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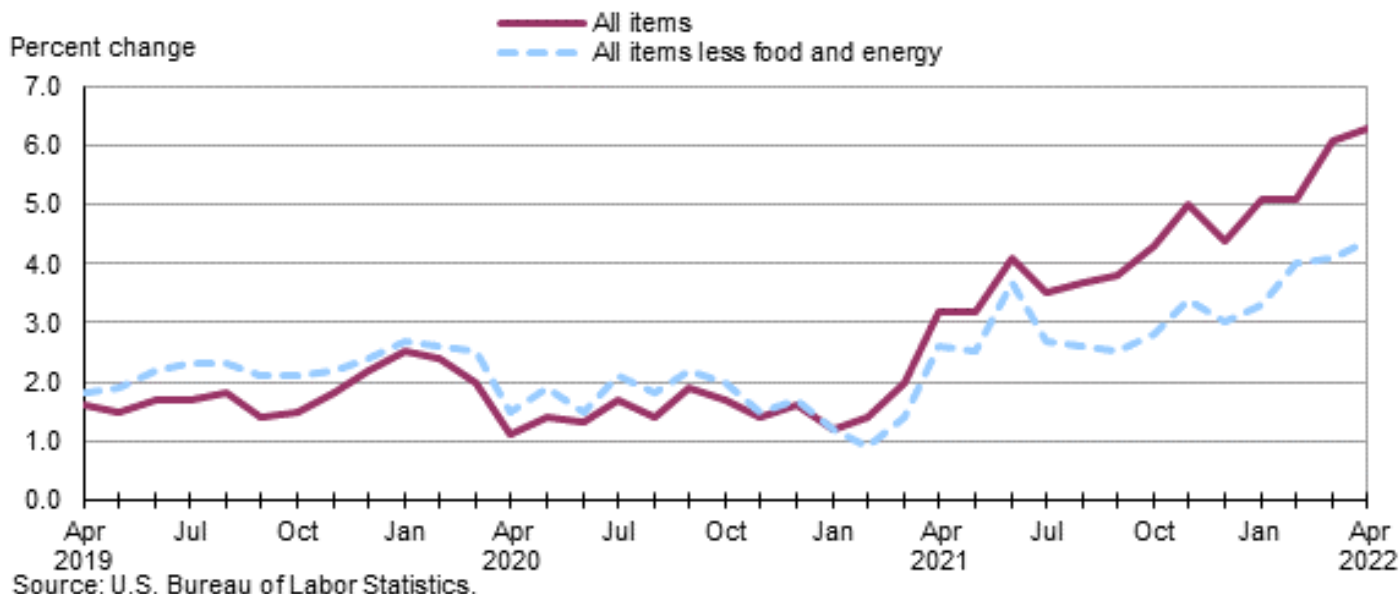
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Consumer Price Index, New York-Newark-Jersey City — April 2022 **Area prices up 0.9 percent over the month and 6.3 percent over the year**

Prices in the New York-Newark-Jersey City area, as measured by the Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers (CPI-U), rose 0.9 percent in April, following a 1.3-percent increase in March, the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics reported today. Chief Regional Economist Martin Kohli attributed the April increase to higher prices for food, energy, and other items. (Data in this report are not seasonally adjusted. Accordingly, month-to-month changes may reflect seasonal influences.)

Over the year, the CPI-U advanced 6.3 percent, while the index for all items less food and energy increased 4.4 percent. (See [chart 1](#) and [table A](#).) The 12-month percent increase in the all-items index was the highest since October 1990. Energy prices climbed 29.8 percent, led by higher prices for gasoline. Food prices advanced 8.8 percent. (See [table 1](#).)

Chart 1. Over-the-year percent change in CPI-U, New York-Newark-Jersey City, NY-NJ-PA, April 2019–April 2022



Food

Food prices rose 1.5 percent in April, following a 0.3-percent increase in March. Prices for food at home rose 1.8 percent, with all six grocery categories recording higher increases. Among the groceries with higher April prices in the New York area were citrus fruits, eggs, and milk. Prices for food away from home rose 1.1 percent.

From April 2021 to April 2022, food prices were up 8.8 percent. Prices for food at home advanced 10.0 percent—the largest over-the-year increase in 41 years. Prices for food away from home rose 6.9 percent.

Energy

The energy index increased 1.2 percent in April, following a 12.9-percent jump in March. A 4.0-percent rise in household energy prices was partially offset by a 2.3-percent decline in gasoline prices. Within household energy, electricity and natural gas were up 4.2 and 1.8 percent, respectively.

For the year ended in April 2022, energy prices rose 29.8 percent, led by a 42.0-percent climb in gasoline prices. Household energy prices increased 21.2 percent. Prices for electricity advanced 12.6 percent, and natural gas prices increased 18.9 percent.

All items less food and energy

The index for all items less food and energy rose 0.8 percent in April. Prices for new and used motor vehicles, which include leased and rented vehicles, jumped 5.6 percent. Airline fares also rose. Shelter prices increased 0.4 percent for the second consecutive month. Within shelter, owners' equivalent rent edged up 0.3 percent, and residential rent ticked up 0.1 percent. Lodging away from home also increased. In contrast, prices for apparel were down (-5.6 percent), as they often are at this time of year.

Over the year, the index for all items less food and energy increased 4.4 percent. New and used motor vehicles were up 16.8 percent, including increases of 15.0 percent for new vehicles and 23.6 percent for used cars and trucks. A 2.2-percent increase in shelter prices reflected, in part, a 2.5-percent increase in owners' equivalent rent and a 1.4-percent rise in residential rent. Other price increases included recreation (7.9 percent), household furnishings and operations (8.9 percent), and medical care (4.6 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	2018		2019		2020		2021		2022	
	1-month	12-month	1-month	12-month	1-month	12-month	1-month	12-month	1-month	12-month
January.....	0.4	1.4	0.5	1.6	0.8	2.5	0.4	1.2	1.1	5.1
February.....	0.5	1.7	0.2	1.3	0.2	2.4	0.3	1.4	0.3	5.1
March.....	0.0	1.7	0.3	1.6	-0.2	2.0	0.4	2.0	1.3	6.1
April.....	0.3	1.9	0.3	1.6	-0.5	1.1	0.7	3.2	0.9	6.3
May.....	0.4	2.2	0.2	1.5	0.5	1.4	0.5	3.2		
June.....	0.1	2.0	0.3	1.7	0.1	1.3	1.0	4.1		
July.....	0.0	2.2	0.0	1.7	0.5	1.7	-0.1	3.5		
August.....	0.1	2.2	0.2	1.8	-0.1	1.4	0.1	3.7		
September.....	0.4	2.0	0.0	1.4	0.4	1.9	0.5	3.8		
October.....	-0.1	2.0	0.0	1.5	-0.2	1.7	0.3	4.3		
November.....	-0.2	1.9	0.1	1.8	-0.3	1.4	0.3	5.0		
December.....	-0.2	1.6	0.1	2.2	0.4	1.6	-0.2	4.4		

The May 2022 Consumer Price Index for the New York-Newark-Jersey City area is scheduled to be released on Friday, June 10, 2022 at 8:30 a.m. (ET).

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-		
	Feb. 2022	March 2022	April 2022	April 2021	Feb. 2022	March 2022
Expenditure category						
All items	301.151	305.024	307.781	6.3	2.2	0.9
All items (1967=100)	870.587	881.781	889.753			
Food and beverages	305.776	306.791	311.345	8.5	1.8	1.5
Food	307.079	307.940	312.658	8.8	1.8	1.5
Food at home	291.811	293.548	298.825	10.0	2.4	1.8
Cereals and bakery products	337.711	338.718	344.547	9.3	2.0	1.7
Meats, poultry, fish, and eggs	307.037	307.003	310.064	13.2	1.0	1.0
Dairy and related products	250.901	249.525	259.163	7.2	3.3	3.9
Fruits and vegetables	359.267	361.793	371.918	8.9	3.5	2.8
Nonalcoholic beverages and beverage materials(1)	284.524	286.341	286.533	6.8	0.7	0.1
Other food at home	251.589	256.321	261.032	10.7	3.8	1.8
Food away from home	336.070	335.373	339.119	6.9	0.9	1.1
Alcoholic beverages	282.572	285.821	287.923	3.2	1.9	0.7
Housing	319.660	323.204	325.428	4.1	1.8	0.7
Shelter	401.151	402.690	404.237	2.2	0.8	0.4
Rent of primary residence	414.299	414.021	414.401	1.4	0.0	0.1
Owners' equivalent rent of residences(2)	411.537	412.162	413.477	2.5	0.5	0.3
Owners' equivalent rent of primary residence(2)	411.028	411.652	412.965	2.5	0.5	0.3
Fuels and utilities	213.733	230.781	238.903	18.5	11.8	3.5
Household energy	203.427	222.201	231.031	21.2	13.6	4.0
Energy services	189.255	204.719	211.740	14.6	11.9	3.4
Electricity	174.289	200.122	208.589	12.6	19.7	4.2
Utility (piped) gas service	206.281	199.830	203.460	18.9	-1.4	1.8
Household furnishings and operations	125.140	126.609	127.324	8.9	1.7	0.6
Apparel	129.746	134.936	127.341	2.1	-1.9	-5.6
Transportation	251.934	261.280	270.029	15.5	7.2	3.3
Private transportation	251.487	261.303	268.103	17.6	6.6	2.6
New and used motor vehicles(3)	114.029	114.712	121.113	16.8	6.2	5.6
New vehicles(1)	244.662	242.971	245.205	15.0	0.2	0.9
Used cars and trucks(1)	413.170	405.395	401.553	23.6	-2.8	-0.9
Motor fuel	285.025	335.871	328.344	42.1	15.2	-2.2
Gasoline (all types)	284.071	334.595	326.948	42.0	15.1	-2.3
Gasoline, unleaded regular(4)	283.876	334.932	326.734	42.7	15.1	-2.4
Gasoline, unleaded midgrade(4)(5)	289.984	339.305	334.962	40.2	15.5	-1.3
Gasoline, unleaded premium(4)	288.244	335.669	331.517	37.0	15.0	-1.2
Medical care	552.255	555.768	561.104	4.6	1.6	1.0
Recreation(3)	140.321	141.364	141.036	7.9	0.5	-0.2
Education and communication(3)	155.690	154.990	155.131	2.6	-0.4	0.1
Tuition, other school fees, and child care(1)	1,303.178	1,303.045	1,304.026	2.5	0.1	0.1
Other goods and services	468.478	473.131	472.350	5.1	0.8	-0.2
Commodity and service group						

Note: See footnotes at end of table.

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	Feb. 2022	March 2022	April 2022	April 2021	Feb. 2022	March 2022
All items	301.151	305.024	307.781	6.3	2.2	0.9
Commodities	217.392	221.613	221.803	11.1	2.0	0.1
Commodities less food and beverages	163.869	169.054	167.452	13.3	2.2	-0.9
Nondurables less food and beverages.....	202.433	216.380	212.172	14.4	4.8	-1.9
Durables	113.062	111.810	112.132	13.1	-0.8	0.3
Services.....	371.976	375.485	380.500	4.3	2.3	1.3
Special aggregate indexes						
All items less medical care	290.245	294.115	296.762	6.5	2.2	0.9
All items less shelter.....	261.445	266.211	269.430	8.9	3.1	1.2
Commodities less food	168.485	173.670	172.148	12.7	2.2	-0.9
Nondurables	255.344	263.104	263.145	10.9	3.1	0.0
Nondurables less food.....	207.296	220.650	216.797	13.4	4.6	-1.7
Services less rent of shelter(2).....	351.667	357.505	366.603	6.9	4.2	2.5
Services less medical care services.....	355.939	359.440	364.242	4.1	2.3	1.3
Energy	236.894	267.556	270.704	29.8	14.3	1.2
All items less energy	309.836	311.558	314.315	5.0	1.4	0.9
All items less food and energy	312.563	314.449	316.879	4.4	1.4	0.8

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.