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CONSUMER PRICE INDEX FOR THE SAN FRANCISCO, NOVEMBER 2009

Regional Commissioner Richard J. Holden of the Bureau of Labor Statistics said the special aggregate index for energy decreased 4.0 percent for the month, but was 14.2 percent higher than November 2008. The household energy index dropped 7.6 percent for the month, but advanced 2.3 percent for the year. Within household fuels, the electricity index and the utility (piped) gas service index fell 8.3 and 6.8 percent, respectively, for the month. Over the year, electricity prices increased 4.3 percent, but utility (piped) gas service prices were 4.0 percent lower than in November 2008. Gasoline prices declined 2.1 percent in November, but were 24.1 percent higher than a year ago.

The shelter index decreased 0.7 percent in November 2009 and was 0.2 percent lower compared to one year earlier. Within shelter, the rent of primary residence index edged down 0.1 percent in November, but increased 1.1 percent over the year. The owners' equivalent rent of primary residence index declined 0.2 percent over the month, but advanced 0.4 percent since November 2008. Also included in shelter, but not part of the publication structure, are price data collected for lodging away from home.

Area grocery prices were down 1.5 percent from October to November and were 4.0 percent lower than a year ago. The food at home index now stands at 221.216. This means grocery shoppers in the greater Bay Area spent \$221.22 in November for a basket of food items that cost \$100.00 in 1982-84. Local area CPI data are not seasonally adjusted.

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

San Francisco-Oakland-San Jose, CA (1982-84=100 unless otherwise noted)

Item and Group	Indexes			Percent change from—		
	Aug. 2009	Sep. 2009	Oct. 2009	Oct. 2008	Aug. 2009	Sep. 2009
Expenditure category						
All items	225.801	-	226.051	0.1	0.1	-
All items (1967=100)	694.175	-	694.944	-	-	-
Food and beverages	227.744	-	228.894	.4	.5	-
Food	227.262	-	228.302	.4	.5	-
Food at home	223.292	223.021	224.479	-2.9	.5	0.7
Food away from home	231.336	-	232.211	4.3	.4	-
Alcoholic beverages	238.278	-	240.684	-2	1.0	-
Housing	247.230	-	246.089	-4	-5	-
Shelter	277.325	276.342	276.353	-4	-4	.0
Rent of primary residence ¹	298.789	298.779	297.928	1.7	-3	-3
Owners' equivalent rent of primary residence ^{1 2}	300.951	300.312	299.637	.9	-4	-2
Fuels and utilities	270.468	-	272.549	1.4	.8	-
Household energy	287.035	284.002	289.069	-3	.7	1.8
Gas (piped) and electricity ¹	287.633	284.505	289.475	-1	.6	1.7
Electricity ¹	311.458	311.458	312.561	4.8	.4	.4
Utility (piped) gas service ¹	220.265	209.223	223.950	-14.2	1.7	7.0
Household furnishings and operations	132.753	-	129.905	-1.4	-2.1	-
Apparel	106.801	-	105.629	-3.8	-1.1	-
Transportation	170.990	-	173.575	-1.7	1.5	-
Private transportation	162.432	-	165.366	-1.3	1.8	-
Motor fuel	227.611	235.807	231.073	-13.1	1.5	-2.0
Gasoline (all types)	228.031	236.840	231.912	-12.4	1.7	-2.1
Gasoline, unleaded regular ³	228.599	237.547	232.163	-12.5	1.6	-2.3
Gasoline, unleaded midgrade ^{3 4}	212.408	220.019	215.950	-12.0	1.7	-1.8
Gasoline, unleaded premium ³	213.499	221.648	218.825	-12.2	2.5	-1.3
Medical care	381.788	-	383.107	4.9	.3	-
Recreation ⁵	106.837	-	107.472	1.2	.6	-
Education and communication ⁵	140.379	-	140.111	3.0	-2	-
Other goods and services	387.049	-	387.468	4.1	.1	-
Commodity and service group						
All items	225.801	-	226.051	.1	.1	-
Commodities	168.094	-	169.302	-1.4	.7	-
Commodities less food and beverages	134.089	-	135.241	-2.5	.9	-
Nondurables less food and beverages	166.156	-	166.952	-5.0	.5	-
Durables	103.346	-	104.755	.9	1.4	-
Services	274.169	-	273.561	.9	-2	-
Special aggregate indexes						
All items less medical care	219.345	-	219.557	-2	.1	-
All items less shelter	206.084	-	206.891	.4	.4	-
Commodities less food	138.754	-	139.957	-2.4	.9	-
Nondurables	198.153	-	199.130	-2.2	.5	-
Nondurables less food	171.662	-	172.567	-4.5	.5	-
Services less rent of shelter ²	284.998	-	284.883	2.8	.0	-
Services less medical care services	266.813	-	266.152	.7	-2	-
Energy	250.260	254.841	253.293	-8.7	1.2	-6
All items less energy	227.248	-	227.324	.8	.0	-
All items less food and energy	227.915	-	227.837	.8	.0	-

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.