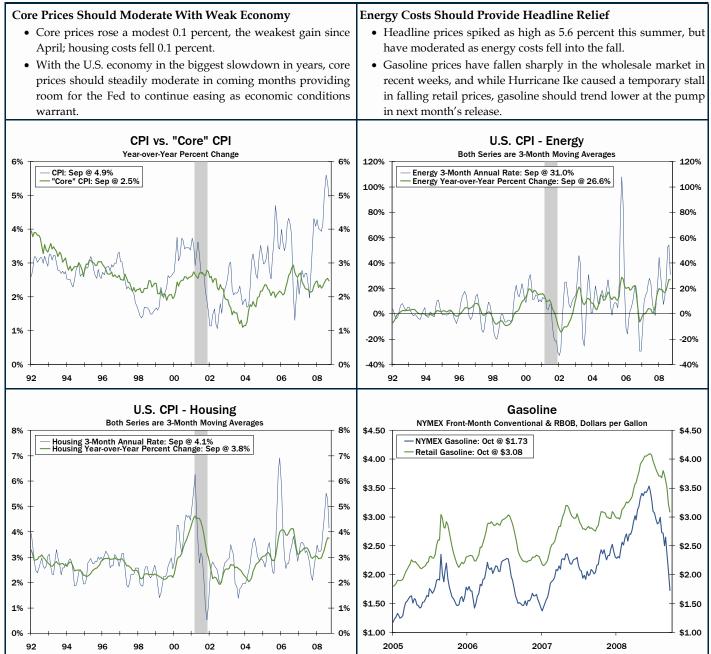


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Consumer Prices Flat in September

Consumer prices were flat in September, while "core" prices rose a modest 0.1 percent on the month. The cost of energy fell for the second straight month – down 1.9 percent. Core prices were held down the second straight decline in housing costs, which represents more than 40 percent of the index.



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