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## Consumer Price Index September 2008

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Consumer Price Index September 2008	United States City Average			Midwest Region			
	Group	Index	Percent change to Sep. 2008 from		Index	Percent change to Sep. 2008 from	
		(1982-84-100 unless otherwise noted)	Sep. 2008	Sep. 2007	Aug. 2008	Sep. 2008	Sep. 2007
All Urban Consumers		CPI-U			CPI-U		
<b>All Items</b> .....	218.783	4.9	-0.1		209.252	4.8	0.0
All items (other base) (5).....	655.376	-	-		340.465	-	-
<b>Food and beverages</b> .....	217.672	6.0	.6		211.122	6.5	.6
Food .....	217.696	6.2	.6		210.986	6.8	.6
Food at home .....	218.629	7.6	.6		208.642	8.1	.8
Food away from home .....	218.225	4.5	.5		215.188	5.0	.4
Alcoholic beverages .....	216.055	3.7	.4		212.280	3.3	.4
<b>Housing</b> .....	218.184	3.5	-.4		198.956	2.8	-.6
Shelter .....	247.737	2.4	-.1		224.634	.9	-.2
Rent of primary residence (3) .....	244.926	3.8	.3		216.235	2.3	.3
Owners'equiv. rent (1) (3) .....	253.493	2.4	.2		226.709	1.1	.2
Fuels and utilities .....	228.450	11.8	-3.1		223.127	13.4	-3.4
Household energy.....	209.501	13.1	-3.7		201.460	14.8	-3.9
Gas (piped) and electricity (3) .....	210.950	10.9	-3.5		207.372	14.2	-4.0
Electricity (3) .....	198.579	7.7	-1.1		177.246	5.9	.5
Utility (piped) gas service (3) .....	247.788	19.0	-9.2		258.398	26.7	-9.6
Furnishings and operations .....	128.584	1.9	.4		122.103	2.2	.0
<b>Apparel</b> .....	121.168	1.4	4.1		115.572	3.8	4.5
<b>Transportation</b> .....	203.861	10.5	-1.4		207.735	10.1	-.8
Private transportation .....	199.153	10.3	-1.3		202.521	9.9	-.6
Motor fuel .....	315.078	31.8	-2.7		329.561	26.7	-.6
Gasoline (all types) .....	313.535	31.7	-2.5		328.783	26.9	-.3
Unleaded regular (2) .....	314.138	31.8	-2.6		328.262	27.2	-.4
Unleaded midgrade (2) (6) .....	319.803	31.9	-2.2		358.501	26.9	.0
Unleaded premium (2) .....	299.084	30.5	-2.5		319.110	25.5	-.3
<b>Medical care</b> .....	365.036	3.2	.2		362.755	2.2	.4
<b>Recreation (4)</b> .....	114.032	2.4	.2		115.772	3.5	.4
<b>Education and communication (4)</b> .....	125.505	3.5	.7		127.070	3.2	.6
<b>Other goods and services</b> .....	348.166	4.0	.3		335.242	3.8	.1
<b>Commodity and service group</b>							
Commodities.....	179.117	6.6	.0		175.847	6.7	.4
Commodities less food & bev .....	157.621	7.0	-.4		157.086	6.9	.3
Nondurables less food & bev .....	206.919	13.1	-.2		206.256	11.7	.8
Durables .....	110.077	-1.5	-.6		108.614	-.5	-.6
Services.....	258.059	3.8	-.2		244.079	3.3	-.4
<b>Special Indexes:</b>							
All items less medical care .....	211.321	5.1	-.2		201.705	5.0	-.1
All items less shelter .....	209.936	6.2	-.2		205.904	6.4	.0
Energy .....	258.020	23.1	-3.1		257.484	21.2	-2.0
All items less energy.....	216.397	3.0	.2		206.277	2.9	.2
All items less food and energy.....	216.862	2.5	.2		206.005	2.1	.2
Commodities less food.....	159.825	6.9	-.3		158.984	6.7	.3
Nondurables.....	213.274	9.6	.2		209.518	9.1	.7
Nondurables less food.....	207.483	12.5	-.1		206.322	11.1	.8
Services less rent of shelter (1) .....	277.615	5.5	-.4		272.503	5.8	-.6
Services less medical care serv .....	247.563	3.8	-.3		232.810	3.4	-.4
Urban Wage Earners and Clerical Workers		CPI-W			CPI-W		
<b>All items</b> .....	214.935	5.4	-0.1		205.023	5.2	0.0
All items (other base) (5) .....	640.226	-	-		331.568	-	-

(1) Index is on a December 1982=100 base.

(2) Special index based on a substantially smaller sample.

(3) This index series was calculated using a Laspeyres estimator. All other item stratum index series were calculated using a geometric means estimator.

(4) Indexes on a December 1997=100 base.

(5) Other base: United States City Average, 1967=100; Midwest Region, December 1977=100.

(6) Indexes on a December 1993=100 base. - Data not available

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Consumer Price Index September 2008	Chicago-Gary-Kenosha, IL-IN-WI			Cleveland-Akron, OH			
	Group	Index	Percent change to Sep. 2008 from		Index	Percent change to Sep. 2008 from	
		(1982-84=100 unless otherwise noted)	Sep. 2008	Sep. 2007	Aug. 2008	Sep. 2008	Sep. 2007
All Urban Consumers				CPI-U			
<b>All Items</b> .....	215.465	4.4	-0.2	206.219	4.7	-0.3	
All items (1967=100).....	643.721	-	-	660.823	-	-	
<b>Food and beverages</b> .....	213.986	6.5	.1	218.617	6.4	2.7	
Food .....	213.230	6.6	.2	222.877	6.9	2.9	
Food at home .....	219.218	7.0	.0	218.510	9.5	4.7	
Food away from home .....	200.490	6.1	.3	233.579	3.5	.4	
Alcoholic beverages .....	224.798	6.4	-.6	173.132	1.3	.4	
<b>Housing</b> .....	219.013	2.5	-.7	193.069	2.6	-1.7	
Shelter .....	260.886	.0	-.2	210.857	-.2	-.6	
Rent of primary residence (3) .....	266.148	3.2	.6	207.565	-.4	.2	
Owners'equiv. rent (1) (3) .....	260.431	-.6	.2	209.496	-.7	.1	
Fuels and utilities .....	207.643	18.7	-4.6	223.779	14.9	-8.3	
Household energy .....	193.287	20.0	-5.3	220.681	16.7	-9.9	
Gas (piped) and electricity (3) .....	196.944	19.9	-5.3	220.722	16.1	-10.0	
Electricity (3) .....	148.109	6.7	5.2	170.695	6.0	.0	
Utility (piped) gas service (3) .....	256.868	36.0	-13.6	269.242	24.8	-17.4	
Furnishings and operations .....	109.093	2.9	1.0	123.993	4.2	3.2	
<b>Apparel</b> .....	96.386	2.3	6.2	122.360	7.7	13.8	
<b>Transportation</b> .....	195.756	9.7	-2.0	209.760	10.4	-3.3	
Private transportation .....	193.306	9.5	-1.5	211.451	10.8	-3.1	
Motor fuel .....	346.009	27.3	-1.1	372.437	30.6	-6.1	
Gasoline (all types) .....	343.403	27.4	-1.0	369.445	30.6	-6.2	
Unleaded regular (2) .....	339.927	27.8	-1.1	360.572	31.9	-5.8	
Unleaded midgrade (2) (5) .....	356.145	26.7	-.8	373.416	27.8	-7.1	
Unleaded premium (2) .....	323.051	25.7	-.7	351.008	27.4	-6.9	
<b>Medical care</b> .....	362.601	2.2	.6	341.535	2.6	.1	
<b>Recreation (4)</b> .....	112.573	2.4	.0	112.929	3.9	1.8	
<b>Education and communication (4)</b> .....	133.962	3.8	1.1	112.133	1.1	.1	
<b>Other goods and services</b> .....	334.518	3.1	.3	335.229	2.3	.3	
<b>Commodity and service group</b>							
Commodities.....	170.699	6.2	.1	185.408	7.8	1.1	
Commodities less food & bev .....	146.316	6.1	.2	165.899	8.6	.3	
Nondurables less food & bev .....	195.223	10.7	1.1	216.135	13.8	.6	
Durables .....	99.163	-1.9	-1.6	113.015	.8	-.1	
Services.....	257.353	3.1	-.5	228.854	2.6	-1.4	
<b>Special Indexes:</b>							
All items less medical care .....	208.769	4.5	-.3	200.133	4.8	-.4	
All items less shelter .....	200.466	6.5	-.2	206.425	6.9	-.2	
Energy .....	251.624	24.0	-3.0	276.376	23.4	-7.9	
All items less energy.....	213.265	2.4	.1	200.700	2.4	.9	
All items less food and energy.....	214.005	1.7	.1	196.841	1.7	.5	
Commodities less food.....	149.379	6.0	.1	166.209	8.2	.3	
Nondurables.....	206.347	8.4	.6	219.148	10.3	1.6	
Nondurables less food.....	197.049	10.1	1.0	212.381	12.9	.6	
Services less rent of shelter (1) .....	266.936	6.9	-.8	252.901	5.6	-2.1	
Services less medical care serv .....	249.008	3.1	-.6	220.453	2.6	-1.5	
Urban Wage Earners and Clerical Workers				CPI-W			
<b>All items</b> .....	209.084	4.8	-0.2	197.260	5.0	-0.4	
All items (1967=100).....	614.052	-	-	616.377	-	-	

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