

Table 1
How COLAs Calculated Using the CPI-E Compare With the Actual COLA

Year	Actual COLA	COLA Using CPI-E
1985	3.5%	4.3%
1986	3.1%	3.7
1987	1.3%	2.3
1988	4.2	4.3
1989	4.0	4.3
1990	4.7	5.0
1991	5.4	6.1
1992	3.7	4.2
1993	3.0	3.2
1994	2.6	3.1
1995	2.8	3.1
1996	2.6	2.8
1997	2.9	3.0
1998	2.1	2.3
1999	1.3	1.9
2000	2.5	2.5
2001	3.5	3.7
2002	2.6	3.0
2003	1.4	1.8
2004	2.1	2.4
2005	2.7	3.1
2006*	4.1*	3.7*
2007	3.3	3.4
2008	2.3	2.6
2009*	5.8*	5.1*
2010	0.0	0.0
2011	0.0	0.0
2012*	3.6*	2.9*
2013	1.7	1.8
2014	1.5	1.6
2015	1.7	2.0
2016	0.0	0.6

In most, but not all years the CPI-E would provide a modestly higher COLA.

*Indicates year in which CPI-E was lower than CPI-W.