

**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, March 2010  
(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		
	Mar 2010	12-month	1-month	2-month	Mar 2010	12-month	1-month	2-month	Mar 2010	12-month	1-month	2-month
All items	217.631	2.3	0.4	0.4	201.982	1.0		-0.1				
<b>Food and beverages</b>	219.378	0.3	0.1	0.1	223.026	-0.2		0.3				
<b>Food</b>	219.032	0.2	0.1	0.1	217.687	-0.3		0.2				
Food at home	215.623	-0.7	0.2	0.1	198.282	-1.7	-0.3	0.6	199.954	-1.2	0.2	2.0
Food away from home	224.991	1.2	0.0	0.0	247.923	1.3		-0.2				
Alcoholic beverages	222.521	1.1	0.0	0.1	296.752	1.3		1.3				
<b>Housing</b>	216.023	-0.6	0.1	0.0	178.767	-3.0		-0.8				
Shelter	248.052	-0.6	0.0	0.0	186.529	-1.9	-0.3	-0.4	203.443	0.6	0.0	0.0
Rent of primary residence (1)	249.089	0.2	0.0	0.0	191.044	1.1	-0.2	-0.1	191.510	1.4	-0.1	-0.3
Owners' equivalent rent of residences (1) (2) (3)	256.272	0.0	-0.1	-0.1	201.208	-0.8	-0.3	-0.5	189.379	1.6	0.1	0.0
Owners' equivalent rent of primary residence (1) (2) (3)	256.266	0.0	-0.1	-0.1	201.208	-0.8	-0.3	-0.5	189.379	1.6	0.1	0.0
Fuels and utilities	212.295	0.9	0.7	0.4	208.945	-8.0		-3.5				
Household energy	187.864	-0.5	0.8	0.3	200.573	-10.7	-0.6	-4.8	187.753	-9.1	0.2	1.1
Gas (piped) and electricity (1)	191.280	-1.8	0.9	0.4	197.770	-11.1	-0.6	-4.9	185.425	-9.4	0.1	1.1
Electricity (1)	189.061	-0.5	1.9	1.2	190.505	-13.5	-0.1	-4.3	184.959	-9.7	0.2	0.2
Utility (piped) gas service (1)	195.832	-5.5	-2.1	-1.7	187.134	14.6	-4.2	-9.2	180.042	-7.6	0.0	8.1
Household furnishings & operations	126.750	-2.3	-0.2	-0.4	133.326	-3.5		0.2				
Apparel	122.073	-0.4	2.7	4.6	124.152	-5.8		1.0				
Transportation	192.130	13.3	1.3	0.8	195.190	12.3		1.0				
Private transportation	187.796	13.8	1.4	0.8	195.183	11.9		1.1				
Motor fuel	237.671	41.1	4.4	1.5	243.659	43.7	7.5	4.0	226.775	41.4	3.8	0.4
Gasoline (all types)	237.356	41.4	4.5	1.6	243.022	43.9	7.6	4.1	226.691	41.7	3.9	0.4
Medical care	387.142	3.7	0.3	1.2	376.373	11.2		0.1				
Recreation (4)	113.339	-1.1	0.0	0.0	107.050	-10.3		-0.5				
Education and communication (4)	129.236	2.4	0.1	0.1	136.497	2.4		-0.1				
Other goods and services	378.808	4.9	0.2	0.3	349.861	2.3		0.1				
<b>SPECIAL INDEXES (CPI-U)</b>												
Energy	209.999	18.3	2.7	0.9	222.281	12.3	3.7	-0.2	205.402	12.9	2.1	0.7
All items less shelter	208.181	3.8	0.6	0.6	209.716	2.2		0.1				
All items less food and energy	221.059	1.1	0.2	0.4	201.273	0.0		-0.1				
All items (1967 = 100)	651.925				633.605							
<b>CPI FOR URBAN WAGE EARNERS AND CLERICAL WORKERS (CPI-W)</b>												
All items	213.525	3.0	0.5	0.5	205.351	2.3		-0.1				
All items (1967 = 100)	636.025				633.234							

**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 underwent a change in composition in January 2010. The expenditure class now includes weight from secondary residences and has been re-titled "Owners' equivalent rent of residences." The item stratum "Owners' equivalent rent of primary residence" excludes secondary residences.

(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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