

Mid-Atlantic Regional Office CPI Announcement

Table 1. Consumer Price Indexes, U.S. city average and selected areas, December 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	
	Dec 2010	Dec 2009	Dec 2010	Dec 2009	Dec 2010	Dec 2009	Dec 2010	Dec 2009	Dec 2010	Dec 2009	Dec 2010	Dec 2009	Dec 2010	Dec 2009	Dec 2010	Dec 2009	Dec 2010	Dec 2009	Dec 2010	Dec 2009
All items (2)	219.179	1.5	228.017	1.4	-	-	235.141	1.6	212.488	1.4	215.262	1.7	228.072	1.5	-	-	233.082	1.9	209.994	1.6
All items (1967 = 100) (3)	656.563	-	658.728	-	-	-	370.275	-	344.685	-	641.200	-	662.474	-	-	-	364.061	-	340.108	-
Food and beverages (2)	221.278	1.5	209.259	0.9	-	-	227.783	1.6	219.105	1.3	220.508	1.5	211.903	1.0	-	-	226.718	1.8	217.906	1.3
Food (2)	220.946	1.5	208.626	0.8	-	-	227.167	1.7	219.636	1.3	220.062	1.6	210.674	0.9	-	-	226.205	1.8	218.298	1.3
Food at home	216.955	1.7	217.951	0.6	136.350	2.6	224.616	1.8	214.345	1.5	215.748	1.7	219.521	0.7	135.628	2.7	223.020	1.9	212.729	1.6
Food away from home (4)	227.722	1.3	190.714	1.1	-	-	233.507	1.5	229.629	1.0	227.871	1.3	190.241	1.2	-	-	234.274	1.7	228.677	0.8
Alcoholic beverages (4)	224.215	1.0	214.975	2.0	-	-	234.842	1.2	210.617	1.4	225.592	1.1	221.190	2.4	-	-	232.830	1.3	211.628	2.2
Housing (2)	216.142	0.3	233.839	0.4	-	-	244.365	0.8	200.660	0.1	212.861	0.3	235.984	0.2	-	-	242.440	0.9	200.116	0.0
Shelter	248.972	0.4	280.837	0.5	159.438	2.5	292.219	0.8	223.182	0.6	243.120	0.5	286.721	0.5	162.464	2.5	288.980	0.9	222.385	0.5
Rent of primary residence (2) (5)	250.986	0.8	260.036	-0.3	174.457	2.2	290.183	2.0	223.642	0.0	249.246	0.7	260.036	-0.3	174.459	2.2	286.797	2.0	221.986	-0.2
Owners' equivalent rent of residences (5) (6)	257.452	0.3	290.762	0.9	160.346	2.6	304.444	0.4	227.475	0.7	233.278	0.3	258.580	0.9	159.811	2.6	268.198	0.5	211.552	0.6
Owners' equivalent rent of primary residence (5) (6)	257.444	0.3	290.762	0.9	160.346	2.6	304.396	0.4	227.473	0.7	233.278	0.3	258.580	0.9	159.811	2.6	268.194	0.5	211.550	0.6
Fuels and utilities	212.505	1.8	210.212	1.6	-	-	217.895	2.5	209.495	-0.9	210.860	1.7	210.987	1.0	-	-	216.412	2.6	209.842	-0.8
Household energy	186.338	0.8	184.622	0.3	172.919	-6.2	200.193	1.9	176.646	-2.4	184.079	0.8	184.766	-0.3	168.942	-6.9	198.365	2.0	175.488	-2.1
Gas (piped) and electricity (5) (7)	188.443	-0.1	195.204	-1.8	165.492	-7.5	196.408	-0.9	176.564	-2.8	187.077	0.0	197.536	-1.8	164.805	-7.5	196.184	-0.6	176.501	-2.4
Electricity (5)	188.711	0.7	196.535	0.3	170.322	-8.6	189.719	1.0	172.828	-2.3	186.549	0.7	196.534	0.3	166.736	-8.6	189.464	1.3	171.315	-1.9
Utility (piped) gas service (5)	185.106	-2.8	187.030	-6.8	131.089	-2.6	199.464	-5.0	186.625	-5.9	185.089	-2.7	187.026	-6.8	134.744	-2.1	199.290	-4.7	191.013	-5.5
Household furnishings and operations	123.931	-2.5	119.711	-2.5	-	-	125.288	-1.4	125.223	-2.4	120.007	-2.6	114.203	-3.3	-	-	118.963	-1.8	120.230	-2.4
Apparel (2)	118.071	-1.1	99.632	-0.1	-	-	121.019	-0.1	127.102	-2.3	117.127	-1.6	102.185	-0.5	-	-	120.825	-0.8	126.550	-2.7
Transportation (2)	198.280	5.3	202.078	6.3	-	-	198.534	5.1	196.214	5.8	197.832	5.9	209.965	7.2	-	-	199.925	5.5	194.851	6.5
Private transportation	193.545	5.3	199.950	6.1	-	-	192.328	5.1	194.318	5.9	194.477	5.9	208.889	7.2	-	-	195.234	5.6	193.222	6.6
Motor fuel	256.025	13.9	268.022	16.0	249.377	14.7	254.633	14.8	252.909	14.0	257.025	13.9	268.003	16.0	249.024	14.7	254.761	14.8	252.791	14.0
Gasoline	255.319	13.8	264.148	15.9	249.373	14.7	253.807	14.8	252.057	13.9	256.443	13.9	264.148	15.9	249.066	14.7	254.025	14.8	252.045	13.9
Medical care (2)	391.946	3.3	436.786	4.0	-	-	413.488	3.7	373.749	3.4	393.616	3.5	423.326	3.9	-	-	410.885	3.8	378.741	3.7
Recreation (8)	112.345	-0.8	119.002	-1.4	-	-	115.960	-1.5	112.959	-0.8	108.561	-1.2	115.099	-3.0	-	-	116.068	-1.2	109.044	-1.2
Education and communication (8)	130.548	1.3	128.973	1.2	-	-	133.509	0.6	126.322	1.3	125.089	0.8	124.328	2.3	-	-	127.324	0.6	120.075	0.3
Other goods and services (2)	384.502	1.9	421.299	-0.2	-	-	412.220	2.2	375.857	1.5	414.002	2.5	442.138	-0.3	-	-	467.643	3.3	401.420	2.0
Energy (2)	217.953	7.7	215.224	7.4	204.176	4.4	223.012	7.8	207.375	6.5	218.896	8.2	212.869	7.0	204.515	4.3	222.810	8.2	208.791	7.0

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) 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) In January, 2011, this series will be re-titled Energy services.
- (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 Dec 2010 from --			Index		Percent change to Dec 2010 from --		
	Nov 2010	Dec 2010	Dec 2009	Oct 2010	Nov 2010	Nov 2010	Dec 2010	Dec 2009	Oct 2010	Nov 2010
U.S. city average	218.803	219.179	1.5	0.2	0.2	214.750	215.262	1.7	0.3	0.2
Chicago-Gary-Kenosha, Ill.-Ind.-Wis.	213.066	213.778	1.2	0.2	0.3	206.632	207.479	1.6	0.3	0.4
Los Angeles-Riverside-Orange County, Calif.	225.941	226.639	1.3	-0.1	0.3	218.694	219.619	1.6	0.1	0.4
New York-Northern N.J.-Long Island, N.Y.-N.J.-Conn.-Pa.	241.960	241.874	1.4	0.0	0.0	237.606	237.575	1.8	0.0	0.0
Boston-Brockton-Nashua, Mass.-N.H.-Maine-Conn.	238.103	-	-	-	-	238.891	-	-	-	-
Cleveland-Akron, Ohio	206.168	-	-	-	-	197.530	-	-	-	-
Dallas-Fort Worth, Texas	201.168	-	-	-	-	204.918	-	-	-	-
Washington-Baltimore, D.C.-Md.-Va.-W.Va. (Nov. 1996=100)	142.915	-	-	-	-	142.938	-	-	-	-
Atlanta, Ga.	-	202.519	1.0	-0.2	-	-	201.390	1.0	-0.2	-
Detroit-Ann Arbor-Flint, Mich.	-	206.384	1.2	0.3	-	-	202.280	1.3	0.2	-
Houston-Galveston-Brazoria, Texas	-	194.479	1.9	-0.3	-	-	192.863	2.1	-0.1	-
Miami-Fort Lauderdale, Fla.	-	224.907	0.9	0.6	-	-	222.510	0.7	0.5	-
Philadelphia-Wilmington-Atlantic City, Pa.-N.J.-Del.-Md.	-	228.017	1.4	-0.2	-	-	228.072	1.5	-0.3	-
San Francisco-Oakland-San Jose, Calif.	-	227.658	1.5	-0.2	-	-	224.152	1.8	-0.1	-
Seattle-Tacoma-Bremerton, Wash.	-	226.862	0.6	-0.2	-	-	222.853	0.9	-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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