

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, August 2026 (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-Arlington				Houston-The Woodlands-Sugar Land			
	Index	Percent change			Index	Percent change			Index	Percent change		
	Aug. 2026	12-month	1-month	2-month	Aug. 2026	12-month	1-month	2-month	Aug. 2026	12-month	1-month	2-month
All items	334.980	3.4	0.3	0.3	—	—	—	—	282.338	1.3	—	0.4
Food and beverages	347.206	2.6	0.1	0.2	—	—	—	—	316.038	1.9	—	0.0
Food	350.418	2.7	0.1	0.2	—	—	—	—	319.572	2.2	—	0.0
Food at home	321.500	2.2	0.0	0.0	280.120	3.4	-1.5	-0.5	302.834	1.8	-0.2	0.1
Cereals and bakery products	369.171	2.6	-0.2	0.1	313.521	-0.4	-3.1	-2.1	336.292	2.9	-0.3	0.6
Meats, poultry, fish, and eggs	351.501	1.1	0.3	0.2	343.332	1.1	0.2	1.9	339.591	-1.0	0.2	0.1
Dairy and related products	272.068	-0.3	0.3	0.1	246.590	0.9	0.4	0.4	239.038	-0.5	-1.3	-2.6
Fruits and vegetables	367.507	3.2	-0.6	-0.7	227.702	7.7	-4.1	1.9	406.137	5.6	-0.8	-0.4
Nonalcoholic beverages and beverage materials ⁽¹⁾	237.834	3.7	0.2	0.9	246.211	4.5	-2.7	-4.3	375.991	2.9	4.3	3.3
Other food at home	283.370	2.4	-0.2	-0.4	276.041	5.1	-0.7	-1.7	248.235	1.4	-1.7	-0.6
Food away from home	397.868	3.4	0.3	0.6	—	—	—	—	331.756	2.5	—	0.0
Alcoholic beverages	301.724	1.6	0.1	0.3	—	—	—	—	250.263	-2.4	—	-0.2
Housing	360.225	3.1	0.2	0.3	—	—	—	—	278.162	0.3	—	0.1
Shelter	430.611	3.0	0.3	0.4	351.801	1.3	-0.4	-0.3	331.814	-0.6	0.2	-0.3
Rent of primary residence	448.997	2.7	0.2	0.5	372.301	1.0	0.0	0.1	327.411	-0.6	0.0	-0.1
Owners' equivalent rent of residences ⁽²⁾	443.642	3.1	0.3	0.5	377.538	0.9	0.1	0.3	311.290	-0.7	-0.1	-0.4
Owners' equivalent rent of primary residence ⁽²⁾	443.579	3.1	0.3	0.5	377.538	0.9	0.1	0.3	311.290	-0.7	-0.1	-0.4
Fuels and utilities	353.268	5.0	-0.1	0.1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Household energy	297.115	5.0	-0.3	-0.2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Energy Services	300.729	4.0	-0.6	-0.5	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Electricity	310.057	3.8	-0.5	-0.6	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Utility (piped) gas service	266.448	4.4	-0.9	-0.4	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Household furnishings & operations	156.072	2.0	-0.1	-0.1	—	—	—	—	171.383	5.1	—	1.4
Apparel	136.752	3.6	1.9	0.6	—	—	—	—	199.514	2.9	—	3.5
Transportation	290.778	6.2	0.5	-0.2	—	—	—	—	244.293	3.0	—	0.9
Private transportation	289.246	5.3	0.6	0.1	—	—	—	—	244.837	2.1	—	0.7
New and used motor vehicles ⁽³⁾	126.298	-0.4	-0.1	0.3	—	—	—	—	101.108	-0.5	—	0.1
New vehicles ⁽¹⁾	179.715	0.6	0.1	0.2	—	—	—	—	196.407	0.2	—	0.2
Used cars and trucks ⁽¹⁾	184.580	-2.3	0.0	0.7	—	—	—	—	301.104	-2.0	—	1.3
Motor fuel	362.487	27.9	2.7	0.4	339.399	26.1	4.8	8.0	316.638	30.9	2.7	-0.9
Gasoline (all types)	359.738	27.4	2.5	0.3	336.460	26.0	4.6	8.0	315.676	30.5	2.6	-1.0
Motor vehicle insurance ⁽¹⁾	848.231	-5.1	-0.9	-1.2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Medical care	593.003	1.6	-0.1	0.0	—	—	—	—	567.472	1.6	—	-0.2
Recreation ⁽³⁾	145.186	2.7	0.0	0.2	—	—	—	—	136.419	3.1	—	0.2
Education and communication ⁽³⁾	150.304	2.1	1.9	2.6	—	—	—	—	113.293	-3.8	—	2.3
Tuition, other school fees, and childcare ⁽⁴⁾	927.005	3.4	1.4	2.0	—	—	—	—	1328.107	1.1	—	0.4
Other goods and services	607.972	4.2	0.1	0.1	—	—	—	—	529.696	6.0	—	-0.9
SPECIAL INDEXES (CPI-U)												
Energy	329.351	16.3	1.3	0.1	353.495	15.9	2.6	5.2	237.743	17.2	1.9	0.3
All items less shelter	301.226	3.6	0.3	0.3	—	—	—	—	263.092	2.3	—	0.7
All items less food and energy	338.041	2.4	0.3	0.3	—	—	—	—	285.868	-0.2	—	0.4
All items (1967 = 100)	1003.450				—				905.560			
CPI FOR URBAN WAGE EARNERS AND CLERICAL WORKERS (CPI-W)												
All items	328.481	3.5	0.4	0.4	—	—	—	—	276.673	1.3	—	0.5
All items (1967 = 100)	978.445				—				883.016			

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

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

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

(4) For Dallas, index on a December 2024=100 base. For Houston, index on an April 1978=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.