

## Core Inflation: May 2011

All the three underlying measures of inflation rose in May 2011. CORE1 inflation stood at 4.6 per cent for the twelve-month period ended May 2011, up from 4.3 per cent for the twelve-month period ended April 2011. CORE2 inflation increased from 3.8 per cent for the twelve-month period ended April 2011 to 4.1 per cent for the twelve-month period ended April 2011 to 4.1 per cent for the twelve-month period ended May 2011. A year earlier, CORE1 and CORE2 stood at 2.2 per cent and 2.8 per cent, respectively.

TRIM10 inflation, which trims 5% of the most volatile items in the CPI on both sides of the distribution, rose to 4.4 per cent in May 2011, from 4.1 per cent for the twelve-month period ended April 2011. TRIM10 inflation stood at 2.2 per cent in May 2010.

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Month	Headline	CORE1	CORE2	TRIM10
Jul-07	10.5	7.6	6.4	7.5
Sep-07	9.7	6.4	6.2	7.2
Dec-07	8.8	5.0	5.7	7.0
Jun-08	8.8	6.6	5.5	6.5
Dec-08	9.7	8.7	6.1	3.5
Mar-09	8.5	7.6	5.8	2.5
Jun-09	6.9	6.1	5.5	2.8
Sep-09	4.4	3.9	4.8	2.7
Dec-09	2.5	2.4	3.8	2.4
Jan-10	2.3	2.4	3.6	2.6
Feb-10	2.1	2.3	3.4	2.5
Mar-10	1.9	2.2	3.2	2.3
Apr-10	1.8	2.2	3.0	2.2
May-10	1.8	2.2	2.8	2.2
Jun-10	1.7	2.2	2.6	2.1
Jul-10	1.8	2.2	2.5	2.1
Aug-10	1.9	2.4	2.5	2.1
Sep-10	2.0	2.4	2.5	2.2
Oct-10	2.3	2.7	2.5	2.4
Nov-10	2.5	2.9	2.6	2.6
Dec-10	2.9	3.2	2.8	2.9
Jan-11	3.3	3.4	3.0	3.1
Feb-11	3.6	3.7	3.2	3.5
Mar-11	4.0	4.0	3.5	3.8
Apr-11	4.4	4.3	3.8	4.1
May-11	4.8	4.6	4.1	4.4

## Notes:

- 1. Effective July 2007, Core inflation data are compiled using the new basket of goods and services derived from the 2006-07 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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