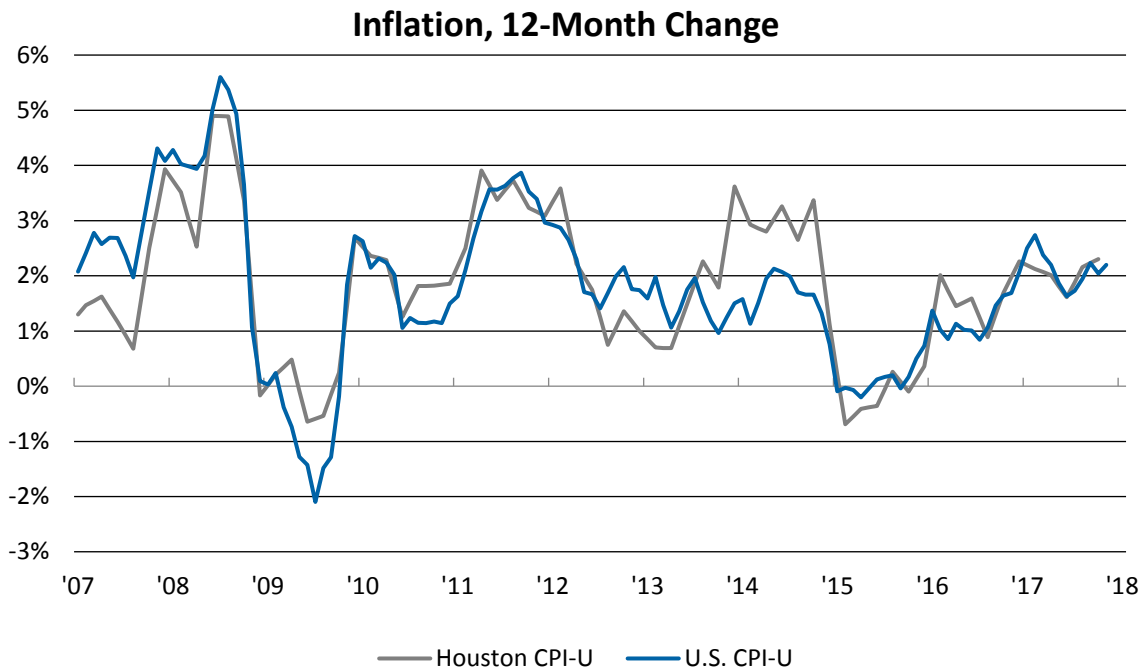




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Source: U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, not seasonally adjusted

INFLATION-NATIONWIDE

The cost of consumer goods and services as measured by the Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers (CPI-U) rose 2.2 percent nationwide from November '16 to November '17, according to the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics. Core inflation (all items less the volatile food and energy categories) increased 1.7 percent since November '16.¹

The cost of energy rose 9.4 percent from the previous November. All three energy components posted gains: electricity costs increased 2.5 percent, motor fuel prices jumped 16.5 percent and natural gas prices rose 3.6 percent. The shelter index grew 3.2 percent from November '16. Food

¹ CPI data in this commentary are not seasonally adjusted.

prices grew 1.4 percent, with the cost of dining out increasing 2.4 percent and grocery prices rising slightly by 0.6 percent.

INFLATION-HOUSTON

In Houston (for this data series, Brazoria, Chambers, Fort Bend, Galveston, Harris, Liberty, Montgomery and Waller Counties), the energy index rose 12.3 percent since November '16 on an 11.2 percent rise in electricity, a 13.7 percent increase in motor fuel costs and a 9.7 percent jump in natural gas prices. The shelter index increased 1.2 percent and grocery prices rose 1.8 percent from November '16.

Full November and December CPI data for Houston will be released January 12.

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