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Memorandum

Date: May 15, 2026

To: Board of Directors

From: David Potter, General Manager 

RE: Executive Subcommittee May 12th Meeting Minutes – 2nd Meeting

The Executive Subcommittee met for a second time on Tuesday, May 12, 2026, at the NRD office to consider one previously discussed item. Subcommittee members attending the second meeting included Bob Andersen, Tom Green, Lisa Lewis, Christine Lamberty, David Landis, and John Yoakum. Directors Lamberty and Landis attended telephonically while the other Directors attended in person. Others present were David Potter and Corey Wasserburger. Chair Andersen called the second meeting to order at 7:24 p.m.

Potter conducted additional research on the April 12-month Consumer Price Index for the Midwest region and conveyed that information to the subcommittee. Potter stated the April 2026 Consumer Price Index for the Midwest Region was now available from the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics and indicates that region prices were up 0.8 percent in April and up 4.11 percent over the year. This information differed from some of the comments made regarding the April CPI figures at the prior Executive Subcommittee meeting. A copy of the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics data as it relates to the consumer price index for all consumers in the Midwest through April was shared with the subcommittee. Since this is the best available data and nearest fiscal year end prior to submitting proposed budget numbers for employee salaries, Potter recommended the subcommittee consider incorporating the April 2025 to April 2026 increase in inflation as the cost-of-living adjustment for staff instead of the March 2025 to March 2026 figures, along with the additional \$34,000 for merit and adjustments to be determined by the General Manager for the FY27 Budget. The subcommittee discussed using April to April CPI as a consistent standard moving forward.

It was moved by Green, seconded by Yoakum, and unanimously approved by the Subcommittee to amend the prior motion on recommending a 3.42% salary increase for all qualified employees and to instead recommend the Board of Directors approve a 4.11% salary increase for all qualified employees, to also recommend an additional \$34,000 for merit and adjustments to be determined by the General Manager for the FY27 Budget as previously recommended, and to establish the April 12-month CPI for the Midwest as the guide for considering annual cost-of-living increases for staff in the future.

There being no further business, Andersen adjourned the second meeting at 7:26 p.m.

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Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers (CPI-U)

Series Id: CUUR0200SA0, CUUS0200SA0

Not Seasonally Adjusted

Series Title: All items in Midwest urban, all urban consumers, not seasonally adjusted

Area: Midwest

Item: All items

Base Period: 1982-84=100

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Year	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Annual	HALF1	HALF2
2016	223.301	223.196	224.621	225.609	226.476	227.835	226.786	227.097	227.636	227.358	226.673	226.794	226.115	225.173	227.057
2017	228.279	228.633	228.824	229.682	229.705	229.780	229.820	230.443	231.030	230.660	231.084	230.548	229.874	229.151	230.598
2018	232.028	232.512	232.931	233.913	235.065	235.455	235.346	235.276	235.524	235.680	234.292	233.458	234.290	233.651	234.929
2019	233.837	235.444	236.793	237.510	238.219	238.288	238.760	238.786	238.847	239.243	238.850	238.734	237.776	236.682	238.870
2020	239.690	240.421	239.163	236.474	237.291	239.259	240.430	241.362	241.878	241.740	241.316	241.453	240.040	238.716	241.363
2021	242.552	244.477	246.246	248.169	250.582	253.042	254.671	255.142	255.709	257.793	258.911	259.609	252.242	247.511	256.973
2022	261.657	263.988	267.312	268.639	272.673	277.072	276.525	275.875	276.549	276.908	276.436	275.182	272.401	268.557	276.246
2023	277.332	278.672	280.330	281.927	282.656	283.741	284.640	285.122	285.276	284.981	284.539	283.908	282.760	280.776	284.744
2024	284.731	286.346	288.301	289.718	290.355	290.779	292.256	292.559	292.547	292.291	292.022	292.533	290.370	288.372	292.368
2025	294.404	295.232	296.227	296.688	297.342	299.529	299.836	300.753	301.579	-(X)	300.771	300.404	298.433	296.570	300.669
2026	301.591	303.490	306.366	308.889											

X: Data unavailable due to the 2025 lapse in appropriations

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To find "percent increase", subtract the original value from the new value, divide by the original value, and multiply by 100

(April 2026 CPI minus April 2025 CPI) divided by April 2025 CPI times 100

$(308.889 - 296.688) / 296.688 \times 100 = 4.11\%$



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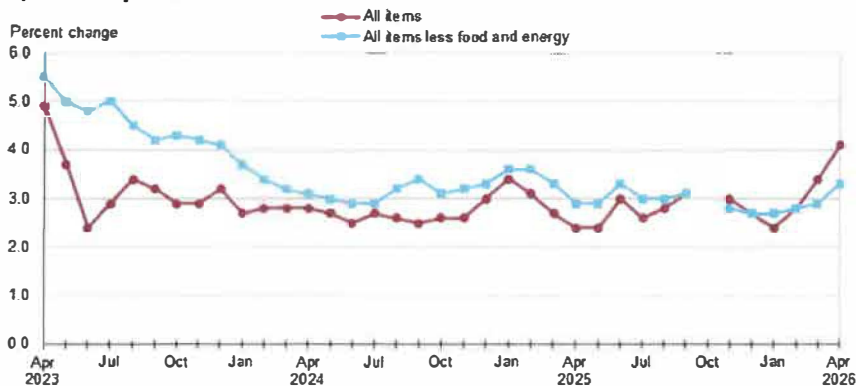
Consumer Price Index, Midwest region — April 2026

Regional prices were up 0.8 percent in April, up 4.1 percent over the year

The Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers (CPI-U) in the Midwest Region advanced 0.8 percent in April, the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS) reported today. The energy index was up 5.7 percent, led by higher prices for gasoline. The index for all items less food and energy rose 0.4 percent, while the index for food increased 0.5 percent over the same period. (Data in this report are not seasonally adjusted. Accordingly, month-to-month changes may reflect seasonal influences.)

The Midwest Region all items CPI-U advanced 4.1 percent for the 12 months ending in April. The index for all items less food and energy increased 3.3 percent over the year, and the index for energy rose 15.7 percent. The index for food was up 3.1 percent.

Chart 1. Over-the-year percent change in CPI-U, Midwest region, April 2023–April 2026



Note: The October 2025 data values are not available due to the 2025 lapse in appropriations.
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Food

Food prices rose 0.5 percent for the month of April. Prices for food at home (grocery store purchases) advanced 0.6 percent, and prices for food away from home (restaurant, cafeteria, and vending purchases) increased 0.3 percent for the same period. Within the index for food at home, 5 of the 6 major grocery store food groups rose, with the indexes for meats, poultry, fish, and eggs (+1.0 percent) and nonalcoholic beverages and beverage materials (+1.9 percent) leading the increases. The index for other food at home declined 0.8 percent during the month.

The food index advanced 3.1 percent over the year. The index for food at home increased 2.7 percent, and the index for food away from home rose 3.7 percent. Within the food at home category, all six major grocery store food groups increased over the 12-month period, with the indexes for fruits and vegetables (+3.9 percent) and meats, poultry, fish, and eggs (+2.6 percent) leading the increases.

Energy

The energy index rose 5.7 percent over the month. The index for gasoline contributed most to the rise, increasing 11.2 percent. The electricity index also increased over the month (+1.8 percent), while the natural gas service index declined 4.1 percent.

From April 2025 to April 2026 energy prices advanced 15.7 percent. This over-the-year increase was led by a 24.1-percent rise in the gasoline index. The index for electricity advanced 10.5 percent, while prices for natural gas service declined 3.2 percent during the past year.

All items less food and energy

The index for all items less food and energy increased 0.4 percent in April. Among the index's components, prices were higher for shelter (+1.0 percent), public transportation, and used cars and trucks (+0.9 percent). In contrast, prices were lower for other goods and services (-1.0 percent), medical care (-0.3 percent) and apparel (-0.8 percent).

The index for all items less food and energy increased 3.3 percent over the year. Components contributing to the increase included owners' equivalent rent of residences (+4.2 percent), medical care services (+4.2 percent), and recreation (+4.2 percent). In contrast, prices were lower for used cars and trucks (-2.6 percent).

The May 2026 Consumer Price Index for the Midwest Region is scheduled to be released on June 10, 2026.

Rebasing of Selected Consumer Price Index Series

Effective with this release, several CPI series were rebased to December 2024 = 100. When new base years are introduced, BLS recalculates each index back to the beginning of that series to ensure continuity. A complete list of indexes that were rebased is available at www.bls.gov/cpi/additional-resources/rebased-series.htm

Technical Note

The [Consumer Price Index](#) (CPI) is a measure of the average change in prices over time in a fixed market basket of goods and services. The Consumer Price Index for the Midwest region is published monthly. The set of components and sub-aggregates published for regional and metropolitan indexes is more limited than at the U.S. city average level; these indexes are byproducts of the national CPI program.

The **Midwest region** is comprised of Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Kansas, Michigan, Minnesota, Missouri, Nebraska, North Dakota, Ohio, South Dakota, and Wisconsin.

Refer to the national [CPI news release technical note](#) or the [Handbook of Methods](#) for more information.

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Table 1. Midwest region CPI-U by expenditure category for April 2026, not seasonally adjusted (1982-84=100 unless otherwise noted)

Expenditure category	Indexes				Percent change from:		
	Historical data	Feb. 2026	Mar. 2026	Apr. 2026	Apr. 2025	Feb. 2026	Mar. 2026
All items		303.490	306.366	308.889	4.1	1.8	0.8
All items (December 1977 = 100)		493.795	498.474	502.580	-	-	-
Food and beverages		330.065	330.058	331.816	3.1	0.5	0.5
Food		331.939	331.874	333.530	3.1	0.5	0.5
Food at home		301.197	300.276	302.196	2.7	0.3	0.6
Cereals and bakery products		349.479	345.327	346.779	3.3	-0.8	0.4
Meats, poultry, fish, and eggs		339.364	338.435	341.805	2.6	0.7	1.0
Dairy and related products		251.547	246.381	251.034	1.2	-0.2	1.9
Fruits and vegetables		326.087	324.947	329.011	3.9	0.9	1.3
Nonalcoholic beverages and beverage materials		229.832	227.835	232.175	4.5	1.0	1.9
Other food at home		263.521	265.863	263.743	1.6	0.1	-0.8
Food away from home		383.264	384.821	385.943	3.7	0.7	0.3
Alcoholic beverages		303.470	304.276	307.444	2.2	1.3	1.0
Housing		313.497	313.326	315.842	4.7	0.7	0.8
Shelter		376.263	377.851	381.798	4.8	1.5	1.0

- (1) Index on a December 1982=100 base.
 (2) Indexes on a December 1997=100 base.
 (3) Special index based on a substantially smaller sample.
 (4) Index on a December 1993=100 base.
 (5) Index on a December 2024=100 base.

- Data not available.

Note: Index applies to a month as a whole, not to any specific date.

Expenditure category	Indexes				Percent change from:		
	Historical data	Feb. 2026	Mar. 2026	Apr. 2026	Apr. 2025	Feb. 2026	Mar. 2026
Rent of primary residence		380.343	380.836	384.070	4.1	1.0	0.8
Owners' equivalent rent of residences ⁽¹⁾		385.830	387.109	389.837	4.2	1.0	0.7
Owners' equivalent rent of primary residence ⁽¹⁾		385.695	386.975	389.710	4.2	1.0	0.7
Fuels and utilities		311.871	303.012	302.771	5.7	-2.9	-0.1
Household energy		256.823	246.883	246.600	5.9	-4.0	-0.1
Energy services		266.176	255.056	254.644	5.7	-4.3	-0.2
Electricity		262.882	262.957	267.597	10.5	1.8	1.8
Utility (piped) gas service		250.650	221.139	212.059	-3.2	-15.4	-4.1
Household furnishings and operations		147.422	146.629	146.599	2.7	-0.6	0.0
Apparel		128.447	129.617	128.620	5.4	0.1	-0.8
Transportation		255.624	269.345	276.727	5.8	8.3	2.7
Private transportation		252.660	266.393	273.500	4.9	8.2	2.7
New and used motor vehicles ⁽²⁾		124.288	124.705	125.102	-0.9	0.7	0.3
New vehicles		173.712	173.906	174.184	0.5	0.3	0.2
New cars ⁽³⁾		168.576	168.982	169.142	0.5	0.3	0.1
Used cars and trucks		176.998	177.718	179.230	-2.6	1.3	0.9
Motor fuel		248.985	312.083	347.323	24.5	39.5	11.3
Gasoline (all types)		248.101	310.954	345.763	24.1	39.4	11.2
Gasoline, unleaded regular ⁽⁴⁾		239.337	302.018	336.508	24.6	40.6	11.4
Gasoline, unleaded midgrade ⁽¹⁾⁽⁴⁾		304.903	369.787	407.536	21.8	33.7	10.2
Gasoline, unleaded premium ⁽³⁾		297.782	352.617	385.289	20.0	29.4	9.3
Medical care		581.956	582.450	580.942	3.4	-0.2	-0.3
Medical care commodities		390.488	389.841	388.379	-0.3	-0.5	-0.4
Medical care services		646.121	647.000	645.477	4.2	-0.1	-0.2
Professional services		495.854	496.843	496.105	3.9	0.1	-0.1
Recreation ⁽⁵⁾		149.112	149.907	149.863	4.2	0.5	0.0
Education and communication ⁽²⁾		143.390	143.404	143.731	0.1	0.2	0.2
Tuition, other school fees, and childcare ⁽⁵⁾		102.732	102.711	102.733	2.4	0.0	0.0
Other goods and services		574.119	578.199	572.660	0.5	-0.3	-1.0

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- Data not available.
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Table 2. Midwest region CPI-U by special aggregate index for April 2026, not seasonally adjusted (1982-84=100 unless otherwise noted)

Special aggregate index	Indexes				Percent change from:		
	Historical data	Feb. 2026	Mar. 2026	Apr. 2026	Apr. 2025	Feb. 2026	Mar. 2026
All items		303.490	306.366	308.889	4.1	1.8	0.8
Food		331.939	331.874	333.530	3.1	0.5	0.5
Energy		255.290	278.745	294.740	15.7	15.5	5.7
All items less food and energy		309.307	310.637	311.987	3.3	0.9	0.4
All items less energy		311.857	312.989	314.380	3.3	0.8	0.4
All items less medical care		290.407	293.404	296.128	4.2	2.0	0.9
All items less shelter		279.814	283.173	285.207	3.8	1.9	0.7
Commodities		219.435	223.977	226.913	4.0	3.4	1.3
Commodities less food		174.318	180.010	183.180	4.5	5.1	1.8
Commodities less food & beverages		170.361	176.124	179.273	4.6	5.2	1.8
Durables		122.017	121.722	122.184	-0.3	0.1	0.4
Nondurables		272.870	281.435	286.297	6.1	4.9	1.7
Nondurables less food		223.947	239.021	246.279	9.3	10.0	3.0

(1) Indexes on a December 1982=100 base.
- Data not available.
NOTE: Index applies to a month as a whole, not to any specific date.

Special aggregate index	Indexes				Percent change from:		
	Historical data	Feb. 2026	Mar. 2026	Apr. 2026	Apr. 2025	Feb. 2026	Mar. 2026
Nondurables less food & beverages		219.529	235.457	242.963	9.9	10.7	3.2
Services		389.820	390.815	392.838	4.2	0.8	0.5
Services less rent of shelter(1)		413.853	414.166	413.895	3.5	0.0	-0.1
Services less medical care services		370.847	371.854	374.157	4.2	0.9	0.6
(1) Indexes on a December 1982=100 base.							
- Data not available.							
NOTE: Index applies to a month as a whole, not to any specific date.							

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