

**Mid-Atlantic Regional Office CPI Announcement**

**Table 1. Consumer Price Indexes, U.S. city average and selected areas, December 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	
	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	
	Dec 2009	Dec 2008	Dec 2009	Dec 2008	Dec 2009	Dec 2008	Dec 2009	Dec 2008	Dec 2009	Dec 2008	Dec 2009	Dec 2008	Dec 2009	Dec 2008	Dec 2009	Dec 2008	Dec 2009	Dec 2008	Dec 2009	Dec 2008
All items (2)	215.949	2.7	224.800	3.0	-	-	231.462	2.8	209.476	2.9	211.703	3.4	224.732	3.3	-	-	228.794	3.3	206.716	3.7
All items (1967 = 100) (3)	646.887	-	649.434	-	-	-	364.483	-	339.799	-	630.600	-	652.773	-	-	-	357.364	-	334.800	-
Food and beverages (2)	218.049	-0.4	207.409	0.3	-	-	224.090	0.0	216.286	0.0	217.186	-0.5	209.750	-0.1	-	-	222.813	-0.2	215.040	-0.1
Food (2)	217.637	-0.5	206.957	0.2	-	-	223.404	-0.1	216.832	-0.2	216.679	-0.7	208.704	-0.2	-	-	222.245	-0.3	215.545	-0.2
Food at home	213.359	-2.4	216.613	-1.2	132.918	-3.1	220.609	-1.7	211.104	-1.8	212.041	-2.5	217.917	-1.5	132.038	-3.1	218.969	-1.8	209.377	-1.9
Food away from home (4)	224.789	1.9	188.726	2.0	-	-	230.031	1.8	227.401	1.8	224.940	1.9	187.926	1.7	-	-	230.396	1.8	226.790	2.0
Alcoholic beverages (4)	222.082	1.9	210.841	1.8	-	-	232.137	2.2	207.620	1.7	223.168	2.2	216.017	0.9	-	-	229.761	2.5	207.118	2.1
Housing (2)	215.523	-0.3	233.022	1.5	-	-	242.502	0.7	200.527	-0.4	212.142	-0.1	235.422	1.4	-	-	240.268	0.8	200.162	-0.3
Shelter	247.863	0.3	279.397	2.3	155.521	1.4	289.975	1.7	221.823	0.3	241.991	0.5	285.296	2.1	158.447	1.8	286.266	1.9	221.356	0.5
Rent of primary residence (2) (7)	248.999	0.7	260.704	0.6	170.660	2.8	284.396	1.6	223.750	0.8	247.465	0.6	260.704	0.6	170.684	2.8	281.298	1.5	222.381	0.7
Owners' equivalent rent of primary residence (5) (7)	256.727	0.7	288.159	2.7	156.267	1.6	303.128	2.1	225.942	0.6	232.603	0.7	256.265	2.7	155.742	1.6	266.893	2.2	210.231	0.5
Fuels and utilities	208.760	-3.0	206.840	-1.0	-	-	212.553	-3.8	211.444	-4.6	207.329	-3.1	208.887	-1.0	-	-	210.948	-3.7	211.540	-4.3
Household energy	184.886	-4.9	184.144	-2.7	184.428	-7.3	196.369	-5.2	180.904	-6.6	182.701	-4.9	185.314	-2.6	181.381	-6.6	194.395	-5.0	179.282	-6.3
Gas (piped) and electricity (7)	188.724	-5.4	198.707	-4.1	178.949	-7.2	198.161	-7.2	181.645	-6.7	187.125	-5.3	201.096	-3.7	178.200	-6.5	197.308	-6.7	180.766	-6.4
Electricity (7)	187.388	-0.5	195.996	1.6	186.323	-1.9	187.903	-0.4	176.888	-4.6	185.190	-0.7	195.995	1.6	182.393	-2.0	187.119	-0.1	174.702	-4.6
Utility (piped) gas service (7)	190.497	-18.1	200.725	-16.0	134.581	-25.8	209.929	-19.6	198.368	-17.2	190.227	-18.1	200.721	-16.0	137.657	-25.9	209.190	-19.5	202.054	-16.7
Household furnishings and operations	127.119	-1.1	122.741	-2.1	-	-	127.060	-1.5	128.324	0.1	123.187	-0.9	118.077	-1.3	-	-	121.168	-1.6	123.247	0.3
Apparel (2)	119.357	1.9	99.718	10.0	-	-	121.196	4.7	130.113	0.8	118.984	1.7	102.669	8.9	-	-	121.838	5.1	130.041	0.5
Transportation (2)	188.318	14.4	190.137	12.5	-	-	188.963	12.3	185.445	15.7	186.839	16.1	195.822	14.0	-	-	189.464	14.7	182.939	17.3
Private transportation	183.766	15.3	188.373	13.6	-	-	182.968	13.5	183.486	16.3	183.565	16.7	194.866	15.0	-	-	184.847	15.7	181.261	17.7
Motor fuel	224.730	50.7	231.097	39.8	217.413	50.2	221.725	45.0	221.897	49.9	225.584	50.7	231.079	39.8	217.113	50.1	221.970	44.9	221.750	49.8
Gasoline	224.260	53.5	227.830	42.4	217.397	50.5	221.007	47.1	221.252	53.2	225.223	53.6	227.829	42.4	217.137	50.5	221.334	46.9	221.199	53.2
Medical care (2)	379.516	3.4	420.002	-0.9	-	-	398.861	2.2	361.489	3.2	380.302	3.5	407.386	-1.1	-	-	395.755	2.3	365.175	3.4
Recreation (6)	113.212	-0.4	120.653	-1.4	-	-	117.756	1.1	113.926	-0.6	109.851	-0.6	118.682	-1.5	-	-	117.430	0.8	110.378	-0.7
Education and communication (6)	128.883	2.4	127.426	0.4	-	-	132.679	1.9	124.717	2.5	124.156	1.9	121.592	-0.1	-	-	126.559	1.7	119.668	2.0
Other goods and services (2)	377.330	8.0	422.047	8.3	-	-	403.208	7.8	370.188	9.9	403.970	11.3	443.500	11.8	-	-	452.530	11.3	393.424	13.5
Energy (2)	202.301	18.2	200.370	11.7	195.612	12.4	206.899	12.3	194.732	16.7	202.398	20.0	199.028	12.9	196.074	12.5	205.926	14.4	195.089	18.2

**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 Dec 2009 from --			Index		Percent change to Dec 2009 from --		
	Nov 2009	Dec 2009	Dec 2008	Oct 2009	Nov 2009	Nov 2009	Dec 2009	Dec 2008	Oct 2009	Nov 2009
U.S. city average	216.330	215.949	2.7	-0.1	-0.2	212.003	211.703	3.4	0.1	-0.1
Chicago-Gary-Kenosha, Ill.-Ind.-Wis.	212.206	211.185	2.5	-0.2	-0.5	205.136	204.196	2.9	-0.2	-0.5
Los Angeles-Riverside-Orange County, Calif.	224.317	223.643	1.8	-0.7	-0.3	216.618	216.233	2.5	-0.6	-0.2
New York-Northern N.J.-Long Island, N.Y.-N.J.-Conn.-Pa.	238.777	238.427	2.3	0.0	-0.1	233.893	233.448	2.7	0.2	-0.2
Boston-Brockton-Nashua, Mass.-N.H.-Maine-Conn.	236.589	-	-	-	-	236.859	-	-	-	-
Cleveland-Akron, Ohio	201.471	-	-	-	-	192.871	-	-	-	-
Dallas-Fort Worth, Texas	201.958	-	-	-	-	205.297	-	-	-	-
Washington-Baltimore, D.C.-Md.-Va.-W.Va. (Nov. 1996=100)	140.718	-	-	-	-	140.608	-	-	-	-
Atlanta, Ga.	-	200.456	1.8	-0.3	-	-	199.331	2.1	-0.2	-
Detroit-Ann Arbor-Flint, Mich.	-	203.880	3.0	-0.6	-	-	199.614	3.5	-0.4	-
Houston-Galveston-Brazoria, Texas	-	190.932	2.7	-0.4	-	-	188.842	3.1	-0.2	-
Miami-Fort Lauderdale, Fla.	-	222.943	2.1	0.2	-	-	221.067	2.4	0.3	-
Philadelphia-Wilmington-Atlantic City, Pa.-N.J.-Del.-Md.	-	224.800	3.0	0.0	-	-	224.732	3.3	0.1	-
San Francisco-Oakland-San Jose, Calif.	-	224.239	2.6	-0.8	-	-	220.121	3.0	-0.7	-
Seattle-Tacoma-Bremerton, Wash.	-	225.596	1.4	-0.3	-	-	220.905	2.1	-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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