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Main Indicators

Prices index – April 2015

Consumer prices increased by 0.1% in April 2015; over March and year-on-year

Monthly change: +0.1%;
Year-on-year: +0.1%

In April 2015, French consumer prices rose slightly (+0.1% after +0.7% in March). Year-on-year, they also increased by 0.1% after having diminished for three months in a row (-0.1% in March, -0.3% in February and -0.4% in January).

The slight rise in consumer prices in April 2015 was due mainly to increases, partially seasonal, in prices of some services and manufactured products and to firmer petroleum product prices. Overall, food prices remained flat.

Slight increase in manufactured product prices

Prices of manufactured goods increased slightly in April 2015 (+0.1%) but remained on a downward trend year-on-year (-0.9%). For clothing and footwear, the introduction of new collections was accompanied by price increases as every year in April (+0.6%; -0.5% year-on-year as in March). Prices of many other products grew significantly, as audio-visual, photographic and information processing equipments (+0.6%; -5.1% year-on-year), jewellery, clocks and watches (+0.9%; +1.1% year-on-year), bedding (+1.8%; -0.1% year-on-year), furniture for bedroom (+0.5%; +1.4% year-on-year), plants and flowers (+2.0%; +5.5% year-on-year) as well as periodicals (+0.9%; +3.6% year-on-year). On the opposite, prices of new cars decreased (-0.7%; stable year-on-year) due to promotional offers. Finally, health product prices continued to decrease but at a more moderate pace than during the previous months (-0.1% in April; -2.9% year-on-year after -3.2% in March).

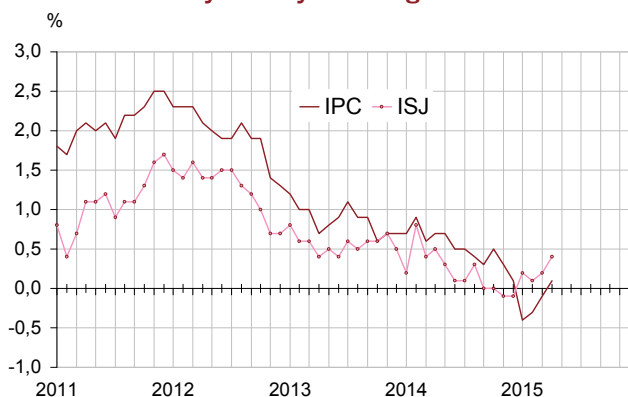
Detailed figures for various groups

base 100: year 1998

Items	Weight 2015	Index April 2015	Percentage change	
			m-on-m change	y-on-y change
a) All households - France				
All items (00 E)	10000	128.27	0.1	0.1
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Food (4000 E)	1662	132.37	0.0	0.3
Fresh food (4001 E)	211	146.28	0.0	6.2
Food excluding fresh products (4002 E)	1451	130.43	0.0	-0.6
Tobacco (4034 E)	199	259.28	0.0	0.3
MANUFACTURED PRODUCTS (4003 E)				
Clothing and footwear (4004 E)	437	111.22	0.6	-0.5
Medical products (4005 E)	427	76.54	-0.1	-2.9
Other manufactured products (4006 E)	1720	103.76	0.1	-0.6
ENERGY (4007 E)				
Petroleum products (4008 E)	418	185.14	0.3	-8.2
SERVICES (4009 E)				
Actual rentals and services for dwellings (4010 E)	767	143.57	0.1	0.9
Medical services (4011 E)	568	122.84	0.1	0.4
Transport and communication services (4012 E)	510	97.55	1.5	1.1
Other services (4013 E)	2895	148.15	-0.1	1.5
ALL ITEMS EXCLUDING RENTALS AND TOBACCO (5000 E)				
ALL ITEMS EXCLUDING TOBACCO (4018 E)	9192	125.67	0.1	0.0
b) Manual or clerical worker headed urban households - France				
ALL ITEMS EXCLUDING TOBACCO (4018 D)	9714	126.16	0.2	0.1
ALL ITEMS (00 D)	10000	128.97	0.1	0.1
c) Households that belong to the lowest equivalized disposable income quintile - France				
ALL ITEMS EXCLUDING TOBACCO (4018 Q)	9687	127.43	0.2	0.0

Source: INSEE - Consumer Price Indexes

Consumer price index (IPC) and Core inflation (ISJ) – year-on-year changes



Source : INSEE - Consumer Price Indexes

Detailed figures for Core inflation* and HICP**

Items	Weight 2015	Index April 2015	Percentage change	
			m-on-m change	y-on-y change
All items "Core inflation" (4022 S)	6042	122.95	0.1	0.4
Food excluding fresh products, meat, milk and exotic products (4019 S)	715	124.73	0.0	-0.6
Manufactured products (4020 S)	2103	104.3	-0.1	-0.7
Services including actual rentals and services for dwellings (4021 S)	3224	140.8	0.3	1.3
All items HICP (00 H)		116.03	0.1	0.1

* ISJ : Core inflation indicator excludes public sector prices, the most volatile consumer prices and the tax measures. Seasonally adjusted, this index is calculated for all households in France excluding overseas departments and territories (base 100 1998).

**HICP : Harmonised Indices of Consumer Prices are inflation figures designed for international comparison of consumer price inflation between Member states of the European Union. This index is calculated for all households in France (base 100 2005).

Source : INSEE - Consumer Price Indexes

Slight increase in service prices

In April 2015, service prices grew slightly (+0.1%; +1.2% year-on-year). As last year, airfares bounced back due to spring holidays (+8.0%; -1.7% year-on-year), as well as rentals for vacation (+1.6%; +1.2% year-on-year). On the other hand, also in a seasonal manner, prices of the other tourism-related services went down in April after their large increase in March, such as prices of accommodation

services (-6.6%; +1.6% year-on-year). Moreover, service charges for insurance rose significantly (+1.2%; +2.3% year-on-year) due to the end of special discounts on vehicle insurance and a sharp rise in complementary health insurances.

Energy prices rose again

In April 2015, energy prices increased again, but in a lesser manner than during the last months (+0.2 % after +1.0% in March and +2.1% in February). Year-on-year, they still decreased by 3.4%. They followed the rise of the petroleum product prices (+0.3% after +2.9%; -8.2% year-on-year), especially those of fuels (+0.5% in April, -7.2% year-on-year). Moreover, gas prices were also up slightly in April (+0.5%; -1.4% year-on-year) while electricity prices were stable (+4.3% year-on-year).

Food prices broadly unchanged


Food prices were flat in April 2015 (+0.3% year-on-year). Prices of fresh foodstuffs remained broadly unchanged in April (+6.2% year-on-year) : prices of fresh vegetables (+0.5%; +9.9% year-on-year) and those of fresh fish and seafood (+2.0%; +6.3% year-on-year) rose again while those of fresh fruits declined seasonally (-1.2%; +2.3% year-on-year). Overall, prices of the other food products (excluding unprocessed food) were also stable in April 2015 (-0.6% year-on-year) with, although, varying trends according to groups of products : prices of milk, cheeses, eggs, vegetable preparations and mineral waters declined again while those of wines continued to increase.

Core inflation indicator rose again slightly

In April 2015, the core inflation indicator (ISJ) grew by 0.1%, as in March. Year-on-year, it increased by 0.4% (after +0.2% in March). The harmonized Index of Consumer Prices (HICP) was up 0.1% in April over a month and year-on-year (after 0.0% year-on-year in March).

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