

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, March 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		
	Mar. 2026	12-month	1-month	2-month	Mar. 2026	12-month	1-month	2-month	Mar. 2026	12-month	1-month	2-month
All items	330.213	3.3	1.0	1.5	312.058	3.0	-	2.9	-	-	-	-
Food and beverages	343.691	2.6	0.1	0.5	345.666	2.7	-	0.5	-	-	-	-
Food	346.796	2.7	0.1	0.5	342.172	2.8	-	0.4	-	-	-	-
Food at home	318.755	1.9	0.0	0.4	279.711	3.3	0.5	0.5	300.136	2.6	-0.2	0.2
Cereals and bakery products	365.909	2.1	-0.3	-0.3	318.209	-0.6	-0.6	-0.1	328.722	-0.5	-1.7	-1.3
Meats, poultry, fish, and eggs	345.203	-0.9	-0.3	-0.4	346.255	5.7	-1.3	0.9	335.946	-0.8	-1.2	-0.5
Dairy and related products	267.992	-1.6	-0.6	-1.2	240.869	-0.5	-0.5	-0.1	240.215	6.6	-0.3	-1.7
Fruits and vegetables	364.219	4.0	0.4	1.5	225.690	4.0	2.9	-0.2	400.077	7.0	2.2	1.1
Nonalcoholic beverages and beverage materials ⁽¹⁾	237.455	4.7	-0.3	0.7	248.171	4.4	2.2	4.2	377.087	6.7	-0.5	3.7
Other food at home	283.125	2.9	0.3	1.2	273.070	3.1	0.7	-0.7	246.438	1.2	0.2	0.1
Food away from home	392.652	3.8	0.2	0.6	439.189	2.2	-	0.4	-	-	-	-
Alcoholic beverages	299.718	1.7	0.3	0.4	382.965	1.4	-	2.7	-	-	-	-
Housing	355.096	3.4	0.4	0.7	314.729	0.1	-	0.5	-	-	-	-
Shelter	424.450	3.0	0.4	0.7	350.634	-0.6	0.0	0.4	334.326	1.0	0.1	0.0
Rent of primary residence	442.864	2.6	0.2	0.3	371.387	-0.6	0.0	-0.1	328.701	0.6	-0.6	-1.2
Owners' equivalent rent of residences ⁽²⁾	437.086	3.1	0.2	0.4	374.734	-0.7	0.1	0.0	313.698	1.3	0.0	-0.2
Owners' equivalent rent of primary residence ⁽²⁾	437.059	3.1	0.2	0.4	374.734	-0.7	0.1	0.0	313.698	1.3	0.0	-0.2
Fuels and utilities	345.233	5.6	0.5	0.9	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Household energy	289.820	5.8	0.6	0.8	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Energy Services	292.978	5.0	-0.2	-0.3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Electricity	299.028	4.6	0.8	-0.2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Utility (piped) gas service	268.466	6.4	-3.3	-0.7	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Household furnishings & operations	155.381	4.0	0.1	0.8	146.816	0.0	-	0.8	-	-	-	-
Apparel	138.582	3.4	1.8	6.0	128.043	3.1	-	11.0	-	-	-	-
Transportation	283.431	5.0	5.1	5.9	295.070	9.6	-	11.9	-	-	-	-
Private transportation	282.369	4.4	5.4	6.0	300.853	8.9	-	12.6	-	-	-	-
New and used motor vehicles ⁽³⁾	123.726	-0.9	0.4	0.0	124.337	-1.3	-	0.4	-	-	-	-
New vehicles ⁽¹⁾	179.000	0.5	0.1	0.2	223.088	0.0	-	0.1	-	-	-	-
Used cars and trucks ⁽¹⁾	176.154	-3.2	0.3	-0.9	408.393	-3.8	-	-1.0	-	-	-	-
Motor fuel	331.034	19.2	25.0	29.2	314.319	19.9	30.7	37.1	291.304	21.7	32.1	35.8
Gasoline (all types)	328.874	18.9	24.9	29.0	311.479	19.7	30.6	37.0	290.533	21.3	32.0	35.7
Motor vehicle insurance ⁽¹⁾	897.145	0.8	0.0	0.5	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Medical care	592.286	3.1	-0.1	0.4	543.264	6.3	-	3.0	-	-	-	-
Recreation ⁽³⁾	143.898	2.2	-0.1	0.2	135.517	-0.3	-	1.0	-	-	-	-
Education and communication ⁽³⁾	146.668	0.0	0.1	-0.1	133.077	0.8	-	-0.1	-	-	-	-
Tuition, other school fees, and childcare ⁽¹⁾	907.156	2.8	0.1	0.2	1585.852	6.2	-	0.1	-	-	-	-
Other goods and services	596.439	3.8	-0.3	-0.2	527.568	0.4	-	-5.3	-	-	-	-
SPECIAL INDEXES (CPI-U)												
Energy	310.280	12.5	11.9	13.8	334.733	11.7	13.1	16.3	224.027	13.5	14.9	16.8
All items less shelter	296.952	3.4	1.4	2.0	293.799	5.0	-	4.3	-	-	-	-
All items less food and energy	334.391	2.6	0.3	0.7	312.351	2.3	-	2.2	-	-	-	-
All items (1967 = 100)	989.172	3.3	1.0	1.5	978.908	3.0	-	2.9	-	-	-	-
CPI FOR URBAN WAGE EARNERS AND CLERICAL WORKERS (CPI-W)												
All items	323.500	3.3	1.3	1.7	324.112	3.9	-	3.6	-	-	-	-
All items (1967 = 100)	963.607	3.3	1.3	1.7	999.452	3.9	-	3.6	-	-	-	-

(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.