

Mid-Atlantic Regional Office CPI Announcement

Table 1. Consumer Price Indexes, U.S. city average and selected areas, February 2026 (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 | | |
| | Feb | Percent change from Feb 2025 | Feb | Percent change from Feb 2025 | Feb | Percent change from Feb 2025 | Feb | Percent change from Feb 2025 | Feb | Percent change from Feb 2025 | Feb | Percent change from Feb 2025 | Feb | Percent change from Feb 2025 | Feb | Percent change from Feb 2025 | Feb | Percent change from Feb 2025 | Feb | Percent change from Feb 2025 | Feb | Percent change from Feb 2025 | Feb | Percent change from Feb 2025 | |
| | 2026 | 2025 | 2026 | 2025 | 2026 | 2025 | 2026 | 2025 | 2026 | 2025 | 2026 | 2025 | 2026 | 2025 | 2026 | 2025 | 2026 | 2025 | 2026 | 2025 | 2026 | 2025 | 2026 | 2025 | |
| All items | 326.785 | 2.4 | 332.301 | 3.5 | - | - | 327.147 | 1.7 | 340.945 | 2.7 | 315.689 | 1.8 | 319.422 | 2.2 | 332.562 | 3.4 | - | - | 317.827 | 1.2 | 338.402 | 2.7 | 309.228 | 1.6 | |
| All items (1967 = 100) (2) | 978.904 | - | 960.000 | - | - | - | 978.469 | - | 536.884 | - | 512.091 | - | 951.461 | - | 965.983 | - | - | - | 947.452 | - | 528.565 | - | 500.829 | - | |
| Food and beverages | 343.424 | 3.0 | 314.613 | 1.9 | - | - | 348.053 | 1.5 | 346.783 | 3.5 | 336.576 | 2.6 | 342.874 | 2.9 | 321.886 | 1.9 | - | - | 343.292 | 0.9 | 344.893 | 3.4 | 335.494 | 2.5 | |
| Food | 346.564 | 3.1 | 317.731 | 1.9 | - | - | 348.183 | 1.2 | 349.937 | 3.7 | 340.877 | 2.6 | 344.903 | 3.0 | 323.678 | 1.9 | - | - | 342.729 | 0.5 | 347.213 | 3.4 | 338.490 | 2.5 | |
| Food at home | 318.898 | 2.4 | 318.624 | 1.2 | 308.471 | 3.9 | 302.785 | -0.3 | 323.595 | 3.2 | 315.037 | 1.9 | 318.424 | 2.4 | 329.874 | 1.3 | 303.138 | 3.5 | 304.113 | -1.1 | 323.189 | 3.0 | 312.638 | 1.8 | |
| Cereals and bakery products | 367.174 | 2.7 | 410.774 | 1.4 | 436.055 | 3.9 | 374.259 | 0.2 | 401.042 | 3.3 | 370.555 | 1.7 | 368.587 | 2.5 | 417.460 | 0.6 | 416.734 | 5.9 | 355.479 | -0.8 | 396.421 | 2.8 | 367.974 | 1.6 | |
| Meats, poultry, fish, and eggs | 346.309 | 0.4 | 360.971 | -1.8 | 339.900 | 1.5 | 327.411 | -2.2 | 333.933 | 0.4 | 343.370 | 1.5 | 347.598 | 0.8 | 369.847 | -1.9 | 333.226 | 1.4 | 340.024 | -3.8 | 333.405 | 0.3 | 341.056 | 2.0 | |
| Dairy and related products | 269.599 | 0.1 | 237.864 | -2.7 | 287.358 | -0.4 | 269.553 | 1.3 | 281.911 | 1.6 | 272.906 | 0.7 | 267.922 | 0.2 | 242.645 | -1.4 | 279.973 | -0.8 | 253.123 | 1.5 | 282.218 | 1.5 | 269.201 | 0.4 | |
| Fruits and vegetables | 362.604 | 2.7 | 303.846 | 0.3 | 293.697 | 0.4 | 331.548 | 2.5 | 369.103 | 6.0 | 335.493 | -0.5 | 357.981 | 2.6 | 293.362 | 1.2 | 299.607 | -0.1 | 342.178 | 1.7 | 370.917 | 6.1 | 331.502 | -0.8 | |
| Nonalcoholic beverages and beverage materials (3) | 238.081 | 5.6 | 244.490 | 9.9 | 304.809 | 14.9 | 243.802 | 3.2 | 248.399 | 6.3 | 232.797 | 5.2 | 236.139 | 4.7 | 259.683 | 9.7 | 310.302 | 12.3 | 253.236 | 3.2 | 245.573 | 5.4 | 230.374 | 4.7 | |
| Other food at home | 282.185 | 3.3 | 304.368 | 1.8 | 254.500 | 5.6 | 265.509 | -2.7 | 289.223 | 3.4 | 280.364 | 2.8 | 281.707 | 3.2 | 312.554 | 1.7 | 248.834 | 5.0 | 247.826 | -3.3 | 291.532 | 3.2 | 278.927 | 2.6 | |
| Food away from home | 391.706 | 3.9 | 306.915 | 2.6 | - | - | 414.246 | 3.6 | 396.998 | 4.3 | 384.716 | 3.7 | 392.558 | 3.9 | 306.637 | 2.6 | - | - | 411.566 | 3.8 | 396.710 | 4.1 | 383.828 | 3.6 | |
| Alcoholic beverages | 298.950 | 1.6 | 267.212 | 1.5 | - | - | 341.672 | 4.4 | 303.418 | 1.5 | 276.629 | 1.6 | 306.219 | 1.9 | 281.766 | 1.7 | - | - | 348.806 | 4.2 | 303.268 | 2.1 | 285.060 | 1.6 | |
| Housing | 353.737 | 3.3 | 362.196 | 4.8 | - | - | 330.521 | 1.2 | 379.102 | 3.6 | 329.186 | 2.8 | 349.622 | 3.4 | 364.643 | 5.3 | - | - | 340.908 | 1.5 | 380.059 | 4.0 | 330.009 | 2.8 | |
| Shelter | 422.776 | 3.0 | 444.381 | 3.7 | 414.980 | 3.2 | 393.607 | 2.5 | 464.587 | 3.2 | 384.707 | 2.5 | 414.334 | 3.0 | 454.849 | 3.9 | 414.545 | 3.5 | 406.489 | 2.7 | 460.867 | 3.5 | 386.513 | 2.3 | |
| Rent of primary residence | 442.157 | 2.7 | 421.585 | 4.1 | 443.601 | 2.3 | 453.928 | 2.2 | 470.573 | 4.0 | 406.509 | 1.7 | 440.093 | 2.7 | 421.585 | 4.1 | 443.601 | 2.3 | 453.928 | 2.2 | 463.912 | 3.9 | 404.168 | 1.7 | |
| Owners' equivalent rent of residences (4) | 436.026 | 3.2 | 459.770 | 4.0 | 429.769 | 3.4 | 413.255 | 2.6 | 484.168 | 3.7 | 388.801 | 2.7 | 393.304 | 3.2 | 408.883 | 4.0 | 391.691 | 3.4 | 374.862 | 2.6 | 426.084 | 3.7 | 360.953 | 2.6 | |
| Owners' equivalent rent of primary residence (4) | 435.998 | 3.2 | 459.770 | 4.0 | 429.769 | 3.4 | 413.255 | 2.6 | 483.663 | 3.7 | 388.694 | 2.7 | 393.256 | 3.1 | 408.883 | 4.0 | 391.691 | 3.4 | 374.862 | 2.6 | 426.141 | 3.7 | 360.867 | 2.6 | |
| Fuels and utilities | 343.386 | 5.6 | - | - | - | - | - | - | 344.367 | 5.9 | 322.759 | 4.6 | 341.146 | 5.9 | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 351.054 | 7.2 | 323.351 | 4.6 |
| Household energy | 288.227 | 6.0 | - | - | - | - | - | - | 309.739 | 6.0 | 261.728 | 4.7 | 286.003 | 6.4 | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 316.318 | 7.5 | 259.752 | 4.8 |
| Energy services | 293.659 | 6.3 | - | - | - | - | - | - | 309.814 | 6.5 | 262.186 | 4.9 | 291.706 | 6.5 | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 315.209 | 8.0 | 261.728 | 5.0 |
| Electricity | 296.798 | 4.8 | - | - | - | - | - | - | 312.873 | 4.9 | 253.156 | 4.0 | 293.540 | 5.1 | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 321.595 | 6.8 | 250.268 | 4.3 |
| Utility (piped) gas service | 277.644 | 10.9 | - | - | - | - | - | - | 282.197 | 10.2 | 299.600 | 10.0 | 275.714 | 11.7 | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 282.185 | 11.0 | 311.727 | 10.5 |
| Household furnishings and operations | 155.188 | 3.9 | 154.156 | 7.4 | - | - | 139.391 | 4.3 | 153.937 | 4.7 | 154.387 | 3.8 | 146.449 | 3.5 | 149.108 | 7.3 | - | - | 128.787 | 5.8 | 147.123 | 3.7 | 143.890 | 4.5 | |
| Apparel | 136.132 | 2.5 | 117.545 | 2.9 | - | - | 124.981 | 2.1 | 136.318 | 0.8 | 145.490 | 3.0 | 136.027 | 2.6 | 134.075 | 5.2 | - | - | 131.307 | 2.1 | 137.905 | 1.3 | 144.357 | 2.5 | |
| Transportation | 269.607 | -0.5 | 287.254 | 2.4 | - | - | 280.436 | -1.4 | 267.310 | 0.9 | 267.591 | -1.6 | 272.606 | -1.0 | 302.452 | 1.1 | - | - | 260.885 | -2.3 | 273.691 | 0.7 | 265.446 | -2.2 | |
| Private transportation | 268.005 | -1.1 | 293.583 | 1.3 | - | - | 284.527 | -2.3 | 264.793 | 0.1 | 268.647 | -2.1 | 270.941 | -1.4 | 305.428 | 0.6 | - | - | 264.262 | -2.8 | 269.331 | -0.1 | 265.692 | -2.5 | |
| New and used motor vehicles (5) | 123.294 | -1.2 | 133.493 | 0.1 | - | - | 133.596 | -1.3 | 124.286 | -1.0 | 123.922 | -1.4 | 122.117 | -1.5 | 133.647 | -1.2 | - | - | 127.508 | -2.4 | 121.788 | -1.6 | 120.219 | -1.3 | |
| New vehicles (3) | 178.841 | 0.5 | 240.876 | 0.9 | - | - | 278.168 | 0.1 | 175.960 | 0.7 | 185.840 | 0.3 | 178.852 | 0.5 | 250.649 | 0.9 | - | - | 271.305 | 0.1 | 173.515 | 0.7 | 183.144 | 0.3 | |
| Used cars and trucks (3) | 175.559 | -3.2 | 331.739 | -3.6 | - | - | 310.531 | -3.6 | 187.323 | -3.5 | 173.909 | -3.7 | 176.608 | -3.1 | 331.725 | -3.6 | - | - | 310.547 | -3.6 | 187.062 | -3.5 | 175.128 | -3.7 | |
| Motor fuel | 264.748 | -5.5 | 276.748 | -4.3 | 280.380 | -5.8 | 259.848 | -4.6 | 257.315 | -4.6 | 240.369 | -6.7 | 265.524 | -5.6 | 277.405 | -4.4 | 277.697 | -5.8 | 263.268 | -4.6 | 257.318 | -4.6 | 239.163 | -6.8 | |
| Gasoline | 263.378 | -5.6 | 273.102 | -4.4 | 276.292 | -5.8 | 253.734 | -4.6 | 256.447 | -4.7 | 238.832 | -6.8 | 264.098 | -5.7 | 273.102 | -4.4 | 276.293 | -5.8 | 253.746 | -4.6 | 256.386 | -4.8 | 238.042 | -6.9 | |
| Motor vehicle insurance (3) | 897.406 | 0.2 | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 906.015 | -0.2 | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | |
| Medical care | 592.593 | 3.4 | 625.404 | 3.1 | - | - | 566.701 | 10.4 | 591.733 | 1.5 | 554.491 | 2.3 | 600.596 | 3.3 | 613.652 | 2.5 | - | - | 564.992 | 9.6 | 581.240 | 1.3 | 569.550 | 2.1 | |
| Recreation (5) | 143.980 | 2.3 | 142.339 | 3.3 | - | - | 155.405 | 0.3 | 148.397 | 1.2 | 143.031 | 0.8 | 135.314 | 2.5 | 139.587 | 3.6 | - | - | 132.186 | 1.4 | 148.852 | 0.9 | 132.797 | 1.0 | |
| Education and communication (5) | 146.533 | 0.1 | 141.411 | 0.2 | - | - | 164.740 | 1.0 | 160.679 | 1.0 | 140.715 | 0.1 | 129.660 | -0.8 | 127.442 | 0.9 | - | - | 142.896 | -1.4 | 141.701 | -0.2 | 121.271 | -0.8 | |
| Tuition, other school fees, and child care (3) | 905.979 | 2.9 | 1261.717 | 5.5 | - | - | 1487.369 | 3.8 | 1531.788 | 3.6 | 1588.223 | 2.1 | 870.007 | 2.9 | 1203.326 | 5.4 | - | - | 1452.589 | 4.7 | 1528.311 | 4.1 | 1461.682 | 2.3 | |
| Other goods and services | 598.208 | 5.1 | 744.865 | 3.6 | - | - | 637.053 | 11.8 | 646.672 | 4.4 | 584.336 | 7.2 | 665.514 | 5.8 | 785.748 | 5.1 | - | - | 852.943 | 12.7 | 752.261 | 5.0 | 640.995 | 7.8 | |
| Energy | 277.179 | 0.5 | 280.254 | 7.1 | 275.462 | 1.6 | 261.221 | -12.8 | 289.000 | 1.9 | 246.013 | -0.9 | 273.766 | 0.1 | 272.492 | 6.2 | 274.571 | 0.7 | 248.612 | -12.6 | 289.270 | 2.4 | 242.541 | -1.3 | |

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, 2026

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 2026 from-- | | | Index | | Percent change to Feb 2026 from-- | | |
| | Jan 2026 | Feb 2026 | Feb 2025 | Dec 2025 | Jan 2026 | Jan 2026 | Feb 2026 | Feb 2025 | Dec 2025 | Jan 2026 |
| U.S. city average | 325.252 | 326.785 | 2.4 | 0.8 | 0.5 | 317.942 | 319.422 | 2.2 | 0.8 | 0.5 |
| Chicago-Naperville-Elgin, IL-IN-WI | 302.224 | 304.489 | 2.0 | 1.1 | 0.7 | 291.952 | 294.397 | 1.5 | 1.1 | 0.8 |
| Los Angeles-Long Beach-Anaheim, CA | 347.690 | 348.361 | 2.9 | 1.1 | 0.2 | 334.679 | 335.612 | 2.9 | 1.1 | 0.3 |
| New York-Newark-New Jersey, NY-NJ-PA | 350.947 | 353.366 | 3.2 | 1.0 | 0.7 | 344.732 | 346.801 | 3.0 | 1.0 | 0.6 |
| Boston-Cambridge-Newton, MA-NH | 348.343 | - | - | - | - | 348.618 | - | - | - | - |
| Dallas-Fort Worth-Arlington, TX | 303.255 | - | - | - | - | 312.906 | - | - | - | - |
| Denver-Aurora-Lakewood, CO | 339.525 | - | - | - | - | 331.324 | - | - | - | - |
| Minneapolis-St. Paul-Bloomington, MN-WI | 310.428 | - | - | - | - | 306.607 | - | - | - | - |
| Riverside-San Bernardino-Ontario, CA (1) | 139.602 | - | - | - | - | 140.384 | - | - | - | - |
| San Diego-Carlsbad, CA | 391.981 | - | - | - | - | 369.084 | - | - | - | - |
| Tampa-St. Petersburg-Clearwater, FL (2) | 310.244 | - | - | - | - | 305.590 | - | - | - | - |
| Washington-Arlington-Alexandria, DC-VA-MD-WV (3) | 326.890 | - | - | - | - | 323.650 | - | - | - | - |
| Urban Hawaii | 355.266 | - | - | - | - | 353.370 | - | - | - | - |
| Atlanta-Sandy Springs-Roswell, GA | - | 323.537 | 2.3 | 2.1 | - | - | 315.854 | 2.1 | 1.6 | - |
| Baltimore-Columbia-Towson, MD (3) | - | 327.147 | 1.7 | -0.1 | - | - | 317.827 | 1.2 | -0.4 | - |
| Detroit-Warren-Dearborn, MI | - | 300.640 | 2.3 | 1.0 | - | - | 295.581 | 2.3 | 1.4 | - |
| Houston-The Woodlands-Sugar Land, TX | - | 279.235 | 1.3 | 0.6 | - | - | 273.444 | 1.0 | 0.5 | - |
| Miami-Fort Lauderdale-West Palm Beach, FL | - | 362.650 | 2.1 | 1.0 | - | - | 357.574 | 2.4 | 1.0 | - |
| Philadelphia-Camden-Wilmington, PA-NJ-DE-MD | - | 332.301 | 3.5 | 1.0 | - | - | 332.562 | 3.4 | 0.8 | - |
| Phoenix-Mesa-Scottsdale, AZ (4) | - | 187.481 | 1.7 | 0.4 | - | - | 185.277 | 1.0 | 0.2 | - |
| San Francisco-Oakland-Hayward, CA | - | 363.211 | 2.5 | 1.3 | - | - | 356.964 | 1.7 | 1.1 | - |
| Seattle-Tacoma-Bellevue, WA | - | 372.121 | 3.9 | 1.8 | - | - | 364.364 | 3.8 | 1.4 | - |
| St. Louis, MO-IL | - | 293.679 | 2.4 | 0.8 | - | - | 291.703 | 2.3 | 0.5 | - |
| Urban Alaska | - | 273.181 | 1.5 | 0.3 | - | - | 271.282 | 1.7 | 0.0 | - |

(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 2026

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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