

Mid-Atlantic Regional Office CPI Announcement

Table 1. Consumer Price Indexes, U.S. city average and selected areas, December 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	
	Dec 2018	Percent change from Dec 2017	Dec 2018	Percent change from Dec 2017	Dec 2018	Percent change from Dec 2017	Dec 2018	Percent change from Dec 2017	Dec 2018	Percent change from Dec 2017	Dec 2018	Percent change from Dec 2017	Dec 2018	Percent change from Dec 2017	Dec 2018	Percent change from Dec 2017	Dec 2018	Percent change from Dec 2017	Dec 2018	Percent change from Dec 2017	Dec 2018	Percent change from Dec 2017	Dec 2018	Percent change from Dec 2017
All items	251.233	1.9	251.148	1.0	-	-	253.218	1.3	265.286	1.7	242.150	1.5	244.786	1.8	251.473	0.7	-	-	251.525	1.2	261.385	1.6	237.492	1.3
All items (1967 = 100) (2)	752.584	-	725.552	-	-	-	757.354	-	417.745	-	392.801	-	729.142	-	730.446	-	-	-	749.804	-	408.269	-	384.645	-
Food and beverages	255.023	1.6	235.294	0.6	-	-	261.595	1.3	260.652	1.6	252.613	1.5	253.949	1.6	240.188	0.5	-	-	257.355	1.0	259.441	1.6	251.414	1.4
Food	255.210	1.6	235.718	0.7	-	-	261.140	0.9	261.088	1.7	253.875	1.5	253.826	1.6	239.686	0.6	-	-	257.542	0.6	259.673	1.7	252.124	1.4
Food at home	239.989	0.6	238.792	-0.1	242.685	1.6	234.660	-0.3	248.585	0.9	238.833	0.6	239.210	0.6	242.208	-0.3	241.862	1.7	235.708	-0.6	247.602	1.0	237.433	0.5
Cereals and bakery products	274.321	1.7	304.754	1.1	-	-	288.530	-0.8	292.791	2.2	281.753	2.0	275.203	1.6	306.411	0.8	-	-	278.584	-1.6	292.606	2.1	280.508	1.8
Meats, poultry, fish, and eggs	247.327	-0.4	263.464	0.9	-	-	218.699	-3.2	249.562	-0.8	241.889	-0.7	247.985	-0.4	266.244	-0.6	-	-	225.514	-3.1	250.144	-0.6	241.273	-0.7
Dairy and related products	216.652	-0.1	197.729	-1.7	-	-	225.725	0.1	228.000	1.4	221.557	0.5	215.129	-0.2	197.305	-2.2	-	-	212.684	-0.1	226.679	1.2	218.843	0.2
Fruits and vegetables	301.134	1.6	277.402	-1.8	-	-	292.083	-2.8	317.072	2.3	287.469	1.5	298.570	1.6	273.563	-1.1	-	-	304.517	-2.8	317.158	2.6	287.893	1.4
Nonalcoholic beverages and beverage materials (3)	168.339	1.4	157.801	3.6	-	-	178.412	1.7	172.071	0.1	166.687	1.4	168.279	1.7	163.458	3.7	-	-	177.717	1.8	173.512	0.6	165.561	1.7
Other food at home	209.739	0.2	215.157	-1.5	-	-	215.339	3.6	221.318	0.7	209.911	0.2	208.509	0.2	215.663	-2.0	-	-	205.994	3.4	220.073	0.9	208.196	0.0
Food away from home	279.419	2.8	225.953	1.9	-	-	299.923	2.3	283.176	2.7	279.035	2.5	279.657	2.8	228.119	1.7	-	-	294.586	2.3	284.189	2.6	277.918	2.5
Alcoholic beverages	251.131	1.8	226.670	-0.9	-	-	265.245	7.2	253.928	0.9	234.608	1.6	254.968	1.7	237.281	-0.1	-	-	259.706	7.9	253.717	1.1	241.567	2.2
Housing	261.360	3.0	261.330	1.9	-	-	260.561	1.9	284.854	2.6	240.366	2.6	257.605	2.9	263.461	1.9	-	-	267.903	2.0	282.766	2.5	240.617	2.5
Shelter	311.652	3.2	325.729	1.9	329.310	1.3	308.410	3.1	353.372	2.6	276.993	2.7	304.664	3.2	333.005	2.1	330.806	1.4	320.335	3.4	349.433	2.6	277.744	2.7
Rent of primary residence	324.815	3.5	306.115	2.7	362.426	1.7	362.040	4.8	355.513	2.5	289.885	3.1	321.450	3.5	306.115	2.7	362.426	1.7	362.040	4.8	350.848	2.5	288.322	3.1
Owners' equivalent rent of residences (4)	320.038	3.2	335.753	2.4	337.304	1.1	320.597	2.7	366.078	2.8	279.342	2.7	288.894	3.2	298.592	2.4	307.418	1.1	290.812	2.7	322.135	2.7	259.530	2.6
Owners' equivalent rent of primary residence (4)	320.050	3.2	335.753	2.4	337.304	1.1	320.597	2.7	365.781	2.7	279.337	2.7	288.920	3.2	298.592	2.4	307.418	1.1	290.812	2.7	322.173	2.7	259.502	2.6
Fuels and utilities	242.343	2.1	207.420	0.3	-	-	229.197	-5.0	229.456	2.6	239.326	1.8	240.675	2.1	205.685	-0.2	-	-	219.546	-5.0	230.410	2.5	239.487	2.0
Household energy	200.390	1.4	170.747	-0.7	178.483	-1.5	201.447	-5.9	203.302	2.3	191.605	1.0	198.631	1.4	169.963	-0.9	183.062	-1.6	191.509	-5.9	204.255	2.2	190.050	1.1
Energy services	203.800	1.4	179.151	-1.1	182.559	-1.7	215.838	-6.2	200.965	2.2	191.766	1.1	202.710	1.4	181.071	-1.2	187.080	-1.7	212.944	-6.2	202.308	2.1	191.265	1.1
Electricity	210.637	1.1	175.825	-4.7	206.736	-1.5	203.414	-6.2	201.123	0.7	189.528	1.5	207.907	1.1	175.824	-4.7	206.736	-1.5	203.412	-6.2	202.150	0.6	187.185	1.6
Utility (piped) gas service	179.999	2.3	172.959	5.0	127.722	-2.4	184.163	-6.8	185.096	4.7	190.832	-1.6	180.591	2.6	172.955	5.0	127.722	-2.4	184.162	-6.8	186.314	4.8	193.946	-2.6
Household furnishings and operations	122.265	2.1	113.897	4.2	-	-	118.217	-1.1	119.864	2.0	122.739	2.5	116.672	1.9	108.060	4.5	-	-	105.729	-1.8	112.295	2.3	115.203	1.4
Apparel	120.526	-0.1	101.165	-0.1	-	-	132.228	-2.5	124.092	0.0	129.644	0.7	120.359	-0.2	103.520	-4.4	-	-	134.222	-1.5	123.843	-0.4	127.998	0.0
Transportation	204.541	0.7	206.030	-1.1	-	-	195.006	-1.6	202.527	0.1	203.286	-0.2	203.389	0.7	217.573	-1.7	-	-	196.358	-1.7	204.916	0.1	200.389	-0.3
Private transportation	200.605	0.9	206.321	-0.7	-	-	193.379	-2.4	195.500	0.2	202.276	0.0	200.137	0.8	216.870	-1.5	-	-	195.449	-2.2	198.669	0.1	199.051	-0.2
New and used motor vehicles (5)	99.147	0.8	98.082	3.2	-	-	96.643	-3.1	95.611	-0.1	101.725	0.8	97.636	0.8	101.471	3.3	-	-	94.318	-2.9	96.666	-0.2	99.444	0.8
New vehicles (3)	146.126	-0.3	177.965	0.9	-	-	195.977	-2.6	142.086	-2.7	152.857	0.2	147.404	-0.3	185.186	0.9	-	-	191.141	-2.6	142.013	-3.1	152.614	0.1
Used cars and trucks (3)	138.069	1.4	253.475	1.2	-	-	237.270	1.3	143.692	1.7	139.665	1.7	138.926	1.4	253.464	1.2	-	-	237.283	1.3	143.453	1.5	140.714	1.6
Motor fuel	213.838	-1.9	229.111	-3.1	225.738	-2.6	197.529	-7.2	219.308	-0.5	193.275	-6.3	213.674	-2.2	228.943	-3.2	225.583	-2.8	197.029	-7.4	219.015	-0.4	192.663	-6.5
Gasoline	212.152	-2.1	225.441	-3.3	222.903	-2.8	192.679	-7.4	218.038	-0.6	191.445	-6.7	212.157	-2.4	225.440	-3.3	222.904	-2.8	192.689	-7.4	217.916	-0.5	191.095	-6.7
Motor vehicle insurance (3)	572.824	4.6	724.451	-10.9	-	-	835.797	2.3	622.122	1.1	957.676	6.0	579.807	4.8	724.458	-10.9	-	-	835.808	2.3	617.446	1.1	975.299	6.4
Medical care	487.409	2.0	531.533	3.4	-	-	431.275	7.2	509.755	2.0	463.428	1.5	491.376	2.0	516.952	3.5	-	-	432.443	7.8	509.651	1.9	471.434	1.5
Recreation (5)	119.705	1.2	120.886	-1.2	-	-	124.271	2.0	124.041	0.5	119.452	2.3	114.634	0.8	115.573	-3.0	-	-	112.472	2.1	124.519	-0.1	114.495	2.1
Education and communication (5)	136.976	0.2	130.622	0.5	-	-	146.449	0.2	142.062	1.3	132.218	-0.4	124.945	-0.5	120.293	0.6	-	-	133.438	-0.2	128.678	1.1	118.343	-1.4
Tuition, other school fees, and child care (3)	754.380	2.7	1035.649	0.9	-	-	1191.700	3.8	1246.131	2.8	1326.980	1.6	723.581	2.6	1005.034	1.3	-	-	1155.396	3.4	1233.762	2.7	1226.607	1.3
Other goods and services	445.059	2.1	540.463	0.4	-	-	419.084	-0.5	490.191	1.9	427.225	1.0	486.008	2.1	600.159	1.4	-	-	513.590	0.3	566.797	2.4	461.710	1.3
Energy	205.905	-0.3	191.642	-1.8	202.878	-2.1	203.600	-6.5	209.780	1.1	187.659	-2.8	204.327	-0.6	189.402	-1.9	208.857	-2.3	193.070	-6.6	209.501	1.0	186.014	-3.1

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.

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 Dec 2018 from--			Index		Percent change to Dec 2018 from--		
	Nov 2018	Dec 2018	Dec 2017	Oct 2018	Nov 2018	Nov 2018	Dec 2018	Dec 2017	Oct 2018	Nov 2018
U.S. city average	252.038	251.233	1.9	-0.7	-0.3	245.933	244.786	1.8	-0.9	-0.5
Chicago-Naperville-Elgin, IL-IN-WI	237.511	236.796	1.1	-0.9	-0.3	228.942	227.944	0.8	-1.3	-0.4
Los Angeles-Long Beach-Anaheim, CA	268.560	267.631	3.2	-0.7	-0.3	259.064	258.101	3.3	-0.7	-0.4
New York-Newark-New Jersey, NY-NJ-PA	274.478	273.836	1.6	-0.5	-0.2	269.154	268.369	1.5	-0.6	-0.3
Boston-Cambridge-Newton, MA-NH	277.632	-	-	-	-	277.413	-	-	-	-
Dallas-Fort Worth-Arlington, TX	234.487	-	-	-	-	239.416	-	-	-	-
Denver-Aurora-Lakewood, CO	263.679	-	-	-	-	254.211	-	-	-	-
Minneapolis-St. Paul-Bloomington, MN-WI	244.235	-	-	-	-	237.605	-	-	-	-
Riverside-San Bernardino-Ontario, CA (1)	103.616	-	-	-	-	103.737	-	-	-	-
San Diego-Carlsbad, CA	293.858	-	-	-	-	278.473	-	-	-	-
Tampa-St. Petersburg-Clearwater, FL (2)	225.247	-	-	-	-	223.577	-	-	-	-
Washington-Arlington-Alexandria, DC-VA-MD-WV (3)	261.120	-	-	-	-	257.293	-	-	-	-
Urban Hawaii	279.700	-	-	-	-	276.213	-	-	-	-
Atlanta-Sandy Springs-Roswell, GA	-	237.276	1.4	-0.6	-	-	233.712	1.1	-1.1	-
Baltimore-Columbia-Towson, MD (3)	-	253.218	1.3	-0.8	-	-	251.525	1.2	-0.8	-
Detroit-Warren-Dearborn, MI	-	231.696	1.2	-0.6	-	-	226.117	1.3	-1.1	-
Houston-The Woodlands-Sugar Land, TX	-	226.557	2.3	-0.7	-	-	221.965	2.0	-1.0	-
Miami-Fort Lauderdale-West Palm Beach, FL	-	265.731	2.9	-0.6	-	-	261.560	3.0	-0.8	-
Philadelphia-Camden-Wilmington, PA-NJ-DE-MD	-	251.148	1.0	-0.7	-	-	251.473	0.7	-0.7	-
Phoenix-Mesa-Scottsdale, AZ (4)	-	140.083	4.3	-0.3	-	-	138.231	4.6	-0.6	-
San Francisco-Oakland-Hayward, CA	-	289.896	4.5	0.1	-	-	283.278	4.4	0.0	-
Seattle-Tacoma-Bellevue, WA	-	273.293	2.8	0.2	-	-	269.470	2.7	-0.1	-
St. Louis, MO-IL	-	226.689	0.6	-1.7	-	-	224.304	0.6	-1.8	-
Urban Alaska	-	226.537	2.8	-0.7	-	-	223.996	2.4	-0.7	-

(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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