

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, February 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		
	Feb 2012	12-month	1-month	2-month	Feb 2012	12-month	1-month	2-month	Feb 2012	12-month	1-month	2-month
All items	227.663	2.9	0.4	0.9					204.291	3.6		1.9
Food and beverages	232.453	3.8	0.0	0.6					211.826	4.1		0.6
Food	232.486	3.9	-0.1	0.5					210.660	4.0		0.5
Food at home	231.180	4.5	-0.2	0.5	212.061	4.4	0.5	0.7	214.940	5.5	0.5	0.5
Food away from home	235.603	3.1	0.1	0.5					201.404	2.5		0.4
Alcoholic beverages	230.704	2.2	0.4	1.5					218.943	4.9		1.9
Housing	221.117	1.8	0.1	0.4					185.781	2.1		0.6
Shelter	254.931	2.0	0.2	0.5	191.330	3.2	0.7	0.7	208.725	2.2	0.4	0.7
Rent of primary residence (1)	258.184	2.5	0.2	0.4	196.012	4.8	0.8	0.8	197.890	2.0	0.5	0.8
Owners' equivalent rent of residences (1) (2)	262.812	1.8	0.1	0.3	206.022	2.7	0.5	0.3	195.295	2.6	0.4	0.5
Owners' equivalent rent of primary residence (1) (2)	262.788	1.8	0.1	0.3	206.022	2.7	0.5	0.3	195.295	2.6	0.4	0.5
Fuels and utilities	217.189	0.7	-0.5	-0.2					196.019	3.2		-0.1
Household energy	188.393	-0.3	-0.8	-0.7	194.866	0.0	-0.8	-2.1	188.624	3.2	-0.7	-0.6
Energy services (1) (3)	187.962	-1.0	-1.0	-1.0	190.998	-0.1	-0.9	-2.2	185.623	3.2	-0.7	-0.7
Electricity (1)	193.183	1.9	-0.2	0.2	184.587	0.5	0.1	-0.5	194.891	5.3	1.5	1.5
Utility (piped) gas service (1)	169.753	-9.8	-3.6	-4.7	176.996	-3.6	-7.4	-12.7	123.314	-10.6	-15.3	-15.3
Household furnishings & operations	126.180	1.3	0.4	0.8					123.033	-0.2		0.3
Apparel	123.312	4.2	1.0	-0.1					173.747	15.2		13.6
Transportation	214.429	5.6	1.7	2.8					189.535	5.9		4.8
Private transportation	210.013	6.0	1.8	3.0					188.541	6.4		5.0
Motor fuel	306.348	12.7	4.8	8.4	321.722	17.7	8.8	14.5	302.716	14.6	6.6	11.5
Gasoline (all types)	305.076	12.6	4.9	8.7	319.743	17.6	8.9	14.8	302.528	14.8	6.8	12.0
Medical care	410.466	3.4	0.6	1.2					401.603	5.2		1.8
Recreation (4)	114.333	1.0	0.1	0.7					107.038	-0.4		1.0
Education and communication (4)	133.199	1.9	0.1	0.4					116.073	1.3		0.2
Other goods and services	391.236	1.5	0.0	0.0					344.692	2.0		0.5
SPECIAL INDEXES (CPI-U)												
Energy	242.663	7.0	2.4	4.5	258.774	10.4	5.0	7.7	242.351	9.6	3.5	6.2
All items less shelter	219.580	3.3	0.6	1.1					202.756	4.2		2.4
All items less food and energy	227.865	2.2	0.3	0.5					201.338	2.7		1.6
All items (1967 = 100)	681.977								655.235			
CPI FOR URBAN WAGE EARNERS AND CLERICAL WORKERS (CPI-W)												
All items	224.317	3.1	0.5	1.0					203.603	4.1		2.1
All items (1967 = 100)	668.171								649.810			

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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