

Mid-Atlantic Regional Office CPI Announcement

Table 1. Consumer Price Indexes, U.S. city average and selected areas, February 2021 (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 2021	Feb 2020	Feb 2021	Feb 2020	Feb 2021	Feb 2020	Feb 2021	Feb 2020	Feb 2021	Feb 2020	Feb 2021	Feb 2020	Feb 2021	Feb 2020	Feb 2021	Feb 2020	Feb 2021	Feb 2020	Feb 2021	Feb 2020	Feb 2021	Feb 2020	Feb 2021	Feb 2020
All items	263.014	1.7	262.167	1.0	-	-	261.917	1.1	276.473	1.2	253.386	2.0	256.843	1.9	263.450	1.3	-	-	259.765	0.8	272.771	1.5	248.802	2.1
All items (1967 = 100) (2)	787.872	-	757.386	-	-	-	783.372	-	435.361	-	411.027	-	765.056	-	765.235	-	-	-	774.368	-	426.053	-	402.962	-
Food and beverages	270.672	3.5	245.253	1.5	-	-	273.430	2.9	275.338	2.9	267.034	3.6	269.860	3.7	251.314	1.5	-	-	272.272	3.3	274.453	3.1	265.892	3.6
Food	271.363	3.6	245.922	1.4	-	-	272.363	2.6	276.024	2.9	268.872	3.8	270.057	3.8	251.202	1.5	-	-	272.600	3.3	274.966	3.2	266.976	3.8
Food at home	252.716	3.5	243.619	-0.4	257.674	2.9	242.895	3.7	259.405	2.4	251.276	4.2	252.128	3.6	249.146	-0.1	254.752	2.3	247.155	3.5	258.726	2.5	249.690	4.1
Cereals and bakery products	284.095	2.7	318.730	3.5	-	-	291.251	1.0	305.845	2.0	293.685	4.4	285.543	2.8	321.521	3.4	-	-	283.797	0.9	305.165	1.8	292.962	4.4
Meats, poultry, fish, and eggs	266.606	5.2	266.679	-2.5	-	-	241.859	4.2	264.981	3.9	260.973	5.5	266.739	5.2	271.340	-1.7	-	-	253.448	3.7	265.303	4.0	259.773	5.6
Dairy and related products	230.452	2.7	200.339	-3.6	-	-	241.471	2.9	239.434	1.1	229.703	2.6	228.786	2.7	202.325	-2.3	-	-	228.514	3.3	238.186	1.2	227.082	2.5
Fruits and vegetables	309.993	3.4	281.846	4.3	-	-	297.256	7.0	323.135	3.1	296.994	4.9	307.426	3.2	282.117	3.6	-	-	314.168	6.2	323.999	3.3	296.602	4.4
Nonalcoholic beverages and beverage materials (3)	180.202	4.0	158.151	-4.3	-	-	177.625	3.2	180.307	0.8	176.053	3.3	180.494	4.3	164.359	-4.5	-	-	177.796	2.6	181.004	0.7	174.994	3.5
Other food at home	219.110	2.8	220.814	-1.2	-	-	216.808	2.7	230.211	1.8	220.335	3.4	218.189	2.9	224.055	-0.2	-	-	208.558	3.2	230.402	2.3	218.072	3.0
Food away from home	300.540	3.7	242.652	3.7	-	-	315.755	1.5	304.423	3.7	297.797	3.4	301.249	3.9	245.033	3.6	-	-	315.638	2.9	306.816	4.1	296.805	3.4
Alcoholic beverages	260.011	2.0	233.081	2.0	-	-	286.261	6.5	265.449	2.5	241.320	0.4	265.483	2.3	242.518	1.8	-	-	272.481	3.0	264.269	1.9	248.564	0.3
Housing	275.137	1.8	272.948	0.9	-	-	265.897	1.1	296.629	1.6	252.607	1.9	271.341	1.9	274.398	1.0	-	-	273.574	0.7	294.843	1.8	252.780	1.9
Shelter	329.005	1.5	338.986	0.0	344.499	1.8	316.234	1.8	368.060	1.0	293.177	2.0	322.262	1.7	347.048	0.5	345.764	1.7	329.227	1.5	364.732	1.2	294.368	2.0
Rent of primary residence	345.242	2.0	319.620	1.3	378.324	1.2	365.863	-0.3	373.037	1.5	308.989	2.5	341.906	2.0	319.620	1.3	378.324	1.2	365.863	-0.3	368.100	1.5	307.087	2.4
Owners' equivalent rent of residences (4)	338.918	2.0	351.015	1.2	353.178	2.1	335.687	2.7	382.844	1.6	296.515	2.5	305.976	2.0	312.165	1.2	321.886	2.1	304.500	2.7	337.046	1.7	275.539	2.4
Owners' equivalent rent of primary residence (4)	338.947	2.0	351.015	1.2	353.178	2.1	335.687	2.7	382.520	1.6	296.514	2.5	306.003	2.0	312.165	1.2	321.886	2.1	304.500	2.7	337.096	1.7	275.513	2.4
Fuels and utilities	251.277	3.4	209.661	-0.3	-	-	220.586	-5.1	236.725	3.5	243.008	2.1	249.080	3.4	207.929	-0.1	-	-	212.389	-4.7	237.966	3.6	242.792	2.0
Household energy	205.820	3.4	169.000	-0.3	177.896	-2.6	190.276	-6.3	207.974	3.4	192.635	1.6	203.800	3.4	168.819	-0.3	182.263	-2.6	181.795	-6.1	209.286	3.6	190.965	1.6
Energy services	209.296	3.2	179.668	-0.1	181.770	-2.6	203.396	-6.4	207.387	3.7	192.647	1.6	207.779	3.2	181.689	-0.1	186.216	-2.6	201.544	-6.1	208.451	3.7	191.980	1.5
Electricity	216.998	2.3	179.906	-0.1	202.048	-4.7	187.882	-7.6	212.415	3.5	189.473	0.7	213.844	2.3	179.905	-0.1	202.048	-4.7	187.881	-7.6	213.068	3.6	187.034	0.7
Utility (piped) gas service	183.006	6.7	167.220	-0.1	133.904	2.7	195.143	0.2	182.220	4.1	197.847	7.2	182.862	6.8	167.217	-0.1	133.905	2.7	195.142	0.2	183.292	4.0	201.508	7.3
Household furnishings and operations	127.935	2.6	124.676	8.5	-	-	122.315	0.8	125.504	4.4	127.518	1.4	121.488	2.2	115.531	7.3	-	-	108.500	0.2	117.159	3.6	119.068	1.0
Apparel	119.998	-3.6	108.400	-3.3	-	-	124.580	-7.5	125.518	-4.0	126.931	-4.5	119.673	-3.5	118.690	-2.2	-	-	122.263	-7.5	125.443	-4.0	125.598	-4.4
Transportation	209.054	0.6	209.462	-0.4	-	-	199.528	-1.4	204.854	-0.2	209.818	1.6	209.811	1.5	224.160	1.6	-	-	199.345	-1.9	208.435	0.6	208.070	2.2
Private transportation	207.664	2.2	212.180	1.5	-	-	203.366	2.3	200.630	2.0	210.802	2.7	208.129	2.5	224.914	2.8	-	-	201.348	0.0	203.824	1.9	207.960	2.9
New and used motor vehicles (5)	102.704	3.7	100.711	2.9	-	-	97.727	0.8	99.098	3.3	105.425	3.9	101.954	4.6	104.598	3.2	-	-	95.079	0.7	100.252	3.1	103.465	4.4
New vehicles (3)	149.515	1.2	182.884	2.7	-	-	190.674	-2.9	145.605	0.2	155.593	1.0	150.820	1.1	190.304	2.7	-	-	185.970	-2.9	145.139	-0.3	155.157	0.9
Used cars and trucks (3)	150.221	9.3	277.591	8.8	-	-	259.844	8.8	157.018	9.2	150.892	8.7	151.329	9.4	277.579	8.8	-	-	259.858	8.8	156.943	9.1	152.198	8.8
Motor fuel	222.667	1.4	253.167	9.4	235.814	3.9	220.834	6.8	222.021	2.5	208.138	3.9	223.208	1.4	253.510	9.5	235.865	3.9	220.773	6.9	221.391	2.4	207.365	3.9
Gasoline	221.689	1.5	249.958	9.6	233.033	3.9	216.027	6.9	221.060	2.6	207.043	4.0	222.323	1.5	249.957	9.6	233.034	3.9	216.038	6.9	220.635	2.5	206.414	4.0
Motor vehicle insurance (3)	560.386	-2.8	645.662	-13.0	-	-	749.862	-17.5	603.610	-5.0	936.937	-3.0	563.684	-3.1	645.668	-13.0	-	-	749.871	-17.5	603.683	-4.3	948.858	-3.4
Medical care	524.207	2.0	576.928	4.0	-	-	480.759	5.1	549.824	1.0	496.035	2.8	531.917	2.1	566.630	4.4	-	-	487.020	5.5	552.296	1.1	506.953	2.7
Recreation (5)	123.021	0.8	126.299	-0.1	-	-	126.244	-2.2	128.468	1.0	123.795	1.4	117.605	0.7	120.896	-0.6	-	-	110.328	-3.4	128.564	0.7	118.742	1.5
Education and communication (5)	141.679	1.7	133.641	0.4	-	-	154.626	1.7	149.138	1.4	136.293	1.8	129.503	2.1	123.783	0.5	-	-	139.588	1.8	135.345	1.7	121.852	2.1
Tuition, other school fees, and child care (3)	782.437	1.1	1054.882	-0.1	-	-	1268.218	1.7	1310.643	0.8	1378.109	1.4	753.439	1.2	1024.119	-0.5	-	-	1228.688	1.9	1303.619	0.8	1269.842	1.2
Other goods and services	469.886	2.1	581.137	4.4	-	-	451.857	4.9	513.550	0.9	450.650	3.0	517.658	2.7	638.493	4.2	-	-	564.972	6.5	595.624	1.6	490.285	3.4
Energy	213.277	2.4	199.369	3.9	206.977	0.5	209.539	0.0	213.744	3.0	195.501	2.7	212.098	2.3	197.814	4.1	213.726	1.0	199.741	0.4	213.339	3.0	194.150	2.8

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 Tuesday, April 13, 2021

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 2021 from--			Index		Percent change to Feb 2021 from--		
	Jan 2021	Feb 2021	Feb 2020	Dec 2020	Jan 2021	Jan 2021	Feb 2021	Feb 2020	Dec 2020	Jan 2021
U.S. city average	261.582	263.014	1.7	1.0	0.5	255.296	256.843	1.9	1.1	0.6
Chicago-Naperville-Elgin, IL-IN-WI	246.008	247.387	1.2	1.3	0.6	237.602	239.091	1.5	1.3	0.6
Los Angeles-Long Beach-Anaheim, CA	280.178	281.347	1.0	0.6	0.4	271.129	272.816	1.4	1.0	0.6
New York-Newark-New Jersey, NY-NJ-PA	285.525	286.474	1.4	0.7	0.3	279.909	280.994	1.7	0.8	0.4
Boston-Cambridge-Newton, MA-NH	286.615	-	-	-	-	285.461	-	-	-	-
Dallas-Fort Worth-Arlington, TX	242.513	-	-	-	-	248.287	-	-	-	-
Denver-Aurora-Lakewood, CO	272.156	-	-	-	-	263.594	-	-	-	-
Minneapolis-St. Paul-Bloomington, MN-WI	256.379	-	-	-	-	251.086	-	-	-	-
Riverside-San Bernardino-Ontario, CA (1)	109.550	-	-	-	-	110.204	-	-	-	-
San Diego-Carlsbad, CA	307.688	-	-	-	-	291.490	-	-	-	-
Tampa-St. Petersburg-Clearwater, FL (2)	239.135	-	-	-	-	235.808	-	-	-	-
Washington-Arlington-Alexandria, DC-VA-MD-WV (3)	270.535	-	-	-	-	266.855	-	-	-	-
Urban Hawaii	287.634	-	-	-	-	284.959	-	-	-	-
Atlanta-Sandy Springs-Roswell, GA	-	252.972	2.4	1.6	-	-	249.806	2.7	1.7	-
Baltimore-Columbia-Towson, MD (3)	-	261.917	1.1	0.1	-	-	259.765	0.8	0.3	-
Detroit-Warren-Dearborn, MI	-	240.570	0.8	0.6	-	-	236.446	1.3	1.1	-
Houston-The Woodlands-Sugar Land, TX	-	232.442	1.0	0.9	-	-	227.056	1.0	1.0	-
Miami-Fort Lauderdale-West Palm Beach, FL	-	275.849	1.4	0.8	-	-	271.476	1.6	0.9	-
Philadelphia-Camden-Wilmington, PA-NJ-DE-MD	-	262.167	1.0	0.8	-	-	263.450	1.3	0.8	-
Phoenix-Mesa-Scottsdale, AZ (4)	-	147.186	1.0	1.0	-	-	146.173	1.3	1.0	-
San Francisco-Oakland-Hayward, CA	-	304.387	1.6	0.5	-	-	297.170	1.8	0.5	-
Seattle-Tacoma-Bellevue, WA	-	286.950	1.7	1.2	-	-	282.795	1.7	1.2	-
St. Louis, MO-IL	-	237.018	1.6	1.2	-	-	235.134	1.6	1.4	-
Urban Alaska	-	229.478	1.3	1.0	-	-	229.145	2.0	1.1	-

(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 2021

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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