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Summary Results of the Wholesale Price Index in Iran























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increase 

no change 

decrease 

<u>Groups</u>	<u>Percent change compared to</u>			
	<u>previous month</u>		<u>similar month of the previous year</u>	
General Index	2.2		17.2	
Major Groups:				
1- Food	2.5		17.1	
2- Beverages and Tobacco	2.6		8.8	
3- Crude Materials, Inedible, except Fuels	1.3		18.7	
4- Mineral Fuels and Related Materials	8.0		22.6	
5- Chemical and Petrochemical Products	2.0		18.3	
6- Manufactured Goods Classified Chiefly by Materials	1.8		19.1	
7- Machinery and Transport Equipment	1.3		11.4	
8- Miscellaneous Manufactured Articles	0.0		14.5	
Special Groups:				
1- Farm, Livestock and Fishing Products	2.9		17.4	
2- Building Materials	4.1		23.7	

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The Wholesale Price Index (**WPI**) went up 2.2 percent in Esfand 1386. Showing the index point of 373.7, the **WPI** was 17.2 percent higher than the similar month in 1385.

On average, the Wholesale Price Index in 1386 increased 14.9 percent compared to previous year.

In Esfand, the food group index went up 2.5 percent, which was mainly attributed to the rise in the indices of “red meat”, “chicken”, “Iranian river fish”, “Persian Gulf fish”, “unprocessed milk”, “rice (home produce)”, “fresh fruits”, “leaf vegetables”, “exported pistachio”, “date (domestic use)” and “tomato puree (domestic use)”. In this group, the price of “Caspian Sea fish” and “egg” declined.

The beverages and tobacco group index increased 2.6 percent.

The crude materials, inedible, except fuels group index fell 1.3 percent.

The mineral fuels and related materials group index moved up 8.0 percent. This advance was mainly due to the rise in the index of “tar (domestic use)”.

The increase in the indices of “P.V.C (domestic use)”, “exported benzene”, “exported propane”, “exported butane”, “exported ammonia”, “liquid scouring” and “plastic in primary forms and synthetic rubbers” principally caused 2.0 percent advance in the group index of chemical and petrochemical products. In this group, the price of “methanol” moved down.

The 1.8 percent advance in the manufactured goods classified chiefly by materials group index was mainly attributed to the rise in the indices of “paper and cardboard”, “hand-woven carpet and rug”, “earthen brick”, “iron sheets”, “iron rod (home produce)”, “copper wire”, “exported copper”, “aluminum ingot” and “pure aluminum”.

The increase in the indices of “electric motors”, “copper cable”, “exported wire and cable” and “vans” mostly caused 1.3 percent advance in the group index of machinery and transport equipment.

The miscellaneous manufactured articles group index had no change.

In the special groups, the farm, livestock and fishing products group index and the building materials group index went up 2.9 percent and 4.1 percent, respectively.

Wholesale Price Index in Iran (1376=100)

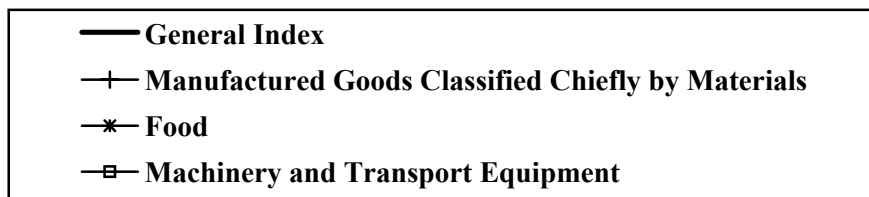
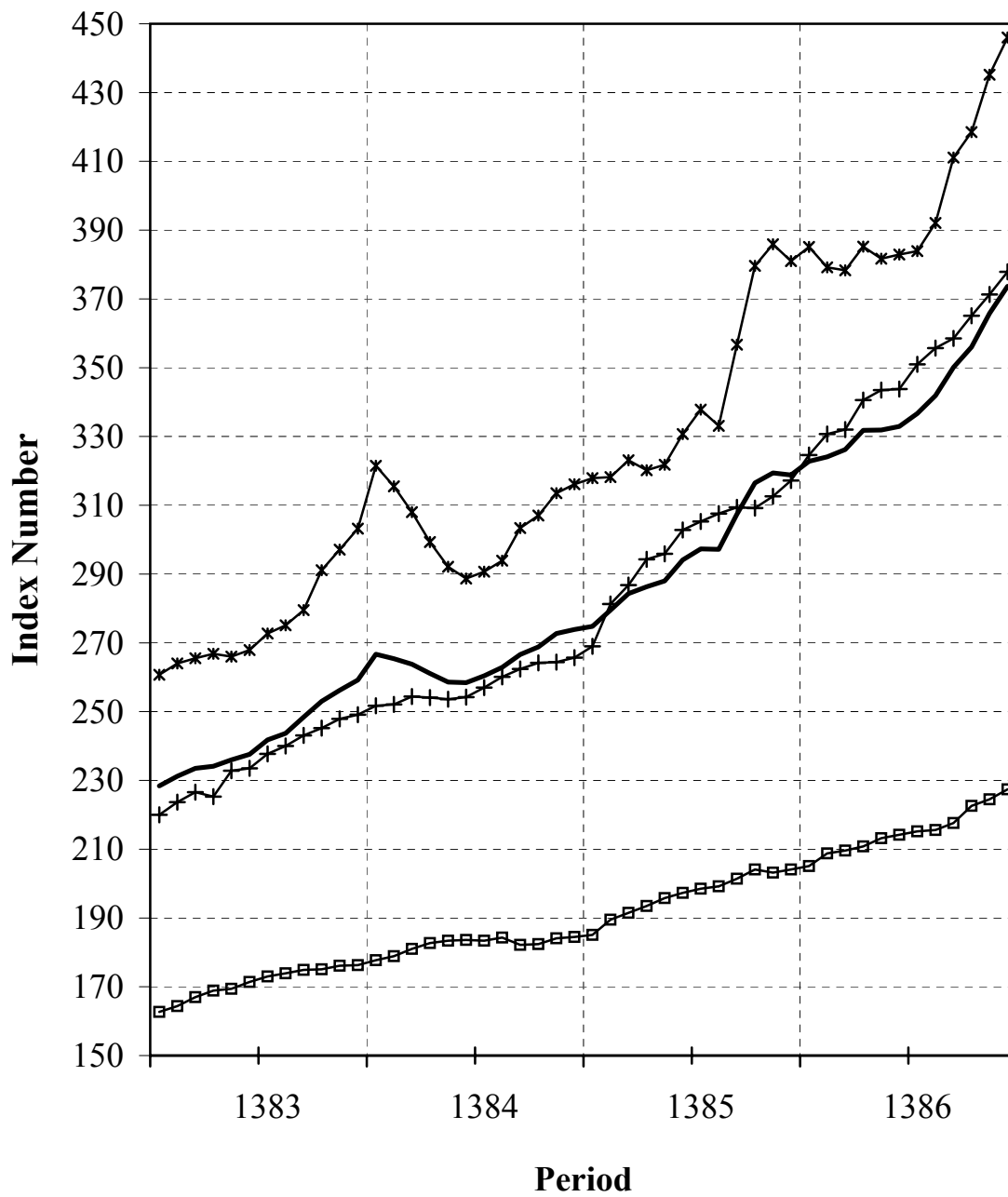


Table 1
Wholesale Price Index in Iran
Index Numbers and Their Percent Changes
Esfand 1386
(1376 = 100)

Description	Base Year Weight	Index Number in Esfand 1386	Percent Change			
			Esfand 1386 compared to:		Esfand 1385 compared to:	
			previous month	similar month of the previous year	previous month	similar month of the previous year
General Index	100.00	373.7	2.2	17.2	-0.2	16.4
Major Groups and Selected Sub Groups:						
1- Food	35.40	446.0	2.5	17.1	-1.3	20.5
Meat, poultry, fish and their products	7.02	507.0	5.0	21.3	4.7	16.6
Dairy products and eggs	4.97	356.6	1.2	20.2	-0.1	14.3
Pulses	0.59	529.7	1.2	0.3	1.0	15.7
Grains and its products	6.82	442.5	1.5	20.3	0.9	9.2
Fruits and vegetables	10.23	475.6	2.9	12.4	-7.2	37.5
Fresh fruits	4.59	516.7	4.6	14.9	6.6	45.1
Citrus	1.28	430.7	-0.6	11.3	6.9	49.1
Apples	0.82	604.8	3.1	10.3	4.6	52.7
Other fruits with seeds and pits	1.48	611.8	5.6	18.1	1.4	40.5
Melons	1.01	414.3	12.1	18.7	22.6	41.3
Fresh vegetables	2.99	566.2	0.6	10.3	-23.2	46.9
Root vegetables	0.80	492.0	-1.6	-35.1	-9.4	75.9
Garden vegetables	1.32	514.2	-0.6	27.3	-27.4	41.7
Leaf vegetables	0.78	736.5	2.1	63.2	-36.5	17.5
Dried fruits	1.57	329.6	2.3	7.5	-0.2	9.2
Preserved fruits and vegetables	0.94	260.3	4.4	13.3	1.0	4.1
Concentration and juice	0.14	284.7	4.0	24.6	0.0	-0.3
Sugar and its products and honey	3.80	430.5	0.1	10.5	0.0	17.8
Tea and spices	0.42	341.6	-0.1	73.3	5.1	20.2
Butter and vegetable oils	0.93	324.6	0.0	37.0	0.0	9.1
Feeding stuff for animals	0.62	292.7	0.6	22.6	-0.1	4.0
2- Beverages and Tobacco	0.78	330.5	2.6	8.8	0.9	7.9
Beverages	0.41	354.5	3.0	9.0	0.0	7.4
Tobacco and tobacco manufactures	0.37	304.1	2.0	8.4	2.0	8.6
3- Crude Materials, Inedible, except Fuels	3.86	321.2	-1.3	18.7	-2.0	15.1
Skins and intestines	0.21	268.0	-1.7	44.6	-5.4	9.6
Oil seeds	0.47	359.6	0.0	25.2	0.0	-0.3
Wood and lumber	0.57	382.4	-13.6	29.1	-0.6	25.1
Wool, cotton and silk	0.97	261.7	-0.4	10.6	0.2	18.1
Mineral products	1.33	314.7	3.0	9.8	-4.5	21.2
Crude animal and vegetable materials	0.31	402.1	7.1	36.2	0.1	-1.1

Table 1 (continued)

Description	Base Year Weight	Index Number in Esfand 1386	Percent Change			
			Esfand 1386 compared to:		Esfand 1385 compared to:	
			previous month	similar month of the previous year	previous month	similar month of the previous year
4- Mineral Fuels and Related Materials	2.76	614.8	8.0	22.6	0.0	2.7
5- Chemical and Petrochemical Products	8.60	385.3	2.0	18.3	-0.1	8.4
Organic and inorganic chemicals	2.65	577.1	1.5	29.4	-1.2	9.8
Paints and ink	0.27	244.0	2.3	22.1	0.8	13.3
Pharmaceuticals and insecticides	1.44	251.9	0.2	-11.8	0.8	3.8
Hygienic products	1.55	315.5	1.3	16.1	0.0	8.2
Chemical fertilizers	0.52	289.0	1.9	13.2	-1.4	8.4
Plastics in primary forms and synthetic rubber	2.13	331.4	4.4	19.4	1.7	9.0
6- Manufactured Goods Classified Chiefly by Materials	26.92	377.9	1.8	19.1	1.5	19.4
Leather	0.10	246.4	-1.9	18.9	1.5	10.7
Rubber, plastic and artificial plastic manufactures	2.49	278.7	0.1	20.4	0.0	12.1
Wood manufactures	0.73	296.8	1.2	10.4	1.8	11.9
Paper and cardboard	2.07	274.3	1.9	19.5	4.0	14.8
Textiles	6.48	256.5	2.7	18.3	2.4	11.0
Non - metallic mineral manufactures	3.53	421.3	1.7	21.4	0.0	3.5
Iron and steel	6.92	506.7	1.2	18.9	1.9	36.8
Other metals	1.44	688.0	5.4	20.6	1.8	26.5
Manufactures of metal	3.16	324.4	0.4	17.6	0.0	12.3
7- Machinery and Transport Equipment	19.45	227.4	1.3	11.4	0.4	10.6
Power generating machinery and equipment	0.36	317.0	1.1	8.1	0.0	7.4
Machinery specialized for particular industries	1.94	277.7	0.0	15.1	2.4	7.0
General industrial machinery and equipment	3.53	224.6	0.1	17.2	0.0	19.9
Telecommunication and sound or video recording equipment	1.89	140.7	0.0	12.8	0.0	-0.9
Other machinery equipment	2.74	265.4	3.5	14.5	0.0	17.7
Road vehicles and its equipment	8.99	220.8	1.5	7.3	0.4	8.1
8- Miscellaneous Manufactured Articles	2.23	214.3	0.0	14.5	0.4	5.1
Special Groups:						
1- Farm, Livestock and Fishing Products	26.82	467.3	2.9	17.4	-1.7	23.1
Farm products	16.83	479.2	2.2	15.2	-4.2	25.7
Livestock and fishing products	9.99	447.3	4.3	21.4	3.5	18.4
2- Building Materials	10.74	453.2	4.1	23.7	1.0	24.7
Metallic building materials	6.23	461.4	1.4	20.7	1.7	41.8
Non - metallic building materials	4.51	441.8	8.0	28.1	0.1	5.2

Table 2
Wholesale Price Index in Iran
 General, Major and Special Groups Index Numbers
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Description Period	General Index	Major Groups								Special Groups	
		Food	Beverages and Tobacco	Crude Materials, Inedible, except Fuels	Mineral Fuels and Related Materials	Chemical and Petrochemical Products	Manufactured Goods Classified Chiefly by Materials	Machinery and Transport Equipment	Miscellaneous Manufactured Articles	Farm, Livestock and Fishing Products	Building Materials
1370	19.1	22.2	23.7	25.7	18.4	12.1	20.8	13.5	19.1	21.9	19.8
1371	25.5	27.8	26.7	30.5	23.5	18.6	27.8	20.9	20.6	27.8	26.5
1372	31.9	32.8	36.5	36.8	34.1	37.3	33.6	27.6	28.8	33.3	32.6
1373	45.4	44.9	51.3	59.3	46.2	53.4	48.0	39.6	47.0	46.0	45.1
1374	72.7	74.6	73.3	90.4	61.9	72.1	75.3	66.4	80.2	77.4	65.3
1375	91.0	86.7	89.3	100.7	83.1	87.7	100.0	85.5	98.4	86.6	94.4
1376	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
1377	116.7	126.4	118.6	113.0	139.5	114.4	106.5	112.7	108.6	122.6	108.7
1378	144.9	155.4	150.6	134.5	216.8	148.6	131.4	135.9	134.0	154.5	134.8
1379	166.3	177.0	172.6	166.3	242.6	179.7	152.8	151.0	146.1	176.5	155.2
1380	174.7	191.8	180.5	171.8	271.0	190.0	157.4	150.7	148.1	193.5	160.9
1381	191.5	217.4	220.2	176.3	342.3	201.3	169.5	155.7	149.9	219.6	192.1
1382	210.9	244.7	238.2	194.8	413.9	214.2	187.4	159.6	157.1	248.6	217.0
1383	241.9	275.8	255.7	215.8	464.5	242.7	235.4	171.1	162.9	282.1	268.8
1384	264.9	304.1	276.2	224.6	486.3	281.5	257.8	182.4	176.2	310.6	285.4
1385	297.0	342.2	293.9	257.6	499.5	312.4	299.3	196.9	182.4	353.9	342.3
1386	341.2	398.3	319.7	295.1	557.3	353.9	349.6	215.4	200.0	411.3	407.3
1385:											
Esfand	318.8	381.0	303.8	270.6	501.5	325.7	317.2	204.1	187.1	398.2	366.5
1386:											
Farvardin	322.8	385.1	303.8	274.2	504.6	327.0	324.6	205.1	187.1	403.1	373.7
Ordibehesht	324.1	379.2	310.4	276.9	510.3	335.2	330.7	208.8	187.8	393.5	383.6
Khordad	326.2	378.3	320.5	281.9	554.1	340.3	332.0	209.6	188.7	391.8	382.7
Tir	331.8	385.2	320.7	284.6	557.2	343.2	340.6	210.8	193.9	398.9	394.6
Mordad	331.9	381.7	320.7	286.5	557.3	342.5	343.5	213.2	198.1	390.5	397.2
Shahrivar	332.9	382.9	321.7	288.5	556.0	345.0	343.8	214.2	198.8	388.4	397.4
Mehr	336.7	383.9	321.7	299.6	559.3	353.7	351.0	215.2	202.8	391.3	407.9
Aban	341.9	392.1	321.7	301.3	564.9	362.0	355.7	215.6	202.2	400.9	417.7
Azar	350.1	411.1	321.3	297.8	569.8	366.6	358.5	217.6	202.3	422.9	419.5
Dey	356.0	418.5	321.3	303.3	569.9	367.9	365.1	222.6	209.8	432.5	424.6
Bahman	365.8	435.2	322.2	325.3	569.3	377.8	371.3	224.5	214.4	454.0	435.5
Esfand	373.7	446.0	330.5	321.2	614.8	385.3	377.9	227.4	214.3	467.3	453.2