

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, December 2011
(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		
	Dec 2011	12-month	1-month	2-month	Dec 2011	12-month	1-month	2-month	Dec 2011	12-month	1-month	2-month
All items	225.672	3.0	-0.2	-0.3					200.477	3.1		-0.5
Food and beverages	231.130	4.5	0.2	0.1					210.641	4.7		0.3
Food	231.301	4.7	0.2	0.1					209.683	4.8		0.2
Food at home	229.982	6.0	0.3	-0.1	210.623	6.6	0.5	0.0	213.905	7.0	0.9	0.5
Food away from home	234.435	2.9	0.2	0.4					200.517	2.4		-0.1
Alcoholic beverages	227.335	1.4	0.0	-0.1					214.938	3.6		1.9
Housing	220.193	1.9	0.1	0.0					184.725	1.7		0.1
Shelter	253.716	1.9	0.2	0.2	189.952	2.6	-0.1	0.0	207.231	1.6	-0.3	-0.1
Rent of primary residence (1)	257.189	2.5	0.3	0.6	194.441	4.2	0.4	0.8	196.266	1.2	-0.2	0.2
Owners' equivalent rent of residences (1) (2)	261.982	1.8	0.2	0.4	205.336	2.3	-0.1	0.2	194.252	2.0	-0.3	0.0
Owners' equivalent rent of primary residence (1) (2)	261.960	1.8	0.2	0.4	205.336	2.3	-0.1	0.2	194.252	2.0	-0.3	0.0
Fuels and utilities	217.674	2.4	-0.2	-1.3					196.133	3.0		1.9
Household energy	189.711	1.8	-0.4	-1.7	198.963	3.3	-2.2	-6.1	189.785	3.2	-0.1	2.3
Energy services (1) (3)	189.891	0.8	-0.4	-2.0	195.208	3.2	-2.2	-6.3	186.862	3.1	0.0	2.3
Electricity (1)	192.777	2.2	-0.2	-2.1	185.551	4.4	-1.6	-5.9	191.923	2.8	0.0	2.6
Utility (piped) gas service (1)	178.193	-3.7	-0.8	-1.7	202.670	-4.2	-6.0	-8.8	145.588	5.5	0.0	0.0
Household furnishings & operations	125.170	1.0	0.1	0.0					122.608	0.1		-0.2
Apparel	123.470	4.6	-3.0	-3.2					152.984	6.6		-6.1
Transportation	208.585	5.2	-1.3	-1.7					180.791	5.4		-1.9
Private transportation	203.809	5.3	-1.4	-1.7					179.631	5.7		-1.8
Motor fuel	282.501	10.3	-3.9	-4.9	281.064	8.3	-4.4	-4.4	271.470	11.1	-3.8	-4.3
Gasoline (all types)	280.713	9.9	-4.0	-5.1	278.481	7.8	-4.6	-4.7	270.223	10.7	-3.9	-4.5
Medical care	405.629	3.5	0.2	0.5					394.457	5.2		0.4
Recreation (4)	113.499	1.0	0.2	0.2					105.954	-1.6		0.4
Education and communication (4)	132.728	1.7	0.0	0.0					115.885	1.7		0.3
Other goods and services	391.043	1.7	0.1	0.5					342.939	2.3		-1.3
SPECIAL INDEXES (CPI-U)												
Energy	232.300	6.6	-2.5	-3.6	240.263	6.2	-3.5	-5.1	228.223	7.7	-2.2	-1.6
All items less shelter	217.260	3.5	-0.4	-0.6					197.982	3.7		-0.6
All items less food and energy	226.740	2.2	-0.1	0.0					198.217	2.1		-0.4
All items (1967 = 100)	676.014								643.002			
CPI FOR URBAN WAGE EARNERS AND CLERICAL WORKERS (CPI-W)												
All items	222.166	3.2	-0.3	-0.4					199.480	3.4		-0.5
All items (1967 = 100)	661.766								636.651			

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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