



Consumer Price Index

Description

The CPI measures the change in prices of goods and services which are representative of the private households' consumption in Switzerland. It indicates how much consumers have to increase or to decrease their expenditure to maintain the same volume of consumption, despite the variations in prices.

Features registered: Transaction prices of goods and services which are representative of the private households' consumption in Switzerland

Results available since: 1914 (1922).

Methodology

Activity: Survey based on sampling

Survey: in the outlets, by phone, by post, on the Internet (i.e. webscraping) and transfer of centralized sales data (i.e. scanner data)

Type of the sample and sample size: about 100'000 prices per month, collected in about 8'000 outlets, including 5'200 lessors surveyed as part of the rental index survey.

Participation: compulsory

Degree of regionalization: Switzerland

Periodicity: Monthly

Reference period: First two weeks of the month, fuel and gasoline prices are collected twice a month (at the beginning and at mid-month)

Revisions with rebasing:
1939 (1950), 1966, 1977, 1982, 1993, 2000, 2005, 2010, 2015 & 2020; annually reweighted basket of goods since December 2001

Policy on revisions

No revision of results

Legal bases

Federal Statistics Act of 9 October 1992 (FStatA)
Ordinance on the Organisation of Federal Statistics of 30 June 1993

Organization

Swiss Federal Statistical Office (SFSO) and Demoscope

CPI Information
+41 58 46 36900
lik@bfs.admin.ch
