

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	2-month		12-month	1-month
All Items	218.783	4.9	-0.1	205.883	5.7	-0.3			
Food and beverages	217.672	6.0	0.6	221.091	6.3	0.7			
Food	217.696	6.2	0.6	216.490	6.4	0.6			
Food at home	218.629	7.6	0.6	203.041	7.4	0.2	205.176	8.1	-0.4
Food away from home	218.225	4.5	0.5	238.162	5.2	1.1			
Alcoholic beverages	216.055	3.7	0.4	281.293	5.9	1.3			
Housing	218.184	3.5	-0.4	186.698	4.7	0.5			
Shelter	247.737	2.4	-0.1	187.305	3.2	1.3	194.542	4.1	1.4
Rent of primary residence 1/	244.926	3.8	0.3	186.322	5.0	1.1	185.127	4.3	0.4
Owners' equivalent rent 1/ 2/	253.493	2.4	0.2	199.606	3.4	0.9	178.873	4.2	0.7
Fuels and utilities	228.450	11.8	-3.1	261.914	11.7	-2.9			
Gas (piped) and electricity 1/	210.950	10.9	-3.5	268.789	13.6	-3.7	206.655	9.7	-1.5
Electricity 1/	198.579	7.7	-1.1	250.048	13.2	-1.6	203.671	8.5	0.1
Utility (piped) gas service 1/	247.788	19.0	-9.2	321.822	16.0	-14.9	215.053	17.4	-9.9
Household furnishings & operations	128.584	1.9	0.4	138.036	3.9	1.3			
Apparel	121.168	1.4	4.1	130.484	-1.2	4.1			
Transportation	203.861	10.5	-1.4	205.471	11.5	-5.0			
Private transportation	199.153	10.3	-1.3	207.186	11.6	-4.9			
Motor Fuel	315.078	31.8	-2.7	328.709	34.8	-10.0	304.107	32.1	-3.5
Gasoline	313.535	31.7	-2.5	326.936	34.8	-9.9	302.804	32.2	-3.3
Medical care	365.036	3.2	0.2	329.764	3.9	1.3			
Recreation 3/	114.032	2.4	0.2	117.991	2.7	1.8			
Education and communication 3/	125.505	3.5	0.7	133.844	3.1	2.0			
Other goods and services	348.166	4.0	0.3	326.318	2.2	0.0			
CPI-U Special Indexes:									
Energy	258.020	23.1	-3.1	299.891	24.5	-7.2	254.458	21.0	-2.7
All items less shelter	209.936	6.2	-0.2	215.077	6.7	-0.9			
All items less food and energy	216.862	2.5	0.2	197.790	2.8	0.9			
All items (1967=100)	655.376			645.843					
CONSUMER PRICE INDEX FOR URBAN WAGE EARNERS AND CLERICAL WORKERS (CPI-W)									
All Items	214.935	5.4	-0.1	209.666	6.4	-0.6			
All Items (1967=100)	640.226			646.540					

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.