***Consumer prices up 2.3 percent over year ended September 2018***

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Over the 12 months from September 2017 to September 2018, the Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers (CPI-U) rose 2.3 percent, not seasonally adjusted. The September increase was smaller than the 2.7 percent increase for the 12 months ending August 2018.

Prices for food rose 1.4 percent over the last 12 months, with prices for food away from home rising 2.6 percent and prices for food at home increasing 0.4 percent.

Prices for energy increased 4.8 percent over the year ending September 2018. The index for fuel oil rose sharply, increasing 23.4 percent. The gasoline index rose 9.1 percent over the last 12 months, while the electricity and natural gas indexes both declined, falling 1.2 percent.

The index for all items less food and energy rose 2.2 percent over the past 12 months, the same increase as for the 12 months ending August. The shelter index increased 3.3 percent over the last 12 months, and the medical care index rose 1.7 percent. The indexes for used cars and trucks, apparel, and airline fares all declined over the past year.

<https://www.bls.gov/opub/ted/2018/consumer-prices-up-2-point-3-percent-over-year-ended-september-2018.htm>