Computer and peripherals price indexes, December 2016

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The price of desktop and similar computers, laptop and tablet computers, and servers decreased 0.9% in December.

The decline was attributable to lower prices for laptop computers (-1.0%) and tablet computers (-2.8%). Higher prices for desktop and similar computers (+0.3%) moderated the decline in the index, while prices for servers were unchanged.

Prices for smartphones fell 3.6% in December.

The price for computer monitors and computer printers declined 0.5%, mainly as a result of lower prices for computer printers (-0.5%), more specifically inkjet printers (-4.1%).

Year over year, prices for desktop and similar computers, laptop and tablet computers, and servers declined 2.2%. Prices for computer monitors and computer printers rose 0.5%.

Note to readers

The computer and peripherals price indexes are monthly series that measure the changes over time in the price of computers, computer peripherals and smartphones sold to governments, businesses and households. With each release, data for the previous six months may have been revised. The indexes are not seasonally adjusted.

These indexes are available at the Canada level only.

Infographic: Producer Price Indexes at a Glance

The infographic "Producer Price Indexes at a Glance," which is part of Statistics Canada — Infographics (11-627-M), demonstrates how producer price indexes for goods and services are calculated, and why they are important for the Canadian economy.

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Definitions, data sources and methods: survey number 5032.

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