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Summary: By CBO's estimate, adjusted income after transfers and taxes grew more than the price of consumption from 2019 to 2023 for all income groups. As a result, the portion of household income required to purchase the same bundle of goods and services declined. For households in the lowest income quintile, CBO estimates, the share of their adjusted income after transfers and taxes required to purchase their 2019 consumption bundle decreased by 2%. For households in the top income quintile, that share declined by 6.3%, the largest decline of any quintile. The difference in those percentage changes reflects two factors: Price increases were greater for the typical consumption bundle purchased by lower-income households than they were for that purchased by higher-income households, and the income of households in the highest income quintile grew more in percentage terms than the income of other households did.

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