

SOUTHWEST CONSUMER PRICE INDEX INDICATORS

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Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers (CPI-U) U.S. City Average, Dallas-Fort Worth, and Houston-Galveston-Brazoria

(1982=100 unless otherwise noted)

INDEX ITEMS	U.S. City Average			Dallas-Fort Worth			Houston-Galveston		
	Index	Percent change:		Index	Percent change:		Index	Percent change:	
		12-month	1-month		12-month	1-month		12-month	2-month
All Items	219.086	5.4	-0.4				192.723	4.9	-0.4
Food and beverages	216.419	5.9	0.5				200.440	7.9	1.7
Food	216.422	6.1	0.5				200.192	8.1	1.7
Food at home	217.259	7.5	0.7	203.359	9.6	0.4	205.900	9.9	1.9
Food away from home	217.063	4.5	0.3				189.403	6.0	1.4
Alcoholic beverages	215.094	3.3	0.3				198.117	5.4	1.6
Housing	219.148	3.8	-0.2				177.831	4.7	-0.5
Shelter	247.985	2.4	0.0	184.762	2.0	-0.1	191.916	2.4	-0.6
Rent of primary residence 1/	244.181	3.8	0.3	185.124	4.2	0.5	184.343	3.6	0.4
Owners' equivalent rent 1/ 2/	252.957	2.5	0.2	198.531	2.8	0.3	177.697	3.3	-0.1
Fuels and utilities	235.650	15.3	-1.4				213.759	13.5	0.0
Gas (piped) and electricity 1/	218.656	14.7	-1.4	279.896	18.0	0.3	209.827	14.4	-0.2
Electricity 1/	200.795	9.1	0.9	253.052	14.3	-0.4	203.455	9.4	0.0
Utility (piped) gas service 1/	272.982	29.3	-6.4	391.809	40.5	3.6	238.804	50.7	-1.2
Household furnishings & operations	128.013	1.2	0.1				126.440	7.0	-0.5
Apparel	116.376	1.7	1.8				147.854	-0.2	5.2
Transportation	206.739	12.1	-2.9				181.412	8.0	-3.7
Private transportation	201.779	11.8	-3.0				179.915	7.8	-3.6
Motor Fuel	323.822	35.9	-7.4	336.605	34.7	-7.9	315.203	34.0	-6.8
Gasoline	321.511	35.6	-7.4	334.378	34.5	-7.9	313.089	33.8	-6.6
Medical care	364.477	3.3	0.1				339.372	1.3	0.0
Recreation 3/	113.786	2.4	0.4				108.308	0.1	2.2
Education and communication 3/	124.653	3.6	1.0				108.588	1.9	0.2
Other goods and services	346.990	4.1	0.1				301.589	4.6	-0.8
CPI-U Special Indexes:									
Energy	266.283	27.2	-5.2	309.404	26.7	-4.3	261.544	24.7	-4.2
All items less shelter	210.264	6.8	-0.6				192.585	5.8	-0.4
All items less food and energy	216.476	2.5	0.2				185.386	1.4	-0.1
All items (1967=100)	656.284						618.133		
CONSUMER PRICE INDEX FOR URBAN WAGE EARNERS AND CLERICAL WORKERS (CPI-W)									
All Items	215.247	5.9	-0.5				193.206	5.9	-0.3
All Items (1967=100)	641.155						616.628		

1/ This index series was calculated using a Laspeyres estimator. All other item stratum index series converted to a geometric means estimator in January 1999.

2/ Full series title is "owners' equivalent rent of primary residence"; index base is December 1982=100.

3/ Indexes on a December 1997 = 100 base.

Note 1: Dallas-Fort Worth and Houston-Galveston-Brazoria CPIs are for the Consolidated Metropolitan Statistical Areas.

Note 2: The food at home, energy, and shelter sub-component indexes are compiled monthly for Dallas-Fort Worth and Houston. Full surveys, which produce the All Items Indexes and major components, are conducted every two months. These full surveys are published for the odd-numbered months for Dallas and for the even-numbered months for Houston.