



Year	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011
Jan	177.1	181.7	185.2	190.7	198.3	202.416	211.080	211.143	216.687	220.223
Feb	177.8	183.1	186.2	191.8	198.7	203.499	211.693	212.193	216.741	221.309
Mar	178.8	184.2	187.4	193.3	199.8	205.352	213.528	212.709	217.631	223.467
Apr	179.8	183.8	188.0	194.6	201.5	206.686	214.823	213.240	218.009	224.906
May	179.8	183.5	189.1	194.4	202.5	207.949	216.632	213.856	218.178	225.964
Jun	179.9	183.7	189.7	194.5	202.9	208.352	218.815	215.693	217.965	225.722
Jul	180.1	183.9	189.4	195.4	203.5	208.299	219.964	215.351	218.011	225.922
Aug	180.7	184.6	189.5	196.4	203.9	207.917	219.086	215.834	218.312	226.545
Sep	181.0	185.2	189.9	198.8	202.9	208.490	218.783	215.969	218.439	226.889
Oct	181.3	185.0	190.9	199.2	201.8	208.936	216.573	216.177	218.711	226.421
Nov	181.3	184.5	191.0	197.6	201.5	210.177	212.425	216.330	218.803	226.230
Dec	180.9	184.3	190.3	196.8	201.8	210.036	210.228	215.949	219.179	225.672
Annual Avg	179.9	184.0	188.9	195.3	201.6	207.342	215.303	214.537	218.056	224.939
% Change		2.3%	2.7%	3.4%	3.2%	2.9%	3.8%	-0.4%	1.6%	3.2%

Source: U.S. Department of Labor

To determine the percentage of change from one time to another:  
divide the mostly recent monthly/annual average by the earlier monthly/annual average and subtract one.  
Most recent  $\div$  earlier  $- 1 =$  % of change.

Beginning in 2007, the Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS) began to publish its consumer price indexes (CPI) rounded to three decimal places. This change made the published percent changes more precise. Historically, the CPI published index values rounded to one decimal place. The published percent changes were derived from those published index values, so that users could replicate the calculations. Because both the numerator and denominator index values were rounded to one decimal place, there was a significant probability of obtaining a different percent change using the published one-place values than with indexes with more precision. Percent changes now will be calculated using indexes rounded to three decimal places; the percent changes will continue to be published to one decimal place.