

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 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		
	Mar 2012	12-month	1-month	2-month	Mar 2012	12-month	1-month	2-month	Mar 2012	12-month	1-month	2-month
All items	229.392	2.7	0.8	1.2	212.618	2.7		1.6				
Food and beverages	232.708	3.2	0.1	0.1	235.629	3.1		0.0				
Food	232.792	3.3	0.1	0.1	230.365	3.0		0.0				
Food at home	231.383	3.6	0.1	-0.1	210.755	3.8	-0.6	-0.1	214.763	4.0	-0.1	0.4
Food away from home	236.073	3.0	0.2	0.3	260.954	2.0		0.0				
Alcoholic beverages	230.193	2.0	-0.2	0.2	305.690	3.8		0.7				
Housing	221.487	1.7	0.2	0.3	182.582	2.0		0.4				
Shelter	255.609	2.1	0.3	0.5	192.123	3.4	0.4	1.2	208.935	1.8	0.1	0.5
Rent of primary residence (1)	258.569	2.5	0.1	0.3	196.951	5.0	0.5	1.3	198.268	2.2	0.2	0.7
Owners' equivalent rent of residences (1) (2)	263.317	2.0	0.2	0.3	206.542	2.9	0.3	0.7	195.521	2.2	0.1	0.6
Owners' equivalent rent of primary residence (1) (2)	263.294	2.0	0.2	0.3	206.542	2.9	0.3	0.7	195.521	2.2	0.1	0.6
Fuels and utilities	216.667	0.0	-0.2	-0.7	207.205	0.8		-0.8				
Household energy	187.591	-1.3	-0.4	-1.2	194.323	0.1	-0.3	-1.1	186.427	2.0	-1.2	-1.8
Energy services (1) (3)	186.784	-1.8	-0.6	-1.7	190.369	0.0	-0.3	-1.2	183.355	2.0	-1.2	-1.9
Electricity (1)	192.148	0.6	-0.5	-0.8	185.906	1.2	0.7	0.8	192.197	3.9	-1.4	0.1
Utility (piped) gas service (1)	168.196	-9.1	-0.9	-4.5	162.908	-8.2	-8.0	-14.7	123.375	-10.5	0.0	-15.3
Household furnishings & operations	126.107	1.1	-0.1	0.4	133.830	-5.1		-2.5				
Apparel	127.258	4.9	3.2	4.2	122.326	1.6		2.5				
Transportation	220.842	4.7	3.0	4.8	229.754	5.9		6.5				
Private transportation	216.536	5.0	3.1	5.0	231.888	6.9		6.7				
Motor fuel	330.834	9.0	8.0	13.2	343.526	9.1	6.8	16.2	324.039	8.6	7.0	14.1
Gasoline (all types)	329.780	9.0	8.1	13.4	341.523	8.9	6.8	16.4	324.229	8.8	7.2	14.4
Medical care	411.498	3.5	0.3	0.8	376.855	3.3		0.6				
Recreation (4)	114.675	1.2	0.3	0.4	111.722	2.1		1.5				
Education and communication (4)	133.235	2.0	0.0	0.1	138.202	0.7		-0.4				
Other goods and services	392.364	1.7	0.3	0.3	367.022	2.6		2.9				
SPECIAL INDEXES (CPI-U)												
Energy	253.599	4.6	4.5	7.0	269.518	5.7	4.2	9.4	251.251	5.7	3.7	7.3
All items less shelter	221.744	2.9	1.0	1.5	222.801	2.4		1.8				
All items less food and energy	228.735	2.3	0.4	0.7	207.555	2.2		0.8				
All items (1967 = 100)	687.157				666.971							
CPI FOR URBAN WAGE EARNERS AND CLERICAL WORKERS (CPI-W)												
All items	226.304	2.9	0.9	1.4	218.793	3.6		2.0				
All items (1967 = 100)	674.090				674.686							

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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