

**PHILADELPHIA REGIONAL OFFICE CPI ANNOUNCEMENT**

Table 1. Consumer Price Indexes, U.S. city average and selected areas, September 2000 (1982-84=100, unless otherwise noted)

| Expenditure Category                                    | All Urban Consumers (CPI-U) |                                |               |                                |             |                                |            |                                |       |                                | Urban Wage Earners and Clerical Workers (CPI-W) |                                |               |                                |             |                                |            |                                |       |                                |
|---|-----------------------------|--------------------------------|---------------|--------------------------------|-------------|--------------------------------|------------|--------------------------------|-------|--------------------------------|---|--------------------------------|---------------|--------------------------------|-------------|--------------------------------|------------|--------------------------------|-------|--------------------------------|
|   | United States               |                                | Phila-delphia |                                | Wash.-Balt. |                                | North-east |                                | South |                                | United States                                   |                                | Phila-delphia |                                | Wash.-Balt. |                                | North-east |                                | South |                                |
|   | Index                       | Percent change from Sept. 1999 | Index         | Percent change from Sept. 1999 | Index       | Percent change from Sept. 1999 | Index      | Percent change from Sept. 1999 | Index | Percent change from Sept. 1999 | Index   | Percent change from Sept. 1999 | Index         | Percent change from Sept. 1999 | Index       | Percent change from Sept. 1999 | Index      | Percent change from Sept. 1999 | Index | Percent change from Sept. 1999 |
| All items 2/.....                                       | 173.7                       | 3.5                            | -             | -                              | 108.7       | 3.1                            | 180.7      | 3.4                            | 168.5 | 3.2                            | 170.4   | 3.5                            | -             | -                              | 108.7       | 3.2                            | 177.6      | 3.3                            | 166.8 | 3.3                            |
| All items (1967 = 100) 3/.....                          | 520.3                       | -                              | -             | -                              | -           | -                              | 284.6      | -                              | 273.3 | -                              | 507.6   | -                              | -             | -                              | -           | -                              | 277.4      | -                              | 270.1 | -                              |
| Food and beverages 2/.....                              | 169.4                       | 2.6                            | -             | -                              | 106.5       | 3.4                            | 171.2      | 2.0                            | 167.3 | 2.7                            | 168.8   | 2.7                            | -             | -                              | 106.1       | 3.4                            | 170.7      | 2.2                            | 166.2 | 2.8                            |
| Food 2/.....  | 168.9                       | 2.6                            | -             | -                              | 106.6       | 3.6                            | 170.5      | 2.0                            | 167.3 | 2.7                            | 168.3   | 2.7                            | -             | -                              | 106.4       | 3.7                            | 170.2      | 2.1                            | 166.4 | 2.8                            |
| Food at home.....                                       | 169.0                       | 2.7                            | 169.3         | 1.2                            | 103.9       | 3.8                            | 170.5      | 1.9                            | 165.4 | 2.9                            | 168.1   | 2.8                            | 168.6         | 1.3                            | 104.0       | 4.0                            | 170.0      | 2.0                            | 164.2 | 3.1                            |
| Food away from home 4/.....                             | 170.0                       | 2.5                            | -             | -                              | 108.2       | 3.2                            | 173.0      | 2.2                            | 172.1 | 2.3                            | 170.0   | 2.5                            | -             | -                              | 108.3       | 3.3                            | 173.2      | 2.3                            | 171.7 | 2.3                            |
| Alcoholic beverages 4/.....                             | 175.5                       | 2.8                            | -             | -                              | 103.3       | 2.0                            | 179.6      | 2.7                            | 167.1 | 3.0                            | 174.4   | 2.7                            | -             | -                              | 102.5       | 1.2                            | 177.3      | 3.0                            | 164.1 | 2.9                            |
| Housing 2/.....   | 171.4                       | 3.8                            | -             | -                              | 110.8       | 3.4                            | 183.0      | 4.0                            | 159.7 | 3.2                            | 167.3   | 3.7                            | -             | -                              | 110.9       | 3.3                            | 179.1      | 4.0                            | 158.3 | 3.2                            |
| Shelter.....  | 194.6                       | 3.3                            | 211.5         | 3.3                            | 110.6       | 3.5                            | 215.4      | 3.2                            | 174.8 | 2.8                            | 188.7   | 3.3                            | 215.5         | 3.3                            | 110.2       | 3.5                            | 210.6      | 3.3                            | 173.2 | 2.8                            |
| Rent of primary residence 2/ 7/.....                    | 185.3                       | 3.9                            | 191.8         | 3.6                            | 110.7       | 3.7                            | 199.8      | 4.7                            | 168.9 | 2.7                            | 184.8   | 3.8                            | 191.8         | 3.6                            | 110.7       | 3.7                            | 198.8      | 4.6                            | 168.7 | 2.7                            |
| Owners' equivalent rent of primary residence 5/ 7/..... | 199.9                       | 3.1                            | 216.5         | 2.7                            | 109.6       | 3.3                            | 222.5      | 2.6                            | 176.3 | 2.9                            | 181.9   | 3.1                            | 192.6         | 2.7                            | 109.5       | 3.3                            | 196.0      | 2.6                            | 164.6 | 2.7                            |
| Fuels and utilities.....                                | 143.8                       | 8.4                            | -             | -                              | 124.0       | 2.6                            | 136.2      | 11.0                           | 148.1 | 6.7                            | 143.4   | 8.1                            | -             | -                              | 124.8       | 1.5                            | 135.7      | 10.5                           | 147.9 | 6.3                            |
| Fuels.....  | 129.1                       | 9.8                            | 126.7         | 5.3                            | 126.7       | 2.6                            | 126.4      | 12.6                           | 129.0 | 7.7                            | 128.2   | 9.4                            | 126.8         | 5.7                            | 126.9       | 1.2                            | 125.8      | 11.7                           | 127.8 | 7.2                            |
| Gas (piped) and electricity 7/.....                     | 134.8                       | 7.6                            | 138.7         | 0.4                            | 126.0       | 0.2                            | 136.0      | 6.4                            | 130.8 | 6.8                            | 134.4   | 7.6                            | 138.8         | 0.5                            | 126.4       | -0.5                           | 136.3      | 6.5                            | 130.0 | 6.6                            |
| Electricity 7/.....                                     | 135.0                       | 2.6                            | 155.3         | 0.5                            | 127.4       | -3.0                           | 138.8      | 3.2                            | 127.5 | 3.9                            | 134.5   | 2.6                            | 155.3         | 0.5                            | 127.0       | -3.3                           | 139.3      | 3.5                            | 126.6 | 4.0                            |
| Utility natural gas service 7/.....                     | 139.7                       | 20.5                           | 115.7         | 0.7                            | 121.0       | 14.6                           | 132.7      | 12.6                           | 149.5 | 21.7                           | 139.8   | 21.0                           | 115.7         | 0.7                            | 123.6       | 15.9                           | 133.0      | 12.7                           | 150.4 | 22.4                           |
| Household furnishings and operations.....               | 129.0                       | 1.6                            | -             | -                              | 103.8       | 3.7                            | 130.4      | 1.8                            | 129.0 | 1.7                            | 126.1   | 1.0                            | -             | -                              | 104.7       | 4.0                            | 126.2      | 1.0                            | 126.4 | 1.5                            |
| Apparel 2/.....   | 130.4                       | -1.1                           | -             | -                              | 100.1       | -1.7                           | 131.4      | -1.2                           | 140.0 | -1.6                           | 128.7   | -1.4                           | -             | -                              | 100.1       | -2.0                           | 128.3      | -2.1                           | 138.7 | -1.6                           |
| Transportation 2/.....                                  | 154.7                       | 5.6                            | -             | -                              | 107.9       | 6.0                            | 154.7      | 4.8                            | 151.7 | 5.5                            | 154.2   | 5.6                            | -             | -                              | 107.7       | 5.9                            | 155.1      | 5.0                            | 152.2 | 5.6                            |
| Private transportation.....                             | 150.4                       | 5.2                            | -             | -                              | 107.1       | 5.9                            | 149.6      | 4.7                            | 149.7 | 5.2                            | 151.4   | 5.4                            | -             | -                              | 107.5       | 5.8                            | 151.5      | 5.1                            | 150.8 | 5.5                            |
| Motor fuel.....   | 135.2                       | 22.6                           | 137.2         | 23.6                           | 130.7       | 26.5                           | 131.6      | 22.9                           | 130.9 | 22.7                           | 135.3   | 22.3                           | 137.2         | 23.6                           | 130.7       | 26.4                           | 131.4      | 22.8                           | 130.9 | 22.7                           |
| Gasoline.....   | 134.3                       | 22.4                           | 135.2         | 23.6                           | 130.7       | 26.4                           | 130.9      | 22.8                           | 130.2 | 22.6                           | 134.6   | 22.4                           | 135.2         | 23.6                           | 130.7       | 26.3                           | 130.8      | 22.8                           | 130.2 | 22.5                           |
| Medical care 2/.....                                    | 263.1                       | 4.3                            | -             | -                              | 108.9       | 1.8                            | 278.0      | 4.4                            | 258.0 | 3.7                            | 262.2   | 4.3                            | -             | -                              | 107.8       | 1.8                            | 275.1      | 4.4                            | 258.3 | 3.7                            |
| Recreation 6/.....                                      | 103.8                       | 2.1                            | -             | -                              | 103.6       | 0.9                            | 106.2      | 2.1                            | 103.5 | 2.0                            | 102.8   | 1.8                            | -             | -                              | 102.4       | 0.9                            | 105.4      | 1.8                            | 102.3 | 1.7                            |
| Education and communication 6/.....                     | 102.9                       | 1.0                            | -             | -                              | 104.5       | 1.1                            | 102.6      | 1.4                            | 102.2 | 0.5                            | 102.9   | 0.8                            | -             | -                              | 102.6       | -0.3                           | 102.2      | 1.1                            | 102.0 | 0.1                            |
| Other goods and services 2/.....                        | 274.7                       | 4.6                            | -             | -                              | 120.4       | 2.1                            | 283.9      | 5.3                            | 268.5 | 4.8                            | 280.9   | 5.1                            | -             | -                              | 129.1       | 3.2                            | 294.6      | 5.5                            | 275.5 | 5.7                            |
| Energy 2/.....  | 130.6                       | 15.4                           | 130.9         | 12.5                           | 125.3       | 12.5                           | 127.8      | 16.4                           | 127.2 | 14.3                           | 130.9   | 15.7                           | 130.5         | 13.5                           | 125.7       | 12.8                           | 127.3      | 16.3                           | 127.2 | 14.7                           |

1/For Wash.-Balt., Dec. 1997=100 unless otherwise noted. 2/For Wash.-Balt., Nov. 1996=100. 3/For the Northeast and the South, Dec. 1977=100. 4/For Wash.-Balt., Nov. 1997=100. 5/CPI-U data for the U.S., Phila., Northeast, and South are on the Dec 1982=100 base. CPI-W data for those same areas are on the Dec. 1984=100 base. 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**  
**Philadelphia-Wilmington-Atlantic City, PA-DE-NJ-MD, CMSA**  
 Pennsylvania Portion: Bucks, Chester, Delaware, Montgomery, and Philadelphia Counties; New Jersey Portion: Atlantic, Burlington, Camden, Cape May, Cumberland, Gloucester, and Salem Counties; Delaware Portion: New Castle County; and Maryland Portion: Cecil County

**Washington-Baltimore, DC-MD-VA-WV, CMSA**

District of Columbia Portion: Washington, D.C.; Maryland Portion: Anne Arundel, Baltimore, Calvert, Carroll, Charles, Frederick, Harford, Howard, Montgomery, Prince George's, Queen Anne's and Washington Counties, and Baltimore City; Virginia Portion: Arlington, Clarke, Culpepper, Fairfax, Fauquier, King George, Loudoun, Prince William, Spotsylvania, Stafford and Warren Counties, and Alexandria, Fairfax, Falls Church, Fredericksburg, Manassas, and Manassas Park Cities; West Virginia Portion: Berkeley and Jefferson Counties

**Northeast**

Connecticut, Maine, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New York, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, and Vermont

**South**

Alabama, Arkansas, Delaware, District of Columbia, Florida, Georgia, Kentucky, Louisiana, Maryland, Mississippi, North Carolina, Oklahoma, South Carolina, Tennessee, Texas, Virginia, West Virginia

**CHANGES TO LOCAL AREA SERIES**

Due to the revised MSA definitions, a single index is now published bimonthly for the **Washington-Baltimore, CMSA**. The separate indexes for Washington, DC-MD-VA, and Baltimore, MD, will no longer be published.

Indexes for the **Philadelphia** area are now published bimonthly. The area definition also changed from Philadelphia-Wilmington-Trenton, PA-DE-NJ-MD, to Philadelphia-Wilmington-Atlantic City, PA-DE-NJ-MD. Trenton is now part of the New York area.

In January and July each year, semi-annual average indexes will be published for **Pittsburgh, PA**. Bimonthly indexes have been discontinued. Butler County was added to the area definition.

OCTOBER INDEXES ARE SCHEDULED FOR RELEASE AT 8:30 A.M., NOVEMBER 16, 2000

Table 2. Consumer Price Index and percent change, all items, U.S. city average and selected areas 1982-84=100, unless otherwise noted

|   | All Urban Consumers (CPI-U) |           |                                     |           |           | Urban Wage Earners and Clerical Workers |           |                                     |           |           |
|---|-----------------------------|-----------|-------------------------------------|-----------|-----------|---|-----------|-------------------------------------|-----------|-----------|
|   | Indexes                     |           | Percent change to Sep. 2000 from -- |           |           | Indexes                                 |           | Percent change to Sep. 2000 from -- |           |           |
|   | Aug. 2000                   | Sep. 2000 | Sep. 1999                           | July 2000 | Aug. 2000 | Aug. 2000                               | Sep. 2000 | Sep. 1999                           | July 2000 | Aug. 2000 |
| U.S. city average .....                                     | R/172.8                     | 173.7     | 3.5                                 | 0.5       | 0.5       | R/169.3                                 | 170.4     | 3.5                                 | 0.6       | 0.6       |
| Chicago-Gary-Kenosha, IL-IN-WI .....                        | R/173.7                     | 174.8     | 3.0                                 | 0.1       | 0.6       | R/168.0                                 | 169.2     | 3.1                                 | 0.2       | 0.7       |
| Los Angeles-Riverside-Orange County, CA .....               | 172.2                       | 173.3     | 3.6                                 | 0.9       | 0.6       | R/165.3                                 | 166.3     | 3.5                                 | 0.8       | 0.6       |
| New York-Northern N.J.-Long Island,<br>NY-NJ-CT-PA .....    | R/183.1                     | 184.4     | 3.5                                 | 0.9       | 0.7       | R/178.5                                 | 179.9     | 3.5                                 | 0.8       | 0.8       |
| Boston-Brockton-Nashua, MA-NH-ME-CT .....                   | -                           | 184.3     | 4.2                                 | 0.6       | -         | -                                       | 183.2     | 4.6                                 | 0.5       | -         |
| Cleveland-Akron, OH .....                                   | -                           | 170.5     | 3.8                                 | 1.3       | -         | -                                       | 162.8     | 4.1                                 | 1.4       | -         |
| Dallas-Fort Worth, TX .....                                 | -                           | 166.9     | 4.4                                 | 0.4       | -         | -                                       | 166.8     | 4.5                                 | 0.4       | -         |
| Washington-Baltimore, DC-MD-VA-WV (1) .....                 | -                           | 108.7     | 3.1                                 | 0.3       | -         | -                                       | 108.7     | 3.2                                 | 0.5       | -         |
| Atlanta, GA.....  | R/172.1                     | -         | -                                   | -         | -         | R/169.6                                 | -         | -                                   | -         | -         |
| Detroit-Ann Arbor-Flint, MI .....                           | R/170.1                     | -         | -                                   | -         | -         | R/164.6                                 | -         | -                                   | -         | -         |
| Houston-Galveston-Brazoria, TX .....                        | R/154.4                     | -         | -                                   | -         | -         | R/153.1                                 | -         | -                                   | -         | -         |
| Miami-Fort Lauderdale, FL .....                             | 168.4                       | -         | -                                   | -         | -         | R/165.8                                 | -         | -                                   | -         | -         |
| Philadelphia-Wilmington-Atlantic City,<br>PA-NJ-DE-MD ..... | R/177.5                     | -         | -                                   | -         | -         | R/177.1                                 | -         | -                                   | -         | -         |
| San Francisco-Oakland-San Jose, CA .....                    | 181.7                       | -         | -                                   | -         | -         | R/177.8                                 | -         | -                                   | -         | -         |
| Seattle-Tacoma-Bremerton, WA .....                          | R/180.3                     | -         | -                                   | -         | -         | R/175.4                                 | -         | -                                   | -         | -         |

(1) Indexes on a November 1996=100 base.

R = Revised percent changes based on indexes recalculated to correct for an error in the residential rent and owners equivalent rent components of the index. For this reason, some of the figures above and elsewhere in this report differ from those previously published. Information on the error and all corrected index values were made available on September 28. For details, see Revisions in January to August 2000 CPI Data </cpirev01.htm> on the BLS website (<http://stats.bls.gov/cpihome.htm>) or call 215-597-3282.

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## Consumer Price Index, September 2000

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. For accuracy in requesting changes to this mailing list, please notify this office in writing. **Such requests should be accompanied by a copy of the old mailing label.**

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