

Mid-Atlantic Regional Office CPI Announcement

Table 1. Consumer Price Indexes, U.S. city average and selected areas, February 2010 (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					
		Feb 2010	Feb 2009	Feb 2010	Feb 2009	Feb 2010	Feb 2009	Feb 2010	Feb 2009		Feb 2010	Feb 2009	Feb 2010	Feb 2009	Feb 2010	Feb 2009	Feb 2010	Feb 2009		
All items (2)	216.741	2.1	226.529	2.8	-	-	232.382	2.5	210.020	2.3	212.544	2.8	226.539	3.3	-	-	229.874	3.1	207.325	3.1
All items (1967 = 100) (3)	649.259	-	654.429	-	-	-	365.930	-	340.682	-	633.105	-	658.021	-	-	-	359.050	-	335.786	-
Food and beverages (2)	219.140	-0.1	207.753	0.3	-	-	225.024	0.4	217.419	0.2	218.299	-0.2	210.131	0.0	-	-	223.723	0.2	216.240	0.2
Food (2)	218.778	-0.2	207.668	0.4	-	-	224.446	0.3	217.990	0.1	217.837	-0.3	209.361	0.1	-	-	223.274	0.1	216.750	0.1
Food at home	215.118	-1.5	217.509	-0.4	135.033	-1.9	222.023	-0.8	212.589	-1.1	213.839	-1.5	218.699	-0.7	134.303	-1.2	220.394	-0.9	210.954	-1.1
Food away from home (4)	225.081	1.4	189.199	1.4	-	-	230.577	1.7	228.116	1.6	225.168	1.4	188.402	1.2	-	-	230.838	1.6	227.454	1.7
Alcoholic beverages (4)	222.496	1.3	206.532	-0.3	-	-	231.577	1.8	208.416	0.8	223.621	1.6	211.634	-1.2	-	-	228.907	2.0	208.232	1.3
Housing (2)	215.841	-0.6	234.104	1.6	-	-	243.492	0.5	199.947	-1.3	212.401	-0.4	236.493	1.8	-	-	241.344	0.9	199.423	-1.1
Shelter	248.001	-0.4	280.970	2.7	156.065	0.8	290.898	1.1	221.681	-0.5	242.002	0.0	286.668	3.0	158.859	1.5	287.104	1.5	221.101	-0.2
Rent of primary residence (2) (5)	249.017	0.3	260.230	1.2	171.470	2.6	284.820	1.3	223.417	0.3	247.448	0.2	260.230	1.2	171.493	2.6	281.659	1.3	221.989	0.1
Owners' equivalent rent of residences (5) (6) (7)	256.483	0.3	289.627	3.8	156.454	1.7	303.837	2.0	225.459	0.0	232.354	0.3	257.571	3.8	155.925	1.7	267.546	2.0	209.782	-0.1
Owners' equivalent rent of primary residence (5) (6) (7)	256.479	0.3	289.627	3.8	156.454	1.7	303.836	2.0	225.462	0.0	232.353	0.3	257.571	3.8	155.924	1.7	267.550	2.0	209.785	-0.1
Fuels and utilities	210.819	-1.3	210.871	0.4	-	-	216.051	-0.6	207.761	-5.7	209.171	-1.5	212.832	0.1	-	-	214.665	-0.5	207.866	-5.7
Household energy	186.345	-3.0	188.384	-0.9	158.974	-18.1	199.863	-1.6	176.121	-8.5	183.918	-3.3	189.329	-1.1	154.646	-18.6	198.080	-1.4	174.618	-8.4
Gas (piped) and electricity (5)	189.549	-4.2	202.161	-3.8	152.281	-19.0	200.835	-4.9	176.309	-8.9	187.730	-4.2	204.587	-3.3	150.854	-19.1	200.224	-4.3	175.694	-8.8
Electricity (5)	185.448	-2.7	200.614	2.0	149.438	-21.2	191.115	-0.1	169.357	-9.5	183.247	-2.8	200.613	2.0	146.323	-21.2	190.484	0.3	167.888	-9.0
Utility (piped) gas service (5)	200.120	-8.4	201.134	-15.8	144.918	-10.2	211.088	-14.4	208.843	-5.5	200.039	-8.5	201.130	-15.8	147.379	-11.1	210.751	-14.1	212.741	-6.6
Household furnishings and operations	126.945	-1.7	120.133	-5.7	-	-	126.552	-2.4	128.212	-0.9	123.097	-1.4	115.465	-6.0	-	-	120.900	-2.5	123.123	-0.9
Apparel (2)	118.869	0.0	105.611	2.0	-	-	119.498	0.2	130.205	0.1	118.607	-0.1	107.419	1.8	-	-	120.718	0.9	130.287	-0.2
Transportation (2)	189.577	11.8	191.487	12.0	-	-	189.950	11.3	187.130	13.3	188.406	13.5	197.695	13.6	-	-	190.785	13.5	184.940	15.2
Private transportation	185.274	12.4	189.500	12.7	-	-	184.016	11.9	185.565	13.7	185.268	13.9	196.633	14.4	-	-	186.213	14.1	183.479	15.5
Motor fuel	227.674	36.0	235.175	34.4	224.249	40.6	224.864	38.0	226.054	37.7	228.569	36.0	235.157	34.3	223.935	40.6	225.144	38.1	225.878	37.6
Gasoline	227.198	36.8	231.842	35.9	224.252	40.8	224.091	39.0	225.389	38.6	228.207	36.8	231.841	35.9	223.980	40.8	224.452	39.0	225.309	38.5
Medical care (2)	385.907	3.6	428.144	0.9	-	-	404.795	2.4	366.685	3.6	386.919	3.8	415.115	0.7	-	-	401.579	2.5	370.587	3.8
Recreation (8)	113.345	-1.0	120.299	-2.2	-	-	118.041	0.5	114.228	-0.8	110.076	-1.1	117.756	-2.7	-	-	118.119	0.7	110.769	-0.7
Education and communication (8)	129.105	2.3	130.085	1.6	-	-	133.215	2.3	125.091	2.7	124.334	1.8	125.597	2.2	-	-	127.226	2.1	120.097	2.2
Other goods and services (2)	377.992	7.6	419.535	6.9	-	-	403.165	7.2	371.466	9.9	404.722	10.7	440.003	10.0	-	-	451.938	10.5	394.963	13.4
Energy (2)	204.455	14.4	204.493	11.5	185.421	4.6	210.240	13.0	194.348	11.9	204.494	15.5	202.983	12.2	185.330	4.2	209.365	14.7	194.953	13.0

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 underwent a change in composition in January 2010. The expenditure class now includes weight from secondary residences and has been re-titled "Owners' equivalent rent of residences." The item stratum "Owners' equivalent rent of primary residence" excludes secondary residences.
- (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 Feb 2010 from --			Index		Percent change to Feb 2010 from --		
	Jan 2010	Feb 2010	Feb 2009	Dec 2009	Jan 2010	Jan 2010	Feb 2010	Feb 2009	Dec 2009	Jan 2010
U.S. city average	216.687	216.741	2.1	0.4	0.0	212.568	212.544	2.8	0.4	0.0
Chicago-Gary-Kenosha, Ill.-Ind.-Wis.	212.104	212.456	2.5	0.6	0.2	205.529	205.627	2.8	0.7	0.0
Los Angeles-Riverside-Orange County, Calif.	224.610	224.620	1.4	0.4	0.0	217.290	217.090	1.8	0.4	-0.1
New York-Northern N.J.-Long Island, N.Y.-N.J.-Conn.-Pa.	238.970	238.862	1.8	0.2	0.0	234.067	234.153	2.4	0.3	0.0
Boston-Brockton-Nashua, Mass.-N.H.-Maine-Conn.	237.266	-	-	-	-	237.999	-	-	-	-
Cleveland-Akron, Ohio	203.037	-	-	-	-	194.529	-	-	-	-
Dallas-Fort Worth, Texas	202.106	-	-	-	-	205.456	-	-	-	-
Washington-Baltimore, D.C.-Md.-Va.-W.Va. (Nov. 1996=100)	141.124	-	-	-	-	141.155	-	-	-	-
Atlanta, Ga.	-	202.646	1.7	1.1	-	-	201.407	2.0	1.0	-
Detroit-Ann Arbor-Flint, Mich.	-	203.380	0.7	-0.2	-	-	198.913	1.4	-0.4	-
Houston-Galveston-Brazoria, Texas	-	192.412	2.4	0.8	-	-	190.351	2.9	0.8	-
Miami-Fort Lauderdale, Fla.	-	222.505	0.9	-0.2	-	-	221.074	1.6	0.0	-
Philadelphia-Wilmington-Atlantic City, Pa.-N.J.-Del.-Md.	-	226.529	2.8	0.8	-	-	226.539	3.3	0.8	-
San Francisco-Oakland-San Jose, Calif.	-	226.145	1.8	0.8	-	-	222.049	2.4	0.9	-
Seattle-Tacoma-Bremerton, Wash.	-	226.085	0.6	0.2	-	-	221.215	1.1	0.1	-

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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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