

Mid-Atlantic Regional Office CPI Announcement

Table 1. Consumer Price Indexes, U.S. city average and selected areas, March 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	
	Mar 2020	Mar 2019	Mar 2020	Mar 2019	Mar 2020	Mar 2019	Mar 2020	Mar 2019	Mar 2020	Mar 2019	Mar 2020	Mar 2019	Mar 2020	Mar 2019	Mar 2020	Mar 2019	Mar 2020	Mar 2019	Mar 2020	Mar 2019	Mar 2020	Mar 2019	Mar 2020	Mar 2019
All items	258.115	1.5	-	-	265.385	0.4	-	-	272.531	1.7	248.136	1.1	251.375	1.5	-	-	261.242	0.5	-	-	268.182	1.6	243.277	0.9
All items (1967 = 100) (2)	773.199	-	-	-	783.491	-	-	-	429.153	-	402.511	-	748.770	-	-	-	782.391	-	-	-	418.885	-	394.014	-
Food and beverages	262.320	1.9	-	-	255.983	1.2	-	-	268.092	1.9	258.934	1.5	261.137	1.9	-	-	256.229	1.1	-	-	266.555	1.7	257.828	1.6
Food	262.708	1.9	-	-	261.802	1.4	-	-	268.721	1.8	260.215	1.5	261.103	1.9	-	-	260.296	1.2	-	-	266.931	1.7	258.501	1.5
Food at home	245.163	1.1	246.260	1.1	247.673	0.1	237.301	0.8	253.922	0.8	242.822	0.8	244.363	1.1	250.628	1.2	246.135	-0.1	241.593	2.0	252.685	0.8	241.632	0.9
Cereals and bakery products	277.646	0.1	-	-	298.796	-7.6	-	-	298.906	-0.1	281.210	-0.1	278.659	0.0	-	-	286.481	-8.0	-	-	298.325	-0.4	280.336	-0.1
Meats, poultry, fish, and eggs	254.724	2.3	-	-	279.805	7.4	-	-	256.063	1.6	249.783	2.9	254.787	2.1	-	-	271.878	7.6	-	-	255.761	1.4	248.720	2.9
Dairy and related products	225.627	3.7	-	-	245.925	6.2	-	-	234.361	4.1	224.933	1.9	223.626	3.5	-	-	243.200	5.7	-	-	232.846	4.0	222.432	1.8
Fruits and vegetables	299.641	-1.9	-	-	262.300	-5.6	-	-	313.699	-2.8	283.544	-3.5	297.466	-1.7	-	-	269.852	-5.1	-	-	313.982	-2.3	284.516	-3.3
Nonalcoholic beverages and beverage materials (3)	174.454	1.4	-	-	215.465	-0.6	-	-	177.412	1.6	172.012	0.1	174.495	1.5	-	-	224.701	-0.9	-	-	177.984	1.2	170.961	0.2
Other food at home	214.565	1.4	-	-	204.270	-0.3	-	-	229.146	1.5	215.280	2.2	213.450	1.6	-	-	201.488	-0.4	-	-	228.426	1.7	213.713	2.3
Food away from home	290.216	3.0	-	-	280.506	2.8	-	-	294.219	3.2	288.735	2.4	290.319	2.9	-	-	280.944	2.8	-	-	295.198	3.1	287.597	2.4
Alcoholic beverages	255.660	1.4	-	-	199.806	-1.5	-	-	258.990	1.9	240.710	2.0	260.698	1.9	-	-	216.120	-1.4	-	-	258.612	1.9	248.642	2.4
Housing	270.273	2.4	-	-	279.541	0.8	-	-	292.049	1.7	247.958	2.3	266.266	2.5	-	-	281.606	1.3	-	-	289.893	1.7	248.162	2.5
Shelter	324.615	3.0	341.013	2.9	336.903	1.2	312.045	1.1	365.343	2.6	287.956	2.9	317.487	3.1	346.763	2.9	339.119	1.8	325.929	1.7	361.063	2.6	289.126	3.1
Rent of primary residence	339.519	3.7	316.873	3.4	373.812	2.9	369.091	2.1	368.227	2.9	302.806	3.7	336.056	3.7	316.873	3.4	373.812	2.9	369.091	2.1	363.380	2.9	301.075	3.7
Owners' equivalent rent of residences (4)	332.864	3.2	347.371	2.7	345.797	2.1	327.802	2.1	377.615	2.7	289.894	3.1	300.514	3.2	308.924	2.7	315.159	2.1	297.347	2.1	332.283	2.7	269.609	3.2
Owners' equivalent rent of primary residence (4)	332.904	3.2	347.371	2.7	345.797	2.1	327.802	2.1	377.302	2.7	289.908	3.1	300.547	3.2	308.924	2.7	315.159	2.1	297.347	2.1	332.326	2.7	269.589	3.2
Fuels and utilities	241.160	-0.2	-	-	235.829	-0.3	-	-	224.048	-3.5	236.851	-0.3	239.237	-0.1	-	-	242.000	-0.5	-	-	225.511	-3.0	236.794	-0.3
Household energy	196.998	-1.2	166.482	-7.1	182.672	-1.6	202.194	-1.1	196.018	-4.7	188.293	-1.2	195.227	-1.1	166.903	-6.5	187.080	-1.9	192.903	-0.7	197.564	-4.2	186.704	-1.3
Energy services	201.439	-0.5	180.481	-4.5	186.709	-1.9	217.206	-0.6	198.364	-2.2	188.514	-1.1	199.934	-0.6	182.497	-4.4	191.161	-1.9	214.188	-0.6	199.032	-2.4	187.933	-1.2
Electricity	211.332	0.2	180.089	-0.7	213.653	0.7	204.730	-1.1	203.304	-1.0	187.199	-0.8	208.117	0.0	180.088	-0.7	213.653	-0.7	204.728	-1.1	203.353	-1.3	184.686	-0.9
Utility (piped) gas service	168.994	-2.9	169.328	-10.2	127.643	-8.3	186.953	5.3	174.043	-5.0	181.705	-3.2	168.518	-3.1	169.324	-10.2	127.644	-8.3	186.953	5.3	175.174	-4.7	184.486	-3.7
Household furnishings and operations	124.469	0.6	-	-	109.537	-1.2	-	-	120.472	-0.6	125.542	1.5	118.679	0.5	-	-	98.669	-2.0	-	-	113.878	0.1	117.449	1.1
Apparel	123.815	-1.6	-	-	158.328	-5.2	-	-	130.385	-0.1	132.705	-2.2	123.397	-1.5	-	-	167.329	-4.5	-	-	129.945	1.2	131.400	-2.3
Transportation	203.854	-2.4	-	-	211.419	-1.4	-	-	200.823	-1.9	203.615	-2.9	203.016	-2.5	-	-	223.126	-1.4	-	-	203.569	-1.6	200.492	-3.4
Private transportation	200.626	-2.0	-	-	213.440	-0.1	-	-	194.453	-1.4	202.913	-2.8	200.180	-2.3	-	-	219.374	-1.0	-	-	197.659	-1.3	199.284	-3.3
New and used motor vehicles (5)	99.527	-0.4	-	-	94.007	-0.9	-	-	96.408	-0.4	101.944	-0.6	98.221	-0.4	-	-	94.934	-1.4	-	-	97.775	-0.2	99.620	-0.7
New vehicles (3)	147.124	-0.4	-	-	195.231	-2.3	-	-	144.375	-0.3	153.177	-0.9	148.346	-0.4	-	-	194.821	-2.3	-	-	144.947	0.1	152.420	-1.1
Used cars and trucks (3)	140.689	0.1	-	-	302.329	0.7	-	-	146.882	0.5	142.127	0.1	141.630	0.1	-	-	302.425	0.7	-	-	146.935	0.6	143.170	0.0
Motor fuel	203.512	-10.2	221.524	-8.1	219.235	-6.3	197.447	-10.3	203.111	-7.8	185.851	-13.8	203.920	-10.3	221.573	-8.0	219.251	-6.3	197.387	-10.2	203.262	-7.4	185.205	-13.9
Gasoline	202.205	-10.2	218.433	-7.9	216.592	-6.3	193.143	-10.2	201.992	-7.8	184.533	-13.9	202.758	-10.3	218.433	-7.9	216.593	-6.3	193.153	-10.2	202.282	-7.4	184.020	-14.0
Motor vehicle insurance (3)	579.462	1.1	-	-	897.449	6.1	-	-	636.101	2.0	969.290	1.5	584.803	0.9	-	-	897.427	6.1	-	-	631.111	2.0	986.739	1.4
Medical care	515.605	4.7	-	-	466.517	2.3	-	-	545.933	5.3	483.983	3.3	522.866	5.3	-	-	474.919	2.7	-	-	548.081	5.9	495.205	3.7
Recreation (5)	122.265	1.3	-	-	116.268	-2.6	-	-	128.309	2.5	122.344	0.4	116.803	1.1	-	-	111.896	-3.5	-	-	128.578	2.2	117.083	0.4
Education and communication (5)	139.199	1.5	-	-	152.898	2.9	-	-	146.924	3.0	133.811	1.2	126.791	1.4	-	-	125.112	2.8	-	-	132.806	2.8	119.225	0.8
Tuition, other school fees, and child care (3)	774.185	2.3	-	-	1407.834	3.3	-	-	1301.033	3.9	1360.622	2.3	745.113	2.5	-	-	1327.150	3.4	-	-	1293.561	4.1	1257.205	2.2
Other goods and services	461.495	2.9	-	-	427.390	2.6	-	-	509.650	3.1	439.029	2.0	506.103	3.1	-	-	453.858	1.8	-	-	586.669	2.5	476.267	2.2
Energy	199.573	-5.7	186.286	-7.5	202.529	-3.9	204.599	-5.5	198.967	-6.0	182.901	-7.7	198.193	-6.0	184.833	-7.2	207.727	-4.3	194.311	-5.5	198.822	-5.7	181.202	-8.1

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.

April indexes are scheduled for release at 8:30 a.m. on Tuesday, May 12, 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 Mar 2020 from--			Index		Percent change to Mar 2020 from--		
	Feb 2020	Mar 2020	Mar 2019	Jan 2020	Feb 2020	Feb 2020	Mar 2020	Mar 2019	Jan 2020	Feb 2020
U.S. city average	258.678	258.115	1.5	0.1	-0.2	251.935	251.375	1.5	0.0	-0.2
Chicago-Naperville-Elgin, IL-IN-WI	244.407	242.655	1.1	-0.7	-0.7	235.557	234.250	1.1	-0.5	-0.6
Los Angeles-Long Beach-Anaheim, CA	278.657	276.589	1.9	-0.4	-0.7	268.938	266.964	2.2	-0.4	-0.7
New York-Newark-New Jersey, NY-NJ-PA	282.577	281.975	2.0	0.0	-0.2	276.412	275.913	1.8	-0.1	-0.2
Boston-Cambridge-Newton, MA-NH	-	285.544	1.8	0.1	-	-	284.368	1.8	0.0	-
Dallas-Fort Worth-Arlington, TX	-	238.865	1.0	0.0	-	-	244.096	1.0	-0.2	-
Denver-Aurora-Lakewood, CO	-	270.120	2.2	-0.3	-	-	260.362	2.3	-0.2	-
Minneapolis-St. Paul-Bloomington, MN-WI	-	251.570	1.2	-0.3	-	-	244.419	0.9	-0.2	-
Riverside-San Bernardino-Ontario, CA (1)	-	107.162	2.3	0.0	-	-	107.425	2.5	-0.1	-
San Diego-Carlsbad, CA	-	302.589	1.8	0.0	-	-	285.543	2.3	0.4	-
Tampa-St. Petersburg-Clearwater, FL (2)	-	231.619	2.1	0.2	-	-	228.416	1.3	0.1	-
Washington-Arlington-Alexandria, DC-VA-MD-WV (3)	-	265.385	0.4	-0.4	-	-	261.242	0.5	-0.3	-
Urban Hawaii	-	285.321	1.8	0.6	-	-	282.885	2.3	0.7	-
Atlanta-Sandy Springs-Roswell, GA	247.042	-	-	-	-	243.207	-	-	-	-
Baltimore-Columbia-Towson, MD (3)	259.121	-	-	-	-	257.613	-	-	-	-
Detroit-Warren-Dearborn, MI	238.634	-	-	-	-	233.377	-	-	-	-
Houston-The Woodlands-Sugar Land, TX	230.147	-	-	-	-	224.841	-	-	-	-
Miami-Fort Lauderdale-West Palm Beach, FL	272.044	-	-	-	-	267.329	-	-	-	-
Philadelphia-Camden-Wilmington, PA-NJ-DE-MD	259.694	-	-	-	-	260.059	-	-	-	-
Phoenix-Mesa-Scottsdale, AZ (4)	145.746	-	-	-	-	144.346	-	-	-	-
San Francisco-Oakland-Hayward, CA	299.690	-	-	-	-	292.010	-	-	-	-
Seattle-Tacoma-Bellevue, WA	282.115	-	-	-	-	278.081	-	-	-	-
St. Louis, MO-IL	233.374	-	-	-	-	231.384	-	-	-	-
Urban Alaska	226.510	-	-	-	-	224.731	-	-	-	-

(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, March 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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