

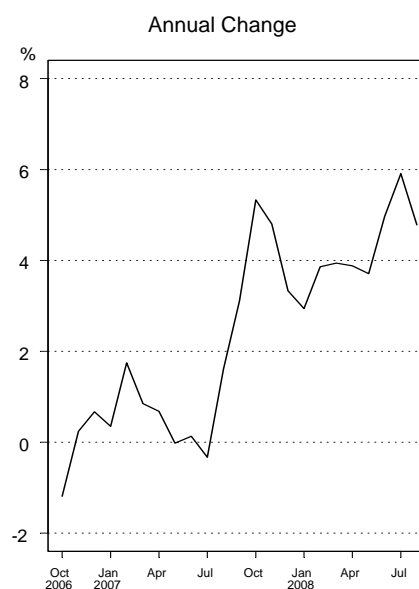
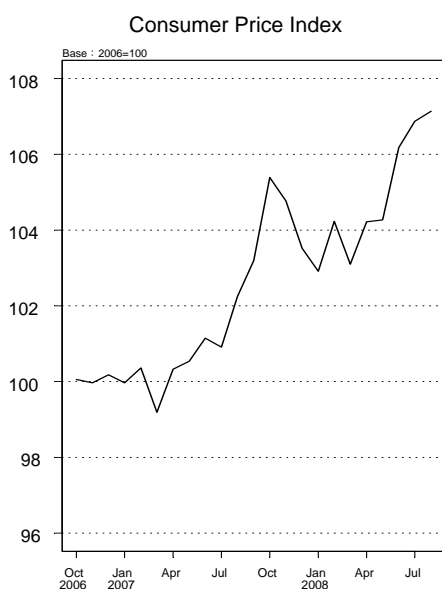
The Price Indices for August 2008

Consumer Price Indices (CPI)

The CPI in August 2008 was 107.14 (2006=100), rising 0.25% from previous month, due primarily to Vegetables prices advancing 23.57% for the deferred impact of typhoon, while prices of Clothing declining 4.42% for summer discount activities, and Fuels & Lubricants down 5.13%. The General Index excluding Fruits, Vegetables, Fish, Shellfish and Energy, i.e. core CPI, fell 0.15%.

The annual change rate for CPI in August 2008, compared with the same month of previous year, was 4.78%. Prices of Food increased 10.21%, of which Meat up 21.62%, Fish & Shellfish up 16.77%, Fruits up 14.33%, Food Away from Home up 7.98%, and Vegetables went up 5.09%. Transportation & Communication prices advanced 5.40%, due mainly to prices of Fuels & Lubricants rose 17.14%, however, Public Transportation fare and telecommunication fees went down. The core CPI up 3.74%.

For the first eight months of 2008, the CPI increased by 4.25% over the same period of previous year, as prices of Commodity and Service moved up 6.41% and 2.34% individually. The core CPI up 3.28%.



Wholesale Price Indices (WPI)

The WPI in August 2008 was 117.90 (2006=100), falling 0.94% from previous month, due primarily to prices of Crude Petroleum and Natural Gas went down 8.96%, Petroleum & Coal Products moved down 4.62%, and Basic Metal decreased 3.30% respectively, where Domestic Sales Excluding Imports and Imports prices fell 1.06% and 1.90% separately, while Exports prices increased 0.22%.

The annual change rate for WPI in August 2008 jumping to 9.57%, due mainly to prices of Crude Petroleum and Natural Gas rose 54.52%, Petroleum & Coal Products moved up 39.00% and Basic Metal advanced 21.03% individually, whereas Taiwan Dollar to U.S. Dollar appreciated 5.63%. Domestic Sales Excluding Imports prices went up 14.60% and Imports prices moved up 14.92%, while Exports prices decreased 0.63%.

For the first eight months of 2008, the WPI jumped 8.91% compared with the same period of previous year, of which the Import Price Index rose 14.55%, while Export Price Index declined 0.79%.



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Table 1 The Changes of Consumer Price Indices

Aug. 2008

Groups	Weight (%)	Index of Aug. 2008 (2006=100)	Compared with Previous Month (%)	Compared with the Same Month of Previous Year (%)	The First Eight Months of 2008 Compared with the Same Period of Previous Year (%)
General Index	1,000.00	107.14	0.25	4.78	4.25
Basic Group					
1. Food	260.82	114.92	2.36	10.21	9.87
Meat	23.08	125.29	0.52	21.62	17.24
Fish & Shellfish	16.71	125.08	2.11	16.77	11.29
Vegetables	24.81	129.77	23.57	5.09	-2.85
Fruits	27.59	103.93	-0.71	14.33	17.64
2. Clothing	41.72	98.84	-4.42	1.27	2.68
Garments	26.97	95.26	-5.71	-0.72	1.60
3. Housing	279.47	103.76	0.07	2.33	1.39
Residential Rent	185.40	100.92	0.05	0.71	0.62
Household Keeping Services	14.53	96.04	0.00	0.10	-0.90
Water, Electricity & Gas Supply	36.87	117.78	-0.03	9.04	3.94
4. Transportation & Communication	140.42	107.94	-1.36	5.40	4.86
Fuels & Lubricants	32.55	128.24	-5.13	17.14	17.82
Transportation & Communication Services and Vehicle Parts	80.30	102.92	0.17	2.18	1.47
5. Medicines & Medical Care	47.41	106.47	0.25	1.12	2.71
Medical Care Services	33.02	101.84	0.20	1.35	1.24
Medicines & Health Food	10.62	122.79	0.42	0.76	7.34
6. Education & Entertainment	171.48	103.17	-0.06	2.23	1.26
Educational Expense	111.25	100.35	0.18	-0.09	0.22
Entertainment Expense	60.22	108.29	-0.45	5.83	2.61
7. Miscellaneous	58.68	103.49	-0.69	1.70	1.40
Tobacco & Betelnut	14.65	103.32	-1.68	0.36	1.32
Personal Care Services	14.78	100.05	-0.04	0.39	-0.62
Commodity and Service Groups					
1. Commodity	437.11	110.99	0.45	7.14	6.41
(Excluding Food)	264.95	107.11	-1.55	4.25	3.62
Non-durable Consumer Goods (Excluding Food)	299.12	116.25	1.18	10.09	8.93
Semi-durable Consumer Goods	126.96	115.54	-1.72	8.20	6.80
Durable Consumer Goods	62.85	99.53	-2.56	1.46	1.87
75.14	98.10	-0.34	-1.00	-1.07	
2. Service	562.89	103.92	0.10	2.83	2.34
Food Away from Home	88.66	111.22	0.26	7.98	8.25
Housing	209.54	100.69	0.05	0.72	0.58
Transportation & Communication	76.99	102.54	0.14	1.87	1.20
Medical Care	33.02	101.84	0.20	1.35	1.24
Education & Entertainment	129.64	106.70	-0.02	3.97	2.89
Miscellaneous	23.83	99.92	0.10	0.33	-0.50
Special Groups					
General Index Excluding Fruits & Vegetables	947.60	106.63	-0.31	4.68	3.95
General Index Excluding Food	739.18	104.30	-0.53	2.78	2.18
General Index Excluding Fruits, Vegetables, Fish, Shellfish & Energy	866.64	104.97	-0.15	3.74	3.28

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Table 2 The Changes of Wholesale Price Indices

Aug. 2008

Groups	Weight (%)	Index of Aug. 2008 (2006=100)	Compared with Previous Month (%)	Compared with the Same Month of Previous Year (%)	The First Eight Months of 2008 Compared with the Same Period of Previous Year (%)
General Index	1,000.00	117.90	-0.94	9.57	8.91
Domestic Sales Excluding Imports	307.86	123.79	-1.06	14.60	12.71
Imports	327.09	125.99	-1.90	14.92	14.55
Exports	365.05	103.90	0.22	-0.63	-0.79
Basic Group					
1. Agriculture, Forestry, Fishing and Animal Husbandry Products	27.15	138.02	2.30	25.12	28.99
(1) Farm Products	12.87	136.94	5.85	24.45	28.93
(2) Poultry & Livestock Products	6.60	146.81	-0.25	24.99	33.59
(3) Forest Products	0.41	114.54	5.09	-1.33	-6.42
(4) Fishery Products	7.27	131.00	-1.58	27.69	25.38
2. Quarrying and Minerals Products	57.59	176.82	-6.56	53.88	54.47
(1) Crude Petroleum and Natural Gas	45.78	174.96	-8.96	54.52	60.00
(2) Sand, Stone and Clay Quarrying	2.56	127.57	-0.12	5.62	12.37
(3) Other Minerals Products	9.25	205.25	3.47	72.83	52.67
3. Manufacturing Products	890.99	112.47	-0.47	5.35	4.70
(1) Foods	18.50	124.09	-0.58	12.31	14.08
(2) Beverages	5.34	103.01	0.49	2.75	1.52
(3) Tobaccos	2.49	102.34	0.37	-0.69	-0.64
(4) Textile Products	21.67	107.75	0.97	2.71	2.61
(5) Wearing Apparel and Clothing Accessories	4.65	96.13	1.64	-4.18	-5.11
(6) Leather, Fur and Related Products	4.97	105.48	1.29	0.05	-1.44
(7) Wood and Bamboo Products	2.15	111.89	2.12	4.59	1.61
(8) Pulp, Paper, Paper Products & Printed Matter	15.11	120.08	-0.04	11.94	10.96
(9) Petroleum & Coal Products	54.63	161.49	-4.62	39.00	35.63
(10) Chemical Material	91.92	134.38	-0.85	20.50	14.54
(11) Chemical Products and Medical Goods	28.00	108.04	1.31	4.52	3.05
(12) Rubber & Plastic Products	22.42	111.24	1.57	6.92	5.01
(13) Non-metallic Mineral Products	13.93	114.15	0.68	5.84	6.81
(14) Basic Metal	84.77	148.30	-3.30	21.03	18.50
(15) Fabricated Metal Products	42.26	126.15	1.17	13.73	7.57
(16) Electronic Parts and Components	261.17	82.46	0.10	-14.21	-11.70
(17) Computer, Electronic and Optical Products	64.22	86.23	1.90	-10.00	-10.51
(18) Electrical Equipment	34.70	108.37	0.83	0.46	3.44
(19) Machinery and Equipment	67.61	103.80	1.44	1.54	1.77
(20) Transport Equipment and Parts	34.78	103.72	0.93	1.97	1.19
(21) Furniture and Fixtures	5.20	108.13	1.57	5.55	2.20
(22) Miscellaneous Products	10.51	103.36	1.61	0.34	-1.45
4. Water Supply, Electricity & Gas	24.28	123.90	0.01	13.35	4.36
By Stage of Processing					
1. Raw Materials	138.48	166.37	-3.70	43.51	43.75
2. Intermediate Materials	356.29	119.65	-1.12	9.22	8.66
3. Finished Goods	140.17	106.43	0.80	3.93	3.95
(1) Capital Goods	53.38	99.80	0.76	-0.77	0.06
(2) Consumer Goods	86.79	110.03	0.82	6.57	5.94
Special Groups					
Domestic Sales	634.95	124.65	-1.49	14.60	13.50
Domestic Products	672.91	113.85	-0.43	6.83	6.03
Non-Heavy Chemical Industrial Products	166.01	109.68	1.07	4.60	3.78
Heavy Chemical Industrial Products	724.98	113.23	-0.81	5.51	4.92

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Table 3 The Changes of Import Price Indices

Aug. 2008

Groups	Weight (%)	Index of Aug. 2008 (2006=100)	Compared with Previous Month (%)	Compared with the Same Month of Previous Year (%)	The First Eight Months of 2008 Compared with the Same Period of Previous Year (%)
Basic Group (on N.T.D. Basis)					
General Index	1,000.00	125.99	-1.90	14.92	14.55
1. Animal, Vegetable Products & Prepared Foods	34.64	145.84	0.54	18.18	20.74
2. Mineral Products & Nonmetallic Mineral Products	208.51	177.01	-6.19	54.47	55.38
3. Textiles & Textile Articles	13.85	105.97	1.57	0.14	-0.16
4. Wood, Paper, Pulp & Articles Thereof	17.93	119.02	3.10	6.69	3.07
5. Chemicals, Plastics, Rubber & Articles Thereof	147.68	120.98	0.28	12.49	8.74
6. Primary Metals & Articles Thereof	118.38	145.50	-3.44	15.13	14.62
7. Machinery, Optical & Precision Instruments	166.28	100.00	0.63	-1.68	1.03
8. Electronic Machinery	258.41	86.32	1.64	-11.11	-11.63
9. Transportation Equipment & Parts	21.11	104.10	1.10	1.62	3.87
10. Miscellaneous Products	13.21	110.76	-0.31	2.70	4.42
Basic Group (on U.S.D. Basis)					
General Index	1,000.00	131.39	-4.44	21.40	22.26
1. Animal, Vegetable Products & Prepared Foods	34.64	152.12	-2.06	24.83	28.82
2. Mineral Products & Nonmetallic Mineral Products	208.51	184.53	-8.62	63.19	66.00
3. Textiles & Textile Articles	13.85	110.49	-1.07	5.77	6.48
4. Wood, Paper, Pulp & Articles Thereof	17.93	124.13	0.43	12.69	9.95
5. Chemicals, Plastics, Rubber & Articles Thereof	147.68	126.19	-2.31	18.83	16.03
6. Primary Metals & Articles Thereof	118.38	151.85	-5.95	21.62	22.41
7. Machinery, Optical & Precision Instruments	166.28	104.27	-1.97	3.86	7.76
8. Electronic Machinery	258.41	90.02	-1.00	-6.09	-5.78
9. Transportation Equipment & Parts	21.11	108.54	-1.52	7.35	10.79
10. Miscellaneous Products	13.21	115.49	-2.89	8.48	11.38

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Table 4 The Changes of Export Price Indices

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Basic Group (on N.T.D. Basis)					
General Index	1,000.00	103.90	0.22	-0.63	-0.79
1. Animal, Vegetable Products & Prepared Foods	9.95	125.00	0.11	22.27	14.47
2. Textiles & Textile Articles	53.37	106.76	2.38	1.33	0.41
3. Wood, Paper, Pulp & Articles Thereof	7.52	119.11	1.97	11.24	10.76
4. Chemicals, Plastics, Rubber & Articles Thereof	123.31	123.54	0.46	12.42	8.21
5. Primary Metals & Articles Thereof	111.70	125.85	2.73	8.89	3.93
6. Machinery, Optical & Precision Instruments	154.88	91.29	-0.21	-10.34	-6.09
7. Electronic Machinery	424.79	84.07	1.05	-13.21	-10.90
8. Transportation Equipment & Parts	32.07	104.36	2.09	0.09	-1.42
9. Miscellaneous Products	82.43	140.39	-6.11	28.95	24.73
Basic Group (on U.S.D. Basis)					
General Index	1,000.00	108.37	-2.40	4.99	5.87
1. Animal, Vegetable Products & Prepared Foods	9.95	130.35	-2.49	29.19	22.21
2. Textiles & Textile Articles	53.37	111.34	-0.29	7.05	7.13
3. Wood, Paper, Pulp & Articles Thereof	7.52	124.23	-0.68	17.53	18.24
4. Chemicals, Plastics, Rubber & Articles Thereof	123.31	128.87	-2.15	18.77	15.49
5. Primary Metals & Articles Thereof	111.70	131.32	0.05	15.04	10.95
6. Machinery, Optical & Precision Instruments	154.88	95.19	-2.81	-5.28	0.15
7. Electronic Machinery	424.79	87.66	-1.58	-8.32	-4.99
8. Transportation Equipment & Parts	32.07	108.84	-0.57	5.74	5.18
9. Miscellaneous Products	82.43	146.41	-8.55	36.23	33.25

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