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CPI: Lagged Home Price Impact + Jump in Medical Care

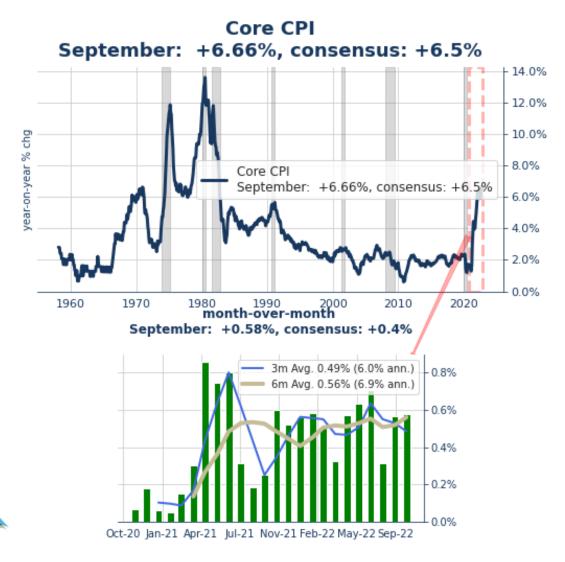
Bottom Line: CPI rose even more than expected in September. The core CPI was up 0.6%, two-tenths more than expected, as Owner's Equivalent Rent (OER), a key measure of shelter prices and nearly a third of core CPI, jumped 0.8%. The OER tends to lag home price gains by more than a year -- and while the magnitude of the jump was higher than expected, the lagged impact was a known factor. Medical care services prices, the most significant contributor to volatility before the pandemic but quiet until recently, jumped nearly 1%, the second month of record increases. Finally, used car prices, a significant source of inflation in the first year of the pandemic, fell. Overall, inflation remains stubbornly high. Medical care services are a big concern for the trend, potentially offsetting some of the deceleration in OER that should come later this year and in early 2023 based on historic lags with home prices.

CPI All Items
September: +8.22%, consensus: +8.1%





Oct-20 Jan-21 Apr-21 Jul-21 Nov-21 Feb-22 May-22 Sep-22



The CPI ROSE by 0.39% in September, compared with market expectations for an increase of 0.20%.

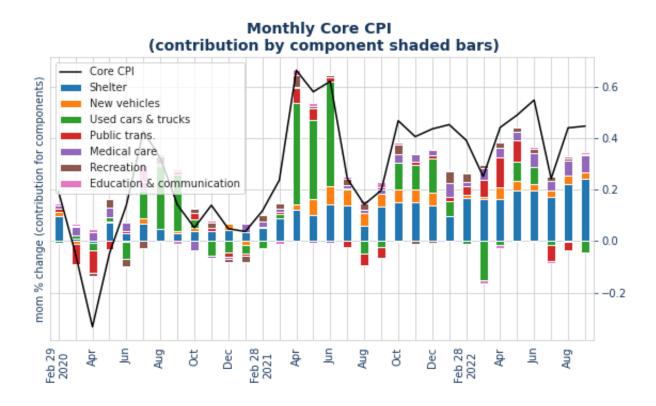
- Food prices increased by 0.78% while energy prices fell by 2.1%.
- Prices for gasoline fell by 4.9% while prices for fuel oil declined by 2.8%, prices for electricity climbed by 0.4%, and prices for natural gas rose by 2.9%.
- Energy prices are now 19.9% ABOVE their year-ago level.

Overall consumer prices are now 8.2% ABOVE their year-ago level; in September 2021, consumer prices were 5.4% ABOVE their year-ago level.

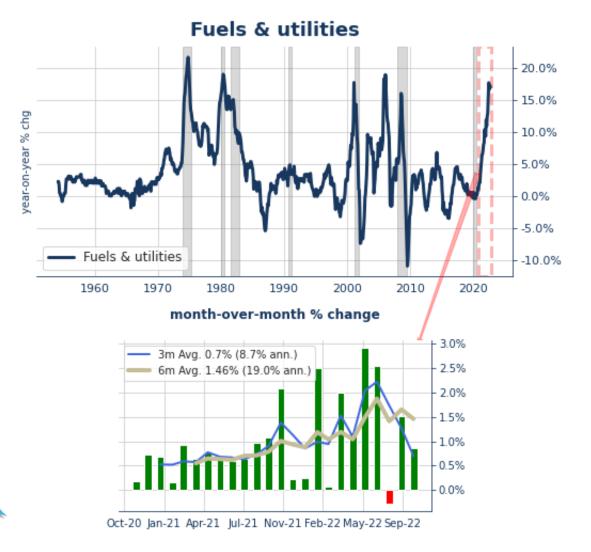
The Core CPI ROSE by 0.58%, compared with market expectations for an increase of 0.40%.

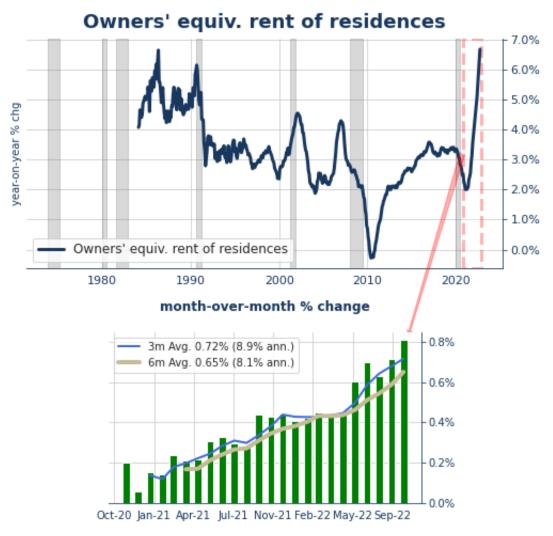
- Prices for commodities excluding food and energy commodities rose by 0.0%.
- Gains in new vehicles (+0.7%) were partially offset by declines in used cars & trucks (-1.1%), and apparel (-0.3%).
- Prices for services excluding energy services rose 0.8% with a moderate increase in transportation (+1.9%), medical care services (+1.0%), and owner's equivalent rent (+0.8%).

Core consumer prices are now 6.7% ABOVE their year-ago level; in September 2021, consumer prices were 4.0% ABOVE their year-ago level.









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New & used motor vehicles



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US Consumer Price Inflation	Sep-22	Aug-22	3m ann % chg	6m ann % chg	YoY % chg	2021	2020	5 y
CPI All Items	0.39%	0.12%	1.96%	6.39%	8.22%	7.10%	1.28%	3.95%
Core CPI (77.7%)	0.58%	0.57%	5.98%	6.94%	6.66%	5.48%	1.60%	3.48%
Motor fuel (4.9%)	-4.83%	-10.47%	-61.62%	-26.62%	18.76%	49.24%	-15.39%	8.50%
Energy serv. (3.6%)	1.12%	2.05%	13.98%	24.53%	19.87%	10.14%	2.44%	6.22%
Food & bev. (13.5%)	0.73%	0.77%	10.75%	11.55%	10.78%	6.00%	3.84%	4.70%
Shelter (32.2%)	0.75%	0.69%	8.20%	7.67%	6.60%	4.18%	1.84%	3.78%
Medical care (8.3%)	0.80%	0.68%	7.95%	7.09%	6.00%	2.17%	1.78%	3.28%

New vehicles (4.0%)	0.67%	0.84%	8.84%	10.21%	9.40%	11.76%	1.94%	3.99%
Used cars & trucks (4.0%)	-1.07%	-0.10%	-6.17%	2.92%	7.18%	37.28%	10.02%	10.05%
Public trans. (1.0%)	0.06%	-3.19%	-31.52%	21.58%	27.11%	1.76%	-12.79%	1.72%
Education & communication (6.0%)	0.09%	0.11%	0.11%	-0.06%	0.14%	1.63%	1.97%	1.04%
Recreation (5.0%)	0.10%	0.21%	2.55%	3.48%	4.06%	3.27%	0.94%	2.16%
Apparel (2.4%)	-0.29%	0.21%	-0.65%	1.07%	5.46%	5.71%	-4.17%	0.56%
Other goods & serv. (2.7%)	0.33%	0.73%	5.87%	5.71%	6.89%	4.46%	2.40%	3.52%

Month-over-month % change for most recent months, followed by annualized % changes for periods noted. 5- and 10-year are simple averages of annual % changes.

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US CPI - Food & Bev Categories	Sep-22	Aug-22	3m ann % chg	6m ann % chg	YoY % chg	2021	2020	5y
Food & bev. (13.5% total CPI)	0.73%	0.77%	10.75%	11.55%	10.78%	6.00%	3.84%	4.70%
Cereals & bakery prods (1.1%)	0.93%	1.22%	17.11%	18.77%	16.18%	4.73%	3.11%	5.04%
Meats, poultry, fish, & eggs (1.9%)	0.38%	0.52%	5.73%	7.30%	8.98%	12.57%	4.58%	5.45%
Dairy & related prods (0.8%)	0.27%	0.34%	9.63%	20.52%	15.87%	1.59%	4.42%	4.87%
Fruits & vegetables (1.4%)	1.59%	0.51%	10.79%	7.22%	10.35%	5.02%	3.15%	3.60%
Nonalcoholic bev. & beverage materials (1.0%)	0.58%	0.48%	14.29%	16.92%	12.92%	5.11%	4.35%	4.96%
Other food at home (2.3%)	0.46%	1.13%	14.53%	16.07%	15.74%	5.60%	3.84%	4.78%
Food away from home (5.1%)	0.94%	0.87%	10.53%	9.99%	8.48%	6.01%	3.92%	4.82%
Alc. bevs. at home (0.6%)	-0.40%	0.54%	2.26%	3.59%	2.93%	1.21%	2.79%	1.84%

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US CPI - Transportation	Sep-22	Aug-22	3m ann % chg	6m ann % chg	YoY % chg	2021	2020	5 y
Transportation	-0.57%	-2.27%	-18.08%	0.78%	12.63%	21.28%	-2.64%	5.88%
Private trans.	-0.61%	-2.22%	-17.29%	-0.15%	12.01%	22.81%	-1.75%	6.34%
Public trans.	0.06%	-3.19%	-31.52%	21.58%	27.11%	1.76%	-12.79%	1.72%
New vehicles	0.67%	0.84%	8.84%	10.21%	9.40%	11.76%	1.94%	3.99%
Used cars & trucks	-1.07%	-0.10%	-6.17%	2.92%	7.18%	37.28%	10.02%	10.05%
Motor vehicle maintenance & repair	1.87%	1.71%	20.22%	16.43%	11.12%	4.78%	3.43%	5.15%
Airline fare	0.84%	-4.62%	-38.26%	35.00%	42.89%	0.73%	-19.35%	1.90%

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US CPI - Energy	Sep-22	Aug-22	3m ann % chg	6m ann % chg	YoY % chg	2021	2020	5y
Fuels & utilities	0.85%	1.51%	8.66%	18.89%	17.02%	9.36%	2.10%	5.86%
Household energy (3.9%)	0.88%	1.77%	9.14%	23.10%	20.90%	11.33%	1.63%	6.50%
Motor fuel (4.9%)	-4.83%	-10.47%	-61.62%	-26.62%	18.76%	49.24%	-15.39%	8.50%
Fuel oil & other fuels (0.2%)	-2.78%	-2.41%	-42.14%	3.32%	39.87%	37.69%	-13.50%	12.01%
Electricity (2.7%)	0.44%	1.50%	14.97%	15.53%	15.51%	6.20%	1.99%	4.56%
Utility (piped) gas service (1.0%)	2.94%	3.54%	11.48%	53.28%	33.09%	23.96%	3.98%	11.97%

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US CPI - Housing Related	Sep-22	Aug-22	3m ann % chg	6m ann % chg	YoY % chg	2021	2020	5y
Shelter (32.2% total CPI)	0.75%	0.69%	8.20%	7.67%	6.60%	4.18%	1.84%	3.78%

Rent of primary residence (7.2%)	0.84%	0.74%	9.53%	8.84%	7.21%	3.33%	2.28%	4.03%
Lodging away from home (1.0%)	-1.04%	0.08%	-13.88%	-7.63%	2.95%	24.16%	-9.69%	1.90%
Owners' equiv. rent of residences (23.7%)	0.81%	0.71%	8.93%	8.08%	6.68%	3.80%	2.18%	3.82%
Household energy (3.9%)	0.88%	1.77%	9.14%	23.10%	20.90%	11.33%	1.63%	6.50%
Household furnishings & operations (3.9%)	0.46%	0.98%	8.43%	6.75%	9.33%	7.37%	3.14%	4.28%

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US CPI - Recreation	Sep-22	Aug-22	3m ann % chg	6m ann % chg	YoY % chg	2021	2020	5y
Recreation (5.0% total CPI)	0.10%	0.21%	2.55%	3.48%	4.06%	3.27%	0.94%	2.16%
TV, radio subs. (1.1%)	-0.41%	-0.41%	-6.39%	0.90%	2.21%	2.90%	4.17%	3.02%
Pet food (1.1%)	1.28%	1.70%	17.91%	17.75%	13.95%	2.38%	-0.75%	3.99%
Toys (0.3%)	0.32%	0.15%	8.15%	4.45%	4.19%	1.75%	-3.85%	-3.05%
Music instruments & accessories (0.0%)	0.48%	0.49%	4.00%	0.02%	3.97%	5.87%	0.01%	2.02%
Club, gyms etc. (0.0%)	0.41%	0.39%	4.84%	3.61%	4.12%	1.76%	-0.36%	2.05%
Entertainment tickets (0.5%)	-0.58%	-0.57%	1.32%	4.71%	5.69%	4.87%	1.21%	2.87%
Fees for lessons or instructions (0.2%)	2.78%	1.82%	18.48%	9.07%	5.47%	2.95%	3.57%	3.20%

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US CPI - Medical Sep-22 Aug	3m ann 6m ann % chg	YoY % 2021	2020 5y	
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Medical care (8.3% total CPI)	0.80%	0.68%	7.95%	7.09%	6.00%	2.17%	1.78%	3.28%
Medical care commodities (1.5%)	-0.09%	0.24%	3.01%	2.93%	3.67%	0.45%	-2.48%	0.56%
Prof. serv. (3.4%)	0.73%	0.64%	5.50%	4.47%	3.28%	3.29%	1.88%	2.18%
Hospital & related serv. (2.5%)	0.17%	0.58%	5.29%	5.16%	3.94%	3.26%	3.12%	3.52%

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