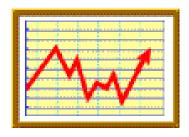
### FACT SHEET

# **Consumer Price Index**



# NO. 20-1



## SEPTEMBER 2020 ALL URBAN CONSUMERS

The United States City Average Consumer Price Index (CPI-U) for **September 2020** was **260.280**— representing a change of **1.4** percent over the index for **September 2019**.

The Northeast Area Consumer Price Index for **September 2020** was **273.925**—representing a change of **1.2** percent over the index for **September 2019**.

The New York-Northern New Jersey Area Consumer Price Index for **September 2020** was **284.551**— representing a change of **1.9** percent over the index for **September 2019**.

The October CPI will be available November 12, 2020.

Future projections of the CPI by businesses and economic organizations are found on page 3. CPI increases are projected **1.2** percent for **2020** and **2.0** percent for **2021**.

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## **CONSUMER PRICE INDEX – ALL URBAN CONSUMERS**

|                                   | -       | STATES<br>IVERAGE                                   |         | THEAST<br>REA                                       | New York-<br>Northern<br>New Jersey Area |   |  |
|-----------------------------------|---------|---|---------|---|--|---|--|
| Month                             | Index   | Increase Over<br>Same Period<br>of Previous<br>Year | Index   | Increase Over<br>Same Period<br>of Previous<br>Year | Index                                    | Increase Over<br>Same Period<br>of Previous<br>Year |  |
| 2018                              |         |   |         |   |  |   |  |
| January                           | 247.867 | 2.1   | 262.188 | 1.6   | 270.771                                  | 1.4   |  |
| February                          | 248.991 | 2.2   | 263.260 | 1.7   | 272.214                                  | 1.7   |  |
| March                             | 249.554 | 2.4   | 263.556 | 2.0   | 272.196                                  | 1.7   |  |
| April                             | 250.546 | 2.5   | 264.669 | 2.0   | 272.950                                  | 1.9   |  |
| May                               | 251.588 | 2.8   | 265.840 | 2.5   | 274.001                                  | 2.2   |  |
| June                              | 251.989 | 2.8   | 265.950 | 2.6   | 274.170                                  | 2.2   |  |
|                                   |         |   |         |   |  |   |  |
| July                              | 252.006 | 2.9   | 265.830 | 2.7   | 274.073                                  | 2.2   |  |
| August                            | 252.146 | 2.7   | 266.425 | 2.7   | 274.441                                  | 2.2   |  |
| September                         | 252.439 | 2.3   | 266.709 | 2.2   | 275.455                                  | 2.0   |  |
| October                           | 252.885 | 2.5   | 266.464 | 2.3   | 275.101                                  | 2.0   |  |
| November                          | 252.038 | 2.2   | 265.487 | 1.9   | 274.478                                  | 1.9   |  |
| December                          | 251.233 | 1.9   | 265.286 | 1.7   | 273.836                                  | 1.6   |  |
| Average for 2018<br>Calendar Year | 251.107 | 2.4   | 265.139 | 2.2   | 273.641                                  | 1.9   |  |
| 2019                              |         |   |         |   |  |   |  |
| January                           | 251.712 | 1.6   | 266.109 | 1.5   | 275.144                                  | 1.6   |  |
| February                          | 252.776 | 1.5   | 266.706 | 1.3   | 275.823                                  | 1.0   |  |
| •                                 | 254.202 | 1.5   | 268.025 | 1.5   | 276.570                                  | 1.5   |  |
| March                             |         |   |         |   |  |   |  |
| April                             | 255.548 | 2.0   | 269.070 | 1.7   | 277.441                                  | 1.6   |  |
| May                               | 256.092 | 1.8   | 269.744 | 1.5   | 278.068                                  | 1.5   |  |
| June                              | 256.143 | 1.6   | 270.133 | 1.6   | 278.802                                  | 1.7   |  |
| July                              | 256.571 | 1.8   | 270.381 | 1.7   | 278.817                                  | 1.7   |  |
| August                            | 256.558 | 1.7   | 270.548 | 1.5   | 279.428                                  | 1.8   |  |
| September                         | 256.759 | 1.7   | 270.563 | 1.4   | 279.338                                  | 1.4   |  |
| October                           | 257.346 | 1.8   | 270.348 | 1.5   | 279.255                                  | 1.5   |  |
| November                          | 257.208 | 2.1   | 270.643 | 1.9   | 279.468                                  | 1.8   |  |
| December                          | 256.974 | 2.3   | 270.429 | 1.9   | 279.816                                  | 2.2   |  |
| Average for 2019<br>Calendar Year | 255.657 | 1.81  | 269.392 | 1.6   | 278.164                                  | 1.7   |  |
|                                   |         |   |         |   |  |   |  |
| 2020<br>January                   | 257.971 | 2.5   | 272.316 | 2.3   | 282.020                                  | 2.5   |  |
| 2                                 |         |   | 272.516 |   |  |   |  |
| February                          | 258.678 | 2.3   |         | 2.4   | 282.577                                  | 2.4   |  |
| March                             | 258.115 | 1.5   | 272.531 | 1.7   | 281.975                                  | 2.0   |  |
| April                             | 256.389 | 0.3   | 271.325 | 0.8   | 280.623                                  | 1.1   |  |
| May                               | 256.394 | 0.1   | 271.345 | 0.6   | 282.092                                  | 1.4   |  |
| June                              | 257.797 | 0.6   | 272.283 | 0.8   | 282.333                                  | 1.3   |  |
| July                              | 259.101 | 1.0   | 273.347 | 1.1   | 283.624                                  | 1.7   |  |
| August                            | 259.918 | 1.3   | 273.597 | 1.1   | 283.478                                  | 1.4   |  |
| September                         | 260.280 | 1.4   | 273.925 | 1.2   | 284.551                                  | 1.9   |  |
| October                           |         |   |         |   |  |   |  |
| November                          |         |   |         |   |  |   |  |
| December                          |         |   |         |   |  |   |  |
| Average for 2020<br>Calendar Year |         |   |         |   |  |   |  |

Source: U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics

#### **Projecting Increases in the Consumer Price Index (CPI)**

A large number of organizations project increases in the Consumer Price Index. NYSUT subscribes to *Blue Chip Economic Indicators*. This monthly publication presents 2020 and 2021 economic projections from approximately 50 sources.

#### Projected Increases in the Consumer Price Index U.S. City Average All Urban Consumers

<u>Blue Chip Economic Indicators</u>, published by Aspen Publishers, Inc. This forecast uses the projections from approximately 50 different organizations and the consensus of these projections is reported here.

| YEAR | January<br>2020 | February<br>2020 | March<br>2020 | April<br>2020 | May<br>2020 | June<br>2020 | July<br>2020 | August<br>2020 | September<br>2020 | October<br>2020 | November<br>2020 | December<br>2020 |
|------|-----------------|------------------|---------------|---------------|-------------|--------------|--------------|----------------|-------------------|-----------------|------------------|------------------|
| 2020 | 1.9             | 1.9              | 0.9           | 0.8           | 0.8         | 0.8          | 0.9          | 1.1            | 1.2               |                 |                  |                  |
| 2021 | 2.2             | 2.1              | 1.7           | 1.7           | 1.7         | 1.7          | 1.7          | 1.9            | 2.0               |                 |                  |                  |

<u>Blue Chip</u> also reports that 28 of the 49 forecasters contributing to its **2020** consensus CPI projection were revised upward from the prior month. Eighteen forecasts were unchanged and 3 were revised downward. Eleven of the 48 forecasts for **2021** were unchanged, 31 were revised upward and 6 were revised downward.

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