

**Mid-Atlantic Regional CPI Announcement**

**Table 1. Consumer Price Indexes, U.S. city average and selected areas, March 2012 (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	
	Mar 2012	Mar 2011	Mar 2012	Mar 2011	Mar 2012	Mar 2011	Mar 2012	Mar 2011	Mar 2012	Mar 2011	Mar 2012	Mar 2011	Mar 2012	Mar 2011	Mar 2012	Mar 2011	Mar 2012	Mar 2011	Mar 2012	Mar 2011
All items (2)	229.392	2.7	-	-	150.074	2.8	245.125	2.5	223.314	2.8	226.304	2.9	-	-	150.619	2.8	243.768	2.7	221.792	3.0
All items (1967 = 100) (3)	687.157		-	-			385.997		362.247		674.090		-	-			380.752		359.217	
Food and beverages (2)	232.708	3.2	-	-	148.051	2.7	238.911	3.3	231.128	3.3	232.240	3.3	-	-	146.618	2.5	238.164	3.4	230.142	3.4
Food (2)	232.792	3.3	-	-	149.696	2.7	238.732	3.5	232.120	3.4	232.126	3.4	-	-	147.939	2.4	238.027	3.5	230.878	3.4
Food at home	231.383	3.6	230.690	3.4	145.300	2.8	238.560	3.9	229.613	4.0	230.377	3.6	232.886	3.6	144.063	2.2	237.193	4.0	228.031	4.0
Food away from home (4)	236.073	3.0	-	-	152.324	2.7	241.987	2.9	238.396	2.7	236.262	3.0	-	-	150.528	2.7	242.733	2.9	237.343	2.7
Alcoholic beverages (4)	230.193	2.0	-	-	125.997	3.1	239.942	1.8	216.677	2.3	232.705	2.5	-	-	128.647	3.3	238.681	2.1	219.211	3.2
Housing (2)	221.487	1.7	-	-	157.095	1.9	250.557	1.7	205.902	1.9	218.024	1.7	-	-	160.744	2.0	248.297	1.6	205.373	1.9
Shelter	255.609	2.1	287.843	2.2	165.535	2.7	300.544	2.4	229.559	2.2	249.453	2.1	293.868	2.1	168.551	2.9	297.111	2.4	228.557	2.2
Rent of primary residence (2) (5)	258.569	2.5	267.040	1.9	181.993	3.6	298.057	2.3	231.251	2.9	256.674	2.5	267.040	1.9	182.024	3.6	294.307	2.2	229.593	2.9
Owners' equivalent rent of residences (5) (6)	263.317	2.0	297.758	2.0	165.427	2.4	312.312	2.3	232.812	2.0	238.543	1.9	264.802	2.0	165.024	2.5	275.345	2.4	216.418	1.9
Owners' equivalent rent of primary residence (5) (6)	263.294	2.0	297.758	2.0	165.415	2.4	312.225	2.3	232.801	2.0	238.536	1.9	264.802	2.0	165.021	2.5	275.327	2.4	216.411	1.9
Fuels and utilities	216.667	0.0			174.704	-2.2	219.967	-2.4	214.833	1.1	214.848	0.0			169.772	-2.6	217.557	-2.6	215.283	1.2
Household energy	187.591	-1.3	191.199	-1.5	171.070	-3.9	200.456	-3.6	179.653	0.2	185.276	-1.2	189.430	-1.9	165.686	-4.2	197.564	-3.8	178.593	0.3
Energy services (5)	186.784	-1.8	194.834	-3.1	161.355	-4.5	185.011	-6.1	178.814	0.1	186.040	-1.6	197.150	-3.1	160.481	-4.5	185.030	-6.0	179.229	0.3
Electricity (5)	192.148	0.6	199.467	-0.9	168.514	-3.4	183.221	-3.4	177.701	1.3	190.321	0.7	199.466	-0.9	164.929	-3.4	183.040	-3.4	176.255	1.3
Utility (piped) gas service (5)	168.196	-9.1	178.257	-8.9	122.441	-7.2	177.596	-11.9	171.226	-7.7	168.044	-9.2	178.253	-8.9	124.891	-7.1	178.020	-11.6	174.904	-7.6
Household furnishings and operations	126.107	1.1	-	-	93.258	-1.0	127.945	1.8	126.737	0.6	122.236	1.2	-	-	90.629	-0.1	121.476	1.4	122.339	1.3
Apparel (2)	127.258	4.9	-	-	103.281	6.2	131.208	4.2	136.320	4.2	126.940	5.7	-	-	103.538	6.8	132.277	5.6	135.747	4.6
Transportation (2)	220.842	4.7	-	-	154.154	4.6	217.010	4.0	221.532	4.9	222.947	5.3	-	-	154.750	4.9	220.156	4.6	222.746	5.5
Private transportation	216.536	5.0	-	-	154.078	4.9	210.717	4.3	220.123	5.1	219.856	5.5	-	-	155.133	5.2	215.468	4.9	221.296	5.6
Motor fuel	330.834	9.0	331.237	8.4	319.539	8.9	316.289	8.0	327.880	8.0	332.384	9.0	331.157	8.4	319.197	9.0	316.435	8.0	327.981	8.1
Gasoline	329.780	9.0	326.722	8.5	319.364	8.9	315.029	8.0	326.609	8.0	331.481	9.0	326.721	8.5	319.110	9.0	315.307	8.0	326.882	8.1
Medical care (2)	411.498	3.5	-	-	160.779	4.5	433.803	3.3	391.985	3.8	414.116	3.7	-	-	161.153	4.6	431.481	3.4	397.932	4.0
Recreation (7)	114.675	1.2	-	-	115.491	-0.2	119.597	2.4	114.799	0.8	111.200	1.2	-	-	112.738	-0.8	120.689	2.4	111.413	1.0
Education and communication (7)	133.235	2.0	-	-	140.261	2.3	134.562	1.0	129.844	2.4	126.905	1.5	-	-	125.642	1.3	127.745	0.6	122.373	1.7
Other goods and services (2)	392.364	1.7	-	-	174.324	3.5	426.251	3.1	383.842	1.8	422.358	1.7	-	-	198.695	3.1	483.175	3.1	410.166	1.8
Energy (2)	253.599	4.6	242.774	3.0	234.265	3.3	248.826	2.1	243.392	4.6	256.979	5.0	239.302	3.0	234.706	3.3	249.908	2.5	246.906	4.9

**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) 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) 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, Culpeper, Fairfax, Fauquier, King George, Loudoun, Prince William, 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 Mar 2012 from --			Index		Percent change to Mar 2012 from --		
	Feb 2012	Mar 2012	Mar 2011	Jan 2012	Feb 2012	Feb 2012	Mar 2012	Mar 2011	Jan 2012	Feb 2012
U.S. city average	227.663	229.392	2.7	1.2	0.8	224.317	226.304	2.9	1.4	0.9
Chicago-Gary-Kenosha, Ill.-Ind.-Wis.	219.626	222.351	2.1	1.3	1.2	214.022	217.065	2.3	1.3	1.4
Los Angeles-Riverside-Orange County, Calif.	234.537	236.941	2.0	1.5	1.0	227.585	230.281	2.0	1.8	1.2
New York-Northern N.J.-Long Island, N.Y.-N.J.-Conn.-Pa.	250.285	251.887	2.6	1.0	0.6	246.539	248.152	2.7	1.1	0.7
Boston-Brockton-Nashua, Mass.-N.H.-Maine-Conn.	-	247.166	1.8	0.5	-	-	248.800	1.8	0.7	-
Cleveland-Akron, Ohio	-	214.743	2.6	1.3	-	-	206.615	2.7	1.5	-
Dallas-Fort Worth, Texas	-	212.618	2.7	1.6	-	-	218.793	3.6	2.0	-
Washington-Baltimore, D.C.-Md.-Va.-W.Va. (Nov. 1996=100)	-	150.074	2.8	1.3	-	-	150.619	2.8	1.4	-
Atlanta, Ga.	210.600	-	-	-	-	210.269	-	-	-	-
Detroit-Ann Arbor-Flint, Mich.	214.836	-	-	-	-	212.037	-	-	-	-
Houston-Galveston-Brazoria, Texas	204.291	-	-	-	-	203.603	-	-	-	-
Miami-Fort Lauderdale, Fla.	234.043	-	-	-	-	232.605	-	-	-	-
Philadelphia-Wilmington-Atlantic City, Pa.-N.J.-Del.-Md.	235.857	-	-	-	-	236.815	-	-	-	-
San Francisco-Oakland-San Jose, Calif.	236.880	-	-	-	-	234.648	-	-	-	-
Seattle-Tacoma-Bremerton, Wash.	235.744	-	-	-	-	232.081	-	-	-	-

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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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