

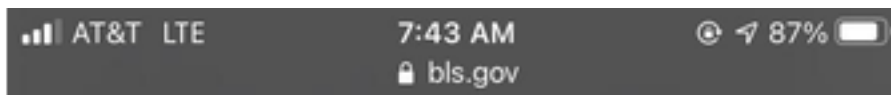
Title: December 2021 CPI shows a 12-Month Change of 7.0%! Highest 12-Month change since June 1982!

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and recreation were among the few to decline over the month.

The all items index rose 7.0 percent for the 12 months ending December, the largest 12-month increase since the period ending June 1982. The all items less food and energy index rose 5.5 percent, the largest 12-month change since the period ending February 1991. The energy index rose 29.3 percent over the last year, and the food index increased 6.3 percent.

Table A. Percent changes in CPI for All Urban Consumers (CPI-U): U.S. city average

	Seasonally adjusted changes from preceding month							Un- adjusted 12-mos. ended Dec. 2021
	June 2021	July 2021	Aug. 2021	Sep. 2021	Oct. 2021	Nov. 2021	Dec. 2021	
All items.....	.9	.5	.3	.4	.9	.8	.5	7.0
Food.....	.8	.7	.4	.9	.9	.7	.5	6.3
Food at home.....	.8	.7	.4	1.2	1.0	.8	.4	6.5
Food away from home (1)...	.7	.8	.4	.5	.8	.6	.6	6.0
Energy.....	1.5	1.6	2.0	1.3	4.8	3.5	-.4	29.3
Energy commodities.....	2.6	2.3	2.7	1.3	6.2	5.9	-.6	48.9
Gasoline (all types)....	2.5	2.4	2.8	1.2	6.1	6.1	-.5	49.6
Fuel oil (1).....	2.9	.6	-2.1	3.9	12.3	3.5	-2.4	41.0
Energy services.....	.2	.8	1.1	1.2	3.0	.3	-.1	10.4
Electricity.....	-.3	.4	1.0	.8	1.8	.3	.3	6.3
Utility (piped) gas service.....	1.7	2.2	1.6	2.7	6.6	.6	-1.2	24.1
All items less food and energy.....	.9	.3	.1	.2	.6	.5	.6	5.5
Commodities less food and energy commodities....	2.2	.5	.3	.2	1.0	.9	1.2	10.7
New vehicles.....	2.0	1.7	1.2	1.3	1.4	1.1	1.0	11.8
Used cars and trucks....	10.5	.2	-1.5	-.7	2.5	2.5	3.5	37.3
Apparel.....	.7	.0	.4	-1.1	.0	1.3	1.7	5.8
Medical care commodities (1).....	-.4	.2	-.2	.3	.6	.1	.0	.4
Services less energy services.....	.4	.3	.0	.2	.4	.4	.3	3.7
Shelter.....	.5	.4	.2	.4	.5	.5	.4	4.1
Transportation services	1.5	-1.1	-2.3	-.5	.4	.7	-.3	4.2
Medical care services...	.0	.3	.3	-.1	.5	.3	.3	2.5

1 Not seasonally adjusted.

#### Food

The food index increased 0.5 percent in December following larger increases in each of the three previous months. The food at home index increased 0.4 percent in December after rising 0.8 percent in November. Five of the six major grocery store food group indexes increased in December. The index for fruits and vegetables increased the most, rising 0.9 percent over the month as the index for fresh fruits increased 1.8 percent. The index for nonalcoholic beverages rose 0.8 percent in December, and the index for dairy and related products increased 0.7 percent. The index for other food at home rose 0.6 percent, and the index for cereals and bakery products increased 0.4 percent over the month.

The index for meats, poultry, fish, and eggs declined in December, falling 0.4 percent after rising at least 0.7 percent in each of the last 7 months. The indexes for beef (-2.0 percent) and pork (-0.8 percent) declined after recent sharp increases.

The food away from home index rose 0.6 percent in December, the same increase