

**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 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		
	Dec 2012	12-month	1-month	2-month	Dec 2012	12-month	1-month	2-month	Dec 2012	12-month	1-month	2-month
All items	229.601	1.7	-0.3	-0.7					202.477	1.0		-0.8
Food and beverages	235.230	1.8	0.2	0.2					213.029	1.1		-0.1
Food	235.390	1.8	0.2	0.2					212.377	1.3		-0.3
Food at home	232.901	1.3	0.3	0.2	213.135	1.2	-0.5	0.5	213.666	-0.1	-0.2	-0.6
Food away from home	240.359	2.5	0.1	0.3					206.715	3.1		0.1
Alcoholic beverages	231.572	1.9	0.2	0.2					213.020	-0.9		2.1
Housing	224.032	1.7	0.1	0.1					184.687	0.0		0.7
Shelter	259.298	2.2	0.1	0.2	197.996	4.2	0.3	0.3	213.690	3.1	0.3	0.5
Rent of primary residence (1)	264.098	2.7	0.3	0.5	203.685	4.8	0.5	1.2	204.831	4.4	0.5	0.6
Owners' equivalent rent of residences (1) (2)	267.480	2.1	0.1	0.3	214.297	4.4	0.4	0.7	199.398	2.6	0.3	0.7
Owners' equivalent rent of primary residence (1) (2)	267.454	2.1	0.1	0.3	214.297	4.4	0.4	0.7	199.398	2.6	0.3	0.7
Fuels and utilities	218.496	0.4	0.2	0.1					164.422	-16.2		2.7
Household energy	187.642	-1.1	0.3	0.0	202.991	2.0	0.9	1.4	150.179	-20.9	2.2	3.6
Energy services (1) (3)	187.880	-1.1	0.3	0.0	198.991	1.9	0.9	1.4	147.225	-21.2	2.3	3.6
Electricity (1)	191.879	-0.5	0.0	-1.4	188.708	1.7	0.5	0.6	144.490	-24.7	2.0	3.7
Utility (piped) gas service (1)	173.098	-2.9	1.1	4.3	209.676	3.5	3.5	7.1	148.484	2.0	3.5	3.5
Household furnishings & operations	125.202	0.0	-0.2	-0.1					121.499	-0.9		-0.3
Apparel	125.656	1.8	-3.0	-4.3					160.658	5.0		-4.1
Transportation	211.853	1.6	-1.2	-3.8					183.164	1.3		-3.6
Private transportation	206.874	1.5	-1.4	-4.2					181.460	1.0		-4.1
Motor fuel	287.408	1.7	-4.1	-11.3	281.708	0.2	-2.0	-11.3	274.441	1.1	-3.4	-10.5
Gasoline (all types)	285.606	1.7	-4.2	-11.6	279.181	0.3	-2.1	-11.5	273.132	1.1	-3.5	-10.9
Medical care	418.654	3.2	0.0	0.1					416.640	5.6		1.0
Recreation (4)	114.442	0.8	-0.3	-0.3					103.095	-2.7		-1.9
Education and communication (4)	134.694	1.5	0.0	-0.1					118.560	2.3		-0.7
Other goods and services	396.814	1.5	0.0	0.1					344.320	0.4		-3.3
<b>SPECIAL INDEXES (CPI-U)</b>												
Energy	233.473	0.5	-2.3	-6.8	242.578	1.0	-0.9	-6.5	208.723	-8.5	-1.3	-5.6
All items less shelter	220.582	1.5	-0.4	-1.2					198.152	0.1		-1.4
All items less food and energy	231.033	1.9	-0.1	-0.1					202.691	2.3		-0.3
All items (1967 = 100)	687.782								649.418			
<b>CPI FOR URBAN WAGE EARNERS AND CLERICAL WORKERS (CPI-W)</b>												
All items	225.889	1.7	-0.3	-0.9					200.895	0.7		-0.9
All items (1967 = 100)	672.854								641.166			

**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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