

The Consumer Price Index in Taipei for February 2013

The Consumer Price Index(CPI) in Taipei for February 2013 was 102.80(2011=100), increased 0.93% from the previous month, mainly because prices of services for nursery & nursing care , Household Operations fees and entertainment expenses(such as travel tour fees) went up 63.08%, 14.30% and 6.32% individually during lunar New Year festival. However, vegetables prices decreased 18.10% due to sufficient supply; besides Clothing prices moved down 5.35% for promotion.

The annual change of CPI in Taipei for February 2013, compared with the same month of previous year, moved up 3.04%, mainly because prices of fruits, fuels & lubricants, Residential Rent and Food Away from Home went up 24.85%, 12.91%, 0.67% and 1.35% separately. Nevertheless, distorted by timing of the Chinese New Year in February this year, increases of fish & seafood and meat prices brought food category to move up 2.73%; furthermore, some services (such as nursing care, taxi fare, travel tour fees) went up to higher prices.

For the first two months of 2013, the CPI increased by 1.76% over the same period of previous year. Prices of Transportation & Communication moved up 2.80%, prices of Food move up 2.76%, prices of Clothing move up 2.67%, Education & Entertainment fees moved up 1.55%, prices of Medicines & Medical Care moved up 1.49%, prices of Housing moved up 1.18%, prices of Miscellaneous moved down 1.10%.

