

# 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	212.709	-0.4	0.2	200.039	0.7	0.7			
Food and beverages	218.794	4.3	-0.2	223.475	4.9	0.1			
Food	218.600	4.4	-0.3	218.346	4.5	-0.1			
Food at home	217.110	4.3	-0.6	201.619	4.2	-0.6	202.312	4.3	-0.9
Food away from home	222.216	4.6	0.1	244.736	5.0	0.5			
Alcoholic beverages	219.999	3.6	0.1	293.021	9.3	2.3			
Housing	217.374	1.4	0.1	184.339	3.6	-0.6			
Shelter	249.597	1.5	0.3	190.162	4.2	0.0	202.146	4.7	0.2
Rent of primary residence 1/	248.639	3.2	0.1	189.058	4.1	0.1	188.867	3.9	0.4
Owners' equivalent rent 1/ 2/	256.321	2.1	0.2	202.756	3.9	0.2	186.315	6.5	0.5
Fuels and utilities	210.501	0.6	-1.4	227.082	0.8	-4.8			
Gas (piped) and electricity 1/	194.752	2.4	-1.6	222.466	0.2	-6.3	204.762	18.2	-0.5
Electricity 1/	190.065	8.2	-0.3	220.280	3.6	-3.5	204.782	21.5	-0.6
Utility (piped) gas service 1/	207.179	-11.4	-5.2	163.276	-25.3	-28.0	194.873	1.0	0.0
Household furnishings & operations	129.669	1.8	0.4	138.169	3.2	1.8			
Apparel	122.545	1.4	3.1	131.734	4.4	7.0			
Transportation	169.647	-13.1	0.1	173.818	-12.6	3.1			
Private transportation	165.023	-13.6	0.1	174.450	-12.8	3.3			
Motor Fuel	168.404	-39.6	0.6	169.598	-41.7	10.3	160.398	-41.6	-0.5
Gasoline	167.826	-39.3	1.0	168.852	-41.6	11.1	159.982	-41.3	0.0
Medical care	373.189	2.8	0.2	338.468	3.4	0.8			
Recreation 3/	114.625	1.7	0.1	119.328	3.6	0.8			
Education and communication 3/	126.187	3.6	0.0	133.247	1.7	-0.1			
Other goods and services	361.156	5.7	2.8	342.109	6.2	3.4			
CPI-U Special Indexes:									
Energy	177.454	-23.0	-0.7	198.016	-23.1	0.0	181.984	-18.5	-0.5
All items less shelter	200.626	-1.3	0.2	205.150	-0.7	1.0			
All items less food and energy	218.639	1.8	0.4	201.319	3.6	1.0			
All items (1967=100)	637.182			627.512					
<b>CONSUMER PRICE INDEX FOR URBAN WAGE EARNERS AND CLERICAL WORKERS (CPI-W)</b>									
All Items	207.218	-0.9	0.2	200.770	-0.6	0.7			
All Items (1967=100)	617.239			619.107					

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.