



# Boston Information Office CPI Announcement

## August 2004

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 |      |
|   | Change                             | Change | Change    | Change | Change | Change | Change   | Change | Change    | Change | Change |      |
|   | from                               | from   | from      | from   | from   | from   | from   | from   | from      | from   | from   |      |
|   | August                             | August | August    | August | August | August | August   | August | August    | August | August |      |
|   | Index                              | 2003   | Index     | 2003   | Index  | 2003   | Index  | 2003   | Index     | 2003   | Index  | 2003 |
| <b>Expenditure category</b>                               |                                    |        |           |        |        |        |  |        |           |        |        |      |
| All items .....   | 189.5                              | 2.7    | 201.0     | 3.4    | -      | -      | 185.0  | 2.6    | 197.2     | 3.4    | -      | -    |
| All items (1967=100) (1) .....                            | 567.6                              | -      | 316.5     | -      | -      | -      | 551.0  | -      | 308.1     | -      | -      | -    |
| Food and beverages .....                                  | 187.3                              | 3.5    | 189.4     | 3.7    | -      | -      | 186.9  | 3.7    | 189.0     | 4.0    | -      | -    |
| Food .....  | 186.8                              | 3.5    | 188.6     | 3.7    | -      | -      | 186.4  | 3.7    | 188.4     | 4.0    | -      | -    |
| Food at home .....  | 186.7                              | 3.9    | 189.0     | 4.5    | 187.4  | 2.0    | 186.1  | 4.1    | 188.7     | 4.8    | 185.3  | 2.1  |
| Food away from home .....                                 | 188.4                              | 3.2    | 190.8     | 2.7    | -      | -      | 188.2  | 3.2    | 190.7     | 2.7    | -      | -    |
| Alcoholic beverages .....                                 | 192.5                              | 2.9    | 197.8     | 3.3    | -      | -      | 192.8  | 3.2    | 196.0     | 3.8    | -      | -    |
| Housing .....   | 191.2                              | 2.7    | 211.4     | 4.2    | -      | -      | 186.6  | 2.8    | 206.9     | 4.2    | -      | -    |
| Shelter .....   | 220.3                              | 2.8    | 254.3     | 4.3    | 259.4  | 3.1    | 213.4  | 2.7    | 248.4     | 4.3    | 260.1  | 2.6  |
| Rent of primary residence (2).....                        | 211.9                              | 2.8    | 235.5     | 4.2    | 255.1  | 3.4    | 211.0  | 2.8    | 234.1     | 4.2    | 255.1  | 3.4  |
| Owners' equivalent rent of primary residence (2) (3)..... | 225.7                              | 2.5    | 262.8     | 4.1    | 273.0  | 3.0    | 204.7  | 2.4    | 230.9     | 4.1    | 239.9  | 3.0  |
| Fuels and utilities .....                                 | 167.7                              | 5.3    | 159.3     | 7.3    | -      | -      | 167.2  | 5.4    | 158.7     | 7.4    | -      | -    |
| Fuels .....   | 150.5                              | 5.2    | 147.9     | 7.5    | 141.0  | 8.7    | 149.3  | 5.2    | 147.1     | 7.6    | 140.2  | 9.6  |
| Gas (piped) and electricity (2).....                      | 157.6                              | 4.4    | 160.2     | 4.6    | 157.6  | 4.2    | 156.8  | 4.5    | 160.0     | 5.1    | 160.2  | 6.1  |
| Electricity (2).....                                      | 150.9                              | 2.2    | 148.2     | 2.1    | 149.5  | 0.3    | 150.0  | 2.2    | 147.7     | 2.1    | 149.5  | 0.3  |
| Utility (piped) gas service (2).....                      | 182.6                              | 9.4    | 184.1     | 8.7    | 169.6  | 11.4   | 182.9  | 9.8    | 184.1     | 9.2    | 169.6  | 11.4 |
| Household furnishings and operations ..                   | 124.8                              | -0.6   | 127.1     | 0.1    | -      | -      | 120.4  | -0.8   | 120.8     | -0.6   | -      | -    |
| Apparel .....   | 116.5                              | -0.6   | 117.6     | -1.3   | -      | -      | 115.9  | -0.2   | 114.9     | -1.7   | -      | -    |
| Transportation .....                                      | 162.9                              | 2.9    | 163.8     | 3.8    | -      | -      | 161.4  | 2.7    | 165.0     | 4.0    | -      | -    |
| Private transportation .....                              | 159.1                              | 3.2    | 158.4     | 4.4    | -      | -      | 158.6  | 2.9    | 160.7     | 4.4    | -      | -    |
| Motor fuel .....  | 162.0                              | 16.5   | 160.5     | 22.8   | 164.4  | 20.9   | 162.4  | 16.5   | 160.4     | 22.8   | 164.4  | 20.9 |
| Gasoline (all types) .....                                | 161.2                              | 16.5   | 159.7     | 22.8   | 162.2  | 20.9   | 161.7  | 16.5   | 159.7     | 22.8   | 162.2  | 20.9 |
| Medical care .....  | 311.6                              | 4.4    | 331.5     | 4.6    | -      | -      | 311.0  | 4.6    | 327.9     | 4.9    | -      | -    |
| Recreation (4).....                                       | 108.5                              | 0.7    | 110.8     | 0.7    | -      | -      | 106.1  | 0.4    | 109.5     | 0.7    | -      | -    |
| Education and communication (4).....                      | 111.7                              | 1.5    | 112.3     | 1.4    | -      | -      | 109.9  | 0.7    | 110.0     | 0.4    | -      | -    |
| Other goods and services .....                            | 305.5                              | 2.0    | 330.0     | 2.4    | -      | -      | 313.5  | 1.8    | 351.2     | 2.3    | -      | -    |
| Energy .....  | 155.3                              | 10.5   | 153.6     | 13.7   | 151.2  | 13.9   | 155.1  | 10.8   | 153.1     | 14.3   | 151.0  | 14.8 |

(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,  
Fitchburg-Leominster, Lawrence, Lowell, Manchester, Nashua,  
New Bedford, Portsmouth-Rochester, Worcester

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