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

### In October 2018, the prices of frequently purchased goods were stable in hyper and supermarkets

In October 2018, the prices of frequently purchased goods in hyper and supermarkets and in large and predominantly food stores were stable after a 0.1% downturn in September.

Excluding hyper and supermarkets, prices slightly rose by 0.2% in October after a stability in September following nineteen months of weak increase.

Considering all kinds of stores, the prices of frequently purchased goods slightly recovered (+0.1%) after a 0.1% decrease in the previous month.

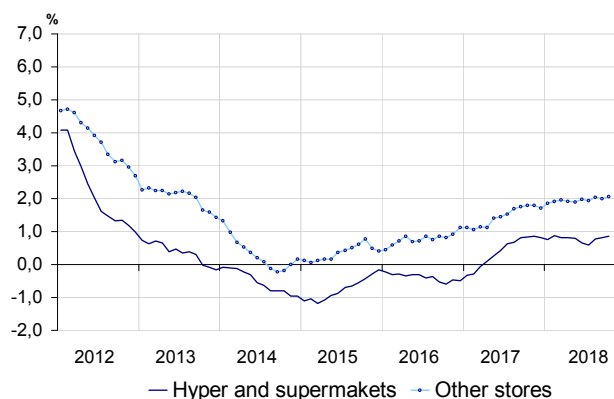
#### **Year on year, the prices in hyper and supermarkets rose by 0.8%, as in September and August**

Compared with the same month last year, the prices of frequently purchased goods sold in hyper and supermarkets grew by 0.8% in October for the third consecutive month. The same is true in large and predominantly food stores (+0.8% year on year).

In the other kinds of stores, the prices of frequently purchased goods continued to rise more sharply than in large distributors: in October they slightly accelerated to 2.1% year on year, after +2.0% in the two previous months. It has been the largest increase since August 2013.

Considering all types of stores, the prices of frequently purchased goods increased by 1.1% year on year, as in September and August.

**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 October 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)	101.05	0.0	0.8
Large and predominantly food stores (A + neighborhood stores)	101.10	0.0	0.8
Other stores	105.01	0.2	2.1
All stores	101.79	0.1	1.1

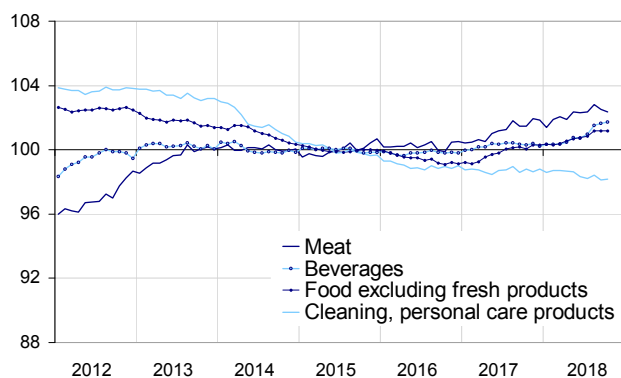
(1) [m/(m-1)]

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

Geographical coverage: metropolitan France Indices

Source: INSEE - Consumer Price Indices

### Frequently purchased goods price indexes by main items



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

### Prices of frequently purchased goods detailed by main items

2015: 100

	Index October 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)	101.62	0.0	1.1
- Meat	102.33	-0.2	0.8
- Beverages	101.74	0.1	1.4
- Other food products	101.20	0.0	1.1
Cleaning and personal care products	98.18	0.1	-0.6
<b>Total Hyper and supermarkets</b>	<b>101.05</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.8</b>

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

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

Geographical coverage: metropolitan France

Source: INSEE - Consumer Price Indices

### Stability in food prices in hyper and supermarkets

In October 2018, the prices of food (excluding fresh products) sold in hyper and supermarkets were stable over a month, as in September. Year on year, they rose at the same pace as in the previous month (+1.1%).

The stability over a month resulted from a decrease in meat prices offset by a slight increase in beverages prices whereas those of other food products were stable.

After a marked downturn in September (-0.3%), meat prices fell a little less markedly than in the previous month (-0.2%). Year on year, they slowed down: +0.8% after +1.1%.

In October, the prices of beverages sold in hyper and supermarkets increased at the same pace as in the previous month (+0.1%). Year on year, they accelerated again: +1.4% after +1.3% in September and +1.1% in August.

The prices of other food products (excluding fresh food) were stable for the second consecutive month. Year on year, they rose by 1.1% after +1.0% in September.

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

In October, the prices of cleaning and personal care products sold in hyper and supermarkets recovered (+0.1% after -0.3% in September). Year on year, the drop in the prices of these products was accentuated slightly: -0.6%, after -0.5% in the previous month.

#### 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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