

The Consumer Price Index in Taipei for December 2013

The Consumer Price Index(CPI) in Taipei for December 2013 was 102.84 (2011=100), decreased 0.06% from the previous month. The major factors of the change were the followings: prices of footwear and garments declined 4.61% and 4.19% respectively due to big promotion for Christmas and New Year's Day in some department stores and increasing supply of vegetables dragged prices down 4.08%.

The annual change of CPI in Taipei for December 2013, compared with the same month of previous year, increased 0.77%. The major factors of the change were the followings: prices of meat, entertainment expenses and residential rent increased 6.37%, 4.28% and 0.74% respectively. However, prices of vegetables, services and vehicle parts for transportation & communication decreased 5.80% and 1.41%, respectively. The general CPI excluding fruits, vegetables and energy, i.e. core CPI, increased 0.75%.

For the whole year of 2013, the CPI increased by 0.83% over the same period of previous year. Prices of health went up 1.49%, prices of food went up 1.08%, prices of housing went up 1.03%, education & entertainment fees went up 0.74%, prices of transportation & communication went up 0.60%, prices of miscellaneous increased 0.31%, prices of clothing moved down 1.34%.

