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Subject: March 2026 CPI-U

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Objective: X Information _____ Discussion _____ Follow-up _____ Decision

The Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers (CPI-U) increased 0.9 percent on a seasonally adjusted basis in March, after rising 0.3 in February the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics reported. Over the last 12 months, the all items index increased 3.3 percent before seasonal adjustment.

The index for energy rose 10.9 percent in March, led by a 21.2 percent increase in the index for gasoline which accounted for nearly three quarters of the monthly all items increase. The shelter index also increased in March, rising 0.3 percent. The index for food was unchanged over the month as the index for food away from home rose 0.2, while the index for food at home fell 0.2 percent.

The index for all items less food and energy rose 0.2 percent in March. Indexes that increased over the month include airline fares, apparel, household furnishings and operations, education and new vehicles. Conversely, the indexes for medical care, personal care, and used cars and trucks were among the major indexes that decreased in March.

**One-Month Percentage Change in CPI for All Urban Consumers (CPI-U), seasonally adjusted
March 2025 –March 2026 percentage change**

