



For Release: Thursday, July 11, 2019

19-1288-ATL

SOUTHEAST INFORMATION OFFICE: Atlanta, Ga.

Technical information: (404) 893-4222 BLSInfoAtlanta@bls.gov www.bls.gov/regions/southeast

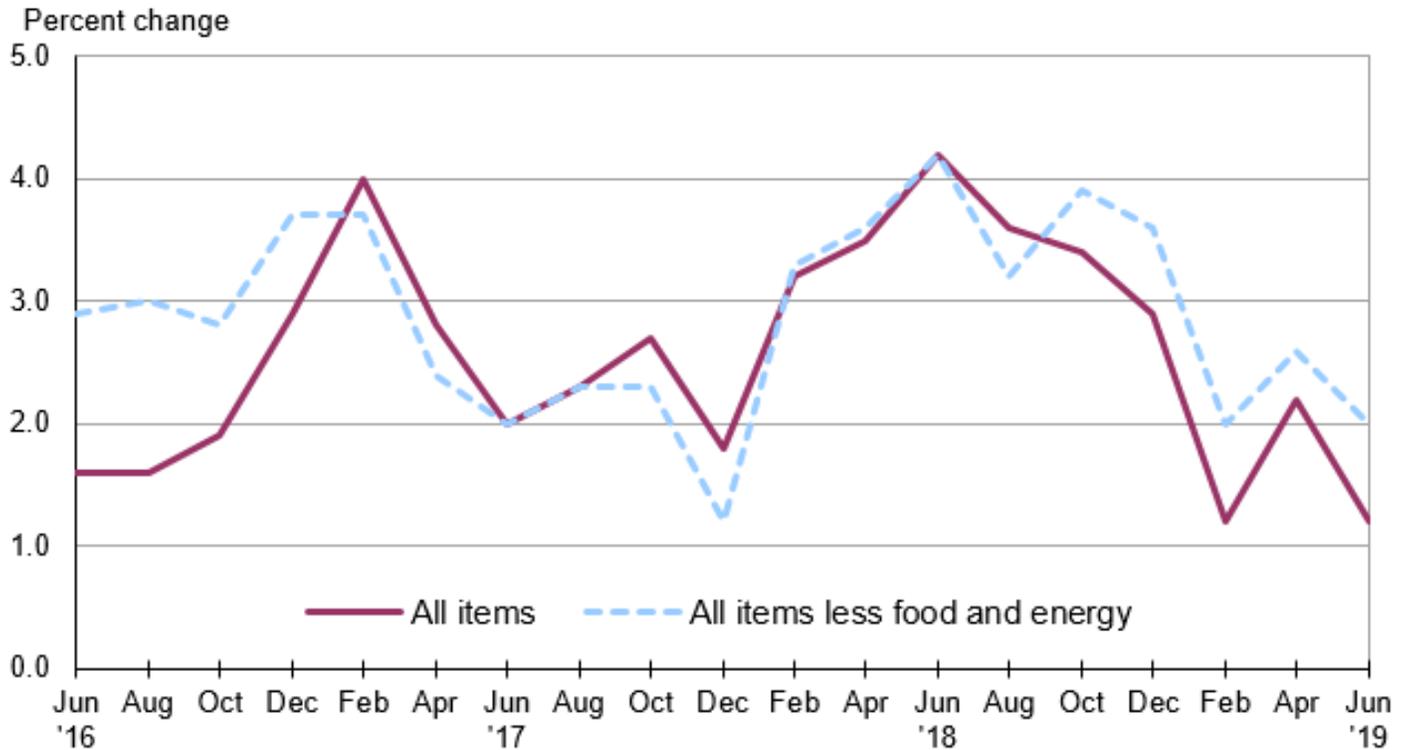
Media contact: (404) 893-4220

Consumer Price Index, Miami-Fort Lauderdale-West Palm Beach – June 2019 **Area prices down -0.5 percent since April; up 1.2 percent over the year**

The Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers (CPI-U) for Miami-Fort Lauderdale-West Palm Beach declined 0.5 percent from April to June, the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics reported today. Regional Commissioner Janet S. Rankin noted that the energy index contributed to the decrease, down 4.0 percent since April. The all items less food and energy index and the food index also declined over the bi-monthly period, down 0.2 and 0.4 percent, respectively. (Data in this report are not seasonally adjusted. Accordingly, bi-monthly changes may reflect the impact of seasonal influences.)

Over the last 12 months, the all items CPI-U rose 1.2 percent, reflecting a 2.0-percent increase in the all items less food and energy index. Since June 2018, the energy index fell 4.9 percent, while the food index was little changed, down 0.1 percent over the year. (See [chart 1](#) and [table 1](#).)

Chart 1. Over-the-year percent change in CPI-U, Miami-Fort Lauderdale-West Palm Beach, FL, June 2016–June 2019



Source: U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics.

Food

The food index declined 0.4 percent from April to June, reflecting a 0.7-percent decrease in the food at home index. The food away from home index inched up 0.1 percent over the bi-monthly period.

The food index inched down 0.1 percent from June 2018 to June 2019. Over the year, the food at home index was down 1.3 percent, while the food away from home index was up 1.6 percent.

Energy

The energy index declined 4.0 percent from April to June, led by a drop in the gasoline index, down 7.2 percent since April. The electricity index was little changed since April, up 0.1 percent over the bi-monthly period.

Over the year, the energy index fell 4.9 percent, reflecting a 9.7-percent decrease in the gasoline index. Since June 2018, the electricity index rose 1.8 percent.

All items less food and energy

The index for all items less food and energy edged down 0.2 percent since April. Decreases for several indexes, including new and used motor vehicles (-3.3 percent) and recreation (-2.3 percent), were largely offset by a 0.3-percent increase in the shelter index and a 1.1 percent increase in the medical care index.

The all items less food and energy index advanced 2.0 percent from June 2018 to June 2019. The shelter index contributed to the over the year increase, up 4.1 percent.

Table A. Miami-Fort Lauderdale-West Palm Beach, FL, CPI-U 2-month and 12-month percent changes, all items index, not seasonally adjusted

Month	2015		2016		2017		2018		2019	
	2-month	12-month								
February	0.3	0.4	0.2	1.6	1.3	4.0	2.6	3.2	1.0	1.2
April	0.8	0.5	0.7	1.4	-0.5	2.8	-0.1	3.5	0.8	2.2
June	0.4	1.2	0.6	1.6	-0.2	2.0	0.5	4.2	-0.5	1.2
August	0.0	1.3	0.0	1.6	0.3	2.3	-0.3	3.6		
October	0.2	1.1	0.5	1.9	1.0	2.7	0.8	3.4		
December	-0.1	1.6	0.8	2.9	-0.1	1.8	-0.6	2.9		

The Consumer Price Index for July 2019 is scheduled to be released on Tuesday, August 13, 2019.

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 population and (2) a CPI for Urban Wage Earners and Clerical Workers (CPI-W) which covers 29 percent of the total 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 5,000 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 (1982-84) that equals 100.0. An increase of 16.5 percent, for example, is shown as 116.5. This change can also be expressed in dollars as follows: the price of a base period "market basket" of goods and services in the CPI has risen from \$10 in 1982-84 to \$11.65. For further details see the CPI home page on the Internet at www.bls.gov/cpi and the BLS Handbook of Methods, Chapter 17, The Consumer Price Index, available on the Internet at www.bls.gov/opub/hom/pdf/homch17.pdf.

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 **Miami-Fort Lauderdale-West Palm Beach, FL**, Core Based Statistical Area covered in this release is comprised of Broward, Miami-Dade, and Palm Beach Counties in Florida.

Information in this release will be made available to sensory impaired individuals upon request. Voice phone: (202) 691-5200; Federal Relay Service: (800) 877-8339.

Table 1. Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers (CPI-U): Indexes and percent changes for selected periods Miami-Fort Lauderdale-West Palm Beach, FL (1982-84=100 unless otherwise noted)

Item and Group	Indexes			Percent change from-		
	Apr. 2019	May 2019	Jun. 2019	Jun. 2018	Apr. 2019	May 2019
Expenditure category						
All Items.....	270.553	-	269.119	1.2	-0.5	-
All items (November 1977=100).....	436.094	-	433.783	-	-	-
Food and beverages	265.835	-	264.100	0.0	-0.7	-
Food	267.489	-	266.507	-0.1	-0.4	-
Food at home	254.366	254.410	252.597	-1.3	-0.7	-0.7
Cereals and bakery products	282.542	-	287.409	2.6	1.7	-
Meats, poultry, fish, and eggs.....	241.163	-	234.227	-5.2	-2.9	-
Dairy and related products	228.997	-	225.935	3.3	-1.3	-
Fruits and vegetables.....	329.326	-	335.461	-2.2	1.9	-
Nonalcoholic beverages and beverage materials(1)	251.751	-	247.221	0.6	-1.8	-
Other food at home	210.510	-	208.866	-1.5	-0.8	-
Food away from home.....	291.096	-	291.321	1.6	0.1	-
Alcoholic beverages	243.489	-	232.375	1.1	-4.6	-
Housing	283.920	-	284.942	3.9	0.4	-
Shelter	326.786	327.380	327.799	4.1	0.3	0.1
Rent of primary residence	321.141	321.480	323.032	4.6	0.6	0.5
Owners' equiv. rent of residences(2).....	329.259	330.159	331.758	4.8	0.8	0.5
Owners' equiv. rent of primary residence(2)	329.259	330.159	331.758	4.8	0.8	0.5
Fuels and utilities.....	181.321	-	181.328	1.8	0.0	-
Household energy	154.959	154.948	155.071	1.6	0.1	0.1
Energy services.....	152.132	152.128	152.291	1.8	0.1	0.1
Electricity	149.118	149.118	149.263	1.8	0.1	0.1
Utility (piped) gas service	-	-	-	-	-	-
Household furnishings and operations.....	162.762	-	165.124	3.9	1.5	-
Apparel	139.516	-	138.331	-1.3	-0.8	-
Transportation	229.752	-	221.728	-4.4	-3.5	-
Private transportation	234.868	-	226.602	-4.3	-3.5	-
New and used motor vehicles(3).....	117.997	-	114.134	-2.8	-3.3	-
New vehicles(1).....	235.535	-	232.231	1.8	-1.4	-
Used vehicles(1).....	297.724	-	298.065	0.8	0.1	-
Motor fuel	248.707	246.494	230.867	-9.7	-7.2	-6.3
Gasoline (all types).....	245.821	243.624	228.086	-9.7	-7.2	-6.4
Unleaded regular(4)	242.670	240.615	224.432	-10.0	-7.5	-6.7
Unleaded midgrade(4)(5)	240.009	237.104	227.918	-7.0	-5.0	-3.9
Unleaded premium(4).....	261.083	257.873	247.878	-7.4	-5.1	-3.9
Motor vehicle insurance(1).....	879.055	-	881.918	-0.6	0.3	-
Medical Care	554.785	-	560.799	0.4	1.1	-
Recreation(3).....	122.304	-	119.499	-0.7	-2.3	-
Education and communication(3).....	120.861	-	119.845	-0.2	-0.8	-
Tuition, other school fees, and child care(1) ..	994.670	-	994.670	4.2	0.0	-
Other goods and services	362.153	-	360.810	2.8	-0.4	-
Commodity and service group						
All Items.....	270.553	-	269.119	1.2	-0.5	-
Commodities	207.351	-	203.760	-1.8	-1.7	-
Commodities less food & beverages.....	171.922	-	167.495	-3.1	-2.6	-
Nondurables less food & beverages	208.336	-	202.050	-4.6	-3.0	-
Durables	132.204	-	129.950	-0.1	-1.7	-
Services.....	318.927	-	319.028	2.6	0.0	-

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 Miami-Fort Lauderdale-West Palm Beach, FL (1982-84=100 unless otherwise noted) - Continued

Item and Group	Indexes			Percent change from-		
	Apr. 2019	May 2019	Jun. 2019	Jun. 2018	Apr. 2019	May 2019
Special aggregate indexes						
All items less medical care	258.490	-	256.763	1.2	-0.7	-
All items less shelter	240.888	-	238.195	-0.8	-1.1	-
Commodities less food	174.692	-	170.019	-2.9	-2.7	-
Nondurables	239.463	-	235.300	-2.1	-1.7	-
Nondurables less food	210.563	-	203.968	-4.2	-3.1	-
Services less rent of shelter(2)	316.407	-	315.185	0.4	-0.4	-
Services less medical care services	301.433	-	301.149	2.6	-0.1	-
Energy	197.027	196.032	189.112	-4.9	-4.0	-3.5
All items less energy	278.830	-	278.123	1.7	-0.3	-
All items less food and energy	280.661	-	280.002	2.0	-0.2	-

Footnotes

(1) Index is on a November 1977=100 base.

(2) Index is on a November 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.

- Data not available.

NOTE: Index applies to a month as a whole, not to any specific date. Data not seasonally adjusted.