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Summary Results of the Wholesale Price Index in Iran























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<u>Groups</u>	<u>Percent change compared to</u>			
	<u>previous month</u>		<u>similar month of the previous year</u>	
General Index	2.8		14.5	
Major Groups:				
1- Food	4.0		12.8	
2- Beverages and Tobacco	0.3		7.0	
3- Crude Materials, Inedible, except Fuels	7.3		17.8	
4- Mineral Fuels and Related Materials	0.1		13.5	
5- Chemical and Petrochemical Products	2.7		15.9	
6- Manufactured Goods Classified Chiefly by Materials	1.7		18.8	
7- Machinery and Transport Equipment	0.9		10.5	
8- Miscellaneous Manufactured Articles	2.2		15.1	
Special Groups:				
1- Farm, Livestock and Fishing Products	5.0		12.1	
2- Building Materials	2.6		20.1	

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The Wholesale Price Index (**WPI**) went up 2.8 percent in Bahman 1386. Showing the index point of 365.8, the **WPI** was 14.5 percent higher than the similar month in 1385.

During the first eleven months of the current Iranian year, the Wholesale Price Index rose 14.6 percent compared to the similar period in 1385.

The Wholesale Price Index increased 14.8 percent during the last twelve months leading to Bahman 1386, compared with the similar preceding period.

In Bahman, the food group index went up 4.0 percent, which was mainly attributed to the rise in the indices of “mutton”, “Caspian Sea fish”, “Persian Gulf fish”, “pulses”, “rice (domestic use)”, “fresh fruits and vegetables” and “date (domestic use)”. In this group, the price for “chicken” and “egg” declined.

The beverages and tobacco group index and the crude materials, inedible, except fuels group index moved up 0.3 percent and 7.3 percent, respectively.

The mineral fuels and related materials group index fell 0.1 percent.

The advance in the price for “exported benzene”, “exported ammonia”, “medicine (home produce)” and “ammonium nitrate” principally caused 2.7 percent increase in the group index of chemical and petrochemical products. In this group, the indices of “exported propane” and “exported butane” moved down.

The manufactured goods classified chiefly by materials group index went up 1.7 percent. This advance was mainly due to the rise in the indices of “hand-woven carpet and rug”, “machine-made rug”, “brick”, “iron and steel”, “copper wire” and “metal structure”. In this group the price for “cement sheet” and “porcelain (domestic use)” decreased.

The machinery and transport equipment group index moved up 0.9 percent.

The increase in the price for “shoes” principally caused 2.2 percent rise in the group index of miscellaneous manufactured articles.

In the special groups, the farm, livestock and fishing products group index and the building materials group index went up 5.0 percent and 2.6 percent, respectively.

Wholesale Price Index in Iran (1376=100)

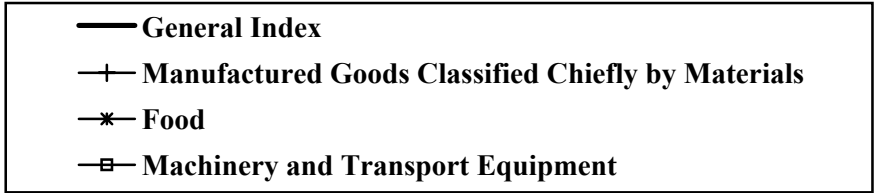
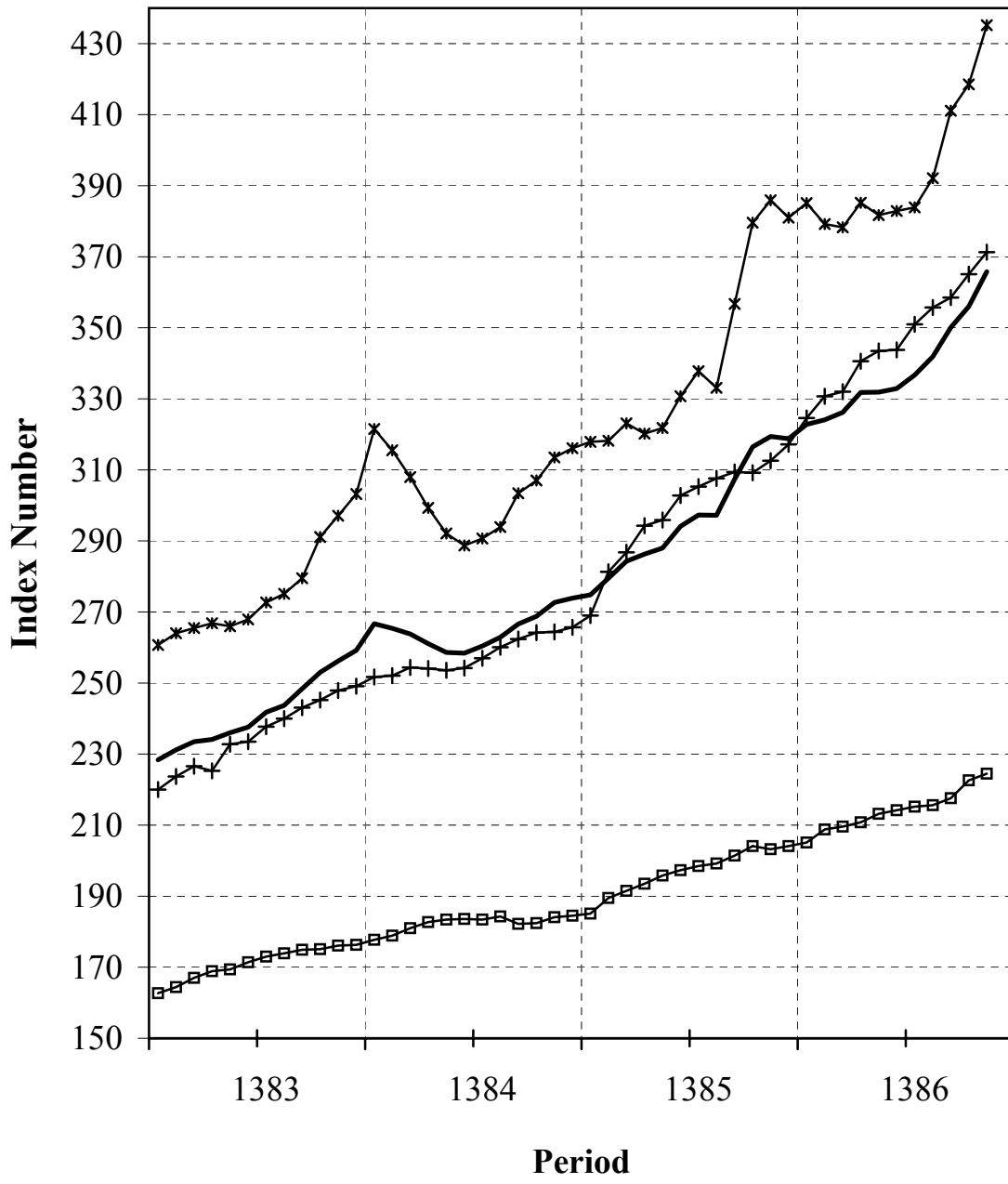


Table 1
Wholesale Price Index in Iran
Index Numbers and Their Percent Changes
Bahman 1386
(1376 = 100)

Description	Base Year Weight	Index Number in Bahman 1386	Percent Change			
			Bahman 1386 compared to:		Bahman 1385 compared to:	
			previous month	similar month of the previous year	previous month	similar month of the previous year
General Index	100.00	365.8	2.8	14.5	0.9	17.1
Major Groups and Selected Sub Groups:						
1- Food	35.40	435.2	4.0	12.8	1.7	23.1
Meat, poultry, fish and their products	7.02	482.8	4.3	21.0	0.1	13.0
Dairy products and eggs	4.97	352.2	-0.7	18.6	-1.5	16.1
Pulses	0.59	523.6	2.6	0.1	1.5	9.8
Grains and its products	6.82	435.8	1.6	19.5	0.4	8.7
Fruits and vegetables	10.23	462.1	9.3	1.4	5.2	49.9
Fresh fruits	4.59	494.1	5.2	17.1	5.1	41.3
Citrus	1.28	433.5	9.3	19.8	14.7	48.3
Apples	0.82	586.6	3.2	11.8	6.7	46.5
Other fruits with seeds and pits	1.48	579.6	0.3	13.5	0.6	41.1
Melons	1.01	369.7	14.4	29.8	1.0	25.5
Fresh vegetables	2.99	562.7	19.4	-15.8	6.9	88.0
Root vegetables	0.80	499.9	1.3	-40.2	24.2	119.7
Garden vegetables	1.32	517.1	15.3	-7.1	-10.4	66.7
Leaf vegetables	0.78	721.6	41.5	1.6	15.2	88.8
Dried fruits	1.57	322.3	3.6	4.9	1.4	10.6
Preserved fruits and vegetables	0.94	249.4	-1.4	9.6	1.1	2.6
Concentration and juice	0.14	273.7	4.5	19.8	-0.1	0.5
Sugar and its products and honey	3.80	430.1	0.1	10.4	0.1	17.8
Tea and spices	0.42	341.9	0.1	82.2	0.5	14.6
Butter and vegetable oils	0.93	324.7	0.2	37.1	-0.3	9.1
Feeding stuff for animals	0.62	291.0	3.9	21.8	0.2	4.1
2- Beverages and Tobacco	0.78	322.2	0.3	7.0	-0.1	6.2
Beverages	0.41	344.2	0.0	5.9	0.0	6.1
Tobacco and tobacco manufactures	0.37	298.1	0.6	8.4	-0.1	6.2
3- Crude Materials, Inedible, except Fuels	3.86	325.3	7.3	17.8	-1.4	20.0
Skins and intestines	0.21	272.7	-5.0	39.3	4.0	14.0
Oil seeds	0.47	359.6	0.0	25.2	0.0	-0.3
Wood and lumber	0.57	442.7	25.0	48.5	-0.1	25.9
Wool, cotton and silk	0.97	262.8	-0.9	11.3	0.3	17.8
Mineral products	1.33	305.4	10.9	1.8	-4.0	35.3
Crude animal and vegetable materials	0.31	375.6	0.0	27.3	-1.1	-1.2

Table 1 (continued)

Description	Base Year Weight	Index Number in Bahman 1386	Percent Change			
			Bahman 1386 compared to:		Bahman 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	569.3	-0.1	13.5	-0.3	2.7
5- Chemical and Petrochemical Products	8.60	377.8	2.7	15.9	0.2	7.3
Organic and inorganic chemicals	2.65	568.3	3.0	25.9	0.4	7.7
Paints and ink	0.27	238.6	1.3	20.3	0.2	12.4
Pharmaceuticals and insecticides	1.44	251.3	6.1	-11.4	0.0	4.0
Hygienic products	1.55	311.4	0.2	14.6	0.3	8.1
Chemical fertilizers	0.52	283.5	10.7	9.5	0.0	10.0
Plastics in primary forms and synthetic rubber	2.13	317.4	0.4	16.3	0.0	7.6
6- Manufactured Goods Classified Chiefly by Materials	26.92	371.3	1.7	18.8	1.1	18.2
Leather	0.10	251.3	-5.1	23.1	2.3	10.1
Rubber, plastic and artificial plastic manufactures	2.49	278.4	0.5	20.3	0.1	12.3
Wood manufactures	0.73	293.2	-0.5	11.0	2.4	10.0
Paper and cardboard	2.07	269.1	3.0	22.0	1.3	11.0
Textiles	6.48	249.8	1.1	17.9	0.1	9.0
Non - metallic mineral manufactures	3.53	414.2	2.0	19.4	-0.1	3.5
Iron and steel	6.92	500.8	2.1	19.8	3.3	34.2
Other metals	1.44	653.0	2.4	16.5	-2.5	26.9
Manufactures of metal	3.16	323.1	0.8	17.2	0.9	13.9
7- Machinery and Transport Equipment	19.45	224.5	0.9	10.5	-0.4	10.4
Power generating machinery and equipment	0.36	313.6	0.0	7.0	1.5	7.4
Machinery specialized for particular industries	1.94	277.7	5.4	17.8	0.0	4.8
General industrial machinery and equipment	3.53	224.3	0.2	17.0	0.6	19.9
Telecommunication and sound or video recording equipment	1.89	140.7	0.8	12.8	-0.1	-0.9
Other machinery equipment	2.74	256.5	-0.7	10.7	-5.1	18.7
Road vehicles and its equipment	8.99	217.5	0.5	6.1	0.6	7.8
8- Miscellaneous Manufactured Articles	2.23	214.4	2.2	15.1	0.0	4.0
Special Groups:						
1- Farm, Livestock and Fishing Products	26.82	454.0	5.0	12.1	2.1	26.2
Farm products	16.83	468.9	6.2	8.0	3.4	32.2
Livestock and fishing products	9.99	428.8	2.8	20.6	-0.4	15.5
2- Building Materials	10.74	435.5	2.6	20.1	1.3	25.1
Metallic building materials	6.23	454.9	2.4	21.0	2.4	42.6
Non - metallic building materials	4.51	408.9	2.9	18.7	-0.2	5.6

Table 2
Wholesale Price Index in Iran
 General, Major and Special Groups Index Numbers
 (1376=100)

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
1385:											
Bahman	319.4	385.9	301.2	276.1	501.7	326.0	312.6	203.2	186.3	405.0	362.7
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