

# Informations Rapides

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## ■ Price index in large and predominantly food stores – March 2018

### In March 2018, the prices of frequently purchased goods rose by 0.1 % in hyper and supermarkets

In March 2018, the prices of frequently purchased goods in hyper and supermarkets and in large and predominantly food stores slightly increased over a month at the same pace as in the previous month (+0.1%).

Excluding hyper and supermarkets, the prices of frequently purchased goods increased by 0.2%, as in February.

Considering all the kinds of stores, the prices of frequently purchased goods increased a little in March (+0.1%), as in February.

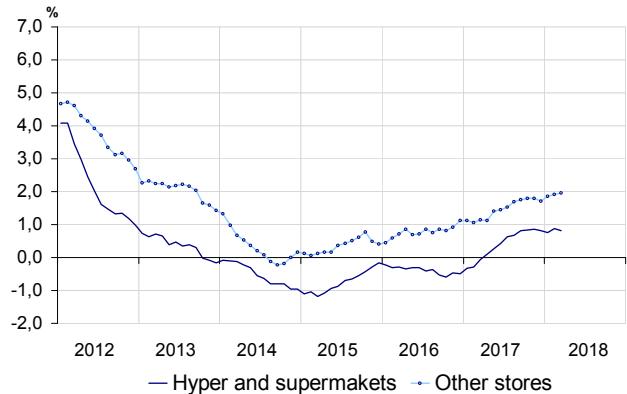
#### Year on year, slight slowdown in prices in hyper and supermarkets

Compared with the same month last year, the prices of frequently purchased goods sold in hyper and supermarkets rose a little slower in March than in February (+0.8% year on year after +0.9%). On the other hand, prices in large and predominantly food stores grew by +0.9% year on year as in February.

In the other kinds of stores, the prices of frequently purchased goods continued to rise more sharply than in large distributors: in March they accelerated to 2.0% year on year after 1.9% in the two previous months. It has been the largest increase since September 2013.

Considering all types of stores, the prices of frequently purchased goods rose at the same pace as in February (+1.0%).

Prices of frequently purchased goods  
year-on-year change %



Geographical coverage: metropolitan France  
Source: INSEE - Consumer Price Indices

Prices of frequently purchased goods

2015: 100

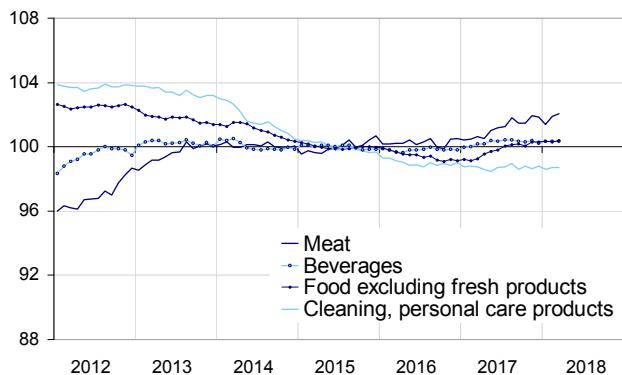
	Index March 2018	Changes (%) compared to	
		last month (m-o-m) <sup>(1)</sup>	12 months before (y-o-y) <sup>(2)</sup>
Hyper and supermarkets (A)	100.46	0.1	0.8
Large and predominantly food stores (A + neighborhood stores)	100.53	0.1	0.9
Other stores	103.61	0.2	2.0
All stores	101.04	0.1	1.0

(1) [m/(m-1)]

(2) [m/(m-12)]

Geographical coverage: metropolitan France  
Source: INSEE - Consumer Price Indices

## Frequently purchased goods price indices by main items



Geographical coverage: metropolitan France

Source: INSEE - Consumer Price Indices

## Prices of frequently purchased goods detailed by main items

	Index March 2018	Changes (%) compared to	
		last month (m-o-m) <sup>(1)</sup>	12 months before (y-o-y) <sup>(2)</sup>
Food and beverages (excluding fresh foodstuffs)	100.81	0.1	1.0
- Meat	102.05	0.1	1.4
- Beverages	100.36	0.0	0.2
- Other food products	100.39	0.1	1.1
Clearing and personal care products	98.70	0.0	-0.1
<b>Total</b> <b>Hyper and supermarkets</b>	<b>100.46</b>	<b>0.1</b>	<b>0.8</b>

(1) [m/(m-1)]

(2) [m/(m-12)]

Geographical coverage: metropolitan France

Source: INSEE - Consumer Price Indices

## New slight rise in food prices in hyper and supermarkets

In March 2018, the prices of food (excluding fresh products) sold in hyper and supermarkets increased by 0.1% as in February. Year on year, they slowed down: +1.0% after +1.1%.

This rise in prices over a month resulted from a slight rise in meat prices and other food products prices, while the prices of beverages were stable.

Meat prices decelerated in March after a marked rebound in the previous month (+0.1% after +0.5%). Year on year, they were slightly less dynamic as in the previous month: +1.4% after +1.5% in February.

The prices of beverages sold in hyper and supermarkets were stable in March again. Year on year, they slowed down (+0.2% after +0.4% in the previous month).

The prices of other food products (excluding fresh food) slightly increased in March (+0.1%) after three months of stability. Year on year, their increase was a little more pronounced than in February (+1.1% after +1.2%).

## Stability in the prices of cleaning and personal care products in hyper and supermarkets

In March, the prices of cleaning and personal care products sold in hyper and supermarkets were stable after a rise of 0.1% in February. Year on year, the prices of these products decreased at the same pace as in the previous month: -0.1%.

### For more information

- A methodological note is available on the web page of this indicator: <https://www.insee.fr/en/statistiques/2865093#documentation>
- Historical data are available on the BDM database: <https://www.insee.fr/en/statistiques/series/103157776>
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