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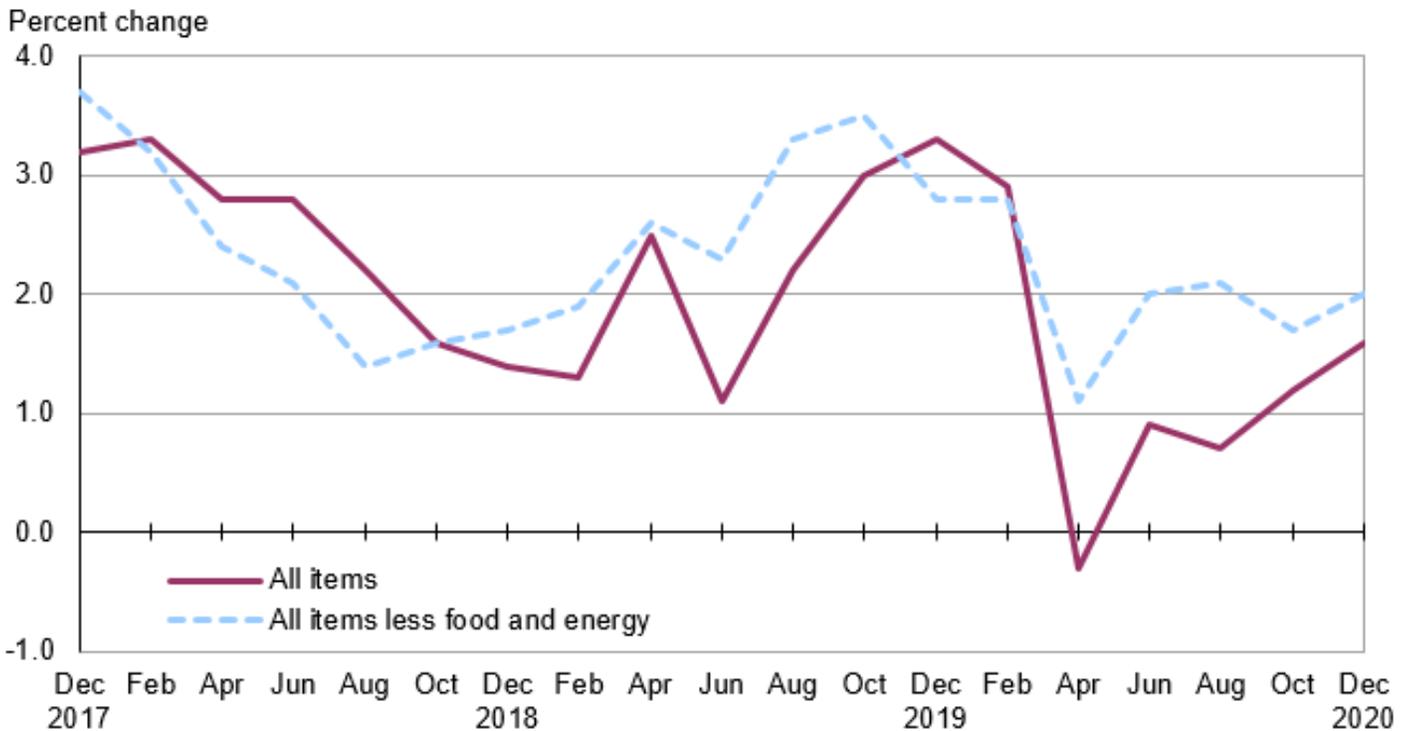
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Consumer Price Index, Atlanta-Sandy Springs-Roswell – December 2020 **Area prices up 1.6 percent over the year**

The Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers (CPI-U) for Atlanta-Sandy Springs-Roswell rose 0.1 percent from October to December, the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics reported today. Regional Commissioner Janet S. Rankin noted that the energy index increased 1.8 percent since October, while the food index rose 0.7 percent over the bi-monthly period. In contrast, the index for all items less food and energy edged down 0.2 percent from October to December. (Data in this report are not seasonally adjusted. Accordingly, bi-monthly changes may reflect the impact of seasonal influences.)

The all items CPI-U increased 1.6 percent for the 12 months ending in December. The index for all items less food and energy rose 2.0 percent over the year, while the food index advanced 3.7 percent. In contrast, the energy index declined 5.9 percent over the past 12 months. (See [chart 1](#) and [table 1](#).)

Chart 1. Over-the-year percent change in CPI-U, Atlanta-Sandy Springs-Roswell, GA, December 2017–December 2020



Source: U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics.

Food

The food index rose 0.7 percent from October to December, reflecting a 0.7-percent increase in both the food at home and the food away from home indexes.

The food index advanced 3.7 percent for the 12 months ending in December, reflecting increases in the food at home (4.6 percent) and food away from home (2.8 percent) indexes.

Energy

The energy index rose 1.8 percent from October to December. The gasoline index increased 1.5 percent over the bi-monthly period, while the electricity index was unchanged from October.

The energy index fell 5.9 percent for the 12 months ending in December, reflecting a 16.2-percent drop in the gasoline index. In contrast, the electricity index rose 4.0 percent over the past 12 months.

All items less food and energy

The index for all items less food and energy edged down 0.2 percent from October to December. Among the indexes to decline over the bi-monthly period include used cars and trucks (-2.7 percent) and apparel (-2.0 percent). Shelter (0.4 percent) and education and communication (1.4 percent) were among the indexes to increase from October to December.

The index for all items less food and energy advanced 2.0 percent for the 12 months ending in December. Several indexes contributed to the increase, most notably shelter (2.2 percent). The new and used motor vehicles index advanced 7.8 percent over the past 12 months, reflecting increases in the used cars and trucks (9.2 percent) and new vehicles (7.9 percent) indexes. In contrast, the medical care index declined 1.0 percent over the past year.

Table A. Atlanta-Sandy Springs-Roswell, GA, 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	0.3	1.6	1.2	3.5	1.2	3.3	1.2	1.3	0.8	2.9
April	1.0	1.9	0.6	3.2	0.2	2.8	1.4	2.5	-1.8	-0.3
June	1.3	0.7	1.3	3.2	1.2	2.8	-0.1	1.1	1.1	0.9
August	0.5	1.2	0.8	3.5	0.3	2.2	1.3	2.2	1.2	0.7
October	-0.1	2.4	-0.3	3.2	-1.0	1.6	-0.2	3.0	0.3	1.2
December	-0.4	2.6	-0.4	3.2	-0.6	1.4	-0.3	3.3	0.1	1.6

The Consumer Price Index for January 2021 is scheduled to be released on Wednesday, February 10, 2021.

Coronavirus (COVID-19) Impact on December 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 December 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.

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 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 **Atlanta-Sandy Springs-Roswell, GA**, Core Based Statistical Area covered in this release is comprised of Barrow, Bartow, Butts, Carroll, Cherokee, Clayton, Cobb, Coweta, Dawson, DeKalb, Douglas, Fayette, Forsyth, Fulton, Gwinnett, Haralson, Heard, Henry, Jasper, Lamar, Meriwether, Morgan, Newton, Paulding, Pickens, Pike, Rockdale, Spalding, and Walton Counties in Georgia.

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Table 1. Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers (CPI-U): Indexes and percent changes for selected periods Atlanta-Sandy Springs-Roswell, GA (1982-84=100 unless otherwise noted)

Item and Group	Indexes			Percent change from-		
	Oct. 2020	Nov. 2020	Dec. 2020	Dec. 2019	Oct. 2020	Nov. 2020
Expenditure category						
All Items.....	248.794	-	249.051	1.6	0.1	-
All items (1967=100).....	750.288	-	751.062	-	-	-
Food and beverages.....	268.463	-	270.496	3.0	0.8	-
Food.....	281.675	-	283.634	3.7	0.7	-
Food at home.....	259.977	262.291	261.812	4.6	0.7	-0.2
Cereals and bakery products.....	223.505	-	224.850	2.4	0.6	-
Meats, poultry, fish, and eggs.....	292.030	-	298.853	4.3	2.3	-
Dairy and related products.....	240.142	-	245.648	4.0	2.3	-
Fruits and vegetables.....	318.120	-	310.763	8.6	-2.3	-
Nonalcoholic beverages and beverage materials(1).....	269.681	-	263.054	1.3	-2.5	-
Other food at home.....	218.902	-	223.710	5.5	2.2	-
Food away from home.....	316.774	-	318.941	2.8	0.7	-
Alcoholic beverages.....	152.055	-	154.624	-6.6	1.7	-
Housing.....	261.267	-	262.417	2.6	0.4	-
Shelter.....	290.235	292.274	291.443	2.2	0.4	-0.3
Rent of primary residence.....	304.456	307.104	307.515	3.8	1.0	0.1
Owners' equiv. rent of residences(2).....	284.755	285.980	286.507	2.5	0.6	0.2
Owners' equiv. rent of primary residence(2).....	284.755	285.980	286.507	2.5	0.6	0.2
Fuels and utilities.....	301.203	-	306.390	3.7	1.7	-
Household energy.....	257.978	261.435	263.571	4.5	2.2	0.8
Energy Services.....	256.612	260.026	262.164	4.7	2.2	0.8
Electricity.....	220.667	220.667	220.667	4.0	0.0	0.0
Utility (piped) gas service.....	-	-	-	-	-	-
Household furnishings and operations.....	131.796	-	130.850	4.7	-0.7	-
Apparel.....	135.024	-	132.337	3.0	-2.0	-
Transportation.....	203.496	-	199.919	-1.6	-1.8	-
Private transportation.....	203.194	-	202.792	-0.4	-0.2	-
New and used motor vehicles(3).....	108.241	-	107.057	7.8	-1.1	-
New vehicles(1).....	212.404	-	217.370	7.9	2.3	-
Used cars and trucks(1).....	234.039	-	227.807	9.2	-2.7	-
Motor fuel.....	176.952	172.519	179.504	-16.2	1.4	4.0
Gasoline (all types).....	175.637	171.224	178.194	-16.2	1.5	4.1
Unleaded regular(4).....	170.669	166.279	173.353	-16.6	1.6	4.3
Unleaded midgrade(4)(5).....	227.008	222.440	229.793	-14.3	1.2	3.3
Unleaded premium(4).....	202.137	197.882	203.165	-13.5	0.5	2.7
Motor vehicle insurance(1).....	1,184.960	-	1,184.960	-2.6	0.0	-
Medical Care.....	486.121	-	484.903	-1.0	-0.3	-
Recreation(3).....	83.177	-	83.801	2.7	0.8	-
Education and communication(3).....	138.085	-	140.069	2.1	1.4	-
Tuition, other school fees, and child care(1) ..	1,511.228	-	1,511.228	3.4	0.0	-
Other goods and services.....	397.531	-	404.753	2.7	1.8	-
Commodity and service group						
All Items.....	248.794	-	249.051	1.6	0.1	-
Commodities.....	179.237	-	180.027	1.0	0.4	-
Commodities less food & beverages.....	140.924	-	141.260	-0.3	0.2	-
Nondurables less food & beverages.....	172.704	-	172.803	-5.5	0.1	-
Durables.....	108.425	-	108.896	5.9	0.4	-
Services.....	314.533	-	314.227	2.0	-0.1	-

Note: See footnotes at end of table.

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Item and Group	Indexes			Percent change from-		
	Oct. 2020	Nov. 2020	Dec. 2020	Dec. 2019	Oct. 2020	Nov. 2020
Special aggregate indexes						
All items less medical care	236.326	-	236.649	1.9	0.1	-
All items less shelter	235.541	-	235.419	1.4	-0.1	-
Commodities less food	140.942	-	141.357	-0.6	0.3	-
Nondurables	214.556	-	215.507	-1.0	0.4	-
Nondurables less food	170.038	-	170.334	-5.6	0.2	-
Services less rent of shelter(2)	356.688	-	354.328	1.8	-0.7	-
Services less medical care services	296.362	-	296.201	2.0	-0.1	-
Energy	195.981	195.198	199.586	-5.9	1.8	2.2
All items less energy	254.059	-	253.977	2.3	0.0	-
All items less food and energy	250.165	-	249.772	2.0	-0.2	-

Footnotes

(1) Index is on a December 1977=100 base.

(2) Index is 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.

- Data not available.

NOTE: Index applies to a month as a whole, not to any specific date. Data not seasonally adjusted.