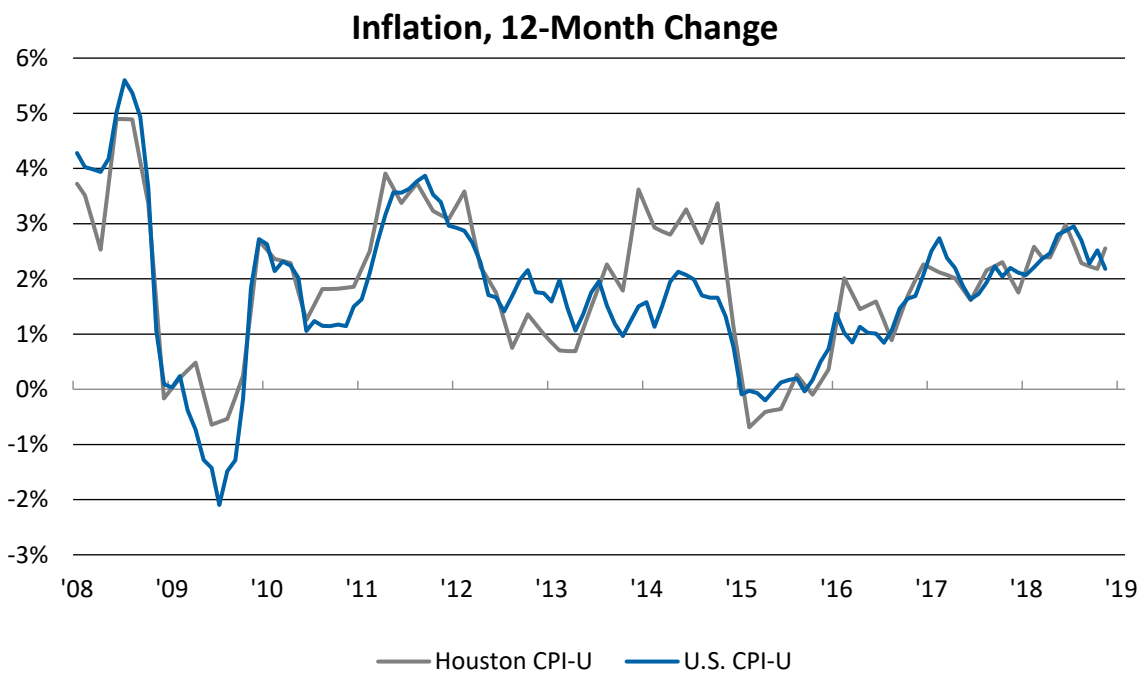




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Source: U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, not seasonally adjusted

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 '17 to November '18, according to the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics. Core inflation (all items less the volatile food and energy categories) also increased 2.2 percent since November '17.¹

The cost of energy rose 3.1 percent from the previous November. Motor fuel prices increased 5.2 percent while electricity costs increased 0.6 percent and natural gas prices decreased 2.1

¹ CPI data in this commentary are not seasonally adjusted.

percent. The shelter index rose 3.2 percent from November '17. Food prices grew 1.4 percent, with the cost of dining out increasing 2.6 percent and grocery prices rising 0.4 percent.

INFLATION-HOUSTON

In the Houston-The Woodlands-Sugar Land metro area², the energy index rose 7.7 percent, the shelter index ticked up 2.5 percent and grocery prices fell by 0.8 percent since last November.

Full November and December CPI data for Houston will be released January 11.

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