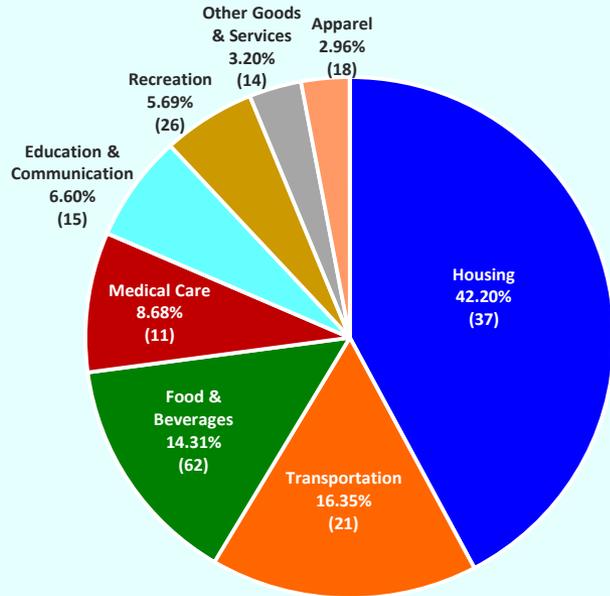


MARKET MICROSCOPE – Breaking Down U.S. Inflation

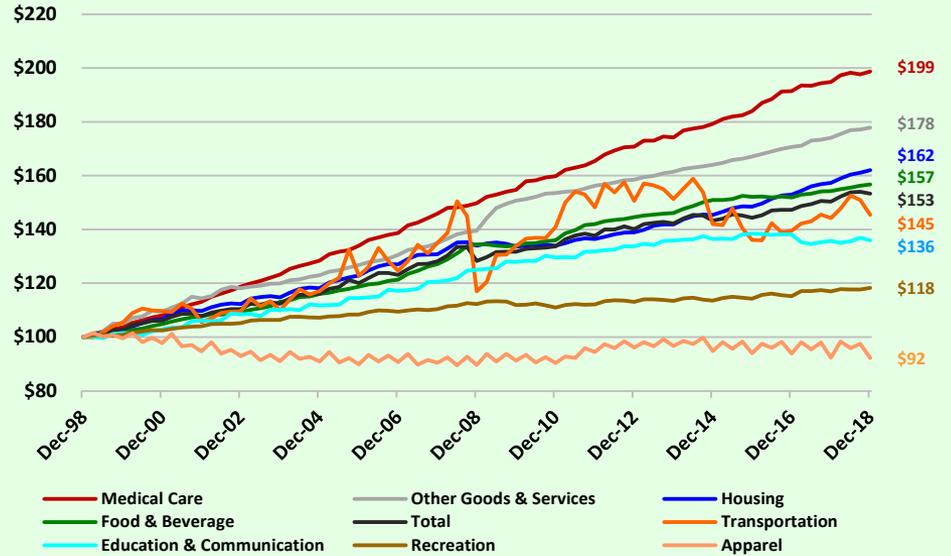
The most commonly reported measure of US inflation is the “CPI-U”, which is the “All Items Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers”

The CPI-U is commonly broken down into 8 major sub-sectors, but has **204** individual components in total (number in parentheses).

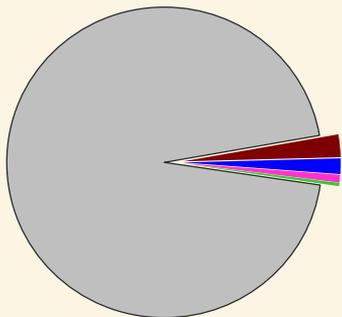


Of the 8 sub-sectors, Medical Care has experienced the highest rate of inflation over the past 20 years. The Apparel category actually experienced deflation.

20-Year Growth of \$100: 1999-2018



Hospital Services, School Tuition and Child Care are among the individual components that have experienced a much higher rate of inflation over the past 20 years, but together they account for just a small piece (5.1%) of the total CPI-U.



20-Year Growth of \$100: 1999-2018

