

The Price Indices for August 2012

Consumer Price Indices (CPI)

The CPI in August 2012 (2006=100) increased 0.97% from the preceding month, mainly because prices of vegetables, affected by typhoon Saola and Libra, went up 28.49%. Besides, prices of eggs, fuels & lubricants and gas moved up 9.72%, 5.75% and 3.89% individually, while garments prices decreased 4.28%. The general CPI excluding fruits, vegetables, fish, shellfish and energy, i.e. core CPI, declined 0.21%.

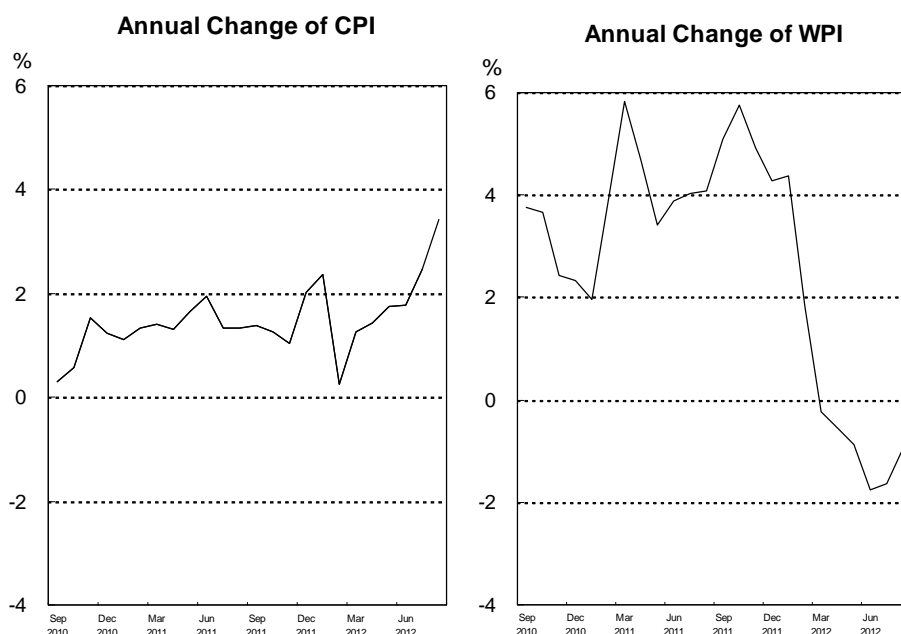
The annual change of CPI in August 2012, compared with the same month of previous year, was 3.42% mainly because prices of vegetables and fruits increased 57.93% and 20.14% respectively. Furthermore, prices of eggs, dairy products and fish & shellfish moved up 10.03%, 5.69% and 4.99% separately, which brought food prices to go up 8.66%. Fuels & lubricants, gas, electricity prices went up 11.09%, 7.24% and 4.48% individually, whereas prices of meat and communication fee decreased 2.79% and 5.62% respectively. The core CPI rose 0.95% from a year ago.

Wholesale Price Indices (WPI)

The WPI in August 2012 increased 1.10% from the preceding month, mainly because prices of crude petroleum & natural gas, petroleum & coal products and chemical material moved up 7.78%, 7.55% and 1.21% respectively; however, basic metal prices went down 1.03%.

The annual change of WPI in August 2012, compared with the same month of 2011, was minus 0.94% mainly because prices of basic metal and

chemical material decreased 11.56% and 11.36% individually, and imported iron sand moved to lower price level, which however was offset by higher prices of vegetables and crude petroleum. The WPI for domestic sales excluding imports fell 0.52%; import price index declined 1.08% and export price index moved down 1.24%.



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Table 1 The Changes of Consumer Price Indices

Aug. 2012

Groups	Weight (%)	Index of Aug. 2012 (2006=100)	Compared with Previous Month (%)	Compared with the Same Month of Previous Year (%)	The First Eight Months of 2012 Compared with the Same Period of Previous Year (%)
General Index	1,000.00	110.74	0.97	3.42	1.84
Basic Group					
1. Food	260.82	124.35	3.02	8.66	4.39
Cereals & Cereal Products	19.72	123.90	-0.43	2.92	2.93
Meat	23.08	121.92	-0.19	-2.79	-2.60
Eggs	2.00	137.84	9.72	10.03	10.99
Fish & Shellfish	16.71	149.26	0.60	4.99	4.12
Vegetables	24.81	163.73	28.49	57.93	33.72
Fruits	27.59	116.70	1.76	20.14	1.90
Dairy Products	10.51	135.21	0.57	5.69	6.22
Edible Oil	1.70	143.65	-3.46	-1.98	0.50
2. Clothing	41.72	107.61	-2.70	2.01	2.88
Garments	26.97	103.28	-4.28	3.38	2.80
3. Housing	279.47	105.46	0.20	1.24	1.02
Residential Rent	185.40	101.74	0.06	0.71	0.54
Household Operations ¹	14.53	96.47	0.04	-0.04	0.09
Water, Electricity & Gas Supply	36.87	123.78	1.12	4.74	3.33
Gas	9.70	138.10	3.89	7.24	8.08
Electricity	22.00	122.04	0.00	4.48	1.63
4. Transportation & Communication	140.42	105.49	1.65	1.88	-0.43
Fuels & Lubricants	32.55	132.74	5.75	11.09	3.47
Communication Fee	31.77	82.14	0.00	-5.62	-8.19
5. Medicines & Medical Care	47.41	110.54	0.00	0.67	0.78
Medicines & Health Food	10.62	132.40	-0.10	0.29	1.04
6. Education & Entertainment	171.48	102.39	-0.30	0.92	0.66
Educational Expense	111.25	98.24	0.05	0.02	-0.08
Entertainment Expense	60.22	109.93	-0.88	2.41	1.93
7. Miscellaneous	58.68	113.33	-0.26	2.34	2.22
Tobacco & Betelnut	14.65	137.06	-0.81	3.43	3.99
Personal Care Services	14.78	100.88	0.00	1.36	1.35
Commodity and Service Groups					
1. Commodity	437.11	117.73	2.15	6.48	3.28
(Excluding Food)	264.95	110.44	0.49	2.78	1.75
Non-durable Consumer Goods	299.12	126.67	3.30	8.92	4.30
(Excluding Food)	126.96	123.90	1.77	5.16	2.75
Semi-durable Consumer Goods	62.85	104.26	-1.92	1.44	1.52
Durable Consumer Goods	75.14	91.52	-0.10	-1.21	-0.20
2. Service	562.89	105.08	-0.05	0.91	0.66
Food	88.66	115.73	0.06	2.48	2.22
Housing	209.54	101.38	0.08	0.66	0.50
Transportation & Communication	76.99	96.21	-0.06	-2.09	-2.84
Medical Care	33.02	104.68	0.03	0.87	0.67
Education & Entertainment	129.64	110.37	-0.34	1.71	1.58
Miscellaneous	23.83	100.89	0.00	1.30	1.45
Special Groups					
General Index Excluding Fruits & Vegetables	947.60	109.15	0.09	1.59	1.16
General Index Excluding Food	739.18	105.83	0.14	1.39	0.86
General Index Excluding Fruits, Vegetables, Fish, Shellfish & Energy	866.64	106.85	-0.21	0.95	0.89

Note: 1.includes nannies, housecleaning expenses and services paid for keeping household running efficiently.

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Table 2 The Changes of Wholesale Price Indices

Aug. 2012

Groups	Weight (%)	Index of Aug. 2012 (2006=100)	Compared with Previous Month (%)	Compared with the Same Month of Previous Year (%)	The First Eight Months of 2012 Compared with the Same Period of Previous Year (%)
General Index	1,000.00	111.54	1.10	-0.94	0.00
Domestic Sales Excluding Imports	307.86	117.46	1.21	-0.52	-0.97
Imports	327.09	122.32	1.50	-1.08	0.81
Exports	365.05	95.22	0.52	-1.24	0.08
Basic Group					
1. Agriculture, Forestry, Fishing & Animal Husbandry Products	27.15	153.21	2.42	9.73	4.76
(1) Farm Products	12.87	155.26	5.52	24.28	6.29
(2) Poultry & Livestock Products	6.60	137.44	2.77	-3.16	-6.84
(3) Forest Products	0.41	112.20	4.66	8.31	-10.31
(4) Fishery Products	7.27	163.09	-2.86	-0.48	12.13
2. Quarrying & Mineral Products	57.59	169.88	5.78	2.30	4.92
(1) Crude Petroleum & Natural Gas	45.78	166.45	7.78	6.05	7.11
(2) Sand, Stone & Clay Quarrying	2.56	103.30	0.40	1.84	2.03
(3) Other Mineral Products	9.25	210.27	-0.48	-9.75	-2.10
3. Manufacturing Products	890.99	104.66	0.56	-2.11	-0.85
(1) Foods	18.50	136.99	0.96	2.38	0.51
(2) Beverages	5.34	107.23	-0.06	3.13	3.26
(3) Tobaccos	2.49	131.98	0.00	7.07	8.31
(4) Textile Products	21.67	124.87	-1.64	-2.86	-4.68
(5) Wearing Apparel & Clothing Accessories	4.65	108.25	0.31	6.57	7.06
(6) Leather, Fur & Related Products	4.97	117.51	0.56	3.97	5.17
(7) Wood & Bamboo Products	2.15	117.49	-0.16	0.38	1.33
(8) Pulp, Paper, Paper Products & Printed Matter	15.11	114.36	-1.29	-4.60	-4.57
(9) Petroleum & Coal Products	54.63	148.67	7.55	4.70	5.44
(10) Chemical Material	91.92	117.94	1.21	-11.36	-6.92
(11) Chemical Products & Medical Goods	28.00	110.58	-0.03	-1.47	0.52
(12) Rubber & Plastic Products	22.42	117.41	0.38	-0.47	1.53
(13) Non-metallic Mineral Products	13.93	106.68	-0.95	0.28	0.58
(14) Basic Metal	84.77	110.07	-1.03	-11.56	-9.13
(15) Fabricated Metal Products	42.26	109.40	-0.46	-3.55	-2.78
(16) Electronic Parts & Components	261.17	74.57	-0.16	1.29	1.22
(17) Computer, Electronic & Optical Products	64.22	76.86	-0.14	1.69	2.83
(18) Electrical Equipment	34.70	108.97	0.27	-2.20	-0.87
(19) Machinery & Equipment	67.61	115.14	0.06	1.85	3.81
(20) Transport Equipment & Parts	34.78	111.36	0.05	1.74	2.18
(21) Furniture & Fixtures	5.20	111.50	-0.05	3.39	4.42
(22) Miscellaneous Products	10.51	113.07	-0.36	2.32	3.12
4. Water Supply, Electricity & Gas	24.28	147.47	0.97	10.18	4.23
By Stage of Processing					
1. Raw Materials	138.48	152.97	3.38	-3.43	-0.84
2. Intermediate Materials	356.29	111.95	0.53	-1.47	-0.97
3. Finished Goods	140.17	115.60	0.93	4.29	3.36
(1) Capital Goods	53.38	111.38	0.03	1.58	3.33
(2) Consumer Goods	86.79	117.68	1.46	5.92	3.37
Special Groups					
Domestic Sales	634.95	119.70	1.36	-0.80	-0.04
Domestic Products	672.91	106.20	0.87	-0.87	-0.45
Non-Heavy Chemical Industrial Products	166.01	115.65	-0.17	-0.34	-0.20
Heavy Chemical Industrial Products	724.98	102.16	0.76	-2.57	-1.03

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Table 3 The Changes of Import Price Indices

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Groups	Weight (%)	Index of Aug. 2012 (2006=100)	Compared with Previous Month (%)	Compared with the Same Month of Previous Year (%)	The First Eight Months of 2012 Compared with the Same Period of Previous Year (%)
Basic Group (on N.T.D. Basis)					
General Index	1,000.00	122.32	1.50	-1.08	0.81
1. Animal, Vegetable Products & Prepared Foods	34.64	162.93	0.95	6.70	0.80
2. Mineral Products & Nonmetallic Mineral Products	208.51	169.32	5.93	0.93	4.45
3. Textiles & Textile Articles	13.85	127.64	-2.94	-10.07	-10.15
4. Wood, Paper, Pulp & Articles Thereof	17.93	110.76	-1.31	-5.48	-5.34
5. Chemicals, Plastics, Rubber & Articles Thereof	147.68	117.54	0.07	-5.85	-1.99
6. Primary Metals & Articles Thereof	118.38	109.40	-1.12	-12.08	-9.54
7. Machinery, Optical & Precision Instruments	166.28	115.11	0.10	1.61	3.66
8. Electronic Machinery	258.41	82.14	-0.18	3.79	3.43
9. Transportation Equipment & Parts	21.11	127.82	-0.02	2.13	3.26
10. Miscellaneous Products	13.21	121.28	-0.34	2.29	1.81
Basic Group (on U.S.D. Basis)					
General Index	1,000.00	132.84	1.58	-4.36	-1.59
1. Animal, Vegetable Products & Prepared Foods	34.64	176.96	1.02	3.14	-1.61
2. Mineral Products & Nonmetallic Mineral Products	208.51	183.80	6.00	-2.43	1.98
3. Textiles & Textile Articles	13.85	138.59	-2.87	-13.07	-12.25
4. Wood, Paper, Pulp & Articles Thereof	17.93	120.29	-1.25	-8.62	-7.59
5. Chemicals, Plastics, Rubber & Articles Thereof	147.68	127.66	0.13	-8.98	-4.32
6. Primary Metals & Articles Thereof	118.38	118.89	-1.05	-15.01	-11.68
7. Machinery, Optical & Precision Instruments	166.28	124.98	0.16	-1.78	1.18
8. Electronic Machinery	258.41	89.20	-0.11	0.34	0.97
9. Transportation Equipment & Parts	21.11	138.77	0.04	-1.27	0.81
10. Miscellaneous Products	13.21	131.68	-0.27	-1.13	-0.61

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Table 4 The Changes of Export Price Indices

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Groups	Weight (%)	Index of Aug. 2012 (2006=100)	Compared with Previous Month (%)	Compared with the Same Month of Previous Year (%)	The First Eight Months of 2012 Compared with the Same Period of Previous Year (%)
Basic Group (on N.T.D. Basis)					
General Index	1,000.00	95.22	0.52	-1.24	0.08
1. Animal, Vegetable Products & Prepared Foods	9.95	160.36	-3.21	-1.41	18.14
2. Textiles & Textile Articles	53.37	120.63	-0.89	-2.65	-2.20
3. Wood, Paper, Pulp & Articles Thereof	7.52	115.98	-1.89	-1.99	-3.76
4. Chemicals, Plastics, Rubber & Articles Thereof	123.31	113.25	0.75	-7.87	-4.80
5. Primary Metals & Articles Thereof	111.70	101.27	-0.80	-7.24	-6.85
6. Machinery, Optical & Precision Instruments	154.88	86.91	-0.02	1.31	2.31
7. Electronic Machinery	424.79	74.51	-0.13	1.65	1.91
8. Transportation Equipment & Parts	32.07	109.94	0.22	2.20	2.58
9. Miscellaneous Products	82.43	128.05	6.21	3.42	5.66
Basic Group (on U.S.D. Basis)					
General Index	1,000.00	103.45	0.59	-4.54	-2.31
1. Animal, Vegetable Products & Prepared Foods	9.95	174.15	-3.15	-4.71	15.30
2. Textiles & Textile Articles	53.37	131.02	-0.82	-5.91	-4.54
3. Wood, Paper, Pulp & Articles Thereof	7.52	125.98	-1.83	-5.27	-6.04
4. Chemicals, Plastics, Rubber & Articles Thereof	123.31	123.04	0.82	-10.95	-7.07
5. Primary Metals & Articles Thereof	111.70	110.05	-0.74	-10.35	-9.07
6. Machinery, Optical & Precision Instruments	154.88	94.39	0.05	-2.07	-0.15
7. Electronic Machinery	424.79	80.92	-0.06	-1.74	-0.51
8. Transportation Equipment & Parts	32.07	119.41	0.29	-1.22	0.13
9. Miscellaneous Products	82.43	139.08	6.28	-0.04	3.14

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