



RESERVE BANK OF INDIA
DEPARTMENT OF STATISTICS AND INFORMATION MANAGEMENT
INFLATION EXPECTATIONS SURVEY OF HOUSEHOLDS – MARCH 2026

The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) conducts nation-wide Inflation Expectations Survey of Households (IESH) every two months among select households in major cities with an objective to assess their current perception and future expectations on prices and inflation. Personal information of all respondents are kept confidential and only aggregated results are analyzed and disseminated.

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| Are you willing to participate in the survey? | Yes/No |
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Block 1: Identification of the Respondent:

1. Name of the Respondent _____

2. Address of the Respondent _____

City _____ State _____ Pin Code _____

3. Telephone/Mobile No _____

4. Gender of the respondent [1] Male [2] Female

5. Age of the respondent (in completed years, 21 years and above) _____

6. Category of the respondent

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|--------------------------------|---------------------|--------------------|---------------|
| [1] Financial Sector Employees | [2] Other Employees | [3] Self- Employed | [4] Homemaker |
| [5] Retired Persons | [6] Daily workers | [7] Others | |

7. Educational Qualification of the respondent

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|---------------------------|--------------------------------|--|---|
| [1] Illiterate | [2] Below 5 th Std. | [3] 5 th Std. - Below 10 th Std. | [4] 10 th Std. - Below 12 th Std. |
| [5] 12 th Std. | [6] Graduate | [7] Post Graduate and above | |

8. Average Monthly Income of the Household

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|-----------------------------------|----------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| [1] Less than ` 5 thousand | [2] ` 5 thousand - ` 10 thousand | [3] ` 10 thousand - ` 25 thousand |
| [4] ` 25 thousand - ` 50 thousand | [5] ` 50 thousand - ` 1 lakh | [6] ` 1 lakh and above |

Block 2: Expectations of respondent on prices in next 3 months: (Please tick relevant cell for each column)

| Options | General | Food Products | Non-Food Products | Household Durables | Housing | Services |
|---|---------|---------------|-------------------|--------------------|---------|----------|
| a) Price increase more than current rate | | | | | | |
| b) Price increase similar to current rate | | | | | | |
| c) Price increase less than current rate | | | | | | |
| d) No change in prices | | | | | | |
| e) Decline in prices | | | | | | |

Block 3: Expectations of respondent on prices in next one year: (Please tick relevant cell for each column)

| Options | General | Food Products | Non-Food Products | Household Durables | Housing | Services |
|---|---------|---------------|-------------------|--------------------|---------|----------|
| a) Price increase more than current rate | | | | | | |
| b) Price increase similar to current rate | | | | | | |
| c) Price increase less than current rate | | | | | | |
| d) No change in prices | | | | | | |
| e) Decline in prices | | | | | | |



Block 4: Respondent's views on the following inflation rates: (Please tick relevant cell). If the rate is 16% or above, mention actual rate in the highlighted cell.

| Parameters | Options | | | | | | | | | |
|--------------------------------|-------------------------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|---------|--------|---------|----------|
| | Current Inflation Rate* | < 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 % | | |
| Inflation Rate after 3 Months* | < 1% | 1-2 % | 2-3 % | 3-4 % | 4-5 % | 5-6 % | 6-7% | 7-8% | 8-9% | If >=16% |
| | 9-10% | 10-11% | 11-12% | 12-13% | 13-14% | 14-15% | 15-16 % | >=16 % | No idea | |
| Inflation Rate after 1 Year* | < 1% | 1-2 % | 2-3 % | 3-4 % | 4-5 % | 5-6 % | 6-7% | 7-8% | 8-9% | If >=16% |
| | 9-10% | 10-11% | 11-12% | 12-13% | 13-14% | 14-15% | 15-16 % | >=16 % | No idea | |

*- The Inflation rate is the annual rate of the price change. Please tick relevant options for each question.