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**Consumer Price Index  
February 2009**

## Midwest CPI Summary

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Consumer Price Index February 2009		United States City Average			Midwest Region		
Group (1982-84-100 unless otherwise noted)	Index	Percent change to Feb. 2009 from		Index	Percent change to Feb. 2009 from		
	Feb. 2009	Feb. 2008	Jan. 2009	Feb. 2009	Feb. 2008	Jan. 2009	
	CPI-U						CPI-U
All Urban Consumers		CPI-U					
<b>All Items</b>	212.193	0.2	0.5	201.453	-0.2	0.3	
All items (other base) (5)	635.637	-	-	327.776	-	-	
<b>Food and beverages</b>	219.333	4.7	-.2	212.823	5.1	-.2	
Food	219.205	4.8	-.2	212.551	5.2	-.2	
Food at home	218.389	4.8	-.6	208.431	4.9	-.6	
Food away from home	221.968	4.8	.3	219.183	5.6	.3	
Alcoholic beverages	219.682	3.6	.3	215.557	3.7	.4	
<b>Housing</b>	217.180	1.9	.1	196.501	1.1	.0	
Shelter	248.878	1.7	.2	225.322	.6	.2	
Rent of primary residence (3)	248.305	3.3	.1	218.914	2.6	.2	
Owners'equiv. rent (1) (3)	255.779	2.1	.1	228.191	.9	.2	
Fuels and utilities	213.520	3.8	-.8	199.591	2.2	-.13	
Household energy	192.168	3.3	-1.0	175.660	1.6	-1.5	
Gas (piped) and electricity (3)	197.886	5.6	-1.0	182.116	2.7	-1.4	
Electricity (3)	190.645	9.2	.1	164.248	8.5	.8	
Utility (piped) gas service (3)	218.459	-3.3	-3.8	209.644	-5.4	-4.7	
Furnishings and operations	129.170	1.9	.3	123.657	2.8	.3	
<b>Apparel</b>	118.825	.8	3.5	108.002	-.1	2.5	
<b>Transportation</b>	169.542	-11.0	1.7	170.320	-11.4	.9	
Private transportation	164.871	-11.6	1.9	165.028	-12.1	1.0	
Motor fuel	167.395	-35.4	6.9	169.345	-36.5	1.4	
Gasoline (all types)	166.118	-35.6	7.5	168.297	-36.6	1.6	
Unleaded regular (2)	164.486	-36.2	7.7	166.267	-37.2	1.5	
Unleaded midgrade (2) (6)	172.261	-34.7	7.2	186.677	-35.7	2.4	
Unleaded premium (2)	165.615	-33.3	7.1	170.637	-34.3	1.7	
<b>Medical care</b>	372.405	2.8	.7	369.362	2.4	.5	
<b>Recreation (4)</b>	114.461	1.9	.6	116.119	2.2	.8	
<b>Education and communication (4)</b>	126.190	3.6	.0	127.673	3.0	.1	
<b>Other goods and services</b>	351.223	3.2	.3	337.804	2.3	.3	
<b>Commodity and service group</b>							
Commodities	165.891	-3.3	.9	161.828	-3.2	.4	
Commodities less food & bev	138.702	-7.9	1.7	136.601	-8.0	.9	
Nondurables less food & bev	167.560	-11.5	2.8	164.224	-12.0	1.2	
Durables	109.221	-2.6	.2	108.066	-1.8	.4	
Services	258.328	2.7	.2	242.854	2.0	.2	
<b>Special Indexes:</b>							
All items less medical care	204.265	.1	.5	193.372	-.4	.3	
All items less shelter	200.184	-.5	.6	194.907	-.5	.4	
Energy	178.741	-18.5	2.4	171.823	-19.6	-.2	
All items less energy	217.325	2.2	.3	206.881	2.0	.4	
All items less food and energy	217.685	1.8	.4	206.425	1.4	.5	
Commodities less food	141.491	-7.4	1.6	139.268	-7.5	.8	
Nondurables	192.943	-3.5	1.2	188.032	-3.6	.5	
Nondurables less food	170.665	-10.5	2.6	167.343	-10.9	1.2	
Services less rent of shelter (1)	276.739	4.0	.2	268.969	3.4	.2	
Services less medical care serv	247.439	2.7	.2	231.098	1.9	.2	
Urban Wage Earners and Clerical Workers				CPI-W		CPI-W	
<b>All items</b>	206.708	-0.3	0.5	195.813	-0.7	0.3	
All items (other base) (5)	615.719	-	-	316.674	-	-	

(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 February 2009		Chicago-Gary-Kenosha, IL-IN-WI			Detroit-Ann Arbor-Flint, MI		
Group (1982-84=100 unless otherwise noted)	Index Feb. 2009	Percent change to Feb. 2009 from		Index Feb. 2009	Percent change to Feb. 2009 from		
		Feb. 2008	Jan. 2009		Feb. 2008	Dec. 2008	
All Urban Consumers		CPI-U			CPI-U		
<b>All Items</b>	207.367	-1.0	-0.1	201.913	-0.2	2.0	
All items (1967=100)	619.527	-	-	600.168	-	-	
<b>Food and beverages</b>	215.468	4.0	-.9	199.597	4.5	.6	
Food	214.714	4.3	-.8	199.690	4.7	.5	
Food at home	218.531	2.8	-1.7	195.561	4.2	.1	
Food away from home	204.339	6.2	.3	205.993	5.4	1.1	
Alcoholic beverages	226.293	1.1	-1.1	192.171	2.4	1.3	
<b>Housing</b>	214.973	-.5	-.4	192.029	.5	1.3	
Shelter	259.478	-.9	-.2	214.206	-1.0	1.7	
Rent of primary residence (1)	268.116	2.2	.0	207.584	1.4	1.4	
Owners'equiv. rent (1,2)	262.819	-.8	.0	212.754	-.8	.1	
Fuels and utilities	186.001	.9	-1.9	222.911	6.5	-1.4	
Household energy	168.676	-.4	-1.1	186.812	7.0	-1.7	
Gas (piped) and electricity (1)	172.437	.0	-1.0	188.797	7.5	-1.6	
Electricity (1)	149.125	14.0	1.3	169.840	9.5	1.6	
Utility (piped) gas service (1)	192.614	-13.7	-3.9	204.202	5.2	-5.0	
Furnishings and operations	108.494	1.2	-.1	125.081	3.3	1.9	
<b>Apparel</b>	90.413	1.3	3.6	109.582	-1.6	6.8	
<b>Transportation</b>	159.070	-12.8	.0	195.167	-6.9	6.3	
Private transportation	155.427	-13.7	.1	193.111	-7.3	6.8	
Motor fuel	171.116	-36.3	-.3	166.066	-37.3	12.5	
Gasoline (all types)	169.482	-36.4	-.3	164.912	-37.4	14.0	
Unleaded regular (3)	166.112	-36.9	-.6	167.665	-38.2	14.1	
Unleaded midgrade (3,4)	178.072	-35.7	.4	188.346	-35.5	14.3	
Unleaded premium (3)	165.573	-34.4	.0	163.345	-34.0	13.1	
<b>Medical care</b>	370.487	2.7	.0	355.187	1.3	.9	
<b>Recreation (5)</b>	111.664	-.6	.6	118.037	-.5	.0	
<b>Education and communication (5)</b>	135.376	3.2	-.2	132.723	2.6	.1	
<b>Other goods and services</b>	335.021	2.4	.3	351.252	-.3	-.1	
<b>Commodity and service group:</b>							
Commodities	157.545	-3.4	-.1	158.094	-3.7	2.4	
Commodities less food & bev	126.870	-8.4	.6	136.183	-8.8	3.8	
Nondurables less food & bev	156.402	-10.2	1.4	156.222	-13.7	5.1	
Durables	97.958	-5.7	-.7	112.467	-.1	1.8	
Services	254.843	.6	-.2	247.856	2.2	1.7	
<b>Special Indexes:</b>							
All items less medical care	200.142	-1.3	-.1	195.841	-.3	2.0	
All items less shelter	189.967	-1.1	-.1	199.916	.1	2.1	
Energy	166.745	-19.3	-.8	177.870	-18.4	4.1	
All items less energy	212.869	.8	-.1	207.069	1.9	1.8	
All items less food and energy	213.230	.1	.1	209.162	1.4	2.0	
Commodities less food	130.816	-7.8	.4	138.379	-8.3	3.6	
Nondurables	186.840	-2.7	.1	177.677	-4.7	2.6	
Nondurables less food	161.612	-9.0	1.1	158.563	-12.6	4.8	
Services less rent of shelter (2)	262.970	2.4	-.2	294.859	5.6	1.8	
Services less medical care serv	245.948	.4	-.2	239.817	2.3	1.8	
Urban Wage Earners and Clerical Workers		CPI-W			CPI-W		
<b>All items</b>	199.944	-1.3	-0.1	196.191	-0.7	1.8	
All items (1967=100)	587.208	-	-	577.822	-	-	

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