

The Consumer Price Index in Taipei for April 2015

The Consumer Price Index (CPI) in Taipei for April 2015 was 103.41(2011=100), increased 0.57% from the previous month. The major factors of the change were the followings: with the availability of new arrivals for spring/summer clothing, prices of garments climbed 21.45%. Prices of vegetable and entertainment expenses move up 9.65% and 0.98% respectively. On the other hand, prices of water, electricity and gas supply went down 5.15% because electricity prices adjusted downward. What's more, there were some declined in prices of fruits and meats, by 4.97% and 2.87%.

The annual change of CPI in Taipei for April 2015, compared with the same month of previous year, decreased 0.37%. The major factors of the change were the followings: prices of fuels and lubricants fell 25.31% from relatively high bases last year. In addition, prices of water, electricity and gas supply and educational expenses dropped 13.17% and 2.73% respectively, whereas prices of vegetables, food away from home and residential rent move up 19.92%, 3.14% and 0.71% respectively. The general CPI excluding fruits, vegetables and energy, i.e. core CPI, increased 0.68%.

For the first four months of 2015, the CPI decreased 0.06% over the same period of previous year. Prices of transportation and communication moved down 5.28%, prices of housing fell 1.11%, education and entertainment fees declined 0.85%, by contrast, prices of food went up 3.88%, prices of miscellaneous raised 1.32%, prices of clothing increased 0.55%, prices of health rose 0.05%.

