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Inflation Update

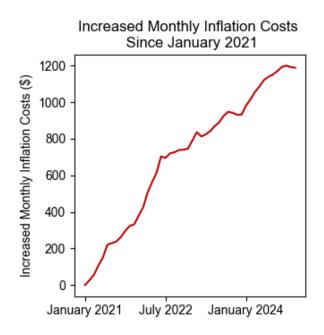


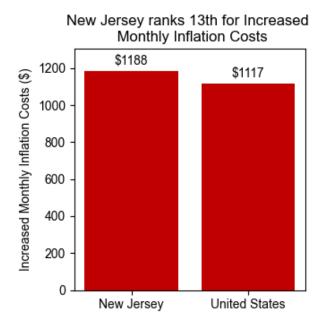
# December 2024

# **Summary**

Using the **December 2024** Consumer Price Index data release by the Bureau of Labor Statistics, the Joint Economic Committee (JEC) State Inflation Tracker estimates that the average household in **New Jersey** is paying **\$1,188** more per month to purchase the same basket of goods and services as in January 2021.

Cumulatively, the average **New Jersey** household has spent **\$33,818** more due to inflation since January 2021.





#### Breakdown

The Census Division where **New Jersey** is located has seen cumulative inflation of **19.2 percent** since January 2021. This is **1.5 percentage points lower** than the national cumulative inflation since January 2021 of **20.7 percent**.

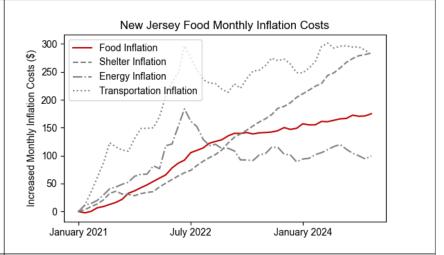
Compared to one year earlier, the average **New Jersey** households needs to spend **\$256** more per month to maintain the same standard of living.

The JEC Inflation Tracker breaks down the increased cost to the average household in **New Jersey** relative to January 2021 into four essential spending categories below:

### **Household Food Expenses**

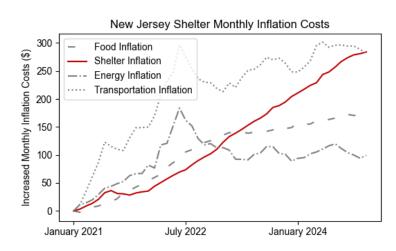
Compared to January 2021, the average household in **New Jersey** is spending **\$175** more on food per month. This is **\$26 more** each month than one year ago.

Cumulatively, the average household in **New Jersey** has spent **\$5,048** more on food due to inflation since January 2021.



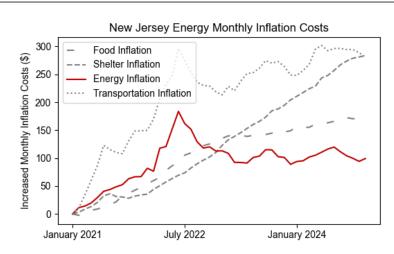
## **Household Shelter Expenses**

Compared to January 2021, the average household in **New Jersey** is spending **\$284** more on shelter per month. This is **\$80 more** each month than one year ago. Cumulatively, the average household in **New Jersey** has spent **\$6,124** more on shelter due to inflation since January 2021.



#### **Household Energy Expenses**

Compared to January 2021, the average household in **New Jersey** is spending **\$99** more on energy per month. This is **\$10 more** each month than one year ago. Cumulatively, the average household in **New Jersey** has spent **\$4,460** more on energy due to inflation since January 2021.



# Household Transportation Expenses

Compared to January 2021, the average household in **New Jersey** is spending **\$281** more on transportation per month. This is **\$33 more** each month than one year ago. Cumulatively, the average household in **New Jersey** has spent **\$10,230** more on transportation due to inflation since January 2021.

