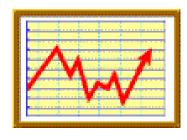
FACT SHEET

Consumer Price Index



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MARCH 2013 ALL URBAN CONSUMERS

The United States City Average Consumer Price Index (CPI-U) for **March 2013** was **232.773** representing a change of **1.5** percent over the index for **March 2012**.

The Northeast Area Consumer Price Index for **March 2013** was **248.719**—representing a change of **1.5** percent over the index for **March 2012**.

The New York-Northern New Jersey Area Consumer Price Index for **March 2013** was **256.589**— representing a change of **1.9** percent over the index for **March 2012**.

The April CPI will be available May 16, 2013.

Future projections of the CPI by businesses and economic organizations are found on page 3. CPI increases are projected at 1.9 percent for 2013 and 2.1 percent for 2014.

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CONSUMER PRICE INDEX – ALL URBAN CONSUMERS

	UNITED STATES CITY AVERAGE		Northeast Area		New York- Northern New Jersey Area		
Month	Index	Increase Over Same Period of Previous Year	Index	Increase Over Same Period of Previous Year	Index	Increase Over Same Period of Previous Year	
2011							
January	220.223	1.6	235.969	1.6	242.639	1.5	
February	221.309	2.1	237.110	2.0	243.832	2.1	
March	223.467	2.7	239.074	2.5	245.617	2.3	
April	224.906	3.2	240.267	2.8	246.489	2.5	
May	225.964	3.6	241.566	3.2	248.073	2.9	
June	225.722	3.6	241.690	3.4	248.505	3.2	
July	225.922	3.6	242.282	3.6	249.164	3.3	
August	226.545	3.8	243.033	3.8	250.058	3.5	
September	226.889	3.9	243.323	4.0	250.559	3.8	
October	226.889	3.5	243.323 243.014	4.0 3.6	250.059	3.8 3.3	
November	226.421 226.230	5.5 3.4	243.014 242.652	3.0 3.2	249.317	5.5 3.0	
December	225.672	3.0	241.987	2.9	248.307	2.7	
Average for 2011 Calendar Year	224.939	3.2	240.997	3.0	247.718	2.8	
2012							
January	226.665	2.9	242.879	2.9	249.322	2.8	
February	227.663	2.9	243.850	2.8	250.285	2.6	
March	229.392	2.7	245.125	2.5	251.887	2.6	
April	230.085	2.3	245.850	2.3	252.349	2.4	
May	229.815	1.7	245.709	1.7	252.652	1.8	
June	229.478	1.7	245.201	1.5	252.406	1.6	
July	229.104	1.4	244.984	1.1	252.016	1.1	
August	230.379	1.7	246.252	1.3	253.472	1.4	
September	231.407	2.0	247.409	1.7	254.554	1.6	
October	231.317	2.2	247.564	1.9	254.277	1.7	
November	230.221	1.8	247.097	1.8	254.285	2.0	
December	229.601	1.0	246.456	1.8	253.555	2.0	
Average for 2012	229.001	1.7	240.450	1.0	255.555	2.1	
Calendar Year	229.594	2.1	245.698	2.0	252.588	2.0	
2013							
January	230.280	1.6	247.277	1.8	254.807	2.2	
February	232.166	2.0	248.665	2.0	256.234	2.4	
March	232.773	1.5	248.719	1.5	256.589	1.9	
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Source: U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics

Projecting Increases in the Consumer Price Index (CPI)

A large number of organizations project increases in the Consumer Price Index. NYSUT subscribes to *Blue Chip Economic Indicators*. This monthly publication presents 2013 and 2014 economic projections from approximately 50 sources. Twice each year, the publication also presents a long-range forecast which are made annually for each of the next five years as well as one five-year projection for the following five-year period. The most recent long-range forecasts were reported on page four of the March 2010 Bulletin.

Projected Increases in the Consumer Price Index U.S. City Average All Urban Consumers

Blue Chip Economic Indicators, published by Aspen Publishers, Inc. This forecast uses the projections from approximately 50 different organizations and the mean of these projections is reported here.

YEAR	August 2012	September 2012	October 2012	November 2012	December 2012	January 2013	February 2013	March 2013	April 2013
2013	1.9	2.0	2.0	2.0	2.0	1.9	1.9	1.9	1.9
2014						2.1	2.1	2.1	2.1

<u>Blue Chip</u> also reports that 22 of the 55 forecasters contributing to its 2013 consensus CPI projection were revised upward from the prior month. Twenty-three forecasts were unchanged and 10 were revised downward. Thirty-six of the 54 forecasts for 2014 were unchanged, 6 were revised upward and 12 were revised downward.

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