

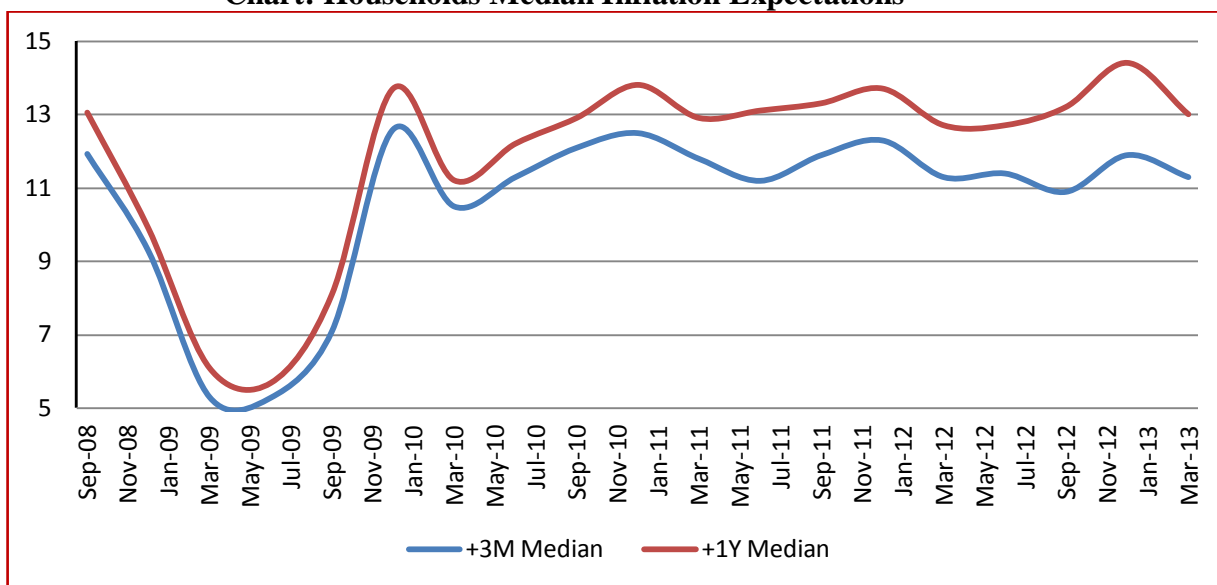
Inflation Expectations Survey of Households: March 2013 (Round 31)¹

The Inflation Expectations Survey of Households for the January-March 2013 quarter (31st round) captures the inflation expectations of 5,000 urban households across 16 cities, for the next three-month and for the next one-year period. These expectations are based on their individual consumption baskets and hence, these rates should not be considered as predictors of any official measure of inflation. The households' inflation expectations provide useful directional information on near-term inflationary pressures and also supplement other economic indicators to get a better indication of future inflation.

Highlights:

- i. The three-month ahead and one-year ahead mean and median inflation expectation of households decreased in the March 2013 round as compared with the previous round (Chart).

Chart: Households Median Inflation Expectations



*: Last two quarter results are compiled based on information for 16 cities, results for earlier quarters were compiled based on information for 12 cities.

- ii. The proportion of respondents expecting price rise by 'more than current rate' has decreased for three-month ahead as well as one-year ahead period for general

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- prices as well as for various product-groups (Food products, Non-food products, Household durables, Housing and Cost of services).
- iii. There was no major variation in the inflation expectations across gender, age-group and occupation category of respondents, but financial sector employees expect the lowest inflation whereas daily workers expect highest inflation.
 - iv. City-wise inflation expectations varied to some extent. While Western and Southern region of India expect high inflation, Eastern region expects relatively lower inflation.
 - v. On future inflation expectations, 53 per cent (64 per cent in last round) households for three-month ahead and 72 per cent (78 per cent in last round) households for one-year ahead expected double digit inflation.
 - vi. On the awareness of the RBI action to control inflation, 63 per cent (49 per cent in last round) of the respondents were aware of the role of RBI in controlling inflation; 33 per cent (25 per cent in last round) felt that RBI is taking necessary action. Among these 33 per cent, 44 per cent (36 per cent in last round) reported that RBI's action has an impact on controlling inflation.
 - vii. While 77 per cent of respondents expected that their income/wages would increase in the next one-year, 25 per cent of respondents expected an increase in next three-month period.

Tables

Table 1: Respondents' Profile (Category): Share in Total Sample

Category of Respondents	Share in Total (%) (12 Cities)	Share in Total (%) (16 cities)	Target Share (%)
Financial Sector Employees	8.6	8.8	10.0
Other Employees	18.0	17.6	15.0
Self-employed	20.1	20.3	20.0
Housewives	29.6	29.4	30.0
Retired Persons	8.9	9.0	10.0
Daily Workers	9.5	9.5	10.0
Others	5.4	5.3	5.0

Note: The above sample proportion is for the quarter ended **March 2013** survey

Table 2: Product-wise Expectations of Prices for Three-month ahead and One-year ahead

(Percentage of respondents)

Round No./ survey period	28	29	30 (12 cities)	30 (16 cities)	31(12 Cities)	31(16 Cities)	28	29	30 (12 cities)	30 (16 cities)	31 (12 cities)	31(16 cities)
(quarter ended) →	Jun-12	Sep-12	Dec-12	Dec-12	Mar-13	Mar-13	Jun-12	Sep-12	Dec-12	Dec-12	Mar-13	Mar-13
Options: General	Three-month ahead						One-year ahead					
Prices will increase	99.0	98.9	98.4	98.5	99.3	99.4	99.5	99.1	98.6	98.8	98.4	98.7
- more than current rate	83.6	78.9	73.6	75.7	65.2	66.9	84.4	86.8	82.1	84.7	73.2	74.8
- similar to current rate	11.2	14.5	19.1	17.9	28.8	24.2	10.5	7.6	11.6	10.1	20.6	17.0
- less than current rate	4.2	5.5	5.7	4.9	5.2	8.2	4.6	4.8	4.9	4.1	4.7	6.9
No change in prices	1.0	1.1	1.5	1.4	0.6	0.5	0.4	0.8	1.2	1.1	1.5	1.2
Decline in price	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.2	0.1	0.1	0.1
Options: Food Product	Three-month ahead						One-year ahead					
Prices will increase	98.8	98.8	98.6	98.4	99.1	99.2	99.4	99.1	98.6	98.8	98.5	98.8
- more than current rate	80.8	78.6	72.9	74.4	68.2	70.5	82.5	85.7	80.0	82.5	76.3	78.1
- similar to current rate	14.3	15.5	21.1	19.8	26.8	22.8	12.6	9.9	14.7	12.8	18.2	15.9
- less than current rate	3.7	4.7	4.6	4.2	4.2	6.0	4.3	3.5	4.0	3.5	4.1	4.8
No change in prices	1.1	1.1	1.3	1.4	0.8	0.7	0.5	0.9	1.2	1.1	1.4	1.1
Decline in price	0.1	0.2	0.1	0.2	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.2	0.1	0.1	0.1
Options: Non Food Product	Three-month ahead						One-year ahead					
Prices will increase	97.8	98.1	96.9	96.7	98.8	98.5	99.3	99.0	98.0	98.1	98.8	99.0
- more than current rate	72.6	70.0	62.1	63.3	58.6	58.6	79.9	80.3	76.2	78.0	71.7	71.6
- similar to current rate	20.3	20.5	25.9	25.3	32.9	30.2	15.2	13.8	17.6	16.0	23.0	21.1
- less than current rate	4.9	7.6	8.9	8.1	7.3	9.7	4.2	4.9	4.2	4.1	4.1	6.4
No change in prices	2.2	1.9	2.9	3.0	1.1	1.4	0.6	1.0	1.9	1.8	1.1	0.9
Decline in price	0.2	0.1	0.2	0.2	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1
Options: Household Durables	Three-month ahead						One-year ahead					
Prices will increase	94.3	86.9	90.7	90.2	93.1	93.3	96.3	94.9	96.1	96.2	94.4	95.4
- more than current rate	63.5	49.9	48.5	50.7	43.7	45.0	66.9	60.9	58.9	61.7	54.1	56.3
- similar to current rate	22.4	21.9	29.8	27.8	37.1	34.1	18.8	21.6	25.6	23.8	30.6	27.8
- less than current rate	8.4	15.1	12.5	11.7	12.3	14.2	10.6	12.4	11.6	10.7	9.7	11.3
No change in prices	5.1	11.7	8.9	9.2	6.5	6.3	3.4	4.7	3.6	3.4	5.2	4.2
Decline in price	0.6	1.4	0.4	0.6	0.5	0.4	0.4	0.4	0.3	0.4	0.5	0.4
Options: Housing Prices	Three-month ahead						One-year ahead					
Prices will increase	96.4	94.9	95.9	96.3	97.8	96.8	98.9	98.4	97.7	98.0	97.8	98.0
- more than current rate	73.0	75.1	69.1	72.8	64.0	64.5	76.9	83.5	75.7	79.5	70.8	72.4
- similar to current rate	18.3	14.8	19.9	17.7	25.8	22.7	16.8	10.7	14.7	12.5	21.8	19.7
- less than current rate	5.1	5.0	6.9	5.7	8.0	9.6	5.2	4.2	7.3	6.0	5.2	5.9
No change in prices	3.2	3.5	4.0	3.6	2.1	3.1	0.9	1.5	2.1	1.8	2.0	1.8
Decline in price	0.5	1.7	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.2	0.1	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.1
Options: For Cost of Services	Three-month ahead						One-year ahead					
Prices will increase	96.4	93.6	94.6	94.4	98.0	97.6	98.1	97.4	96.4	96.8	97.0	97.4
- more than current rate	73.0	69.1	68.8	68.8	62.0	63.8	74.0	76.5	72.2	73.9	65.1	68.6
- similar to current rate	18.3	17.8	19.0	18.7	27.3	24.7	18.5	14.5	17.7	16.3	26.6	23.1
- less than current rate	5.1	6.7	6.9	6.9	8.7	9.1	5.6	6.5	6.5	6.6	5.4	5.7
No change in prices	3.2	5.9	5.2	5.4	2.0	2.3	2.0	2.5	3.4	3.0	3.0	2.5
Decline in price	0.5	0.5	0.2	0.2	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.2	0.2	0.1	0.1

Table 3: Expecting General Price Movements in Coherence with Movements in Price Expectations of Various Product Groups: Three-month ahead and One-year ahead

Round No.	Survey Quarter ended	Food	Non-Food	Households durables	Housing	Cost of services
Three-month Ahead period						
28	Jun-12	90.5	84.5	73.2	82.8	82.6
29	Sep-12	90.9	86.0	60.5	83.3	81.1
30 (12 cities)	Dec-12	89.0	83.1	66.6	83.6	85.8
30 (16 cities)	Dec-12	89.5	82.6	67.2	84.2	83.6
31 (12 cities)	Mar-13	84.3	85.6	68.4	79.7	83.3
31 (16 cities)	Mar-13	85.5	83.7	68.1	80.0	82.5
One-year Ahead period						
28 (12 cities)	Jun-12	92.5	88.0	77.1	85.1	87.1
29 (12 cities)	Sep-12	95.9	90.3	69.5	91.0	87.2
30 (12 cities)	Dec-12	95.1	88.2	73.8	88.5	88.4
30 (16 cities)	Dec-12	95.4	88.2	74.0	89.7	87.2
31 (12 cities)	Mar-13	90.8	89.1	75.8	85.1	85.3
31 (16 cities)	Mar-13	90.7	88.3	76.9	85.3	85.6

Table 4: Household Inflation Expectations - Current, Three-month Ahead and One-year Ahead

Survey Round	Survey Quarter Ended	Inflation rate in Per cent								
		Current			Three-month ahead			One-year ahead		
		Mean	Median	Std. Dev.	Mean	Median	Std. Dev.	Mean	Median	Std. Dev.
27	Mar-12	11.0	10.2	4.1	11.7	11.3	3.9	12.5	12.7	3.8
28	Jun-12	11.3	10.2	3.9	12.0	11.4	3.7	12.8	12.7	3.4
29	Sep-12	10.6	9.7	3.8	11.5	10.9	3.6	12.7	13.2	3.5
30 (12 cities)	Dec-12	10.9	10.3	3.4	11.7	11.6	3.5	12.8	13.9	3.7
30 (16 cities)	Dec-12	11.0	10.4	3.4	11.9	11.9	3.4	13.3	14.4	3.4
31 (12 cities)	Mar-13	10.5	10.0	3.5	11.2	10.9	3.5	12.2	12.3	3.6
31 (16 cities)	Mar-13	10.7	10.3	3.7	11.3	11.3	3.6	12.5	13.0	3.6

@: Median values are calculated based on class-interval frequencies.

**Table 5 A : Various Group-wise Inflation Expectations for March 2013 Survey Round
(based on 12 cities)**

	Current			Three-month ahead			One-year ahead		
	Mean	Median	Std. Dev	Mean	Median	Std. Dev	Mean	Median	Std. Dev
Gender-wise									
Male	10.5	9.9	3.5	11.1	10.8	3.5	12.2	12.3	3.6
Female	10.5	10.1	3.5	11.3	11.1	3.4	12.2	12.4	3.7
Category-wise									
Financial Sector Employees	10.1	9.4	3.3	10.7	10.3	3.3	11.9	12.1	3.6
Other Employees	10.5	9.9	3.5	11.1	10.8	3.6	12.2	12.2	3.6
Self Employed	10.6	10.0	3.5	11.2	11.0	3.4	12.1	12.1	3.6
Housewives	10.4	10.0	3.5	11.2	11.0	3.4	12.2	12.4	3.6
Retired Persons	10.3	9.7	3.5	11.1	10.9	3.4	12.1	12.4	3.7
Daily Workers	11.1	10.7	3.7	11.5	11.5	3.7	12.5	12.8	3.8
Other category	10.6	10.1	3.6	11.4	11.3	3.4	12.4	12.7	3.5
Age-wise									
Up to 25 years	10.7	10.2	3.6	11.5	11.3	3.5	12.6	12.9	3.5
25 to 30 years	10.6	9.9	3.5	11.2	10.9	3.4	12.3	12.2	3.5
30 to 35 years	10.6	10.1	3.5	11.1	11.0	3.5	12.2	12.4	3.6
35 to 40 years	10.5	10.2	3.3	11.2	11.2	3.3	12.3	12.5	3.5
40 to 45 years	10.5	10.0	3.5	11.2	11.0	3.5	11.9	12.2	4.0
45 to 50 years	10.3	10.1	3.5	11.0	10.8	3.6	12.0	12.0	3.7
50 to 55 years	10.1	9.5	3.5	10.8	10.4	3.5	11.7	11.4	3.6
55 to 60 years	10.2	9.7	3.5	11.0	10.9	3.5	12.4	12.8	3.6
60 years and above	10.3	9.5	3.6	11.0	10.6	3.5	11.9	12.2	3.7
City-wise									
Mumbai	14.0	16.0	3.0	14.7	16.1	2.7	15.8	16.3	1.8
Delhi	10.7	10.1	3.4	11.5	11.2	3.6	12.4	12.4	3.4
Chennai	9.8	9.6	2.0	10.7	10.6	2.0	10.2	10.6	3.6
Kolkata	7.3	7.0	1.5	7.6	7.7	1.7	8.4	8.6	2.0
Bangalore	13.0	14.4	3.8	13.6	15.4	3.5	14.1	16.0	3.1
Hyderabad	10.0	8.9	2.9	10.3	9.5	2.6	10.8	10.9	2.9
Ahmedabad	9.2	9.0	1.7	11.1	10.6	1.9	15.1	15.8	1.7
Lucknow	11.9	11.8	1.3	12.0	11.9	1.2	12.1	12.0	1.2
Jaipur	11.5	12.0	5.2	11.7	13.0	4.9	14.9	16.3	3.1
Bhopal	8.3	7.8	2.3	9.4	9.0	2.6	10.5	10.1	3.4
Patna	13.2	13.2	1.3	13.4	13.4	1.1	13.9	14.1	1.0
Guwahati	7.3	6.9	1.6	7.9	7.8	1.8	9.6	9.6	2.1
All (12 cities)	10.5	10.0	3.5	11.2	10.9	3.5	12.2	12.3	3.6

@: Median values are calculated based on class-interval frequencies.

Table 5 B : Various Group-wise Inflation Expectations for March,2013 Survey Round(16 cities)

	Current			Three-month ahead			One-year ahead		
	Mean	Median	Std. Dev	Mean	Median	Std. Dev	Mean	Median	Std. Dev
Gender-wise									
Male	10.8	10.2	3.6	11.3	11.3	3.6	12.6	13.1	3.6
Female	10.7	10.3	3.7	11.4	11.3	3.6	12.4	12.9	3.7
Category-wise									
Financial Sector Employees	10.3	9.7	3.5	10.9	10.7	3.5	12.3	12.7	3.6
Other Employees	10.7	10.1	3.6	11.3	11.2	3.6	12.5	12.9	3.7
Self Employed	10.9	10.5	3.6	11.5	11.4	3.6	12.6	13.1	3.6
Housewives	10.7	10.3	3.7	11.3	11.3	3.6	12.4	12.9	3.7
Retired Persons	10.5	9.9	3.6	11.3	11.3	3.5	12.4	13.0	3.7
Daily Workers	11.2	10.8	3.7	11.7	11.8	3.7	12.8	13.8	3.7
Other category	10.8	10.4	3.8	11.6	11.8	3.6	12.6	13.1	3.6
Age-wise									
Up to 25 years	11.0	10.5	3.8	11.6	11.5	3.6	12.7	13.2	3.6
25 to 30 years	10.9	10.3	3.7	11.4	11.2	3.6	12.6	12.9	3.5
30 to 35 years	10.7	10.3	3.6	11.2	11.3	3.7	12.4	12.9	3.6
35 to 40 years	10.7	10.4	3.6	11.4	11.5	3.5	12.5	12.9	3.6
40 to 45 years	10.7	10.2	3.6	11.4	11.3	3.6	12.3	13.0	4.0
45 to 50 years	10.5	10.3	3.6	11.1	11.1	3.6	12.2	12.6	3.7
50 to 55 years	10.7	10.3	3.6	11.3	11.3	3.7	12.4	12.8	3.7
55 to 60 years	10.2	9.7	3.4	11.1	11.1	3.4	12.8	13.6	3.4
60 years and above	10.6	10.1	3.7	11.4	11.4	3.6	12.5	13.1	3.7
City-wise									
Mumbai	14.0	16.0	3.0	14.7	16.1	2.7	15.8	16.3	1.8
Delhi	10.7	10.1	3.4	11.5	11.2	3.6	12.4	12.4	3.4
Chennai	9.8	9.6	2.0	10.7	10.6	2.0	10.2	10.6	3.6
Kolkata	7.3	7.0	1.5	7.6	7.7	1.7	8.4	8.6	2.0
Bangalore	13.0	14.4	3.8	13.6	15.4	3.5	14.1	16.0	3.1
Hyderabad	10.0	8.9	2.9	10.3	9.5	2.6	10.8	10.9	2.9
Ahmedabad	9.2	9.0	1.7	11.1	10.6	1.9	15.1	15.8	1.7
Lucknow	11.9	11.8	1.3	12.0	11.9	1.2	12.1	12.0	1.2
Jaipur	11.5	12.0	5.2	11.7	13.0	4.9	14.9	16.3	3.1
Bhopal	8.3	7.8	2.3	9.4	9.0	2.6	10.5	10.1	3.4
Patna	13.2	13.2	1.3	13.4	13.4	1.1	13.9	14.1	1.0
Guwahati	7.3	6.9	1.6	7.9	7.8	1.8	9.6	9.6	2.1
Thiruvananthapuram	10.5	10.0	1.9	12.6	12.6	1.8	15.0	15.2	1.4
Bhubaneswar	9.1	6.5	4.9	7.3	6.7	2.9	9.6	8.1	3.6
Nagpur	10.5	10.7	2.9	12.2	12.5	2.9	14.0	14.7	2.6
Kolhapur	16.3	16.5	0.7	16.2	16.4	0.9	16.4	16.5	0.9
All	10.7	10.3	3.7	11.3	11.3	3.6	12.5	13.0	3.6

@: Median values are calculated based on class-interval frequencies.

Table 6 A: Cross-tabulation of Current and Three-month Ahead Inflation Expectations (12 cities)

(Number of respondents)

		Three-month ahead inflation rate (per cent)																	Total	
		<1	1-2	2-3	3-4	4-5	5-6	6-7	7-8	8-9	9-10	10-11	11-12	12-13	13-14	14-15	15-16	>=16		No idea
Current inflation rate (per cent)	<1	1	2														1			4
	1-2	2	1	1		1														5
	2-3			2	2	2			1											7
	3-4	1			3	3	3		1									1	2	14
	4-5				2	14	9	4	3							1		1	2	36
	5-6	1		1		8	39	61	9	6	6	4	1	1			1			138
	6-7	1			1		8	118	242	63	22	12	2				1	2	1	482
	7-8	4					2	25	158	241	73	21	2	2			1	3	2	534
	8-9	2					1	1	13	177	184	56	13	2	2		1		7	459
	9-10	3							3	5	72	176	38	17	4	1	2	2		332
	10-11	2					1	1		1	3	71	215	33	19	9	5	3		363
	11-12				2			1			5	8	131	131	45	13	2	2		340
	12-13												1	121	139	51	7	6		325
	13-14														95	53	8	5	1	162
	14-15								2	2	4	1			5	69	38	15		136
	15-16	2							1	1				1			29	62	2	98
	>=16	4						2		2	3	1	1	2	3	3	5	531	8	565
	Total	32	3	4	10	28	63	213	433	498	372	350	404	310	312	209	100	634	25	4000

Note: The shaded cells represent the number of respondents who expressed double digit current and three-month ahead inflations.

Table 6 B: Cross-tabulation of Current and Three-month Ahead Inflation Expectations (16 Cities)

(Number of respondents)

		Three-month ahead inflation rate (per cent)																	Total	
		<1	1-2	2-3	3-4	4-5	5-6	6-7	7-8	8-9	9-10	10-11	11-12	12-13	13-14	14-15	15-16	>=16		No idea
Current inflation rate (per cent)	<1	1	2														1			4
	1-2	2	1	1	1	1														6
	2-3			3	3	3			1											10
	3-4	1			3	11	6	2	1										1	27
	4-5				2	14	35	10	3							1		1	2	68
	5-6	1		3		8	46	117	19	6	6	5	1	1			1	1		215
	6-7	10			1		9	128	285	65	22	12	2				1	2	1	538
	7-8	4					3	25	163	248	78	34	5	2	1		1	3	5	572
	8-9	2					1	1	13	179	190	66	22	8	2		1		7	492
	9-10	4					1		3	5	75	191	62	76	5	10	2	2	1	437
	10-11	2	1			5	3	1		2	3	82	251	78	44	10	5	3	2	492
	11-12				2			1			5	9	134	147	73	28	4	5	3	411
	12-13												3	124	158	73	9	7	1	375
	13-14													1	99	68	29	7	1	205
	14-15								2	2	4	1	1		8	75	47	23	1	164
	15-16	2				1	1		1	1		2		1			30	68	3	110
	>=16	5	1	6	1	2	17	2	2	2	4	21	7	3	3	8	11	771	8	874
	Total	34	5	13	13	45	122	287	493	510	387	423	488	441	393	273	141	894	38	5000

Note: The shaded cells represent the number of respondents who expressed double digit current and three-month ahead inflations.

Table 7 A: Cross-tabulation of Current and One-year Ahead Inflation Expectations (12 cities)
(Number of respondents)

		One-year ahead inflation rate (per cent)																	No idea	Total
		<1	1-2	2-3	3-4	4-5	5-6	6-7	7-8	8-9	9-10	10-11	11-12	12-13	13-14	14-15	15-16	>=16		
Current inflation rate (per cent)	<1					1			1						1			1		4
	1-2			1			2	1										1		5
	2-3					2		1					1				2	1		7
	3-4				1		3	1	1		2	2						2	2	14
	4-5					7		5	4	3	3	1	1			5	1	3	3	36
	5-6	1		1		3	24	6	49	12	8	11	7	2	1	3	4	5	1	138
	6-7	11				1	11	95	29	142	75	58	23	15	3	5	2	5	7	482
	7-8	9		1		1	1	28	99	57	179	34	19	21	19	30	13	18	5	534
	8-9	11					1	2	22	96	61	138	27	17	8	19	19	22	16	459
	9-10	8							1	9	50	24	107	29	13	15	16	58	2	332
	10-11	12									11	65	9	141	26	23	19	56	1	363
	11-12	6				1					3	7	108	8	91	24	32	56	4	340
	12-13	2									1	1	4	95	27	110	26	54	5	325
	13-14	1										1			72	35	32	18	3	162
	14-15	2						1				5	1		1	61	15	48	2	136
	15-16	0								1	1	1					24	64	7	98
	>=16	1								3	2	3	2	1		1		535	17	565
Total	64	0	3	1	16	42	140	206	323	396	351	309	329	262	331	205	947	75	4000	

Note: The shaded cells represent the number of respondents who expressed double digit current and one-year ahead inflations.

Table 7 B: Cross-tabulation of Current and One-year Ahead Inflation Expectations (16 Cities)
(Number of respondents)

		One-year ahead inflation rate (per cent)																	No idea	Total
		<1	1-2	2-3	3-4	4-5	5-6	6-7	7-8	8-9	9-10	10-11	11-12	12-13	13-14	14-15	15-16	>=16		
Current inflation rate (per cent)	<1					1			1						1			1		4
	1-2			1	1		2	1										1		6
	2-3					3		2				1	1				2	1		10
	3-4				1	3	6	2	2	2	2	2						3	4	27
	4-5				0	7	5	20	10	5	4	3	2			5	1	3	3	68
	5-6	1		1	1	3	27	30	83	18	14	12	7	3	1	3	4	5	2	215
	6-7	11				1	12	99	53	166	76	58	24	15	3	5	2	6	7	538
	7-8	9		1		2	1	28	100	58	185	38	21	27	24	37	16	18	7	572
	8-9	11					1	2	22	96	62	138	30	23	11	30	28	22	16	492
	9-10	8						0	2	9	50	28	112	37	24	44	63	58	2	437
	10-11	12						1	1		11	69	12	154	50	55	56	67	4	492
	11-12	6				1					3	7	108	9	101	36	54	82	4	411
	12-13	2									1	1	4	96	27	124	37	78	5	375
	13-14	1										1			72	36	44	47	4	205
	14-15	2						1				5	1		1	61	16	75	2	164
	15-16									1	1	1		2			26	71	8	110
	>=16	1						1	2	3	2	24	5	7	1	2	12	797	17	874
Total	64	0	3	3	21	54	187	276	358	411	388	327	373	316	438	361	1335	85	5000	

Note: The shaded cells represent the number of respondents who expressed double digit current and one-year ahead inflations.

Table 8 A: Awareness of RBI's Action on controlling Inflation and their Impact (12 cities)

(Percentage of respondents)

Category	Whether RBI is taking action to control inflation					
	Yes				No	No Idea
	Impact of RBI's action to control inflation					
	Yes	No	No Idea	Total		
Financial Sector Employees	21.8	26.7	6.7	55.2	23.3	21.5
Other Employees	13.1	17.7	4.0	34.8	30.5	34.7
Self-Employed	12.1	17.8	4.6	34.5	30.7	34.8
Housewives	9.2	13.4	2.2	24.9	30.3	44.9
Retired persons	10.1	20.5	2.2	32.9	29.5	37.6
Daily Workers	10.0	8.7	2.4	21.0	31.8	47.2
Other Categories	15.7	22.2	2.3	39.4	24.1	36.6
All	12.1	16.9	3.4	32.3	29.5	38.2

Table 8 B: Awareness of RBI's Action on controlling Inflation and their Impact (16 cities)

(Percentage of respondents)

Category	Whether RBI is taking action to control inflation					
	Yes				No	No Idea
	Impact of RBI's action to control inflation					
	Yes	No	No Idea	Total		
Financial Sector	24.7	23.8	6.1	54.6	25.2	20.2
Other Employees	16.3	16.0	4.1	36.4	30.9	32.7
Self-Employed	15.4	15.6	4.2	35.2	30.7	34.1
Housewives	10.7	11.9	2.7	25.3	31.5	43.2
Retired persons	12.9	17.7	2.9	33.5	29.5	37.0
Daily Workers	10.1	7.8	2.3	20.1	32.7	47.2
Other Categories	19.6	19.6	1.9	40.4	24.9	34.7
All	14.5	15.0	3.5	32.9	30.2	36.9

Table 9 A: Respondent's Expectation on Change in Wage/Income level (based on 12 cities)

(Percentage of respondents)

Category of Respondents	Change in income since last year			Change in income in three-month ahead period			Change in income in one-year ahead period		
	Increase	Same	Decrease	Increase	Same	Decrease	Increase	Same	Decrease
Financial Sector Employees	66.1	31.9	2.0	30.0	68.8	1.2	88.0	11.7	0.3
Other Employees	54.6	44.0	1.4	23.2	76.1	0.7	79.3	19.7	1.0
Total Employees	58.3	40.1	1.6	25.4	73.7	0.9	82.1	17.1	0.8
Self-Employed	46.5	44.6	8.9	24.3	73.1	2.6	69.8	27.1	3.1
Daily Workers	36.2	56.1	7.7	15.9	79.9	4.2	69.6	28.3	2.1
Total	50.4	44.4	5.2	23.4	74.5	2.1	75.6	22.6	1.8

Table 9 B: Respondent's Expectation on Change in Wage/Income level (based on 16 cities)

(Percentage of respondents)

Category of Respondents	Change in income since last year			Change in income in three-month ahead period			Change in income in one-year ahead period		
	Increase	Same	Decrease	Increase	Same	Decrease	Increase	Same	Decrease
Financial Sector Employees	64.9	33.3	1.8	31.4	67.5	1.1	89.1	10.5	0.5
Other Employees	56.2	42.4	1.4	24.3	75.0	0.7	80.6	18.3	1.0
Total Employees	59.1	39.4	1.5	26.7	72.5	0.8	83.5	15.7	0.8
Self- Employed	45.3	46.2	8.5	26.4	70.7	2.9	70.7	25.9	3.4
Daily Workers	36.8	56.2	7.0	18.6	78.0	3.4	71.2	27.1	1.7
Total	50.3	44.7	5.0	25.2	72.8	2.0	76.8	21.3	1.9