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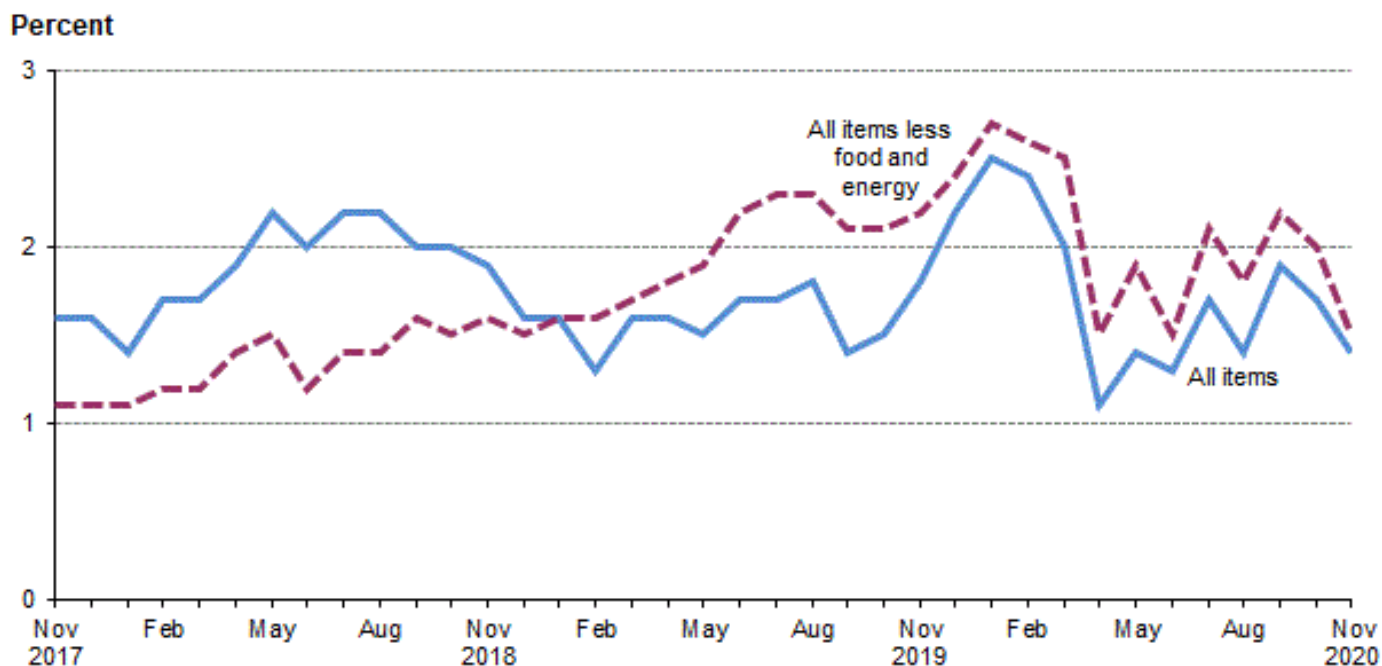
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## **Consumer Price Index, New York-Newark-Jersey City – November 2020** **Area prices down 0.3 percent over the month and up 1.4 percent over the year**

Prices in the New York-Newark-Jersey City area, as measured by the Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers (CPI-U), declined 0.3 percent in November, following a 0.2-percent decrease in October, the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics reported today. Chief Regional Economist Martin Kohli noted that lower prices for apparel contributed to the downturn. (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 1.4 percent. (See [chart 1](#) and [table A](#).) The index for all items less food and energy increased 1.5 percent. Price increases for shelter drove the 12-month change in both indexes. (See [table 1](#).)

**Chart 1. Over-the-year percent change in CPI-U, New York-Newark-Jersey City, November 2017–November 2020**



Source: U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics.

## Food

The food index edged down 0.2 percent in November, after increasing 0.5 percent in October. Four of the six major grocery groups had price declines, leading to a 0.2-percent dip in prices for food at home. Groceries with lower November prices included uncooked other poultry (including turkey) and beef roasts, as well as cakes, cupcakes, and cookies. Prices for food away from home ticked down 0.1 percent.

Over the year, the food index was up 4.4 percent, with rising prices for food at home (4.2 percent) and for food away from home (4.6 percent).

## Energy

The energy index rose 0.6 percent in November, following a 1.8-percent decline in October. A 1.9-percent rise in household energy prices was partially offset by a 1.7-percent decline in gasoline prices. Within household energy, prices for natural gas jumped 7.5 percent, the largest increase in nearly three years. Prices for electricity, on the other hand, decreased 0.4 percent.

From November 2019 to November 2020, energy prices declined 8.1 percent, primarily due to a 17.4-percent fall in gasoline prices. Household energy prices decreased 1.8 percent, even with higher prices recorded for electricity (2.1 percent) and for natural gas (0.3 percent).

## All items less food and energy

The index for all items less food and energy declined 0.4 percent in November, after inching down 0.1 percent in October. A 3.5-percent decline in apparel prices—often down at this time of year—outweighed a 0.2-percent increase in shelter prices.

For the year ended in November 2020, the index for all items less food and energy increased 1.5 percent. A 1.5-percent rise in shelter prices included increases of 1.6 percent for both owners' equivalent and residential rent. Prices for new and used motor vehicles rose 6.8 percent and for medical care, 3.1 percent.

**Table A. New York-Newark-Jersey City CPI-U 1-month and 12-month percent changes (not seasonally adjusted)**

Month	2015		2016		2017		2018		2019		2020	
	1-month	12-month	1-month	12-month	1-month	12-month	1-month	12-month	1-month	12-month	1-month	12-month
January.....	0.1	-0.5	0.2	0.8	0.6	2.5	0.4	1.4	0.5	1.6	0.8	2.5
February.....	0.3	0.1	0.2	0.6	0.3	2.6	0.5	1.7	0.2	1.3	0.2	2.4
March.....	0.2	-0.1	0.2	0.7	0.0	2.3	0.0	1.7	0.3	1.6	-0.2	2.0
April.....	0.1	0.0	0.4	1.0	0.1	2.0	0.3	1.9	0.3	1.6	-0.5	1.1
May.....	0.4	-0.1	0.3	0.9	0.1	1.8	0.4	2.2	0.2	1.5	0.5	1.4
June.....	0.2	0.1	0.2 <sup>(r)</sup>	0.9 <sup>(r)</sup>	0.2	1.8	0.1	2.0	0.3	1.7	0.1	1.3
July.....	-0.1	-0.1	-0.1	1.0	-0.2	1.6	0.0	2.2	0.0	1.7	0.5	1.7
August.....	0.1	0.1	0.2	1.1	0.2	1.7	0.1	2.2	0.2	1.8	-0.1	1.4
September.....	0.2	0.3	0.2	1.0	0.5	2.1	0.4	2.0	0.0	1.4	0.4	1.9
October.....	-0.1	0.4	0.1	1.2	-0.2	1.8	-0.1	2.0	0.0	1.5	-0.2	1.7
November.....	-0.2	0.6	0.2	1.6	-0.1	1.6	-0.2	1.9	0.1	1.8	-0.3	1.4
December.....	-0.4	0.7	0.1	2.1	0.1	1.6	-0.2	1.6	0.1	2.2		

Footnotes:  
(R) = revised.

## CPI-W

In November, the Consumer Price Index for Urban Wage Earners and Clerical Workers (CPI-W) was 277.747, down 0.2 percent over the month. The CPI-W rose 1.5 percent over the year.

**The December 2020 Consumer Price Index for New York-Newark-Jersey City is scheduled to be released on Wednesday, January 13, 2021, at 8:30 a.m. (ET).**

### **Coronavirus (COVID-19) Pandemic Impact on November 2020 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 November 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](http://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/](http://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-		
	Sept. 2020	Oct. 2020	Nov. 2020	Nov. 2019	Sept. 2020	Oct. 2020
<b>Expenditure category</b>						
All items .....	284.551	284.121	283.291	1.4	-0.4	-0.3
All items (1967=100) .....	822.597	821.355	818.956			
Food and beverages .....	281.898	283.288	282.741	4.2	0.3	-0.2
Food .....	282.165	283.504	283.049	4.4	0.3	-0.2
Food at home .....	268.109	268.221	267.638	4.2	-0.2	-0.2
Cereals and bakery products .....	307.449	309.804	311.966	3.5	1.5	0.7
Meats, poultry, fish, and eggs .....	267.103	267.554	264.553	5.3	-1.0	-1.1
Dairy and related products .....	239.143	238.447	237.267	3.7	-0.8	-0.5
Fruits and vegetables .....	340.519	340.972	345.518	4.3	1.5	1.3
Nonalcoholic beverages and beverage materials(1) .....	266.563	258.466	254.793	2.2	-4.4	-1.4
Other food at home .....	234.735	236.981	235.920	4.6	0.5	-0.4
Food away from home .....	309.803	312.912	312.624	4.6	0.9	-0.1
Alcoholic beverages .....	273.471	275.545	273.745	2.6	0.1	-0.7
Housing .....	309.494	308.123	308.787	1.4	-0.2	0.2
Shelter .....	393.526	392.135	393.007	1.5	-0.1	0.2
Rent of primary residence .....	409.663	409.322	410.546	1.6	0.2	0.3
Owners' equivalent rent of residences(2) .....	401.553	401.223	401.824	1.6	0.1	0.1
Owners' equivalent rent of primary residence(2) .....	401.056	400.726	401.327	1.6	0.1	0.1
Fuels and utilities .....	194.692	190.687	194.119	-0.8	-0.3	1.8
Household energy .....	184.050	179.454	182.846	-1.8	-0.7	1.9
Energy services .....	181.764	176.265	179.803	1.8	-1.1	2.0
Electricity .....	187.088	179.729	179.045	2.1	-4.3	-0.4
Utility (piped) gas service .....	158.493	157.117	168.904	0.3	6.6	7.5
Household furnishings and operations .....	112.355	112.634	110.968	2.2	-1.2	-1.5
Apparel .....	125.376	118.483	114.335	-3.9	-8.8	-3.5
Transportation .....	214.911	216.154	215.169	-2.8	0.1	-0.5
Private transportation .....	205.508	204.563	204.391	-1.0	-0.5	-0.1
New and used motor vehicles(3) .....	94.067	94.748	94.648	6.8	0.6	-0.1
New vehicles(1) .....	206.180	204.696	205.107	1.5	-0.5	0.2
Used cars and trucks(1) .....	295.322	298.465	294.608	11.2	-0.2	-1.3
Motor fuel .....	179.975	178.728	175.714	-17.4	-2.4	-1.7
Gasoline (all types) .....	179.004	177.803	174.763	-17.4	-2.4	-1.7
Gasoline, unleaded regular(4) .....	176.367	175.184	172.047	-18.1	-2.4	-1.8
Gasoline, unleaded midgrade(4)(5) .....	195.894	194.001	191.651	-14.2	-2.2	-1.2
Gasoline, unleaded premium(4) .....	200.198	198.960	196.662	-12.8	-1.8	-1.2
Motor vehicle insurance(1) .....	755.232	731.880	745.228	-3.7	-1.3	1.8
Medical care .....	536.138	535.668	534.456	3.1	-0.3	-0.2
Recreation(3) .....	131.429	133.937	132.484	4.1	0.8	-1.1
Education and communication(3) .....	150.721	150.858	150.086	1.8	-0.4	-0.5
Tuition, other school fees, and child care(1) .....	1,274.912	1,275.436	1,271.265	2.4	-0.3	-0.3
Other goods and services .....	448.398	445.601	433.731	-1.0	-3.3	-2.7

Note: See footnotes at end of table.

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Item and Group	Indexes			Percent change from-		
	Sept. 2020	Oct. 2020	Nov. 2020	Nov. 2019	Sept. 2020	Oct. 2020
<b>Commodity and service group</b>						
All items .....	284.551	284.121	283.291	1.4	-0.4	-0.3
Commodities .....	192.413	191.470	189.798	0.1	-1.4	-0.9
Commodities less food and beverages .....	140.101	138.164	136.087	-3.6	-2.9	-1.5
Nondurables less food and beverages.....	175.587	171.431	168.511	-6.4	-4.0	-1.7
Durables .....	94.180	94.419	93.306	1.4	-0.9	-1.2
Services.....	361.587	361.529	361.306	1.9	-0.1	-0.1
<b>Special aggregate indexes</b>						
All items less medical care .....	273.640	273.212	272.399	1.2	-0.5	-0.3
All items less shelter.....	241.302	241.254	239.748	1.2	-0.6	-0.6
Commodities less food .....	144.972	143.143	141.062	-3.2	-2.7	-1.5
Nondurables .....	229.582	228.039	226.220	-0.3	-1.5	-0.8
Nondurables less food.....	181.444	177.646	174.788	-5.6	-3.7	-1.6
Services less rent of shelter(2).....	338.308	339.630	338.268	2.3	0.0	-0.4
Services less medical care services.....	346.372	346.352	346.178	1.7	-0.1	-0.1
Energy .....	185.227	181.818	182.860	-8.1	-1.3	0.6
All items less energy .....	295.972	295.786	294.791	1.9	-0.4	-0.3
All items less food and energy .....	300.415	299.979	298.888	1.5	-0.5	-0.4

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.