

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, September 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		
	Sep. 2026	12-month	1-month	2-month	Sep. 2026	12-month	1-month	2-month	Sep. 2026	12-month	1-month	2-month
All items	336.940	3.7	0.6	0.9	313.240	3.0	—	0.7	—	—	—	—
Food and beverages	347.662	2.4	0.1	0.2	350.574	3.2	—	-0.2	—	—	—	—
Food	350.905	2.5	0.1	0.2	347.444	3.3	—	-0.2	—	—	—	—
Food at home	321.758	1.8	0.1	0.0	283.369	3.9	1.2	-0.4	304.893	0.9	0.7	0.5
Cereals and bakery products	369.585	2.1	0.1	-0.1	318.176	-0.7	1.5	-1.7	336.340	-3.6	0.0	-0.3
Meats, poultry, fish, and eggs	350.696	0.3	-0.2	0.0	342.471	-0.1	-0.3	0.0	344.808	-1.0	1.5	1.7
Dairy and related products	269.630	-0.7	-0.9	-0.6	247.611	0.6	0.4	0.9	239.343	-1.2	0.1	-1.2
Fruits and vegetables	371.317	3.7	1.0	0.5	237.808	14.5	4.4	0.2	410.884	5.8	1.2	0.3
Nonalcoholic beverages and beverage materials ⁽¹⁾	240.041	3.8	0.9	1.1	249.163	1.9	1.2	-1.5	368.728	-0.6	-1.9	2.2
Other food at home	282.638	1.8	-0.3	-0.4	277.277	5.5	0.4	-0.3	251.341	2.8	1.3	-0.4
Food away from home	398.783	3.5	0.2	0.5	447.372	2.7	—	0.0	—	—	—	—
Alcoholic beverages	301.738	1.4	0.0	0.1	378.413	1.7	—	0.2	—	—	—	—
Housing	361.392	3.3	0.3	0.5	317.945	1.7	—	0.3	—	—	—	—
Shelter	432.092	3.2	0.3	0.6	353.991	1.3	0.6	0.2	334.413	-0.1	0.8	1.0
Rent of primary residence	450.402	2.8	0.3	0.5	373.970	1.2	0.4	0.5	328.715	-0.5	0.4	0.4
Owners' equivalent rent of residences ⁽²⁾	445.381	3.3	0.4	0.7	379.113	1.3	0.4	0.5	314.527	0.1	1.0	1.0
Owners' equivalent rent of primary residence ⁽²⁾	445.310	3.3	0.4	0.6	379.113	1.3	0.4	0.5	314.527	0.1	1.0	1.0
Fuels and utilities	354.210	5.8	0.3	0.1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Household energy	297.942	6.2	0.3	-0.1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Energy Services	300.013	4.6	-0.2	-0.9	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Electricity	309.852	4.4	-0.1	-0.6	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Utility (piped) gas service	264.250	5.0	-0.8	-1.8	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Household furnishings & operations	156.418	1.6	0.2	0.1	148.398	2.1	—	1.8	—	—	—	—
Apparel	140.043	3.4	2.4	4.4	126.834	0.0	—	4.3	—	—	—	—
Transportation	295.862	7.9	1.7	2.2	289.375	6.6	—	2.1	—	—	—	—
Private transportation	294.261	7.1	1.7	2.3	296.122	6.3	—	2.2	—	—	—	—
New and used motor vehicles ⁽³⁾	126.325	0.0	0.0	-0.1	126.575	0.2	—	0.2	—	—	—	—
New vehicles ⁽¹⁾	179.859	0.6	0.1	0.2	223.522	0.1	—	0.1	—	—	—	—
Used cars and trucks ⁽¹⁾	184.395	-1.5	-0.1	-0.1	431.705	-1.1	—	0.4	—	—	—	—
Motor fuel	386.707	34.9	6.7	9.6	354.113	33.2	4.3	9.3	337.426	39.7	6.6	9.4
Gasoline (all types)	383.182	34.2	6.5	9.2	351.082	33.1	4.3	9.2	336.034	39.1	6.4	9.2
Motor vehicle insurance ⁽¹⁾	846.102	-5.0	-0.3	-1.2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Medical care	593.651	1.5	0.1	0.0	545.358	4.4	—	0.0	—	—	—	—
Recreation ⁽³⁾	145.854	2.8	0.5	0.4	137.942	1.4	—	0.6	—	—	—	—
Education and communication ⁽³⁾	150.903	2.3	0.4	2.3	133.636	-1.0	—	0.4	—	—	—	—
Tuition, other school fees, and childcare ⁽⁴⁾	938.353	3.8	1.2	2.6	96.906	-3.9	—	-4.2	—	—	—	—
Other goods and services	610.165	4.1	0.4	0.5	533.194	-0.2	—	1.0	—	—	—	—
SPECIAL INDEXES (CPI-U)												
Energy	341.573	20.4	3.7	5.1	358.788	17.4	1.5	4.1	245.629	17.3	3.3	5.3
All items less shelter	303.386	4.0	0.7	1.1	294.042	3.8	—	0.9	—	—	—	—
All items less food and energy	339.287	2.6	0.4	0.6	310.919	1.7	—	0.5	—	—	—	—
All items (1967 = 100)	1009.323				982.617				—			
CPI FOR URBAN WAGE EARNERS AND CLERICAL WORKERS (CPI-W)												
All items	330.654	3.9	0.7	1.1	324.285	3.3	—	0.7	—	—	—	—
All items (1967 = 100)	984.917				999.986				—			

(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.