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**Consumer Price Index  
May 2008**

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Consumer Price Index May 2008	United States City Average			Midwest Region		
Group  (1982-84-100 unless otherwise noted)	Index	Percent change to May 2008 from		Index	Percent change to May 2008 from	
	May 2008	May 2007	Apr. 2008	May 2008	May 2007	Apr. 2008
All Urban Consumers	CPI-U			CPI-U		
<b>All Items</b> .....	216.632	4.2	0.8	207.168	4.0	0.9
All items (other base) (5).....	648.933	-	-	337.074	-	-
<b>Food and beverages</b> .....	212.251	5.0	.4	205.348	5.1	.4
Food .....	212.054	5.1	.5	204.911	5.2	.4
Food at home .....	211.863	5.8	.5	201.553	5.7	.4
Food away from home .....	213.967	4.3	.4	210.466	4.6	.5
Alcoholic beverages .....	213.532	3.4	.0	210.030	3.1	.1
<b>Housing</b> .....	215.809	3.3	.4	197.544	2.8	.4
Shelter .....	246.069	2.6	.0	224.687	1.6	-.1
Rent of primary residence (3) .....	241.803	3.5	.1	214.335	1.9	.2
Owners'equiv. rent (1) (3) .....	251.576	2.6	.1	226.310	1.6	-.1
Fuels and utilities .....	219.881	10.7	3.1	213.260	10.8	3.5
Household energy.....	201.212	11.9	3.7	191.483	11.7	3.9
Gas (piped) and electricity (3) .....	200.999	8.8	3.4	196.273	10.6	3.9
Electricity (3) .....	182.260	5.8	2.5	154.921	3.0	.6
Utility (piped) gas service (3) .....	258.374	16.5	5.5	270.396	21.1	7.9
Furnishings and operations .....	127.598	.2	.2	121.573	1.3	.1
<b>Apparel</b> .....	120.752	-.6	-1.1	112.747	.8	-1.7
<b>Transportation</b> .....	205.262	8.1	3.4	208.387	7.8	3.8
Private transportation .....	201.133	7.9	3.4	203.623	7.6	3.8
Motor fuel .....	322.124	21.2	9.5	334.627	18.0	10.5
Gasoline (all types) .....	319.787	20.8	9.5	333.180	18.0	10.7
Unleaded regular (2) .....	320.646	20.5	9.7	332.759	18.2	10.8
Unleaded midgrade (2) (6) .....	325.561	21.4	9.4	363.339	17.8	10.7
Unleaded premium (2) .....	304.345	20.9	8.9	322.074	17.4	10.0
<b>Medical care</b> .....	363.396	4.1	.1	360.995	3.4	.1
<b>Recreation (4)</b> .....	112.987	1.2	.1	114.429	2.0	.0
<b>Education and communication (4)</b> .....	122.348	3.0	.2	124.314	2.7	.1
<b>Other goods and services</b> .....	344.709	3.6	.4	334.599	3.9	.4
<b>Commodity and service group</b>						
Commodities.....	178.341	5.1	1.4	174.362	5.0	1.5
Commodities less food & bev .....	158.778	5.1	2.0	157.473	5.0	2.1
Nondurables less food & bev .....	207.875	9.4	3.5	205.802	8.1	3.7
Durables .....	111.362	-1.1	-.3	109.747	.1	-.5
Services.....	254.509	3.5	.4	241.367	3.2	.4
<b>Special Indexes:</b>						
All items less medical care .....	209.170	4.2	.9	199.621	4.0	.9
All items less shelter .....	207.566	4.9	1.2	203.013	5.0	1.3
Energy .....	257.106	17.4	7.0	254.281	15.4	7.7
All items less energy.....	214.101	2.7	.1	204.291	2.6	.0
All items less food and energy.....	215.180	2.3	.1	204.804	2.2	-.1
Commodities less food.....	160.880	5.0	1.9	159.285	4.9	2.0
Nondurables.....	211.240	7.3	2.0	206.539	6.7	2.1
Nondurables less food.....	208.233	9.0	3.2	205.750	7.7	3.5
Services less rent of shelter (1) .....	271.467	4.7	.9	266.409	4.9	1.0
Services less medical care serv .....	243.982	3.4	.4	230.094	3.1	.4
Urban Wage Earners and Clerical Workers	CPI-W			CPI-W		
<b>All items</b> .....	212.788	4.5	1.0	202.912	4.3	1.1
All items (other base) (5) .....	633.830	-	-	328.153	-	-

(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 May 2008	Chicago-Gary-Kenosha, IL-IN-WI			Cleveland-Akron, OH			
	Group	Index	Percent change to May 2008 from		Index	Percent change to May 2008 from	
		(1982-84=100 unless otherwise noted)	May 2008	May 2007	Apr. 2008	May 2008	May 2007
All Urban Consumers				CPI-U			
<b>All Items</b> .....	214.932	4.5	1.1	204.882	4.4	1.2	
All items (1967=100).....	642.126	-	-	656.538	-	-	
<b>Food and beverages</b> .....	209.854	5.5	.7	213.153	4.7	2.0	
Food .....	208.783	5.4	.7	216.764	4.9	2.1	
Food at home .....	214.837	6.0	.4	209.537	5.6	3.2	
Food away from home .....	196.095	4.8	1.1	231.671	4.2	.8	
Alcoholic beverages .....	223.620	5.6	.6	173.274	2.2	.4	
<b>Housing</b> .....	221.094	3.9	1.0	193.017	2.6	-.5	
Shelter .....	262.836	2.4	.1	214.405	.8	-1.8	
Rent of primary residence (3) .....	263.035	2.8	.2	208.606	.6	.5	
Owners'equiv. rent (1) (3) .....	263.144	2.5	-.3	210.087	-.1	-.2	
Fuels and utilities .....	214.694	16.7	7.7	212.761	13.3	6.5	
Household energy .....	200.907	17.7	8.5	207.898	14.6	7.9	
Gas (piped) and electricity (3) .....	204.540	17.3	8.5	207.327	13.7	7.9	
Electricity (3) .....	133.355	2.1	-.8	140.393	5.9	2.9	
Utility (piped) gas service (3) .....	300.757	31.5	16.6	280.693	19.8	11.6	
Furnishings and operations .....	108.460	.8	-.4	119.270	.0	-1.5	
<b>Apparel</b> .....	92.813	-6.3	.8	117.142	7.0	-.6	
<b>Transportation</b> .....	196.679	8.2	3.3	212.328	9.1	5.8	
Private transportation .....	193.855	7.7	3.0	213.844	9.0	5.9	
Motor fuel .....	341.020	16.8	9.4	381.698	21.8	16.3	
Gasoline (all types) .....	338.475	16.9	9.5	378.328	21.7	16.3	
Unleaded regular (2) .....	335.027	16.9	9.5	370.118	22.3	17.0	
Unleaded midgrade (2) (5) .....	351.233	17.0	9.4	379.385	20.4	14.6	
Unleaded premium (2) .....	318.265	16.6	9.4	358.712	20.0	14.8	
<b>Medical care</b> .....	361.983	5.5	.1	340.920	10.5	.8	
<b>Recreation (4)</b> .....	112.385	3.4	.1	108.691	1.5	.2	
<b>Education and communication (4)</b> .....	130.247	4.4	-.3	111.473	1.6	.7	
<b>Other goods and services</b> .....	331.624	3.3	-.2	328.805	-.5	.1	
<b>Commodity and service group</b>							
Commodities.....	169.015	4.0	1.4	182.841	5.7	2.8	
Commodities less food & bev .....	145.791	3.4	1.8	164.595	6.1	3.2	
Nondurables less food & bev .....	191.800	5.1	3.4	214.052	10.5	5.7	
Durables .....	101.341	-.2	-.9	112.464	-.4	-.7	
Services.....	258.056	4.7	.9	228.548	3.5	.1	
<b>Special Indexes:</b>							
All items less medical care .....	208.242	4.4	1.1	198.756	4.0	1.2	
All items less shelter .....	199.053	5.4	1.5	203.031	6.1	2.6	
Energy .....	254.019	17.3	9.0	272.414	18.8	12.4	
All items less energy.....	212.432	3.2	.2	199.626	2.7	-.2	
All items less food and energy.....	213.893	2.8	.1	196.557	2.3	-.6	
Commodities less food.....	148.828	3.4	1.7	164.967	6.0	3.1	
Nondurables.....	202.543	5.0	2.0	215.483	7.8	4.0	
Nondurables less food.....	193.818	4.9	3.1	210.487	9.9	5.4	
Services less rent of shelter (1) .....	266.202	7.4	1.8	247.892	6.6	2.2	
Services less medical care serv .....	249.957	4.6	.9	220.044	2.8	.0	
Urban Wage Earners and Clerical Workers				CPI-W			
<b>All items</b> .....	208.403	4.7	1.2	195.898	4.8	1.5	
All items (1967=100).....	612.049	-	-	612.122	-	-	

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