

# Media Release

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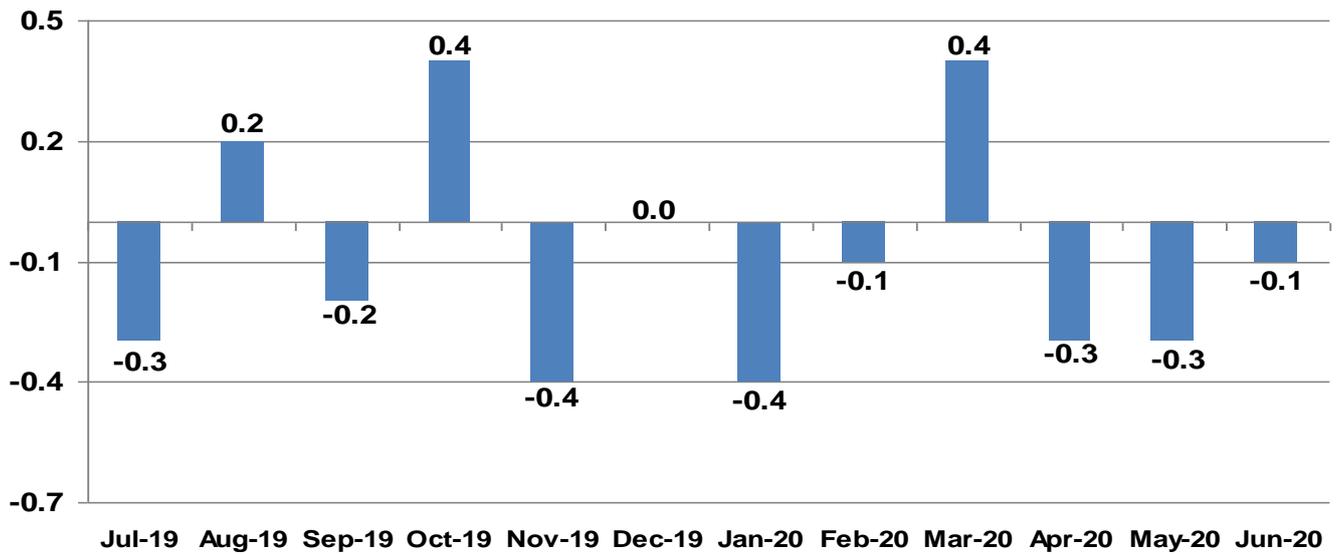
## Decrease of 0.1% in the Consumer Price Index, June 2020

- The CPI decreased 0.1% in June 2020 compared to May 2020. It was 100.0 points compared to 100.1 points in the previous month (base: average 2018 = 100.0 points); the CPI excluding housing has also decreased 0.1% and was 99.0 points; the CPI excluding energy decreased 0.3% and was 100.8 points; in contrast the CPI excluding vegetables and fruit increased 0.1% and was 99.9 points.
- Prices of the following items decreased in particular: fresh vegetables and fruit 7.6%, culture and entertainment 1.2% and clothing and footwear 0.8%.
- Prices of the following items increased in particular: transport 1.5%.
- Since the start of the year, the CPI decreased 0.8%, the CPI excluding fruit and vegetables decreased 0.9%; the CPI excluding housing decreased 1.0% and the CPI excluding energy decreased 0.1%.
- Over the past 12 months (June 2020 compared to June 2019) the CPI decreased 1.1%, the CPI excluding housing decreased 1.9%, the CPI excluding vegetables and fruit decreased 1.2% and the CPI excluding energy decreased 0.4%.
- In June 2020 the seasonally adjusted CPI remained unchanged; in contrast the seasonally adjusted CPI excluding housing increased 0.1% and the seasonally adjusted CPI excluding vegetables, fruit and housing increased 0.3%.

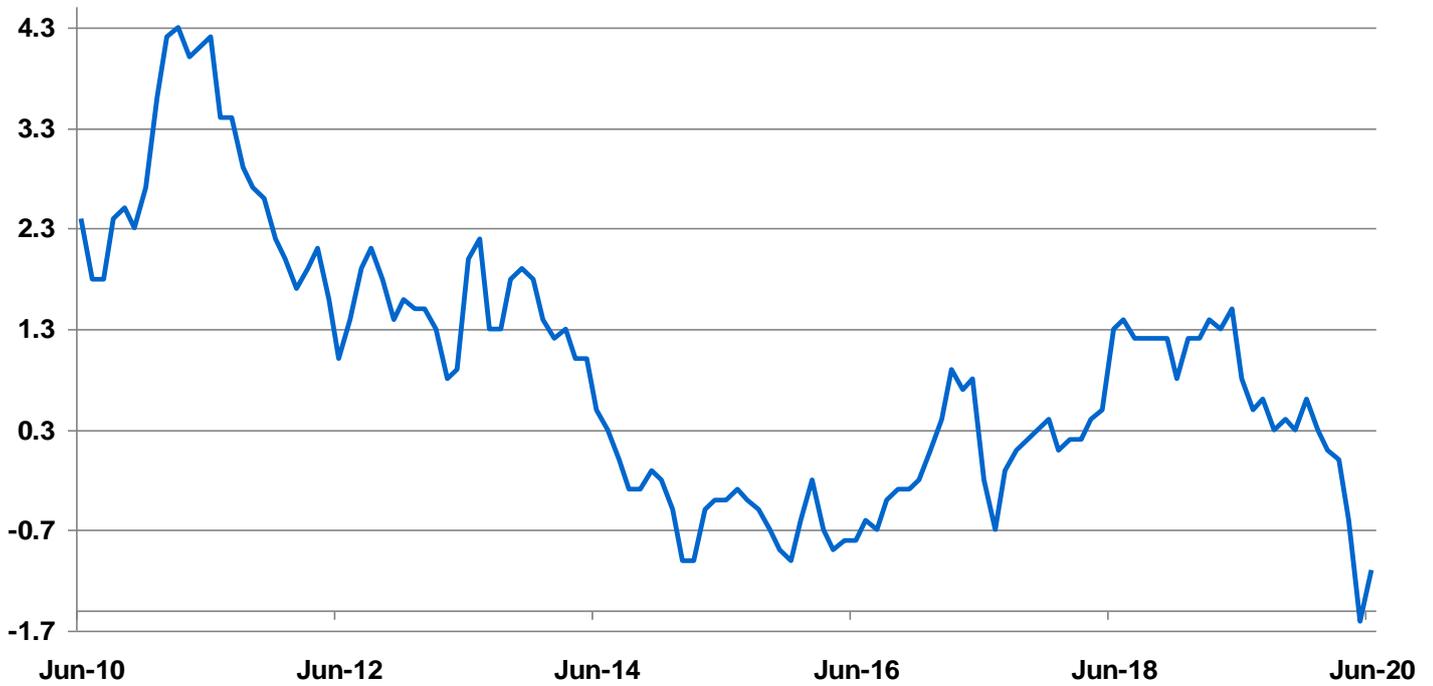
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**Diagram 1 – Monthly Percentage Change in CPI during the Past 12 Months**



**Diagram 2 – CPI 12-Month Inflation Rate for the Past 10 Years**



**Product and Service Groups that Particularly Influenced the Index This Month:**

<i>Product / Service Group</i>	<i>Percentage Change</i>	<i>Contribution to Index's Percentage Change</i>
fresh vegetables and fruit	-7.6	-0.2095
meat, poultry, fish and their products	-1.3	-0.0453
recreation, holidays and trips	-4.8	-0.0339
clothing	-0.9	-0.0217
reading and nonfiction books	-15.1	-0.0163
milk and dairy products	1.2	0.0224
vehicle fuel and lubricants	8.6	0.2257

## Major Changes in Primary Consumption Items

### Food (excluding vegetables and fruit)

The food price index decreased 0.2%.

The following decreased in particular: sour cream (6.3%), malt beer (4.6%), chicken and parts thereof (3.7%), cultured milk and yogurt (3.5%), prepared fish products (2.7%), tea (2.5%), vinegar, mustard, sauces, and dressings (2.3%), wafers (1.9%), chocolate (1.9%), processed fish (1.8%), cereals and cereal products (1.6%), beef, internal parts (1.4%), salty snacks (1.2%), concentrates and syrups (1.2%), mutton (1.1%), non-kosher processed meat products (1.1%) and baby food (1.1%).

The following increased in particular: crackers (various) (6.2%), baking and cake decorating products (5.6%), cheese (4.1%), fresh fish (3.9%), prepared vegetable salads (2.6%), beer (1.9%), natural fruit juices (1.7%), jam and confiture (1.6%), milk (1.5%), flour (1.3%) dough and pastry products (frozen) (1.1%) and sugar (1.1%).

### Vegetables and Fruit

The vegetables and fruit index decreased 6.1%.

The fresh fruit index decreased 10.9% and the fresh vegetables index decreased 4.9%. The frozen, pickled and canned vegetables index decreased 0.1%; in contrast the dried, preserved and frozen fruit index increased 0.1%.

Among the fresh fruit, the following decreased in particular: watermelon (46.0%), sugar melons (34.6%), table grapes (26.1%), peaches (15.6%), apricots (10.6%), and bananas (9.2%).

The following increased in particular: cherries (rose 39.8% compared to July 2019), avocados (27.2%), lemons (9.5%), kiwi (8.8%), oranges (5.6%), plums (rose 3.5% compared to November 2019) pears (1.3%) and apples (1.0%).

Among the fresh vegetables, the following decreased in particular: corn on the cob (14.9%), tomatoes (14.0%), beets (9.3%), peppers (8.1%), beans (7.4%), eggplant (4.9%), pumpkin and butternut squash (4.6%), squash (4.5%), cucumbers (4.2%), leaf vegetables (3.9%), carrots (2.7%), onions (2.6%), sprouts (2.1%), potatoes and sweet potatoes (1.5%), mushrooms (1.3%) and broccoli (1.3%).

The following increased in particular: cauliflower (7.6%), kohlrabi (6.4%), cabbage (2.4%) and garlic (1.2%).

Among the processed vegetables and fruit, the following decreased in particular: canned legumes and vegetables (1.6%).

The following increased in particular: dried fruit (1.7%), frozen vegetables (1.1%) and seeds (1.0%).

## **Housing**

The housing price index decreased 0.1%.

The owned dwellings services index decreased 0.1%; in contrast the rent index increased 0.1%.

## **Owned Dwellings Services**

The owned dwellings services index showed a decrease in June 2020 compared to May 2020. This decrease reflects the changes in rental prices set in contracts signed in May 2020 – June 2020, compared to contracts signed in April 2020 – May 2020.

## **Dwelling Maintenance**

The dwelling maintenance index decreased 0.1%.

The following decreased in particular: kerosene and diesel oil for heating (9.3%) and liquid and powdered laundry detergent (1.5%).

The following increased in particular: painting and whitewashing services (1.3%) and dishwashing products (1.0%).

## **Furniture and Household Equipment**

The furniture and household equipment index decreased 0.2%.

The following decreased in particular: bedding and towels (3.7%), deep freezer (2.2%), cutlery (1.8%), bathroom accessories (1.6%), dressers (1.5%), washing machine and dryer (1.4%), home decorations (1.4%), dishwasher (1.3%) and serving dishes and storage containers (1.3%).

The following increased in particular: cooking and baking utensils (2.0%), beds and mattresses (1.4%), insurance and repair of electrical equipment (1.4%), closets (1.3%) and outdoor furniture (1.1%).

## **Clothing and Footwear**

The clothing and footwear index decreased 0.8%; the seasonally adjusted index decreased 0.9%.

The clothing index decreased 0.9% and the footwear index decreased 0.6%.

Among clothing item, the following decreased in particular: outerwear (1.2%).

The following increased in particular: miscellaneous clothing such as hats, ties, and swimsuits (2.2%).

Among footwear item, the following decreased in particular: men's footwear (1.1%).

## **Health**

The health index decreased 0.2%.

The following decreased in particular: body hygiene products (2.6%), oral hygiene products (2.0%), psychological or psychiatric treatment (1.5%), glasses and associated optical products (1.5%) and medical and health items (1.1%).

The following increased in particular: dietary supplements (1.9%).

## **Education, Culture and Entertainment**

The education, culture and entertainment index decreased 0.5%.

The education services index remained unchanged; in contrast the culture and entertainment index decreased 1.2%.

The following decreased in particular: reading and nonfiction books (15.1%), recreation, holidays and trips (4.8%), admissions to parks or amusement parks (1.2%), musical instruments (1.2%) and assembly and educational toys (1.2%).

The following increased in particular: camping equipment and accessories (2.7%), admissions to swimming pool or gym (1.1%) and pets and associated products (1.1%).

## **Transport and Communication**

The transport and communication index increased 1.3%.

The transport index increased 1.5% and the communication index increased 0.2%.

The following increased in particular: vehicle fuel and lubricants (8.6%), car rental for domestic travel (4.3%), internet services (1.1%) and driving lessons (1.0%).

## **Miscellaneous**

The miscellaneous index remained unchanged.

The following decreased in particular: hair products and accessories (2.4%), bags, school bags, etc. (1.6%), wristwatches (1.5%), wallets (1.5%), diapering products and accessories for babies (1.4%) and toiletries and bath products (1.0%).

The following increased in particular: creams, perfume, and facial products (2.4%) and jewellery (1.9%).

The price indices will be published at the following times during the next 12 months:

<b>Index for Month</b>	<b>To be published on date</b>	<b>Time</b>
July 2020	Friday, August 14, 2020	14:00
August 2020	Tuesday, September 15, 2020	18:30
September 2020	Thursday, October 15, 2020	18:30
October 2020	Sunday, November 15, 2020	18:30
November 2020	Tuesday, December 15, 2020	18:30
December 2020 and Annual Summary of 2020	Friday, January 15, 2021	14:00
January 2021	Monday, February 15, 2021	18:30
February 2021	Monday, March 15, 2021	18:30
March 2021	Wednesday, April 14, 2021	14:00
April 2021	Friday, May 14, 2021	14:00
May 2021	Tuesday, June 15, 2021	18:30
June 2021	Thursday, July 15, 2021	18:30