

Mid-Atlantic Regional Office CPI Announcement

Table 1. Consumer Price Indexes, U.S. city average and selected areas, February 2019 (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	
	Feb 2019	Feb 2018	Feb 2019	Feb 2018	Feb 2019	Feb 2018	Feb 2019	Feb 2018	Feb 2019	Feb 2018	Feb 2019	Feb 2018	Feb 2019	Feb 2018	Feb 2019	Feb 2018	Feb 2019	Feb 2018	Feb 2019	Feb 2018	Feb 2019	Feb 2018	Feb 2019	Feb 2018
All items	252.776	1.5	253.218	1.5	-	-	254.433	0.8	266.706	1.3	243.856	1.1	246.218	1.3	253.291	1.2	-	-	252.854	0.6	262.620	1.1	239.130	0.9
All items (1967 = 100) (2)	757.204	-	731.532	-	-	-	760.987	-	419.981	-	395.568	-	733.407	-	735.727	-	-	-	753.765	-	410.198	-	387.298	-
Food and beverages	256.997	2.0	235.043	1.0	-	-	262.572	1.8	262.304	1.6	254.283	1.9	255.939	1.9	240.142	1.1	-	-	258.603	1.7	261.089	1.6	253.129	1.9
Food	257.222	2.0	235.749	1.4	-	-	262.149	1.6	262.792	1.7	255.522	1.9	255.846	1.9	239.956	1.3	-	-	258.836	1.5	261.376	1.7	253.819	1.9
Food at home	242.057	1.2	238.846	0.8	246.758	2.9	236.383	0.5	250.641	1.1	239.870	1.1	241.245	1.2	242.668	0.7	245.623	2.8	237.832	0.3	249.484	1.1	238.519	1.1
Cereals and bakery products	275.996	1.8	304.584	3.1	-	-	293.843	1.0	296.997	1.7	280.243	1.4	277.068	1.7	307.668	3.4	-	-	283.933	1.0	297.314	1.7	279.412	1.4
Meats, poultry, fish, and eggs	248.597	0.6	258.503	-1.0	-	-	226.106	-2.2	250.074	0.4	242.780	0.7	249.038	0.5	262.599	-2.3	-	-	232.670	-2.5	250.117	0.2	241.924	0.5
Dairy and related products	216.595	0.1	195.266	-1.5	-	-	233.095	5.6	226.344	0.3	219.595	0.4	214.877	0.0	195.221	-1.1	-	-	219.182	5.1	224.722	-0.2	217.045	0.2
Fruits and vegetables	304.621	2.0	279.018	1.3	-	-	288.740	0.8	317.052	0.9	291.564	2.4	301.889	2.1	273.866	1.2	-	-	301.545	0.7	316.299	1.1	292.045	2.3
Nonalcoholic beverages and beverage materials (3)	172.488	2.8	158.917	4.8	-	-	181.643	2.0	176.845	2.4	169.935	2.6	172.511	2.9	164.788	5.1	-	-	181.459	2.6	178.429	2.5	168.741	2.6
Other food at home	211.168	0.5	218.663	-0.3	-	-	210.725	-0.2	224.535	1.3	210.053	0.1	209.942	0.6	220.176	-0.4	-	-	201.511	-0.4	223.194	1.5	208.475	0.1
Food away from home	281.373	2.9	225.953	2.2	-	-	299.884	3.0	284.393	2.6	281.561	2.9	281.678	2.9	228.140	2.1	-	-	294.513	3.1	285.620	2.5	280.559	2.9
Alcoholic beverages	252.599	1.8	222.365	-4.1	-	-	265.813	4.6	254.936	0.4	236.622	2.1	256.451	1.8	232.909	-1.9	-	-	260.157	4.3	254.518	1.0	243.675	2.6
Housing	263.057	2.9	264.275	2.9	-	-	260.455	2.1	286.342	2.4	241.652	2.5	259.071	2.8	266.019	2.9	-	-	268.180	2.3	284.230	2.3	241.723	2.4
Shelter	313.880	3.4	328.794	2.7	330.329	1.1	307.214	2.9	354.639	2.6	278.981	3.0	306.683	3.4	335.341	2.6	331.362	1.2	319.550	3.1	350.729	2.6	279.547	3.0
Rent of primary residence	326.351	3.5	306.506	2.5	361.862	1.3	361.731	4.4	357.009	2.5	291.130	3.2	322.966	3.5	306.506	2.5	361.862	1.3	361.731	4.4	352.321	2.5	289.526	3.2
Owners' equivalent rent of residences (4)	321.627	3.3	337.223	2.6	338.017	1.3	320.084	2.5	367.145	2.6	280.541	2.9	290.353	3.3	299.899	2.6	308.068	1.3	290.347	2.5	323.091	2.6	260.704	2.9
Owners' equivalent rent of primary residence (4)	321.648	3.3	337.223	2.6	338.017	1.3	320.084	2.5	366.857	2.6	280.539	2.9	290.380	3.3	299.899	2.6	308.068	1.3	290.347	2.5	323.123	2.6	260.679	2.9
Fuels and utilities	241.549	0.3	212.257	3.1	-	-	232.675	-1.6	232.067	0.6	237.582	0.3	239.625	0.3	210.687	3.0	-	-	222.910	-1.6	232.833	0.6	237.553	0.3
Household energy	199.581	-0.7	175.639	2.8	184.905	0.4	204.914	-2.4	205.890	0.2	190.752	-0.4	197.693	-0.6	174.878	2.8	189.667	0.3	194.802	-2.4	206.620	0.3	189.253	-0.3
Energy services	202.690	-0.6	184.312	3.1	189.382	0.4	219.240	-2.5	203.254	0.7	190.838	-0.3	201.562	-0.5	186.312	3.0	193.934	0.3	216.266	-2.5	204.577	0.7	190.410	-0.3
Electricity	210.939	0.0	181.789	-0.1	209.554	-0.6	207.139	-1.9	206.023	1.1	188.831	0.3	208.683	0.0	181.789	-0.1	209.554	-0.6	207.138	-1.9	206.841	1.0	186.549	0.3
Utility (piped) gas service	174.950	-2.6	176.566	8.4	141.513	3.3	182.613	-7.5	182.939	-0.1	188.382	-3.8	174.749	-2.6	176.562	8.4	141.514	3.3	182.613	-7.5	184.291	0.1	191.268	-4.9
Household furnishings and operations	123.750	2.0	115.193	4.5	-	-	120.272	-1.4	121.406	2.0	123.599	1.3	118.080	1.9	109.169	5.2	-	-	107.704	-0.3	113.579	2.1	116.206	0.8
Apparel	125.631	-0.8	104.010	-8.2	-	-	131.439	-8.0	129.882	-1.0	136.017	1.4	125.799	-0.3	105.649	-9.9	-	-	133.367	-8.5	128.717	-1.6	135.256	2.1
Transportation	204.236	-1.5	207.249	-1.8	-	-	196.540	-3.9	201.759	-2.0	203.762	-2.5	202.983	-1.8	218.301	-2.1	-	-	197.825	-4.1	203.589	-2.2	200.766	-2.9
Private transportation	199.920	-1.5	206.467	-1.7	-	-	195.459	-3.9	194.061	-2.1	202.641	-2.5	199.460	-1.8	216.790	-2.0	-	-	197.426	-4.0	196.758	-2.4	199.335	-2.9
New and used motor vehicles (5)	99.491	0.5	98.734	4.2	-	-	98.412	-2.0	96.730	0.5	101.980	0.4	98.131	0.6	102.028	3.9	-	-	96.166	-1.9	97.822	0.5	99.771	0.3
New vehicles (3)	147.226	0.3	180.018	2.7	-	-	200.318	-1.7	145.594	0.0	153.813	0.2	148.515	0.3	187.322	2.7	-	-	195.375	-1.7	145.501	-0.1	153.330	0.0
Used cars and trucks (3)	139.301	1.1	256.566	1.4	-	-	240.164	1.4	145.124	1.4	140.815	1.4	140.232	1.1	256.555	1.4	-	-	240.176	1.4	144.995	1.4	141.960	1.4
Motor fuel	208.242	-8.9	224.619	-10.8	217.007	-9.1	197.888	-12.8	207.184	-9.8	192.783	-12.0	208.497	-9.0	224.422	-10.8	216.814	-9.3	197.423	-12.9	206.643	-9.8	191.829	-12.2
Gasoline	206.749	-9.1	220.864	-11.0	214.232	-9.3	193.075	-13.0	205.908	-9.9	191.173	-12.2	207.178	-9.2	220.863	-11.0	214.233	-9.3	193.084	-13.0	205.547	-9.9	190.448	-12.4
Motor vehicle insurance (3)	574.447	2.0	727.508	-3.3	-	-	832.794	-1.5	623.964	0.6	957.461	1.3	581.046	2.1	727.516	-3.3	-	-	832.805	-1.5	619.383	0.6	975.143	1.4
Medical care	491.227	1.7	539.094	3.9	-	-	441.386	4.8	513.713	2.0	468.571	0.8	495.718	1.8	524.539	4.2	-	-	442.727	5.2	513.500	1.9	477.099	1.0
Recreation (5)	120.306	1.0	120.123	2.2	-	-	126.507	2.2	124.988	0.6	121.102	2.6	115.261	0.6	115.944	1.7	-	-	114.696	2.3	125.674	0.1	116.004	2.2
Education and communication (5)	137.168	0.6	131.333	0.9	-	-	147.269	1.6	142.359	1.5	132.326	-0.1	125.200	0.0	120.977	1.2	-	-	134.022	1.5	128.948	1.3	118.532	-0.9
Tuition, other school fees, and child care (3)	755.755	3.0	1038.607	0.9	-	-	1195.793	3.7	1252.490	3.2	1324.361	1.6	726.457	2.9	1007.751	1.2	-	-	1159.281	3.4	1242.338	3.3	1225.716	1.3
Other goods and services	448.150	2.2	544.259	1.2	-	-	419.797	0.5	493.249	1.6	430.303	1.4	489.217	2.4	604.654	2.3	-	-	515.017	1.4	570.939	2.2	464.963	1.8
Energy	202.740	-5.0	192.989	-3.6	202.520	-4.5	205.564	-7.7	206.219	-4.2	187.002	-6.5	201.171	-5.4	190.709	-3.7	207.542	-5.2	194.924	-7.9	205.177	-4.6	185.221	-7.1

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

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.

March indexes are scheduled for release at 8:30 a.m. on Wednesday, April 10, 2019

**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 Feb 2019 from--			Index		Percent change to Feb 2019 from--		
	Jan 2019	Feb 2019	Feb 2018	Dec 2018	Jan 2019	Jan 2019	Feb 2019	Feb 2018	Dec 2018	Jan 2019
U.S. city average	251.712	252.776	1.5	0.6	0.4	245.133	246.218	1.3	0.6	0.4
Chicago-Naperville-Elgin, IL-IN-WI	238.218	239.669	1.4	1.2	0.6	229.004	230.814	1.4	1.3	0.8
Los Angeles-Long Beach-Anaheim, CA	269.468	269.608	2.5	0.7	0.1	259.182	259.734	2.6	0.6	0.2
New York-Newark-New Jersey, NY-NJ-PA	275.144	275.823	1.3	0.7	0.2	269.659	270.250	1.2	0.7	0.2
Boston-Cambridge-Newton, MA-NH	278.976	-	-	-	-	277.969	-	-	-	-
Dallas-Fort Worth-Arlington, TX	233.915	-	-	-	-	238.301	-	-	-	-
Denver-Aurora-Lakewood, CO	260.942	-	-	-	-	251.357	-	-	-	-
Minneapolis-St. Paul-Bloomington, MN-WI	245.200	-	-	-	-	238.168	-	-	-	-
Riverside-San Bernardino-Ontario, CA (1)	103.991	-	-	-	-	104.062	-	-	-	-
San Diego-Carlsbad, CA	295.761	-	-	-	-	277.832	-	-	-	-
Tampa-St. Petersburg-Clearwater, FL (2)	222.774	-	-	-	-	221.335	-	-	-	-
Washington-Arlington-Alexandria, DC-VA-MD-WV (3)	262.304	-	-	-	-	258.392	-	-	-	-
Urban Hawaii	279.005	-	-	-	-	274.941	-	-	-	-
Atlanta-Sandy Springs-Roswell, GA	-	240.072	1.3	1.2	-	-	236.898	1.0	1.4	-
Baltimore-Columbia-Towson, MD (3)	-	254.433	0.8	0.5	-	-	252.854	0.6	0.5	-
Detroit-Warren-Dearborn, MI	-	232.549	1.2	0.4	-	-	226.675	1.1	0.2	-
Houston-The Woodlands-Sugar Land, TX	-	226.804	0.9	0.1	-	-	221.664	0.4	-0.1	-
Miami-Fort Lauderdale-West Palm Beach, FL	-	268.288	1.2	1.0	-	-	263.874	1.2	0.9	-
Philadelphia-Camden-Wilmington, PA-NJ-DE-MD	-	253.218	1.5	0.8	-	-	253.291	1.2	0.7	-
Phoenix-Mesa-Scottsdale, AZ (4)	-	139.660	2.1	-0.3	-	-	137.722	2.4	-0.4	-
San Francisco-Oakland-Hayward, CA	-	291.227	3.5	0.5	-	-	284.758	3.3	0.5	-
Seattle-Tacoma-Bellevue, WA	-	275.304	2.7	0.7	-	-	271.039	2.5	0.6	-
St. Louis, MO-IL	-	228.528	0.7	0.8	-	-	226.206	0.6	0.8	-
Urban Alaska	-	227.183	2.5	0.3	-	-	223.971	1.9	0.0	-

(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, February 2019

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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