

Mid-Atlantic Regional Office CPI Announcement

Table 1. Consumer Price Indexes, U.S. city average and selected areas, September 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	
	Sep 2018	Sep 2017	Sep 2018	Sep 2017	Sep 2018	Sep 2017	Sep 2018	Sep 2017	Sep 2018	Sep 2017	Sep 2018	Sep 2017	Sep 2018	Sep 2017	Sep 2018	Sep 2017	Sep 2018	Sep 2017	Sep 2018	Sep 2017	Sep 2018	Sep 2017	Sep 2018	Sep 2017
All items	252.439	2.3	-	-	263.056	2.0	-	-	266.709	2.2	243.640	1.7	246.565	2.3	-	-	259.538	2.3	-	-	263.031	2.2	239.707	1.7
All items (1967 = 100) (2)	756.194	-	-	-	776.613	-	-	-	419.984	-	395.217	-	734.441	-	-	-	777.289	-	-	-	410.840	-	388.232	-
Food and beverages	254.178	1.4	-	-	248.062	0.6	-	-	261.441	2.4	251.273	1.0	253.163	1.3	-	-	248.172	0.7	-	-	260.271	2.3	250.109	1.0
Food	254.393	1.4	-	-	252.779	0.5	-	-	261.747	2.4	252.561	1.0	253.093	1.3	-	-	251.678	0.5	-	-	260.519	2.4	250.910	1.0
Food at home	240.125	0.4	238.794	0.9	240.627	-0.2	232.880	0.1	250.733	2.1	238.207	0.2	239.371	0.4	242.775	0.9	239.474	0.0	234.469	-0.2	249.859	2.2	236.904	0.1
Cereals and bakery products	273.729	0.7	-	-	314.023	-	-	-	297.692	-	278.437	-	274.993	0.7	-	-	302.909	-	-	-	298.230	-	277.661	-
Meats, poultry, fish, and eggs	248.876	0.5	-	-	259.563	-	-	-	252.235	-	243.757	-	249.509	0.5	-	-	254.457	-	-	-	252.284	-	243.058	-
Dairy and related products	216.638	0.0	-	-	236.961	-	-	-	228.371	-	219.356	-	215.159	0.0	-	-	235.590	-	-	-	227.281	-	217.059	-
Fruits and vegetables	298.432	0.5	-	-	261.176	-	-	-	314.943	-	285.400	-	295.576	0.3	-	-	268.050	-	-	-	315.074	-	285.653	-
Nonalcoholic beverages and beverage materials (3)	168.428	0.6	-	-	199.162	-	-	-	174.920	-	165.410	-	168.437	0.8	-	-	207.482	-	-	-	176.470	-	164.173	-
Other food at home	210.590	0.2	-	-	201.763	-	-	-	224.313	-	210.183	-	209.328	0.2	-	-	198.774	-	-	-	223.285	-	208.591	-
Food away from home	277.258	2.6	-	-	269.106	1.3	-	-	281.681	2.8	276.736	2.0	277.519	2.6	-	-	269.723	1.3	-	-	282.679	2.8	275.650	2.1
Alcoholic beverages	249.921	1.6	-	-	202.540	2.2	-	-	256.285	1.3	232.890	0.8	253.318	1.4	-	-	216.194	3.5	-	-	254.307	0.9	238.590	1.0
Housing	259.941	2.7	-	-	273.218	1.4	-	-	284.068	2.8	238.627	2.0	256.076	2.7	-	-	273.578	1.2	-	-	281.736	2.9	238.924	1.9
Shelter	309.702	3.3	326.012	2.0	333.000	2.6	307.893	2.6	352.325	2.8	275.119	2.7	302.419	3.3	332.411	2.1	331.979	2.4	319.209	2.9	347.962	2.7	275.651	2.8
Rent of primary residence	321.533	3.6	303.997	2.2	360.382	2.5	360.242	3.8	352.964	2.4	287.498	3.3	318.197	3.6	303.997	2.2	360.382	2.5	360.242	3.8	348.282	2.4	285.993	3.3
Owners' equivalent rent of residences (4)	317.149	3.3	333.592	1.9	337.187	2.0	318.977	2.5	363.828	2.8	277.038	2.7	286.308	3.2	296.669	1.9	307.311	2.0	289.343	2.5	320.189	2.7	257.384	2.7
Owners' equivalent rent of primary residence (4)	317.166	3.3	333.592	1.9	337.187	2.0	318.977	2.5	363.548	2.7	277.040	2.7	286.334	3.2	296.669	1.9	307.311	2.0	289.343	2.5	320.223	2.7	257.354	2.7
Fuels and utilities	242.834	0.5	-	-	214.382	-9.6	-	-	228.782	4.7	237.359	-1.6	241.042	0.4	-	-	221.003	-9.6	-	-	229.941	4.6	237.978	-1.5
Household energy	201.859	-0.4	169.105	1.1	164.618	-12.6	199.908	-6.7	202.909	4.9	190.981	-3.1	200.048	-0.5	168.702	1.1	169.629	-12.6	189.917	-6.3	203.996	4.8	190.167	-2.9
Energy services	204.819	-1.2	178.518	0.2	168.369	-13.2	214.093	-7.8	198.649	2.7	190.939	-3.3	203.774	-1.2	180.529	0.2	173.342	-12.8	211.078	-7.8	200.590	3.0	191.254	-3.1
Electricity	215.536	-1.2	178.589	-4.1	219.205	-0.4	203.948	-6.8	206.649	2.1	190.756	-2.6	212.567	-1.3	178.588	-4.1	219.205	-0.4	203.947	-6.8	208.176	2.2	188.684	-2.5
Utility (piped) gas service	170.100	-1.2	167.175	9.2	65.352	-51.4	164.006	-17.1	170.144	5.8	175.843	-8.4	170.444	-0.8	167.172	9.2	65.353	-51.4	164.006	-17.1	171.599	6.2	180.354	-8.4
Household furnishings and operations	121.390	1.1	-	-	103.605	1.6	-	-	119.799	0.9	121.586	1.2	116.156	1.2	-	-	96.260	2.1	-	-	112.246	1.3	114.714	0.7
Apparel	127.440	-0.6	-	-	177.968	7.5	-	-	133.579	-1.9	135.366	0.2	127.361	0.1	-	-	190.434	9.4	-	-	132.641	-2.1	134.270	0.8
Transportation	212.414	3.7	-	-	217.636	3.4	-	-	208.790	2.5	212.987	2.2	212.684	4.1	-	-	230.464	3.6	-	-	211.737	2.7	211.655	2.5
Private transportation	208.550	4.0	-	-	216.328	4.0	-	-	201.641	2.8	212.282	2.4	209.533	4.3	-	-	225.775	3.8	-	-	205.554	3.0	210.484	2.6
New and used motor vehicles (5)	98.261	0.4	-	-	92.749	-	-	-	94.963	0.9	100.958	0.2	96.663	0.1	-	-	94.180	-	-	-	95.954	0.7	98.656	0.1
New vehicles (3)	145.715	0.5	-	-	197.043	-	-	-	142.888	0.2	153.034	1.0	147.080	0.6	-	-	196.630	-	-	-	142.930	-0.1	152.816	1.0
Used cars and trucks (3)	135.130	-1.5	-	-	288.395	-	-	-	140.686	-1.1	136.551	-1.3	136.005	-1.5	-	-	288.488	-	-	-	140.566	-1.2	137.605	-1.3
Motor fuel	253.432	9.2	271.037	8.0	261.727	5.8	247.353	4.5	250.269	6.6	239.321	3.7	254.272	9.2	270.986	8.0	261.953	5.8	247.427	4.3	249.423	6.5	239.334	3.7
Gasoline	252.216	9.1	267.413	8.1	258.900	5.8	242.175	3.9	249.207	6.5	238.033	3.5	253.203	9.1	267.413	8.1	258.901	5.8	242.187	3.9	248.505	6.4	238.132	3.6
Motor vehicle insurance (3)	567.838	6.6	-	-	852.769	-	-	-	618.684	-	946.764	-	574.260	7.0	-	-	852.749	-	-	-	613.575	-	964.784	-
Medical care	484.708	1.7	-	-	445.882	0.0	-	-	506.476	2.1	462.251	1.0	488.530	1.6	-	-	450.292	0.0	-	-	506.190	2.0	469.846	1.0
Recreation (5)	119.163	0.2	-	-	117.486	5.2	-	-	124.007	-0.3	119.052	1.1	114.338	-0.1	-	-	114.737	7.8	-	-	125.021	-0.7	114.237	0.8
Education and communication (5)	137.868	1.2	-	-	156.267	1.1	-	-	142.428	1.9	133.443	0.9	126.198	0.9	-	-	129.569	0.3	-	-	129.186	1.8	120.069	0.5
Tuition, other school fees, and child care (3)	751.782	2.6	-	-	1,420.218	-	-	-	1,240.184	-	1,322.891	-	721.334	2.4	-	-	1,364.289	-	-	-	1,227.575	-	1,227.758	-
Other goods and services	443.409	2.2	-	-	406.715	1.5	-	-	488.993	2.2	426.409	1.5	483.505	2.2	-	-	433.356	1.6	-	-	563.898	2.7	459.788	1.7
Energy	226.165	4.8	206.341	4.7	211.437	-3.0	228.041	-0.6	222.488	5.9	209.748	0.9	226.333	5.2	204.368	4.5	221.236	-1.9	216.943	-0.5	223.132	6.0	210.141	1.3

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) For the U.S., Philadelphia, Northeast, & South, Dec. 1982=100. For Washington & Baltimore, Nov. 1982=100
- (5) 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.

October indexes are scheduled for release at 8:30 a.m. on Wednesday, November 14, 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 Sep 2018 from--			Index		Percent change to Sep 2018 from--		
	Aug 2018	Sep 2018	Sep 2017	July 2018	Aug 2018	Aug 2018	Sep 2018	Sep 2017	July 2018	Aug 2018
U.S. city average	252.146	252.439	2.3	0.2	0.1	246.336	246.565	2.3	0.2	0.1
Chicago-Naperville-Elgin, IL-IN-WI	238.098	238.957	1.6	0.5	0.4	230.087	230.882	1.9	0.5	0.3
Los Angeles-Long Beach-Anaheim, CA	266.665	268.032	3.9	0.8	0.5	257.318	258.246	3.9	0.6	0.4
New York-Newark-New Jersey, NY-NJ-PA	274.441	275.455	2.0	0.5	0.4	269.304	270.298	1.9	0.4	0.4
Boston-Cambridge-Newton, MA-NH	-	278.663	3.3	1.2	-	-	277.667	3.7	1.3	-
Dallas-Fort Worth-Arlington, TX	-	234.563	2.4	0.4	-	-	240.144	2.7	0.4	-
Denver-Aurora-Lakewood, CO	-	263.723	-	0.8	-	-	254.804	-	1.0	-
Minneapolis-St. Paul-Bloomington, MN-WI	-	247.165	-	0.3	-	-	242.102	-	0.9	-
Riverside-San Bernardino-Ontario, CA (1)	-	103.241	-	0.1	-	-	103.109	-	-0.1	-
San Diego-Carlsbad, CA	-	295.883	-	0.2	-	-	280.827	-	0.6	-
Tampa-St. Petersburg-Clearwater, FL (2)	-	225.874	-	0.6	-	-	224.110	-	0.5	-
Washington-Arlington-Alexandria, DC-VA-MD-WV (3)	-	263.056	2.0	0.4	-	-	259.538	2.3	0.4	-
Urban Hawaii	-	279.113	-	0.6	-	-	275.861	-	0.8	-
Atlanta-Sandy Springs-Roswell, GA	241.026	-	-	-	-	238.785	-	-	-	-
Baltimore-Columbia-Towson, MD (3)	254.648	-	-	-	-	252.945	-	-	-	-
Detroit-Warren-Dearborn, MI	233.221	-	-	-	-	228.340	-	-	-	-
Houston-The Woodlands-Sugar Land, TX	226.307	-	-	-	-	222.481	-	-	-	-
Miami-Fort Lauderdale-West Palm Beach, FL	265.062	-	-	-	-	261.748	-	-	-	-
Philadelphia-Camden-Wilmington, PA-NJ-DE-MD	253.085	-	-	-	-	253.851	-	-	-	-
Phoenix-Mesa-Scottsdale, AZ (4)	139.554	-	-	-	-	138.241	-	-	-	-
San Francisco-Oakland-Hayward, CA	287.664	-	-	-	-	281.536	-	-	-	-
Seattle-Tacoma-Bellevue, WA	271.625	-	-	-	-	267.757	-	-	-	-
St. Louis, MO-IL	230.388	-	-	-	-	229.253	-	-	-	-
Urban Alaska	228.716	-	-	-	-	224.691	-	-	-	-

(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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