

MID-ATLANTIC REGIONAL OFFICE CPI ANNOUNCEMENT

Table 1. Consumer Price Indexes, U.S. city average and selected areas, July 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		
	Jul 2008	Jul 2007	Jul 2008	Jul 2007	Jul 2008	Jul 2007	Jul 2008	Jul 2007	Jul 2008	Jul 2007	Jul 2008	Jul 2007	Jul 2008	Jul 2007	Jul 2008	Jul 2007	Jul 2008	Jul 2007	Jul 2008	Jul 2007	
All items (2)	219.964	5.6	-	-	142.065	5.7	234.545	5.7	213.304	5.8	216.304	6.2	-	-	141.622	5.9	231.488	6.2	211.438	6.4	
All items (1967 = 100) (3)	658.915	-	-	-	-	-	369.336	-	346.008	-	644.303	-	-	-	-	-	361.572	-	342.447	-	
Food and beverages (2)	215.326	5.8	-	-	137.361	5.0	219.381	5.4	212.759	6.0	214.662	5.8	-	-	135.823	4.3	218.543	5.5	211.550	6.0	
Food (2)	215.299	6.0	-	-	138.776	5.6	219.022	5.5	213.576	6.3	214.577	6.0	-	-	137.016	4.7	218.267	5.6	212.412	6.2	
Food at home	215.785	7.1	218.483	6.0	135.435	5.8	219.811	6.5	212.345	7.6	214.679	7.0	220.243	6.0	134.768	5.2	218.486	6.4	210.888	7.5	
Food away from home (4)	216.376	4.6	-	-	140.537	5.5	221.073	4.1	218.512	4.8	216.177	4.6	-	-	138.263	4.2	221.169	4.3	217.357	4.6	
Alcoholic beverages (4)	214.394	3.3	-	-	117.671	-1.3	222.971	4.6	200.296	1.7	214.440	3.3	-	-	119.209	-0.9	220.653	4.6	198.052	1.2	
Housing (2)	219.610	3.9	-	-	152.356	4.7	248.478	4.5	203.270	4.2	215.026	4.3	-	-	153.577	5.0	243.497	4.8	202.202	4.6	
Shelter	248.075	2.5	277.355	2.0	154.443	3.4	289.487	2.1	221.491	2.9	239.845	2.6	280.120	2.2	154.131	3.5	281.248	2.1	219.366	2.9	
Rent of primary residence (2) (7)	243.367	3.7	255.566	3.0	161.580	4.0	275.313	4.2	219.124	3.8	242.276	3.6	255.566	3.0	161.581	4.0	272.735	4.1	218.231	3.8	
Owners' equivalent rent of primary residence (5) (7)	252.504	2.6	280.644	2.2	151.593	3.1	293.833	2.2	222.752	3.0	228.824	2.6	249.582	2.2	151.066	3.1	258.496	2.2	207.562	2.9	
Fuels and utilities	239.039	16.0	-	-	208.234	18.2	255.437	22.5	235.673	14.4	236.381	15.7	-	-	202.378	16.4	250.769	22.1	234.543	14.2	
Household energy	221.742	18.2	218.712	13.0	216.974	19.5	244.871	24.7	210.725	16.5	217.640	17.8	216.779	11.4	209.097	17.4	239.150	24.0	207.529	16.1	
Gas (piped) and electricity (7)	221.805	14.8	223.649	6.4	208.032	17.6	231.272	14.2	210.193	15.2	219.612	15.0	225.310	6.2	204.399	16.3	229.524	14.9	208.258	15.0	
Electricity (7)	199.068	7.9	209.379	3.4	194.806	10.5	203.777	7.7	193.414	11.0	197.411	8.3	209.378	3.4	190.570	10.2	202.854	8.4	191.652	11.3	
Utility (piped) gas service (7)	291.713	32.7	254.720	13.2	229.206	47.9	284.371	27.1	303.148	36.5	292.916	33.5	254.715	13.2	236.757	48.9	283.379	28.4	308.462	37.0	
Household furnishings and operations	127.884	0.8	-	-	99.921	-1.1	128.437	-0.2	127.439	1.1	123.798	1.0	-	-	95.861	-0.2	122.332	0.0	122.445	1.5	
Apparel (2)	114.357	0.8	-	-	88.211	3.7	111.732	0.2	127.030	0.5	113.978	0.7	-	-	87.073	0.2	112.149	0.6	126.677	-0.3	
Transportation (2)	212.806	13.4	-	-	149.143	14.5	209.419	12.9	212.146	13.9	214.533	14.4	-	-	146.405	13.1	215.694	14.7	211.971	14.7	
Private transportation	208.038	13.3	-	-	148.926	13.8	203.358	13.1	210.408	13.8	211.201	14.4	-	-	146.423	12.8	211.417	15.0	210.450	14.7	
Motor fuel	349.731	38.3	364.608	39.8	334.353	38.5	339.083	38.3	347.742	38.2	351.124	38.3	364.584	39.8	333.922	38.5	338.775	38.3	347.796	38.2	
Gasoline	347.357	37.9	357.988	39.4	334.141	38.1	336.470	38.0	344.801	37.6	348.888	37.9	357.987	39.4	333.765	38.2	336.306	37.9	344.955	37.7	
Medical care (2)	363.963	3.5	-	-	140.749	3.5	388.202	3.4	347.394	4.0	363.942	3.6	-	-	140.249	3.3	384.912	3.3	350.035	4.4	
Recreation (6)	113.277	1.7	-	-	118.810	2.7	115.904	2.5	113.553	1.3	110.198	1.7	-	-	114.763	2.1	115.685	3.2	110.179	1.0	
Education and communication (6)	123.445	3.7	-	-	127.499	3.0	126.702	5.1	119.657	3.2	119.852	3.3	-	-	120.627	2.8	121.487	4.5	116.110	3.0	
Other goods and services (2)	346.810	4.0	-	-	147.060	1.6	373.338	5.2	333.144	3.5	359.961	4.6	-	-	164.711	3.7	404.282	6.7	343.451	3.9	
Energy (2)	280.833	29.3	271.192	24.9	262.513	28.8	284.330	31.1	268.373	28.5	282.579	29.7	269.436	24.9	259.919	27.4	283.401	31.4	270.190	29.0	

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) 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, 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 1S. Consumer Price Indexes, semiannual averages for the United States and Pittsburgh, (1982-84=100 unless otherwise noted) (not seasonally adjusted)**

Item	Semiannual averages							
	CPI-U				CPI-W			
	U.S. city average		Pittsburgh		U.S. city average		Pittsburgh	
	Percent change		Percent change		Percent change		Percent change	
	Index 1st half 2008	Index 1st half 2007	Index 1st half 2008	Index 1st half 2007	Index 1st half 2008	Index 1st half 2007	Index 1st half 2008	Index 1st half 2007
All items	214.429	4.2	209.486	4.9	210.309	4.6	202.892	5.5
All items (1967 = 100)	642.333	-	639.240	-	626.446	-	603.433	-
Food and beverages	210.832	4.8	206.680	4.6	210.059	4.9	207.568	5.0
Food	210.595	4.9	205.966	4.7	209.775	4.9	205.766	4.9
Food at home	210.067	5.6	205.449	5.5	208.945	5.6	205.238	5.5
Food away from home	212.925	4.1	208.347	3.7	212.642	4.1	208.882	4.1
Alcoholic beverages	212.637	3.5	214.999	4.4	212.804	3.5	221.187	4.9
Housing	214.717	3.1	211.083	3.0	210.024	3.3	193.151	3.4
Shelter	245.635	2.8	227.147	1.0	237.914	2.8	197.886	1.0
Rent of primary residence (3)	241.161	3.7	198.518	1.4	240.209	3.7	198.518	1.4
Owners' equivalent rent of primary residence (1) (3)	251.120	2.6	221.265	0.9	227.614	2.6	205.583	0.9
Fuels and utilities	214.068	8.2	251.053	12.6	211.709	7.9	255.431	13.8
Household energy	194.981	8.8	245.484	15.3	191.536	8.4	249.606	16.2
Gas (piped) and electricity (3)	195.452	6.0	236.899	12.0	193.478	5.9	237.962	11.9
Electricity (3)	179.996	4.5	166.856	9.5	178.183	4.4	166.856	9.5
Utility (piped) gas service (3)	242.379	9.9	315.550	13.8	243.149	10.2	315.552	13.8
Household furnishings and operations	127.208	-0.1	144.620	1.9	122.980	0.1	133.314	1.1
Apparel	119.067	-0.7	139.804	-1.7	118.921	-0.3	142.991	-0.8
Transportation	198.701	9.0	175.649	11.4	199.536	9.8	187.494	12.7
Private transportation	194.597	9.0	176.712	11.9	196.573	9.8	190.137	13.1
Motor fuel	293.723	27.8	299.739	31.1	294.964	27.9	299.685	31.1
Gasoline	291.726	27.5	299.367	30.7	293.085	27.7	299.361	30.7
Medical care	362.635	4.4	357.781	7.0	362.759	4.5	344.901	7.1
Recreation (2)	112.672	1.2	111.235	4.6	109.610	0.9	108.396	4.2
Education and communication (2)	122.101	3.2	129.043	4.8	118.466	2.8	123.818	4.7
Other goods and services	342.512	3.3	342.311	2.9	354.298	3.7	374.264	3.0
Energy	240.367	19.0	276.958	23.0	241.616	19.4	275.541	24.1

The Pittsburgh, Pa. area includes Allegheny, Armstrong, Beaver, Butler, Fayette, Washington, and Westmoreland Counties.

**Footnotes:**

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**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 Jul 2008 from --			Index		Percent change to Jul 2008 from --		
	Jun 2008	Jul 2008	Jul 2007	May 2008	Jun 2008	Jun 2008	Jul 2008	Jul 2007	May 2008	Jun 2008
U.S. city average	218.815	219.964	5.6	1.5	0.5	215.223	216.304	6.2	1.7	0.5
Chicago-Gary-Kenosha, Ill.-Ind.-Wis.	215.738	217.459	5.8	1.2	0.8	209.021	211.020	6.2	1.3	1.0
Los Angeles-Riverside-Orange County, Calif.	229.033	229.886	5.7	1.4	0.4	222.435	223.245	6.6	1.6	0.4
New York-Northern N.J.-Long Island, N.Y.-N.J.-Conn.-Pa.	238.580	240.273	5.1	1.7	0.7	233.776	235.446	5.9	2.0	0.7
Boston-Brockton-Nashua, Mass.-N.H.-Maine-Conn.	-	241.258	6.3	2.5	-	-	240.511	6.2	2.2	-
Cleveland-Akron, Ohio	-	206.941	5.0	1.0	-	-	198.063	5.7	1.1	-
Dallas-Fort Worth, Texas	-	206.413	6.2	2.0	-	-	210.830	7.5	2.2	-
Washington-Baltimore, D.C.-Md.-Va.-W.Va. (Nov. 1996=100)	-	142.065	5.7	1.7	-	-	141.622	5.9	1.6	-
Atlanta, Ga.	212.032	-	-	-	-	212.013	-	-	-	-
Detroit-Ann Arbor-Flint, Mich.	207.593	-	-	-	-	203.524	-	-	-	-
Houston-Galveston-Brazoria, Texas	193.567	-	-	-	-	193.742	-	-	-	-
Miami-Fort Lauderdale, Fla.	225.079	-	-	-	-	223.849	-	-	-	-
Philadelphia-Wilmington-Atlantic City, Pa.-N.J.-Del.-Md.	228.408	-	-	-	-	228.429	-	-	-	-
San Francisco-Oakland-San Jose, Calif.	225.181	-	-	-	-	221.454	-	-	-	-
Seattle-Tacoma-Bremerton, Wash.	228.068	-	-	-	-	223.573	-	-	-	-

**Table 3. 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 from		Index	Percent change from	
	1st half 2008	1st half 2007	2nd half 2007	1st half 2008	1st half 2007	2nd half 2007
U.S. city average	214.429	4.2	2.6	210.309	4.6	2.9
Anchorage, Alaska	187.659	4.6	2.5	187.396	4.6	2.4
Atlanta, Ga.	206.746	4.4	2.4	206.260	4.8	2.7
Boston-Brockton-Nashua, Mass.-N.H.-Maine-Conn.	234.239	3.7	2.3	233.887	3.8	2.4
Chicago-Gary-Kenosha, Ill.-Ind.-Wis.	212.193	4.5	2.7	205.346	4.7	2.9
Cincinnati-Hamilton, Ohio-Ky.-Ind.	200.054	4.1	2.2	193.856	4.1	2.2
Cleveland-Akron, Ohio	202.959	4.4	2.8	193.663	4.9	3.0
Dallas-Fort Worth, Texas	200.118	4.7	2.4	203.466	5.5	3.0
Denver-Boulder-Greeley, Colo.	208.741	3.7	2.9	201.124	3.9	3.2
Detroit-Ann Arbor-Flint, Mich.	204.466	2.4	1.9	200.103	2.9	2.2
Honolulu, Hawaii	227.334	4.9	2.2	226.738	5.1	2.4
Houston-Galveston-Brazoria, Texas	189.369	3.6	2.5	188.635	4.0	2.8
Kansas City, Mo.-Kans.	200.868	4.0	2.6	192.430	4.3	2.9
Los Angeles-Riverside-Orange County, Calif.	224.377	3.8	2.7	217.433	4.3	3.1
Miami-Fort Lauderdale, Fla.	221.180	5.3	3.0	219.399	5.5	3.0
Milwaukee-Racine, Wis.	201.955	4.8	3.3	205.845	5.0	3.3
Minneapolis-St. Paul, Minn.-Wis.	208.284	3.8	3.2	202.004	4.1	3.0
New York-Northern N.J.-Long Island, N.Y.-N.J.-Conn.-Pa.	233.761	3.8	2.2	228.284	4.2	2.5
Philadelphia-Wilmington-Atlantic City, Pa.-N.J.-Del.-Md.	223.536	4.1	2.2	223.341	4.2	2.5
Phoenix-Mesa, Ariz. (Dec. 2001=100)	118.912	3.8	2.5	118.222	4.0	2.6
Pittsburgh, Pa.	209.486	4.9	3.0	202.892	5.5	3.4
Portland-Salem, Ore.-Wash.	214.619	3.9	2.0	209.456	4.1	2.3
St. Louis, Mo.-Ill.	198.278	3.2	2.0	197.848	3.6	2.3
San Diego, Calif.	242.440	4.6	3.3	226.591	4.4	3.2
San Francisco-Oakland-San Jose, Calif.	221.730	3.3	2.0	217.487	3.6	2.2
Seattle-Tacoma-Bremerton, Wash.	223.569	4.6	2.8	218.664	4.9	3.1
Tampa-St. Petersburg-Clearwater, Fla. (1987=100)	189.884	3.8	2.3	189.401	4.2	2.4
Washington-Baltimore, D.C.-Md.-Va.-W.Va. (Nov. 1996=100)	138.490	4.9	2.6	138.049	5.2	2.7