

MID-ATLANTIC REGIONAL OFFICE CPI ANNOUNCEMENT

Table 1. Consumer Price Indexes, U.S. city average and selected areas, June 2008 (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-Wilmington-Atlantic City		Washington-Baltimore (1)		Northeast region		South region		U.S. city average		Philadelphia-Wilmington-Atlantic City		Washington-Baltimore (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	
	Jun 2008	Jun 2007	Jun 2008	Jun 2007	Jun 2008	Jun 2007	Jun 2008	Jun 2007	Jun 2008	Jun 2007	Jun 2008	Jun 2007	Jun 2008	Jun 2007	Jun 2008	Jun 2007	Jun 2008	Jun 2007	Jun 2008	Jun 2007
All items (2)	218.815	5.0	228.408	5.1	-	-	232.649	5.0	212.324	5.3	215.223	5.6	228.429	5.5	-	-	229.829	5.5	210.469	5.8
All items (1967 = 100) (3)	655.474	-	659.857	-	-	-	366.350	-	344.419	-	641.082	-	663.511	-	-	-	358.981	-	340.878	-
Food and beverages (2)	213.383	5.2	202.475	3.2	-	-	217.241	4.7	210.802	5.5	212.700	5.2	205.519	3.2	-	-	216.380	4.8	209.705	5.5
Food (2)	213.243	5.3	202.398	3.4	-	-	216.856	4.8	211.510	5.8	212.514	5.3	204.724	3.4	-	-	216.097	4.8	210.468	5.8
Food at home	213.171	6.1	213.771	3.2	134.742	5.1	216.993	5.1	209.559	6.7	212.079	6.0	215.597	3.2	133.998	4.6	215.780	5.0	208.152	6.6
Food away from home (4)	215.015	4.4	182.530	3.7	-	-	219.696	4.3	217.307	4.7	214.851	4.5	182.119	3.5	-	-	219.762	4.5	216.454	4.7
Alcoholic beverages (4)	213.912	3.1	200.829	1.0	-	-	221.211	4.3	199.870	1.9	213.976	3.0	207.459	0.6	-	-	218.639	4.2	197.755	1.5
Housing (2)	217.941	3.5	234.992	3.4	-	-	245.344	3.9	201.949	3.8	213.441	3.8	235.896	3.5	-	-	240.966	4.2	200.818	4.0
Shelter	247.083	2.5	275.900	2.2	153.782	4.1	286.537	2.1	220.959	2.9	239.198	2.6	279.255	2.2	153.487	3.7	279.450	2.2	218.917	3.0
Rent of primary residence (2) (7)	242.640	3.7	253.974	2.4	161.189	4.3	273.571	3.7	218.694	4.0	241.623	3.6	253.974	2.4	161.188	4.2	271.164	3.6	217.827	4.0
Owners' equivalent rent of primary residence (5) (7)	252.170	2.6	280.723	2.3	151.087	3.2	293.568	2.1	222.345	3.0	228.536	2.6	249.652	2.3	150.560	3.2	258.272	2.1	207.211	3.0
Fuels and utilities	231.412	12.2	231.108	10.7	-	-	246.288	17.9	228.679	11.2	228.843	12.0	231.958	9.6	-	-	241.561	17.2	227.756	11.0
Household energy	213.762	13.7	216.432	11.9	204.308	12.8	235.551	19.5	203.418	12.5	209.843	13.3	214.783	10.5	197.796	11.5	229.884	18.5	200.514	12.3
Gas (piped) and electricity (7)	213.375	10.0	223.100	6.2	195.937	11.0	220.771	7.9	202.869	11.2	211.398	10.2	224.735	6.0	193.379	10.4	219.198	8.4	201.181	11.2
Electricity (7)	194.434	5.6	208.624	3.2	186.674	6.7	197.985	3.1	187.428	7.9	192.747	5.8	208.623	3.2	182.707	6.6	196.949	3.4	185.754	8.2
Utility (piped) gas service (7)	271.234	21.5	254.713	13.2	205.220	28.3	262.683	17.3	287.667	27.7	272.453	22.2	254.708	13.2	213.787	30.3	261.926	18.6	293.149	28.4
Household furnishings and operations	127.625	0.2	125.377	2.3	-	-	129.114	-0.4	127.116	0.7	123.434	0.5	120.071	2.3	-	-	123.030	0.2	122.129	1.0
Apparel (2)	117.019	-0.2	101.322	6.1	-	-	114.157	-2.0	129.881	-0.8	116.706	0.3	102.561	8.4	-	-	114.398	-0.7	129.616	-0.8
Transportation (2)	211.787	12.0	213.763	13.4	-	-	208.424	11.7	211.165	12.7	213.633	12.9	224.579	14.7	-	-	214.760	13.4	211.095	13.5
Private transportation	207.257	11.9	211.690	13.5	-	-	202.410	11.8	209.520	12.6	210.423	12.9	223.738	14.9	-	-	210.472	13.6	209.615	13.5
Motor fuel	347.418	33.3	361.735	34.1	328.851	33.1	336.641	34.0	345.013	34.1	348.762	33.3	361.711	34.1	328.388	33.1	336.318	34.0	345.163	34.2
Gasoline	344.981	32.8	355.086	33.6	328.615	32.7	333.952	33.7	342.058	33.6	346.459	32.8	355.085	33.6	328.207	32.7	333.774	33.7	342.314	33.7
Medical care (2)	363.616	4.0	417.316	3.7	-	-	386.606	3.8	347.224	4.5	363.628	4.1	405.495	3.5	-	-	383.238	4.0	349.908	4.8
Recreation (6)	112.991	1.3	122.995	4.8	-	-	116.074	2.4	113.152	0.8	109.905	1.1	121.317	5.2	-	-	115.826	3.1	109.856	0.5
Education and communication (6)	122.828	3.4	123.576	4.0	-	-	125.985	5.0	118.883	2.3	119.264	3.0	118.697	3.7	-	-	120.770	4.3	115.276	2.1
Other goods and services (2)	345.885	3.8	385.145	0.8	-	-	367.991	3.8	334.776	4.0	358.419	4.2	390.634	0.6	-	-	396.170	4.7	344.526	4.3
Energy (2)	275.621	24.7	268.707	22.0	252.964	22.8	277.910	26.5	263.408	24.7	277.597	25.1	267.144	21.8	250.941	22.0	277.302	26.7	265.499	25.2

Footnotes:

- (1) For Washington Baltimore, Dec. 1997=100 unless otherwise noted.
- (2) For Washington-Baltimore, Nov. 1996=100.
- (3) For the Northeast and the South, Dec. 1977=100.
- (4) For Washington-Baltimore, Nov. 1997=100.
- (5) For the CPI-U in the U.S., Philadelphia, Northeast, and South, Dec. 1982 = 100.
- For the CPI-W in these areas, Dec. 1984 = 100.
- (6) Indexes are on the Dec. 1997=100 base.
- (7) This index series was calculated using a Laspeyres estimator. All other item stratum index series converted to a geometric means estimator in January, 1999.

Area definitions:

The **Philadelphia-Wilmington-Atlantic City, Pa.-N.J.-Del.-Md.** area includes Bucks, Chester, Delaware, Montgomery, and Philadelphia Counties in Pennsylvania; Atlantic, Burlington, Camden, Cape May, Cumberland, Gloucester, and Salem Counties in New Jersey; New Castle County in Delaware; and Cecil County in Maryland.

The **Washington-Baltimore, D.C.-Md.-Va.-W.Va.** area includes the District of Columbia; Anne Arundel, Baltimore, Calvert, Carroll, Charles, Frederick, Harford, Howard, Montgomery, Prince George's, Queen Anne's, and Washington Counties and Baltimore City in Maryland; Arlington, Clarke, Fairfax, Fauquier, King George, Loudoun, Prince William, Rappahannock, Spotsylvania, Stafford, and Warren Counties, and Alexandria, Fairfax, Falls Church, Fredericksburg, Manassas, and Manassas Park Cities in Virginia; and Berkeley and Jefferson Counties in West Virginia.

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 Jun 2008 from --			Index		Percent change to Jun 2008 from --		
	May 2008	Jun 2008	Jun 2007	Apr 2008	May 2008	May 2008	Jun 2008	Jun 2007	Apr 2008	May 2008
U.S. city average	216.632	218.815	5.0	1.9	1.0	212.788	215.223	5.6	2.1	1.1
Chicago-Gary-Kenosha, Ill.-Ind.-Wis.	214.932	215.738	4.7	1.4	0.4	208.403	209.021	4.9	1.5	0.3
Los Angeles-Riverside-Orange County, Calif.	226.651	229.033	5.4	2.0	1.1	219.702	222.435	6.1	2.1	1.2
New York-Northern N.J.-Long Island, N.Y.-N.J.-Conn.-Pa.	236.151	238.580	4.5	2.0	1.0	230.923	233.776	5.2	2.4	1.2
Boston-Brockton-Nashua, Mass.-N.H.-Maine-Conn.	235.344	-	-	-	-	235.419	-	-	-	-
Cleveland-Akron, Ohio	204.882	-	-	-	-	195.898	-	-	-	-
Dallas-Fort Worth, Texas	202.357	-	-	-	-	206.258	-	-	-	-
Washington-Baltimore, D.C.-Md.-Va.-W.Va. (Nov. 1996=100)	139.649	-	-	-	-	139.332	-	-	-	-
Atlanta, Ga.	-	212.032	4.9	2.7	-	-	212.013	5.5	3.0	-
Detroit-Ann Arbor-Flint, Mich.	-	207.593	3.0	1.1	-	-	203.524	3.5	1.2	-
Houston-Galveston-Brazoria, Texas	-	193.567	4.9	2.5	-	-	193.742	5.7	2.8	-
Miami-Fort Lauderdale, Fla.	-	225.079	5.8	1.7	-	-	223.849	6.1	2.0	-
Philadelphia-Wilmington-Atlantic City, Pa.-N.J.-Del.-Md.	-	228.408	5.1	2.1	-	-	228.429	5.5	2.3	-
San Francisco-Oakland-San Jose, Calif.	-	225.181	4.2	1.4	-	-	221.454	4.7	1.6	-
Seattle-Tacoma-Bremerton, Wash.	-	228.068	5.8	2.2	-	-	223.573	6.2	2.3	-

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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.

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