



# The Consumer Price Index went up in August — especially for gasoline

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The Bureau of Labor Statistics reported Sept. 14 that the consumer price index, a measure of inflation, rose 0.3% in August following a 0.5% rise in July. The chart here shows inflation overall and by categories of specific goods. For example, inflation for gasoline increased during the first few months of 2021 due to high crude oil prices. Prices for used cars rose during the second quarter of 2021 as the global semiconductor chip shortage decreased inventories of new vehicles.

Source: Bureau of Labor Statistics

● Increase and ○ decrease in Consumer Price Index from the previous month for all urban consumers

