

Notes on the Statistical Tables

1. The results of survey on price differences between regions

(1) Regional Difference Index of Consumer Prices and Annual Average Prices by Item for Calculating Regional Difference Index of Consumer Prices (Arithmetic Mean and Harmonic Mean).

The Regional Difference Index of Consumer Prices and Annual Average Prices by Item for Calculating Regional Difference Index of Consumer Prices (Arithmetic Mean and Harmonic Mean) are calculated using the results of the “Trend survey” in addition to the results of the “Structural survey” (For details, refer to “Calculation of the Regional Difference Index of Consumer Prices”).

Index values are rounded off to one decimal place.

Only the following three grouping indices are published for the area classification “Capital cities and ordinance-designated cities”: “All items, less imputed rent,” “All items, less rent,” and “Food.”

Annual Average Prices by Item for Calculating Regional Difference Index of Consumer Prices (Arithmetic Mean and Harmonic Mean) are calculated by adjusting the specifications and the units to the conditions as of January in the survey year. Thus, the information described in column headers is as of January of the survey year. ※

※ The information described in column headers of the statistical tables from 2013 to 2015 is as of December of the survey year.

(2) Annual Average Prices by 88 cities which are covered by the survey

The survey on price differences between regions is conducted in each odd month. Annual Average Prices by 88 cities which are covered by the survey are simple arithmetic mean values of odd-monthly average prices. Each odd-monthly average price is the simple arithmetic mean value of the prices collected.

Annual average price of an item of which the specification was changed in the middle of the year was computed by using only odd-monthly average prices after the change of the specification; on the other hand, the prices before the change were not used for computation. Thus, the information described in column headers is the information after the last update (as of December) in the survey year.

Prices include consumption tax. Average prices are rounded to 1 yen.

In tables, the mark “—” is used if the number of months when the price by survey month was not calculated because the products to be surveyed were not available for any of its specifications exceeded half of the number of months for calculating the annual average price.

2. The results of survey on prices by store type

The results are calculated using the results of the “Trend survey” in addition to the results of the “Structural survey.” And prices in the Ku-area of Tokyo are from the results of the “Trend

survey” because the areas of survey on prices by store type do not include the Ku-area of Tokyo.

The survey on prices by store type is conducted in each even month. Even-monthly average prices by city are simple arithmetic mean values of prices collected.

And even-monthly average prices in all cities with a prefectural government are simple arithmetic mean values of even-monthly average prices in each city with a prefectural government.

Annual average prices by area are simple arithmetic mean values of even-monthly average prices.

Annual average price of an item of which the specification was changed in the middle of the year was computed by using only the even-monthly prices after the change of the specification; on the other hand, the prices before the change were not used for computation. Thus, the information other than the column headers is the information after the last update (as of December) in the survey year.

Prices include consumption tax. Average prices are rounded to 1 yen.

As for cells of even-monthly average price, the mark “—” indicates that the average price was not calculated because the product to be surveyed was not available for any of its specifications. As for cells of annual average price, the mark indicates that the number of months when the price by survey month was not calculated exceeded half of the number of months for calculating the annual average price.

3. The results of survey on prices by specification

This survey is conducted in each even month. Even-monthly average prices are simple arithmetic mean values of prices collected.

And annual average prices are simple arithmetic mean values of even-monthly average prices.

Annual average price of an item of which the specification was changed in the middle of the year was computed by using only the even-monthly prices after the change of the specification; on the other hand, the prices before the change were not used for computation. Thus, the information described in row stubs is the information after the last update (as of December) in the survey year.

Prices include consumption tax. Average prices are rounded to 1 yen.

As for cells of even-monthly average price, the mark “—” indicates that the average price was not calculated because the product to be surveyed was not available for any of its specifications. As for cells of annual average price, the mark indicates that the number of months when the price by survey month was not calculated exceeded half of the number of months for calculating the annual average price.

4. The names of items described in Statistical Tables 2-1, 2-2, and 3

Some of the names of items described in Statistical Tables 2-1, 2-2, and 3 differ from the names of items based on the 2015 CPI.

5. The treatment of the month in which the specification and/or the unit are revised

The treatment of the month in which the specification and/or the unit are revised is as follows. The information for the month of revisions is described at the bottom of each Statistical Table.

In Table 2-1 and 2-2, the month with one or more revisions is described as the month of revision.

- * These tables are aggregated from the results for all months of the Trend survey as well as the results of the survey on price differences between regions of the Structural survey.

In Table 3, the first month (odd month) after the month with one or more revisions is described as the month of revision.

- * This table is aggregated from the results of the survey on price differences between regions of the Structural survey.

In Table “Monthly Prices and Annual Average Prices by Item - Cities with Prefectural Government,” the first month (even month) after the month with one or more revisions is described as the month of revision.

- * This table is aggregated from the results for all even months of the Trend survey as well as the results of the survey on prices by store type of the Structural survey.

In Table “Monthly Prices and Annual Average Prices by Item - Ku-area of Tokyo,” the month (even month) with one or more revisions is described as the month of revision.

- * This table is aggregated from the results of the survey on prices by specification of the Structural survey. The specification adopted in this survey and/or the unit are revised in an even month.