

Mid-Atlantic Regional Office CPI Announcement

Table 1. Consumer Price Indexes, U.S. city average and selected areas, May 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	
	May 2010	May 2009	May 2010	May 2009	May 2010	May 2009	May 2010	May 2009	May 2010	May 2009	May 2010	May 2009	May 2010	May 2009	May 2010	May 2009	May 2010	May 2009	May 2010	May 2009
All items (2)	218.178	2.0	-	-	142.025	1.9	234.130	2.6	211.423	2.0	214.124	2.6	-	-	142.064	2.6	231.661	3.1	208.920	2.7
All items (1967 = 100) (3)	653.564	-	-	-	-	-	368.684	-	342.958	-	637.809	-	-	-	-	-	361.842	-	338.369	-
Food and beverages (2)	219.693	0.7	-	-	139.493	0.3	226.073	1.2	217.825	0.9	218.844	0.7	-	-	138.085	0.4	224.886	1.1	216.605	1.0
Food (2)	219.374	0.7	-	-	140.949	0.2	225.522	1.2	218.450	0.9	218.427	0.7	-	-	139.227	0.3	224.470	1.1	217.126	0.9
Food at home	215.793	0.3	217.757	1.5	134.952	-0.8	223.623	1.1	212.969	0.6	214.501	0.3	219.020	1.4	133.872	-0.7	222.029	1.0	211.239	0.6
Food away from home (4)	225.573	1.1	-	-	145.625	1.2	230.949	1.3	228.693	1.2	225.657	1.2	-	-	143.953	1.3	231.390	1.3	227.970	1.2
Alcoholic beverages (4)	222.463	1.1	-	-	119.342	1.4	232.254	1.5	208.097	1.3	223.515	1.3	-	-	121.939	2.2	229.578	1.4	208.435	2.1
Housing (2)	215.981	-0.5	-	-	151.863	-0.3	243.990	0.7	200.409	-1.0	212.518	-0.2	-	-	155.160	0.3	241.743	1.1	199.945	-0.7
Shelter	248.100	-0.7	282.708	2.1	157.069	0.1	291.868	0.4	221.967	-0.8	241.964	-0.4	288.003	2.4	159.742	0.8	287.839	0.8	221.296	-0.5
Rent of primary residence (2) (5)	248.925	-0.1	258.425	0.3	171.935	2.0	286.038	1.0	223.340	-0.2	247.352	-0.1	258.425	0.3	172.004	2.0	282.850	1.0	221.958	-0.3
Owners' equivalent rent of residences (5) (6) (7)	256.163	-0.3	291.054	3.0	157.280	0.6	303.737	1.0	225.578	-0.5	232.068	-0.3	258.840	3.0	156.770	0.6	267.471	1.0	209.864	-0.5
Owners' equivalent rent of primary residence (5) (6) (7)	256.159	-0.3	291.054	3.0	157.282	0.6	303.731	1.0	225.582	-0.5	232.070	-0.3	258.840	3.0	156.771	0.6	267.476	1.0	209.868	-0.5
Fuels and utilities	212.773	3.1	-	-	181.252	0.4	214.635	5.0	211.479	-0.5	211.426	3.0	-	-	178.523	0.1	213.669	5.0	211.872	-0.5
Household energy	188.017	2.3	188.438	2.3	183.197	-0.5	197.553	4.5	180.056	-2.0	185.946	2.2	189.183	1.9	179.652	-0.8	196.293	4.5	178.780	-2.1
Gas (piped) and electricity (5)	191.628	1.1	201.607	-1.0	176.604	-1.5	197.680	0.8	180.530	-2.6	190.233	1.2	204.031	-0.7	175.943	-1.3	197.823	1.4	180.128	-2.4
Electricity (5)	192.416	0.7	198.519	1.8	184.034	-1.6	192.960	1.9	176.148	-3.5	190.161	0.7	198.518	1.8	180.152	-1.6	193.045	2.5	174.406	-3.2
Utility (piped) gas service (5)	186.595	2.3	204.510	-7.3	132.308	-1.2	195.780	-1.4	194.738	3.0	186.533	2.7	204.506	-7.3	135.651	0.5	195.854	-1.0	198.613	3.6
Household furnishings and operations	126.029	-2.8	-	-	98.942	-4.6	126.894	-2.2	127.074	-2.4	122.019	-2.8	-	-	95.029	-5.9	121.353	-2.2	121.841	-2.4
Apparel (2)	121.006	-0.6	-	-	91.327	-5.1	123.556	2.5	129.571	-2.8	120.267	-0.9	-	-	91.145	-5.7	123.660	2.2	128.876	-3.5
Transportation (2)	194.761	10.7	-	-	136.476	12.8	194.467	10.5	192.614	11.9	194.079	12.1	-	-	135.377	13.7	195.410	12.0	190.975	13.6
Private transportation	190.071	10.7	-	-	136.174	12.5	188.096	10.3	190.764	12.0	190.768	12.2	-	-	135.332	13.6	190.613	12.0	189.377	13.8
Motor fuel	246.671	27.4	252.973	27.9	239.143	31.0	241.662	28.3	244.238	28.4	247.688	27.5	252.954	27.9	238.831	31.1	241.790	28.3	244.165	28.3
Gasoline	246.080	27.0	249.374	27.9	239.184	31.1	240.856	28.2	243.458	27.9	247.224	27.1	249.374	27.9	238.916	31.1	241.078	28.2	243.492	27.9
Medical care (2)	387.762	3.4	-	-	148.761	4.6	408.012	3.2	369.682	3.9	389.029	3.6	-	-	148.670	5.0	405.155	3.2	373.968	4.2
Recreation (8)	113.684	-0.5	-	-	116.810	1.3	119.012	1.5	113.957	-1.4	110.195	-0.9	-	-	113.763	0.1	119.064	1.6	110.261	-1.7
Education and communication (8)	129.270	2.2	-	-	135.428	3.1	132.965	1.6	125.198	2.6	124.459	1.8	-	-	123.984	1.9	127.019	1.5	120.152	2.1
Other goods and services (2)	379.714	2.7	-	-	168.577	3.0	404.985	3.1	373.017	3.5	406.973	3.3	-	-	192.847	2.7	454.884	3.8	397.053	4.4
Energy (2)	214.363	14.7	211.548	12.4	204.882	13.2	216.008	14.5	204.934	12.9	215.104	15.4	209.725	12.6	205.330	13.0	215.857	15.4	206.038	13.6

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 May 2010 from --			Index		Percent change to May 2010 from --		
	Apr 2010	May 2010	May 2009	Mar 2010	Apr 2010	Apr 2010	May 2010	May 2009	Mar 2010	Apr 2010
U.S. city average	218.009	218.178	2.0	0.3	0.1	213.958	214.124	2.6	0.3	0.1
Chicago-Gary-Kenosha, Ill.-Ind.-Wis.	212.929	212.984	1.5	0.0	0.0	206.466	206.774	2.1	0.2	0.1
Los Angeles-Riverside-Orange County, Calif.	225.916	226.438	1.8	0.4	0.2	218.475	218.787	2.0	0.3	0.1
New York-Northern N.J.-Long Island, N.Y.-N.J.-Conn.-Pa.	240.529	241.075	2.2	0.4	0.2	235.750	236.144	2.5	0.4	0.2
Boston-Brockton-Nashua, Mass.-N.H.-Maine-Conn.	-	238.083	2.7	0.0	-	-	238.863	3.2	0.2	-
Cleveland-Akron, Ohio	-	204.024	1.9	0.2	-	-	195.574	2.2	0.4	-
Dallas-Fort Worth, Texas	-	202.108	1.4	0.1	-	-	205.263	2.1	0.0	-
Washington-Baltimore, D.C.-Md.-Va.-W.Va. (Nov. 1996=100)	-	142.025	1.9	0.2	-	-	142.064	2.6	0.2	-
Atlanta, Ga.	204.014	-	-	-	-	203.095	-	-	-	-
Detroit-Ann Arbor-Flint, Mich.	205.248	-	-	-	-	201.003	-	-	-	-
Houston-Galveston-Brazoria, Texas	194.037	-	-	-	-	192.447	-	-	-	-
Miami-Fort Lauderdale, Fla.	222.625	-	-	-	-	220.633	-	-	-	-
Philadelphia-Wilmington-Atlantic City, Pa.-N.J.-Del.-Md.	227.432	-	-	-	-	227.325	-	-	-	-
San Francisco-Oakland-San Jose, Calif.	227.697	-	-	-	-	223.821	-	-	-	-
Seattle-Tacoma-Bremerton, Wash.	226.513	-	-	-	-	222.309	-	-	-	-

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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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