



Year	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010
Jan	175.1	177.1	181.7	185.2	190.7	198.3	202.416	211.080	211.143	216.687
Feb	175.8	177.8	183.1	186.2	191.8	198.7	203.499	211.693	212.193	216.741
Mar	176.2	178.8	184.2	187.4	193.3	199.8	205.352	213.528	212.709	217.631
Apr	176.9	179.8	183.8	188.0	194.6	201.5	206.686	214.823	213.240	218.009
May	177.7	179.8	183.5	189.1	194.4	202.5	207.949	216.632	213.856	218.178
Jun	178.0	179.9	183.7	189.7	194.5	202.9	208.352	218.815	215.693	217.965
Jul	177.5	180.1	183.9	189.4	195.4	203.5	208.299	219.964	215.351	
Aug	177.5	180.7	184.6	189.5	196.4	203.9	207.917	219.086	215.834	
Sep	178.3	181.0	185.2	189.9	198.8	202.9	208.490	218.783	215.969	
Oct	177.7	181.3	185.0	190.9	199.2	201.8	208.936	216.573	216.177	
Nov	177.4	181.3	184.5	191.0	197.6	201.5	210.177	212.425	216.330	
Dec	176.7	180.9	184.3	190.3	196.8	201.8	210.036	210.228	215.949	
Annual Avg	177.1	179.9	184.0	188.9	195.3	201.6	207.342	215.303	214.537	
% Change		1.6%	2.3%	2.7%	3.4%	3.2%	2.9%	3.8%	-0.4%	

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.  
 $\text{Most recent} \div \text{earlier} - 1 = \% \text{ of change.}$

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.