

The Consumer Price Index in Taipei for January 2012

The Consumer Price Index(CPI) in Taipei for January 2012 was 107.78(2006=100), increased 0.76% from previous month, mainly because during Chinese New Year's Festival, nurse and maid service costs increased which brought Household Operations prices to go up 55.20%. In addition, Cosmetic Items and tour fees went up, brought the prices of Miscellaneous and Education & Entertainment to move up 1.79% and 0.36%. Nevertheless, prices of Garments, Vegetables, and Other Food declined 10.73%, 9.39% and 4.71% respectively.

The annual change for CPI in Taipei for January 2012, compared with the same month of previous year, moved up 2.63%. Housing prices rose 4.59%, of which prices of Household Operations, Residential Rent and Household Appliances moved up 56.53%, 0.53%, and 3.70% separately. Food prices move up 4.19% for prices of Vegetables, Food Away from Home, and Cereals & Cereal Products moved up 42.08%, 1.33% and 4.65% separately, while Fruits decreased 4.58%. Clothing prices rose 2.64%, mainly because Apparel Services & Accessories prices increased 6.82%. Transportation & Communication prices moved down 0.98%, mainly because Transportation & Communication Services and Vehicle Parts declined 1.38%. Education & Entertainment prices moved down 0.45% for prices of Educational Expense decreased 0.72%.

