

Mid-Atlantic Regional Office CPI Announcement

Table 1. Consumer Price Indexes, U.S. city average and selected areas, March 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	
	Mar 2026	Percent change from Mar 2025	Mar 2026	Percent change from Mar 2025	Mar 2026	Percent change from Mar 2025	Mar 2026	Percent change from Mar 2025	Mar 2026	Percent change from Mar 2025	Mar 2026	Percent change from Mar 2025	Mar 2026	Percent change from Mar 2025	Mar 2026	Percent change from Mar 2025	Mar 2026	Percent change from Mar 2025	Mar 2026	Percent change from Mar 2025	Mar 2026	Percent change from Mar 2025	Mar 2026	Percent change from Mar 2025
All items	330.213	3.3	-	-	330.277	3.0	-	-	344.142	3.6	319.643	3.0	323.500	3.3	-	-	327.542	4.1	-	-	341.850	3.6	314.037	3.2
All items (1967 = 100) (2)	989.172	-	-	-	975.071	-	-	-	541.919	-	518.506	-	963.607	-	-	-	980.953	-	-	-	533.950	-	508.618	-
Food and beverages	343.691	2.6	-	-	327.551	4.2	-	-	346.979	3.1	337.016	2.5	343.062	2.5	-	-	325.758	4.2	-	-	344.977	2.9	335.672	2.3
Food	346.796	2.7	-	-	337.964	4.5	-	-	350.135	3.3	341.299	2.5	345.067	2.6	-	-	332.457	4.3	-	-	347.282	2.9	338.641	2.3
Food at home	318.755	1.9	320.507	2.5	312.988	5.1	307.703	2.0	323.805	2.8	315.028	1.8	318.260	1.8	330.188	1.9	306.763	4.7	310.731	2.5	323.263	2.5	312.440	1.6
Cereals and bakery products	365.909	2.1	413.449	2.4	432.630	2.2	377.649	2.8	404.173	4.0	367.797	1.0	366.671	1.8	415.707	0.0	411.852	3.3	358.687	2.1	398.617	3.5	364.574	0.5
Meats, poultry, fish, and eggs	345.203	-0.9	356.731	-4.1	339.335	0.6	335.345	0.5	331.395	-1.1	343.031	0.4	346.670	-0.5	368.704	-3.4	332.430	0.7	354.720	2.0	330.021	-1.6	341.520	1.0
Dairy and related products	267.992	-1.6	240.121	0.2	287.373	-2.9	273.327	2.9	283.521	-0.2	269.386	-0.8	266.124	-1.5	241.668	0.0	280.449	-3.2	256.178	2.8	284.684	0.6	265.047	-1.1
Fruits and vegetables	364.219	4.0	314.607	4.1	309.435	5.7	331.368	1.5	372.802	7.7	336.830	1.1	359.613	3.8	303.275	4.7	312.103	4.6	340.953	2.9	376.708	8.2	331.471	0.4
Nonalcoholic beverages and beverage materials (3)	237.455	4.7	247.930	10.9	321.021	21.4	248.802	4.6	247.634	6.1	234.840	5.9	235.378	3.6	260.242	8.7	325.906	18.3	257.508	4.1	244.518	4.6	231.672	4.9
Other food at home	283.125	2.9	302.855	3.8	255.685	7.1	271.275	1.5	288.982	2.6	280.977	2.9	282.889	2.8	309.434	3.0	250.018	7.0	254.936	1.6	291.152	2.3	279.682	2.6
Food away from home	392.652	3.8	-	-	372.370	3.7	-	-	397.168	3.9	385.957	3.6	393.437	3.7	-	-	368.402	3.4	-	-	396.761	3.7	384.706	3.6
Alcoholic beverages	299.718	1.7	-	-	231.167	1.0	-	-	303.592	1.1	277.366	1.8	306.888	1.8	-	-	242.604	2.5	-	-	303.595	1.8	285.819	1.7
Housing	355.096	3.4	-	-	351.686	3.9	-	-	381.383	4.4	331.030	2.9	350.616	3.3	-	-	351.066	4.9	-	-	382.154	4.5	331.604	2.9
Shelter	424.450	3.0	448.292	4.5	417.248	3.0	395.454	2.4	465.911	3.6	386.234	2.5	415.788	2.9	456.367	4.2	416.802	3.8	408.060	2.6	461.931	3.6	387.942	2.5
Rent of primary residence	442.864	2.6	421.884	4.1	443.678	2.1	454.290	2.0	471.917	3.9	407.132	1.7	440.802	2.6	421.884	4.1	443.678	2.1	454.290	2.0	465.300	3.9	404.786	1.7
Owners' equivalent rent of residences (4)	437.086	3.1	460.805	4.0	431.028	3.7	415.753	2.3	485.436	3.7	389.972	2.7	394.261	3.1	409.803	4.0	392.838	3.7	377.128	2.3	427.134	3.6	361.996	2.6
Owners' equivalent rent of primary residence (4)	437.059	3.1	460.805	4.0	431.028	3.7	415.753	2.3	484.929	3.7	389.866	2.7	394.216	3.1	409.803	4.0	392.838	3.7	377.128	2.3	427.190	3.6	361.911	2.6
Fuels and utilities	345.233	5.6	-	-	-	-	-	-	355.526	10.0	327.830	4.9	341.934	5.3	-	-	-	-	-	-	360.704	10.6	327.894	4.6
Household energy	289.820	5.8	-	-	-	-	-	-	322.037	11.1	266.482	4.9	286.307	5.5	-	-	-	-	-	-	326.707	11.7	263.548	4.5
Energy services	292.978	5.0	-	-	-	-	-	-	313.150	8.0	266.854	4.9	290.278	4.9	-	-	-	-	-	-	318.697	9.4	265.557	4.5
Electricity	299.028	4.6	-	-	-	-	-	-	313.667	6.2	258.716	4.3	295.178	4.6	-	-	-	-	-	-	322.852	8.3	254.577	4.0
Utility (piped) gas service	268.466	6.4	-	-	-	-	-	-	290.340	12.1	298.375	8.3	264.399	5.9	-	-	-	-	-	-	289.181	11.4	309.859	8.8
Household furnishings and operations	155.381	4.0	-	-	138.410	5.2	-	-	154.391	5.3	155.580	4.2	146.132	3.3	-	-	119.000	4.8	-	-	147.539	4.3	144.070	4.2
Apparel	138.582	3.4	-	-	167.352	2.0	-	-	139.736	1.5	149.478	4.3	138.257	3.3	-	-	185.182	3.2	-	-	139.937	0.7	148.963	4.7
Transportation	283.431	5.0	-	-	279.440	3.9	-	-	277.118	4.9	283.503	5.2	289.464	5.4	-	-	307.752	5.1	-	-	285.054	5.0	284.557	6.0
Private transportation	282.369	4.4	-	-	285.187	0.8	-	-	275.070	4.1	285.331	4.9	288.310	5.1	-	-	301.836	3.9	-	-	281.837	4.6	285.267	5.9
New and used motor vehicles (5)	123.726	-0.9	-	-	125.137	-1.7	-	-	124.909	-0.4	124.328	-1.2	122.562	-1.3	-	-	127.124	0.1	-	-	122.524	-1.0	120.599	-1.2
New vehicles (3)	179.000	0.5	-	-	227.934	0.0	-	-	176.171	0.7	186.052	0.4	179.021	0.5	-	-	227.455	0.0	-	-	173.749	0.8	183.356	0.4
Used cars and trucks (3)	176.154	-3.2	-	-	385.978	-3.3	-	-	187.666	-3.5	174.478	-3.6	177.199	-3.1	-	-	386.102	-3.3	-	-	187.482	-3.3	175.698	-3.6
Motor fuel	331.034	19.2	338.943	19.6	345.452	19.0	321.516	21.9	309.770	16.8	308.541	21.8	332.845	19.4	339.748	19.6	343.110	19.4	325.838	21.9	309.149	16.6	307.933	22.1
Gasoline	328.874	18.9	334.473	19.6	341.452	19.4	313.902	21.8	308.736	16.7	306.193	21.5	330.795	19.1	334.472	19.6	341.454	19.4	313.918	21.8	308.323	16.5	306.230	21.8
Motor vehicle insurance (3)	897.145	0.8	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	908.596	0.7	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Medical care	592.286	3.1	-	-	535.772	0.5	-	-	596.122	2.3	552.622	2.3	599.035	2.8	-	-	576.363	1.0	-	-	585.859	1.9	565.217	1.7
Recreation (5)	143.898	2.2	-	-	134.595	-3.4	-	-	147.938	0.7	142.455	1.2	135.372	2.6	-	-	119.331	-4.0	-	-	148.439	0.6	132.351	1.3
Education and communication (5)	146.668	0.0	-	-	172.652	0.8	-	-	160.798	1.1	140.828	-0.1	129.760	-0.8	-	-	137.590	0.2	-	-	141.820	-0.2	121.299	-1.1
Tuition, other school fees, and child care (3)	907.156	2.8	-	-	1744.713	0.2	-	-	1531.965	3.5	1595.790	2.3	871.205	2.9	-	-	1626.986	0.4	-	-	1529.781	4.2	1468.695	2.6
Other goods and services	596.439	3.8	-	-	565.997	5.9	-	-	647.112	4.0	574.244	4.7	664.022	4.8	-	-	629.236	11.9	-	-	753.643	4.7	630.239	5.5
Energy	310.280	12.5	305.320	16.2	314.524	16.5	350.395	20.7	318.210	13.5	281.063	13.2	308.903	13.0	302.270	17.4	316.925	17.3	333.877	21.2	318.769	14.0	279.363	13.7

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.

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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 2026 from--			Index		Percent change to Mar 2026 from--		
	Feb 2026	Mar 2026	Mar 2025	Jan 2026	Feb 2026	Feb 2026	Mar 2026	Mar 2025	Jan 2026	Feb 2026
U.S. city average	326.785	330.213	3.3	1.5	1.0	319.422	323.500	3.3	1.7	1.3
Chicago-Naperville-Elgin, IL-IN-WI	304.489	306.592	2.3	1.4	0.7	294.397	297.629	2.3	1.9	1.1
Los Angeles-Long Beach-Anaheim, CA	348.361	352.221	3.4	1.3	1.1	335.612	340.105	3.6	1.6	1.3
New York-Newark-New Jersey, NY-NJ-PA	353.366	356.169	4.0	1.5	0.8	346.801	349.962	3.8	1.5	0.9
Boston-Cambridge-Newton, MA-NH	-	350.705	2.0	0.7	-	-	350.666	1.5	0.6	-
Dallas-Fort Worth-Arlington, TX	-	312.058	3.0	2.9	-	-	324.112	3.9	3.6	-
Denver-Aurora-Lakewood, CO	-	345.416	4.2	1.7	-	-	335.228	3.2	1.2	-
Minneapolis-St. Paul-Bloomington, MN-WI	-	312.610	2.8	0.7	-	-	310.280	3.2	1.2	-
Riverside-San Bernardino-Ontario, CA (1)	-	140.728	3.1	0.8	-	-	141.610	2.9	0.9	-
San Diego-Carlsbad, CA	-	397.284	3.2	1.4	-	-	376.122	3.2	1.9	-
Tampa-St. Petersburg-Clearwater, FL (2)	-	311.681	2.1	0.5	-	-	308.568	2.4	1.0	-
Washington-Arlington-Alexandria, DC-VA-MD-WV (3)	-	330.277	3.0	1.0	-	-	327.542	4.1	1.2	-
Urban Hawaii	-	359.495	3.7	1.2	-	-	357.176	3.2	1.1	-
Atlanta-Sandy Springs-Roswell, GA	323.537	-	-	-	-	315.854	-	-	-	-
Baltimore-Columbia-Towson, MD (3)	327.147	-	-	-	-	317.827	-	-	-	-
Detroit-Warren-Dearborn, MI	300.640	-	-	-	-	295.581	-	-	-	-
Houston-The Woodlands-Sugar Land, TX	279.235	-	-	-	-	273.444	-	-	-	-
Miami-Fort Lauderdale-West Palm Beach, FL	362.650	-	-	-	-	357.574	-	-	-	-
Philadelphia-Camden-Wilmington, PA-NJ-DE-MD	332.301	-	-	-	-	332.562	-	-	-	-
Phoenix-Mesa-Scottsdale, AZ (4)	187.481	-	-	-	-	185.277	-	-	-	-
San Francisco-Oakland-Hayward, CA	363.211	-	-	-	-	356.964	-	-	-	-
Seattle-Tacoma-Bellevue, WA	372.121	-	-	-	-	364.364	-	-	-	-
St. Louis, MO-IL	293.679	-	-	-	-	291.703	-	-	-	-
Urban Alaska	273.181	-	-	-	-	271.282	-	-	-	-

(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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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.