

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	212.425	1.1	-1.9	200.051	1.8	-2.8			
Food and beverages	218.752	5.9	0.0	223.198	6.2	1.0			
Food	218.749	6.0	0.0	218.264	6.0	0.8			
Food at home	219.086	7.0	-0.3	204.605	7.3	0.8	205.312	7.0	-1.0
Food away from home	220.043	4.9	0.3	240.258	4.4	0.9			
Alcoholic beverages	217.492	4.1	0.2	289.227	10.0	2.8			
Housing	216.467	2.7	-0.4	185.732	5.2	-0.5			
Shelter	247.463	2.2	-0.2	189.162	4.3	1.0	197.411	5.9	1.1
Rent of primary residence 1/	246.681	3.6	0.3	188.748	6.1	1.3	187.142	5.1	0.8
Owners' equivalent rent 1/ 2/	254.669	2.3	0.3	201.646	4.5	1.0	182.597	6.3	1.4
Fuels and utilities	216.285	7.0	-2.2	246.333	11.0	-5.9			
Gas (piped) and electricity 1/	199.435	7.9	-2.0	247.741	13.2	-7.8	206.367	19.6	-0.1
Electricity 1/	187.473	8.1	-2.1	230.172	13.5	-7.9	203.338	19.9	-0.1
Utility (piped) gas service 1/	235.114	7.5	-1.7	298.907	11.5	-7.1	215.053	18.0	0.0
Household furnishings & operations	128.554	1.8	-0.2	136.002	2.6	-1.5			
Apparel	121.262	0.0	-0.8	122.279	-11.9	-6.3			
Transportation	173.644	-8.9	-9.9	176.624	-8.5	-14.0			
Private transportation	168.527	-9.8	-10.3	176.496	-9.2	-14.8			
Motor Fuel	187.189	-28.6	-30.3	186.090	-30.9	-43.4	178.439	-28.8	-32.3
Gasoline	184.235	-29.4	-30.8	183.804	-31.4	-43.8	174.420	-30.1	-33.2
Medical care	366.613	2.7	0.2	331.846	4.5	0.6			
Recreation 3/	114.078	2.0	-0.1	118.408	4.0	0.4			
Education and communication 3/	125.758	3.6	0.1	133.578	3.5	-0.2			
Other goods and services	349.040	3.8	-0.1	330.673	2.5	1.3			
CPI-U Special Indexes:									
Energy	189.938	-13.3	-18.0	219.185	-10.5	-26.9	191.857	-9.0	-18.1
All items less shelter	201.075	0.5	-2.8	205.635	0.8	-4.4			
All items less food and energy	216.690	2.0	-0.2	198.934	2.8	0.6			
All items (1967=100)	636.332			627.548					
CONSUMER PRICE INDEX FOR URBAN WAGE EARNERS AND CLERICAL WORKERS (CPI-W)									
All Items	207.296	0.7	-2.3	201.479	1.5	-3.9			
All Items (1967=100)	617.472			621.294					

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.