

News

U.S. Department of Labor
Bureau of Labor Statistics
PO Box 193766
San Francisco, Calif. 94119-3766



CONTACT:

Richard J. Holden (415) 625-2270

David Kong (415) 625-2284

Internet address: <http://www.bls.gov/ro9/news.htm>

BLS 09-67

FOR RELEASE:

Friday, August 14, 2009

CONSUMER PRICE INDEX FOR THE SAN FRANCISCO AREA, JULY 2009

Regional Commissioner Richard J. Holden of the Bureau of Labor Statistics said that a 1.2 percent decrease in gasoline prices was the primary reason for the 0.5 decrease in the special aggregate index for energy in July 2009. Gasoline prices dropped 35.2 percent over the year, strongly influencing the 27.2 percent fall in overall energy prices. The household energy index increased 0.6 percent for the month, but declined 7.6 percent over the year. Within household fuels, electricity prices were unchanged for the month, yet advanced 13.1 percent for the year. The utility (piped) gas service index increased 2.8 percent from June to July, but fell 43.5 percent over the year.

Area grocery prices decreased 0.4 percent from June to July and were 1.6 percent lower than a year ago. The food at home index now stands at 224.736. This means grocery shoppers in the greater Bay Area spent \$224.74 in July for a basket of food items that cost \$100.00 in 1982-84.

The shelter index decreased 0.2 percent in the San Francisco-Oakland-San Jose area in July 2009, yet was 1.1 percent higher compared to one year earlier. Within shelter, the rent of primary residence index and the owners' equivalent rent of primary residence index were both unchanged from June to July. Over the year, the rent of primary residence index rose 3.7 percent and the owners' equivalent rent of primary residence index advanced 2.3 percent. Also included in shelter, but not part of the publication structure, are price data for lodging away from home. Local area CPI data are not seasonally adjusted.

Information in this release will be made available to sensory impaired individuals upon request.

Voice phone 202-691-5200

TDD message referral phone number: 800-877-8339

Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers (CPI-U): Indexes and percent changes for selected periods

San Francisco-Oakland-San Jose, CA (1982-84=100 unless otherwise noted)

Item and Group	Indexes			Percent change from—		
	May 2009	June 2009	July 2009	July 2008	May 2009	June 2009
Expenditure category						
All items	-	225.692	-	-	-	-
All items (1967=100)	-	693.839	-	-	-	-
Food and beverages	-	228.653	-	-	-	-
Food	-	228.439	-	-	-	-
Food at home	223.015	225.748	224.736	-1.6	0.8	-0.4
Food away from home	-	231.087	-	-	-	-
Alcoholic beverages	-	236.214	-	-	-	-
Housing	-	247.586	-	-	-	-
Shelter	278.190	277.425	276.884	1.1	-0.5	-0.2
Rent of primary residence ¹	298.256	299.657	299.643	3.7	.5	.0
Owners' equivalent rent of primary residence ^{1 2}	300.477	300.767	300.882	2.3	.1	.0
Fuels and utilities	-	267.315	-	-	-	-
Household energy	279.877	285.385	287.126	-7.6	2.6	.6
Gas (piped) and electricity ¹	279.899	286.074	287.792	-7.1	2.8	.6
Electricity ¹	311.458	311.458	311.458	13.1	.0	.0
Utility (piped) gas service ¹	192.968	214.761	220.824	-43.5	14.4	2.8
Household furnishings and operations	-	135.224	-	-	-	-
Apparel	-	106.480	-	-	-	-
Transportation	-	170.434	-	-	-	-
Private transportation	-	161.555	-	-	-	-
Motor fuel	190.133	221.647	219.178	-35.9	15.3	-1.1
Gasoline (all types)	190.478	222.585	219.897	-35.2	15.4	-1.2
Gasoline, unleaded regular ³	190.786	223.158	220.067	-35.5	15.3	-1.4
Gasoline, unleaded midgrade ^{3 4}	177.533	207.253	204.217	-34.6	15.0	-1.5
Gasoline, unleaded premium ³	179.087	208.376	208.269	-33.8	16.3	-1
Medical care	-	380.852	-	-	-	-
Recreation ⁵	-	106.568	-	-	-	-
Education and communication ⁵	-	138.090	-	-	-	-
Other goods and services	-	389.789	-	-	-	-
Commodity and service group						
All items	-	225.692	-	-	-	-
Commodities	-	168.497	-	-	-	-
Commodities less food and beverages	-	134.269	-	-	-	-
Nondurables less food and beverages	-	164.961	-	-	-	-
Durables	-	104.656	-	-	-	-
Services	-	273.604	-	-	-	-
Special aggregate indexes						
All items less medical care	-	219.264	-	-	-	-
All items less shelter	-	205.878	-	-	-	-
Commodities less food	-	138.866	-	-	-	-
Nondurables	-	197.915	-	-	-	-
Nondurables less food	-	170.405	-	-	-	-
Services less rent of shelter ²	-	283.456	-	-	-	-
Services less medical care services	-	266.220	-	-	-	-
Energy	222.340	245.647	244.541	-27.2	10.0	-0.5
All items less energy	-	227.425	-	-	-	-
All items less food and energy	-	227.932	-	-	-	-

¹ This index series was calculated using a Laspeyres estimator. All other item stratum index series were calculated using a geometric means estimator.

² Index is on a December 1982=100 base.

³ Special index based on a substantially smaller sample.

⁴ Indexes on a December 1993=100 base.

⁵ Indexes on a December 1997=100 base.

- Data not available.

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