

Core Inflation: February 2016

Core inflation measures stood at moderate levels in February 2016. CORE1 inflation edged up to 0.7 per cent in February 2016, from 0.6 per cent for the twelve-month period ended January 2016. CORE2 inflation went up from 2.0 per cent for the twelve-month period ended January 2016 to 2.1 per cent for the twelve-month period ended February 2016. A year earlier, CORE1 and CORE2 inflation stood at 1.9 per cent and 2.7 per cent, respectively.

TRIM10 inflation, which trims 5% of the most volatile items in the CPI on both sides of the distribution, rose from 0.6 per cent in January 2016 to 0.7 per cent in February 2016. A year earlier, TRIM10 inflation stood at 1.9 per cent.

(Per cent)

Month	Headline	CORE1	CORE2	TRIM10
Jun-10	1.7	2.2	2.6	2.1
Dec-10	2.9	3.2	2.8	2.9
Jun-11	5.1	4.8	4.3	4.7
Dec-11	6.5	6.0	4.8	5.3
Jun-12	5.1	4.4	3.6	3.6
Dec-12	3.9	3.3	3.0	2.5
Jun-13	3.6	2.8	2.8	2.5
Dec-13	3.5	2.6	2.6	2.9
Jun-14	4.0	2.9	2.9	3.2
Dec-14	3.2	2.6	3.1	2.5
Jan-15	2.8	2.2	2.9	2.2
Feb-15	2.5	1.9	2.7	1.9
Mar-15	2.4	1.7	2.6	1.7
Jun-15	1.7	1.1	2.3	1.1
Jul-15	1.5	0.9	2.1	0.9
Aug-15	1.3	0.7	2.0	0.8
Sep-15	1.2	0.6	1.9	0.7
Oct-15	1.2	0.5	1.8	0.6
Nov-15	1.2	0.4	1.7	0.6
Dec-15	1.3	0.4	1.7	0.6
Jan-16	1.3	0.6	2.0	0.6
Feb-16	1.0	0.7	2.1	0.7

Notes:

- 1. Effective April 2013, Core inflation data are compiled using the new basket of goods and services derived from the 2012 Household Budget Survey.
- 2. CORE1 excludes "Food, Beverages and Tobacco" components and mortgage interest on housing loan from the CPI basket.
- 3. CORE2 excludes Food, Beverages, Tobacco, mortgage interest, energy prices and administered prices from the CPI basket.
- 4. TRIM10 truncates 5 per cent of each tail of the distribution of price changes.

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