

Travel Price Index (TPI) Decreased 1.9 Percent over October  
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The Travel Price Index (TPI) for the month of November decreased 1.9 percent from October and was up 1.9 percent over November 2005.

Gasoline price declined 1.2 percent compared to October and dropped 4.2 percent against November 2005. Airfares decreased 4.8 percent over the previous month and were down 1.5 percent from twelve months earlier. Lodging price was down 3.9 percent from October and increased 4.3 percent over a year ago. General inflation as reflected in the Consumer Price Index (CPI-U) decreased 0.1 percent from October and was up 2.0 percent compared to November 2005.

Developed by the Travel Industry Association of America's (TIA), the Travel Price Index (TPI) measures the seasonally unadjusted inflation rate of the cost of travel away from home in the United States. The TPI is based on U.S. Department of Labor price data collected for the monthly Consumer Price Index (CPI). The TPI is released monthly and is directly comparable to the CPI.

**Travel Price Index -- November 2006**

Industry	November 2006	Previous Month	Previous Year	% Change Previous Month	% Change Previous Year	% Change YTD
RECREATION SERVICES	215.1	215.1	212.4	0.0	1.3	1.5
FOOD AND BEVERAGE	204.1	203.7	198.0	0.2	3.1	3.1
Alcohol Away From Home	257.6	257.6	247.6	0.0	4.0	4.1
Food Away From Home	201.6	201.1	195.6	0.2	3.1	3.1
OTHER LODGING (INCLUDE HOTEL/MOTEL)	273.3	284.4	262.0	-3.9	4.3	4.2
TRANSPORTATION	209.5	215.7	215.7	-2.9	-2.8	9.5
Airline Fares	237.0	248.9	240.7	-4.8	-1.5	5.0
Intracity Public Transportation	226.6	226.4	222.9	0.1	1.7	3.5
Motor Fuel	191.4	193.8	199.7	-1.2	-4.2	13.5
Other Intercity Transportation	152.9	151.3	149.4	1.1	2.3	4.3
CPI-U	201.5	201.8	197.6	-0.1	2.0	3.3
TPI	224.4	228.7	220.2	-1.9	1.9	5.0

Base year for index: 1982-84=100

Source: Travel Industry Association of America and U.S. Department of Labor

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