

Mid-Atlantic Regional Office CPI Announcement

Table 1. Consumer Price Indexes, U.S. city average and selected areas, March 2018 (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-Camden-Wilmington		Washington-Arlington-Alexandria (1)		Baltimore-Columbia-Towson (1)		Northeast region		South region		U.S. city average		Philadelphia-Camden-Wilmington		Washington-Arlington-Alexandria (1)		Baltimore-Columbia-Towson (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	
	Mar 2018	Mar 2017	Mar 2018	Mar 2017	Mar 2018	Mar 2017	Mar 2018	Mar 2017	Mar 2018	Mar 2017	Mar 2018	Mar 2017	Mar 2018	Mar 2017	Mar 2018	Mar 2017	Mar 2018	Mar 2017	Mar 2018	Mar 2017	Mar 2018	Mar 2017	Mar 2018	Mar 2017
All items	249.554	2.4	-	-	260.026	1.8	-	-	263.556	2.0	241.595	2.3	243.463	2.4	-	-	256.019	1.8	-	-	259.928	2.0	237.318	2.3
All items (1967 = 100) (2)	747.554	-	-	-	767.670	-	-	-	415.020	-	391.900	-	725.202	-	-	-	766.750	-	-	-	405.993	-	384.363	-
Food and beverages	252.182	1.3	-	-	247.101	1.6	-	-	258.100	1.7	249.324	1.0	251.190	1.3	-	-	247.056	1.6	-	-	257.004	1.8	248.240	1.0
Food	252.370	1.3	-	-	251.712	1.6	-	-	258.385	1.8	250.519	1.0	251.062	1.3	-	-	250.590	1.6	-	-	257.206	1.9	248.968	1.0
Food at home	239.158	0.4	236.902	-0.5	240.601	0.5	235.134	2.2	248.406	1.5	236.789	0.2	238.272	0.4	241.111	-0.2	239.457	0.9	237.381	2.3	247.153	1.5	235.602	0.2
Cereals and bakery products	272.345	0.1	-	-	316.301	-	-	-	294.079	-	275.995	-	273.443	0.1	-	-	304.452	-	-	-	293.983	-	275.345	-
Meats, poultry, fish, and eggs	249.516	2.1	-	-	262.852	-	-	-	252.387	-	243.739	-	250.031	2.3	-	-	256.180	-	-	-	252.634	-	243.028	-
Dairy and related products	216.497	-0.9	-	-	238.366	-	-	-	225.582	-	218.319	-	214.787	-1.0	-	-	238.163	-	-	-	224.191	-	215.816	-
Fruits and vegetables	293.870	0.3	-	-	261.109	-	-	-	310.177	-	278.388	-	291.069	0.2	-	-	267.601	-	-	-	309.249	-	278.779	-
Nonalcoholic beverages and beverage materials (3)	167.758	-0.4	-	-	206.111	-	-	-	173.398	-	166.521	-	167.336	-0.5	-	-	214.437	-	-	-	174.382	-	165.035	-
Other food at home	210.012	0.0	-	-	195.090	-	-	-	221.806	-	209.307	-	208.698	0.0	-	-	192.197	-	-	-	220.324	-	208.056	-
Food away from home	273.733	2.5	-	-	266.695	2.8	-	-	276.763	2.2	273.787	2.1	274.008	2.6	-	-	267.068	2.5	-	-	278.293	2.4	272.711	2.1
Alcoholic beverages	248.287	1.4	-	-	202.640	0.8	-	-	253.216	0.3	232.296	1.1	252.299	1.5	-	-	214.561	1.5	-	-	251.762	0.1	238.031	1.7
Housing	256.388	3.0	-	-	270.687	1.6	-	-	280.985	2.6	236.083	2.8	252.449	3.0	-	-	271.955	1.8	-	-	278.944	2.7	236.193	2.7
Shelter	304.847	3.3	320.656	1.4	327.426	1.9	298.184	1.5	347.179	2.4	271.742	3.3	297.672	3.4	327.172	1.5	327.438	2.1	309.736	1.3	343.326	2.3	272.157	3.4
Rent of primary residence (4)	315.883	3.6	299.213	2.0	356.530	2.8	346.494	1.9	349.161	2.4	282.695	3.8	312.628	3.6	299.213	2.0	356.530	2.8	346.494	1.9	344.517	2.4	281.254	3.9
Owners' equivalent rent of residences (4) (5)	312.107	3.3	328.956	1.1	333.317	1.7	312.268	1.1	358.681	2.2	273.398	3.2	281.804	3.3	292.547	1.1	303.785	1.7	283.257	1.1	315.703	2.1	254.111	3.2
Owners' equivalent rent of primary residence (4) (5)	312.113	3.3	328.956	1.1	333.317	1.7	312.268	1.1	358.432	2.2	273.392	3.2	281.824	3.3	292.547	1.1	303.785	1.7	283.257	1.1	315.738	2.1	254.082	3.2
Fuels and utilities	239.786	3.0	-	-	227.149	-1.2	-	-	231.105	6.9	235.111	1.8	237.693	2.8	-	-	233.570	-1.2	-	-	231.903	6.6	234.950	1.7
Household energy	199.657	3.1	172.010	2.9	178.277	-1.7	204.786	-7.9	205.988	7.8	189.594	1.6	197.486	2.8	170.931	2.3	182.950	-1.8	194.675	-7.8	206.664	7.3	187.921	1.5
Energy services (4)	202.625	2.5	179.204	0.5	182.453	-1.9	218.873	-9.0	202.979	6.1	189.503	1.4	201.243	2.4	181.192	0.4	187.000	-1.8	215.840	-9.4	204.271	6.0	188.969	1.3
Electricity (4)	210.273	2.2	178.256	-3.0	207.591	0.3	207.751	-9.4	205.089	4.3	186.537	1.1	207.418	2.1	178.255	-3.0	207.591	0.3	207.749	-9.4	206.419	4.2	184.145	1.1
Utility (piped) gas service (4)	176.567	3.4	169.373	7.1	125.857	-8.7	174.099	-6.2	183.764	10.6	193.767	3.1	176.120	3.3	169.370	7.1	125.858	-8.7	174.099	-6.2	184.206	10.3	198.701	3.3
Household furnishings and operations	121.484	-0.1	-	-	103.538	2.1	-	-	119.485	-1.2	121.505	-0.2	115.969	-0.4	-	-	96.292	2.5	-	-	111.638	-0.9	114.729	-1.0
Apparel	128.604	0.3	-	-	162.120	5.5	-	-	130.835	-2.7	140.171	2.5	128.276	0.4	-	-	173.389	5.5	-	-	130.656	-2.2	138.310	1.0
Transportation	207.845	3.9	-	-	215.146	2.2	-	-	205.091	3.1	208.913	4.0	207.106	4.4	-	-	226.275	2.0	-	-	207.365	3.6	206.516	4.6
Private transportation	203.343	4.3	-	-	212.255	1.9	-	-	197.503	3.8	207.547	4.3	203.568	4.7	-	-	221.132	1.8	-	-	200.805	4.1	205.017	4.8
New and used motor vehicles (6)	99.552	0.0	-	-	93.649	-	-	-	96.871	0.9	102.107	-0.6	98.177	0.0	-	-	95.219	-	-	-	98.012	0.7	99.888	-0.4
New vehicles (3)	146.727	-1.2	-	-	196.977	-	-	-	145.485	-0.5	153.371	-1.1	147.882	-1.2	-	-	196.563	-	-	-	145.508	-0.8	153.083	-0.9
Used cars and trucks (3)	139.892	0.4	-	-	299.073	-	-	-	145.718	0.2	140.919	0.6	140.902	0.4	-	-	299.168	-	-	-	145.656	0.2	142.131	0.6
Motor fuel	228.068	11.2	242.238	14.0	237.519	9.5	222.388	9.6	224.884	12.1	216.548	11.1	228.694	11.1	242.159	14.0	237.609	9.5	222.351	9.6	224.349	11.9	216.259	11.1
Gasoline	226.872	11.1	238.838	14.0	234.822	9.5	217.601	9.5	223.792	12.1	215.297	11.1	227.640	11.0	238.838	14.0	234.824	9.5	217.612	9.5	223.400	11.9	215.108	11.1
Motor vehicle insurance (3)	563.762	8.9	-	-	858.198	-	-	-	620.384	-	941.693	-	569.287	9.1	-	-	858.177	-	-	-	615.610	-	958.023	-
Medical care	483.984	2.0	-	-	453.974	2.1	-	-	504.112	2.1	465.888	1.8	487.797	1.8	-	-	458.266	2.2	-	-	504.205	2.2	473.366	1.7
Recreation (6)	119.281	0.6	-	-	114.923	3.7	-	-	123.949	-0.2	118.209	0.5	114.655	0.5	-	-	109.804	3.1	-	-	125.210	-0.2	113.619	0.0
Education and communication (6)	136.029	-0.2	-	-	152.905	-1.2	-	-	139.664	-0.3	132.027	-0.2	124.992	-0.6	-	-	127.442	-2.2	-	-	126.805	-0.7	119.432	-0.6
Tuition, other school fees, and child care (3)	731.620	1.9	-	-	1,382.840	-	-	-	1,210.467	-	1,295.109	-	703.784	1.9	-	-	1,335.335	-	-	-	1,198.494	-	1,206.246	-
Other goods and services	439.269	2.6	-	-	404.319	1.1	-	-	486.713	2.4	424.111	1.5	478.417	2.7	-	-	431.135	1.1	-	-	559.929	2.6	456.192	1.4
Energy	212.554	7.0	197.345	7.5	208.115	3.4	217.906	0.2	213.671	9.5	197.996	6.2	211.696	7.1	194.939	7.3	215.097	3.9	207.066	0.4	213.218	9.3	197.216	6.5

Footnotes:

- (1) 1998-2017 indexes based on a substantially smaller sample.
- (2) For the Northeast and the South, Dec. 1977=100
- (3) For Washington, Nov. 1977=100. For Baltimore, March 1978=100. For Philadelphia, December 1977=100.
- (4) This index series was calculated using a Laspeyres estimator. All other item stratum index series converted to a geometric means estimator in January 1999.
- (5) For the U.S., Philadelphia, Northeast, & South, Dec. 1982=100. For Washington & Baltimore, Nov. 1982=100
- (6) December 1997=100

Area definitions:

The **Philadelphia-Camden-Wilmington, PA-NJ-DE-MD, CBSA** includes Bucks, Chester, Delaware, Montgomery, and Philadelphia Counties in Pennsylvania; Burlington, Camden, Gloucester, and Salem Counties in New Jersey; New Castle County in Delaware; and Cecil County in Maryland.

The **Washington-Arlington-Alexandria, DC-MD-VA-WV, CBSA** includes the District of Columbia; Calvert, Charles, Frederick, Montgomery, Prince George's Counties in Maryland; Arlington, Clarke, Culpeper, Fairfax, Fauquier, Loudoun, Prince William, Rappahannock, Spotsylvania, Stafford, and Warren Counties, and Alexandria, Fairfax, Falls Church, Fredericksburg, Manassas, and Manassas Park Cities in Virginia; and Jefferson County in West Virginia.

The **Baltimore-Columbia-Towson, MD, CBSA** includes Anne Arundel, Baltimore, Baltimore City, Carroll, Harford, Howard, Queen Anne's Counties in Maryland.

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.

April indexes are scheduled for release at 8:30 a.m. on Thursday, May 10, 2018

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 2018 from--			Index		Percent change to Mar 2018 from--		
	Feb 2018	Mar 2018	Mar 2017	Jan 2018	Feb 2018	Feb 2018	Mar 2018	Mar 2017	Jan 2018	Feb 2018
U.S. city average	248.991	249.554	2.4	0.7	0.2	242.988	243.463	2.4	0.6	0.2
Chicago-Naperville-Elgin, IL-IN-WI	236.306	236.388	1.8	0.1	0.0	227.717	227.716	1.7	0.0	0.0
Los Angeles-Long Beach-Anaheim, CA	263.012	264.158	3.8	1.1	0.4	253.243	254.451	3.9	1.1	0.5
New York-Newark-New Jersey, NY-NJ-PA	272.214	272.196	1.7	0.5	0.0	267.153	267.077	1.9	0.5	0.0
Boston-Cambridge-Newton, MA-NH	-	274.591	3.6	0.9	-	-	273.619	3.7	0.7	-
Dallas-Fort Worth-Arlington, TX	-	230.272	2.9	0.5	-	-	235.098	2.9	0.5	-
Denver-Aurora-Lakewood, CO	-	260.595	-	0.3	-	-	250.808	-	0.5	-
Minneapolis-St. Paul-Bloomington, MN-WI	-	243.112	-	0.5	-	-	237.217	-	0.8	-
Riverside-San Bernardino-Ontario, CA (1)	-	101.897	-	1.0	-	-	101.909	-	1.0	-
San Diego-Carlsbad, CA	-	290.810	-	0.9	-	-	272.813	-	0.6	-
Tampa-St. Petersburg-Clearwater, FL (2)	-	223.157	-	0.6	-	-	222.174	-	0.8	-
Washington-Arlington-Alexandria, DC-VA-MD-WV (3)	-	260.026	1.8	-0.1	-	-	256.019	1.8	-0.3	-
Urban Hawaii	-	275.408	-	0.5	-	-	272.021	-	1.0	-
Atlanta-Sandy Springs-Roswell, GA	237.000	-	-	-	-	234.556	-	-	-	-
Baltimore-Columbia-Towson, MD (3)	252.350	-	-	-	-	251.271	-	-	-	-
Detroit-Warren-Dearborn, MI	229.715	-	-	-	-	224.117	-	-	-	-
Houston-The Woodlands-Sugar Land, TX	224.711	-	-	-	-	220.882	-	-	-	-
Miami-Fort Lauderdale-West Palm Beach, FL	264.990	-	-	-	-	260.623	-	-	-	-
Philadelphia-Camden-Wilmington, PA-NJ-DE-MD	249.567	-	-	-	-	250.310	-	-	-	-
Phoenix-Mesa-Scottsdale, AZ (4)	136.774	-	-	-	-	134.439	-	-	-	-
San Francisco-Oakland-Hayward, CA	281.308	-	-	-	-	275.699	-	-	-	-
Seattle-Tacoma-Bellevue, WA	268.031	-	-	-	-	264.477	-	-	-	-
St. Louis, MO-IL	227.052	-	-	-	-	224.840	-	-	-	-
Urban Alaska	221.679	-	-	-	-	219.714	-	-	-	-

(1) December 2017=100.

(2) 1987=100.

(3) 1998-2017 indexes based on a substantially smaller sample.

(4) December 2001=100.

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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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