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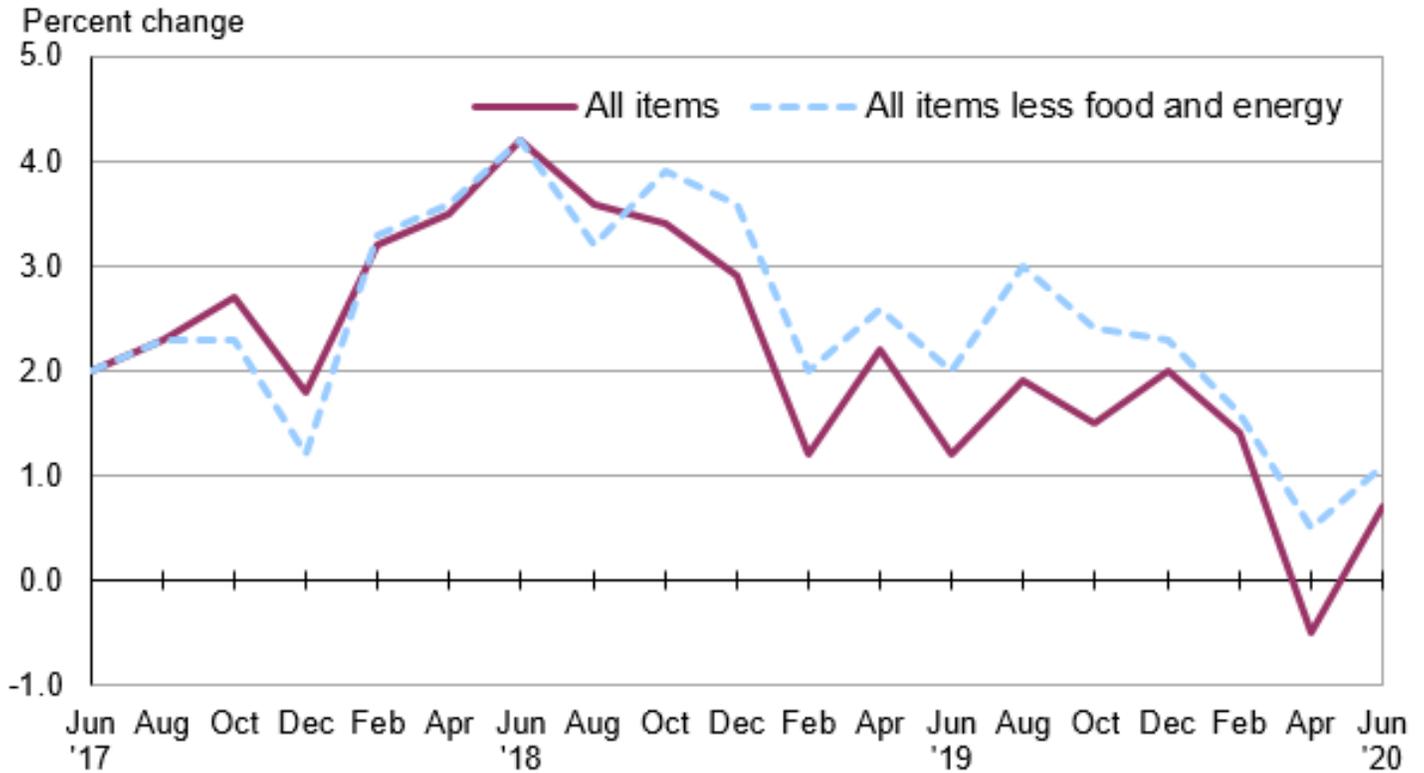
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## **Consumer Price Index, Miami-Fort Lauderdale-West Palm Beach – June 2020** **Area prices up 0.7 percent over the year**

The Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers (CPI-U) for Miami-Fort Lauderdale-West Palm Beach rose 0.7 percent from April to June, the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics reported today. Regional Commissioner Janet S. Rankin noted that the food index increased 3.2 percent over the bi-monthly period. The index for all items less food and energy edged up 0.3 percent from April to June, while the energy index rose 1.1 percent. (Data in this report are not seasonally adjusted. Accordingly, bi-monthly changes may reflect the impact of seasonal influences.)

The all items CPI-U rose 0.7 percent for the 12 months ending in June, reflecting an 8.8-percent increase in the food index. The index for all items less food and energy increased 1.1 percent over the past 12 months, while the energy index fell 14.3 percent. (See [chart 1](#) and [table 1](#).)

**Chart 1. Over-the-year percent change in CPI-U, Miami-Fort Lauderdale-West Palm Beach, FL, June 2017–June 2020**



Source: U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics.

**Food**

The food index rose 3.2 percent from April to June, reflecting a 5.5-percent increase in the food at home index. The food away from home index inched down 0.1 percent over the bi-monthly period.

The food index advanced 8.8 percent for the 12 months ending in June, led by a 13.3 percent jump in the food at home index. The food away from home index also advanced over the past 12 months, up 2.8 percent.

**Energy**

The energy index rose 1.1 percent from April to June, reflecting increases in the gasoline (2.0 percent) and the electricity (0.3 percent) indexes. In contrast, the utility (piped) gas service index declined 0.4 percent over the bi-monthly period.

The energy index fell 14.3 percent for the 12 months ending in June, led by a 22.4-percent fall in the gasoline index. The electricity index also declined, down 4.4 percent over the past 12 months.

**All items less food and energy**

The index for all items less food and energy rose 0.3 percent from April to June. Motor vehicle insurance (10.9 percent), recreation (2.8 percent), and shelter (0.2 percent) were among the indexes to increase over the bi-monthly period.

The index for all items less food and energy increased 1.1 percent over the past 12 months. Several indexes increased over the year, including shelter (1.2 percent), medical care (3.5 percent), and recreation (4.6 percent). Apparel (-7.7 percent) and motor vehicle insurance (-7.0 percent) were among the indexes to decline over the past year.

**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	2016		2017		2018		2019		2020	
	2-month	12-month								
February .....	0.2	1.6	1.3	4.0	2.6	3.2	1.0	1.2	0.4	1.4
April .....	0.7	1.4	-0.5	2.8	-0.1	3.5	0.8	2.2	-1.0	-0.5
June .....	0.6	1.6	-0.2	2.0	0.5	4.2	-0.5	1.2	0.7	0.7
August .....	0.0	1.6	0.3	2.3	-0.3	3.6	0.4	1.9		
October .....	0.5	1.9	1.0	2.7	0.8	3.4	0.4	1.5		
December .....	0.8	2.9	-0.1	1.8	-0.6	2.9	-0.2	2.0		

**The Consumer Price Index for July 2020 is scheduled to be released on Wednesday, August 12, 2020.**

### **Coronavirus (COVID-19) Impact on June 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 June 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 [www.bls.gov/covid19/effects-of-covid-19-pandemic-on-consumer-price-index.htm](http://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 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](http://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](http://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.

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**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. 2020	May 2020	Jun. 2020	Jun. 2019	Apr. 2020	May 2020
<b>Expenditure category</b>						
All Items.....	269.237	-	271.072	0.7	0.7	-
All items (November 1977=100).....	433.972	-	436.930	-	-	-
Food and beverages .....	279.711	-	287.204	8.7	2.7	-
Food .....	281.119	-	290.081	8.8	3.2	-
Food at home .....	271.402	279.703	286.304	13.3	5.5	2.4
Cereals and bakery products .....	309.999	-	323.575	12.6	4.4	-
Meats, poultry, fish, and eggs.....	255.869	-	295.451	26.1	15.5	-
Dairy and related products .....	246.071	-	248.877	10.2	1.1	-
Fruits and vegetables .....	354.154	-	364.119	8.5	2.8	-
Nonalcoholic beverages and beverage materials(1) .....	257.739	-	263.741	6.7	2.3	-
Other food at home .....	226.296	-	226.458	8.4	0.1	-
Food away from home.....	299.572	-	299.402	2.8	-0.1	-
Alcoholic beverages .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
Housing .....	287.265	-	287.547	0.9	0.1	-
Shelter .....	330.818	332.049	331.630	1.2	0.2	-0.1
Rent of primary residence .....	324.861	325.866	325.126	0.6	0.1	-0.2
Owners' equiv. rent of residences(2).....	334.755	336.314	335.991	1.3	0.4	-0.1
Owners' equiv. rent of primary residence(2) .....	334.755	336.314	335.991	1.3	0.4	-0.1
Fuels and utilities.....	176.857	-	177.255	-2.2	0.2	-
Household energy .....	147.800	121.391	148.250	-4.4	0.3	22.1
Energy services.....	145.370	119.193	145.786	-4.3	0.3	22.3
Electricity .....	142.305	116.117	142.735	-4.4	0.3	22.9
Utility (piped) gas service .....	184.039	183.510	183.240	-	-0.4	-0.1
Household furnishings and operations.....	170.859	-	168.332	1.9	-1.5	-
Apparel .....	128.767	-	127.723	-7.7	-0.8	-
Transportation .....	201.834	-	205.756	-7.2	1.9	-
Private transportation .....	207.555	-	210.580	-7.1	1.5	-
New and used motor vehicles(3).....	114.409	-	113.955	-0.2	-0.4	-
New vehicles(1).....	233.685	-	234.481	1.0	0.3	-
Used cars and trucks(1).....	297.625	-	292.276	-1.9	-1.8	-
Motor fuel .....	175.899	169.304	179.156	-22.4	1.9	5.8
Gasoline (all types).....	173.485	167.070	177.003	-22.4	2.0	5.9
Unleaded regular(4) .....	168.986	162.288	172.658	-23.1	2.2	6.4
Unleaded midgrade(4)(5) .....	185.631	181.391	185.806	-18.5	0.1	2.4
Unleaded premium(4).....	202.709	199.292	205.129	-17.2	1.2	2.9
Motor vehicle insurance(1).....	739.853	-	820.294	-7.0	10.9	-
Medical Care .....	580.389	-	580.613	3.5	0.0	-
Recreation(3).....	121.555	-	124.960	4.6	2.8	-
Education and communication(3).....	123.225	-	122.528	2.2	-0.6	-
Tuition, other school fees, and child care(1) ..	1,015.436	-	1,015.984	2.1	0.1	-
Other goods and services .....	359.491	-	357.906	-0.8	-0.4	-
<b>Commodity and service group</b>						
All Items.....	269.237	-	271.072	0.7	0.7	-
Commodities .....	201.406	-	203.182	-0.3	0.9	-
Commodities less food & beverages.....	158.623	-	158.135	-5.6	-0.3	-
Nondurables less food & beverages .....	182.900	-	182.317	-9.8	-0.3	-
Durables .....	130.837	-	130.452	0.4	-0.3	-
Services.....	320.862	-	322.776	1.2	0.6	-

Note: See footnotes at end of table.

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Item and Group	Indexes			Percent change from-		
	Apr. 2020	May 2020	Jun. 2020	Jun. 2019	Apr. 2020	May 2020
<b>Special aggregate indexes</b>						
All items less medical care .....	256.086	-	257.985	0.5	0.7	-
All items less shelter .....	236.764	-	239.143	0.4	1.0	-
Commodities less food .....	162.244	-	161.502	-5.0	-0.5	-
Nondurables .....	231.425	-	234.484	-0.3	1.3	-
Nondurables less food .....	187.693	-	186.602	-8.5	-0.6	-
Services less rent of shelter(2) .....	314.880	-	318.419	1.0	1.1	-
Services less medical care services .....	301.644	-	303.473	0.8	0.6	-
Energy .....	160.308	142.890	162.026	-14.3	1.1	13.4
All items less energy .....	281.522	-	283.369	1.9	0.7	-
All items less food and energy .....	282.040	-	282.950	1.1	0.3	-

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.