

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	1-month		12-month	2-month
All Items	212.193	0.2	0.5				187.972	0.2	1.1
Food and beverages	219.333	4.7	-0.2				202.044	5.3	0.2
Food	219.205	4.8	-0.2				201.221	5.3	0.0
Food at home	218.389	4.8	-0.6	203.703	5.1	0.4	204.169	4.8	-0.5
Food away from home	221.968	4.8	0.3				193.406	5.9	0.5
Alcoholic beverages	219.682	3.6	0.3				205.432	5.2	2.2
Housing	217.180	1.9	0.1				183.922	6.1	1.0
Shelter	248.878	1.7	0.2	189.816	3.7	-0.2	201.795	4.1	1.4
Rent of primary residence 1/	248.305	3.3	0.1	188.947	4.8	0.1	188.192	3.9	0.5
Owners' equivalent rent 1/ 2/	255.779	2.1	0.1	202.437	4.3	0.1	185.420	6.0	1.0
Fuels and utilities	213.520	3.8	-0.8				209.258	15.5	-0.4
Gas (piped) and electricity 1/	197.886	5.6	-1.0	226.122	5.2	-4.8	205.787	19.1	-0.3
Electricity 1/	190.645	9.2	0.1	220.894	9.0	-3.2	205.966	22.5	1.3
Utility (piped) gas service 1/	218.459	-3.3	-3.8	189.203	-19.6	-16.6	194.873	1.0	-9.4
Household furnishings & operations	129.170	1.9	0.3				128.410	6.6	0.5
Apparel	118.825	0.8	3.5				136.712	-6.8	-2.5
Transportation	169.542	-11.0	1.7				147.737	-15.2	3.6
Private transportation	164.871	-11.6	1.9				146.120	-15.7	4.3
Motor Fuel	167.395	-35.4	6.9	165.692	-37.4	7.8	161.166	-36.8	13.9
Gasoline	166.118	-35.6	7.5	164.538	-37.6	8.3	160.015	-36.9	16.5
Medical care	372.405	2.8	0.7				350.775	5.7	2.7
Recreation 3/	114.461	1.9	0.6				107.675	-1.6	-0.4
Education and communication 3/	126.190	3.6	0.0				110.803	2.4	-0.4
Other goods and services	351.223	3.2	0.3				307.548	4.4	0.7
CPI-U Special Indexes:									
Energy	178.741	-18.5	2.4	197.998	-17.8	0.0	182.944	-14.2	5.4
All items less shelter	200.184	-0.5	0.6				182.703	-1.2	1.0
All items less food and energy	217.685	1.8	0.4				189.151	1.5	0.8
All items (1967=100)	635.637						602.894		
CONSUMER PRICE INDEX FOR URBAN WAGE EARNERS AND CLERICAL WORKERS (CPI-W)									
All Items	206.708	-0.3	0.5				185.015	-0.5	1.1
All Items (1967=100)	615.719						590.485		

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.