

Mid-Atlantic Regional Office CPI Announcement

Table 1. Consumer Price Indexes, U.S. city average and selected areas, May 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	
	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	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	
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All items	335.123	4.2	-	-	334.707	4.1	-	-	350.338	5.0	323.705	3.9	328.829	4.4	-	-	332.020	5.1	-	-	348.165	5.2	318.420	4.2
All items (1967 = 100) (2)	1003.880	-	-	-	988.148	-	-	-	551.676	-	525.095	-	979.480	-	-	-	994.364	-	-	-	543.815	-	515.716	-
Food and beverages	345.846	3.0	-	-	328.137	4.0	-	-	349.100	3.7	338.653	2.6	345.174	3.0	-	-	326.790	4.3	-	-	347.086	3.6	337.261	2.5
Food	349.032	3.1	-	-	338.696	4.3	-	-	352.157	3.8	343.057	2.7	347.229	3.1	-	-	333.644	4.4	-	-	349.307	3.6	340.319	2.6
Food at home	321.047	2.7	322.855	3.8	313.553	4.6	308.623	3.9	325.776	3.9	316.527	2.0	320.363	2.7	333.478	3.6	307.907	4.7	310.904	3.9	325.111	3.8	313.883	2.0
Cereals and bakery products	367.300	1.9	409.618	0.9	420.340	2.7	382.499	3.5	401.746	1.5	369.075	1.6	369.364	1.9	418.651	0.2	396.894	2.7	368.192	4.1	399.161	1.5	367.333	1.5
Meats, poultry, fish, and eggs	349.340	1.8	365.480	-0.4	347.147	3.6	341.220	6.7	337.700	2.8	347.436	2.7	349.679	1.8	376.451	1.5	338.094	3.2	354.626	5.8	336.349	2.7	344.592	2.6
Dairy and related products	268.523	-1.0	244.337	2.6	294.974	3.0	277.895	8.0	282.539	1.4	266.000	-3.2	267.025	-0.7	245.672	2.6	287.167	2.0	259.709	7.9	283.808	2.1	261.360	-3.5
Fruits and vegetables	372.644	6.1	313.274	8.7	311.627	6.0	332.009	4.0	371.632	8.5	343.518	2.7	368.033	6.1	300.263	8.7	315.475	6.3	340.362	3.6	373.794	8.9	338.404	2.4
Nonalcoholic beverages and beverage materials (3)	239.443	5.8	244.735	7.0	310.417	15.2	245.875	4.2	249.822	7.3	234.187	5.7	237.064	5.1	259.556	5.1	321.969	16.3	254.348	3.3	245.683	5.5	231.234	5.4
Other food at home	282.209	2.0	307.852	4.4	256.204	2.0	267.903	0.1	291.216	2.9	280.689	1.6	281.592	2.0	314.603	3.1	251.353	2.2	252.231	1.1	292.714	2.7	279.528	1.8
Food away from home	394.728	3.5	-	-	373.363	3.8	-	-	399.251	3.5	388.181	3.6	395.664	3.5	-	-	369.593	3.6	-	-	399.184	3.3	386.831	3.5
Alcoholic beverages	300.726	2.1	-	-	230.578	1.8	-	-	306.839	2.6	277.147	1.6	308.041	2.2	-	-	241.328	2.4	-	-	307.090	3.2	285.532	1.7
Housing	358.388	3.6	-	-	355.746	4.8	-	-	387.529	5.1	332.990	3.0	353.462	3.4	-	-	353.909	5.1	-	-	387.439	5.2	333.127	2.8
Shelter	428.677	3.4	459.309	6.4	421.657	3.8	399.444	3.0	474.215	4.4	388.654	2.7	419.309	3.2	463.573	5.1	420.933	4.3	412.045	3.3	468.989	4.4	390.164	2.6
Rent of primary residence	446.380	2.9	428.240	5.0	445.206	1.9	458.197	2.7	477.940	4.5	409.819	2.2	444.215	2.9	428.240	5.0	445.206	1.9	458.197	2.7	471.240	4.4	407.409	2.2
Owners' equivalent rent of residences (4)	440.357	3.3	466.855	4.8	434.857	4.2	419.786	2.9	491.289	4.4	392.132	2.8	397.107	3.3	415.183	4.8	396.328	4.2	380.786	2.9	432.531	4.4	363.876	2.6
Owners' equivalent rent of primary residence (4)	440.307	3.3	466.855	4.8	434.857	4.2	419.786	2.9	490.778	4.4	392.020	2.8	397.064	3.2	415.183	4.8	396.328	4.2	380.786	2.9	432.596	4.4	363.787	2.6
Fuels and utilities	350.027	6.0	-	-	-	-	-	-	361.280	11.8	327.531	4.1	346.902	5.7	-	-	-	-	-	-	365.496	11.6	327.628	3.6
Household energy	294.715	6.4	-	-	-	-	-	-	327.763	13.5	265.677	3.8	291.358	6.0	-	-	-	-	-	-	331.359	13.0	262.961	3.2
Energy services	297.898	5.3	-	-	-	-	-	-	319.232	9.2	265.919	3.7	295.180	5.1	-	-	-	-	-	-	323.282	9.7	264.955	3.2
Electricity	307.226	5.9	-	-	-	-	-	-	326.423	9.4	259.462	3.3	303.070	5.8	-	-	-	-	-	-	334.374	10.7	255.240	2.8
Utility (piped) gas service	263.682	3.0	-	-	-	-	-	-	282.774	8.8	287.033	6.1	259.443	2.3	-	-	-	-	-	-	281.769	7.8	296.864	5.8
Household furnishings and operations	155.175	3.0	-	-	140.896	7.3	-	-	154.418	3.9	157.257	4.5	145.616	2.3	-	-	118.380	4.0	-	-	147.752	4.7	144.420	3.5
Apparel	137.510	4.8	-	-	171.964	10.3	-	-	138.945	3.7	148.348	5.1	136.614	3.9	-	-	183.611	5.0	-	-	137.630	1.7	147.814	5.4
Transportation	298.409	9.3	-	-	291.609	7.3	-	-	294.165	10.2	296.248	9.1	306.490	10.4	-	-	327.447	11.0	-	-	303.695	10.8	298.359	10.2
Private transportation	296.443	8.6	-	-	295.507	3.8	-	-	292.000	9.5	297.248	8.5	305.154	10.1	-	-	320.219	9.3	-	-	301.963	11.1	298.856	10.0
New and used motor vehicles (5)	124.791	-0.8	-	-	126.360	-1.4	-	-	125.782	-0.8	125.508	-1.0	123.908	-1.0	-	-	127.657	-0.3	-	-	123.630	-1.3	121.776	-0.9
New vehicles (3)	179.155	0.2	-	-	228.328	-0.1	-	-	176.532	0.5	186.107	0.1	179.118	0.2	-	-	227.849	-0.1	-	-	173.991	0.5	183.395	0.1
Used cars and trucks (3)	180.554	-2.0	-	-	395.126	-2.0	-	-	191.950	-2.5	179.122	-2.1	181.671	-1.9	-	-	395.253	-2.0	-	-	191.808	-2.2	180.431	-2.1
Motor fuel	399.294	40.9	416.939	45.7	412.847	40.2	384.164	41.4	387.239	45.0	367.002	42.7	402.292	41.1	417.930	45.7	410.184	40.6	389.121	41.4	386.533	44.8	367.172	43.2
Gasoline	396.961	40.5	411.469	45.7	408.212	40.6	375.179	41.4	386.159	44.9	364.709	42.4	399.933	40.7	411.468	45.7	408.214	40.6	375.197	41.4	385.671	44.7	365.430	42.9
Motor vehicle insurance	877.278	-2.0	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	885.157	-2.4	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Medical care	593.239	2.6	-	-	526.942	-1.4	-	-	597.851	2.5	555.696	2.1	600.918	2.5	-	-	563.813	-1.3	-	-	588.927	2.3	569.698	1.8
Recreation (5)	144.319	2.6	-	-	133.244	-6.8	-	-	147.846	2.9	142.958	1.2	136.033	3.0	-	-	119.738	-5.5	-	-	149.115	3.8	133.135	1.5
Education and communication (5)	147.628	0.8	-	-	174.562	2.3	-	-	161.850	1.7	141.636	0.9	130.807	0.2	-	-	138.711	1.7	-	-	143.069	1.1	122.043	0.1
Tuition, other school fees, and child care (6)	907.446	2.6	-	-	102.188	0.3	-	-	103.992	2.8	102.478	2.3	871.485	2.8	-	-	101.857	0.4	-	-	104.772	3.5	103.003	2.7
Other goods and services	606.400	4.9	-	-	587.135	9.2	-	-	651.742	4.1	587.256	6.9	671.861	5.3	-	-	639.757	13.6	-	-	757.014	4.2	641.016	7.0
Energy	346.042	23.5	337.265	27.7	345.320	25.9	384.464	29.3	354.082	26.2	308.679	22.9	347.399	24.9	340.524	31.6	351.301	28.2	369.019	30.7	356.954	27.1	309.291	24.3

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
 - (6) For Washington, Northeast, & South, December 2024=100.
- For Philadelphia, Dec. 1977=100. For Baltimore, March 1978=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.

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 2026 from--			Index		Percent change to May 2026 from--		
	Apr 2026	May 2026	May 2025	Mar 2026	Apr 2026	Apr 2026	May 2026	May 2025	Mar 2026	Apr 2026
U.S. city average	333.020	335.123	4.2	1.5	0.6	326.541	328.829	4.4	1.6	0.7
Chicago-Naperville-Elgin, IL-IN-WI	309.364	312.867	3.7	2.0	1.1	300.943	304.769	4.0	2.4	1.3
Los Angeles-Long Beach-Anaheim, CA	355.166	355.336	3.6	0.9	0.0	342.767	343.428	3.9	1.0	0.2
New York-Newark-New Jersey, NY-NJ-PA	359.774	361.362	5.1	1.5	0.4	353.632	355.046	5.1	1.5	0.4
Boston-Cambridge-Newton, MA-NH	-	359.056	3.2	2.4	-	-	359.048	3.3	2.4	-
Dallas-Fort Worth-Arlington, TX	-	311.261	2.6	-0.3	-	-	322.388	3.1	-0.5	-
Denver-Aurora-Lakewood, CO	-	351.621	5.0	1.8	-	-	340.362	4.2	1.5	-
Minneapolis-St. Paul-Bloomington, MN-WI	-	319.899	4.7	2.3	-	-	318.833	5.7	2.8	-
Riverside-San Bernardino-Ontario, CA (1)	-	142.170	3.4	1.0	-	-	143.459	3.4	1.3	-
San Diego-Carlsbad, CA	-	401.605	3.8	1.1	-	-	381.325	4.1	1.4	-
Tampa-St. Petersburg-Clearwater, FL (2)	-	316.435	3.2	1.5	-	-	313.808	3.7	1.7	-
Washington-Arlington-Alexandria, DC-VA-MD-WV (3)	-	334.707	4.1	1.3	-	-	332.020	5.1	1.4	-
Urban Hawaii	-	367.429	5.1	2.2	-	-	365.753	4.9	2.4	-
Atlanta-Sandy Springs-Roswell, GA	325.962	-	-	-	-	319.457	-	-	-	-
Baltimore-Columbia-Towson, MD (3)	336.347	-	-	-	-	327.746	-	-	-	-
Detroit-Warren-Dearborn, MI	308.624	-	-	-	-	304.338	-	-	-	-
Houston-The Woodlands-Sugar Land, TX	285.974	-	-	-	-	280.824	-	-	-	-
Miami-Fort Lauderdale-West Palm Beach, FL	369.561	-	-	-	-	364.240	-	-	-	-
Philadelphia-Camden-Wilmington, PA-NJ-DE-MD	338.030	-	-	-	-	339.929	-	-	-	-
Phoenix-Mesa-Scottsdale, AZ (4)	190.720	-	-	-	-	189.530	-	-	-	-
San Francisco-Oakland-Hayward, CA	369.215	-	-	-	-	363.533	-	-	-	-
Seattle-Tacoma-Bellevue, WA	377.091	-	-	-	-	368.689	-	-	-	-
St. Louis, MO-IL	300.496	-	-	-	-	300.784	-	-	-	-
Urban Alaska	282.958	-	-	-	-	280.139	-	-	-	-

(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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