

MID-ATLANTIC REGIONAL OFFICE CPI ANNOUNCEMENT

Table 1. Consumer Price Indexes, U.S. city average and selected areas, April 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		
	Apr 2008	Apr 2007	Apr 2008	Apr 2007	Apr 2008	Apr 2007	Apr 2008	Apr 2007	Apr 2008	Apr 2007	Apr 2008	Apr 2007	Apr 2008	Apr 2007	Apr 2008	Apr 2007	Apr 2008	Apr 2007	Apr 2008	Apr 2007	
All items (2)	214.823	3.9	223.622	3.9	-	-	228.133	3.9	208.085	4.2	210.698	4.2	223.295	4.0	-	-	224.794	4.2	205.669	4.5	
All items (1967 = 100) (3)	643.515	-	646.031	-	-	-	359.239	-	337.543	-	627.606	-	648.597	-	-	-	351.115	-	333.103	-	
Food and beverages (2)	211.365	5.0	201.710	3.8	-	-	215.968	5.0	208.482	5.2	210.559	5.0	204.857	3.7	-	-	214.928	4.9	207.212	5.2	
Food (2)	211.102	5.1	201.676	4.0	-	-	215.628	5.1	208.961	5.4	210.252	5.1	204.143	3.9	-	-	214.681	5.0	207.753	5.4	
Food at home	210.851	5.9	214.799	4.6	132.851	4.1	215.925	5.7	206.685	6.3	209.657	5.9	216.600	4.7	131.967	3.6	214.566	5.5	205.097	6.2	
Food away from home (4)	213.083	4.1	179.985	3.2	-	-	218.250	4.4	215.121	4.3	212.794	4.0	179.646	2.8	-	-	218.027	4.3	214.160	4.2	
Alcoholic beverages (4)	213.503	3.6	199.491	1.2	-	-	219.336	3.8	200.785	2.5	213.633	3.5	205.373	0.1	-	-	216.581	3.7	198.715	2.0	
Housing (2)	214.890	3.0	230.545	3.1	-	-	240.937	3.3	198.430	3.4	210.161	3.2	231.294	2.9	-	-	236.560	3.4	196.998	3.5	
Shelter	246.004	2.6	274.578	2.5	152.408	3.7	284.580	2.6	219.354	2.9	238.261	2.7	278.458	2.6	152.793	3.4	277.774	2.5	217.537	2.9	
Rent of primary residence (2) (7)	241.474	3.6	253.155	3.0	160.481	4.0	271.852	3.8	217.238	3.8	240.507	3.6	253.155	3.0	160.454	4.0	269.519	3.7	216.385	3.8	
Owners' equivalent rent of primary residence (5) (7)	251.418	2.6	280.424	2.6	150.923	3.0	292.678	2.1	221.275	3.0	227.893	2.6	249.386	2.6	150.392	3.0	257.486	2.2	206.216	2.9	
Fuels and utilities	213.302	8.6	209.545	6.9	-	-	225.680	11.6	210.053	8.5	210.912	8.2	210.043	6.1	-	-	221.904	10.9	209.035	8.0	
Household energy	194.121	9.4	193.313	7.5	180.650	26.9	213.689	12.3	183.718	9.2	190.657	8.8	192.030	6.5	175.224	27.8	209.224	11.3	180.996	8.6	
Gas (piped) and electricity (7)	194.379	6.6	198.957	2.5	172.974	26.3	203.723	4.0	183.190	8.2	192.434	6.4	200.411	2.5	171.148	27.6	202.288	3.8	181.566	7.7	
Electricity (7)	177.818	5.0	186.001	3.0	167.839	31.1	181.763	3.0	170.599	7.3	176.116	4.8	186.000	3.0	164.347	30.5	181.026	2.8	168.699	6.8	
Utility (piped) gas service (7)	244.862	10.9	227.270	1.5	171.017	7.1	244.766	5.7	250.930	12.0	245.704	11.1	227.265	1.5	178.020	8.7	243.691	5.6	256.256	12.7	
Household furnishings and operations	127.332	-0.1	124.308	2.6	-	-	127.922	-1.5	126.959	0.4	123.108	0.2	118.246	1.2	-	-	121.881	-1.0	121.870	0.7	
Apparel (2)	122.113	-0.7	106.508	3.5	-	-	119.702	-1.6	134.458	-2.1	121.855	-0.5	108.536	6.1	-	-	119.841	-0.6	134.667	-2.3	
Transportation (2)	198.608	7.2	197.371	7.4	-	-	195.139	7.1	198.057	7.8	199.556	7.9	205.627	8.2	-	-	199.012	7.7	197.429	8.5	
Private transportation	194.574	7.2	195.454	7.6	-	-	189.401	7.2	196.721	7.8	196.641	8.0	204.673	8.4	-	-	194.808	7.9	196.151	8.5	
Motor fuel	294.291	21.1	293.174	19.4	279.246	18.7	280.037	22.0	295.320	22.7	295.618	21.4	293.158	19.4	278.878	18.7	280.194	22.1	295.448	22.9	
Gasoline	291.910	20.7	286.415	18.4	279.012	18.4	277.280	21.5	292.799	22.3	293.349	20.9	286.415	18.4	278.689	18.4	277.581	21.6	293.016	22.5	
Medical care (2)	363.184	4.3	416.431	3.5	-	-	385.121	3.3	347.848	5.5	363.356	4.4	404.731	3.4	-	-	381.902	3.3	350.530	5.7	
Recreation (6)	112.874	1.2	123.065	5.0	-	-	115.357	1.8	113.498	1.0	109.775	1.0	121.808	5.1	-	-	114.921	2.3	110.285	0.8	
Education and communication (6)	122.073	3.2	122.691	3.3	-	-	124.978	4.3	118.102	2.9	118.462	2.8	117.699	3.2	-	-	119.608	3.5	114.447	2.7	
Other goods and services (2)	343.410	3.5	385.108	0.7	-	-	362.586	2.7	332.340	3.7	354.887	3.8	390.394	1.3	-	-	386.423	2.6	341.919	4.1	
Energy (2)	240.194	15.9	228.979	12.8	218.922	22.6	241.449	16.8	230.322	16.8	241.518	16.2	227.100	12.7	217.428	23.4	240.529	16.7	231.807	17.0	

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 Apr 2008 from --			Index		Percent change to Apr 2008 from --		
	Mar 2008	Apr 2008	Apr 2007	Feb 2008	Mar 2008	Mar 2008	Apr 2008	Apr 2007	Feb 2008	Mar 2008
U.S. city average	213.528	214.823	3.9	1.5	0.6	209.147	210.698	4.2	1.7	0.7
Chicago-Gary-Kenosha, Ill.-Ind.-Wis.	211.542	212.662	4.2	1.5	0.5	204.742	205.885	4.5	1.7	0.6
Los Angeles-Riverside-Orange County, Calif.	223.606	224.625	3.1	1.4	0.5	216.493	217.914	3.7	1.7	0.7
New York-Northern N.J.-Long Island, N.Y.-N.J.-Conn.-Pa.	233.122	233.822	3.6	1.2	0.3	226.951	228.215	3.8	1.3	0.6
Boston-Brockton-Nashua, Mass.-N.H.-Maine-Conn.	233.084	-	-	-	-	232.656	-	-	-	-
Cleveland-Akron, Ohio	202.500	-	-	-	-	192.995	-	-	-	-
Dallas-Fort Worth, Texas	198.596	-	-	-	-	201.892	-	-	-	-
Washington-Baltimore, D.C.-Md.-Va.-W.Va. (Nov. 1996=100)	138.090	-	-	-	-	137.544	-	-	-	-
Atlanta, Ga.	-	206.371	3.7	1.1	-	-	205.801	4.0	1.1	-
Detroit-Ann Arbor-Flint, Mich.	-	205.281	2.4	1.4	-	-	201.037	2.9	1.7	-
Houston-Galveston-Brazoria, Texas	-	188.795	2.5	0.6	-	-	188.463	3.1	1.4	-
Miami-Fort Lauderdale, Fla.	-	221.324	4.9	1.0	-	-	219.456	5.0	1.1	-
Philadelphia-Wilmington-Atlantic City, Pa.-N.J.-Del.-Md.	-	223.622	3.9	1.2	-	-	223.295	4.0	1.2	-
San Francisco-Oakland-San Jose, Calif.	-	222.074	2.9	1.1	-	-	217.913	3.2	1.4	-
Seattle-Tacoma-Bremerton, Wash.	-	223.196	3.4	0.7	-	-	218.483	3.8	1.0	-

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## Consumer Price Index, April 2008

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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