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# Southwest Consumer Price Index Indicators

CPI for All Urban Consumers (CPI-U): U.S. City Average, Dallas-Fort Worth, and Houston-Galveston-Brazoria, August 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 |         |         |
|  | Aug 2012          | 12-month       | 1-month | 2-month | Aug 2012          | 12-month       | 1-month | 2-month | Aug 2012                   | 12-month       | 1-month | 2-month |
| All items  | 230.379           | 1.7            | 0.6     | 0.4     |                   |                |         |         | 203.959                    | 0.7            |         | -0.4    |
| Food and beverages   | 234.017           | 2.0            | 0.2     | 0.2     |                   |                |         |         | 212.788                    | 2.2            |         | 0.4     |
| Food   | 234.156           | 2.0            | 0.2     | 0.3     |                   |                |         |         | 212.492                    | 2.3            |         | 0.8     |
| Food at home   | 231.708           | 1.5            | 0.2     | 0.1     | 211.183           | 1.9            | -0.6    | 0.1     | 215.139                    | 1.9            | 0.0     | 0.9     |
| Food away from home  | 239.057           | 2.8            | 0.3     | 0.5     |                   |                |         |         | 205.182                    | 2.9            |         | 0.6     |
| Alcoholic beverages  | 230.674           | 1.6            | -0.2    | -0.3    |                   |                |         |         | 207.877                    | -0.5           |         | -4.4    |
| Housing  | 223.699           | 1.4            | 0.2     | 0.3     |                   |                |         |         | 183.903                    | -0.3           |         | -2.3    |
| Shelter  | 257.843           | 2.1            | 0.2     | 0.3     | 194.898           | 3.5            | 0.2     | 0.8     | 212.192                    | 2.2            | 0.3     | 0.6     |
| Rent of primary residence (1)                                  | 260.677           | 2.6            | 0.2     | 0.5     | 199.613           | 4.5            | 0.2     | 0.7     | 202.529                    | 3.9            | 0.6     | 0.8     |
| Owners' equivalent rent of residences (1) (2)                  | 265.422           | 2.0            | 0.3     | 0.4     | 210.342           | 3.5            | 0.3     | 0.9     | 198.165                    | 1.8            | 0.4     | 0.8     |
| Owners' equivalent rent of primary residence (1) (2)           | 265.395           | 2.0            | 0.3     | 0.4     | 210.342           | 3.5            | 0.3     | 0.9     | 198.165                    | 1.8            | 0.4     | 0.8     |
| Fuels and utilities  | 222.769           | -1.6           | 0.6     | 0.4     |                   |                |         |         | 164.537                    | -14.8          | -       | -       |
| Household energy   | 192.759           | -3.7           | 0.4     | 0.1     | 201.581           | -6.6           | 0.6     | 0.2     | 150.328                    | -19.4          | 4.9     | -       |
| Energy services (1) (3)  | 194.136           | -3.7           | 0.2     | -0.1    | 197.676           | -6.9           | 0.6     | 0.2     | 147.416                    | -19.7          | 5.0     | -       |
| Electricity (1)  | 202.870           | -1.2           | -0.2    | -1.0    | 191.282           | -1.2           | -0.3    | -1.5    | 145.868                    | -21.9          | 3.1     | -       |
| Utility (piped) gas service (1)                                | 165.953           | -11.2          | 1.8     | 3.3     | 181.493           | -35.3          | 7.1     | 14.3    | 142.697                    | -7.9           | 15.6    | 15.6    |
| Household furnishings & operations                             | 125.610           | 0.4            | -0.4    | -0.4    |                   |                |         |         | 122.829                    | 0.8            |         | -0.7    |
| Apparel  | 123.568           | 1.7            | 1.0     | -1.3    |                   |                |         |         | 153.669                    | -7.6           |         | -2.7    |
| Transportation   | 219.110           | 1.4            | 2.2     | 1.3     |                   |                |         |         | 192.127                    | 0.7            |         | 1.5     |
| Private transportation   | 214.763           | 1.6            | 2.5     | 1.6     |                   |                |         |         | 190.969                    | 0.5            |         | 1.1     |
| Motor fuel   | 317.798           | 1.9            | 7.2     | 4.3     | 320.467           | -1.7           | 6.2     | 5.5     | 305.011                    | -1.8           | 6.3     | 3.2     |
| Gasoline (all types)   | 316.859           | 1.8            | 7.2     | 4.3     | 318.622           | -1.9           | 6.2     | 5.6     | 305.335                    | -1.8           | 6.4     | 3.3     |
| Medical care   | 417.123           | 4.1            | 0.1     | 0.4     |                   |                |         |         | 411.818                    | 6.6            |         | 1.5     |
| Recreation (4)   | 114.929           | 1.2            | 0.0     | -0.1    |                   |                |         |         | 105.849                    | 0.7            |         | 0.1     |
| Education and communication (4)                                | 134.039           | 1.5            | 0.4     | 0.4     |                   |                |         |         | 118.720                    | 2.9            |         | 1.5     |
| Other goods and services                                       | 396.161           | 2.4            | 0.2     | 0.6     |                   |                |         |         | 355.888                    | 2.7            |         | 0.8     |
| <b>SPECIAL INDEXES (CPI-U)</b>                                 |                   |                |         |         |                   |                |         |         |                            |                |         |         |
| Energy   | 250.306           | -0.6           | 4.3     | 2.5     | 261.458           | -3.6           | 4.0     | 3.4     | 223.223                    | -9.2           | 5.8     | -8.0    |
| All items less shelter   | 222.251           | 1.5            | 0.7     | 0.4     |                   |                |         |         | 200.860                    | 0.1            |         | -0.9    |
| All items less food and energy                                 | 230.196           | 1.9            | 0.1     | 0.1     |                   |                |         |         | 202.873                    | 2.0            |         | 0.4     |
| All items (1967 = 100)   | 690.113           |                |         |         |                   |                |         |         | 654.169                    |                |         |         |
| <b>CPI FOR URBAN WAGE EARNERS AND CLERICAL WORKERS (CPI-W)</b> |                   |                |         |         |                   |                |         |         |                            |                |         |         |
| All items  | 227.056           | 1.7            | 0.7     | 0.5     |                   |                |         |         | 202.688                    | 0.5            |         | -0.7    |
| All items (1967 = 100)   | 676.329           |                |         |         |                   |                |         |         | 646.892                    |                |         |         |

**Footnotes**

(1) This index series was calculated using a Laspeyres estimator. – Data not available.

(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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