

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	216.573	3.7	-1.0				191.140	3.4	-0.8
Food and beverages	218.705	6.1	0.5				202.312	7.3	0.9
Food	218.738	6.3	0.5				202.131	7.9	1.0
Food at home	219.660	7.5	0.5	205.231	7.6	1.1	207.463	9.0	0.8
Food away from home	219.290	4.8	0.5				191.706	6.5	1.2
Alcoholic beverages	216.972	3.8	0.4				199.273	-0.1	0.6
Housing	217.383	3.2	-0.4				179.760	5.2	1.1
Shelter	247.844	2.2	0.0	187.738	3.2	0.2	195.259	3.8	1.7
Rent of primary residence 1/	245.855	3.7	0.4	187.576	5.5	0.7	185.641	4.5	0.7
Owners' equivalent rent 1/ 2/	253.902	2.3	0.2	200.557	3.6	0.5	180.100	4.8	1.4
Fuels and utilities	221.199	10.1	-3.2				210.810	9.5	-1.4
Gas (piped) and electricity 1/	203.503	9.8	-3.5	257.032	9.2	-4.4	206.615	9.8	-1.5
Electricity 1/	191.513	8.1	-3.6	241.095	9.3	-3.6	203.624	8.5	0.1
Utility (piped) gas service 1/	239.218	13.9	-3.5	292.391	8.2	-9.1	215.053	18.0	-9.9
Household furnishings & operations	128.789	2.0	0.2				127.483	8.1	0.8
Apparel	122.243	0.3	0.9				146.134	-2.6	-1.2
Transportation	192.709	4.2	-5.5				168.542	-0.1	-7.1
Private transportation	187.976	3.9	-5.6				167.036	-0.2	-7.2
Motor Fuel	268.537	12.3	-14.8	287.813	17.8	-12.4	263.498	14.3	-16.4
Gasoline	266.382	12.0	-15.0	286.434	17.9	-12.4	261.037	13.9	-16.6
Medical care	365.746	2.8	0.2				340.411	1.7	0.3
Recreation 3/	114.169	2.2	0.1				108.266	-1.3	0.0
Education and communication 3/	125.686	3.4	0.1				110.031	3.4	1.3
Other goods and services	349.276	4.1	0.3				308.613	7.1	2.3
CPI-U Special Indexes:									
Energy	231.561	11.5	-10.3	273.814	13.8	-8.7	234.246	11.4	-10.4
All items less shelter	206.776	4.3	-1.5				189.274	3.2	-1.7
All items less food and energy	217.023	2.2	0.1				186.510	1.4	0.6
All items (1967=100)	648.758						613.056		
CONSUMER PRICE INDEX FOR URBAN WAGE EARNERS AND CLERICAL WORKERS (CPI-W)									
All Items	212.182	3.8	-1.3				190.600	3.9	-1.3
All Items (1967=100)	632.025						608.310		

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.