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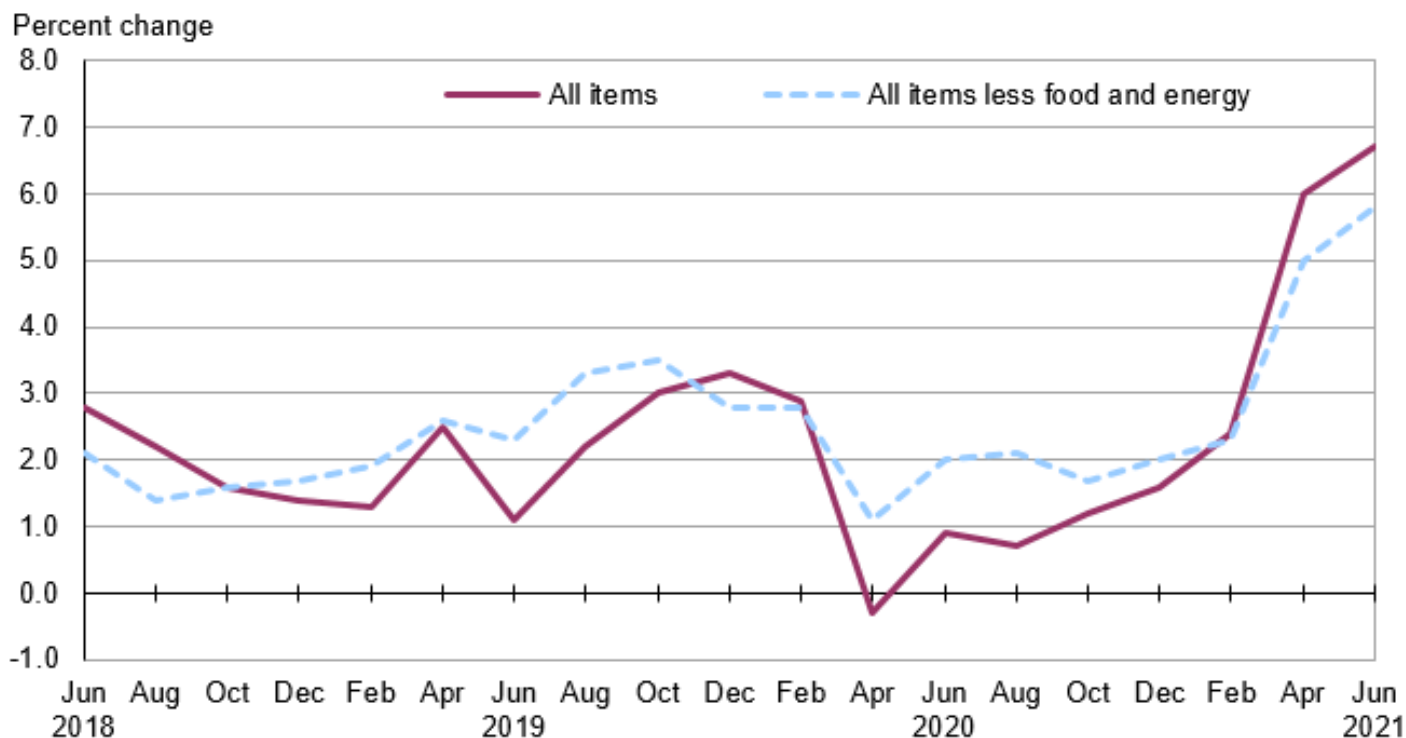
## **Consumer Price Index, Atlanta-Sandy Springs-Roswell – June 2021**

### **Area prices up 6.7 percent over the year**

The Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers (CPI-U) for Atlanta-Sandy Springs-Roswell increased 1.8 percent from April to June, the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics reported today. Regional Commissioner Janet S. Rankin noted that the index for all items less food and energy rose 1.6 percent over the bi-monthly period. The energy index and the food index also increased over the bi-monthly period, up 4.2 percent and 1.4 percent, respectively. (Data in this report are not seasonally adjusted. Accordingly, bi-monthly changes may reflect the impact of seasonal influences.)

The all items CPI-U advanced 6.7 percent for the 12 months ending in June. The index for all items less food and energy increased 5.8 percent over the past year, while the energy index jumped sharply, up 27.5 percent over the last 12 months. The food index rose 1.4 percent over the past year. (See [chart 1](#) and [table 1](#).)

**Chart 1. Over-the-year percent change in CPI-U, Atlanta-Sandy Springs-Roswell, GA, June 2018–June 2021**



Source: U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics.

## Food

The food index rose 1.4 percent from April to June, reflecting increases in the food at home (1.5 percent) and food away from home (1.3 percent) indexes.

The food index increased 1.4 percent for the 12 months ending in June, led by a 2.8-percent increase in the food away from home index. The food at home index rose 0.1 percent over the past 12 months.

## Energy

The energy index rose 4.2 percent from April to June, reflecting an 8.1-percent increase in the gasoline index. The electricity index was unchanged over the bi-monthly period.

The energy index jumped 27.5 percent for the 12 months ending in June, led by a 59.3-percent spike in the gasoline index. The electricity index also increased over the past 12 months, up 1.8 percent.

## All items less food and energy

The index for all items less food and energy rose 1.6 percent from April to June. Among the indexes to increase over the bi-monthly period include used cars and trucks (18.0 percent) and shelter (1.3 percent).

The index for all items less food and energy advanced 5.8 percent for the 12 months ending in June. Several indexes contributed to the increase, most notably shelter (4.3 percent) and used cars and trucks (44.1 percent).

**Table A. Atlanta-Sandy Springs-Roswell, GA, CPI-U 2-month and 12-month percent changes, all items index, not seasonally adjusted**

Month	2017		2018		2019		2020		2021	
	2-month	12-month	2-month	12-month	2-month	12-month	2-month	12-month	2-month	12-month
February .....	1.2	3.5	1.2	3.3	1.2	1.3	0.8	2.9	1.6	2.4
April .....	0.6	3.2	0.2	2.8	1.4	2.5	-1.8	-0.3	1.6	6.0
June.....	1.3	3.2	1.2	2.8	-0.1	1.1	1.1	0.9	1.8	6.7
August .....	0.8	3.5	0.3	2.2	1.3	2.2	1.2	0.7		
October.....	-0.3	3.2	-1.0	1.6	-0.2	3.0	0.3	1.2		
December.....	-0.4	3.2	-0.6	1.4	-0.3	3.3	0.1	1.6		

**The Consumer Price Index for July 2021 is scheduled to be released on Wednesday, August 11, 2021.**

### Coronavirus (COVID-19) Impact on June 2021 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 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 **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-		
	Apr. 2021	May 2021	Jun. 2021	Jun. 2020	Apr. 2021	May 2021
<b>Expenditure category</b>						
All Items.....	257.074	-	261.662	6.7	1.8	-
All items (1967=100).....	775.257	-	789.093	-	-	-
Food and beverages .....	266.604	-	270.140	1.7	1.3	-
Food .....	279.159	-	283.088	1.4	1.4	-
Food at home .....	258.869	260.361	262.706	0.1	1.5	0.9
Cereals and bakery products .....	220.704	-	223.490	-0.5	1.3	-
Meats, poultry, fish, and eggs.....	296.322	-	305.171	-0.5	3.0	-
Dairy and related products .....	237.900	-	237.556	-0.3	-0.1	-
Fruits and vegetables .....	306.951	-	306.366	-1.9	-0.2	-
Nonalcoholic beverages and beverage materials(1) .....	266.113	-	264.628	-1.4	-0.6	-
Other food at home .....	220.790	-	226.943	3.1	2.8	-
Food away from home.....	312.408	-	316.562	2.8	1.3	-
Alcoholic beverages .....	155.578	-	155.811	7.3	0.1	-
Housing .....	267.091	-	269.552	4.1	0.9	-
Shelter .....	297.064	297.797	301.007	4.3	1.3	1.1
Rent of primary residence .....	310.318	310.578	312.338	4.4	0.7	0.6
Owners' equiv. rent of residences(2).....	290.059	290.723	292.493	3.9	0.8	0.6
Owners' equiv. rent of primary residence(2) .....	290.059	290.723	292.493	3.9	0.8	0.6
Fuels and utilities.....	308.980	-	308.809	3.2	-0.1	-
Household energy .....	265.149	264.515	264.961	3.4	-0.1	0.2
Energy Services .....	263.598	262.813	263.258	3.4	-0.1	0.2
Electricity .....	223.852	223.852	223.852	1.8	0.0	0.0
Utility (piped) gas service .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
Household furnishings and operations.....	133.157	-	132.065	3.6	-0.8	-
Apparel .....	140.643	-	141.657	11.2	0.7	-
Transportation .....	224.546	-	239.414	23.9	6.6	-
Private transportation .....	226.491	-	243.370	25.1	7.5	-
New and used motor vehicles(3).....	-	-	125.026	23.0	-	-
New vehicles(1).....	-	-	-	-	-	-
Used cars and trucks(1) .....	254.892	-	300.665	44.1	18.0	-
Motor fuel .....	238.887	255.976	258.110	58.9	8.0	0.8
Gasoline (all types).....	237.337	254.454	256.515	59.3	8.1	0.8
Unleaded regular(4) .....	232.317	249.506	251.133	60.8	8.1	0.7
Unleaded midgrade(4)(5) .....	296.036	317.779	324.854	53.5	9.7	2.2
Unleaded premium(4).....	258.465	272.949	277.829	48.2	7.5	1.8
Motor vehicle insurance(1).....	1,285.828	-	1,285.828	1.7	0.0	-
Medical Care .....	488.349	-	490.169	0.3	0.4	-
Recreation(3).....	90.139	-	87.346	0.5	-3.1	-
Education and communication(3).....	141.018	-	142.321	5.5	0.9	-
Tuition, other school fees, and child care(1) ..	1,509.959	-	1,541.114	5.5	2.1	-
Other goods and services .....	404.852	-	414.514	4.8	2.4	-
<b>Commodity and service group</b>						
All Items.....	257.074	-	261.662	6.7	1.8	-
Commodities .....	187.965	-	193.908	11.1	3.2	-
Commodities less food & beverages.....	152.774	-	159.239	17.1	4.2	-
Nondurables less food & beverages .....	192.415	-	197.467	18.5	2.6	-
Durables .....	114.049	-	120.957	15.7	6.1	-
Services.....	322.124	-	325.178	4.2	0.9	-

Note: See footnotes at end of table.

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Item and Group	Indexes			Percent change from-		
	Apr. 2021	May 2021	Jun. 2021	Jun. 2020	Apr. 2021	May 2021
<b>Special aggregate indexes</b>						
All items less medical care .....	244.833	-	249.519	7.3	1.9	-
All items less shelter .....	244.515	-	249.425	8.0	2.0	-
Commodities less food .....	152.465	-	158.692	16.8	4.1	-
Nondurables .....	224.717	-	229.090	9.1	1.9	-
Nondurables less food .....	188.338	-	192.975	17.7	2.5	-
Services less rent of shelter(2) .....	365.466	-	367.395	4.1	0.5	-
Services less medical care services .....	304.141	-	306.977	4.3	0.9	-
Energy .....	229.989	238.285	239.539	27.5	4.2	0.5
All items less energy .....	259.737	-	263.822	5.2	1.6	-
All items less food and energy .....	257.097	-	261.211	5.8	1.6	-

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.