FACT SHEET

# Consumer Price Index

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### ALL URBAN CONSUMERS

The United States City Average Consumer Price Index (CPI-U) for **October 2026** was **337.511**.

The Northeast Area Consumer Price Index for **October 2026** was **353.171.**

The New York-Northern New Jersey Area Consumer Price Index for **October 2026** was **366.054.**

The annual change in inflation is unavailable for October 2026. The Bureau of Labor Statistics did not release an inflation report for October 2025 due to the federal government shutdown that occurred during that time.

The **November CPI** will be available **December 10, 2026.**

Future projections of the CPI by businesses and economic organizations are found on page 3. CPI increases are projected **3.5** percent for **2026** and **2.7** percent for **2027.**

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# CONSUMER PRICE INDEX — ALL URBAN CONSUMERS

| Month | United States City Average | | Northeast Area | | New York-Northern New Jersey Area | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | Index | Increase Over Same Period of Previous Year | Index | Increase Over Same Period of Previous Year | Index | Increase Over Same Period of Previous Year |
| **2024** | | | | | | |
| January | 308.417 | 3.1 | 318.133 | 2.5 | 328.006 | 3.1 |
| February | 310.326 | 3.2 | 319.577 | 2.4 | 328.606 | 2.9 |
| March | 312.332 | 3.5 | 321.741 | 3.4 | 329.829 | 3.4 |
| April | 313.548 | 3.4 | 323.035 | 3.6 | 331.270 | 3.8 |
| May | 314.069 | 3.3 | 324.439 | 3.9 | 332.633 | 3.9 |
| June | 314.175 | 3.0 | 325.271 | 3.8 | 334.782 | 4.2 |
| July | 314.540 | 2.9 | 325.339 | 3.6 | 335.642 | 4.1 |
| August | 314.796 | 2.5 | 326.140 | 3.4 | 336.534 | 3.7 |
| September | 315.301 | 2.4 | 327.156 | 3.4 | 337.889 | 3.8 |
| October | 315.664 | 2.6 | 327.421 | 3.5 | 338.166 | 4.0 |
| November | 315.493 | 2.7 | 327.277 | 3.5 | 338.535 | 4.3 |
| December | 315.605 | 2.9 | 327.240 | 3.5 | 338.610 | 4.3 |
| **Average for 2024 Calendar Year** | **313.689** | **2.95** | **324.397** | **3.38** | **334.209** | **3.79** |
| **2025** | | | | | | |
| January | 317.671 | 3.0 | 329.989 | 3.7 | 341.144 | 4.0 |
| February | 319.082 | 2.8 | 332.009 | 3.9 | 342.333 | 4.2 |
| March | 319.799 | 2.4 | 332.049 | 3.2 | 342.508 | 3.8 |
| April | 320.795 | 2.3 | 333.065 | 3.1 | 344.047 | 3.9 |
| May | 321.465 | 2.4 | 333.531 | 2.8 | 343.886 | 3.4 |
| June | 322.561 | 2.7 | 335.078 | 3.0 | 346.332 | 3.5 |
| July | 323.048 | 2.7 | 335.656 | 3.2 | 346.385 | 3.2 |
| August | 323.976 | 2.9 | 336.936 | 3.3 | 347.266 | 3.2 |
| September | 324.800 | 3.0 | 337.321 | 3.1 | 348.096 | 3.0 |
| October | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A |
| November | 324.122 | 2.7 | 337.284 | 3.1 | 348.620 | 3.0 |
| December | 324.054 | 2.7 | 337.880 | 3.3 | 350.003 | 3.4 |
| **Average for 2025 Calendar Year** | **321.94** | **2.63** | **334.62** | **3.15** | **345.51** | **3.38** |
| **2026** | | | | | | |
| January | 325.252 | 2.4 | 339.104 | 2.8 | 350.947 | 2.9 |
| February | 326.785 | 2.4 | 340.945 | 2.7 | 353.366 | 3.2 |
| March | 330.213 | 3.3 | 344.142 | 3.6 | 356.169 | 4.0 |
| April | 333.020 | 3.8 | 347.585 | 4.4 | 359.774 | 4.6 |
| May | 335.123 | 4.2 | 350.338 | 5.0 | 361.362 | 5.1 |
| June | 333.952 | 3.5 | 349.552 | 4.3 | 360.529 | 4.1 |
| July | 333.918 | 3.4 | 349.414 | 4.1 | 362.189 | 4.6 |
| August | 334.980 | 3.4 | 349.921 | 3.9 | 362.328 | 4.3 |
| September | 336.940 | 3.7 | 351.570 | 4.2 | 363.870 | 4.5 |
| October | 337.511 | N/A | 353.171 | N/A | 366.054 | N/A |
| November | | | | | | |
| December | | | | | | |
| **Average for 2026 Calendar Year** | | | | | | |

***Source: US 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 2026 and 2027 economic projections from approximately 50 sources.

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

***Blue Chip Economic Indicators,*** published by Wolters Kluwer. This forecast uses the projections from approximately 50 different organizations, and the consensus of these projections is reported here.

| YEAR | January | February | March | April | May | June | July | August | September | October | November | December |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **2026** | 2.8 | 2.7 | 2.7 | 3.2 | 3.4 | 3.5 | 3.5 | 3.4 | 3.4 | 3.4 | 3.5 | |
| **2027** | 2.5 | 2.5 | 2.4 | 2.4 | 2.5 | 2.5 | 2.6 | 2.5 | 2.5 | 2.6 | 2.7 | |

***Blue Chip*** also reports that 22 of the 50 forecasters contributing to its **2026** consensus CPI projection were revised upward from the prior month. Twenty-four were unchanged and 4 were revised downward. Thirteen of the 50 forecasts for **2027** were unchanged, 32 were revised upward and 5 were revised downward.

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