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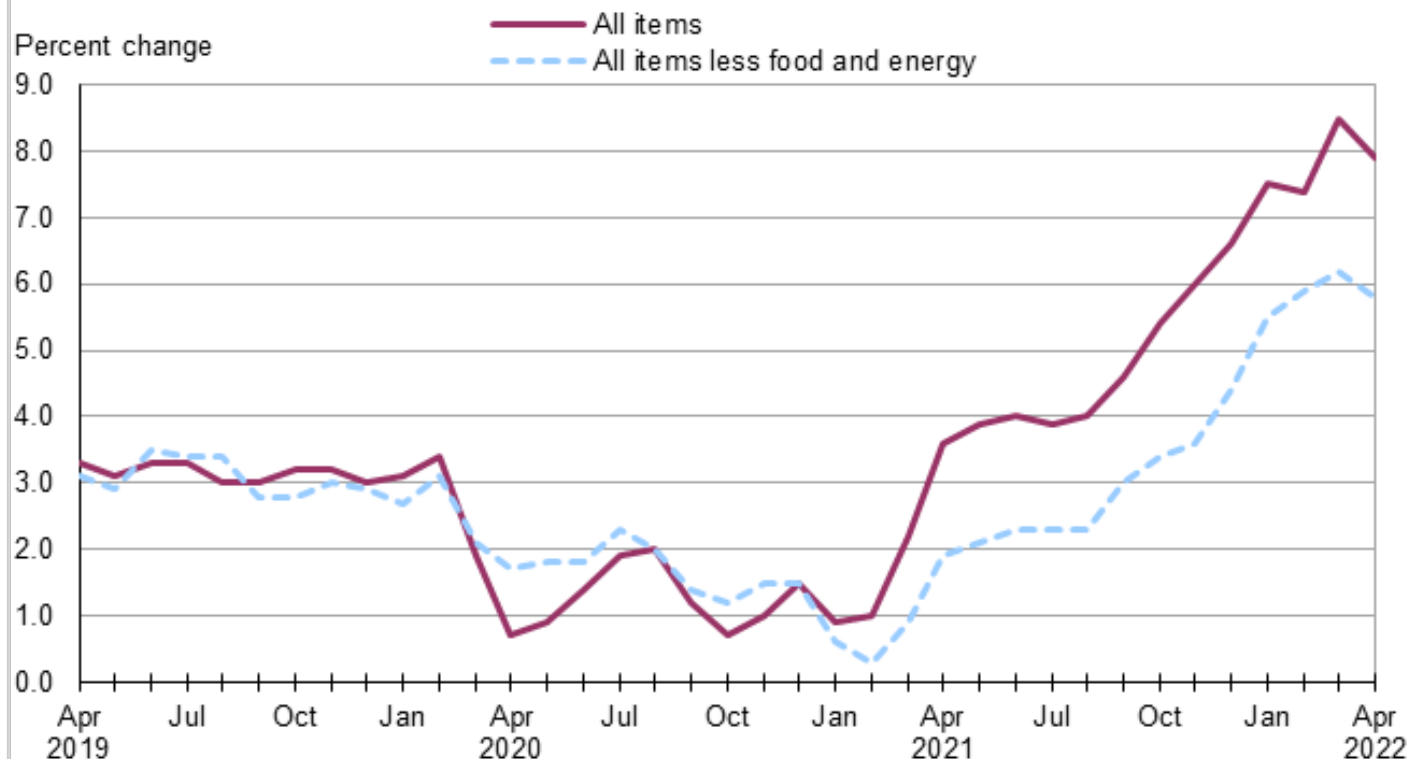
## **Consumer Price Index, Los Angeles area — April 2022**

**Area prices were up 0.5 percent over the past month, up 7.9 percent from a year ago**

Prices in the Los Angeles area, as measured by the Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers (CPI-U), advanced 0.5 percent in April, the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics reported today. (See [table A](#).) Regional Commissioner Chris Rosenlund noted that the April increase was influenced by higher prices for shelter and new and used motor vehicles. (Data in this report are not seasonally adjusted. Accordingly, month-to-month changes may reflect seasonal influences.)

Over the last 12 months, the CPI-U rose 7.9 percent. (See [chart 1](#) and [table A](#).) Food prices advanced 7.5 percent. Energy prices jumped 34.2 percent, largely the result of an increase in the price of gasoline. The index for all items less food and energy increased 5.8 percent over the year. (See [table 1](#).)

**Chart 1. Over-the-year percent change in CPI-U, Los Angeles-Long Beach-Anaheim, CA, April 2019–April 2022**



Source: U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics.

## Food

Food prices rose 0.4 percent for the month of April. (See [table 1.](#)) Prices for food at home edged up 0.1 percent over the month as three categories rose, and three categories declined. Food away from home advanced 0.6 percent.

Over the year, food prices advanced 7.5 percent. Prices for food at home increased 9.5 percent since a year ago, led by an 11.7 percent increase for fruits and vegetables. Prices for food away from home increased 5.2 percent.

## Energy

The energy index was unchanged over the month. Decreases in electricity prices (-2.7 percent) and natural gas prices (-1.7 percent) were countered by higher gasoline prices (1.2 percent).

Energy prices jumped 34.2 percent over the year, largely due to higher prices for gasoline (46.2 percent). Prices paid for natural gas service rose 25.1 percent, and prices for electricity advanced 14.0 percent during the past year.

## All items less food and energy

The index for all items less food and energy rose 0.6 percent in April. Higher prices for new and used motor vehicles (2.3 percent), medical care (0.7 percent), and shelter (0.6 percent) were partially offset by lower prices for household furnishings and operations (-3.4 percent) and apparel (-2.9 percent).

Over the year, the index for all items less food and energy increased 5.8 percent. Components contributing to the increase were new and used motor vehicles (15.1 percent), medical care (6.5 percent), and shelter (4.4 percent).

**Table A. Los Angeles-Long Beach-Anaheim, CA, CPI-U 1-month and 12-month percent changes, all items index, not seasonally adjusted**

Month	2018		2019		2020		2021		2022	
	1-month	12-month	1-month	12-month	1-month	12-month	1-month	12-month	1-month	12-month
January.....	0.8	3.5	0.7	3.2	0.8	3.1	0.2	0.9	1.1	7.5
February.....	0.7	3.6	0.1	2.5	0.3	3.4	0.4	1.0	0.3	7.4
March.....	0.4	3.8	0.6	2.7	0.7	1.9	0.5	2.2	1.5	8.5
April.....	0.4	4.0	1.0	3.3	-0.3	0.7	1.1	3.6	0.5	7.9
May.....	0.4	4.1	0.2	3.1	0.4	0.9	0.6	3.9		
June.....	-0.2	4.0	0.0	3.3	0.5	1.4	0.6	4.0		
July.....	0.2	3.9	0.1	3.3	0.6	1.9	0.6	3.9		
August.....	0.2	3.9	0.0	3.0	0.1	2.0	0.2	4.0		
September.....	0.5	3.9	0.5	3.0	-0.3	1.2	0.3	4.6		
October.....	0.5	4.1	0.7	3.2	0.2	0.7	0.9	5.4		
November.....	-0.3	3.6	-0.3	3.2	0.1	1.0	0.6	6.0		
December.....	-0.3	3.2	-0.6	3.0	-0.2	1.5	0.4	6.6		

**The May 2022 Consumer Price Index for the Los Angeles area is scheduled to be released on June 10, 2022.**

## Technical Note

The Consumer Price Index (CPI) is a measure 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 Los Angeles-Long Beach-Anaheim, CA metropolitan area includes Los Angeles and Orange Counties in California.











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**Table 1. Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers (CPI-U): Indexes and percent changes for selected periods Los Angeles-Long Beach-Anaheim (1982-84=100 unless otherwise noted)**

Item and Group	Indexes				Percent change from-		
	Historical data	Feb. 2022	Mar. 2022	Apr. 2022	Apr. 2021	Feb. 2022	Mar. 2022
<b>Expenditure category</b>							
All items.....		302.164	306.679	308.302	7.9	2.0	0.5
All items (1967=100).....		892.725	906.065	910.861	-	-	-
Food and beverages.....		303.742	307.249	308.581	7.5	1.6	0.4
Food.....		304.383	308.115	309.222	7.5	1.6	0.4
Food at home.....		291.759	298.567	298.979	9.5	2.5	0.1
Cereals and bakery products.....		302.848	312.021	314.432	11.0	3.8	0.8
Meats, poultry, fish, and eggs.....		325.612	333.696	333.224	8.5	2.3	-0.1
Dairy and related products.....		275.947	279.034	284.203	9.8	3.0	1.9
Fruits and vegetables.....		404.906	421.214	418.360	11.7	3.3	-0.7
Nonalcoholic beverages and beverage materials(1).....		282.701	291.248	284.238	2.9	0.5	-2.4
Other food at home.....		222.709	224.184	227.000	11.3	1.9	1.3
Food away from home.....		312.864	312.426	314.422	5.2	0.5	0.6
Alcoholic beverages.....		275.374	275.507	279.900	7.3	1.6	1.6
Housing.....		343.245	344.997	345.199	5.4	0.6	0.1
Shelter.....		389.980	391.014	393.393	4.4	0.9	0.6
Rent of primary residence(2).....		413.909	414.737	416.441	3.7	0.6	0.4
Owners' equiv. rent of residences(2)(3).....		403.608	404.757	406.347	3.8	0.7	0.4
Owners' equiv. rent of primary residence(1)(2).....		403.585	404.733	406.323	3.8	0.7	0.4
Fuels and utilities.....		419.106	431.131	423.283	13.8	1.0	-1.8
Household energy.....		373.176	387.909	378.542	16.7	1.4	-2.4
Energy services(2).....		371.495	385.556	376.317	16.5	1.3	-2.4
Electricity(2).....		431.726	449.175	437.223	14.0	1.3	-2.7
Utility (piped) gas service(2).....		298.413	307.719	302.477	25.1	1.4	-1.7
Household furnishings and operations.....		134.455	135.380	130.758	8.7	-2.7	-3.4
Apparel.....		117.926	118.761	115.276	4.0	-2.2	-2.9
Transportation.....		250.475	266.393	272.999	20.9	9.0	2.5
Private transportation.....		254.166	269.276	272.877	21.4	7.4	1.3
New and used motor vehicles(4).....		108.029	108.100	110.535	15.1	2.3	2.3
New vehicles(1).....		192.755	189.915	191.967	10.7	-0.4	1.1
Used cars and trucks(1).....		398.415	392.079	389.987	21.9	-2.1	-0.5
Motor fuel.....		359.445	435.041	441.000	46.3	22.7	1.4
Gasoline (all types).....		351.114	425.278	430.416	46.2	22.6	1.2
Gasoline, unleaded regular(4).....		352.034	427.284	432.301	46.8	22.8	1.2
Gasoline, unleaded midgrade(4)(5).....		335.663	404.341	409.667	44.7	22.0	1.3
Gasoline, unleaded premium(4).....		335.327	402.677	408.099	43.8	21.7	1.3
Medical care.....		537.117	538.381	542.186	6.5	0.9	0.7
Recreation(6).....		115.548	117.521	118.313	7.0	2.4	0.7
Education and communication(6).....		152.117	151.545	152.197	3.6	0.1	0.4
Tuition, other school fees, and child care(1).....		2,080.565	2,079.704	2,079.704	8.8	0.0	0.0
Other goods and services.....		471.452	476.838	479.117	2.2	1.6	0.5
<b>Commodity and service group</b>							
All items.....		302.164	306.679	308.302	7.9	2.0	0.5
Commodities.....		209.458	215.759	216.387	12.1	3.3	0.3
Commodities less food & beverages.....		160.431	167.491	167.805	15.9	4.6	0.2
Nondurables less food & beverages.....		218.087	236.491	236.812	19.9	8.6	0.1
Durables.....		104.662	104.113	104.379	11.0	-0.3	0.3
Services.....		383.772	386.484	389.020	5.7	1.4	0.7

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 Los Angeles-Long Beach-Anaheim (1982-84=100 unless otherwise noted) - Continued**

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	Historical data	Feb. 2022	Mar. 2022	Apr. 2022	Apr. 2021	Feb. 2022	Mar. 2022
<b>Special aggregate indexes</b>							
All items less medical care .....		291.852	296.477	298.009	8.0	2.1	0.5
All items less shelter.....		263.316	269.412	270.699	10.2	2.8	0.5
Commodities less food .....		165.550	172.522	172.947	15.4	4.5	0.2
Nondurables .....		262.283	273.383	274.210	12.6	4.5	0.3
Nondurables less food.....		224.443	241.939	242.519	18.8	8.1	0.2
Services less rent of shelter(3).....		385.112	390.423	393.244	7.8	2.1	0.7
Services less medical care services.....		369.433	372.207	374.671	5.7	1.4	0.7
Energy .....		367.030	418.559	418.382	34.2	14.0	0.0
All items less energy .....		300.237	301.947	303.689	6.1	1.1	0.6
All items less food and energy .....		299.588	300.952	302.803	5.8	1.1	0.6

Footnotes

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

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

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

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

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

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

- Data not available

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