

Mid-Atlantic Regional Office CPI Announcement

Table 1. Consumer Price Indexes, U.S. city average and selected areas, August 2009 (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	
	Aug 2009	Aug 2008	Aug 2009	Aug 2008	Aug 2009	Aug 2008	Aug 2009	Aug 2008	Aug 2009	Aug 2008	Aug 2009	Aug 2008	Aug 2009	Aug 2008	Aug 2009	Aug 2008	Aug 2009	Aug 2008	Aug 2009	Aug 2008
All items (2)	215.834	-1.5	226.039	-1.0	-	-	230.883	-1.2	209.000	-1.6	211.156	-1.9	225.481	-1.2	-	-	227.598	-1.4	205.867	-2.1
All items (1967 = 100) (3)	646.544	-	653.015	-	-	-	363.570	-	339.028	-	628.970	-	654.949	-	-	-	355.495	-	333.425	-
Food and beverages (2)	217.701	0.6	205.367	1.1	-	-	222.530	0.8	215.856	0.9	216.957	0.5	207.938	0.6	-	-	221.448	0.7	214.622	0.8
Food (2)	217.350	0.4	204.931	0.9	-	-	221.916	0.7	216.377	0.8	216.539	0.3	206.875	0.4	-	-	220.957	0.5	215.127	0.7
Food at home	213.722	-1.6	213.594	-1.6	135.750	-0.5	219.108	-1.3	211.386	-1.1	212.623	-1.7	215.481	-1.4	134.751	-0.9	217.810	-1.2	209.745	-1.3
Food away from home (4)	223.675	3.0	187.826	4.1	-	-	228.539	3.2	226.024	3.0	223.789	3.1	186.916	3.0	-	-	228.895	3.1	225.307	3.2
Alcoholic beverages (4)	220.946	2.7	208.618	3.2	-	-	229.596	2.6	207.547	2.8	221.618	3.1	214.620	3.0	-	-	227.132	2.7	206.697	3.7
Housing (2)	217.827	-0.6	235.599	-0.2	-	-	244.417	-1.2	202.564	-0.3	213.824	-0.4	237.074	0.1	-	-	240.940	-0.9	201.911	-0.2
Shelter	250.248	0.9	281.580	1.7	158.219	2.1	293.211	1.5	223.544	0.9	243.279	1.4	285.388	2.0	159.920	3.1	287.473	2.3	222.370	1.2
Rent of primary residence (2) (7)	249.029	2.0	259.231	1.2	170.457	4.0	283.599	2.6	224.062	1.8	247.601	1.9	259.231	1.2	170.506	4.0	280.654	2.5	222.820	1.7
Owners' equivalent rent of primary residence (5) (7)	257.155	1.7	287.371	2.6	157.581	3.3	302.428	2.8	226.491	1.4	232.977	1.6	255.564	2.6	157.108	3.4	266.265	2.9	210.788	1.3
Fuels and utilities	212.661	-9.8	213.541	-8.8	-	-	209.812	-16.6	217.023	-7.5	211.808	-9.2	216.396	-8.0	-	-	208.809	-15.8	217.999	-6.8
Household energy	189.735	-12.7	191.627	-11.9	196.956	-5.1	193.786	-19.4	187.811	-10.0	188.125	-12.0	193.362	-10.5	194.599	-3.0	192.427	-18.4	187.069	-9.1
Gas (piped) and electricity (7)	195.475	-10.6	210.790	-6.2	192.049	-3.6	198.887	-14.2	189.311	-9.3	194.211	-10.3	213.502	-5.7	191.609	-2.4	198.308	-13.9	189.169	-8.5
Electricity (7)	198.360	-1.2	209.859	-0.5	203.473	5.3	195.574	-6.6	187.112	-4.0	196.317	-1.4	209.858	-0.5	199.085	5.4	194.607	-6.8	185.426	-4.0
Utility (piped) gas service (7)	183.632	-32.7	207.937	-18.4	132.714	-32.8	192.989	-29.1	188.732	-33.1	183.046	-33.0	207.933	-18.4	135.458	-33.2	192.582	-28.7	190.983	-32.8
Household furnishings and operations	128.304	0.2	123.351	-1.9	-	-	128.066	-0.5	129.173	1.4	124.219	0.2	120.007	-0.4	-	-	122.566	-0.1	123.781	1.3
Apparel (2)	117.130	0.6	106.339	7.6	-	-	116.016	0.5	127.954	0.1	117.095	0.8	108.479	7.7	-	-	116.617	0.4	128.569	0.4
Transportation (2)	184.386	-10.8	186.232	-11.1	-	-	184.774	-9.4	180.314	-12.1	182.541	-12.2	192.467	-12.2	-	-	185.246	-11.5	177.316	-13.4
Private transportation	179.987	-10.8	184.125	-10.6	-	-	178.875	-9.5	178.535	-12.2	179.368	-12.2	191.263	-12.0	-	-	180.674	-11.7	175.734	-13.5
Motor fuel	225.089	-30.5	235.074	-30.5	212.310	-31.6	221.540	-29.7	219.368	-31.8	225.797	-30.5	235.054	-30.5	212.007	-31.6	221.593	-29.6	219.283	-31.8
Gasoline	225.179	-30.0	232.073	-30.1	212.336	-31.5	221.214	-29.2	219.216	-31.2	226.007	-30.0	232.072	-30.1	212.073	-31.5	221.338	-29.2	219.244	-31.2
Medical care (2)	376.537	3.3	425.550	1.7	-	-	397.632	2.5	357.251	2.6	377.007	3.4	412.216	1.4	-	-	394.625	2.6	360.441	2.7
Recreation (6)	114.755	0.9	123.057	0.4	-	-	119.834	3.3	115.677	1.0	111.453	0.7	120.959	-0.2	-	-	119.792	3.5	112.002	0.7
Education and communication (6)	128.128	2.8	130.132	3.8	-	-	132.714	3.4	123.688	2.4	123.579	2.3	124.582	3.6	-	-	126.568	3.1	118.946	1.8
Other goods and services (2)	372.699	7.4	412.602	6.0	-	-	395.751	6.0	367.079	10.0	398.228	10.6	428.513	8.4	-	-	443.097	9.6	389.558	13.3
Energy (2)	204.971	-23.0	206.517	-20.8	200.711	-18.8	205.327	-24.4	197.047	-22.8	205.144	-23.3	205.317	-20.7	201.883	-17.6	204.697	-24.4	197.672	-23.0

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, 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 Aug 2009 from --			Index		Percent change to Aug 2009 from --		
	Jul 2009	Aug 2009	Aug 2008	Jun 2009	Jul 2009	Jul 2009	Aug 2009	Aug 2008	Jun 2009	Jul 2009
U.S. city average	215.351	215.834	-1.5	0.1	0.2	210.526	211.156	-1.9	0.1	0.3
Chicago-Gary-Kenosha, Ill.-Ind.-Wis.	210.906	211.441	-2.1	0.2	0.3	203.554	204.246	-2.5	0.3	0.3
Los Angeles-Riverside-Orange County, Calif.	224.010	224.507	-1.7	0.3	0.2	216.128	216.628	-2.1	0.2	0.2
New York-Northern N.J.-Long Island, N.Y.-N.J.-Conn.-Pa.	237.600	238.282	-0.9	0.5	0.3	232.177	232.841	-1.1	0.4	0.3
Boston-Brockton-Nashua, Mass.-N.H.-Maine-Conn.	233.018	-	-	-	-	232.535	-	-	-	-
Cleveland-Akron, Ohio	200.558	-	-	-	-	191.494	-	-	-	-
Dallas-Fort Worth, Texas	200.663	-	-	-	-	203.075	-	-	-	-
Washington-Baltimore, D.C.-Md.-Va.-W.Va. (Nov. 1996=100)	140.810	-	-	-	-	140.434	-	-	-	-
Atlanta, Ga.	-	203.351	-3.8	-0.1	-	-	202.276	-4.2	-0.2	-
Detroit-Ann Arbor-Flint, Mich.	-	204.673	-2.3	0.1	-	-	200.169	-2.6	0.1	-
Houston-Galveston-Brazoria, Texas	-	191.687	-0.5	-0.3	-	-	189.503	-1.9	-0.3	-
Miami-Fort Lauderdale, Fla.	-	221.306	-1.8	-0.1	-	-	219.000	-2.5	0.0	-
Philadelphia-Wilmington-Atlantic City, Pa.-N.J.-Del.-Md.	-	226.039	-1.0	1.0	-	-	225.481	-1.2	0.9	-
San Francisco-Oakland-San Jose, Calif.	-	225.801	0.2	0.0	-	-	221.279	0.0	0.1	-
Seattle-Tacoma-Bremerton, Wash.	-	227.138	-0.3	-0.1	-	-	221.873	-0.6	-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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