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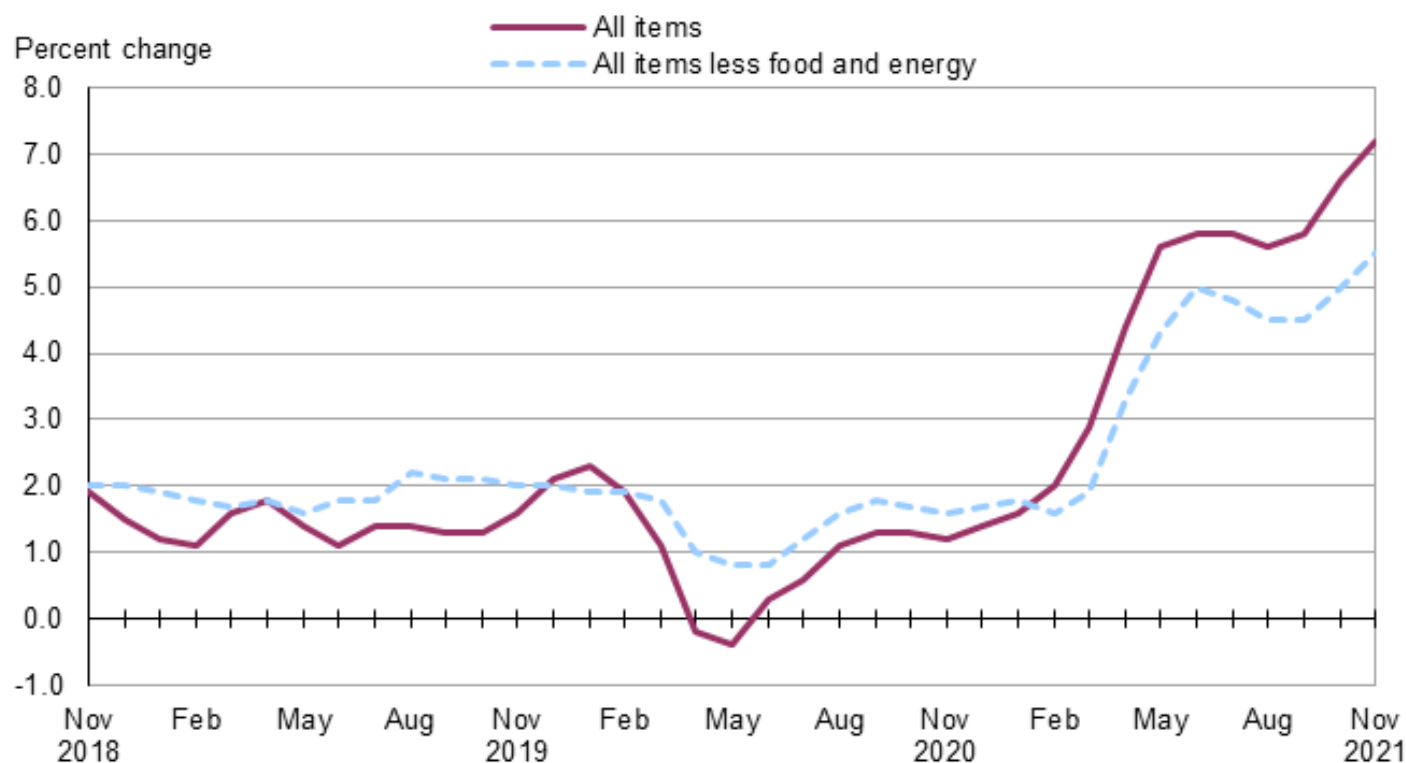
## Consumer Price Index, South Region – November 2021

**Prices in the South up 0.4 percent over the month and 7.2 percent over the past year**

The Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers (CPI-U) for the South increased 0.4 percent in November, the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics reported today. The index for all items less food and energy also rose 0.4 percent in November. The energy index increased 1.3 percent over the month, while the food index edged up 0.2 percent. (Data in this report are not seasonally adjusted. Accordingly, month-to-month changes reflect the impact of seasonal influences.)

The all items CPI-U for the South advanced 7.2 percent for the 12 months ending in November, after increasing 6.6-percent over the 12-month period ending in October. The index for all items less food and energy increased 5.5 percent over the past year, while the energy index rose 33.0 percent. The food index advanced 5.5 percent over the past 12 months. (See [chart 1](#) and [table 1](#).)

**Chart 1. Over-the-year percent change in CPI-U, South region, November 2018–November 2021**



Source: U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics.

## Food

The food index edged up 0.2 percent in November. The food away from home index rose 0.4 over the month, while the food at home index was unchanged in November.

The food index advanced 5.5 percent for the 12 months ending in November, reflecting increases in the food at home (5.9 percent) and food away from home (4.9 percent) indexes.

## Energy

The energy index rose 1.3 percent in November, led by a 2.8-percent increase in the gasoline index. The utility (piped) gas service index rose 3.2 percent in November, while the electricity index declined 1.1 percent over the month.

The energy index advanced 33.0 percent for the 12 months ending in November, led by a 63.5-percent jump in the gasoline index. The electricity and the utility (piped) gas service indexes also increased over the year, up 5.9 percent and 21.7 percent, respectively.

## All items less food and energy

The index for all items less food and energy rose 0.4 percent in November. The new and used motor vehicles index increased 2.0 percent over the month, reflecting increases in the used cars and trucks (2.4 percent) and new vehicles (1.1 percent) indexes. The shelter index rose 0.4 percent in November, while the recreation index fell 1.2 percent over the month.

The index for all items less food and energy advanced 5.5 percent for the 12 months ending in November, reflecting increases across many indexes. The new and used motor vehicles index advanced 18.9 percent over the past 12 months, led by a 31.2-percent increase in the used cars and trucks index. Shelter (4.3 percent) was also among the indexes to increase over the past year.

## Geographic divisions

Additional price indexes are now available for the three divisions of the South. The all items CPI-U advanced 0.5 percent in the West South Central division in November. The all items index also increased in the South Atlantic and East South Central divisions in November, up 0.4 percent each.

Over the year, the all items index advanced 7.8 percent in the East South Central division. The all items index rose 7.4 percent in the West South Central division and 7.0 percent in the South Atlantic division.

**Table A. South region 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.....	0.5	2.6	0.5	1.8	0.2	1.2	0.3	2.3	0.5	1.6
February.....	0.2	2.8	0.6	2.1	0.5	1.1	0.2	1.9	0.5	2.0
March.....	0.0	2.2	0.2	2.3	0.7	1.6	-0.1	1.1	0.8	2.9
April.....	0.2	2.0	0.4	2.4	0.5	1.8	-0.8	-0.2	0.7	4.4
May.....	0.0	1.7	0.3	2.7	-0.1	1.4	-0.2	-0.4	0.8	5.6
June.....	0.2	1.5	0.2	2.7	-0.1	1.1	0.6	0.3	0.9	5.8
July.....	-0.2	1.6	0.0	2.9	0.3	1.4	0.6	0.6	0.5	5.8
August.....	0.4	1.9	-0.1	2.4	-0.1	1.4	0.4	1.1	0.3	5.6
September.....	0.7	2.4	0.0	1.7	0.0	1.3	0.2	1.3	0.3	5.8
October.....	-0.2	2.0	0.2	2.1	0.2	1.3	0.1	1.3	1.0	6.6
November.....	-0.1	2.1	-0.3	1.9	0.0	1.6	-0.1	1.2	0.4	7.2
December.....	-0.1	1.8	-0.5	1.5	0.0	2.1	0.2	1.4		

**The Consumer Price Index for December 2021 is scheduled to be released on Wednesday, January 12, 2022, at 8:30 a.m. (ET).**

### **Coronavirus (COVID-19) Impact on November 2021 Consumer Price Index Data**

Data collection by personal visit for the Consumer Price Index (CPI) program has been suspended almost entirely since March 16, 2020. When possible, data normally collected by personal visit were collected either online or by phone. Additionally, data collection in November 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 measures 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 **South region** is comprised of Alabama, Arkansas, Delaware, District of Columbia, Florida, Georgia, Kentucky, Louisiana, Maryland, Mississippi, North Carolina, Oklahoma, South Carolina, Tennessee, Texas, Virginia, and West Virginia.

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**Table 1. Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers (CPI-U): Indexes and percent changes for selected periods South (1982-84=100 unless otherwise noted) (not seasonally adjusted)**

Item and Group	Indexes			Percent change from-		
	Sep. 2021	Oct. 2021	Nov. 2021	Nov. 2020	Sep. 2021	Oct. 2021
<b>Expenditure category</b>						
All Items.....	264.593	267.160	268.360	7.2	1.4	0.4
All items (December 1977=100).....	429.206	433.371	435.318	-	-	-
Food and beverages .....	275.426	278.215	278.681	5.3	1.2	0.2
Food .....	277.392	280.435	280.901	5.5	1.3	0.2
Food at home .....	259.928	263.147	263.105	5.9	1.2	0.0
Cereal and bakery products .....	299.473	301.019	302.109	4.2	0.9	0.4
Meats, poultry, fish, and eggs.....	287.217	292.778	291.974	12.7	1.7	-0.3
Dairy and related products .....	230.258	231.894	232.282	1.2	0.9	0.2
Fruits and vegetables .....	300.525	303.516	301.598	4.6	0.4	-0.6
Nonalcoholic beverages and beverage materials.....	178.345	180.845	178.935	2.9	0.3	-1.1
Other food at home .....	224.346	227.000	229.087	4.5	2.1	0.9
Food away from home.....	306.240	309.069	310.275	4.9	1.3	0.4
Alcoholic beverages .....	247.947	247.308	247.772	2.6	-0.1	0.2
Housing .....	260.865	262.273	263.137	4.8	0.9	0.3
Shelter .....	301.178	302.555	303.697	4.3	0.8	0.4
Rent of primary residence .....	315.596	317.726	319.290	3.8	1.2	0.5
Owners' equiv. rent of residences(1).....	302.913	304.596	306.203	4.0	1.1	0.5
Owners' equiv. rent of primary residence(1) .....	302.914	304.594	306.201	4.0	1.1	0.5
Fuels and utilities.....	257.695	259.760	259.340	7.1	0.6	-0.2
Household energy .....	207.580	209.677	208.792	8.5	0.6	-0.4
Energy services.....	207.470	209.347	208.328	8.0	0.4	-0.5
Electricity .....	203.458	203.495	201.238	5.9	-1.1	-1.1
Utility (piped) gas service .....	217.010	230.948	238.236	21.7	9.8	3.2
Household furnishings and operations .....	132.841	133.946	134.633	6.1	1.3	0.5
Apparel .....	130.867	131.939	131.720	5.7	0.7	-0.2
Transportation .....	236.719	242.844	247.393	22.5	4.5	1.9
Private transportation .....	239.216	245.570	250.302	23.9	4.6	1.9
New and used motor vehicles(2).....	120.661	123.658	126.095	18.9	4.5	2.0
New vehicles .....	165.216	168.782	170.555	11.0	3.2	1.1
New cars and trucks(2)(3).....	112.525	114.963	116.172	11.1	3.2	1.1
New cars(3).....	163.479	166.689	168.572	10.9	3.1	1.1
Used cars and trucks.....	191.021	196.602	201.401	31.2	5.4	2.4
Motor fuel .....	257.740	271.606	279.337	63.4	8.4	2.8
Gasoline (all types).....	256.554	270.273	277.881	63.5	8.3	2.8
Unleaded regular(3) .....	250.549	264.406	271.915	65.6	8.5	2.8
Unleaded midgrade(3)(4) .....	286.102	299.018	307.364	54.6	7.4	2.8
Unleaded premium(3).....	279.344	290.747	298.386	48.5	6.8	2.6
Motor vehicle insurance(5).....	955.753	949.398	961.051	6.8	0.6	1.2
Medical care .....	498.025	502.016	501.880	2.3	0.8	0.0
Medical care commodities.....	350.555	354.701	354.119	1.7	1.0	-0.2
Medical care services.....	547.943	551.885	551.899	2.5	0.7	0.0
Professional services .....	385.645	385.494	385.936	2.9	0.1	0.1
Recreation(2).....	127.335	127.743	126.223	3.2	-0.9	-1.2
Education and communication(2).....	139.237	139.465	139.463	2.3	0.2	0.0
Tuition, other school fees, and child care(5) ..	1,394.750	1,396.210	1,398.050	1.7	0.2	0.1
Other goods and services .....	458.062	460.236	463.349	3.8	1.2	0.7
<b>Commodity and service group</b>						
All Items.....	264.593	267.160	268.360	7.2	1.4	0.4
Commodities .....	201.358	204.842	206.450	12.3	2.5	0.8

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 South (1982-84=100 unless otherwise noted) (not seasonally adjusted) - Continued**

Item and Group	Indexes			Percent change from-		
	Sep. 2021	Oct. 2021	Nov. 2021	Nov. 2020	Sep. 2021	Oct. 2021
Commodities less food and beverages .....	166.288	169.872	171.821	16.9	3.3	1.1
Nondurables less food and beverages .....	210.335	215.048	217.396	18.4	3.4	1.1
Nondurables less food, beverages, and apparel .....	258.584	265.387	269.182	22.3	4.1	1.4
Durables .....	123.073	125.623	127.132	15.4	3.3	1.2
Services .....	328.011	329.548	330.289	4.1	0.7	0.2
Rent of shelter(1) .....	309.671	311.102	312.305	4.3	0.9	0.4
Transportation services .....	361.680	363.333	368.356	4.6	1.8	1.4
Other services .....	367.252	368.016	366.303	2.6	-0.3	-0.5
<b>Special aggregate indexes</b>						
All items less medical care .....	251.803	254.288	255.548	7.7	1.5	0.5
All items less food .....	262.353	264.845	266.156	7.5	1.4	0.5
All items less shelter .....	251.441	254.474	255.701	8.6	1.7	0.5
Commodities less food .....	168.830	172.324	174.243	16.3	3.2	1.1
Nondurables .....	241.087	244.875	246.322	10.9	2.2	0.6
Nondurables less food .....	212.156	216.542	218.772	17.2	3.1	1.0
Nondurables less food and apparel .....	256.324	262.423	265.900	20.3	3.7	1.3
Services less rent of shelter(1) .....	361.405	363.124	363.312	3.8	0.5	0.1
Services less medical care services .....	308.250	309.588	310.379	4.3	0.7	0.3
Energy .....	226.245	233.774	236.921	33.0	4.7	1.3
All items less energy .....	269.969	272.056	273.069	5.5	1.1	0.4
All items less food and energy .....	269.122	271.048	272.156	5.5	1.1	0.4
Commodities less food and energy commodities .....	158.434	160.701	161.937	9.9	2.2	0.8
Energy commodities .....	262.050	276.172	284.012	62.7	8.4	2.8
Services less energy services .....	340.795	342.299	343.221	3.8	0.7	0.3

**Footnotes**

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

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

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

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

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

- Data not available.

Regions defined as the four Census regions. South includes Alabama, Arkansas, Delaware, District of Columbia, Florida, Georgia, Kentucky, Louisiana, Maryland, Mississippi, North Carolina, Oklahoma, South Carolina, Tennessee, Texas, Virginia, and West Virginia.