

Mid-Atlantic Regional Office CPI Announcement

Table 1. Consumer Price Indexes, U.S. city average and selected areas, August 2011 (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	Aug	Aug	Aug	Aug	Aug	Aug	Aug		Percent change from	Aug	Aug	Aug	Aug	Aug	Aug	Aug		
		2010	2011	2010	2011	2010	2011	2010	2011		2010	2011	2010	2011	2010	2011	2010	2011		
All items (2)	226.545	3.8	236.196	3.4	-	-	243.033	3.8	220.471	4.3	223.326	4.3	236.583	3.5	-	-	241.431	4.2	218.947	4.9
All items (1967 = 100) (3)	678.628	-	682.357	-	-	-	382.703	-	357.635	-	665.221	-	687.196	-	-	-	377.102	-	354.609	-
Food and beverages (2)	229.490	4.4	217.590	4.9	-	-	235.816	4.3	227.732	4.6	228.957	4.5	220.790	5.2	-	-	235.088	4.4	226.805	4.7
Food (2)	229.554	4.6	217.310	4.8	-	-	235.601	4.5	228.736	4.8	228.911	4.7	219.789	5.1	-	-	234.953	4.6	227.693	4.9
Food at home	228.354	6.0	229.589	5.8	144.478	7.9	235.239	5.8	226.299	6.4	227.388	6.1	231.260	6.0	144.029	7.9	233.917	5.7	225.003	6.4
Food away from home (4)	232.513	2.7	195.717	3.4	-	-	239.049	2.9	234.861	2.8	232.682	2.7	195.789	3.8	-	-	239.904	3.0	233.879	2.8
Alcoholic beverages (4)	227.126	1.6	218.724	6.1	-	-	237.344	1.8	212.882	1.3	228.213	1.5	225.673	6.7	-	-	235.543	2.0	213.234	1.5
Housing (2)	220.506	1.6	240.734	2.0	-	-	249.693	2.0	205.091	1.7	217.235	1.7	242.404	1.6	-	-	247.305	2.0	205.031	1.9
Shelter	252.546	1.6	287.578	2.0	162.630	2.7	298.749	1.9	226.288	1.7	246.187	1.6	292.447	1.7	165.477	2.8	294.735	1.9	225.385	1.8
Rent of primary residence (2) (5)	254.003	2.0	262.862	0.9	177.632	2.9	294.568	1.9	227.710	2.4	252.195	2.0	262.862	0.9	177.605	2.8	291.141	1.9	225.963	2.3
Owners' equivalent rent of residences (5) (6)	260.178	1.4	293.082	1.1	163.112	2.8	309.089	1.6	230.028	1.6	235.645	1.4	260.643	1.1	162.592	2.8	272.335	1.7	213.802	1.6
Owners' equivalent rent of primary residence (5) (6)	260.159	1.4	293.082	1.1	163.115	2.8	309.030	1.6	230.015	1.6	235.638	1.4	260.643	1.1	162.594	2.8	272.325	1.7	213.792	1.5
Fuels and utilities	226.493	3.1	224.713	3.5	-	-	223.384	3.7	227.333	3.3	225.399	3.1	225.076	2.7	-	-	221.348	3.5	228.544	3.3
Household energy	200.144	2.7	198.218	2.7	185.023	-5.5	204.837	3.6	194.652	2.9	198.396	2.7	197.659	1.8	179.956	-6.3	202.329	3.3	194.046	3.0
Energy services (5) (7)	201.564	1.0	206.862	-0.6	176.030	-7.4	194.476	-2.5	194.552	2.4	201.084	1.2	209.318	-0.6	175.052	-7.2	194.267	-2.3	195.217	2.7
Electricity (5)	205.362	1.9	212.704	0.0	181.397	-6.1	192.913	-1.7	191.683	3.0	203.897	2.1	212.703	0.0	177.582	-6.1	192.345	-1.5	190.645	3.2
Utility (piped) gas service (5)	186.808	-2.0	186.933	-2.4	138.673	-12.6	184.983	-4.4	196.921	-1.5	186.717	-2.0	186.929	-2.4	141.294	-12.3	185.264	-4.4	201.315	-1.2
Household furnishings and operations	125.138	0.1	122.080	-0.4	-	-	126.947	0.9	125.619	-0.2	121.325	0.3	116.538	-1.3	-	-	121.009	1.1	120.924	0.2
Apparel (2)	121.547	4.2	110.434	6.3	-	-	126.635	6.2	131.544	4.0	120.624	4.3	113.879	7.9	-	-	126.979	6.5	130.963	4.2
Transportation (2)	216.057	11.7	216.524	11.7	-	-	215.368	11.8	216.585	14.0	217.491	12.9	227.349	13.1	-	-	218.149	12.6	216.978	15.4
Private transportation	211.315	12.0	214.693	12.8	-	-	208.705	12.3	214.959	14.4	214.131	13.1	226.640	14.0	-	-	213.169	12.9	215.494	15.6
Motor fuel	311.962	32.4	318.644	35.8	302.942	35.4	308.070	36.0	312.665	36.3	313.307	32.5	318.618	35.8	302.526	35.4	307.970	35.8	312.608	36.3
Gasoline	311.269	32.4	314.183	35.9	303.203	35.5	307.192	36.1	311.764	36.4	312.768	32.5	314.183	35.9	302.842	35.5	307.208	35.9	311.841	36.4
Medical care (2)	400.874	3.2	435.789	0.7	-	-	422.552	3.2	381.259	3.6	402.783	3.3	420.811	0.3	-	-	419.979	3.3	386.434	3.6
Recreation (8)	113.592	0.1	122.283	-1.2	-	-	119.103	-0.3	113.681	0.1	110.146	0.2	116.446	-4.4	-	-	119.544	0.0	110.067	0.2
Education and communication (8)	132.028	1.1	129.138	-1.9	-	-	134.167	0.2	128.215	1.4	125.797	0.3	123.431	-2.5	-	-	127.246	-0.4	120.948	0.2
Other goods and services (2)	387.053	0.9	434.163	2.6	-	-	417.365	1.4	377.966	0.4	416.896	1.1	455.436	2.5	-	-	473.319	1.6	403.787	0.5
Energy (2)	251.706	18.4	243.260	17.5	234.940	14.9	248.273	18.4	244.665	20.9	254.191	19.3	239.968	16.7	235.277	15.0	248.852	19.1	247.381	21.8

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) This index series was calculated using a Laspeyres estimator. All other item stratum index series converted to a geometric means estimator in January 1999.
- (6) 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.
- (7) This index series was formerly titled Gas (piped) and electricity.
- (8) Indexes are on the Dec. 1997=100 base.

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 Aug 2011 from --			Index		Percent change to Aug 2011 from --		
	Jul 2011	Aug 2011	Aug 2010	Jun 2011	Jul 2011	Jul 2011	Aug 2011	Aug 2010	Jun 2011	Jul 2011
U.S. city average	225.922	226.545	3.8	0.4	0.3	222.686	223.326	4.3	0.4	0.3
Chicago-Gary-Kenosha, Ill.-Ind.-Wis.	219.277	219.688	3.2	-0.2	0.2	214.437	214.740	4.1	-0.3	0.1
Los Angeles-Riverside-Orange County, Calif.	231.303	231.833	2.4	-0.2	0.2	224.277	224.665	2.7	-0.4	0.2
New York-Northern N.J.-Long Island, N.Y.-N.J.-Conn.-Pa.	249.164	250.058	3.5	0.6	0.4	245.265	246.025	3.9	0.6	0.3
Boston-Brockton-Nashua, Mass.-N.H.-Maine-Conn.	244.256	-	-	-	-	245.949	-	-	-	-
Cleveland-Akron, Ohio	211.686	-	-	-	-	203.660	-	-	-	-
Dallas-Fort Worth, Texas	208.602	-	-	-	-	213.480	-	-	-	-
Washington-Baltimore, D.C.-Md.-Va.-W.Va. (Nov. 1996=100)	147.747	-	-	-	-	148.294	-	-	-	-
Atlanta, Ga.	-	212.335	3.8	0.6	-	-	212.325	4.2	0.8	-
Detroit-Ann Arbor-Flint, Mich.	-	213.924	4.1	0.2	-	-	210.377	4.5	0.0	-
Houston-Galveston-Brazoria, Texas	-	202.445	3.7	0.6	-	-	201.772	4.4	0.7	-
Miami-Fort Lauderdale, Fla.	-	232.749	4.5	0.7	-	-	231.448	4.8	0.9	-
Philadelphia-Wilmington-Atlantic City, Pa.-N.J.-Del.-Md.	-	236.196	3.4	0.7	-	-	236.583	3.5	0.7	-
San Francisco-Oakland-San Jose, Calif.	-	234.608	2.9	0.4	-	-	231.445	3.2	0.4	-
Seattle-Tacoma-Bremerton, Wash.	-	233.810	2.7	0.2	-	-	230.558	3.2	0.2	-

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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.

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.

This announcement is primarily intended for those users requiring the current indexes on a regular basis. More detailed information may be obtained by writing this office, calling (215) 597-3282, or faxing (215) 861-5720.

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