

Notes on the Statistical Tables

1. The Regional Difference Index of Consumer Prices

The Regional Difference Index of Consumer Prices (RDI) is an index that indicates the regional differences of the price level based on the average prices of Japan of goods and services purchased by households nationwide. The indices in each region (10 districts, prefectures, and capital cities and ordinance-designated cities) will be published in the year following the survey year.

RDI are calculated using the results of the Retail Price Survey (“Trend survey” and “Structural survey”). For details, refer to “Calculation method of the Regional Difference Index of Consumer Prices”.

Index values are rounded off to one decimal place.

“All items” and “Housing” are not included “Imputed rent.” And, “All items, less rent” is not included “House rent, private”, “House rent, public, Urban Renaissance Agency & public corporation” and “Imputed rent.”

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

2. The treatment of revision of specification

If the specification is changed in the middle of the year, it is necessary to adjust the price differences (quality differences) between new and old specifications caused by the revision of specification, for the calculation of the annual average price. The adjustment is done by multiplying the link coefficient, which is created by month, to pertinent price data.

See “Comparative List of The Specification Revisions” for details on the latest specification revisions: