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### New England Consumer Price Index Card

**Consumer Price Indexes for All Urban Consumers (CPI-U), U.S. city averages and selected areas, not seasonally adjusted (1982-84=100 unless otherwise noted)**

Item	<a href="#">U.S. City Average</a>		<a href="#">Northeast region</a>		<a href="#">Boston-Brockton-Nashua</a>	
	Dec 2014	Percent change from Dec 2013	Dec 2014	Percent change from Dec 2013	Dec 2014	Percent change from Dec 2013
All Items	234.812	0.8	250.519	0.4		
All Items (1967 = 100) <a href="#">(1)</a>	703.393		394.492			
Food and Beverages	245.585	3.3	250.444	3.0		
Food	245.976	3.4	250.516	3.1		
Food at home	242.457	3.7	248.691	3.5	245.234	3.1
Food away from home	252.628	3.0	256.346	2.6		
Alcoholic beverages	238.856	1.3	248.323	1.2		
Housing	234.658	2.5	261.939	1.5		
Shelter	273.598	2.9	319.376	2.2	295.915	3.3
Rent of primary residence <a href="#">(2)</a>	280.874	3.4	320.606	2.6	306.443	2.6
Owners' equivalent rent of residences <a href="#">(2)</a> <a href="#">(3)</a>	281.288	2.6	331.392	2.0	316.549	3.6
Owners' equivalent rent of primary residence <a href="#">(2)</a> <a href="#">(3)</a>	281.261	2.6	331.222	1.9	316.549	3.6
Fuels and utilities	231.150	3.0	219.675	-1.2		
Household energy	197.092	2.5	197.158	-2.0	236.971	7.8
Energy services <a href="#">(2)</a> <a href="#">(4)</a>	199.592	3.7	191.825	1.6	240.057	17.0
Electricity <a href="#">(2)</a>	204.275	3.1	196.345	2.8	250.453	21.4

Item	U.S. City Average		Northeast region		Boston-Brockton-Nashua	
	Dec 2014	Percent change from Dec 2013	Dec 2014	Percent change from Dec 2013	Dec 2014	Percent change from Dec 2013
Utility (piped) gas service (2)	182.908	5.8	170.300	-1.4	214.284	8.6
Household furnishings and operations	122.237	-0.9	123.004	-1.4		
Apparel	123.942	-2.0	126.185	-0.3		
Transportation	199.777	-6.2	203.360	-6.0		
Private transportation	194.641	-6.4	195.468	-6.2		
Motor fuel	225.165	-20.8	233.855	-19.7	235.814	-19.9
Gasoline	223.404	-21.0	232.565	-19.7	232.966	-20.0
Medical Care	439.720	3.0	460.596	3.1		
Recreation (5)	114.875	0.0	119.093	-0.6		
Education and Communication (5)	137.410	0.4	137.850	0.0		
Other Goods and Services	410.642	1.6	445.391	2.6		
Energy	209.785	-10.6	212.652	-10.9	234.771	-6.4

Footnotes

(1) For the 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) This index series was formerly titled Gas (piped) and electricity.

(5) Indexes are on a December 1997=100 base.

Northeast region includes the states of Connecticut, Maine, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New York, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, and Vermont.

Boston-Brockton-Nashua includes the PMSAs of Boston, Brockton, Fitchburg-Leominster, Lawrence, Lowell, Manchester, Nashua, New Bedford, Portsmouth-Rochester, and Worcester.

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**Consumer Price Indexes for Urban Wage Earners and Clerical Workers (CPI-W), U.S. city averages and selected areas, not seasonally adjusted (1982-84=100 unless otherwise noted)**

Item	U.S. City Average		Northeast region		Boston-Brockton-Nashua	
	Dec 2014	Percent change from Dec 2013	Dec 2014	Percent change from Dec 2013	Dec 2014	Percent change from Dec 2013
All Items	229.909	0.3	247.631	0.0		
All Items (1967 = 100) (1)	684.828		386.786			
Food and Beverages	245.124	3.4	249.281	3.0		

Item	U.S. City Average		Northeast region		Boston-Brockton-Nashua	
	Dec 2014	Percent change from Dec 2013	Dec 2014	Percent change from Dec 2013	Dec 2014	Percent change from Dec 2013
<b>Food</b>	245.277	3.5	249.268	3.1		
<b>Food at home</b>	241.683	3.8	247.143	3.6	239.049	2.8
<b>Food away from home</b>	252.709	3.0	256.138	2.3		
<b>Alcoholic beverages</b>	241.499	1.2	247.652	1.3		
<b>Housing</b>	231.419	2.6	259.910	1.4		
<b>Shelter</b>	267.261	2.9	315.821	2.1	300.686	3.2
<b>Rent of primary residence (2)</b>	278.363	3.3	315.960	2.5	306.443	2.6
<b>Owners' equivalent rent of residences (2) (3)</b>	254.402	2.5	291.848	1.9	278.192	3.6
<b>Owners' equivalent rent of primary residence (2) (3)</b>	254.395	2.5	291.849	1.9	278.192	3.6
<b>Fuels and utilities</b>	229.818	3.3	219.499	-0.7		
<b>Household energy</b>	195.457	2.9	196.590	-1.3	234.429	10.6
<b>Energy services (2) (4)</b>	198.850	3.9	192.219	1.6	239.928	16.6
<b>Electricity (2)</b>	202.296	3.4	196.690	2.9	250.454	21.4
<b>Utility (piped) gas service (2)</b>	183.348	5.8	170.858	-1.8	214.289	8.6
<b>Household furnishings and operations</b>	117.760	-1.4	116.202	-1.8		
<b>Apparel</b>	123.453	-1.9	125.970	-0.4		
<b>Transportation</b>	198.296	-7.0	204.480	-6.3		
<b>Private transportation</b>	194.522	-7.2	198.023	-6.6		
<b>Motor fuel</b>	225.866	-20.9	234.487	-19.5	235.793	-20.0
<b>Gasoline</b>	224.107	-21.0	233.101	-19.6	232.969	-20.0
<b>Medical Care</b>	442.519	2.9	458.177	3.1		
<b>Recreation (5)</b>	110.966	-0.3	119.631	-1.3		
<b>Education and Communication (5)</b>	129.062	-0.3	128.493	-1.0		
<b>Other Goods and Services</b>	444.238	1.8	507.619	2.9		
<b>Energy</b>	209.415	-11.3	212.759	-11.2	230.841	-6.0

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