

The Price Indices for March 2020

Consumer Price Indices (CPI)

The CPI in March 2020 (2016=100) decreased 0.45% from the preceding month, mainly because the price of fuels and lubricants fell 12.15% as the international oil prices receded. Prices of vegetables and entertainment expenses also fell 8.27% and 1.24%, respectively. Moreover, the price of garments fell 1.30% for end-of-season sales. However, prices of eggs and personal effects rose 5.71% and 1.25%, respectively, offsetting part of the decrease. The general CPI excluding fruits, vegetables and energy (core CPI) decreased 0.03%.

The CPI in March 2020, compared with the same month of 2019, decreased 0.01%, mainly because the price of fuels and lubricants fell 16.96% as the international oil prices receded. Prices of eggs, vegetables, communication fees, as well as entertainment expenses also fell 13.51%, 6.07%, 5.71%, and 1.01%, respectively. On the other hand, prices of fruits, personal effects, as well as garments rose 12.55%, 3.82%, and 2.29%, respectively, offsetting part of the decrease. The core CPI rose 0.34%.

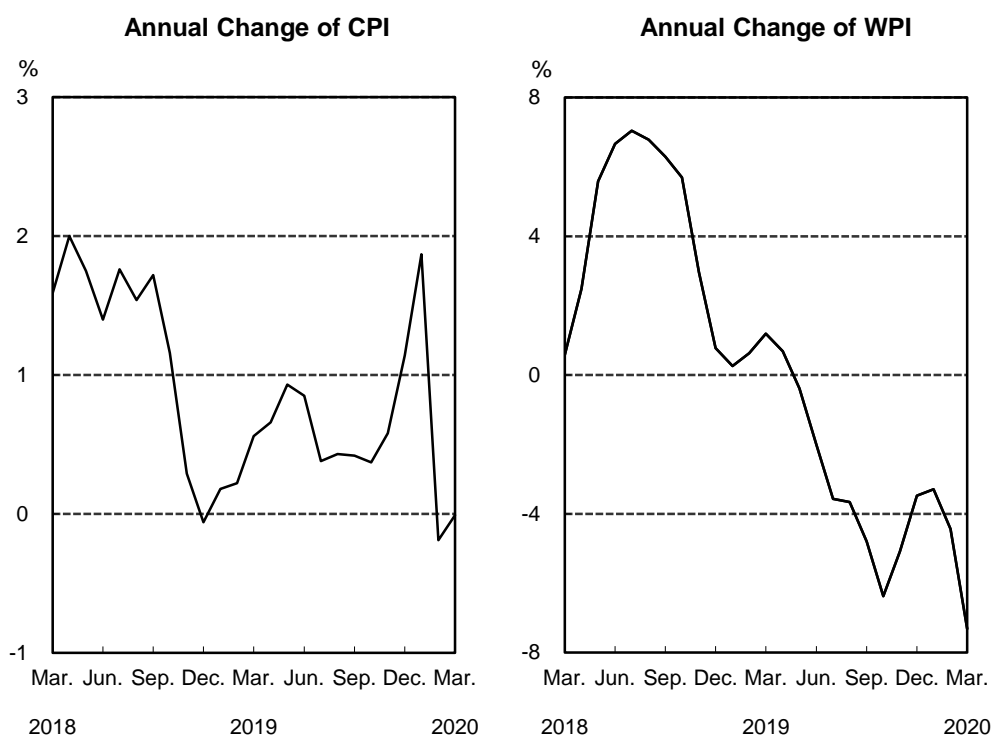
For the first quarter of 2020, the CPI increased 0.55% over the same period of previous year. Prices of commodity and service moved up 0.67% and 0.37%, respectively. The core CPI increased 0.44%.

Wholesale Price Indices (WPI)

The WPI in March 2020 decreased 2.56% from the preceding month, mainly owing to prices of crude petroleum and natural gas, as well as petroleum and coal products fell 25.93% and 21.36%, respectively. The price of chemical material, other chemical products and pharmaceuticals also declined 4.48%.

The WPI in March 2020, compared with the same month of 2019, decreased 7.32%. Prices of quarrying and mining products, as well as petroleum and coal products fell 29.52% and 28.53%, respectively. The price of chemical material, other chemical products and pharmaceuticals also declined 14.76%. The price index for products domestically produced for domestic purchase decreased 5.66%, import price index and export price index also fell 9.76% and 6.45%, respectively.

For the first quarter of 2020, the WPI decreased 5.03% 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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