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## Consumer Price Index March 2009

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Consumer Price Index March 2009	United States City Average			Midwest Region			
	Group  (1982-84-100 unless otherwise noted)	Index	Percent change to Mar. 2009 from		Index	Percent change to Mar. 2009 from	
		Mar. 2009	Mar. 2008	Feb. 2009	Mar. 2009	Mar. 2008	Feb. 2009
	All Urban Consumers	CPI-U			CPI-U		
	<b>All Items</b> .....	212.709	-0.4	0.2	202.021	-0.8	0.3
	All items (other base) (5).....	637.182	-	-	328.699	-	-
	<b>Food and beverages</b> .....	218.794	4.3	-.2	212.169	4.7	-.3
	Food .....	218.600	4.4	-.3	211.754	4.7	-.4
	Food at home .....	217.110	4.3	-.6	206.834	4.3	-.8
	Food away from home .....	222.216	4.6	.1	219.471	5.3	.1
	Alcoholic beverages .....	219.999	3.6	.1	216.572	4.0	.5
	<b>Housing</b> .....	217.374	1.4	.1	196.247	.2	-.1
	Shelter .....	249.597	1.5	.3	225.665	.3	.2
	Rent of primary residence (3) .....	248.639	3.2	.1	219.022	2.5	.0
	Owners'equiv. rent (1) (3) .....	256.321	2.1	.2	228.635	1.0	.2
	Fuels and utilities .....	210.501	.6	-1.4	196.171	-1.9	-1.7
	Household energy.....	188.736	-.5	-1.8	171.944	-3.3	-2.1
	Gas (piped) and electricity (3) .....	194.752	2.4	-1.6	178.424	-2.0	-2.0
	Electricity (3) .....	190.065	8.2	-.3	164.654	8.3	.2
	Utility (piped) gas service (3) .....	207.179	-11.4	-5.2	197.879	-15.5	-5.6
	Furnishings and operations .....	129.669	1.8	.4	123.611	2.4	.0
	<b>Apparel</b> .....	122.545	1.4	3.1	113.350	.3	5.0
	<b>Transportation</b> .....	169.647	-13.1	.1	170.771	-13.1	.3
	Private transportation .....	165.023	-13.6	.1	165.503	-13.7	.3
	Motor fuel .....	168.404	-39.6	.6	172.757	-39.3	2.0
	Gasoline (all types) .....	167.826	-39.3	1.0	172.553	-38.9	2.5
	Unleaded regular (2) .....	166.287	-39.9	1.1	170.718	-39.4	2.7
	Unleaded midgrade (2) (6) .....	173.940	-38.3	1.0	190.592	-38.4	2.1
	Unleaded premium (2) .....	166.797	-37.1	.7	174.084	-36.9	2.0
	<b>Medical care</b> .....	373.189	2.8	.2	371.831	3.1	.7
	<b>Recreation (4)</b> .....	114.625	1.7	.1	116.300	1.8	.2
	<b>Education and communication (4)</b> .....	126.187	3.6	.0	127.775	3.1	.1
	<b>Other goods and services</b> .....	361.156	5.7	2.8	347.213	4.6	2.8
	<b>Commodity and service group</b>						
	Commodities.....	166.645	-4.2	.5	163.002	-3.8	.7
	Commodities less food & bev .....	139.962	-8.9	.9	138.537	-8.6	1.4
	Nondurables less food & bev .....	170.200	-13.2	1.6	168.267	-12.9	2.5
	Durables .....	109.264	-2.5	.0	108.053	-2.0	.0
	Services.....	258.597	2.3	.1	242.782	1.4	.0
	<b>Special Indexes:</b>						
	All items less medical care .....	204.766	-.6	.2	193.859	-1.1	.3
	All items less shelter .....	200.626	-1.3	.2	195.563	-1.3	.3
	Energy .....	177.454	-23.0	-.7	171.311	-23.6	-.3
	All items less energy.....	218.033	2.2	.3	207.572	1.9	.3
	All items less food and energy.....	218.639	1.8	.4	207.407	1.4	.5
	Commodities less food.....	142.728	-8.4	.9	141.175	-8.1	1.4
	Nondurables.....	194.105	-4.7	.6	189.866	-4.4	1.0
	Nondurables less food.....	173.167	-12.2	1.5	171.180	-11.7	2.3
	Services less rent of shelter (1) .....	276.407	3.3	-.1	268.415	2.5	-.2
	Services less medical care serv .....	247.675	2.2	.1	230.904	1.2	-.1
	Urban Wage Earners and Clerical Workers	CPI-W			CPI-W		
	<b>All items</b> .....	207.218	-0.9	0.2	196.453	-1.3	0.3
	All items (other base) (5) .....	617.239	-	-	317.708	-	-

(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 2009	Chicago-Gary-Kenosha, IL-IN-WI			Cleveland-Akron, OH		
Group  (1982-84=100 unless otherwise noted)	Index	Percent change to Mar. 2009 from		Index	Percent change to Mar. 2009 from	
	Mar. 2009	Mar. 2008	Feb. 2009	Mar. 2009	Mar. 2008	Jan. 2009
All Urban Consumers	CPI-U			CPI-U		
<b>All Items</b> .....	207.462	-1.9	0.0	199.457	-1.5	0.6
All items (1967=100).....	619.811	-	-	639.156	-	-
<b>Food and beverages</b> .....	214.565	3.7	-.4	220.850	5.7	-.6
Food .....	213.596	3.9	-.5	225.232	6.1	-.4
Food at home .....	215.941	2.1	-1.2	220.317	8.5	-.9
Food away from home .....	204.886	6.0	.3	236.805	3.0	.4
Alcoholic beverages .....	227.429	2.6	.5	174.257	1.0	-2.6
<b>Housing</b> .....	213.128	-2.4	-.9	191.266	-1.4	.1
Shelter .....	258.969	-1.8	-.2	215.455	-1.3	1.3
Rent of primary residence (3) .....	267.297	1.6	-.3	211.528	1.9	.4
Owners'equiv. rent (1) (3) .....	262.907	-.8	.0	209.716	-.3	.4
Fuels and utilities .....	175.394	-9.1	-5.7	192.343	-3.7	-4.7
Household energy .....	156.874	-12.2	-7.0	181.075	-6.0	-6.0
Gas (piped) and electricity (3) .....	160.296	-11.9	-7.0	181.707	-5.5	-6.0
Electricity (3) .....	147.060	12.2	-1.4	144.785	6.1	2.5
Utility (piped) gas service (3) .....	165.047	-33.1	-14.3	215.710	-14.2	-12.7
Furnishings and operations .....	108.289	1.0	-.2	122.905	1.5	-.4
<b>Apparel</b> .....	96.677	2.2	6.9	111.017	-5.8	10.2
<b>Transportation</b> .....	159.482	-14.0	.3	172.431	-14.1	.5
Private transportation .....	155.990	-14.8	.4	172.823	-14.4	.2
Motor fuel .....	176.679	-38.0	3.3	192.134	-41.4	-.2
Gasoline (all types) .....	175.322	-37.9	3.4	189.952	-41.6	.3
Unleaded regular (2) .....	171.907	-38.5	3.5	184.526	-41.6	.4
Unleaded midgrade (2) (5) .....	184.382	-37.2	3.5	194.158	-41.3	-.4
Unleaded premium (2) .....	170.637	-36.1	3.1	187.649	-39.9	-.3
<b>Medical care</b> .....	372.987	2.9	.7	350.077	3.5	.2
<b>Recreation (4)</b> .....	111.467	-1.1	-.2	114.196	5.2	.8
<b>Education and communication (4)</b> .....	135.535	3.7	.1	112.363	1.5	.1
<b>Other goods and services</b> .....	346.709	5.4	3.5	360.122	9.6	4.8
<b>Commodity and service group</b>						
Commodities.....	159.039	-3.7	.9	170.396	-4.2	.8
Commodities less food & bev .....	129.413	-8.6	2.0	144.340	-9.5	1.7
Nondurables less food & bev .....	162.323	-10.4	3.8	173.047	-14.5	3.6
Durables .....	97.330	-5.8	-.6	111.473	-1.6	-.8
Services.....	253.449	-.7	-.5	229.062	.3	.5
<b>Special Indexes:</b>						
All items less medical care .....	200.149	-2.2	.0	192.591	-1.9	.7
All items less shelter .....	190.276	-2.0	.2	194.843	-1.6	.3
Energy .....	162.160	-25.8	-2.7	182.444	-24.7	-3.7
All items less energy.....	213.437	.6	.3	203.015	1.4	1.0
All items less food and energy.....	214.138	-.1	.4	199.146	.7	1.3
Commodities less food.....	133.298	-7.9	1.9	145.614	-9.0	1.4
Nondurables.....	189.484	-3.1	1.4	196.666	-5.1	1.4
Nondurables less food.....	167.128	-9.1	3.4	173.052	-13.4	3.1
Services less rent of shelter (1) .....	260.563	.6	-.9	247.734	2.1	-.3
Services less medical care serv .....	244.316	-1.1	-.7	220.083	.0	.6
Urban Wage Earners and Clerical Workers	CPI-W			CPI-W		
<b>All items</b> .....	200.218	-2.2	0.1	190.107	-1.5	0.7
All items (1967=100).....	588.014	-	-	594.025	-	-

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