

Mid-Atlantic Regional Office CPI Announcement

Table 1. Consumer Price Indexes, U.S. city average and selected areas, February 2020 (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	
	Feb 2020	Feb 2019	Feb 2020	Feb 2019	Feb 2020	Feb 2019	Feb 2020	Feb 2019	Feb 2020	Feb 2019	Feb 2020	Feb 2019	Feb 2020	Feb 2019	Feb 2020	Feb 2019	Feb 2020	Feb 2019	Feb 2020	Feb 2019	Feb 2020	Feb 2019	Feb 2020	Feb 2019
All items	258.678	2.3	259.694	2.6	-	-	259.121	1.8	273.080	2.4	248.412	1.9	251.935	2.3	260.059	2.7	-	-	257.613	1.9	268.726	2.3	243.593	1.9
All items (1967 = 100) (2)	774.886	-	750.243	-	-	-	775.010	-	430.018	-	402.958	-	750.436	-	755.386	-	-	-	767.953	-	419.735	-	394.526	-
Food and beverages	261.487	1.7	241.721	2.8	-	-	265.763	1.2	267.618	2.0	257.795	1.4	260.285	1.7	247.574	3.1	-	-	263.667	2.0	266.182	2.0	256.551	1.4
Food	261.876	1.8	242.456	2.8	-	-	265.351	1.2	268.208	2.1	259.024	1.4	260.264	1.7	247.498	3.1	-	-	263.951	2.0	266.491	2.0	257.198	1.3
Food at home	244.054	0.8	244.607	2.4	250.351	1.5	234.132	-1.0	253.418	1.1	241.229	0.6	243.305	0.9	249.386	2.8	248.935	1.3	238.727	0.4	252.329	1.1	239.944	0.6
Cereals and bakery products	276.641	0.2	307.863	1.1	-	-	288.334	-1.9	299.794	0.9	281.414	0.4	277.898	0.3	310.819	1.0	-	-	281.275	-0.9	299.692	0.8	280.745	0.5
Meats, poultry, fish, and eggs	253.396	1.9	273.584	5.8	-	-	232.050	2.6	254.913	1.9	247.291	1.9	253.471	1.8	275.971	5.1	-	-	244.498	5.1	255.204	2.0	246.087	1.7
Dairy and related products	224.443	3.6	207.872	6.5	-	-	234.638	0.7	236.802	4.6	223.818	1.9	222.794	3.7	207.037	6.1	-	-	221.156	0.9	235.249	4.7	221.518	2.1
Fruits and vegetables	299.817	-1.6	270.196	-3.2	-	-	277.825	-3.8	313.377	-1.2	283.229	-2.9	297.789	-1.4	272.309	-0.6	-	-	295.872	-1.9	313.568	-0.9	284.043	-2.7
Nonalcoholic beverages and beverage materials (3)	173.194	0.4	165.201	4.0	-	-	172.116	-5.2	178.921	1.2	170.485	0.3	173.094	0.3	172.044	4.4	-	-	173.235	-4.5	179.766	0.7	169.087	0.2
Other food at home	213.215	1.0	223.455	2.2	-	-	211.114	0.2	226.117	0.7	213.100	1.5	212.113	1.0	224.561	2.0	-	-	210.680	0.1	225.127	0.9	211.623	1.5
Food away from home	289.781	3.0	233.956	3.5	-	-	311.010	3.7	293.687	3.3	288.107	2.3	289.821	2.9	236.452	3.6	-	-	306.619	4.1	294.606	3.1	286.912	2.3
Alcoholic beverages	254.831	0.9	228.575	2.8	-	-	268.804	1.1	259.053	1.6	240.292	1.6	259.617	1.2	238.252	2.3	-	-	264.451	1.7	259.303	1.9	247.862	1.7
Housing	270.281	2.7	270.445	2.3	-	-	262.891	0.9	291.976	2.0	247.815	2.6	266.227	2.8	271.586	2.1	-	-	271.639	1.3	289.740	1.9	247.990	2.6
Shelter	324.254	3.3	339.116	3.1	338.262	2.4	310.636	1.1	364.396	2.8	287.476	3.0	317.026	3.4	345.304	3.0	339.913	2.6	324.457	1.5	360.242	2.7	288.468	3.2
Rent of primary residence	338.616	3.8	315.622	3.0	373.658	3.3	367.044	1.5	367.584	3.0	301.558	3.6	335.134	3.8	315.622	3.0	373.658	3.3	367.045	1.5	362.743	3.0	299.815	3.6
Owners' equivalent rent of residences (4)	332.177	3.3	346.809	2.8	345.850	2.3	326.985	2.2	376.663	2.6	289.347	3.1	299.879	3.3	308.424	2.8	315.207	2.3	296.607	2.2	331.419	2.6	269.057	3.2
Owners' equivalent rent of primary residence (4)	332.220	3.3	346.809	2.8	345.850	2.3	326.985	2.2	376.352	2.6	289.360	3.1	299.910	3.3	308.424	2.8	315.207	2.3	296.607	2.2	331.460	2.6	269.035	3.2
Fuels and utilities	242.951	0.6	210.237	-1.0	-	-	232.431	-0.1	228.767	-1.4	237.961	0.2	240.876	0.5	208.227	-1.2	-	-	222.816	0.0	229.654	-1.4	237.957	0.2
Household energy	199.117	-0.2	169.575	-3.5	182.604	-1.2	203.091	-0.9	201.073	-2.3	189.566	-0.6	197.160	-0.3	169.382	-3.1	187.097	-1.4	193.564	-0.6	202.035	-2.2	188.021	-0.7
Energy services	202.712	0.0	179.912	-2.4	186.710	-1.4	217.325	-0.9	200.046	-1.6	189.692	-0.6	201.297	-0.1	181.936	-2.3	191.193	-1.4	214.679	-0.7	200.925	-1.8	189.216	-0.6
Electricity	212.180	0.6	180.168	-0.9	211.953	1.1	203.372	-1.8	205.296	-0.4	188.118	-0.4	209.026	0.4	180.167	-0.9	211.953	1.1	203.371	-1.8	205.580	-0.6	185.700	-0.5
Utility (piped) gas service	171.469	-2.0	167.409	-5.2	130.396	-7.9	194.755	6.6	175.007	-4.3	184.500	-2.1	171.280	-2.0	167.406	-5.2	130.397	-7.9	194.755	6.6	176.290	-4.3	187.718	-1.9
Household furnishings and operations	124.636	0.7	114.859	-0.3	-	-	121.349	0.9	120.218	-1.0	125.751	1.7	118.862	0.7	107.655	-1.4	-	-	108.302	0.6	113.089	-0.4	117.852	1.4
Apparel	124.438	-0.9	112.123	7.8	-	-	134.724	2.5	130.779	0.7	132.851	-2.3	123.970	-1.5	121.312	14.8	-	-	132.219	-0.9	130.703	1.5	131.340	-2.9
Transportation	207.772	1.7	210.335	1.5	-	-	202.302	2.9	205.178	1.7	206.599	1.4	206.648	1.8	220.634	1.1	-	-	203.203	2.7	207.263	1.8	203.588	1.4
Private transportation	203.291	1.7	208.996	1.2	-	-	198.849	1.7	196.774	1.4	205.275	1.3	203.056	1.8	218.720	0.9	-	-	201.273	1.9	200.089	1.7	202.015	1.3
New and used motor vehicles (5)	99.028	-0.5	97.894	-0.9	-	-	96.955	-1.5	95.935	-0.8	101.455	-0.5	97.512	-0.6	101.311	-0.7	-	-	94.453	-1.8	97.222	-0.6	99.129	-0.6
New vehicles (3)	147.803	0.4	177.997	-1.1	-	-	196.453	-1.9	145.294	-0.2	154.110	0.2	149.131	0.4	185.219	-1.1	-	-	191.606	-1.9	145.524	0.0	153.763	0.3
Used cars and trucks (3)	137.452	-1.3	255.120	-0.6	-	-	238.809	-0.6	143.849	-0.9	138.769	-1.5	138.371	-1.3	255.108	-0.6	-	-	238.822	-0.6	143.877	-0.8	139.825	-1.5
Motor fuel	219.677	5.5	231.383	3.0	227.031	4.6	206.690	4.4	216.622	4.6	200.417	4.0	220.156	5.6	231.412	3.1	227.056	4.7	206.558	4.6	216.150	4.6	199.644	4.1
Gasoline	218.373	5.6	228.129	3.3	224.309	4.7	202.110	4.7	215.507	4.7	199.037	4.1	218.983	5.7	228.128	3.3	224.310	4.7	202.120	4.7	215.184	4.7	198.383	4.2
Motor vehicle insurance (3)	576.450	0.3	741.786	2.0	-	-	908.685	9.1	635.676	1.9	965.423	0.8	581.574	0.1	741.793	2.0	-	-	908.697	9.1	630.690	1.8	982.489	0.8
Medical care	513.923	4.6	554.549	2.9	-	-	457.298	3.6	544.627	6.0	482.705	3.0	520.943	5.1	542.633	3.4	-	-	461.488	4.2	546.395	6.4	493.589	3.5
Recreation (5)	122.067	1.5	126.383	5.2	-	-	129.114	2.1	127.218	1.8	122.065	0.8	116.757	1.3	121.596	4.9	-	-	114.206	-0.4	127.637	1.6	117.022	0.9
Education and communication (5)	139.256	1.5	133.173	1.4	-	-	152.048	3.2	147.120	3.3	133.869	1.2	126.879	1.3	123.110	1.8	-	-	137.084	2.3	133.065	3.2	119.302	0.6
Tuition, other school fees, and child care (3)	773.944	2.4	1055.951	1.7	-	-	1247.158	4.3	1300.223	3.8	1358.635	2.6	744.799	2.5	1028.875	2.1	-	-	1205.862	4.0	1292.961	4.1	1254.386	2.3
Other goods and services	460.144	2.7	556.761	2.3	-	-	430.662	2.6	509.062	3.2	437.594	1.7	504.209	3.1	612.967	1.4	-	-	530.305	3.0	586.241	2.7	474.380	2.0
Energy	208.354	2.8	191.830	-0.6	205.894	1.7	209.568	1.9	207.448	0.6	190.334	1.8	207.313	3.1	189.997	-0.4	211.714	2.0	199.039	2.1	207.037	0.9	188.934	2.0

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.

March indexes are scheduled for release at 8:30 a.m. on Friday, April 10, 2020

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 2020 from--			Index		Percent change to Feb 2020 from--		
	Jan 2020	Feb 2020	Feb 2019	Dec 2019	Jan 2020	Jan 2020	Feb 2020	Feb 2019	Dec 2019	Jan 2020
U.S. city average	257.971	258.678	2.3	0.7	0.3	251.361	251.935	2.3	0.6	0.2
Chicago-Naperville-Elgin, IL-IN-WI	244.361	244.407	2.0	1.0	0.0	235.518	235.557	2.1	0.9	0.0
Los Angeles-Long Beach-Anaheim, CA	277.755	278.657	3.4	1.1	0.3	268.127	268.938	3.5	1.0	0.3
New York-Newark-New Jersey, NY-NJ-PA	282.020	282.577	2.4	1.0	0.2	276.077	276.412	2.3	0.9	0.1
Boston-Cambridge-Newton, MA-NH	285.181	-	-	-	-	284.382	-	-	-	-
Dallas-Fort Worth-Arlington, TX	238.935	-	-	-	-	244.510	-	-	-	-
Denver-Aurora-Lakewood, CO	270.952	-	-	-	-	260.936	-	-	-	-
Minneapolis-St. Paul-Bloomington, MN-WI	252.447	-	-	-	-	244.990	-	-	-	-
Riverside-San Bernardino-Ontario, CA (1)	107.143	-	-	-	-	107.580	-	-	-	-
San Diego-Carlsbad, CA	302.564	-	-	-	-	284.272	-	-	-	-
Tampa-St. Petersburg-Clearwater, FL (2)	231.258	-	-	-	-	228.106	-	-	-	-
Washington-Arlington-Alexandria, DC-VA-MD-WV (3)	266.433	-	-	-	-	262.064	-	-	-	-
Urban Hawaii	283.683	-	-	-	-	280.946	-	-	-	-
Atlanta-Sandy Springs-Roswell, GA	-	247.042	2.9	0.8	-	-	243.207	2.7	0.8	-
Baltimore-Columbia-Towson, MD (3)	-	259.121	1.8	0.5	-	-	257.613	1.9	0.4	-
Detroit-Warren-Dearborn, MI	-	238.634	2.6	0.5	-	-	233.377	3.0	0.4	-
Houston-The Woodlands-Sugar Land, TX	-	230.147	1.5	0.6	-	-	224.841	1.4	0.7	-
Miami-Fort Lauderdale-West Palm Beach, FL	-	272.044	1.4	0.4	-	-	267.329	1.3	0.3	-
Philadelphia-Camden-Wilmington, PA-NJ-DE-MD	-	259.694	2.6	1.0	-	-	260.059	2.7	0.8	-
Phoenix-Mesa-Scottsdale, AZ (4)	-	145.746	4.4	0.6	-	-	144.346	4.8	0.7	-
San Francisco-Oakland-Hayward, CA	-	299.690	2.9	0.9	-	-	292.010	2.5	0.9	-
Seattle-Tacoma-Bellevue, WA	-	282.115	2.5	1.0	-	-	278.081	2.6	1.1	-
St. Louis, MO-IL	-	233.374	2.1	0.8	-	-	231.384	2.3	0.8	-
Urban Alaska	-	226.510	-0.3	0.0	-	-	224.731	0.3	0.2	-

(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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Consumer Price Index, February 2020

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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