

The Consumer Price Index in Taipei for April 2016

The Consumer Price Index (CPI) in Taipei for April 2016 was 105.36(2011=100), increased 0.57% from the previous month. The major factors of the change were the followings: garments moved up 23.77% with the availability of new arrivals for spring/summer clothing. Prices of fuels and lubricants went up 3.65%. However, the downward adjustment of electricity prices brought prices of water, electricity and gas supply went down 6.13%. Prices of vegetables and fruits decreasing 1.25% and 1.20%.

The annual change of CPI in Taipei for April 2016, compared with the same month of previous year, increased 1.90%. The major factors of the change were the followings: Prices of vegetables and fruits went up 55.76% and 27.75% due to lower supply. Prices of residential rent increased 0.57%. However, prices of fuels and lubricants decreased 11.82%. Prices of water, electricity and gas supply went down 8.86%. The general CPI excluding fruits, vegetables and energy, i.e. core CPI, increased 0.90%.

For the first four months of 2016, the CPI increased 1.63% over the same period of previous year. Prices of food went up 6.26%, prices of housing rose 0.67%, prices of miscellaneous went up 0.62%, education and entertainment fees increased 0.44%, by contrast, prices of transportation and communication moved down 2.18%, prices of clothing declined 1.58%, prices of health was the same.

