

Mid-Atlantic Regional Office CPI Announcement

Table 1. Consumer Price Indexes, U.S. city average and selected areas, February 2017 (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	
	Feb 2017	Feb 2016	Feb 2017	Feb 2016	Feb 2017	Feb 2016	Feb 2017	Feb 2016	Feb 2017	Feb 2016	Feb 2017	Feb 2016	Feb 2017	Feb 2016	Feb 2017	Feb 2016	Feb 2017	Feb 2016	Feb 2017	Feb 2016
All items (2)	243.603	2.7	248.345	2.1	-	-	258.768	2.6	236.052	2.8	237.477	2.8	249.740	2.2	-	-	255.028	2.7	231.825	2.9
All items (1967 = 100) (3)	729.727	-	717.455	-	-	-	407.481	-	382.908	-	707.371	-	725.412	-	-	-	398.340	-	375.466	-
Food and beverages (2)	248.595	0.1	231.922	-0.7	-	-	253.153	0.0	246.796	0.0	247.585	-0.1	236.769	-0.4	-	-	251.751	-0.1	245.661	-0.1
Food (2)	248.791	0.0	231.542	-0.7	-	-	253.151	0.0	248.056	0.0	247.498	-0.1	235.637	-0.4	-	-	251.688	-0.1	246.498	-0.1
Food at home	237.918	-1.7	238.144	-2.2	145.600	-1.7	244.237	-1.7	236.647	-1.5	236.915	-1.7	242.001	-2.1	144.868	-2.0	242.875	-1.6	235.283	-1.5
Food away from home (4)	266.626	2.4	217.186	1.7	-	-	269.790	2.4	267.916	2.0	266.740	2.3	218.963	2.3	-	-	270.509	2.4	266.835	1.9
Alcoholic beverages (4)	244.622	0.9	233.427	-0.7	-	-	251.992	0.2	228.805	0.8	248.034	1.1	243.445	-0.7	-	-	250.916	0.0	233.419	1.2
Housing (2)	248.693	3.2	253.897	1.7	-	-	273.927	2.8	229.355	2.8	244.847	3.2	255.362	1.6	-	-	271.824	2.9	229.516	2.8
Shelter	294.444	3.5	316.102	2.1	184.529	1.8	338.649	2.8	262.560	3.0	287.340	3.5	322.006	2.0	188.188	1.9	334.941	2.7	262.746	3.1
Rent of primary residence (2) (5)	304.211	3.9	292.817	1.4	205.006	2.5	340.285	2.6	272.144	3.6	301.058	3.8	292.817	1.4	205.141	2.5	335.743	2.6	270.561	3.6
Owners' equivalent rent of residences (5) (6)	301.785	3.5	324.536	1.9	184.217	1.7	351.047	2.8	264.575	2.9	272.491	3.5	288.616	1.9	183.557	1.7	309.192	2.8	245.896	2.9
Owners' equivalent rent of primary residence (5) (6)	301.768	3.5	324.536	1.9	184.206	1.7	350.768	2.8	264.566	2.9	272.494	3.5	288.616	1.9	183.551	1.7	309.221	2.8	245.857	2.9
Fuels and utilities	233.688	4.3	199.955	0.4	-	-	218.355	6.8	231.397	3.7	232.210	4.1	199.424	0.3	-	-	220.363	6.9	231.262	3.4
Household energy	194.837	4.5	165.944	0.2	183.065	5.1	193.400	7.6	187.268	4.0	193.264	4.2	165.736	0.1	180.763	4.6	195.368	7.7	185.677	3.6
Energy services (5)	198.820	3.8	176.689	-2.0	175.664	4.7	193.729	5.6	187.538	3.9	197.748	3.7	178.711	-2.0	175.131	4.0	195.566	6.1	186.948	3.5
Electricity (5)	206.416	1.9	185.866	-4.9	186.613	2.0	200.268	2.1	184.826	2.3	203.806	1.9	185.865	-4.9	182.182	1.6	201.910	2.5	182.352	2.2
Utility (piped) gas service (5)	172.967	10.9	149.608	5.3	126.200	17.6	166.184	15.8	190.252	15.7	173.061	11.0	149.605	5.3	128.469	17.6	167.926	16.3	195.019	15.7
Household furnishings and operations	121.508	-0.8	113.360	-0.1	-	-	120.939	-1.3	121.403	-0.4	116.309	-1.0	107.153	-0.3	-	-	112.557	-2.1	115.516	-0.4
Apparel (2)	126.100	0.4	114.340	4.5	-	-	132.413	0.3	133.371	0.9	125.172	0.0	118.805	4.2	-	-	131.488	-0.5	132.334	0.8
Transportation (2)	199.147	6.3	206.708	6.6	-	-	199.686	5.3	200.134	7.4	197.287	7.1	219.575	5.4	-	-	200.887	6.0	196.792	8.2
Private transportation	194.019	6.8	205.142	7.0	-	-	191.316	6.0	198.310	7.9	193.388	7.4	218.129	5.5	-	-	193.850	6.5	194.948	8.5
Motor fuel	202.912	30.6	218.292	34.1	199.913	29.3	204.293	30.1	194.500	32.4	203.527	30.7	218.242	34.1	199.916	29.2	204.080	29.6	194.178	32.6
Gasoline	201.957	30.7	215.241	34.1	199.695	29.3	203.432	30.1	193.474	32.5	202.686	30.8	215.240	34.1	199.612	29.2	203.335	29.7	193.236	32.7
Medical care (2)	474.546	3.5	508.405	2.1	-	-	492.978	2.9	458.149	5.1	479.287	3.7	493.882	2.3	-	-	492.719	3.2	465.790	5.2
Recreation (7)	118.375	1.5	124.295	0.2	-	-	123.788	2.5	117.675	0.6	113.830	1.3	122.245	0.9	-	-	124.694	2.9	113.404	0.6
Education and communication (7)	138.796	-0.3	133.974	0.2	-	-	142.628	1.1	135.664	-1.0	128.932	-0.9	125.514	-0.4	-	-	130.920	0.4	124.190	-1.8
Other goods and services (2)	427.992	2.0	533.018	4.9	-	-	474.864	3.7	417.039	1.5	465.505	2.2	583.314	7.4	-	-	545.838	4.5	449.571	1.9
Energy (2)	198.195	15.2	184.837	12.0	189.748	14.5	197.959	15.8	186.545	15.4	197.074	15.8	182.897	12.6	190.370	14.9	198.275	16.3	185.273	16.0

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) 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 Feb 2017 from--			Index		Percent change to Feb 2017 from--		
	Jan 2017	Feb 2017	Feb 2016	Dec 2016	Jan 2017	Jan 2017	Feb 2017	Feb 2016	Dec 2016	Jan 2017
U.S. city average	242.839	243.603	2.7	0.9	0.3	236.854	237.477	2.8	0.9	0.3
Chicago-Gary-Kenosha, Ill.-Ind.-Wis.	232.155	232.491	2.2	0.9	0.1	224.234	224.141	2.5	0.7	0.0
Los Angeles-Riverside-Orange County, Calif.	252.373	253.815	2.7	1.4	0.6	242.735	244.254	2.5	1.4	0.6
New York-Northern N.J.-Long Island, N.Y.-N.J.-Conn.-Pa.	266.917	267.662	2.6	0.8	0.3	261.409	262.086	2.7	0.9	0.3
Boston-Brockton-Nashua, Mass.-N.H.-Maine-Conn.	264.865	-	-	-	-	263.730	-	-	-	-
Cleveland-Akron, Ohio	222.241	-	-	-	-	212.287	-	-	-	-
Dallas-Fort Worth, Texas	223.082	-	-	-	-	227.667	-	-	-	-
Washington-Baltimore, D.C.-Md.-Va.-W.Va. (Nov. 1996=100)	158.086	-	-	-	-	158.176	-	-	-	-
Atlanta, Ga.	-	229.493	3.5	1.2	-	-	226.214	3.5	1.2	-
Detroit-Ann Arbor-Flint, Mich.	-	224.957	3.0	0.9	-	-	219.319	3.1	0.6	-
Houston-Galveston-Brazoria, Texas	-	219.061	2.1	0.6	-	-	214.667	2.7	0.7	-
Miami-Fort Lauderdale, Fla.	-	256.890	4.0	1.3	-	-	252.875	4.1	1.4	-
Philadelphia-Wilmington-Atlantic City, Pa.-N.J.-Del.-Md.	-	248.345	2.1	0.7	-	-	249.740	2.2	0.7	-
San Francisco-Oakland-San Jose, Calif.	-	271.626	3.4	0.8	-	-	265.569	3.3	0.9	-
Seattle-Tacoma-Bremerton, Wash.	-	259.503	3.4	1.0	-	-	255.471	3.7	1.3	-

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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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