

Market Insights - December 14, 2022

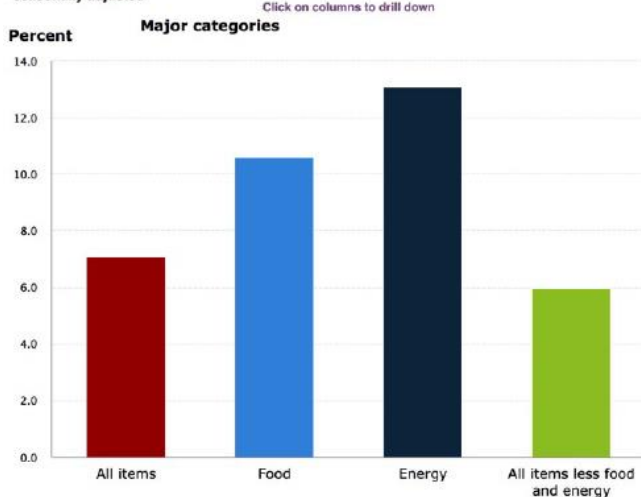
CPI Data Shows Inflation Easing But Still at Almost 40-Year Highs

On Tuesday, the Bureau of Labor Statistics announced the Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers (CPI-U) rose 0.1% in November on a seasonally adjusted basis, after increasing 0.4% in October.

In addition, over the last 12 months, the all items index increased 7.1% before seasonal adjustment.

With core prices – excluding the volatile food and energy costs – inflation was up 6.0%. Economists surveyed by the Wall Street Journal had expected an increase of 7.3% for headline CPI and 6.1% for core inflation.

12-month percentage change, Consumer Price Index, selected categories, November 2022, not seasonally adjusted



Source: U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics.

Further:

- The index for shelter was by far the largest contributor to the monthly all items increase, more than offsetting decreases in energy indexes.
- The food index increased 0.5% over the month with the food at home index also rising 0.5%.
- The energy index decreased 1.6% over the month as the gasoline index, the natural gas index, and the electricity index all declined.
- The index for all items less food and energy rose 0.2% in November, after rising 0.3% in October.

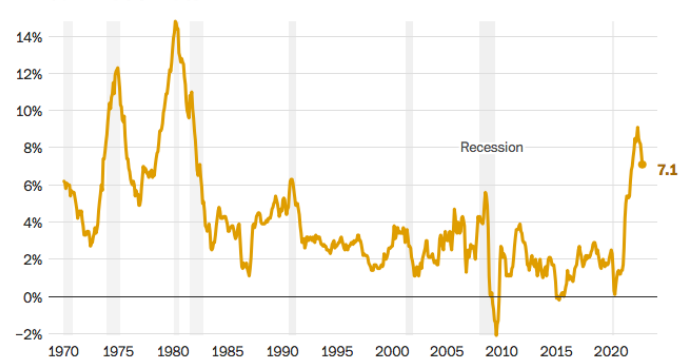
- The indexes for shelter, communication, recreation, motor vehicle insurance, education, and apparel were among those that increased over the month.
- Indexes which declined in November include the used cars and trucks, medical care, and airline fares indexes.

CPI Over the Past 12-Months

- The all items index increased 7.1% for the 12 months ending November; this was the smallest 12-month increase since the period ending December 2021.
- The all items less food and energy index rose 6.0% over the last 12 months.
- The energy index increased 13.1% for the 12 months ending November, and the food index increased 10.6% over the last year.
- All of these increases were smaller than for the period ending October.

Inflation Since the 1970s

Annual inflation rate



More Data Later This Week

More economic data will be released later this week, including Import and Export Prices on Wednesday and Jobless Claims, Retail Sales, Business Inventories and Industrial Production on Thursday.

Sources: [bls.gov](https://www.bls.gov)