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CONSUMER PRICE INDEX - SEPTEMBER 2019

The Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers (CPI-U) was unchanged in September on a seasonally adjusted basis after rising 0.1 percent in August, the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics reported today. Over the last 12 months, the all items index increased 1.7 percent before seasonal adjustment.

Increases in the indexes for shelter and food were offset by declines in the indexes for energy and used cars and trucks to result in the seasonally adjusted all items index being flat. The energy index fell 1.4 percent as the gasoline index declined 2.4 percent. The food index increased 0.1 percent in September after being unchanged in each of the prior 3 months.

The index for all items less food and energy rose 0.1 percent in September after increasing 0.3 percent in each of the last 3 months. Along with the shelter index, the indexes for medical care, household furnishings and operations, and motor vehicle insurance all rose in September. The indexes for used cars and trucks, apparel, new vehicles, and communication all declined.

The all items index increased 1.7 percent for the 12 months ending September, the same increase as for the 12 months ending August. The index for all items less food and energy rose 2.4 percent over the last 12 months, also the same increase as the period ending August. The food index increased 1.8 percent over the last year, while the energy index decreased 4.8 percent.

Table A. Percent changes in CPI for All Urban Consumers (CPI-U): U.S. city average

Seasonally adjusted changes from preceding month

	Mar. 2019	Apr. 2019	May 2019	June 2019	July 2019	Aug. 2019	Sep. 2019	Un- adjusted 12-mos. ended Sep. 2019
All items.....	.4	.3	.1	.1	.3	.1	.0	1.7
Food.....	.3	-.1	.3	.0	.0	.0	.1	1.8
Food at home.....	.4	-.5	.3	-.2	-.1	-.2	.0	.6
Food away from home (1)...	.2	.3	.2	.3	.2	.2	.3	3.2
Energy.....	3.5	2.9	-.6	-2.3	1.3	-1.9	-1.4	-4.8
Energy commodities.....	6.2	5.4	-.4	-3.5	2.4	-3.3	-2.3	-8.2
Gasoline (all types)....	6.5	5.7	-.5	-3.6	2.5	-3.5	-2.4	-8.2
Fuel oil.....	2.1	1.3	-.3	-2.3	.6	-.9	-.8	-8.5
Energy services.....	.3	-.1	-.8	-.7	.0	-.2	-.1	-.1
Electricity.....	.4	.0	-.8	-.8	.6	-.3	.0	.7
Utility (piped) gas service.....	-.1	-.8	-1.0	-.3	-1.8	.1	-.7	-2.7
All items less food and energy.....	.1	.1	.1	.3	.3	.3	.1	2.4
Commodities less food and energy commodities....	-.2	-.3	-.1	.4	.2	.2	-.3	.7
New vehicles.....	.4	.1	.1	.1	-.2	-.1	-.1	.1
Used cars and trucks....	-.4	-1.3	-1.4	1.6	.9	1.1	-1.6	2.6
Apparel.....	-1.9	-.8	.0	1.1	.4	.2	-.4	-.3
Medical care commodities	.4	.9	-.4	-.2	.2	.3	-.6	-.3
Services less energy services.....	.3	.3	.2	.3	.3	.3	.3	2.9
Shelter.....	.4	.4	.2	.3	.3	.2	.3	3.5
Transportation services	.0	.1	.1	.0	.3	.4	.3	.8
Medical care services...	.3	.2	.5	.4	.5	.9	.4	4.4

1 Not seasonally adjusted.