

**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 2015	Percent change from Dec 2014	Dec 2015	Percent change from Dec 2014	Dec 2015	Percent change from Dec 2014
All Items	230.791	0.4	247.902	0.1		
All Items (1967 = 100) (1)	687.456		387.209			
Food and Beverages	246.807	0.7	250.798	0.6		
Food	246.953	0.7	250.828	0.6		
Food at home	240.433	-0.5	246.131	-0.4	239.359	0.1
Food away from home	259.283	2.6	262.436	2.5		
Alcoholic beverages	243.298	0.7	248.398	0.3		
Housing	235.946	2.0	263.064	1.2		
Shelter	275.852	3.2	324.497	2.7	310.707	3.3
Rent of primary residence (2)	288.460	3.6	325.736	3.1	315.863	3.1
Owners' equivalent rent of residences (2) (3)	262.178	3.1	299.580	2.6	288.617	3.7
Owners' equivalent rent of primary residence (2) (3)	262.163	3.1	299.600	2.7	288.617	3.7
Fuels and utilities	222.445	-3.2	204.781	-6.7		
Household energy	185.214	-5.2	180.392	-8.2	205.977	-12.1
Energy services (2) (4)	190.190	-4.4	181.844	-5.4	217.280	-9.4
Electricity (2)	199.413	-1.4	193.237	-1.8	238.966	-4.6
Utility (piped) gas service (2)	155.577	-15.1	145.099	-15.1	174.450	-18.6
Household furnishings and operations	117.120	-0.5	115.610	-0.5		
Apparel	122.267	-1.0	127.538	1.2		
Transportation	189.302	-4.5	193.723	-5.3		
Private transportation	185.273	-4.8	186.714	-5.7		
Motor fuel	181.068	-19.8	181.150	-22.7	179.751	-23.8
Gasoline	180.216	-19.6	180.401	-22.6	177.605	-23.8
Medical Care	454.393	2.7	469.540	2.5		
Recreation (5)	111.379	0.4	120.474	0.7		
Education and Communication (5)	130.334	1.0	130.411	1.5		
Other Goods and Services	453.816	2.2	519.863	2.4		
Energy	182.168	-13.0	180.004	-15.4	190.423	-17.5

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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