



Core Inflation: August 2013

For the twelve-month period ended August 2013, CORE1 inflation stood unchanged from the previous period at 2.8 per cent while CORE2 inflation edged down from 2.8 per cent in July 2013 to 2.7 per cent in August 2013. A year earlier, CORE1 and CORE2 inflation stood at 3.9 per cent and 3.2 per cent, respectively.

TRIM10 inflation, which trims 5% of the most volatile items in the CPI on both sides of the distribution, stood unchanged at 2.6 per cent in August 2013. TRIM10 inflation stood at 3.1 per cent in August 2012.

(Per cent)

Month	Headline	CORE1	CORE2	TRIM10
Jul-07	10.5	7.6	6.4	7.5
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
Jun-09	6.9	6.1	5.5	2.8
Dec-09	2.5	2.4	3.8	2.4
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
Jan-12	6.4	5.8	4.6	5.0
Feb-12	6.2	5.6	4.5	4.7
Mar-12	5.9	5.3	4.3	4.4
Apr-12	5.6	5.0	4.1	4.1
May-12	5.3	4.6	3.8	3.8
Jun-12	5.1	4.4	3.6	3.6
Jul-12	4.9	4.1	3.4	3.3
Aug-12	4.6	3.9	3.2	3.1
Sep-12	4.4	3.7	3.2	2.9
Oct-12	4.3	3.6	3.1	2.8
Nov-12	4.0	3.4	3.1	2.6
Dec-12	3.9	3.3	3.0	2.5
Jan-13	3.7	3.2	3.0	2.4
Feb-13	3.6	3.0	2.9	2.4
Mar-13	3.6	3.0	2.9	2.4
Apr-13	3.6	2.9	2.8	2.5
May-13	3.6	2.9	2.8	2.5
Jun-13	3.6	2.8	2.8	2.5
Jul-13	3.6	2.8	2.8	2.6
Aug-13	3.5	2.8	2.7	2.6

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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