



**Georgia Department of Revenue
Local Government Services Division
Policy Bulletin 2026-01
Publication of Annual Inflationary Index Rate
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NOTICE TO LOCAL PROPERTY TAX JURISDICTIONS

Scope

This Policy Bulletin provides the Annual Inflationary Index Rate (“Inflation Index Rate”) for the 2026 Digest Year pursuant to O.C.G.A. § 48-5-44.2(g) and Ga. Comp. R. & Regs. r. 560-11-2-.32. The Inflation Index Rate is provided annually solely for purposes of setting the “inflation rate” threshold for the floating homestead exemption provided in House Bill 581 (2024).

Summary

The Inflation Index Rate established for the 2026 Digest Year is 2.7%.

Discussion

O.C.G.A. § 48-5-44.2 and Ga. Comp. R. & Regs. r. 560-11-2-.32 require the Department of Revenue (“the Department”) to publish the Inflation Index Rate. This rate reflects the effects of inflation and deflation on the cost of living for residents of Georgia for a given calendar year for purposes of applying the floating homestead exemption authorized by House Bill 581.

Pursuant to the authority granted in O.C.G.A. §§ 48-2-12 and 48-5-44.2, the Department has established that the Inflation Index Rate shall be the rate of change in the Consumer Price Index - All Urban Consumers (CPI-U): U.S. City Average as reported by the Bureau of Labor Statistics of the U.S. Department of Labor (“Bureau”) following the Bureau’s January release of the inflation rate for December of the prior calendar year. On January 13, 2026, the [Bureau reported the rate of change as 2.7%](#) for December 2025, establishing this rate as the Inflation Index Rate for the 2026 Digest Year for calculation of the adjusted base year assessed value for application of the floating homestead exemption.

FOR MORE INFORMATION

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