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## Consumer Price Index August 2008

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Consumer Price Index August 2008	United States City Average			Midwest Region			
	Group	Index	Percent change to Aug. 2008 from		Index	Percent change to Aug. 2008 from	
		(1982-84-100 unless otherwise noted)	Aug. 2008	Aug. 2007	Jul. 2008	Aug. 2008	Aug. 2007
All Urban Consumers				CPI-U			
<b>All Items</b> .....	219.086	5.4	-0.4	209.351	5.4	-0.3	
All items (other base) (5).....	656.284	-	-	340.625	-	-	
<b>Food and beverages</b> .....	216.419	5.9	.5	209.866	6.4	.8	
Food .....	216.422	6.1	.5	209.703	6.7	.8	
Food at home .....	217.259	7.5	.7	207.019	7.7	1.0	
Food away from home .....	217.063	4.5	.3	214.363	5.5	.5	
Alcoholic beverages .....	215.094	3.3	.3	211.343	2.9	.3	
<b>Housing</b> .....	219.148	3.8	-.2	200.243	3.5	-.5	
Shelter .....	247.985	2.4	.0	225.008	1.2	-.1	
Rent of primary residence (3) .....	244.181	3.8	.3	215.500	2.0	.2	
Owners'equiv. rent (1) (3) .....	252.957	2.5	.2	226.361	1.2	.0	
Fuels and utilities .....	235.650	15.3	-1.4	230.905	17.1	-2.7	
Household energy.....	217.455	17.3	-1.9	209.653	19.0	-3.2	
Gas (piped) and electricity (3) .....	218.656	14.7	-1.4	215.964	18.3	-3.2	
Electricity (3) .....	200.795	9.1	.9	176.306	5.5	-.1	
Utility (piped) gas service (3) .....	272.982	29.3	-6.4	285.769	38.1	-6.8	
Furnishings and operations .....	128.013	1.2	.1	122.043	2.0	.0	
<b>Apparel</b> .....	116.376	1.7	1.8	110.610	5.4	3.8	
<b>Transportation</b> .....	206.739	12.1	-2.9	209.344	12.1	-2.6	
Private transportation .....	201.779	11.8	-3.0	203.665	11.8	-2.7	
Motor fuel .....	323.822	35.9	-7.4	331.509	31.8	-7.0	
Gasoline (all types) .....	321.511	35.6	-7.4	329.824	31.8	-7.0	
Unleaded regular (2) .....	322.373	36.0	-7.5	329.600	32.2	-7.0	
Unleaded midgrade (2) (6) .....	326.985	35.0	-7.3	358.368	31.3	-7.4	
Unleaded premium (2) .....	306.658	34.0	-7.1	319.999	30.3	-6.6	
<b>Medical care</b> .....	364.477	3.3	.1	361.277	2.4	.2	
<b>Recreation (4)</b> .....	113.786	2.4	.4	115.353	3.5	.6	
<b>Education and communication (4)</b> .....	124.653	3.6	1.0	126.263	3.3	1.1	
<b>Other goods and services</b> .....	346.990	4.1	.1	334.948	4.1	-.3	
<b>Commodity and service group</b>							
Commodities.....	179.148	7.3	-1.1	175.181	7.6	-.7	
Commodities less food & bev .....	158.179	8.1	-1.9	156.687	8.2	-1.5	
Nondurables less food & bev .....	207.284	14.9	-2.8	204.675	13.8	-2.2	
Durables .....	110.779	-1.1	-.4	109.288	.1	-.3	
Services.....	258.638	4.1	.1	244.983	3.9	-.1	
<b>Special Indexes:</b>							
All items less medical care .....	211.653	5.5	-.4	201.867	5.7	-.4	
All items less shelter .....	210.264	6.8	-.6	205.902	7.2	-.4	
Energy .....	266.283	27.2	-5.2	262.842	25.8	-5.4	
All items less energy.....	215.873	3.1	.2	205.802	3.1	.4	
All items less food and energy.....	216.476	2.5	.2	205.685	2.4	.3	
Commodities less food.....	160.341	7.9	-1.9	158.567	8.0	-1.4	
Nondurables.....	212.882	10.4	-1.3	208.085	10.1	-.8	
Nondurables less food.....	207.769	14.1	-2.7	204.786	13.0	-2.0	
Services less rent of shelter (1) .....	278.606	6.1	.2	274.054	6.7	.0	
Services less medical care serv .....	248.198	4.1	.1	233.842	4.0	-.1	
Urban Wage Earners and Clerical Workers				CPI-W			
<b>All items</b> .....	215.247	5.9	-0.5	205.121	5.9	-0.4	
All items (other base) (5) .....	641.155	-	-	331.726	-	-	

(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

NOTE: Index applies to a month as a whole, not to any specific date. Data not seasonally adjusted.

Consumer Price Index August 2008	Chicago-Gary-Kenosha, IL-IN-WI			Detroit-Ann Arbor-Flint, MI			
	Group  (1982-84=100 unless otherwise noted)	Index	Percent change to Aug. 2008 from		Index	Percent change to Aug. 2008 from	
		Aug. 2008	Aug. 2007	Jul. 2008	Aug. 2008	Aug. 2007	Jun. 2008
All Urban Consumers				CPI-U			
<b>All Items</b> .....	215.971	4.9	-0.7	209.484	4.9	0.9	
All items (1967=100).....	645.231	-	-	622.673	-	-	
<b>Food and beverages</b> .....	213.804	6.3	.9	195.868	4.1	1.0	
Food .....	212.877	6.3	.9	195.787	4.3	1.0	
Food at home .....	219.159	6.6	.9	193.518	5.7	1.3	
Food away from home .....	199.820	6.0	.9	199.523	2.6	.6	
Alcoholic beverages .....	226.253	6.8	.2	190.732	1.4	.9	
<b>Housing</b> .....	220.573	2.7	-1.6	193.596	1.8	-.1	
Shelter .....	261.532	-.1	-.4	214.257	-.3	-.9	
Rent of primary residence (1).....	264.592	2.9	.4	203.302	-1.3	-.8	
Owners'equiv. rent (1,2).....	259.853	-.4	.0	215.177	.5	-.4	
Fuels and utilities .....	217.640	23.2	-8.2	240.632	12.9	3.1	
Household energy.....	204.059	25.3	-9.3	204.715	14.4	3.4	
Gas (piped) and electricity (1).....	208.008	25.1	-9.3	206.469	14.2	3.6	
Electricity (1).....	140.745	1.4	-1.8	164.394	5.7	2.2	
Utility (piped) gas service (1).....	297.343	53.3	-14.5	252.834	23.4	5.0	
Furnishings and operations .....	108.004	.9	-.8	122.120	2.7	1.2	
<b>Apparel</b> .....	90.727	-2.0	3.9	120.865	19.7	14.2	
<b>Transportation</b> .....	199.734	13.0	-2.5	232.413	13.1	-.4	
Private transportation .....	196.319	12.7	-2.4	230.617	12.8	-.5	
Motor fuel .....	349.724	33.9	-5.6	329.586	30.1	-6.0	
Gasoline (all types) .....	346.872	33.9	-5.6	328.167	30.1	-6.0	
Unleaded regular (3).....	343.683	34.6	-5.8	338.846	30.5	-6.1	
Unleaded midgrade (3,4).....	359.118	32.7	-5.0	363.134	30.0	-4.3	
Unleaded premium (3).....	325.395	31.7	-5.2	303.025	27.5	-6.5	
<b>Medical care</b> .....	360.271	4.3	-.4	350.847	-.5	.1	
<b>Recreation (5)</b> .....	112.584	4.1	.2	121.597	3.5	5.8	
<b>Education and communication (5)</b> .....	132.553	3.7	1.6	131.428	3.6	1.3	
<b>Other goods and services</b> .....	333.600	4.0	.6	349.260	.2	-.5	
<b>Commodity and service group:</b>							
Commodities.....	170.478	6.8	-.2	173.161	8.3	.3	
Commodities less food & bev .....	146.084	7.2	-.8	160.309	11.0	-.1	
Nondurables less food & bev .....	193.009	11.6	-1.2	201.397	16.9	.3	
Durables .....	100.777	-.1	-.2	112.743	1.1	-.9	
Services.....	258.616	3.7	-1.0	247.820	2.6	1.4	
<b>Special Indexes:</b>							
All items less medical care .....	209.374	5.0	-.7	203.741	5.2	1.0	
All items less shelter .....	200.924	7.5	-.8	210.711	7.3	1.7	
Energy .....	259.359	29.7	-7.3	264.645	23.1	-2.4	
All items less energy.....	213.044	2.5	.2	206.014	2.8	1.4	
All items less food and energy.....	213.809	1.8	.1	208.705	2.5	1.5	
Commodities less food.....	149.217	7.1	-.8	161.652	10.6	-.1	
Nondurables.....	205.104	8.8	-.2	199.465	10.5	.6	
Nondurables less food.....	195.139	11.1	-1.1	200.776	15.8	.3	
Services less rent of shelter (2) .....	268.979	8.3	-1.7	294.510	5.8	3.8	
Services less medical care serv .....	250.534	3.6	-1.1	239.866	2.9	1.5	
Urban Wage Earners and Clerical Workers				CPI-W			
<b>All items</b> .....	209.435	5.4	-0.8	205.492	5.5	1.0	
All items (1967=100) .....	615.082	-	-	605.212	-	-	

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