

Mid-Atlantic Regional Office CPI Announcement

Table 1. Consumer Price Indexes, U.S. city average and selected areas, May 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	
	May 2020	May 2019	May 2020	May 2019	May 2020	May 2019	May 2020	May 2019	May 2020	May 2019	May 2020	May 2019	May 2020	May 2019	May 2020	May 2019	May 2020	May 2019	May 2020	May 2019	May 2020	May 2019	May 2020	May 2019
All items	256.394	0.1	-	-	265.733	-0.1	-	-	271.345	0.6	245.696	-0.4	249.521	-0.1	-	-	261.002	-0.4	-	-	267.089	0.5	240.565	-0.7
All items (1967 = 100) (2)	768.044	-	-	-	784.517	-	-	-	427.285	-	398.552	-	743.247	-	-	-	781.672	-	-	-	417.178	-	389.622	-
Food and beverages	267.792	3.9	-	-	262.716	3.2	-	-	275.327	4.6	264.124	3.7	267.232	4.1	-	-	263.264	3.3	-	-	274.333	4.8	263.560	4.0
Food	268.439	4.0	-	-	268.742	3.3	-	-	276.418	4.8	265.593	3.8	267.366	4.2	-	-	267.821	3.5	-	-	275.101	4.9	264.308	4.0
Food at home	253.827	4.8	253.526	5.0	258.490	3.3	248.988	5.8	264.135	5.4	250.905	4.7	253.467	5.1	258.221	5.2	257.858	3.7	252.923	6.7	263.055	5.5	250.005	5.0
Cereals and bakery products	284.937	2.6	-	-	331.780	2.6	-	-	312.739	4.4	290.045	3.4	286.269	2.6	-	-	318.897	2.4	-	-	311.113	3.8	289.506	3.5
Meats, poultry, fish, and eggs	275.405	10.0	-	-	288.337	6.0	-	-	279.088	11.4	268.389	10.1	275.888	10.1	-	-	282.583	7.8	-	-	278.432	11.2	267.471	10.4
Dairy and related products	230.166	5.7	-	-	248.392	6.7	-	-	242.054	5.9	232.250	5.7	228.336	5.6	-	-	240.216	6.7	-	-	240.317	6.1	229.657	5.6
Fruits and vegetables	306.798	1.5	-	-	274.317	-3.0	-	-	321.906	1.8	290.714	1.2	304.977	1.8	-	-	281.614	-3.2	-	-	322.735	2.4	292.265	1.6
Nonalcoholic beverages and beverage materials (3)	178.234	4.1	-	-	230.958	7.0	-	-	181.340	3.1	173.800	2.3	178.252	4.1	-	-	242.016	7.9	-	-	182.251	2.9	172.669	2.4
Other food at home	218.988	3.9	-	-	209.750	3.0	-	-	232.173	4.0	218.195	3.7	218.074	4.1	-	-	206.512	2.8	-	-	231.412	4.2	216.549	3.9
Food away from home	291.709	2.9	-	-	283.206	3.6	-	-	298.070	4.0	290.280	2.6	292.145	3.0	-	-	283.442	3.6	-	-	299.632	4.0	289.272	2.6
Alcoholic beverages	257.713	2.2	-	-	204.642	1.3	-	-	259.914	1.9	243.359	2.9	263.920	3.2	-	-	213.917	-1.7	-	-	260.106	2.5	252.971	3.9
Housing	270.823	2.1	-	-	281.831	1.7	-	-	291.328	1.3	247.878	2.0	267.019	2.3	-	-	283.898	2.0	-	-	289.512	1.5	248.073	2.0
Shelter	325.265	2.5	338.812	2.3	340.432	2.2	313.186	0.6	365.728	2.1	288.376	2.5	318.266	2.8	345.766	2.4	341.746	2.4	326.473	1.5	361.767	2.2	289.551	2.7
Rent of primary residence	340.811	3.5	315.729	2.5	376.139	3.1	366.671	1.7	369.469	2.6	303.855	3.4	337.346	3.5	315.729	2.5	376.139	3.1	366.671	1.7	364.607	2.6	302.043	3.4
Owners' equivalent rent of residences (4)	334.052	3.1	349.086	2.7	347.301	2.3	329.010	2.5	379.410	2.9	290.980	2.9	301.573	3.1	310.449	2.7	316.529	2.3	298.443	2.5	333.788	2.8	270.508	3.0
Owners' equivalent rent of primary residence (4)	334.087	3.1	349.086	2.7	347.301	2.3	329.010	2.5	379.093	2.9	290.985	2.9	301.604	3.1	310.449	2.7	316.529	2.3	298.443	2.5	333.826	2.8	270.485	3.0
Fuels and utilities	240.361	-0.4	-	-	235.985	-0.1	-	-	217.304	-4.0	234.467	-1.0	238.952	-0.2	-	-	242.753	0.0	-	-	220.126	-2.8	234.809	-0.8
Household energy	195.974	-1.5	161.058	-10.1	182.153	-1.5	200.600	-2.7	188.822	-5.4	185.562	-2.2	194.772	-1.1	162.086	-9.2	187.091	-1.4	192.464	-1.8	191.725	-4.0	184.425	-2.0
Energy services	201.752	-0.2	178.470	-5.4	186.651	-1.5	216.782	-2.1	195.422	-0.4	186.086	-2.0	200.409	-0.3	180.435	-5.4	191.230	-1.5	214.060	-1.9	196.598	-0.2	185.770	-1.9
Electricity	211.988	-0.2	176.849	-3.3	206.758	-1.6	203.189	-3.7	203.446	1.0	184.330	-2.1	208.920	-0.3	176.848	-3.3	206.758	-1.6	203.188	-3.7	203.906	1.0	182.194	-2.0
Utility (piped) gas service	168.316	-0.3	170.080	-8.4	138.659	-1.6	192.564	13.8	165.428	-3.9	182.409	-0.8	167.939	-0.2	170.076	-8.4	138.660	-1.6	192.564	13.8	167.340	-3.3	185.296	-1.1
Household furnishings and operations	125.373	1.6	-	-	109.108	-0.9	-	-	119.994	-0.5	125.194	1.3	119.854	1.8	-	-	100.157	-0.9	-	-	113.630	0.4	117.066	0.7
Apparel	114.582	-7.9	-	-	145.728	-14.5	-	-	118.529	-7.4	122.185	-9.9	114.615	-7.5	-	-	153.508	-14.7	-	-	118.274	-6.1	121.545	-9.4
Transportation	191.419	-11.1	-	-	199.491	-9.5	-	-	190.787	-9.8	190.040	-11.0	190.002	-11.8	-	-	207.398	-10.8	-	-	193.072	-10.0	186.347	-12.0
Private transportation	188.771	-10.4	-	-	200.810	-8.3	-	-	185.148	-9.1	190.017	-10.5	187.467	-11.5	-	-	203.275	-10.8	-	-	187.594	-9.6	185.554	-11.8
New and used motor vehicles (5)	98.717	-0.7	-	-	92.793	-2.2	-	-	96.679	-0.1	100.752	-1.2	97.355	-0.7	-	-	93.753	-2.2	-	-	98.098	0.2	98.511	-1.2
New vehicles (3)	147.222	-0.3	-	-	193.697	-2.5	-	-	145.786	-0.7	152.558	-1.0	148.483	-0.2	-	-	193.290	-2.5	-	-	146.688	-0.2	151.854	-1.2
Used cars and trucks (3)	138.383	-0.4	-	-	296.938	-0.3	-	-	144.269	-0.5	139.854	0.0	139.327	-0.4	-	-	297.033	-0.3	-	-	144.321	-0.4	140.926	-0.1
Motor fuel	169.882	-33.5	190.171	-29.4	185.973	-29.0	164.093	-33.4	175.899	-29.3	151.268	-35.4	170.212	-33.6	190.049	-29.4	185.890	-29.1	163.809	-33.6	176.300	-28.9	150.322	-35.8
Gasoline	168.528	-33.8	187.332	-29.5	183.554	-29.1	160.266	-33.6	174.767	-29.4	149.829	-35.7	168.977	-33.9	187.332	-29.5	183.555	-29.1	160.274	-33.6	175.262	-29.1	148.985	-36.1
Motor vehicle insurance (3)	486.761	-14.3	-	-	716.556	-14.9	-	-	529.141	-15.0	829.003	-12.2	490.708	-14.6	-	-	716.538	-14.9	-	-	524.707	-15.1	843.005	-12.4
Medical care	519.194	4.9	-	-	494.352	8.1	-	-	548.862	5.3	489.782	3.9	527.097	5.6	-	-	504.270	8.7	-	-	551.961	6.0	501.282	4.4
Recreation (5)	122.779	2.1	-	-	116.638	-1.4	-	-	132.380	5.1	121.219	0.6	117.390	2.1	-	-	112.630	-1.4	-	-	133.021	5.3	116.204	0.5
Education and communication (5)	139.340	1.6	-	-	153.315	1.6	-	-	146.915	2.7	133.959	1.0	126.936	1.4	-	-	125.954	2.1	-	-	132.814	2.5	119.343	0.6
Tuition, other school fees, and child care (3)	774.743	2.2	-	-	1408.013	2.1	-	-	1301.458	3.8	1361.611	2.2	745.377	2.3	-	-	1328.879	1.6	-	-	1294.008	4.0	1257.642	2.0
Other goods and services	460.730	2.4	-	-	421.483	0.9	-	-	509.456	2.7	437.909	1.9	504.922	2.5	-	-	444.945	-0.3	-	-	586.744	2.3	475.019	1.9
Energy	183.076	-18.9	171.458	-19.1	187.699	-15.8	187.553	-18.8	183.663	-16.5	165.400	-19.9	180.999	-20.0	170.214	-18.8	190.726	-17.5	178.027	-18.9	183.551	-16.6	162.961	-21.1

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.

June indexes are scheduled for release at 8:30 a.m. on Tuesday, July 14, 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 May 2020 from--			Index		Percent change to May 2020 from--		
	Apr 2020	May 2020	May 2019	Mar 2020	Apr 2020	Apr 2020	May 2020	May 2019	Mar 2020	Apr 2020
U.S. city average	256.389	256.394	0.1	-0.7	0.0	249.515	249.521	-0.1	-0.7	0.0
Chicago-Naperville-Elgin, IL-IN-WI	240.364	242.650	0.4	0.0	1.0	231.572	233.741	0.1	-0.2	0.9
Los Angeles-Long Beach-Anaheim, CA	275.853	276.842	0.9	0.1	0.4	265.930	267.007	0.6	0.0	0.4
New York-Newark-New Jersey, NY-NJ-PA	280.623	282.092	1.4	0.0	0.5	274.876	276.413	1.4	0.2	0.6
Boston-Cambridge-Newton, MA-NH	-	282.620	0.6	-1.0	-	-	280.697	0.4	-1.3	-
Dallas-Fort Worth-Arlington, TX	-	236.317	-0.5	-1.1	-	-	240.961	-1.2	-1.3	-
Denver-Aurora-Lakewood, CO	-	271.379	1.9	0.5	-	-	261.444	2.0	0.4	-
Minneapolis-St. Paul-Bloomington, MN-WI	-	251.243	0.0	-0.1	-	-	243.744	-0.4	-0.3	-
Riverside-San Bernardino-Ontario, CA (1)	-	106.899	0.9	-0.2	-	-	107.490	1.3	0.1	-
San Diego-Carlsbad, CA	-	301.317	0.3	-0.4	-	-	284.607	1.0	-0.3	-
Tampa-St. Petersburg-Clearwater, FL (2)	-	231.032	0.9	-0.3	-	-	227.246	0.2	-0.5	-
Washington-Arlington-Alexandria, DC-VA-MD-WV (3)	-	265.733	-0.1	0.1	-	-	261.002	-0.4	-0.1	-
Urban Hawaii	-	285.834	1.3	0.2	-	-	282.857	1.5	0.0	-
Atlanta-Sandy Springs-Roswell, GA	242.617	-	-	-	-	238.992	-	-	-	-
Baltimore-Columbia-Towson, MD (3)	258.978	-	-	-	-	256.488	-	-	-	-
Detroit-Warren-Dearborn, MI	232.107	-	-	-	-	226.882	-	-	-	-
Houston-The Woodlands-Sugar Land, TX	226.387	-	-	-	-	220.461	-	-	-	-
Miami-Fort Lauderdale-West Palm Beach, FL	269.237	-	-	-	-	264.911	-	-	-	-
Philadelphia-Camden-Wilmington, PA-NJ-DE-MD	256.353	-	-	-	-	257.755	-	-	-	-
Phoenix-Mesa-Scottsdale, AZ (4)	143.734	-	-	-	-	142.659	-	-	-	-
San Francisco-Oakland-Hayward, CA	298.074	-	-	-	-	290.304	-	-	-	-
Seattle-Tacoma-Bellevue, WA	280.484	-	-	-	-	276.427	-	-	-	-
St. Louis, MO-IL	229.592	-	-	-	-	227.130	-	-	-	-
Urban Alaska	222.909	-	-	-	-	221.826	-	-	-	-

(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, May 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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