

Mid-Atlantic Regional Office CPI Announcement

Table 1. Consumer Price Indexes, U.S. city average and selected areas, March 2024 (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	
	Mar 2024	Percent change from Mar 2023	Mar 2024	Percent change from Mar 2023	Mar 2024	Percent change from Mar 2023	Mar 2024	Percent change from Mar 2023	Mar 2024	Percent change from Mar 2023	Mar 2024	Percent change from Mar 2023	Mar 2024	Percent change from Mar 2023	Mar 2024	Percent change from Mar 2023	Mar 2024	Percent change from Mar 2023	Mar 2024	Percent change from Mar 2023	Mar 2024	Percent change from Mar 2023	Mar 2024	Percent change from Mar 2023
	Mar 2024	Mar 2023	Mar 2024	Mar 2023	Mar 2024	Mar 2023	Mar 2024	Mar 2023	Mar 2024	Mar 2023	Mar 2024	Mar 2023	Mar 2024	Mar 2023	Mar 2024	Mar 2023	Mar 2024	Mar 2023	Mar 2024	Mar 2023	Mar 2024	Mar 2023	Mar 2024	Mar 2023
All items	312.332	3.5	-	-	313.108	3.4	-	-	321.741	3.4	304.490	3.8	306.502	3.5	-	-	308.636	2.9	-	-	318.991	3.5	299.665	3.8
All items (1967 = 100) (2)	935.609	-	-	-	924.381	-	-	-	506.645	-	493.926	-	912.977	-	-	-	924.330	-	-	-	498.246	-	485.341	-
Food and beverages	325.491	2.2	-	-	306.162	2.4	-	-	327.161	1.8	320.761	2.4	325.352	2.4	-	-	306.460	2.1	-	-	325.836	1.9	320.583	2.7
Food	328.043	2.2	-	-	315.426	2.5	-	-	329.700	1.9	324.498	2.4	326.947	2.4	-	-	312.846	2.2	-	-	327.860	1.9	323.079	2.7
Food at home	305.426	1.2	307.840	0.2	292.197	1.0	288.536	-2.0	307.985	0.5	303.610	1.4	305.221	1.3	317.102	-0.4	288.865	0.8	291.710	-2.8	307.334	0.5	302.088	1.6
Cereals and bakery products	354.666	0.2	417.025	0.5	392.478	1.5	358.599	-1.0	385.043	0.6	363.914	0.5	356.401	0.1	425.934	-0.5	368.642	0.6	347.817	-1.0	382.586	0.3	363.354	0.4
Meats, poultry, fish, and eggs	322.589	1.3	339.282	-0.7	308.305	-1.6	287.512	-7.6	310.715	-0.3	317.579	2.2	323.600	1.7	343.813	-0.8	302.001	-2.0	302.891	-7.1	309.770	-0.6	316.533	2.7
Dairy and related products	266.274	-1.9	234.431	-2.8	282.607	-1.5	268.420	-5.2	274.334	-2.4	266.715	-2.5	264.196	-1.6	235.978	-2.7	274.555	-2.7	250.162	-5.1	274.220	-2.1	262.259	-2.1
Fruits and vegetables	352.841	2.0	303.867	-0.9	302.184	0.6	314.923	-0.4	354.327	0.8	336.449	3.0	349.259	2.1	291.277	-2.3	309.932	1.2	324.460	-2.4	354.531	0.8	334.159	3.2
Nonalcoholic beverages and beverage materials (3)	221.423	2.4	224.843	8.2	264.948	3.7	220.021	-1.3	226.084	4.7	216.555	0.9	221.569	2.3	238.725	5.3	282.778	4.7	223.781	-0.2	226.139	3.9	215.979	1.2
Other food at home	272.352	1.4	291.335	-1.7	245.938	3.4	273.661	2.2	279.385	0.1	272.818	1.7	272.173	1.5	299.472	-1.2	241.969	4.3	255.350	0.7	281.347	0.5	271.627	1.7
Food away from home	364.546	4.2	-	-	347.858	4.7	-	-	368.267	4.6	359.756	4.2	365.765	4.4	-	-	347.447	4.5	-	-	369.866	4.9	359.292	4.3
Alcoholic beverages	289.360	2.4	-	-	219.852	0.5	-	-	292.242	1.3	268.652	2.1	296.681	2.4	-	-	228.070	0.3	-	-	289.740	0.8	279.630	2.3
Housing	331.247	4.7	-	-	327.768	4.2	-	-	348.586	4.6	310.868	5.2	327.430	4.7	-	-	324.723	3.2	-	-	348.099	4.6	311.827	5.2
Shelter	396.174	5.7	412.391	6.7	390.880	4.7	368.568	4.7	428.807	5.9	363.186	6.2	388.198	5.7	419.069	6.8	388.236	4.2	382.977	4.7	423.895	6.0	365.250	6.2
Rent of primary residence	415.219	5.7	387.091	7.1	419.086	3.2	426.604	6.0	430.137	5.5	388.327	6.5	413.258	5.8	387.091	7.1	419.086	3.2	426.604	6.0	424.547	5.6	386.133	6.6
Owners' equivalent rent of residences (4)	406.155	5.9	421.393	6.6	401.478	5.7	388.959	4.8	443.041	6.1	364.627	6.3	366.579	5.9	374.753	6.6	365.906	5.7	352.823	4.8	389.711	6.1	338.887	6.2
Owners' equivalent rent of primary residence (4)	406.206	5.9	421.393	6.6	401.478	5.7	388.959	4.8	442.589	6.1	364.608	6.3	366.599	5.9	374.753	6.6	365.906	5.7	352.823	4.8	389.741	6.1	338.852	6.2
Fuels and utilities	314.168	3.3	-	-	286.345	4.5	-	-	301.048	-0.1	299.955	4.1	311.752	3.6	-	-	290.567	3.9	-	-	301.890	0.3	300.638	4.3
Household energy	263.767	2.8	226.969	2.3	225.471	4.3	283.254	3.0	269.460	-0.6	244.436	3.7	261.423	3.1	224.754	1.6	229.596	4.2	271.897	4.0	270.276	-0.2	242.926	3.9
Energy services	267.658	3.1	236.717	2.4	230.674	5.0	304.587	4.3	264.152	-0.4	244.278	3.8	266.000	3.4	236.612	1.5	236.917	5.0	301.785	4.2	265.012	0.1	244.413	4.0
Electricity	278.233	5.0	241.199	6.8	255.439	4.0	286.139	5.3	276.287	2.4	240.298	4.6	274.747	5.4	241.197	6.8	255.439	4.0	286.137	5.3	278.016	4.0	237.154	4.4
Utility (piped) gas service	230.601	-3.2	207.862	-7.9	166.265	8.1	248.676	-3.4	221.949	-6.4	250.598	-0.4	227.923	-4.2	207.858	-7.9	166.267	8.1	248.676	-3.4	221.374	-7.9	260.066	0.6
Household furnishings and operations	148.038	-0.8	-	-	133.076	0.8	-	-	144.696	-0.1	148.788	-0.7	141.307	-0.9	-	-	115.382	-1.0	-	-	140.694	-0.4	139.184	-0.3
Apparel	133.640	0.4	-	-	165.085	-1.8	-	-	137.397	-0.4	144.767	1.7	133.863	0.7	-	-	174.724	-2.9	-	-	138.783	1.1	144.067	1.6
Transportation	272.485	4.0	-	-	271.791	3.2	-	-	261.965	4.0	274.736	4.3	277.475	4.6	-	-	293.735	3.2	-	-	267.350	4.8	273.996	4.4
Private transportation	272.008	4.4	-	-	282.679	3.7	-	-	260.322	4.4	277.229	4.7	276.758	5.0	-	-	291.570	3.1	-	-	264.430	5.0	275.020	4.8
New and used motor vehicles (5)	125.250	-0.8	-	-	126.967	-0.3	-	-	125.142	0.4	127.089	-1.0	124.527	-1.1	-	-	126.556	-0.6	-	-	123.513	0.2	122.984	-1.5
New vehicles (3)	178.247	-0.1	-	-	228.478	-0.9	-	-	174.742	0.7	185.738	-0.3	178.195	-0.3	-	-	227.998	-0.9	-	-	172.117	0.6	182.934	-0.4
Used cars and trucks (3)	180.891	-2.2	-	-	394.714	-1.4	-	-	192.925	-1.0	180.573	-2.6	182.122	-2.3	-	-	394.841	-1.4	-	-	192.793	-1.1	181.952	-2.6
Motor fuel	307.684	1.0	308.621	-0.6	327.587	3.7	302.487	4.8	286.761	-0.3	287.353	2.0	309.382	1.1	309.421	-0.5	324.353	3.6	306.407	4.9	286.219	-0.4	286.306	1.8
Gasoline	306.513	1.3	304.647	-0.5	322.860	3.7	295.325	4.9	285.969	-0.1	285.884	2.2	308.318	1.3	304.646	-0.5	322.862	3.7	295.339	4.9	285.758	-0.2	285.338	2.0
Motor vehicle insurance (3)	827.852	22.2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	839.719	22.6	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Medical care	559.935	2.2	-	-	531.637	3.7	-	-	573.512	2.2	529.761	1.8	566.918	2.1	-	-	569.605	6.5	-	-	564.108	2.2	545.984	2.0
Recreation (5)	138.183	1.8	-	-	129.382	1.6	-	-	141.669	2.5	138.500	2.1	130.854	1.2	-	-	119.707	1.1	-	-	142.752	2.3	130.803	1.2
Education and communication (5)	145.822	0.2	-	-	166.142	1.3	-	-	155.399	0.4	141.224	0.4	130.721	-0.4	-	-	132.333	-0.6	-	-	139.352	-0.3	122.931	-0.5
Tuition, other school fees, and child care (3)	850.973	2.7	-	-	1688.272	6.5	-	-	1410.245	2.2	1507.531	3.5	815.246	2.7	-	-	1578.186	5.3	-	-	1402.694	2.3	1373.311	3.4
Other goods and services	553.666	4.7	-	-	528.631	7.6	-	-	610.058	4.1	529.387	4.6	612.197	5.0	-	-	566.058	7.3	-	-	706.650	4.9	575.218	4.2
Energy	285.002	2.1	258.908	1.0	276.662	4.1	303.056	4.1	277.320	-0.7	259.962	3.3	284.395	2.2	254.697	0.4	284.777	4.5	292.070	4.9	276.787	-0.4	258.983	3.2

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
- (r) Revised

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 Wednesday, May 15, 2024

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 2024 from--			Index		Percent change to Mar 2024 from--		
	Feb 2024	Mar 2024	Mar 2023	Jan 2024	Feb 2024	Feb 2024	Mar 2024	Mar 2023	Jan 2024	Feb 2024
U.S. city average	310.326	312.332	3.5	1.3	0.6	304.284	306.502	3.5	1.4	0.7
	287.394	289.069	3.1	1.1	0.6	279.146	281.252	3.6	1.3	0.8
Chicago-Naperville-Elgin, IL-IN-WI	328.232	330.671	4.0	1.2	0.7	315.625	318.280	3.9	1.4	0.8
Los Angeles-Long Beach-Anaheim, CA	328.606	329.829	3.4	0.6	0.4	323.061	324.298	3.7	0.5	0.4
New York-Newark-New Jersey, NY-NJ-PA	-	335.599	3.3	1.5	-	-	336.088	3.5	1.0	-
Boston-Cambridge-Newton, MA-NH	-	298.719	4.9	0.9	-	-	308.737	5.0	0.9	-
Dallas-Fort Worth-Arlington, TX	-	325.485	2.8	0.7	-	-	318.479	2.9	0.9	-
Denver-Aurora-Lakewood, CO	-	297.769	2.7	0.6	-	-	294.621	2.9	1.1	-
Minneapolis-St. Paul-Bloomington, MN-WI	-	133.144	4.3	1.4	-	-	134.144	4.8	1.7	-
Riverside-San Bernardino-Ontario, CA (1)	-	370.858	3.6	0.8	-	-	351.778	3.6	0.9	-
San Diego-Carlsbad, CA	-	299.030	3.7	0.9	-	-	295.163	3.7	0.9	-
Tampa-St. Petersburg-Clearwater, FL (2)	-	313.108	3.4	1.0	-	-	308.636	2.9	1.1	-
Washington-Arlington-Alexandria, DC-VA-MD-WV (3)	-	338.060	4.8	1.5	-	-	337.685	5.0	1.6	-
Urban Hawaii	309.912	-	-	-	-	302.545	-	-	-	-
Atlanta-Sandy Springs-Roswell, GA	311.665	-	-	-	-	305.402	-	-	-	-
Baltimore-Columbia-Towson, MD (3)	284.455	-	-	-	-	279.611	-	-	-	-
Detroit-Warren-Dearborn, MI	272.772	-	-	-	-	268.902	-	-	-	-
Houston-The Woodlands-Sugar Land, TX	345.151	-	-	-	-	340.387	-	-	-	-
Miami-Fort Lauderdale-West Palm Beach, FL	311.227	-	-	-	-	311.504	-	-	-	-
Philadelphia-Camden-Wilmington, PA-NJ-DE-MD	181.010	-	-	-	-	180.826	-	-	-	-
Phoenix-Mesa-Scottsdale, AZ (4)	345.151	-	-	-	-	341.595	-	-	-	-
San Francisco-Oakland-Hayward, CA	349.288	-	-	-	-	342.387	-	-	-	-
Seattle-Tacoma-Bellevue, WA	281.311	-	-	-	-	279.655	-	-	-	-
St. Louis, MO-IL	261.340	-	-	-	-	259.326	-	-	-	-
Urban Alaska	-	261.340	1.7	0.1	-	-	259.326	1.7	0.3	-

(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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