

# Informations Rapides

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## Main indicators

### ■ Prices index – August 2016

**In August 2016, consumer prices increased by 0.3% over a month and by 0.2% year-on-year**

**Monthly change: +0.3%;**  
**Year-on-year: +0.2%**

In August 2016, the Consumer Prices Index (CPI) grew by 0.3% over a month, after a decrease of 0.4% in July. Seasonally adjusted, it fell by 0.1%, after a stability in July. Year-on-year, the CPI rose by 0.2%, as in the two previous months.

This month-on-month drop was largely seasonal: it arose mainly from the seasonal rebound in the manufactured product prices at the end of the summer sales in Metropolitan France and in some tourism-related services. In addition, food prices kept on rising slightly, especially due to fresh foodstuffs. These increases were partially offset by a further decline in petroleum product prices.

#### **Rebound after the summer sales for manufactured products**

Prices of manufactured products picked up after the end of 2016 summer sales. This rebound (+1.4%) was slightly less pronounced than last year (+1.6% in August 2015), after a decline also less significant in July (-2.9% versus -3.1% in July 2015). In particular, the rise in clothing and footwear prices was more limited in August 2016 (+8.7%) than in the previous year (+9.8%). Conversely, prices of other manufactured products increased slightly more this year (+0.4% versus +0.3% in August 2015). This trend was primarily due to a smaller decline in new car prices (-0.1%) compared to August 2015 (-1.9%), a period when some manufacturers had granted significant discounts. Lastly, the prices of health products continued to decrease (-0.2%; -2.7% year-on-year).

#### Detailed figures for various groups

2015: 100

Items	Weight 2016	Index Aug. 2016	Percentage change	
			m-on-m change	y-on-y change
<b>a) All households</b>				
<b>Overall</b>	<b>10000</b>	<b>100.58</b>	<b>0.3</b>	<b>0.2</b>
<b>Overall SA*</b>	<b>10000</b>	<b>100.26</b>	<b>-0.1</b>	<b>0.2</b>
<b>Food</b>	1615	101.04	0.2	1.5
Fresh food	217	106.39	0.5	10.8
Other food	1398	100.20	0.1	0.1
<b>Tobacco</b>	195	100.17	0.0	0.1
<b>Manufactured products</b>	2651	98.72	1.4	-0.5
Clothing and footwear	414	96.50	8.7	-0.3
Medical products	466	96.59	-0.2	-2.7
Other manufactured products	1771	99.65	0.4	-0.1
<b>Energy</b>	773	96.50	-1.6	-3.0
Petroleum products	419	93.77	-3.2	-5.0
<b>Services</b>	4766	102.17	0.1	0.7
Actual rentals and services for dwellings	768	100.64	0.0	0.9
Medical services	598	99.85	-0.7	0.3
Transport	279	103.99	-0.9	-2.5
Communication	245	102.53	0.0	2.5
Other services	2876	102.86	0.4	1.0
<b>Total except rents and tobacco</b>	9183	100.61	0.4	0.2
<b>Total except tobacco</b>	9805	100.59	0.3	0.2
<b>b) Urban working-class households or households of employees</b>				
<b>All products excluding tobacco</b>	<b>9704</b>	<b>100.38</b>	<b>0.3</b>	<b>0.0</b>
<b>c) Households that belong to the lowest equivalized disposable income quintile - France</b>				
<b>All products excluding tobacco</b>	<b>9696</b>	<b>100.23</b>	<b>0.3</b>	<b>-0.2</b>

\*: seasonally adjusted

Geographical coverage: France excluding Mayotte

Source: INSEE - Consumer Price Indices

### Slight seasonal rise in service prices

As every year, service prices grew slightly in August (+0.1%); year-on-year, they increased by 0.7%, their smallest rise since summer 2010. This month-on-month rise resulted chiefly from tourism-related services, as accommodation services (+5.0%; -0.1% year-on-year) and package holidays (+8.6%; +3.6% year-on-year). In contrast, airfares fell back in August 2016 (-4.8%; -5.8% year-on-year), after a surge in the previous month (+21.7%; -2.7% year-on-year). Moreover, the prices of communication services were stable in August (+2.5% year-on-year).

### Slight rise in food prices

In August 2016, food prices edged up again (+0.2%; +1.5% year-on-year). Fresh food became more expensive (+0.5%; +10.8% year-on-year). Excluding fresh products, food prices went slightly up (+0.1%), after eight months of stability, as a result of higher meat prices (+0.2%; +0.3% year-on-year). Year-on-year, they barely increased: +0.1%, as in the two previous months.

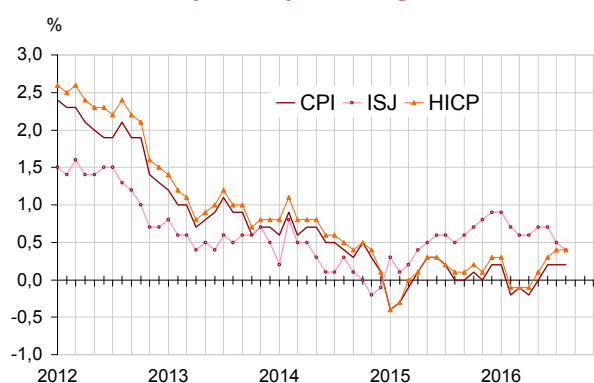
### Further decline in energy prices

Energy prices shrank for the second month in a row (-1.6% in August; -3.0% year-on-year), mostly as a result of falling petroleum product prices (-3.2%; -5.0% year-on-year). Furthermore, electricity fares edged down over the month (-0.3%; +1.8% year-on-year). Conversely, town gas and natural gas prices, indexed to the changes in oil prices with a time lag, rose significantly in August (+1.9%; -7.7% year-on-year)

### Further decline in core inflation

In August 2016, the core inflation indicator (ISJ) was stable after a decrease by 0.1% in July. Year-on-year, it increased by 0.4%, at a slightly slower pace than in the previous month (+0.5%), reaching its lowest level since April 2015. The Harmonised Index of Consumer Prices (HICP) recovered by 0.3% over one month, as the CPI; year-on-year, it went up by 0.4%, as in the previous month.

### Consumer price index (CPI), core inflation (ISJ)\* and Harmonised Indices of Consumer Prices (HICP)\*\* year-on-year changes



### Detailed figures for Core inflation\* and HICP\*\*

2015: 100

Items	Weight 2016	Index Aug. 2016	Percentage change	
			m-on-m change	y-on-y change
<b>Core inflation - All items</b>	6075	100.63	0.0	0.4
Food excluding fresh products, meat, milk and exotic products	735	100.09	0.1	0.1
Manufactured products	2136	99.78	-0.2	-0.2
Services including actual rentals and services for dwellings	3204	101.25	0.0	0.9
<b>HICP - All items</b>		100.74	0.3	0.4

\* 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. (in French "indice d'inflation sous-jacent - ISJ)

\*\*HICP: Harmonised Indices of Consumer Prices are inflation figures designed for international comparison between Member states of the European Union. This index is calculated for all households in France excluding Mayotte.

Source: INSEE - Consumer Price Indices

### Revisions

Compared to the provisional estimates published on 31 August, the monthly and annual rates of change in the CPI and HICP are unchanged.

### For more information:

- A note on the impact of the new calcul of the price index for fresh foodstuffs is available at : [http://www.insee.fr/en/indicateurs/ind29/20160914/IPC\\_fiche-impact-PF\\_EN.pdf](http://www.insee.fr/en/indicateurs/ind29/20160914/IPC_fiche-impact-PF_EN.pdf)
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