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Main Indicators

Prices index – provisional results March 2016

In March 2016, consumer prices decreased by 0.2% year-on-year

In March 2016, according to the provisional estimate made at the end of the month, the Consumer Price Index (CPI) is set to rise by 0.7% month-on-month, as in March 2015. This increase should result primarily from a seasonal price upturn in manufactured product after the end of winter sales. Furthermore, food prices, particularly for fresh foodstuffs, should accelerate. Energy prices are likely to increase after nine consecutive months of decline.

Year-on-year, consumer prices should edge down in March 2016 as in the previous month (-0.2%) due to the pronounced drop in energy prices during the last months and also, sharp to a lesser extent, to the decrease in prices of manufactured products. The rise in service prices is likely to remain moderate.

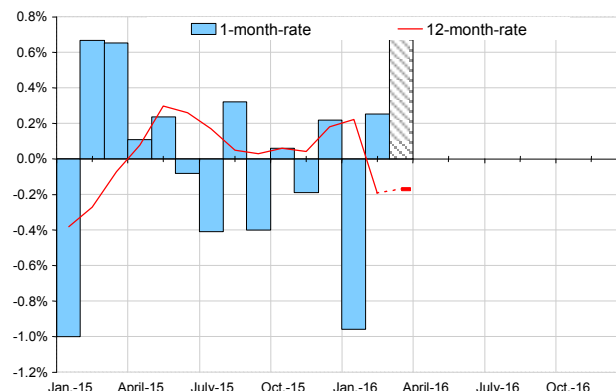
In March 2016, the Harmonised Index of Consumer Prices is set to grow by 0.8% compared with the previous month, owing to same trends as for the CPI. Year-on-year, it should decrease by 0.1%, as in the previous month.

Consumer price index

Year-on-year change %; 2015: 100

	Weight 2016	March 2015	Feb. 2016	March 2016 (p)
CPI - All items*	10000	-0.1	-0.2	-0.2
Food	1615	0.1	0.2	0.4
- Fresh food	217	5.1	0.4	1.2
- Other food products	1398	-0.6	0.2	0.3
Tobacco	195	0.3	0.3	0.0
Energy	773	-3.7	-6.8	-7.0
Manufactured products	2651	-1.0	-0.1	-0.2
Services	4766	1.1	0.8	0.8
HICP** - All items	10000	0.0	-0.1	-0.1

Variations of the consumer price index*



(p) provisional results
 *: Consumer Price Indexes
 **: Harmonised Index of Consumer Prices
 Geographical coverage: France excluding Mayotte
 Source: INSEE - Consumer Price Indexes

Warning: these provisional results are only preliminary data. Accordingly, they should not be used for contractual revaluations. The indices published here are based on a limited set of price observations and from estimates of some rates of change for fares which are not yet available. The complete results will be published on 13 April 2016.

Definition

The Harmonised Index of Consumer Prices (HICP) is designed for comparison of consumer price inflation between Members States of the European Union. It is computed for all households in France excluding Mayotte.

For more information:

- Historical data are available on the BDM database : [CPI](#), [HCPI](#)
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