

Mid-Atlantic Regional Office CPI Announcement

Table 1. Consumer Price Indexes, U.S. city average and selected areas, February 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 | 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 | |
| | Feb 2009 | Feb 2008 | Feb 2009 | Feb 2008 | Feb 2009 | Feb 2008 | Feb 2009 | Feb 2008 | Feb 2009 | Feb 2008 | Feb 2009 | Feb 2008 | Feb 2009 | Feb 2008 | Feb 2009 | Feb 2008 | Feb 2009 | Feb 2008 | Feb 2009 | Feb 2008 | Feb 2009 |
| All items (2) | 212.193 | 0.2 | 220.262 | -0.3 | - | - | 226.754 | 0.7 | 205.343 | 0.1 | 206.708 | -0.3 | 219.356 | -0.6 | - | - | 222.945 | 0.6 | 201.150 | -0.6 | |
| All items (1967 = 100) (3) | 635.637 | - | 636.324 | - | - | - | 357.068 | - | 333.094 | - | 615.719 | - | 637.155 | - | - | - | 348.227 | - | 325.784 | - | |
| Food and beverages (2) | 219.333 | 4.7 | 207.089 | 3.3 | - | - | 224.135 | 4.9 | 217.025 | 4.9 | 218.645 | 4.8 | 210.068 | 3.1 | - | - | 223.309 | 5.1 | 215.790 | 4.9 | |
| Food (2) | 219.205 | 4.8 | 206.881 | 3.2 | - | - | 223.792 | 5.0 | 217.682 | 5.0 | 218.449 | 4.9 | 209.141 | 3.0 | - | - | 223.085 | 5.1 | 216.439 | 5.0 | |
| Food at home | 218.389 | 4.8 | 218.460 | 2.9 | 137.620 | 3.9 | 223.870 | 5.3 | 214.950 | 5.0 | 217.111 | 4.8 | 220.178 | 2.9 | 135.875 | 3.2 | 222.498 | 5.3 | 213.196 | 4.9 | |
| Food away from home (4) | 221.968 | 4.8 | 186.620 | 3.5 | - | - | 226.805 | 4.6 | 224.546 | 5.0 | 222.101 | 5.0 | 186.134 | 3.1 | - | - | 227.256 | 4.9 | 223.756 | 5.1 | |
| Alcoholic beverages (4) | 219.682 | 3.6 | 207.188 | 4.7 | - | - | 227.482 | 4.0 | 206.781 | 3.6 | 220.029 | 3.5 | 214.153 | 5.1 | - | - | 224.480 | 3.9 | 205.609 | 3.7 | |
| Housing (2) | 217.180 | 1.9 | 230.364 | 0.9 | - | - | 242.192 | 1.5 | 202.485 | 3.0 | 213.192 | 2.4 | 232.370 | 1.1 | - | - | 239.236 | 2.0 | 201.734 | 3.4 | |
| Shelter | 248.878 | 1.7 | 273.489 | 0.4 | 154.867 | 3.0 | 287.816 | 1.8 | 222.739 | 2.1 | 242.051 | 2.1 | 278.396 | 0.6 | 156.476 | 3.5 | 282.835 | 2.4 | 221.442 | 2.3 | |
| Rent of primary residence (2) (7) | 248.305 | 3.3 | 257.079 | 1.9 | 167.135 | 5.1 | 281.059 | 4.0 | 222.855 | 3.1 | 246.991 | 3.2 | 257.079 | 1.9 | 167.222 | 5.2 | 278.119 | 3.7 | 221.712 | 3.0 | |
| Owners' equivalent rent of primary residence (5) (7) | 255.779 | 2.1 | 278.981 | 0.0 | 153.892 | 2.9 | 298.020 | 2.2 | 225.405 | 2.3 | 231.746 | 2.1 | 248.103 | 0.0 | 153.367 | 2.9 | 262.341 | 2.2 | 209.896 | 2.1 | |
| Fuels and utilities | 213.520 | 3.8 | 210.035 | 2.2 | - | - | 217.454 | -0.5 | 220.436 | 8.6 | 212.353 | 4.3 | 212.591 | 2.8 | - | - | 215.764 | 0.0 | 220.524 | 9.3 | |
| Household energy | 192.168 | 3.3 | 190.148 | 0.5 | 194.055 | 7.6 | 203.047 | -1.6 | 192.458 | 9.3 | 190.110 | 4.0 | 191.462 | 1.5 | 190.025 | 8.7 | 200.942 | -0.9 | 190.716 | 9.9 | |
| Gas (piped) and electricity (7) | 197.886 | 5.6 | 210.041 | 6.3 | 188.009 | 8.4 | 211.253 | 4.7 | 193.638 | 10.1 | 196.040 | 5.8 | 211.609 | 6.3 | 186.504 | 9.0 | 209.320 | 4.4 | 192.594 | 10.6 | |
| Electricity (7) | 190.645 | 9.2 | 196.725 | 5.4 | 189.743 | 12.5 | 191.306 | 4.7 | 187.104 | 13.5 | 188.502 | 9.2 | 196.724 | 5.4 | 185.742 | 12.5 | 189.839 | 4.4 | 184.556 | 13.3 | |
| Utility (piped) gas service (7) | 218.459 | -3.3 | 239.001 | 8.3 | 161.463 | -5.2 | 246.651 | 4.6 | 221.010 | -5.5 | 218.551 | -3.3 | 238.997 | 8.3 | 165.866 | -5.0 | 245.351 | 4.5 | 227.686 | -4.1 | |
| Household furnishings and operations | 129.170 | 1.9 | 127.357 | 2.7 | - | - | 129.640 | 1.7 | 129.321 | 2.1 | 124.865 | 1.9 | 122.833 | 3.6 | - | - | 124.004 | 2.1 | 124.200 | 2.4 | |
| Apparel (2) | 118.825 | 0.8 | 103.498 | 3.8 | - | - | 119.300 | 2.7 | 130.132 | 0.0 | 118.766 | 0.7 | 105.531 | 2.9 | - | - | 119.651 | 2.3 | 130.495 | 0.0 | |
| Transportation (2) | 169.542 | -11.0 | 170.951 | -11.4 | - | - | 170.713 | -9.7 | 165.167 | -13.1 | 165.976 | -12.9 | 173.958 | -13.0 | - | - | 168.050 | -12.3 | 160.565 | -14.9 | |
| Private transportation | 164.871 | -11.6 | 168.122 | -11.6 | - | - | 164.479 | -10.3 | 163.164 | -13.6 | 162.645 | -13.4 | 171.950 | -13.3 | - | - | 163.225 | -12.9 | 158.837 | -15.3 | |
| Motor fuel | 167.395 | -35.4 | 175.043 | -34.6 | 159.466 | -35.3 | 162.892 | -35.9 | 164.205 | -37.2 | 168.028 | -35.5 | 175.035 | -34.6 | 159.251 | -35.3 | 163.082 | -35.9 | 164.125 | -37.2 | |
| Gasoline | 166.118 | -35.6 | 170.611 | -35.1 | 159.290 | -35.4 | 161.170 | -36.2 | 162.671 | -37.4 | 166.831 | -35.6 | 170.611 | -35.1 | 159.100 | -35.4 | 161.454 | -36.1 | 162.628 | -37.5 | |
| Medical care (2) | 372.405 | 2.8 | 424.514 | 2.0 | - | - | 395.126 | 2.6 | 353.982 | 2.5 | 372.630 | 2.8 | 412.254 | 1.9 | - | - | 391.904 | 2.6 | 356.871 | 2.5 | |
| Recreation (6) | 114.461 | 1.9 | 122.972 | 0.1 | - | - | 117.482 | 2.7 | 115.142 | 1.4 | 111.257 | 1.8 | 121.044 | -0.4 | - | - | 117.279 | 3.1 | 111.567 | 1.1 | |
| Education and communication (6) | 126.190 | 3.6 | 128.058 | 4.4 | - | - | 130.210 | 4.4 | 121.825 | 3.3 | 122.092 | 3.4 | 122.931 | 4.6 | - | - | 124.576 | 4.4 | 117.530 | 3.0 | |
| Other goods and services (2) | 351.223 | 3.2 | 392.367 | 3.1 | - | - | 375.980 | 4.8 | 337.888 | 2.6 | 365.522 | 3.8 | 400.167 | 3.5 | - | - | 408.986 | 6.8 | 348.260 | 2.7 | |
| Energy (2) | 178.741 | -18.5 | 183.473 | -15.5 | 177.267 | -13.6 | 186.018 | -17.8 | 173.727 | -17.5 | 177.033 | -19.5 | 180.885 | -16.0 | 177.782 | -12.8 | 182.494 | -19.0 | 172.587 | -18.4 | |

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 Feb 2009 from -- | | | Index | | Percent change to Feb 2009 from -- | | |
| | Jan 2009 | Feb 2009 | Feb 2008 | Dec 2008 | Jan 2009 | Jan 2009 | Feb 2009 | Feb 2008 | Dec 2008 | Jan 2009 |
| U.S. city average | 211.143 | 212.193 | 0.2 | 0.9 | 0.5 | 205.700 | 206.708 | -0.3 | 0.9 | 0.5 |
| Chicago-Gary-Kenosha, Ill.-Ind.-Wis. | 207.616 | 207.367 | -1.0 | 0.7 | -0.1 | 200.222 | 199.944 | -1.3 | 0.8 | -0.1 |
| Los Angeles-Riverside-Orange County, Calif. | 220.719 | 221.439 | 0.0 | 0.8 | 0.3 | 212.454 | 213.234 | -0.5 | 1.1 | 0.4 |
| New York-Northern N.J.-Long Island, N.Y.-N.J.-Conn.-Pa. | 233.402 | 234.663 | 1.6 | 0.7 | 0.5 | 227.503 | 228.653 | 1.5 | 0.6 | 0.5 |
| Boston-Brockton-Nashua, Mass.-N.H.-Maine-Conn. | 230.806 | - | - | - | - | 230.095 | - | - | - | - |
| Cleveland-Akron, Ohio | 198.232 | - | - | - | - | 188.798 | - | - | - | - |
| Dallas-Fort Worth, Texas | 198.623 | - | - | - | - | 199.416 | - | - | - | - |
| Washington-Baltimore, D.C.-Md.-Va.-W.Va. (Nov. 1996=100) | 137.598 | - | - | - | - | 136.359 | - | - | - | - |
| Atlanta, Ga. | - | 199.190 | -2.4 | 1.1 | - | - | 197.528 | -2.9 | 1.1 | - |
| Detroit-Ann Arbor-Flint, Mich. | - | 201.913 | -0.2 | 2.0 | - | - | 196.191 | -0.7 | 1.8 | - |
| Houston-Galveston-Brazoria, Texas | - | 187.972 | 0.2 | 1.1 | - | - | 185.015 | -0.5 | 1.1 | - |
| Miami-Fort Lauderdale, Fla. | - | 220.589 | 0.7 | 1.0 | - | - | 217.635 | 0.3 | 0.8 | - |
| Philadelphia-Wilmington-Atlantic City, Pa.-N.J.-Del.-Md. | - | 220.262 | -0.3 | 1.0 | - | - | 219.356 | -0.6 | 0.8 | - |
| San Francisco-Oakland-San Jose, Calif. | - | 222.166 | 1.2 | 1.7 | - | - | 216.797 | 0.9 | 1.5 | - |
| Seattle-Tacoma-Bremerton, Wash. | - | 224.737 | 1.4 | 1.0 | - | - | 218.752 | 1.1 | 1.1 | - |

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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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