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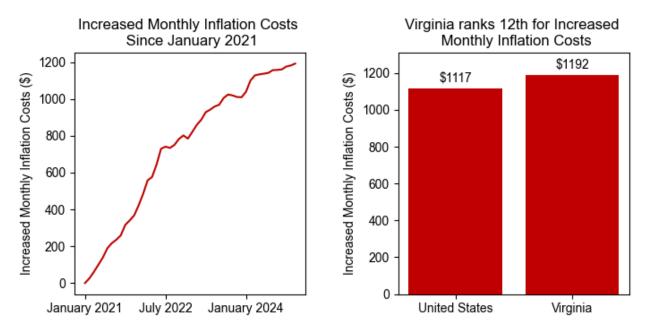


# December 2024

### **Summary**

Using the **December 2024** <u>Consumer Price Index</u> data release by the Bureau of Labor Statistics, the Joint Economic Committee (JEC) <u>State Inflation Tracker</u> estimates that the average household in **Virginia** is paying **\$1,192** more per month to purchase the same basket of goods and services as in January 2021.

Cumulatively, the average **Virginia** household has spent **\$35,399** more due to inflation since January 2021.



### <u>Breakdown</u>

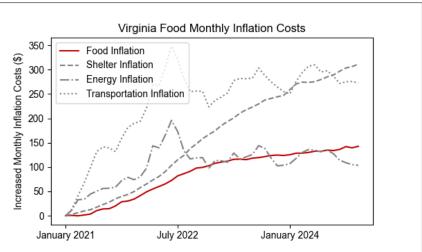
The Census Division where **Virginia** is located has seen cumulative inflation of **22.4 percent** since January 2021. This is **1.7 percentage points higher** than the national cumulative inflation since January 2021 of **20.7 percent**.

Compared to one year earlier, the average **Virginia** households needs to spend **\$183** more per month to maintain the same standard of living.

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

## Household Food Expenses

Compared to January 2021, the average household in **Virginia** is spending **\$143** more on food per month. This is **\$19 more** each month than one year ago. Cumulatively, the average household in **Virginia** has spent **\$4,076** more on food due to inflation since January 2021.



#### Household Shelter Expenses

Compared to January 2021, the average household in **Virginia** is spending **\$311** more on shelter per month. This is **\$64 more** each month than one year ago. Cumulatively, the average household in **Virginia** has spent **\$7,619** more on shelter due to inflation since January 2021.

#### Virginia Shelter Monthly Inflation Costs 350 Food Inflation Increased Monthly Inflation Costs (\$) Shelter Inflation 300 Energy Inflation 250 Transportation Inflation 200 150 100 50 0 January 2021 July 2022 January 2024

#### Household Energy Expenses

Compared to January 2021, the average household in **Virginia** is spending **\$103** more on energy per month. This is **\$0 more** each month than one year ago. Cumulatively, the average household in **Virginia** has spent **\$5,036** more on energy due to inflation since January 2021.

### Household Transportation Expenses

Compared to January 2021, the average household in **Virginia** is spending **\$273** more on transportation per month. This is **\$18 more** each month than one year ago. Cumulatively, the average household in **Virginia** has spent **\$11,149** more on transportation due to inflation since January 2021.

