

Kuwait

A: Identification

Title of the CPI: Consumer Price Index

Organisation responsible: Ministry of Planning (Central Statistical Office)

Periodicity: Monthly

Index reference period: 2007 = 100

Weights reference period: 2007 Household Income and Expenditure Survey.

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

Classification: COICOP (Classification of individual consumption by purpose)

Sources of weights: Household expenditure surveys.

Frequency of weight updates: Above 5 years

Price updating of weight reference period to the index reference period: No, not needed.

D: Sample design

E: Data Collection

Approximate number of localities, outlets and price observations: Outlets: 455

Frequency with which prices are collected: Data for most items are collected monthly, except for services, which are collected every 3 months, and rents, which are collected annually. The annual rent data are interpolated into the monthly data at a constant rate of increase.

Methods of Price Collection

- Personal data collection
- Official tariffs

Treatment of seasonal items and seasonality

Treatment of housing

F: Computation

G: Editing and validation procedures

H: Documentation and dissemination

Timeliness of dissemination of the CPI data: The consumer price index is disseminated in the "Consumer Price Index Numbers" about 1 month following the end of the reference period.

Level of detailed CPI published

Paper publication: All items CPI, Division-level (12 Divisions), Group-level app. 40 groups

Online: All items CPI, Division-level (12 Divisions), Group-level app. 40 groups

Documentation

Publications and websites where indices can be found: There is a monthly news release about CPI; CSB publishes a monthly bulletin of "Consumer Price Index Numbers", in Arabic and English; CSB "Annual Consumer Price Index", is also available in Arabic and English; Internet website: <http://cso.gov.kw>

Publications and websites where methodological information can be found: Brief methodology in Arabic can be found at <http://cso.gov.kw>

I: Other Information

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