

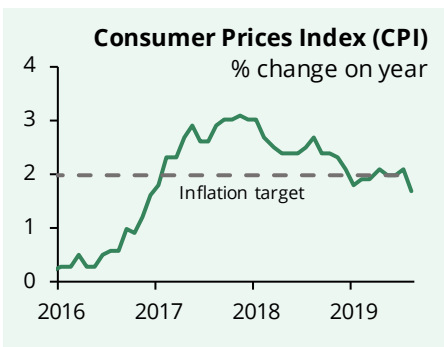


# B1: Inflation

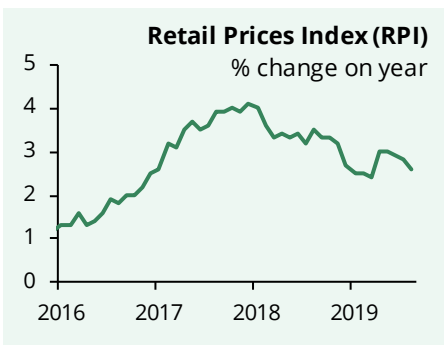
The Consumer Prices Index (CPI) is the main measure of inflation. It is produced in line with international standards and is the measure used for the Bank of England’s 2% inflation target. The Retail Prices Index (RPI) is no longer classified as a National Statistic as the way it is calculated does not meet international standards. It is included here as it is well-known and is the longest running measure of inflation.

The CPI inflation rate was 1.7% in August 2019, down from 2.1% in July.

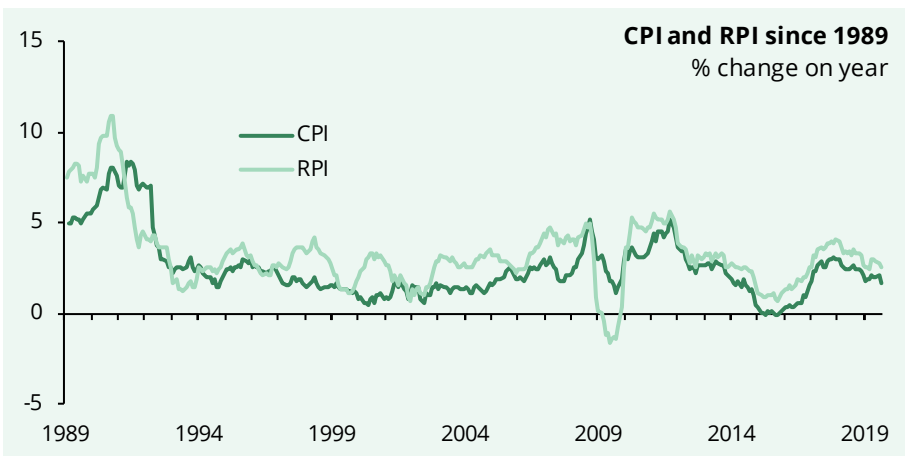
The RPI inflation rate was 2.6% in August 2019, down from 2.8% in July.



Most of the downward contribution to the CPI rate came from price decreases in recreation and culture, particularly computer games, and in clothing and footwear.



Price indices			
% change on a year ago			
		CPI	RPI
2016	Aug	0.6	1.8
2017	Aug	2.9	3.9
2018	Aug	2.7	3.5
2019	Jun	2.0	2.9
	Jul	2.1	2.8
	Aug	1.7	2.6



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**Update**  
ONS, [Consumer price inflation](#), 16 October 2019