

Comparison of early-year inflation estimates and final CPI, 2002 to 2017

Inflation conversion factor estimates for forthcoming years on this site are based on the average of yearly inflation estimates by the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) and the Congressional Budget Office (CBO), provided early each calendar year. This table shows the inflation estimates early each year and the final (actual) inflation for each year 2002 to 2017. CPI is standard CPI base, that is, 1982-84 = 1.000. To ease arithmetic calculations, as in other conversion factor tables on this site, CPI is shown as, for example (2017), 2.45120, instead of 245.120.

	Early-year estimate		Final (actual)		Inflation difference: Final compared to early-year estimate
	CPI	Inflation (%)	CPI	Inflation (%)	
2002	1.803	1.80	1.799	1.58	-0.22
2003	1.839	2.25	1.84	2.28	0.03
2004	1.868	1.50	1.889	2.66	1.16
2005	1.934	2.40	1.953	3.39	0.99
2006	2.015	3.20	2.016	3.23	0.03
2007	2.056	2.00	2.07342	2.85	0.85
2008	2.131	2.80	2.15303	3.84	1.04
2009	2.139	-0.65	2.14537	-0.36	0.29
2010	2.180	1.60	2.18056	1.64	0.04
2011	2.212	1.45	2.24939	3.16	1.71
2012	2.293	1.95	2.29594	2.07	0.12
2013	2.338	1.85	2.32957	1.46	-0.39
2014	2.368	1.65	2.36736	1.62	-0.03
2015	2.397	1.25	2.37017	0.12	-1.13
2016	2.403	1.40	2.40007	1.26	-0.14
2017	2.460	2.50	2.45120	2.13	-0.37

A negative number in the final column indicates that the early-year estimate was higher than the actual inflation for that year. Note: In 2007 the Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS, the national government organization responsible for producing CPI data), began stating the CPI with more significant digits than in earlier years.