

Mid-Atlantic Regional Office CPI Announcement

Table 1. Consumer Price Indexes, U.S. city average and selected areas, March 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	Percent change from		Percent change from	Percent change from	Percent change from	Percent change from	Percent change from					
		Mar 2010	Mar 2009	Mar 2010	Mar 2009	Mar 2010	Mar 2009	Mar 2010	Mar 2009		Mar 2010	Mar 2009	Mar 2010	Mar 2009	Mar 2010	Mar 2009	Mar 2010	Mar 2009	Mar 2010	Mar 2009
All items (2)	217.631	2.3	-	-	141.741	2.3	233.188	2.6	211.216	2.5	213.525	3.0	-	-	141.782	3.1	230.622	3.1	208.621	3.4
All items (1967 = 100) (3)	651.925	-	-	-	-	-	367.200	-	342.622	-	636.025	-	-	-	-	-	360.219	-	337.885	-
Food and beverages (2)	219.378	0.3	-	-	139.242	-0.7	224.937	0.7	217.693	0.5	218.502	0.2	-	-	137.801	-0.5	223.533	0.5	216.436	0.5
Food (2)	219.032	0.2	-	-	140.707	-0.7	224.365	0.6	218.348	0.5	218.066	0.1	-	-	138.988	-0.6	223.102	0.4	217.010	0.5
Food at home	215.623	-0.7	213.847	-1.2	135.300	-2.0	221.770	-0.3	213.389	-0.1	214.291	-0.8	214.324	-1.7	133.956	-2.1	219.981	-0.5	211.544	-0.2
Food away from home (4)	224.991	1.2	-	-	144.674	0.6	230.730	1.6	227.863	1.2	225.072	1.2	-	-	143.279	1.0	231.029	1.5	227.226	1.3
Alcoholic beverages (4)	222.521	1.1	-	-	119.013	-0.8	231.407	2.1	207.568	0.1	223.452	1.3	-	-	121.133	0.6	228.445	2.0	207.490	0.6
Housing (2)	216.023	-0.6	-	-	151.484	-0.1	243.849	0.4	200.534	-1.0	212.604	-0.3	-	-	154.805	0.4	241.674	0.8	200.059	-0.8
Shelter	248.052	-0.6	280.336	1.9	156.323	0.2	291.231	0.6	221.938	-0.8	242.019	-0.2	285.865	2.2	158.990	0.8	287.328	1.1	221.333	-0.4
Rent of primary residence (2) (5)	249.089	0.2	259.235	0.6	171.782	2.4	285.441	1.2	223.545	0.2	247.555	0.1	259.235	0.6	171.828	2.4	282.243	1.1	222.201	0.1
Owners' equivalent rent of residences (5) (6) (7)	256.272	0.0	288.303	2.7	156.317	0.6	303.676	1.5	225.440	-0.3	232.179	0.0	256.394	2.7	155.810	0.6	267.371	1.5	209.791	-0.3
Owners' equivalent rent of primary residence (5) (6) (7)	256.266	0.0	288.303	2.7	156.319	0.6	303.676	1.5	225.442	-0.3	232.180	0.0	256.394	2.7	155.811	0.6	267.374	1.5	209.795	-0.3
Fuels and utilities	212.295	0.9	-	-	183.125	1.2	216.747	0.9	211.457	-2.1	210.775	0.7	-	-	180.170	0.5	215.552	1.0	211.408	-2.2
Household energy	187.864	-0.5	188.779	2.4	185.106	0.1	200.609	0.2	179.940	-4.1	185.557	-0.7	189.757	2.0	181.324	-0.6	199.029	0.3	178.206	-4.2
Gas (piped) and electricity (5)	191.280	-1.8	202.699	-0.7	178.618	-0.3	201.702	-3.7	180.207	-4.6	189.595	-1.7	205.137	-0.4	177.656	-0.7	201.332	-3.1	179.368	-4.6
Electricity (5)	189.061	-0.5	199.559	2.1	184.234	-1.4	192.783	0.5	174.287	-5.6	186.750	-0.6	199.558	2.1	180.353	-1.4	192.529	1.1	172.372	-5.4
Utility (piped) gas service (5)	195.832	-5.5	205.709	-7.0	140.143	5.3	209.913	-12.4	205.184	1.9	195.939	-5.3	205.704	-7.0	142.900	2.7	209.384	-12.2	208.869	1.5
Household furnishings and operations	126.750	-2.3	-	-	99.307	-4.2	126.778	-1.8	127.914	-1.7	122.859	-2.0	-	-	95.677	-4.6	121.128	-1.8	122.827	-1.5
Apparel (2)	122.073	-0.4	-	-	95.599	-1.4	124.642	1.9	132.865	-1.2	121.347	-0.7	-	-	96.958	0.0	125.067	2.0	132.073	-1.7
Transportation (2)	192.130	13.3	-	-	134.345	14.4	191.142	12.1	190.228	14.9	191.294	15.3	-	-	133.110	15.6	192.084	14.4	188.463	17.2
Private transportation	187.796	13.8	-	-	134.400	14.8	185.227	12.7	188.674	15.2	188.146	15.7	-	-	133.230	16.0	187.521	15.0	187.009	17.5
Motor fuel	237.671	41.1	242.140	37.3	228.001	41.1	230.115	40.3	236.568	42.7	238.769	41.2	242.122	37.3	227.687	41.1	230.399	40.3	236.553	42.8
Gasoline	237.356	41.4	238.671	38.1	228.049	41.2	229.360	40.9	236.108	43.1	238.583	41.5	238.670	38.1	227.777	41.2	229.731	40.9	236.201	43.2
Medical care (2)	387.142	3.7	-	-	148.715	4.7	406.995	3.0	368.944	4.1	388.330	4.0	-	-	148.526	5.0	403.795	3.0	373.108	4.4
Recreation (8)	113.339	-1.1	-	-	118.158	2.3	117.868	0.4	114.542	-0.8	110.073	-1.2	-	-	115.817	1.8	117.734	0.5	111.116	-0.9
Education and communication (8)	129.236	2.4	-	-	134.906	3.0	133.228	2.2	125.227	2.8	124.455	1.9	-	-	123.323	1.6	127.263	2.0	120.198	2.3
Other goods and services (2)	378.808	4.9	-	-	167.363	3.5	404.321	4.4	371.963	6.3	405.641	6.7	-	-	191.503	4.4	453.775	5.7	395.606	8.4
Energy (2)	209.999	18.3	207.475	15.1	200.797	16.1	212.890	15.2	201.231	17.0	210.425	19.6	205.911	15.6	200.989	15.4	212.242	16.8	201.969	18.1

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) 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 Mar 2010 from --			Index		Percent change to Mar 2010 from --		
	Feb 2010	Mar 2010	Mar 2009	Jan 2010	Feb 2010	Feb 2010	Mar 2010	Mar 2009	Jan 2010	Feb 2010
U.S. city average	216.741	217.631	2.3	0.4	0.4	212.544	213.525	3.0	0.5	0.5
Chicago-Gary-Kenosha, Ill.-Ind.-Wis.	212.456	212.952	2.6	0.4	0.2	205.627	206.381	3.1	0.4	0.4
Los Angeles-Riverside-Orange County, Calif.	224.620	225.483	1.9	0.4	0.4	217.090	218.157	2.4	0.4	0.5
New York-Northern N.J.-Long Island, N.Y.-N.J.-Conn.-Pa.	238.862	240.101	2.1	0.5	0.5	234.153	235.240	2.7	0.5	0.5
Boston-Brockton-Nashua, Mass.-N.H.-Maine-Conn.	-	237.986	2.5	0.3	-	-	238.388	2.8	0.2	-
Cleveland-Akron, Ohio	-	203.577	2.1	0.3	-	-	194.852	2.5	0.2	-
Dallas-Fort Worth, Texas	-	201.982	1.0	-0.1	-	-	205.351	2.3	-0.1	-
Washington-Baltimore, D.C.-Md.-Va.-W.Va. (Nov. 1996=100)	-	141.741	2.3	0.4	-	-	141.782	3.1	0.4	-
Atlanta, Ga.	202.646	-	-	-	-	201.407	-	-	-	-
Detroit-Ann Arbor-Flint, Mich.	203.380	-	-	-	-	198.913	-	-	-	-
Houston-Galveston-Brazoria, Texas	192.412	-	-	-	-	190.351	-	-	-	-
Miami-Fort Lauderdale, Fla.	222.505	-	-	-	-	221.074	-	-	-	-
Philadelphia-Wilmington-Atlantic City, Pa.-N.J.-Del.-Md.	226.529	-	-	-	-	226.539	-	-	-	-
San Francisco-Oakland-San Jose, Calif.	226.145	-	-	-	-	222.049	-	-	-	-
Seattle-Tacoma-Bremerton, Wash.	226.085	-	-	-	-	221.215	-	-	-	-

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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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