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Chart 1

US Core CPI Inflation

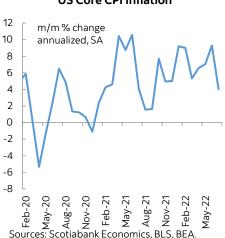
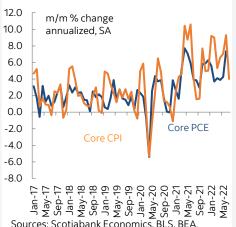


Chart 2

US Core PCE and CPI Inflation



Did Markets Over-React to US CPI?

- US CPI surprised lower for a change...
- ...and markets may be prematurely judging Fed implications in August trading

US CPI, m/m SA // y/y % change, July:

Actual: 0.0 / 8.5 Scotia: 0.4 / 8.9 Consensus: 0.2 / 8.7 Prior: 1.3 / 9.1

US core CPI, m/m SA // y/y % change, July:

Actual: 0.3 / 5.9 Scotia: 0.6 / 6.1 Consensus: 0.5 / 6.1 Prior: 0.7 / 5.9

US CPI inflation surprised lower for a change. That prompted out-sized movements in markets because a) the Fed has conditioned markets to attach excessive importance to every backward-looking data wiggle, b) markets have adapted to positioning toward persistent upside surprises and had to quickly cover, and c) it's August! Being August, this recap will be short.

US 2s rallied by about 17bps and 10s rallied by about 7bps in a bull steepener move. S&P 500 futures took off by about $1\frac{1}{4}$ %. The dollar depreciated by about $\frac{3}{4}$ % on a DXY basis.

In my view, it's premature to judge whether the Fed's next move in September will be a 50 or 75 point hike given that we'll get one more PCE reading which is the Fed's preferred measure, one more CPI print and another jobs report before then plus the fact that September often carries its own surprises along the way. At this point, I think a reasonable perspective would lean heavily against the view that one softish CPI print would dissuade the Fed's hawks. They may trade-off the one CPI downside surprise against the ongoing tightening in the US job market and concern that wage pressures present the risk of more persistent inflation. In any event, I continue to think we're dealing with longer wave forces and it's silly to think one inflation reading settles anything.

Core CPI was up by just 0.3% m/m which was softer than expected and ends or at least suspends a string of firmer readings that often surprised higher (chart 1). Headline CPI was weaker than expected partly because of core but also because gasoline prices fell by more than anticipated in seasonally adjusted terms (-7.7% m/m).

Among the uncertainties is whether core PCE will follow core CPI on August 26th given that the two readings have not been tracking each other very well for some time (chart 2).

High contact service prices played a role in explaining the softish core CPI reading. Airfare fell by 7.8% m/m, intercity transportation fell 0.3% m/m and lodging away from home fell 2.7% m/m.

New vehicle prices were up 0.6% m/m but used vehicles fell 0.4% for what is roughly a net wash in terms of overall vehicle prices.

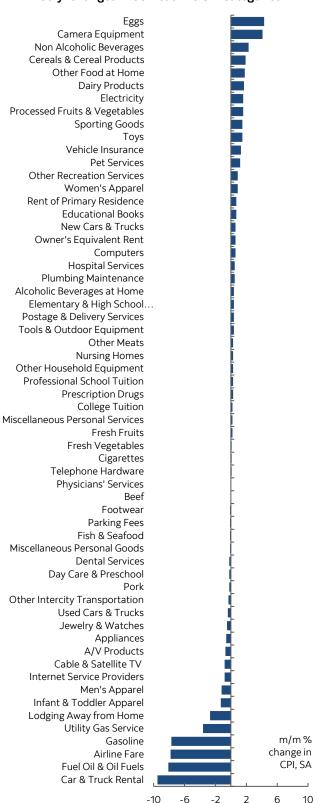
Owners' equivalent rent was up 0.6% m/m which remains in line with the trend. Rent remains hot at 0.7% m/m.

Charts 3–6 break out drivers and please see the more detailed accompanying table.

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Chart 3

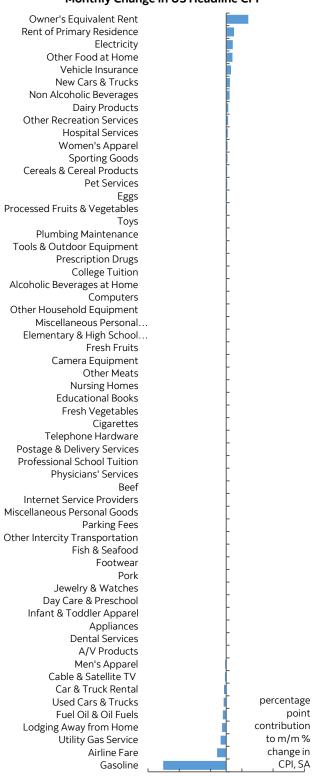
July Changes in US Headline CPI Categories



Sources: Scotiabank Economics, US BLS

Chart 4

July Weighted Contributions to Monthly Change in US Headline CPI



-0.50 -0.30 -0.10 0.10 0.30 0.50

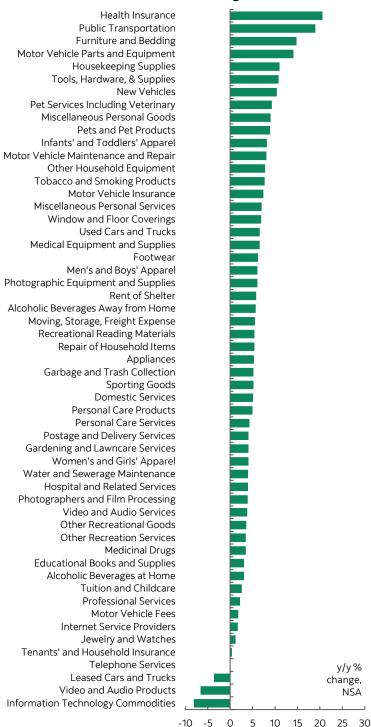
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Chart 5

July 12-Month Changes in US Headline CPI Categories

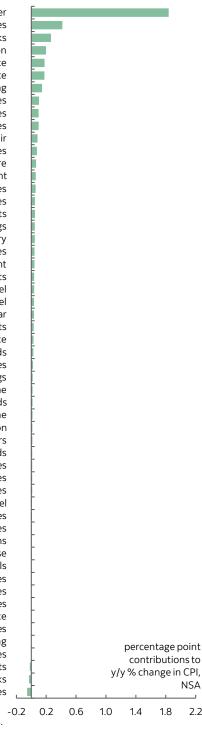


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Chart 6

July Weighted Contributions to the 12-Month Change in US Headline CPI





Source: Scotiabank Economics, BLS.

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Jul 2022					Weighted Contributions (ppts)*			5-Year Pre-Pandemic			10-Year Pre-Pandemic		
US INFLATION COMPONENT BREAKDOWN	y/y% change	Pandemic trend 10-year trend (Jan 2019–Present)	m/m % change	Weights (%)	у/у	m/m	2015–2019 avg. y/y	Std. Dev.	Z-Score	2011–2019 avg. y/y	Std. Dev.	Z-Score	
Food	10.9		1.1	13.42	1.46	0.15	1.3	0.8	12.6	1.7	1.1	8.1	
Food, home	13.1	~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~	1.3	8.32	1.09	0.11	0.2	1.1	11.4	1.2	1.9	6.4	
Cereals & bakery products	15.0		1.8	1.06	0.16	0.02	0.4	0.9	16.6	0.9	1.7	8.3	
Meats, poultry, fish & eggs	10.9		0.5	1.91	0.21	0.01	-0.2	3.2	3.4	2.1	3.9	2.2	
Dairy & related products	14.9		1.7	0.79	0.12	0.01	-0.6	1.6	9.7	1.1	3.1	4.4	
Fruits & vegetables	9.3	mymm	0.5	1.43	0.13	0.01	0.4	1.7	5.2	1.0	2.0	4.1	
Non-alcoholic bevarages	13.8		2.3	0.95	0.13	0.02	0.6	1.0	12.7	0.5	1.6	8.4	
Other food at home	15.8		1.8	2.20	0.35	0.04	0.5	0.6	23.8	1.0	1.6	9.4	
Food, away	7.6		0.7	5.10	0.39	0.04	2.7	0.3	16.5	2.5	0.5	9.8	
Full services meals & snacks	8.9		0.6	2.39	0.21	0.01	2.6	0.4	17.1	2.4	0.5	13.0	
Limited services meals and snacks	7.2		0.8	2.47	0.18	0.02	2.8	0.3	13.6	2.5	0.7	6.7	
Food at employee sites and school	-13.9		0.9	0.03	0.00	0.00	2.8	2.4	-6.8	2.8	1.9	-8.7	
Food from vending machines & mobile vendors	7.3	~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~	0.1	0.04	0.00	0.00	3.1	1.0	4.3	2.5	1.3	3.7	
Other food away from home	6.7	and the same	0.8	0.17	0.01	0.00	2.5	1.3	3.2	2.3	1.0	4.4	
Energy	32.9		-4.6	8.67	2.85	-0.40	-1.9	10.0	3.5	1.6	9.6	3.3	
Energy comm.	44.9	~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~	-7.6	5.19	2.33	-0.39	-2.8	17.0	2.8	3.0	17.1	2.5	
Fuel oils & other fuels	54.6	~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~	-8.1	0.27	0.15	-0.02	-2.3	15.8	3.6	2.7	14.4	3.6	
Motor fuel	44.5	~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~	-7.6	4.93	2.19	-0.37	-2.8	17.1	2.8	3.0	17.3	2.4	
<u>Gasoline</u>	<u>44.0</u>	~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~	<u>-7.7</u>	<u>4.82</u>	<u>2.12</u>	<u>-0.37</u>	<u>-2.8</u>	<u>17.1</u>	<u>2.7</u>	<u>3.0</u>	<u>17.4</u>	<u>2.4</u>	
<u>Other</u>	<u>68.5</u>	~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~	<u>-2.4</u>	<u>0.11</u>	<u>0.07</u>	0.00	<u>-2.3</u>	<u>19.5</u>	<u>3.6</u>	<u>3.6</u>	<u>17.9</u>	<u>3.6</u>	
Energy serv.	18.8		0.1	3.47	0.65	0.00	0.0	2.4	7.7	0.5	2.7	6.9	
Electricity	15.2		1.6	2.54	0.39	0.04	0.5	1.5	10.0	1.0	1.7	8.5	
Utility (piped gas service)	30.5	~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~	-3.6	0.93	0.28	-0.03	-1.4	7.5	4.2	-0.9	7.3	4.3	
All items less food and energy	5.9		0.3	77.91	4.60	0.23	2.0	0.2	17.3	1.8	0.4	10.0	
Commodities less food and energy	7.0		0.2	21.25	1.49	0.04	-0.3	0.4	18.8	0.2	0.9	7.7	
Household furnishings	10.8		0.6	3.80	0.41	0.02	-0.8	1.2	9.7	-0.9	1.2	9.8	
Window & floor coverings	6.9		-0.2	0.29	0.02	0.00	-2.3	1.7	5.4	-2.8	1.8	5.5	
Furniture & bedding	14.8		0.9	0.97	0.14	0.01	-0.3	1.7	8.8	-0.9	2.1	7.6	
Appliances	5.3		-0.6	0.25	0.01	0.00	-1.2	3.1	2.1	-1.6	3.0	2.3	
Other household equipment	7.8		-0.5	0.56	0.04	0.00	-3.5	1.8	6.1	-3.7	1.5	7.7	
Tools & hardware	10.8		0.4	0.93	0.10	0.00	-0.1	1.0	10.5	-0.3	1.2	9.1	
Housekeeping supplies	11.0		1.3	0.93	0.10	0.01	0.3	1.2	9.0	0.4	1.3	8.1	

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Apparel	5.1		-0.1	2.46	0.13	0.00	-0.5	1.0	5.7	0.3	1.7	2.7	
Men's & boys apparel	6.1		-1.2	0.63	0.04	-0.01	-0.3	1.5	4.2	0.5	2.3	2.5	
Women's & girls apparel	4.1	mmmmy m ~~~~	0.9	0.96	0.04	0.01	-1.3	1.9	2.9	-0.1	2.5	1.7	
Footwear	6.2	~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~	-0.1	0.60	0.04	0.00	0.2	1.3	4.5	0.8	1.7	3.3	
Infant & toddler's apparel	8.2	~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~	-1.3	0.12	0.01	0.00	0.4	3.8	2.1	0.5	3.6	2.2	
Jewlery & watches	1.2	and the same of th	-0.5	0.16	0.00	0.00	1.0	3.4	0.1	1.5	3.8	-0.1	
Trans. less fuel	8.8		0.1	8.52	0.75	0.01	-0.3	0.9	10.3	0.4	1.5	5.6	
New vehicles	10.4		0.6	4.03	0.42	0.02	0.1	0.7	15.7	0.8	1.2	7.8	
Used cars & trucks	6.6		-0.4	3.98	0.26	-0.02	-1.3	2.1	3.8	1.1	4.8	1.1	
Motor vehicle parts & equipment	14.1		0.4	0.43	0.06	0.00	0.2	1.1	13.1	0.9	2.2	6.1	
Medical comm.	3.7		0.6	1.48	0.05	0.01	2.1	1.7	0.9	2.3	1.5	1.0	
Medicinal Drugs	3.5		0.6	1.38	0.05	0.01	2.2	1.8	0.7	2.3	1.6	0.8	
Medical equipment & supplies	6.6	manner of the second	0.8	0.10	0.01	0.00	0.4	1.2	5.0	0.3	1.2	5.3	
Recreation comm.	4.1		0.2	1.88	0.08	0.00	-2.6	1.1	6.3	-2.3	0.9	7.1	
Video & audio products	-6.6	~~~~	-0.7	0.28	-0.02	0.00	-10.1	2.4	1.5	-9.2	2.2	1.2	
Pets & pet products	8.9		0.6	0.55	0.05	0.00	0.4	1.5	5.8	0.5	1.5	5.8	
Sporting goods	5.2	~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~	-0.2	0.55	0.03	0.00	-0.7	1.5	3.8	-0.6	1.2	4.8	
Photographic Equipment & supplies	6.1	~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~	4.1	0.02	0.00	0.00	-1.7	4.6	1.7	-3.0	4.0	2.3	
Recreational reading materials	5.4	many hamman war	-1.0	0.10	0.01	0.00	1.6	1.9	2.1	1.5	1.8	2.2	
Other recreational goods	3.6		1.2	0.38	0.01	0.00	-6.5	1.3	7.6	-5.2	1.7	5.0	
Educ. & communication comm.	-7.0		-0.8	0.77	-0.05	-0.01	-3.7	1.0	-3.2	-3.5	0.9	-3.9	
Educational books & supplies	3.1		0.0	0.09	0.00	0.00	2.2	3.0	0.3	3.6	2.7	-0.2	
IT commodities	-8.1	~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~	-0.9	0.69	-0.06	-0.01	-6.1	1.9	-1.1	-6.8	1.8	-0.7	
Alcohol	4.2	~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~	0.5	0.87	0.04	0.00	1.3	0.3	8.5	1.4	0.4	7.7	
Alcoholic beverages at home	3.1	~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~	0.4	0.58	0.02	0.00	0.8	0.6	3.8	0.8	0.5	4.4	
Alcoholic beverages away from home	5.7	manual manual	0.3	0.29	0.02	0.00	1.9	0.5	8.2	2.2	0.7	5.3	
Other goods	6.7	ammon of the second	0.3	1.34	0.09	0.00	1.4	0.9	6.2	1.4	0.7	7.4	
Tobacco & smoking products	7.7		0.3	0.51	0.04	0.00	4.3	1.5	2.2	4.4	3.8	0.9	
Personal care products	5.0	mmmmm	1.0	0.64	0.03	0.01	-0.3	0.6	9.1	-0.1	0.8	6.2	
Miscellaneous personal goods	9.0		-1.8	0.19	0.02	0.00	-2.4	3.1	3.7	-1.7	2.4	4.5	

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Services less energy services	5.5		0.4	56.66	3.12	0.23	2.8	0.2	11.5	2.4	0.6	4.9
Shelter	5.7		0.5	32.29	1.84	0.16	3.3	0.2	14.3	2.5	1.2	2.8
Rent of shelter	5.8		0.5	31.92	1.85	0.16	3.3	0.2	13.5	2.5	1.2	2.8
Rent of primary residence	6.3		<u>0.7</u>	<u>7.24</u>	0.46	0.05	<u>3.7</u>	<u>0.1</u>	<u>19.5</u>	<u>2.9</u>	<u>1.1</u>	<u>3.1</u>
Lodging away from home	<u>1.0</u>		<u>-2.7</u>	<u>1.03</u>	0.01	-0.03	2.3	<u>2.0</u>	<u>-0.6</u>	2.2	<u>2.2</u>	<u>-0.5</u>
OER of residences	<u>5.8</u>		<u>0.6</u>	23.66	<u>1.37</u>	0.14	<u>3.2</u>	<u>0.2</u>	<u>12.7</u>	<u>2.4</u>	<u>1.1</u>	<u>3.2</u>
Tenants' & household insurance	0.4		0.1	0.36	0.00	0.00	1.4	1.2	-0.8	2.3	1.5	-1.2
Water, sewer, trash collection	4.4		0.4	1.08	0.05	0.00	3.6	0.6	1.4	4.3	1.0	0.1
Water & sewage maintenance	4.0	~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~	0.5	0.78	0.03	0.00	4.0	0.8	0.1	4.8	1.4	-0.6
Garbage & trash collection	5.2		0.1	0.30	0.02	0.00	2.5	1.5	1.8	2.5	1.1	2.5
Household ops.	6.5	man white	0.1	0.82	0.05	0.00	3.8	1.3	2.2	2.6	1.6	2.4
Domestic services	5.1		0.6	0.24	0.01	0.00	2.0	1.1	2.9	1.6	1.0	3.4
Gardening & lawncare	4.1	~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~	0.2	0.30	0.01	0.00	4.3	2.7	-0.1	2.8	2.6	0.5
Moving, storage, freight	5.5		1.5	0.10	0.01	0.00	5.6	3.9	0.0	3.3	3.9	0.6
Repair of household items	5.4	my your	0.1	0.12	0.01	0.00	4.8	2.1	0.3	4.2	2.0	0.6
Medical serv.	5.1 ~~		0.4	6.82	0.35	0.03	2.9	1.0	2.3	3.0	8.0	2.5
Professional Services	2.2	~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~	0.0	3.45	0.08	0.00	1.5	0.9	0.7	1.8	0.8	0.5
Hospital & related services	4.0	my many many many many many many many ma	0.5	2.51	0.10	0.01	3.8	1.1	0.2	4.5	1.3	-0.4
Health insurance	20.6		2.2	0.86	0.18	0.02	5.0	5.8	2.7	3.6	6.0	2.8
Transportation serv.	9.2		-0.5	5.86	0.54	-0.03	2.6	1.1	6.0	2.6	1.0	6.8
Leased cars & trucks	-3.6	mande has	0.6	0.76	-0.03	0.00	0.5	3.0	-1.4	-1.6	3.2	-0.6
Motor vehicle maintenance & repair	8.1		1.1	1.02	0.08	0.01	2.2	0.7	8.5	2.0	0.6	10.6
Motor vehicle insurance	7.4		1.3	2.38	0.18	0.03	5.5	2.6	0.7	4.8	2.0	1.3
Motor vehicle fees	1.8	~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~	0.7	0.50	0.01	0.00	1.8	0.7	0.0	2.2	1.9	-0.2
Public transportation	19.0	~~~	-6.1	1.05	0.20	-0.06	-1.2	1.5	13.4	1.0	3.6	5.0
Recreation serv.	4.5 ~~	~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~	0.4	3.13	0.14	0.01	2.6	0.7	2.9	2.3	0.7	2.9
Video & audio services	3.8 👡	~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~	-0.6	1.16	0.04	-0.01	2.7	1.4	0.8	2.6	1.3	0.9
Pet services	9.3	~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~	1.2	0.51	0.05	0.01	3.1	0.8	8.1	3.3	0.9	6.5
Photo services	3.9	~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~	-0.7	0.03	0.00	0.00	-0.2	2.0	2.0	0.8	1.8	1.7
Other recreation services	3.5	~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~	0.9	1.43	0.05	0.01	2.4	0.6	1.9	1.7	1.1	1.7
Educ. & communication serv.	1.5	~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~	-0.1	5.31	0.08	-0.01	0.4	1.3	0.8	1.1	1.3	0.3
Tuition, school fees, child care	2.6		0.1	2.48	0.06	0.00	2.8	0.6	-0.3	3.3	0.8	-1.0
Postage & delivery	4.1	~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~	0.4	0.08	0.00	0.00	2.3	2.0	0.9	3.3	2.0	0.4
Telephone services	0.0	~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~	0.0	1.81	0.00	0.00	-2.4	3.0	0.8	-1.3	2.4	0.5
Internet services	1.7	~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~	-0.8	0.93	0.02	-0.01	-0.2	1.5	1.3	0.1	1.3	1.2
Other personal serv.	5.9	~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~	0.4	1.36	0.08	0.01	2.7	0.7	4.8	2.4	0.6	5.5
Personal care services	4.3	~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~	0.2	0.54	0.02	0.00	2.3	0.7	2.9	1.8	0.8	3.0
Miscellaneous personal services	7.0 ~~		0.5	0.82	0.06	0.00	2.9	0.9	4.4	2.7	0.7	5.9

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