

Mid-Atlantic Regional Office CPI Announcement

Table 1. Consumer Price Indexes, U.S. city average and selected areas, March 2009 (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		
	Mar	Percent change from Mar	Mar	Percent change from Mar	Mar	Percent change from Mar	Mar	Percent change from Mar	Mar	Percent change from Mar	Mar	Percent change from Mar	Mar	Percent change from Mar	Mar	Percent change from Mar	Mar	Percent change from Mar	Mar	Percent change from Mar	
	2009	2008	2009	2008	2009	2008	2009	2008	2009	2008	2009	2008	2009	2008	2009	2008	2009	2008	2009	2008	
All items (2)	212.709	-0.4	-	-	138.620	0.4	227.309	0.2	206.001	-0.3	207.218	-0.9	-	-	137.539	0.0	223.626	0.2	201.737	-1.1	
All items (1967 = 100) (3)	637.182	-	-	-	-	-	357.943	-	334.163	-	617.239	-	-	-	-	-	349.291	-	326.736	-	
Food and beverages (2)	218.794	4.3	-	-	140.264	4.2	223.369	4.3	216.662	4.7	218.119	4.4	-	-	138.493	3.8	222.530	4.4	215.425	4.7	
Food (2)	218.600	4.4	-	-	141.722	4.6	223.030	4.4	217.255	4.8	217.855	4.5	-	-	139.814	4.1	222.289	4.5	216.008	4.7	
Food at home	217.110	4.3	216.533	1.8	138.098	4.3	222.341	4.3	213.672	4.6	215.922	4.2	217.944	1.8	136.854	4.1	220.976	4.3	211.982	4.5	
Food away from home (4)	222.216	4.6	-	-	143.757	4.9	226.997	4.4	225.168	4.9	222.336	4.8	-	-	141.841	4.1	227.526	4.8	224.373	5.0	
Alcoholic beverages (4)	219.999	3.6	-	-	120.020	0.7	226.674	3.2	207.329	3.8	220.500	3.6	-	-	120.379	0.0	224.004	3.4	206.286	4.0	
Housing (2)	217.374	1.4	-	-	151.674	2.6	242.790	0.9	202.653	2.5	213.213	1.8	-	-	154.131	3.6	239.693	1.7	201.607	2.8	
Shelter	249.597	1.5	275.108	0.1	156.085	2.7	289.419	1.6	223.622	2.1	242.605	1.9	279.831	0.5	157.703	3.6	284.232	2.4	222.120	2.3	
Rent of primary residence (2) (7)	248.639	3.2	257.621	1.9	167.773	5.1	282.177	4.1	223.148	3.0	247.285	3.1	257.621	1.9	167.871	5.2	279.198	3.9	222.013	2.9	
Owners' equivalent rent of primary residence (5) (7)	256.321	2.1	280.692	0.2	155.398	3.3	299.165	2.4	226.091	2.3	232.235	2.1	249.625	0.2	154.920	3.3	263.364	2.5	210.525	2.2	
Fuels and utilities	210.501	0.6	-	-	180.981	1.9	214.764	-3.0	215.970	4.7	209.400	1.2	-	-	179.211	3.4	213.511	-1.9	216.137	5.4	
Household energy	188.736	-0.5	184.270	-4.3	184.990	1.4	200.153	-4.3	187.590	4.4	186.809	0.3	186.033	-2.8	182.421	3.2	198.529	-3.1	186.007	5.1	
Gas (piped) and electricity (7)	194.752	2.4	204.129	2.4	179.081	2.4	209.525	4.5	188.886	5.5	192.922	2.5	206.046	2.6	178.984	3.6	207.866	4.4	187.947	5.9	
Electricity (7)	190.065	8.2	195.481	5.0	186.944	10.2	191.754	6.7	184.681	10.5	187.857	8.1	195.480	5.0	182.995	10.2	190.459	6.5	182.197	10.3	
Utility (piped) gas service (7)	207.179	-11.4	221.253	-3.1	133.062	-23.3	239.528	0.2	201.437	-17.0	206.853	-11.8	221.249	-3.1	139.111	-22.3	238.410	0.2	205.719	-16.9	
Household furnishings and operations	129.669	1.8	-	-	103.627	2.8	129.155	0.8	130.141	2.4	125.337	1.7	-	-	100.253	4.2	123.374	1.1	124.754	2.3	
Apparel (2)	122.545	1.4	-	-	96.914	1.3	122.298	3.0	134.464	1.7	122.162	1.1	-	-	96.968	0.3	122.593	3.0	134.389	1.3	
Transportation (2)	169.647	-13.1	-	-	117.457	-13.3	170.563	-11.2	165.612	-14.9	165.978	-15.2	-	-	115.139	-14.0	167.896	-14.0	160.813	-16.9	
Private transportation	165.023	-13.6	-	-	117.081	-13.4	164.358	-11.7	163.725	-15.3	162.659	-15.6	-	-	114.877	-14.2	163.083	-14.5	159.140	-17.2	
Motor fuel	168.404	-39.6	176.303	-37.5	161.628	-39.1	164.039	-38.3	165.767	-40.8	169.060	-39.6	176.292	-37.5	161.404	-39.1	164.196	-38.3	165.686	-40.8	
Gasoline	167.826	-39.3	172.866	-37.4	161.539	-39.1	162.810	-38.2	165.012	-40.5	168.574	-39.3	172.866	-37.4	161.342	-39.1	163.050	-38.1	164.993	-40.6	
Medical care (2)	373.189	2.8	-	-	142.003	1.2	395.059	2.5	354.392	2.3	373.541	2.9	-	-	141.502	1.0	392.090	2.6	357.299	2.4	
Recreation (6)	114.625	1.7	-	-	115.470	-1.4	117.408	2.5	115.514	1.4	111.436	1.5	-	-	113.732	-0.3	117.139	2.6	112.146	1.2	
Education and communication (6)	126.187	3.6	-	-	130.970	3.3	130.347	4.4	121.773	3.3	122.087	3.3	-	-	121.389	1.0	124.746	4.4	117.459	2.9	
Other goods and services (2)	361.156	5.7	-	-	161.662	4.7	387.325	7.1	349.784	5.9	380.208	7.6	-	-	183.401	6.4	429.116	11.4	364.982	7.4	
Energy (2)	177.454	-23.0	180.259	-19.7	172.947	-19.3	184.825	-20.6	171.992	-22.2	175.947	-24.0	178.172	-19.9	174.123	-18.2	181.708	-21.6	171.058	-23.1	

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 2009 from --			Index		Percent change to Mar 2009 from --		
	Feb 2009	Mar 2009	Mar 2008	Jan 2009	Feb 2009	Feb 2009	Mar 2009	Mar 2008	Jan 2009	Feb 2009
U.S. city average	212.193	212.709	-0.4	0.7	0.2	206.708	207.218	-0.9	0.7	0.2
Chicago-Gary-Kenosha, Ill.-Ind.-Wis.	207.367	207.462	-1.9	-0.1	0.0	199.944	200.218	-2.2	0.0	0.1
Los Angeles-Riverside-Orange County, Calif.	221.439	221.376	-1.0	0.3	0.0	213.234	213.013	-1.6	0.3	-0.1
New York-Northern N.J.-Long Island, N.Y.-N.J.-Conn.-Pa.	234.663	235.067	0.8	0.7	0.2	228.653	229.064	0.9	0.7	0.2
Boston-Brockton-Nashua, Mass.-N.H.-Maine-Conn.	-	232.155	-0.4	0.6	-	-	231.884	-0.3	0.8	-
Cleveland-Akron, Ohio	-	199.457	-1.5	0.6	-	-	190.107	-1.5	0.7	-
Dallas-Fort Worth, Texas	-	200.039	0.7	0.7	-	-	200.770	-0.6	0.7	-
Washington-Baltimore, D.C.-Md.-Va.-W.Va. (Nov. 1996=100)	-	138.620	0.4	0.7	-	-	137.539	0.0	0.9	-
Atlanta, Ga.	199.190	-	-	-	-	197.528	-	-	-	-
Detroit-Ann Arbor-Flint, Mich.	201.913	-	-	-	-	196.191	-	-	-	-
Houston-Galveston-Brazoria, Texas	187.972	-	-	-	-	185.015	-	-	-	-
Miami-Fort Lauderdale, Fla.	220.589	-	-	-	-	217.635	-	-	-	-
Philadelphia-Wilmington-Atlantic City, Pa.-N.J.-Del.-Md.	220.262	-	-	-	-	219.356	-	-	-	-
San Francisco-Oakland-San Jose, Calif.	222.166	-	-	-	-	216.797	-	-	-	-
Seattle-Tacoma-Bremerton, Wash.	224.737	-	-	-	-	218.752	-	-	-	-

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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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