

## Box 3: The Core Inflation Indicator

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Recent developments in inflation in Colombia (defined as the change in the consumer price index: CPI) were influenced by the simultaneous presence of two different shocks. On the one hand, there is a group of widespread and lasting shocks that affect a large number of products. The drop in international oil prices and lower foreign interest rates are two examples. On the other hand, some items have felt the impact of specific, short-term shocks, such as prices for unprocessed foods.