

Melbourne Institute Survey of Consumer Inflationary Expectations

Inflationary expectations rose in April

The expected inflation rate, reported in the Melbourne Institute Survey of Consumer Inflationary Expectations, rose by 0.3 percentage points to 2.4 per cent in April from 2.1 per cent in March. It is now around the mid-point of the Reserve Bank of Australia's (RBA) target band of 2-3 per cent.

According to Dr. Viet Nguyen, a Research Fellow at the Melbourne Institute, "The consumer expected inflation rate has risen gradually from a low of 1.5 per cent in September 2013, but it has stayed below the mid-point of the RBA band of 2-3 per cent. This, to some extent, reflects consumers' expectations of moderate economic activity, especially in the coming months."

The May 2014 Survey of Consumer Inflationary Expectations will be released at 11am AEST, Thursday 22 May 2014.

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The Melbourne Institute Survey of Consumer Inflationary Expectations measures are designed to represent the average householder's expected rate of consumer price changes over the coming 12 months. Further information can be found by visiting: www.melbourneinstitute.com/miaesr/publications/indicators/cie.html

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