

MID-ATLANTIC REGIONAL OFFICE CPI ANNOUNCEMENT

Table 1. Consumer Price Indexes, U.S. city average and selected areas, January 2008 and semiannual averages for the United States and Pittsburgh (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		
	Jan	Percent change from Jan	Jan	Percent change from Jan	Jan	Percent change from Jan	Jan	Percent change from Jan	Jan	Percent change from Jan	Jan	Percent change from Jan	Jan	Percent change from Jan	Jan	Percent change from Jan	Jan	Percent change from Jan	Jan	Percent change from Jan	
	2008	2007	2008	2007	2008	2007	2008	2007	2008	2007	2008	2007	2008	2007	2008	2007	2008	2007	2008	2007	
All items (2)	211.080	4.3	-	-	136.293	4.9	224.325	3.9	204.510	4.9	206.744	4.6	-	-	135.826	5.3	221.065	4.2	201.814	5.3	
All items (1967 = 100) (3)	632.301	-	-	-	-	-	353.243	-	331.743	-	615.828	-	-	-	-	-	345.291	-	326.860	-	
Food and beverages (2)	208.837	4.8	-	-	133.892	4.7	213.162	4.7	206.178	5.2	208.055	4.9	-	-	132.988	4.5	212.095	4.7	205.006	5.2	
Food (2)	208.618	4.9	-	-	135.029	4.9	212.793	4.7	206.650	5.3	207.794	5.0	-	-	134.031	4.7	211.855	4.8	205.522	5.4	
Food at home	207.983	5.8	214.029	6.1	131.643	5.0	212.737	5.1	204.180	6.2	206.870	5.8	215.597	6.3	131.085	4.8	211.392	5.1	202.775	6.2	
Food away from home (4)	211.070	3.9	-	-	136.893	4.8	215.822	4.2	213.012	4.2	210.776	3.9	-	-	136.100	4.7	215.675	4.3	212.021	4.1	
Alcoholic beverages (4)	210.425	3.7	-	-	117.106	2.0	216.931	3.8	198.592	3.5	210.473	3.8	-	-	118.137	1.8	213.665	3.6	196.914	3.3	
Housing (2)	212.244	3.0	-	-	145.925	4.3	237.516	2.9	195.959	3.4	207.692	3.1	-	-	147.342	4.9	233.877	3.0	194.649	3.5	
Shelter	243.871	3.1	272.464	2.8	149.875	2.6	281.256	2.6	217.254	3.5	236.550	3.1	277.610	2.9	150.871	2.7	275.521	2.6	215.856	3.6	
Rent of primary residence (2) (7)	239.850	3.9	252.537	4.1	158.437	3.2	269.763	3.7	215.562	4.2	238.955	3.9	252.537	4.1	158.434	3.2	267.612	3.6	214.789	4.2	
Owners' equivalent rent of primary residence (5) (7)	250.106	2.8	280.549	2.4	149.348	2.5	291.630	2.2	219.877	3.4	226.703	2.8	249.497	2.4	148.789	2.4	256.502	2.2	204.970	3.4	
Fuels and utilities	204.796	5.4	-	-	174.395	22.1	218.034	9.2	203.203	5.7	202.663	5.1	-	-	170.110	23.2	215.139	8.7	202.244	5.3	
Household energy	185.107	5.3	188.271	6.0	178.658	24.8	205.824	9.5	176.595	5.7	182.025	5.0	187.674	5.3	173.172	25.9	202.347	8.9	174.045	5.2	
Gas (piped) and electricity (7)	186.475	3.0	196.276	1.7	171.653	24.4	201.524	2.8	176.262	4.8	184.522	2.8	197.847	1.8	169.355	25.8	200.200	2.7	174.700	4.4	
Electricity (7)	175.219	3.7	184.985	2.6	167.586	32.0	182.656	3.7	166.301	4.9	173.350	3.5	184.984	2.6	164.079	31.4	181.924	3.4	164.365	4.4	
Utility (piped) gas service (7)	220.065	1.2	220.380	-0.1	166.273	-2.4	234.884	1.1	227.382	3.9	219.960	1.2	220.375	-0.1	170.010	-3.1	233.702	1.0	230.474	4.0	
Household furnishings and operations	126.515	-0.5	-	-	101.335	-1.8	127.055	-3.0	126.040	-0.1	122.322	-0.2	-	-	96.367	-2.3	121.052	-2.8	120.681	0.1	
Apparel (2)	115.795	-0.2	-	-	88.051	-2.2	112.382	-0.6	130.005	0.5	115.866	0.5	-	-	87.720	0.1	113.306	0.5	130.545	0.9	
Transportation (2)	190.839	9.4	-	-	132.937	10.2	189.789	8.7	189.930	10.8	190.918	10.2	-	-	131.734	9.6	192.592	9.1	188.450	11.5	
Private transportation	186.978	9.6	-	-	133.268	10.2	184.422	9.2	188.632	11.0	188.093	10.4	-	-	131.962	9.7	188.608	9.6	187.179	11.6	
Motor fuel	260.523	34.4	273.434	29.2	251.542	36.2	257.858	33.1	260.899	38.5	261.531	34.6	273.413	29.2	251.214	36.2	257.991	33.2	260.825	38.6	
Gasoline	259.338	34.5	269.361	29.3	251.405	36.2	256.466	33.1	259.556	38.6	260.457	34.8	269.360	29.3	251.120	36.2	256.703	33.2	259.577	38.8	
Medical care (2)	360.459	4.9	-	-	139.374	7.9	383.442	5.0	343.951	5.0	360.710	5.1	-	-	139.023	7.7	380.647	5.2	346.424	5.3	
Recreation (6)	112.083	1.0	-	-	115.781	0.1	113.558	0.2	113.052	0.9	109.046	0.7	-	-	112.648	1.0	112.817	0.4	109.862	0.7	
Education and communication (6)	121.762	3.4	-	-	127.514	3.8	124.654	4.4	117.987	3.2	118.097	3.0	-	-	120.632	2.7	119.301	3.6	114.199	2.9	
Other goods and services (2)	339.052	3.0	-	-	154.069	5.2	357.643	1.6	327.952	3.4	350.630	3.4	-	-	171.990	7.9	382.279	2.0	337.377	4.0	
Energy (2)	219.465	19.6	218.551	15.7	206.360	30.2	227.569	19.2	210.702	21.7	220.163	20.4	216.862	16.1	204.997	30.7	226.678	19.7	211.571	22.5	

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, 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 1. Consumer Price Indexes, U.S. city average and selected areas, January 2008 and semiannual averages for the United States and Pittsburgh (1982-84=100, unless otherwise noted) (not seasonally adjusted) -- Continued

Item	Semiannual averages							
	CPI-U				CPI-W			
	U.S. city average		Pittsburgh		U.S. city average		Pittsburgh	
	Index	Percent change	Index	Percent change	Index	Percent change	Index	Percent change
	2nd half 2007	2nd half 2006	2nd half 2007	2nd half 2006	2nd half 2007	2nd half 2006	2nd half 2007	2nd half 2006
All items (2)	208.976	3.1	203.295	3.4	204.466	3.3	196.178	4.0
All items (1967 = 100) (3)	625.999	-	620.349	-	609.041	-	583.467	-
Food and beverages (2)	205.454	4.5	201.473	5.4	204.725	4.5	201.931	5.3
Food (2)	205.121	4.5	200.865	5.8	204.374	4.6	200.515	5.6
Food at home	203.501	5.0	199.013	5.6	202.594	5.0	198.884	5.7
Food away from home (4)	208.809	3.9	204.480	5.9	208.542	4.0	204.722	5.6
Alcoholic beverages (4)	208.524	3.5	208.226	0.4	208.542	3.6	212.874	0.2
Housing (2)	210.938	3.0	207.427	2.7	206.188	3.0	188.697	3.2
Shelter	242.213	3.3	227.568	1.8	234.609	3.3	196.889	1.9
Rent of primary residence (2) (7)	236.751	4.0	196.312	3.1	235.875	4.0	196.312	3.1
Owners' equivalent rent of primary residence (5) (7)	247.822	2.9	218.929	1.5	224.603	2.8	203.413	1.5
Fuels and utilities	203.457	4.3	231.073	9.6	201.459	4.2	233.524	10.2
Household energy	184.356	4.1	222.122	10.6	181.382	4.1	224.907	11.2
Gas (piped) and electricity (7)	188.216	3.4	218.618	10.0	186.084	3.4	219.443	10.3
Electricity (7)	179.477	4.0	154.002	16.0	177.462	4.0	154.003	16.0
Utility (piped) gas service (7)	214.756	1.7	292.254	5.4	214.145	1.8	292.256	5.4
Household furnishings and operations	126.360	-0.7	141.449	0.8	122.085	-0.5	131.473	1.1
Apparel (2)	118.130	-0.9	140.136	2.2	117.812	-1.0	143.044	4.4
Transportation (2)	187.053	3.7	164.257	5.4	186.914	4.0	174.679	6.4
Private transportation	183.084	3.8	165.413	6.2	184.037	4.0	177.335	7.0
Motor fuel	248.278	13.3	253.193	16.2	249.264	13.5	253.188	16.2
Gasoline	247.089	13.3	253.666	16.2	248.170	13.5	253.661	16.2
Medical care (2)	354.780	4.7	342.185	4.0	354.708	4.8	329.669	4.5
Recreation (6)	111.531	0.3	106.448	-2.6	108.563	0.2	104.731	-2.2
Education and communication (6)	120.847	2.6	126.441	3.7	117.338	2.3	121.379	3.7
Other goods and services (2)	335.206	3.6	336.603	3.9	346.206	4.1	368.032	4.1
Energy (2)	213.385	8.9	242.003	13.4	213.837	9.2	239.721	13.9

The **Pittsburgh, Pa.** area includes Allegheny, Armstrong, Beaver, Butler, Fayette, Washington, and Westmoreland Counties.

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.

Local area CPI indexes are by-products of the national CPI program. Because each local index is a small subset of the national index, it has a smaller sample size and is, therefore, subject to substantially more sampling and other measurement error than the national index. As a result, area indexes show greater volatility than the national index, although their long-term trends are quite similar. Therefore, the Bureau of Labor Statistics strongly urges users to consider adopting the national average CPI for use in escalator clauses.

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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 Jan 2008 from --			Index		Percent change to Jan 2008 from --		
	Dec 2007	Jan 2008	Jan 2007	Nov 2007	Dec 2007	Dec 2007	Jan 2008	Jan 2007	Nov 2007	Dec 2007
U.S. city average	210.036	211.080	4.3	0.4	0.5	205.777	206.744	4.6	0.4	0.5
Chicago-Gary-Kenosha, Ill.-Ind.-Wis.	207.155	208.757	4.7	0.5	0.8	200.217	201.525	4.9	0.3	0.7
Los Angeles-Riverside-Orange County, Calif.	219.373	220.918	3.9	0.4	0.7	212.282	213.825	4.6	0.5	0.7
New York-Northern N.J.-Long Island, N.Y.-N.J.-Conn.-Pa.	229.395	229.869	3.7	0.2	0.2	223.873	224.557	4.1	0.4	0.3
Boston-Brockton-Nashua, Mass.-N.H.-Maine-Conn.	-	231.980	3.4	0.6	-	-	231.291	3.1	0.4	-
Cleveland-Akron, Ohio	-	199.686	4.2	1.0	-	-	190.115	4.7	0.9	-
Dallas-Fort Worth, Texas	-	197.079	4.3	0.3	-	-	199.407	4.8	0.4	-
Washington-Baltimore, D.C.-Md.-Va.-W.Va. (Nov. 1996=100)	-	136.293	4.9	0.8	-	-	135.826	5.3	0.7	-
Atlanta, Ga.	202.751	-	-	-	-	202.034	-	-	-	-
Detroit-Ann Arbor-Flint, Mich.	200.201	-	-	-	-	195.866	-	-	-	-
Houston-Galveston-Brazoria, Texas	186.246	-	-	-	-	184.975	-	-	-	-
Miami-Fort Lauderdale, Fla.	217.319	-	-	-	-	215.561	-	-	-	-
Philadelphia-Wilmington-Atlantic City, Pa.-N.J.-Del.-Md.	219.025	-	-	-	-	218.791	-	-	-	-
San Francisco-Oakland-San Jose, Calif.	218.485	-	-	-	-	214.204	-	-	-	-
Seattle-Tacoma-Bremerton, Wash.	218.966	-	-	-	-	214.024	-	-	-	-

Table 3. 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 from		Index	Percent change from	
	2nd half 2007	2nd half 2006	1st half 2007	2nd half 2007	2nd half 2006	1st half 2007
U.S. city average	208.976	3.1	1.6	204.466	3.3	1.7
Anchorage, Alaska	183.080	2.9	2.1	182.957	2.8	2.1
Atlanta, Ga.	201.936	3.6	1.9	200.879	3.9	2.1
Boston-Brockton-Nashua, Mass.-N.H.-Maine-Conn.	228.909	2.1	1.3	228.513	2.1	1.4
Chicago-Gary-Kenosha, Ill.-Ind.-Wis.	206.583	3.9	1.7	199.569	4.0	1.8
Cincinnati-Hamilton, Ohio-Ky.-Ind.	195.673	3.3	1.9	189.688	3.3	1.9
Cleveland-Akron, Ohio	197.467	3.4	1.5	188.102	3.6	1.9
Dallas-Fort Worth, Texas	195.433	2.6	2.3	197.516	2.8	2.4
Denver-Boulder-Greeley, Colo.	202.799	1.9	0.8	194.819	1.8	0.6
Detroit-Ann Arbor-Flint, Mich.	200.670	1.8	0.5	195.703	1.8	0.6
Honolulu, Hawaii	222.388	4.8	2.7	221.401	4.7	2.7
Houston-Galveston-Brazoria, Texas	184.826	2.1	1.1	183.475	2.0	1.2
Kansas City, Mo.-Kans.	195.753	2.2	1.3	187.094	2.3	1.4
Los Angeles-Riverside-Orange County, Calif.	218.416	3.2	1.0	210.820	3.3	1.1
Miami-Fort Lauderdale, Fla.	214.826	4.7	2.3	212.966	4.5	2.4
Milwaukee-Racine, Wis.	195.571	2.7	1.5	199.243	2.8	1.6
Minneapolis-St. Paul, Minn.-Wis.	201.867	2.3	0.6	196.209	2.8	1.1
New York-Northern N.J.-Long Island, N.Y.-N.J.-Conn.-Pa.	228.785	2.9	1.6	222.755	3.1	1.7
Philadelphia-Wilmington-Atlantic City, Pa.-N.J.-Del.-Md.	218.734	2.5	1.9	217.871	2.3	1.7
Phoenix-Mesa, Ariz. (Dec. 2001=100)	116.038	3.3	1.3	115.208	3.2	1.4
Pittsburgh, Pa.	203.295	3.4	1.8	196.178	4.0	2.0
Portland-Salem, Ore.-Wash.	210.460	3.9	1.8	204.801	3.8	1.8
St. Louis, Mo.-Ill.	194.338	2.1	1.2	193.393	2.1	1.3
San Diego, Calif.	234.772	2.3	1.3	219.601	2.2	1.2
San Francisco-Oakland-San Jose, Calif.	217.361	3.2	1.2	212.754	3.2	1.3
Seattle-Tacoma-Bremerton, Wash.	217.502	3.8	1.7	212.160	3.8	1.8
Tampa-St. Petersburg-Clearwater, Fla. (1987=100)	185.689	5.1	1.5	184.974	5.3	1.7
Washington-Baltimore, D.C.-Md.-Va.-W.Va. (Nov. 1996=100)	134.927	3.8	2.2	134.472	3.9	2.5