

SOUTHWEST CONSUMER PRICE INDEX INDICATORS

December 2008

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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	210.228	0.1	-1.0				185.930	-0.2	-2.7
Food and beverages	218.839	5.8	0.0				201.724	6.0	-0.3
Food	218.805	5.9	0.0				201.316	6.1	-0.4
Food at home	218.683	6.6	-0.2	201.937	5.7	-1.3	205.194	5.5	-1.1
Food away from home	220.684	5.0	0.3				192.488	6.9	0.4
Alcoholic beverages	217.975	4.4	0.2				200.974	4.7	0.9
Housing	216.073	2.4	-0.2				182.145	7.1	1.3
Shelter	247.085	1.9	-0.2	189.590	4.7	0.2	199.070	5.2	2.0
Rent of primary residence 1/	247.278	3.4	0.2	189.335	6.0	0.3	187.310	5.0	0.9
Owners' equivalent rent 1/ 2/	254.875	2.1	0.1	202.156	4.4	0.3	183.551	6.1	1.9
Fuels and utilities	215.184	6.0	-0.5				210.011	16.2	-0.4
Gas (piped) and electricity 1/	199.487	7.7	0.0	245.625	12.7	-0.9	206.427	19.7	-0.1
Electricity 1/	188.342	8.6	0.5	229.275	13.1	-0.4	203.408	20.0	-0.1
Utility (piped) gas service 1/	232.548	5.5	-1.1	288.085	10.6	-3.6	215.053	18.0	0.0
Household furnishings & operations	128.535	2.0	0.0				127.720	6.6	0.2
Apparel	117.078	-1.0	-3.5				140.163	-5.3	-4.1
Transportation	164.628	-13.3	-5.2				142.633	-17.9	-15.4
Private transportation	159.411	-14.4	-5.4				140.151	-18.8	-16.1
Motor Fuel	149.132	-42.2	-20.3	150.286	-42.7	-19.2	141.458	-43.5	-46.3
Gasoline	146.102	-43.1	-20.7	147.753	-43.3	-19.6	137.307	-44.9	-47.4
Medical care	367.133	2.6	0.1				341.688	1.6	0.4
Recreation 3/	113.674	1.8	-0.4				108.074	-2.7	-0.2
Education and communication 3/	125.921	3.6	0.1				111.259	3.4	1.1
Other goods and services	349.220	3.4	0.1				305.374	4.2	-1.0
CPI-U Special Indexes:									
Energy	171.158	-21.3	-9.9	200.466	-16.9	-8.5	173.529	-17.7	-25.9
All items less shelter	198.127	-0.8	-1.5				180.906	-2.1	-4.4
All items less food and energy	216.100	1.8	-0.3				187.668	1.3	0.6
All items (1967=100)	629.751						596.346		
CONSUMER PRICE INDEX FOR URBAN WAGE EARNERS AND CLERICAL WORKERS (CPI-W)									
All Items	204.813	-0.5	-1.2				183.088	-1.0	-3.9
All Items (1967=100)	610.075						584.335		

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.