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## Consumer Price Index December 2008

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Consumer Price Index  
United States City Average  
December 2008 and 2008 Annual Average

Group  (1982-84=100 unless otherwise noted)	Index Dec. 2008	Percent change to Dec. 2008 from		Index Annual Average 2008	Percent Change 2007 to 2008
		Dec. 2007	Nov. 2008		
All Urban Consumers		CPI-U		CPI-U	
<b>All Items</b> .....	210.228	0.1	-1.0	215.303	3.8
All items (1967=100).....	629.751	-	-	644.951	-
<b>Food and beverages</b> .....	218.839	5.8	.0	214.225	5.4
Food .....	218.805	5.9	.0	214.106	5.5
Food at home .....	218.683	6.6	-2	214.125	6.4
Food away from home .....	220.684	5.0	.3	215.769	4.4
Alcoholic beverages .....	217.975	4.4	.2	214.484	3.6
<b>Housing</b> .....	216.073	2.4	-2	216.264	3.2
Shelter .....	247.085	1.9	-2	246.666	2.5
Rent of primary residence (1).....	247.278	3.4	.2	243.271	3.7
Owners'equiv. rent (1,2).....	254.875	2.1	.1	252.426	2.5
Fuels and utilities .....	215.184	6.0	-5	220.018	9.7
Household energy .....	194.335	5.9	-6	200.808	10.5
Gas (piped) and electricity (1).....	199.487	7.7	.0	202.212	8.6
Electricity (1).....	188.342	8.6	.5	187.146	6.4
Utility (piped) gas service (1).....	232.548	5.5	-1.1	247.803	13.8
Furnishings and operations .....	128.535	2.0	.0	127.800	.7
<b>Apparel</b> .....	117.078	-1.0	-3.5	118.907	-1
<b>Transportation</b> .....	164.628	-13.3	-5.2	195.549	5.9
Private transportation .....	159.411	-14.4	-5.4	191.039	5.7
Motor fuel .....	149.132	-42.2	-20.3	279.652	17.0
Gasoline (all types) .....	146.102	-43.1	-20.7	277.457	16.6
Unleaded regular (3).....	143.918	-44.0	-21.2	277.607	16.6
Unleaded midgrade (3,4).....	152.838	-41.7	-19.8	283.195	16.8
Unleaded premium (3).....	148.343	-40.0	-19.2	266.547	16.4
<b>Medical care</b> .....	367.133	2.6	.1	364.065	3.7
<b>Recreation (5)</b> .....	113.674	1.8	-4	113.254	1.6
<b>Education and communication (5)</b> .....	125.921	3.6	.1	123.631	3.4
<b>Other goods and services</b> .....	349.220	3.4	.1	345.381	3.6
<b>Commodity and service group:</b>					
Commodities.....	163.582	-4.1	-2.4	174.764	4.3
Commodities less food & bev .....	135.720	-9.6	-4.0	153.034	3.7
Nondurables less food & bev .....	161.681	-14.3	-6.7	196.192	7.5
Durables .....	108.811	-2.9	-3	110.877	-1.4
Services.....	256.731	3.0	-1	255.498	3.5
<b>Special Indexes:</b>					
All items less medical care .....	202.442	-.1	-1.1	207.777	3.8
All items less shelter .....	198.127	-.8	-1.5	205.453	4.5
Energy .....	171.158	-21.3	-9.9	236.666	13.9
All items less energy.....	215.930	2.4	-2	214.751	2.8
All items less food and energy.....	216.100	1.8	-3	215.572	2.3
Commodities less food.....	138.536	-9.1	-3.8	155.310	3.7
Nondurables.....	189.557	-4.5	-3.2	205.901	6.4
Nondurables less food.....	165.032	-13.1	-6.2	197.297	7.2
Services less rent of shelter (2) .....	275.370	4.3	.0	273.000	4.7
Services less medical care serv .....	246.090	3.0	-1	244.987	3.4
Urban Wage Earners and Clerical Workers		CPI-W		CPI-W	
<b>All items</b> .....	204.813	-0.5	-1.2	211.053	4.1
All items (1967=100) .....	610.075	-	-	628.661	-

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Consumer Price Index  
Midwest Region  
December 2008 and 2008 Annual Average

Group (1982-84-100 unless otherwise noted)	Index Dec. 2008	Percent change to Dec. 2008 from		Index Annual Average 2008	Percent Change 2007 to 2008
		Dec. 2007	Nov. 2008		
All Urban Consumers		CPI-U		CPI-U	
<b>All Items</b> .....	199.582	-0.3	-1.1	205.382	3.7
All items (December 1977=100).....	324.731	-	-	334.168	-
<b>Food and beverages</b> .....	211.821	6.0	.1	207.303	5.5
Food .....	211.615	6.1	.1	206.990	5.7
Food at home .....	207.920	6.7	-1	203.777	6.4
Food away from home .....	217.661	5.3	.3	212.359	4.7
Alcoholic beverages .....	213.792	4.9	.4	210.518	3.3
<b>Housing</b> .....	195.689	1.6	-5	197.386	2.7
Shelter .....	223.533	.6	-2	224.603	1.5
Rent of primary residence (1).....	217.875	2.3	.2	215.237	2.1
Owners'equiv. rent (1,2).....	227.341	.8	.0	226.600	1.4
Fuels and utilities .....	203.051	6.0	-1.7	212.176	10.0
Household energy .....	179.974	6.0	-1.9	190.125	10.7
Gas (piped) and electricity (1).....	186.356	6.8	-1.7	195.600	10.1
Electricity (1).....	161.410	7.5	-4	162.817	4.7
Utility (piped) gas service (1).....	227.929	5.8	-3.5	252.515	17.9
Furnishings and operations .....	122.995	2.6	-4	121.794	1.7
<b>Apparel</b> .....	109.759	-1	-4.1	111.290	1.0
<b>Transportation</b> .....	164.061	-13.9	-4.6	197.053	5.8
Private transportation .....	158.441	-15.0	-4.7	191.936	5.5
Motor fuel .....	149.348	-42.9	-17.6	285.482	15.0
Gasoline (all types) .....	146.155	-43.9	-17.9	283.657	14.8
Unleaded regular (3).....	143.973	-44.5	-18.2	282.807	15.0
Unleaded midgrade (3,4).....	162.447	-42.9	-17.5	309.710	14.7
Unleaded premium (3).....	150.832	-40.9	-16.9	277.363	14.4
<b>Medical care</b> .....	365.718	2.3	.0	362.168	3.0
<b>Recreation (5)</b> .....	114.868	1.8	-5	114.671	2.5
<b>Education and communication (5)</b> .....	127.547	3.2	.2	125.423	3.0
<b>Other goods and services</b> .....	335.719	2.7	.2	333.976	3.7
<b>Commodity and service group:</b>					
Commodities.....	159.658	-3.8	-2.1	170.503	4.4
Commodities less food & bev .....	133.975	-9.4	-3.6	151.196	3.8
Nondurables less food & bev .....	159.300	-14.2	-5.9	193.217	6.7
Durables .....	107.578	-2.3	-4	109.315	-4
Services.....	241.301	2.2	-3	241.771	3.1
<b>Special Indexes:</b>					
All items less medical care .....	191.584	-5	-1.2	197.727	3.7
All items less shelter .....	192.985	-7	-1.4	200.584	4.6
Energy .....	165.258	-21.3	-8.9	231.596	13.0
All items less energy.....	205.501	2.1	-3	204.765	2.6
All items less food and energy.....	204.955	1.3	-4	204.968	2.1
Commodities less food.....	136.670	-8.8	-3.4	153.227	3.8
Nondurables.....	184.945	-4.3	-2.7	200.791	6.1
Nondurables less food.....	162.636	-12.8	-5.3	194.047	6.5
Services less rent of shelter (2) .....	267.668	3.9	-4	267.395	4.8
Services less medical care serv .....	229.710	2.1	-3	230.448	3.0
Urban Wage Earners and Clerical Workers		CPI-W		CPI-W	
<b>All items</b> .....	193.987	-0.8	-1.2	200.753	3.9
All items (December 1977=100) .....	313.720	-	-	324.662	-

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Consumer Price Index  
Chicago-Gary-Kenosha, IL-IN-WI  
December 2008 and 2008 Annual Average

Group  (1982-84=100 unless otherwise noted)	Index Dec. 2008	Percent change to Dec. 2008 from		Index Annual Average 2008	Percent Change 2007 to 2008
		Dec. 2007	Nov. 2008		
All Urban Consumers		CPI-U		CPI-U	
<b>All Items</b> .....	205.959	-0.6	-1.5	212.536	3.8
All items (1967=100).....	615.320	-	-	634.967	-
<b>Food and beverages</b> .....	212.910	4.8	.2	210.484	5.1
Food .....	211.814	4.8	.0	209.437	5.1
Food at home .....	216.165	4.6	.1	215.188	5.4
Food away from home .....	200.928	5.1	-.1	197.067	4.7
Alcoholic beverages .....	226.973	5.0	1.9	224.025	5.5
<b>Housing</b> .....	215.547	1.1	-.6	218.731	2.8
Shelter .....	258.783	-.6	.0	261.623	1.4
Rent of primary residence (1).....	267.250	1.9	.2	264.409	2.9
Owners'equiv. rent (1,2).....	261.917	-.9	.0	262.387	1.2
Fuels and utilities .....	193.165	11.0	-4.3	203.531	14.0
Household energy.....	177.675	11.0	-5.0	189.210	14.6
Gas (piped) and electricity (1).....	181.642	11.4	-5.0	192.876	14.5
Electricity (1).....	146.906	12.1	-1.5	139.644	5.3
Utility (piped) gas service (1).....	219.798	10.6	-8.5	260.539	24.0
Furnishings and operations .....	108.583	3.3	-.2	108.289	1.3
<b>Apparel</b> .....	88.749	.2	-6.4	91.391	-2.8
<b>Transportation</b> .....	153.513	-15.5	-7.4	187.351	6.6
Private transportation .....	149.425	-16.7	-7.8	184.394	6.3
Motor fuel .....	151.678	-43.1	-25.7	297.227	17.1
Gasoline (all types) .....	149.755	-43.3	-25.8	294.712	17.1
Unleaded regular (3).....	146.260	-44.0	-26.3	291.489	17.3
Unleaded midgrade (3,4).....	158.552	-42.2	-24.6	305.638	16.6
Unleaded premium (3).....	147.638	-41.2	-25.0	278.604	16.1
<b>Medical care</b> .....	372.332	3.5	.0	364.113	4.5
<b>Recreation (5)</b> .....	110.907	.7	-.2	112.102	2.9
<b>Education and communication (5)</b> .....	135.320	3.1	.4	132.170	4.2
<b>Other goods and services</b> .....	332.302	2.2	.3	330.985	2.8
<b>Commodity and service group:</b>					
Commodities.....	154.729	-4.0	-3.2	165.776	4.0
Commodities less food & bev .....	124.013	-9.9	-5.6	140.882	3.3
Nondurables less food & bev .....	150.382	-13.0	-8.6	181.883	5.8
Durables .....	98.076	-5.2	-1.1	101.144	-.9
Services.....	254.970	1.8	-.4	256.620	3.6
<b>Special Indexes:</b>					
All items less medical care .....	198.624	-.8	-1.6	205.696	3.7
All items less shelter .....	188.301	-.5	-2.2	196.228	5.0
Energy .....	164.104	-18.1	-14.0	229.562	15.8
All items less energy.....	211.576	1.1	-.3	212.248	2.6
All items less food and energy.....	212.254	.4	-.4	213.541	2.1
Commodities less food.....	128.108	-9.0	-5.1	144.143	3.4
Nondurables.....	182.452	-3.6	-3.7	197.683	5.4
Nondurables less food.....	156.154	-11.2	-7.4	184.768	5.8
Services less rent of shelter (2) .....	264.067	4.6	-.8	264.420	6.3
Services less medical care serv .....	245.836	1.5	-.4	248.210	3.5
Urban Wage Earners and Clerical Workers		CPI-W		CPI-W	
<b>All items</b> .....	198.434	-0.9	-1.8	205.737	4.0
All items (1967=100) .....	582.773	-	-	604.220	-

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Consumer Price Index  
 Detroit- Ann Arbor-Flint, MI  
 December 2008 and 2008 Annual Average

Group  (1982-84-100 unless otherwise noted)	Index Dec. 2008	Percent change to Dec. 2008 from		Index Annual Average 2008	Percent Change 2007 to 2008
		Dec. 2007	Oct. 2008		
All Urban Consumers		CPI-U		CPI-U	
<b>All Items</b> .....	197.991	-1.1	-3.5	204.748	2.3
All items (1967=100).....	588.513	-	-	608.597	-
<b>Food and beverages</b> .....	198.426	4.1	-2	194.745	3.0
Food .....	198.629	4.3	-1	194.660	3.2
Food at home .....	195.373	4.7	-7	191.670	3.2
Food away from home .....	203.730	3.7	.6	199.189	2.8
Alcoholic beverages .....	189.654	1.0	-1.4	189.695	.8
<b>Housing</b> .....	189.646	1.3	-2.0	192.361	1.4
Shelter .....	210.712	-2	-1.7	214.796	-2
Rent of primary residence (1).....	204.711	.1	.1	204.449	-2
Owners'equiv. rent (1,2).....	212.441	-5	-1.2	214.883	.2
Fuels and utilities .....	226.053	7.3	-4.5	228.474	8.5
Household energy .....	189.993	7.9	-5.2	192.096	8.5
Gas (piped) and electricity (1).....	191.842	8.2	-5.4	193.593	8.2
Electricity (1).....	167.140	8.7	3.0	159.021	3.0
Utility (piped) gas service (1).....	215.017	7.7	-13.1	230.319	13.8
Furnishings and operations .....	122.789	4.4	-4	121.325	3.0
<b>Apparel</b> .....	102.576	-1.3	-7.9	110.654	3.2
<b>Transportation</b> .....	183.546	-12.1	-13.1	215.962	5.6
Private transportation .....	180.774	-12.8	-13.6	214.296	5.4
Motor fuel .....	147.556	-43.4	-41.2	281.519	13.6
Gasoline (all types) .....	144.627	-44.3	-41.8	279.662	13.4
Unleaded regular (3).....	146.893	-45.1	-42.3	287.993	13.5
Unleaded midgrade (3,4).....	164.837	-42.3	-40.7	310.233	13.5
Unleaded premium (3).....	144.481	-40.8	-39.2	262.230	12.4
<b>Medical care</b> .....	351.989	-8	.1	351.278	.2
<b>Recreation (5)</b> .....	118.077	-4	.3	118.053	-1.2
<b>Education and communication (5)</b> .....	132.635	1.8	-1	130.743	2.3
<b>Other goods and services</b> .....	351.491	-8	.4	351.065	.5
<b>Commodity and service group:</b>					
Commodities.....	154.366	-5.0	-6.7	166.666	3.9
Commodities less food & bev .....	131.238	-10.7	-11.0	151.231	4.4
Nondurables less food & bev .....	148.690	-15.6	-16.5	184.532	6.8
Durables .....	110.472	-2.1	-1.1	112.455	.5
Services.....	243.715	1.6	-1.4	244.847	1.2
<b>Special Indexes:</b>					
All items less medical care .....	191.922	-1.1	-3.7	198.872	2.4
All items less shelter .....	195.758	-1.5	-4.3	203.735	3.4
Energy .....	170.819	-21.2	-24.1	235.223	11.3
All items less energy.....	203.444	1.3	-1.0	204.006	1.3
All items less food and energy.....	204.986	.7	-1.2	206.505	.9
Commodities less food.....	133.511	-10.2	-10.6	152.842	4.3
Nondurables.....	173.182	-5.8	-8.3	190.147	4.9
Nondurables less food.....	151.349	-14.5	-15.5	184.923	6.4
Services less rent of shelter (2) .....	289.693	3.4	-1.0	286.714	2.7
Services less medical care serv .....	235.597	1.8	-1.5	236.762	1.4
Urban Wage Earners and Clerical Workers		CPI-W		CPI-W	
<b>All items</b> .....	192.808	-1.6	-3.9	200.305	2.7
All items (1967=100) .....	567.858	-	-	589.938	-

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