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Consumer Prices for December 2019

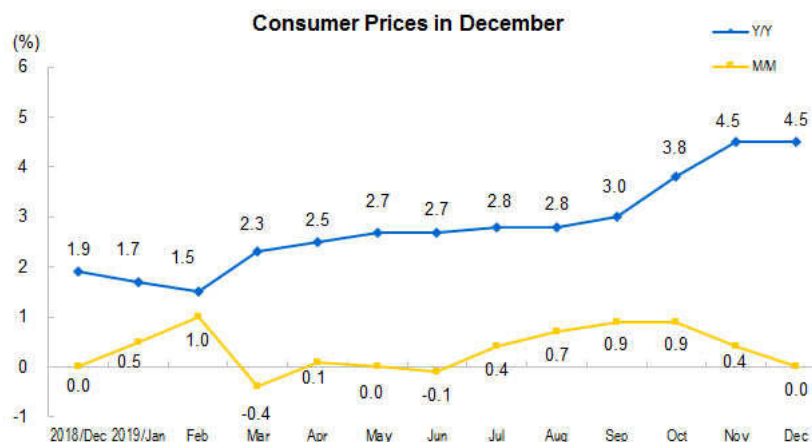
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In December 2019, the Consumer Price Index (CPI) went up by 4.5 percent year-on-year, with an increase of 4.2 percent in urban and 5.3 percent in rural. The food prices went up by 17.4 percent, and the non-food prices increased by 1.3 percent. The prices of consumer goods went up by 6.4 percent, and that of services grew by 1.2 percent.

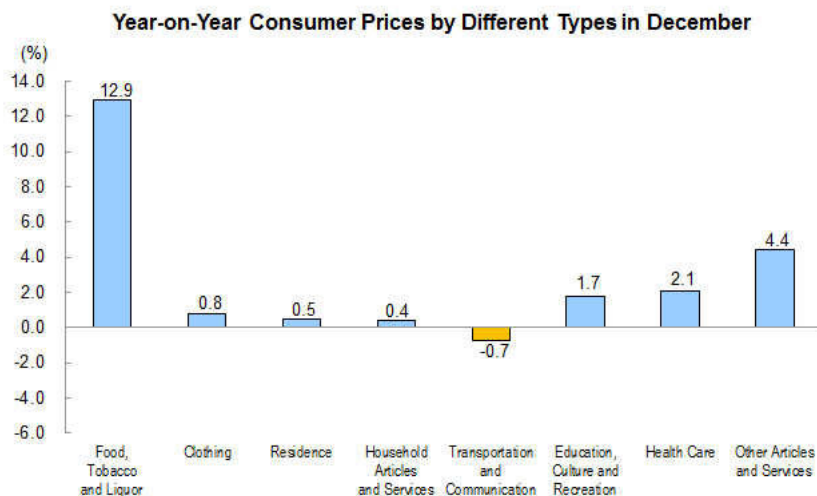
In December, national consumer prices were flat month-on-month. Among them, the prices in urban were flat and rural prices were down by 0.1 percent; the prices of foodstuff decreased by 0.4 percent, while that of non-foodstuff increased by 0.1 percent; and that of consumer goods and services were both flat.



I. Year-on-Year Changes of Prices of Different Categories

In December, prices of food, tobacco and liquor went up by 12.9 percent year-on-year, affecting nearly 3.82 percentage points increase in the CPI. Of which, livestock meat price up by 66.4 percent, affecting nearly 2.94 percentage points increase in the CPI (price of pork was up by 97.0 percent, affecting nearly 2.34 percentage points increase in the CPI); Fresh vegetable prices jumped by 10.8 percent, affecting the CPI up by 0.26 percentage point; The price of eggs rose by 6.2 percent, affecting the CPI up by about 0.04 percentage point; The price of aquatic products jumped by 1.3 percent, affecting nearly 0.02 percentage point increase in the CPI; Grain prices rose by 0.6 percent, affecting CPI up by about 0.01 percentage point; Fresh fruit prices decreased by 8.0 percent, affecting nearly 0.15 percentage point decrease in the CPI.

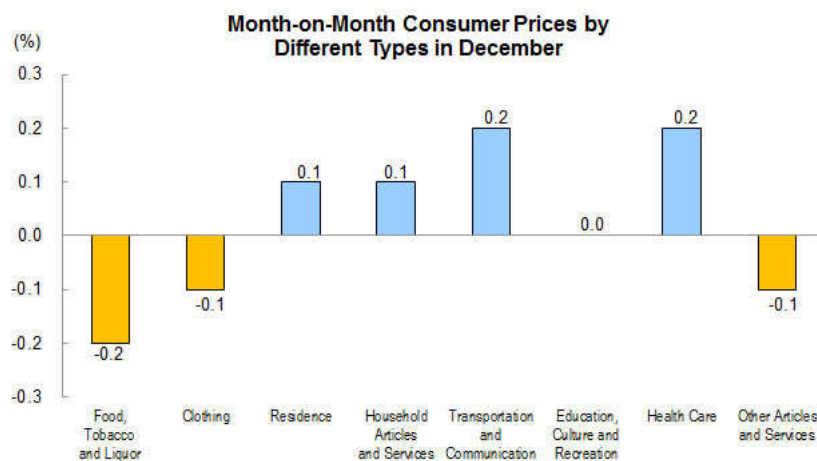
Prices in the other seven categories were up six and one down year on year. In which, the prices of other goods and services, health care, education, culture and entertainment rose by 4.4, 2.1 and 1.8 percent respectively, and the prices of clothing, housing and daily goods and services rose by 0.8, 0.5 and 0.4 percent respectively, while that of transportation and communications dropped by 0.7 percent.



II. Month-on-Month Changes of Prices of Different Categories

In December, food, tobacco and alcohol prices went down by 0.2 percent month-on-month, affecting CPI decrease by 0.05 percentage point. In which, egg prices dropped by 4.7 percent, affecting CPI down by 0.03 percentage point; livestock meat fell 3.8 percent, affecting nearly 0.28 percentage point decrease in the CPI (price of pork was down by 5.6 percent, affecting nearly 0.27 percentage points decrease in the CPI); Fresh vegetable and fruits prices went up by 10.6 and 0.6 percent, affecting CPI increase by 0.25 and 0.01 percentage point.

Other 7 kinds of price went up 4 down 2 and 1 unchanged. In which, prices for transportation and communications, and health care both rose by 0.2 percent; that of housing, household goods and services increased by 0.1 percent; and that of education, culture and entertainment unchanged, while that of clothing, other goods and services fell 0.1 percent.



Consumer Prices in December

Items	December		Average on Jan-Dec
	M/M (%)	Y/Y (%)	Y/Y (%)
Consumer Prices	0.0	4.5	2.9
Of which: Urban	0.0	4.2	2.8
Rural	-0.1	5.3	3.2
Of which: Food	-0.4	17.4	9.2
Non food	0.1	1.3	1.4
Of which: Consumer Goods	0.0	6.4	3.6
Services	0.0	1.2	1.7
Of which: Excluding Food and Energy	0.0	1.4	1.6
Of which: Excluding Fresh Vegetables and Fresh Fruits	-0.3	4.5	2.7
By Commodity Categories			
I. Food, Tobacco and Liquor	-0.2	12.9	7.0
Grain	0.0	0.6	0.5
Cooking Oil	0.1	4.8	1.3
Fresh Vegetables	10.6	10.8	4.1
Meat	-3.8	66.4	29.1
Of which: Pork	-5.6	97.0	42.5
Beef	0.1	20.4	12.1

Mutton	0.2	11.5	11.9
Aquatic Products	0.1	1.3	0.3
Eggs	-4.7	6.2	5.1
Dairy products	0.4	0.8	1.6
Fresh Fruits	0.6	-8.0	12.3
Tobacco	0.1	0.8	0.5
Liquor	0.1	2.7	2.1
II. Clothing	-0.1	0.8	1.6
Clothing	-0.2	0.9	1.8
Clothing Processing Service	0.3	3.7	4.1
Shoes	-0.1	0.2	0.9
III. Residence	0.1	0.5	1.4
House Renting	-0.1	0.8	1.8
Water, Electricity, and Fuel	0.6	0.1	0.6
IV. Household Articles and Services	0.1	0.4	0.9
Household Appliances	0.1	-1.4	-0.6
Household Services	0.5	4.1	4.8
V. Transportation and Communication	0.2	-0.7	-1.7
Transportation Facilities	-0.3	-1.7	-1.5
Fuels for Vehicles	1.4	0.6	-6.0
Vehicle Use and Maintenance	0.3	2.1	2.3
Communication Facilities	-0.1	-4.5	-2.0
Communication Services	0.0	-0.7	-1.0
Postal Services	0.0	-0.6	-0.2
VI. Education, Culture and Recreation	0.0	1.8	2.2
Education Services	0.0	2.8	3.1
Tourism	0.3	1.2	1.8
VII. Health Care	0.2	2.1	2.4
Traditional Chinese Medicines	0.1	3.1	4.7
Western Medicines	0.1	3.2	4.3
Health Care Services	0.3	1.8	1.6
VIII. Other Articles and Services	-0.1	4.4	3.4

Annotations:**1. Explanatory Notes**

Consumer Price Index (CPI) is an index measuring changes over time in the price level of consumer goods and services purchased by residents, which comprehensively reflects the changes of price level.

2. Statistical Coverage

Consumer Price Index (CPI) covers the prices of goods and services of 8 categories and 262 basic dishvisions which cover the living consumption of urban and rural residents, including food, tobacco and liquor; clothing; residence; household articles and services; transportation and communication; education, culture and recreation; health care; other articles and services.

3. Survey Methods

The prices collection units are selected and determined by sample survey methods, and the original data of consumer prices are collected by specific person in fixed place at fixed time. Data are collected from 88,000 prices collection units in 500 cities and counties of the 31 provinces (autonomous regions and municipalities), which cover shopping malls, supermarkets, open fairs, service outlets and Internet E-commerce suppliers.

4. Data Description

Due to "rounding-off", sometimes the aggregate data is the same as the high or low value of the classified data.