

Melbourne Institute Survey of Consumer Inflationary Expectations

Inflationary expectations rose in February

The expected inflation rate (30-per-cent trimmed mean measure), reported in the Melbourne Institute Survey of Consumer Inflationary Expectations, rose by 0.8 percentage points to 4.0 per cent in February from 3.2 per cent in January.

In February, the proportion of respondents (excluding the 'don't knows') expecting the inflation rate to fall within the 0-5 per cent range increased slightly, by 0.9 percentage points to 72.5 per cent from 71.6 per cent in January. Table 2 shows that this was attributable to a large increase in the cluster of responses around the expected price change of 5 per cent which was partly offset by decreases in the cluster of responses around the expected price changes of 0 and 2 per cent. The weighted mean of responses within the 0-5 per cent range rose to 2.6 per cent from 2.4 per cent in January.

The March 2015 Survey of Consumer Inflationary Expectations will be released at 11am AEDT, Thursday 12 March 2015.

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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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