



Eurostat Structural indicators



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Structural Indicators: Comparative price levels and price convergence

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Country (Area)	EU-Member States, EU-15, US, Japan, Iceland, Norway, Acceding and Candidate Countries
Data category	Comparative price levels of final consumption by private households including indirect taxes and their coefficient of variation
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The Data: Coverage, Periodicity, and Timeliness

Coverage characteristics

Subject coverage:

- Comparative price levels of final consumption by private households including indirect taxes (EU-15=100)

Comparative price levels are the ratio between PPP and market exchange rate for each country. The ratio is shown in relation to the EU average (EU= 100).

The PPP are established according to the methods used in the common Eurostat/ OECD comparison programme.

If the index of the comparative price levels shown for a country is higher (lower) than 100, the country concerned is relatively expensive (cheap) as compared with the EU average.

- Coefficient of variation of comparative price levels of final consumption by private households including indirect taxes

One way of measuring price convergence is the variation of comparative price levels in the EU Member States around the EU average.

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If the coefficient of variation of the comparative price levels for the EU decreases (increases) over time, the national price levels in the Member States are converging (diverging).

	Geographical coverage: For all the EU Member States, Iceland, Norway and Poland. Cyprus was included in 1997 and the other Acceding Countries and the Candidate Countries in 1999.
Periodicity	Annual
Timeliness	Preliminary results 12 months after the end of the reference year and final results 24 months after the end of the reference year
Access by the Public	
Advance dissemination of release calendar	The release date is disseminated on Eurostat's Structural Indicators website (please select Internet updating): http://europa.eu.int/comm/eurostat/structuralindicators
Simultaneous release to all interested parties	The indicator is disseminated simultaneously to all interested parties through the Eurostat database New Cronos and on Eurostat's Structural Indicators website (see above).
Integrity	
Dissemination of terms and conditions under which official statistics are produced including	The Council Regulation (EC) no 322/97 of 17 February 1997 on Community Statistics (OJ No L 52/1) sets the rules for General provisions, the Community statistical program and its implementation Principles Dissemination Statistical

<p>confidentiality of individual responses</p>	<p>confidentiality and Final provisions.</p> <p>More on confidentiality can be found from Council Regulation (EURATOM, EEC) no 1588/90 of 11 June 1990 on the transmission of the data subject to statistical confidentiality to the Statistical Office of the European Communities (OJ No L 151/ 1), which stipulates the detailed rules used for receiving, processing and disseminating the confidential data. Participant countries provide data under a gentlemen's agreement. Data is covered by the EU confidentiality rules. In practice no price data on individual products is released without prior agreement by the participant countries (NSIs). Guidelines concerning preparation and production of input data are prepared and updated by Eurostat in co-operation with the participant countries to harmonise the methods and to achieve fully comparable results</p>
<p>Identification of internal government access to data before release</p>	<p>Not applicable</p>
<p>Identification of ministerial commentary on the occasion of statistical releases</p>	<p>Not applicable</p>
<p>Provision of information about revision and advance</p>	<p>The final annual results once published are usually not revised.</p> <p>Any changes in methodology will be published in the</p>

notice of major changes in methodology	annual publication (see below.)		
<h2 style="text-align: center;">Quality</h2>			
Dissemination of documentation on methodology and sources used in preparing statistics	The annual publication contains a methodological presentation as well as presentation of data and sources used.		
Dissemination of information that support statistical cross-checks and provide assurance of reasonableness	Data are as well available from Eurostat's database New Cronos Theme2/price/ppp/pppsna79 and pppsna 95		
Notes:	PPPs and related economic indicators are constructed primarily for spatial comparison and not for comparison over time. Therefore any comparison of results of different years must be made keeping this in mind.		
<h2 style="text-align: center;">Dissemination Formats</h2>			
Hardcopy			
	(x)	News release:	In relation with the SIF mentioned below.

	()	Weekly bulletin:	
	()	Monthly bulletin:	
	()	Quarterly bulletin:	
	(x)	Other:	Eurostat: Statistics in Focus (Purchasing Power Parities and related economic indicators, published annually) OECD: Purchasing Power Parities and Real Expenditures: 1999 Benchmark Results. (March 2002.)
Electronic			
	(x)	On-line country bulletin board or database.	Eurostat database New Cronos Structural Indicators domain: Theme1/strind. To access New Cronos, please contact your local Data Shop.
		Internet address:	http://europa.eu.int/comm/eurostat/Public/datashop/print-product/EN?catalogue=Eurostat&product=1-structur-EN&mode=download
	()	Diskette:	
	(x)	CD ROM:	Upon request with final results.
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