

## Consumer Price Index (CPI)

Current Area Publication Schedule  
Bureau of Labor Statistics, San Francisco Regional Office

The Consumer Price Index is published on a monthly basis for the U.S. City average, the four Census Regions, and the three largest metropolitan areas in the country including Los Angeles-Riverside-Orange Co. The San Francisco-Oakland-San Jose and Seattle-Tacoma-Bremerton metropolitan areas are published bimonthly. Data for the Anchorage, Honolulu, Phoenix-Mesa, Portland-Salem, and San Diego areas are available on a semiannual basis.

Monthly CPIs are averages of prices for the reference month as a whole – not for a particular day such as the 1<sup>st</sup> or the 31<sup>st</sup>. Monthly indexes are published approximately midway during the following month. Bimonthly indexes—those covering a two-month period—use a single month title to identify the reference period. Both western metropolitan indexes follow an even month schedule (Feb., Apr., Jun., etc.). As with the monthly indexes, publication is lagged about two weeks following the reference month. Semiannual average indexes are published for 6-month periods January—June and July—December as a whole, not for a particular month such as January or a particular day within the period. The 1<sup>st</sup> Half (January through June) semiannual average is issued mid-July and the 2<sup>nd</sup> Half (June through December) average is issued mid-January.

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Area	Reference Period	Geographic Coverage
United States City Average	Monthly	87 areas sampled
West * Population Size Classes -A=1,500,000 and over -B/C=1,500,000 and under	Monthly	18 areas sampled 13 westernmost states
Anchorage, AK	Semiannually	Anchorage Borough
Honolulu, HI	Semiannually	Honolulu County
Los Angeles-Riverside-Orange County, CA	Monthly	Los Angeles, Orange, Riverside, San Bernardino, and Ventura Counties
Phoenix-Mesa, AZ	Semiannually	Maricopa and Pinal Counties
Portland-Salem, OR-WA	Semiannually	OR Portion: Clackamas, Columbia, Marion, Multnomah, Polk, Washington, and Yamhill Counties WA Portion: Clark County
San Diego, CA	Semiannually	San Diego County
San Francisco-Oakland-San Jose, CA	Bimonthly **	Alameda, Contra Costa, Marin, Napa, San Francisco, San Mateo, Santa Clara, Santa Cruz, Solano, and Sonoma Counties
Seattle-Tacoma-Bremerton, WA	Bimonthly **	Island, King, Kitsap, Pierce, Snohomish, and Thurston Counties

\* Alaska, Arizona, California, Colorado, Hawaii, Idaho, Montana, Nevada, New Mexico, Oregon, Utah, Washington, and Wyoming

\*\* February, April, June, August, October, and December