

The Consumer Price Index in Taipei for July 2013

The Consumer Price Index(CPI) in Taipei for July 2013 was 102.46(2011=100), increased 0.20% from the previous month. The major factors of the change were the followings: entertainment expenses grew up 5.03% due to summer vacation and prices of Health went up 0.27% because some medicines and health food having prices with a smaller discount than the previous month, and prices of Clothing decreased 3.55% by means of continuous increase of discount rates.

The annual change of CPI in Taipei for July 2013, compared with the same month of previous year, went up 0.24%. The major factors of the change were the followings: prices of Fuels & Lubricants, Entertainment expenses, Food Away from Home and Residential Rent went up 3.71%, 1.61%, 0.91%, 0.65% respectively. However, Fruits prices and Personal Effects decreased 25.40% and 7.37% respectively, which offset some percentage of raise. The general CPI excluding fruits, vegetables and energy, i.e. core CPI, increased 0.69%.

For the first seven months of 2013, the CPI increased by 0.87% over the same period of previous year. Prices of Health went up 1.78%, prices of Transportation & Communication went up 1.42%, prices of Housing went up 1.11%, prices of Food went up 0.99%, Education & Entertainment fees went up 0.13%, prices of Miscellaneous decreased 0.18%, prices of Clothing moved down 0.08%.

