

Southwest Information Office
Southwest Consumer Price Index Indicators

CPI for All Urban Consumers (CPI-U): U.S. City Average, Dallas-Fort Worth, and Houston-Galveston-Brazoria, September 2012
(1982-84=100 unless otherwise noted) ([PDF format](#) : not updated until mid-morning on release day)

Item and group	U.S. City Average				Dallas-Fort Worth				Houston-Galveston-Brazoria			
	Index	Percent change			Index	Percent change			Index	Percent change		
	Sep 2012	12-month	1-month	2-month	Sep 2012	12-month	1-month	2-month	Sep 2012	12-month	1-month	2-month
All items	231.407	2.0	0.4	1.0	214.033	2.3		1.3				
Food and beverages	234.172	1.6	0.1	0.3	238.012	2.3		0.6				
Food	234.298	1.6	0.1	0.3	232.695	2.2		0.5				
Food at home	231.615	0.8	0.0	0.1	212.745	2.4	0.7	0.2	215.084	1.1	0.0	0.0
Food away from home	239.565	2.8	0.2	0.5	263.812	2.0		1.0				
Alcoholic beverages	231.018	1.7	0.1	-0.1	308.781	3.3		1.2				
Housing	223.901	1.5	0.1	0.3	185.735	1.8		0.2				
Shelter	258.252	2.2	0.2	0.3	196.398	4.0	0.8	1.0	212.722	2.5	0.2	0.6
Rent of primary residence (1)	261.421	2.7	0.3	0.5	200.341	4.4	0.4	0.5	202.965	4.0	0.2	0.8
Owners' equivalent rent of residences (1) (2)	266.013	2.1	0.2	0.5	211.971	4.1	0.8	1.0	198.461	2.2	0.1	0.6
Owners' equivalent rent of primary residence (1) (2)	265.986	2.1	0.2	0.5	211.971	4.1	0.8	1.0	198.461	2.2	0.1	0.6
Fuels and utilities	222.634	-1.7	-0.1	0.5	212.198	-5.3		0.1				
Household energy	192.636	-3.6	-0.1	0.4	200.477	-8.0	-0.5	0.0	140.185	-24.9	-6.7	-2.2
Energy services (1) (3)	193.579	-3.8	-0.3	-0.1	196.546	-8.3	-0.6	0.0	137.255	-25.3	-6.9	-2.3
Electricity (1)	202.628	-1.5	-0.1	-0.3	189.364	-2.2	-1.0	-1.3	133.858	-28.4	-8.2	-5.4
Utility (piped) gas service (1)	164.528	-10.7	-0.9	1.0	186.245	-37.1	2.6	9.9	142.688	-7.5	0.0	15.6
Household furnishings & operations	125.310	0.2	-0.2	-0.6	130.778	-2.9		-4.2				
Apparel	128.630	2.7	4.1	5.2	119.727	-0.8		9.7				
Transportation	221.745	3.0	1.2	3.5	228.312	4.8		4.0				
Private transportation	217.530	3.3	1.3	3.9	230.306	5.6		4.0				
Motor fuel	330.923	6.8	4.1	11.6	331.929	7.0	3.6	10.0	318.273	6.4	4.3	10.9
Gasoline (all types)	329.898	6.8	4.1	11.6	330.047	6.8	3.6	10.1	318.709	6.6	4.4	11.0
Medical care	418.039	4.1	0.2	0.3	376.498	2.7		-0.8				
Recreation (4)	114.963	1.3	0.0	0.0	111.189	2.2		1.0				
Education and communication (4)	134.639	1.5	0.4	0.8	138.851	0.4		0.3				
Other goods and services	396.155	1.9	0.0	0.2	370.271	5.6		0.9				
SPECIAL INDEXES (CPI-U)												
Energy	256.332	2.3	2.4	6.8	266.701	0.9	2.0	6.1	224.127	-6.7	0.4	6.2
All items less shelter	223.535	1.9	0.6	1.3	222.837	1.6		1.5				
All items less food and energy	230.780	2.0	0.3	0.4	209.350	2.4		0.8				
All items (1967 = 100)	693.192				671.410							
CPI FOR URBAN WAGE EARNERS AND CLERICAL WORKERS (CPI-W)												
All items	228.184	2.0	0.5	1.2	220.012	2.5		1.5				
All items (1967 = 100)	679.690				678.442							

Footnotes

(1) This index series was calculated using a Laspeyres estimator. All other item stratum index series were calculated using a geometric means estimator.

(2) Index on a December 1982=100 base.

(3) This index series was formerly titled Gas (piped) and electricity.

(4) Index on a December 1997=100 base.

Note: The Consumer Price Index (CPI) measures changes in prices of all goods and services purchased for consumption by urban households. The indexes for food at home, energy, and shelter are compiled monthly for Dallas-Fort Worth and Houston. Full surveys, which produce the All Items Indexes and major components, are compiled every two months. These full surveys are published for the odd-numbered months for Dallas-Fort Worth and for the even-numbered months for Houston.

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