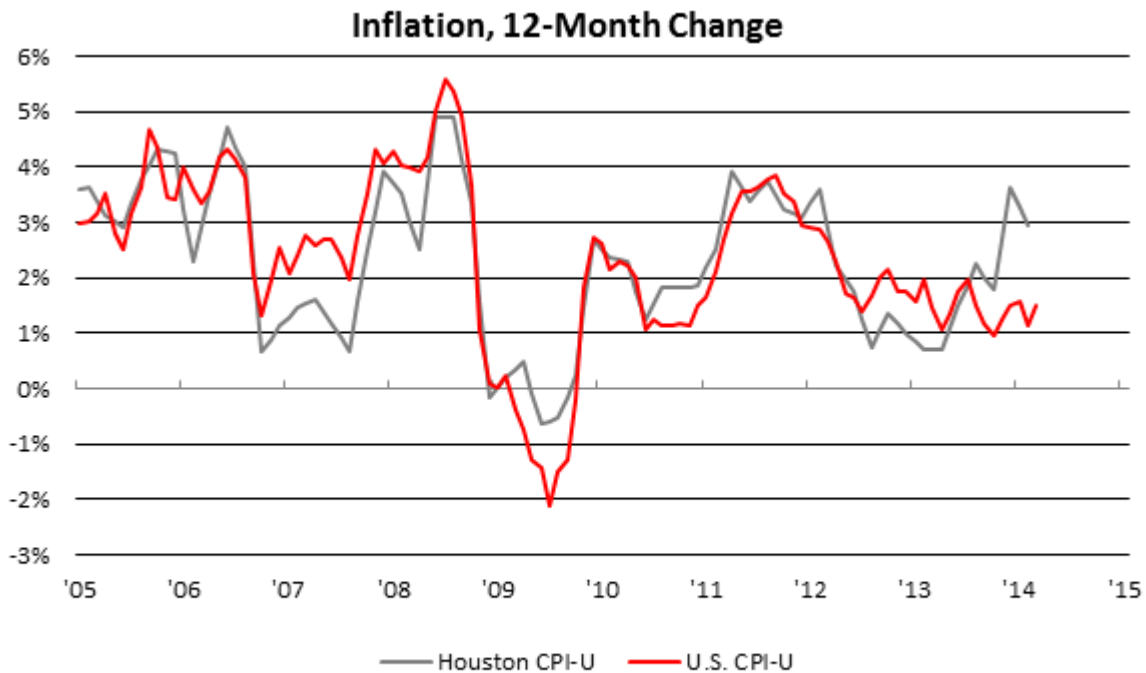


Inflation

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Source: U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics

INFLATION- NATIONWIDE

The cost of consumer goods and services as measured by the Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers increased 1.5 percent nationwide from March '13 to March '14, according to data released today by the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics. Core inflation (all items less the volatile food and energy categories) rose 1.7 percent over the past 12 months.

Since March '13, the energy index increased slightly by 0.4 percent with a 4.6 percent decrease in motor fuel offsetting a 7.7 percent increase in household energy costs. Food prices grew 1.7 percent over the year with the cost of dining out increasing 2.3 percent and the cost of groceries rising 1.4 percent. The cost of housing rose 2.8 percent since March '13.

INFLATION- HOUSTON

In Houston (for this data series, Brazoria, Chambers, Fort Bend, Galveston, Harris, Liberty, Montgomery and Waller Counties), the energy index increased 2.5 percent over the past 12 months. The cost of household energy

rose 19.9 percent from March '13 to March '14 reflecting a 24.7 percent increase in electricity prices, while the cost of motor fuel prices decreased 6.6 percent. The shelter index increased 3.7 percent over the year and grocery prices rose 1.9 percent.

Full March and April CPI data for Houston will be released on May 15.

For the latest data, click [here](#).

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