

Mid-Atlantic Regional Office CPI Announcement

Table 1. Consumer Price Indexes, U.S. city average and selected areas, September 2011 (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					
		Sep 2010	Sep 2011	Sep 2010	Sep 2011	Sep 2010	Sep 2011	Sep 2010	Sep 2011		Sep 2010	Sep 2011	Sep 2010	Sep 2011	Sep 2010	Sep 2011	Sep 2010	Sep 2011		
All items (2)	226.889	3.9	-	-	147.658	3.4	243.323	4.0	220.371	4.1	223.688	4.4	-	-	148.352	3.9	241.838	4.4	218.787	4.6
All items (1967 = 100) (3)	679.658	-	-	-	-	-	383.159	-	357.472	-	666.299	-	-	-	-	-	377.738	-	354.349	-
Food and beverages (2)	230.448	4.5	-	-	146.268	4.0	236.731	4.4	228.473	4.3	229.965	4.6	-	-	145.456	4.3	236.047	4.5	227.557	4.5
Food (2)	230.573	4.7	-	-	147.987	4.2	236.533	4.6	229.526	4.6	229.967	4.8	-	-	146.847	4.4	235.926	4.7	228.480	4.7
Food at home	229.739	6.3	231.146	5.4	143.878	6.2	236.477	5.8	227.191	6.2	228.777	6.4	233.053	5.5	143.667	6.4	235.144	5.9	225.867	6.2
Food away from home (4)	233.032	2.6	-	-	150.252	2.0	239.573	2.9	235.519	2.5	233.257	2.7	-	-	148.468	2.0	240.506	3.0	234.559	2.5
Alcoholic beverages (4)	227.265	1.4	-	-	123.242	1.5	238.015	2.0	212.954	1.0	228.513	1.6	-	-	126.284	2.5	236.281	2.2	213.480	1.0
Housing (2)	220.540	1.8	-	-	155.428	1.4	249.617	2.3	205.067	1.7	217.371	1.9	-	-	159.145	1.5	247.573	2.4	205.064	1.9
Shelter	252.647	1.7	287.794	2.3	162.366	2.6	298.435	2.1	226.320	1.7	246.372	1.7	292.916	2.1	165.200	2.7	294.773	2.1	225.430	1.7
Rent of primary residence (2) (5)	254.628	2.1	264.025	1.7	178.491	3.3	295.088	2.0	228.177	2.4	252.771	2.1	264.025	1.7	178.461	3.3	291.637	2.0	226.381	2.3
Owners' equivalent rent of residences (5) (6)	260.459	1.5	294.158	1.4	162.530	2.4	309.799	2.0	230.017	1.5	235.886	1.5	261.600	1.4	161.899	2.4	273.018	2.0	213.769	1.4
Owners' equivalent rent of primary residence (5) (6)	260.433	1.5	294.158	1.4	162.519	2.4	309.727	2.0	230.001	1.5	235.876	1.5	261.600	1.4	161.893	2.4	273.003	2.0	213.756	1.4
Fuels and utilities	226.409	4.0	-	-	184.399	-2.2	224.137	4.9	227.082	3.8	225.398	4.0	-	-	180.204	-3.1	222.448	4.8	228.313	3.8
Household energy	199.814	3.7	196.271	1.3	182.708	-3.9	205.425	4.8	194.264	3.5	198.168	3.7	195.552	0.3	177.901	-4.8	203.308	4.8	193.699	3.6
Energy services (5) (7)	201.270	2.1	204.240	-2.5	173.673	-5.7	195.563	-0.7	194.147	3.0	200.861	2.4	206.660	-2.5	172.970	-5.7	195.613	-0.4	194.854	3.3
Electricity (5)	205.812	2.7	211.218	-1.1	181.751	-5.7	195.468	0.2	191.604	3.1	204.357	3.0	211.217	-1.1	177.930	-5.7	195.291	0.7	190.556	3.3
Utility (piped) gas service (5)	184.144	0.2	181.486	-6.4	127.540	-5.6	182.363	-3.0	194.283	2.7	184.031	0.2	181.482	-6.4	130.222	-5.5	182.426	-3.2	198.671	3.1
Household furnishings and operations	125.013	0.4	-	-	93.104	-5.2	127.068	0.8	125.545	-0.2	121.399	0.7	-	-	90.418	-4.0	121.357	1.2	121.152	0.5
Apparel (2)	125.272	3.5	-	-	97.518	4.7	130.676	4.7	133.593	2.0	124.716	4.0	-	-	98.995	5.5	131.355	5.6	133.805	1.9
Transportation (2)	215.198	11.8	-	-	150.734	11.9	214.535	12.4	214.303	13.4	216.474	13.0	-	-	151.172	13.5	217.102	13.1	214.460	14.7
Private transportation	210.513	12.2	-	-	150.867	12.4	207.774	12.8	212.706	13.7	213.141	13.3	-	-	151.472	14.0	212.083	13.5	212.988	14.9
Motor fuel	309.745	33.2	314.591	37.7	294.652	34.0	303.600	37.4	304.408	34.3	310.810	33.2	314.566	37.7	294.236	34.0	303.571	37.3	304.341	34.2
Gasoline	309.018	33.3	310.141	37.9	294.686	34.1	302.672	37.6	303.366	34.3	310.227	33.3	310.141	37.9	294.326	34.1	302.758	37.5	303.426	34.3
Medical care (2)	401.605	2.8	-	-	155.464	3.6	424.205	3.4	381.856	2.5	403.433	2.9	-	-	155.811	3.7	421.709	3.5	386.991	2.7
Recreation (8)	113.440	0.3	-	-	114.291	-0.9	118.198	-0.7	113.630	0.3	109.995	0.3	-	-	110.746	-1.7	118.754	-0.3	109.926	0.3
Education and communication (8)	132.627	1.1	-	-	138.946	0.7	134.976	0.5	128.626	1.2	126.219	0.3	-	-	123.782	-1.4	127.905	-0.1	121.185	0.0
Other goods and services (2)	388.627	1.3	-	-	170.928	2.0	418.182	1.5	380.752	1.3	418.837	1.5	-	-	195.312	2.0	474.206	1.7	407.056	1.4
Energy (2)	250.480	19.3	240.506	17.3	229.947	15.1	246.723	19.6	240.549	20.1	252.823	20.2	237.158	16.4	230.329	15.1	247.414	20.5	243.092	20.8

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 was formerly titled Gas (piped) and electricity.
- (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 Sep 2011 from --			Index		Percent change to Sep 2011 from --		
	Aug 2011	Sep 2011	Sep 2010	Jun 2011	Aug 2011	Aug 2011	Sep 2011	Sep 2010	Jun 2011	Aug 2011
U.S. city average	226.545	226.889	3.9	0.4	0.2	223.326	223.688	4.4	0.4	0.2
Chicago-Gary-Kenosha, Ill.-Ind.-Wis.	219.688	220.027	3.1	0.3	0.2	214.740	215.005	3.9	0.3	0.1
Los Angeles-Riverside-Orange County, Calif.	231.833	233.022	3.1	0.7	0.5	224.665	226.096	3.5	0.8	0.6
New York-Northern N.J.-Long Island, N.Y.-N.J.-Conn.-Pa.	250.058	250.559	3.8	0.6	0.2	246.025	246.877	4.3	0.7	0.3
Boston-Brockton-Nashua, Mass.-N.H.-Maine-Conn.	-	245.310	3.7	0.4	-	-	246.424	4.0	0.2	-
Cleveland-Akron, Ohio	-	213.004	3.7	0.6	-	-	204.981	4.2	0.6	-
Dallas-Fort Worth, Texas	-	209.255	3.7	0.3	-	-	214.567	4.4	0.5	-
Washington-Baltimore, D.C.-Md.-Va.-W.Va. (Nov. 1996=100)	-	147.658	3.4	-0.1	-	-	148.352	3.9	0.0	-
Atlanta, Ga.	212.335	-	-	-	-	212.325	-	-	-	-
Detroit-Ann Arbor-Flint, Mich.	213.924	-	-	-	-	210.377	-	-	-	-
Houston-Galveston-Brazoria, Texas	202.445	-	-	-	-	201.772	-	-	-	-
Miami-Fort Lauderdale, Fla.	232.749	-	-	-	-	231.448	-	-	-	-
Philadelphia-Wilmington-Atlantic City, Pa.-N.J.-Del.-Md.	236.196	-	-	-	-	236.583	-	-	-	-
San Francisco-Oakland-San Jose, Calif.	234.608	-	-	-	-	231.445	-	-	-	-
Seattle-Tacoma-Bremerton, Wash.	233.810	-	-	-	-	230.558	-	-	-	-

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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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