

MID-ATLANTIC REGIONAL OFFICE CPI ANNOUNCEMENT

Table 1. Consumer Price Indexes, U.S. city average and selected areas, May 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	
	May 2008	May 2007	May 2008	May 2007	May 2008	May 2007	May 2008	May 2007	May 2008	May 2007	May 2008	May 2007	May 2008	May 2007	May 2008	May 2007	May 2008	May 2007	May 2008	May 2007
All items (2)	216.632	4.2	-	-	139.649	5.0	230.089	4.3	210.006	4.6	212.788	4.5	-	-	139.332	5.3	227.114	4.7	207.912	4.9
All items (1967 = 100) (3)	648.933	-	-	-	-	-	362.320	-	340.659	-	633.830	-	-	-	-	-	354.740	-	336.736	-
Food and beverages (2)	212.251	5.0	-	-	135.161	4.2	216.834	5.0	209.064	4.9	211.438	4.9	-	-	134.264	4.0	215.794	4.9	207.801	4.9
Food (2)	212.054	5.1	-	-	136.259	4.5	216.491	5.1	209.638	5.1	211.200	5.1	-	-	135.279	4.2	215.541	5.0	208.459	5.1
Food at home	211.863	5.8	216.092	5.5	132.774	4.3	216.798	5.5	207.310	5.8	210.624	5.7	217.533	5.5	132.188	3.8	215.352	5.3	205.822	5.7
Food away from home (4)	213.967	4.3	-	-	138.218	4.8	219.112	4.6	215.873	4.2	213.723	4.2	-	-	137.500	4.8	219.008	4.5	214.851	4.2
Alcoholic beverages (4)	213.532	3.4	-	-	118.706	1.3	220.239	4.2	200.029	2.2	213.486	3.3	-	-	119.703	0.6	217.539	4.0	197.482	1.7
Housing (2)	215.809	3.3	-	-	148.653	5.6	241.804	3.5	199.477	3.9	211.191	3.5	-	-	149.820	6.3	237.569	3.6	198.189	4.0
Shelter	246.069	2.6	275.991	3.0	152.824	3.6	284.456	2.3	219.818	3.1	238.353	2.7	279.239	2.7	153.134	3.4	277.841	2.3	217.992	3.1
Rent of primary residence (2) (7)	241.803	3.5	253.491	2.7	160.990	4.1	272.267	3.6	217.775	3.8	240.818	3.5	253.491	2.7	160.952	4.1	269.886	3.5	216.911	3.8
Owners' equivalent rent of primary residence (5) (7)	251.576	2.6	280.889	2.5	151.215	3.1	292.731	2.0	221.774	3.1	228.007	2.6	249.800	2.5	150.687	3.0	257.545	2.1	206.651	3.1
Fuels and utilities	219.881	10.7	-	-	180.880	27.6	231.272	14.2	215.764	10.9	217.388	10.3	-	-	176.282	28.3	227.209	13.4	214.787	10.5
Household energy	201.212	11.9	195.214	8.2	185.994	31.2	219.610	15.2	189.744	12.2	197.554	11.4	193.665	7.2	180.013	31.7	214.793	14.2	186.992	11.6
Gas (piped) and electricity (7)	200.999	8.8	199.586	2.7	178.175	30.8	206.634	5.4	189.152	11.1	199.045	8.7	201.066	2.7	175.872	31.6	205.314	5.4	187.540	10.7
Electricity (7)	182.260	5.8	186.831	3.3	168.554	32.0	183.407	1.8	175.179	9.3	180.422	5.5	186.830	3.3	165.051	31.4	182.643	1.3	173.333	8.9
Utility (piped) gas service (7)	258.374	16.5	227.364	1.5	190.613	21.0	250.680	12.2	265.450	19.6	260.240	17.4	227.359	1.5	199.149	22.6	250.281	13.6	271.898	20.6
Household furnishings and operations	127.598	0.2	-	-	100.021	-1.1	128.882	-0.6	126.929	0.5	123.287	0.4	-	-	96.203	0.0	122.648	-0.3	121.925	0.8
Apparel (2)	120.752	-0.6	-	-	90.855	-3.4	118.835	-2.5	133.256	-1.3	120.407	-0.4	-	-	90.850	-3.3	118.966	-1.2	133.211	-1.7
Transportation (2)	205.262	8.1	-	-	144.099	9.0	202.412	9.1	205.401	9.3	206.757	8.7	-	-	142.109	8.0	207.774	10.2	205.176	10.0
Private transportation	201.133	7.9	-	-	144.187	8.2	196.771	9.2	204.042	9.2	203.781	8.6	-	-	142.300	7.6	203.703	10.4	203.886	10.0
Motor fuel	322.124	21.2	329.756	23.1	310.014	23.8	312.553	25.8	324.015	24.7	323.495	21.3	329.737	23.1	309.606	23.8	312.459	25.9	324.149	24.8
Gasoline	319.787	20.8	322.805	22.4	309.788	23.4	309.904	25.4	321.544	24.3	321.291	20.8	322.804	22.4	309.430	23.4	309.956	25.5	321.787	24.4
Medical care (2)	363.396	4.1	-	-	140.809	5.2	386.436	3.4	346.779	4.5	363.462	4.2	-	-	140.327	5.0	383.132	3.4	349.436	4.8
Recreation (6)	112.987	1.2	-	-	118.312	1.5	115.590	1.9	113.600	1.1	109.876	0.9	-	-	114.526	1.4	115.160	2.5	110.291	0.7
Education and communication (6)	122.348	3.0	-	-	126.925	2.7	125.377	4.6	118.255	1.9	118.737	2.5	-	-	120.018	1.6	120.129	3.8	114.561	1.5
Other goods and services (2)	344.709	3.6	-	-	154.942	4.3	363.900	2.8	333.902	3.8	356.523	3.9	-	-	173.247	6.9	388.375	2.9	343.479	4.1
Energy (2)	257.106	17.4	243.648	15.2	234.674	27.3	258.553	20.4	246.722	19.7	258.903	17.5	242.272	15.0	232.732	28.0	258.283	20.4	248.696	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 May 2008 from --			Index		Percent change to May 2008 from --		
	Apr 2008	May 2008	May 2007	Mar 2008	Apr 2008	Apr 2008	May 2008	May 2007	Mar 2008	Apr 2008
U.S. city average	214.823	216.632	4.2	1.5	0.8	210.698	212.788	4.5	1.7	1.0
Chicago-Gary-Kenosha, Ill.-Ind.-Wis.	212.662	214.932	4.5	1.6	1.1	205.885	208.403	4.7	1.8	1.2
Los Angeles-Riverside-Orange County, Calif.	224.625	226.651	3.7	1.4	0.9	217.914	219.702	4.1	1.5	0.8
New York-Northern N.J.-Long Island, N.Y.-N.J.-Conn.-Pa.	233.822	236.151	4.0	1.3	1.0	228.215	230.923	4.3	1.8	1.2
Boston-Brockton-Nashua, Mass.-N.H.-Maine-Conn.	-	235.344	4.0	1.0	-	-	235.419	4.4	1.2	-
Cleveland-Akron, Ohio	-	204.882	4.4	1.2	-	-	195.898	4.8	1.5	-
Dallas-Fort Worth, Texas	-	202.357	5.0	1.9	-	-	206.258	5.7	2.2	-
Washington-Baltimore, D.C.-Md.-Va.-W.Va. (Nov. 1996=100)	-	139.649	5.0	1.1	-	-	139.332	5.3	1.3	-
Atlanta, Ga.	206.371	-	-	-	-	205.801	-	-	-	-
Detroit-Ann Arbor-Flint, Mich.	205.281	-	-	-	-	201.037	-	-	-	-
Houston-Galveston-Brazoria, Texas	188.795	-	-	-	-	188.463	-	-	-	-
Miami-Fort Lauderdale, Fla.	221.324	-	-	-	-	219.456	-	-	-	-
Philadelphia-Wilmington-Atlantic City, Pa.-N.J.-Del.-Md.	223.622	-	-	-	-	223.295	-	-	-	-
San Francisco-Oakland-San Jose, Calif.	222.074	-	-	-	-	217.913	-	-	-	-
Seattle-Tacoma-Bremerton, Wash.	223.196	-	-	-	-	218.483	-	-	-	-

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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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