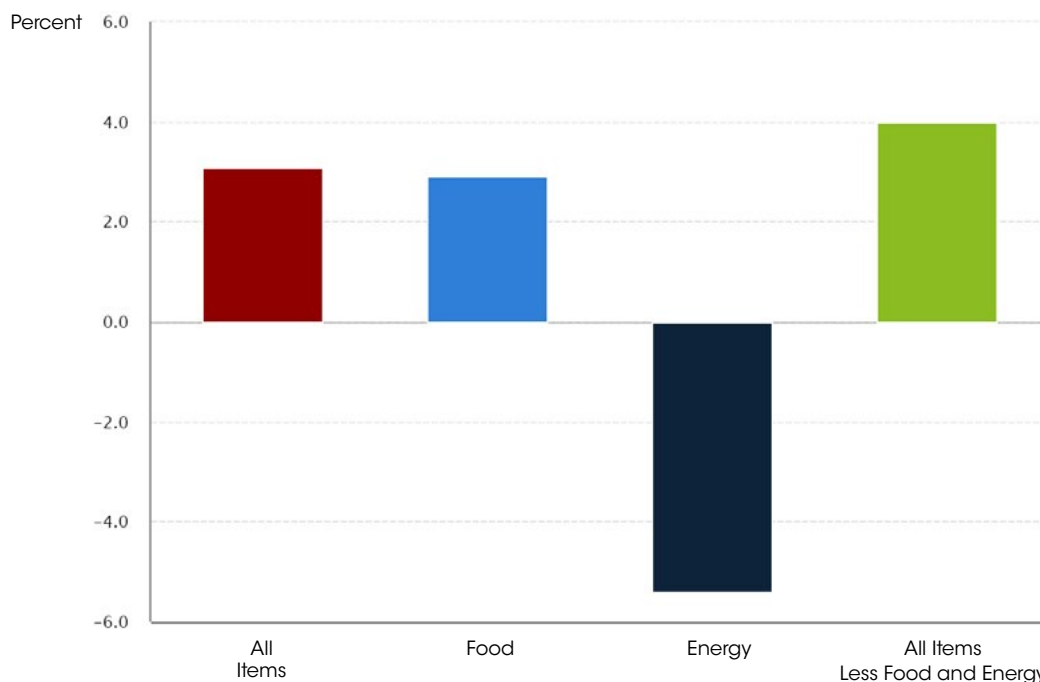


CONSUMER PRICE INDEX UPDATE

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The Consumer Price Index (CPI), which measures changes in prices paid by consumers for goods and services, was released earlier today for the month of November and showed a small uptick month-over-month (m/m) to 0.1% but declined to 3.1% year-over-year (y/y) vs. the prior month of 0.0% m/m and +3.2% y/y. The y/y increase continues to moderate, although it is still above the Fed's 2.0% target. The stickiest inflation has been in Shelter, which typically has a 12-month lag before rent contracts reset. Shelter was up 0.4% m/m and 6.5% y/y and offset a decline in Energy, which was down 2.3% m/m and 5.4% y/y.

12-Month Percentage Change, Consumer Price Index, Selected Categories, November 2023, Not Seasonally Adjusted



Source: 12-month percentage change, Consumer Price Index, selected categories (bls.gov)

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

	Percentage month over month change			12 month change
	September	October	November	November 2023
All Items	0.4%	0.0%	0.1%	3.1%
Food	0.2%	0.3%	0.2%	2.9%
Energy	1.5%	-2.5%	-2.3%	-5.4%
All Items ex-Food and Energy	0.3%	0.2%	0.3%	4.0%

Source: Consumer Price Index Summary

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%. Per the Federal Reserve's November 1 news release, members reemphasized their commitment 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 December 13. The CPI summary for December is scheduled for release on January 11.

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