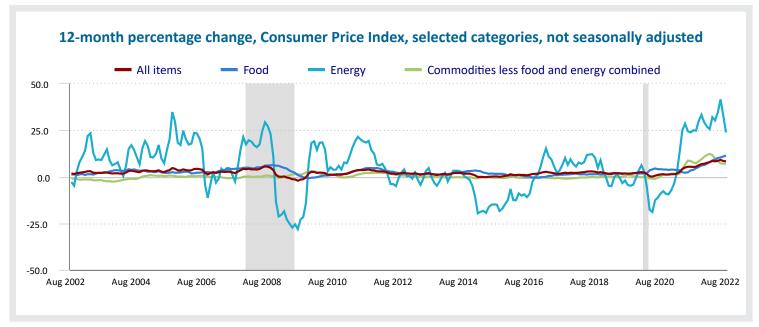
CONSUMER PRICE INDEX UPDATE

he Consumer Price Index (CPI), which measures changes in prices paid by consumers for goods and services, released the August numbers yesterday with a +0.1% month over month (m/m) and +8.3% year over year (y/y) change. To recap, the July report was +8.5% y/y and the June report was +9.1% y/y. This month's y/y All Items index percentage is still among the highest reported since the 1980's.

The latest Gasoline index showed a -10.6%, which offset increases in Food +0.8% and Shelter +0.7%. For a historical perspective, this chart displays these indexes over the past 20 years.



Source: U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics

The table below shows m/m percentage changes in CPI indexes including All Items, Food, Energy in addition to the Core CPI, which excludes Food and Energy.

_	Percentage month over month change			12 month change
	June 2022	July 2022	August 2022	ending August 2022
All Items	1.30%	0.00%	0.10%	8.30%
Food	1.00%	1.10%	0.80%	11.40%
Energy	7.50%	-4.60%	-5.00%	23.85%
All Items ex-Food and Energy	0.70%	0.30%	0.60%	6.30%

Source: U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics

One of the two major focuses of the Federal Open Market Committee (FOMC) is price stability, which is running well above the target range of 2%. Members have committed to using the tools at their disposal to try and tackle inflation. The FOMC's next decision regarding fed fund rates will be announced on September 20-21. September's CPI summary is scheduled for release on October 13.

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