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The Price Indices for October 2009

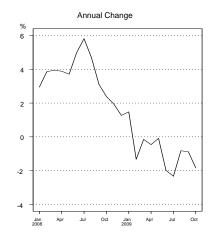
Consumer Price Indices (CPI)

The CPI in October 2009 was 105.92 (2006=100), rising 0.44% from previous month. Due mainly to prices of Clothing and Household Keeping Services went up 17.04% and 3.64% respectively, while Vegetables, Fruits and Personal Care Services prices decreased 2.23%, 2.20% and 2.96% individually. The General Index excluding Fruits, Vegetables, Fish, Shellfish and Energy, i.e. core CPI, moved up 0.66%.

The annual change for CPI in October 2009, compared with the same month of previous year, fell 1.84%. Prices of Food declined 4.49%, of which Vegetables prices moved down 29.64% while Fruits prices increased 2.66% separately. Education & Entertainment Fees decreased 3.06% due mainly to tour fees for traveling overseas were lower, and Computer, TV set, Digital Camera became cheaper. Prices of Housing fell 1.05% for applying lower fees to Gas Supply since last September. Transportation & Communication prices went down 0.86%, due primarily to commodity tax rates of cars and motorcycles become lower. Among CPI 424 items, prices of 178 items went up (weights 27.2%) while 232 items went down (weights 69.8%). The core CPI declined 0.85%.

For the first ten months of 2009, the CPI decreased by 0.85% over the same period of previous year, as price of Commodity moved down 1.77% and Service went down 0.12%.





CPI-Living Necessaries

The CPI-Living Necessaries was compiled basing on 424 CPI items. The indices were divided into three categories. Category A includes prices of Food, Water, Electricity & Gas Supply of Housing and Fuels & Lubricants of Transportation (190 items and 33.0% weights of CPI). Category B covers Category A and Education & Entertainment prices (244 items and 50.2% weights of CPI). Category C is the daily necessities, such as Food, Clothing, Water, Electricity & Gas, Fuels & Lubricants, Medical Care Services, and some items fall under segments of Communication and Personal Care Services (239 items and 42.7% weights of CPI).

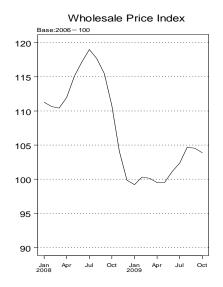
The CPI-Living Necessaries in October 2009, compared with the previous month: Index of Category A was 113.33 (2006=100), decreased 0.50%, Category B was 108.76, declined 0.41% and Category C was 111.14, moved up 0.76%.

Wholesale Price Indices (WPI)

The WPI in October 2009 was 103.88 (2006=100), moving down 0.62% from previous month, due mainly to 0.90% appreciation of Taiwan Dollar to U.S. Dollar. Prices of Chemical Material and Electronic Parts and Components declined 2.74% and 1.09% respectively, whereas Crude Petroleum and Natural Gas increased 5.19%. Domestic Sales Excluding Imports, Imports and Exports prices decreased 0.68%, 0.26% and 0.92% separately.

The annual change of WPI in October 2009, comparing with the same month of 2008, fell 6.23%; due mainly to prices of Basic Metal and Chemical Material went down 16.59% and 9.86% individually. Domestic Sales Excluding Imports, Imports and Exports prices fell 7.85%, 4.04% and 6.85% respectively.

For the first ten months of 2009, the WPI decreased 10.91% compared with the same period of previous year, of which the Import and Export Price Index declined 12.47% and 7.78% individually.





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Table 1 The Changes of Consumer Price Indices Oct. 2009

Oct. 2009							
	Weight	Index of	_	Compared			
	(‰)	Oct. 2009	with	with the	Months of 2009		
		(2006=100)	Previous	Same	Compared with		
Groups			Month	Month of	the Same Period		
			(%)	Previous	of Previous Year		
				Year (%)	(%)		
General Index	1,000.00	105.92	0.44	-1.84	-0.85		
Basic Group					0.74		
1. Food	260.82	115.00	-0.66	-4.49	0.54		
Meat	23.08	118.69	-1.33	-1.04	-0.29		
Fish & Shellfish	16.71	126.33	-0.61	2.09	4.81		
Vegetables	24.81	126.48	-2.23	-29.64	-4.20		
Fruits	27.59	114.53	-2.20	2.66	-6.25		
2. Clothing	41.72	113.88	17.04	2.57	-0.54		
Garments	26.97	116.01	26.35	2.36	-1.40		
3. Housing	279.47	101.84	0.16	-1.05	-0.29		
Residential Rent	185.40	100.50	-0.02	-0.46	-0.20		
Household Keeping Services	14.53	99.34	3.64	3.21	-0.23		
Water, Electricity & Gas Supply	36.87	106.15	0.03	-4.09	-0.85		
4. Transportation & Communication	140.42	101.33	0.33	-0.86	-5.77		
Fuels & Lubricants	32.55	109.03	0.23	4.23	-17.03		
Transportation & Communication Services	80.30	100.78	0.45	-1.86	-0.79		
and Vehicle Parts		10501	0.20	0.24	0.50		
5. Medicines & Medical Care	47.41	106.84	-0.28	0.31	0.68		
Medical Care Services	33.02	103.21	-0.21	1.30	1.01		
Medicines & Health Food	10.62	120.89	-0.40	-1.53	0.27		
6. Education & Entertainment	171.48	99.32	-0.20	-3.06	-1.60		
Educational Expense	111.25	98.78	-0.05	-1.96	-0.84		
Entertainment Expense	60.22	100.26	-0.50	-4.98	-2.92		
7. Miscellaneous	58.68	107.54	-1.20	4.03	2.46		
Tobacco & Betelnut	14.65	124.72	0.68	20.57	8.23		
Personal Care Services	14.78	96.69	-2.96	-2.01	-0.56		
Commodity and Service Groups	427 11	100.80	0.94	-2.81	1 77		
1. Commodity	437.11	109.80			-1.77		
(Excluding Food)	264.95	104.82	2.37	-0.35	-3.15		
Non-durable Consumer Goods	299.12	113.94	-0.64	-3.00	-1.38		
(Excluding Food)	126.96	109.45	-0.16	1.67	-3.59		
Semi-durable Consumer Goods	62.85	108.79	10.96	0.79	-0.34		
Durable Consumer Goods	75.14	92.64 102.67	-0.14	-5.24	-4.76		
2. Service	562.89		0.02	-1.04	-0.12		
Food	88.66	110.53	0.00	-1.22	1.14		
Housing	209.54	100.42	0.21	-0.31	-0.29		
Transportation & Communication	76.99	100.31	0.47	-1.94	-0.93		
Medical Care	33.02	103.21	-0.21	1.30	1.01		
Education & Entertainment	129.64	103.57	-0.13	-2.07	-0.54		
Miscellaneous	23.83	97.69	-1.84	-1.39	-0.40		
Special Groups Congrel Index Evaluding Equits & Vegetables	047.60	105.11	0.60	-0.75	-0.61		
General Index Excluding Fruits & Vegetables	947.60 739.18	103.11	0.80	-0.75 -0.76	-0.61 -1.38		
General Index Excluding Food General Index Excluding Fruits, Vegetables,	/39.18	102.01	0.07	-0.70	-1.38		
Fish, Shellfish & Energy	866.64	104.50	0.66	-0.85	0.00		

Note: Due to late reports and corrections by respondents all data are subject to revision 3 months after original publication.

Table 2 The Changes of Wholesale Price Indices Oct. 2009

Groups	Weight	Index of Oct.	Compared	Compared	The First Ten
•	(‰)	2009	with	with the	Months of 2009
	l i	(2006=100)	Previous	Same	Compared with
		, ,	Month	Month of	the Same Period
			(%)	Previous	of Previous Year
			` '	Year (%)	(%)
General Index	1,000.00	103.88	-0.62	-6.23	-10.91
Domestic Sales Excluding Imports	307.86	106.30	-0.68	-7.85	-12.42
Imports	327.09	109.63	-0.26	-4.04	-12.47
Exports	365.05	95.12	-0.92	-6.85	-7.78
Basic Group					
1. Agriculture, Forestry, Fishing and Animal	27.15	125.22	-2.30	-8.94	-7.14
Husbandry Products					
(1)Farm Products	12.87	120.75		-17.54	-14.24
(2)Poultry & Livestock Products	6.60			-0.41	-3.28
(3)Forest Products	0.41	101.01	-0.86		-11.66
(4)Fishery Products	7.27	130.18		1.70	3.24
2. Quarrying and Minerals Products	57.59	119.58		-10.24	-31.83
(1)Crude Petroleum and Natural Gas	45.78	116.44		-0.06	-38.77
(2)Sand, Stone and Clay Quarrying	2.56			-11.33	-9.67
(3)Other Minerals Products	9.25 890.99	141.07		-35.92	
3. Manufacturing Products	18.50	101.03		-5.90 -1.53	
(1)Foods	5.34		0.43 0.11	-1.55 -0.15	-3.52 0.96
(2)Beverages (3)Tobaccos	2.49	102.74		13.64	7.85
(4)Textile Products	21.67	106.99			0.43
(5)Wearing Apparel and Clothing Accessories	4.65	98.90			4.38
(6)Leather, Fur and Related Products	4.97	101.72		-5.87	-1.07
(7)Wood and Bamboo Products	2.15	106.22		-7.63	-2.04
(8)Pulp, Paper, Paper Products & Printed Matter	15.11	108.87	0.71	-8.00	-9.58
(9)Petroleum & Coal Products	54.63	109.84		-16.10	-31.89
(10)Chemical Material	91.92	99.00			-24.32
(11)Chemical Products and Medical Goods	28.00	108.99		-2.18	3.55
(12)Rubber & Plastic Products	22.42	110.91	-0.40	-2.59	2.55
(13)Non-metallic Mineral Products	13.93	110.46	-0.99	-6.86	0.92
(14)Basic Metal	84.77	104.04	-0.96	-16.59	-31.47
(15)Fabricated Metal Products	42.26	108.66	0.51	-12.91	-11.20
(16)Electronic Parts and Components	261.17	83.67	-1.09	-1.04	-1.42
(17)Computer, Electronic and Optical Products	64.22	85.08		-3.81	0.78
(18)Electrical Equipment	34.70	105.40	-0.46	-1.89	-5.12
(19)Machinery and Equipment	67.61	111.15	-0.39	0.62	7.86
(20)Transport Equipment and Parts	34.78	108.69	0.56	2.10	5.40
(21) Furniture and Fixtures	5.20	106.91	-0.14	-5.93	3.79
(22)Miscellaneous Products	10.51	105.73	-0.44	-3.12	4.88
4. Water Supply, Electricity & Gas	24.28	122.63	0.02	-2.67	10.43
By Stage of Processing					
1.Raw Materials	138.48	118.26	-0.63	-9.28	-27.45
2.Intermediate Materials	356.29	106.39	-0.44	-6.50	-10.56
3. Finished Goods	140.17	108.44	-0.37	-0.71	2.38
(1)Capital Goods	53.38	109.06	-0.19	2.79	8.26
(2)Consumer Goods	86.79	107.58	-0.48	-2.77	-1.02
Special Groups					
Domestic Sales	634.95	107.78		-5.91	-12.44
Domestic Products	672.91	100.99		-7.34	-10.07
Non-Heavy Chemical Industrial Products	166.01	108.03	-0.19	-3.28	0.02
Heavy Chemical Industrial Products	724.98	99.47	-0.93	-6.55	-11.85

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Table 3 The Changes of Import Price Indices

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Groups Proje Group (an N.T.D. Proje)	Weight (‰)	Index of Oct. 2009 (2006=100)	Compared with Previous Month (%)	Compared with the Same Month of Previous Year (%)	The First Ten Months of 2009 Compared with the Same Period of Previous Year (%)
Basic Group (on N.T.D. Basis) General Index	1,000.00	109.63	-0.26	-4.04	-12.47
Animal, Vegetable Products & Prepared	34.64	127.48		-5.03	-12.38
Foods	34.04	127.40	-0.73	-5.05	-12.36
2.Mineral Products & Nonmetallic Mineral	208.51	121.61	1.83	-8.93	-30.95
Products 3.Textiles & Textile Articles	12.05	106.00	0.07	0.02	2.62
	13.85	106.98	-0.07	-0.92	2.62
4. Wood, Paper, Pulp & Articles Thereof	17.93	106.68		-10.70	-9.20
5.Chemicals,Plastics,Rubber & Articles Thereof	147.68	107.47	-0.77	-6.17	-10.38
6.Primary Metals & Articles Thereof	118.38	102.15	-1.44	-10.81	-31.06
7. Machinery, Optical & Precision Instruments	166.28	113.39	-0.16	4.64	10.67
8.Electronic Machinery	258.41	89.70	-1.75	-0.13	4.18
9. Transportation Equipment & Parts	21.11	120.91	1.73	6.74	12.58
10. Miscellaneous Products	13.21	110.27	-0.59	-1.81	0.66
Basic Group (on U.S.D. Basis)					
General Index	1,000.00	110.41	0.63	-2.97	-17.74
 Animal, Vegetable Products & Prepared Foods 	34.64	128.40	-0.05	-3.97	-17.64
2.Mineral Products & Nonmetallic Mineral Products	208.51	122.42	2.74	-7.92	-35.13
3.Textiles & Textile Articles	13.85	107.72	0.82	0.19	-3.52
4. Wood, Paper, Pulp & Articles Thereof	17.93	107.45	2.14	-9.71	-14.62
5.Chemicals,Plastics,Rubber & Articles Thereof	147.68	108.25	0.12	-5.13	-15.73
6.Primary Metals & Articles Thereof	118.38	102.95	-0.55	-9.82	-35.26
7. Machinery, Optical & Precision Instruments	166.28	114.16	0.73	5.79	4.07
8.Electronic Machinery	258.41	90.33	-0.87	0.97	-2.02
9. Transportation Equipment & Parts	21.11	121.74	2.65	7.93	5.89
10. Miscellaneous Products	13.21	111.03	0.31	-0.72	-5.38

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Table 4 The Changes of Export Price Indices

Oct. 2009

Groups	Weight (‰)	Index of Oct. 2009 (2006=100)	Compared with Previous Month (%)	Compared with the Same Month of Previous Year (%)	The First Ten Months of 2009 Compared with the Same Period of Previous Year (%)
Basic Group (on N.T.D. Basis)					
General Index	1,000.00	95.12	-0.92	-6.85	-7.78
 Animal, Vegetable Products & Prepared Foods 	9.95	117.25	0.27	-9.61	-2.57
2.Textiles & Textile Articles	53.37	109.16	-0.80	-1.15	2.80
3.Wood, Paper, Pulp & Articles Thereof	7.52	111.07	1.11	-5.55	-10.39
4. Chemicals, Plastics, Rubber & Articles Thereof	123.31	100.46	-1.85	-9.39	-14.13
5.Primary Metals & Articles Thereof	111.70	102.62	-0.61	-16.30	-18.62
6.Machinery, Optical & Precision Instruments	154.88	91.41	-1.16	-2.16	-1.29
7.Electronic Machinery	424.79	84.88	-0.64	-1.41	-0.89
8. Transportation Equipment & Parts	32.07	109.77	0.57	3.29	6.68
9. Miscellaneous Products	82.43	96.72	-1.72	-22.64	-27.84
Basic Group (on U.S.D. Basis)					
General Index	1,000.00	95.81	-0.02	-5.81	-13.29
 Animal, Vegetable Products & Prepared Foods 	9.95	118.06	1.17	-8.60	-8.36
2.Textiles & Textile Articles	53.37	109.93	0.09	-0.05	-3.29
3. Wood, Paper, Pulp & Articles Thereof	7.52	111.86	2.02	-4.50	-15.74
4. Chemicals, Plastics, Rubber & Articles Thereof	123.31	101.19	-0.96	-8.38	-19.27
5.Primary Metals & Articles Thereof	111.70	103.40	0.28	-15.37	-23.46
6.Machinery, Optical & Precision Instruments	154.88	92.04	-0.27	-1.07	-7.20
7.Electronic Machinery	424.79	85.46	0.26	-0.30	-6.82
8. Transportation Equipment & Parts	32.07	110.54	1.48	4.44	0.33
9. Miscellaneous Products	82.43	97.39	-0.85	-21.78	-32.19

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