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## Consumer Price Index March 2008

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Consumer Price Index March 2008	United States City Average			Midwest Region			
	Group	Index	Percent change to Mar. 2008 from		Index	Percent change to Mar. 2008 from	
		(1982-84-100 unless otherwise noted)	Mar. 2008	Mar. 2007	Feb. 2008	Mar. 2008	Mar. 2007
All Urban Consumers	CPI-U			CPI-U			
<b>All Items</b> .....	213.528	4.0	0.9	203.723	3.7	0.9	
All items (other base) (5).....	639.636	-	-	331.468	-	-	
<b>Food and beverages</b> .....	209.692	4.4	.1	202.706	4.1	.1	
Food .....	209.385	4.5	.1	202.187	4.2	.1	
Food at home .....	208.203	4.7	-.1	198.336	4.5	-.2	
Food away from home .....	212.537	4.1	.3	208.403	3.9	.4	
Alcoholic beverages .....	212.407	3.3	.2	208.336	2.7	.2	
<b>Housing</b> .....	214.389	3.0	.6	195.796	2.2	.7	
Shelter .....	245.995	2.9	.5	225.046	1.9	.4	
Rent of primary residence (3) .....	240.874	3.6	.2	213.634	1.9	.1	
Owners'equiv. rent (1) (3) .....	250.966	2.6	.2	226.332	1.6	.1	
Fuels and utilities .....	209.221	6.5	1.7	199.937	5.4	2.4	
Household energy.....	189.693	6.8	2.0	177.785	5.5	2.8	
Gas (piped) and electricity (3) .....	190.105	4.1	1.5	182.140	4.3	2.7	
Electricity (3) .....	175.639	3.7	.6	152.089	2.5	.5	
Utility (piped) gas service (3) .....	233.931	5.3	3.6	234.179	7.0	5.7	
Furnishings and operations .....	127.423	-.2	.5	120.713	.4	.3	
<b>Apparel</b> .....	120.881	-1.4	2.6	113.000	-1.1	4.6	
<b>Transportation</b> .....	195.189	8.2	2.5	196.563	8.9	2.3	
Private transportation .....	191.067	8.3	2.4	191.886	8.8	2.2	
Motor fuel .....	278.739	26.4	7.5	284.430	27.2	6.7	
Gasoline (all types) .....	276.497	26.0	7.2	282.581	26.9	6.4	
Unleaded regular (2) .....	276.708	26.0	7.4	281.622	27.1	6.5	
Unleaded midgrade (2) (6) .....	282.122	26.2	7.0	309.185	27.0	6.5	
Unleaded premium (2) .....	265.158	25.4	6.8	275.681	26.3	6.1	
<b>Medical care</b> .....	363.000	4.6	.2	360.716	3.9	.0	
<b>Recreation (4)</b> .....	112.731	1.3	.3	114.239	2.5	.6	
<b>Education and communication (4)</b> .....	121.832	3.0	.1	123.924	2.6	.0	
<b>Other goods and services</b> .....	341.827	3.2	.5	331.895	3.7	.5	
<b>Commodity and service group</b>							
Commodities.....	173.884	4.9	1.4	169.426	5.1	1.4	
Commodities less food & bev .....	153.682	5.2	2.1	151.654	5.7	2.2	
Nondurables less food & bev .....	196.185	9.9	3.6	193.080	9.7	3.5	
Durables .....	112.059	-1.0	.0	110.295	.1	.2	
Services.....	252.817	3.3	.5	239.500	2.7	.5	
<b>Special Indexes:</b>							
All items less medical care .....	205.992	3.9	.9	196.069	3.7	1.0	
All items less shelter .....	203.217	4.5	1.0	198.135	4.5	1.1	
Energy .....	230.505	17.0	5.1	224.367	16.6	5.0	
All items less energy.....	213.420	2.7	.4	203.694	2.4	.4	
All items less food and energy.....	214.866	2.4	.5	204.616	2.0	.5	
Commodities less food.....	155.881	5.2	2.0	153.598	5.6	2.1	
Nondurables.....	203.767	7.1	1.9	198.539	6.9	1.8	
Nondurables less food.....	197.167	9.4	3.3	193.775	9.2	3.2	
Services less rent of shelter (1) .....	267.567	3.8	.5	261.776	3.6	.6	
Services less medical care serv .....	242.310	3.2	.5	228.185	2.5	.6	
Urban Wage Earners and Clerical Workers	CPI-W			CPI-W			
<b>All items</b> .....	209.147	4.3	0.9	198.989	4.1	1.0	
All items (other base) (5) .....	622.985	-	-	321.810	-	-	

(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 March 2008	Chicago-Gary-Kenosha, IL-IN-WI			Cleveland-Akron, OH		
Group  (1982-84=100 unless otherwise noted)	Index	Percent change to Mar. 2008 from		Index	Percent change to Mar. 2008 from	
	Mar. 2008	Mar. 2007	Feb. 2008	Mar. 2008	Mar. 2007	Jan. 2008
All Urban Consumers	CPI-U			CPI-U		
<b>All Items</b> .....	211.542	4.5	1.0	202.500	4.3	1.4
All items (1967=100).....	632.000	-	-	648.906	-	-
<b>Food and beverages</b> .....	206.819	4.1	-.2	208.996	3.6	-.7
Food .....	205.639	4.0	-.1	212.219	3.6	-.7
Food at home .....	211.545	4.6	-.5	203.135	3.0	-1.7
Food away from home .....	193.206	3.4	.4	229.844	4.7	.5
Alcoholic beverages .....	221.577	5.2	-1.0	172.507	2.6	.0
<b>Housing</b> .....	218.325	3.2	1.1	193.981	3.2	1.3
Shelter .....	263.657	3.3	.7	218.346	2.1	1.1
Rent of primary residence (3) .....	263.166	3.2	.3	207.596	.8	-.4
Owners'equiv. rent (1) (3) .....	264.998	3.2	.0	210.415	.2	-.5
Fuels and utilities .....	193.043	6.2	4.7	199.751	9.2	3.7
Household energy .....	178.676	6.0	5.5	192.670	9.7	4.6
Gas (piped) and electricity (3) .....	181.929	5.6	5.5	192.223	8.9	4.5
Electricity (3) .....	131.099	3.5	.2	136.488	3.0	2.1
Utility (piped) gas service (3) .....	246.777	7.4	10.6	251.432	13.4	6.5
Furnishings and operations .....	107.203	-.6	.0	121.039	2.3	-1.0
<b>Apparel</b> .....	94.571	-5.1	6.0	117.796	2.7	13.3
<b>Transportation</b> .....	185.458	10.3	1.6	200.647	8.4	3.6
Private transportation .....	183.058	10.6	1.6	201.863	8.6	3.5
Motor fuel .....	285.025	29.8	6.1	328.119	31.5	9.5
Gasoline (all types) .....	282.510	29.7	6.0	325.187	31.3	9.3
Unleaded regular (2) .....	279.312	30.2	6.1	316.208	32.0	9.7
Unleaded midgrade (2) (5) .....	293.484	29.2	6.0	330.964	30.3	8.5
Unleaded premium (2) .....	266.963	27.8	5.7	312.382	29.1	8.2
<b>Medical care</b> .....	362.422	5.8	.5	338.123	9.6	-.3
<b>Recreation (4)</b> .....	112.759	4.7	.4	108.523	2.2	-.1
<b>Education and communication (4)</b> .....	130.732	4.9	-.3	110.731	.5	-.7
<b>Other goods and services</b> .....	328.934	2.2	.6	328.624	.6	-.9
<b>Commodity and service group</b>						
Commodities.....	165.121	5.2	1.2	177.873	5.7	2.0
Commodities less food & bev .....	141.614	5.9	2.2	159.457	7.0	3.4
Nondurables less food & bev .....	181.068	8.9	4.0	202.437	12.5	5.6
Durables .....	103.305	1.5	-.6	113.276	-.2	.2
Services.....	255.293	4.0	.8	228.345	3.3	1.0
<b>Special Indexes:</b>						
All items less medical care .....	204.735	4.4	1.0	196.387	3.9	1.6
All items less shelter .....	194.161	5.1	1.1	197.981	5.3	1.5
Energy .....	218.537	16.9	5.8	242.450	19.8	7.2
All items less energy.....	212.262	3.3	.5	200.114	2.5	.7
All items less food and energy.....	214.318	3.2	.6	197.832	2.3	1.0
Commodities less food.....	144.743	5.8	2.0	160.015	6.8	3.3
Nondurables.....	195.466	6.4	1.8	207.219	8.0	2.6
Nondurables less food.....	183.823	8.6	3.5	199.795	11.8	5.2
Services less rent of shelter (1) .....	259.084	4.8	.9	242.637	4.6	.9
Services less medical care serv .....	247.040	3.9	.8	220.053	2.6	1.2
Urban Wage Earners and Clerical Workers	CPI-W			CPI-W		
<b>All items</b> .....	204.742	4.7	1.1	192.995	4.9	1.5
All items (1967=100).....	601.298	-	-	603.052	-	-

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