

## Consumer Prices Moderate in July, but Remain Elevated

Headline CPI rose  $\pm 0.5\%$  last month, down from the  $\pm 0.9\%$  reading in June, while core CPI was up  $\pm 0.3\%$ , well below the  $\pm 0.9\%$  June core advance. On a year-over-year basis, headline CPI held steady at  $\pm 5.4\%$ , while the core declined from a  $\pm 4.5\%$  annual pace to  $\pm 4.3\%$ . This report doesn't do much to answer the question of when inflation will ultimately normalize, but it does ease immediate concerns that general prices will continue to climb.

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