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**ERRATA**

As initially published, the chart data table associated with the View Chart Data link for Chart 1 contained incorrectly labeled dates. This error was corrected on February 25, 2021.

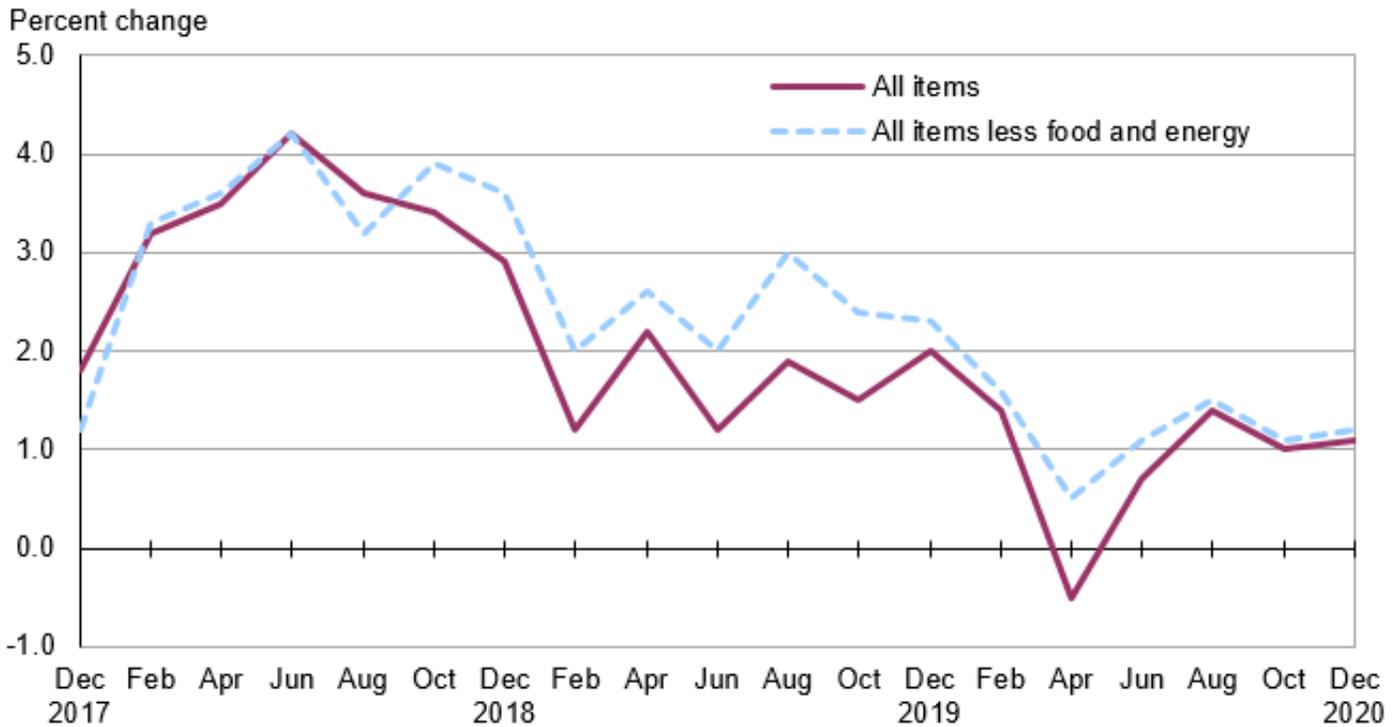
## **Consumer Price Index, Miami-Fort Lauderdale-West Palm Beach – December 2020**

### **Area prices up 1.1 percent over the year**

The Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers (CPI-U) for Miami-Fort Lauderdale-West Palm Beach declined 0.2 percent from October to December, 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 inched down 0.1 percent over the bi-monthly period, while the food index declined 0.5 percent. In contrast, the energy index edged up 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 rose 1.1 percent for the 12 months ending in December. The index for all items less food and energy increased 1.2 percent over the past year, while the food index advanced 6.7 percent. In contrast, the energy index fell 8.5 percent over the past 12 months. (See [chart 1](#) and [table 1](#).)

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



Source: U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics.

**Food**

The food index declined 0.5 percent from October to December, reflecting declines in the food at home (-0.7 percent) and food away from home (-0.1 percent) indexes.

The food index advanced 6.7 percent for the 12 months ending in December, led by a 10.1-percent jump in the food at home index. The food away from home index also increased over the past 12 months, up 2.1 percent.

**Energy**

The energy index edged up 0.2 percent from October to December, reflecting a 0.4-percent increase in the gasoline index. In contrast, the utility (piped) gas service index declined 0.4 percent over the bi-monthly period. The electricity index was unchanged from October to December.

The energy index fell 8.5 percent for the 12 months ending in December, led by a 12.8-percent decline in the gasoline index. The electricity index also declined, down 3.2 percent over the past 12 months, while the utility (piped) gas service index edged up 0.3 percent.

**All items less food and energy**

The index for all items less food and energy inched down 0.1 percent from October to December, led by declines in the apparel (-6.2 percent) and medical care (-0.9 percent) indexes. Shelter (0.5 percent) was among the indexes to increase over the bi-monthly period.

The index for all items less food and energy advanced 1.2 percent for the 12 months ending in December, reflecting a 2.7-percent increase in the shelter index.

**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	1.0	1.4
October .....	0.5	1.9	1.0	2.7	0.8	3.4	0.4	1.5	0.1	1.0
December .....	0.8	2.9	-0.1	1.8	-0.6	2.9	-0.2	2.0	-0.2	1.1

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

### **Coronavirus (COVID-19) Pandemic 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](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 **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-		
	Oct. 2020	Nov. 2020	Dec. 2020	Dec. 2019	Oct. 2020	Nov. 2020
<b>Expenditure category</b>						
All Items.....	274.193	-	273.774	1.1	-0.2	-
All items (November 1977=100).....	441.961	-	441.286	-	-	-
Food and beverages .....	282.217	-	278.747	5.6	-1.2	-
Food .....	284.896	-	283.593	6.7	-0.5	-
Food at home .....	277.940	273.878	275.888	10.1	-0.7	0.7
Cereals and bakery products .....	322.948	-	315.277	12.1	-2.4	-
Meats, poultry, fish, and eggs.....	267.487	-	271.144	14.1	1.4	-
Dairy and related products .....	250.234	-	242.950	8.3	-2.9	-
Fruits and vegetables .....	364.852	-	346.464	4.2	-5.0	-
Nonalcoholic beverages and beverage materials(1) .....	262.936	-	272.843	15.3	3.8	-
Other food at home .....	223.646	-	224.118	7.8	0.2	-
Food away from home.....	299.101	-	298.949	2.1	-0.1	-
Alcoholic beverages .....	-	-	220.721	-7.5	-	-
Housing .....	291.210	-	292.490	2.0	0.4	-
Shelter .....	336.448	337.226	338.167	2.7	0.5	0.3
Rent of primary residence .....	329.551	330.119	330.959	2.7	0.4	0.3
Owners' equiv. rent of residences(2).....	341.869	342.656	343.591	3.4	0.5	0.3
Owners' equiv. rent of primary residence(2) .....	341.869	342.656	343.591	3.4	0.5	0.3
Fuels and utilities.....	177.944	-	177.904	-2.1	0.0	-
Household energy .....	148.259	148.202	148.240	-3.3	0.0	0.0
Energy services.....	145.771	145.765	145.757	-3.1	0.0	0.0
Electricity .....	142.735	142.735	142.735	-3.2	0.0	0.0
Utility (piped) gas service .....	182.384	182.070	181.593	0.3	-0.4	-0.3
Household furnishings and operations.....	168.902	-	169.185	-0.1	0.2	-
Apparel .....	146.245	-	137.118	-2.1	-6.2	-
Transportation .....	211.319	-	212.163	-4.3	0.4	-
Private transportation .....	219.273	-	221.883	-2.0	1.2	-
New and used motor vehicles(3).....	118.921	-	119.004	3.6	0.1	-
New vehicles(1).....	234.227	-	231.660	-1.8	-1.1	-
Used cars and trucks(1).....	327.894	-	319.163	9.2	-2.7	-
Motor fuel .....	195.119	187.114	196.014	-12.8	0.5	4.8
Gasoline (all types).....	192.878	184.891	193.704	-12.8	0.4	4.8
Unleaded regular(4) .....	188.774	180.622	189.788	-13.0	0.5	5.1
Unleaded midgrade(4)(5) .....	199.599	192.766	198.597	-11.6	-0.5	3.0
Unleaded premium(4).....	217.873	211.851	217.191	-11.2	-0.3	2.5
Motor vehicle insurance(1).....	816.803	-	883.119	-0.7	8.1	-
Medical Care .....	578.907	-	573.943	0.6	-0.9	-
Recreation(3).....	124.872	-	123.309	1.2	-1.3	-
Education and communication(3).....	123.347	-	122.641	-0.3	-0.6	-
Tuition, other school fees, and child care(1) ..	1,022.718	-	1,021.799	0.9	-0.1	-
Other goods and services .....	360.165	-	363.068	0.1	0.8	-
<b>Commodity and service group</b>						
All Items.....	274.193	-	273.774	1.1	-0.2	-
Commodities .....	207.387	-	203.480	-0.3	-1.9	-
Commodities less food & beverages.....	165.511	-	161.700	-3.8	-2.3	-
Nondurables less food & beverages .....	192.950	-	188.609	-6.3	-2.2	-
Durables .....	134.694	-	131.505	-0.3	-2.4	-
Services.....	325.233	-	327.159	1.6	0.6	-

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
<b>Special aggregate indexes</b>						
All items less medical care .....	261.301	-	261.071	1.1	-0.1	-
All items less shelter .....	241.365	-	239.812	-0.1	-0.6	-
Commodities less food .....	168.595	-	164.057	-3.9	-2.7	-
Nondurables .....	238.317	-	234.259	-0.3	-1.7	-
Nondurables less food .....	196.410	-	190.650	-6.4	-2.9	-
Services less rent of shelter(2) .....	317.340	-	319.594	0.0	0.7	-
Services less medical care services .....	306.179	-	308.346	1.6	0.7	-
Energy .....	169.246	165.597	169.640	-8.5	0.2	2.4
All items less energy .....	286.023	-	285.512	1.8	-0.2	-
All items less food and energy .....	286.644	-	286.237	1.2	-0.1	-

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.