

MID-ATLANTIC REGIONAL OFFICE CPI ANNOUNCEMENT

Table 1. Consumer Price Indexes, U.S. city average and selected areas, October 2008 (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	
	Oct 2008	Oct 2007	Oct 2008	Oct 2007	Oct 2008	Oct 2007	Oct 2008	Oct 2007	Oct 2008	Oct 2007	Oct 2008	Oct 2007	Oct 2008	Oct 2007	Oct 2008	Oct 2007	Oct 2008	Oct 2007	Oct 2008	Oct 2007
All items (2)	216.573	3.7	225.113	2.8	-	-	230.837	4.0	210.108	3.9	212.182	3.8	225.069	3.2	-	-	227.762	4.4	207.312	4.0
All items (1967 = 100) (3)	648.758	-	650.338	-	-	-	363.498	-	340.825	-	632.025	-	653.751	-	-	-	355.751	-	335.765	-
Food and beverages (2)	218.705	6.1	207.181	4.3	-	-	223.763	6.4	216.351	6.3	218.141	6.2	210.383	4.3	-	-	223.117	6.6	215.243	6.3
Food (2)	218.738	6.3	207.214	4.4	-	-	223.600	6.5	217.170	6.4	218.120	6.4	209.672	4.4	-	-	223.025	6.7	216.126	6.5
Food at home	219.660	7.5	219.843	4.8	138.605	7.3	225.238	7.8	216.316	7.8	218.600	7.5	221.540	4.7	138.268	7.0	223.972	7.7	214.932	7.8
Food away from home (4)	219.290	4.8	185.831	4.0	-	-	224.644	4.9	221.695	4.9	219.219	4.9	185.635	4.0	-	-	224.917	5.2	220.677	4.8
Alcoholic beverages (4)	216.972	3.8	203.979	2.5	-	-	224.664	4.5	203.842	3.5	216.953	3.7	210.515	2.6	-	-	222.083	4.6	201.427	3.1
Housing (2)	217.383	3.2	232.106	1.6	-	-	242.582	3.3	202.145	3.8	213.156	3.5	233.733	2.0	-	-	238.950	3.6	201.298	4.1
Shelter	247.844	2.2	274.515	0.4	153.921	4.0	286.475	2.2	221.533	2.7	240.517	2.4	279.363	0.9	155.399	4.2	280.609	2.4	220.094	2.7
Rent of primary residence (2) (7)	245.855	3.7	257.647	3.0	164.887	5.3	278.390	4.3	221.279	3.8	244.624	3.5	257.647	3.0	164.914	5.3	275.591	4.0	220.206	3.6
Owners' equivalent rent of primary residence (5) (7)	253.902	2.3	280.104	0.4	153.354	3.7	295.147	1.7	223.856	2.7	230.028	2.3	249.102	0.4	152.837	3.7	259.716	1.8	208.474	2.6
Fuels and utilities	221.199	10.1	219.262	9.5	-	-	226.915	11.4	225.441	11.4	219.325	10.3	220.127	9.0	-	-	223.572	11.4	224.801	11.6
Household energy	201.176	10.8	201.400	9.5	201.486	12.0	213.925	11.9	198.393	12.4	198.191	11.0	200.470	8.9	196.021	11.0	209.924	11.8	195.783	12.4
Gas (piped) and electricity (7)	203.503	9.8	211.362	7.4	194.135	11.1	209.304	8.7	198.415	11.7	201.651	10.1	212.586	7.2	191.998	10.5	207.487	8.9	196.841	11.9
Electricity (7)	191.513	8.1	194.100	4.8	193.928	10.6	186.635	5.4	189.221	11.5	189.658	8.2	194.099	4.8	189.738	10.5	185.313	5.1	186.935	11.7
Utility (piped) gas service (7)	239.218	13.9	250.419	13.0	173.388	17.4	251.746	14.7	242.785	12.5	239.623	14.7	250.414	13.0	176.993	16.9	250.943	16.3	246.008	12.4
Household furnishings and operations	128.789	2.0	124.693	0.1	-	-	129.254	1.4	128.377	1.9	124.719	2.2	118.937	-0.2	-	-	123.568	1.9	123.022	1.9
Apparel (2)	122.243	0.3	99.159	0.0	-	-	124.181	3.0	133.520	-0.3	121.957	0.3	102.655	3.2	-	-	123.903	2.8	133.581	-0.9
Transportation (2)	192.709	4.2	197.839	5.9	-	-	192.121	4.7	191.224	4.3	192.198	4.1	205.660	6.7	-	-	194.405	4.7	189.427	4.3
Private transportation	187.976	3.9	194.700	5.9	-	-	185.827	4.5	189.381	4.2	188.871	3.9	203.750	6.8	-	-	189.782	4.6	187.849	4.2
Motor fuel	268.537	12.3	286.742	18.8	262.288	16.6	260.690	13.6	269.786	13.6	269.639	12.3	286.725	18.8	262.008	16.7	260.871	13.4	269.659	13.5
Gasoline	266.382	12.0	280.974	18.2	262.154	16.6	258.413	13.2	267.024	13.0	267.580	12.0	280.973	18.2	261.920	16.6	258.722	13.1	266.947	12.9
Medical care (2)	365.746	2.8	417.465	2.7	-	-	388.525	2.6	348.858	3.0	366.000	2.9	405.693	2.5	-	-	385.103	2.5	351.809	3.3
Recreation (6)	114.169	2.2	122.998	4.1	-	-	116.377	2.8	114.947	2.3	110.947	2.0	120.855	4.3	-	-	116.069	3.3	111.545	1.8
Education and communication (6)	125.686	3.4	126.066	2.4	-	-	129.666	4.1	121.503	2.9	121.569	3.1	120.829	2.1	-	-	123.905	3.9	117.191	2.5
Other goods and services (2)	349.276	4.1	389.990	1.6	-	-	375.178	5.2	336.462	3.7	362.354	4.5	395.757	1.2	-	-	406.487	6.6	346.310	3.9
Energy (2)	231.561	11.5	231.669	13.6	223.911	14.1	233.448	12.6	225.860	12.8	232.106	11.7	229.578	13.6	222.988	13.5	232.063	12.5	226.435	12.9

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 Oct 2008 from --			Index		Percent change to Oct 2008 from --		
	Sep 2008	Oct 2008	Oct 2007	Aug 2008	Sep 2008	Sep 2008	Oct 2008	Oct 2007	Aug 2008	Sep 2008
U.S. city average	218.783	216.573	3.7	-1.1	-1.0	214.935	212.182	3.8	-1.4	-1.3
Chicago-Gary-Kenosha, Ill.-Ind.-Wis.	215.465	213.363	3.2	-1.2	-1.0	209.084	206.772	3.6	-1.3	-1.1
Los Angeles-Riverside-Orange County, Calif.	227.449	226.159	3.4	-1.0	-0.6	220.285	218.726	3.5	-1.1	-0.7
New York-Northern N.J.-Long Island, N.Y.-N.J.-Conn.-Pa.	240.089	238.403	4.3	-0.9	-0.7	234.703	232.778	4.6	-1.2	-0.8
Boston-Brockton-Nashua, Mass.-N.H.-Maine-Conn.	238.519	-	-	-	-	238.133	-	-	-	-
Cleveland-Akron, Ohio	206.219	-	-	-	-	197.260	-	-	-	-
Dallas-Fort Worth, Texas	205.883	-	-	-	-	209.666	-	-	-	-
Washington-Baltimore, D.C.-Md.-Va.-W.Va. (Nov. 1996=100)	142.036	-	-	-	-	141.679	-	-	-	-
Atlanta, Ga.	-	206.388	2.2	-2.4	-	-	205.236	2.3	-2.8	-
Detroit-Ann Arbor-Flint, Mich.	-	205.238	1.7	-2.0	-	-	200.570	2.2	-2.4	-
Houston-Galveston-Brazoria, Texas	-	191.140	3.4	-0.8	-	-	190.600	3.9	-1.3	-
Miami-Fort Lauderdale, Fla.	-	223.699	4.0	-0.8	-	-	222.038	4.0	-1.1	-
Philadelphia-Wilmington-Atlantic City, Pa.-N.J.-Del.-Md.	-	225.113	2.8	-1.4	-	-	225.069	3.2	-1.4	-
San Francisco-Oakland-San Jose, Calif.	-	225.824	3.6	0.2	-	-	221.192	3.8	-0.1	-
Seattle-Tacoma-Bremerton, Wash.	-	225.915	3.4	-0.8	-	-	220.687	3.6	-1.2	-

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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.

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