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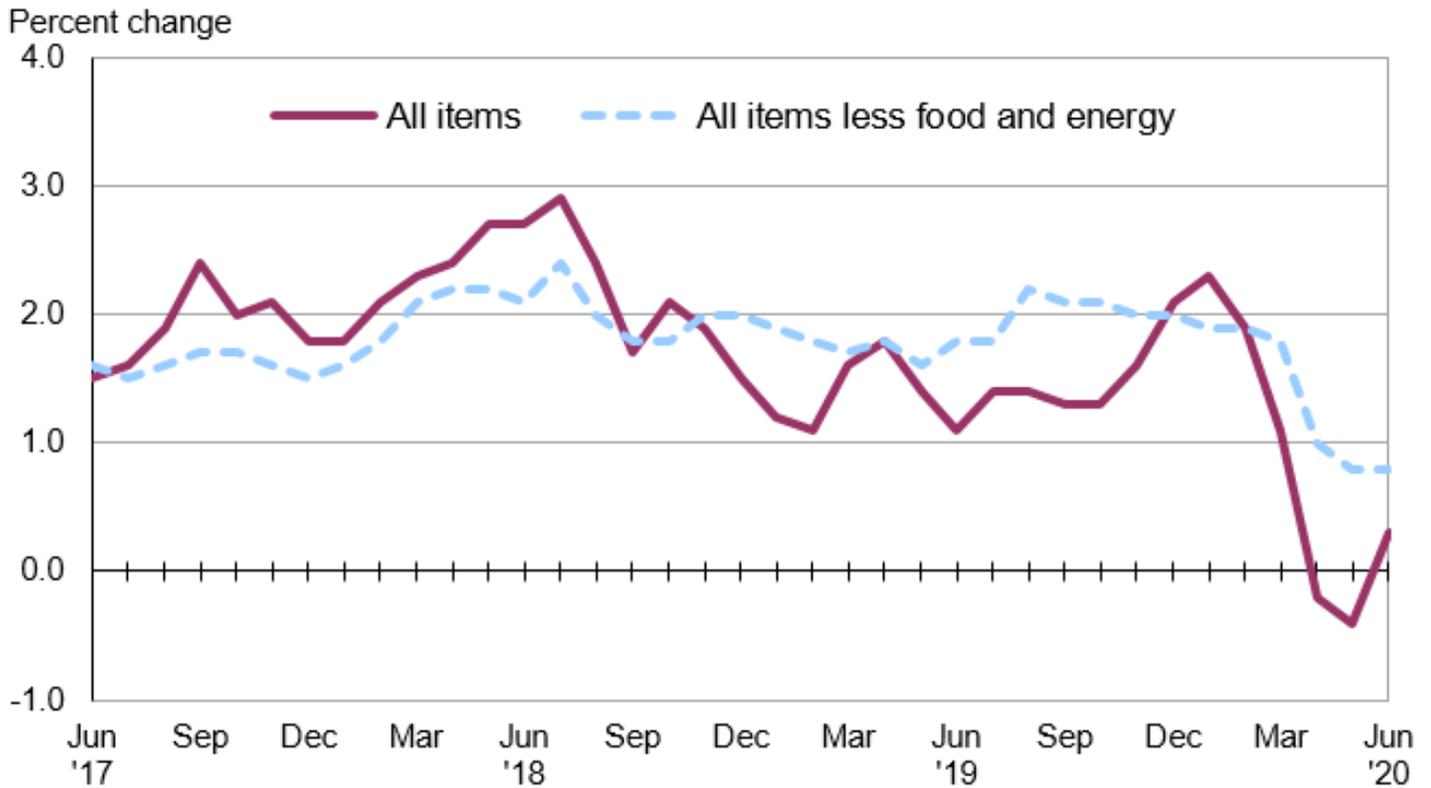
## **Consumer Price Index, South Region – June 2020**

### **Prices in the South up 0.6 percent over the month and 0.3 percent over the year**

The Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers (CPI-U) for the South rose 0.6 percent in June, the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics reported today. The energy index advanced 6.5 percent since May, while the index for all items less food and energy edged up 0.2 percent. The food index rose 0.7 percent over the month. (Data in this report are not seasonally adjusted. Accordingly, month-to-month changes reflect the impact of seasonal influences.)

The all items CPI-U for the South rose 0.3 percent for the 12 months ending June 2020. The food index advanced 4.6 percent over the past year, while the index for all items less food and energy rose 0.8 percent. In contrast, the energy index declined 12.6 percent for the 12 months ending in June. (See [chart 1](#) and [table 1](#).)

**Chart 1. Over-the-year percent change in CPI-U, South region, June 2017–June 2020**



**Food**

The food index rose 0.7 percent in June, led by a 1.1-percent increase in the food at home index. The food away from home index also rose in June, up 0.2 percent.

The food index advanced 4.6 percent for the 12 months ending in June, reflecting increases in the food at home (6.5 percent) and food away from home (2.4 percent) indexes.

**Energy**

The energy index advanced 6.5 percent in June, led by an 11.4-percent jump in the gasoline index. The electricity and the utility (piped) gas service indexes also increased in June, up 3.4 percent and 0.9 percent, respectively.

The energy index declined 12.6 percent for the 12 months ending in June, led by a 23.7-percent fall in the gasoline index. The electricity index also declined over the past year, down 1.0 percent, while the utility (piped) gas service index was unchanged.

**All items less food and energy**

The index for all items less food and energy edged up 0.2 percent in June. Several indexes increased over the month, most notably motor vehicle insurance (2.3 percent) and apparel (1.2 percent).

The index for all items less food and energy rose 0.8 percent over the past 12 months. The shelter index increased 2.1 percent over the 12-month span, and the medical care index rose 3.9 percent. Indexes that declined over the past year include apparel (-7.4 percent) and motor vehicle insurance (-10.5 percent).

## Geographic divisions

Additional price indexes are now available for the three divisions of the South. The all items CPI-U for the East South Central division rose 0.7 percent in June. The all items index also increased for the South Atlantic and the West South Central divisions in June, up 0.6 percent each.

Over the year, the all items index rose 0.8 percent in the South Atlantic division. In contrast, the all items index declined 0.4 percent in the West South Central division and inched down 0.1 percent in the East South Central division over the past 12 months.

**Table A. South region CPI-U 1-month and 12-month percent changes, all items index, not seasonally adjusted**

Month	2017		2018		2019		2020	
	1-month	12-month	1-month	12-month	1-month	12-month	1-month	12-month
January.....	0.5	2.6	0.5	1.8	0.2	1.2	0.3	2.3
February.....	0.2	2.8	0.6	2.1	0.5	1.1	0.2	1.9
March.....	0.0	2.2	0.2	2.3	0.7	1.6	-0.1	1.1
April.....	0.2	2.0	0.4	2.4	0.5	1.8	-0.8	-0.2
May.....	0.0	1.7	0.3	2.7	-0.1	1.4	-0.2	-0.4
June.....	0.2	1.5	0.2	2.7	-0.1	1.1	0.6	0.3
July.....	-0.2	1.6	0.0	2.9	0.3	1.4		
August.....	0.4	1.9	-0.1	2.4	-0.1	1.4		
September.....	0.7	2.4	0.0	1.7	0.0	1.3		
October.....	-0.2	2.0	0.2	2.1	0.2	1.3		
November.....	-0.1	2.1	-0.3	1.9	0.0	1.6		
December.....	-0.1	1.8	-0.5	1.5	0.0	2.1		

**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 **South region** is comprised of Alabama, Arkansas, Delaware, District of Columbia, Florida, Georgia, Kentucky, Louisiana, Maryland, Mississippi, North Carolina, Oklahoma, South Carolina, Tennessee, Texas, Virginia, and West Virginia.

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**Table 1. Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers (CPI-U): Indexes and percent changes for selected periods South (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.....	246.254	245.696	247.223	0.3	0.4	0.6
All items (December 1977=100).....	399.459	398.552	401.030	-	-	-
Food and beverages .....	262.288	264.124	265.795	4.5	1.3	0.6
Food .....	263.867	265.593	267.440	4.6	1.4	0.7
Food at home .....	248.549	250.905	253.705	6.5	2.1	1.1
Cereal and bakery products .....	289.888	290.045	291.619	4.0	0.6	0.5
Meats, poultry, fish, and eggs.....	258.935	268.389	274.815	13.5	6.1	2.4
Dairy and related products .....	229.212	232.250	228.151	3.5	-0.5	-1.8
Fruits and vegetables .....	289.588	290.714	289.884	2.6	0.1	-0.3
Nonalcoholic beverages and beverage materials.....	175.774	173.800	178.786	7.1	1.7	2.9
Other food at home .....	217.865	218.195	221.096	4.9	1.5	1.3
Food away from home.....	289.440	290.280	290.776	2.4	0.5	0.2
Alcoholic beverages .....	240.059	243.359	242.664	2.6	1.1	-0.3
Housing .....	247.788	247.878	248.845	1.7	0.4	0.4
Shelter .....	287.776	288.376	288.558	2.1	0.3	0.1
Rent of primary residence .....	303.173	303.855	304.267	3.1	0.4	0.1
Owners' equiv. rent of residences(1).....	290.162	290.980	291.061	2.5	0.3	0.0
Owners' equiv. rent of primary residence(1) .....	290.170	290.985	291.065	2.5	0.3	0.0
Fuels and utilities.....	237.148	234.467	240.051	-0.1	1.2	2.4
Household energy .....	188.474	185.562	191.329	-1.1	1.5	3.1
Energy services.....	188.954	186.086	191.845	-0.9	1.5	3.1
Electricity .....	187.501	184.330	190.648	-1.0	1.7	3.4
Utility (piped) gas service .....	183.022	182.409	183.975	0.0	0.5	0.9
Household furnishings and operations.....	125.161	125.194	126.023	0.3	0.7	0.7
Apparel .....	126.434	122.185	123.677	-7.4	-2.2	1.2
Transportation .....	193.489	190.040	193.989	-7.9	0.3	2.1
Private transportation .....	193.478	190.017	194.101	-7.3	0.3	2.1
New and used motor vehicles(2).....	101.247	100.752	100.595	-1.7	-0.6	-0.2
New vehicles .....	153.004	152.558	152.551	-0.8	-0.3	0.0
New cars and trucks(2)(3).....	104.174	103.870	103.866	-0.7	-0.3	0.0
New cars(3).....	151.950	151.588	152.070	-1.1	0.1	0.3
Used cars and trucks.....	140.915	139.854	138.443	-2.4	-1.8	-1.0
Motor fuel .....	154.746	151.268	168.104	-23.6	8.6	11.1
Gasoline (all types).....	153.280	149.829	166.921	-23.7	8.9	11.4
Unleaded regular(3) .....	147.614	144.248	161.303	-24.4	9.3	11.8
Unleaded midgrade(3)(4) .....	182.507	178.329	194.187	-20.0	6.4	8.9
Unleaded premium(3).....	185.317	181.597	196.945	-18.4	6.3	8.5
Motor vehicle insurance(5).....	911.447	829.003	848.411	-10.5	-6.9	2.3
Medical care .....	486.703	489.782	489.332	3.9	0.5	-0.1
Medical care commodities.....	354.069	353.230	351.561	-1.2	-0.7	-0.5
Medical care services.....	531.624	536.023	535.983	5.2	0.8	0.0
Professional services .....	369.110	372.431	372.352	1.7	0.9	0.0
Recreation(2).....	121.903	121.219	121.338	1.2	-0.5	0.1
Education and communication(2).....	133.983	133.959	133.907	0.8	-0.1	0.0
Tuition, other school fees, and child care(5) ..	1,361.237	1,361.611	1,361.098	2.0	0.0	0.0
Other goods and services .....	437.990	437.909	439.636	2.4	0.4	0.4
<b>Commodity and service group</b>						
All Items.....	246.254	245.696	247.223	0.3	0.4	0.6
Commodities .....	180.342	179.915	181.866	-1.5	0.8	1.1

Note: See footnotes at end of table.

**Table 1. Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers (CPI-U): Indexes and percent changes for selected periods South (1982-84=100 unless otherwise noted) - Continued**

Item and Group	Indexes			Percent change from-		
	Apr. 2020	May 2020	Jun. 2020	Jun. 2019	Apr. 2020	May 2020
Commodities less food and beverages .....	143.347	142.128	144.096	-5.1	0.5	1.4
Nondurables less food and beverages.....	179.485	176.937	182.176	-8.7	1.5	3.0
Nondurables less food, beverages, and apparel .....	212.663	210.972	218.370	-9.1	2.7	3.5
Durables .....	107.143	106.817	106.699	-1.4	-0.4	-0.1
Services.....	312.872	312.181	313.226	1.5	0.1	0.3
Rent of shelter(1).....	295.719	296.351	296.546	2.2	0.3	0.1
Transportation services .....	344.099	330.931	335.516	-7.1	-2.5	1.4
Other services .....	351.516	350.643	351.047	1.8	-0.1	0.1
<b>Special aggregate indexes</b>						
All items less medical care .....	233.208	232.473	234.090	-0.1	0.4	0.7
All items less food .....	243.301	242.395	243.872	-0.4	0.2	0.6
All items less shelter.....	231.148	230.143	232.191	-0.6	0.5	0.9
Commodities less food .....	146.178	145.065	146.975	-4.9	0.5	1.3
Nondurables .....	218.734	218.282	221.810	-1.6	1.4	1.6
Nondurables less food.....	182.736	180.541	185.416	-7.9	1.5	2.7
Nondurables less food and apparel.....	214.057	212.824	219.457	-8.1	2.5	3.1
Services less rent of shelter(1).....	344.301	341.940	344.078	0.7	-0.1	0.6
Services less medical care services.....	293.326	292.245	293.366	1.0	0.0	0.4
Energy .....	168.510	165.400	176.191	-12.6	4.6	6.5
All items less energy .....	255.461	255.154	255.764	1.3	0.1	0.2
All items less food and energy .....	254.422	253.765	254.164	0.8	-0.1	0.2
Commodities less food and energy commodities .....	145.162	144.333	144.501	-1.5	-0.5	0.1
Energy commodities.....	158.194	154.610	171.552	-23.3	8.4	11.0
Services less energy services.....	325.986	325.518	326.079	1.6	0.0	0.2

Footnotes

- (1) Indexes on a December 1982=100 base.
  - (2) Indexes on a December 1997=100 base.
  - (3) Special index based on a substantially smaller sample.
  - (4) Indexes on a December 1993=100 base.
  - (5) Indexes on a December 1977=100 base.
- Data not available.

Regions defined as the four Census regions. South includes Alabama, Arkansas, Delaware, District of Columbia, Florida, Georgia, Kentucky, Louisiana, Maryland, Mississippi, North Carolina, Oklahoma, South Carolina, Tennessee, Texas, Virginia, and West Virginia.