

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, August 2009 (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 2009	12-month	1-month	2-month	Aug 2009	12-month	1-month	2-month	Aug 2009	12-month	1-month	2-month
All items	215.834	-1.5	0.2	0.1					191.687	-0.5		-0.3
Food and beverages	217.701	0.6	0.0	-0.2					198.946	-0.7		-0.2
Food	217.350	0.4	0.0	-0.2					197.794	-1.2		-0.2
Food at home	213.722	-1.6	0.0	-0.5	199.746	-1.8	0.2	1.1	198.215	-3.7	0.5	-0.5
Food away from home	223.675	3.0	0.1	0.2					192.801	1.8		0.2
Alcoholic beverages	220.946	2.7	0.0	0.2					205.702	3.8		-0.8
Housing	217.827	-0.6	-0.1	-0.1					182.806	2.8		-1.3
Shelter	250.248	0.9	0.0	0.0	188.930	2.3	-0.1	0.1	203.753	6.2	0.4	0.5
Rent of primary residence (1)	249.029	2.0	0.0	0.0	192.132	3.8	0.0	0.7	190.227	3.2	-0.1	0.2
Owners' equivalent rent of primary residence (1) (2)	257.155	1.7	0.1	0.1	204.139	2.8	0.6	0.8	189.962	6.9	0.4	0.4
Fuels and utilities	212.661	-9.8	-0.1	0.0					189.954	-11.1		-10.1
Household energy	189.735	-12.7	-0.4	-0.5	220.032	-22.2	-0.1	-0.9	183.859	-13.5	-2.2	-12.0
Gas (piped) and electricity (1)	195.475	-10.6	-0.7	-0.7	217.768	-22.2	-0.2	-0.9	181.919	-13.3	-2.3	-12.2
Electricity (1)	198.360	-1.2	-0.4	-0.8	206.860	-18.3	-2.1	-4.8	183.001	-10.1	-0.3	-11.8
Utility (piped) gas service (1)	183.632	-32.7	-1.4	-0.2	227.649	-41.9	15.8	38.7	166.614	-30.2	-13.6	-14.5
Household furnishings & operations	128.304	0.2	-0.7	-1.0					130.355	3.1		0.1
Apparel	117.130	0.6	1.3	-1.4					145.799	-1.4		-0.4
Transportation	184.386	-10.8	0.9	0.4					161.750	-10.8		0.7
Private transportation	179.987	-10.8	0.9	0.2					160.032	-11.1		0.6
Motor fuel	225.089	-30.5	3.3	0.0	227.438	-32.4	3.7	-1.5	218.573	-30.7	4.3	2.9
Gasoline (all types)	225.179	-30.0	3.3	-0.2	226.969	-32.1	3.8	-1.6	219.323	-29.9	4.3	2.7
Medical care	376.537	3.3	0.2	0.4					358.953	5.8		1.5
Recreation (3)	114.755	0.9	0.1	0.1					110.257	1.8		-0.1
Education and communication (3)	128.128	2.8	1.0	1.3					111.500	2.7		0.2
Other goods and services	372.699	7.4	-0.1	0.6					320.301	6.2		-0.9
SPECIAL INDEXES (CPI-U)												
Energy	204.971	-23.0	1.5	-0.2	223.953	-27.6	1.7	-1.2	199.470	-23.7	1.2	-4.5
All items less shelter	204.776	-2.6	0.3	0.1					187.027	-2.9		-0.6
All items less food and energy	219.596	1.4	0.1	0.1					192.486	3.8		0.2
All items (1967 = 100)	646.544								614.810			
CPI FOR URBAN WAGE EARNERS AND CLERICAL WORKERS (CPI-W)												
All items	211.156	-1.9	0.3	0.1					189.503	-1.9		-0.3
All items (1967 = 100)	628.970								604.809			

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) 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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