

Mid-Atlantic Regional Office CPI Announcement

Table 1. Consumer Price Indexes, U.S. city average and selected areas, March 2021 (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	
	Mar 2021	Mar 2020	Mar 2021	Mar 2020	Mar 2021	Mar 2020	Mar 2021	Mar 2020	Mar 2021	Mar 2020	Mar 2021	Mar 2020	Mar 2021	Mar 2020	Mar 2021	Mar 2020	Mar 2021	Mar 2020	Mar 2021	Mar 2020	Mar 2021	Mar 2020	Mar 2021	Mar 2020
All items	264.877	2.6	-	-	272.347	2.6	-	-	278.197	2.1	255.319	2.9	258.935	3.0	-	-	269.318	3.1	-	-	274.475	2.3	251.042	3.2
All items (1967 = 100) (2)	793.455	-	-	-	804.044	-	-	-	438.075	-	414.162	-	771.287	-	-	-	806.577	-	-	-	428.715	-	406.591	-
Food and beverages	271.135	3.4	-	-	264.450	3.3	-	-	276.783	3.2	267.188	3.2	270.339	3.5	-	-	265.249	3.5	-	-	275.728	3.4	266.190	3.2
Food	271.812	3.5	-	-	271.408	3.7	-	-	277.661	3.3	268.796	3.3	270.535	3.6	-	-	270.092	3.8	-	-	276.465	3.6	267.088	3.3
Food at home	253.231	3.3	245.960	-0.1	254.400	2.7	239.805	1.1	260.243	2.5	251.902	3.7	252.698	3.4	251.828	0.5	252.280	2.5	243.533	0.8	259.515	2.7	250.483	3.7
Cereals and bakery products	284.746	2.6	-	-	326.575	9.3	-	-	305.942	2.4	292.410	4.0	286.273	2.7	-	-	313.530	9.4	-	-	305.213	2.3	291.911	4.1
Meats, poultry, fish, and eggs	268.457	5.4	-	-	281.438	0.6	-	-	267.033	4.3	262.199	5.0	268.723	5.5	-	-	275.478	1.3	-	-	266.918	4.4	261.387	5.1
Dairy and related products	229.249	1.6	-	-	247.690	0.7	-	-	239.061	2.0	229.155	1.9	227.745	1.8	-	-	243.910	0.3	-	-	238.352	2.4	226.812	2.0
Fruits and vegetables	311.168	3.8	-	-	263.387	0.4	-	-	325.273	3.7	299.852	5.8	308.474	3.7	-	-	270.069	0.1	-	-	326.248	3.9	299.123	5.1
Nonalcoholic beverages and beverage materials (3)	180.018	3.2	-	-	223.093	3.5	-	-	180.914	2.0	177.055	2.9	180.314	3.3	-	-	233.548	3.9	-	-	181.956	2.2	176.225	3.1
Other food at home	219.263	2.2	-	-	212.571	4.1	-	-	230.228	0.5	220.207	2.3	218.332	2.3	-	-	206.150	2.3	-	-	230.063	0.7	218.010	2.0
Food away from home	300.897	3.7	-	-	293.428	4.6	-	-	307.319	4.5	296.709	2.8	301.588	3.9	-	-	295.324	5.1	-	-	309.572	4.9	295.811	2.9
Alcoholic beverages	260.652	2.0	-	-	198.978	-0.4	-	-	264.273	2.0	244.542	1.6	265.956	2.0	-	-	210.102	-2.8	-	-	261.996	1.3	252.621	1.6
Housing	276.028	2.1	-	-	286.593	2.5	-	-	297.291	1.8	253.492	2.2	272.104	2.2	-	-	289.158	2.7	-	-	295.147	1.8	253.560	2.2
Shelter	330.122	1.7	339.392	-0.5	344.838	2.4	317.226	1.7	369.937	1.3	294.135	2.1	323.156	1.8	347.441	0.2	345.964	2.0	330.265	1.3	366.128	1.4	295.208	2.1
Rent of primary residence	345.717	1.8	320.627	1.2	378.241	1.2	367.261	-0.5	373.351	1.4	309.371	2.2	342.388	1.9	320.627	1.2	378.241	1.2	367.261	-0.5	368.397	1.4	307.485	2.1
Owners' equivalent rent of residences (4)	339.565	2.0	351.106	1.1	353.312	2.2	336.342	2.6	383.526	1.6	297.083	2.5	306.564	2.0	312.246	1.1	322.008	2.2	305.095	2.6	337.666	1.6	276.092	2.4
Owners' equivalent rent of primary residence (4)	339.589	2.0	351.106	1.1	353.312	2.2	336.342	2.6	383.196	1.6	297.083	2.5	306.590	2.0	312.246	1.1	322.008	2.2	305.095	2.6	337.715	1.6	276.066	2.4
Fuels and utilities	251.797	4.4	-	-	239.775	1.7	-	-	231.807	3.5	244.545	3.2	249.628	4.3	-	-	247.004	2.1	-	-	232.361	3.0	244.290	3.2
Household energy	206.271	4.7	168.451	1.2	184.206	0.8	195.294	-3.4	202.646	3.4	194.231	3.2	204.280	4.6	168.105	0.7	189.441	1.3	186.191	-3.5	203.253	2.9	192.501	3.1
Energy services	209.623	4.1	178.145	-1.3	188.925	1.2	208.199	-4.1	200.205	0.9	194.267	3.1	208.185	4.1	180.136	-1.3	193.687	1.3	206.268	-3.7	201.004	1.0	193.578	3.0
Electricity	216.528	2.5	177.830	-1.3	202.504	-5.2	192.458	-6.0	201.762	-0.8	190.686	1.9	213.536	2.6	177.829	-1.3	202.504	-5.2	192.457	-6.0	201.965	-0.7	188.242	1.9
Utility (piped) gas service	185.624	9.8	166.981	-1.4	151.312	18.5	199.019	6.5	182.207	4.7	202.030	11.2	185.520	10.1	166.978	-1.4	151.313	18.5	199.019	6.5	183.282	4.6	205.978	11.6
Household furnishings and operations	128.350	3.1	-	-	114.416	4.5	-	-	125.826	4.4	127.802	1.8	121.942	2.7	-	-	106.283	7.7	-	-	117.927	3.6	119.178	1.5
Apparel	120.746	-2.5	-	-	148.062	-6.5	-	-	126.937	-2.6	127.426	-4.0	120.293	-2.5	-	-	156.090	-6.7	-	-	125.926	-3.1	125.941	-4.2
Transportation	215.761	5.8	-	-	216.225	2.3	-	-	210.476	4.8	217.108	6.6	217.517	7.1	-	-	232.312	4.1	-	-	214.582	5.4	216.604	8.0
Private transportation	214.743	7.0	-	-	221.983	4.0	-	-	207.196	6.6	218.620	7.7	216.042	7.9	-	-	229.974	4.8	-	-	210.595	6.5	216.768	8.8
New and used motor vehicles (5)	103.909	4.4	-	-	97.749	4.0	-	-	101.246	5.0	106.964	4.9	103.340	5.2	-	-	98.852	4.1	-	-	102.233	4.6	105.150	5.6
New vehicles (3)	149.321	1.5	-	-	193.573	-0.8	-	-	146.136	1.2	156.265	2.0	150.705	1.6	-	-	193.167	-0.8	-	-	145.904	0.7	156.054	2.4
Used cars and trucks (3)	153.873	9.4	-	-	329.104	8.9	-	-	160.571	9.3	154.649	8.8	155.017	9.5	-	-	329.210	8.9	-	-	160.485	9.2	156.025	9.0
Motor fuel	248.681	22.2	272.008	22.8	264.353	20.6	244.844	24.0	242.183	19.2	235.367	26.6	249.200	22.2	272.446	23.0	264.487	20.6	245.028	24.1	241.279	18.7	234.859	26.8
Gasoline	247.652	22.5	268.639	23.0	261.379	20.7	239.784	24.1	241.208	19.4	234.240	26.9	248.285	22.5	268.638	23.0	261.380	20.7	239.796	24.1	240.528	18.9	233.897	27.1
Motor vehicle insurance (3)	565.166	-2.5	-	-	808.251	-9.9	-	-	610.393	-4.0	941.732	-2.8	568.252	-2.8	-	-	808.231	-9.9	-	-	610.796	-3.2	952.304	-3.5
Medical care	524.734	1.8	-	-	498.579	6.9	-	-	548.730	0.5	497.142	2.7	532.342	1.8	-	-	507.904	6.9	-	-	551.469	0.6	508.111	2.6
Recreation (5)	123.567	1.1	-	-	117.865	1.4	-	-	128.684	0.3	124.032	1.4	118.124	1.1	-	-	114.304	2.2	-	-	128.611	0.0	118.941	1.6
Education and communication (5)	141.289	1.5	-	-	156.718	2.5	-	-	149.349	1.7	135.862	1.5	129.019	1.8	-	-	129.242	3.3	-	-	135.551	2.1	121.216	1.7
Tuition, other school fees, and child care (3)	780.209	0.8	-	-	1441.837	2.4	-	-	1311.727	0.8	1362.743	0.2	749.340	0.6	-	-	1361.992	2.6	-	-	1305.319	0.9	1243.610	-1.1
Other goods and services	472.607	2.4	-	-	441.963	3.4	-	-	520.572	2.1	452.223	3.0	520.561	2.9	-	-	471.709	3.9	-	-	601.655	2.6	492.076	3.3
Energy	225.861	13.2	205.857	10.5	223.130	10.2	223.892	9.4	218.736	9.9	208.996	14.3	225.420	13.7	204.369	10.6	231.999	11.7	213.617	9.9	218.967	10.1	208.402	15.0

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.

April indexes are scheduled for release at 8:30 a.m. on Wednesday, May 12, 2021

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 Mar 2021 from--			Index		Percent change to Mar 2021 from--		
	Feb 2021	Mar 2021	Mar 2020	Jan 2020	Feb 2021	Feb 2021	Mar 2021	Mar 2020	Jan 2020	Feb 2021
U.S. city average	263.014	264.877	2.6	1.3	0.7	256.843	258.935	3.0	1.4	0.8
Chicago-Naperville-Elgin, IL-IN-WI	247.387	248.984	2.6	1.2	0.6	239.091	240.820	2.8	1.4	0.7
Los Angeles-Long Beach-Anaheim, CA	281.347	282.648	2.2	0.9	0.5	272.816	274.097	2.7	1.1	0.5
New York-Newark-New Jersey, NY-NJ-PA	286.474	287.481	2.0	0.7	0.4	280.994	281.761	2.1	0.7	0.3
Boston-Cambridge-Newton, MA-NH	-	289.240	1.3	0.9	-	-	288.652	1.5	1.1	-
Dallas-Fort Worth-Arlington, TX	-	246.995	3.4	1.8	-	-	253.289	3.8	2.0	-
Denver-Aurora-Lakewood, CO	-	274.430	1.6	0.8	-	-	266.488	2.4	1.1	-
Minneapolis-St. Paul-Bloomington, MN-WI	-	259.187	3.0	1.1	-	-	254.963	4.3	1.5	-
Riverside-San Bernardino-Ontario, CA (1)	-	110.981	3.6	1.3	-	-	111.823	4.1	1.5	-
San Diego-Carlsbad, CA	-	315.035	4.1	2.4	-	-	298.292	4.5	2.3	-
Tampa-St. Petersburg-Clearwater, FL (2)	-	242.910	4.9	1.6	-	-	240.096	5.1	1.8	-
Washington-Arlington-Alexandria, DC-VA-MD-WV (3)	-	272.347	2.6	0.7	-	-	269.318	3.1	0.9	-
Urban Hawaii	-	290.361	1.8	0.9	-	-	288.147	1.9	1.1	-
Atlanta-Sandy Springs-Roswell, GA	252.972	-	-	-	-	249.806	-	-	-	-
Baltimore-Columbia-Towson, MD (3)	261.917	-	-	-	-	259.765	-	-	-	-
Detroit-Warren-Dearborn, MI	240.570	-	-	-	-	236.446	-	-	-	-
Houston-The Woodlands-Sugar Land, TX	232.442	-	-	-	-	227.056	-	-	-	-
Miami-Fort Lauderdale-West Palm Beach, FL	275.849	-	-	-	-	271.476	-	-	-	-
Philadelphia-Camden-Wilmington, PA-NJ-DE-MD	262.167	-	-	-	-	263.450	-	-	-	-
Phoenix-Mesa-Scottsdale, AZ (4)	147.186	-	-	-	-	146.173	-	-	-	-
San Francisco-Oakland-Hayward, CA	304.387	-	-	-	-	297.170	-	-	-	-
Seattle-Tacoma-Bellevue, WA	286.950	-	-	-	-	282.795	-	-	-	-
St. Louis, MO-IL	237.018	-	-	-	-	235.134	-	-	-	-
Urban Alaska	229.478	-	-	-	-	229.145	-	-	-	-

(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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