

Mid-Atlantic Regional Office CPI Announcement

Table 1. Consumer Price Indexes, U.S. city average and selected areas, May 2018 (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			
	May 2018	May 2017	May 2018	May 2017	May 2018	May 2017	May 2018	May 2017	May 2018	May 2017	May 2018	May 2017	May 2018	May 2017	May 2018	May 2017	May 2018	May 2017	May 2018	May 2017	May 2018	May 2017	May 2018	May 2017		
All items	251.588	2.8	-	-	261.770	2.5	-	-	265.840	2.5	243.279	2.7	245.770	3.0	-	-	258.281	2.8	-	-	262.204	2.6	239.291	2.9		
All items (1967 = 100) (2)	753.647	-	-	-	772.818	-	-	-	418.617	-	394.632	-	732.074	-	-	-	773.524	-	-	-	409.548	-	387.558	-		
Food and beverages	252.848	1.2	-	-	248.848	1.3	-	-	259.256	1.8	249.818	0.9	251.723	1.2	-	-	249.148	1.6	-	-	257.931	1.8	248.638	0.8		
Food	253.098	1.2	-	-	253.749	1.4	-	-	259.594	1.8	251.137	0.9	251.651	1.2	-	-	252.819	1.6	-	-	258.155	1.8	249.445	0.8		
Food at home	239.287	0.1	238.483	-0.6	243.487	1.3	235.143	2.4	248.220	0.9	237.315	0.0	238.285	0.2	242.852	-0.2	242.546	1.8	236.551	2.3	247.000	1.0	235.971	0.0		
Cereals and bakery products	271.910	-0.2	-	-	320.241	-	-	-	291.749	-	276.967	-	272.891	-0.3	-	-	308.684	-	-	-	291.830	-	275.984	-		
Meats, poultry, fish, and eggs	249.449	2.3	-	-	259.952	-	-	-	250.683	-	244.319	-	249.852	2.4	-	-	254.904	-	-	-	250.734	-	243.659	-		
Dairy and related products	215.659	-0.6	-	-	236.950	-	-	-	224.775	-	217.733	-	213.923	-0.7	-	-	235.868	-	-	-	223.563	-	215.134	-		
Fruits and vegetables	297.211	-0.4	-	-	272.643	-	-	-	312.553	-	283.071	-	294.258	-0.4	-	-	279.899	-	-	-	311.673	-	283.118	-		
Nonalcoholic beverages and beverage materials (3)	166.401	-1.3	-	-	204.853	-	-	-	172.688	-	165.041	-	165.796	-1.3	-	-	213.306	-	-	-	172.983	-	163.558	-		
Other food at home	210.159	-0.2	-	-	199.769	-	-	-	223.088	-	209.161	-	208.832	-0.2	-	-	196.771	-	-	-	222.339	-	207.737	-		
Food away from home	275.307	2.7	-	-	280.017	1.4	-	-	280.017	3.1	274.544	2.0	275.503	2.7	-	-	268.040	1.3	-	-	281.108	3.2	273.358	1.9		
Alcoholic beverages	248.126	1.4	-	-	201.507	0.5	-	-	253.731	1.0	230.980	0.9	251.914	1.3	-	-	214.739	1.7	-	-	252.355	0.8	236.995	1.4		
Housing	257.907	3.0	-	-	271.918	2.0	-	-	282.848	2.8	237.125	2.8	253.940	3.0	-	-	273.593	2.1	-	-	280.513	2.8	237.193	2.8		
Shelter	306.913	3.5	322.195	1.3	328.186	2.2	303.551	1.9	349.926	2.8	273.314	3.4	299.564	3.6	328.992	1.6	328.462	2.3	315.615	2.0	345.658	2.7	273.636	3.4		
Rent of primary residence (4)	317.490	3.6	301.808	2.4	357.886	2.7	356.715	2.6	350.585	2.5	284.241	3.7	314.223	3.6	301.808	2.4	357.886	2.7	356.715	2.6	345.916	2.5	282.831	3.8		
Owners' equivalent rent of residences (4) (5)	313.656	3.4	330.759	1.4	334.592	2.0	316.332	1.7	360.764	2.6	274.489	3.3	283.211	3.4	294.150	1.4	304.947	2.0	286.944	1.7	317.558	2.5	255.061	3.2		
Owners' equivalent rent of primary residence (4) (5)	313.667	3.4	330.759	1.4	334.592	2.0	316.332	1.7	360.510	2.6	274.487	3.3	283.234	3.4	294.150	1.4	304.947	2.0	286.944	1.7	317.591	2.5	255.029	3.2		
Fuels and utilities	240.911	1.8	-	-	229.869	-2.2	-	-	230.903	5.6	234.703	1.0	239.193	1.8	-	-	236.456	-2.1	-	-	232.449	5.5	234.697	1.0		
Household energy	200.450	1.4	171.443	1.4	180.951	-3.0	196.674	-13.1	205.573	6.2	188.647	0.2	198.671	1.4	170.805	1.2	185.757	-3.0	186.889	-12.7	207.036	6.0	187.125	0.3		
Energy services (4)	203.553	0.6	180.086	-0.2	185.412	-3.3	210.524	-14.5	202.578	3.8	188.588	0.0	202.549	0.7	182.099	-0.2	189.960	-3.0	207.621	-14.8	204.825	4.2	188.188	0.1		
Electricity (4)	212.646	1.0	179.627	-3.9	208.407	0.1	199.630	-14.8	209.697	3.3	186.306	0.5	209.960	1.1	179.626	-3.9	208.407	0.1	199.629	-14.8	211.415	3.3	183.994	0.5		
Utility (piped) gas service (4)	173.420	-0.8	169.453	7.2	132.585	-13.1	169.141	-13.3	175.207	6.5	188.205	-3.2	173.548	-0.5	169.449	7.2	132.586	-13.1	169.140	-13.3	177.183	7.1	192.409	-2.9		
Household furnishings and operations	121.571	0.3	-	-	105.247	4.1	-	-	120.029	-1.1	121.732	0.6	116.155	0.2	-	-	98.787	5.5	-	-	111.547	-1.4	115.054	0.2		
Apparel	128.362	1.4	-	-	163.558	4.0	-	-	133.571	1.6	140.367	3.7	127.907	1.8	-	-	174.059	7.7	-	-	132.948	1.7	137.736	3.1		
Transportation	214.125	5.9	-	-	219.936	5.1	-	-	210.975	4.6	214.664	6.0	214.333	6.8	-	-	232.245	5.0	-	-	213.887	5.4	213.236	6.9		
Private transportation	209.490	6.6	-	-	218.387	5.7	-	-	202.964	5.5	213.323	6.5	210.730	7.3	-	-	227.552	5.2	-	-	207.091	6.1	211.705	7.2		
New and used motor vehicles (6)	98.996	-0.9	-	-	93.354	-	-	-	95.995	-0.4	101.455	-1.2	97.612	-1.1	-	-	94.969	-	-	-	97.165	-0.6	99.319	-1.4		
New vehicles (3)	146.349	-1.1	-	-	198.041	-	-	-	144.405	-1.0	152.468	-1.4	147.575	-1.2	-	-	197.625	-	-	-	144.523	-1.3	152.368	-1.5		
Used cars and trucks (3)	138.506	-1.7	-	-	295.915	-	-	-	144.337	-1.6	139.882	-1.2	139.484	-1.7	-	-	296.009	-	-	-	144.220	-1.7	141.126	-1.1		
Motor fuel	256.175	21.8	272.953	21.9	262.687	18.3	252.348	22.3	252.165	20.3	242.557	21.3	257.236	21.9	272.916	21.8	262.945	18.4	252.469	22.2	251.289	20.1	242.726	21.5		
Gasoline	255.096	21.8	269.373	21.9	259.884	18.4	247.124	22.0	251.143	20.3	241.430	21.3	256.298	21.9	269.373	21.9	259.885	18.4	247.136	22.0	250.402	20.1	241.652	21.5		
Motor vehicle insurance (3)	564.445	8.3	-	-	857.600	-	-	-	620.681	-	941.433	-	570.375	8.6	-	-	857.579	-	-	-	615.920	-	958.276	-		
Medical care	484.853	2.4	-	-	452.584	1.3	-	-	504.921	2.6	465.132	2.1	488.686	2.2	-	-	456.948	1.3	-	-	505.005	2.7	472.615	2.0		
Recreation (6)	118.851	0.2	-	-	114.574	2.7	-	-	123.315	-0.6	117.420	-0.4	114.105	-0.1	-	-	109.639	2.4	-	-	124.060	-1.0	112.890	-0.7		
Education and communication (6)	136.261	0.5	-	-	153.398	1.0	-	-	140.123	0.4	132.270	0.5	125.220	0.2	-	-	127.785	0.5	-	-	127.317	0.0	119.585	0.3		
Tuition, other school fees, and child care (3)	732.259	1.9	-	-	1383.049	-	-	-	1210.763	-	1296.707	-	704.523	2.0	-	-	1335.732	-	-	-	1198.829	-	1208.149	-		
Other goods and services	442.710	2.5	-	-	406.817	1.9	-	-	489.364	3.1	427.174	1.9	482.456	2.4	-	-	433.766	2.3	-	-	563.528	3.2	460.022	1.9		
Energy	226.810	11.7	208.508	10.4	221.053	7.0	228.907	3.4	224.829	12.3	210.180	10.9	227.253	12.5	206.374	10.4	229.751	8.2	217.885	4.0	225.618	12.6	210.504	11.8		

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) This index series was calculated using a Laspeyres estimator. All other item stratum index series converted to a geometric means estimator in January 1999.
- (5) For the U.S., Philadelphia, Northeast, & South, Dec. 1982=100. For Washington & Baltimore, Nov. 1982=100
- (6) 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.

June indexes are scheduled for release at 8:30 a.m. on Thursday, July 12, 2018

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 2018 from--			Index		Percent change to May 2018 from--		
	Apr 2018	May 2018	May 2017	Mar 2018	Apr 2018	Apr 2018	May 2018	May 2017	Mar 2018	Apr 2018
U.S. city average	250.546	251.588	2.8	0.8	0.4	244.607	245.770	3.0	0.9	0.5
Chicago-Naperville-Elgin, IL-IN-WI	237.940	238.910	2.3	1.1	0.4	229.533	230.648	2.5	1.3	0.5
Los Angeles-Long Beach-Anaheim, CA	265.095	266.148	4.1	0.8	0.4	255.379	256.652	4.3	0.9	0.5
New York-Newark-New Jersey, NY-NJ-PA	272.950	274.001	2.2	0.7	0.4	267.945	268.986	2.3	0.7	0.4
Boston-Cambridge-Newton, MA-NH	-	274.668	3.2	0.0	-	-	273.591	3.4	0.0	-
Dallas-Fort Worth-Arlington, TX	-	234.034	3.9	1.6	-	-	239.556	4.1	1.9	-
Denver-Aurora-Lakewood, CO	-	262.150	-	0.6	-	-	252.767	-	0.8	-
Minneapolis-St. Paul-Bloomington, MN-WI	-	245.593	-	1.0	-	-	239.983	-	1.2	-
Riverside-San Bernardino-Ontario, CA (1)	-	102.929	-	1.0	-	-	103.025	-	1.1	-
San Diego-Carlsbad, CA	-	289.243	-	-0.5	-	-	273.534	-	0.3	-
Tampa-St. Petersburg-Clearwater, FL (2)	-	224.027	-	0.4	-	-	222.038	-	-0.1	-
Washington-Arlington-Alexandria, DC-VA-MD-WV (3)	-	261.770	2.5	0.7	-	-	258.281	2.8	0.9	-
Urban Hawaii	-	276.359	-	0.3	-	-	272.866	-	0.3	-
Atlanta-Sandy Springs-Roswell, GA	237.417	-	-	-	-	234.717	-	-	-	-
Baltimore-Columbia-Towson, MD (3)	252.185	-	-	-	-	250.811	-	-	-	-
Detroit-Warren-Dearborn, MI	231.784	-	-	-	-	226.221	-	-	-	-
Houston-The Woodlands-Sugar Land, TX	225.116	-	-	-	-	221.383	-	-	-	-
Miami-Fort Lauderdale-West Palm Beach, FL	264.696	-	-	-	-	261.287	-	-	-	-
Philadelphia-Camden-Wilmington, PA-NJ-DE-MD	251.850	-	-	-	-	252.417	-	-	-	-
Phoenix-Mesa-Scottsdale, AZ (4)	138.406	-	-	-	-	136.443	-	-	-	-
San Francisco-Oakland-Hayward, CA	283.422	-	-	-	-	278.039	-	-	-	-
Seattle-Tacoma-Bellevue, WA	270.309	-	-	-	-	266.720	-	-	-	-
St. Louis, MO-IL	228.689	-	-	-	-	226.955	-	-	-	-
Urban Alaska	222.485	-	-	-	-	220.624	-	-	-	-

(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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