

Mid-Atlantic Regional Office CPI Announcement

Table 1. Consumer Price Indexes, U.S. city average and selected areas, September 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 Sep 2025	Percent change from Sep 2026	Percent change from Sep 2025	Percent change from Sep 2026	Percent change from Sep 2025	Percent change from Sep 2026	Percent change from Sep 2025	Percent change from Sep 2026	Percent change from Sep 2025	Percent change from Sep 2026	Percent change from Sep 2025	Percent change from Sep 2026	Percent change from Sep 2025	Percent change from Sep 2026	Percent change from Sep 2025	Percent change from Sep 2026	Percent change from Sep 2025	Percent change from Sep 2026	Percent change from Sep 2025	Percent change from Sep 2026	Percent change from Sep 2025	Percent change from Sep 2026		
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All items	336.940	3.7	-	-	338.730	4.1	-	-	351.570	4.2	325.120	3.4	330.654	3.9	-	-	336.598	5.2	-	-	349.510	4.4	319.592	3.6
All items (1967 = 100) (2)	1009.323	-	-	-	1000.025	-	-	-	553.616	-	527.389	-	984.917	-	-	-	1008.075	-	-	-	545.915	-	517.615	-
Food and beverages	347.662	2.4	-	-	331.527	3.3	-	-	349.333	2.3	341.198	2.1	347.163	2.5	-	-	331.049	3.4	-	-	348.005	2.5	339.888	2.1
Food	350.905	2.5	-	-	342.610	3.5	-	-	352.359	2.3	345.742	2.2	349.258	2.5	-	-	338.240	3.5	-	-	350.206	2.5	343.048	2.1
Food at home	321.758	1.8	325.635	3.7	316.713	3.5	309.566	2.1	324.216	1.6	318.867	1.7	321.564	1.9	336.970	4.0	312.047	3.6	310.216	1.9	324.845	2.0	316.204	1.5
Cereals and bakery products	369.585	2.1	409.003	1.4	436.116	0.4	382.596	3.2	404.850	2.4	374.111	2.5	371.267	2.2	412.375	-0.2	415.470	1.8	368.696	4.4	402.354	2.7	371.166	2.4
Meats, poultry, fish, and eggs	350.696	0.3	370.555	-0.3	343.690	1.4	334.895	2.1	337.157	0.7	347.504	0.6	351.779	0.4	383.280	2.3	336.754	1.9	344.233	0.5	336.346	0.9	344.789	0.3
Dairy and related products	269.630	-0.7	242.061	0.3	288.709	-3.1	263.174	-2.6	283.371	1.1	268.121	-2.8	268.468	-0.4	246.240	1.4	282.308	-3.2	247.500	-2.5	284.658	1.6	264.539	-2.6
Fruits and vegetables	371.317	3.7	321.343	5.7	315.254	3.9	325.721	-2.2	367.347	2.1	347.042	2.7	367.422	3.9	309.666	6.4	320.043	3.8	333.033	-2.5	371.297	2.7	342.515	2.7
Nonalcoholic beverages and beverage materials (3)	240.041	3.8	238.508	5.1	316.433	13.4	255.314	10.7	251.027	4.7	236.864	4.3	237.734	3.5	249.435	2.9	330.287	13.9	266.364	12.8	248.402	4.1	233.890	4.0
Other food at home	282.638	1.8	314.342	7.6	261.918	5.5	278.386	1.6	286.295	0.7	282.779	2.1	282.734	1.9	321.923	6.8	256.699	5.2	260.739	2.2	289.941	1.2	281.384	2.1
Food away from home	398.783	3.5	-	-	378.439	3.5	-	-	403.099	3.5	391.483	3.1	399.451	3.5	-	-	374.946	3.0	-	-	403.473	3.6	390.347	3.0
Alcoholic beverages	301.738	1.4	-	-	229.733	0.5	-	-	307.426	1.9	277.571	0.3	309.274	1.6	-	-	240.672	1.0	-	-	308.353	2.7	286.047	0.5
Housing	361.392	3.3	-	-	362.046	5.3	-	-	390.010	4.7	335.900	2.7	356.610	3.2	-	-	360.818	5.7	-	-	390.548	4.7	335.935	2.4
Shelter	432.092	3.2	454.699	4.0	427.266	4.1	403.604	3.1	476.944	4.1	391.117	2.3	423.246	3.1	465.625	4.2	426.441	4.3	416.939	3.2	473.144	4.1	392.724	2.2
Rent of primary residence	450.402	2.8	430.623	4.1	446.200	1.2	466.240	3.0	482.861	4.0	412.237	1.8	448.431	2.8	430.623	4.1	446.200	1.2	466.240	3.0	475.940	3.9	410.110	1.9
Owners' equivalent rent of residences (4)	445.381	3.3	471.414	4.6	438.309	3.4	426.483	3.3	497.351	4.4	395.344	2.3	401.847	3.3	419.237	4.6	399.474	3.4	386.861	3.3	438.259	4.4	366.948	2.2
Owners' equivalent rent of primary residence (4)	445.310	3.3	471.414	4.6	438.309	3.4	426.483	3.3	496.835	4.4	395.230	2.3	401.793	3.3	419.237	4.6	399.474	3.4	386.861	3.3	438.337	4.4	366.857	2.2
Fuels and utilities	354.210	5.8	-	-	-	-	-	-	365.841	12.1	332.034	3.6	350.761	5.5	-	-	-	-	-	-	368.209	11.1	332.201	3.3
Household energy	297.942	6.2	-	-	-	-	-	-	331.382	13.6	269.231	3.0	294.398	5.8	-	-	-	-	-	-	333.124	12.2	266.638	2.6
Energy services	300.013	4.6	-	-	-	-	-	-	317.469	7.9	269.350	2.8	297.292	4.5	-	-	-	-	-	-	320.695	7.7	268.624	2.5
Electricity	309.852	4.4	-	-	-	-	-	-	327.099	7.1	262.112	1.9	305.580	4.5	-	-	-	-	-	-	334.607	8.1	257.749	1.6
Utility (piped) gas service	264.250	5.0	-	-	-	-	-	-	276.301	9.6	295.077	8.2	260.191	4.2	-	-	-	-	-	-	274.619	7.9	311.137	9.1
Household furnishings and operations	156.418	1.6	-	-	145.519	7.1	-	-	155.112	2.1	160.832	4.7	145.854	0.3	-	-	122.044	4.4	-	-	147.937	1.7	146.925	3.4
Apparel	140.043	3.4	-	-	173.261	3.2	-	-	141.948	1.7	148.656	3.8	139.154	2.5	-	-	189.354	1.6	-	-	139.535	-0.9	148.448	4.5
Transportation	295.862	7.9	-	-	290.813	5.6	-	-	290.439	7.9	293.401	7.7	303.573	8.8	-	-	323.366	8.3	-	-	300.308	8.8	294.734	8.6
Private transportation	294.261	7.1	-	-	295.353	3.3	-	-	287.362	6.4	295.145	7.2	302.098	8.4	-	-	316.317	7.2	-	-	296.453	7.9	295.540	8.3
New and used motor vehicles (5)	126.325	0.0	-	-	127.780	-0.4	-	-	127.421	0.5	127.178	-0.1	125.490	-0.2	-	-	128.567	-0.2	-	-	125.613	0.2	123.269	-0.2
New vehicles (3)	179.859	0.6	-	-	229.205	0.5	-	-	177.450	0.9	186.734	0.5	179.775	0.6	-	-	228.724	0.5	-	-	174.951	0.9	184.034	0.5
Used cars and trucks (3)	184.395	-1.5	-	-	403.564	-1.5	-	-	196.373	-1.6	183.706	-1.3	185.297	-1.5	-	-	403.694	-1.5	-	-	196.137	-1.5	185.127	-1.2
Motor fuel	386.707	34.9	408.398	36.6	393.000	33.6	366.768	34.2	375.629	36.3	356.756	38.2	389.497	35.1	409.368	36.6	389.888	33.9	372.002	34.4	375.953	36.6	357.018	38.5
Gasoline	383.182	34.2	403.004	36.5	387.968	33.8	357.918	34.1	373.679	35.8	353.421	37.5	386.107	34.5	403.003	36.5	387.970	33.8	357.936	34.1	373.497	35.7	354.665	38.0
Motor vehicle insurance	846.102	-5.0	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	852.311	-5.3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Medical care	593.651	1.5	-	-	529.818	-0.6	-	-	594.422	1.0	554.898	1.7	601.911	1.4	-	-	567.985	-0.4	-	-	583.926	0.5	569.537	1.4
Recreation (5)	145.854	2.8	-	-	135.087	-4.4	-	-	150.143	2.8	144.850	2.2	138.639	4.1	-	-	127.554	2.5	-	-	151.447	3.7	135.885	3.3
Education and communication (5)	150.903	2.3	-	-	177.307	4.9	-	-	165.659	3.7	142.960	1.0	133.328	1.6	-	-	140.787	4.4	-	-	145.642	2.8	122.944	0.2
Tuition, other school fees, and child care (6)	938.353	3.8	-	-	105.103	3.7	-	-	107.596	3.6	104.337	2.6	900.691	3.6	-	-	105.545	4.6	-	-	108.089	3.4	104.993	2.9
Other goods and services	610.165	4.1	-	-	608.935	11.4	-	-	655.302	3.1	591.877	6.6	677.766	4.5	-	-	656.112	13.3	-	-	761.855	3.2	646.241	6.6
Energy	341.573	20.4	339.928	24.4	345.631	26.4	359.466	26.3	351.322	23.1	305.549	20.1	342.192	21.5	341.766	27.6	351.392	27.6	345.344	27.3	353.029	23.3	305.825	21.4

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.

October indexes are scheduled for release at 8:30 a.m. November 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 Sep 2026 from--			Index		Percent change to Sep 2026 from--		
	Aug 2026	Sep 2026	Sep 2025	Jul 2026	Aug 2026	Aug 2026	Sep 2026	Sep 2025	Jul 2026	Aug 2026
U.S. city average	334.980	336.940	3.7	0.9	0.6	328.481	330.654	3.9	1.1	0.7
Chicago-Naperville-Elgin, IL-IN-WI	310.890	313.415	2.9	1.3	0.8	302.424	304.624	3.2	1.6	0.7
Los Angeles-Long Beach-Anaheim, CA	356.993	358.725	3.7	1.0	0.5	344.411	346.660	4.1	1.2	0.7
New York-Newark-New Jersey, NY-NJ-PA	362.328	363.870	4.5	0.5	0.4	356.036	357.558	4.5	0.5	0.4
Boston-Cambridge-Newton, MA-NH	-	362.575	3.8	0.8	-	-	361.306	3.3	0.8	-
Dallas-Fort Worth-Arlington, TX	-	313.240	3.0	0.7	-	-	324.285	3.3	0.7	-
Denver-Aurora-Lakewood, CO	-	353.428	4.0	1.2	-	-	344.459	3.7	1.3	-
Minneapolis-St. Paul-Bloomington, MN-WI	-	321.701	3.6	1.2	-	-	321.439	4.9	1.8	-
Riverside-San Bernardino-Ontario, CA (1)	-	142.969	3.6	0.6	-	-	144.435	3.7	0.8	-
San Diego-Carlsbad, CA	-	409.029	4.7	2.0	-	-	388.364	5.1	2.5	-
Tampa-St. Petersburg-Clearwater, FL (2)	-	315.640	1.9	-0.1	-	-	314.697	2.9	0.2	-
Washington-Arlington-Alexandria, DC-VA-MD-WV (3)	-	338.730	4.1	0.9	-	-	336.598	5.2	1.3	-
Urban Hawaii	-	368.586	5.2	0.2	-	-	366.755	4.7	0.3	-
Atlanta-Sandy Springs-Roswell, GA	328.150	-	-	-	-	321.717	-	-	-	-
Baltimore-Columbia-Towson, MD (3)	333.784	-	-	-	-	325.369	-	-	-	-
Detroit-Warren-Dearborn, MI	310.817	-	-	-	-	305.798	-	-	-	-
Houston-The Woodlands-Sugar Land, TX	282.338	-	-	-	-	276.673	-	-	-	-
Miami-Fort Lauderdale-West Palm Beach, FL	370.123	-	-	-	-	364.600	-	-	-	-
Philadelphia-Camden-Wilmington, PA-NJ-DE-MD	340.008	-	-	-	-	339.457	-	-	-	-
Phoenix-Mesa-Scottsdale, AZ (4)	191.724	-	-	-	-	189.960	-	-	-	-
San Francisco-Oakland-Hayward, CA	370.130	-	-	-	-	364.198	-	-	-	-
Seattle-Tacoma-Bellevue, WA	381.123	-	-	-	-	372.239	-	-	-	-
St. Louis, MO-IL	302.675	-	-	-	-	303.182	-	-	-	-
Urban Alaska	282.910	-	-	-	-	280.888	-	-	-	-

(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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