

MID-ATLANTIC REGIONAL OFFICE CPI ANNOUNCEMENT

Table 1. Consumer Price Indexes, U.S. city average and selected areas, March 2008 (1982-84=100, unless otherwise noted) (not seasonally adjusted)

Item	All Urban Consumers (CPI-U)										Urban Wage Earners and Clerical Workers (CPI-W)									
	U.S. city average		Philadelphia-Wilmington-Atlantic City		Washington-Baltimore (1)		Northeast region		South region		U.S. city average		Philadelphia-Wilmington-Atlantic City		Washington-Baltimore (1)		Northeast region		South region	
	Percent change from		Percent change from		Percent change from		Percent change from		Percent change from		Percent change from		Percent change from		Percent change from		Percent change from		Percent change from	
	Mar 2008	Mar 2007	Mar 2008	Mar 2007	Mar 2008	Mar 2007	Mar 2008	Mar 2007	Mar 2008	Mar 2007	Mar 2008	Mar 2007	Mar 2008	Mar 2007	Mar 2008	Mar 2007	Mar 2008	Mar 2007	Mar 2008	Mar 2007
All items (2)	213.528	4.0	-	-	138.090	4.7	226.926	3.9	206.676	4.4	209.147	4.3	-	-	137.544	4.8	223.209	4.1	204.044	4.8
All items (1967 = 100) (3)	639.636	-	-	-	-	-	357.340	-	335.257	-	622.985	-	-	-	-	-	348.640	-	330.471	-
Food and beverages (2)	209.692	4.4	-	-	134.550	4.2	214.191	4.5	206.949	4.8	208.927	4.4	-	-	133.426	3.8	213.064	4.5	205.790	4.8
Food (2)	209.385	4.5	-	-	135.542	4.5	213.696	4.5	207.392	4.9	208.571	4.5	-	-	134.306	3.9	212.710	4.5	206.265	5.0
Food at home	208.203	4.7	212.691	4.0	132.433	4.4	213.097	4.6	204.195	5.3	207.196	4.8	214.143	3.9	131.432	3.7	211.830	4.5	202.848	5.3
Food away from home (4)	212.537	4.1	-	-	137.089	4.5	217.421	4.5	214.669	4.4	212.193	4.1	-	-	136.289	4.3	217.161	4.5	213.677	4.4
Alcoholic beverages (4)	212.407	3.3	-	-	119.179	1.9	219.676	4.1	199.776	3.0	212.748	3.4	-	-	120.418	1.5	216.543	4.0	198.332	2.6
Housing (2)	214.389	3.0	-	-	147.801	4.8	240.539	3.3	197.805	3.3	209.388	3.0	-	-	148.722	5.3	235.743	3.2	196.199	3.4
Shelter	245.995	2.9	274.900	3.0	151.980	3.0	284.851	3.0	219.118	3.2	237.965	2.9	278.434	2.8	152.180	2.8	277.509	2.6	217.220	3.2
Rent of primary residence (2) (7)	240.874	3.6	252.891	3.3	159.598	3.4	271.065	3.8	216.632	3.8	239.932	3.6	252.891	3.3	159.579	3.4	268.786	3.7	215.813	3.9
Owners' equivalent rent of primary residence (5) (7)	250.966	2.6	280.245	2.6	150.445	2.5	292.175	2.0	220.930	3.1	227.488	2.6	249.228	2.6	149.910	2.5	257.043	2.0	205.932	3.2
Fuels and utilities	209.221	6.5	-	-	177.613	25.1	221.307	9.4	206.224	6.4	206.861	6.1	-	-	173.251	25.9	217.674	8.6	205.152	5.9
Household energy	189.693	6.8	192.486	6.9	182.427	28.3	209.100	9.8	179.626	6.6	186.315	6.3	191.388	6.0	176.773	29.0	204.823	8.8	176.904	6.0
Gas (piped) and electricity (7)	190.105	4.1	199.372	2.4	174.945	27.8	200.570	1.8	179.048	5.5	188.143	3.9	200.810	2.4	172.759	28.9	199.026	1.5	177.406	5.1
Electricity (7)	175.639	3.7	186.175	2.9	169.565	32.8	179.678	1.3	167.149	4.8	173.800	3.4	186.174	2.9	166.047	32.3	178.797	0.9	165.205	4.3
Utility (piped) gas service (7)	233.931	5.3	228.293	1.5	173.588	7.5	239.133	2.8	242.599	8.7	234.594	5.5	228.289	1.5	179.053	7.7	237.895	2.7	247.470	9.2
Household furnishings and operations	127.423	-0.2	-	-	100.831	-1.8	128.181	-1.9	127.121	0.6	123.184	0.0	-	-	96.238	-1.4	122.064	-1.5	121.912	0.8
Apparel (2)	120.881	-1.4	-	-	95.648	-3.2	118.790	-1.5	132.158	-3.0	120.809	-1.0	-	-	96.695	-2.3	119.006	-0.4	132.683	-2.8
Transportation (2)	195.189	8.2	-	-	135.552	8.3	192.047	7.5	194.577	9.6	195.710	9.0	-	-	133.949	7.5	195.139	7.9	193.519	10.3
Private transportation	191.067	8.3	-	-	135.170	7.5	186.069	7.6	193.236	9.7	192.740	9.1	-	-	133.854	7.2	190.714	8.1	192.249	10.4
Motor fuel	278.739	26.4	282.230	23.1	265.414	27.1	265.904	25.1	279.971	30.6	279.975	26.7	282.214	23.1	265.066	27.1	265.989	25.1	280.021	30.7
Gasoline	276.497	26.0	276.332	22.4	265.201	26.9	263.378	24.6	277.492	30.2	277.842	26.3	276.331	22.4	264.896	26.9	263.599	24.7	277.624	30.3
Medical care (2)	363.000	4.6	-	-	140.307	8.6	385.349	3.8	346.374	5.3	363.069	4.6	-	-	140.058	8.2	382.117	3.8	348.880	5.5
Recreation (6)	112.731	1.3	-	-	117.071	0.3	114.580	1.5	113.886	1.4	109.742	1.2	-	-	114.077	1.1	114.137	2.0	110.777	1.2
Education and communication (6)	121.832	3.0	-	-	126.803	2.9	124.892	4.4	117.851	2.8	118.155	2.6	-	-	120.157	2.2	119.506	3.7	114.105	2.6
Other goods and services (2)	341.827	3.2	-	-	154.358	4.4	361.501	2.8	330.279	3.2	353.351	3.4	-	-	172.382	6.7	385.115	2.5	339.765	3.5
Energy (2)	230.505	17.0	224.429	13.9	214.244	27.7	232.850	16.4	221.111	19.2	231.533	17.6	222.471	14.0	212.755	28.3	231.666	16.4	222.307	19.7

Footnotes:

- (1) For Washington Baltimore, Dec. 1997=100 unless otherwise noted.
- (2) For Washington-Baltimore, Nov. 1996=100.
- (3) For the Northeast and the South, Dec. 1977=100.
- (4) For Washington-Baltimore, Nov. 1997=100.
- (5) For the CPI-U in the U.S., Philadelphia, Northeast, and South, Dec. 1982 = 100.
- For the CPI-W in these areas, Dec. 1984 = 100.
- (6) Indexes are on the Dec. 1997=100 base.
- (7) This index series was calculated using a Laspeyres estimator. All other item stratum index series converted to a geometric means estimator in January, 1999.

Area definitions:

The **Philadelphia-Wilmington-Atlantic City, Pa.-N.J.-Del.-Md.** area includes Bucks, Chester, Delaware, Montgomery, and Philadelphia Counties in Pennsylvania; Atlantic, Burlington, Camden, Cape May, Cumberland, Gloucester, and Salem Counties in New Jersey; New Castle County in Delaware; and Cecil County in Maryland.

The **Washington-Baltimore, D.C.-Md.-Va.-W.Va.** area includes the District of Columbia; Anne Arundel, Baltimore, Calvert, Carroll, Charles, Frederick, Harford, Howard, Montgomery, Prince George's, Queen Anne's, and Washington Counties and Baltimore City in Maryland; Arlington, Clarke, Fairfax, Fauquier, King George, Loudoun, Prince William, Rappahannock, Spotsylvania, Stafford, and Warren Counties, and Alexandria, Fairfax, Falls Church, Fredericksburg, Manassas, and Manassas Park Cities in Virginia; and Berkeley and Jefferson Counties in West Virginia.

The **Northeast region** includes the states of Connecticut, Maine, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New York, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, and Vermont.

The **South region** includes the District of Columbia and the states of Alabama, Arkansas, Delaware, Florida, Georgia, Kentucky, Louisiana, Maryland, Mississippi, North Carolina, Oklahoma, South Carolina, Tennessee, Texas, Virginia, and West Virginia.

Table 2. Consumer Price Index and percent change, all items, U.S. city average and selected areas 1982-84=100, unless otherwise noted (not seasonally adjusted)

Area	All Urban Consumers (CPI-U)					Urban Wage Earners and Clerical Workers (CPI-W)				
	Index		Percent change to Mar 2008 from --			Index		Percent change to Mar 2008 from --		
	Feb 2008	Mar 2008	Mar 2007	Jan 2008	Feb 2008	Feb 2008	Mar 2008	Mar 2007	Jan 2008	Feb 2008
U.S. city average	211.693	213.528	4.0	1.2	0.9	207.254	209.147	4.3	1.2	0.9
Chicago-Gary-Kenosha, Ill.-Ind.-Wis.	209.526	211.542	4.5	1.3	1.0	202.497	204.742	4.7	1.6	1.1
Los Angeles-Riverside-Orange County, Calif.	221.431	223.606	3.3	1.2	1.0	214.231	216.493	3.6	1.2	1.1
New York-Northern N.J.-Long Island, N.Y.-N.J.-Conn.-Pa.	231.020	233.122	3.8	1.4	0.9	225.281	226.951	3.9	1.1	0.7
Boston-Brockton-Nashua, Mass.-N.H.-Maine-Conn.	-	233.084	2.9	0.5	-	-	232.656	3.0	0.6	-
Cleveland-Akron, Ohio	-	202.500	4.3	1.4	-	-	192.995	4.9	1.5	-
Dallas-Fort Worth, Texas	-	198.596	4.4	0.8	-	-	201.892	5.3	1.2	-
Washington-Baltimore, D.C.-Md.-Va.-W.Va. (Nov. 1996=100)	-	138.090	4.7	1.3	-	-	137.544	4.8	1.3	-
Atlanta, Ga.	204.166	-	-	-	-	203.473	-	-	-	-
Detroit-Ann Arbor-Flint, Mich.	202.378	-	-	-	-	197.670	-	-	-	-
Houston-Galveston-Brazoria, Texas	187.585	-	-	-	-	185.904	-	-	-	-
Miami-Fort Lauderdale, Fla.	219.082	-	-	-	-	216.971	-	-	-	-
Philadelphia-Wilmington-Atlantic City, Pa.-N.J.-Del.-Md.	220.935	-	-	-	-	220.718	-	-	-	-
San Francisco-Oakland-San Jose, Calif.	219.612	-	-	-	-	214.913	-	-	-	-
Seattle-Tacoma-Bremerton, Wash.	221.728	-	-	-	-	216.332	-	-	-	-

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Note to CPI users:

This announcement details Consumer Price Indexes for two population groups: All Urban Consumers (CPI-U) and Urban Wage Earners and Clerical Workers (CPI-W). Both indexes reflect 1982-84 spending patterns. Monthly percent changes are shown for the U.S. and five large areas; bimonthly data are presented for the remaining areas. Area indexes do not measure differences in the levels of prices among cities; they only measure the average change in prices for each area since the base period.

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