

Mid-Atlantic Regional Office CPI Announcement

Table 1. Consumer Price Indexes, U.S. city average and selected areas, October 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	Oct	Oct	Percent change from	Oct	Oct	Percent change from	Oct		Oct	Percent change from	Oct	Oct	Percent change from	Oct	Oct	Percent change from	Oct	Oct
	Oct	2011	2010	Oct	2011	2010	Oct	2011	2010	Oct	2011	2010	Oct	2011	2010	Oct	2011	2010	Oct	2011
All items (2)	226.421	3.5	235.440	3.0	-	-	243.014	3.6	219.969	3.7	223.043	3.9	236.478	3.4	-	-	241.549	3.9	218.109	4.2
All items (1967 = 100) (3)	678.258	-	680.173	-	-	-	382.674	-	356.820	-	664.376	-	686.890	-	-	-	377.286	-	353.252	-
Food and beverages (2)	230.885	4.5	218.896	4.5	-	-	237.413	4.4	229.311	4.7	230.420	4.6	222.417	4.9	-	-	236.874	4.6	228.411	4.9
Food (2)	231.017	4.7	218.724	4.7	-	-	237.253	4.6	230.382	5.0	230.406	4.9	221.465	5.0	-	-	236.782	4.8	229.326	5.1
Food at home	230.196	6.2	231.151	5.8	143.727	5.2	237.219	5.8	228.378	6.6	229.269	6.4	233.252	6.0	143.205	5.4	236.069	6.1	226.958	6.7
Food away from home (4)	233.459	2.7	196.913	3.3	-	-	240.273	3.0	235.923	2.8	233.622	2.7	197.008	3.6	-	-	241.271	3.1	235.048	2.8
Alcoholic beverages (4)	227.606	1.3	218.650	1.9	-	-	238.173	1.1	213.554	1.2	229.194	1.6	226.367	2.8	-	-	236.682	1.5	214.443	1.2
Housing (2)	220.138	1.9	238.917	1.9	-	-	249.091	2.1	204.716	1.9	216.843	2.0	241.208	1.9	-	-	247.102	2.2	204.443	2.1
Shelter	253.101	1.8	285.719	1.4	163.000	2.6	298.371	2.0	227.027	1.8	246.922	1.8	291.799	1.5	165.988	2.7	294.876	2.1	226.194	1.9
Rent of primary residence (2) (5)	255.651	2.4	266.454	2.4	179.498	3.7	295.974	2.2	229.174	2.8	253.727	2.4	266.454	2.4	179.484	3.7	292.461	2.2	227.366	2.7
Owners' equivalent rent of residences (5) (6)	261.034	1.6	295.165	1.6	163.262	2.3	310.193	2.0	230.742	1.6	236.407	1.6	262.496	1.6	162.643	2.3	273.350	2.1	214.430	1.6
Owners' equivalent rent of primary residence (5) (6)	261.011	1.6	295.165	1.6	163.254	2.3	310.127	2.0	230.727	1.6	236.397	1.6	262.496	1.6	162.637	2.3	273.334	2.1	214.417	1.5
Fuels and utilities	220.450	3.5	219.678	4.9	-	-	220.827	3.9	219.539	3.8	218.952	3.5	219.770	4.3	-	-	219.394	3.8	219.955	3.7
Household energy	193.058	3.1	192.693	4.3	174.504	-0.7	201.869	3.7	185.827	3.6	190.976	3.1	192.057	3.6	169.584	-1.5	200.032	3.6	184.608	3.5
Energy services (5) (7)	193.843	1.7	200.718	1.7	165.438	-2.4	191.369	-1.1	185.417	3.1	193.001	1.9	203.099	1.7	164.627	-2.3	191.727	-0.9	185.503	3.2
Electricity (5)	197.003	2.9	206.978	4.9	171.344	-1.6	189.461	0.4	182.489	3.6	195.196	3.1	206.977	4.9	167.740	-1.6	189.531	0.7	180.965	3.7
Utility (piped) gas service (5)	181.220	-2.2	179.877	-6.5	127.457	-5.8	182.943	-4.6	189.035	-0.3	181.041	-2.2	179.873	-6.5	130.076	-5.8	183.605	-4.8	192.948	-0.1
Household furnishings and operations	125.223	0.6	122.623	1.4	-	-	126.944	0.8	126.191	0.3	121.642	0.8	117.218	1.0	-	-	121.112	1.0	121.842	1.0
Apparel (2)	127.590	4.2	111.937	4.6	-	-	132.618	4.9	135.906	2.7	126.966	4.4	116.412	7.2	-	-	133.543	5.6	135.452	2.5
Transportation (2)	212.127	9.2	214.193	9.0	-	-	212.273	9.6	211.041	10.1	213.013	10.1	224.407	10.1	-	-	214.610	10.1	210.963	11.1
Private transportation	207.404	9.3	212.770	9.5	-	-	205.452	9.6	209.368	10.3	209.647	10.2	223.929	10.5	-	-	209.521	10.2	209.444	11.3
Motor fuel	296.944	23.6	301.751	23.2	284.712	23.6	291.909	25.0	292.481	23.8	297.935	23.5	301.732	23.2	284.310	23.6	292.007	25.0	292.433	23.9
Gasoline	295.877	23.5	297.330	23.2	284.542	23.6	290.809	25.1	291.179	23.8	296.999	23.5	297.330	23.2	284.196	23.6	291.019	25.0	291.252	23.8
Medical care (2)	403.430	3.1	440.500	1.1	-	-	425.368	3.3	383.731	2.8	405.472	3.2	425.909	0.9	-	-	423.046	3.5	389.133	3.0
Recreation (8)	113.270	0.3	124.989	1.0	-	-	118.628	0.1	113.622	0.6	109.869	0.4	120.333	-1.1	-	-	119.336	0.5	109.907	0.6
Education and communication (8)	132.755	1.4	126.045	-2.5	-	-	134.683	0.6	128.847	1.4	126.415	0.6	121.557	-2.5	-	-	127.822	0.0	121.444	0.4
Other goods and services (2)	389.119	1.7	441.460	4.7	-	-	420.094	2.1	381.696	1.7	419.067	1.8	460.873	4.1	-	-	475.854	2.1	408.017	1.9
Energy (2)	240.902	14.2	233.318	13.2	221.124	12.3	239.732	13.7	230.716	14.9	242.844	14.8	230.152	12.6	221.352	12.2	240.434	14.2	232.868	15.4

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) 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 Oct 2011 from --			Index		Percent change to Oct 2011 from --		
	Sep 2011	Oct 2011	Oct 2010	Aug 2011	Sep 2011	Sep 2011	Oct 2011	Oct 2010	Aug 2011	Sep 2011
U.S. city average	226.889	226.421	3.5	-0.1	-0.2	223.688	223.043	3.9	-0.1	-0.3
Chicago-Gary-Kenosha, Ill.-Ind.-Wis.	220.027	219.592	2.9	0.0	-0.2	215.005	214.145	3.5	-0.3	-0.4
Los Angeles-Riverside-Orange County, Calif.	233.022	233.049	2.8	0.5	0.0	226.096	226.116	3.1	0.6	0.0
New York-Northern N.J.-Long Island, N.Y.-N.J.-Conn.-Pa.	250.559	250.051	3.3	0.0	-0.2	246.877	246.297	3.7	0.1	-0.2
Boston-Brockton-Nashua, Mass.-N.H.-Maine-Conn.	245.310	-	-	-	-	246.424	-	-	-	-
Cleveland-Akron, Ohio	213.004	-	-	-	-	204.981	-	-	-	-
Dallas-Fort Worth, Texas	209.255	-	-	-	-	214.567	-	-	-	-
Washington-Baltimore, D.C.-Md.-Va.-W.Va. (Nov. 1996=100)	147.658	-	-	-	-	148.352	-	-	-	-
Atlanta, Ga.	-	209.182	3.1	-1.5	-	-	208.362	3.2	-1.9	-
Detroit-Ann Arbor-Flint, Mich.	-	212.927	3.5	-0.5	-	-	209.427	3.7	-0.5	-
Houston-Galveston-Brazoria, Texas	-	201.398	3.2	-0.5	-	-	200.464	3.8	-0.6	-
Miami-Fort Lauderdale, Fla.	-	232.141	3.8	-0.3	-	-	230.728	4.2	-0.3	-
Philadelphia-Wilmington-Atlantic City, Pa.-N.J.-Del.-Md.	-	235.440	3.0	-0.3	-	-	236.478	3.4	0.0	-
San Francisco-Oakland-San Jose, Calif.	-	235.331	3.2	0.3	-	-	232.371	3.6	0.4	-
Seattle-Tacoma-Bremerton, Wash.	-	235.916	3.8	0.9	-	-	232.697	4.3	0.9	-

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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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