Prices for food at home up 13.5 percent for year ended August 2022

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The Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers increased 8.3 percent for the year ended August 2022. Over that period, prices for food at home increased 13.5 percent, the largest 12-month percentage increase since the period ending March 1979. Prices for food away from home increased 8.0 percent for the year ended August 2022, the largest over-the-year percentage increase since an 8.4-percent increase in October 1981.

12-month percentage change in consumer prices for selected food items, January 1968–August 2022

Shaded areas represent recessions as determined by the National Bureau of Economic Research.


Prices for other food at home, which includes sugar and sweets as well as fats and oils, rose 16.7 percent and prices for cereals and bakery products increased 16.4 percent for the year ended August 2022. The remaining major grocery store food groups posted increases ranging from 9.4 percent (fruits and vegetables) to 16.2 percent (dairy and related products).

These data are from the Consumer Price Index program and are not seasonally adjusted. To learn more, see “Consumer Price Index — August 2022.” Also see more charts related to the latest Consumer Price Index news release.