

Some challenges in Price Statistics

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The paper describes the way how various Dutch price statistics are embedded in an overall scheme of demand and supply of goods and services. Following this scheme several interrelations between demand and supply are elaborated in more detail, and possibilities will be discussed to estimate margins (such as in trade/transport) resulting from demand/supply ratio's. The scheme covers a wide field of price statistics, e.g. consumer prices, producer prices of industry, construction, import prices, and more recent products such as prices of services and housing prices. It furthermore addresses some fundamental issues such as activity versus commodity based indices and the role of National Accounts.