

S'pore consumers expect lower inflation: poll

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Consumers polled in December expect overall inflation to stand at 3.72 per cent this year, the latest Singapore Index of Inflation Expectations (SInDEX), compiled by the Singapore Management University's Sim Kee Boon Institute for Financial Economics in collaboration with MasterCard, showed.

This is lower than their one-year inflation expectation of 3.85 per cent recorded in September last year.

The latest quarterly online poll of a representative sample of 400 consumers also found that the public now expects a lower rate of core inflation, which excludes accommodation and private transport costs.

Expectations for core inflation this year have dropped from 4.03 per cent last September to 3.88 per cent.