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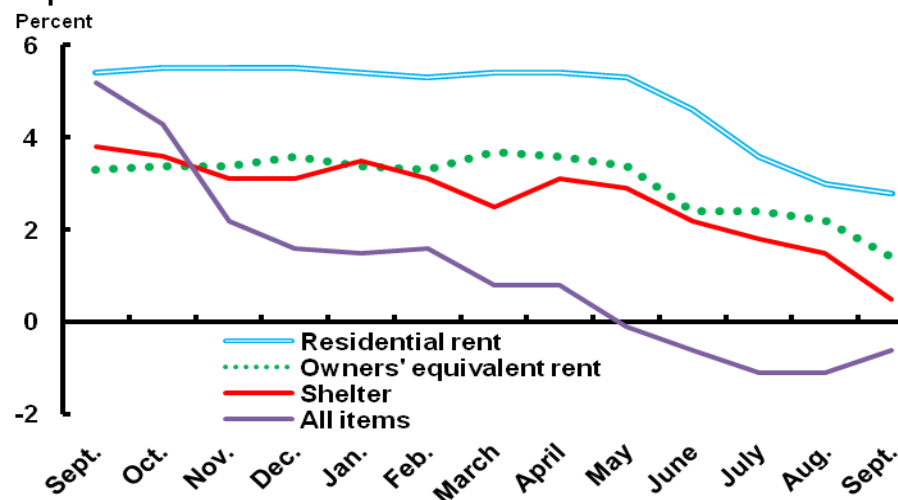
CONSUMER PRICE INDEX, NEW YORK-NORTHERN NEW JERSEY – SEPTEMBER 2009
Area prices up 0.1 percent in September; down 0.6 percent from year ago

Retail prices in the greater New York area, as measured by the Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers (CPI-U), ticked up 0.1 percent in September, the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics reported today. Michael L. Dolfman, Regional Commissioner, said the September movement reflected price increases for apparel that were largely offset by lower prices for shelter. For the 12 months ended in September 2009, the CPI-U decreased 0.6 percent. (See chart A.) The index for all items less food and energy rose 1.1 percent.

The apparel index, usually up at this time of year, jumped 8.9 percent after rising 4.6 percent in August. Higher prices for women’s outerwear; underwear, nightwear, sportswear, and accessories; and dresses contributed to the September advance. Over the year, apparel prices increased 2.2 percent.

The housing index decreased 0.7 percent after inching down 0.1 percent in August. The shelter component fell 0.8 percent, led by a seasonal price drop in lodging away from home. September declines also occurred in owners’ equivalent rent (-0.6 percent) and residential rent (-0.1 percent). The

Chart A. Over-the-year percent changes in consumer price indexes, New York-Northern New Jersey, September 2008-September 2009



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**New York-Northern New Jersey CPI monthly and annual percent changes
(not seasonally adjusted)**

Month	2004		2005		2006		2007		2008		2009	
	Monthly	Annual	Monthly	Annual	Monthly	Annual	Monthly	Annual	Monthly	Annual	Monthly	Annual
January	0.3	2.7	0.6	4.1	0.8	3.7	0.2	2.7	0.2	3.7	0.2	1.5
February	0.6	2.5	0.4	3.9	0.2	3.6	0.6	3.1	0.5	3.6	0.5	1.6
March	1.1	3.2	1.7	4.4	0.8	2.7	0.7	2.9	0.9	3.8	0.2	0.8
April	0.3	3.7	0.0	4.2	0.9	3.6	0.5	2.5	0.3	3.6	0.2	0.8
May	0.2	3.9	-0.5	3.4	0.6	4.8	0.6	2.5	1.0	4.0	0.2	-0.1
June	0.8	4.6	-0.3	2.3	0.5	5.6	0.5	2.5	1.0	4.5	0.5	-0.6
July	-0.2	3.9	0.9	3.4	0.2	5.0	0.2	2.5	0.7	5.1	0.2	-1.1
August	0.1	3.3	0.8	4.1	0.4	4.7	-0.1	1.9	0.1	5.4	0.3	-0.9
September	0.1	3.2	0.8	4.8	-0.5	3.3	0.0	2.4	-0.2	5.2	0.1	-0.6
October	0.7	3.7	0.4	4.5	-0.5	2.4	0.1	3.1	-0.7	4.3		
November	0.0	3.9	-0.6	3.9	-0.4	2.6	0.4	3.9	-1.6	2.2		
December	-0.2	3.8	-0.5	3.6	0.2	3.3	0.0	3.7	-0.6	1.6		

fuels and utilities component also fell (-0.7 percent)—rate reductions were reflected in a sharp 6.8-percent drop in natural gas prices, but the decline was tempered by a 1.8-percent upturn in electricity charges. For the year ended in September, the housing index was down 0.6 percent. Shelter recorded its smallest 12-month increase since 1955, 0.5 percent.

The transportation index rose 0.6 percent, following a 0.3-percent August increase. Prices increased for new vehicles and for used cars and trucks. Higher charges for state and local registration, as well as for motor vehicle maintenance, were also reported. On the other hand, gasoline prices fell 0.9 percent. For the 12 months ended in September, transportation prices were down 6.0 percent, with gasoline down 25.0 percent.

The food and beverages index edged up 0.2 percent, following declines in July and August. After seven consecutive monthly declines, grocery prices increased 0.2 percent. Price increases for pork chops and apples contributed to the September upturn. Alcoholic beverages also rose over the month, while prices for food away from home were unchanged. Over the year, food and beverage prices inched up 0.1 percent.

Among other expenditure categories, medical care increased 0.5 percent, and education and communication ticked up 0.1 percent. The other goods and services index was virtually unchanged, and recreation prices declined 0.8 percent.

With the New York-Northern New Jersey CPI-U at 238.568 in September (1982-84=100), \$23.86 was required to purchase what \$10 could in the 1982-84 base period. The purchasing power of the dollar was 41.9 cents in 1982-84 dollars and 14.5 cents in 1967 dollars. In September, the Consumer Price Index for Urban Wage Earners and Clerical Workers (CPI-W) was 233.502, up 0.3 percent. The CPI-W fell 0.5 percent over the year. On a 1967 base, the September CPI-W was 664.837.

Data in this report are not seasonally adjusted. Accordingly, month-to-month changes may reflect the impact of seasonal influences. The New York-Northern New Jersey-Long Island, N.Y.-N.J.-Conn.-Pa. consolidated area comprises the five boroughs of New York City, Nassau, Suffolk, Westchester, Rockland, Putnam, Dutchess, and Orange Counties in New York State; Bergen, Essex, Hudson, Hunterdon, Mercer, Monmouth, Middlesex, Morris, Ocean, Passaic, Somerset, Sussex, Union and Warren Counties in New Jersey; Fairfield County and parts of Litchfield, New Haven and Middlesex Counties in Connecticut; and Pike County in Pennsylvania.

Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers (CPI-U): Indexes and percent changes for selected periods

New York-Northern N.J.-Long Island, NY-NJ-CT-PA (1982-84=100 unless otherwise noted)

Item and Group	Indexes			Percent change from—		
	July 2009	Aug. 2009	Sep. 2009	Sep. 2008	July 2009	Aug. 2009
Expenditure category						
All items	237.600	238.282	238.568	-0.6	0.4	0.1
All items (1967=100)	686.869	688.841	689.668	-	-	-
Food and beverages	226.852	226.620	226.991	.1	.1	.2
Food	225.951	225.732	226.001	.0	.0	.1
Food at home	223.722	223.036	223.585	-1.7	-1	.2
Food away from home	234.689	235.029	234.967	2.0	.1	.0
Alcoholic beverages	236.022	235.597	237.504	1.9	.6	.8
Housing	258.912	258.755	256.970	-.6	-.8	-.7
Shelter	312.820	313.419	310.805	.5	-.6	-.8
Rent of primary residence ¹	308.110	308.218	307.895	2.8	-.1	-.1
Owners' equivalent rent of primary residence ^{1 2}	320.895	321.246	319.404	1.4	-.5	-.6
Fuels and utilities	204.170	201.134	199.694	-7.8	-2.2	-1.7
Household energy	205.178	201.804	200.084	-9.1	-2.5	-.9
Gas (piped) and electricity ¹	205.305	200.503	198.741	-3.3	-3.2	-.9
Electricity ¹	200.612	194.740	198.296	3.5	-1.2	1.8
Utility (piped) gas service ¹	207.766	205.654	191.590	-16.6	-7.8	-6.8
Household furnishings and operations	124.909	123.789	125.039	-1.9	.1	1.0
Apparel	106.906	111.841	121.774	2.2	13.9	8.9
Transportation	194.565	195.152	196.237	-6.0	.9	.6
Private transportation	184.060	184.855	185.943	-6.5	1.0	.6
Motor fuel	204.565	210.528	208.687	-25.2	2.0	-.9
Gasoline (all types)	204.143	210.055	208.234	-25.0	2.0	-.9
Gasoline, unleaded regular ³	205.783	212.362	209.973	-25.3	2.0	-1.1
Gasoline, unleaded midgrade ^{3 4}	206.605	210.405	210.353	-24.2	1.8	.0
Gasoline, unleaded premium ³	201.522	206.679	205.687	-24.8	2.1	-.5
Medical care	369.953	370.817	372.519	1.0	.7	.5
Recreation ⁵	117.590	118.254	117.331	1.7	-.2	-.8
Education and communication ⁵	134.311	135.566	135.687	2.7	1.0	.1
Other goods and services	361.314	362.008	361.853	2.3	.1	.0
Commodity and service group						
All items	237.600	238.282	238.568	-.6	.4	.1
Commodities	175.333	176.423	178.832	-3.6	2.0	1.4
Commodities less food and beverages	141.795	143.470	146.745	-6.2	3.5	2.3
Nondurables less food and beverages	170.812	174.944	179.450	-8.8	5.1	2.6
Durables	103.773	102.608	104.369	-.8	.6	1.7
Services	290.802	291.147	289.665	1.0	-.4	-.5
Special aggregate indexes						
All items less medical care	231.535	232.206	232.445	-.7	.4	.1
All items less shelter	207.978	208.705	210.261	-1.4	1.1	.7
Commodities less food	145.520	147.145	150.401	-5.9	3.4	2.2
Nondurables	200.383	202.487	205.081	-4.3	2.3	1.3
Nondurables less food	174.864	178.769	183.152	-8.1	4.7	2.5
Services less rent of shelter ²	276.673	276.705	276.625	1.6	.0	.0
Services less medical care services	283.420	283.760	282.163	.9	-.4	-.6
Energy	205.720	206.219	204.442	-16.7	-.6	-.9
All items less energy	242.369	243.073	243.563	1.0	.5	.2
All items less food and energy	246.879	247.763	248.298	1.1	.6	.2

¹ This index series was calculated using a Laspeyres estimator. All other item stratum index series were calculated using a geometric means estimator.

² Index is on a December 1982=100 base.

³ Special index based on a substantially smaller sample.

⁴ Indexes on a December 1993=100 base.

⁵ Indexes on a December 1997=100 base.

- Data not available.

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