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SAN FRANCISCO-OAKLAND-SAN JOSE AREA CONSUMER PRICE INDEXES: JULY 2008

The special aggregate index for energy increased 1.3 percent for the month and was 29.9 percent higher than in July 2007, said Regional Commissioner Richard J. Holden of the Bureau of Labor Statistics. The household energy index increased 5.2 percent for the month and advanced 10.7 percent for the year. Within household fuels, the utility (piped) gas service index increased 16.4 percent for the month and contributed strongly to the increase in the overall energy index. Over the year, the utility (piped) gas index increased 38.4 percent. The electricity index was unchanged from June to July, yet was 1.0 percent lower than in July 2007. Gasoline prices declined 0.4 percent in July, but were 40.9 percent higher than a year ago.

The shelter index advanced 0.6 percent in July 2008 and was 2.0 percent higher compared to one year earlier. Over the month, the rent of primary residence and the owners' equivalent rent of primary residence indexes both advanced 0.3 percent. Over the past 12 months, these indexes moved up 4.4 and 2.9 percent, respectively. Also included in shelter, but not part of the publication structure, are price data collected for lodging away from home.

Area grocery prices were up 1.2 percent from June to July, and were 5.7 percent higher than a year ago. The food at home index now stands at 228.336. This means grocery shoppers in the greater Bay Area spent \$228.34 in June for a basket of food items that cost \$100.00 in 1982-84. Local area CPI data are not seasonally adjusted.

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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 2008	June 2008	July 2008	July 2007	May 2008	June 2008
Expenditure category						
All items	-	225.181	-	-	-	-
All items (1967=100)	-	692.268	-	-	-	-
Food and beverages	-	224.404	-	-	-	-
Food	-	223.641	-	-	-	-
Food at home	228.742	225.556	228.336	5.7	-0.2	1.2
Food away from home	-	221.162	-	-	-	-
Alcoholic beverages	-	238.009	-	-	-	-
Housing	-	242.174	-	-	-	-
Shelter	272.344	272.247	273.786	2.0	.5	.6
Rent of primary residence ¹	286.557	288.085	288.994	4.4	.9	.3
Owners' equivalent rent of primary residence ^{1 2}	292.401	293.391	294.244	2.9	.6	.3
Fuels and utilities	-	270.490	-	-	-	-
Household energy	286.922	295.465	310.870	10.7	8.3	5.2
Gas (piped) and electricity ¹	285.642	294.315	309.920	10.0	8.5	5.3
Electricity ¹	275.345	275.345	275.379	-1.0	.0	.0
Utility (piped) gas service ¹	305.399	336.008	390.997	38.4	28.0	16.4
Household furnishings and operations	-	126.017	-	-	-	-
Apparel	-	99.085	-	-	-	-
Transportation	-	191.044	-	-	-	-
Private transportation	-	182.063	-	-	-	-
Motor fuel	306.873	343.212	341.875	42.0	11.4	-4
Gasoline (all types)	303.504	340.526	339.158	40.9	11.7	-4
Gasoline, unleaded regular ³	305.173	343.004	341.219	41.7	11.8	-5
Gasoline, unleaded midgrade ^{3 4}	280.422	312.748	312.099	38.9	11.3	-2
Gasoline, unleaded premium ³	281.520	314.422	314.649	38.5	11.8	.1
Medical care	-	366.446	-	-	-	-
Recreation ⁵	-	105.725	-	-	-	-
Education and communication ⁵	-	132.413	-	-	-	-
Other goods and services	-	366.933	-	-	-	-
Commodity and service group						
All items	-	225.181	-	-	-	-
Commodities	-	174.870	-	-	-	-
Commodities less food and beverages	-	144.341	-	-	-	-
Nondurables less food and beverages	-	187.922	-	-	-	-
Durables	-	103.764	-	-	-	-
Services	-	266.962	-	-	-	-
Special aggregate indexes						
All items less medical care	-	219.220	-	-	-	-
All items less shelter	-	207.473	-	-	-	-
Commodities less food	-	148.788	-	-	-	-
Nondurables	-	208.654	-	-	-	-
Nondurables less food	-	192.109	-	-	-	-
Services less rent of shelter ²	-	274.421	-	-	-	-
Services less medical care services	-	260.054	-	-	-	-
Energy	304.253	331.855	336.047	29.9	10.4	1.3
All items less energy	-	221.378	-	-	-	-
All items less food and energy	-	221.669	-	-	-	-

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.