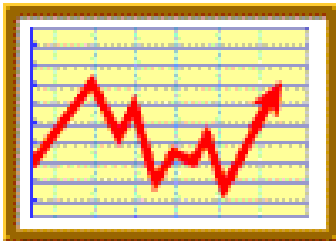


Consumer Price Index



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DECEMBER 2023 ALL URBAN CONSUMERS

The United States City Average Consumer Price Index (CPI-U) for **December 2023** was **306.746**— representing a change of **3.4** percent over the index for **December 2022**.

The Northeast Area Consumer Price Index for **December 2023** was **316.143**— representing a change of **2.6** percent over the index for **December 2022**.

The New York-Northern New Jersey Area Consumer Price Index for **December 2023** was **324.691**— representing a change of **2.9** percent over the index for **December 2022**.

The **January CPI** will be available **February 13, 2024**.

Future projections of the CPI by businesses and economic organizations are found on page 3. CPI increases are projected **2.6** percent for **2024** and **2.2** percent for **2025**.

The Average Annual Change in the CPI for the 2023 calendar year was 4.1%. This is important because under the tax cap law, allowable increases in the property tax levy are based on either 2 percent or the rate of inflation, whichever is less. Therefore, districts will use a 2.00% inflation factor when they are calculating their tax levy limit for 2024-25. Districts must use an eight-step formula to calculate their tax levy limit and submit this information to the NYS Office of State Comptroller by March 1, 2024.

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Month	UNITED STATES CITY AVERAGE	Increase Over Same Period of Previous Year	NORTHEAST AREA	Increase Over Same Period of Previous Year	NEW YORK- NORTHERN NEW JERSEY AREA	Increase Over Same Period of Previous Year
	Index		Index		Index	
2021						
January	261.582	1.4	275.427	1.1	285.525	1.2
February	263.014	1.7	276.473	1.2	286.474	1.4
March	264.877	2.6	278.197	2.1	287.481	2.0
April	267.054	4.2	280.234	3.3	289.493	3.2
May	269.195	5.0	281.858	3.9	290.991	3.2
June	271.696	5.4	284.741	4.6	293.872	4.1
July	273.003	5.4	285.220	4.3	293.553	3.5
August	273.567	5.3	285.630	4.4	293.927	3.7
September	274.310	5.4	286.423	4.6	295.488	3.8
October	276.589	6.2	288.236	5.4	296.472	4.3
November	277.948	6.8	289.835	6.0	297.490	5.0
December	278.802	7.0	290.405	5.9	296.865	4.4
Average for 2021 Calendar Year	270.970	4.70	283.557	3.90	292.303	3.32
2022						
January	281.148	7.5	292.644	6.3	300.164	5.1
February	283.716	7.9	294.605	6.6	301.151	5.1
March	287.504	8.5	298.403	7.3	305.024	6.1
April	289.109	8.3	300.325	7.2	307.781	6.3
May	292.296	8.6	302.939	7.5	309.243	6.3
June	296.311	9.1	306.453	7.6	313.589	6.7
July	296.276	8.5	305.916	7.3	312.615	6.5
August	296.171	8.3	306.855	7.4	313.280	6.6
September	296.808	8.2	307.152	7.2	313.880	6.2
October	298.012	7.7	308.001	6.9	314.338	6.0
November	297.711	7.1	308.394	6.4	314.975	5.9
December	296.797	6.5	308.150	6.1	315.656	6.3
Average for 2022 Calendar Year	292.655	8.00	303.320	7.00	310.141	6.10
2023						
January	299.170	6.4	310.323	6.0	318.151	6.0
February	300.840	6.0	311.986	5.9	319.295	6.0
March	301.836	5.0	311.243	4.3	319.038	4.6
April	303.363	4.9	311.848	3.8	319.211	3.7
May	304.127	4.0	312.241	3.1	320.002	3.5
June	305.109	3.0	313.329	2.2	321.290	2.5
July	305.691	3.2	313.952	2.6	322.496	3.2
August	307.026	3.7	315.441	2.8	324.380	3.5
September	307.789	3.7	316.373	3.0	325.613	3.7
October	307.671	3.2	316.300	2.7	325.288	3.5
November	307.051	3.1	316.252	2.5	324.520	3.0
December	306.746	3.4	316.143	2.6	324.691	2.9
Average for 2023 Calendar Year	304.702	4.10	313.786	3.50	321.998	3.80

Source: US Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics

Projecting Increases in the Consumer Price Index (CPI)

A large number of organizations project increases in the Consumer Price Index. NYSUT subscribes to *Blue Chip Economic Indicators*. This monthly publication presents 2024 and 2025 economic projections from approximately 50 sources.

Projected Increases in the Consumer Price Index U.S. City Average All Urban Consumers

Blue Chip Economic Indicators, published by Aspen Publishers, Inc. This forecast uses the projections from approximately 50 different organizations and the consensus of these projections is reported here.

YEAR	January 2024	February 2024	March 2024	April 2024	May 2024	June 2024	July 2024	August 2024	September 2024	October 2024	November 2024	December 2024
2024	2.6											
2025	2.2											

Blue Chip also reports that 9 of the 46 forecasters contributing to its **2024** consensus CPI projection were revised upward from the prior month. Twenty-one were unchanged and 16 were revised downward.

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