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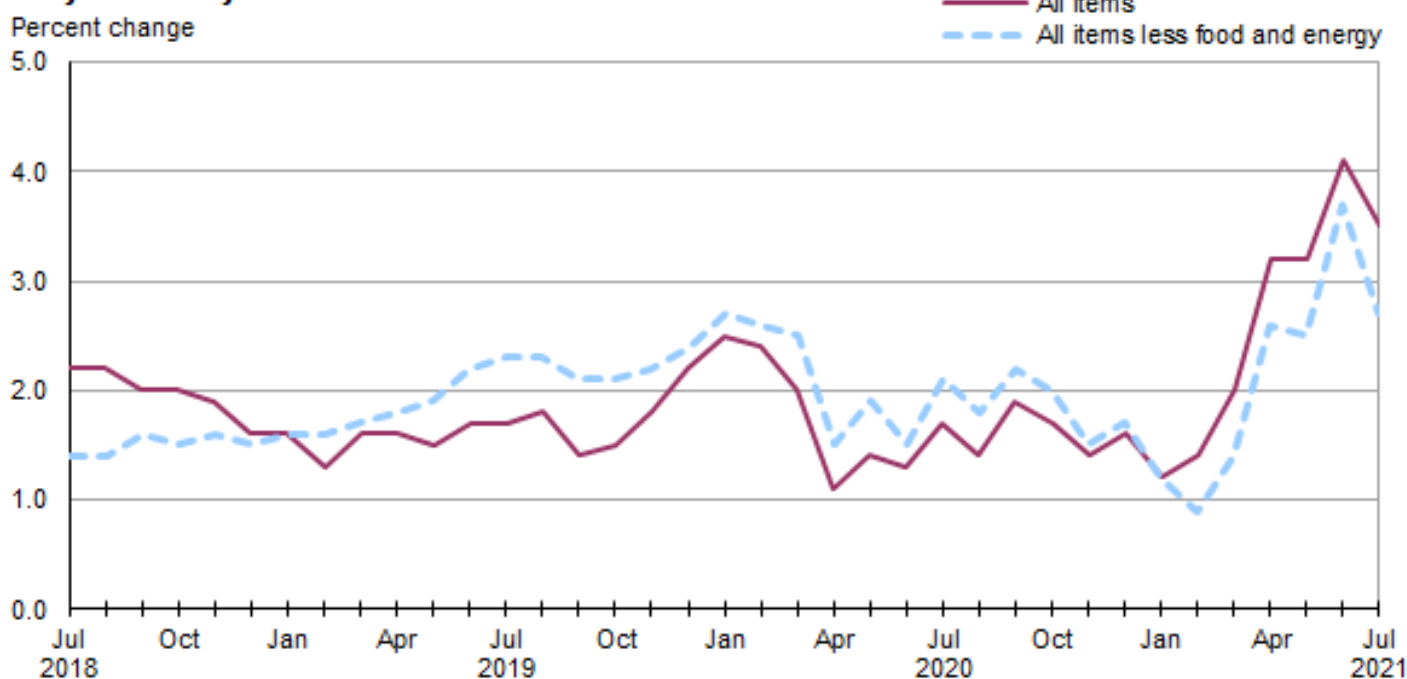
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Consumer Price Index, New York-Newark-Jersey City – July 2021 **Area prices down 0.1 percent over the month and up 3.5 percent over the year**

Prices in the New York-Newark-Jersey City area, as measured by the Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers (CPI-U), edged down 0.1 percent in July, following increases of 1.0 percent in June and 0.5 percent in May, the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics reported today. Chief Regional Economist Martin Kohli noted that lower prices for all items less food and energy were largely offset by increases in food and energy prices. (Data in this report are not seasonally adjusted. Accordingly, month-to-month changes may reflect the impact of seasonal influences.)

Over-the-year, the CPI-U rose 3.5 percent. (See [chart 1](#) and [table A](#).) The index for all items less food and energy increased 2.7 percent. Energy prices jumped 17.0 percent, largely the result of an increase in the price of gasoline. Food prices increased 3.4 percent. (See [table 1](#).)

Chart 1. Over-the-year percent change in CPI-U, New York-Newark-Jersey City, NY-NJ-PA, July 2018–July 2021



Source: U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics.

Food

Food prices increased 0.8 percent for the month of July. Prices for food at home rose 0.9 percent. Five of the six grocery categories had price increases, with the largest increase in the meats, poultry, fish and eggs category (1.9 percent). Prices for food away from home increased 0.7 percent.

For the year ended in July 2021, food prices increased 3.4 percent. Prices for food away from home advanced 5.2 percent, while prices for food at home rose 1.9 percent.

Energy

The energy index rose 0.4 percent over the month. The increase was mainly due to higher prices for gasoline (2.6 percent). Prices for natural gas increased 1.7 percent. These increases were partially offset by a 2.6-percent decline in electricity prices.

Over the year, energy prices rose 17.0 percent, largely due to a 40.3-percent climb in gasoline prices. Prices paid for natural gas advanced 9.8 percent, while prices for electricity declined 1.0 percent.

All items less food and energy

The index for all items less food and energy decreased 0.3 percent in July. Prices for new and used motor vehicles fell 6.4 percent, following five consecutive months of increases ranging from 1.2 to 7.3 percent. Apparel prices, typically down in July, declined 1.6 percent. These decreases were partially offset by higher prices for recreation (1.2 percent), medical care (0.6 percent), and education and communication (0.4 percent).

From July 2020 to July 2021, the index for all items less food and energy rose 2.7 percent. Components with over-the-year increases included shelter (1.8 percent), new and used motor vehicles (12.8 percent), and household furnishings and operations (6.6 percent). Within new and used motor vehicles, used car and truck prices jumped 41.9 percent, while new vehicle prices rose 3.4 percent.

Table A. New York-Newark-Jersey City, NY-NJ-PA, CPI-U 1-month and 12-month percent changes, all items index, not seasonally adjusted

Month	2017		2018		2019		2020		2021	
	1-month	12-month	1-month	12-month	1-month	12-month	1-month	12-month	1-month	12-month
January.....	0.6	2.5	0.4	1.4	0.5	1.6	0.8	2.5	0.4	1.2
February.....	0.3	2.6	0.5	1.7	0.2	1.3	0.2	2.4	0.3	1.4
March.....	0.0	2.3	0.0	1.7	0.3	1.6	-0.2	2.0	0.4	2.0
April.....	0.1	2.0	0.3	1.9	0.3	1.6	-0.5	1.1	0.7	3.2
May.....	0.1	1.8	0.4	2.2	0.2	1.5	0.5	1.4	0.5	3.2
June.....	0.2	1.8	0.1	2.0	0.3	1.7	0.1	1.3	1.0	4.1
July.....	-0.2	1.6	0.0	2.2	0.0	1.7	0.5	1.7	-0.1	3.5
August.....	0.2	1.7	0.1	2.2	0.2	1.8	-0.1	1.4		
September.....	0.5	2.1	0.4	2.0	0.0	1.4	0.4	1.9		
October.....	-0.2	1.8	-0.1	2.0	0.0	1.5	-0.2	1.7		
November.....	-0.1	1.6	-0.2	1.9	0.1	1.8	-0.3	1.4		
December.....	0.1	1.6	-0.2	1.6	0.1	2.2	0.4	1.6		

The August 2021 Consumer Price Index for the New York-Newark-Jersey City area is scheduled to be released on Tuesday, September 14, 2021, at 8:30 a.m. (ET).

Coronavirus (COVID-19) Pandemic Impact on July 2021 Consumer Price Index Data

Data collection by personal visit for the Consumer Price Index (CPI) program has been suspended since March 16, 2020. When possible, data normally collected by personal visit were collected either online or by phone. Additionally, data collection in July was affected by the temporary closing or limited operations of certain types of establishments. These factors resulted in an increase in the number of prices considered temporarily unavailable and imputed.

While the CPI program attempted to collect as much data as possible, many indexes are based on smaller amounts of collected prices than usual, and a small number of indexes that are normally published were not published this month. Additional information is available at

<https://www.bls.gov/covid19/effects-of-covid-19-pandemic-on-consumer-price-index.htm>.

Technical Note

The Consumer Price Index (CPI) is a measure of the average change in prices over time in a fixed market basket of goods and services. The Bureau of Labor Statistics publishes CPIs for two population groups: (1) a CPI for All Urban Consumers (CPI-U) which covers approximately 93 percent of the total U.S. population and (2) a CPI for Urban Wage Earners and Clerical Workers (CPI-W) which covers approximately 29 percent of the total U.S. population. The CPI-U includes, in addition to wage earners and clerical workers, groups such as professional, managerial, and technical workers, the self-employed, short-term workers, the unemployed, and retirees and others not in the labor force.

The CPI is based on prices of food, clothing, shelter, and fuels, transportation fares, charges for doctors' and dentists' services, drugs, and the other goods and services that people buy for day-to-day living. Each month, prices are collected in 75 urban areas across the country from about 6,000 housing units and approximately 22,000 retail establishments—department stores, supermarkets, hospitals, filling stations, and other types of stores and service establishments. All taxes directly associated with the purchase and use of items are included in the index.

The index measures price changes from a designated reference date; for most of the CPI-U the reference base is 1982-84 equals 100. An increase of 7 percent from the reference base, for example, is shown as 107.000. Alternatively, that relationship can also be expressed as the price of a base period market basket of goods and services rising from \$100 to \$107. For further details see the CPI home page on the internet at www.bls.gov/cpi and the CPI section of the BLS Handbook of Methods available on the internet at www.bls.gov/opub/hom/cpi/.

In calculating the index, price changes for the various items in each location are averaged together with weights that represent their importance in the spending of the appropriate population group. Local data are then combined to obtain a U.S. city average. Because the sample size of a local area is smaller, the local area index is subject to substantially more sampling and other measurement error than the national index. In addition, local indexes are not adjusted for seasonal influences. As a result, local area indexes show greater

volatility than the national index, although their long-term trends are quite similar. **NOTE:Area indexes do not measure differences in the level of prices between cities; they only measure the average change in prices for each area since the base period.**

The New York-Newark-Jersey City, NY-NJ-PA Core Based Statistical Area includes Bronx, Dutchess, Kings, Nassau, New York, Orange, Putnam, Queens, Richmond, Rockland, Suffolk, and Westchester Counties in New York; Bergen, Essex, Hudson, Hunterdon, Middlesex, Monmouth, Morris, Ocean, Passaic, Somerset, Sussex, and Union Counties in New Jersey; and Pike County in Pennsylvania.

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Table 1. Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers (CPI-U): Indexes and percent changes for selected periods, New York-Newark-Jersey City, NY-NJ-PA, not seasonally adjusted (1982-84=100 unless otherwise noted)

Item and Group	Indexes			Percent change from-		
	May 2021	June 2021	July 2021	July 2020	May 2021	June 2021
Expenditure category						
All items	290.991	293.872	293.553	3.5	0.9	-0.1
All items (1967=100)	841.216	849.543	848.622			
Food and beverages	286.955	289.062	291.148	3.3	1.5	0.7
Food	287.277	289.528	291.792	3.4	1.6	0.8
Food at home	271.019	273.446	275.851	1.9	1.8	0.9
Cereals and bakery products	313.059	305.328	309.598	-4.6	-1.1	1.4
Meats, poultry, fish, and eggs	275.305	286.111	291.533	7.6	5.9	1.9
Dairy and related products	239.570	242.056	242.451	1.7	1.2	0.2
Fruits and vegetables	339.627	339.105	338.818	-0.4	-0.2	-0.1
Nonalcoholic beverages and beverage materials(1)	266.678	267.008	271.829	3.1	1.9	1.8
Other food at home	236.062	237.801	238.153	1.2	0.9	0.1
Food away from home	318.164	320.230	322.358	5.2	1.3	0.7
Alcoholic beverages	277.704	277.787	277.395	2.5	-0.1	-0.1
Housing	313.864	316.315	316.160	2.3	0.7	0.0
Shelter	396.656	398.824	399.091	1.8	0.6	0.1
Rent of primary residence	408.391	408.583	407.857	-0.2	-0.1	-0.2
Owners' equivalent rent of residences(2)	403.677	404.330	404.717	1.1	0.3	0.1
Owners' equivalent rent of primary residence(2)	403.177	403.829	404.215	1.1	0.3	0.1
Fuels and utilities	203.536	209.964	208.162	4.4	2.3	-0.9
Household energy	192.869	199.716	197.404	4.3	2.4	-1.2
Energy services	186.784	193.393	190.860	2.1	2.2	-1.3
Electricity	189.853	196.959	191.781	-1.0	1.0	-2.6
Utility (piped) gas service	167.704	172.855	175.819	9.8	4.8	1.7
Household furnishings and operations	117.974	118.934	118.429	6.6	0.4	-0.4
Apparel	125.626	124.798	122.740	7.2	-2.3	-1.6
Transportation	239.716	246.962	241.099	12.5	0.6	-2.4
Private transportation	231.454	240.305	234.872	15.1	1.5	-2.3
New and used motor vehicles(3)	105.142	112.830	105.561	12.8	0.4	-6.4
New vehicles(1)	212.325	215.041	217.239	3.4	2.3	1.0
Used cars and trucks(1)	346.261	383.799	387.326	41.9	11.9	0.9
Motor fuel	240.649	245.017	251.368	39.9	4.5	2.6
Gasoline (all types)	239.911	244.273	250.605	40.3	4.5	2.6
Gasoline, unleaded regular(4)	239.048	243.384	249.818	41.9	4.5	2.6
Gasoline, unleaded midgrade(4)(5)	247.797	252.773	258.803	32.2	4.4	2.4
Gasoline, unleaded premium(4)	248.008	252.512	258.270	29.2	4.1	2.3
Motor vehicle insurance(1)	777.224	777.224	777.705	0.7	0.1	0.1
Medical care	537.225	534.576	537.661	-0.3	0.1	0.6
Recreation(3)	130.743	134.423	136.024	1.7	4.0	1.2
Education and communication(3)	151.377	152.071	152.707	2.0	0.9	0.4
Tuition, other school fees, and child care(1)	1,274.893	1,278.436	1,282.945	1.5	0.6	0.4
Other goods and services	449.505	451.073	454.453	2.1	1.1	0.7

Note: See footnotes at end of table.

Table 1. Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers (CPI-U): Indexes and percent changes for selected periods, New York-Newark-Jersey City, NY-NJ-PA, not seasonally adjusted (1982-84=100 unless otherwise noted) - Continued

Item and Group	Indexes			Percent change from-		
	May 2021	June 2021	July 2021	July 2020	May 2021	June 2021
Commodity and service group						
All items	290.991	293.872	293.553	3.5	0.9	-0.1
Commodities	201.131	203.246	204.398	7.5	1.6	0.6
Commodities less food and beverages	149.932	151.919	152.579	11.3	1.8	0.4
Nondurables less food and beverages.....	188.274	188.302	188.991	10.7	0.4	0.4
Durables	100.462	103.994	104.561	12.4	4.1	0.5
Services.....	366.507	370.043	368.615	1.9	0.6	-0.4
Special aggregate indexes						
All items less medical care	280.296	283.405	282.944	3.8	0.9	-0.2
All items less shelter.....	249.056	252.220	251.669	4.6	1.0	-0.2
Commodities less food	154.697	156.639	157.272	10.8	1.7	0.4
Nondurables	238.782	239.814	241.187	6.3	1.0	0.6
Nondurables less food.....	193.653	193.684	194.311	10.0	0.3	0.3
Services less rent of shelter(2).....	345.127	350.162	346.951	2.1	0.5	-0.9
Services less medical care services.....	351.360	355.208	353.479	2.1	0.6	-0.5
Energy	213.605	219.623	220.523	17.0	3.2	0.4
All items less energy	300.654	303.305	302.881	2.8	0.7	-0.1
All items less food and energy	305.062	307.797	306.931	2.7	0.6	-0.3

Footnotes

- (1) Indexes on a December 1977=100 base.
- (2) Indexes on a December 1982=100 base.
- (3) Indexes on a December 1997=100 base.
- (4) Special index based on a substantially smaller sample.
- (5) Indexes on a December 1993=100 base.