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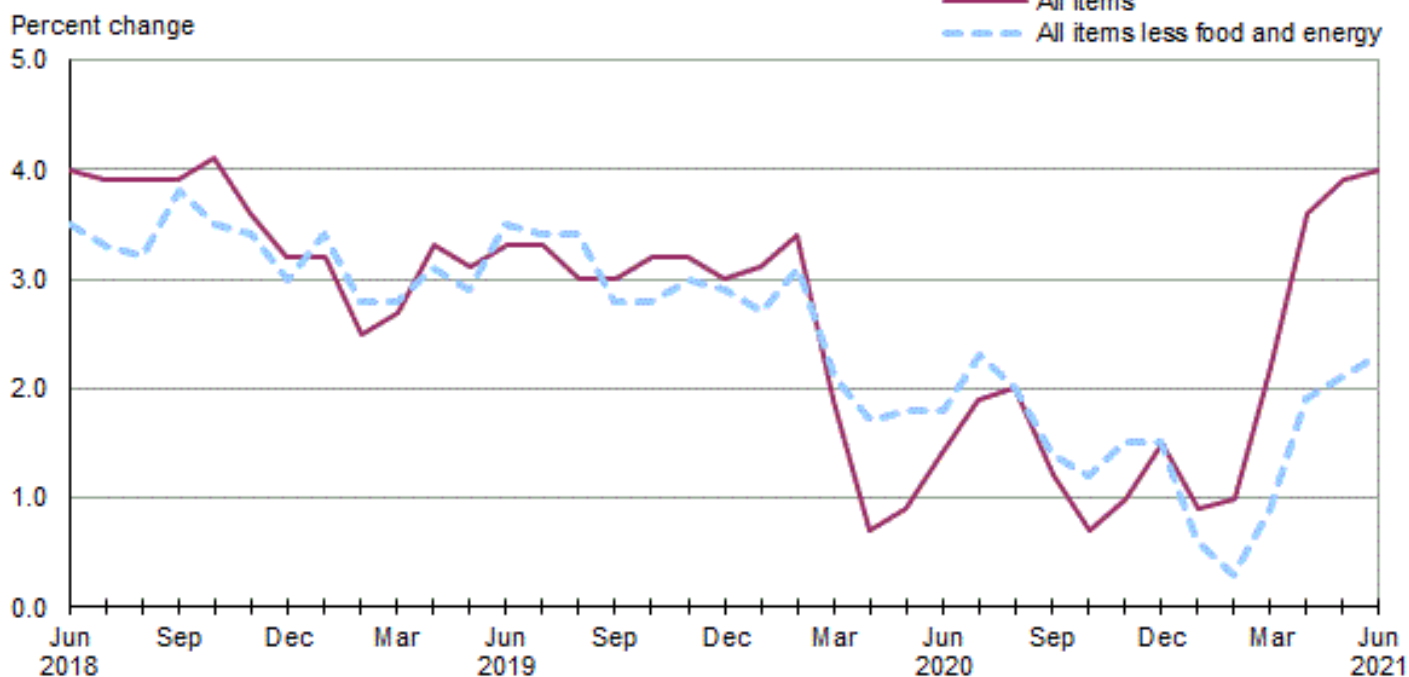
## **Consumer Price Index, Los Angeles area – June 2021**

**Area prices were up 0.6 percent over the past month, up 4.0 percent from a year ago**

Prices in the Los Angeles area, as measured by the Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers (CPI-U), advanced 0.6 percent in June, the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics reported today. (See [table A.](#)) Regional Commissioner Chris Rosenlund noted that the June increase was influenced by higher prices for new and used motor vehicles and shelter. (Data in this report are not seasonally adjusted. Accordingly, month-to-month changes may reflect seasonal influences.)

Over the last 12 months, the CPI-U advanced 4.0 percent. (See [chart 1](#) and [table A.](#)) Food prices advanced 3.5 percent. Energy prices jumped 27.6 percent, largely the result of an increase in the price of gasoline. The index for all items less food and energy rose 2.3 percent over the year. (See [table 1.](#))

**Chart 1. Over-the-year percent change in CPI-U, Los Angeles-Long Beach-Anaheim, CA, June 2018–June 2021**



Source: U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics.

## Food

Food prices crept up 0.1 percent for the month of June. (See [table 1.](#)) Prices for food at home edged up 0.2 percent, led by higher prices for fruits and vegetables (3.0 percent). Prices for food away from home were unchanged during the month.

Over the year, food prices advanced 3.5 percent. Prices for food away from home rose 3.9 percent. Prices for food at home advanced 3.1 percent since a year ago, with increases in all food categories.

## Energy

The energy index rose 1.4 percent over the month. The increase was mainly due to higher prices for gasoline (2.2 percent). Prices for natural gas service advanced 2.3 percent, but prices for electricity declined 0.7 percent for the same period.

Energy prices jumped 27.6 percent over the year, largely due to a jump in gasoline prices (40.3 percent). Prices paid for natural gas service increased 11.4 percent, and prices for electricity increased 10.3 percent during the past year.

## All items less food and energy

The index for all items less food and energy advanced 0.6 percent in June. Higher prices for new and used motor vehicles (3.2 percent), recreation (2.5 percent), and shelter (0.3 percent) were partially offset by lower prices for apparel (-1.6 percent) and medical care (-0.1 percent).

Over the year, the index for all items less food and energy rose 2.3 percent. Components contributing to the increase included new and used motor vehicles (13.4 percent), recreation (5.8 percent), and shelter (1.1 percent). Partly offsetting the increases were price decreases in alcoholic beverages (-2.5 percent) and household furnishings and operations (-1.7 percent).

**Table A. Los Angeles-Long Beach-Anaheim, CA, CPI-U 1-month and 12-month percent changes, all items index, not seasonally adjusted**

Month	2017		2018		2019		2020		2021	
	1-month	12-month	1-month	12-month	1-month	12-month	1-month	12-month	1-month	12-month
January.....	0.9	2.1	0.8	3.5	0.7	3.2	0.8	3.1	0.2	0.9
February.....	0.6	2.7	0.7	3.6	0.1	2.5	0.3	3.4	0.4	1.0
March.....	0.3	2.7	0.4	3.8	0.6	2.7	-0.7	1.9	0.5	2.2
April.....	0.2	2.7	0.4	4.0	1.0	3.3	-0.3	0.7	1.1	3.6
May.....	0.3	2.5	0.4	4.1	0.2	3.1	0.4	0.9	0.6	3.9
June.....	-0.2	2.2	-0.2	4.0	0.0	3.3	0.5	1.4	0.6	4.0
July.....	0.3	2.5	0.2	3.9	0.1	3.3	0.6	1.9		
August.....	0.3	2.8	0.2	3.9	0.0	3.0	0.1	2.0		
September.....	0.4	3.1	0.5	3.9	0.5	3.0	-0.3	1.2		
October.....	0.4	3.1	0.5	4.1	0.7	3.2	0.2	0.7		
November.....	0.1	3.6	-0.3	3.6	-0.3	3.2	0.1	1.0		
December.....	0.0	3.6	-0.3	3.2	-0.6	3.0	-0.2	1.5		

**The July 2021 Consumer Price Index for the Los Angeles area is scheduled to be released on August 11, 2021.**

## Coronavirus (COVID-19) Pandemic 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 <https://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 U.S. population and (2) a CPI for Urban Wage Earners and Clerical Workers (CPI-W) which covers approximately 29 percent of the total U.S. 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 Los Angeles-Long Beach-Anaheim, CA metropolitan area includes Los Angeles and Orange Counties in California.

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**Table 1. Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers (CPI-U): Indexes and percent changes for selected periods Los Angeles-Long Beach-Anaheim (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.....	285.808	287.620	289.218	4.0	1.2	0.6
All items (1967=100).....	844.403	849.756	854.479	-	-	-
Food and beverages.....	287.089	288.225	288.486	3.1	0.5	0.1
Food.....	287.567	288.639	288.855	3.5	0.4	0.1
Food at home.....	273.030	273.803	274.288	3.1	0.5	0.2
Cereals and bakery products.....	283.353	282.619	283.817	1.7	0.2	0.4
Meats, poultry, fish, and eggs.....	307.235	311.151	312.105	2.5	1.6	0.3
Dairy and related products.....	258.855	262.934	265.577	4.4	2.6	1.0
Fruits and vegetables.....	374.431	364.347	375.174	5.6	0.2	3.0
Nonalcoholic beverages and beverage materials(1).....	276.135	274.821	272.911	0.6	-1.2	-0.7
Other food at home.....	203.904	208.027	203.112	3.3	-0.4	-2.4
Food away from home.....	298.823	300.175	300.127	3.9	0.4	0.0
Alcoholic beverages.....	260.793	262.603	263.363	-2.5	1.0	0.3
Housing.....	327.410	328.792	329.939	1.5	0.8	0.3
Shelter.....	376.875	378.182	379.449	1.1	0.7	0.3
Rent of primary residence(2).....	401.462	402.879	402.222	0.6	0.2	-0.2
Owners' equiv. rent of residences(2)(3).....	391.614	392.634	394.234	0.7	0.7	0.4
Owners' equiv. rent of primary residence(1)(2).....	391.592	392.612	394.211	0.7	0.7	0.4
Fuels and utilities.....	371.953	384.156	384.486	9.9	3.4	0.1
Household energy.....	324.439	339.425	339.830	10.6	4.7	0.1
Energy services(2).....	322.917	338.030	338.412	10.6	4.8	0.1
Electricity(2).....	383.502	382.304	379.574	10.3	-1.0	-0.7
Utility (piped) gas service(2).....	241.865	292.442	299.257	11.4	23.7	2.3
Household furnishings and operations.....	120.280	118.394	119.311	-1.7	-0.8	0.8
Apparel.....	110.832	110.660	108.881	4.6	-1.8	-1.6
Transportation.....	225.729	232.220	236.538	18.4	4.8	1.9
Private transportation.....	224.775	230.905	235.804	19.1	4.9	2.1
New and used motor vehicles(4).....	96.073	98.432	101.588	13.4	5.7	3.2
New vehicles(1).....	173.352	175.268	176.871	3.3	2.0	0.9
Used cars and trucks(1).....	320.026	341.860	376.506	44.1	17.6	10.1
Motor fuel.....	301.473	313.441	320.374	40.2	6.3	2.2
Gasoline (all types).....	294.486	306.245	313.044	40.3	6.3	2.2
Gasoline, unleaded regular(4).....	294.509	306.623	313.511	41.0	6.5	2.2
Gasoline, unleaded midgrade(4)(5).....	283.189	293.696	300.072	39.0	6.0	2.2
Gasoline, unleaded premium(4).....	283.871	293.985	300.226	37.6	5.8	2.1
Motor vehicle insurance(1).....	800.022	823.411	823.411	7.2	2.9	0.0
Medical care.....	508.953	510.991	510.542	0.7	0.3	-0.1
Recreation(6).....	110.592	109.800	112.526	5.8	1.7	2.5
Education and communication(6).....	146.927	147.137	148.386	0.1	1.0	0.8
Tuition, other school fees, and child care(1) ..	1,911.766	1,916.782	1,932.866	-1.9	1.1	0.8
Other goods and services.....	468.902	465.845	466.483	1.2	-0.5	0.1
<b>Commodity and service group</b>						
All items.....	285.808	287.620	289.218	4.0	1.2	0.6
Commodities.....	193.088	194.665	195.890	7.3	1.5	0.6
Commodities less food & beverages.....	144.819	146.550	148.177	11.3	2.3	1.1
Nondurables less food & beverages.....	197.510	200.080	201.012	13.0	1.8	0.5
Durables.....	94.010	94.971	97.032	8.7	3.2	2.2
Services.....	367.939	369.922	371.836	2.4	1.1	0.5

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 Los Angeles-Long Beach-Anaheim (1982-84=100 unless otherwise noted) - Continued**

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	Apr. 2021	May 2021	Jun. 2021	Jun. 2020	Apr. 2021	May 2021
<b>Special aggregate indexes</b>						
All items less medical care .....	276.059	277.851	279.512	4.2	1.3	0.6
All items less shelter.....	245.599	247.617	249.348	5.9	1.5	0.7
Commodities less food .....	149.884	151.630	153.238	10.4	2.2	1.1
Nondurables .....	243.550	245.414	246.014	6.9	1.0	0.2
Nondurables less food.....	204.134	206.673	207.601	11.3	1.7	0.4
Services less rent of shelter(3).....	364.931	367.927	370.822	4.2	1.6	0.8
Services less medical care services.....	354.558	356.612	358.685	2.5	1.2	0.6
Energy .....	311.797	324.926	329.583	27.6	5.7	1.4
All items less energy .....	286.335	287.403	288.809	2.5	0.9	0.5
All items less food and energy .....	286.255	287.323	288.958	2.3	0.9	0.6

Footnotes

(1) Indexes on a December 1977=100 base.

(2) This index series was calculated using a Laspeyres estimator. All other item stratum index series were calculated using a geometric means estimator.

(3) Indexes on a December 1982=100 base.

(4) Special index based on a substantially smaller sample.

(5) Indexes on a December 1993=100 base.

(6) Indexes on a December 1997=100 base.

- Data not available

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