

**Gasoline Prices push Consumer Price Index (CPI) Up:**

The Labor Department's index for tracking inflation, the consumer-price index (CPI), was 186.8 in August 2001 for the Seattle-Tacoma area. This is 5.2% more than the average CPI (inflation) for all U.S. Cities.

| CONSUMER PRICE INDEX<br>ALL URBAN CONSUMERS |       |                 |                |       |                 |
|---|-------|-----------------|----------------|-------|-----------------|
| U.S. City Average                           |       |                 | Seattle-Tacoma |       |                 |
| Year  | CPI   | Annual Change % | Year           | CPI   | Annual Change % |
| 1980  | 82.4  | 13.5%           | 1980           | 82.7  | 16.6%           |
| 1981  | 90.9  | 10.3%           | 1981           | 91.8  | 11.0%           |
| 1982  | 97.6  | 7.4%            | 1982           | 97.7  | 6.4%            |
| 1983  | 101.3 | 3.8%            | 1983           | 99.3  | 1.6%            |
| 1984  | 105.3 | 3.9%            | 1984           | 103.0 | 3.7%            |
| 1985  | 109.3 | 3.8%            | 1985           | 105.6 | 2.5%            |
| 1986  | 110.5 | 1.1%            | 1986           | 106.7 | 1.0%            |
| 1987  | 115.4 | 4.4%            | 1987           | 109.2 | 2.3%            |
| 1988  | 120.5 | 4.4%            | 1988           | 112.9 | 3.4%            |
| 1989  | 126.1 | 4.6%            | 1989           | 118.2 | 4.7%            |
| 1990  | 133.8 | 6.1%            | 1990           | 126.8 | 7.3%            |
| 1991  | 137.9 | 3.1%            | 1991           | 134.1 | 5.8%            |
| 1992  | 141.9 | 2.9%            | 1992           | 139.0 | 3.7%            |
| 1993  | 145.8 | 2.7%            | 1993           | 142.9 | 2.8%            |
| 1994  | 149.7 | 2.7%            | 1994           | 147.8 | 3.4%            |
| 1995  | 153.5 | 2.5%            | 1995           | 152.3 | 3.0%            |
| 1996  | 158.6 | 3.3%            | 1996           | 157.5 | 3.4%            |
| 1997  | 161.3 | 1.7%            | 1997           | 163.0 | 3.5%            |
| 1998  | 163.9 | 1.6%            | 1998           | 167.8 | 6.5%            |
| 1999  | 168.3 | 2.7%            | 1999           | 174.4 | 3.9%            |
| 2000  | 174.0 | 3.4%            | 2000           | 181.5 | 4.1%            |
| Aug 2001                                    | 177.5 |                 | Aug 2001       | 186.8 |                 |

*Source: U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics*

A wealth of statistics can be obtained by going to the web site for the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics. That web site is: <http://stats.bls.gov/>.