



## *Core Inflation: February 2012*

All the three underlying measures of inflation eased in February 2012. CORE1 inflation stood at 5.6 per cent for the twelve-month period ended February 2012, down from 5.8 per cent for the twelve-month period ended January 2012. CORE2 inflation fell from 4.6 per cent for the twelve-month period ended January 2012 to 4.5 per cent for the twelve-month period ended February 2012. A year earlier, CORE1 and CORE2 stood at 3.7 per cent and 3.2 per cent, respectively.

TRIM10 inflation, which trims 5% of the most volatile items in the CPI on both sides of the distribution, decreased to 4.7 per cent in February 2012, from 5.0 per cent for the twelve-month period ended January 2012. TRIM10 inflation stood at 3.5 per cent in February 2011.

*(Per cent)*

<b>Month</b>	<b>Headline</b>	<b>CORE1</b>	<b>CORE2</b>	<b>TRIM10</b>
<b>Jul-07</b>	10.5	7.6	6.4	7.5
<b>Dec-07</b>	8.8	5.0	5.7	7.0
<b>Jun-08</b>	8.8	6.6	5.5	6.5
<b>Dec-08</b>	9.7	8.7	6.1	3.5
<b>Jun-09</b>	6.9	6.1	5.5	2.8
<b>Dec-09</b>	2.5	2.4	3.8	2.4
<b>Jun-10</b>	1.7	2.2	2.6	2.1
<b>Dec-10</b>	2.9	3.2	2.8	2.9
<b>Jan-11</b>	3.3	3.4	3.0	3.1
<b>Feb-11</b>	3.6	3.7	3.2	3.5
<b>Mar-11</b>	4.0	4.0	3.5	3.8
<b>Apr-11</b>	4.4	4.3	3.8	4.1
<b>May-11</b>	4.8	4.6	4.1	4.4
<b>Jun-11</b>	5.1	4.8	4.3	4.7
<b>Jul-11</b>	5.5	5.2	4.5	5.0
<b>Aug-11</b>	5.8	5.5	4.7	5.1
<b>Sep-11</b>	6.2	5.8	4.8	5.3
<b>Oct-11</b>	6.4	5.9	4.8	5.4
<b>Nov-11</b>	6.6	6.1	4.9	5.5
<b>Dec-11</b>	6.5	6.0	4.8	5.3
<b>Jan-12</b>	6.4	5.8	4.6	5.0
<b>Feb-12</b>	6.2	5.6	4.5	4.7

**Notes:**

1. Effective July 2007, Core inflation data are compiled using the new basket of goods and services derived from the 2006-07 Household Budget Survey.
2. CORE1 excludes “Food, Beverages and Tobacco” components and mortgage interest on housing loan from the CPI basket.
3. CORE2 excludes Food, Beverages, Tobacco, mortgage interest, energy prices and administered prices from the CPI basket.
4. TRIM10 truncates 5 per cent of each tail of the distribution of price changes.

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