-0.10	12.20	12.67
Domestic Products	672.91	107.27	-0.74	5.66	6.11
Non-Heavy Chemical Industrial Products	166.01	106.31	-0.77	3.78	4.49
Heavy Chemical Industrial Products	724.98	107.84	-0.96	5.41	6.04

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Table 3 The Changes of Import Price Indices

Feb. 2008

Groups	Weight (%)	Index of Feb. 2008 (2006=100)	Compared with Previous Month (%)	Compared with the Same Month of Previous Year (%)	The First Two Months of 2008 Compared with the Same Period of Previous Year (%)
Basic Group (on N.T.D. Basis)					
General Index	1,000.00	116.44	-0.80	14.06	15.50
1. Animal, Vegetable Products & Prepared Foods	47.60	142.42	0.51	23.36	24.30
2. Mineral Products & Nonmetallic Mineral Products	134.52	140.16	-0.45	49.07	52.91
3. Textiles & Textile Articles	23.09	104.93	-1.59	0.75	1.58
4. Wood, Paper, Pulp & Articles Thereof	25.78	113.02	-0.82	3.81	5.13
5. Chemicals, Plastics, Rubber & Articles Thereof	133.44	113.08	-0.81	7.55	8.68
6. Primary Metals & Articles Thereof	76.14	129.41	1.30	15.16	15.63
7. Machinery, Optical & Precision Instruments	166.08	102.74	-2.00	2.66	3.99
8. Electronic Machinery	355.47	90.62	-1.81	-9.23	-8.53
9. Transportation Equipment & Parts	20.86	104.90	-1.27	5.23	5.98
10. Miscellaneous Products	17.02	111.68	-1.45	6.61	8.12
Basic Group (on U.S.D. Basis)					
General Index	1,000.00	119.89	1.61	18.99	18.70
1. Animal, Vegetable Products & Prepared Foods	47.60	146.67	2.95	28.70	27.77
2. Mineral Products & Nonmetallic Mineral Products	134.52	144.27	1.98	55.53	57.16
3. Textiles & Textile Articles	23.09	108.03	0.80	5.11	4.40
4. Wood, Paper, Pulp & Articles Thereof	25.78	116.39	1.59	8.31	8.06
5. Chemicals, Plastics, Rubber & Articles Thereof	133.44	116.45	1.61	12.21	11.70
6. Primary Metals & Articles Thereof	76.14	133.35	3.77	20.15	18.84
7. Machinery, Optical & Precision Instruments	166.08	105.77	0.39	7.11	6.86
8. Electronic Machinery	355.47	93.31	0.58	-5.30	-6.00
9. Transportation Equipment & Parts	20.86	107.99	1.12	9.79	8.93
10. Miscellaneous Products	17.02	114.98	0.96	11.22	11.12

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Basic Group (on N.T.D. Basis)					
General Index	1,000.00	101.39	-2.03	0.02	1.26
1. Animal, Vegetable Products & Prepared Foods	9.95	105.82	-2.00	6.48	8.44
2. Textiles & Textile Articles	53.37	104.33	-2.09	1.30	2.92
3. Wood, Paper, Pulp & Articles Thereof	7.52	109.00	-0.37	5.47	6.04
4. Chemicals, Plastics, Rubber & Articles Thereof	123.31	111.25	-1.73	6.59	7.71
5. Primary Metals & Articles Thereof	111.70	112.52	-0.59	3.04	3.93
6. Machinery, Optical & Precision Instruments	154.88	97.16	-2.18	-2.69	-1.66
7. Electronic Machinery	424.79	89.53	-2.75	-7.77	-6.73
8. Transportation Equipment & Parts	32.07	102.34	-1.84	-0.80	0.88
9. Miscellaneous Products	82.43	114.25	-1.48	15.43	17.29
Basic Group (on U.S.D. Basis)					
General Index	1,000.00	104.41	0.35	4.38	4.08
1. Animal, Vegetable Products & Prepared Foods	9.95	108.95	0.39	11.11	11.46
2. Textiles & Textile Articles	53.37	107.43	0.31	5.70	5.77
3. Wood, Paper, Pulp & Articles Thereof	7.52	112.24	2.06	10.04	9.00
4. Chemicals, Plastics, Rubber & Articles Thereof	123.31	114.58	0.67	11.22	10.70
5. Primary Metals & Articles Thereof	111.70	115.92	1.84	7.51	6.82
6. Machinery, Optical & Precision Instruments	154.88	100.04	0.21	1.53	1.06
7. Electronic Machinery	424.79	92.17	-0.38	-3.76	-4.15
8. Transportation Equipment & Parts	32.07	105.38	0.56	3.51	3.68
9. Miscellaneous Products	82.43	117.64	0.93	20.45	20.56

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