

CPI = Consumer Price  
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How the price of a  
"basket" of goods  
has changed over time.

The CPI is released by the  
federal government.

(TPI)

CPI is the primary index used to report inflation.

Inflation is the increase in prices of items over time

another way to put it is

Inflation is the decreasing value of money over time.

CPI is used for:

- ① Cost of Living Adjustments (COLA) for Social Security recipients.
- ② Many business contracts allow price increases based on CPI
- ③ Many Salary increases for jobs are based on CPI.

Limitations of the CPI:

① Only includes 211 categories.  
There are a lot of products  
in the U.S.

② Reflects price increases  
for a "typical" U.S. household.

$$\begin{array}{l} \text{2010} \\ \text{2000} \end{array} \overset{\text{CPI}}{=} \begin{array}{l} 216 \\ 174 \end{array}$$

An item costs \$3.00 in 2000. What does it cost in 2010?

Like is to like

$$\frac{\$3.00}{\$X} = \frac{174}{216}$$

$$3 \cdot 216 = 174X$$

$$\frac{648}{174} = \frac{174X}{174}$$

$$X = \$3.72 \text{ in } 2010$$

What is the % change from 2000 to 2010?

$$\frac{216-174}{174} = 24.1\%$$

What is the % change from 2010 to 2000?

$$\frac{174-216}{216} = -19.4\%$$



Medical Care		
<u>CPI Base</u>	<u>CPI 2003</u>	<u>% Increase</u>
100 %	297.1%	197.1%
↓	↓	↓
100	297.1	197.1
1.00	2.971	1.971
Converted to decimals		

Base year: index = 100

Base

\$326

2003

\$X

CPI 100

297.1

How much will an item that was \$326 in the base year cost in 2003?

$$\frac{\$326}{\$X} = \frac{100}{297.1}$$

$$326 (297.1) = 100X$$

$$\frac{968546}{100} = \frac{100X}{100} \oplus$$

(\$968.55 in 2003)

Buy a car for \$12,000  
when the CPI is 176.  
How much did it cost  
in the base year?

$$\frac{\$12000}{\$X} = \frac{176}{100}$$

6818.18

Buy \$237,000 house in 2002  
when the CPI was  
138. How much did  
it cost in 2006 when  
the CPI was 212?

$$\frac{237000}{x} = \frac{138}{212}$$

$$364,086.96$$

Buy a Nano for \$80  
when the CPI is 112.

What is the CPI 3 years  
earlier if the Nano \$40?

$$\frac{\frac{\$}{\$80}}{\$40} = \frac{\text{CPI}}{112} = \frac{112}{x}$$

$$\text{CPI} = 56$$

2000) CPI is 132

2005) CPI is 175

$$175 - 132 = 43$$



The CPI in year 1 is 117. The CPI is 132 in year 2.

What is the percent change from Yr 1 to Yr 2?

$$\frac{\text{new-old}}{\text{old}} = \frac{132-117}{117} = 12.8\%$$

CPI

Dec 2002	180.9
Dec 2003	184.3

$$\% \text{ change} = \frac{\text{new} - \text{old}}{\text{old}}$$

$$\frac{184.3 - 180.9}{180.9} = 1.9\%$$

① 117

② 132

$$\frac{132 - 117}{117} = \frac{15}{117} = 12.8$$

$$.1\% = 0.001$$

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The CPI was 247  
in 2003. It was  
165 in 1996. What  
was the percent change  
① from 1996 to 2003?  
② from 2003 to 1996?

$$\frac{\text{new-old}}{\text{old}}$$

$$\textcircled{a} \quad \frac{247-165}{165} = .497 = \textcircled{49.7\%}$$

$$\textcircled{b} \quad \frac{165-247}{247} = \textcircled{-33.1\%}$$

What is percent change

@ \$2 to \$3

$$\frac{3-2}{2} = \frac{1}{2} = 50\%$$

$\frac{\text{new-old}}{\text{old}}$

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⑥ \$3 to \$2

$$\frac{2-3}{3} = -\frac{1}{3} =$$

-33%

The CPI was 247  
in 2003. It was  
165 in 1996. What  
was the percent change  
from 2003 to 1996?

$$\frac{165 - 247}{247} = 33.2\% \text{ decrease}$$



The price of an item went from \$1.00 to \$1.50. What is the Percent increase?

$$\frac{1.50 - 1.00}{1.00} = \frac{.50}{1.00} = 50\%$$

The price of an item decreased from \$1.50 to \$1.00. What is the Percent decrease?

$$\frac{1.00 - 1.50}{1.50} = \frac{-.50}{1.50} = 33.\overline{3}\% \text{ decrease}$$