

Economic News Release

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[1982-84=100, unless otherwise noted]

Expenditure category	Relative importance Feb. 2026	Unadjusted indexes			Unadjusted percent change		Seasonally adjusted percent change		
		Mar. 2025	Feb. 2026	Mar. 2026	Mar. 2025-Mar. 2026	Feb. 2026-Mar. 2026	Dec. 2025-Jan. 2026	Jan. 2026-Feb. 2026	Feb. 2026-Mar. 2026
All items	100.000	319.799	326.785	330.213	3.3	1.0	0.2	0.3	0.9
Food	13.693	337.751	346.564	346.796	2.7	0.1	0.2	0.4	0.0
Food at home	8.340	312.815	318.898	318.755	1.9	0.0	0.2	0.4	-0.2
Cereals and bakery products	1.041	358.450	367.174	365.909	2.1	-0.3	1.2	-0.2	-0.6
Meats, poultry, fish, and eggs	1.976	348.179	346.309	345.203	-0.9	-0.3	0.2	0.0	-0.6
Dairy and related products(1)	0.753	272.244	269.599	267.992	-1.6	-0.6	0.8	-0.6	-0.6
Fruits and vegetables	1.285	350.379	362.604	364.219	4.0	0.4	0.1	1.4	1.0
Nonalcoholic beverages and beverage materials	1.012	226.835	238.081	237.455	4.7	-0.3	0.1	0.8	-0.3
Other food at home	2.273	275.216	282.185	283.125	2.9	0.3	-0.3	0.8	0.0
Food away from home(1)	5.353	378.363	391.706	392.652	3.8	0.2	0.1	0.3	0.2
Energy	6.400	275.734	277.179	310.280	12.5	11.9	-1.5	0.6	10.9
Energy commodities	3.124	284.059	272.012	339.203	19.4	24.7	-3.3	1.1	21.3
Fuel oil	0.089	358.803	399.990	517.418	44.2	29.4	-5.7	11.1	30.7
Motor fuel	2.976	277.604	264.748	331.034	19.2	25.0	-3.2	0.8	21.5
Gasoline (all types)	2.892	276.558	263.378	328.874	18.9	24.9	-3.2	0.8	21.2
Energy services	3.275	278.929	293.659	292.978	5.0	-0.2	0.2	0.2	0.4
Electricity	2.482	285.983	296.798	299.028	4.6	0.8	-0.1	-0.7	0.8
Utility (piped) gas service	0.793	252.218	277.644	268.466	6.4	-3.3	1.0	3.1	-0.9
All items less food and energy	79.907	325.933	333.242	334.391	2.6	0.3	0.3	0.2	0.2
Commodities less food and energy commodities	19.149	165.707	167.206	167.666	1.2	0.3	0.0	0.1	0.1
Apparel	2.495	134.082	136.132	138.582	3.4	1.8	0.3	1.3	1.0
New vehicles	3.823	178.168	178.841	179.000	0.5	0.1	0.1	0.0	0.1
Used cars and trucks	2.621	181.932	175.559	176.154	-3.2	0.3	-1.8	-0.4	-0.4
Medical care commodities(1)	1.475	412.995	418.113	414.032	0.3	-1.0	-0.1	0.0	-1.0
Alcoholic beverages(1)	0.836	294.847	298.950	299.718	1.7	0.3	0.2	0.1	0.3
Tobacco and smoking products(1)	0.451	1,612.246	1,730.321	1,731.417	7.4	0.1	2.1	0.1	0.1
Services less energy services	60.758	428.368	439.805	441.419	3.0	0.4	0.4	0.3	0.2
Shelter	35.550	411.990	422.776	424.450	3.0	0.4	0.2	0.2	0.3
Rent of primary residence	7.801	431.798	442.157	442.864	2.6	0.2	0.2	0.1	0.2
Owners' equivalent rent of residences(2)	26.096	423.955	436.026	437.086	3.1	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.3
Medical care services	6.956	626.888	648.936	649.873	3.7	0.1	0.3	0.6	0.0
Physicians' services(1)	1.680	427.102	434.430	437.338	2.4	0.7	0.3	0.3	0.7
Hospital services(1)(3)	2.183	427.689	453.028	454.881	6.4	0.4	0.9	0.6	0.4
Transportation services	6.399	442.901	455.909	461.066	4.1	1.1	1.4	0.2	0.6

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Motor vehicle maintenance and repair ⁽¹⁾	1.041	424.012	444.107	449.675	6.1	1.3	0.1	0.9	1.3
Motor vehicle insurance	2.745	890.353	897.406	897.145	0.8	0.0	-0.4	-0.3	0.0
Airline fares	0.966	252.620	280.621	290.226	14.9	3.4	6.5	1.4	2.7

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