

# Boston Information Office CPI Announcement

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Table 1. Consumer Price Indexes, U.S. city average and selected areas

(1982-84=100, unless otherwise noted)

Item and group	<u>All Urban Consumers (CPI-U)</u>						<u>Urban Wage Earners and Clerical Workers (CPI-W)</u>					
	United States		Northeast		Boston		United States		Northeast		Boston	
	Index	Change from September 2003	Index	Change from September 2003	Index	Change from September 2003	Index	Change from September 2003	Index	Change from September 2003	Index	Change from September 2003
<b>Expenditure category</b>												
All items .....	189.9	2.5	201.2	3.2	209.8	1.5	185.4	2.4	197.7	3.0	208.8	1.3
All items (1967=100) (1) .....	568.7	-	316.9	-	609.7	-	552.4	-	308.8	-	603.5	-
Food and beverages .....	187.2	3.3	190.0	3.7	196.5	2.8	186.8	3.4	189.6	3.9	195.4	2.9
Food .....	186.7	3.3	189.3	3.7	196.8	2.8	186.2	3.3	189.0	3.9	195.7	2.9
Food at home .....	186.1	3.3	189.9	4.4	190.7	2.7	185.5	3.4	189.5	4.5	188.6	2.7
Food away from home .....	188.9	3.3	191.2	2.9	208.1	2.8	188.8	3.3	191.2	3.0	210.2	3.0
Alcoholic beverages .....	193.4	2.9	198.1	3.2	196.4	2.6	194.0	3.4	196.3	3.6	194.6	3.0
Housing .....	191.0	2.8	210.7	4.4	216.7	2.7	186.5	2.7	206.4	4.1	216.3	2.5
Shelter .....	220.2	3.0	253.4	4.6	260.3	2.3	213.4	2.8	247.8	4.2	261.0	1.9
Rent of primary residence (2).....	212.4	2.8	236.3	4.1	255.5	2.9	211.6	2.8	234.8	4.1	255.5	2.9
Owners' equivalent rent of primary residence (2) (3).....	226.1	2.4	263.6	3.8	274.1	2.2	205.1	2.3	231.6	3.8	240.9	2.2
Fuels and utilities .....	166.7	4.4	158.8	6.4	165.2	8.9	166.2	4.5	158.1	6.6	166.3	9.8
Fuels .....	149.3	4.1	147.3	6.6	142.2	9.6	148.2	4.1	146.4	6.6	141.2	10.6
Gas (piped) and electricity (2).....	156.0	3.0	158.1	2.7	157.6	4.6	155.3	3.1	157.9	3.1	160.3	6.6
Electricity (2).....	150.4	1.6	146.0	0.6	149.5	1.0	149.6	1.7	145.7	0.6	149.5	1.0
Utility (piped) gas service (2).....	177.8	6.2	182.2	6.2	169.7	11.6	178.1	6.6	182.2	6.9	169.7	11.6
Household furnishings and operations ..	125.0	-0.2	127.0	0.4	120.5	-0.1	120.6	-0.3	120.8	0.0	116.2	-0.7
Apparel .....	121.2	-0.7	122.5	-2.2	132.2	-11.2	120.6	-0.3	120.5	-1.8	138.7	-10.5
Transportation .....	162.9	2.2	163.4	1.9	157.6	0.6	161.6	2.2	164.8	2.0	161.1	0.6
Private transportation .....	159.4	2.6	158.6	2.5	159.7	2.6	159.1	2.4	161.1	2.5	162.7	2.6
Motor fuel .....	161.2	9.6	158.1	8.0	163.3	6.3	161.7	9.6	158.2	8.2	163.3	6.3
Gasoline (all types) .....	160.5	9.6	157.3	8.0	161.1	6.3	161.0	9.5	157.4	8.2	161.1	6.3
Medical care .....	312.3	4.4	332.5	4.7	418.2	4.8	311.7	4.5	328.9	4.9	408.3	4.7
Recreation (4).....	108.6	0.8	110.7	1.0	108.2	-3.9	106.2	0.7	109.4	1.1	111.0	-2.6
Education and communication (4).....	112.9	1.8	113.6	1.3	116.3	2.5	110.8	1.0	111.1	0.3	114.4	2.2
Other goods and services .....	306.3	2.1	331.5	2.3	321.2	-1.7	314.4	2.1	353.1	2.5	347.9	-1.3
Energy .....	154.3	6.7	152.2	7.2	151.4	8.3	154.2	6.9	151.7	7.4	151.1	8.8

(1)For Northeast, December 1977=100.

(2)This index series was calculated using a Laspeyres estimator.

All other item stratum index series converted to a geometric means estimator in January, 1999.

(3)Index is on a December 1982=100 base.

(4)Index is on a December 1997=100 base.

## Area Definitions

**Northeast** - Connecticut, Maine, Massachusetts, New Hampshire

New Jersey, New York, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, and Vermont

**Boston-Brockton-Nashua** - PMSAs of Boston, Brockton,

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New Bedford, Portsmouth-Rochester, Worcester

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