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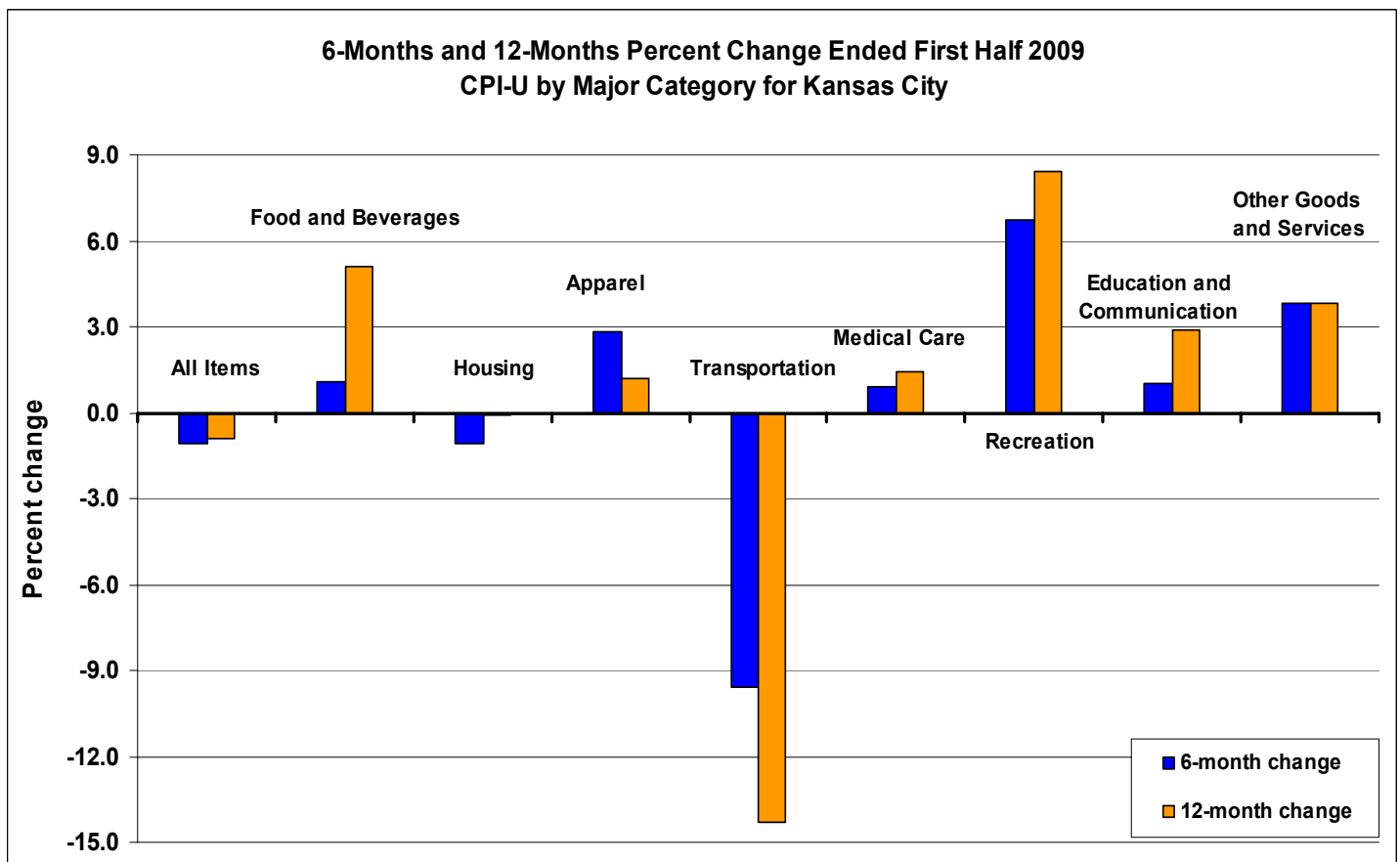


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CONSUMER PRICE INDEX (CPI) FOR KANSAS CITY Prices decreased 0.9 percent from the first half of 2008 to the first half of 2009

The Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers (CPI-U) for the Kansas City, Mo.-Kan., metropolitan area decreased 0.9 percent over the year, the largest over-the-year decline since 1950, the Bureau of Labor Statistics reported today. According to Regional Commissioner Stanley W. Suchman, nearly three-fifths of the movement in the overall index was attributable to lower transportation costs. The decrease in the transportation index from the first half of 2008 to the first half of 2009 more than offset the increases recorded in six of the seven other major expenditure categories.



Among the eight major expenditure categories, the transportation index had the greatest impact on the overall index. Transportation prices declined 14.3 percent from the first half of 2008 to the first half of 2009, due almost entirely to dropping motor fuel costs. Motor fuel prices fell 39.7 percent over the period, the largest over-the-year decline since publication began in 1978.

The food and beverages index was the second largest contributor to the all items index, accounting for nearly 20 percent of the movement in the index and partially offsetting the decrease in the transportation component. The food and beverages index was up 5.1 percent from the first half of 2008 to the first half of 2009. Prices for food away from home climbed 8.2 percent and accounted for over three-fifths of the increase in the food and beverages component. Costs for food at home were up 3.1 percent. Prices for alcoholic beverages increased 2.7 percent over the period.

Recreation prices, which include admissions to movies, concerts, and sporting events, rose 8.4 percent from the first half of 2008 to the first half of 2009, the largest over-the-year advance since publication began.

The remaining five major expenditure categories—education and communication, other goods and services, medical care, apparel, and housing—had little impact on the overall index, each accounting for less than four percent of the movement. Costs for education and communication rose 2.9 percent from the first half of 2008 to the first half of 2009. Other goods and services, which include prices for tobacco and smoking products and personal care items, rose 3.8 percent and medical care costs advanced 1.4 percent. Housing costs were little changed over the period as an increase in shelter costs was more than offset by a decline in prices for fuels and utilities.

Energy prices, which include prices for motor fuel and household fuels, decreased a record-setting 27.5 percent over the year, with most of the decline occurring in the latter half of the period. The special aggregate index for all items less energy rose 2.5 percent over the year. Excluding the impact of food and energy prices, the Kansas City CPI-U was up 2.0 percent from the first half of 2008 to the first half of 2009.

The Kansas City CPI-U stood at 199.152 for the first half of 2009. This means that a market basket of goods and services that cost \$100.00 in 1982-84 cost \$199.15 in the first half of 2009. Because metropolitan area CPI data are not adjusted for seasonal price variation, consumers and businesses should be cautious in drawing conclusions about long-term retail price trends from short-term changes in the metropolitan area indexes.

The Kansas City, Mo.-Kan., Metropolitan Statistical Area includes Johnson, Leavenworth, Miami, and Wyandotte Counties in Kansas; and Cass, Clay, Clinton, Jackson, Lafayette, Platte, and Ray Counties in Missouri.

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

Kansas City, MO-KS (1982-84=100 unless otherwise noted)

Item and Group	Semiannual average indexes			Percent change to 1st half 2009 from—	
	1st half 2008	2nd half 2008	1st half 2009	1st half 2008	2nd half 2008
Expenditure category					
All items	200.868	201.432	199.152	-0.9	-1.1
All items (1967=100)	596.449	598.125	591.354	-	-
Food and beverages	206.678	214.877	217.153	5.1	1.1
Food	208.728	217.860	219.957	5.4	1.0
Food at home	208.747	217.899	215.160	3.1	-1.3
Food away from home	211.222	220.407	228.587	8.2	3.7
Alcoholic beverages	176.349	177.906	181.147	2.7	1.8
Housing	193.093	195.133	192.955	-.1	-1.1
Shelter	210.239	211.908	212.930	1.3	.5
Rent of primary residence	208.749	211.872	214.851	2.9	1.4
Owners' equivalent rent of primary residence ¹	206.491	207.981	209.141	1.3	.6
Fuels and utilities	214.305	218.624	196.937	-8.1	-9.9
Household energy	189.264	198.671	168.418	-11.0	-15.2
Gas (piped) and electricity	186.520	196.421	167.084	-10.4	-14.9
Electricity	115.574	127.009	118.468	2.5	-6.7
Utility (piped) gas service	294.357	295.701	223.432	-24.1	-24.4
Household furnishings and operations	126.118	128.831	129.850	3.0	.8
Apparel	107.382	105.704	108.665	1.2	2.8
Transportation	196.778	186.372	168.554	-14.3	-9.6
Private transportation	195.046	183.510	165.325	-15.2	-9.9
Motor fuel	299.873	257.960	180.896	-39.7	-29.9
Gasoline (all types)	299.713	256.772	181.934	-39.3	-29.1
Gasoline, unleaded regular ²	293.843	250.710	176.511	-39.9	-29.6
Gasoline, unleaded midgrade ^{2 3}	360.241	310.416	219.672	-39.0	-29.2
Gasoline, unleaded premium ²	292.579	256.041	188.797	-35.5	-26.3
Medical care	295.644	297.123	299.813	1.4	.9
Recreation ⁴	114.445	116.260	124.055	8.4	6.7
Education and communication ⁴	116.728	118.938	120.085	2.9	1.0
Other goods and services	328.186	328.220	340.630	3.8	3.8
Commodity and service group					
All items	200.868	201.432	199.152	-.9	-1.1
Commodities	172.950	171.170	166.587	-3.7	-2.7
Commodities less food and beverages	155.562	149.383	141.858	-8.8	-5.0
Nondurables less food and beverages	205.874	194.053	180.272	-12.4	-7.1
Durables	107.685	106.641	104.924	-2.6	-1.6
Services	228.488	231.353	231.346	1.3	.0
Special aggregate indexes					
All items less medical care	195.535	196.042	193.524	-1.0	-1.3
All items less shelter	198.770	199.009	195.447	-1.7	-1.8
Commodities less food	156.143	150.431	143.543	-8.1	-4.6
Nondurables	206.508	204.339	198.216	-4.0	-3.0
Nondurables less food	203.731	193.369	181.415	-11.0	-6.2
Services less rent of shelter ¹	257.236	261.959	260.764	1.4	-.5
Services less medical care services	218.408	221.306	221.380	1.4	.0
Energy	240.711	226.380	174.423	-27.5	-23.0
All items less energy	197.589	200.130	202.575	2.5	1.2
All items less food and energy	195.808	197.196	199.703	2.0	1.3

¹ Index is on a December 1982=100 base.

² Special index based on a substantially smaller sample.

³ Indexes on a December 1993=100 base.

⁴ Indexes on a December 1997=100 base.

- Data not available.

Consumer Price Index for Urban Wage Earners and Clerical Workers (CPI-W):Indexes for semiannual averages and percent changes for selected periods

Kansas City, MO-KS (1982-84=100 unless otherwise noted)

Item and Group	Semiannual average indexes			Percent change to 1st half 2009 from—	
	1st half 2008	2nd half 2008	1st half 2009	1st half 2008	2nd half 2008
Expenditure category					
All items	192.430	193.066	190.869	-0.8	-1.1
All items (1967=100)	563.820	565.685	559.247	-	-
Food and beverages	206.299	215.346	217.871	5.6	1.2
Food	207.988	217.845	220.320	5.9	1.1
Food at home	207.351	216.360	213.811	3.1	-1.2
Food away from home	211.422	222.526	231.876	9.7	4.2
Alcoholic beverages	176.982	179.174	181.884	2.8	1.5
Housing	183.304	185.629	183.428	.1	-1.2
Shelter	197.209	198.924	200.308	1.6	.7
Rent of primary residence	208.749	211.872	214.851	2.9	1.4
Owners' equivalent rent of primary residence ¹	187.997	189.353	190.409	1.3	.6
Fuels and utilities	212.962	217.445	196.108	-7.9	-9.8
Household energy	188.644	198.131	168.141	-10.9	-15.1
Gas (piped) and electricity	186.868	196.850	167.569	-10.3	-14.9
Electricity	115.576	127.011	118.469	2.5	-6.7
Utility (piped) gas service	294.355	295.700	223.431	-24.1	-24.4
Household furnishings and operations	113.309	116.179	117.323	3.5	1.0
Apparel	101.564	99.736	102.128	.6	2.4
Transportation	186.760	176.263	158.931	-14.9	-9.8
Private transportation	185.630	174.715	157.254	-15.3	-10.0
Motor fuel	299.845	257.980	180.831	-39.7	-29.9
Gasoline (all types)	299.706	256.767	181.929	-39.3	-29.1
Gasoline, unleaded regular ²	293.840	250.707	176.509	-39.9	-29.6
Gasoline, unleaded midgrade ^{2 3}	360.241	310.416	219.672	-39.0	-29.2
Gasoline, unleaded premium ²	292.568	256.032	188.790	-35.5	-26.3
Medical care	298.150	300.046	303.360	1.7	1.1
Recreation ⁴	113.658	115.398	125.374	10.3	8.6
Education and communication ⁴	110.363	112.475	113.559	2.9	1.0
Other goods and services	332.747	334.166	357.791	7.5	7.1
Commodity and service group					
All items	192.430	193.066	190.869	-.8	-1.1
Commodities	168.202	166.920	162.802	-3.2	-2.5
Commodities less food and beverages	150.372	144.384	137.282	-8.7	-4.9
Nondurables less food and beverages	204.386	192.467	179.036	-12.4	-7.0
Durables	108.180	107.102	105.319	-2.6	-1.7
Services	220.562	223.602	223.861	1.5	.1
Special aggregate indexes					
All items less medical care	187.848	188.426	186.047	-1.0	-1.3
All items less shelter	191.619	191.944	188.574	-1.6	-1.8
Commodities less food	151.259	145.706	139.121	-8.0	-4.5
Nondurables	205.460	204.034	198.508	-3.4	-2.7
Nondurables less food	202.973	192.474	180.636	-11.0	-6.2
Services less rent of shelter ¹	227.584	231.949	231.016	1.5	-.4
Services less medical care services	210.651	213.674	213.966	1.6	.1
Energy	239.162	224.372	172.467	-27.9	-23.1
All items less energy	188.328	191.136	194.014	3.0	1.5
All items less food and energy	184.339	185.650	188.617	2.3	1.6

¹ Index is on a December 1984=100 base.

² Special index based on a substantially smaller sample.

³ Indexes on a December 1993=100 base.

⁴ Indexes on a December 1997=100 base.

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