

## Consumer Prices and Inflation – July 2009

### Consumer Price Stats at a Glance

Percent Change 12 Months Ending:	CPI-U	CPI-W	CPI-W, All Items Less Medical Care
July 2005	3.2%	3.3%	3.2%
July 2006	4.1%	4.3%	4.3%
July 2007	2.4%	2.3%	2.2%
July 2008	5.6%	6.2%	6.3%
July 2009	-2.1%	-2.7%	-3.0%
<b>2009 Forecast</b>	<b>-0.6%</b>		
<b>2010 Forecast</b>	<b>1.8%</b>		

*Percent changes in consumer prices above are drawn from non-seasonally adjusted data. This is the data used to calculate changes in COLA. Forecasts are from Consensus Economics (July 13 survey date).*

*CPI-U is the Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers. It is based on a typical "market basket" of goods consumed by urban consumers, including salaried employees, business owners and retirees as well as wage earners.*

*CPI-W is the Consumer Price Index for All Urban Wage and Clerical Workers. It is based on a typical "market basket" of goods consumed by urban households that receive most of their income from clerical or hourly wage occupations.*

- On a seasonally-adjusted basis, consumer prices were unchanged in July, following a steep increase of 0.7 percent in June. Food and energy prices fell in July, while all items less food and energy rose slightly.
- The CPI is still down significantly from its year-ago level, with July 2009 prices 2.1 percent below those of July 2008.
- "Core" inflation, excluding the volatile food and energy sectors, is actually up over the past year, with the July 2009 level 1.5 percent higher than the year-earlier figure.

The full Bureau of Labor Statistics report can be found at:

<http://www.bls.gov/news.release/cpi.toc.htm>

Next release: the August Consumer Price Index will be released on September 16, 2009.