

The Consumer Price Index in Taipei for August 2013

The Consumer Price Index(CPI) in Taipei for August 2013 was 102.54(2011=100), increased 0.12% from the previous month. The major factors of the change were the followings: Miscellaneous prices grew up 0.83% due to cosmetic products having prices with a smaller discount than the previous month, and prices of Fruits and Vegetables increased 10.80% and 3.53% because of growing demand in Ghost Festival and decreasing supply in unstable weather.

The annual change of CPI in Taipei for August 2013, compared with the same month of previous year, decreased 0.29%. The major factors of the change were the followings: prices of Fruits and Vegetables decreased 18.33% and 17.14% respectively. However, prices of Meat, Entertainment expenses and Residential Rent went up 4.86%, 1.47%, 0.85%, respectively. The general CPI excluding fruits, vegetables and energy, i.e. core CPI, increased 0.72%.

For the first eight months of 2013, the CPI increased by 0.72% over the same period of previous year. Prices of Health went up 1.74%, prices of Transportation & Communication went up 1.21%, prices of Housing went up 1.09%, prices of Food went up 0.55%, Education & Entertainment fees went up 0.18%, prices of Clothing moved down 0.34%, prices of Miscellaneous decreased 0.11%.

