

Mid-Atlantic Regional Office CPI Announcement

Table 1. Consumer Price Indexes, U.S. city average and selected areas, August 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	Aug 2026	Percent change from	Aug 2026	Percent change from	Aug 2026	Percent change from	Aug 2026	Percent change from	Aug 2026	Percent change from	Aug 2026	Percent change from	Aug 2026	Percent change from	Aug 2026	Percent change from	Aug 2026	Percent change from	Aug 2026	Percent change from	Aug 2026	Percent change from	Aug 2026
	Aug 2025	Aug 2026	Aug 2025	Aug 2026	Aug 2025	Aug 2026	Aug 2025	Aug 2026	Aug 2025	Aug 2026	Aug 2025	Aug 2026	Aug 2025	Aug 2026	Aug 2025	Aug 2026	Aug 2025	Aug 2026	Aug 2025	Aug 2026	Aug 2025	Aug 2026	Aug 2025	Aug 2026
All items	334.980	3.4	340.008	4.2	-	-	333.784	2.3	349.921	3.9	323.394	3.1	328.481	3.5	339.457	4.1	-	-	325.369	2.2	347.749	4.1	317.604	3.2
All items (1967 = 100) (2)	1003.450	-	982.263	-	-	-	998.319	-	551.018	-	524.590	-	978.445	-	986.009	-	-	-	969.935	-	543.164	-	514.395	-
Food and beverages	347.206	2.6	317.788	2.0	-	-	353.746	2.4	349.741	2.9	340.304	2.2	346.609	2.6	325.721	2.4	-	-	348.776	1.9	348.057	3.0	339.027	2.2
Food	350.418	2.7	321.284	2.1	-	-	353.553	2.4	352.796	2.9	344.795	2.3	348.676	2.7	327.912	2.5	-	-	348.152	2.0	350.262	3.0	342.162	2.2
Food at home	321.500	2.2	322.617	1.7	314.908	4.2	311.122	3.5	325.097	2.6	317.838	1.9	321.186	2.2	334.579	2.3	309.052	4.0	312.081	2.8	325.141	2.7	315.311	1.8
Cereals and bakery products	369.171	2.6	411.532	-0.5	433.134	8.9	383.747	4.9	406.811	3.7	370.046	2.0	370.841	2.4	416.592	-2.3	408.697	9.5	365.474	4.4	404.310	3.7	366.796	1.5
Meats, poultry, fish, and eggs	351.501	1.1	368.645	-2.9	345.276	2.7	345.504	2.7	337.122	0.9	347.685	1.1	352.330	1.1	384.849	0.8	337.802	3.1	360.027	2.4	335.038	0.8	345.250	0.6
Dairy and related products	272.068	-0.3	244.642	0.4	289.920	-3.3	274.063	1.8	283.974	-0.1	270.327	-2.3	271.274	0.1	248.605	1.4	282.254	-4.1	254.814	0.4	285.697	0.5	266.103	-2.2
Fruits and vegetables	367.507	3.2	303.071	-0.9	309.819	3.0	327.508	2.6	365.575	2.9	345.258	3.6	363.344	3.1	290.845	-0.6	312.228	2.2	334.015	1.2	369.663	3.5	341.204	3.5
Nonalcoholic beverages and beverage materials (3)	237.834	3.7	242.129	7.4	307.225	12.5	244.190	3.3	245.733	5.1	235.675	4.0	235.762	3.8	255.737	6.6	318.227	12.0	253.049	3.6	243.547	5.1	232.986	4.1
Other food at home	283.370	2.4	312.205	6.1	262.043	3.8	277.435	4.4	292.037	3.2	281.390	2.1	283.230	2.6	319.202	5.4	256.765	3.9	259.737	3.5	294.888	3.4	280.083	2.4
Food away from home	397.868	3.4	309.656	2.5	-	-	413.488	0.7	402.608	3.5	390.710	2.9	398.439	3.3	309.643	2.5	-	-	410.338	0.3	402.817	3.6	389.495	2.9
Alcoholic beverages	301.724	1.6	266.200	0.1	-	-	351.668	3.5	307.479	2.0	277.473	0.9	309.242	1.8	281.122	-0.3	-	-	355.451	2.2	308.317	2.7	285.709	1.0
Housing	360.225	3.1	371.856	4.7	-	-	345.398	3.0	388.151	4.0	335.000	2.6	355.584	3.0	373.085	5.3	-	-	355.494	3.4	388.527	4.1	335.160	2.4
Shelter	430.611	3.0	455.318	4.4	423.024	3.2	402.341	2.6	475.997	3.7	389.729	2.1	421.753	3.0	463.675	4.2	422.182	3.4	415.880	3.3	471.647	3.8	391.341	2.0
Rent of primary residence	448.997	2.7	428.306	4.2	445.993	1.3	466.212	3.3	481.417	4.1	411.111	1.8	447.007	2.8	428.306	4.2	445.993	1.3	466.212	3.3	474.578	4.0	408.890	1.8
Owners' equivalent rent of residences (4)	443.642	3.1	468.552	4.4	436.123	3.1	425.195	3.5	495.071	4.1	394.186	2.1	400.243	3.1	416.692	4.4	397.482	3.1	385.692	3.5	436.112	4.1	365.866	2.0
Owners' equivalent rent of primary residence (4)	443.579	3.1	468.552	4.4	436.123	3.1	425.195	3.5	494.560	4.0	394.072	2.1	400.191	3.1	416.692	4.4	397.482	3.1	385.692	3.5	436.185	4.2	365.772	2.0
Fuels and utilities	353.268	5.0	-	-	-	-	-	-	359.011	8.5	333.636	3.9	350.128	4.8	-	-	-	-	-	-	362.664	7.9	333.652	3.6
Household energy	297.115	5.0	-	-	-	-	-	-	324.428	9.4	271.067	3.3	293.908	4.8	-	-	-	-	-	-	327.700	8.4	268.256	2.9
Energy services	300.729	4.0	-	-	-	-	-	-	316.382	5.5	271.393	3.2	297.962	3.9	-	-	-	-	-	-	319.743	5.3	270.327	2.8
Electricity	310.057	3.8	-	-	-	-	-	-	324.528	4.1	264.218	2.5	305.724	3.9	-	-	-	-	-	-	331.887	4.9	259.474	2.1
Utility (piped) gas service	266.448	4.4	-	-	-	-	-	-	278.230	8.6	296.583	7.7	262.543	3.6	-	-	-	-	-	-	276.709	6.9	312.203	8.5
Household furnishings and operations	156.072	2.0	160.944	1.8	-	-	145.590	0.8	153.088	1.3	160.190	5.1	146.052	1.1	157.548	10.2	-	-	128.496	-1.7	146.614	1.7	146.721	4.0
Apparel	136.752	3.6	118.824	2.4	-	-	121.256	0.9	137.822	1.1	146.391	4.6	136.456	3.0	124.409	-4.1	-	-	128.802	-1.8	137.864	0.6	146.124	4.6
Transportation	290.778	6.2	301.215	6.9	-	-	288.954	2.4	286.801	6.7	288.242	5.9	297.453	6.7	321.552	7.1	-	-	272.109	2.1	295.307	7.2	288.862	6.4
Private transportation	289.246	5.3	311.709	6.3	-	-	298.614	2.0	283.352	5.0	289.884	5.2	296.098	6.2	327.971	7.1	-	-	277.884	1.9	291.352	6.2	289.556	6.0
New and used motor vehicles (5)	126.298	-0.4	134.963	-0.4	-	-	138.937	1.4	127.368	0.1	127.137	-0.5	125.506	-0.7	136.076	-0.4	-	-	131.290	-0.3	125.588	-0.2	123.229	-0.6
New vehicles (3)	179.715	0.6	242.282	0.8	-	-	279.673	0.7	177.217	0.8	186.629	0.5	179.656	0.5	252.112	0.8	-	-	272.772	0.7	174.728	0.8	183.945	0.5
Used cars and trucks (3)	184.580	-2.3	348.412	-2.0	-	-	326.137	-2.0	196.808	-2.0	183.702	-2.2	185.527	-2.4	348.396	-2.0	-	-	326.154	-2.0	196.515	-1.9	185.102	-2.1
Motor fuel	362.487	27.9	378.150	29.5	376.380	26.3	350.666	26.7	353.347	30.8	332.947	29.0	364.914	28.1	379.049	29.5	373.899	26.7	355.475	26.8	353.177	30.8	332.944	29.5
Gasoline	359.738	27.4	373.162	29.4	372.098	26.7	342.311	26.6	351.817	30.5	330.146	28.5	362.277	27.7	373.161	29.4	372.100	26.7	342.327	26.6	351.464	30.4	330.925	29.1
Motor vehicle insurance	848.231	-5.1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	854.498	-5.6	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Medical care	593.003	1.6	625.319	3.1	-	-	523.420	-3.1	594.996	1.4	555.384	1.6	600.982	1.3	611.816	2.5	-	-	526.267	-2.3	585.167	1.2	569.058	1.2
Recreation (5)	145.186	2.7	140.225	1.7	-	-	156.681	1.7	149.349	2.3	143.944	2.3	137.741	3.8	135.277	-0.2	-	-	131.623	0.2	150.910	3.5	134.800	3.0
Education and communication (5)	150.304	2.1	145.395	1.4	-	-	167.546	3.3	165.766	3.9	143.220	1.3	133.054	1.6	132.471	2.9	-	-	145.724	3.6	146.243	3.4	123.286	0.6
Tuition, other school fees, and child care (6)	927.005	3.4	1298.008	4.9	-	-	1503.429	1.6	106.495	3.6	104.377	3.0	890.580	3.6	1235.375	4.6	-	-	1467.896	3.0	107.112	4.0	105.107	3.4
Other goods and services	607.972	4.2	745.514	3.4	-	-	630.992	5.9	658.090	4.1	590.344	6.8	674.650	4.6	788.910	4.1	-	-	836.495	7.3	765.956	4.3	643.689	6.6
Energy	329.351	16.3	323.622	17.6	340.080	19.6	352.938	16.8	337.903	18.0	295.052	15.8	329.180	17.2	323.535	20.1	345.073	20.7	338.245	17.8	339.603	18.3	294.301	16.8

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
(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.

September indexes are scheduled for release at 8:30 a.m. October 14, 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 Aug 2026 from--			Index		Percent change to Aug 2026 from--		
	Jul 2026	Aug 2026	Aug 2025	Jun 2026	Jul 2026	Jul 2026	Aug 2026	Aug 2025	Jun 2026	Jul 2026
U.S. city average	333.918	334.980	3.4	0.3	0.3	327.104	328.481	3.5	0.4	0.4
Chicago-Naperville-Elgin, IL-IN-WI	309.462	310.890	2.4	0.3	0.5	299.847	302.424	2.6	0.5	0.9
Los Angeles-Long Beach-Anaheim, CA	355.311	356.993	3.6	0.8	0.5	342.467	344.411	4.0	0.7	0.6
New York-Newark-New Jersey, NY-NJ-PA	362.189	362.328	4.3	0.5	0.0	355.714	356.036	4.4	0.5	0.1
Boston-Cambridge-Newton, MA-NH	359.707	-	-	-	-	358.558	-	-	-	-
Dallas-Fort Worth-Arlington, TX	311.093	-	-	-	-	321.907	-	-	-	-
Denver-Aurora-Lakewood, CO	349.209	-	-	-	-	340.070	-	-	-	-
Minneapolis-St. Paul-Bloomington, MN-WI	317.850	-	-	-	-	315.845	-	-	-	-
Riverside-San Bernardino-Ontario, CA (1)	142.088	-	-	-	-	143.306	-	-	-	-
San Diego-Carlsbad, CA	400.877	-	-	-	-	378.917	-	-	-	-
Tampa-St. Petersburg-Clearwater, FL (2)	315.964	-	-	-	-	314.065	-	-	-	-
Washington-Arlington-Alexandria, DC-VA-MD-WV (3)	335.716	-	-	-	-	332.247	-	-	-	-
Urban Hawaii	367.836	-	-	-	-	365.731	-	-	-	-
Atlanta-Sandy Springs-Roswell, GA	-	328.150	2.9	0.2	-	-	321.717	3.0	0.1	-
Baltimore-Columbia-Towson, MD (3)	-	333.784	2.3	-0.2	-	-	325.369	2.2	0.1	-
Detroit-Warren-Dearborn, MI	-	310.817	3.7	0.0	-	-	305.798	4.1	-0.1	-
Houston-The Woodlands-Sugar Land, TX	-	282.338	1.3	0.4	-	-	276.673	1.3	0.5	-
Miami-Fort Lauderdale-West Palm Beach, FL	-	370.123	3.7	0.1	-	-	364.600	3.7	0.0	-
Philadelphia-Camden-Wilmington, PA-NJ-DE-MD	-	340.008	4.2	-0.7	-	-	339.457	4.1	-0.1	-
Phoenix-Mesa-Scottsdale, AZ (4)	-	191.724	2.5	0.5	-	-	189.960	2.3	0.7	-
San Francisco-Oakland-Hayward, CA	-	370.130	3.4	0.1	-	-	364.198	2.9	-0.1	-
Seattle-Tacoma-Bellevue, WA	-	381.123	4.4	0.1	-	-	372.239	3.3	0.2	-
St. Louis, MO-IL	-	302.675	2.9	0.2	-	-	303.182	3.6	0.1	-
Urban Alaska	-	282.910	3.3	0.8	-	-	280.888	3.3	0.6	-

(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, August 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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