

Democratic Republic of Congo

A: Identification

Title of the CPI: Consumer Price Index

Organisation responsible: The National Institute of Statistics (INS)

Periodicity: Monthly

Index reference period: August 1998 = 100

Weights reference period: 1995 Household Budget and Consumption Survey for Kinshasa.

Main uses of CPI: Indexation of wages, pensions and/or social security payment, indexation of rents, contracts and/or other payments and main inflation indicator used for monetary policy.

B: CPI Coverage

Geographical Coverage

Weights: Nation-wide

Price collection: Nation-wide

Population coverage: Resident households of nationals.

C: Concepts, definitions, classifications and weights

Sources of weights: Household expenditure surveys.

Frequency of weight updates: Above 5 years

D: Sample design

E: Data Collection

Methods of Price Collection

- Personal data collection

Treatment of seasonal items and seasonality

Treatment of housing

F: Computation

Formula to aggregate elementary indices to higher level indices: The index is a Laspeyre's index.

G: Editing and validation procedures

H: Documentation and dissemination

Timeliness of dissemination of the CPI data: The data are released 3 days after the end of the reference month.

Level of detailed CPI published

Paper publication: All items CPI, Division-level (12 Divisions)

Online: All items CPI, Division-level (12 Divisions)

Documentation

Publications and websites where indices can be found: Weekly: Evolution des prix des produits de grande consommation (Price Changes of Mass Consumption Goods), INS (in French); Monthly: Indices des prix à la consommation des ménages (Household Consumer Price Indices), INS (in French)

Publications and websites where methodological information can be found: A detailed presentation of the methodology is furnished in the following documents: "Méthodologie générale de l'indice des prix" (Price Index General Methodology), "Pour comprendre l'indice des prix au Congo" (Understanding Price Indices in the Congo), and "Mettre en place un indice des prix au Congo" (Introducing a Price Index in the Congo). These documents are not published but can be consulted by the public at the INS, by contacting the Director of General Statistics at the INS.

I: Other Information

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