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Price Statistics

Changes in CPI as of 2017

Major changes in the production of the Consumer Price Index (CPI) as of 2017 are described below (the CPI for January will be published on Friday 17 February).

Tenant-owned dwellings in the CPI

As of 2017, the price development for dwelling service in tenant-owned dwellings is measured using a new method. The new method follows the method currently applied to owner-occupied housing. Cost development for owners of tenant-owned dwellings is currently represented by rental development in multi-dwelling buildings. The new measurement will consist of three main sub-indices – interest costs, the monthly fee for the tenant-owned apartment, and apartment repairs.

For more information, see [Tenant-owned dwellings in the CPI](#).

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Interest deduction in the CPI

As of 2017, the weighting factor for interest costs, both for owner-occupied housing and for tenant-owned dwellings, is reduced, corresponding to the size of the interest deduction. If the size of the interest deduction changes, the index for interest costs is also adjusted in the month that the change is introduced.

For more information, see [Handling the interest deduction in the CPI](#).

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New seasonal method for package tours

As of 2017, handling of seasonal prices on package tours will change. The new method follows Eurostat recommendations and mainly means that the price development for travel that is not sold during certain periods of the year (out of season), is represented by the price development for travel that is available (in season). Today, the most recently listed price for travel in season during the period when the travel is out of season is used.

In the survey on package tours, ‘summer travel’ is measured in the period from April through October, and ‘winter travel’ is measured in the period from November through March.

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Elderly care in the CPI

As of 2017, elderly care is included in the CPI. Price development is calculated using a method that follows the method currently applied to childcare (‘exogenous income approach’). The index for care of the elderly is calculated based on two sub-indices, of which one indicates changes in different fees for care of the elderly, and the second one indicates the effect of income change on the cost of care of the elderly.

The new index in the CPI replaces the calculation of elderly care currently used in the HICP.

For more information, see [Elderly care in the CPI](#).

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Scanner data for fruits, vegetables, fish, meat and cheese

As of 2017, Statistics Sweden uses scanner data from a food chain for some products sold by weight, that is, fruits, vegetables, fish, meat and cheese.

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Other surveys introduced or terminated as of 2017

New surveys

- Services of real estate agents
- Private leasing of new passenger cars
- Other household services (childminding, etc.)
- Fresh berries

Terminated surveys

- MP3 players
- Colour cartridges
- Small televisions will terminate as an independent product group and will merge with the television product group
- Household washing

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