

Handout for November 2017 Newsletter Forecasting Consumer Price Inflation in FREDcast®

Headline. According to the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, in August “Increases in the indexes for gasoline and shelter accounted for nearly all of the seasonally adjusted increase in the all items Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers (CPI-U)”

Release: <https://www.bls.gov/news.release/cpi.nr0.htm>

Release highlight. “The Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers (CPI-U) rose 0.4 percent in August on a seasonally adjusted basis, the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics reported today. Over the last 12 months, the all items index rose 1.9 percent.

Increases in the indexes for gasoline and shelter accounted for nearly all of the seasonally adjusted increase in the all items index. The energy index rose 2.8 percent in August as the gasoline index increased 6.3 percent. The shelter index rose 0.5 percent in August with the rent index up 0.4 percent. The food index rose slightly in August, with the index for food away from home increasing and the food at home index declining.”

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- Economic Synopses: Hard “core” inflation.
<https://research.stlouisfed.org/publications/economic-synopses/2005/02/01/hard-core-inflation/>
- Economic Synopses: How much do oil prices affect inflation?
<https://research.stlouisfed.org/publications/economic-synopses/2015/05/11/how-much-do-oil-prices-affect-inflation>
- The FRED® Blog: The many flavors of inflation.
<https://fredblog.stlouisfed.org/2015/03/the-many-flavors-of-inflation/>
- Page One Economics®: What’s in Your Market Basket? Why Your Inflation Rate Might Differ from the Average
<https://research.stlouisfed.org/publications/page1-econ/2015/10/01/whats-in-your-market-basket-why-your-inflation-rate-might-differ-from-the-average/>