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NOVEMBER 2018 All Urban Consumers

The United States City Average Consumer Price Index (CPI-U) for **November 2018** was **252.038** — representing a change of **2.2** percent over the index for **November 2017**.

The Northeast Area Consumer Price Index for **November 2018** was **265.487**—representing a change of **1.9** percent over the index for **November 2017**.

The New York-Northern New Jersey Area Consumer Price Index for **November 2018** was **274.478**— representing a change of **1.9** percent over the index for **November 2017**.

The **December** CPI will be available **January 11, 2019**.

Future projections of the CPI by businesses and economic organizations are found on page 3. CPI increases are projected at **2.4** percent for **2018** and **2.1** percent for **2019**.

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CONSUMER PRICE INDEX – ALL URBAN CONSUMERS

	-	O STATES Average		THEAST REA	New York- Northern New Jersey Area		
		Increase Over Same Period		Increase Over Same Period		Increase Over Same Period	
		of Previous		of Previous		of Previous	
Month	Index	Year	Index	Year	Index	Year	
2016							
January	236.916	1.4	251.739	0.7	260.342	0.8	
February	237.111	1.0	252.250	0.7	260.875	0.6	
March	238.132	0.9	252.854	252.854 0.6		0.7	
April	239.261	1.1	254.270	254.270 1.0		1.0	
May	240.229	1.0	255.023	0.9	262.619 263.312	0.9	
June	241.018	1.0		255.471 0.7		0.9	
July	240.628	0.8	255.386 0.8		263.877 263.722	1.0	
August	240.849	1.1		255.545 1.0		1.0	
September	241.428	1.5	256.085	1.3	264.160 264.602	1.1	
October	241.729					1.0	
November		1.6	265.605	1.6	264.738		
	241.353	1.7	256.541	1.6	265.203	1.6	
December	241.432	2.1	256.427	1.9	265.421	2.1	
Average for 2016 Calendar Year	240.007	1.3	254.850	1.1	263.365	1.1	
2017							
January	242.839	2.5	258.073	2.5	266.917	2.5	
February	243.603	2.7	258.768	2.6	267.662	2.6	
March	243.801	2.4	258.510	2.2	267.582	2.3	
April	244.524	2.2	259.165	1.9	267.948	2.0	
May	244.733	1.9	259.386	1.7	268.183	1.8	
June	244.955	1.6	259.335	1.5	268.666	1.8	
July	244.786	1.0	259.833	1.3	268.051	1.6	
August	245.519	1.9	259.508	1.6	268.657	1.0	
September	246.819	2.2	260.875	1.9	270.059	2.1	
October	246.663	2.2	260.580	1.5	269.575	1.8	
November		2.0					
December	246.669 246.524	2.2 2.1	260.630 260.791	1.6 1.7	269.381 269.564	1.6 1.6	
	240.524	2.1	200.791	1./	209.304	1.0	
Average for 2017 Calendar Year	245.120	2.1	259.538	1.8	268.520	2.0	
2018							
January	247.867	2.1	262.188	1.6	270.771	1.4	
February	248.991	2.2	263.260	1.7	272.214	1.7	
March	249.554	2.4	263.556	2.0	272.196	1.7	
April	250.546	2.4	264.669	2.0	272.950	1.7	
May	251.588	2.3	265.840	2.1	272.930	2.2	
June	251.989	2.8	265.950	2.5	274.001	2.2	
July	252.006	2.9	265.830	2.0	274.073	2.0	
August	252.146	2.9 2.7	265.830	2.7 2.7	274.075	2.2	
		2.7		2.7 2.2	274.441 275.455	2.2 2.0	
September	252.439		266.709				
October	252.885	2.5	266.464	2.3	275.101	2.0	
November	252.038	2.2	265.487	1.9	274.478	1.9	
December							
Average for 2018 Calendar Year							

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 2018 and 2019 economic projections from approximately 50 sources.

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

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

YEAR	February 2018	March 2018	April 2018	May 2018	June 2018	July 2018	August 2018	September 2018	October 2018	November 2018	December 2018
2018	2.3	2.4	2.4	2.5	2.5	2.6	2.5	2.5	2.5	2.5	2.4
2019	2.2	2.2	2.2	2.2	2.2	2.2	2.3	2.3	2.3	2.2	2.1

Blue Chip also reports that 1 of the 49 forecasters contributing to its **2018** consensus CPI projection were revised upward from the prior month. Thirty forecasts were unchanged and 18 were revised downward. Fifteen of the 48 forecasts for **2019** were unchanged, 3 were revised upward and 30 were revised downward.

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