

Southwest Consumer Price Index Indicators

CPI for All Urban Consumers (CPI-U): U.S. City Average, Dallas-Fort Worth-Arlington, and Houston-The Woodlands-Sugar Land, February 2026
(1982-84=100 unless otherwise noted)

Item and group	U.S. City Average				Dallas-Fort Worth-Arlington				Houston-The Woodlands-Sugar Land			
	Index	Percent change			Index	Percent change			Index	Percent change		
	Feb. 2026	12-month	1-month	2-month	Feb. 2026	12-month	1-month	2-month	Feb. 2026	12-month	1-month	2-month
All items	326.785	2.4	0.5	0.8	-	-	-	-	279.235	1.3	-	0.6
Food and beverages	343.424	3.0	0.4	0.8	-	-	-	-	315.309	2.5	-	0.3
Food	346.564	3.1	0.4	0.8	-	-	-	-	318.502	2.8	-	0.4
Food at home	318.898	2.4	0.5	1.0	278.367	1.7	0.0	0.1	300.700	1.7	0.4	0.5
Cereals and bakery products	367.174	2.7	0.1	1.4	320.134	1.4	0.5	0.5	334.550	-0.6	0.5	1.2
Meats, poultry, fish, and eggs	346.309	0.4	-0.1	-0.1	350.723	2.7	2.2	1.6	340.096	-0.7	0.7	0.6
Dairy and related products	269.599	0.1	-0.6	0.2	241.962	-1.6	0.4	-0.4	241.005	8.2	-1.4	-1.3
Fruits and vegetables	362.604	2.7	1.0	2.1	219.394	-0.5	-3.0	0.7	391.364	2.3	-1.1	-0.4
Nonalcoholic beverages and beverage materials ⁽¹⁾	238.081	5.6	1.0	2.6	242.941	4.2	2.0	-0.7	378.990	7.8	4.2	4.8
Other food at home	282.185	3.3	0.9	0.8	271.137	2.1	-1.4	-1.4	245.920	-0.3	-0.1	-0.6
Food away from home	391.706	3.9	0.3	0.5	-	-	-	-	332.494	3.9	-	0.3
Alcoholic beverages	298.950	1.6	0.1	0.3	-	-	-	-	254.063	-1.4	-	-1.3
Housing	353.737	3.3	0.3	0.8	-	-	-	-	278.369	2.0	-	0.3
Shelter	422.776	3.0	0.3	0.6	350.583	-0.3	0.3	0.2	333.964	1.3	-0.2	0.6
Rent of primary residence	442.157	2.7	0.1	0.3	371.322	-0.8	-0.1	-0.3	330.582	1.5	-0.6	-0.2
Owners' equivalent rent of residences ⁽²⁾	436.026	3.2	0.2	0.4	374.256	-0.5	-0.1	-0.2	313.834	1.7	-0.2	0.3
Owners' equivalent rent of primary residence ⁽²⁾	435.998	3.2	0.2	0.4	374.256	-0.5	-0.1	-0.2	313.834	1.7	-0.2	0.3
Fuels and utilities	343.386	5.6	0.4	1.4	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Household energy	288.227	6.0	0.2	1.5	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Energy Services	293.659	6.3	-0.1	1.2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Electricity	296.798	4.8	-1.0	0.6	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Utility (piped) gas service	277.644	10.9	2.7	3.4	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Household furnishings & operations	155.188	3.9	0.7	1.1	-	-	-	-	167.510	3.8	-	0.4
Apparel	136.132	2.5	4.2	6.3	-	-	-	-	199.523	8.5	-	9.8
Transportation	269.607	-0.5	0.8	0.4	-	-	-	-	232.709	-1.0	-	-0.4
Private transportation	268.005	-1.1	0.6	-0.2	-	-	-	-	234.431	-1.3	-	-0.4
New and used motor vehicles ⁽³⁾	123.294	-1.2	-0.3	-1.3	-	-	-	-	99.500	-1.4	-	-0.9
New vehicles ⁽¹⁾	178.841	0.5	0.1	0.5	-	-	-	-	195.894	-0.1	-	0.2
Used cars and trucks ⁽¹⁾	175.559	-3.2	-1.2	-4.2	-	-	-	-	284.146	-3.7	-	-4.2
Motor fuel	264.748	-5.5	3.3	0.7	240.480	-7.7	4.9	1.5	220.465	-7.8	2.8	0.1
Gasoline (all types)	263.378	-5.6	3.3	0.7	238.432	-7.7	4.9	1.4	220.121	-7.9	2.8	0.0
Motor vehicle insurance ⁽¹⁾	897.406	0.2	0.6	0.5	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Medical care	592.593	3.4	0.4	0.9	-	-	-	-	571.943	3.3	-	2.0
Recreation ⁽³⁾	143.980	2.3	0.2	1.0	-	-	-	-	133.235	2.5	-	0.9
Education and communication ⁽³⁾	146.533	0.1	-0.2	0.1	-	-	-	-	112.626	-7.7	-	-0.7
Tuition, other school fees, and childcare ⁽¹⁾	905.979	2.9	0.1	0.2	-	-	-	-	1318.187	-0.2	-	-1.3
Other goods and services	598.208	5.1	0.1	1.7	-	-	-	-	507.288	3.3	-	2.6
SPECIAL INDEXES (CPI-U)												
Energy	277.179	0.5	1.7	1.1	295.975	-1.5	2.8	1.3	195.018	-1.1	1.7	-1.6
All items less shelter	292.826	2.1	0.6	1.0	-	-	-	-	257.905	1.3	-	0.6
All items less food and energy	333.242	2.5	0.4	0.8	-	-	-	-	287.235	1.3	-	0.9
All items (1967 = 100)	978.904	2.4	0.5	0.8	-	-	-	-	895.609	1.3	-	0.6
CPI FOR URBAN WAGE EARNERS AND CLERICAL WORKERS (CPI-W)												
All items	319.422	2.2	0.5	0.8	-	-	-	-	273.444	1.0	-	0.5
All items (1967 = 100)	951.461	2.2	0.5	0.8	-	-	-	-	872.712	1.0	-	0.5

(1) Dallas indexes on a February 1978=100 base. Houston indexes on an April 1978=100 base.

(2) Indexes on a December 1982=100 base.

(3) Indexes on a December 1997=100 base.

Note: The 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 the Dallas and Houston areas. 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 and for the even-numbered months for Houston.