

Mid-Atlantic Regional Office CPI Announcement

Table 1. Consumer Price Indexes, U.S. city average and selected areas, May 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			
		May 2011	May 2010	May 2011	May 2010	May 2011	May 2010	May 2011	May 2010		May 2011	May 2010	May 2011	May 2010	May 2011	May 2010	May 2011	May 2010	May 2011	May 2010
All items (2)	225.964	3.6	-	-	147.554	3.9	241.566	3.2	219.820	4.0	222.954	4.1	-	-	148.638	4.6	240.209	3.7	218.437	4.6
All items (1967 = 100) (3)	676.887	-	-	-	-	-	380.393	-	356.579	-	664.113	-	-	-	-	-	375.194	-	353.782	-
Food and beverages (2)	227.082	3.4	-	-	145.465	4.3	232.474	2.8	225.664	3.6	226.473	3.5	-	-	144.532	4.7	231.484	2.9	224.739	3.8
Food (2)	226.976	3.5	-	-	147.057	4.3	232.053	2.9	226.560	3.7	226.257	3.6	-	-	145.918	4.8	231.143	3.0	225.508	3.9
Food at home	225.356	4.4	226.090	3.8	142.561	5.6	231.099	3.3	223.933	5.1	224.386	4.6	227.672	4.0	142.355	6.3	229.559	3.4	222.676	5.4
Food away from home (4)	230.501	2.2	-	-	149.807	2.9	236.268	2.3	232.924	1.9	230.521	2.2	-	-	148.078	2.9	236.864	2.4	231.885	1.7
Alcoholic beverages (4)	226.989	2.0	-	-	123.725	3.7	236.830	2.0	212.266	2.0	228.197	2.1	-	-	125.439	2.9	235.020	2.4	212.922	2.2
Housing (2)	218.484	1.2	-	-	154.137	1.5	247.442	1.4	202.771	1.2	215.135	1.2	-	-	157.713	1.6	245.506	1.6	202.263	1.2
Shelter	250.745	1.1	282.720	0.0	160.988	2.5	294.907	1.0	224.907	1.3	244.618	1.1	287.992	0.0	163.823	2.6	291.356	1.2	223.938	1.2
Rent of primary residence (2) (5)	252.393	1.4	259.612	0.5	176.201	2.5	291.893	2.0	225.387	0.9	250.704	1.4	259.612	0.5	176.185	2.4	288.543	2.0	223.670	0.8
Owners' equivalent rent of residences (5) (6)	258.587	0.9	290.228	-0.3	161.261	2.5	306.204	0.8	228.554	1.3	234.272	0.9	258.105	-0.3	160.767	2.5	269.802	0.9	212.525	1.3
Owners' equivalent rent of primary residence (5) (6)	258.574	0.9	290.228	-0.3	161.267	2.5	306.143	0.8	228.547	1.3	234.266	0.9	258.105	-0.3	160.770	2.6	269.789	0.9	212.518	1.3
Fuels and utilities	219.956	3.4	-	-	180.265	-0.5	224.129	4.4	216.430	2.3	218.216	3.2	-	-	176.115	-1.3	222.402	4.1	216.756	2.3
Household energy	193.498	2.9	193.540	2.7	179.431	-2.1	206.393	4.5	183.315	1.8	191.103	2.8	192.401	1.7	174.620	-2.8	204.275	4.1	182.030	1.8
Energy services (5) (7)	193.698	1.1	199.568	-1.0	170.424	-3.5	194.153	-1.8	182.773	1.2	192.646	1.3	201.958	-1.0	169.679	-3.6	194.577	-1.6	182.828	1.5
Electricity (5)	195.838	1.8	199.528	0.5	177.149	-3.7	190.703	-1.2	179.427	1.9	193.836	1.9	199.527	0.5	173.419	-3.7	190.902	-1.1	177.946	2.0
Utility (piped) gas service (5)	184.327	-1.2	194.774	-4.8	129.162	-2.4	189.351	-3.3	189.541	-2.7	184.329	-1.2	194.770	-4.8	132.041	-2.7	190.025	-3.0	193.670	-2.5
Household furnishings and operations	125.141	-0.7	-	-	93.973	-5.0	127.689	0.6	125.576	-1.2	121.238	-0.6	-	-	91.123	-4.1	121.968	0.5	120.681	-1.0
Apparel (2)	122.271	1.0	-	-	100.517	10.1	124.472	0.7	132.526	2.3	121.312	0.9	-	-	103.524	13.6	124.930	1.0	132.030	2.4
Transportation (2)	220.270	13.1	-	-	154.544	13.2	217.959	12.1	220.726	14.6	222.153	14.5	-	-	155.852	15.1	220.509	12.8	221.664	16.1
Private transportation	215.829	13.6	-	-	155.266	14.0	211.647	12.5	219.300	15.0	218.946	14.8	-	-	156.493	15.6	215.735	13.2	220.294	16.3
Motor fuel	337.359	36.8	346.839	37.1	329.990	38.0	330.328	36.7	335.115	37.2	338.832	36.8	346.805	37.1	329.518	38.0	330.151	36.5	335.015	37.2
Gasoline	336.999	36.9	342.185	37.2	330.609	38.2	329.550	36.8	334.583	37.4	338.656	37.0	342.185	37.2	330.192	38.2	329.490	36.7	334.627	37.4
Medical care (2)	399.375	3.0	-	-	154.680	4.0	421.873	3.4	379.828	2.7	401.316	3.2	-	-	155.011	4.3	419.444	3.5	385.035	3.0
Recreation (8)	113.659	0.0	-	-	115.698	-1.0	117.810	-1.0	114.278	0.3	110.219	0.0	-	-	113.498	-0.2	118.342	-0.6	110.644	0.3
Education and communication (8)	130.600	1.0	-	-	135.958	0.4	132.883	-0.1	126.475	1.0	124.934	0.4	-	-	122.475	-1.2	126.520	-0.4	119.975	-0.1
Other goods and services (2)	385.476	1.5	-	-	169.073	0.3	416.065	2.7	377.149	1.1	414.594	1.9	-	-	192.600	-0.1	471.420	3.6	402.268	1.3
Energy (2)	260.376	21.5	251.612	18.9	244.354	19.3	258.577	19.7	249.746	21.9	263.494	22.5	247.652	18.1	245.120	19.4	259.869	20.4	252.902	22.7

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 May 2011 from --			Index		Percent change to May 2011 from --		
	Apr 2011	May 2011	May 2010	Mar 2011	Apr 2011	Apr 2011	May 2011	May 2010	Mar 2011	Apr 2011
U.S. city average	224.906	225.964	3.6	1.1	0.5	221.743	222.954	4.1	1.3	0.5
Chicago-Gary-Kenosha, Ill.-Ind.-Wis.	218.762	220.094	3.3	1.0	0.6	213.633	215.358	4.2	1.5	0.8
Los Angeles-Riverside-Orange County, Calif.	233.319	233.367	3.1	0.5	0.0	227.051	226.842	3.7	0.5	-0.1
New York-Northern N.J.-Long Island, N.Y.-N.J.-Conn.-Pa.	246.489	248.073	2.9	1.0	0.6	242.697	244.316	3.5	1.1	0.7
Boston-Brockton-Nashua, Mass.-N.H.-Maine-Conn.	-	244.574	2.7	0.7	-	-	246.825	3.3	1.0	-
Cleveland-Akron, Ohio	-	212.175	4.0	1.3	-	-	204.105	4.4	1.5	-
Dallas-Fort Worth, Texas	-	208.794	3.3	0.9	-	-	214.038	4.3	1.3	-
Washington-Baltimore, D.C.-Md.-Va.-W.Va. (Nov. 1996=100)	-	147.554	3.9	1.0	-	-	148.638	4.6	1.4	-
Atlanta, Ga.	209.215	-	-	-	-	208.356	-	-	-	-
Detroit-Ann Arbor-Flint, Mich.	211.673	-	-	-	-	208.217	-	-	-	-
Houston-Galveston-Brazoria, Texas	201.624	-	-	-	-	200.997	-	-	-	-
Miami-Fort Lauderdale, Fla.	231.503	-	-	-	-	229.675	-	-	-	-
Philadelphia-Wilmington-Atlantic City, Pa.-N.J.-Del.-Md.	233.143	-	-	-	-	233.441	-	-	-	-
San Francisco-Oakland-San Jose, Calif.	234.121	-	-	-	-	231.600	-	-	-	-
Seattle-Tacoma-Bremerton, Wash.	231.314	-	-	-	-	228.313	-	-	-	-

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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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