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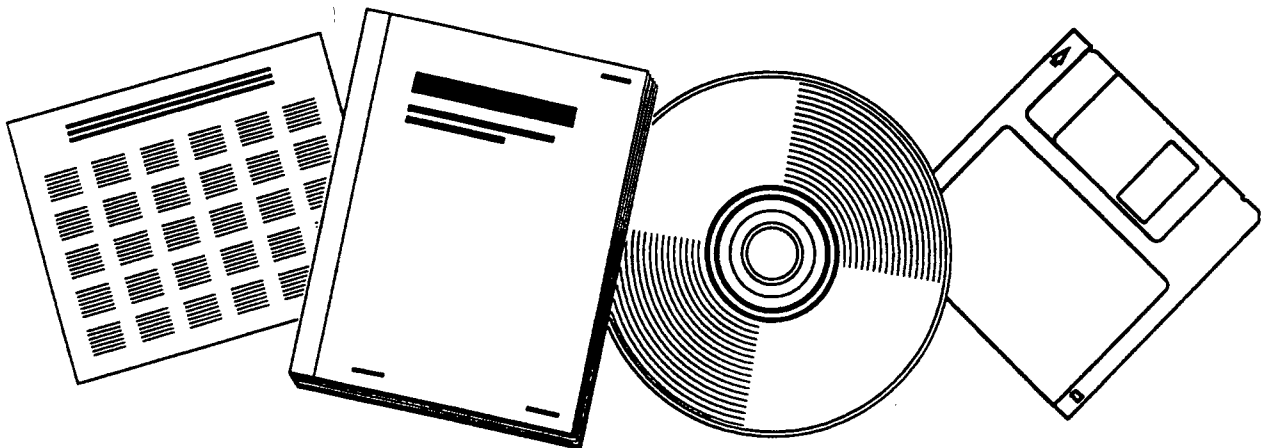
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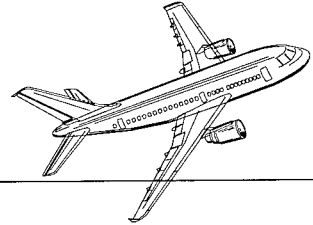
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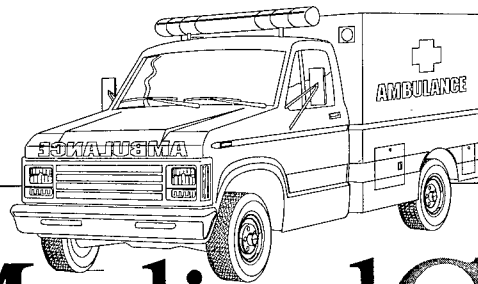


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October	November 18		

# Price Movements August 1997

The Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers (CPI-U) rose 0.2 percent before seasonal adjustment in August, to a level of 160.8 (1982-84=100). For the 12-month period ended in August, the CPI-U increased 2.2 percent.

The Consumer Price Index for Urban Wage Earners and Clerical Workers (CPI-W) also rose 0.2 percent in August, prior to seasonal adjustment. The August 1997 CPI-W level of 157.8 was 2.1 percent higher than the index in August 1996.

## CPI for All Urban Consumers (CPI-U)

On a seasonally adjusted basis, the CPI-U rose 0.2 percent in August, the same as in July. The food index increased 0.4 percent in August. Grocery store food prices, which rose 0.3 percent in July, increased 0.6 percent in August, reflecting a larger increase in prices for fresh fruits and vegetables. The energy index, which had exerted a moderating effect on the CPI-U throughout most of 1997, increased 1.7 percent in August. The index for petroleum-based energy rose 4.3 percent, while the index for energy services fell 0.8 percent. Excluding food and energy, the CPI-U rose 0.1 percent, following an increase of 0.2 percent in July. The smaller advance in August reflects declines in the indexes for apparel and upkeep and for airline fares.

For the first eight months of 1997, the CPI-U advanced at a 1.6 percent seasonally adjusted annual rate (SAAR). This compares with an increase of 3.3 percent in all of 1996. The energy and food components have been largely responsible for the moderation thus far in 1997. The energy index has declined at a 4.6 percent SAAR, while food prices have risen at a 1.8 percent annual rate. Excluding food and energy, the CPI-U has risen at a 2.2 percent SAAR in the first eight months of 1997, following a 2.6 percent increase in all of 1996.

The food and beverage index rose 0.4 percent in August. The index for grocery store food prices, which rose 0.3 percent in July, increased 0.6 percent in August. The index for fresh fruits and vegetables rose 4.0 percent in August, following an increase of 0.9 percent in July. The index for processed fruits and vegetables rose 0.3 percent in August. Advances in the indexes for dairy products and for cereal and bakery products also contributed to the larger increase in August. The 0.1 percent rise in the index for dairy products followed a 0.6 percent decrease in July and was the first advance in this component since October 1996. During this nine-month period, dairy product prices fell 4.0 percent. The index for cereal and bakery products, which rose 0.1 percent in July, increased 0.2 percent in August.

Table A. Percent changes in CPI for All Urban Consumers (CPI-U)

Expenditure category	Seasonally adjusted							Compound annual rate, 3 months ended August 1997	Unadjusted 12 months ended August 1997
	Changes from preceding month								
	1997								
	February	March	April	May	June	July	August		
All Items .....	0.3	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.2	0.2	2.0	2.2
Food and beverages .....	.3	0	-.2	.4	.2	.3	.4	3.9	2.5
Housing .....	.3	0	.2	.1	.3	.2	.1	2.1	2.3
Apparel and upkeep .....	.2	-.3	-.9	.1	-.2	.2	-1.0	-4.1	1.5
Transportation .....	-.1	.1	-.4	-.8	-.3	.1	.6	1.7	.7
Medical care .....	.2	.4	.3	.3	.2	0	.2	1.7	2.6
Entertainment .....	.2	.2	.1	.2	.5	.1	.2	3.2	2.4
Other goods and services .....	.5	.5	.8	.2	.2	.3	.6	4.3	4.3
Special Indexes:									
Energy .....	.3	-1.7	-1.5	-2.4	0	-.1	1.7	6.4	.8
Food .....	.3	0	-.2	.4	.2	.3	.4	3.9	2.5
All items less food and energy .....	.2	.2	.3	.2	.1	.2	.1	1.4	2.3

Acceleration in these grocery store food groups was partially offset by the deceleration in the indexes for meats, poultry, fish, and eggs and for other food at home, both of which rose 0.1 percent in August. Within the former group, poultry prices fell 1.5 percent, and the indexes for beef and for pork were virtually unchanged. The moderation in the index for other food at home reflects a decline in prices for sugar and sweets and a notably smaller increase in coffee prices, which rose 0.6 percent in August following increases totaling 23.5 percent in the preceding five months. The other two components of the food and beverage index—restaurant meals and alcoholic beverages—increased 0.2 and 0.3 percent, respectively.

The housing component rose 0.1 percent in August after increasing 0.2 percent in July. Shelter costs rose 0.2 percent. Within shelter, renters' costs increased 0.2 percent; homeowners' costs, 0.3 percent; and maintenance and repair costs, 0.1 percent. The index for fuel and other utilities, which rose 0.2 percent in July, declined 0.5 percent in August. The index for household fuels declined 0.8 percent, reflecting price decreases for fuel oil, natural gas, and electricity. A 0.2 percent decline in the index for other utilities and public services was attributable to a decline in the index for telephone services; charges for interstate toll calls fell 5.0 percent in August. The index for household furnishings and operation, which declined 0.2 percent in July, fell 0.3 percent in August.

The transportation component, which rose 0.1 percent in July, increased 0.6 percent in August. A sharp upturn in gasoline prices more than offset declines in the costs of public transportation and of new vehicle purchase. The index for gasoline, which had declined in each of the preceding five months, rose 5.4 percent in August. New vehicle purchase

costs declined in August; the index for new vehicle prices decreased 0.1 percent and automobile finance charges dropped 1.0 percent. (Prior to seasonal adjustment, new vehicle prices declined 0.5 percent.) The index for used cars declined 0.8 percent. Public transportation costs turned downward in August. The index for airline fares, which rose 2.3 percent in July, declined 4.7 percent in August.

The index for apparel and upkeep declined 1.0 percent in August, reflecting the somewhat slower introduction of higher-priced fall-winter wear this August than in recent years. (Prior to seasonal adjustment, apparel commodity prices fell 0.2 percent, reflecting seasonal price declines for spring-summer wear.)

Medical care costs rose 0.2 percent in August to a level 2.6 percent above a year ago. The index for medical care commodities—prescription drugs, nonprescription drugs, and medical supplies—decreased 0.1 percent. The index for medical care services rose 0.3 percent. Charges for professional services and for hospital and related services increased 0.3 and 0.2 percent, respectively.

Entertainment costs, which increased 0.1 percent in July, rose 0.2 percent in August. Increases in the indexes for reading materials and for admissions to movies, theaters, concerts, and sporting events—up 0.9 and 1.3 percent, respectively—more than offset declines in the indexes for club memberships and for fees for participant sports.

The index for other goods and services rose 0.6 percent in August, following an increase of 0.3 percent in July. Advances of 0.7 percent each in the indexes for tuition and other school fees, for school books and supplies, and for tobacco and smoking products, coupled with a 1.6 percent rise in legal fees, accounted for the August rise.

**Table B. Percent changes in CPI for Urban Wage Earners and Clerical Workers (CPI-W)**

Expenditure category	Seasonally adjusted							Compound annual rate, 3 months ended August 1997	Unadjusted 12 months ended August 1997
	Changes from preceding month								
	1997								
	February	March	April	May	June	July	August		
All Items .....	0.2	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.2	0.2	2.0	2.1
Food and beverages .....	.2	.1	-.2	.4	.2	.3	.4	3.6	2.5
Housing .....	.2	.1	.1	.1	.3	.2	0	1.8	2.3
Apparel and upkeep .....	.4	-.3	1.0	.2	-.3	.2	-1.0	-4.1	1.5
Transportation .....	0	-.1	-.6	-1.0	-.4	.1	.7	1.7	.5
Medical care .....	.2	.3	.3	.3	.2	.1	.2	1.7	2.7
Entertainment .....	.1	.1	.1	.1	.5	.1	.4	4.1	2.3
Other goods and services .....	.4	.5	1.0	.1	.0	.3	.5	2.9	4.3
Special Indexes:									
Energy .....	.3	-1.8	-1.9	-2.4	.0	-.2	2.0	7.6	1.0
Food .....	.3	.1	-.2	.3	.3	.3	.3	3.6	2.4
All items less food and energy .....	.2	.2	.3	.2	.1	.2	0	1.0	2.2



### CPI for Urban Wage Earners and Clerical Workers (CPI-W)

On a seasonally adjusted basis, the CPI for Urban Wage Earners and Clerical Workers rose 0.2 percent in August.

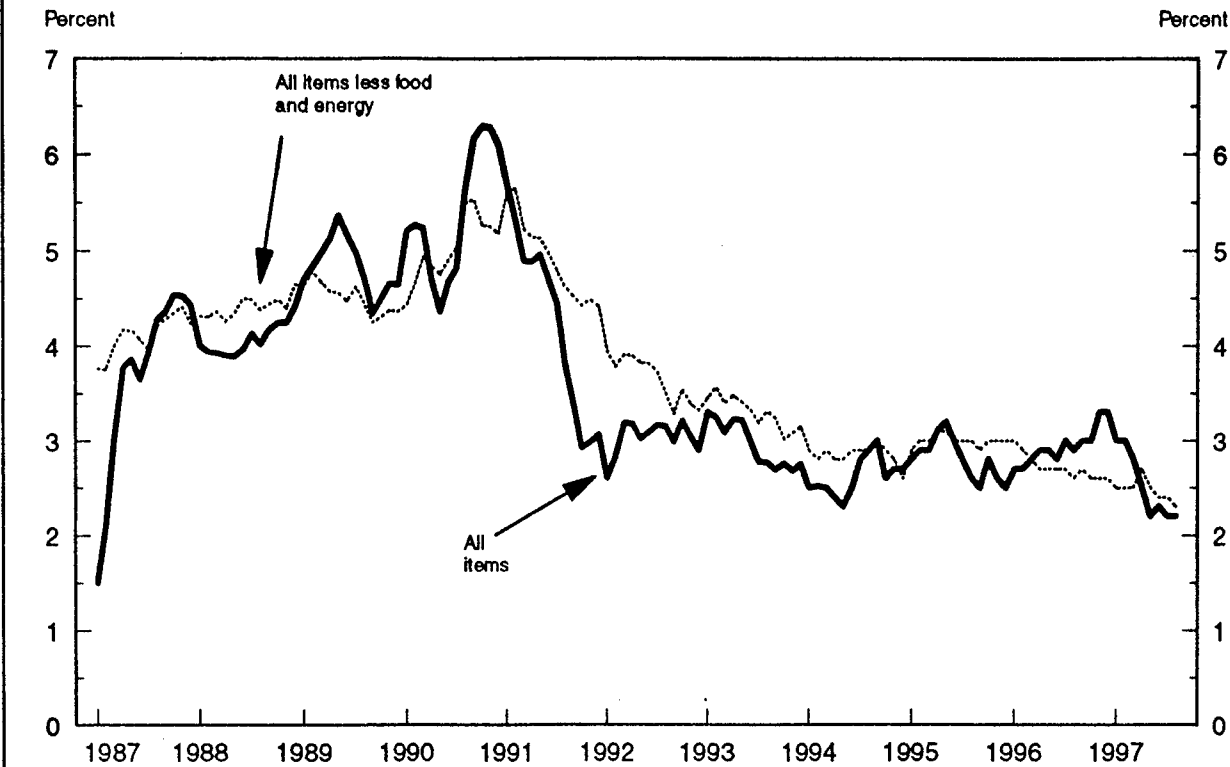
After seasonal adjustment, the level of the CPI-U for All Items was 160.9 in August; the seasonally adjusted CPI-W for All Items was 157.8.

Beginning with January 1997 data, BLS began reporting

the level of the seasonally adjusted U.S. City Average All Items CPI-U and CPI-W. Effective with the release of January 1998 data in February 1998, the seasonally adjusted All Items indexes will be fully integrated into the monthly reports.

Like other seasonally adjusted CPI data, the All Items index levels are subject to revision for up to 5 years after their original release. For this reason, BLS advises against the use of these data in escalation agreements.

### CPI-U 12-month changes, 1987 to present



## Upcoming CPI Revision User Briefings

The 1998 CPI Revision will result in several improvements to the index, effective with the release of data for January 1998. A new set of expenditure weights, using 1993-95 Consumer Expenditure Survey data, will replace the 1982-84 weights now used. The CPI will also employ a new geographic sample, a new item structure, and a new variance-based publication system. The Web site at <http://stats.bls.gov/cpihome.htm> includes articles on the 1998 CPI Revision from the Decem-

ber 1996 *Monthly Labor Review*. For more information on this CPI revision, BLS is offering free user conferences around the country to brief groups or individuals. The Bureau will post dates for these meetings on the CPI Web site. Information on the 1998 CPI Revision is also available by calling (202) 606-7000 or any of the regional office telephone numbers listed inside the back cover of this report.

# Using a Hedonic Model in the Consumer Price Index to Adjust Personal Computer Prices for Changes in Quality

Effective with the release of data for January 1998, the Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS) will introduce an improved quality adjustment technique in the new stratum of the Consumer Price Index (CPI) called personal computers and peripheral equipment.

Currently, personal computers are part of the information processing equipment stratum, which had a relative importance in December 1996 of 0.074 percent in the Consumer Price Index for all Urban Consumers (CPI-U) and 0.057 percent in the Consumer Price Index for Urban Wage Earners and Clerical Workers (CPI-W). As previously announced, beginning with the CPI for January 1998, information processing equipment will become an expenditure class called "information and information processing other than telephone services." Personal computers and peripheral equipment will be one of four strata in that expenditure class. At that time, due to the incorporation of more recent consumer expenditure weights in the CPI, the sample size and relative importance of personal computers will increase.

Analysts in the Producer Price Index (PPI) program have developed and implemented a regression procedure, called a hedonic model, that decomposes the price of personal computers into implicit prices for each important feature and compo-

nent of the computer.<sup>1</sup> This model provides a way to estimate the value of changes or improvements. Results from the model have been used in the PPI (since 1991) as well as in the Bureau's International Price Program (since 1993). The resulting indexes have been used in the National Income and Product Accounts produced by the Bureau of Economic Analysis, U.S. Department of Commerce. The CPI has used similar hedonic methods to adjust apparel prices for many years. An important distinction is that the PPI model uses data from secondary sources, rather than from internal pricing samples.

Starting with the CPI for January 1998, when a personal computer or selected item of peripheral equipment, such as a modem, in the CPI sample improves in some way, a regression-based quality adjustment will be made. The value of the improvement, as derived from the PPI regression estimates, will be deducted from the observed price change for the product. Conversely, if a specific model deteriorates in value in some way, the difference in value will be added to the price.

For additional information on these changes, telephone Joseph Chelena at (202) 606-6982, ext. 255 or write to:

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<sup>1</sup>The PPI analysts have not published results of their recent research in this area. The research builds on earlier work on an experimental PPI computer index; this index is described in James Sinclair and Brian Catron, "New Price Index for the Computer Industry," *Monthly Labor Review*, Vol. 113, No. 10, October 1990, pp. 16-24.

## Reprints of the December 1996 *Monthly Labor Review*

Over the past several months, articles on the 1998 revision of the Consumer Price Index, which were first published in the December 1996 issue of the *Monthly Labor Review*, have been reprinted in the *CPI Detailed Report* in the months indicated:

<i>Month reprinted</i>	<i>Article title</i>
February	“Overview of the 1998 Revision of the Consumer Price Index”
March	“The Redesign of the CPI Geographic Sample”
April	“Changing the Item Structure of the Consumer Price Index”
May	“Revision of the CPI Housing Sample and Estimators”
June	“Revision of the CPI Hospital Services Component”
July	“New Methodology for Selecting CPI Outlet Samples”
<b>August</b>	<b>“Publication Strategy for the 1998 Revised Consumer Price Index”</b>

## Publication strategy for the 1998 revised Consumer Price Index

*In a new plan for the Consumer Price Index, the index will have a new set of items, to be published at the national and local levels*

Steven Grandits

**B**eginning in 1998, the Bureau of Labor Statistics will introduce a new geographic area sample, a revised item structure, and updated expenditure weights into the Consumer Price Index (CPI). Approximately every 10 years, the CPI is revised in this manner in order to keep the index up to date. Since World War II, the CPI has been revised in 1953, 1964, 1978, and 1987.

A new geographic sample is selected in order to account for shifts in population and to ensure that the sample is representative of current demographics. The CPI *item structure*, the term for the categories of products and services that are priced and for the scheme used to aggregate them into broader groups, is revised to account for changes in consumer buying habits and to accommodate new or changing products in the marketplace. The expenditure weights are replaced with information from a more current consumer survey to properly reflect changes in the purchasing patterns of the populations represented.

Taken together, these changes require the development of a new publication strategy for the CPI. This strategy encompasses not only the presentation of the changes, but also the methods used in determining the exact number and form of the indexes being published and methods for easing the transition from the old publication structure to the new one.

The 1998 CPI revision contains substantial changes in both the items being presented and the frequency of publication of local area indexes. In addition, the CPI is, for the first time, using measures of variability to help determine

what should and should not be published. Also for the first time, the Bureau is preparing and publishing some new indexes a year ahead of their actual introduction in 1998, in order to help ease the transition for users in cases where there has been a substantial change in the composition of some local area indexes.

### U.S. item structure

Effective in 1998, there will be considerable changes to both the items being priced and the manner in which they are being aggregated in the CPI. The most notable change in presentation is a reconstruction of several major groups, together with a resulting change from the currently available seven major groups to a new total of eight. (A detailed description of the revised item structure is provided in "Changing the item structure of the Consumer Price Index," this issue, pages 18–25.)

Currently the major groups are food and beverages, housing, apparel and upkeep, transportation, medical care, entertainment, and other goods and services. Three of these groups—food and beverages, transportation, and medical care—will remain the same. The apparel group was modified to exclude apparel upkeep products and services. The entertainment group has been slightly redefined and renamed "recreation," and a new major group, education and communication, has been formed from former subelements of the housing, entertainment, and other-goods-and-services groups. The addition of the latter group reflects the increasing importance

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of information and information-processing equipment, as well as a host of other consumer communication products and services that have grown so remarkably in the last 10 years. The linking of education with communication into a new major group makes a coherent arrangement, as communication and information-processing products and services become inextricably intertwined with the educational process, ultimately reflecting the growing importance of the role of education in our society.

Other important changes in the CPI item structure at lower levels are an expansion of the food-away-from-home index, which reflects the growing habit of eating out in the United States; a reorientation of the car and truck indexes to a vehicle index, which reflects the increase in the use of trucks for personal transport, as well as the growing difficulty in defining the difference between the two means of transportation; and an expansion of the information-processing equipment index.

Appendix 3, pages 78–81, gives a complete listing of the new CPI publication structure. This national-level index structure is composed of the complete CPI item structure and several additional substratum-level indexes that are included in order to maintain continuity for certain important users. These substratum indexes appear in italics in the appendices. The set of published index series for regional and national city-size class data is presented in Appendix 3a, page 82; the set of published index series for city and regional city-size class data is presented in Appendix 3b, page 83.

### **Publication plan for geographic areas**

In each revision, the CPI geographic sample is selected to be representative of the current demographics of the United States. The current revision utilizes the 1990 Census of Population. CPI statisticians and economists develop an updated area sample design, decide on new local area indexes, and change the frequency of publication for local area indexes in order to better reflect the new demographics. These changes allow the Bureau to optimize the allocation of samples based upon a new area design and to incorporate the revised definitions for metropolitan statistical areas.<sup>1</sup>

The selection of a new sample of urban areas is one of the first steps in the periodic revision of the CPI. The new area sample selected by the Bureau is based on revised definitions for the Nation's metropolitan areas that the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) announced on December 31, 1992. All agencies that conduct statistical activities to collect and publish data for metropolitan areas have been directed to use the most recent definitions established by OMB. (A discussion of the geographic sample used for the CPI revision is found in "The redesign of the CPI geographic sample," this issue, pages 10–17.)

In addition to the national index, the Bureau currently publishes indexes for 29 cities (metropolitan areas). In 1998, it will continue to publish indexes for all but two of these cities: Buffalo-Niagara Falls, New York; and New Orleans, Louisiana. Also, because of the revised OMB definitions pertaining to metropolitan areas, two other cities—Washington, DC, and Baltimore, Maryland—for which the Bureau currently publishes separate indexes will constitute a new consolidated metropolitan statistical area for which a single index will be published.

The new publication plan for local area indexes, to begin with the index for January 1998, is as follows:

- Monthly indexes will be published for the three largest cities. Because of sample design considerations, indexes for the Philadelphia and San Francisco areas, both currently published monthly, will be published every other month following the release of the December 1997 index.
- Bimonthly indexes will be published for the next 11 largest cities, including Atlanta and Seattle, which currently have semiannual average indexes.
- Semiannual average indexes will be published for 12 additional cities, including Pittsburgh and St. Louis, which currently have bimonthly indexes.
- The Bureau will continue to publish separate indexes for the four major regions of the United States defined by the Census Bureau. However, beginning in 1998, there will be only two size classes for metropolitan areas, instead of the current three: size A, consisting of areas with a population greater than 1.5 million; and size B/C, comprising areas with less than 1.5 million. This cutoff point of 1.5 million reflects a rise from the current cutoff of 1.2 million and is important because cities in size class A are those for which the Bureau publishes city-level indexes. The B/C size class is a combination of the old size B and size C metropolitan areas. In addition to the two metropolitan area size indexes for each region, separate size D indexes for urban nonmetropolitan areas will continue to be published for both the Midwest and the South. Separate indexes for Northeast and West urban nonmetropolitan areas were discontinued in 1987.

Exhibit 1 lists all the areas for which indexes will be published, beginning in January 1998.

### **Variance-based publication policy**

The Bureau always has endeavored to present high-quality data. In 1991, the CPI program developed a Variance Calculation System to measure the variability of most of its major indexes by calculating a coefficient of variation<sup>2</sup> for each index. The 1998 revision allowed the program for the first time

**Exhibit 1. Metropolitan Areas for which revised CPI indexes will be published beginning January 1998**

**1. Local index published monthly:**

New York-Northern New Jersey-Long Island, NY-NJ-CT-PA  
 Chicago-Gary-Kenosha, IL-IN-WI  
 Los Angeles-Riverside-Orange County, CA

**2. Local index published bimonthly:**

In odd months (January, March, May, July, September, November)

Boston-Brockton-Nashua, MA-NH-ME-CT  
 Washington-Baltimore, DC-MD-VA-WV  
 Cleveland-Akron, OH  
 Atlanta, GA  
 Dallas-Fort Worth, TX

In even months (February, April, June, August, October, December)

Philadelphia-Wilmington-Atlantic City, PA-NJ-DE-MD  
 San Francisco-Oakland-San Jose, CA  
 Houston-Galveston-Brazoria, TX  
 Detroit-Ann Arbor-Flint, MI  
 Miami-Fort Lauderdale, FL  
 Seattle-Tacoma-Bremerton, WA

**3. Local index published semiannually (in January and July)**

Pittsburgh, PA  
 Kansas City, MO-KS  
 Minneapolis-St. Paul, MN-WI  
 Tampa-St. Petersburg-Clearwater, FL  
 Denver-Boulder-Greeley, CO  
 Portland-Salem, OR-WA  
 Cincinnati-Hamilton, OH-KY-IN  
 Milwaukee-Racine, WI  
 St. Louis, MO-IL  
 Anchorage, AK  
 Honolulu, HI  
 San Diego, CA

to take advantage of this system in determining its publication plans. The use of the information resulted in plans to provide slightly less detail at publication levels below the U.S. city average, dropping those lower level indexes whose variability calls their quality into question. (See appendices 3a (page 82) and 3b (page 83) for the publication stubs for these levels.)

Rules for acceptable variability at differing levels of publication were developed and used as an input to the overall publication decision process<sup>3</sup>. Other elements incorporated

into this decision process included the need for consistency of published detail across geographic areas, the value of the data series to our users and continuity with our current publication practices.

At the present time, variance data for the all-items index and major product groups for the United States and its four major Census Bureau regions are published annually.<sup>4</sup> Starting in 1999, the CPI program plans to expand the publication of variance data to eventually include variances for all published indexes. The purpose of this policy is to keep users informed of the reliability of published estimates and to encourage users to consider the reliability of an index series when selecting it for use. Additionally, the CPI program will begin a policy of reevaluating publication decisions every 5 years, based on an analysis of the variability of its indexes. This will be the first time the program will systematically evaluate publication decisions between major revisions.

**Transition issues**

Because the changes the CPI undergoes during each revision can have a major impact on users, special steps are taken in order to ameliorate the effects of those changes. Four steps are being taken to assist in the transition to the 1998 CPI revision: early footnoting of series that are changing or being dropped, the publication of overlap indexes, the publication of underlap indexes, and the publication of special historical series.

Beginning with the release of the January 1997 index, data series that are changing or being dropped from publication will be footnoted as such in all published BLS tables. This provides an early warning to users to reconsider their use of those indexes and gives them time to make any necessary changes.

Overlap indexes are indexes that continue to be published using old item structures and old weights for a period after the introduction of a new item structure and weighting scheme. Such indexes have been a BLS policy for major revisions since 1964. The standard time frame for overlap indexes has been to provide them for the first 6 months after the introduction of the new structure, and the standard scope has been to produce these indexes for the old U.S.-level item structure and just the all-items index for local areas. The 1998 revision will follow this approach.

Also for the 1998 revision, a new transitional step has been taken: the publication of underlap indexes. These are indexes that are produced for new publication areas using old weights and structures, with a specially developed aggregation tree for a period before the introduction of these areas. Underlap indexes will be developed to handle two specific situations arising in the 1998 revision: the combination of Washington and Baltimore into a single metropolitan area and the combination of two separate population size classes for metropoli-

tan areas into one size class. These two situations present significant changes to the publication of CPI data, and because of substantial technical difficulties in developing overlap indexes for either of them, the CPI program devised the new approach of underlap indexes to assist users during the transition.

The following list provides a summary of how each geographic-level index will be handled during the transition:

1. All regions and the national and regional A-sized and D-sized city classes will have an overlap all-items index produced from the old weights on a monthly basis from January 1998 to June 1998.

2. The new national and regional B/C-sized city index (composed of current B- and C-sized cities) will have underlap all-items indexes produced monthly starting in January 1997, with a base of December 1996 = 100.0, using old weights and a special aggregation structure. In January 1998, this index will be linked to the new structure. All-items indexes will not be published for the old B- and C-sized city classes after December 1997.

3. The three cities of New York, Los Angeles, and Chicago, for which a local index will be published monthly, will have an overlap all-items index produced from the old weights on a monthly basis from January 1998 to June 1998.

4. The two cities (Philadelphia and San Francisco) for which indexes are now published monthly, but that will drop to bimonthly publication under the new plan, will have an overlap all-items index produced from the old weights on a bimonthly basis; overlap indexes for February, April, and June 1998 will be published.

5. The Washington-Baltimore consolidated metropolitan statistical area will have an underlap all-items index, as well as selected components, produced bimonthly starting in January 1997, with a base of November 1996 = 100.0, using old weights and a special aggregation structure. In January 1998, this index will be linked to the new structure. All-items indexes will not be published for Washington and Baltimore separately after November 1997.

6. All cities continuing their current publication frequency and cycle will have an all-items index produced from the old weights on the appropriate frequency from January 1998 to June 1998.

7. For the two cities (Pittsburgh and St. Louis) changing their frequency from bimonthly to semiannual publication, an overlap semiannual all-items index will be produced in July 1998, along with all other semiannual averages.

8. For the two cities (Atlanta and Seattle) changing their frequency from semiannual to bimonthly publication, an overlap semiannual all-items index will be produced in July 1998, along with all other semiannual averages.

9. The two cities (Dallas and Miami) currently on a bimonthly publication schedule, but changing their cycle, will have a bimonthly overlap all-items index produced along with the new indexes on the new cycle from January 1998 to June 1998.

10. The entire current U.S.-level aggregates and all-item strata will have monthly overlap indexes produced along with the new item structure from January 1998 to June 1998.

The last transitional device created to aid CPI users during the 1998 revision is the special historical series for certain indexes that are new or that have changed in concept or composition. The historical series for the indexes that are new will provide the user with an additional 5 years of data for these series, going back to January 1993. The historical series for the continuous indexes that have changed in concept or composition will provide the user with 5 years of a "research" index series. This will allow the user to compare how these indexes actually performed with how they would have performed if the change in their composition had been made 5 years ago.

For the 1998 revision, 12 U.S. city average indexes were identified as requiring a special historical series; these are coded with the designation "History" in Appendix 3, pages 78-81. At the major group level, these series are housing, recreation, education and communication (all new series), and other goods and services. Below the major group level, the series are fruits and vegetables, fuels and utilities, household furnishing and operation, new and used motor vehicles (a new series), audio and video (a new series), education (a new series), communication (a new series), and information and information processing.

## Rebasing

It has been the Government's longstanding policy that index bases should be updated, or "rebased," periodically. The CPI program implements this policy by rebasing the index as part of its CPI revision. Rebasing is the act of establishing a new base for the index (that is, designating when the index equals 100) and recalculating the index numbers to reflect the new base. The current official index base for the CPI is 1982-84 = 100, which corresponds to the current expenditure weight reference period. This period will be updated to 1993-95 with the publication of the January 1998 CPI, and the official base for the CPI will be revised 1 year later, to bring the base in line with the expenditure weight reference period. □



## Footnotes

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<sup>1</sup> Metropolitan Areas are subdivided into Metropolitan Statistical Areas, Primary Metropolitan Statistical Areas, and Consolidated Metropolitan Statistical Areas. For more information, see the Statistical Policy Office of the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) Attachment to OMB Bulletin No. 93-05, *Metropolitan Areas: 1992*, Lists I-IV.

<sup>2</sup> The definition of a coefficient of variation in footnote 2 of the December 1996 issue of the *Monthly Labor Review* article entitled "Publication strategy for the 1998 revised Consumer Price Index," was incorrectly provided. It should read as follows

"The coefficient of variation of index change used to determine index

publishability was calculated as the root mean variance of index change divided by the mean index change. Mean index change and mean index change variances were computed from estimates for each month over a five year period."

<sup>3</sup> These variance-based rules were developed by a team of CPI statisticians and economists, headed by Sylvia Leaver and additionally composed of Richard Bahr and Maureen Greene. Additional work in applying these rules was performed by Ms. Leaver and Richard Kerr.

<sup>4</sup> See "Variance Estimates for Changes in the CPI," in *CPI Detailed Report Data for April 1996*.

# Planned CPI Publication Changes

Beginning in 1998, the Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS) will introduce a new geographic area sample, a revised item structure and updated expenditure weights into the Consumer Price Index (CPI). Approximately every 10 years BLS undertakes this type of revision in order to keep the index up-to-date. Since World War II, revisions of the CPI have been introduced in 1953, 1964, 1978, and 1987.

Because the changes the CPI undergoes during each revision can have a major impact on our users, special steps are taken to ameliorate the effects of these changes. Beginning with the release of the January 1997 index, data series that will change or be dropped from publication are footnoted in BLS published tables. This provides an early warning to users to reconsider their use of CPI indexes and provides time for users to make changes in index use. The 1998 CPI Revision contains substantial revisions in both the items being presented and the frequency of local area index publication.

## Changes to the item structure

Effective in 1998, there will be considerable changes to both the items being priced and the manner in which they are being aggregated in the CPI. The most notable modification in presentation is a reconstruction of several major groups with a resulting change from the currently available seven major groups to the new total of eight.

Currently the major groups are: Food and beverages, housing, apparel and upkeep, transportation, medical care, entertainment and other goods and services. Three of these groups—food and beverages, transportation, and medical care—will remain the same. The apparel group was modified to exclude apparel upkeep products and services. The entertainment group has been slightly redefined into a major group called *recreation*; and a new major group, *education and communication*, has been formed from past subelements of the housing, entertainment and other goods, and services groups.

Other important changes in the item structure at lower levels are an expansion of the food away from home index, a reorientation of the car and truck indexes to a vehicle index, and the expansion of the information processing equipment index.

For a complete listing of the new CPI publication structure, see table X.

## Changes to the geographic structure

In each revision, the CPI geographic sample is selected to be representative of the current demographics of the

United States. The current revision uses the 1990 Census of Population. The CPI develops an updated area sample design, decides on new local area indexes, and changes the frequency of publication for local area indexes to better reflect these new demographics.

In addition to the national index, BLS currently publishes indexes for 29 metropolitan areas. In 1998, the Bureau will continue to publish indexes for all but two of these areas—Buffalo-Niagara Falls, NY, and New Orleans, LA. Due to the revised metropolitan area (MA) definitions issued by the Office of Management and Budget (OMB), two other areas, Washington, DC and Baltimore, MD, which BLS currently publishes separately, constitute a new consolidated metropolitan statistical area. A single index will be published for this consolidated area.

The new publication plan for local area indexes, to begin with the index for January 1998, is summarized below:

- Monthly indexes will be published for the three largest metropolitan areas. Because of sample design considerations, indexes for the Philadelphia and San Francisco areas, both currently published monthly, will be published every other month, following the release of the December, 1997 index.
- Bimonthly indexes will be published for the next 11 largest areas, including Atlanta and Seattle, which currently have semiannual average indexes.
- Semiannual average indexes will be published for 12 additional areas, including Pittsburgh and St. Louis, which currently have bimonthly indexes.
- BLS will continue to publish separate indexes for the four census regions of the United States. However, beginning in 1998, there will only be two area size classes for metropolitan areas, (instead of the current three): size A—areas with a population greater than 1.5 million; and size B/C—areas with less than 1.5 million population. This cutoff of 1.5 million in population reflects a rise from the current cutoff of 1.2 million and is important, because cities in size class A are those for which the Bureau publishes city level indexes. The B/C size class is a combination of the old size B and size C metropolitan areas. In addition to the two metropolitan area size indexes for each region, separate size D indexes for urban non-metropolitan areas will continue to be published for both the Midwest and the South. (Separate indexes for Northeast and West urban nonmetropolitan areas were discontinued in 1987.)

The following list shows the areas for which indexes will be published beginning in January, 1998:

• **Metropolitan areas for which a local index will be published monthly:**

New York-Northern New Jersey-Long Island,  
NY-NJ-CT-PA  
Chicago-Gary-Kenosha, IL-IN-WI  
Los Angeles-Riverside-Orange County, CA

• **Metropolitan areas for which a local index will be published bimonthly:**

**In odd months (i.e., January, March, etc.)**

Boston-Brockton-Nashua, MA-NH-ME-CT  
Washington-Baltimore, DC-MD-VA-WV  
Cleveland-Akron, OH  
Atlanta, GA  
Dallas-Fort Worth, TX

**In even months (i.e., February, April, etc.)**

Philadelphia-Wilmington-Atlantic City, PA-NJ-  
DE-MD

San Francisco-Oakland-San Jose, CA  
Houston-Galveston-Brazoria, TX  
Detroit-Ann Arbor-Flint, MI  
Miami-Fort Lauderdale, FL  
Seattle-Tacoma-Bremerton, WA

• **Metropolitan areas for which a local index will be published semiannually (In January and July):**

Pittsburgh, PA  
Kansas City, MO-KS  
Minneapolis-St. Paul, MN-WI  
Tampa-St. Petersburg-Clearwater, FL  
Denver-Boulder-Greeley, CO  
Portland-Salem, OR-WA  
Cincinnati-Hamilton, OH-KY-IN  
Milwaukee-Racine, WI  
St. Louis, MO-IL  
Anchorage, AK  
Honolulu, HI  
San Diego, CA

**New tables**

Beginning with the release of the January 1997 index, a new transitional step has been taken: the publication of underlap indexes. Underlap indexes are indexes that are produced for new index areas using old weights and structures with a specially developed aggregation tree for a period before the introduction of these areas. These indexes will be developed to handle two specific situations occurring in the 1998 revision: the combination of Washington and Baltimore into a single MA and the com-

bination of two separate population size classes for MA's. These underlap indexes will be published for all of 1997; they will allow the user to prepare for the change to these new geographic indexes, which will be completed with the release of January 1998 data.

See table NS1 for the underlap Washington-Baltimore indexes and table NS2 for the underlap B/C city size class All Items indexes.

**Table 1. Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers (CPI-U): U.S. city average, by expenditure category and commodity and service group**

(1982-84=100, unless otherwise noted)

Group	Relative importance, December 1996	Unadjusted indexes		Unadjusted percent change to Aug. 1997 from—		Seasonally adjusted percent change from—		
		July 1997	Aug. 1997	Aug. 1996	July 1997	May to June	June to July	July to Aug.
<b>Expenditure category</b>								
All items .....	100.000	160.5	160.8	2.2	0.2	0.1	0.2	0.2
All items (1967=100) .....	-	480.7	481.6	-	-	-	-	-
Food and beverages .....	17.484	157.5	158.1	2.5	.4	.2	.3	.4
Food .....	15.913	157.0	157.6	2.5	.4	.2	.3	.4
Food at home .....	10.040	157.7	158.5	2.4	.5	.2	.3	.6
Cereals and bakery products .....	1.479	178.3	178.6	2.1	.2	.4	.1	.2
Meats, poultry, fish, and eggs .....	3.002	148.2	149.1	2.4	.6	.1	.5	.1
Dairy products <sup>1</sup> .....	1.245	143.3	143.4	-8	.1	-9	-6	.1
Fruits and vegetables <sup>2</sup> .....	1.974	184.6	187.3	2.9	1.5	.3	.5	2.8
Other food at home .....	2.340	148.6	148.7	3.8	.1	.7	.6	.1
Sugar and sweets .....	.331	149.2	147.8	2.2	-9	.5	.5	-8
Fats and oils .....	.246	141.4	141.4	.4	.0	-3	-3	.4
Nonalcoholic beverages .....	.724	136.3	136.7	6.4	.3	1.2	1.6	.0
Other prepared food .....	1.039	161.3	161.8	3.5	.3	.6	.1	.2
Food away from home .....	5.873	157.1	157.4	2.8	.2	.2	.3	.2
Alcoholic beverages .....	1.571	162.9	163.2	2.7	.2	.1	.3	.3
Housing <sup>2</sup> .....	41.203	157.5	157.6	2.3	.1	.3	.2	.1
Shelter .....	28.194	177.0	177.5	3.0	.3	.2	.2	.2
Renters' costs <sup>3 4</sup> .....	7.994	188.4	189.1	3.1	.4	.3	-.1	.2
Rent, residential .....	5.731	166.8	167.3	3.0	.3	.2	.2	.3
Other renters' costs <sup>4</sup> .....	2.263	232.6	233.9	3.5	.6	.5	-.7	.0
Homeowners' costs <sup>3 4</sup> .....	20.000	181.7	182.2	2.9	.3	.2	.4	.3
Owners' equivalent rent <sup>3</sup> .....	19.616	182.1	182.6	3.0	.3	.2	.4	.3
Household insurance <sup>3 4</sup> .....	.383	165.7	166.3	2.5	.4	.1	.0	.4
Maintenance and repairs <sup>1 4</sup> .....	.200	145.4	145.5	4.2	.1	.1	1.5	.1
Maintenance and repair services <sup>1 4</sup> .....	.123	153.8	154.4	5.0	.4	.1	2.5	.4
Maintenance and repair commodities <sup>1 4</sup> .....	.077	133.7	133.1	2.7	-.4	.0	-.3	-.4
Fuel and other utilities <sup>2</sup> .....	7.102	132.1	131.4	1.5	-.5	.6	.2	-.5
Fuels .....	3.878	119.6	118.6	.6	-.8	.8	.0	-.8
Fuel oil and other household fuel commodities .....	.424	94.7	93.5	1.4	-1.3	-.7	-1.9	-.7
Gas (piped) and electricity (energy services) .....	3.453	127.8	126.7	.5	-.9	1.0	.2	-.8
Other utilities and public services <sup>4</sup> .....	3.224	162.4	162.1	2.6	-.2	.4	.5	-.2
Household furnishings and operation <sup>2</sup> .....	5.908	125.6	125.2	.3	-.3	.0	-.2	-.3
Housefurnishings <sup>4</sup> .....	3.332	110.7	110.2	-1.0	-.5	-.2	-.6	-.5
Housekeeping supplies .....	1.093	144.0	142.9	1.3	-.8	.1	.7	-.6
Housekeeping services <sup>4</sup> .....	1.482	152.1	152.6	2.7	.3	.3	.2	.4
Apparel and upkeep .....	5.330	130.2	130.0	1.5	-.2	-.2	.2	-1.0
Apparel commodities <sup>4</sup> .....	4.786	126.2	125.9	1.4	-.2	-.3	.1	-1.0
Men's and boys' apparel .....	1.280	128.0	128.9	2.1	.7	-.6	.5	.1
Women's and girls' apparel .....	2.102	121.1	120.3	1.9	-.7	-.1	-.5	-2.0
Infants' and toddlers' apparel <sup>1</sup> .....	.186	131.3	127.3	1.8	-3.0	-.7	-1.2	-3.0
Footwear .....	.718	125.9	126.3	1.3	.3	-1.0	1.0	.6
Other apparel commodities <sup>4</sup> .....	.500	146.9	145.8	-2.3	-.7	.5	.4	-1.2
Apparel services <sup>1 4</sup> .....	.545	163.5	163.6	2.1	.1	.2	.2	.1
Transportation .....	17.140	143.7	143.8	.7	.1	-.3	.1	.6
Private transportation .....	15.499	140.1	140.8	.6	.5	-.3	.1	.9
New vehicles .....	4.955	143.7	143.0	.1	-.5	.0	.1	-.1
New cars .....	3.952	141.1	140.4	-.2	-.5	-.1	.1	-.1
Used cars .....	1.278	149.9	148.5	-5.2	-9	-1.8	-1.1	-.8
Motor fuel .....	3.171	103.9	107.6	1.1	3.6	-1.1	-.2	4.9
Gasoline .....	-	103.5	107.4	1.2	3.8	-.9	-.4	5.4
Maintenance and repairs .....	1.533	162.9	163.3	3.0	.2	.4	.2	.1
Other private transportation <sup>4</sup> .....	4.562	177.5	177.4	1.9	-.1	.1	.5	-.1
Other private transportation commodities <sup>4</sup> .....	.589	105.3	104.8	.0	-.5	.1	.7	-.6
Other private transportation services <sup>4</sup> .....	3.973	194.5	194.5	2.2	.0	.1	.5	.0
Public transportation .....	1.642	189.4	183.4	1.1	-3.2	-.6	.5	-1.9

See footnotes at end of table.

**Table 1. Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers (CPI-U): U.S. city average, by expenditure category and commodity and service group—Continued**

(1982-84=100, unless otherwise noted)

Group	Relative importance, December 1996	Unadjusted indexes		Unadjusted percent change to Aug. 1997 from—		Seasonally adjusted percent change from—		
		July 1997	Aug. 1997	Aug. 1996	July 1997	May to June	June to July	July to Aug.
<b>Expenditure category</b>								
Medical care .....	7.346	234.8	235.2	2.6	0.2	0.2	0.0	0.2
Medical care commodities .....	1.273	216.0	215.5	2.1	-.2	.1	-.1	-.1
Medical care services .....	6.073	239.2	239.8	2.7	.3	.2	.1	.3
Professional medical services .....	3.472	215.9	216.3	3.4	.2	.2	.1	.3
Entertainment <sup>4</sup> .....	4.352	162.6	163.0	2.4	.2	.5	.1	.2
Entertainment commodities <sup>4</sup> .....	1.957	143.8	144.6	1.0	.6	.2	-.1	.6
Entertainment services <sup>4</sup> .....	2.395	184.5	184.3	3.5	-.1	.8	.2	.1
Other goods and services <sup>2</sup> .....	7.145	223.5	225.7	4.3	1.0	.2	.3	.6
Tobacco and smoking products .....	1.601	242.0	243.4	4.3	.6	-.9	.4	.7
Personal care <sup>1</sup> .....	1.145	152.6	152.5	1.3	-.1	.1	-.1	-.1
Toilet goods and personal care appliances <sup>1</sup> .....	.588	143.7	143.5	-1.0	-.1	.1	-.3	-.1
Personal care services <sup>1</sup> .....	.557	162.5	162.7	4.0	.1	.2	-.1	.1
Personal and educational expenses <sup>4</sup> .....	4.398	258.0	261.6	5.2	1.4	.6	.3	.7
School books and supplies .....	.264	237.7	240.0	5.4	1.0	.9	.4	.7
Personal and educational services <sup>4</sup> .....	4.134	259.8	263.5	5.2	1.4	.6	.4	.7
<b>Commodity and service group</b>								
All items .....	100.000	160.5	160.8	2.2	.2	.1	.2	.2
Commodities .....	42.873	141.0	141.4	1.4	.3	-.1	.1	.4
Food and beverages .....	17.484	157.5	158.1	2.5	.4	.2	.3	.4
Commodities less food and beverages .....	25.389	131.0	131.3	.6	.2	-.3	-.2	.3
Nondurables less food and beverages .....	15.147	132.9	133.8	1.7	.7	-.3	.0	.6
Apparel commodities <sup>4</sup> .....	4.786	126.2	125.9	1.4	-.2	-.3	.1	-1.0
Nondurables less food, beverages, and apparel .....	10.362	139.3	140.8	1.7	1.1	-.6	-.1	1.5
Durables .....	10.242	128.3	127.7	-.9	-.5	-.2	-.3	-.3
Services .....	57.127	180.1	180.3	2.9	.1	.3	.3	.1
Rent of shelter <sup>3</sup> .....	27.577	184.1	184.7	3.0	.3	.3	.2	.3
Household services less rent of shelter <sup>3 4</sup> .....	8.698	147.5	146.9	1.7	-.4	.6	.3	-.5
Transportation services .....	7.148	185.6	184.3	2.0	-.7	.0	.4	-.4
Medical care services .....	6.073	239.2	239.8	2.7	.3	.2	.1	.3
Other services .....	7.631	209.1	210.7	4.4	.8	.6	.3	.4
<b>Special indexes</b>								
All items less food .....	84.087	161.1	161.3	2.2	.1	.1	.2	.1
All items less shelter .....	71.806	155.6	155.9	2.0	.2	.1	.1	.2
All items less homeowners' costs <sup>3 4</sup> .....	80.000	161.3	161.6	2.1	.2	.1	.1	.2
All items less medical care .....	92.654	156.3	156.6	2.2	.2	.1	.2	.2
Commodities less food .....	26.960	132.3	132.6	.7	.2	-.3	-.1	.3
Nondurables less food .....	16.718	134.7	135.5	1.7	.6	-.4	.0	.5
Nondurables less food and apparel .....	11.932	140.8	142.1	1.9	.9	-.3	.1	1.6
Nondurables .....	32.631	145.4	146.1	2.1	.5	.1	.2	.5
Services less rent of shelter <sup>3 4</sup> .....	29.550	188.8	188.7	2.7	-.1	.4	.3	-.2
Services less medical care services .....	51.054	174.6	174.8	2.9	.1	.3	.3	.1
Energy .....	7.049	111.4	112.5	.8	1.0	.0	-.1	1.7
All items less energy .....	92.951	167.0	167.3	2.4	.2	.1	.2	.1
All items less food and energy .....	77.038	169.5	169.6	2.3	.1	.1	.2	.1
Commodities less food and energy commodities .....	23.364	141.5	141.2	.6	-.2	-.2	-.1	-.3
Energy commodities .....	3.596	103.1	106.2	1.1	3.0	-1.1	-.4	4.3
Services less energy services .....	53.674	185.4	185.8	3.0	.2	.3	.3	.2
Purchasing power of the consumer dollar:								
1982-84=\$1.00 <sup>1</sup> .....	-	\$.623	\$.622	-2.2	-.2	-.2	-.2	-.2
1967=\$1.00 <sup>1</sup> .....	-	.208	.208	-	-	-	-	-

<sup>1</sup> Not seasonally adjusted.

<sup>2</sup> This index series will undergo a change in composition in January, 1998.

<sup>3</sup> Indexes on a December 1982=100 base.

<sup>4</sup> This index series will no longer appear in its present form after December, 1997. See Table X for a comparable index series.

- Data not available.

NOTE: Index applies to a month as a whole, not to any specific date.

**Table 2. Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers (CPI-U): Seasonally adjusted U.S. city average, by expenditure category and commodity and service group**

(1982-84=100, unless otherwise noted)

Group	Seasonally adjusted indexes				Seasonally adjusted annual rate percent change for					
	May 1997	June 1997	July 1997	Aug. 1997	3 months ended—				6 months ended—	
					Nov. 1996	Feb. 1997	May 1997	Aug. 1997	Feb. 1997	Aug. 1997
<b>Expenditure category</b>										
All items .....	-	-	-	-	3.6	2.5	0.8	2.0	3.1	1.4
Food and beverages .....	157.1	157.4	157.9	158.6	5.3	.5	.8	3.9	2.9	2.3
Food .....	156.8	157.1	157.6	158.3	5.3	.3	.8	3.9	2.7	2.3
Food at home .....	157.4	157.7	158.2	159.2	6.0	-.8	-.3	4.7	2.6	2.2
Cereals and bakery products .....	176.9	177.6	177.7	178.0	4.4	.2	1.1	2.5	2.3	1.8
Meats, poultry, fish, and eggs .....	148.5	148.6	149.3	149.4	7.0	.0	.3	2.4	3.5	1.4
Dairy products <sup>1</sup> .....	145.4	144.1	143.3	143.4	13.6	-8.1	-2.2	-5.4	2.2	-3.8
Fruits and vegetables <sup>2</sup> .....	184.7	185.3	186.2	191.4	6.4	-2.1	-6.2	15.3	2.1	4.0
Other food at home .....	146.7	147.7	148.6	148.7	2.5	2.2	5.4	5.6	2.4	5.5
Sugar and sweets .....	147.4	148.1	148.8	147.6	2.2	4.8	1.4	.5	3.5	1.0
Fats and oils .....	141.8	141.4	141.0	141.5	2.3	.8	-.8	-.8	1.6	-.8
Nonalcoholic beverages .....	133.3	134.9	137.1	137.1	-4.3	-.6	20.2	11.9	-2.5	16.0
Other prepared food .....	160.1	161.0	161.2	161.5	7.6	3.8	-1.2	3.5	5.7	1.1
Food away from home .....	156.3	156.6	157.1	157.4	4.0	2.6	1.8	2.8	3.3	2.3
Alcoholic beverages .....	162.3	162.4	162.9	163.4	3.8	3.0	1.2	2.7	3.4	2.0
Housing <sup>2</sup> .....	156.1	156.5	156.8	156.9	3.2	3.1	1.3	2.1	3.2	1.7
Shelter .....	175.4	175.8	176.2	176.6	2.8	3.3	3.3	2.8	3.1	3.0
Renters' costs <sup>3,4</sup> .....	184.8	185.4	185.3	185.7	3.1	4.3	3.1	2.0	3.7	2.5
Rent, residential .....	166.1	166.5	166.8	167.3	2.7	2.5	3.7	2.9	2.6	3.3
Other renters' costs <sup>4</sup> .....	224.0	225.2	223.7	223.8	3.9	8.9	1.6	-.4	6.4	.6
Homeowners' costs <sup>3,4</sup> .....	180.9	181.2	181.9	182.4	2.7	2.7	3.2	3.4	2.7	3.3
Owners' equivalent rent <sup>3</sup> .....	181.3	181.6	182.3	182.8	2.7	2.9	3.1	3.4	2.8	3.2
Household insurance <sup>3,4</sup> .....	165.0	165.1	165.1	165.7	7.1	-.5	1.7	1.7	3.2	1.7
Maintenance and repairs <sup>1,4</sup> .....	143.2	143.3	145.4	145.5	4.1	3.4	2.6	6.6	3.8	4.5
Maintenance and repair services <sup>1,4</sup> .....	149.9	150.0	153.8	154.4	1.4	2.2	4.1	12.6	1.8	8.2
Maintenance and repair commodities <sup>1,4</sup> .....	134.1	134.1	133.7	133.1	8.6	4.9	.6	-2.9	6.7	-1.2
Fuel and other utilities <sup>2</sup> .....	129.4	130.2	130.5	129.9	5.1	6.3	-6.5	1.6	5.7	-2.6
Fuels .....	115.4	116.3	116.3	115.4	7.2	9.6	-12.7	.0	8.4	-6.6
Fuel oil and other household fuel commodities .....	100.0	99.3	97.4	96.7	54.7	-1.1	-21.1	-12.6	23.7	-16.9
Gas (piped) and electricity (energy services) .....	122.3	123.5	123.8	122.8	3.0	10.5	-11.8	1.6	6.7	-5.3
Other utilities and public services <sup>4</sup> .....	160.8	161.5	162.3	162.0	3.3	2.0	2.0	3.0	2.7	2.5
Household furnishings and operation <sup>2</sup> .....	125.7	125.7	125.5	125.1	1.0	.3	1.9	-1.9	.6	.0
Housefurnishings <sup>4</sup> .....	111.5	111.3	110.6	110.1	.0	.0	1.1	-4.9	.0	-2.0
Housekeeping supplies .....	142.9	143.0	144.0	143.1	1.4	2.3	1.1	.6	1.8	.8
Housekeeping services <sup>4</sup> .....	151.3	151.8	152.1	152.7	3.3	-.5	4.3	3.8	1.3	4.0
Apparel and upkeep .....	133.6	133.3	133.5	132.2	4.4	2.8	3.1	-4.1	3.6	-.6
Apparel commodities <sup>4</sup> .....	129.9	129.5	129.6	128.3	4.8	2.5	3.5	-4.8	3.7	-.8
Men's and boys' apparel .....	130.5	129.7	130.4	130.5	3.5	-1.5	7.0	.0	.9	3.5
Women's and girls' apparel .....	127.5	127.4	126.8	124.3	6.7	8.7	2.9	-9.7	7.7	-3.6
Infants' and toddlers' apparel <sup>1</sup> .....	133.8	132.9	131.3	127.3	5.2	1.6	22.4	-18.1	3.4	.2
Footwear .....	127.3	126.0	127.3	128.1	1.6	-.9	1.9	2.5	.3	2.2
Other apparel commodities <sup>4</sup> .....	145.6	146.3	146.9	145.2	2.2	-4.2	-6.1	-1.1	-1.1	-3.6
Apparel services <sup>1,4</sup> .....	162.9	163.2	163.5	163.6	1.5	3.3	1.7	1.7	2.4	1.7
Transportation .....	143.6	143.2	143.3	144.2	4.8	1.4	-4.6	1.7	3.1	-1.5
Private transportation .....	140.3	139.9	140.0	141.2	3.8	3.4	-6.6	2.6	3.6	-2.1
New vehicles .....	144.3	144.3	144.4	144.3	1.4	-.6	-.3	.0	.4	-.1
New cars .....	141.8	141.7	141.8	141.7	.3	-.6	-.3	-.3	-.1	-.3
Used cars .....	153.7	150.9	149.2	148.0	-1.3	.5	-5.3	-14.0	-.4	-9.8
Motor fuel .....	102.5	101.4	101.2	106.2	13.6	13.1	-29.3	15.2	13.4	-9.8
Gasoline .....	101.8	100.9	100.5	105.9	12.8	13.6	-30.0	17.1	13.2	-9.5
Maintenance and repairs .....	162.2	162.8	163.2	163.4	4.1	2.3	2.5	3.0	3.2	2.7
Other private transportation <sup>4</sup> .....	177.0	177.2	178.1	178.0	1.4	1.8	2.1	2.3	1.6	2.2
Other private transportation commodities <sup>4</sup> .....	104.8	104.9	105.6	105.0	.4	.0	-1.1	.8	.2	-.2
Other private transportation services <sup>4</sup> .....	194.4	194.5	195.5	195.5	1.7	2.1	2.7	2.3	1.9	2.5
Public transportation .....	188.4	187.2	188.1	184.5	13.8	-13.3	15.1	-8.0	-.7	2.9

See footnotes at end of table.

**Table 2. Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers (CPI-U): Seasonally adjusted U.S. city average, by expenditure category and commodity and service group—Continued**

(1982-84=100, unless otherwise noted)

Group	Seasonally adjusted indexes				Seasonally adjusted annual rate percent change for					
	May 1997	June 1997	July 1997	Aug. 1997	3 months ended—				6 months ended—	
					Nov. 1996	Feb. 1997	May 1997	Aug. 1997	Feb. 1997	Aug. 1997
<b>Expenditure category</b>										
Medical care .....	234.5	234.9	235.0	235.5	3.0	2.3	3.8	1.7	2.6	2.8
Medical care commodities .....	215.8	216.0	215.8	215.5	1.9	2.7	4.4	-6	2.3	1.9
Medical care services .....	238.5	239.0	239.2	239.8	3.1	2.2	3.6	2.2	2.7	2.9
Professional medical services .....	215.0	215.5	215.7	216.3	3.9	2.9	4.4	2.4	3.4	3.4
Entertainment <sup>4</sup> .....	162.1	162.9	163.0	163.4	2.5	2.0	1.7	3.2	2.3	2.5
Entertainment commodities <sup>4</sup> .....	143.8	144.1	143.9	144.7	1.7	.6	-1.1	2.5	1.1	.7
Entertainment services <sup>4</sup> .....	183.3	184.7	185.0	185.1	3.4	3.1	3.8	4.0	3.3	3.9
Other goods and services <sup>2</sup> .....	224.5	224.9	225.6	226.9	3.4	3.9	5.9	4.3	3.6	5.1
Tobacco and smoking products .....	242.9	240.6	241.5	243.2	5.1	2.7	9.2	.5	3.9	4.8
Personal care <sup>1</sup> .....	152.6	152.8	152.6	152.5	1.9	.8	2.9	-3	1.3	1.3
Toilet goods and personal care appliances <sup>1</sup> .....	144.1	144.2	143.7	143.5	-8	-3.8	2.3	-1.7	-2.3	.3
Personal care services <sup>1</sup> .....	162.3	162.6	162.5	162.7	5.5	5.4	4.0	1.0	5.4	2.5
Personal and educational expenses <sup>4</sup> .....	258.4	260.0	260.9	262.8	3.2	5.3	5.4	7.0	4.3	6.2
School books and supplies .....	236.6	238.7	239.6	241.2	5.0	3.0	6.0	8.0	4.0	7.0
Personal and educational services <sup>4</sup> .....	259.9	261.4	262.4	264.3	3.1	5.5	5.4	6.9	4.3	6.2
<b>Commodity and service group</b>										
All items .....	-	-	-	-	3.6	2.5	.8	2.0	3.1	1.4
Commodities .....	141.5	141.3	141.4	141.9	4.7	1.7	-1.7	1.1	3.2	-3
Food and beverages .....	157.1	157.4	157.9	158.6	5.3	.5	.8	3.9	2.9	2.3
Commodities less food and beverages .....	132.0	131.6	131.4	131.8	4.3	2.1	-3.3	-6	3.2	-1.9
Nondurables less food and beverages .....	133.9	133.5	133.5	134.3	6.8	4.2	-5.2	1.2	5.5	-2.1
Apparel commodities <sup>4</sup> .....	129.9	129.5	129.6	128.3	4.8	2.5	3.5	-4.8	3.7	-8
Nondurables less food, beverages, and apparel .....	139.3	138.4	138.2	140.3	6.5	6.1	-8.2	2.9	6.3	-2.8
Durables .....	129.3	129.0	128.6	128.2	.6	.0	-9	-3.4	.3	-2.1
Services .....	178.8	179.3	179.8	180.0	3.2	3.0	2.7	2.7	3.1	2.7
Rent of shelter <sup>3</sup> .....	182.8	183.3	183.6	184.1	2.7	3.1	3.4	2.9	2.9	3.1
Household services less rent of shelter <sup>3 4</sup> .....	144.6	145.5	145.9	145.2	3.4	4.8	-3.0	1.7	4.1	-7
Transportation services .....	185.0	185.0	185.8	185.1	4.9	-1.5	5.1	.2	1.7	2.6
Medical care services .....	238.5	239.0	239.2	239.8	3.1	2.2	3.6	2.2	2.7	2.9
Other services .....	209.3	210.5	211.1	211.9	3.4	4.4	4.7	5.1	3.9	4.9
<b>Special indexes</b>										
All items less food .....	160.5	160.7	161.0	161.2	3.3	2.8	.8	1.8	3.1	1.3
All items less shelter .....	155.5	155.6	155.8	156.1	4.0	2.1	.0	1.6	3.0	.8
All items less homeowners' costs <sup>3 4</sup> .....	160.9	161.1	161.3	161.6	3.8	2.3	.2	1.8	3.1	1.0
All items less medical care .....	155.7	155.9	156.2	156.5	3.7	2.6	.5	2.1	3.2	1.3
Commodities less food .....	133.4	133.0	132.9	133.3	4.0	2.4	-2.9	-3	3.2	-1.6
Nondurables less food .....	135.7	135.2	135.2	135.9	6.8	3.9	-4.0	.6	5.3	-1.7
Nondurables less food and apparel .....	140.1	139.7	139.8	142.0	7.1	3.7	-8.1	5.5	5.4	-1.5
Nondurables .....	145.4	145.5	145.8	146.5	5.4	2.8	-3.0	3.1	4.1	.0
Services less rent of shelter <sup>3</sup> .....	187.3	188.0	188.6	188.3	3.8	2.4	2.4	2.2	3.1	2.3
Services less medical care services .....	173.1	173.6	174.2	174.3	3.3	2.8	2.6	2.8	3.1	2.7
Energy .....	108.5	108.5	108.4	110.2	10.3	10.8	-20.5	6.4	10.5	-8.0
All items less energy .....	167.0	167.2	167.5	167.7	3.5	1.7	2.7	1.7	2.6	2.2
All items less food and energy .....	169.5	169.7	170.0	170.1	2.9	2.2	2.9	1.4	2.5	2.2
Commodities less food and energy commodities .....	142.8	142.5	142.4	142.0	2.0	1.1	1.7	-2.2	1.6	-3
Energy commodities .....	102.4	101.3	100.9	105.2	17.6	11.5	-28.3	11.4	14.5	-10.7
Services less energy services .....	184.5	185.0	185.5	185.8	3.1	2.7	3.5	2.8	2.9	3.2

<sup>1</sup> Not seasonally adjusted.

<sup>2</sup> This index series will undergo a change in composition in January, 1998.

<sup>3</sup> Indexes on a December 1982=100 base.

<sup>4</sup> This index series will no longer appear in its present form after December, 1997. See Table X for a comparable index series.

- Data not available.

NOTE: Index applies to a month as a whole, not to any specific date.

**Table 3. Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers (CPI-U): U.S. city average, detailed expenditure categories**

(1982-84=100, unless otherwise noted)

Item and group	Unadjusted indexes		Unadjusted percent change to Aug. 1997 from—		Seasonally adjusted percent change from—		
	July 1997	Aug. 1997	Aug. 1996	July 1997	May to June	June to July	July to Aug.
<b>Expenditure category</b>							
Food and beverages .....	157.5	158.1	2.5	0.4	0.2	0.3	0.4
Food .....	157.0	157.6	2.5	.4	.2	.3	.4
Food at home .....	157.7	158.5	2.4	.5	.2	.3	.6
Cereals and bakery products .....	178.3	178.6	2.1	.2	.4	.1	.2
Cereals and cereal products .....	170.7	171.8	1.8	.6	.2	.4	.7
Flour and prepared flour mixes .....	159.4	160.4	.3	.6	-.7	.3	.3
Cereal .....	188.2	189.5	1.7	.7	.9	.2	1.1
Rice, pasta, and cornmeal .....	149.6	150.1	3.1	.3	-.3	1.2	.7
Bakery products .....	181.5	181.4	2.1	-.1	.6	-.2	-.1
White bread <sup>1</sup> .....	183.2	183.0	1.1	-.1	.9	-.7	-.1
Fresh other bread, biscuits, rolls, and muffins <sup>1</sup> .....	182.3	182.0	2.2	-.2	.9	.7	-.2
Cookies, fresh cakes, and cupcakes <sup>1</sup> .....	178.7	180.2	4.5	.8	-.1	-.3	.8
Other bakery products .....	182.1	181.1	.9	-.5	1.1	-.4	-.8
Meats, poultry, fish, and eggs .....	148.2	149.1	2.4	.6	.1	.5	.1
Meats, poultry, and fish .....	149.1	149.7	2.5	.4	.3	.3	.2
Meats .....	144.6	145.5	2.6	.6	.4	.2	.2
Beef and veal .....	136.5	137.0	1.9	.4	.2	.7	-.1
Ground beef other than canned .....	116.6	116.4	1.4	-.2	.5	.6	-.8
Chuck roast <sup>2</sup> .....	142.4	143.8	2.0	1.0	.4	3.7	-.2
Round roast <sup>2</sup> .....	125.6	125.4	3.3	-.2	.4	.5	.1
Round steak <sup>2</sup> .....	129.0	130.5	6.4	1.2	-.2	.8	2.3
Sirloin steak <sup>2</sup> .....	139.9	142.6	2.3	1.9	-.5	.3	2.7
Other beef and veal <sup>1 2</sup> .....	159.5	159.8	1.3	.2	.1	-.3	.2
Pork .....	157.5	158.6	3.3	.7	1.0	-.3	.0
Bacon .....	167.9	168.7	4.3	.5	2.3	1.8	-.2
Chops .....	156.1	158.0	1.1	1.2	1.5	-.2	1.1
Ham .....	157.4	159.8	4.0	1.5	1.7	-.1	-.4
Other pork, including sausage <sup>2</sup> .....	152.9	152.9	3.9	.0	-.6	.3	-.1
Other meats <sup>1</sup> .....	147.6	149.4	3.2	1.2	-.3	.1	1.2
Poultry <sup>1</sup> .....	157.9	155.6	.7	-1.5	.1	.8	-1.5
Fresh whole chicken <sup>1</sup> .....	158.8	155.8	-.6	-1.9	-.1	1.3	-1.9
Fresh and frozen chicken parts <sup>1</sup> .....	159.2	156.7	.8	-1.6	.8	.4	-1.6
Other poultry <sup>2</sup> .....	157.7	156.8	2.8	-.6	.1	.4	-.8
Fish and seafood .....	174.9	177.5	4.3	1.5	.2	-.1	1.9
Canned fish and seafood <sup>1</sup> .....	127.8	128.7	2.1	.7	-.1	.2	.7
Fresh and frozen fish and seafood <sup>2</sup> .....	197.8	201.2	4.8	1.7	.0	.0	2.1
Eggs .....	132.9	137.7	-.3	3.6	-.3	2.9	-1.3
Dairy products <sup>1</sup> .....	143.3	143.4	-.8	.1	-.9	-.6	.1
Fresh milk and cream <sup>1 2</sup> .....	142.0	141.7	-1.9	-.2	-.9	-1.1	-.2
Fresh whole milk <sup>1</sup> .....	139.7	139.2	-2.5	-.4	-.6	-1.3	-.4
Other fresh milk and cream <sup>1 2</sup> .....	144.9	145.0	-1.0	.1	-1.2	-1.0	.1
Processed dairy products <sup>2</sup> .....	145.4	145.8	.2	.3	-.7	-.3	-.4
Cheese <sup>1 2</sup> .....	146.9	146.8	.1	-.1	-.5	-.1	-.1
Ice cream and related products .....	148.6	149.2	2.6	.4	-1.1	.5	.1
Other dairy products, including butter <sup>2</sup> .....	134.5	136.5	-2.4	1.5	-2.0	-1.3	.8
Fruits and vegetables <sup>3</sup> .....	184.6	187.3	2.9	1.5	.3	.5	2.8
Fresh fruits and vegetables .....	210.1	214.7	3.7	2.2	.5	.9	4.0
Fresh fruits .....	229.9	237.0	2.2	3.1	-1.0	-.1	2.8
Apples .....	206.0	210.8	-1.5	2.3	.4	.6	-.4
Bananas .....	159.0	155.9	1.1	-1.9	3.2	-2.2	-.3
Oranges, including tangerines <sup>2</sup> .....	242.9	284.7	-3.6	17.2	-1.0	-.8	6.8
Other fresh fruits <sup>2</sup> .....	255.2	256.4	5.7	.5	-2.0	.1	3.3
Fresh vegetables .....	190.3	192.3	5.5	1.1	2.4	2.2	5.4
Potatoes .....	181.9	194.0	-1.3	6.7	-1.4	1.3	6.8
Lettuce <sup>1</sup> .....	184.9	200.1	13.9	8.2	-.7	6.6	8.2
Tomatoes <sup>1</sup> .....	193.0	193.4	13.3	.2	9.1	-11.7	.2
Other fresh vegetables .....	195.1	191.4	4.4	-1.9	-2.1	4.2	3.8
Processed fruits and vegetables <sup>2</sup> .....	148.8	148.7	1.1	-.1	.0	-.4	.3
Processed fruits <sup>1 2</sup> .....	149.7	148.7	1.0	-.7	-.1	.4	-.7
Fruit juices and frozen fruit <sup>1 2</sup> .....	149.1	147.8	.5	-.9	-.3	.4	-.9
Canned and dried fruits <sup>2</sup> .....	149.5	149.8	3.0	.2	.9	-.5	.0
Processed vegetables <sup>2</sup> .....	147.9	149.1	1.2	.8	.3	-.7	.9
Frozen vegetables <sup>2</sup> .....	149.8	150.4	2.9	.4	1.3	.7	.1
Processed vegetables excluding frozen <sup>2</sup> .....	147.7	149.2	.5	1.0	-.3	-1.3	1.3

See footnotes at end of table.



**Table 3. Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers (CPI-U): U.S. city average, detailed expenditure categories—Continued**

(1982-84=100, unless otherwise noted)

Item and group	Unadjusted indexes		Unadjusted percent change to Aug. 1997 from—		Seasonally adjusted percent change from—		
	July 1997	Aug. 1997	Aug. 1996	July 1997	May to June	June to July	July to Aug.
<b>Expenditure category</b>							
Other food at home .....	148.6	148.7	3.8	0.1	0.7	0.6	0.1
Sugar and sweets .....	149.2	147.8	2.2	-.9	.5	.5	-.8
Sugar and artificial sweeteners .....	135.6	135.3	.6	-.2	.4	-.1	-.2
Sweets, including candy <sup>2</sup> .....	154.7	152.8	2.8	-1.2	.5	.7	-.9
Fats and oils .....	141.4	141.4	.4	.0	-.3	-.3	.4
Nonalcoholic beverages .....	136.3	136.7	6.4	.3	1.2	1.6	.0
Carbonated drinks .....	117.2	117.4	-2.4	.2	-1.0	.9	-.2
Coffee <sup>1</sup> .....	181.0	182.1	23.0	.6	5.0	3.1	.6
Other noncarbonated drinks <sup>2</sup> .....	139.9	139.9	1.8	.0	.9	-.1	.3
Other prepared food .....	161.3	161.8	3.5	.3	.6	.1	.2
Canned and packaged soup .....	191.6	191.6	2.7	.0	-.2	.3	-.4
Frozen prepared food <sup>1</sup> .....	147.1	146.1	2.0	-.7	1.0	.4	-.7
Snacks <sup>1</sup> .....	154.7	155.5	4.6	.5	.5	.3	.5
Seasonings, condiments, sauces, and spices .....	166.2	168.4	3.2	1.3	.7	-.7	1.3
Miscellaneous prepared food, including baby food <sup>2</sup> .....	162.6	162.5	4.0	-.1	.4	1.1	-.2
Food away from home .....	157.1	157.4	2.8	.2	.2	.3	.2
Lunch <sup>2</sup> .....	157.8	158.0	2.7	.1	.3	.3	.1
Dinner <sup>2</sup> .....	154.9	155.2	2.7	.2	.1	.4	.2
Other meals and snacks <sup>1 2</sup> .....	160.5	160.8	3.1	.2	.4	.1	.2
Alcoholic beverages .....	162.9	163.2	2.7	.2	.1	.3	.3
Alcoholic beverages at home .....	149.4	149.6	1.8	.1	-.1	.1	.3
Beer and ale .....	147.6	147.7	.1	.1	-.3	-.2	.3
Wine .....	146.4	146.3	4.9	-.1	-.1	.8	.1
Distilled spirits .....	150.8	151.5	2.3	.5	.1	.0	.4
Alcoholic beverages away from home .....	189.7	190.3	3.9	.3	.2	.6	.3
Housing <sup>3</sup> .....	157.5	157.6	2.3	.1	.3	.2	.1
Shelter .....	177.0	177.5	3.0	.3	.2	.2	.2
Renters' costs <sup>2 4</sup> .....	188.4	189.1	3.1	.4	.3	-.1	.2
Rent, residential .....	166.8	167.3	3.0	.3	.2	.2	.3
Other renters' costs <sup>2</sup> .....	232.6	233.9	3.5	.6	.5	-.7	.0
Lodging while out of town .....	232.8	233.9	3.4	.5	.5	-.7	.0
Lodging while at school <sup>4</sup> .....	220.9	225.1	4.5	1.9	.3	.4	.3
Tenants' insurance <sup>1 2</sup> .....	159.8	160.3	2.8	.3	.5	.3	.3
Homeowners' costs <sup>2 4</sup> .....	181.7	182.2	2.9	.3	.2	.4	.3
Owners' equivalent rent <sup>4</sup> .....	182.1	182.6	3.0	.3	.2	.4	.3
Household insurance <sup>2 4</sup> .....	165.7	166.3	2.5	.4	.1	.0	.4
Maintenance and repairs <sup>1 2</sup> .....	145.4	145.5	4.2	.1	.1	1.5	.1
Maintenance and repair services <sup>1 2</sup> .....	153.8	154.4	5.0	.4	.1	2.5	.4
Maintenance and repair commodities <sup>1 2</sup> .....	133.7	133.1	2.7	-.4	.0	-.3	-.4
Materials, supplies, and equipment for home repairs <sup>1 2 5</sup> .....	127.4	125.5	3.0	-1.5	.6	.0	-1.5
Other maintenance and repair commodities <sup>1 2</sup> .....	128.0	128.5	2.5	.4	-.3	-.5	.4
Fuel and other utilities <sup>3</sup> .....	132.1	131.4	1.5	-.5	.6	.2	-.5
Fuels .....	119.6	118.6	.6	-.8	.8	.0	-.8
Fuel oil and other household fuel commodities .....	94.7	93.5	1.4	-1.3	-.7	-1.9	-.7
Fuel oil .....	91.5	90.4	1.2	-1.2	-.8	-2.9	-.3
Other household fuel commodities <sup>1 5</sup> .....	125.9	124.1	1.9	-1.4	-1.6	-1.6	-1.4
Gas (piped) and electricity (energy services) .....	127.8	126.7	.5	-.9	1.0	.2	-.8
Electricity .....	138.4	137.5	-.4	-.7	.3	-.2	-.8
Utility (piped) gas .....	111.5	110.0	2.7	-1.3	2.5	1.1	-.8
Other utilities and public services <sup>2</sup> .....	162.4	162.1	2.6	-.2	.4	.5	-.2
Telephone services <sup>1 2</sup> .....	128.3	127.1	.5	-.9	.2	.0	-.9
Local charges <sup>1 2</sup> .....	163.4	163.4	1.3	.0	.4	-.1	.0
Interstate toll calls <sup>1</sup> .....	78.7	74.8	-4.6	-5.0	.0	-.1	-5.0
Intrastate toll calls <sup>1</sup> .....	94.1	94.1	3.5	.0	.0	.3	.0
Water and sewerage maintenance .....	210.8	212.5	4.1	.8	.3	.9	.7
Cable television <sup>6</sup> .....	231.1	232.0	7.5	.4	1.0	1.1	.5
Refuse collection <sup>1 6</sup> .....	250.5	251.6	1.9	.4	.2	.2	.4

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**Table 3. Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers (CPI-U): U.S. city average, detailed expenditure categories—Continued**

(1982-84=100, unless otherwise noted)

Item and group	Unadjusted indexes		Unadjusted percent change to Aug. 1997 from—		Seasonally adjusted percent change from—		
	July 1997	Aug. 1997	Aug. 1996	July 1997	May to June	June to July	July to Aug.
<b>Expenditure category</b>							
Household furnishings and operation <sup>3</sup> .....	125.6	125.2	0.3	-0.3	0.0	-0.2	-0.3
Housefurnishings <sup>2</sup> .....	110.7	110.2	-1.0	-5	-2	-6	-5
Textile housefurnishings <sup>1 2</sup> .....	121.9	121.3	-2	-5	-1.2	1.4	-5
Furniture and bedding <sup>1</sup> .....	134.5	134.3	-1	-1	-3	-1.1	-1
Bedroom furniture <sup>1</sup> .....	141.8	141.6	1.4	-1	.2	-1.3	-1
Sofas <sup>1 2</sup> .....	141.6	140.7	-2.4	-6	-1.0	-8	-6
Living room chairs and tables <sup>1 2</sup> .....	136.9	137.0	.7	.1	.6	-1.3	.1
Other furniture <sup>2</sup> .....	121.6	121.8	-.9	.2	-.9	-.9	.4
Appliances, including electronic equipment <sup>1 2</sup> .....	74.9	74.7	-3.5	-3	.3	-8	-3
Video and audio products <sup>1 2</sup> .....	68.8	68.6	-3.5	-3	.3	-7	-3
Televisions <sup>1</sup> .....	61.5	61.1	-4.5	-7	-3	-8	-7
Video products other than televisions <sup>1 2 7</sup> .....	62.5	61.9	-7.1	-1.0	-1.4	-8	-1.0
Audio products <sup>1 2</sup> .....	89.0	88.9	-1.7	-1	1.2	-.4	-.1
Major household appliances <sup>1 2 5</sup> .....	101.9	102.0	-1.3	.1	.7	-.7	.1
Refrigerators and home freezers <sup>1 2</sup> .....	107.3	108.5	-1.7	1.1	.3	-1.2	1.1
Laundry equipment <sup>1</sup> .....	113.1	113.3	-.7	.2	.8	.4	.2
Stoves, ovens, dishwashers, and air conditioners <sup>1 2 5</sup> .....	92.3	91.4	-1.6	-1.0	1.0	-1.1	-1.0
Information processing equipment <sup>1 7</sup> .....	49.1	48.2	-12.4	-1.8	-1.8	-1.6	-1.8
Other housefurnishings <sup>1 2 5</sup> .....	116.0	115.1	-.3	-.8	-.3	-.1	-.8
Floor and window coverings, infants', laundry, cleaning, and outdoor equipment <sup>1 2</sup> .....	144.7	142.5	1.1	-1.5	.9	-.1	-1.5
Clocks, lamps, and decor items <sup>1</sup> .....	121.0	119.6	1.4	-1.2	-.5	.8	-1.2
Tableware, serving pieces, and nonelectric kitchenware <sup>1 2</sup> .....	123.2	123.8	-.2	.5	-.4	.2	.5
Lawn equipment, power tools, and other hardware <sup>1 2</sup> .....	110.4	110.4	.9	.0	-.1	.3	.0
Sewing, floor cleaning, small kitchen, and portable heating appliances <sup>1 2 5</sup> .....	90.4	89.4	-.2	-1.1	.1	.0	-1.1
Indoor plants and fresh cut flowers <sup>1 8</sup> .....	110.2	108.3	-4.8	-1.7	-1.8	-1.9	-1.7
Housekeeping supplies .....	144.0	142.9	1.3	-.8	.1	.7	-.6
Laundry and cleaning products, including soap <sup>1 2</sup> .....	147.1	146.2	1.6	-.6	-.3	.7	-.6
Household paper products and stationery supplies <sup>1 2</sup> .....	147.4	145.2	.3	-1.5	-.3	1.2	-1.5
Other household, lawn, and garden supplies <sup>1 2</sup> .....	136.9	136.7	1.9	-.1	.3	.4	-.1
Housekeeping services <sup>2</sup> .....	152.1	152.6	2.7	.3	.3	.2	.4
Postage <sup>1</sup> .....	160.3	160.3	.0	.0	.0	.0	.0
Appliance and furniture repair <sup>1 2</sup> .....	160.6	160.9	3.1	.2	.4	.1	.2
Gardening and other household services <sup>2 5</sup> .....	140.2	140.5	2.8	.2	.7	.0	.1
Apparel and upkeep .....	130.2	130.0	1.5	-.2	-.2	.2	-1.0
Apparel commodities <sup>2</sup> .....	126.2	125.9	1.4	-.2	-.3	.1	-1.0
Apparel commodities less footwear .....	126.3	125.9	1.4	-.3	-.2	.0	-1.3
Men's and boys' .....	128.0	128.9	2.1	.7	-.6	.5	.1
Men's .....	130.7	131.7	1.9	.8	-.6	.2	-.2
Suits, sport coats, coats, and jackets .....	131.1	134.2	-.2	2.4	.0	-1.0	-.1
Furnishings and special clothing .....	125.1	125.6	5.8	.4	.5	1.1	1.0
Shirts <sup>2</sup> .....	134.7	136.6	1.9	1.4	-1.7	.2	.6
Dungarees, jeans, and trousers .....	132.7	130.2	.7	-1.9	-.1	.8	-1.8
Boys' .....	116.6	117.3	3.3	.6	-.9	2.6	-.5
Women's and girls' .....	121.1	120.3	1.9	-.7	-.1	-.5	-2.0
Women's .....	120.6	120.2	1.9	-.3	-.2	-.3	-1.8
Coats and jackets .....	113.1	122.8	9.5	8.6	.7	-.7	2.7
Dresses .....	107.4	103.8	-4.9	-3.4	-4.8	2.6	-4.8
Separates and sportswear <sup>2</sup> .....	122.6	118.9	1.5	-3.0	.5	-1.0	-3.0
Underwear, nightwear, hosiery, and accessories <sup>2</sup> .....	135.3	135.1	1.7	-.1	.4	-.2	-.1
Suits <sup>2</sup> .....	133.2	145.4	7.5	9.2	2.0	.0	.2
Girls' .....	124.2	121.4	2.2	-2.3	1.0	-1.2	-3.0
Infants' and toddlers' <sup>1</sup> .....	131.3	127.3	1.8	-3.0	-.7	-1.2	-3.0
Other apparel commodities <sup>2</sup> .....	146.9	145.8	-2.3	-.7	.5	.4	-1.2
Sewing materials, notions, and luggage <sup>1 5</sup> .....	129.4	127.1	-5.7	-1.8	-.2	1.4	-1.8
Watches and jewelry <sup>5</sup> .....	146.3	145.5	-1.7	-.5	.9	.5	-1.2
Watches <sup>1 5</sup> .....	127.8	127.1	-1.7	-.5	-.6	.8	-.5
Jewelry <sup>5</sup> .....	151.5	150.8	-1.6	-.5	1.0	.7	-1.3
Footwear .....	125.9	126.3	1.3	.3	-1.0	1.0	.6
Men's .....	131.6	130.9	-.1	-.5	-1.1	1.2	-.8
Boys' and girls' .....	129.0	127.3	.0	-1.3	-1.5	1.2	.1
Women's .....	119.7	121.8	3.0	1.8	-.9	.6	2.2
Apparel services <sup>1 2</sup> .....	163.5	163.6	2.1	.1	.2	.2	.1
Laundry and dry cleaning other than coin operated <sup>1 2</sup> .....	166.8	166.7	2.5	-.1	.2	.2	-.1
Other apparel services <sup>1 2</sup> .....	160.3	160.6	1.5	.2	.2	.1	.2

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**Table 3. Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers (CPI-U): U.S. city average, detailed expenditure categories—Continued**

(1982-84=100, unless otherwise noted)

Item and group	Unadjusted indexes		Unadjusted percent change to Aug. 1997 from—		Seasonally adjusted percent change from—		
	July 1997	Aug. 1997	Aug. 1996	July 1997	May to June	June to July	July to Aug.
<b>Expenditure category</b>							
Transportation .....	143.7	143.8	0.7	0.1	-0.3	0.1	0.6
Private .....	140.1	140.8	.6	.5	-.3	.1	.9
New vehicles .....	143.7	143.0	.1	-.5	.0	.1	-.1
New cars .....	141.1	140.4	-.2	-.5	-.1	.1	-.1
Subcompact new cars <sup>2 5</sup> .....	122.1	121.6	-.8	-.4	-.3	-.3	-.2
Compact new cars <sup>2 5</sup> .....	122.1	121.3	-.4	-.7	-.1	.1	-.4
Intermediate new cars <sup>2 5</sup> .....	121.6	120.9	-.1	-.6	.2	.2	-.1
Full-size new cars <sup>2 5</sup> .....	124.2	123.6	.3	-.5	.0	-.1	-.1
Luxury new cars <sup>2 5</sup> .....	130.9	130.3	-.5	-.5	-.2	.3	.2
New trucks <sup>6</sup> .....	150.8	150.2	1.0	-.4	-.2	.2	.0
New motorcycles <sup>5</sup> .....	163.2	162.9	1.2	-.2	.0	.6	-.4
Used cars .....	149.9	148.5	-5.2	-.9	-1.8	-1.1	-.8
Motor fuel .....	103.9	107.6	1.1	3.6	-1.1	-.2	4.9
Gasoline .....	103.5	107.4	1.2	3.8	-.9	-.4	5.4
Gasoline, unleaded regular .....	101.4	105.6	1.5	4.1	-1.2	-.3	6.0
Gasoline, unleaded midgrade <sup>1 9</sup> .....	107.9	111.8	.9	3.6	.3	-1.6	3.6
Gasoline, unleaded premium .....	104.7	108.0	.7	3.2	-1.0	-.7	4.5
Automobile maintenance and repair .....	162.9	163.3	3.0	.2	.4	.2	.1
Body work <sup>1</sup> .....	173.7	173.8	4.1	.1	.5	.4	.1
Automobile drive train, brake, and miscellaneous mechanical repair <sup>1 2</sup> .....	171.4	171.5	3.4	.1	.3	.2	.1
Maintenance and servicing <sup>1</sup> .....	149.4	150.3	2.0	.6	.4	.3	.6
Power plant repair <sup>2</sup> .....	168.0	167.7	2.9	-.2	.4	.0	-.1
Other private transportation <sup>2</sup> .....	177.5	177.4	1.9	-.1	.1	.5	-.1
Other private transportation commodities <sup>2</sup> .....	105.3	104.8	.0	-.5	.1	.7	-.6
Motor oil, coolant, and other products <sup>1</sup> .....	132.7	131.7	-.2	-.8	.0	.1	-.8
Automobile parts and equipment .....	102.3	101.8	-.1	-.5	.3	.5	-.4
Tires .....	100.6	100.0	-.8	-.6	-.8	1.1	-.7
Other parts and equipment <sup>1 2</sup> .....	108.3	108.0	.7	-.3	.6	.3	-.3
Other private transportation services <sup>2</sup> .....	194.5	194.5	2.2	.0	.1	.5	.0
Automobile insurance .....	250.6	251.0	3.0	.2	.1	.2	.2
Automobile finance charges <sup>2</sup> .....	94.2	92.7	-2.1	-1.6	-.4	1.6	-1.0
Automobile fees <sup>1 2</sup> .....	186.1	187.5	2.7	.8	.1	1.3	.8
Automobile registration, licensing, and inspection fees <sup>1 2</sup> .....	186.5	186.6	1.5	.1	.1	1.5	.1
Other automobile-related fees <sup>1 2</sup> .....	186.9	189.5	3.9	1.4	.0	1.1	1.4
Public transportation .....	189.4	183.4	1.1	-3.2	-.6	.5	-1.9
Airline fares <sup>1</sup> .....	203.6	194.0	1.6	-4.7	-1.2	2.3	-4.7
Other intercity transportation <sup>1</sup> .....	154.2	154.9	-.6	.5	.0	-.5	.5
Intracity public transportation <sup>1</sup> .....	175.8	175.9	.5	.1	.3	-.1	.1
Medical care .....	234.8	235.2	2.6	.2	.2	.0	.2
Medical care commodities .....	216.0	215.5	2.1	-.2	.1	-.1	-.1
Prescription drugs .....	250.0	249.4	2.3	-.2	.2	-.1	-.1
Nonprescription drugs and medical supplies <sup>1 5</sup> .....	146.0	145.8	1.7	-.1	.2	.3	-.1
Internal and respiratory over-the-counter drugs <sup>1</sup> .....	174.2	173.2	1.8	-.6	.6	.1	-.6
Nonprescription medical equipment and supplies <sup>1</sup> .....	171.5	172.5	1.4	.6	-.4	.6	.6
Medical care services .....	239.2	239.8	2.7	.3	.2	.1	.3
Professional medical services .....	215.9	216.3	3.4	.2	.2	.1	.3
Physicians' services .....	223.5	223.8	3.1	.1	.2	.0	.4
Dental services <sup>1</sup> .....	226.8	227.8	4.4	.4	.2	.3	.4
Eye care <sup>1 5</sup> .....	142.1	141.7	1.7	-.3	.1	.4	-.3
Services by other medical professionals <sup>5</sup> .....	152.1	152.5	4.0	.3	.2	.4	.4
Hospital and related services .....	278.1	279.0	2.9	.3	.1	.0	.2
Hospital services <sup>10</sup> .....	101.5	101.9	-	.4	.0	.2	.4
Inpatient hospital services <sup>10</sup> .....	101.3	101.5	-	.2	.0	.3	.2
Outpatient hospital services <sup>5</sup> .....	224.6	225.6	4.1	.4	.3	.0	.2
Nursing home services <sup>10</sup> .....	102.7	103.0	-	.3	.2	.7	.3

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<b>Expenditure category</b>							
Entertainment <sup>2</sup> .....	162.6	163.0	2.4	0.2	0.5	0.1	0.2
Entertainment commodities <sup>2</sup> .....	143.8	144.6	1.0	.6	.2	-.1	.6
Reading materials <sup>1</sup> .....	178.1	179.7	1.4	.9	.1	-.3	.9
Newspapers <sup>1 2</sup> .....	190.6	191.2	1.1	.3	.0	-.4	.3
Magazines, periodicals, and books <sup>1 2</sup> .....	166.5	169.2	1.9	1.6	.2	-.3	1.6
Sporting goods and equipment <sup>1</sup> .....	122.2	122.7	-.2	.4	-.2	.0	.4
Sport vehicles, including bicycles <sup>1</sup> .....	124.5	124.7	-1.0	.2	-.2	.5	.2
Other sporting goods <sup>1</sup> .....	117.3	118.1	.5	.7	.6	-.5	.7
Toys, hobbies, and other entertainment <sup>1 2</sup> .....	133.1	133.5	1.1	.3	-.2	.0	.3
Toys, hobbies, and music equipment <sup>2</sup> .....	126.5	127.3	.5	.6	.2	.2	.5
Photographic supplies and equipment <sup>1</sup> .....	133.0	133.5	-.4	.4	-.2	-.7	.4
Pet supplies and expense <sup>1</sup> .....	142.3	142.2	2.5	-.1	-.4	.2	-.1
Entertainment services <sup>2</sup> .....	184.5	184.3	3.5	-.1	.8	.2	.1
Club memberships <sup>2 5</sup> .....	133.5	130.5	-1.7	-2.2	.3	.3	-1.9
Fees for participant sports, excluding club memberships <sup>2 5</sup> .....	168.3	166.4	4.5	-1.1	-.7	-.3	-.1
Admissions <sup>1</sup> .....	201.5	204.2	5.2	1.3	1.9	.2	1.3
Fees for lessons or instructions <sup>5</sup> .....	168.8	169.3	5.7	.3	1.3	.2	.4
Other entertainment services <sup>1 2 5</sup> .....	143.5	143.5	3.3	.0	.4	.2	.0
Other goods and services <sup>3</sup> .....	223.5	225.7	4.3	1.0	.2	.3	.6
Tobacco and smoking products .....	242.0	243.4	4.3	.6	-.9	.4	.7
Personal care <sup>1</sup> .....	152.6	152.5	1.3	-.1	.1	-.1	-.1
Toilet goods and personal care appliances <sup>1</sup> .....	143.7	143.5	-1.0	-.1	.1	-.3	-.1
Cosmetics, bath and nail preparations, manicure and eye makeup implements <sup>1</sup> .....	150.6	150.3	1.7	-.2	.5	-.7	-.2
Other toilet goods and small personal care appliances, including hair and dental products <sup>1</sup> .....	138.9	138.8	-3.1	-.1	-.4	.0	-.1
Personal care services <sup>1</sup> .....	162.5	162.7	4.0	.1	.2	-.1	.1
Beauty parlor services for females <sup>1 2</sup> .....	161.4	161.8	4.0	.2	.1	-.1	.2
Haircuts and other barber shop services for males <sup>2</sup> .....	166.2	165.8	4.1	-.2	.6	.2	-.2
Personal and educational expenses <sup>2</sup> .....	258.0	261.6	5.2	1.4	.6	.3	.7
School books and supplies .....	237.7	240.0	5.4	1.0	.9	.4	.7
Personal and educational services <sup>2</sup> .....	259.8	263.5	5.2	1.4	.6	.4	.7
Tuition and other school fees .....	277.0	281.9	5.0	1.8	.4	.3	.7
College tuition .....	290.5	295.9	5.1	1.9	.3	.5	.6
Elementary and high school tuition .....	282.5	290.2	6.1	2.7	.6	.5	1.2
Day care and nursery school <sup>8</sup> .....	133.5	134.1	3.3	.4	.2	.1	.4
Personal expenses .....	226.9	228.6	5.5	.7	.9	.3	.9
Legal service fees <sup>1 5</sup> .....	163.8	166.5	5.2	1.6	1.5	-.1	1.6
Personal financial services <sup>1 5</sup> .....	193.1	193.3	5.9	.1	.5	.3	.1
Funeral expenses <sup>5</sup> .....	170.6	171.3	5.7	.4	.1	.4	.4
<b>Special indexes</b>							
Domestically produced farm food .....	159.1	159.9	2.0	.5	.2	.2	.5
Selected beef cuts .....	129.1	129.6	2.3	.4	.5	1.0	-.2
Motor fuel, motor oil, coolant, and other products <sup>2</sup> .....	104.4	108.0	1.1	3.4	-1.2	-.1	4.7
Utilities and public transportation .....	148.0	146.4	1.4	-1.1	.3	.3	-1.0
Housekeeping and home maintenance services <sup>1 2</sup> .....	152.4	152.9	2.9	.3	.3	.3	.3

<sup>1</sup> Not seasonally adjusted.

<sup>2</sup> This index series will no longer appear in its present form after December, 1997. See Table X for a comparable index series.

<sup>3</sup> This index series will undergo a change in composition in January, 1998.

<sup>4</sup> Indexes on a December 1982=100 base.

<sup>5</sup> Indexes on a December 1986=100 base.

<sup>6</sup> Indexes on a December 1983=100 base.

<sup>7</sup> Indexes on a December 1988=100 base.

<sup>8</sup> Indexes on a December 1990=100 base.

<sup>9</sup> Indexes on a December 1993=100 base.

<sup>10</sup> Indexes on a December 1996=100 base.

- Data not available.

NOTE: Index applies to a month as a whole, not to any specific date.

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Item and group	Seasonally adjusted indexes		Seasonally adjusted annual rate percent change for					
	July 1997	Aug. 1997	3 months ended—				6 months ended—	
			Nov. 1996	Feb. 1997	May 1997	Aug. 1997	Feb. 1997	Aug. 1997
<b>Expenditure category</b>								
Food and beverages .....	157.9	158.6	5.3	0.5	0.8	3.9	2.9	2.3
Food .....	157.6	158.3	5.3	.3	.8	3.9	2.7	2.3
Food at home .....	158.2	159.2	6.0	-.8	-.3	4.7	2.6	2.2
Cereals and bakery products .....	177.7	178.0	4.4	.2	1.1	2.5	2.3	1.8
Cereals and cereal products .....	169.9	171.1	.5	-1.4	2.6	5.6	-.5	4.1
Flour and prepared flour mixes .....	156.6	157.0	-2.5	1.8	2.3	-.5	-.4	.9
Cereal .....	188.0	190.1	-.4	-3.6	2.2	9.1	-2.0	5.6
Rice, pasta, and cornmeal .....	148.8	149.8	2.8	1.9	1.6	6.1	2.4	3.8
Bakery products .....	181.1	180.9	5.8	1.3	.4	1.1	3.5	.8
White bread <sup>1</sup> .....	183.2	183.0	4.0	2.2	-2.2	.4	3.1	-.9
Fresh other bread, biscuits, rolls, and muffins <sup>1</sup> .....	182.3	182.0	3.9	2.5	-3.3	5.9	3.2	1.2
Cookies, fresh cakes, and cupcakes <sup>1</sup> .....	178.7	180.2	13.6	1.1	2.3	1.6	7.2	1.9
Other bakery products .....	180.1	178.7	5.8	-1.1	-.7	-.4	2.3	-.6
Meats, poultry, fish, and eggs .....	149.3	149.4	7.0	.0	.3	2.4	3.5	1.4
Meats, poultry, and fish .....	149.8	150.1	6.1	.0	.8	3.3	3.0	2.0
Meats .....	145.2	145.5	6.1	-.6	1.4	3.4	2.7	2.4
Beef and veal .....	138.2	138.1	4.2	-3.7	3.9	3.6	.1	3.7
Ground beef other than canned .....	118.7	117.7	1.7	-3.7	6.7	1.0	-1.0	3.8
Chuck roast <sup>2</sup> .....	147.1	146.8	1.4	-12.1	4.1	16.5	-5.6	10.1
Round roast <sup>2</sup> .....	128.9	129.0	10.0	-2.5	2.2	3.8	3.6	3.0
Round steak <sup>2</sup> .....	131.2	134.2	16.5	-3.6	1.5	12.5	6.0	6.9
Sirloin steak <sup>2</sup> .....	137.5	141.2	5.6	-10.7	5.1	10.2	-2.9	7.6
Other beef and veal <sup>1 2</sup> .....	159.5	159.8	3.9	-.8	2.0	.0	1.5	1.0
Pork .....	156.9	156.9	7.6	4.5	-1.5	2.9	6.0	.6
Bacon .....	168.4	168.0	.0	4.8	-2.9	16.2	2.4	6.2
Chops .....	154.4	156.1	.8	8.3	-5.9	1.6	4.4	-2.3
Ham .....	157.6	157.0	16.0	.5	.0	.5	8.0	.3
Other pork, including sausage <sup>2</sup> .....	152.0	151.9	12.3	1.6	3.5	-1.3	6.8	1.1
Other meats <sup>1</sup> .....	147.6	149.4	9.1	-.5	.0	4.4	4.2	2.2
Poultry <sup>1</sup> .....	157.9	155.6	7.4	1.5	-3.3	-2.5	4.4	-2.9
Fresh whole chicken <sup>1</sup> .....	158.8	155.8	4.1	2.3	-1.5	-6.9	3.2	-4.2
Fresh and frozen chicken parts <sup>1</sup> .....	159.2	156.7	16.4	-3.4	-6.8	-1.3	6.0	-4.1
Other poultry <sup>2</sup> .....	156.7	155.4	5.7	1.8	4.8	-1.3	3.7	1.7
Fish and seafood .....	176.4	179.8	4.5	1.2	3.5	8.2	2.8	5.8
Canned fish and seafood <sup>1</sup> .....	127.8	128.7	.3	2.9	1.9	3.2	1.6	2.5
Fresh and frozen fish and seafood <sup>2</sup> .....	200.2	204.4	5.2	.0	5.2	8.9	2.6	7.0
Eggs .....	140.1	138.3	15.5	2.0	-9.6	-7.2	8.5	-8.4
Dairy products <sup>1</sup> .....	143.3	143.4	13.6	-8.1	-2.2	-5.4	2.2	-3.8
Fresh milk and cream <sup>1 2</sup> .....	142.0	141.7	18.0	-11.2	-3.2	-8.5	2.4	-5.9
Fresh whole milk <sup>1</sup> .....	139.7	139.2	18.5	-12.8	-4.1	-8.9	1.7	-6.6
Other fresh milk and cream <sup>1 2</sup> .....	144.9	145.0	16.8	-8.6	-2.1	-8.1	3.3	-5.2
Processed dairy products <sup>2</sup> .....	145.8	145.2	10.0	-5.0	2.2	-5.6	2.2	-1.8
Cheese <sup>1 2</sup> .....	146.9	146.8	12.0	-5.5	-2.7	-2.7	2.9	-2.7
Ice cream and related products .....	149.8	149.9	9.1	4.1	-.3	-2.1	6.5	-1.2
Other dairy products, including butter <sup>2</sup> .....	133.0	134.1	5.0	-13.4	10.5	-9.5	-4.6	.0
Fruits and vegetables <sup>3</sup> .....	186.2	191.4	6.4	-2.1	-6.2	15.3	2.1	4.0
Fresh fruits and vegetables .....	213.0	221.5	7.1	-3.3	-9.2	23.8	1.8	6.0
Fresh fruits .....	233.2	239.8	18.4	-13.1	.9	6.8	1.5	3.8
Apples .....	198.4	197.6	11.2	-11.3	-6.6	2.3	-.7	-2.3
Bananas .....	155.2	154.8	38.5	-11.1	-17.3	2.6	11.0	-7.9
Oranges, including tangerines <sup>2</sup> .....	228.9	244.4	-29.6	-9.8	12.2	20.8	-20.3	16.4
Other fresh fruits <sup>2</sup> .....	268.6	277.5	33.4	-14.7	3.9	5.5	6.7	4.7
Fresh vegetables .....	194.3	204.8	-5.2	10.4	-20.2	48.3	2.3	8.7
Potatoes .....	165.7	177.0	-11.9	-8.5	-9.1	29.6	-10.2	8.5
Lettuce <sup>1</sup> .....	184.9	200.1	100.2	-39.3	-19.4	71.7	10.3	17.6
Tomatoes <sup>1</sup> .....	193.0	193.4	60.4	47.5	-19.9	-13.1	53.8	-16.5
Other fresh vegetables .....	200.7	208.3	-7.4	10.0	-7.0	25.5	.9	8.0
Processed fruits and vegetables <sup>2</sup> .....	147.4	147.8	4.2	1.1	-.3	-.5	2.6	-.4
Processed fruits <sup>1 2</sup> .....	149.7	148.7	.8	6.4	-1.3	-1.6	3.6	-1.5
Fruit juices and frozen fruit <sup>1 2</sup> .....	149.1	147.8	1.6	6.1	-2.4	-2.9	3.8	-2.7
Canned and dried fruits <sup>2</sup> .....	148.5	148.5	4.5	4.7	.8	1.6	4.6	1.2
Processed vegetables <sup>2</sup> .....	146.2	147.5	4.2	-1.9	.5	2.2	1.1	1.4
Frozen vegetables <sup>2</sup> .....	149.4	149.6	.6	5.6	-2.9	8.7	3.0	2.7
Processed vegetables excluding frozen <sup>2</sup> .....	145.4	147.3	5.6	-5.3	3.0	-1.1	.0	1.0

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**Table 4. Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers (CPI-U): Seasonally adjusted U.S. city average, detailed expenditure categories—Continued**

(1982-84 = 100, unless otherwise noted)

Item and group	Seasonally adjusted indexes		Seasonally adjusted annual rate percent change for					
	July 1997	Aug. 1997	3 months ended—				6 months ended—	
			Nov. 1996	Feb. 1997	May 1997	Aug. 1997	Feb. 1997	Aug. 1997
<b>Expenditure category</b>								
Other food at home .....	148.6	148.7	2.5	2.2	5.4	5.6	2.4	5.5
Sugar and sweets .....	148.8	147.6	2.2	4.8	1.4	.5	3.5	1.0
Sugar and artificial sweeteners .....	135.2	134.9	-4.4	7.4	-6	.3	1.3	-1
Sweets, including candy <sup>2</sup> .....	154.2	152.8	4.7	3.5	2.1	.8	4.1	1.5
Fats and oils .....	141.0	141.5	2.3	.8	-8	-8	1.6	-8
Nonalcoholic beverages .....	137.1	137.1	-4.3	-6	20.2	11.9	-2.5	16.0
Carbonated drinks .....	118.4	118.2	-4.5	-4.6	1.0	-1.3	-4.6	-2
Coffee <sup>1</sup> .....	181.0	182.1	-7.4	3.6	69.2	40.7	-2.0	54.3
Other noncarbonated drinks <sup>2</sup> .....	140.6	141.0	.9	2.9	-6	4.1	1.9	1.7
Other prepared food .....	161.2	161.5	7.6	3.8	-1.2	3.5	5.7	1.1
Canned and packaged soup .....	189.7	188.9	4.9	-6	8.0	-1.5	2.1	3.1
Frozen prepared food <sup>1</sup> .....	147.1	146.1	3.4	4.2	-2.4	2.8	3.8	.1
Snacks <sup>1</sup> .....	154.7	155.5	9.2	5.6	-1.3	5.0	7.4	1.8
Seasonings, condiments, sauces, and spices .....	166.1	168.2	7.1	3.7	-2.6	5.2	5.3	1.2
Miscellaneous prepared food, including baby food <sup>2</sup> .....	163.3	163.0	8.2	4.6	-1.7	5.3	6.4	1.7
Food away from home .....	157.1	157.4	4.0	2.6	1.8	2.8	3.3	2.3
Lunch <sup>2</sup> .....	157.8	158.0	3.7	2.9	1.5	2.8	3.3	2.2
Dinner <sup>2</sup> .....	154.9	155.2	3.5	2.4	2.1	2.9	2.9	2.5
Other meals and snacks <sup>1 2</sup> .....	160.5	160.8	5.8	3.3	.5	3.0	4.5	1.8
Alcoholic beverages .....	162.9	163.4	3.8	3.0	1.2	2.7	3.4	2.0
Alcoholic beverages at home .....	149.4	149.9	2.2	2.7	.8	1.3	2.5	1.1
Beer and ale .....	147.6	148.1	.8	1.4	-1.3	-5	1.1	-9
Wine .....	146.4	146.6	5.3	6.1	5.1	3.3	5.7	4.2
Distilled spirits .....	150.7	151.3	2.5	2.4	1.9	2.1	2.4	2.0
Alcoholic beverages away from home .....	189.7	190.3	4.9	4.4	1.9	4.3	4.6	3.1
Housing <sup>3</sup> .....	156.8	156.9	3.2	3.1	1.3	2.1	3.2	1.7
Shelter .....	176.2	176.6	2.8	3.3	3.3	2.8	3.1	3.0
Renters' costs <sup>2 4</sup> .....	185.3	185.7	3.1	4.3	3.1	2.0	3.7	2.5
Rent, residential .....	166.8	167.3	2.7	2.5	3.7	2.9	2.6	3.3
Other renters' costs <sup>2</sup> .....	223.7	223.8	3.9	8.9	1.6	-4	6.4	.6
Lodging while out of town .....	222.6	222.7	4.2	9.1	1.1	-4	6.6	.4
Lodging while at school <sup>4</sup> .....	224.3	224.9	3.2	6.6	4.2	3.8	4.9	4.0
Tenants' insurance <sup>1 2</sup> .....	159.8	160.3	5.2	-1.3	2.6	4.6	1.9	3.6
Homeowners' costs <sup>2 4</sup> .....	181.9	182.4	2.7	2.7	3.2	3.4	2.7	3.3
Owners' equivalent rent <sup>4</sup> .....	182.3	182.8	2.7	2.9	3.1	3.4	2.8	3.2
Household insurance <sup>2 4</sup> .....	165.1	165.7	7.1	-5	1.7	1.7	3.2	1.7
Maintenance and repairs <sup>1 2</sup> .....	145.4	145.5	4.1	3.4	2.6	6.6	3.8	4.5
Maintenance and repair services <sup>1 2</sup> .....	153.8	154.4	1.4	2.2	4.1	12.6	1.8	8.2
Maintenance and repair commodities <sup>1 2</sup> .....	133.7	133.1	8.6	4.9	.6	-2.9	6.7	-1.2
Materials, supplies, and equipment for home repairs <sup>1 2 5</sup> .....	127.4	125.5	13.8	5.2	-2.5	-3.7	9.4	-3.1
Other maintenance and repair commodities <sup>1 2</sup> .....	128.0	128.5	4.5	4.5	2.8	-1.8	4.5	.5
Fuel and other utilities <sup>3</sup> .....	130.5	129.9	5.1	6.3	-6.5	1.6	5.7	-2.6
Fuels .....	116.3	115.4	7.2	9.6	-12.7	.0	8.4	-6.6
Fuel oil and other household fuel commodities .....	97.4	96.7	54.7	-1.1	-21.1	-12.6	23.7	-16.9
Fuel oil .....	93.9	93.6	60.4	-2.3	-21.2	-15.1	25.2	-18.2
Other household fuel commodities <sup>1 5</sup> .....	125.9	124.1	49.6	23.5	-29.8	-17.0	35.9	-23.6
Gas (piped) and electricity (energy services) .....	123.8	122.8	3.0	10.5	-11.8	1.6	6.7	-5.3
Electricity .....	132.9	131.9	-1.2	1.2	.9	-2.7	.0	-9
Utility (piped) gas .....	112.2	111.3	12.3	33.7	-33.7	11.5	22.5	-14.0
Other utilities and public services <sup>2</sup> .....	162.3	162.0	3.3	2.0	2.0	3.0	2.7	2.5
Telephone services <sup>1 2</sup> .....	128.3	127.1	1.6	1.9	1.3	-2.8	1.7	-8
Local charges <sup>1 2</sup> .....	163.4	163.4	1.5	1.0	1.5	1.2	1.2	1.4
Interstate toll calls <sup>1</sup> .....	78.7	74.8	1.0	1.0	.0	-18.8	1.0	-9.9
Intrastate toll calls <sup>1</sup> .....	94.1	94.1	1.8	10.5	.9	1.3	6.0	1.1
Water and sewerage maintenance .....	210.4	211.8	3.8	2.2	2.7	7.7	3.0	5.2
Cable television <sup>6</sup> .....	230.4	231.6	7.6	7.1	4.0	11.3	7.4	7.6
Refuse collection <sup>1 6</sup> .....	250.5	251.6	1.8	.0	2.3	3.4	.9	2.8

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<b>Expenditure category</b>								
Household furnishings and operation <sup>3</sup> .....	125.5	125.1	1.0	0.3	1.9	-1.9	0.6	0.0
Housefurnishings <sup>2</sup> .....	110.6	110.1	.0	.0	1.1	-4.9	.0	-2.0
Textile housefurnishings <sup>1 2</sup> .....	121.9	121.3	-6.4	4.1	2.7	-1.0	-1.3	.8
Furniture and bedding <sup>1</sup> .....	134.5	134.3	.3	-4.1	10.0	-6.0	-1.9	1.7
Bedroom furniture <sup>1</sup> .....	141.8	141.6	3.8	-4.7	12.3	-4.7	-6	3.5
Sofas <sup>1 2</sup> .....	141.6	140.7	-5.4	-3.3	9.7	-9.4	-4.4	-3
Living room chairs and tables <sup>1 2</sup> .....	136.9	137.0	3.3	-4.9	7.6	-2.6	-9	2.4
Other furniture <sup>2</sup> .....	121.8	122.3	-2.2	-3.2	7.8	-5.4	-2.7	1.0
Appliances, including electronic equipment <sup>1 2</sup> .....	74.9	74.7	-2.1	.0	-8.5	-3.1	-1.0	-5.9
Video and audio products <sup>1 2</sup> .....	68.8	68.6	-3.9	1.1	-8.2	-2.9	-1.4	-5.6
Televisions <sup>1</sup> .....	61.5	61.1	-8.5	3.2	-5.6	-6.9	-2.8	-6.2
Video products other than televisions <sup>1 2 7</sup> .....	62.5	61.9	2.4	-6.4	-11.6	-11.9	-2.1	-11.8
Audio products <sup>1 2</sup> .....	89.0	88.9	-2.2	1.8	-8.6	2.7	-2	-3.1
Major household appliances <sup>1 2 5</sup> .....	101.9	102.0	.4	1.6	-7.1	.4	1.0	-3.4
Refrigerators and home freezers <sup>1 2</sup> .....	107.3	108.5	-4	5.2	-11.6	.7	2.4	-5.6
Laundry equipment <sup>1</sup> .....	113.1	113.3	-2.1	-4	-5.5	5.5	-1.2	-2
Stoves, ovens, dishwashers, and air conditioners <sup>1 2 5</sup> .....	92.3	91.4	2.6	1.3	-5.8	-4.3	1.9	-5.1
Information processing equipment <sup>1 7</sup> .....	49.1	48.2	-4.3	-8.5	-16.9	-19.0	-6.4	-17.9
Other housefurnishings <sup>1 2 5</sup> .....	116.0	115.1	-2.7	7.2	-3	-4.7	2.1	-2.6
Floor and window coverings, infants', laundry, cleaning, and outdoor equipment <sup>1 2</sup> .....	144.7	142.5	-6	13.4	-4.6	-3.0	6.2	-3.8
Clocks, lamps, and decor items <sup>1</sup> .....	121.0	119.6	-7	8.4	1.7	-3.3	3.8	-8
Tableware, serving pieces, and nonelectric kitchenware <sup>1 2</sup> .....	123.2	123.8	-4.1	7.0	-4.4	1.0	1.3	-1.8
Lawn equipment, power tools, and other hardware <sup>1 2</sup> .....	110.4	110.4	1.5	2.9	-1.4	.7	2.2	-4
Sewing, floor cleaning, small kitchen, and portable heating appliances <sup>1 2 5</sup> .....	90.4	89.4	-4.0	11.3	-3.5	-3.9	3.4	-3.7
Indoor plants and fresh cut flowers <sup>1 8</sup> .....	110.2	108.3	-9.2	1.4	10.8	-19.7	-4.0	-5.7
Housekeeping supplies .....	144.0	143.1	1.4	2.3	1.1	.6	1.8	.8
Laundry and cleaning products, including soap <sup>1 2</sup> .....	147.1	146.2	4.2	.8	2.2	-8	2.5	.7
Household paper products and stationery supplies <sup>1 2</sup> .....	147.4	145.2	1.4	1.1	1.1	-2.4	1.2	-.7
Other household, lawn, and garden supplies <sup>1 2</sup> .....	136.9	136.7	.0	4.5	.9	2.4	2.2	1.6
Housekeeping services <sup>2</sup> .....	152.1	152.7	3.3	-5	4.3	3.8	1.3	4.0
Postage <sup>1</sup> .....	160.3	160.3	.0	.0	.0	.0	.0	.0
Appliance and furniture repair <sup>1 2</sup> .....	160.6	160.9	7.6	-1.0	3.6	2.5	3.2	3.1
Gardening and other household services <sup>2 5</sup> .....	139.7	139.9	3.9	-2.3	6.0	3.5	.7	4.7
Apparel and upkeep .....	133.5	132.2	4.4	2.8	3.1	-4.1	3.6	-.6
Apparel commodities <sup>2</sup> .....	129.6	128.3	4.8	2.5	3.5	-4.8	3.7	-.8
Apparel commodities less footwear .....	130.0	128.3	5.2	3.2	3.8	-6.0	4.2	-1.2
Men's and boys' <sup>1</sup> .....	130.4	130.5	3.5	-1.5	7.0	.0	.9	3.5
Men's .....	133.1	132.9	1.9	4.3	3.7	-2.1	3.1	.8
Suits, sport coats, coats, and jackets .....	134.4	134.3	.6	-5.2	8.4	-4.1	-2.4	2.0
Furnishings and special clothing .....	128.2	129.5	-3.2	16.4	.6	10.9	6.1	5.6
Shirts <sup>2</sup> .....	136.9	137.7	8.6	.0	3.2	-3.7	4.2	-3
Dungarees, jeans, and trousers .....	133.8	131.4	-1.8	6.6	2.8	-4.4	2.3	-.9
Boys' .....	119.7	119.1	6.8	-13.0	16.9	4.5	-3.6	10.5
Women's and girls' .....	126.8	124.3	6.7	8.7	2.9	-9.7	7.7	-3.6
Women's .....	126.6	124.3	6.0	10.4	1.3	-9.1	8.2	-4.1
Coats and jackets .....	123.6	126.9	22.4	-10.4	18.4	11.1	4.7	14.7
Dresses .....	111.5	106.1	-17.1	44.7	-8.6	-25.5	9.5	-17.5
Separates and sportswear <sup>2</sup> .....	129.2	125.3	12.9	5.8	2.8	-13.4	9.3	-5.7
Underwear, nightwear, hosiery, and accessories <sup>2</sup> .....	135.2	135.1	.3	2.1	3.6	.3	1.2	2.0
Suits <sup>2</sup> .....	150.3	150.6	3.5	28.7	-8.5	9.0	15.4	-.1
Girls' .....	128.5	124.6	13.4	.0	9.2	-12.1	6.5	-2.1
Infants' and toddlers' <sup>1</sup> .....	131.3	127.3	5.2	1.6	22.4	-18.1	3.4	.2
Other apparel commodities <sup>2</sup> .....	146.9	145.2	2.2	-4.2	-6.1	-1.1	-1.1	-3.6
Sewing materials, notions, and luggage <sup>1 5</sup> .....	129.4	127.1	-8.3	-9.9	-1.9	-2.5	-9.1	-2.2
Watches and jewelry <sup>5</sup> .....	146.7	145.0	3.9	-4.2	-6.6	.8	-3	-3.0
Watches <sup>1 5</sup> .....	127.8	127.1	-9.3	.0	4.5	-1.6	-4.7	1.4
Jewelry <sup>5</sup> .....	152.3	150.3	6.4	-5.8	-8.1	1.6	.1	-3.4
Footwear .....	127.3	128.1	1.6	-9	1.9	2.5	3	2.2
Men's .....	132.9	131.8	.3	3.1	-.9	-2.7	1.7	-1.8
Boys' and girls' .....	129.7	129.8	1.9	8.5	-9.3	-.6	5.1	-5.0
Women's .....	121.2	123.9	2.7	-7.7	9.8	7.8	-2.6	8.8
Apparel services <sup>1 2</sup> .....	163.5	163.6	1.5	3.3	1.7	1.7	2.4	1.7
Laundry and dry cleaning other than coin operated <sup>1 2</sup> .....	166.8	166.7	3.0	5.0	.5	1.7	4.0	1.1
Other apparel services <sup>1 2</sup> .....	160.3	160.6	-3	1.5	2.8	2.0	.6	2.4

See footnotes at end of table.

**Table 4. Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers (CPI-U): Seasonally adjusted U.S. city average, detailed expenditure categories—Continued**

(1982-84=100, unless otherwise noted)

Item and group	Seasonally adjusted indexes		Seasonally adjusted annual rate percent change for					
	July 1997	Aug. 1997	3 months ended—				6 months ended—	
			Nov. 1996	Feb. 1997	May 1997	Aug. 1997	Feb. 1997	Aug. 1997
<b>Expenditure category</b>								
Transportation .....	143.3	144.2	4.8	1.4	-4.6	1.7	3.1	-1.5
Private .....	140.0	141.2	3.8	3.4	-6.6	2.6	3.6	-2.1
New vehicles .....	144.4	144.3	1.4	-6	-3	.0	.4	-1
New cars .....	141.8	141.7	.3	-6	-3	-1.3	-1	-3
Subcompact new cars <sup>2 5</sup> .....	122.5	122.3	1.0	-1.3	.3	-3.2	-2	-1.5
Compact new cars <sup>2 5</sup> .....	122.6	122.1	1.6	-3	-1.6	-1.6	.7	-1.6
Intermediate new cars <sup>2 5</sup> .....	122.2	122.1	-1.9	-7	1.3	1.0	-1.3	1.2
Full-size new cars <sup>2 5</sup> .....	124.9	124.8	2.3	.3	-1.0	-6	1.3	-8
Luxury new cars <sup>2 5</sup> .....	131.7	132.0	1.8	-1.5	-3.3	1.2	.2	-1.1
New trucks <sup>6</sup> .....	151.4	151.4	4.1	1.1	-1.0	.0	2.6	-5
New motorcycles <sup>5</sup> .....	164.1	163.4	.5	2.5	1.5	.5	1.5	1.0
Used cars .....	149.2	148.0	-1.3	.5	-5.3	-14.0	-4	-9.8
Motor fuel .....	101.2	106.2	13.6	13.1	-29.3	15.2	13.4	-9.8
Gasoline .....	100.5	105.9	12.8	13.6	-30.0	17.1	13.2	-9.5
Gasoline, unleaded regular .....	98.3	104.2	13.1	14.3	-30.7	18.8	13.7	-9.3
Gasoline, unleaded midgrade <sup>1 9</sup> .....	107.9	111.8	2.6	1.8	-9.0	9.1	2.2	-4
Gasoline, unleaded premium .....	101.9	106.5	11.4	12.3	-26.5	11.7	11.9	-9.4
Automobile maintenance and repair .....	163.2	163.4	4.1	2.3	2.5	3.0	3.2	2.7
Body work <sup>1</sup> .....	173.7	173.8	2.2	5.1	5.3	3.8	3.6	4.5
Automobile drive train, brake, and miscellaneous mechanical repair <sup>1 2</sup> .....	171.4	171.5	5.7	2.2	3.8	2.1	3.9	3.0
Maintenance and servicing <sup>1</sup> .....	149.4	150.3	2.5	-5	.5	5.5	1.0	3.0
Power plant repair <sup>2</sup> .....	168.5	168.4	6.0	1.5	3.2	1.4	3.7	2.3
Other private transportation <sup>2</sup> .....	178.1	178.0	1.4	1.8	2.1	2.3	1.6	2.2
Other private transportation commodities <sup>2</sup> .....	105.6	105.0	.4	.0	-1.1	.8	.2	-2
Motor oil, coolant, and other products <sup>1</sup> .....	132.7	131.7	.3	-4.5	6.6	-2.7	-2.1	1.8
Automobile parts and equipment .....	102.5	102.1	.4	.4	-2.3	1.6	.4	-4
Tires .....	100.9	100.2	1.2	1.2	-3.9	-1.6	1.2	-2.7
Other parts and equipment <sup>1 2</sup> .....	108.3	108.0	-7	2.3	-7	2.3	.7	.7
Other private transportation services <sup>2</sup> .....	195.5	195.5	1.7	2.1	2.7	2.3	1.9	2.5
Automobile insurance .....	252.2	252.8	3.3	2.9	3.4	2.4	3.1	2.9
Automobile finance charges <sup>2</sup> .....	94.7	93.8	-4.1	-2.9	-2.5	.9	-3.5	-8
Automobile fees <sup>1 2</sup> .....	186.1	187.5	-5.6	9.2	-7	8.8	1.5	4.0
Automobile registration, licensing, and inspection fees <sup>1 2</sup> .....	186.5	186.6	.2	-7	-2	6.7	-2	3.2
Other automobile-related fees <sup>1 2</sup> .....	186.9	189.5	-11.3	20.4	-1.1	10.6	3.3	4.6
Public transportation .....	188.1	184.5	13.8	-13.3	15.1	-8.0	-7	2.9
Airline fares <sup>1</sup> .....	203.6	194.0	20.7	-13.6	19.1	-14.1	2.1	1.1
Other intercity transportation <sup>1</sup> .....	154.2	154.9	-2.3	-2.0	2.1	-3	-2.2	.9
Intracity public transportation <sup>1</sup> .....	175.8	175.9	1.4	-2.0	1.1	1.4	-3	1.3
Medical care .....	235.0	235.5	3.0	2.3	3.8	1.7	2.6	2.8
Medical care commodities .....	215.8	215.5	1.9	2.7	4.4	-6	2.3	1.9
Prescription drugs .....	250.0	249.7	1.8	3.1	4.3	.0	2.5	2.1
Nonprescription drugs and medical supplies <sup>1 5</sup> .....	146.0	145.8	.0	3.7	1.7	1.4	1.8	1.5
Internal and respiratory over-the-counter drugs <sup>1</sup> .....	174.2	173.2	1.9	4.5	.7	.2	3.2	.5
Nonprescription medical equipment and supplies <sup>1</sup> .....	171.5	172.5	-3.0	2.1	3.3	3.3	-5	3.3
Medical care services .....	239.2	239.8	3.1	2.2	3.6	2.2	2.7	2.9
Professional medical services .....	215.7	216.3	3.9	2.9	4.4	2.4	3.4	3.4
Physicians' services .....	223.0	223.8	4.1	2.0	4.1	2.4	3.1	3.2
Dental services <sup>1</sup> .....	226.8	227.8	4.5	5.2	4.2	3.6	4.8	3.9
Eye care <sup>1 5</sup> .....	142.1	141.7	1.7	2.6	1.4	1.1	2.2	1.3
Services by other medical professionals <sup>5</sup> .....	152.2	152.8	4.7	4.4	2.7	4.0	4.5	3.4
Hospital and related services .....	278.1	278.7	3.1	3.4	3.5	1.2	3.3	2.3
Hospital services <sup>10</sup> .....	101.5	101.9	-	-	1.2	2.4	-	1.8
Inpatient hospital services <sup>10</sup> .....	101.3	101.5	-	-	.8	2.0	-	1.4
Outpatient hospital services <sup>5</sup> .....	225.0	225.4	2.0	8.5	4.0	2.0	5.2	3.0
Nursing home services <sup>10</sup> .....	102.7	103.0	-	-	2.0	4.8	-	3.4

See footnotes at end of table.



**Table 4. Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers (CPI-U): Seasonally adjusted U.S. city average, detailed expenditure categories—Continued**

(1982-84=100, unless otherwise noted)

Item and group	Seasonally adjusted indexes		Seasonally adjusted annual rate percent change for					
	July 1997	Aug. 1997	3 months ended—				6 months ended—	
			Nov. 1996	Feb. 1997	May 1997	Aug. 1997	Feb. 1997	Aug. 1997
<b>Expenditure category</b>								
Entertainment <sup>2</sup> .....	163.0	163.4	2.5	2.0	1.7	3.2	2.3	2.5
Entertainment commodities <sup>2</sup> .....	143.9	144.7	1.7	.6	-1.1	2.5	1.1	.7
Reading materials <sup>1</sup> .....	178.1	179.7	1.6	1.1	.0	2.9	1.4	1.5
Newspapers <sup>1 2</sup> .....	190.6	191.2	2.8	1.5	.2	-2	2.1	.0
Magazines, periodicals, and books <sup>1 2</sup> .....	166.5	169.2	.7	.5	.0	6.4	.6	3.1
Sporting goods and equipment <sup>1</sup> .....	122.2	122.7	-1.9	3.0	-4.5	2.7	.5	-1.0
Sport vehicles, including bicycles <sup>1</sup> .....	124.5	124.7	-8.9	7.7	-4.1	1.9	-1.0	-1.1
Other sporting goods <sup>1</sup> .....	117.3	118.1	4.5	-3	-5.0	3.1	2.1	-1.0
Toys, hobbies, and other entertainment <sup>1 2</sup> .....	133.1	133.5	4.9	.0	-9	.6	2.4	-1
Toys, hobbies, and music equipment <sup>2</sup> .....	126.3	126.9	4.5	-2.2	-4.3	3.9	1.1	-3
Photographic supplies and equipment <sup>1</sup> .....	133.0	133.5	-2.7	3.3	.0	-2.1	.3	-1.0
Pet supplies and expense <sup>1</sup> .....	142.3	142.2	9.2	2.6	-3	-1.1	5.9	-7
Entertainment services <sup>2</sup> .....	185.0	185.1	3.4	3.1	3.8	4.0	3.3	3.9
Club memberships <sup>2 5</sup> .....	133.4	130.9	1.5	-4.7	1.5	-5.0	-1.6	-1.8
Fees for participant sports, excluding club memberships <sup>2 5</sup> .....	171.6	171.4	2.0	7.2	14.3	-4.8	4.6	4.3
Admissions <sup>1</sup> .....	201.5	204.2	-4	3.6	3.5	14.7	1.6	9.0
Fees for lessons or instructions <sup>5</sup> .....	169.8	170.5	8.4	3.9	2.7	8.1	6.2	5.4
Other entertainment services <sup>1 2 5</sup> .....	143.5	143.5	2.6	5.0	3.1	2.5	3.8	2.8
Other goods and services <sup>3</sup> .....	225.6	226.9	3.4	3.9	5.9	4.3	3.6	5.1
Tobacco and smoking products .....	241.5	243.2	5.1	2.7	9.2	.5	3.9	4.8
Personal care <sup>1</sup> .....	152.6	152.5	1.9	.8	2.9	-3	1.3	1.3
Toilet goods and personal care appliances <sup>1</sup> .....	143.7	143.5	-8	-3.8	2.3	-1.7	-2.3	.3
Cosmetics, bath and nail preparations, manicure and eye makeup implements <sup>1</sup> .....	150.6	150.3	6.7	5.7	-3.9	-1.3	6.2	-2.6
Other toilet goods and small personal care appliances, including hair and dental products <sup>1</sup> .....	138.9	138.8	-6.5	-10.4	7.2	-1.7	-8.5	2.6
Personal care services <sup>1</sup> .....	162.5	162.7	5.5	5.4	4.0	1.0	5.4	2.5
Beauty parlor services for females <sup>1 2</sup> .....	161.4	161.8	5.2	5.7	4.1	1.0	5.5	2.5
Haircuts and other barber shop services for males <sup>2</sup> .....	166.4	166.1	5.9	3.0	4.7	2.4	4.4	3.6
Personal and educational expenses <sup>2</sup> .....	260.9	262.8	3.2	5.3	5.4	7.0	4.3	6.2
School books and supplies .....	239.6	241.2	5.0	3.0	6.0	8.0	4.0	7.0
Personal and educational services <sup>2</sup> .....	262.4	264.3	3.1	5.5	5.4	6.9	4.3	6.2
Tuition and other school fees .....	280.9	283.0	2.8	5.3	5.8	6.0	4.0	5.9
College tuition .....	295.8	297.7	2.3	6.0	6.1	6.1	4.1	6.1
Elementary and high school tuition .....	287.1	290.5	4.9	5.0	5.1	9.5	5.0	7.3
Day care and nursery school <sup>8</sup> .....	134.0	134.6	1.9	4.0	4.0	3.0	2.9	3.5
Personal expenses .....	226.9	229.0	2.8	5.4	5.5	8.6	4.1	7.1
Legal service fees <sup>1 5</sup> .....	163.8	166.5	2.6	2.0	3.5	13.0	2.3	8.2
Personal financial services <sup>1 5</sup> .....	193.1	193.3	2.0	11.1	7.0	3.6	6.5	5.3
Funeral expenses <sup>5</sup> .....	170.8	171.5	3.7	6.2	9.2	3.6	5.0	6.4
<b>Special indexes</b>								
Domestically produced farm food .....	159.7	160.5	7.0	-1.2	-1.2	3.6	2.8	1.1
Selected beef cuts .....	131.3	131.1	5.1	-5.4	4.5	5.7	-3	5.1
Motor fuel, motor oil, coolant, and other products <sup>2</sup> .....	101.8	106.6	14.0	12.7	-28.7	14.3	13.3	-9.7
Utilities and public transportation .....	146.1	144.7	5.7	2.5	-8	-1.6	4.1	-1.2
Housekeeping and home maintenance services <sup>1 2</sup> .....	152.4	152.9	2.7	.8	4.1	4.0	1.8	4.0

<sup>1</sup> Not seasonally adjusted.

<sup>2</sup> This index series will no longer appear in its present form after December, 1997. See Table X for a comparable index series.

<sup>3</sup> This index series will undergo a change in composition in January, 1998.

<sup>4</sup> Indexes on a December 1982=100 base.

<sup>5</sup> Indexes on a December 1986=100 base.

<sup>6</sup> Indexes on a December 1983=100 base.

<sup>7</sup> Indexes on a December 1988=100 base.

<sup>8</sup> Indexes on a December 1990=100 base.

<sup>9</sup> Indexes on a December 1993=100 base.

<sup>10</sup> Indexes on a December 1996=100 base.

- Data not available.

NOTE: Index applies to a month as a whole, not to any specific date.

**Table 5. Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers (CPI-U): U.S. city average, unadjusted indexes for special detailed expenditure categories <sup>1</sup>**

(1982-84=100, unless otherwise noted)

Item	Indexes				1-month percent changes ended—				Percent change to Aug. 1997 from—
	May 1997	June 1997	July 1997	Aug. 1997	May 1997	June 1997	July 1997	Aug. 1997	Aug. 1996
<b>Food and beverages</b>									
Other breads .....	181.2	181.5	183.8	183.7	0.3	0.2	1.3	-0.1	0.8
Fresh biscuits, rolls, and muffins <sup>2</sup> .....	165.3	170.0	169.5	168.5	-1.6	2.8	-3	-6	2.7
Fresh cakes and cupcakes .....	179.4	176.7	178.3	179.0	1.0	-1.5	.9	.4	4.0
Cookies .....	179.2	180.4	178.6	180.4	.0	.7	-1.0	1.0	3.8
Crackers, bread, and cracker products .....	210.7	216.4	213.2	213.8	.3	2.7	-1.5	.3	.8
Fresh sweetrolls, coffee cake, and donuts .....	175.0	176.7	173.2	174.3	-3	1.0	-2.0	.6	2.0
Frozen and refrigerated bakery products and fresh pies, tarts, and turnovers .....	178.5	179.4	180.0	177.1	1.3	.5	.3	-1.6	.6
Ham other than canned .....	163.7	166.7	168.2	171.1	2.2	1.8	.9	1.7	4.5
Pork sausage <sup>2</sup> .....	147.7	147.8	147.5	146.9	.1	.1	-2	-4	4.6
Other pork <sup>2</sup> .....	153.8	156.0	156.8	157.2	.9	1.4	.5	.3	3.1
Frankfurters .....	144.6	143.8	143.9	147.6	-1	-6	.1	2.6	4.2
Bologna, liverwurst, and salami <sup>2</sup> .....	149.2	147.4	151.5	150.9	.0	-1.2	2.8	-4	3.9
Other lunchmeats <sup>2</sup> .....	137.9	138.6	138.3	137.9	.0	.5	-2	-3	1.1
Lamb and organ meats .....	161.6	160.3	159.5	160.6	.1	-8	-5	.7	2.2
Butter .....	111.7	108.7	112.3	115.0	-3.5	-2.7	3.3	2.4	-7.4
Other dairy products <sup>2</sup> .....	157.1	155.9	156.9	157.4	-4	-8	.6	.3	4.0
Frozen fruit and fruit juices <sup>2</sup> .....	137.1	136.1	137.6	136.3	.9	-7	1.1	-9	.4
Other fruit juices <sup>2</sup> .....	151.3	152.8	151.7	151.6	.6	1.0	-7	-1	1.7
Cut corn, canned beans except lima <sup>2</sup> .....	152.3	151.7	149.8	151.9	1.1	-4	-1.3	1.4	1.3
Other processed vegetables <sup>2</sup> .....	150.0	149.9	151.3	151.4	-7	-1	.9	.1	-2
Candy and chewing gum <sup>2</sup> .....	153.3	153.7	154.0	153.1	-3	.3	.2	-6	2.5
Other sweets <sup>2</sup> .....	152.7	153.3	155.8	148.4	-1	.4	1.6	-4.7	5.3
Margarine .....	144.7	144.5	145.4	144.6	-1.1	-1	.6	-6	.3
Other fats, oils, and salad dressing <sup>2</sup> .....	144.2	143.0	143.4	143.9	-6	-8	.3	.3	.3
Nondairy substitutes and peanut butter <sup>2</sup> .....	139.9	139.4	138.6	138.3	.3	-4	-6	-2	.4
Roasted coffee .....	174.9	187.8	195.0	196.4	3.5	7.4	3.8	.7	33.2
Instant and freeze-dried coffee .....	153.6	155.7	157.8	157.4	.8	1.4	1.3	-3	6.0
Seasonings, olives, pickles, and relish <sup>2</sup> .....	172.3	175.1	171.2	174.1	-1.7	1.6	-2.2	1.7	2.4
Other condiments .....	158.8	159.8	159.8	160.8	-6	.6	.0	.6	3.4
Miscellaneous prepared foods and baby foods <sup>2</sup> .....	175.5	178.7	179.7	178.1	-9	1.8	.6	-9	5.2
Other canned and packaged prepared foods <sup>2</sup> .....	141.2	142.6	143.3	143.4	-8	1.0	.5	.1	5.0
Whiskey at home .....	151.0	151.6	151.5	151.4	.8	.4	-1	-1	2.2
Other alcoholic beverages at home .....	149.6	149.9	150.4	151.2	-1	.2	.3	.5	2.4
<b>Housing</b>									
Household linens <sup>2</sup> .....	110.3	109.2	111.0	111.0	.6	-1.0	1.6	.0	-1.1
Curtains, drapes, slipcovers, and sewing materials <sup>2</sup> .....	136.9	138.1	139.4	135.9	-1.2	.9	.9	-2.5	-8
Soaps and detergents <sup>2</sup> .....	143.4	142.1	142.7	141.9	-4	-9	.4	-6	.4
Other laundry and cleaning products <sup>2</sup> .....	148.0	148.4	149.5	148.4	.7	.3	.7	-7	2.6
Cleansing and toilet tissue, paper towels, and napkins <sup>2</sup> .....	140.9	140.2	143.0	142.5	.2	-5	2.0	-3	-1.2
Stationery, stationery supplies, and gift wrap <sup>2</sup> .....	156.2	156.9	157.2	153.5	.1	.4	.2	-2.4	4.2
<b>Apparel and upkeep</b>									
Men's suits, sport coats, and jackets <sup>2</sup> .....	136.4	132.5	129.9	132.7	.7	-2.9	-2.0	2.2	-1.2
Men's coats and jackets <sup>2</sup> .....	145.7	144.1	140.9	144.4	-2	-1.1	-2.2	2.5	3.8
Boys' coats, jackets, sweaters, and shirts <sup>2</sup> .....	116.8	114.4	114.5	116.3	1.0	-2.1	.1	1.6	4.4
Boys' trousers, sport coats, and jackets <sup>2</sup> .....	118.9	118.4	120.8	117.9	.8	-4	2.0	-2.4	3.9
Girls' coats, jackets, dresses, and suits <sup>2</sup> .....	124.9	125.5	120.7	118.9	-5.5	.5	-3.8	-1.5	5.1
Girls' separates and sportswear <sup>2</sup> .....	119.2	116.7	111.0	109.2	-9	-2.1	-4.9	-1.6	-1.1
<b>Transportation</b>									
State automobile registration <sup>2</sup> .....	205.6	205.7	208.5	208.5	-1	.0	1.4	.0	1.5
<b>Other goods and services</b>									
Products for hair, hair pieces, and wigs <sup>2</sup> .....	128.1	128.1	127.6	127.7	-2	.0	-4	.1	-3.1

<sup>1</sup> These special indexes are based on substantially smaller samples.

<sup>2</sup> This index series will no longer appear in its present form after

December, 1997. See Table X for a comparable index series.

NOTE: Index applies to a month as a whole, not to any specific date.

**Table 6. Consumer Price Index for Urban Wage Earners and Clerical Workers (CPI-W): U.S. city average, by expenditure category and commodity and service group**

(1982-84=100, unless otherwise noted)

Group	Relative importance, December 1996	Unadjusted indexes		Unadjusted percent change to Aug. 1997 from—		Seasonally adjusted percent change from—		
		July 1997	Aug. 1997	Aug. 1996	July 1997	May to June	June to July	July to Aug.
<b>Expenditure category</b>								
All items .....	100.000	157.5	157.8	2.1	0.2	0.1	0.2	0.2
All items (1967=100) .....	-	469.0	470.0	-	-	-	-	-
Food and beverages .....	19.436	157.0	157.6	2.5	.4	.2	.3	.4
Food .....	17.749	156.6	157.1	2.4	.3	.3	.3	.3
Food at home .....	11.387	156.9	157.6	2.3	.4	.3	.3	.4
Cereals and bakery products .....	1.688	177.9	178.2	1.9	.2	.4	.0	.1
Meats, poultry, fish, and eggs .....	3.535	148.0	148.8	2.4	.5	.1	.5	.0
Dairy products <sup>1</sup> .....	1.387	143.0	143.0	-.9	.0	-.9	-.6	.0
Fruits and vegetables <sup>2</sup> .....	2.086	184.0	186.9	2.8	1.6	.5	.5	2.6
Other food at home .....	2.691	147.9	148.0	3.6	.1	.5	.6	.0
Sugar and sweets .....	.373	149.2	147.8	2.3	-.9	.3	.5	-.8
Fats and oils .....	.282	141.1	141.2	.4	.1	-.2	-.6	.6
Nonalcoholic beverages .....	.841	134.9	135.2	5.6	.2	1.1	1.5	-.1
Other prepared food .....	1.194	161.2	161.6	3.4	.2	.4	.2	.2
Food away from home .....	6.362	157.1	157.4	2.8	.2	.3	.3	.2
Alcoholic beverages .....	1.687	162.2	162.5	2.7	.2	.1	.2	.4
Housing <sup>2</sup> .....	38.747	154.1	154.2	2.3	.1	.3	.2	.0
Shelter .....	25.867	171.7	172.3	3.0	.3	.2	.2	.2
Renters' costs <sup>3 4</sup> .....	8.079	163.7	164.3	3.1	.4	.3	-.1	.3
Rent, residential .....	6.580	166.5	167.0	3.0	.3	.3	.2	.3
Other renters' costs <sup>4</sup> .....	1.499	232.9	234.2	3.4	.6	.6	-1.1	.3
Homeowners' costs <sup>3 4</sup> .....	17.599	165.7	166.2	3.0	.3	.2	.4	.1
Owners' equivalent rent <sup>3</sup> .....	17.277	166.0	166.5	3.0	.3	.2	.4	.2
Household insurance <sup>3 4</sup> .....	.322	150.3	150.9	2.0	.4	.1	.1	.4
Maintenance and repairs <sup>1 4</sup> .....	.189	143.6	143.8	4.2	.1	.0	1.3	.1
Maintenance and repair services <sup>1 4</sup> .....	.105	155.9	156.5	5.0	.4	.1	2.6	.4
Maintenance and repair commodities <sup>1 4</sup> .....	.084	128.3	128.0	3.1	-.2	.0	-.2	-.2
Fuel and other utilities <sup>2</sup> .....	7.344	131.9	131.2	1.5	-.5	.6	.2	-.5
Fuels .....	3.979	119.1	118.1	.5	-.8	.9	.0	-.8
Fuel oil and other household fuel commodities .....	.391	94.5	93.2	1.2	-1.4	-.7	-1.8	-.6
Gas (piped) and electricity (energy services) .....	3.588	127.3	126.2	.4	-.9	1.0	.2	-.7
Other utilities and public services <sup>4</sup> .....	3.365	163.2	162.9	2.8	-.2	.4	.6	-.1
Household furnishings and operation <sup>2</sup> .....	5.536	124.1	123.7	.3	-.3	-.1	-.1	-.3
Housefurnishings <sup>4</sup> .....	3.261	109.5	109.1	-.8	-.4	-.2	-.5	-.5
Housekeeping supplies .....	1.129	144.4	143.4	1.1	-.7	-.1	.6	-.7
Housekeeping services <sup>4</sup> .....	1.145	154.7	155.2	2.6	.3	.5	.2	.4
Apparel and upkeep .....	5.348	129.8	129.4	1.5	-.3	-.3	.2	-1.0
Apparel commodities <sup>4</sup> .....	4.838	126.1	125.7	1.5	-.3	-.3	.2	-1.1
Men's and boys' apparel .....	1.286	128.0	128.8	2.5	.6	-.5	.8	.0
Women's and girls' apparel .....	2.053	120.6	119.6	1.9	-.8	.0	-.4	-2.1
Infants' and toddlers' apparel <sup>1</sup> .....	.240	132.0	128.4	1.3	-2.7	-.8	-1.3	-2.7
Footwear .....	.799	126.8	127.3	1.0	.4	-.9	.9	.7
Other apparel commodities <sup>4</sup> .....	.461	146.8	145.7	-1.4	-.7	.3	.6	-1.7
Apparel services <sup>1 4</sup> .....	.510	162.6	162.7	1.9	.1	.2	.2	.1
Transportation .....	19.190	142.9	143.3	.5	.3	-.4	.1	.7
Private transportation .....	17.934	140.4	141.1	.4	.5	-.3	-.1	.9
New vehicles .....	4.893	144.9	144.3	.2	-.4	.0	.1	-.2
New cars .....	3.533	140.7	140.0	-.2	-.5	-.1	.1	-.1
Used cars .....	2.320	151.4	149.9	-5.0	-1.0	-1.7	-1.2	-.7
Motor fuel .....	3.921	104.0	107.7	1.3	3.6	-.9	-.4	5.0
Gasoline .....	-	103.6	107.6	1.5	3.9	-.8	-.4	5.5
Maintenance and repairs .....	1.616	164.0	164.2	2.9	.1	.4	.3	.1
Other private transportation <sup>4</sup> .....	5.185	172.8	172.7	1.8	-.1	.2	.5	.0
Other private transportation commodities .....	.742	104.4	104.0	.0	-.4	.1	.6	-.5
Other private transportation services <sup>4</sup> .....	4.442	190.2	190.1	2.0	-.1	.2	.5	.1
Public transportation .....	1.256	186.2	181.6	1.2	-2.5	-.7	.9	-1.6

See footnotes at end of table.

**Table 6. Consumer Price Index for Urban Wage Earners and Clerical Workers (CPI-W): U.S. city average, by expenditure category and commodity and service group—Continued**

(1982-84=100, unless otherwise noted)

Group	Relative importance, December 1996	Unadjusted indexes		Unadjusted percent change to Aug. 1997 from—		Seasonally adjusted percent change from—		
		July 1997	Aug. 1997	Aug. 1996	July 1997	May to June	June to July	July to Aug.
<b>Expenditure category</b>								
Medical care .....	6.251	234.2	234.6	2.7	0.2	0.2	0.1	0.2
Medical care commodities .....	1.047	213.3	212.5	1.9	-.4	.0	.0	-.2
Medical care services .....	5.204	238.9	239.5	2.7	.3	.2	.1	.3
Professional medical services .....	2.973	217.2	217.7	3.5	.2	.2	.1	.3
Entertainment <sup>4</sup> .....	4.015	160.1	160.6	2.3	.3	.5	.1	.4
Entertainment commodities <sup>4</sup> .....	2.036	142.7	143.5	.9	.6	.1	.0	.6
Entertainment services <sup>4</sup> .....	1.979	184.8	184.9	3.7	.1	.8	.2	.1
Other goods and services <sup>2</sup> .....	7.012	220.3	222.1	4.3	.8	.0	.3	.5
Tobacco and smoking products .....	2.117	241.7	243.0	4.3	.5	-.9	.5	.6
Personal care <sup>1</sup> .....	1.107	152.4	152.4	1.3	.0	.1	-.2	.0
Toilet goods and personal care appliances <sup>1</sup> .....	.610	144.6	144.4	-.8	-.1	.0	-.3	-.1
Personal care services <sup>1</sup> .....	.497	162.6	162.8	4.0	.1	.2	-.1	.1
Personal and educational expenses <sup>4</sup> .....	3.788	253.6	256.8	5.2	1.3	.4	.3	.6
School books and supplies .....	.232	240.1	241.9	5.7	.7	1.1	.4	.4
Personal and educational services <sup>4</sup> .....	3.556	255.0	258.3	5.1	1.3	.4	.3	.6
<b>Commodity and service group</b>								
All items .....	100.000	157.5	157.8	2.1	.2	.1	.2	.2
Commodities .....	47.057	141.0	141.4	1.3	.3	-.1	.1	.4
Food and beverages .....	19.436	157.0	157.6	2.5	.4	.2	.3	.4
Commodities less food and beverages .....	27.621	131.3	131.6	.5	.2	-.4	-.2	.4
Nondurables less food and beverages .....	16.215	132.9	133.9	1.7	.8	-.4	.1	.8
Apparel commodities <sup>4</sup> .....	4.838	126.1	125.7	1.5	-.3	-.3	.2	-.1
Nondurables less food, beverages, and apparel .....	11.377	139.1	140.8	1.9	1.2	-.6	-.2	1.8
Durables .....	11.407	128.0	127.4	-.2	-.5	-.5	-.3	-.3
Services .....	52.943	177.1	177.4	2.8	.2	.3	.3	.1
Rent of shelter <sup>3</sup> .....	25.329	165.3	165.8	3.0	.3	.3	.2	.2
Household services less rent of shelter <sup>3 4</sup> .....	8.553	135.5	135.0	1.7	-.4	.6	.3	-.4
Transportation services .....	7.314	182.9	182.1	2.1	-.4	.1	.5	-.2
Medical care services .....	5.204	238.9	239.5	2.7	.3	.2	.1	.3
Other services .....	6.542	205.9	207.4	4.4	.7	.5	.2	.4
<b>Special indexes</b>								
All items less food .....	82.251	157.5	157.8	2.1	.2	.1	.1	.2
All items less shelter .....	74.133	153.6	153.9	1.8	.2	.1	.1	.3
All items less homeowners' costs <sup>3 4</sup> .....	82.401	147.6	147.9	1.9	.2	.1	.1	.2
All items less medical care .....	93.749	153.8	154.2	2.1	.3	.1	.1	.3
Commodities less food .....	29.308	132.5	132.9	.7	.3	-.4	-.1	.4
Nondurables less food .....	17.901	134.7	135.6	1.9	.7	-.3	.1	.7
Nondurables less food and apparel .....	13.064	140.4	141.9	1.9	1.1	-.3	.1	1.8
Nondurables .....	35.651	145.3	146.0	2.1	.5	.0	.3	.6
Services less rent of shelter <sup>3 4</sup> .....	27.613	168.2	168.2	2.7	.0	.3	.3	.0
Services less medical care services .....	47.738	171.8	172.0	2.8	.1	.4	.4	-.1
Energy .....	7.901	110.8	112.2	1.0	1.3	.0	-.2	2.0
All items less energy .....	92.099	164.0	164.2	2.2	.1	.1	.2	.1
All items less food and energy .....	74.350	165.9	166.0	2.2	.1	.1	.2	.0
Commodities less food and energy commodities .....	24.996	141.1	140.8	.6	-.2	-.3	.0	-.4
Energy commodities .....	4.312	103.4	106.7	1.3	3.2	-.9	-.5	4.5
Services less energy services .....	49.354	182.6	183.0	3.0	.2	.3	.3	.2
Purchasing power of the consumer dollar:								
1982-84=\$1.00 <sup>1</sup> .....	-	\$.635	\$.634	-2.0	-.2	-.2	.0	-.2
1967=\$1.00 <sup>1</sup> .....	-	.213	.213	-	-	-	-	-

<sup>1</sup> Not seasonally adjusted.

<sup>2</sup> This index series will undergo a change in composition in January, 1998.

<sup>3</sup> Indexes on a December 1984=100 base.

<sup>4</sup> This index series will no longer appear in its present form after December, 1997. See Table X for a comparable index series.

- Data not available.

NOTE: Index applies to a month as a whole, not to any specific date.

**Table 7. Consumer Price Index for Urban Wage Earners and Clerical Workers (CPI-W): Seasonally adjusted U.S. city average, by expenditure category and commodity and service group**

(1982-84=100, unless otherwise noted)

Group	Seasonally adjusted indexes				Seasonally adjusted annual rate percent change for					
	May 1997	June 1997	July 1997	Aug. 1997	3 months ended—				6 months ended—	
					Nov. 1996	Feb. 1997	May 1997	Aug. 1997	Feb. 1997	Aug. 1997
<b>Expenditure category</b>										
All items .....	-	-	-	-	3.9	2.3	0.3	2.1	3.1	1.2
Food and beverages .....	156.7	157.0	157.5	158.1	5.3	.3	1.0	3.6	2.7	2.3
Food .....	156.2	156.6	157.1	157.6	5.3	.3	.8	3.6	2.7	2.2
Food at home .....	156.6	157.0	157.5	158.2	6.4	-1.3	.3	4.1	2.5	2.2
Cereals and bakery products .....	176.7	177.4	177.4	177.5	4.2	.0	1.6	1.8	2.1	1.7
Meats, poultry, fish, and eggs .....	148.2	148.3	149.1	149.1	6.8	-.3	.8	2.5	3.2	1.6
Dairy products <sup>1</sup> .....	145.1	143.8	143.0	143.0	14.3	-8.3	-2.4	-5.7	2.4	-4.1
Fruits and vegetables <sup>2</sup> .....	184.1	185.0	186.0	190.9	6.0	-2.7	-5.5	15.6	1.5	4.5
Other food at home .....	146.2	147.0	147.9	147.9	2.3	2.2	5.1	4.7	2.3	4.9
Sugar and sweets .....	147.5	147.9	148.7	147.5	2.0	5.3	1.6	.0	3.6	.8
Fats and oils .....	141.6	141.3	140.5	141.3	2.3	.3	.0	-.8	1.3	-.4
Nonalcoholic beverages .....	132.2	133.7	135.7	135.6	-4.0	-.6	17.8	10.7	-2.3	14.2
Other prepared food .....	160.0	160.7	161.0	161.4	7.6	3.6	-1.0	3.5	5.6	1.3
Food away from home .....	156.2	156.6	157.1	157.4	3.7	2.9	1.3	3.1	3.3	2.2
Alcoholic beverages .....	161.7	161.8	162.2	162.8	4.1	2.3	2.0	2.7	3.2	2.4
Housing <sup>2</sup> .....	152.7	153.1	153.4	153.4	3.0	2.9	1.3	1.8	3.0	1.6
Shelter .....	170.5	170.9	171.3	171.6	2.7	3.1	3.4	2.6	2.9	3.0
Renters' costs <sup>3 4</sup> .....	161.5	162.0	161.9	162.4	2.8	3.3	3.8	2.2	3.1	3.0
Rent, residential .....	165.7	166.2	166.5	167.0	2.7	2.5	3.5	3.2	2.6	3.3
Other renters' costs <sup>4</sup> .....	224.3	225.7	223.3	223.9	2.4	7.4	4.6	-.7	4.9	1.9
Homeowners' costs <sup>3 4</sup> .....	164.9	165.3	165.9	166.1	2.5	3.0	3.0	2.9	2.7	3.0
Owners' equivalent rent <sup>3</sup> .....	165.3	165.6	166.2	166.5	2.5	3.0	3.2	2.9	2.7	3.1
Household insurance <sup>3 4</sup> .....	149.4	149.6	149.7	150.3	6.7	-2.4	1.3	2.4	2.0	1.9
Maintenance and repairs <sup>1 4</sup> .....	141.7	141.7	143.6	143.8	5.6	2.3	2.9	6.1	4.0	4.5
Maintenance and repair services <sup>1 4</sup> .....	151.9	152.0	155.9	156.5	2.4	1.1	4.3	12.7	1.8	8.4
Maintenance and repair commodities <sup>1 4</sup> .....	128.6	128.6	128.3	128.0	10.0	3.8	.9	-1.9	6.9	-.5
Fuel and other utilities <sup>2</sup> .....	129.0	129.8	130.1	129.5	5.4	6.0	-6.5	1.6	5.7	-2.6
Fuels .....	114.6	115.6	115.6	114.7	7.2	9.3	-13.1	.3	8.2	-6.6
Fuel oil and other household fuel commodities .....	99.6	98.9	97.1	96.5	54.2	-.8	-22.1	-11.9	23.7	-17.1
Gas (piped) and electricity (energy services) .....	121.7	122.9	123.1	122.2	3.3	10.1	-12.1	1.7	6.7	-5.5
Other utilities and public services <sup>4</sup> .....	161.5	162.1	163.0	162.8	3.8	2.0	2.0	3.3	2.9	2.6
Household furnishings and operation <sup>2</sup> .....	124.2	124.1	124.0	123.6	.7	.3	2.0	-1.9	.5	.0
Housefurnishings <sup>4</sup> .....	110.2	110.0	109.5	109.0	-.4	.0	1.5	-4.3	-.2	-1.5
Housekeeping supplies .....	143.7	143.6	144.4	143.4	1.1	2.3	1.7	-.8	1.7	.4
Housekeeping services <sup>4</sup> .....	153.9	154.6	154.9	155.5	2.9	.0	3.5	4.2	1.5	3.8
Apparel and upkeep .....	132.9	132.5	132.8	131.5	4.1	3.4	3.4	-4.1	3.7	-.5
Apparel commodities <sup>4</sup> .....	129.6	129.2	129.4	128.0	4.2	3.5	3.5	-4.8	3.8	-.8
Men's and boys' apparel .....	130.1	129.4	130.4	130.4	4.2	-1.2	6.4	.9	1.4	3.6
Women's and girls' apparel .....	126.7	126.7	126.2	123.6	4.7	10.8	2.6	-9.4	7.7	-3.6
Infants' and toddlers' apparel <sup>1</sup> .....	134.9	133.8	132.0	128.4	3.2	1.3	23.0	-17.9	2.2	.5
Footwear .....	128.2	127.0	128.1	129.0	1.3	-1.6	1.6	2.5	-.2	2.0
Other apparel commodities <sup>4</sup> .....	145.8	146.2	147.1	144.6	8.1	-5.0	-5.0	-3.3	1.4	-4.2
Apparel services <sup>1 4</sup> .....	161.9	162.2	162.6	162.7	1.0	3.3	1.5	2.0	2.1	1.7
Transportation .....	142.8	142.3	142.4	143.4	4.6	2.5	-6.4	1.7	3.5	-2.5
Private transportation .....	140.5	140.1	140.0	141.3	4.0	3.4	-7.3	2.3	3.7	-2.6
New vehicles .....	145.6	145.6	145.7	145.4	1.7	-.5	.0	-.5	.6	-.3
New cars .....	141.5	141.3	141.4	141.3	.3	-.6	.0	-.6	-.1	-.3
Used cars .....	155.1	152.5	150.6	149.5	-1.5	1.0	-5.0	-13.7	-.3	-9.4
Motor fuel .....	102.5	101.6	101.2	106.3	14.9	13.1	-29.9	15.7	14.0	-9.9
Gasoline .....	101.8	101.0	100.6	106.1	14.1	13.2	-30.3	18.0	13.6	-9.3
Maintenance and repairs .....	163.2	163.8	164.3	164.4	4.1	1.5	3.3	3.0	2.8	3.1
Other private transportation <sup>4</sup> .....	172.5	172.8	173.6	173.6	1.4	1.4	1.6	2.6	1.4	2.1
Other private transportation commodities <sup>4</sup> .....	103.9	104.0	104.6	104.1	.0	-.8	-.4	.8	-.4	.2
Other private transportation services <sup>4</sup> .....	189.9	190.2	191.1	191.2	1.5	1.9	1.9	2.8	1.7	2.3
Public transportation .....	184.9	183.6	185.3	182.3	13.0	-12.1	11.6	-5.5	-.3	2.7

See footnotes at end of table.

**Table 7. Consumer Price Index for Urban Wage Earners and Clerical Workers (CPI-W): Seasonally adjusted U.S. city average, by expenditure category and commodity and service group—Continued**

(1982-84=100, unless otherwise noted)

Group	Seasonally adjusted indexes				Seasonally adjusted annual rate percent change for					
	May 1997	June 1997	July 1997	Aug. 1997	3 months ended—				6 months ended—	
					Nov. 1996	Feb. 1997	May 1997	Aug. 1997	Feb. 1997	Aug. 1997
<b>Expenditure category</b>										
Medical care .....	233.7	234.1	234.3	234.7	3.0	2.3	3.7	1.7	2.6	2.7
Medical care commodities .....	213.1	213.1	213.0	212.5	2.1	2.9	4.0	-1.1	2.5	1.4
Medical care services .....	238.2	238.7	238.9	239.5	3.1	2.1	3.8	2.2	2.6	3.0
Professional medical services .....	216.3	216.8	217.0	217.7	4.1	2.9	4.6	2.6	3.5	3.6
Entertainment <sup>4</sup> .....	159.4	160.2	160.3	161.0	2.3	1.8	1.0	4.1	2.0	2.5
Entertainment commodities <sup>4</sup> .....	142.5	142.7	142.7	143.6	1.7	.6	-1.7	3.1	1.1	.7
Entertainment services <sup>4</sup> .....	183.6	185.1	185.4	185.6	3.2	2.7	4.5	4.4	2.9	4.5
Other goods and services <sup>2</sup> .....	221.1	221.0	221.6	222.7	3.6	4.1	6.4	2.9	3.9	4.6
Tobacco and smoking products .....	242.4	240.1	241.2	242.7	4.9	2.9	9.1	.5	3.9	4.7
Personal care <sup>1</sup> .....	152.6	152.7	152.4	152.4	2.4	.3	3.2	-.5	1.3	1.3
Toilet goods and personal care appliances <sup>1</sup> .....	145.0	145.0	144.6	144.4	-5	-3.3	2.2	-1.6	-1.9	.3
Personal care services <sup>1</sup> .....	162.4	162.7	162.6	162.8	5.7	5.4	4.0	1.0	5.6	2.5
Personal and educational expenses <sup>4</sup> .....	254.1	255.2	256.0	257.5	3.5	6.1	5.7	5.5	4.8	5.6
School books and supplies .....	238.5	241.1	242.1	243.1	5.7	2.9	6.5	7.9	4.3	7.2
Personal and educational services <sup>4</sup> .....	255.5	256.6	257.3	258.8	3.3	6.3	5.7	5.3	4.8	5.5
<b>Commodity and service group</b>										
All items .....	-	-	-	-	3.9	2.3	.3	2.1	3.1	1.2
Commodities .....	141.4	141.2	141.3	141.9	4.4	2.0	-2.2	1.4	3.2	-4
Food and beverages .....	156.7	157.0	157.5	158.1	5.3	.3	1.0	3.6	2.7	2.3
Commodities less food and beverages .....	132.1	131.6	131.4	131.9	4.0	3.1	-4.1	-.6	3.5	-2.4
Nondurables less food and beverages .....	133.7	133.2	133.3	134.3	7.2	4.2	-5.8	1.8	5.7	-2.1
Apparel commodities <sup>4</sup> .....	129.6	129.2	129.4	128.0	4.2	3.5	3.5	-4.8	3.8	-.8
Nondurables less food, beverages, and apparel .....	138.9	138.0	137.7	140.2	7.5	6.7	-9.5	3.8	7.1	-3.1
Durables .....	129.1	128.5	128.1	127.7	.6	.0	-.4	-.3	.3	-2.6
Services .....	175.8	176.3	176.8	176.9	3.1	3.0	2.5	2.5	3.0	2.5
Rent of shelter <sup>3</sup> .....	164.2	164.7	165.0	165.3	2.5	3.3	3.2	2.7	2.9	3.0
Household services less rent of shelter <sup>3 4</sup> .....	132.8	133.6	134.0	133.4	3.4	5.2	-3.5	1.8	4.3	-.9
Transportation services .....	182.3	182.4	183.4	183.0	3.8	-.7	3.8	1.5	1.6	2.7
Medical care services .....	238.2	238.7	238.9	239.5	3.1	2.1	3.8	2.2	2.6	3.0
Other services .....	206.1	207.2	207.6	208.4	3.2	4.9	4.8	4.5	4.0	4.7
<b>Special indexes</b>										
All items less food .....	156.9	157.0	157.2	157.5	3.4	2.9	.3	1.5	3.1	.9
All items less shelter .....	153.4	153.5	153.7	154.1	4.3	2.1	-.8	1.8	3.2	.5
All items less homeowners' costs <sup>3 4</sup> .....	147.3	147.4	147.6	147.9	3.9	2.5	-.3	1.6	3.2	.7
All items less medical care .....	153.3	153.5	153.7	154.1	3.8	2.4	.0	2.1	3.1	1.0
Commodities less food .....	133.5	133.0	132.9	133.4	4.0	3.0	-3.8	-.3	3.5	-2.1
Nondurables less food .....	135.1	134.7	134.9	135.9	7.4	4.5	-6.3	2.4	5.9	-2.0
Nondurables less food and apparel .....	139.6	139.2	139.3	141.8	7.4	4.6	-9.4	6.5	6.0	-1.8
Nondurables .....	145.2	145.2	145.6	146.5	5.4	2.5	-3.0	3.6	3.9	.3
Services less rent of shelter <sup>3</sup> .....	166.8	167.3	167.8	167.8	4.0	2.9	1.5	2.4	3.5	1.9
Services less medical care services .....	170.4	171.0	171.6	171.5	3.2	2.9	2.4	2.6	3.0	2.5
Energy .....	108.0	108.0	107.8	110.0	11.1	11.2	-21.9	7.6	11.1	-8.3
All items less energy .....	163.9	164.1	164.4	164.6	3.3	1.5	2.5	1.7	2.4	2.1
All items less food and energy .....	166.1	166.2	166.5	166.5	2.5	2.2	2.9	1.0	2.3	1.9
Commodities less food and energy commodities .....	142.4	142.0	142.0	141.5	2.0	1.1	1.4	-2.5	1.6	-.6
Energy commodities .....	102.5	101.6	101.1	105.7	17.5	11.9	-29.1	13.1	14.7	-10.5
Services less energy services .....	181.9	182.4	182.9	183.2	3.0	2.5	3.6	2.9	2.7	3.2

<sup>1</sup> Not seasonally adjusted.

<sup>2</sup> This index series will undergo a change in composition in January, 1998.

<sup>3</sup> Indexes on a December 1984=100 base.

<sup>4</sup> This index series will no longer appear in its present form after December, 1997. See Table X for a comparable index series.

- Data not available.

NOTE: Index applies to a month as a whole, not to any specific date.

**Table 8. Consumer Price Index for Urban Wage Earners and Clerical Workers (CPI-W): U.S. city average, detailed expenditure categories**

(1982-84=100, unless otherwise noted)

Item and group	Unadjusted indexes		Unadjusted percent change to Aug. 1997 from—		Seasonally adjusted percent change from—		
	July 1997	Aug. 1997	Aug. 1996	July 1997	May to June	June to July	July to Aug.
<b>Expenditure category</b>							
Food and beverages .....	157.0	157.6	2.5	0.4	0.2	0.3	0.4
Food .....	156.6	157.1	2.4	.3	.3	.3	.3
Food at home .....	156.9	157.6	2.3	.4	.3	.3	.4
Cereals and bakery products .....	177.9	178.2	1.9	.2	.4	.0	.1
Cereals and cereal products .....	170.0	171.1	1.8	.6	.2	.4	.8
Flour and prepared flour mixes .....	158.9	159.9	.2	.6	-.9	.5	.4
Cereal .....	187.8	189.1	1.8	.7	.9	.2	1.0
Rice, pasta, and cornmeal .....	149.9	150.5	3.2	.4	-.3	1.0	.7
Bakery products .....	181.4	181.3	2.0	-.1	.7	-.3	-.2
White bread <sup>1</sup> .....	183.2	182.8	.8	-.2	.9	-.7	-.2
Fresh other bread, biscuits, rolls, and muffins <sup>1</sup> .....	182.6	182.3	2.0	-.2	1.0	.7	-.2
Cookies, fresh cakes, and cupcakes <sup>1</sup> .....	177.8	179.1	4.4	.7	.2	-.5	.7
Other bakery products .....	182.4	181.3	.9	-.6	1.1	-.6	-.6
Meats, poultry, fish, and eggs .....	148.0	148.8	2.4	.5	.1	.5	.0
Meats, poultry, and fish .....	149.0	149.5	2.6	.3	.3	.3	.1
Meats .....	144.7	145.6	2.7	.6	.3	.3	.2
Beef and veal .....	136.5	136.9	2.1	.3	.3	.7	-.1
Ground beef other than canned .....	116.6	116.5	1.6	-.1	.5	.6	-1.0
Chuck roast <sup>2</sup> .....	143.8	145.0	2.4	.8	.6	4.3	-.9
Round roast <sup>2</sup> .....	130.3	128.1	1.8	-1.7	-.8	1.1	-1.5
Round steak <sup>2</sup> .....	129.3	130.8	6.3	1.2	-.2	.9	2.1
Sirloin steak <sup>2</sup> .....	142.3	145.8	3.3	2.5	-.3	.4	2.8
Other beef and veal <sup>1 2</sup> .....	159.7	159.9	1.3	.1	-.1	-.1	.1
Pork .....	157.6	158.7	3.3	.7	.9	-.3	.1
Bacon .....	167.8	168.3	4.2	.3	2.1	2.1	-.8
Chops .....	157.0	159.1	1.1	1.3	1.8	-2.5	1.5
Ham .....	156.8	159.5	4.0	1.7	1.5	-.9	-.1
Other pork, including sausage <sup>2</sup> .....	153.3	153.1	4.0	-.1	-.5	.4	-.1
Other meats <sup>1</sup> .....	147.3	149.1	3.1	1.2	-.2	.1	1.2
Poultry <sup>1</sup> .....	157.5	155.3	.8	-1.4	-.1	.8	-1.4
Fresh whole chicken <sup>1</sup> .....	159.2	156.3	-.6	-1.8	-1.3	1.3	-1.8
Fresh and frozen chicken parts <sup>1</sup> .....	158.4	156.1	.9	-1.5	.6	.3	-1.5
Other poultry <sup>2</sup> .....	156.6	155.8	3.1	-.5	.2	.6	-.8
Fish and seafood .....	175.7	177.5	4.0	1.0	-.1	.6	1.2
Canned fish and seafood <sup>1</sup> .....	127.9	128.9	2.0	.8	-.2	.3	.8
Fresh and frozen fish and seafood <sup>2</sup> .....	199.9	202.0	4.4	1.1	-.1	.7	1.3
Eggs .....	131.9	136.6	-.4	3.6	-3.4	3.1	-1.6
Dairy products <sup>1</sup> .....	143.0	143.0	-.9	.0	-.9	-.6	.0
Fresh milk and cream <sup>1 2</sup> .....	141.6	141.3	-2.0	-.2	-.8	-1.3	-.2
Fresh whole milk <sup>1</sup> .....	139.5	139.0	-2.6	-.4	-.6	-1.4	-.4
Other fresh milk and cream <sup>1 2</sup> .....	144.8	144.9	-1.2	.1	-1.3	-1.0	.1
Processed dairy products <sup>2</sup> .....	145.2	145.5	.3	.2	-.7	-.2	-.5
Cheese <sup>1 2</sup> .....	146.7	146.4	.1	-.2	-.3	.0	-.2
Ice cream and related products .....	148.9	149.1	2.5	.1	-1.1	.5	.0
Other dairy products, including butter <sup>2</sup> .....	134.0	135.9	-2.2	1.4	-2.0	-1.0	.8
Fruits and vegetables <sup>3</sup> .....	184.0	186.9	2.8	1.6	.5	.5	2.6
Fresh fruits and vegetables .....	209.4	214.2	3.6	2.3	.6	1.1	3.6
Fresh fruits .....	228.8	236.4	2.1	3.3	-1.1	-.1	2.8
Apples .....	207.4	212.3	-1.3	2.4	.3	.8	-.5
Bananas .....	159.0	155.8	1.4	-2.0	2.7	-2.3	.1
Oranges, including tangerines <sup>2</sup> .....	242.7	281.5	-2.5	16.0	-1.4	-.3	6.1
Other fresh fruits <sup>2</sup> .....	252.9	254.1	5.4	.5	-2.1	.2	3.3
Fresh vegetables .....	190.6	192.6	5.5	1.0	2.7	2.5	4.6
Potatoes .....	182.5	194.7	-1.2	6.7	-1.6	1.5	6.6
Lettuce <sup>1</sup> .....	183.8	198.9	13.9	8.2	-.3	6.2	8.2
Tomatoes <sup>1</sup> .....	189.8	190.3	13.8	.3	9.0	-11.4	.3
Other fresh vegetables .....	197.0	193.0	4.2	-2.0	-1.6	4.1	3.5
Processed fruits and vegetables <sup>2</sup> .....	148.5	148.5	1.1	.0	.3	-.5	.3
Processed fruits <sup>1 2</sup> .....	148.9	147.9	1.0	-.7	-.1	.4	-.7
Fruit juices and frozen fruit <sup>1 2</sup> .....	148.5	147.2	.5	-.9	-.3	.5	-.9
Canned and dried fruits <sup>2</sup> .....	148.6	148.8	2.9	.1	.7	-.3	-.1
Processed vegetables <sup>2</sup> .....	148.3	149.6	1.3	.9	.3	-.7	1.0
Frozen vegetables <sup>2</sup> .....	150.1	150.6	2.8	.3	1.3	.6	.3
Processed vegetables excluding frozen <sup>2</sup> .....	148.2	149.8	.5	1.1	-.3	-1.4	1.3

See footnotes at end of table.

**Table 8. Consumer Price Index for Urban Wage Earners and Clerical Workers (CPI-W): U.S. city average, detailed expenditure categories —Continued**

(1982-84=100, unless otherwise noted)

Item and group	Unadjusted indexes		Unadjusted percent change to Aug. 1997 from—		Seasonally adjusted percent change from—		
	July 1997	Aug. 1997	Aug. 1996	July 1997	May to June	June to July	July to Aug.
<b>Expenditure category</b>							
Other food at home .....	147.9	148.0	3.6	0.1	0.5	0.6	0.0
Sugar and sweets .....	149.2	147.8	2.3	-.9	.3	.5	-.8
Sugar and artificial sweeteners .....	136.0	135.7	.5	-.2	.4	-.1	-.2
Sweets, including candy <sup>2</sup> .....	154.8	152.9	3.0	-1.2	.3	.8	-1.0
Fats and oils .....	141.1	141.2	.4	.1	-.2	-.6	.6
Nonalcoholic beverages .....	134.9	135.2	5.6	.2	1.1	1.5	-.1
Carbonated drinks .....	117.6	117.8	-2.5	.2	-1.2	.8	-.1
Coffee <sup>1</sup> .....	180.5	181.3	23.0	.4	5.1	3.0	.4
Other noncarbonated drinks <sup>2</sup> .....	139.9	139.7	1.7	-.1	1.0	-.1	.1
Other prepared food .....	161.2	161.6	3.4	.2	.4	.2	.2
Canned and packaged soup .....	192.3	192.1	2.7	-.1	-.2	.2	-.4
Frozen prepared food <sup>1</sup> .....	146.4	145.2	2.0	-.8	.8	.6	-.8
Snacks <sup>1</sup> .....	154.3	155.2	4.4	.6	.3	.2	.6
Seasonings, condiments, sauces, and spices .....	166.4	168.5	3.3	1.3	.7	-.7	1.3
Miscellaneous prepared food, including baby food <sup>2</sup> .....	162.3	162.0	3.6	-.2	.2	1.1	-.3
Food away from home .....	157.1	157.4	2.8	.2	.3	.3	.2
Lunch <sup>2</sup> .....	157.5	157.8	2.8	.2	.3	.3	.2
Dinner <sup>2</sup> .....	155.0	155.3	2.6	.2	.1	.4	.2
Other meals and snacks <sup>1 2</sup> .....	160.1	160.5	3.2	.2	.4	.1	.2
Alcoholic beverages .....	162.2	162.5	2.7	.2	.1	.2	.4
Alcoholic beverages at home .....	148.7	148.9	1.5	.1	-.1	.0	.4
Beer and ale .....	147.5	147.6	.1	.1	-.3	-.3	.3
Wine .....	144.4	144.4	4.8	.0	-.1	.9	.2
Distilled spirits .....	150.3	150.9	2.3	.4	.1	.0	.5
Alcoholic beverages away from home .....	189.4	189.9	4.1	.3	.2	.6	.3
Housing <sup>3</sup> .....	154.1	154.2	2.3	.1	.3	.2	.0
Shelter .....	171.7	172.3	3.0	.3	.2	.2	.2
Renters' costs <sup>4</sup> .....	163.7	164.3	3.1	.4	.3	-.1	.3
Rent, residential .....	166.5	167.0	3.0	.3	.3	.2	.3
Other renters' costs <sup>2</sup> .....	232.9	234.2	3.4	.6	.6	-1.1	.3
Lodging while out of town .....	233.2	234.2	3.3	.4	.8	-1.2	.2
Lodging while at school <sup>5</sup> .....	222.5	226.8	4.5	1.9	.2	.4	.1
Tenants' insurance <sup>1 2</sup> .....	155.1	155.7	1.4	.4	.3	.4	.4
Homeowners' costs <sup>4</sup> .....	165.7	166.2	3.0	.3	.2	.4	.1
Owners' equivalent rent <sup>4</sup> .....	166.0	166.5	3.0	.3	.2	.4	.2
Household insurance <sup>2 5</sup> .....	150.3	150.9	2.0	.4	.1	.1	.4
Maintenance and repairs <sup>1 2</sup> .....	143.6	143.8	4.2	.1	.0	1.3	.1
Maintenance and repair services <sup>1 2</sup> .....	155.9	156.5	5.0	.4	.1	2.6	.4
Maintenance and repair commodities <sup>1 2</sup> .....	128.3	128.0	3.1	-.2	.0	-.2	-.2
Materials, supplies, and equipment for home repairs <sup>1 2 6</sup> .....	126.1	124.8	4.9	-1.0	.4	.2	-1.0
Other maintenance and repair commodities <sup>1 2</sup> .....	123.0	123.5	1.7	.4	-.4	-.6	.4
Fuel and other utilities <sup>3</sup> .....	131.9	131.2	1.5	-.5	.6	.2	-.5
Fuels .....	119.1	118.1	.5	-.8	.9	.0	-.8
Fuel oil and other household fuel commodities .....	94.5	93.2	1.2	-1.4	-.7	-1.8	-.6
Fuel oil .....	91.7	90.6	1.1	-1.2	-.7	-3.1	-.2
Other household fuel commodities <sup>1 6</sup> .....	125.6	123.5	1.6	-1.7	-1.7	-1.4	-1.7
Gas (piped) and electricity (energy services) .....	127.3	126.2	.4	-.9	1.0	.2	-.7
Electricity .....	138.1	137.2	-.4	-.7	.2	-.2	-.8
Utility (piped) gas .....	111.0	109.5	2.5	-1.4	2.8	1.0	-.8
Other utilities and public services <sup>2</sup> .....	163.2	162.9	2.8	-.2	.4	.6	-.1
Telephone services <sup>1 2</sup> .....	128.1	127.0	.6	-.9	.3	-.1	-.9
Local charges <sup>1 2</sup> .....	162.6	162.6	1.3	.0	.4	-.1	.0
Interstate toll calls <sup>1</sup> .....	78.8	74.9	-4.5	-4.9	.0	.0	-4.9
Intrastate toll calls <sup>1</sup> .....	94.6	94.6	3.5	.0	.1	.2	.0
Water and sewerage maintenance .....	207.5	209.3	4.0	.9	.4	.7	.7
Cable television <sup>7</sup> .....	232.2	233.1	7.6	.4	.9	1.2	.5
Refuse collection <sup>1 7</sup> .....	250.4	251.5	1.8	.4	.2	.2	.4

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**Table 8. Consumer Price Index for Urban Wage Earners and Clerical Workers (CPI-W): U.S. city average, detailed expenditure categories —Continued**

(1982-84=100, unless otherwise noted)

Item and group	Unadjusted indexes		Unadjusted percent change to Aug. 1997 from—		Seasonally adjusted percent change from—		
	July 1997	Aug. 1997	Aug. 1996	July 1997	May to June	June to July	July to Aug.
<b>Expenditure category</b>							
Household furnishings and operation <sup>3</sup> .....	124.1	123.7	0.3	-0.3	-0.1	-0.1	-0.3
Housefurnishings <sup>2</sup> .....	109.5	109.1	-8	-4	-2	-5	-5
Textile housefurnishings <sup>1 2</sup> .....	122.8	121.9	-2	-7	-1.1	1.7	-7
Furniture and bedding .....	131.7	131.8	.2	.1	-4	-1.4	.1
Bedroom furniture <sup>1</sup> .....	140.3	140.1	2.0	-1	.1	-1.3	-1
Sofas <sup>1 2</sup> .....	137.4	136.8	-1.7	-4	-9	-1.3	-4
Living room chairs and tables <sup>1 2</sup> .....	132.8	133.5	1.0	.5	.5	-1.5	.5
Other furniture <sup>2</sup> .....	117.5	117.8	-1.3	.3	-9	-1.0	.4
Appliances, including electronic equipment <sup>1 2</sup> .....	77.3	77.0	-3.1	-4	.3	-5	-4
Video and audio products <sup>1 2</sup> .....	69.0	68.7	-3.4	-4	.1	-4	-4
Televisions <sup>1</sup> .....	60.7	60.4	-4.3	-5	-3	-7	-5
Video products other than televisions <sup>1 2 6</sup> .....	63.2	62.8	-5.8	-6	-1.2	-8	-6
Audio products <sup>1 2</sup> .....	89.1	88.9	-1.7	-2	1.2	-2	-2
Major household appliances <sup>1 2 6</sup> .....	102.1	102.0	-1.4	-1	.8	-5	-1
Refrigerators and home freezers <sup>1 2</sup> .....	107.7	108.7	-1.8	.9	.5	-1.0	.9
Laundry equipment <sup>1</sup> .....	113.1	113.2	-.5	.1	1.0	.3	.1
Stoves, ovens, dishwashers, and air conditioners <sup>1 2 6</sup> .....	91.7	90.7	-1.7	-1.1	.9	-1.1	-1.1
Information processing equipment <sup>1 6</sup> .....	50.1	49.3	-12.1	-1.6	-1.7	-1.6	-1.6
Other housefurnishings <sup>1 2 6</sup> .....	115.3	114.6	-2	-6	-3	.0	-6
Floor and window coverings, infants', laundry, cleaning, and outdoor equipment <sup>1 2</sup> .....	142.2	140.4	.8	-1.3	1.0	.1	-1.3
Clocks, lamps, and decor items <sup>1</sup> .....	118.2	116.9	1.7	-1.1	-8	1.0	-1.1
Tableware, serving pieces, and nonelectric kitchenware <sup>1 2</sup> .....	125.2	125.8	-3	.5	-4	.2	.5
Lawn equipment, power tools, and other hardware <sup>1 2</sup> .....	110.5	110.6	.8	.1	-2	.3	.1
Sewing, floor cleaning, small kitchen, and portable heating appliances <sup>1 2 6</sup> .....	90.7	89.8	.0	-1.0	.1	.1	-1.0
Indoor plants and fresh cut flowers <sup>1 9</sup> .....	111.0	109.1	-4.9	-1.7	-1.8	-1.8	-1.7
Housekeeping supplies .....	144.4	143.4	1.1	-7	-1	.6	-7
Laundry and cleaning products, including soap <sup>1 2</sup> .....	146.8	146.0	1.6	-5	-3	.6	-5
Household paper products and stationery supplies <sup>1 2</sup> .....	147.5	145.2	.0	-1.6	-3	1.2	-1.6
Other household, lawn, and garden supplies <sup>1 2</sup> .....	137.8	137.9	1.8	.1	.1	.1	.1
Housekeeping services <sup>2</sup> .....	154.7	155.2	2.6	.3	.5	.2	.4
Postage <sup>1</sup> .....	160.8	160.8	.0	.0	.0	.0	.0
Appliance and furniture repair <sup>1 2</sup> .....	158.0	158.1	3.1	.1	.3	.1	.1
Gardening and other household services <sup>2 6</sup> .....	138.6	138.8	2.7	.1	.8	-1	.2
<b>Apparel and upkeep</b> .....	129.8	129.4	1.5	-3	-3	.2	-1.0
Apparel commodities <sup>2</sup> .....	126.1	125.7	1.5	-3	-3	.2	-1.1
Apparel commodities less footwear .....	126.0	125.4	1.6	-5	-2	.1	-1.4
Men's and boys' .....	128.0	128.8	2.5	.6	-5	.8	.0
Men's .....	131.6	132.4	2.3	.6	-9	.3	-1
Suits, sport coats, coats, and jackets .....	132.7	136.5	.5	2.9	-5	-6	.6
Furnishings and special clothing .....	126.1	126.8	6.6	.6	.3	.9	.9
Shirts <sup>2</sup> .....	136.2	137.8	1.8	1.2	-1.4	.1	.2
Dungarees, jeans, and trousers .....	132.8	129.9	.7	-2.2	.2	.6	-2.2
Boys' .....	116.3	117.2	3.1	.8	-8	2.4	-6
Women's and girls' .....	120.6	119.6	1.9	-8	.0	-4	-2.1
Women's .....	119.3	118.6	1.5	-6	-3	-2	-1.9
Coats and jackets .....	112.5	123.5	7.7	9.8	.3	-7	2.7
Dresses .....	107.7	103.4	-5.2	-4.0	-4.9	2.9	-5.3
Separates and sportswear <sup>2</sup> .....	122.6	119.1	1.5	-2.9	.6	-1.0	-3.0
Underwear, nightwear, hosiery, and accessories <sup>2</sup> .....	135.0	134.8	1.7	-1	.6	-4	.2
Suits <sup>2</sup> .....	121.8	135.2	9.0	11.0	1.7	-3	1.7
Girls' .....	126.9	124.3	3.8	-2.0	1.4	-1.2	-2.6
Infants' and toddlers' <sup>1</sup> .....	132.0	128.4	1.3	-2.7	-8	-1.3	-2.7
Other apparel commodities <sup>2</sup> .....	146.8	145.7	-1.4	-7	.3	.6	-1.7
Sewing materials, notions, and luggage <sup>1 6</sup> .....	128.4	126.7	-5.0	-1.3	-3	1.3	-1.3
Watches and jewelry <sup>6</sup> .....	146.4	145.6	-7	-5	.3	.9	-2.0
Watches <sup>1 6</sup> .....	127.2	126.2	-1.5	-8	.2	.6	-8
Jewelry <sup>6</sup> .....	152.0	151.1	-5	-6	.5	1.1	-1.8
Footwear .....	126.8	127.3	1.0	.4	-9	.9	.7
Men's .....	132.4	131.7	-4	-5	-1.0	.8	-8
Boys' and girls' .....	129.4	128.3	-1	-9	-1.6	1.5	.5
Women's .....	120.1	122.2	2.6	1.7	-7	.4	2.3
Apparel services <sup>1 2</sup> .....	162.6	162.7	1.9	.1	.2	.2	.1
Laundry and dry cleaning other than coin operated <sup>1 2</sup> .....	166.4	166.3	2.6	-1	.2	.2	-1
Other apparel services <sup>1 2</sup> .....	160.1	160.4	1.5	.2	.1	.2	.2

See footnotes at end of table.

**Table 8. Consumer Price Index for Urban Wage Earners and Clerical Workers (CPI-W): U.S. city average, detailed expenditure categories —Continued**

(1982-84 = 100, unless otherwise noted)

Item and group	Unadjusted indexes		Unadjusted percent change to Aug. 1997 from—		Seasonally adjusted percent change from—		
	July 1997	Aug. 1997	Aug. 1996	July 1997	May to June	June to July	July to Aug.
<b>Expenditure category</b>							
Transportation .....	142.9	143.3	0.5	0.3	-0.4	0.1	0.7
Private .....	140.4	141.1	.4	.5	-.3	-.1	.9
New vehicles .....	144.9	144.3	.2	-.4	.0	.1	-.2
New cars .....	140.7	140.0	-.2	-.5	-.1	.1	-.1
Subcompact new cars <sup>2 6</sup> .....	121.8	121.3	-.7	-.4	-.3	-.3	-.1
Compact new cars <sup>2 6</sup> .....	122.0	121.2	-.2	-.7	-.1	-.1	-.3
Intermediate new cars <sup>2 6</sup> .....	121.6	121.0	-.2	-.5	.2	.1	.0
Full-size new cars <sup>2 6</sup> .....	123.7	123.0	.2	-.6	.1	-.2	.0
Luxury new cars <sup>2 6</sup> .....	131.4	130.7	-.5	-.5	-.2	.2	.2
New trucks <sup>7</sup> .....	152.4	151.9	1.1	-.3	-.1	.1	-.1
New motorcycles <sup>8</sup> .....	163.4	163.2	1.1	-.1	-.3	.5	-.5
Used cars .....	151.4	149.9	-5.0	-1.0	-1.7	-1.2	-.7
Motor fuel .....	104.0	107.7	1.3	3.6	-.9	-.4	5.0
Gasoline .....	103.6	107.6	1.5	3.9	-.8	-.4	5.5
Gasoline, unleaded regular .....	101.5	105.8	1.8	4.2	-1.1	-.2	6.0
Gasoline, unleaded midgrade <sup>1 10</sup> .....	107.9	111.8	.9	3.6	.3	-1.6	3.6
Gasoline, unleaded premium .....	104.6	108.1	.9	3.3	-1.0	-.6	4.7
Automobile maintenance and repair .....	164.0	164.2	2.9	.1	.4	.3	.1
Body work <sup>1</sup> .....	174.1	174.2	3.9	.1	.5	.4	.1
Automobile drive train, brake, and miscellaneous mechanical repair <sup>1 2</sup> .....	172.5	172.7	3.5	.1	.2	.2	.1
Maintenance and servicing <sup>1</sup> .....	149.9	150.8	2.0	.6	.4	.3	.6
Power plant repair <sup>2</sup> .....	168.1	167.8	2.9	-.2	.3	-.1	.1
Other private transportation <sup>2</sup> .....	172.8	172.7	1.8	-.1	.2	.5	.0
Other private transportation commodities <sup>2</sup> .....	104.4	104.0	.0	-.4	.1	.6	-.5
Motor oil, coolant, and other products <sup>1</sup> .....	131.1	130.8	.3	-.2	.0	.0	-.2
Automobile parts and equipment .....	101.5	101.0	.0	-.5	.2	.7	-.5
Tires .....	99.8	99.2	-.9	-.6	-.8	1.1	-.7
Other parts and equipment <sup>1 2</sup> .....	107.6	107.2	.8	-.4	.8	.4	-.4
Other private transportation services <sup>2</sup> .....	190.2	190.1	2.0	-.1	.2	.5	.1
Automobile insurance .....	250.1	250.6	3.0	.2	.1	.2	.3
Automobile finance charges <sup>2</sup> .....	93.5	91.9	-2.6	-1.7	-.3	1.2	-.9
Automobile fees <sup>1 2</sup> .....	184.8	186.0	2.8	.6	-.1	1.5	.6
Automobile registration, licensing, and inspection fees <sup>1 2</sup> .....	184.3	184.3	1.5	.0	.1	1.7	.0
Other automobile-related fees <sup>1 2</sup> .....	186.6	189.4	4.5	1.5	-.4	1.4	1.5
Public transportation .....	186.2	181.6	1.2	-2.5	-.7	.9	-1.6
Airline fares <sup>1</sup> .....	202.4	193.2	2.0	-4.5	-1.3	2.2	-4.5
Other intercity transportation <sup>1</sup> .....	156.5	158.1	-.4	1.0	-.1	-.3	1.0
Intracity public transportation <sup>1</sup> .....	175.3	175.4	.5	.1	.2	.0	.1
Medical care .....	234.2	234.6	2.7	.2	.2	.1	.2
Medical care commodities .....	213.3	212.5	1.9	-.4	.0	.0	-.2
Prescription drugs .....	249.4	248.7	2.0	-.3	.2	-.1	-.3
Nonprescription drugs and medical supplies <sup>1 6</sup> .....	145.1	144.4	1.8	-.5	.3	.3	-.5
Internal and respiratory over-the-counter drugs <sup>1</sup> .....	172.4	171.1	2.0	-.8	.7	.1	-.8
Nonprescription medical equipment and supplies <sup>1</sup> .....	174.2	174.9	1.3	.4	-.7	.9	.4
Medical care services .....	238.9	239.5	2.7	.3	.2	.1	.3
Professional medical services .....	217.2	217.7	3.5	.2	.2	.1	.3
Physicians' services .....	224.1	224.5	3.2	.2	.2	.0	.4
Dental services <sup>1</sup> .....	226.5	227.5	4.4	.4	.2	.3	.4
Eye care <sup>1 6</sup> .....	142.5	142.1	1.6	-.3	.2	.6	-.3
Services by other medical professionals <sup>6</sup> .....	156.1	156.2	4.1	.1	.0	.4	.1
Hospital and related services .....	274.4	275.2	2.7	.3	.1	.0	.3
Hospital services <sup>11</sup> .....	101.4	101.7	-	.3	.0	.3	.3
Inpatient hospital services <sup>11</sup> .....	101.1	101.3	-	.2	-.1	.3	.2
Outpatient hospital services <sup>6</sup> .....	224.8	225.9	4.1	.5	.3	.2	.2
Nursing home services <sup>11</sup> .....	102.8	103.1	-	.3	.2	.7	.3

See footnotes at end of table.

**Table 8. Consumer Price Index for Urban Wage Earners and Clerical Workers (CPI-W): U.S. city average, detailed expenditure categories —Continued**

(1982-84=100, unless otherwise noted)

Item and group	Unadjusted indexes		Unadjusted percent change to Aug. 1997 from—		Seasonally adjusted percent change from—		
	July 1997	Aug. 1997	Aug. 1996	July 1997	May to June	June to July	July to Aug.
<b>Expenditure category</b>							
Entertainment <sup>2</sup> .....	160.1	160.6	2.3	0.3	0.5	0.1	0.4
Entertainment commodities <sup>2</sup> .....	142.7	143.5	.9	.6	.1	.0	.6
Reading materials <sup>1</sup> .....	179.2	180.9	1.6	.9	.1	-.3	.9
Newspapers <sup>1,2</sup> .....	191.8	192.4	1.1	.3	.0	-.4	.3
Magazines, periodicals, and books <sup>1,2</sup> .....	166.6	169.3	2.0	1.6	.3	-.3	1.6
Sporting goods and equipment <sup>1</sup> .....	124.4	125.0	-.4	.5	.0	.3	.5
Sport vehicles, including bicycles <sup>1</sup> .....	127.8	128.3	-1.3	.4	-.5	.9	.4
Other sporting goods <sup>1</sup> .....	117.0	117.8	.9	.7	.6	-.5	.7
Toys, hobbies, and other entertainment <sup>1,2</sup> .....	133.7	134.1	1.3	.3	-.1	.1	.3
Toys, hobbies, and music equipment <sup>2</sup> .....	127.3	128.0	.4	.5	.2	.3	.5
Photographic supplies and equipment <sup>1</sup> .....	134.3	134.7	-.4	.3	-.4	-.5	.3
Pet supplies and expense <sup>1</sup> .....	142.1	142.1	2.7	.0	-.5	.3	.0
Entertainment services <sup>2</sup> .....	184.8	184.9	3.7	.1	.8	.2	.1
Club memberships <sup>2,6</sup> .....	136.0	132.8	-1.9	-2.4	.4	-.1	-1.8
Fees for participant sports, excluding club memberships <sup>2,6</sup> .....	167.2	165.3	4.0	-1.1	-.8	-.2	-.2
Admissions <sup>1</sup> .....	201.6	204.4	5.5	1.4	2.2	.2	1.4
Fees for lessons or instructions <sup>6</sup> .....	170.4	170.9	5.3	.3	1.3	.2	.3
Other entertainment services <sup>1,2,6</sup> .....	142.3	142.3	3.0	.0	.4	.1	.0
Other goods and services <sup>3</sup> .....	220.3	222.1	4.3	.8	.0	.3	.5
Tobacco and smoking products .....	241.7	243.0	4.3	.5	-.9	.5	.6
Personal care <sup>1</sup> .....	152.4	152.4	1.3	.0	.1	-.2	.0
Toilet goods and personal care appliances <sup>1</sup> .....	144.6	144.4	-.8	-.1	.0	-.3	-.1
Cosmetics, bath and nail preparations, manicure and eye makeup implements <sup>1</sup> .....	153.2	153.0	2.3	-.1	.5	-.6	-.1
Other toilet goods and small personal care appliances, including hair and dental products <sup>1</sup> .....	139.4	139.3	-2.9	-.1	-.4	-.1	-.1
Personal care services <sup>1</sup> .....	162.6	162.8	4.0	.1	.2	-.1	.1
Beauty parlor services for females <sup>1,2</sup> .....	161.5	161.9	4.1	.2	.1	-.1	.2
Haircuts and other barber shop services for males <sup>2</sup> .....	166.0	165.5	4.0	-.3	.7	.1	-.2
Personal and educational expenses <sup>2</sup> .....	253.6	256.8	5.2	1.3	.4	.3	.6
School books and supplies .....	240.1	241.9	5.7	.7	1.1	.4	.4
Personal and educational services <sup>2</sup> .....	255.0	258.3	5.1	1.3	.4	.3	.6
Tuition and other school fees .....	271.4	275.7	5.1	1.6	.5	.4	.3
College tuition .....	289.6	294.8	5.5	1.8	.4	.5	.2
Elementary and high school tuition .....	281.3	289.1	6.4	2.8	.6	.5	1.3
Day care and nursery school <sup>9</sup> .....	134.0	134.5	3.5	.4	.3	.1	.3
Personal expenses .....	225.6	227.2	5.2	.7	.5	.2	.8
Legal service fees <sup>1,6</sup> .....	163.2	165.6	4.5	1.5	.6	-.2	1.5
Personal financial services <sup>1,6</sup> .....	192.2	192.4	5.7	.1	.6	.2	.1
Funeral expenses <sup>6</sup> .....	172.2	173.0	5.6	.5	.2	.1	.6
<b>Special indexes</b>							
Domestically produced farm food .....	158.3	159.1	1.9	.5	.2	.1	.5
Selected beef cuts .....	129.6	130.1	2.5	.4	.5	1.0	-.2
Motor fuel, motor oil, coolant, and other products <sup>2</sup> .....	104.4	108.1	1.3	3.5	-.9	-.2	4.8
Utilities and public transportation .....	146.1	144.9	1.5	-.8	.4	.3	-.8
Housekeeping and home maintenance services <sup>1,2</sup> .....	156.5	156.9	2.8	.3	.4	.4	.3

<sup>1</sup> Not seasonally adjusted.

<sup>2</sup> This index series will no longer appear in its present form after December, 1997. See Table X for a comparable index series.

<sup>3</sup> This index series will undergo a change in composition in January, 1998.

<sup>4</sup> Indexes on a December 1984=100 base

<sup>5</sup> Indexes on a December 1982=100 base.

<sup>6</sup> Indexes on a December 1986=100 base.

<sup>7</sup> Indexes on a December 1983=100 base.

<sup>8</sup> Indexes on a December 1988=100 base.

<sup>9</sup> Indexes on a December 1990=100 base.

<sup>10</sup> Indexes on a December 1993=100 base.

<sup>11</sup> Indexes on a December 1996=100 base.

— Data not available.

NOTE: Index applies to a month as a whole, not to any specific date.

**Table 9. Consumer Price Index for Urban Wage Earners and Clerical Workers (CPI-W): Seasonally adjusted U.S. city average, detailed expenditure categories**

(1982-84=100, unless otherwise noted)

Item and group	Seasonally adjusted indexes		Seasonally adjusted annual rate percent change for					
	July 1997	Aug. 1997	3 months ended—				6 months ended—	
			Nov. 1996	Feb. 1997	May 1997	Aug. 1997	Feb. 1997	Aug. 1997
<b>Expenditure category</b>								
Food and beverages .....	157.5	158.1	5.3	0.3	1.0	3.6	2.7	2.3
Food .....	157.1	157.6	5.3	.3	.8	3.6	2.7	2.2
Food at home .....	157.5	158.2	6.4	-1.3	.3	4.1	2.5	2.2
Cereals and bakery products .....	177.4	177.5	4.2	.0	1.6	1.8	2.1	1.7
Cereals and cereal products .....	169.1	170.4	.5	-1.7	2.9	5.6	-6	4.2
Flour and prepared flour mixes .....	156.0	156.6	-3.0	1.6	2.6	-3	-8	1.2
Cereal .....	187.6	189.4	.2	-3.6	2.4	8.4	-1.7	5.4
Rice, pasta, and cornmeal .....	149.1	150.2	3.1	1.4	2.2	6.1	2.2	4.1
Bakery products .....	181.0	180.7	5.3	1.1	.4	1.1	3.2	.8
White bread <sup>1</sup> .....	183.2	182.8	3.1	2.2	-1.9	.0	2.7	-1.0
Fresh other bread, biscuits, rolls, and muffins <sup>1</sup> .....	182.6	182.3	2.5	2.5	-2.8	6.2	2.5	1.6
Cookies, fresh cakes, and cupcakes <sup>1</sup> .....	177.8	179.1	13.5	.7	2.5	1.6	6.9	2.0
Other bakery products .....	180.2	179.2	6.2	-1.1	-7	-2	2.5	-4
Meats, poultry, fish, and eggs .....	149.1	149.1	6.8	-3	.8	2.5	3.2	1.6
Meats, poultry, and fish .....	149.6	149.8	6.2	-3	1.6	3.0	2.9	2.3
Meats .....	145.3	145.6	6.4	-8	2.0	3.4	2.7	2.7
Beef and veal .....	138.2	138.0	4.5	-4.0	4.8	3.3	.1	4.0
Ground beef other than canned .....	118.8	117.6	2.8	-3.7	6.7	.3	-5	3.5
Chuck roast <sup>2</sup> .....	149.0	147.6	2.5	-12.3	4.6	16.4	-5.2	10.4
Round roast <sup>2</sup> .....	133.5	131.5	10.3	-3.6	5.9	-4.7	3.1	.5
Round steak <sup>2</sup> .....	131.5	134.3	16.4	-4.8	2.8	12.2	5.3	7.4
Sirloin steak <sup>2</sup> .....	140.4	144.3	7.3	-11.0	5.9	12.2	-2.3	9.0
Other beef and veal <sup>1 2</sup> .....	159.7	159.9	4.9	-1.2	2.3	-5	1.8	.9
Pork .....	157.0	157.2	7.0	3.9	-5	3.1	5.5	1.3
Bacon .....	168.6	167.2	1.5	4.5	-2.4	14.0	3.0	5.5
Chops .....	155.0	157.4	-5	8.2	-5.9	3.4	3.8	-1.4
Ham .....	157.0	156.8	15.1	-8	.8	1.5	6.9	1.2
Other pork, including sausage <sup>2</sup> .....	152.4	152.2	12.9	1.1	3.8	-1.0	6.8	1.3
Other meats <sup>1</sup> .....	147.3	149.1	9.4	-1.1	-3	4.7	4.1	2.2
Poultry <sup>1</sup> .....	157.5	155.3	7.7	1.3	-2.8	-2.8	4.5	-2.8
Fresh whole chicken <sup>1</sup> .....	159.2	156.3	4.1	2.3	-1.5	-6.9	3.2	-4.2
Fresh and frozen chicken parts <sup>1</sup> .....	158.4	156.1	16.2	-3.2	-5.7	-2.3	6.0	-4.0
Other poultry <sup>2</sup> .....	155.7	154.4	7.1	.8	4.8	.0	3.9	2.4
Fish and seafood .....	177.7	179.8	3.8	1.2	4.2	7.0	2.4	5.6
Canned fish and seafood <sup>1</sup> .....	127.9	128.9	.0	1.9	2.2	3.8	1.0	3.0
Fresh and frozen fish and seafood <sup>2</sup> .....	202.7	205.3	4.6	.6	4.9	7.8	2.6	6.3
Eggs .....	139.2	137.0	17.0	1.4	-10.2	-7.8	8.9	-9.0
Dairy products <sup>1</sup> .....	143.0	143.0	14.3	-8.3	-2.4	-5.7	2.4	-4.1
Fresh milk and cream <sup>1 2</sup> .....	141.6	141.3	18.3	-11.2	-3.8	-8.8	2.5	-6.3
Fresh whole milk <sup>1</sup> .....	139.5	139.0	18.9	-13.0	-4.4	-9.0	1.7	-6.7
Other fresh milk and cream <sup>1 2</sup> .....	144.8	144.9	16.8	-8.4	-2.7	-8.6	3.4	-5.7
Processed dairy products <sup>2</sup> .....	145.6	144.9	10.3	-5.3	2.2	-5.3	2.2	-1.6
Cheese <sup>1 2</sup> .....	146.7	146.4	12.3	-6.0	-2.7	-2.2	2.8	-2.4
Ice cream and related products .....	149.9	149.9	8.2	4.4	.0	-2.4	6.2	-1.2
Other dairy products, including butter <sup>2</sup> .....	132.6	133.6	5.7	-13.7	9.9	-8.8	-4.5	.1
Fruits and vegetables <sup>3</sup> .....	186.0	190.9	6.0	-2.7	-5.5	15.6	1.5	4.5
Fresh fruits and vegetables .....	214.7	222.5	6.7	-4.0	-7.7	23.2	1.2	6.6
Fresh fruits .....	230.7	237.2	18.2	-13.1	.5	6.7	1.4	3.5
Apples .....	199.8	198.9	11.8	-11.4	-6.6	2.5	-5	-2.2
Bananas .....	154.7	154.8	39.0	-12.4	-14.6	1.8	10.3	-6.7
Oranges, including tangerines <sup>2</sup> .....	228.5	242.4	-25.1	-11.4	15.0	18.2	-18.5	16.6
Other fresh fruits <sup>2</sup> .....	266.5	275.3	34.3	-14.3	1.9	5.3	7.3	3.6
Fresh vegetables .....	195.7	204.7	-5.8	8.4	-17.1	46.7	1.0	10.3
Potatoes .....	166.2	177.1	-11.9	-6.5	-9.9	28.3	-9.3	7.5
Lettuce <sup>1</sup> .....	183.8	198.9	97.9	-40.7	-16.7	71.9	8.3	19.7
Tomatoes <sup>1</sup> .....	189.8	190.3	64.0	46.6	-20.7	-12.0	55.1	-16.5
Other fresh vegetables .....	202.7	209.8	-8.3	11.2	-8.1	26.1	1.0	7.7
Processed fruits and vegetables <sup>2</sup> .....	147.0	147.5	5.0	.0	-5	.3	2.5	-1
Processed fruits <sup>1 2</sup> .....	148.9	147.9	1.1	6.4	-1.9	-1.3	3.7	-1.6
Fruit juices and frozen fruit <sup>1 2</sup> .....	148.5	147.2	1.6	6.1	-2.7	-2.9	3.9	-2.8
Canned and dried fruits <sup>2</sup> .....	147.6	147.5	5.1	5.3	-3	1.4	5.2	.5
Processed vegetables <sup>2</sup> .....	146.6	148.0	4.2	-2.2	1.4	2.2	1.0	1.8
Frozen vegetables <sup>2</sup> .....	149.5	149.9	.3	5.3	-2.7	9.0	2.8	3.0
Processed vegetables excluding frozen <sup>2</sup> .....	145.8	147.7	5.3	-5.3	3.9	-1.6	-1	1.1

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**Table 9. Consumer Price Index for Urban Wage Earners and Clerical Workers (CPI-W): Seasonally adjusted U.S. city average, detailed expenditure categories—Continued**

(1982-84=100, unless otherwise noted)

Item and group	Seasonally adjusted indexes		Seasonally adjusted annual rate percent change for					
	July 1997	Aug. 1997	3 months ended—				6 months ended—	
			Nov. 1996	Feb. 1997	May 1997	Aug. 1997	Feb. 1997	Aug. 1997
<b>Expenditure category</b>								
Other food at home .....	147.9	147.9	2.3	2.2	5.1	4.7	2.3	4.9
Sugar and sweets .....	148.7	147.5	2.0	5.3	1.6	.0	3.6	.8
Sugar and artificial sweeteners .....	135.6	135.3	-4.1	7.1	-9	.6	1.3	-1
Sweets, including candy <sup>2</sup> .....	154.5	152.9	4.7	3.5	3.2	.5	4.1	1.9
Fats and oils .....	140.5	141.3	2.3	.3	.0	-8	1.3	-4
Nonalcoholic beverages .....	135.7	135.6	-4.0	-6	17.8	10.7	-2.3	14.2
Carbonated drinks .....	118.6	118.5	-5.2	-3.9	1.0	-2.0	-4.6	-5
Coffee <sup>1</sup> .....	180.5	181.3	-7.4	3.4	70.9	39.9	-2.2	54.6
Other noncarbonated drinks <sup>2</sup> .....	140.6	140.7	1.5	2.6	-9	3.8	2.0	1.4
Other prepared food .....	161.0	161.4	7.6	3.6	-1.0	3.5	5.6	1.3
Canned and packaged soup .....	190.2	189.4	4.9	-4	7.9	-1.7	2.2	3.0
Frozen prepared food <sup>1</sup> .....	146.4	145.2	4.3	2.8	-1.4	2.5	3.5	.6
Snacks <sup>1</sup> .....	154.3	155.2	9.2	5.4	-8	4.2	7.3	1.7
Seasonings, condiments, sauces, and spices .....	166.2	168.4	7.1	3.7	-2.6	5.4	5.3	1.3
Miscellaneous prepared food, including baby food <sup>2</sup> .....	162.9	162.4	7.1	4.3	-1.5	4.3	5.7	1.4
Food away from home .....	157.1	157.4	3.7	2.9	1.3	3.1	3.3	2.2
Lunch <sup>2</sup> .....	157.5	157.8	3.7	3.7	.8	3.1	3.7	1.9
Dinner <sup>2</sup> .....	155.0	155.3	3.5	2.4	1.8	2.9	2.9	2.4
Other meals and snacks <sup>1 2</sup> .....	160.1	160.5	5.5	3.3	.8	3.3	4.4	2.0
Alcoholic beverages .....	162.2	162.8	4.1	2.3	2.0	2.7	3.2	2.4
Alcoholic beverages at home .....	148.7	149.3	1.6	2.5	.8	1.1	2.0	.9
Beer and ale .....	147.5	148.0	.8	.8	-5	-8	.8	-7
Wine .....	144.6	144.9	4.4	5.9	5.2	4.0	5.1	4.6
Distilled spirits .....	150.1	150.8	2.5	2.4	1.9	2.4	2.5	2.2
Alcoholic beverages away from home .....	189.6	190.1	4.9	4.0	3.0	4.5	4.4	3.8
Housing <sup>3</sup> .....	153.4	153.4	3.0	2.9	1.3	1.8	3.0	1.6
Shelter .....	171.3	171.6	2.7	3.1	3.4	2.6	2.9	3.0
Renters' costs <sup>4</sup> .....	161.9	162.4	2.8	3.3	3.8	2.2	3.1	3.0
Rent, residential .....	166.5	167.0	2.7	2.5	3.5	3.2	2.6	3.3
Other renters' costs <sup>2</sup> .....	223.3	223.9	2.4	7.4	4.6	-.7	4.9	1.9
Lodging while out of town .....	222.3	222.8	2.8	6.6	5.0	-.9	4.7	2.0
Lodging while at school <sup>5</sup> .....	225.9	226.2	1.5	9.3	4.6	2.9	5.3	3.7
Tenants' insurance <sup>1 2</sup> .....	155.1	155.7	3.7	-4.1	2.1	4.2	-.3	3.2
Homeowners' costs <sup>4</sup> .....	165.9	166.1	2.5	3.0	3.0	2.9	2.7	3.0
Owners' equivalent rent <sup>4</sup> .....	166.2	166.5	2.5	3.0	3.2	2.9	2.7	3.1
Household insurance <sup>2 5</sup> .....	149.7	150.3	6.7	-2.4	1.3	2.4	2.0	1.9
Maintenance and repairs <sup>1 2</sup> .....	143.6	143.8	5.6	2.3	2.9	6.1	4.0	4.5
Maintenance and repair services <sup>1 2</sup> .....	155.9	156.5	2.4	1.1	4.3	12.7	1.8	8.4
Maintenance and repair commodities <sup>1 2</sup> .....	128.3	128.0	10.0	3.8	.9	-1.9	6.9	-.5
Materials, supplies, and equipment for home repairs <sup>1 2 6</sup> .....	126.1	124.8	16.8	5.3	.0	-1.6	10.9	-.8
Other maintenance and repair commodities <sup>1 2</sup> .....	123.0	123.5	5.0	2.6	1.6	-2.2	3.8	-.3
Fuel and other utilities <sup>3</sup> .....	130.1	129.5	5.4	6.0	-6.5	1.6	5.7	-2.6
Fuels .....	115.6	114.7	7.2	9.3	-13.1	.3	8.2	-6.6
Fuel oil and other household fuel commodities .....	97.1	96.5	54.2	-.8	-22.1	-11.9	23.7	-17.1
Fuel oil .....	94.1	93.9	60.8	-2.3	-21.5	-15.0	25.4	-18.3
Other household fuel commodities <sup>1 6</sup> .....	125.6	123.5	52.4	22.7	-31.0	-17.5	36.8	-24.6
Gas (piped) and electricity (energy services) .....	123.1	122.2	3.3	10.1	-12.1	1.7	6.7	-5.5
Electricity .....	132.4	131.4	-.6	.6	1.2	-3.0	.0	-.9
Utility (piped) gas .....	111.8	110.9	12.8	32.8	-34.7	12.4	22.4	-14.3
Other utilities and public services <sup>2</sup> .....	163.0	162.8	3.8	2.0	2.0	3.3	2.9	2.6
Telephone services <sup>1 2</sup> .....	128.1	127.0	1.6	2.2	.9	-2.5	1.9	-.8
Local charges <sup>1 2</sup> .....	162.6	162.6	1.8	.7	1.5	1.2	1.2	1.4
Interstate toll calls <sup>1</sup> .....	78.8	74.9	1.5	.5	.0	-18.4	1.0	-9.7
Intrastate toll calls <sup>1</sup> .....	94.6	94.6	1.3	10.9	.9	1.3	6.0	1.1
Water and sewerage maintenance .....	207.3	208.7	3.8	2.0	2.8	7.4	2.9	5.1
Cable television <sup>7</sup> .....	231.5	232.7	7.8	7.3	4.3	11.0	7.5	7.6
Refuse collection <sup>1 7</sup> .....	250.4	251.5	1.8	.2	2.1	3.2	1.0	2.7

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**Table 9. Consumer Price Index for Urban Wage Earners and Clerical Workers (CPI-W): Seasonally adjusted U.S. city average, detailed expenditure categories—Continued**

(1982-84=100, unless otherwise noted)

Item and group	Seasonally adjusted indexes		Seasonally adjusted annual rate percent change for					
	July 1997	Aug. 1997	3 months ended—				6 months ended—	
			Nov. 1996	Feb. 1997	May 1997	Aug. 1997	Feb. 1997	Aug. 1997
<b>Expenditure category</b>								
Household furnishings and operation <sup>3</sup> .....	124.0	123.6	0.7	0.3	2.0	-1.9	0.5	0.0
Housefurnishings <sup>2</sup> .....	109.5	109.0	-4	.0	1.5	-4.3	-.2	-1.5
Textile housefurnishings <sup>1 2</sup> .....	122.8	121.9	-7.6	4.1	3.3	-.3	-2.0	1.5
Furniture and bedding <sup>1</sup> .....	131.7	131.8	1.2	-4.2	11.5	-6.7	-1.5	2.0
Bedroom furniture <sup>1</sup> .....	140.3	140.1	4.7	-4.3	14.1	-5.2	.1	4.0
Sofas <sup>1 2</sup> .....	137.4	136.8	-3.4	-4.0	12.2	-10.1	-3.7	.4
Living room chairs and tables <sup>1 2</sup> .....	132.8	133.5	4.0	-6.1	8.5	-1.8	-1.2	3.2
Other furniture <sup>2</sup> .....	118.0	118.5	-3.0	-3.3	7.3	-5.9	-3.1	.5
Appliances, including electronic equipment <sup>1 2</sup> .....	77.3	77.0	-2.0	.5	-8.3	-2.6	-.8	-5.5
Video and audio products <sup>1 2</sup> .....	69.0	68.7	-3.9	.6	-7.2	-2.9	-1.7	-5.0
Televisions <sup>1</sup> .....	60.7	60.4	-9.2	3.3	-5.1	-5.7	-3.1	-5.4
Video products other than televisions <sup>1 2 5</sup> .....	63.2	62.8	5.5	-6.9	-11.0	-10.1	-.9	-10.5
Audio products <sup>1 2</sup> .....	89.1	88.9	-2.2	.9	-8.2	3.2	-.7	-2.6
Major household appliances <sup>1 2 6</sup> .....	102.1	102.0	.8	1.6	-8.2	.8	1.2	-3.8
Refrigerators and home freezers <sup>1 2</sup> .....	107.7	108.7	.7	3.3	-11.9	1.5	2.0	-5.5
Laundry equipment <sup>1</sup> .....	113.1	113.2	-1.4	-1.1	-4.9	5.5	-1.2	.2
Stoves, ovens, dishwashers, and air conditioners <sup>1 2 6</sup> .....	91.7	90.7	4.0	1.7	-7.1	-5.1	2.8	-6.1
Information processing equipment <sup>1 6</sup> .....	50.1	49.3	-4.9	-9.7	-15.3	-18.0	-7.3	-16.6
Other housefurnishings <sup>1 2 6</sup> .....	115.3	114.6	-2.8	6.1	.0	-3.7	1.6	-1.9
Floor and window coverings, infants', laundry, cleaning, and outdoor equipment <sup>1 2</sup> .....	142.2	140.4	-3.7	13.1	-4.4	-.9	4.4	-2.7
Clocks, lamps, and decor items <sup>1</sup> .....	118.2	116.9	-.3	9.0	2.1	-3.3	4.2	-.7
Tableware, serving pieces, and nonelectric kitchenware <sup>1 2</sup> .....	125.2	125.8	-2.8	2.9	-2.5	1.3	.0	-.6
Lawn equipment, power tools, and other hardware <sup>1 2</sup> .....	110.5	110.6	1.5	2.9	-1.8	.7	2.2	-.5
Sewing, floor cleaning, small kitchen, and portable heating appliances <sup>1 2 6</sup> .....	90.7	89.8	-3.5	11.7	-4.3	-3.1	3.8	-3.7
Indoor plants and fresh cut flowers <sup>1 9</sup> .....	111.0	109.1	-10.7	.7	12.7	-19.3	-5.2	-4.6
Housekeeping supplies .....	144.4	143.4	1.1	2.3	1.7	-.8	1.7	.4
Laundry and cleaning products, including soap <sup>1 2</sup> .....	146.8	146.0	4.0	1.1	2.2	-.8	2.5	.7
Household paper products and stationery supplies <sup>1 2</sup> .....	147.5	145.2	.6	1.4	.8	-2.7	1.0	-1.0
Other household, lawn, and garden supplies <sup>1 2</sup> .....	137.8	137.9	.0	4.5	1.2	1.5	2.2	1.3
Housekeeping services <sup>2</sup> .....	154.9	155.5	2.9	.0	3.5	4.2	1.5	3.8
Postage <sup>1</sup> .....	160.8	160.8	.0	.0	.0	.0	.0	.0
Appliance and furniture repair <sup>1 2</sup> .....	158.0	158.1	7.8	-.8	3.6	1.8	3.4	2.7
Gardening and other household services <sup>2 6</sup> .....	138.1	138.4	4.2	-2.3	5.4	3.8	.9	4.6
Apparel and upkeep .....	132.8	131.5	4.1	3.4	3.4	-4.1	3.7	-.5
Apparel commodities <sup>2</sup> .....	129.4	128.0	4.2	3.5	3.5	-4.8	3.8	-.8
Apparel commodities less footwear .....	129.5	127.7	4.9	4.5	3.8	-6.0	4.7	-1.2
Men's and boys' .....	130.4	130.4	4.2	-1.2	6.4	.9	1.4	3.6
Men's .....	133.9	133.8	2.8	4.3	5.2	-2.6	3.6	1.2
Suits, sport coats, coats, and jackets .....	136.1	136.9	2.1	-7.1	9.5	-2.0	-2.6	3.6
Furnishings and special clothing .....	129.2	130.4	-.7	18.5	.3	9.1	8.5	4.6
Shirts <sup>2</sup> .....	138.4	138.7	10.0	-1.4	3.2	-3.9	4.2	-.4
Dungarees, jeans, and trousers .....	134.0	131.1	-1.2	5.7	4.6	-5.6	2.2	-.6
Boys' .....	119.5	118.8	7.1	-12.0	15.3	4.1	-2.9	9.6
Women's and girls' .....	126.2	123.6	4.7	10.8	2.6	-9.4	7.7	-3.6
Women's .....	125.1	122.7	2.7	12.7	1.0	-9.5	7.6	-4.4
Coats and jackets .....	124.4	127.7	12.7	2.0	7.0	9.3	7.2	8.1
Dresses .....	111.7	105.8	-27.2	55.3	-3.4	-26.1	6.4	-15.5
Separates and sportswear <sup>2</sup> .....	128.8	125.0	12.6	7.1	.9	-12.7	9.8	-6.1
Underwear, nightwear, hosiery, and accessories <sup>2</sup> .....	134.8	135.1	-1.5	3.1	3.3	1.8	.8	2.6
Suits <sup>2</sup> .....	137.7	140.1	9.3	22.7	-7.0	13.3	15.8	2.6
Girls' .....	131.0	127.6	14.7	1.6	10.1	-9.4	8.0	-.2
Infants' and toddlers' <sup>1</sup> .....	132.0	128.4	3.2	1.3	23.0	-17.9	2.2	.5
Other apparel commodities <sup>2</sup> .....	147.1	144.6	8.1	-5.0	-5.0	-3.3	1.4	-4.2
Sewing materials, notions, and luggage <sup>1 6</sup> .....	128.4	126.7	-7.6	-8.9	-2.2	-1.3	-8.2	-1.7
Watches and jewelry <sup>6</sup> .....	147.3	144.4	10.9	-6.0	-3.8	-3.0	2.1	-3.4
Watches <sup>1 6</sup> .....	127.2	126.2	-11.6	2.3	4.2	.0	-4.9	2.1
Jewelry <sup>6</sup> .....	153.2	150.4	14.2	-7.7	-6.1	-.8	2.7	-3.5
Footwear .....	128.1	129.0	1.3	-1.6	1.6	2.5	-.2	2.0
Men's .....	133.6	132.5	-.3	.9	1.8	-3.8	.3	-1.0
Boys' and girls' .....	130.1	130.8	-.3	9.2	-9.8	1.5	4.3	-4.3
Women's .....	121.5	124.3	2.3	-7.7	8.6	8.1	-2.8	8.4
Apparel services <sup>1 2</sup> .....	162.6	162.7	1.0	3.3	1.5	2.0	2.1	1.7
Laundry and dry cleaning other than coin operated <sup>1 2</sup> .....	166.4	166.3	3.5	5.0	.5	1.5	4.2	1.0
Other apparel services <sup>1 2</sup> .....	160.1	160.4	-.5	1.8	2.8	2.0	.6	2.4

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<b>Expenditure category</b>								
Transportation .....	142.4	143.4	4.6	2.5	-6.4	1.7	3.5	-2.5
Private .....	140.0	141.3	4.0	3.4	-7.3	2.3	3.7	-2.6
New vehicles .....	145.7	145.4	1.7	-5	.0	-5	.6	-3
New cars .....	141.4	141.3	.3	-6	.0	-6	-1	-3
Subcompact new cars <sup>2 6</sup> .....	122.2	122.1	1.0	-1.9	1.0	-2.9	-5	-1.0
Compact new cars <sup>2 6</sup> .....	122.4	122.0	1.6	-3	-6	-1.9	.7	-1.3
Intermediate new cars <sup>2 6</sup> .....	122.2	122.2	-1.9	-1.3	1.7	1.0	-1.6	1.3
Full-size new cars <sup>2 6</sup> .....	124.4	124.4	2.9	-6	-6	-3	1.1	-5
Luxury new cars <sup>2 6</sup> .....	132.2	132.4	2.1	-9	-3.5	.3	.6	-1.6
New trucks <sup>7</sup> .....	153.1	153.0	4.3	1.0	-8	-3	2.7	-5
New motorcycles <sup>6</sup> .....	164.4	163.5	1.0	2.2	2.5	-1.5	1.6	.5
Used cars .....	150.6	149.5	-1.5	1.0	-5.0	-13.7	-3	-9.4
Motor fuel .....	101.2	106.3	14.9	13.1	-29.9	15.7	14.0	-9.9
Gasoline .....	100.6	106.1	14.1	13.2	-30.3	18.0	13.6	-9.3
Gasoline, unleaded regular .....	98.4	104.3	15.2	13.0	-31.3	19.8	14.1	-9.3
Gasoline, unleaded midgrade <sup>1 10</sup> .....	107.9	111.8	2.6	1.8	-9.0	9.1	2.2	-4
Gasoline, unleaded premium .....	101.9	106.7	12.3	11.9	-26.8	13.0	12.1	-9.1
Automobile maintenance and repair .....	164.3	164.4	4.1	1.5	3.3	3.0	2.8	3.1
Body work <sup>1</sup> .....	174.1	174.2	1.7	4.3	5.8	3.8	3.0	4.8
Automobile drive train, brake, and miscellaneous mechanical repair <sup>1 2</sup> .....	172.5	172.7	5.6	2.4	4.1	2.1	4.0	3.1
Maintenance and servicing <sup>1</sup> .....	149.9	150.8	2.2	-3	.8	5.5	.9	3.1
Power plant repair <sup>2</sup> .....	168.4	168.5	5.7	1.2	4.1	1.0	3.5	2.5
Other private transportation <sup>2</sup> .....	173.6	173.6	1.4	1.4	1.6	2.6	1.4	2.1
Other private transportation commodities <sup>2</sup> .....	104.6	104.1	.0	-8	-4	.8	-4	.2
Motor oil, coolant, and other products <sup>1</sup> .....	131.1	130.8	.6	-5.4	7.3	-9	-2.4	3.1
Automobile parts and equipment .....	101.7	101.2	.4	.0	-2.0	1.6	.2	-2
Tires .....	100.2	99.5	.8	.4	-3.1	-1.6	.6	-2.4
Other parts and equipment <sup>1 2</sup> .....	107.6	107.2	-7	1.1	-4	3.0	.2	1.3
Other private transportation services <sup>2</sup> .....	191.1	191.2	1.5	1.9	1.9	2.8	1.7	2.3
Automobile insurance .....	251.7	252.4	3.5	2.9	3.4	2.4	3.2	2.9
Automobile finance charges <sup>2</sup> .....	93.7	92.9	-4.5	-2.1	-3.8	.0	-3.3	-1.9
Automobile fees <sup>1 2</sup> .....	184.8	186.0	-4.3	8.8	-1.1	8.6	2.0	3.6
Automobile registration, licensing, and inspection fees <sup>1 2</sup> .....	184.3	184.3	.2	-7	-2	7.0	-2	3.3
Other automobile-related fees <sup>1 2</sup> .....	186.6	189.4	-10.4	22.8	-1.9	10.3	4.9	4.0
Public transportation .....	185.3	182.3	13.0	-12.1	11.6	-5.5	-3	2.7
Airline fares <sup>1</sup> .....	202.4	193.2	22.3	-14.6	20.6	-14.3	2.2	1.7
Other intercity transportation <sup>1</sup> .....	156.5	158.1	-3.2	-2.8	1.5	2.8	-3.0	2.2
Intracity public transportation <sup>1</sup> .....	175.3	175.4	1.2	-1.4	1.2	1.1	-1	1.2
Medical care .....	234.3	234.7	3.0	2.3	3.7	1.7	2.6	2.7
Medical care commodities .....	213.0	212.5	2.1	2.9	4.0	-1.1	2.5	1.4
Prescription drugs .....	249.4	248.7	1.3	3.5	4.1	-1.0	2.4	1.5
Nonprescription drugs and medical supplies <sup>1 6</sup> .....	145.1	144.4	1.1	4.3	1.1	.6	2.7	.8
Internal and respiratory over-the-counter drugs <sup>7</sup> .....	172.4	171.1	2.2	5.3	.5	.2	3.7	.4
Nonprescription medical equipment and supplies <sup>1</sup> .....	174.2	174.9	-1.6	2.3	2.1	2.3	.3	2.2
Medical care services .....	238.9	239.5	3.1	2.1	3.8	2.2	2.6	3.0
Professional medical services .....	217.0	217.7	4.1	2.9	4.6	2.6	3.5	3.6
Physicians' services .....	223.7	224.5	4.1	2.2	4.2	2.4	3.2	3.3
Dental services <sup>1</sup> .....	226.5	227.5	4.7	4.8	4.4	3.6	4.7	4.0
Eye care <sup>1 6</sup> .....	142.5	142.1	1.7	2.0	.9	2.0	1.9	1.4
Services by other medical professionals <sup>6</sup> .....	156.1	156.3	4.3	5.9	4.0	2.1	5.1	3.0
Hospital and related services .....	274.4	275.2	3.3	2.4	3.6	1.6	2.9	2.6
Hospital services <sup>11</sup> .....	101.4	101.7	-	-	.8	2.4	-	1.6
Inpatient hospital services <sup>11</sup> .....	101.1	101.3	-	-	1.2	1.6	-	1.4
Outpatient hospital services <sup>6</sup> .....	225.3	225.7	2.2	8.3	3.5	2.5	5.2	3.0
Nursing home services <sup>11</sup> .....	102.8	103.1	-	-	2.0	4.8	-	3.4

See footnotes at end of table.

**Table 9. Consumer Price Index for Urban Wage Earners and Clerical Workers (CPI-W): Seasonally adjusted U.S. city average, detailed expenditure categories—Continued**

(1982-84=100, unless otherwise noted)

Item and group	Seasonally adjusted indexes		Seasonally adjusted annual rate percent change for					
	July 1997	Aug. 1997	3 months ended—				6 months ended—	
			Nov. 1996	Feb. 1997	May 1997	Aug. 1997	Feb. 1997	Aug. 1997
<b>Expenditure category</b>								
Entertainment <sup>2</sup> .....	160.3	161.0	2.3	1.8	1.0	4.1	2.0	2.5
Entertainment commodities <sup>2</sup> .....	142.7	143.6	1.7	.6	-1.7	3.1	1.1	.7
Reading materials <sup>1</sup> .....	179.2	180.9	2.0	1.1	.2	2.9	1.6	1.6
Newspapers <sup>1 2</sup> .....	191.8	192.4	2.8	1.9	.0	-2	2.3	-1
Magazines, periodicals, and books <sup>1 2</sup> .....	166.6	169.3	1.0	.7	.0	6.6	.8	3.3
Sporting goods and equipment <sup>1</sup> .....	124.4	125.0	-4.7	2.3	-2.2	3.3	-1.3	.5
Sport vehicles, including bicycles <sup>1</sup> .....	127.8	128.3	-11.5	3.2	.3	3.5	-4.4	1.9
Other sporting goods <sup>1</sup> .....	117.0	117.8	5.6	.7	-5.6	3.1	3.1	-1.3
Toys, hobbies, and other entertainment <sup>1 2</sup> .....	133.7	134.1	5.5	.0	-1.2	.9	2.7	-1
Toys, hobbies, and music equipment <sup>2</sup> .....	127.1	127.7	5.1	-2.2	-5.2	4.2	1.4	-6
Photographic supplies and equipment <sup>1</sup> .....	134.3	134.7	-2.9	3.3	.6	-2.3	.1	-9
Pet supplies and expense <sup>1</sup> .....	142.1	142.1	9.6	2.3	.0	-8	5.9	-4
Entertainment services <sup>2</sup> .....	185.4	185.6	3.2	2.7	4.5	4.4	2.9	4.5
Club memberships <sup>2 6</sup> .....	135.7	133.3	2.4	-6.3	2.4	-5.8	-2.0	-1.8
Fees for participant sports, excluding club memberships <sup>2 6</sup> .....	170.3	169.9	1.7	7.5	12.8	-4.8	4.6	3.6
Admissions <sup>1</sup> .....	201.6	204.4	-4	3.3	3.3	16.6	1.5	9.8
Fees for lessons or instructions <sup>6</sup> .....	171.4	171.9	7.8	4.2	1.9	7.6	6.0	4.7
Other entertainment services <sup>1 2 6</sup> .....	142.3	142.3	2.3	3.8	3.8	2.0	3.1	2.9
Other goods and services <sup>3</sup> .....	221.6	222.7	3.6	4.1	6.4	2.9	3.9	4.6
Tobacco and smoking products .....	241.2	242.7	4.9	2.9	9.1	.5	3.9	4.7
Personal care <sup>1</sup> .....	152.4	152.4	2.4	.3	3.2	-5	1.3	1.3
Toilet goods and personal care appliances <sup>1</sup> .....	144.6	144.4	-5	-3.3	2.2	-1.6	-1.9	.3
Cosmetics, bath and nail preparations, manicure and eye makeup implements <sup>1</sup> .....	153.2	153.0	8.8	6.4	-4.3	-1.0	7.6	-2.7
Other toilet goods and small personal care appliances, including hair and dental products <sup>1</sup> .....	139.4	139.3	-6.5	-9.6	7.5	-2.3	-8.1	2.5
Personal care services <sup>1</sup> .....	162.6	162.8	5.7	5.4	4.0	1.0	5.6	2.5
Beauty parlor services for females <sup>1 2</sup> .....	161.5	161.9	5.8	5.7	4.1	1.0	5.7	2.5
Haircuts and other barber shop services for males <sup>2</sup> .....	166.2	165.8	6.2	3.3	4.2	2.2	4.7	3.2
Personal and educational expenses <sup>2</sup> .....	256.0	257.5	3.5	6.1	5.7	5.5	4.8	5.6
School books and supplies .....	242.1	243.1	5.7	2.9	6.5	7.9	4.3	7.2
Personal and educational services <sup>2</sup> .....	257.3	258.8	3.3	6.3	5.7	5.3	4.8	5.5
Tuition and other school fees .....	275.5	276.3	4.0	6.0	5.8	4.9	5.0	5.3
College tuition .....	295.2	295.7	3.3	7.6	6.5	4.6	5.4	5.6
Elementary and high school tuition .....	285.9	289.7	5.4	5.0	5.1	10.1	5.2	7.6
Day care and nursery school <sup>9</sup> .....	134.8	135.2	2.5	4.3	4.3	3.0	3.4	3.6
Personal expenses .....	225.6	227.4	3.0	6.0	5.7	6.0	4.5	5.9
Legal service fees <sup>1 6</sup> .....	163.2	165.6	2.8	2.0	5.3	7.9	2.4	6.6
Personal financial services <sup>1 6</sup> .....	192.2	192.4	2.2	11.9	5.0	3.8	6.9	4.4
Funeral expenses <sup>6</sup> .....	172.2	173.2	3.7	6.9	8.1	3.5	5.3	5.8
<b>Special indexes</b>								
Domestically produced farm food .....	158.8	159.6	6.8	-1.3	-1.0	3.3	2.7	1.1
Selected beef cuts .....	131.7	131.5	6.4	-6.0	5.1	5.3	.0	5.2
Motor fuel, motor oil, coolant, and other products <sup>2</sup> .....	101.8	106.7	14.8	12.7	-29.5	15.6	13.7	-9.7
Utilities and public transportation .....	144.2	143.0	5.2	3.4	-2.2	-6	4.3	-1.4
Housekeeping and home maintenance services <sup>1 2</sup> .....	156.5	156.9	3.2	1.3	2.6	4.2	2.2	3.4

<sup>1</sup> Not seasonally adjusted.  
<sup>2</sup> This index series will no longer appear in its present form after December, 1997. See Table X for a comparable index series.  
<sup>3</sup> This index series will undergo a change in composition in January, 1998.  
<sup>4</sup> Indexes on a December 1984=100 base  
<sup>5</sup> Indexes on a December 1982=100 base.  
<sup>6</sup> Indexes on a December 1986=100 base.

<sup>7</sup> Indexes on a December 1983=100 base.  
<sup>8</sup> Indexes on a December 1988=100 base.  
<sup>9</sup> Indexes on a December 1990=100 base.  
<sup>10</sup> Indexes on a December 1993=100 base.  
<sup>11</sup> Indexes on a December 1996=100 base.  
 - Data not available.  
 NOTE: Index applies to a month as a whole, not to any specific date.



**Table 10. Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers (CPI-U): Selected areas, all items index**

(1982-84=100, unless otherwise noted)

Area	Pricing schedule <sup>1</sup>	Indexes				Percent change to Aug. 1997 from—			Percent change to July 1997 from—		
		May 1997	June 1997	July 1997	Aug. 1997	Aug. 1996	June 1997	July 1997	July 1996	May 1997	June 1997
U.S. city average .....	M	160.1	160.3	160.5	160.8	2.2	0.3	0.2	2.2	0.2	0.1
<b>Region and area size <sup>2</sup></b>											
Northeast urban .....	M	166.8	167.0	167.6	167.8	2.3	.5	.1	2.6	.5	.4
Size A - More than 1,200,000 .....	M	167.5	167.7	168.2	168.4	2.2	.4	.1	2.5	.4	.3
Size B - 500,000 to 1,200,000 <sup>3</sup> .....	M	164.7	165.2	165.9	166.2	2.5	.6	.2	2.5	.7	.4
Size C - 50,000 to 500,000 <sup>3</sup> .....	M	165.2	165.6	166.4	166.8	3.1	.7	.2	3.0	.7	.5
North Central urban .....	M	156.3	156.7	156.6	157.2	2.5	.3	.4	2.2	.2	-.1
Size A - More than 1,200,000 .....	M	157.0	157.3	157.3	158.0	2.6	.4	.4	2.3	.2	.0
Size B - 360,000 to 1,200,000 <sup>3</sup> .....	M	155.4	155.7	155.8	156.3	2.3	.4	.3	2.2	.3	.1
Size C - 50,000 to 360,000 <sup>3</sup> .....	M	158.3	158.7	158.5	158.8	2.7	.1	.2	2.5	.1	-.1
Size D - Nonmetropolitan (less than 50,000) .....	M	152.2	152.6	152.6	152.6	1.5	.0	.0	1.5	.3	.0
South urban .....	M	156.6	157.0	157.0	157.1	1.9	.1	.1	1.9	.3	.0
Size A - More than 1,200,000 .....	M	155.5	155.8	155.8	155.9	1.8	.1	.1	1.7	.2	.0
Size B - 450,000 to 1,200,000 <sup>3</sup> .....	M	159.7	160.4	160.5	160.8	2.5	.2	.2	2.4	.5	.1
Size C - 50,000 to 450,000 <sup>3</sup> .....	M	156.1	156.4	156.0	156.1	1.4	-.2	.1	1.5	-.1	-.3
Size D - Nonmetropolitan (less than 50,000) .....	M	156.0	156.3	156.4	156.4	2.5	.1	.0	2.6	.3	.1
West urban .....	M	161.1	161.0	161.1	161.5	2.2	.3	.2	2.0	.0	.1
Size A - More than 1,250,000 .....	M	161.1	161.1	161.3	161.7	2.3	.4	.2	2.1	.1	.1
Size C - 50,000 to 330,000 <sup>3</sup> .....	M	166.5	166.0	166.1	166.8	2.6	.5	.4	2.3	-.2	.1
<b>Size classes</b>											
A <sup>4</sup> .....	M	144.5	144.6	144.8	145.1	2.3	.3	.2	2.2	.2	.1
B <sup>3</sup> .....	M	160.4	160.7	160.9	161.2	2.3	.3	.2	2.2	.3	.1
C <sup>3</sup> .....	M	160.0	160.2	160.1	160.5	2.2	.2	.2	2.1	.1	-.1
D .....	M	156.4	156.6	156.7	156.8	1.8	.1	.1	2.0	.2	.1
<b>Selected local areas <sup>5</sup></b>											
Chicago-Gary-Lake County, IL-IN-WI .....	M	161.1	161.7	161.7	162.5	2.8	.5	.5	2.5	.4	.0
Los Angeles-Anaheim-Riverside, CA .....	M	159.5	159.4	159.5	159.7	1.5	.2	.1	1.2	.0	.1
N.Y.-Northern N.J.-Long Island, NY-NJ-CT .....	M	169.9	170.3	170.8	170.8	2.2	.3	.0	2.5	.5	.3
Phil.-Wilmington-Trenton, PA-NJ-DE-MD <sup>6</sup> .....	M	166.0	166.1	166.4	166.8	2.0	.4	.2	2.2	.2	.2
San Francisco-Oakland-San Jose, CA <sup>6</sup> .....	M	159.8	160.0	160.6	161.2	3.6	.8	.4	3.0	.5	.4
Baltimore, MD <sup>7</sup> .....	1	155.5	-	156.9	-	-	-	-	.8	.9	-
Boston-Lawrence-Salem, MA-NH .....	1	166.7	-	167.1	-	-	-	-	3.1	.2	-
Cleveland-Akron-Lorain, OH .....	1	155.6	-	156.3	-	-	-	-	2.8	.4	-
Miami-Fort Lauderdale, FL .....	1	157.9	-	157.9	-	-	-	-	3.6	.0	-
St. Louis-East St. Louis, MO-IL <sup>8</sup> .....	1	152.1	-	153.3	-	-	-	-	2.3	.8	-
Washington, DC-MD-VA <sup>7</sup> .....	1	162.1	-	162.9	-	-	-	-	1.7	.5	-
Dallas-Fort Worth, TX .....	2	-	151.4	-	151.2	1.1	-.1	-	-	-	-
Detroit-Ann Arbor, MI .....	2	-	155.0	-	156.9	2.8	1.2	-	-	-	-
Houston-Galveston-Brazoria, TX .....	2	-	144.8	-	145.4	1.8	.4	-	-	-	-
Pittsburgh-Beaver Valley, PA <sup>8</sup> .....	2	-	157.4	-	157.5	2.5	.1	-	-	-	-

<sup>1</sup> Foods, fuels, and several other items priced every month in all areas; most other goods and services priced as indicated:

M - Every month.

1 - January, March, May, July, September, and November.

2 - February, April, June, August, October, and December.

<sup>2</sup> Regions defined as the four Census regions. See map in technical notes.

<sup>3</sup> Starting in January, 1998, a new Size Class B/C will be introduced, composed of current Size Class B and Size Class C cities. There will be no individual Size Class B or Size Class C.

<sup>4</sup> Indexes on a December 1986=100 base.

<sup>5</sup> In addition, the following metropolitan areas are published semiannually and appear in tables 34 and 39 of the January and July issues of the CPI Detailed Report: Anchorage, AK; Atlanta, GA; Buffalo-Niagara Falls, NY; Cincinnati-Hamilton, OH-KY-IN; Denver-Boulder, CO; Honolulu, HI; Kansas City, MO-KS; Milwaukee, WI; Minneapolis-St. Paul, MN-WI; Portland-Vancouver, OR-WA; San Diego, CA; and Seattle-Tacoma, WA.

The following metropolitan areas are published annually and appear in tables 16A and 23A of the January issue of the CPI Detailed Report: New

Orleans, LA and Tampa-St. Petersburg-Clearwater, FL.

<sup>6</sup> Indexes for the cities of Philadelphia and San Francisco will no longer be published on a monthly basis starting in January, 1998. Beginning in February, 1998 they will be published on a bi-monthly basis.

<sup>7</sup> Indexes for the cities of Washington and Baltimore will no longer be published separately after December, 1997. Beginning in January, 1998 the two cities will be published as a Washington-Baltimore combined metropolitan area.

<sup>8</sup> Indexes for the cities of Pittsburgh and St. Louis will no longer be published on a bi-monthly basis after December, 1997. Beginning in July, 1998 they will be published semi-annually, each January and July.

- Data not available.

NOTE: Local area CPI indexes are byproducts of the national CPI program. Each local index has a smaller sample size than the national index and is, therefore, subject to substantially more sampling and other measurement error. As a result, local area indexes show greater volatility than the national index, although their long-term trends are similar. Therefore, the Bureau of Labor Statistics strongly urges users to consider adopting the national average CPI for use in their escalator clauses.



**Table 11. Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers (CPI-U): Regions <sup>1</sup>, by expenditure category and commodity and service group—Continued**

(1982-84=100, unless otherwise noted)

Group	Northeast			North Central			South			West		
	Index	Percent change from—		Index	Percent change from—		Index	Percent change from—		Index	Percent change from—	
		Aug. 1997	Aug. 1996		July 1997	Aug. 1997		Aug. 1996	July 1997		Aug. 1997	Aug. 1996
<b>Expenditure category</b>												
Medical care .....	245.0	2.4	0.0	227.6	2.2	0.2	233.8	2.8	0.3	235.6	3.1	0.2
Medical care commodities .....	218.5	.5	-.5	210.9	1.4	-.5	210.2	2.5	.0	226.6	3.8	.0
Medical care services .....	250.6	2.8	.1	231.7	2.4	.3	239.7	2.9	.3	237.7	2.9	.2
Professional medical services .....	226.1	3.1	.1	212.0	3.7	.3	221.9	4.1	.3	203.8	2.6	.2
Entertainment <sup>7</sup> .....	170.4	2.8	.4	165.7	4.1	.8	159.6	2.0	.1	156.7	.8	-.4
Entertainment commodities <sup>2</sup> .....	148.2	1.5	1.4	147.7	2.2	.4	143.2	.8	.2	138.8	-.9	.2
Entertainment services <sup>2</sup> .....	194.6	3.8	-.3	187.0	5.8	1.1	180.0	3.0	-.1	176.6	2.0	-.8
Other goods and services <sup>3</sup> .....	234.4	3.7	.9	220.0	4.6	1.1	217.1	4.3	.9	232.3	4.9	1.0
Tobacco and smoking products <sup>2</sup> .....	236.2	4.8	.7	253.3	5.0	.1	227.2	2.3	.3	268.0	5.8	1.7
Personal care <sup>2</sup> .....	162.8	1.1	.1	148.2	2.3	.7	145.6	2.2	-.3	155.1	-.3	-.6
Personal and educational expenses <sup>2</sup> .....	269.0	4.0	1.1	249.9	5.1	1.8	259.4	5.7	1.5	270.3	6.0	1.2
<b>Commodity and service group</b>												
All items .....	167.8	2.3	.1	157.2	2.5	.4	157.1	1.9	.1	161.5	2.2	.2
Commodities .....	141.7	1.4	.1	140.9	1.8	.5	141.5	1.1	.1	141.3	1.3	.3
Food and beverages .....	160.8	2.4	.1	154.9	2.2	.1	156.7	2.3	.4	159.9	3.5	.8
Commodities less food and beverages .....	129.1	.7	.2	132.8	1.5	.8	132.8	.3	.0	129.9	-.2	-.2
Nondurables less food and beverages .....	130.9	1.8	.7	136.1	3.1	1.5	135.4	1.4	.2	132.4	.1	.4
Apparel commodities <sup>2</sup> .....	123.7	2.7	.4	126.6	2.6	1.3	134.7	1.2	-.1	116.1	-.15	-.14
Nondurables less food, beverages, and apparel .....	138.6	1.3	.8	143.1	3.2	1.6	139.2	1.5	.9	143.2	.7	1.2
Durables .....	126.5	-.9	-.6	127.4	-.7	-.3	129.6	-.2	-.4	126.7	-.7	-.8
Services .....	193.9	2.9	.1	174.5	3.0	.2	173.4	2.7	.1	180.0	2.9	.2
Rent of shelter <sup>4</sup> .....	207.3	3.3	.4	179.0	3.2	.3	165.7	2.7	.0	186.1	2.8	.5
Household services less rent of shelter <sup>4 7</sup> .....	149.1	2.2	-.3	139.2	1.5	-.5	148.5	1.3	-.5	152.6	2.6	-.2
Transportation services .....	185.8	1.9	-.12	180.1	2.7	-.4	187.1	2.3	-.2	185.8	1.6	-.9
Medical care services .....	250.6	2.8	.1	231.7	2.4	.3	239.7	2.9	.3	237.7	2.9	.2
Other services .....	223.0	3.6	.5	203.6	5.3	1.4	207.1	4.5	.8	208.6	4.1	.4
<b>Special indexes</b>												
All items less food .....	169.4	2.4	.2	157.7	2.5	.4	157.1	1.9	.0	162.0	2.0	.1
All items less shelter .....	157.8	1.9	-.1	152.4	2.1	.3	156.3	1.8	.2	157.2	1.9	.1
All items less homeowners' costs <sup>2 4</sup> .....	165.9	2.2	.1	156.9	2.2	.4	160.4	1.8	.1	163.7	2.1	.2
All items less medical care .....	164.0	2.3	.2	153.3	2.5	.3	152.2	1.9	.1	157.4	2.1	.2
Commodities less food .....	130.8	.8	.2	133.9	1.6	.7	133.6	.3	-.1	131.7	.0	-.2
Nondurables less food .....	133.1	1.8	.6	137.6	3.1	1.3	136.4	1.4	.2	135.0	.5	.4
Nondurables less food and apparel .....	140.4	1.4	.6	144.1	3.1	1.3	139.7	1.5	.8	145.0	1.3	1.0
Nondurables .....	146.2	2.0	.3	145.5	2.6	.8	146.1	2.0	.4	146.5	1.9	.6
Services less rent of shelter <sup>4</sup> .....	195.9	2.6	-.2	179.6	2.9	.2	188.2	2.6	.1	192.0	2.8	-.1
Services less medical care services .....	189.2	2.9	.1	169.2	3.1	.2	166.1	2.6	-.1	175.0	2.8	.2
Energy .....	110.9	1.6	.6	110.2	1.8	1.6	113.1	.2	.5	117.2	-.5	1.6
All items less energy .....	175.5	2.4	.1	164.1	2.6	.2	163.1	2.1	.1	166.7	2.4	.2
All items less food and energy .....	179.5	2.4	.1	166.5	2.6	.3	164.7	2.0	-.1	168.5	2.2	.0
Commodities less food and energy commodities .....	141.4	.8	-.1	141.7	1.1	.1	142.4	.4	-.4	138.8	.4	-.6
Energy commodities .....	100.7	1.1	1.7	109.6	5.0	4.5	105.1	.3	2.5	110.3	-.22	3.2
Services less energy services .....	199.9	3.0	.2	181.9	3.4	.3	178.3	2.9	.1	183.5	2.9	.2

<sup>1</sup> Regions defined as the four Census regions. See map in technical notes.

<sup>2</sup> This index series will no longer appear after December, 1997.

<sup>3</sup> This index series will undergo a change in composition in January, 1998.

<sup>4</sup> Indexes on a December 1982=100 base.

<sup>5</sup> Indexes on a December 1986=100 base.

<sup>6</sup> Indexes on a December 1993=100 base.

<sup>7</sup> This index series will no longer appear in its present form after December, 1997. See Table X for a comparable index series.

- Data not available.



**Table 12. Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers (CPI-U): Population size classes <sup>1</sup>, by expenditure category and commodity and service group—Continued**

(1982-84=100, unless otherwise noted)

Group	Size class A <sup>2</sup>			Size class B <sup>3</sup>			Size class C <sup>3</sup>			Size class D		
	Index	Percent change from—		Index	Percent change from—		Index	Percent change from—		Index	Percent change from—	
		Aug. 1997	Aug. 1996		July 1997	Aug. 1997		Aug. 1996	July 1997		Aug. 1997	Aug. 1996
<b>Expenditure category</b>												
Medical care .....	186.0	2.3	0.1	235.2	3.3	0.2	239.3	3.1	0.3	229.4	2.6	0.2
Medical care commodities .....	173.8	1.6	-.5	216.1	2.0	-.2	207.8	3.0	.4	215.1	2.7	.1
Medical care services .....	188.7	2.4	.2	239.8	3.6	.3	246.8	3.0	.3	233.4	2.6	.3
Professional medical services .....	171.0	3.0	-.2	213.0	5.1	.4	225.2	2.9	.2	223.9	3.8	.0
Entertainment <sup>8</sup> .....	144.9	2.6	-.1	159.7	1.5	.6	167.1	2.7	.8	148.4	1.9	.1
Entertainment commodities <sup>4</sup> .....	133.4	1.4	.5	140.8	-.6	1.1	148.1	.9	.5	140.5	1.4	.2
Entertainment services <sup>4</sup> .....	154.4	3.5	-.5	184.6	3.5	.1	192.1	4.4	1.2	159.6	2.6	-.1
Other goods and services <sup>5</sup> .....	182.0	4.5	1.1	225.2	3.6	1.0	220.9	3.7	.8	221.0	5.7	.9
Tobacco and smoking products <sup>4</sup> .....	190.8	5.5	.7	251.7	1.9	.2	244.9	3.2	.5	233.2	4.8	1.1
Personal care <sup>4</sup> .....	136.6	1.5	-.1	150.2	-.2	-.1	152.1	1.8	.5	137.4	2.5	.1
Personal and educational expenses <sup>4</sup> .....	195.3	5.0	1.5	261.9	5.5	1.7	255.2	4.5	1.0	264.8	6.9	1.0
<b>Commodity and service group</b>												
All items .....	145.1	2.3	.2	161.2	2.3	.2	160.5	2.2	.2	156.8	1.8	.1
Commodities .....	135.4	1.4	.3	140.5	1.5	.2	141.5	1.2	.3	139.2	1.2	.1
Food and beverages .....	142.7	2.5	.4	158.2	3.0	.4	156.7	2.2	.3	154.1	2.3	.3
Commodities less food and beverages .....	130.5	.6	.3	130.5	.6	.2	132.7	.5	.2	131.0	.5	.0
Nondurables less food and beverages .....	139.1	1.7	.8	132.4	1.5	.4	136.6	1.5	.7	133.0	1.8	.4
Apparel commodities <sup>4</sup> .....	118.5	1.5	.3	124.0	2.3	-.1	133.8	.1	-.3	126.9	1.6	-.9
Nondurables less food, beverages, and apparel .....	152.1	1.8	1.1	139.4	1.2	1.2	140.6	2.0	1.2	137.5	1.8	.8
Durables .....	118.9	-.9	-.5	128.1	-.8	-.3	127.7	-.9	-.5	128.6	-.1	-.5
Services .....	152.8	2.8	.1	182.8	2.9	.2	181.0	3.1	.1	176.0	2.4	.0
Rent of shelter <sup>6</sup> .....	149.5	3.2	.4	188.5	2.9	.2	181.8	3.1	.3	175.9	1.9	-.1
Household services less rent of shelter <sup>6 8</sup> .....	132.4	1.5	-.5	149.4	2.0	-.1	149.0	2.1	-.5	145.7	2.0	.0
Transportation services .....	151.7	1.7	-.8	187.7	2.3	-.6	191.9	3.3	-.3	183.0	1.6	-.5
Medical care services .....	188.7	2.4	.2	239.8	3.6	.3	246.8	3.0	.3	233.4	2.6	.3
Other services .....	171.5	4.2	.6	211.3	4.3	1.0	208.8	4.2	.9	206.2	5.4	.6
<b>Special indexes</b>												
All items less food .....	145.7	2.2	.2	161.8	2.2	.1	161.3	2.2	.2	157.3	1.7	.0
All items less shelter .....	143.4	1.8	.1	155.7	2.1	.2	156.5	2.0	.2	153.6	1.8	.1
All items less homeowners' costs <sup>4 6</sup> .....	144.3	2.1	.2	162.1	2.2	.2	160.6	2.0	.2	157.7	1.7	.1
All items less medical care .....	142.8	2.2	.2	156.9	2.2	.1	155.7	2.2	.2	151.6	1.7	.1
Commodities less food .....	131.5	.8	.3	131.5	.7	.1	133.8	.5	.1	131.9	.5	.0
Nondurables less food .....	139.9	1.8	.7	133.8	1.7	.4	138.0	1.5	.7	134.2	1.7	.3
Nondurables less food and apparel .....	151.3	1.9	.9	140.2	1.4	1.1	141.8	2.1	1.1	138.7	1.8	.7
Nondurables .....	141.1	2.2	.6	145.2	2.3	.4	146.5	1.8	.5	143.5	2.0	.3
Services less rent of shelter <sup>6</sup> .....	156.3	2.5	-.1	189.3	2.9	.1	190.5	3.1	.1	185.6	2.8	.1
Services less medical care services .....	149.8	2.9	.1	177.2	2.8	.2	174.2	3.1	.1	168.9	2.4	.0
Energy .....	141.5	.5	1.2	110.0	1.6	1.2	113.3	1.5	.8	106.5	-.1	.1
All items less energy .....	145.4	2.4	.1	168.3	2.4	.1	167.2	2.3	.2	164.0	2.0	.1
All items less food and energy .....	146.0	2.3	.1	170.7	2.2	.0	169.9	2.3	.1	166.5	2.0	.0
Commodities less food and energy commodities .....	128.6	.7	-.2	140.2	.4	-.3	142.9	.4	-.1	141.1	.6	-.3
Energy commodities .....	154.9	1.0	3.3	104.6	1.9	2.8	105.2	1.3	2.8	103.4	-.2	1.8
Services less energy services .....	154.4	3.0	.2	189.0	3.0	.2	186.8	3.2	.3	182.5	2.5	.1

<sup>1</sup> See region and area size on table 10 for information about population size classes.

<sup>2</sup> Indexes on a December 1986=100 base.

<sup>3</sup> Starting in January, 1998, a new Size Class B/C will be introduced, composed of current Size Class B and Size Class C cities. There will be no individual Size Class B or Size Class C.

<sup>4</sup> This index series will no longer appear after December, 1997.

<sup>5</sup> This index series will undergo a change in composition in January, 1998.

<sup>6</sup> Indexes on a December 1982=100 base.

<sup>7</sup> Indexes on a December 1993=100 base.

<sup>8</sup> This index series will no longer appear in its present form after December, 1997. See Table X for a comparable index series.

- Data not available.

**Table 13. Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers (CPI-U): Cross classification of regions and population size classes<sup>1</sup>, by expenditure category and commodity and service group**

(1982-84=100, unless otherwise noted)

Group	Northeast								
	Size class A			Size class B <sup>2</sup>			Size class C <sup>2</sup>		
	Index	Percent change from—		Index	Percent change from—		Index	Percent change from—	
		Aug. 1997	Aug. 1996		July 1997	Aug. 1997		Aug. 1996	July 1997
<b>Expenditure category</b>									
All items .....	168.4	2.2	0.1	166.2	2.5	0.2	166.8	3.1	0.2
All items (December 1977=100) .....	260.2	-	-	267.3	-	-	276.9	-	-
Food and beverages .....	160.2	2.1	.0	166.1	3.7	.4	159.1	2.0	-.4
Food .....	159.6	2.1	.0	165.7	3.6	.4	158.5	2.1	-.4
Food at home .....	161.1	1.9	-.1	169.1	4.4	.7	155.3	1.9	-.8
Cereals and bakery products <sup>3</sup> .....	184.2	2.1	-.1	176.0	4.2	-.2	185.7	4.3	.1
Meats, poultry, fish, and eggs <sup>3</sup> .....	150.7	.9	.4	163.2	5.6	.7	149.9	.7	-1.1
Dairy products <sup>3</sup> .....	137.1	1.3	.3	143.8	4.1	1.3	118.6	-1.7	-1.9
Fruits and vegetables <sup>3</sup> .....	187.8	1.7	-1.0	196.2	2.9	2.8	182.7	.8	-1.9
Other food at home <sup>3</sup> .....	155.7	3.9	.1	169.3	4.1	-.9	148.0	4.4	-.1
Food away from home .....	159.4	2.3	.1	162.1	2.4	-.1	165.9	2.5	.2
Alcoholic beverages .....	167.8	2.8	.0	172.4	3.9	.8	166.8	1.1	.2
Housing <sup>4</sup> .....	169.6	2.5	.1	168.8	2.1	.0	168.6	3.5	.5
Shelter .....	197.1	3.4	.5	201.3	2.4	.0	202.8	3.9	.7
Renters' costs <sup>3 5</sup> .....	210.1	4.3	.9	226.7	1.9	-.5	203.0	6.8	2.1
Rent, residential .....	180.9	3.3	.3	171.0	2.6	.1	176.0	2.8	.4
Other renters' costs <sup>3</sup> .....	274.1	6.5	2.1	310.9	1.1	-1.3	243.3	14.9	5.5
Homeowners' costs <sup>3 5</sup> .....	200.2	3.0	.3	206.5	2.6	.3	215.8	3.3	.4
Owners' equivalent rent <sup>5</sup> .....	201.0	3.0	.2	208.3	2.9	.3	216.7	3.1	.3
Fuel and other utilities <sup>4</sup> .....	125.0	1.7	-.5	131.0	1.9	-1.1	118.1	2.0	-.2
Fuels .....	119.6	1.9	-.5	113.9	1.8	-1.7	98.6	1.5	-.2
Fuel oil and other household fuel commodities <sup>3</sup> .....	95.4	.5	-1.3	85.9	.5	-5.4	79.9	-.4	-1.5
Fuel oil <sup>3</sup> .....	93.4	.1	-1.3	88.6	5.4	-2.9	79.7	-.9	-1.7
Other household fuel commodities <sup>3 6</sup> .....	136.9	5.8	-.4	101.1	-15.3	-14.4	99.0	1.5	-.3
Gas (piped) and electricity (energy services) .....	133.5	2.1	-.3	137.8	2.1	-.6	116.6	2.5	.4
Electricity .....	143.1	.1	-.3	148.1	-.5	-.9	119.8	.1	.3
Utility (piped) gas .....	119.8	6.0	-.5	117.5	10.2	-.1	113.0	11.0	1.1
Household furnishings and operation <sup>4</sup> .....	126.9	-1.6	-.8	121.7	.1	1.2	123.0	2.8	.0
Apparel and upkeep .....	125.1	2.4	1.0	129.2	4.5	-1.8	140.9	3.5	.0
Apparel commodities <sup>3</sup> .....	119.8	2.5	1.0	125.9	4.7	-1.8	137.7	3.6	.0
Men's and boys' apparel <sup>3</sup> .....	121.5	1.3	4.0	149.8	5.2	1.6	164.6	13.8	2.2
Women's and girls' apparel <sup>3</sup> .....	110.4	3.0	-.2	118.0	4.6	-4.2	126.4	2.6	-.6
Footwear <sup>3</sup> .....	127.2	2.5	-.5	115.4	3.0	-3.2	136.8	-6.6	.0
Transportation .....	148.0	.5	-.5	141.8	1.6	.2	142.6	1.3	-.4
Private transportation .....	143.5	.6	.3	138.4	.7	.3	135.5	1.0	-.1
Motor fuel .....	104.3	1.0	3.4	106.4	2.6	3.1	104.7	1.9	2.0
Gasoline .....	103.9	1.1	3.6	106.7	3.0	3.4	104.6	1.9	2.2
Gasoline, unleaded regular .....	103.2	1.7	4.3	104.5	3.1	3.6	104.5	2.3	2.6
Gasoline, unleaded midgrade <sup>7</sup> .....	106.2	.5	3.4	113.4	3.1	3.3	112.7	2.3	1.6
Gasoline, unleaded premium .....	103.5	.3	3.3	107.3	2.7	3.0	107.6	1.1	2.1
Public transportation <sup>3</sup> .....	174.5	-.3	-5.0	199.6	11.2	-.4	246.1	3.4	-2.8
Medical care .....	248.4	2.7	.0	240.6	1.2	.0	228.9	1.8	.1
Entertainment <sup>8</sup> .....	171.8	2.2	-.3	158.4	2.3	3.0	179.1	6.9	1.8
Other goods and services <sup>4</sup> .....	232.0	3.5	1.0	230.2	3.5	.7	241.3	5.1	.5
Personal care <sup>3</sup> .....	166.9	1.0	.1	148.8	-1.7	.0	151.2	3.0	.0
<b>Commodity and service group</b>									
All items .....	168.4	2.2	.1	166.2	2.5	.2	166.8	3.1	.2
Commodities .....	142.5	1.2	.1	141.3	2.5	.4	139.5	1.5	-.2
Food and beverages .....	160.2	2.1	.0	166.1	3.7	.4	159.1	2.0	-.4
Commodities less food and beverages .....	129.8	.5	.2	126.6	1.6	.4	128.0	1.2	.0
Nondurables less food and beverages .....	131.5	1.8	.8	126.8	1.7	.6	132.5	2.2	.2
Durables .....	127.9	-1.6	-.7	124.9	1.3	.1	121.3	-.3	-.5
Services .....	192.7	2.9	.1	195.2	2.5	.1	196.8	4.1	.5
Medical care services .....	255.0	3.2	.1	245.2	1.5	-.1	232.5	1.3	.1
<b>Special indexes</b>									
All items less shelter .....	158.6	1.7	-.1	156.2	2.5	.2	155.9	2.6	.0
All items less medical care .....	164.5	2.2	.1	162.3	2.5	.2	163.7	3.2	.2
All items less energy .....	175.2	2.3	.1	175.2	2.5	.2	176.3	3.2	.2
All items less food and energy .....	179.3	2.3	.1	177.9	2.2	.2	181.0	3.4	.3
Energy .....	113.4	1.5	.8	110.7	2.1	.1	99.8	1.7	.7
Commodities less food .....	131.5	.6	.2	128.5	1.7	.5	129.6	1.2	.0
Nondurables less food .....	133.7	1.8	.7	129.4	2.0	.6	134.6	2.0	.2
Nondurables .....	146.7	1.9	.3	145.8	2.8	.5	145.5	2.0	-.1
Services less rent of shelter <sup>5</sup> .....	195.3	2.4	-.3	195.7	2.3	-.1	196.4	4.4	.3
Services less medical care services .....	187.7	2.8	.1	190.4	2.5	.0	193.7	4.4	.6

See footnote at end of table.







**Table 13. Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers (CPI-U): Cross classification of regions and population size classes <sup>1</sup>, by expenditure category and commodity and service group—Continued**

(1982-84=100, unless otherwise noted)

Group	West					
	Size class A			Size class C <sup>2</sup>		
	Index	Percent change from—		Index	Percent change from—	
		Aug. 1997	Aug. 1996		July 1997	Aug. 1996
<b>Expenditure category</b>						
All items .....	161.7	2.3	0.2	166.8	2.6	0.4
All items (December 1977=100) .....	263.6	-	-	258.7	-	-
Food and beverages .....	160.7	3.3	.9	156.8	3.7	.4
Food .....	159.9	3.2	1.0	156.1	3.6	.5
Food at home .....	164.3	3.5	1.5	153.2	3.3	.7
Cereals and bakery products <sup>3</sup> .....	183.8	3.4	1.7	169.3	3.4	-1.6
Meats, poultry, fish, and eggs <sup>3</sup> .....	154.5	3.9	1.0	141.3	3.4	-1.1
Dairy products <sup>3</sup> .....	155.7	-1.8	.1	142.2	1.5	1.4
Fruits and vegetables <sup>3</sup> .....	193.8	5.1	4.1	189.0	2.1	2.7
Other food at home <sup>3</sup> .....	150.2	4.7	.7	142.6	4.9	.7
Food away from home .....	153.9	2.7	.1	161.5	4.1	.2
Alcoholic beverages .....	167.8	4.4	.2	165.9	5.5	.3
Housing <sup>4</sup> .....	162.0	2.7	.1	166.7	3.1	.5
Shelter .....	176.1	3.0	.5	188.9	3.7	.7
Renters' costs <sup>3 5</sup> .....	191.7	3.2	.7	185.8	3.5	.6
Rent, residential .....	170.8	3.3	.4	165.4	2.3	.5
Other renters' costs <sup>3</sup> .....	233.9	2.6	1.4	227.2	7.3	.9
Homeowners' costs <sup>3 5</sup> .....	186.9	3.0	.4	205.8	3.8	.8
Owners' equivalent rent <sup>5</sup> .....	186.7	3.0	.4	207.3	3.8	.8
Fuel and other utilities <sup>4</sup> .....	144.9	2.2	-.5	133.5	4.2	-1.1
Fuels .....	135.1	1.3	-.7	113.6	4.0	.0
Fuel oil and other household fuel commodities <sup>3 9</sup> .....	104.1	6.6	.9	242.2	-2.8	-6.4
Fuel oil <sup>3 9</sup> .....	102.0	7.4	1.5	351.6	3.0	.6
Other household fuel commodities <sup>3 6</sup> .....	137.3	5.9	.2	107.0	-3.6	-7.4
Gas (piped) and electricity (energy services) .....	137.6	1.2	-.6	112.8	4.3	.2
Electricity .....	152.3	-.8	-.2	125.2	1.8	.0
Utility (piped) gas .....	124.4	6.0	-1.7	99.7	8.7	.5
Household furnishings and operation <sup>4</sup> .....	125.1	1.1	-1.0	125.7	-.9	-.5
Apparel and upkeep .....	118.8	-.9	-1.4	133.9	-4.2	.1
Apparel commodities <sup>3</sup> .....	113.3	-1.3	-1.7	131.8	-4.6	.1
Men's and boys' apparel <sup>3</sup> .....	116.0	-2.3	-2.2	147.5	1.1	-.9
Women's and girls' apparel <sup>3</sup> .....	105.8	1.4	.6	121.5	-8.9	-2.0
Footwear <sup>3</sup> .....	117.9	-4.8	-.2	124.2	1.5	4.4
Transportation .....	144.5	.1	.1	146.8	.5	.4
Private transportation .....	140.7	.0	.6	144.8	.1	.6
Motor fuel .....	109.2	-1.6	3.9	109.7	-3.4	2.9
Gasoline .....	108.3	-1.6	4.1	108.9	-3.8	3.0
Gasoline, unleaded regular .....	105.8	-1.5	4.6	105.1	-4.2	2.8
Gasoline, unleaded midgrade <sup>7</sup> .....	104.2	-1.0	4.0	117.4	-2.9	4.3
Gasoline, unleaded premium .....	109.7	-1.6	3.3	108.8	-3.7	2.2
Public transportation <sup>3</sup> .....	189.1	1.1	-3.5	178.0	4.3	-4.0
Medical care .....	231.5	2.3	.0	253.2	6.3	.1
Entertainment <sup>8</sup> .....	155.5	.6	-.5	171.8	3.6	.6
Other goods and services <sup>4</sup> .....	238.7	5.2	1.2	229.0	3.1	.6
Personal care <sup>3</sup> .....	160.6	-.7	-.6	159.2	1.0	.6

See footnotes at end of table.

**Table 13. Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers (CPI-U): Cross classification of regions and population size classes <sup>1</sup>, by expenditure category and commodity and service group—Continued**

(1982-84=100, unless otherwise noted)

Group	West					
	Size class A			Size class C <sup>2</sup>		
	Index	Percent change from—		Index	Percent change from—	
		Aug. 1997	Aug. 1996		July 1997	Aug. 1996
<b>Commodity and service group</b>						
All items .....	161.7	2.3	0.2	166.8	2.6	0.4
Commodities .....	141.2	1.4	.4	142.0	.4	.3
Food and beverages .....	160.7	3.3	.9	156.8	3.7	.4
Commodities less food and beverages .....	128.9	.1	-.1	133.8	-1.5	.2
Nondurables less food and beverages .....	130.8	.3	.4	140.9	-1.3	.9
Durables .....	125.6	-.2	-.8	125.5	-1.8	-.6
Services .....	179.7	2.8	.2	190.4	4.2	.5
Medical care services .....	231.9	2.1	.1	263.1	7.0	.2
<b>Special indexes</b>						
All items less shelter .....	157.2	1.9	.1	159.5	2.1	.3
All items less medical care .....	158.1	2.3	.3	161.4	2.2	.4
All items less energy .....	166.5	2.4	.1	173.3	2.7	.3
All items less food and energy .....	168.3	2.2	.0	176.9	2.6	.3
Energy .....	117.8	-.3	1.7	111.4	-.2	1.6
Commodities less food .....	130.9	.4	-.1	135.1	-1.2	.2
Nondurables less food .....	133.8	.8	.4	142.6	-.7	.8
Nondurables .....	146.4	2.0	.7	149.2	1.2	.6
Services less rent of shelter <sup>5</sup> .....	192.3	2.5	-.3	197.6	4.7	.2
Services less medical care services .....	175.5	2.8	.2	182.9	3.8	.5

<sup>1</sup> See region and area size on table 10 for information about cross classifications.

<sup>2</sup> Starting in January, 1998, a new Size Class B/C will be introduced, composed of current Size Class B and Size Class C cities. There will be no individual Size Class B or Size Class C.

<sup>3</sup> This index series will no longer appear after December, 1997.

<sup>4</sup> This index series will undergo a change in composition in January, 1998.

<sup>5</sup> Indexes on a December 1982=100 base.

<sup>6</sup> Indexes on a December 1986=100 base.

<sup>7</sup> Indexes on a December 1993=100 base.

<sup>8</sup> This index series will no longer appear in its present form after December, 1997. See Table X for a comparable index series.

<sup>9</sup> Indexes on a June 1978=100 base in West size class C.

- Data not available.

**Table 14. Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers (CPI-U): Food at home expenditure categories, selected areas**

(1982-84=100, unless otherwise noted)

Area	Total food at home	Cereals and bakery products <sup>1</sup>	Meats, poultry, fish, and eggs <sup>1</sup>	Dairy products <sup>1</sup>	Fruits and vegetables <sup>1 2</sup>	Other food at home <sup>1</sup>
Indexes, August 1997						
U.S. city average .....	158.5	178.6	149.1	143.4	187.3	148.7
<b>Region and area size <sup>3</sup></b>						
Northeast urban .....	161.4	183.8	151.8	136.4	187.8	156.4
Size A - More than 1,200,000 .....	161.1	184.2	150.7	137.1	187.8	155.7
Size B - 500,000 to 1,200,000 <sup>4</sup> .....	169.1	176.0	163.2	143.8	196.2	169.3
Size C - 50,000 to 500,000 <sup>4</sup> .....	155.3	185.7	149.9	118.6	182.7	148.0
North Central urban .....	154.1	178.0	147.4	141.5	175.5	143.4
Size A - More than 1,200,000 .....	157.8	179.1	154.0	145.9	182.2	142.6
Size B - 360,000 to 1,200,000 <sup>4</sup> .....	151.4	183.6	140.6	136.4	165.8	146.4
Size C - 50,000 to 360,000 <sup>4</sup> .....	152.0	172.7	138.6	139.5	174.8	149.6
Size D - Nonmetropolitan (less than 50,000) .....	144.6	176.5	137.9	133.6	157.5	133.8
South urban .....	155.9	172.6	145.5	144.4	188.3	146.2
Size A - More than 1,200,000 .....	155.9	172.0	145.3	149.3	189.1	143.7
Size B - 450,000 to 1,200,000 <sup>4</sup> .....	159.3	172.4	147.6	147.2	207.1	144.1
Size C - 50,000 to 450,000 <sup>4</sup> .....	155.6	168.4	144.2	143.0	181.5	153.7
Size D - Nonmetropolitan (less than 50,000) .....	151.3	182.6	144.6	132.9	168.8	142.4
West urban .....	163.1	180.0	152.0	152.7	197.3	149.9
Size A - More than 1,200,000 .....	164.3	183.8	154.5	155.7	193.8	150.2
Size C - 50,000 to 330,000 <sup>4</sup> .....	153.2	169.3	141.3	142.2	189.0	142.6
<b>Size classes</b>						
A <sup>5</sup> .....	146.4	160.5	137.9	138.3	171.9	136.2
B <sup>4</sup> .....	161.2	175.6	151.9	146.3	197.7	150.4
C <sup>4</sup> .....	154.3	173.1	143.5	136.9	181.2	150.0
D .....	151.7	181.4	139.7	137.7	173.2	144.5
<b>Selected local areas</b>						
Baltimore, MD <sup>6</sup> .....	162.0	195.6	141.8	151.8	207.1	149.8
Boston-Lawrence-Salem, MA-NH .....	159.1	183.2	150.5	144.7	194.7	139.3
Chicago-Gary-Lake County, IL-IN-WI .....	166.8	181.0	170.2	156.5	193.3	143.6
Cleveland-Akron-Lorain, OH .....	155.3	175.1	152.3	146.1	191.0	130.4
Dallas-Fort Worth, TX .....	148.0	164.6	139.5	142.2	158.4	145.8
Detroit-Ann Arbor, MI .....	151.3	171.6	146.1	132.4	179.7	140.9
Houston-Galveston-Brazoria, TX .....	155.3	172.4	144.5	139.4	180.7	153.8
Los Angeles-Anaheim-Riverside, CA .....	169.3	181.1	162.8	163.1	203.3	151.3
Miami-Fort Lauderdale, FL .....	164.8	168.5	147.8	145.1	240.4	140.8
N.Y.-Northern N.J.-Long Island, NY-NJ-CT .....	163.1	184.5	153.8	137.3	190.4	156.8
Phil.-Wilmington-Trenton, PA-NJ-DE-MD <sup>7</sup> .....	162.8	190.8	147.6	133.9	193.3	161.2
Pittsburgh-Beaver Valley, PA <sup>6</sup> .....	147.0	162.4	136.9	139.0	144.0	158.2
St. Louis-East St. Louis, MO-IL <sup>8</sup> .....	150.5	162.2	133.6	152.1	173.0	150.6
San Francisco-Oakland-San Jose, CA <sup>7</sup> .....	165.8	185.4	154.4	148.5	186.7	161.6
Washington, DC-MD-VA <sup>6</sup> .....	157.3	181.3	144.4	159.0	176.2	147.5

See footnotes at end of table.

**Table 14. Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers (CPI-U): Food at home expenditure categories, selected areas—Continued**

Area	Total food at home	Cereals and bakery products <sup>1</sup>	Meats, poultry, fish, and eggs <sup>1</sup>	Dairy products <sup>1</sup>	Fruits and vegetables <sup>1 2</sup>	Other food at home <sup>1</sup>
Percent change, July 1997 to August 1997						
U.S. city average .....	0.5	0.2	0.6	0.1	1.5	0.1
<b>Region and area size <sup>3</sup></b>						
Northeast urban .....	.0	-.1	.3	.4	-.4	-.1
Size A - More than 1,200,000 .....	-.1	-.1	.4	.3	-1.0	.1
Size B - 500,000 to 1,200,000 <sup>4</sup> .....	.7	-.2	.7	1.3	2.8	-.9
Size C - 50,000 to 500,000 <sup>4</sup> .....	-.8	.1	-1.1	-.1	-1.9	-.1
North Central urban .....	.0	.2	.4	-.8	.2	-.3
Size A - More than 1,200,000 .....	.1	.3	.5	-.9	.8	-.5
Size B - 360,000 to 1,200,000 <sup>4</sup> .....	-.9	-1.0	1.0	-2.7	-2.6	-.9
Size C - 50,000 to 360,000 <sup>4</sup> .....	.3	.5	.2	.4	.5	-.1
Size D - Nonmetropolitan (less than 50,000) .....	.1	.6	-.1	-.4	.1	.2
South urban .....	.6	.0	.8	.3	1.9	.1
Size A - More than 1,200,000 .....	.6	.6	1.0	.3	.6	.3
Size B - 450,000 to 1,200,000 <sup>4</sup> .....	.9	-.3	.8	.0	2.7	.4
Size C - 50,000 to 450,000 <sup>4</sup> .....	.9	-.7	1.1	.6	4.1	-.5
Size D - Nonmetropolitan (less than 50,000) .....	.2	.3	.1	.8	.3	-.3
West urban .....	1.4	.6	.9	.3	4.2	.8
Size A - More than 1,200,000 .....	1.5	1.7	1.0	.1	4.1	.7
Size C - 50,000 to 330,000 <sup>4</sup> .....	.7	-1.6	-.1	1.4	2.7	.7
<b>Size classes</b>						
A .....	.5	.6	.7	.0	1.2	.1
B <sup>4</sup> .....	.6	-.9	1.0	-.3	2.4	.0
C <sup>4</sup> .....	.4	-.3	.3	.5	1.7	-.1
D .....	.5	.6	-.1	.6	1.4	.3
<b>Selected local areas</b>						
Baltimore, MD <sup>6</sup> .....	1.6	2.8	.3	-1.1	4.2	1.5
Boston-Lawrence-Salem, MA-NH .....	1.0	4.2	1.0	3.7	-1.8	-.1
Chicago-Gary-Lake County, IL-IN-WI .....	.2	.8	.7	-1.1	.9	-.8
Cleveland-Akron-Lorain, OH .....	.3	-.3	.5	-.1	-1.0	2.2
Dallas-Fort Worth, TX .....	1.0	2.0	-1.2	-1.0	4.1	1.6
Detroit-Ann Arbor, MI .....	-.5	-1.4	-.3	-1.0	-.8	.0
Houston-Galveston-Brazoria, TX .....	.7	1.6	1.5	-1.9	.4	.8
Los Angeles-Anaheim-Riverside, CA .....	1.4	1.5	1.0	.2	4.5	.0
Miami-Fort Lauderdale, FL .....	.3	-2.3	2.9	2.3	-2.3	.6
N.Y.-Northern N.J.-Long Island, NY-NJ-CT .....	.2	-.7	1.1	.7	-1.5	1.0
Phil.-Wilmington-Trenton, PA-NJ-DE-MD <sup>7</sup> .....	-.1	.5	.0	-1.8	2.3	-1.8
Pittsburgh-Beaver Valley, PA <sup>8</sup> .....	-3.2	-1.1	-5.2	-2.5	-5.3	-1.0
St. Louis-East St. Louis, MO-IL <sup>8</sup> .....	.5	1.2	-.4	1.1	2.2	-.3
San Francisco-Oakland-San Jose, CA <sup>7</sup> .....	2.0	2.2	.8	-1.1	4.7	2.4
Washington, DC-MD-VA <sup>6</sup> .....	-1.0	-.1	-.7	1.3	-4.8	.0

<sup>1</sup> This index series will no longer appear after December, 1997 below the U.S. city average level.

<sup>2</sup> This index series will undergo a change in composition in January, 1998.

<sup>3</sup> Regions defined as the four Census regions. See map in technical notes.

<sup>4</sup> Starting in January, 1998, a new Size Class B/C will be introduced, composed of current Size Class B and Size Class C cities. There will be no individual Size Class B or Size Class C.

<sup>5</sup> Indexes on a December 1986=100 base.

<sup>6</sup> Indexes for the cities of Washington and Baltimore will no longer be published separately after December, 1997. Beginning in January, 1998 the two cities will be published as a Washington-Baltimore combined metropolitan area.

<sup>7</sup> Indexes for the cities of Philadelphia and San Francisco will no longer be published on a monthly basis starting in January, 1998. Beginning in February, 1998 they will be published on a bi-monthly basis.

<sup>8</sup> Indexes for the cities of Pittsburgh and St. Louis will no longer be published on a bi-monthly basis after December, 1997. Beginning in July, 1998 they will be published semi-annually, each January and July.

**Table 15. Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers (CPI-U): Areas priced monthly, by expenditure category and commodity and service group, percent change, July 1997 to August 1997**

Group	U.S. city average	Chicago-Gary-Lake County, IL-IN-WI	Los Angeles-Anaheim-Riverside, CA	N.Y.-Northern N.J.-Long Island, NY-NJ-CT	Phil.-Wilmington-Trenton, PA-NJ-DE-MD <sup>1</sup>	San Francisco-Oakland-San Jose, CA <sup>1</sup>
<b>Expenditure category</b>						
All items .....	0.2	0.5	0.1	0.0	0.2	0.4
Food and beverages .....	.4	.1	.9	.2	.0	1.2
Food .....	.4	.1	1.0	.1	.0	1.3
Food at home .....	.5	.2	1.4	.2	-.1	2.0
Cereals and bakery products <sup>2</sup> .....	.2	.8	1.5	-.7	.5	2.2
Meats, poultry, fish, and eggs <sup>2</sup> .....	.6	.7	1.0	1.1	.0	.8
Meats, poultry, and fish .....	.4	.5	.9	1.0	-.1	.5
Dairy products <sup>2</sup> .....	.1	-1.1	.2	.7	-1.8	-1.1
Fruits and vegetables <sup>2 3</sup> .....	1.5	.9	4.5	-1.5	2.3	4.7
Other food at home <sup>2</sup> .....	.1	-.8	.0	1.0	-1.8	2.4
Food away from home .....	.2	.1	.3	.1	.1	.4
Alcoholic beverages .....	.2	-.1	-.2	.1	-.1	.4
Housing <sup>3</sup> .....	.1	.6	-.1	.1	.2	.7
Shelter .....	.3	.5	.2	.4	.4	1.0
Renters' costs <sup>2 4</sup> .....	.4	.4	.2	.6	.7	1.1
Rent, residential .....	.3	.4	.1	.5	.1	1.0
Other renters' costs <sup>2 4</sup> .....	.6	.4	.5	1.0	1.3	1.4
Homeowners' costs <sup>2 4</sup> .....	.3	.6	.1	.3	.2	1.0
Owners' equivalent rent .....	.3	.6	.2	.3	.2	1.0
Fuel and other utilities <sup>3</sup> .....	-.5	.4	-.9	-.7	.0	-.1
Fuels .....	-.8	1.0	-1.4	-.6	-.1	.3
Fuel oil and other household fuel commodities <sup>2</sup> .....	-1.3	.8	.0	-1.2	-.7	4.1
Fuel oil <sup>2</sup> .....	-1.2	.0	-	-1.2	-.7	10.1
Other household fuel commodities <sup>2 5</sup> .....	-1.4	2.1	.0	-.5	-	3.6
Gas (piped) and electricity (energy services) .....	-.9	.9	-1.4	-.4	.0	.3
Electricity .....	-.7	1.7	.0	-.2	.0	.0
Utility (piped) gas .....	-1.3	.0	-4.1	-.7	.1	.8
Household furnishings and operation <sup>3</sup> .....	-.3	.9	-1.1	-.9	-.5	-.9
Apparel and upkeep .....	-.2	1.5	-1.8	.2	3.0	-2.1
Apparel commodities <sup>2 4</sup> .....	-.2	1.7	-2.3	.1	3.4	-2.3
Men's and boys' apparel <sup>2</sup> .....	.7	2.9	-1.2	3.7	12.3	-3.4
Women's and girls' apparel <sup>2</sup> .....	-.7	3.7	1.3	-2.2	-1.9	-1.4
Footwear <sup>2</sup> .....	.3	1.1	.0	.4	-1.5	.7
Transportation .....	.1	.1	.4	-.6	-.7	-.7
Private transportation .....	.5	.8	1.2	.4	.1	-.2
Motor fuel .....	3.6	3.1	6.1	4.1	2.6	1.9
Gasoline .....	3.8	3.6	6.5	4.4	2.7	2.0
Gasoline, unleaded regular .....	4.1	3.7	7.5	5.1	3.9	1.9
Gasoline, unleaded midgrade <sup>6</sup> .....	3.6	3.6	6.1	3.9	3.3	2.8
Gasoline, unleaded premium .....	3.2	3.4	5.3	3.5	3.3	1.3
Public transportation <sup>2</sup> .....	-3.2	-4.2	-5.3	-4.8	-8.3	-3.1
Medical care .....	.2	-.4	.0	.1	-.2	.2
Entertainment <sup>7</sup> .....	.2	1.3	.1	-.8	-.1	-2.5
Other goods and services <sup>3</sup> .....	1.0	1.3	1.2	.6	1.9	2.1
Personal care <sup>2</sup> .....	-.1	2.1	-1.1	-.1	.3	-1.9

**Table 15. Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers (CPI-U): Areas priced monthly, by expenditure category and commodity and service group, percent change, July 1997 to August 1997 —Continued**

Group	U.S. city average	Chicago-Gary-Lake County, IL-IN-WI	Los Angeles-Anaheim-Riverside, CA	N.Y.-Northern N.J.-Long Island, NY-NJ-CT	Phil.-Wilmington-Trenton, PA-NJ-DE-MD <sup>1</sup>	San Francisco-Oakland-San Jose, CA <sup>1</sup>
<b>Commodity and service group</b>						
All items .....	0.2	0.5	0.1	0.0	0.2	0.4
Commodities .....	.3	.5	.5	.2	.3	.1
Food and beverages .....	.4	.1	.9	.2	.0	1.2
Commodities less food and beverages .....	.2	.8	.2	.2	.6	-.7
Nondurables less food and beverages .....	.7	.9	.9	.6	1.2	-.6
Durables .....	-.5	.7	-.8	-.7	-.3	-.9
Services .....	.1	.4	-.1	-.1	.2	.4
Medical care services .....	.3	.3	.1	.0	.5	.0
<b>Special indexes</b>						
All items less shelter .....	.2	.5	.2	-.2	.2	.0
All items less medical care .....	.2	.5	.2	-.1	.2	.3
All items less energy .....	.2	.4	.0	-.1	.2	.3
All items less food and energy .....	.1	.4	-.2	-.1	.2	.1
Energy .....	1.0	1.9	2.5	.9	.9	1.1
Commodities less food .....	.2	.8	.2	.2	.6	-.7
Nondurables less food .....	.6	.8	.8	.6	1.1	-.5
Nondurables .....	.5	.5	.9	.3	.6	.4
Services less rent of shelter .....	-.1	.4	-.3	-.6	.0	-.3
Services less medical care services .....	.1	.5	-.1	-.1	.1	.5

<sup>1</sup> Indexes for the cities of Philadelphia and San Francisco will no longer be published on a monthly basis starting in January, 1998. Beginning in February, 1998 they will be published on a bi-monthly basis.

<sup>2</sup> This index series will no longer appear after December, 1997 below the U.S. city average level.

<sup>3</sup> This index series will undergo a change in composition in January, 1998.

<sup>4</sup> This index series will no longer appear in its present form after

December, 1997 for the U.S. city average. See Table X for a comparable index series.

<sup>5</sup> Indexes on a December 1986=100 base.

<sup>6</sup> Indexes on a December 1993=100 base.

<sup>7</sup> This index series will no longer appear in its present form after December, 1997. See Table X for a comparable index series.

- Data not available.









**Table 17. Consumer Price Index for Urban Wage Earners and Clerical Workers (CPI-W) Selected areas, all items index**

(1982-84=100, unless otherwise noted)

Area	Pricing schedule <sup>1</sup>	Indexes				Percent change to Aug. 1997 from—			Percent change to July 1997 from—		
		May 1997	June 1997	July 1997	Aug. 1997	Aug. 1996	June 1997	July 1997	July 1996	May 1997	June 1997
U.S. city average .....	M	157.2	157.4	157.5	157.8	2.1	0.3	0.2	2.1	0.2	0.1
<b>Region and area size <sup>2</sup></b>											
Northeast urban .....	M	164.1	164.3	164.7	164.9	2.2	.4	.1	2.4	.4	.2
Size A - More than 1,200,000 .....	M	163.8	164.0	164.3	164.5	2.2	.3	.1	2.4	.3	.2
Size B - 500,000 to 1,200,000 <sup>3</sup> .....	M	162.3	162.8	163.5	163.7	2.3	.6	.1	2.4	.7	.4
Size C - 50,000 to 500,000 <sup>3</sup> .....	M	166.9	167.1	167.5	167.8	2.8	.4	.2	2.8	.4	.2
North Central urban .....	M	152.8	153.1	153.1	153.6	2.5	.3	.3	2.2	.2	.0
Size A - More than 1,200,000 .....	M	152.7	152.9	152.9	153.6	2.5	.5	.5	2.1	.1	.0
Size B - 360,000 to 1,200,000 <sup>3</sup> .....	M	151.5	151.7	151.9	152.3	2.4	.4	.3	2.4	.3	.1
Size C - 50,000 to 360,000 <sup>3</sup> .....	M	155.6	156.0	155.7	156.1	2.8	.1	.3	2.5	.1	-.2
Size D - Nonmetropolitan (less than 50,000) .....	M	150.2	150.8	150.7	150.9	1.6	.1	.1	1.5	.3	-.1
South urban .....	M	155.1	155.4	155.3	155.5	1.8	.1	.1	1.8	.1	-.1
Size A - More than 1,200,000 .....	M	153.6	153.9	153.9	154.0	1.7	.1	.1	1.5	.2	.0
Size B - 450,000 to 1,200,000 <sup>3</sup> .....	M	155.7	156.1	156.2	156.5	2.2	.3	.2	2.2	.3	.1
Size C - 50,000 to 450,000 <sup>3</sup> .....	M	156.0	156.2	155.7	155.9	1.3	-.2	.1	1.4	-.2	-.3
Size D - Nonmetropolitan (less than 50,000) .....	M	156.3	156.5	156.6	157.0	2.5	.3	.3	2.5	.2	.1
West urban .....	M	157.8	157.5	157.6	158.0	2.0	.3	.3	1.7	-.1	.1
Size A - More than 1,250,000 .....	M	156.1	156.0	156.2	156.5	2.0	.3	.2	1.8	.1	.1
Size C - 50,000 to 330,000 <sup>3</sup> .....	M	163.2	162.7	162.9	163.5	2.5	.5	.4	2.3	-.2	.1
<b>Size classes</b>											
A <sup>4</sup> .....	M	143.3	143.5	143.6	143.9	2.1	.3	.2	2.0	.2	.1
B <sup>3</sup> .....	M	157.3	157.6	157.8	158.0	2.2	.3	.1	2.2	.3	.1
C <sup>3</sup> .....	M	159.1	159.2	159.1	159.4	2.2	.1	.2	2.1	.0	-.1
D .....	M	155.6	155.7	155.8	156.0	1.8	.2	.1	1.8	.1	.1
<b>Selected local areas <sup>5</sup></b>											
Chicago-Gary-Lake County, IL-IN-WI .....	M	155.5	156.0	156.0	156.7	2.5	.4	.4	2.2	.3	.0
Los Angeles-Anaheim-Riverside, CA .....	M	154.0	153.8	153.8	154.0	1.4	.1	.1	1.0	-.1	.0
N.Y.-Northern N.J.-Long Island, NY-NJ-CT .....	M	166.0	166.2	166.6	166.7	2.1	.3	.1	2.3	.4	.2
Phil.-Wilmington-Trenton, PA-NJ-DE-MD <sup>6</sup> .....	M	165.2	165.3	165.5	165.9	1.8	.4	.2	2.1	.2	.1
San Francisco-Oakland-San Jose, CA <sup>6</sup> .....	M	156.8	157.0	157.5	158.1	3.3	.7	.4	2.7	.4	.3
Baltimore, MD <sup>7</sup> .....	1	154.3	-	155.6	-	-	-	-	.6	.8	-
Boston-Lawrence-Salem, MA-NH .....	1	165.6	-	165.8	-	-	-	-	3.0	.1	-
Cleveland-Akron-Lorain, OH .....	1	147.8	-	148.2	-	-	-	-	2.7	.3	-
Miami-Fort Lauderdale, FL .....	1	155.6	-	155.5	-	-	-	-	3.1	-.1	-
St. Louis-East St. Louis, MO-IL <sup>8</sup> .....	1	151.2	-	152.5	-	-	-	-	2.3	.9	-
Washington, DC-MD-VA <sup>7</sup> .....	1	159.7	-	160.2	-	-	-	-	1.6	.3	-
Dallas-Fort Worth, TX .....	2	-	151.4	-	151.1	1.1	-.2	-	-	-	-
Detroit-Ann Arbor, MI .....	2	-	149.8	-	151.6	2.4	1.2	-	-	-	-
Houston-Galveston-Brazoria, TX .....	2	-	144.1	-	144.9	1.9	.6	-	-	-	-
Pittsburgh-Beaver Valley, PA <sup>8</sup> .....	2	-	150.8	-	151.0	2.6	.1	-	-	-	-

<sup>1</sup> Foods, fuels, and several other items priced every month in all areas; most other goods and services priced as indicated:

M - Every month.

1 - January, March, May, July, September, and November.

2 - February, April, June, August, October, and December.

<sup>2</sup> Regions defined as the four Census regions. See map in technical notes.

<sup>3</sup> Starting in January, 1998, a new Size Class B/C will be introduced, composed of current Size Class B and Size Class C cities. There will be no individual Size Class B or Size Class C.

<sup>4</sup> Indexes on a December 1986=100 base.

<sup>5</sup> In addition, the following metropolitan areas are published semiannually and appear in tables 34 and 39 of the January and July issues of the CPI Detailed Report: Anchorage, AK; Atlanta, GA; Buffalo-Niagara Falls, NY; Cincinnati-Hamilton, OH-KY-IN; Denver-Boulder, CO; Honolulu, HI; Kansas City, MO-KS; Milwaukee, WI; Minneapolis-St. Paul, MN-WI; Portland-Vancouver, OR-WA; San Diego, CA; and Seattle-Tacoma, WA.

The following metropolitan areas are published annually and appear in tables 16A and 23A of the January issue of the CPI Detailed Report: New

Orleans, LA and Tampa-St. Petersburg-Clearwater, FL.

<sup>6</sup> Indexes for the cities of Philadelphia and San Francisco will no longer be published on a monthly basis starting in January, 1998. Beginning in February, 1998 they will be published on a bi-monthly basis.

<sup>7</sup> Indexes for the cities of Washington and Baltimore will no longer be published separately after December, 1997. Beginning in January, 1998 the two cities will be published as a Washington-Baltimore combined metropolitan area.

<sup>8</sup> Indexes for the cities of Pittsburgh and St. Louis will no longer be published on a bi-monthly basis after December, 1997. Beginning in July, 1998 they will be published semi-annually, each January and July.

- Data not available.

NOTE: Local area CPI indexes are byproducts of the national CPI program. Each local index has a smaller sample size than the national index and is, therefore, subject to substantially more sampling and other measurement error. As a result, local area indexes show greater volatility than the national index, although their long-term trends are similar.

Therefore, the Bureau of Labor Statistics strongly urges users to consider adopting the national average CPI for use in their escalator clauses.



**Table 18. Consumer Price Index for Urban Wage Earners and Clerical Workers (CPI-W): Regions <sup>1</sup>, by expenditure category and commodity and service group—Continued**

(1982-84=100, unless otherwise noted)

Group	Northeast			North Central			South			West		
	Index Aug. 1997	Percent change from—		Index Aug. 1997	Percent change from—		Index Aug. 1997	Percent change from—		Index Aug. 1997	Percent change from—	
		Aug. 1996	July 1997		Aug. 1996	July 1997		Aug. 1996	July 1997		Aug. 1996	July 1997
<b>Expenditure category</b>												
Medical care .....	243.0	2.3	0.0	228.2	2.3	0.1	234.2	2.9	0.3	234.2	3.1	0.1
Medical care commodities .....	215.6	.3	-.5	209.6	1.4	-.7	209.1	2.5	-.2	220.7	3.4	.0
Medical care services .....	248.9	2.7	.1	232.4	2.5	.3	240.1	2.9	.3	237.4	3.0	.2
Professional medical services .....	227.0	3.0	.0	212.8	3.8	.3	222.8	4.2	.3	206.3	2.6	.1
Entertainment <sup>7</sup> .....	168.5	2.3	.4	162.9	4.0	.7	156.4	1.8	.1	153.8	.7	-.2
Entertainment commodities <sup>2</sup> .....	148.3	1.6	1.4	145.7	2.0	.4	141.5	.6	.2	138.0	-.6	.2
Entertainment services <sup>2</sup> .....	195.9	3.1	-.5	185.8	6.0	1.0	181.2	3.1	-.1	176.2	2.1	-.5
Other goods and services <sup>3</sup> .....	233.0	4.1	.8	216.8	4.7	.9	213.8	4.0	.8	226.9	4.6	.9
Tobacco and smoking products <sup>2</sup> .....	237.0	4.8	.7	252.1	5.0	.0	226.8	2.2	.3	267.3	5.8	1.7
Personal care <sup>2</sup> .....	162.5	.9	.1	148.4	2.3	.8	145.2	2.1	-.3	155.0	-.4	-.6
Personal and educational expenses <sup>2</sup> .....	269.6	4.5	1.0	241.5	5.4	1.7	254.3	5.5	1.4	264.7	5.6	1.0
<b>Commodity and service group</b>												
All items .....	164.9	2.2	.1	153.6	2.5	.3	155.5	1.8	.1	158.0	2.0	.3
Commodities .....	142.9	1.5	.1	140.0	1.8	.5	141.4	.9	.1	141.5	1.2	.3
Food and beverages .....	160.3	2.2	.0	154.7	2.2	.1	155.8	2.3	.5	159.6	3.4	.8
Commodities less food and beverages .....	130.7	.8	.2	131.6	1.5	.8	133.2	.0	.0	130.5	-.4	-.1
Nondurables less food and beverages .....	130.9	1.9	.7	135.9	3.2	1.5	135.4	1.3	.3	132.5	.0	.4
Apparel commodities <sup>2</sup> .....	122.5	3.3	.3	126.1	2.4	1.0	134.3	1.0	-.3	117.7	-.1	-.6
Nondurables less food, beverages, and apparel .....	138.7	1.4	.8	143.1	3.5	1.7	138.8	1.5	1.0	142.7	.6	1.3
Durables .....	127.7	-.1	-.5	124.5	-.9	-.3	129.3	-.6	-.4	127.9	-.9	-.7
Services .....	191.1	2.8	.1	170.5	3.0	.2	172.7	2.7	.1	175.9	2.7	.2
Rent of shelter <sup>4</sup> .....	181.3	3.1	.4	165.1	3.3	.3	151.9	2.8	.1	163.6	2.8	.5
Household services less rent of shelter <sup>4</sup> .....	136.0	2.2	-.2	128.4	1.4	-.4	138.7	1.3	-.4	138.9	2.5	-.2
Transportation services .....	184.7	1.7	-.8	176.0	2.7	-.2	187.3	2.3	-.1	182.4	1.6	-.5
Medical care services .....	248.9	2.7	.1	232.4	2.5	.3	240.1	2.9	.3	237.4	3.0	.2
Other services .....	224.5	3.7	.5	196.7	5.4	1.2	205.3	4.5	.8	202.2	3.9	.3
<b>Special indexes</b>												
All items less food .....	166.1	2.2	.2	153.4	2.5	.4	155.2	1.7	.1	157.8	1.7	.1
All items less shelter .....	156.4	1.9	.1	150.7	2.2	.3	154.7	1.6	.2	154.6	1.8	.2
All items less homeowners' costs <sup>2 4</sup> .....	151.7	2.1	.1	145.4	2.3	.3	146.9	1.6	.1	148.2	1.9	.2
All items less medical care .....	161.8	2.3	.2	150.2	2.5	.3	151.0	1.8	.1	154.5	1.9	.2
Commodities less food .....	132.3	.9	.3	132.8	1.6	.8	133.8	.1	.0	132.3	-.1	-.1
Nondurables less food .....	133.1	2.0	.6	137.5	3.2	1.3	136.1	1.3	.3	135.2	.6	.4
Nondurables less food and apparel .....	140.5	1.5	.7	144.2	3.4	1.5	139.1	1.5	.9	144.1	1.1	1.0
Nondurables .....	146.3	2.2	.3	145.5	2.7	.8	145.7	1.9	.4	146.7	1.9	.7
Services less rent of shelter <sup>4</sup> .....	172.6	2.6	-.2	161.0	2.8	.1	170.1	2.6	.1	170.4	2.7	-.1
Services less medical care services .....	186.8	2.8	.1	165.3	3.1	.2	165.6	2.6	.0	171.2	2.7	.2
Energy .....	110.3	1.7	.8	110.5	2.1	1.8	112.7	.2	.8	117.1	-.8	1.6
All items less energy .....	172.7	2.3	.1	160.1	2.5	.2	161.7	2.0	.1	163.0	2.3	.2
All items less food and energy .....	176.4	2.3	.1	161.6	2.5	.2	163.1	1.9	.0	164.1	2.0	.0
Commodities less food and energy commodities .....	142.3	.9	-.1	139.5	1.0	.1	141.9	.1	-.4	139.3	.4	-.5
Energy commodities .....	101.5	1.2	2.0	110.0	5.0	4.6	105.3	.4	2.7	110.2	-.2	3.2
Services less energy services .....	197.3	2.9	.2	177.6	3.4	.3	178.1	2.9	.2	179.4	2.8	.2

<sup>1</sup> Regions defined as the four Census regions. See map in technical notes.

<sup>2</sup> This index series will no longer appear after December, 1997.

<sup>3</sup> This index series will undergo a change in composition in January, 1998.

<sup>4</sup> Indexes on a December 1984=100 base.

<sup>5</sup> Indexes on a December 1986=100 base.

<sup>6</sup> Indexes on a December 1993=100 base.

<sup>7</sup> This index series will no longer appear in its present form after December, 1997. See Table X for a comparable index series.

- Data not available.



**Table 19. Consumer Price Index for Urban Wage Earners and Clerical Workers (CPI-W): Population size classes <sup>1</sup>, by expenditure category and commodity and service group—Continued**

(1982-84 = 100, unless otherwise noted)

Group	Size class A <sup>2</sup>			Size class B <sup>3</sup>			Size class C <sup>3</sup>			Size class D		
	Index	Percent change from—		Index	Percent change from—		Index	Percent change from—		Index	Percent change from—	
		Aug. 1997	Aug. 1996		July 1997	Aug. 1997		Aug. 1996	July 1997		Aug. 1997	Aug. 1996
<b>Expenditure category</b>												
Medical care .....	185.4	2.2	0.0	234.3	3.3	0.2	239.3	3.1	0.3	227.8	2.6	0.3
Medical care commodities .....	172.0	1.5	-.8	210.9	1.8	-.2	207.3	3.0	.4	214.2	2.7	.1
Medical care services .....	188.4	2.3	.2	239.5	3.6	.3	246.2	3.1	.3	231.1	2.6	.3
Professional medical services .....	172.1	3.0	.1	214.7	5.2	.5	226.6	3.0	.2	223.2	3.7	.0
Entertainment <sup>8</sup> .....	143.4	2.6	.1	155.8	1.2	.6	165.8	2.6	.9	146.2	2.0	.1
Entertainment commodities <sup>4</sup> .....	132.6	1.5	.5	138.2	-.7	1.0	147.8	.7	.5	137.5	1.5	.3
Entertainment services <sup>4</sup> .....	155.2	3.5	-.4	183.4	3.3	.2	194.9	4.8	1.3	160.1	2.9	-.1
Other goods and services <sup>5</sup> .....	179.9	4.7	.8	221.8	3.1	.7	218.4	3.7	.7	220.9	5.5	1.1
Tobacco and smoking products <sup>4</sup> .....	190.6	5.5	.6	248.2	1.8	.1	244.7	3.2	.5	233.4	5.1	1.1
Personal care <sup>4</sup> .....	136.5	1.5	-.1	148.3	-.4	-.2	152.8	1.9	.7	138.8	2.4	.1
Personal and educational expenses <sup>4</sup> .....	192.4	5.2	1.3	256.8	5.0	1.4	248.1	4.5	.9	267.0	6.7	1.4
<b>Commodity and service group</b>												
All items .....	143.9	2.1	.2	158.0	2.2	.1	159.4	2.2	.2	156.0	1.8	.1
Commodities .....	136.1	1.3	.3	140.7	1.5	.2	142.4	1.2	.3	140.5	1.0	.1
Food and beverages .....	142.5	2.4	.4	157.5	2.9	.4	156.1	2.2	.3	153.2	2.2	.3
Commodities less food and beverages .....	131.7	.5	.3	131.1	.6	.2	134.3	.5	.2	133.0	.3	.0
Nondurables less food and beverages .....	140.1	1.7	.9	132.8	1.7	.4	136.7	1.8	.9	134.1	1.7	.4
Apparel commodities <sup>4</sup> .....	117.4	1.5	.3	124.8	2.6	-.9	135.0	.6	-.4	128.2	1.5	-.9
Nondurables less food, beverages, and apparel .....	153.5	2.0	1.2	139.1	1.2	1.3	140.2	2.2	1.4	137.8	1.8	1.0
Durables .....	120.7	-.3	-.5	127.2	-.9	-.3	129.6	-.1	-.5	129.2	-.6	-.5
Services .....	151.2	2.8	.1	178.9	2.9	.1	181.5	3.0	.1	176.4	2.5	.1
Rent of shelter <sup>6</sup> .....	147.9	3.1	.3	169.8	2.9	.2	166.7	3.0	.2	161.3	2.0	.1
Household services less rent of shelter <sup>6</sup> .....	131.9	1.4	-.5	139.5	2.2	-.1	136.2	2.3	-.5	134.6	2.1	.1
Transportation services .....	152.2	1.8	-.5	184.7	2.2	-.5	186.3	3.1	-.2	178.0	1.8	-.3
Medical care services .....	188.4	2.3	.2	239.5	3.6	.3	246.2	3.1	.3	231.1	2.6	.3
Other services .....	170.1	4.4	.7	208.1	4.0	.8	206.6	4.2	.9	204.2	5.3	.9
<b>Special indexes</b>												
All items less food .....	144.3	2.1	.2	158.1	2.1	.1	160.1	2.2	.2	156.6	1.7	.1
All items less shelter .....	142.5	1.7	.1	154.2	2.1	.2	154.4	1.9	.2	152.1	1.7	.1
All items less homeowners' costs <sup>4 6</sup> .....	142.9	1.9	.2	148.8	2.1	.1	147.6	1.9	.2	145.1	1.7	.1
All items less medical care .....	142.0	2.2	.3	154.3	2.2	.2	155.4	2.1	.3	151.7	1.7	.1
Commodities less food .....	132.6	.7	.4	132.0	.7	.1	135.4	.7	.3	133.9	.4	.0
Nondurables less food .....	140.8	1.9	.9	134.1	1.7	.4	138.1	1.8	.8	135.4	1.7	.4
Nondurables less food and apparel .....	152.4	2.0	1.0	139.9	1.5	1.2	141.4	2.3	1.2	139.0	1.8	.9
Nondurables .....	141.5	2.2	.6	145.3	2.3	.3	146.4	2.0	.5	143.9	2.0	.3
Services less rent of shelter <sup>6</sup> .....	154.6	2.5	-.1	170.5	2.9	.1	170.0	3.1	.1	165.7	2.8	.2
Services less medical care services .....	148.3	2.8	.1	173.4	2.8	.1	175.3	3.0	.1	170.1	2.5	.1
Energy .....	142.4	.6	1.5	110.3	1.7	1.4	112.7	1.7	1.0	107.0	-.1	.3
All items less energy .....	144.0	2.3	.1	164.7	2.2	.1	166.4	2.2	.2	163.1	2.0	.1
All items less food and energy .....	144.5	2.2	.1	166.6	2.1	-.1	169.2	2.2	.1	165.9	2.0	.1
Commodities less food and energy commodities .....	129.4	.6	-.2	139.5	.5	-.4	144.1	.5	-.2	142.1	.5	-.3
Energy commodities .....	155.5	1.3	3.5	105.4	2.0	2.9	105.8	1.6	3.1	103.6	-.2	1.9
Services less energy services .....	152.9	3.0	.3	185.3	2.9	.1	187.8	3.1	.3	183.6	2.7	.3

<sup>1</sup> See region and area size on table 10 for information about population size classes.

<sup>2</sup> Indexes on a December 1986=100 base.

<sup>3</sup> Starting in January, 1998, a new Size Class B/C will be introduced, composed of current Size Class B and Size Class C cities. There will be no individual Size Class B or Size Class C.

<sup>4</sup> This index series will no longer appear after December, 1997.

<sup>5</sup> This index series will undergo a change in composition in January, 1998.

<sup>6</sup> Indexes on a December 1984=100 base.

<sup>7</sup> Indexes on a December 1993=100 base.

<sup>8</sup> This index series will no longer appear in its present form after December, 1997. See Table X for a comparable index series.

- Data not available.









**Table 20. Consumer Price Index for Urban Wage Earners and Clerical Workers (CPI-W): Cross classification of regions and population size classes,<sup>1</sup> by expenditure category and commodity and service group—Continued**

(1982-84=100, unless otherwise noted)

Group	West					
	Size class A			Size class C <sup>2</sup>		
	Index	Percent change from—		Index	Percent change from—	
		Aug. 1997	Aug. 1996		July 1997	Aug. 1997
<b>Expenditure category</b>						
All items .....	156.5	2.0	0.2	163.5	2.5	0.4
All items (December 1977=100) .....	253.4	-	-	252.2	-	-
Food and beverages .....	160.5	3.2	.9	157.1	3.9	.4
Food .....	159.7	3.1	1.0	156.3	3.6	.4
Food at home .....	163.5	3.4	1.5	153.2	3.4	.7
Cereals and bakery products <sup>3</sup> .....	183.8	3.5	1.7	168.5	3.2	-1.7
Meats, poultry, fish, and eggs <sup>3</sup> .....	154.0	3.9	1.0	140.5	3.6	-.1
Dairy products <sup>3</sup> .....	156.3	-1.9	.1	142.0	1.4	1.4
Fruits and vegetables <sup>3</sup> .....	193.4	4.8	4.1	191.7	2.3	2.8
Other food at home <sup>3</sup> .....	149.5	4.5	.7	142.7	4.9	.8
Food away from home .....	154.0	2.7	.1	161.9	4.0	.2
Alcoholic beverages .....	167.5	3.7	.1	166.1	5.7	.3
Housing <sup>4</sup> .....	155.1	2.6	.1	163.9	3.0	.4
Shelter .....	165.8	3.0	.4	185.4	3.5	.7
Renters' costs <sup>3 5</sup> .....	162.4	3.4	.6	161.6	3.1	.5
Rent, residential .....	171.3	3.4	.5	165.9	2.3	.5
Other renters' costs <sup>3</sup> .....	231.8	2.9	1.4	230.0	7.7	1.0
Homeowners' costs <sup>3 5</sup> .....	163.4	2.8	.4	186.8	3.8	.8
Owners' equivalent rent <sup>5</sup> .....	163.1	2.8	.4	187.8	3.8	.8
Fuel and other utilities <sup>4</sup> .....	144.0	2.1	-.6	134.0	4.4	-.1
Fuels .....	135.7	1.1	-.7	113.8	3.9	.0
Fuel oil and other household fuel commodities <sup>3 9</sup> .....	105.1	6.7	1.0	253.9	-1.7	-5.5
Fuel oil <sup>3 9</sup> .....	101.3	7.4	1.5	354.7	3.2	.7
Other household fuel commodities <sup>3 6</sup> .....	139.2	6.4	.7	107.3	-3.2	-7.4
Gas (piped) and electricity (energy services) .....	137.8	1.0	-.7	112.8	4.2	.2
Electricity .....	152.7	-1.0	-.2	125.2	1.9	.0
Utility (piped) gas .....	123.4	5.6	-1.8	99.7	8.7	.6
Household furnishings and operation <sup>4</sup> .....	125.2	.7	-1.3	121.4	-1.0	-.5
Apparel and upkeep .....	120.1	-.7	-1.6	134.5	-3.9	.1
Apparel commodities <sup>3</sup> .....	114.8	-1.0	-1.9	133.1	-4.3	.1
Men's and boys' apparel <sup>3</sup> .....	118.1	-2.2	-2.0	151.5	1.3	-1.0
Women's and girls' apparel <sup>3</sup> .....	105.9	1.3	.7	121.2	-9.8	-1.5
Footwear <sup>3</sup> .....	119.4	-5.2	-.3	125.4	4.3	2.3
Transportation .....	142.9	-.2	.4	143.2	.6	.4
Private transportation .....	140.3	-.4	.6	141.9	.4	.6
Motor fuel .....	109.1	-1.4	3.9	109.6	-3.4	2.9
Gasoline .....	108.2	-1.5	4.1	108.8	-3.8	3.0
Gasoline, unleaded regular .....	105.6	-1.3	4.7	105.0	-4.2	2.8
Gasoline, unleaded midgrade <sup>7</sup> .....	104.2	-1.0	4.0	117.4	-2.9	4.3
Gasoline, unleaded premium .....	109.8	-1.5	3.4	108.7	-3.7	2.2
Public transportation <sup>3</sup> .....	189.4	.9	-3.3	173.1	4.0	-3.5
Medical care .....	230.1	2.4	.0	252.2	6.1	.1
Entertainment <sup>8</sup> .....	151.6	.7	-.3	172.5	3.7	.8
Other goods and services <sup>4</sup> .....	229.2	4.9	1.1	229.7	3.1	.5
Personal care <sup>3</sup> .....	161.4	-.8	-.6	159.1	1.1	.6

See footnotes at end of table.

**Table 20. Consumer Price Index for Urban Wage Earners and Clerical Workers (CPI-W): Cross classification of regions and population size classes,<sup>1</sup> by expenditure category and commodity and service group—Continued**

(1982-84=100, unless otherwise noted)

Group	West					
	Size class A			Size class C <sup>2</sup>		
	Index	Percent change from—		Index	Percent change from—	
		Aug. 1997	Aug. 1996		July 1997	Aug. 1996
<b>Commodity and service group</b>						
All items .....	156.5	2.0	0.2	163.5	2.5	0.4
Commodities .....	140.6	1.3	.4	141.9	.7	.4
Food and beverages .....	160.5	3.2	.9	157.1	3.9	.4
Commodities less food and beverages .....	128.4	-.2	-.1	133.2	-1.3	.2
Nondurables less food and beverages .....	130.4	.3	.5	140.2	-1.3	.9
Durables .....	126.4	-.6	-.6	124.9	-1.2	-.6
Services .....	173.2	2.7	.1	189.4	4.1	.5
Medical care services .....	232.0	2.2	.0	260.6	6.8	.2
<b>Special indexes</b>						
All items less shelter .....	154.2	1.6	.1	157.0	2.1	.3
All items less medical care .....	153.5	2.1	.3	158.8	2.3	.4
All items less energy .....	161.2	2.2	.1	169.7	2.7	.3
All items less food and energy .....	161.8	2.1	-.1	172.8	2.6	.3
Energy .....	117.6	-.4	1.9	111.5	-.4	1.7
Commodities less food .....	130.4	.2	-.1	134.8	-.7	.3
Nondurables less food .....	133.3	.7	.4	141.5	-.3	.9
Nondurables .....	146.1	1.9	.7	149.1	1.4	.7
Services less rent of shelter <sup>5</sup> .....	169.3	2.3	-.2	176.1	4.7	.2
Services less medical care services .....	169.2	2.7	.2	182.3	3.8	.5

<sup>1</sup> See region and area size on table 10 for information about cross classifications.

<sup>2</sup> Starting in January, 1998, a new Size Class B/C will be introduced, composed of current Size Class B and Size Class C cities. There will be no individual Size Class B or Size Class C.

<sup>3</sup> This index series will no longer appear after December, 1997.

<sup>4</sup> This index series will undergo a change in composition in January, 1998.

<sup>5</sup> Indexes on a December 1984=100 base.

<sup>6</sup> Indexes on a December 1986=100 base.

<sup>7</sup> Indexes on a December 1993=100 base.

<sup>8</sup> This index series will no longer appear in its present form after December, 1997. See Table X for a comparable index series.

<sup>9</sup> Indexes on a June 1978=100 base in West size class C.

- Data not available.

**Table 21. Consumer Price Index for Urban Wage Earners and Clerical Workers (CPI-W): Food at home expenditure categories, selected areas**

(1982-84=100, unless otherwise noted)

Area	Total food at home	Cereals and bakery products <sup>1</sup>	Meats, poultry, fish, and eggs <sup>1</sup>	Dairy products <sup>1</sup>	Fruits and vegetables <sup>1 2</sup>	Other food at home <sup>1</sup>
Indexes, August 1997						
U.S. city average .....	157.6	178.2	148.8	143.0	186.9	148.0
<b>Region and area size <sup>3</sup></b>						
Northeast urban .....	160.8	183.3	151.9	135.9	187.2	156.2
Size A - More than 1,200,000 .....	160.1	184.0	150.5	136.1	187.0	154.5
Size B - 500,000 to 1,200,000 <sup>4</sup> .....	168.9	175.5	163.2	143.3	195.4	170.3
Size C - 50,000 to 500,000 <sup>4</sup> .....	154.2	186.1	148.8	118.6	182.1	147.3
North Central urban .....	153.9	177.8	147.0	141.4	177.3	143.3
Size A - More than 1,200,000 .....	157.8	178.9	153.7	145.7	184.6	142.4
Size B - 360,000 to 1,200,000 <sup>4</sup> .....	150.8	183.3	139.8	136.3	164.9	146.7
Size C - 50,000 to 360,000 <sup>4</sup> .....	151.4	172.3	138.2	139.1	175.6	149.2
Size D - Nonmetropolitan (less than 50,000) .....	143.7	176.2	136.9	133.2	156.7	133.9
South urban .....	154.9	172.5	145.0	143.9	188.4	145.0
Size A - More than 1,200,000 .....	155.0	171.0	145.3	148.4	187.5	143.2
Size B - 450,000 to 1,200,000 <sup>4</sup> .....	157.4	173.5	146.2	146.6	206.6	142.7
Size C - 50,000 to 450,000 <sup>4</sup> .....	154.7	167.9	143.9	142.9	182.0	152.4
Size D - Nonmetropolitan (less than 50,000) .....	150.4	182.2	143.2	132.9	171.3	140.8
West urban .....	162.1	179.4	151.8	153.2	196.1	149.2
Size A - More than 1,200,000 .....	163.5	183.8	154.0	156.3	193.4	149.5
Size C - 50,000 to 330,000 <sup>4</sup> .....	153.2	168.5	140.5	142.0	191.7	142.7
<b>Size classes</b>						
A <sup>5</sup> .....	145.9	160.2	138.1	138.1	171.6	135.6
B <sup>4</sup> .....	159.9	175.9	150.9	145.4	196.2	150.1
C <sup>4</sup> .....	153.4	172.7	142.8	136.5	181.6	149.3
D .....	150.4	180.4	138.9	137.6	171.3	144.0
<b>Selected local areas</b>						
Baltimore, MD <sup>6</sup> .....	162.1	194.9	140.8	150.7	204.6	150.4
Boston-Lawrence-Salem, MA-NH .....	157.0	181.9	149.6	144.7	192.9	137.0
Chicago-Gary-Lake County, IL-IN-WI .....	166.4	180.4	169.4	156.5	195.9	143.3
Cleveland-Akron-Lorain, OH .....	154.4	174.1	151.3	146.1	190.9	129.9
Dallas-Fort Worth, TX .....	147.4	165.6	139.4	142.8	158.6	144.0
Detroit-Ann Arbor, MI .....	151.2	171.4	146.0	132.7	180.6	139.4
Houston-Galveston-Brazoria, TX .....	155.5	173.2	145.7	138.9	179.9	153.3
Los Angeles-Anaheim-Riverside, CA .....	168.3	181.7	162.5	163.7	201.0	150.3
Miami-Fort Lauderdale, FL .....	162.9	165.0	147.5	144.9	240.6	140.9
N.Y.-Northern N.J.-Long Island, NY-NJ-CT .....	162.3	184.2	153.6	136.2	190.8	155.3
Phil.-Wilmington-Trenton, PA-NJ-DE-MD <sup>7</sup> .....	161.5	190.2	148.4	133.3	191.8	159.4
Pittsburgh-Beaver Valley, PA <sup>6</sup> .....	146.2	162.7	136.5	138.3	140.5	158.0
St. Louis-East St. Louis, MO-IL <sup>8</sup> .....	150.5	162.4	134.1	152.7	169.1	153.2
San Francisco-Oakland-San Jose, CA <sup>7</sup> .....	165.4	184.6	153.6	149.4	187.6	161.7
Washington, DC-MD-VA <sup>6</sup> .....	156.3	181.0	142.6	158.4	177.4	146.0

See footnotes at end of table.

**Table 21. Consumer Price Index for Urban Wage Earners and Clerical Workers (CPI-W): Food at home expenditure categories, selected areas—Continued**

Area	Total food at home	Cereals and bakery products <sup>1</sup>	Meats, poultry, fish, and eggs <sup>1</sup>	Dairy products <sup>1</sup>	Fruits and vegetables <sup>1 2</sup>	Other food at home <sup>1</sup>
Percent change, July 1997 to August 1997						
U.S. city average .....	0.4	0.2	0.5	0.0	1.6	0.1
<b>Region and area size<sup>3</sup></b>						
Northeast urban .....	.0	-.1	.1	.2	-.3	-.2
Size A - More than 1,200,000 .....	-.1	-.2	.3	.1	-.8	.0
Size B - 500,000 to 1,200,000 <sup>4</sup> .....	.7	-.2	.7	1.3	2.6	-.9
Size C - 50,000 to 500,000 <sup>4</sup> .....	-.6	.2	-1.2	-.2	-1.6	-.1
North Central urban .....	.1	.2	.4	-.8	.3	-.3
Size A - More than 1,200,000 .....	.1	.2	.5	-.9	.7	-.4
Size B - 360,000 to 1,200,000 <sup>4</sup> .....	-.9	-.8	.9	-2.6	-2.5	-.8
Size C - 50,000 to 360,000 <sup>4</sup> .....	.3	.6	.2	.3	.7	-.1
Size D - Nonmetropolitan (less than 50,000) .....	.2	.6	-.4	-.4	.6	.5
South urban .....	.7	.1	.8	.2	2.3	.1
Size A - More than 1,200,000 .....	.6	.8	.8	.0	.9	.4
Size B - 450,000 to 1,200,000 <sup>4</sup> .....	.8	-.3	.7	.0	3.1	.5
Size C - 50,000 to 450,000 <sup>4</sup> .....	.9	-.6	1.1	.6	4.4	-.5
Size D - Nonmetropolitan (less than 50,000) .....	.2	.3	.1	.8	.6	-.4
West urban .....	1.4	.6	.9	.3	4.2	.8
Size A - More than 1,200,000 .....	1.5	1.7	1.0	.1	4.1	.7
Size C - 50,000 to 330,000 <sup>4</sup> .....	.7	-1.7	-.1	1.4	2.8	.8
<b>Size classes</b>						
A .....	.5	.5	.6	-.1	1.1	.1
B <sup>4</sup> .....	.5	-.9	.9	-.3	2.6	.0
C <sup>4</sup> .....	.4	-.2	.3	.4	1.9	-.1
D .....	.4	.6	-.1	.5	1.5	.3
<b>Selected local areas</b>						
Baltimore, MD <sup>6</sup> .....	1.6	2.7	.4	-1.1	4.3	1.3
Boston-Lawrence-Salem, MA-NH .....	.9	3.2	1.2	3.2	-1.6	-.5
Chicago-Gary-Lake County, IL-IN-WI .....	.2	1.0	.8	-1.1	.9	-.9
Cleveland-Akron-Lorain, OH .....	.4	-.4	.5	-.2	-.9	2.3
Dallas-Fort Worth, TX .....	.8	2.0	-1.3	-.8	4.1	1.7
Detroit-Ann Arbor, MI .....	-.5	-1.6	-.2	-1.0	-.7	.0
Houston-Galveston-Brazoria, TX .....	.8	1.6	1.8	-2.1	.5	.7
Los Angeles-Anaheim-Riverside, CA .....	1.3	1.5	1.0	.1	4.4	-.1
Miami-Fort Lauderdale, FL .....	.5	-2.0	2.5	1.8	-1.6	.7
N.Y.-Northern N.J.-Long Island, NY-NJ-CT .....	.2	-.6	1.1	.7	-1.2	1.0
Phil.-Wilmington-Trenton, PA-NJ-DE-MD <sup>7</sup> .....	-.5	.1	-.7	-1.8	2.0	-1.9
Pittsburgh-Beaver Valley, PA <sup>8</sup> .....	-3.2	-.9	-5.5	-2.0	-5.1	-1.0
St. Louis-East St. Louis, MO-IL <sup>8</sup> .....	.5	1.4	-.3	1.1	2.1	-.5
San Francisco-Oakland-San Jose, CA <sup>7</sup> .....	1.9	1.9	.8	-1.2	4.5	2.5
Washington, DC-MD-VA <sup>6</sup> .....	-1.1	.0	-.7	1.3	-4.9	-.2

<sup>1</sup> This index series will no longer appear after December, 1997 below the U.S. city average level.

<sup>2</sup> This index series will undergo a change in composition in January, 1998.

<sup>3</sup> Regions defined as the four Census regions. See map in technical notes.

<sup>4</sup> Starting in January, 1998, a new Size Class B/C will be introduced, composed of current Size Class B and Size Class C cities. There will be no individual Size Class B or Size Class C.

<sup>5</sup> Indexes on a December 1986=100 base.

<sup>6</sup> Indexes for the cities of Washington and Baltimore will no longer be published separately after December, 1997. Beginning in January, 1998 the two cities will be published as a Washington-Baltimore combined metropolitan area.

<sup>7</sup> Indexes for the cities of Philadelphia and San Francisco will no longer be published on a monthly basis starting in January, 1998. Beginning in February, 1998 they will be published on a bi-monthly basis.

<sup>8</sup> Indexes for the cities of Pittsburgh and St. Louis will no longer be published on a bi-monthly basis after December, 1997. Beginning in July, 1998 they will be published semi-annually, each January and July.

**Table 22. Consumer Price Index for Urban Wage Earners and Clerical Workers (CPI-W): Areas priced monthly, by expenditure category and commodity and service group, percent change, July 1997 to August 1997**

Group	U.S. city average	Chicago-Gary-Lake County, IL-IN-WI	Los Angeles-Anaheim-Riverside, CA	N.Y.-Northern N.J.-Long Island, NY-NJ-CT	Phil.-Wilmington-Trenton, PA-NJ-DE-MD <sup>1</sup>	San Francisco-Oakland-San Jose, CA <sup>1</sup>
<b>Expenditure category</b>						
All items .....	0.2	0.4	0.1	0.1	0.2	0.4
Food and beverages .....	.4	.1	.8	.2	-.3	1.3
Food .....	.3	.2	.9	.2	-.3	1.4
Food at home .....	.4	.2	1.3	.2	-.5	1.9
Cereals and bakery products <sup>2</sup> .....	.2	1.0	1.5	-.6	.1	1.9
Meats, poultry, fish, and eggs <sup>2</sup> .....	.5	.8	1.0	1.1	-.7	.8
Meats, poultry, and fish .....	.3	.6	1.0	.9	-.8	.5
Dairy products <sup>2</sup> .....	.0	-1.1	.1	.7	-1.8	-1.2
Fruits and vegetables <sup>2 3</sup> .....	1.6	.9	4.4	-1.2	2.0	4.5
Other food at home <sup>2</sup> .....	.1	-.9	-.1	1.0	-1.9	2.5
Food away from home .....	.2	.1	.3	.1	.1	.4
Alcoholic beverages .....	.2	-.1	-.3	.1	.0	.4
Housing <sup>3</sup> .....	.1	.5	-.3	.1	.2	.7
Shelter .....	.3	.5	.1	.4	.3	1.1
Renters' costs <sup>2 4</sup> .....	.4	.4	.1	.7	.6	1.1
Rent, residential .....	.3	.4	.1	.4	.1	1.0
Other renters' costs <sup>2 4</sup> .....	.6	.4	.5	2.1	1.3	1.4
Homeowners' costs <sup>2 4</sup> .....	.3	.5	.1	.3	.2	1.0
Owners' equivalent rent .....	.3	.6	.2	.3	.2	1.0
Fuel and other utilities <sup>3</sup> .....	-.5	.5	-1.0	-.6	.0	-.3
Fuels .....	-.8	.9	-1.4	-.5	.0	.3
Fuel oil and other household fuel commodities <sup>2</sup> .....	-1.4	.7	.0	-1.2	-.7	4.0
Fuel oil <sup>2</sup> .....	-1.2	.0	-	-1.3	-.7	10.2
Other household fuel commodities <sup>2 5</sup> .....	-1.7	2.1	.0	-.6	-	3.6
Gas (piped) and electricity (energy services) .....	-.9	.9	-1.4	-.3	.1	.3
Electricity .....	-.7	1.7	.0	-.2	.0	.0
Utility (piped) gas .....	-1.4	.0	-4.2	-.7	.1	.8
Household furnishings and operation <sup>3</sup> .....	-.3	1.0	-1.6	-.9	-.5	-1.1
Apparel and upkeep .....	-.3	.4	-1.9	-.1	3.0	-2.3
Apparel commodities <sup>2 4</sup> .....	-.3	.5	-2.4	-.2	3.4	-2.7
Men's and boys' apparel <sup>2</sup> .....	.6	2.3	-1.0	3.3	13.1	-3.5
Women's and girls' apparel <sup>2</sup> .....	-.8	1.7	1.5	-2.8	-1.3	-1.8
Footwear <sup>2</sup> .....	.4	.7	-.4	.6	-1.2	.4
Transportation .....	.3	.4	.7	-.1	-.2	-.4
Private transportation .....	.5	.7	1.2	.5	.1	.0
Motor fuel .....	3.6	3.1	6.1	4.1	2.6	1.9
Gasoline .....	3.9	3.6	6.5	4.4	2.7	2.0
Gasoline, unleaded regular .....	4.2	3.7	7.4	5.2	3.9	1.9
Gasoline, unleaded midgrade <sup>6</sup> .....	3.6	3.6	6.1	3.9	3.3	2.8
Gasoline, unleaded premium .....	3.3	3.4	5.3	3.4	3.3	1.3
Public transportation <sup>2</sup> .....	-2.5	-2.9	-5.1	-3.1	-3.3	-2.7
Medical care .....	.2	-.5	-.1	.1	-.2	.2
Entertainment <sup>7</sup> .....	.3	1.3	.0	-1.0	-.1	-1.4
Other goods and services <sup>3</sup> .....	.8	1.0	1.4	.5	1.8	1.2
Personal care <sup>2</sup> .....	.0	2.2	-1.0	-.1	.4	-2.8

**Table 22. Consumer Price Index for Urban Wage Earners and Clerical Workers (CPI-W): Areas priced monthly, by expenditure category and commodity and service group, percent change, July 1997 to August 1997 —Continued**

Group	U.S. city average	Chicago-Gary-Lake County, IL-IN-WI	Los Angeles-Anaheim-Riverside, CA	N.Y.-Northern N.J.-Long Island, NY-NJ-CT	Phil.-Wilmington-Trenton, PA-NJ-DE-MD <sup>1</sup>	San Francisco-Oakland-San Jose, CA <sup>1</sup>
<b>Commodity and service group</b>						
All items .....	0.2	0.4	0.1	0.1	0.2	0.4
Commodities .....	.3	.4	.4	.2	.4	.1
Food and beverages .....	.4	.1	.8	.2	-.3	1.3
Commodities less food and beverages .....	.2	.6	.2	.2	1.0	-.8
Nondurables less food and beverages .....	.8	.7	1.1	.6	1.5	-.9
Durables .....	-.5	.5	-.7	-.6	-.2	-.6
Services .....	.2	.4	-.1	.0	.2	.5
Medical care services .....	.3	.2	.0	.0	.6	.0
<b>Special indexes</b>						
All items less shelter .....	.2	.4	.2	-.1	.3	.0
All items less medical care .....	.3	.5	.2	.1	.2	.3
All items less energy .....	.1	.2	.0	.0	.2	.3
All items less food and energy .....	.1	.3	-.3	-.1	.3	.1
Energy .....	1.3	2.1	2.8	1.2	.9	1.2
Commodities less food .....	.3	.5	.2	.2	.9	-.7
Nondurables less food .....	.7	.6	.8	.6	1.3	-.7
Nondurables .....	.5	.3	1.0	.4	.4	.4
Services less rent of shelter .....	.0	.4	-.3	-.5	.1	-.3
Services less medical care services .....	.1	.5	-.1	.0	.2	.5

<sup>1</sup> Indexes for the cities of Philadelphia and San Francisco will no longer be published on a monthly basis starting in January, 1998. Beginning in February, 1998 they will be published on a bi-monthly basis.

<sup>2</sup> This index series will no longer appear after December, 1997 below the U.S. city average level.

<sup>3</sup> This index series will undergo a change in composition in January, 1998.

<sup>4</sup> This index series will no longer appear in its present form after

December, 1997 for the U.S. city average. See Table X for a comparable index series.

<sup>5</sup> Indexes on a December 1986=100 base.

<sup>6</sup> Indexes on a December 1993=100 base.

<sup>7</sup> This index series will no longer appear in its present form after December, 1997. See Table X for a comparable index series.

- Data not available.











**Table 24. Historical Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers (CPI-U): U. S. city average, all items—Continued**

(1982-84=100, unless otherwise noted)

Year	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	June	July	Aug.	Sep.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Semiannual averages		Annual avg.	Percent change from previous	
													1st half	2nd half		Dec.	Annual avg.
1960	29.3	29.4	29.4	29.5	29.5	29.6	29.6	29.6	29.6	29.8	29.8	29.8	-	-	29.6	1.4	1.7
1961	29.8	29.8	29.8	29.8	29.8	29.8	30.0	29.9	30.0	30.0	30.0	30.0	-	-	29.9	.7	1.0
1962	30.0	30.1	30.1	30.2	30.2	30.2	30.3	30.3	30.4	30.4	30.4	30.4	-	-	30.2	1.3	1.0
1963	30.4	30.4	30.5	30.5	30.5	30.6	30.7	30.7	30.7	30.8	30.8	30.9	-	-	30.6	1.6	1.3
1964	30.9	30.9	30.9	30.9	30.9	31.0	31.1	31.0	31.1	31.1	31.2	31.2	-	-	31.0	1.0	1.3
1965	31.2	31.2	31.3	31.4	31.4	31.6	31.6	31.6	31.6	31.7	31.7	31.8	-	-	31.5	1.9	1.6
1966	31.8	32.0	32.1	32.3	32.3	32.4	32.5	32.7	32.7	32.9	32.9	32.9	-	-	32.4	3.5	2.9
1967	32.9	32.9	33.0	33.1	33.2	33.3	33.4	33.5	33.6	33.7	33.8	33.9	-	-	33.4	3.0	3.1
1968	34.1	34.2	34.3	34.4	34.5	34.7	34.9	35.0	35.1	35.3	35.4	35.5	-	-	34.8	4.7	4.2
1969	35.6	35.8	36.1	36.3	36.4	36.6	36.8	37.0	37.1	37.3	37.5	37.7	-	-	36.7	6.2	5.5
1970	37.8	38.0	38.2	38.5	38.6	38.8	39.0	39.0	39.2	39.4	39.6	39.8	-	-	38.8	5.6	5.7
1971	39.8	39.9	40.0	40.1	40.3	40.6	40.7	40.8	40.8	40.9	40.9	41.1	-	-	40.5	3.3	4.4
1972	41.1	41.3	41.4	41.5	41.6	41.7	41.9	42.0	42.1	42.3	42.4	42.5	-	-	41.8	3.4	3.2
1973	42.6	42.9	43.3	43.6	43.9	44.2	44.3	45.1	45.2	45.6	45.9	46.2	-	-	44.4	8.7	6.2
1974	46.6	47.2	47.8	48.0	48.6	49.0	49.4	50.0	50.6	51.1	51.5	51.9	-	-	49.3	12.3	11.0
1975	52.1	52.5	52.7	52.9	53.2	53.6	54.2	54.3	54.6	54.9	55.3	55.5	-	-	53.8	6.9	9.1
1976	55.6	55.8	55.9	56.1	56.5	56.8	57.1	57.4	57.6	57.9	58.0	58.2	-	-	56.9	4.9	5.8
1977	58.5	59.1	59.5	60.0	60.3	60.7	61.0	61.2	61.4	61.6	61.9	62.1	-	-	60.6	6.7	6.5
1978	62.5	62.9	63.4	63.9	64.5	65.2	65.7	66.0	66.5	67.1	67.4	67.7	-	-	65.2	9.0	7.6
1979	68.3	69.1	69.8	70.6	71.5	72.3	73.1	73.8	74.6	75.2	75.9	76.7	-	-	72.6	13.3	11.3
1980	77.8	78.9	80.1	81.0	81.8	82.7	82.7	83.3	84.0	84.8	85.5	86.3	-	-	82.4	12.5	13.5
1981	87.0	87.9	88.5	89.1	89.8	90.6	91.6	92.3	93.2	93.4	93.7	94.0	-	-	90.9	8.9	10.3
1982	94.3	94.6	94.5	94.9	95.8	97.0	97.5	97.7	97.9	98.2	98.0	97.6	-	-	96.5	3.8	6.2
1983	97.8	97.9	97.9	98.6	99.2	99.5	99.9	100.2	100.7	101.0	101.2	101.3	-	-	99.6	3.8	3.2
1984	101.9	102.4	102.6	103.1	103.4	103.7	104.1	104.5	105.0	105.3	105.3	105.3	102.9	104.9	103.9	3.9	4.3
1985	105.5	106.0	106.4	106.9	107.3	107.6	107.8	108.0	108.3	108.7	109.0	109.3	106.6	108.5	107.6	3.8	3.6
1986	109.6	109.3	108.8	108.6	108.9	109.5	109.5	109.7	110.2	110.3	110.4	110.5	109.1	110.1	109.6	1.1	1.9
1987	111.2	111.6	112.1	112.7	113.1	113.5	113.8	114.4	115.0	115.3	115.4	115.4	112.4	114.9	113.6	4.4	3.6
1988	115.7	116.0	116.5	117.1	117.5	118.0	118.5	119.0	119.8	120.2	120.3	120.5	116.8	119.7	118.3	4.4	4.1
1989	121.1	121.6	122.3	123.1	123.8	124.1	124.4	124.6	125.0	125.6	125.9	126.1	122.7	125.3	124.0	4.6	4.8
1990	127.4	128.0	128.7	128.9	129.2	129.9	130.4	131.6	132.7	133.5	133.8	133.8	128.7	132.6	130.7	6.1	5.4
1991	134.6	134.8	135.0	135.2	135.6	136.0	136.2	136.6	137.2	137.4	137.8	137.9	135.2	137.2	136.2	3.1	4.2
1992	138.1	138.6	139.3	139.5	139.7	140.2	140.5	140.9	141.3	141.8	142.0	141.9	139.2	141.4	140.3	2.9	3.0
1993	142.6	143.1	143.6	144.0	144.2	144.4	144.4	144.8	145.1	145.7	145.8	145.8	143.7	145.3	144.5	2.7	3.0
1994	146.2	146.7	147.2	147.4	147.5	148.0	148.4	149.0	149.4	149.5	149.7	149.7	147.2	149.3	148.2	2.7	2.6
1995	150.3	150.9	151.4	151.9	152.2	152.5	152.5	152.9	153.2	153.7	153.6	153.5	151.5	153.2	152.4	2.5	2.8
1996	154.4	154.9	155.7	156.3	156.6	156.7	157.0	157.3	-	-	158.6	158.6	155.8	-	-	3.3	-
1997	-	159.6	-	-	-	-	-	160.8	-	-	-	-	159.9	-	-	-	-

- Data not available.















**Table 26. Historical Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers (CPI-U): U.S. city average, by commodity and service group and detailed expenditure categories—Continued**

(1982-84=100, unless otherwise noted)

Group	Percent change from previous December										
	December										Aug.
	1987	1988	1989	1990	1991	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997
<b>Expenditure category</b>											
Dairy products .....	1.7	4.4	10.3	3.1	0.6	1.3	0.9	1.1	2.6	10.1	-3.5
Fresh milk and cream <sup>1</sup> .....	1.6	4.7	11.6	2.4	-2	2.5	2.1	.7	1.9	11.4	-5.5
Fresh whole milk .....	1.4	5.1	11.7	2.4	-4	1.8	2.2	.4	2.0	10.9	-6.1
Other fresh milk and cream <sup>1</sup> .....	2.2	4.0	11.4	2.4	.0	3.4	2.1	1.1	1.7	12.1	-4.5
Processed dairy products <sup>1</sup> .....	1.8	4.1	9.2	3.8	1.4	.2	-5	1.5	3.3	8.6	-1.4
Cheese <sup>1</sup> .....	2.4	5.2	12.7	4.6	1.8	.2	-6	1.0	2.2	8.0	-2.2
Ice cream and related products .....	1.4	3.4	7.2	4.4	1.2	.4	.7	3.5	2.6	7.7	-9
Other dairy products, including butter <sup>1</sup> .....	.7	2.0	1.2	.0	.3	-2	-1.9	.4	8.5	12.2	.2
Fruits and vegetables <sup>2</sup> .....	12.8	6.2	4.4	7.2	4.4	2.2	6.6	8.3	-1.3	5.2	.1
Fresh fruits and vegetables .....	17.9	3.7	5.4	8.2	7.6	2.5	9.3	11.9	-3.1	4.8	-7
Fresh fruits .....	10.5	13.4	8.1	10.6	10.2	-3.6	13.0	3.7	5.2	12.0	-5.6
Apples .....	-11.4	27.8	-5.8	21.6	12.1	-9.3	8.3	-2.2	15.0	3.5	8.6
Bananas .....	17.0	7.9	5.8	4.6	.0	-3.1	2.7	12.1	2.4	7.5	-1.0
Oranges, including tangerines <sup>1</sup> .....	14.4	14.3	-4.1	10.3	22.3	-16.1	13.2	.7	15.7	-3.4	42.6
Other fresh fruits <sup>1</sup> .....	16.0	10.3	16.1	8.9	8.9	1.0	15.8	4.6	1.4	18.3	-18.1
Fresh vegetables .....	25.5	-5.1	2.6	5.5	4.7	10.2	5.3	21.6	-11.4	-3.8	6.1
Potatoes .....	-.1	23.8	8.9	-4.4	-3.7	6.4	20.3	-6.5	13.7	-8.6	21.1
Lettuce .....	-	-36.1	-22.1	11.9	11.9	7.6	-16.9	79.8	-37.0	7.2	8.4
Tomatoes .....	10.4	-10.8	12.9	-7.7	-3.9	55.3	2.0	18.5	3.9	-20.3	.0
Other fresh vegetables .....	14.1	2.5	4.8	11.4	7.5	2.5	7.3	21.1	-15.2	1.5	3.0
Processed fruits and vegetables <sup>1</sup> .....	4.6	10.8	2.5	5.4	-1.4	1.3	1.4	.5	2.8	6.3	1.7
Processed fruits <sup>1</sup> .....	5.8	10.8	.6	7.5	-2.3	2.5	-8	-3	3.6	6.7	1.0
Fruit juices and frozen fruit <sup>1</sup> .....	6.7	12.6	.1	8.8	-4.1	2.7	-1.4	-6	3.5	7.4	.3
Canned and dried fruits <sup>1</sup> .....	3.0	3.9	3.2	2.4	4.9	1.7	1.7	.7	3.9	4.2	3.5
Processed vegetables <sup>1</sup> .....	3.0	10.8	5.0	2.6	-4	-2	4.3	1.4	1.8	5.8	2.8
Frozen vegetables <sup>1</sup> .....	3.0	4.3	7.1	3.1	.6	.7	4.0	.8	2.9	2.4	4.7
Processed vegetables excluding frozen <sup>1</sup> .....	2.9	14.2	3.9	2.5	-9	-5	4.3	1.7	1.3	7.6	1.8
Other food at home .....	.9	4.8	4.2	4.2	1.5	.9	2.0	6.0	1.2	2.2	3.6
Sugar and sweets .....	1.6	5.1	3.8	4.4	3.6	.9	.9	.9	3.0	4.5	2.1
Sugar and artificial sweeteners .....	1.2	7.8	4.4	2.9	.0	1.0	1.1	1.8	4.2	3.4	2.3
Sweets, including candy <sup>1</sup> .....	1.9	4.1	3.5	5.0	4.8	1.0	.8	.5	2.6	4.9	2.1
Fats and oils .....	1.7	10.0	2.6	7.7	-1.3	-7	.8	3.7	2.5	2.3	.5
Nonalcoholic beverages .....	-3.5	2.9	3.0	1.9	-5	-2	2.2	14.7	-1.7	-2.0	7.7
Carbonated drinks .....	1.6	1.3	5.0	.9	1.0	1.6	1.7	-3	2.9	-4	-5
Coffee .....	-14.3	5.8	-1.0	1.5	-5.2	-5.3	5.4	55.4	-9.6	-6.7	25.1
Other noncarbonated drinks <sup>1</sup> .....	2.3	2.8	4.1	5.2	2.5	2.0	-5	.9	2.3	2.7	.2
Other prepared food .....	4.2	5.0	5.7	5.2	3.0	2.2	2.6	2.2	2.7	4.5	1.8
Canned and packaged soup .....	6.1	3.6	7.5	5.9	6.0	5.7	4.4	4.1	3.4	4.8	3.6
Frozen prepared food .....	5.8	4.7	5.4	3.4	1.6	.5	-1	.2	.6	4.6	-1
Snacks .....	3.1	4.8	4.1	3.9	1.3	-2	2.9	1.8	3.4	5.8	2.5
Seasonings, condiments, sauces, and spices .....	2.8	4.5	5.6	6.2	4.0	4.1	2.6	2.4	3.9	4.5	2.7
Miscellaneous prepared food, including baby food <sup>1</sup> .....	4.7	6.1	6.8	6.0	3.4	1.9	3.5	3.0	2.0	3.5	1.0
Food away from home .....	3.7	4.4	4.6	4.5	2.9	1.4	1.9	1.9	2.2	3.1	1.5
Lunch <sup>1</sup> .....	3.9	4.6	5.0	4.5	3.0	1.5	2.0	1.8	2.3	3.0	1.5
Dinner <sup>1</sup> .....	3.5	4.4	4.2	4.0	2.7	1.5	1.8	2.0	2.2	2.8	1.6
Other meals and snacks <sup>1</sup> .....	3.3	4.4	4.8	5.5	3.0	1.5	1.8	2.0	2.3	3.7	1.3
Alcoholic beverages .....	3.3	3.9	4.8	4.2	9.9	2.9	1.5	1.0	2.0	3.6	1.7
Alcoholic beverages at home .....	2.3	2.3	4.3	3.8	11.6	2.1	.5	-1	.9	3.4	1.1
Beer and ale .....	2.1	2.8	4.7	3.6	11.8	2.8	.3	-1	.6	2.9	-4
Wine .....	3.8	1.6	3.5	2.6	14.0	1.5	.5	-1.4	1.6	6.2	3.2
Distilled spirits .....	1.2	1.9	4.4	4.9	9.2	1.4	.9	.8	.9	2.1	2.0
Alcoholic beverages away from home .....	4.6	6.0	5.3	4.7	8.2	3.8	2.6	2.4	3.2	3.8	2.5

See footnotes at end of table.









**Table 27. Historical Consumer Price Index for Urban Wage Earners and Clerical Workers (CPI-W): U. S. City Average, all items—Continued**

(1982-84=100, unless otherwise noted)

Year	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	June	July	Aug.	Sep.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Semiannual averages		Annual avg.	Percent change from previous		
													1st half	2nd half		Dec.	Annual avg.	
1960	29.5	29.5	29.5	29.7	29.7	29.8	29.8	29.8	29.8	29.9	30.0	30.0	-	-	29.8	1.7	1.7	
1961	30.0	30.0	30.0	30.0	30.0	30.0	30.1	30.1	30.2	30.2	30.2	30.2	-	-	30.1	.7	1.0	
1962	30.2	30.2	30.3	30.4	30.4	30.4	30.4	30.4	30.6	30.6	30.6	30.6	-	-	30.4	1.3	1.0	
1963	30.6	30.6	30.7	30.7	30.7	30.8	30.9	30.9	30.9	31.0	31.0	31.1	-	-	30.8	1.6	1.3	
1964	31.1	31.1	31.1	31.1	31.1	31.2	31.3	31.2	31.3	31.3	31.4	31.4	-	-	31.2	1.0	1.3	
1965	31.4	31.4	31.5	31.6	31.6	31.8	31.8	31.8	31.8	31.9	31.9	32.0	-	-	31.7	1.9	1.6	
1966	32.0	32.2	32.3	32.5	32.5	32.6	32.7	32.9	32.9	33.1	33.1	33.1	-	-	32.6	3.4	2.8	
1967	33.1	33.1	33.2	33.3	33.4	33.5	33.6	33.7	33.8	33.9	34.0	34.1	-	-	33.6	3.0	3.1	
1968	34.2	34.3	34.5	34.6	34.7	34.9	35.1	35.2	35.3	35.5	35.6	35.7	-	-	35.0	4.7	4.2	
1969	35.8	36.0	36.3	36.5	36.6	36.8	37.0	37.2	37.3	37.5	37.7	37.9	-	-	36.9	6.2	5.4	
1970	38.0	38.2	38.4	38.7	38.8	39.0	39.2	39.2	39.4	39.6	39.8	40.0	-	-	39.0	5.5	5.7	
1971	40.0	40.1	40.2	40.4	40.6	40.8	40.9	41.0	41.0	41.1	41.2	41.3	-	-	40.7	3.3	4.4	
1972	41.4	41.6	41.6	41.7	41.9	42.0	42.1	42.2	42.4	42.5	42.6	42.7	-	-	42.1	3.4	3.4	
1973	42.9	43.2	43.6	43.9	44.1	44.4	44.5	45.4	45.5	45.9	46.2	46.5	-	-	44.7	8.9	6.2	
1974	46.9	47.5	48.0	48.3	48.8	49.3	49.7	50.3	50.9	51.4	51.8	52.2	-	-	49.6	12.3	11.0	
1975	52.4	52.8	53.0	53.2	53.5	53.9	54.5	54.7	54.9	55.3	55.6	55.8	-	-	54.1	6.9	9.1	
1976	56.0	56.1	56.2	56.5	56.8	57.1	57.4	57.7	57.9	58.2	58.3	58.5	-	-	57.2	4.8	5.7	
1977	58.9	59.5	59.8	60.3	60.6	61.0	61.3	61.5	61.8	61.9	62.2	62.5	-	-	60.9	6.8	6.5	
1978	62.8	63.2	63.7	64.3	64.9	65.6	66.0	66.4	66.8	67.4	67.7	68.1	-	-	65.6	9.0	7.7	
1979	68.7	69.5	70.3	71.1	71.9	72.8	73.7	74.4	75.1	75.7	76.4	77.2	-	-	73.1	13.4	11.4	
1980	78.3	79.4	80.5	81.4	82.3	83.2	83.3	83.8	84.6	85.3	86.1	86.9	-	-	82.9	12.6	13.4	
1981	87.5	88.5	89.0	89.6	90.3	91.1	92.2	92.8	93.7	93.9	94.1	94.4	-	-	91.4	8.6	10.3	
1982	94.7	95.0	94.8	95.2	96.2	97.4	98.0	98.2	98.3	98.6	98.4	98.0	-	-	96.9	3.8	6.0	
1983	98.1	98.1	98.4	99.0	99.5	99.8	100.1	100.5	101.0	101.2	101.2	101.2	-	-	99.8	3.3	3.0	
1984	101.6	101.8	101.8	102.1	102.5	102.8	103.2	104.2	104.8	104.8	104.7	104.8	102.1	104.4	103.3	3.6	3.5	
1985	104.9	105.4	105.9	106.3	106.7	107.0	107.1	107.3	107.6	107.9	108.3	108.6	106.0	107.8	106.9	3.6	3.5	
1986	108.9	108.5	107.9	107.6	107.9	108.4	108.4	108.6	109.1	109.1	109.2	109.3	108.2	109.0	108.6	.6	1.6	
1987	110.0	110.5	111.0	111.6	111.9	112.4	112.7	113.3	113.8	114.1	114.3	114.2	111.2	113.7	112.5	4.5	3.6	
1988	114.5	114.7	115.1	115.7	116.2	116.7	117.2	117.7	118.5	118.9	119.0	119.2	115.5	118.4	117.0	4.4	4.0	
1989	119.7	120.2	120.8	121.8	122.5	122.8	123.2	123.2	123.6	124.2	124.4	124.6	121.3	123.9	122.6	4.5	4.8	
1990	125.9	126.4	127.1	127.3	127.5	128.3	128.7	129.9	131.1	131.9	132.2	132.2	127.1	131.0	129.0	6.1	5.2	
1991	132.8	132.8	133.0	133.3	133.8	134.1	134.3	134.6	135.2	135.4	135.8	135.9	133.3	135.2	134.3	2.8	4.1	
1992	136.0	136.4	137.0	137.3	137.6	138.1	138.4	138.8	139.1	139.6	139.8	139.8	137.1	139.3	138.2	2.9	2.9	
1993	140.3	140.7	141.1	141.6	141.9	142.0	142.1	142.4	142.6	143.3	143.4	143.3	141.3	142.9	142.1	2.5	2.8	
1994	143.6	144.0	144.4	144.7	144.9	145.4	145.8	146.5	146.9	147.0	147.3	147.2	144.5	146.8	145.6	2.7	2.5	
1995	147.8	148.3	148.7	149.3	149.6	149.9	149.9	150.2	150.6	151.0	150.9	150.9	148.9	150.6	149.8	2.5	2.9	
1996	151.7	152.2	152.9	153.6	154.0	154.1	154.3	154.5	155.1	155.5	155.9	155.9	153.1	155.2	154.1	3.3	2.9	
1997	156.3	156.8	157.0	157.2	157.2	157.4	157.5	157.8	-	-	-	-	157.0	-	-	-	-	-

- Data not available.















**Table 29. Historical Consumer Price Index for Urban Wage Earners and Clerical Workers (CPI-W): U.S. city average, by commodity and service group and detailed expenditure categories—Continued**

(1982-84=100, unless otherwise noted)

Group	Percent change from previous December										
	December										Aug.
	1987	1988	1989	1990	1991	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997
<b>Expenditure category</b>											
Dairy products .....	1.6	4.5	10.4	3.0	0.6	1.3	0.9	1.1	2.5	10.2	-3.7
Fresh milk and cream <sup>1</sup> .....	1.6	4.8	11.5	2.5	-2	2.3	2.2	.7	1.8	11.5	-5.6
Fresh whole milk .....	1.4	5.1	11.5	2.5	-4	1.8	2.1	.4	2.1	11.0	-6.3
Other fresh milk and cream <sup>1</sup> .....	2.2	4.2	11.3	2.4	.1	3.3	2.2	1.1	1.3	12.3	-4.7
Processed dairy products <sup>1</sup> .....	1.6	4.2	9.2	3.7	1.3	.2	-.6	1.5	3.4	8.7	-1.4
Cheese <sup>1</sup> .....	2.1	5.2	12.9	4.7	1.7	.1	-.8	.9	2.4	8.2	-2.3
Ice cream and related products .....	1.4	3.7	7.1	4.4	1.1	.5	.5	3.7	2.7	7.7	-.9
Other dairy products, including butter <sup>1</sup> .....	.6	2.0	1.3	-.2	.2	-.2	-1.6	.5	8.4	12.1	.3
Fruits and vegetables <sup>2</sup> .....	12.5	6.3	3.8	7.3	4.4	2.1	6.5	8.1	-1.0	5.1	.5
Fresh fruits and vegetables .....	17.6	3.7	4.7	8.4	7.9	2.6	9.1	11.8	-2.7	4.4	.0
Fresh fruits .....	10.3	13.6	6.4	11.3	11.0	-4.3	12.6	3.6	5.8	11.8	-4.7
Apples .....	-11.0	27.5	-6.3	21.9	12.2	-9.5	8.4	-2.2	15.0	3.8	8.8
Bananas .....	17.4	7.9	5.9	4.4	-.4	-2.8	2.6	12.2	2.6	7.4	-.9
Oranges, including tangerines <sup>1</sup> .....	14.7	14.1	-4.4	10.2	23.1	-16.1	12.9	.6	14.7	-3.0	42.1
Other fresh fruits <sup>1</sup> .....	15.9	10.4	14.5	9.9	9.6	.7	15.5	4.6	1.8	18.7	-18.9
Fresh vegetables .....	25.1	-5.2	2.7	5.3	4.3	11.2	5.5	21.1	-10.8	-4.1	6.3
Potatoes .....	-.3	24.3	9.1	-4.2	-4.0	6.7	20.5	-6.5	13.7	-8.6	21.5
Lettuce .....	-	-36.3	-22.1	11.8	12.1	6.5	-16.2	77.7	-36.4	7.0	8.6
Tomatoes .....	10.3	-10.8	13.2	-7.9	-4.0	55.1	1.9	18.1	4.0	-20.4	-.1
Other fresh vegetables .....	14.2	2.5	4.5	11.7	7.7	3.1	7.3	21.2	-15.4	1.8	2.9
Processed fruits and vegetables <sup>1</sup> .....	4.5	11.0	2.5	5.4	-1.6	1.1	1.5	.5	2.7	6.4	1.7
Processed fruits <sup>1</sup> .....	5.7	10.8	.6	7.7	-2.6	2.2	-.9	-.4	3.6	6.8	.8
Fruit juices and frozen fruit <sup>1</sup> .....	6.6	12.5	-.2	9.1	-4.3	2.3	-1.4	-.8	3.6	7.5	.1
Canned and dried fruits <sup>1</sup> .....	2.9	4.0	3.1	2.5	4.8	1.6	1.5	1.0	3.8	4.2	3.3
Processed vegetables <sup>1</sup> .....	3.0	11.2	4.9	2.6	-.5	-.1	4.2	1.6	1.8	6.0	2.7
Frozen vegetables <sup>1</sup> .....	2.9	4.4	7.1	3.0	.8	.8	3.7	.8	2.9	2.4	4.6
Processed vegetables excluding frozen <sup>1</sup> .....	3.0	14.5	3.9	2.5	-1.2	-.5	4.3	2.0	1.2	7.7	1.9
Other food at home .....	.9	4.8	4.3	4.2	1.5	.9	2.0	5.7	1.3	2.2	3.4
Sugar and sweets .....	1.6	5.2	3.8	4.3	3.4	1.0	.9	1.0	3.0	4.4	2.3
Sugar and artificial sweeteners .....	1.3	8.0	4.4	2.8	.0	1.0	1.0	2.0	4.1	3.4	2.3
Sweets, including candy <sup>1</sup> .....	1.7	4.0	3.6	4.9	4.8	1.0	.8	.6	2.5	4.8	2.3
Fats and oils .....	1.8	9.9	2.7	7.7	-1.3	-.6	.8	3.7	2.4	2.3	.6
Nonalcoholic beverages .....	-3.0	2.8	3.2	1.9	-.4	-.2	2.1	13.5	-1.4	-1.8	6.9
Carbonated drinks .....	1.7	1.5	4.9	.8	.9	1.5	1.8	-.3	2.9	-.5	-.6
Coffee .....	-14.4	5.7	-1.2	1.6	-5.1	-5.5	5.3	55.9	-9.7	-6.9	25.1
Other noncarbonated drinks <sup>1</sup> .....	2.3	2.6	4.0	5.3	2.7	1.9	-.7	.8	2.3	2.8	.1
Other prepared food .....	4.1	5.0	5.7	5.2	3.1	2.1	2.6	2.3	2.6	4.5	1.8
Canned and packaged soup .....	6.2	3.7	7.5	6.1	5.9	5.7	4.3	4.3	3.6	4.6	3.5
Frozen prepared food .....	5.7	4.5	5.5	3.4	1.6	.5	-.4	.3	.4	5.0	-.1
Snacks .....	3.1	5.0	3.9	4.0	1.1	-.4	3.0	1.8	3.5	5.7	2.4
Seasonings, condiments, sauces, and spices .....	2.7	4.4	5.6	6.3	4.0	4.1	2.6	2.4	4.0	4.5	2.8
Miscellaneous prepared food, including baby food <sup>1</sup> .....	4.6	6.1	7.0	5.9	3.7	1.9	3.6	3.1	1.7	3.5	.9
Food away from home .....	3.7	4.4	4.6	4.5	2.8	1.6	1.8	2.0	2.2	3.1	1.5
Lunch <sup>1</sup> .....	3.8	4.6	5.0	4.5	2.9	1.6	1.9	1.9	2.3	3.1	1.5
Dinner <sup>1</sup> .....	3.5	4.3	4.3	4.0	2.7	1.5	1.8	2.0	2.3	2.8	1.6
Other meals and snacks <sup>1</sup> .....	3.3	4.3	4.7	5.5	3.0	1.5	1.7	2.1	2.3	3.7	1.5
Alcoholic beverages .....	3.0	3.8	4.8	4.2	10.0	2.9	1.6	.9	1.9	3.6	1.6
Alcoholic beverages at home .....	2.2	2.3	4.4	3.8	11.5	2.2	.5	-.2	.9	3.3	.8
Beer and ale .....	2.1	2.7	4.7	3.7	11.9	2.8	.3	-.2	.8	2.8	-.3
Wine .....	3.4	1.8	3.1	2.9	13.4	1.5	.2	-1.2	1.3	6.2	3.2
Distilled spirits .....	1.1	1.8	4.5	4.9	8.9	1.4	1.1	.7	.8	2.0	2.0
Alcoholic beverages away from home .....	4.2	5.7	5.2	4.9	8.0	3.8	2.9	2.2	3.2	4.0	2.5

See footnotes at end of table.









**Table P1. Average residential prices for utility (piped) gas, electricity, and fuel oil, U.S. city average and selected areas**

Area, region and population size class	Utility (piped) gas				Electricity		Fuel oil #2	
	per 40 therms		per 100 therms		per 500 KWH		per gallon (3.785 liters)	
	July 1997	Aug. 1997	July 1997	Aug. 1997	July 1997	Aug. 1997	July 1997	Aug. 1997
U.S. city average .....	\$31.149	\$30.809	\$66.657	\$65.783	\$50.790	\$50.543	\$0.957	\$0.945
<b>Region and area size <sup>1</sup></b>								
Northeast urban .....	39.014	38.914	81.658	81.357	65.554	65.277	.952	.937
Size A - More than 1,200,000 .....	39.375	39.253	82.169	81.823	68.750	68.539	.999	.987
Size B - 500,000 to 1,200,000 .....	36.892	36.880	79.035	78.839	56.876	56.398	.901	.875
Size C - 50,000 to 500,000 .....	38.270	38.611	82.223	83.121	50.495	50.385	.890	.875
North Central urban .....	26.941	26.584	54.663	53.763	48.982	49.007	.896	.895
Size A - More than 1,200,000 .....	26.540	26.317	53.382	52.849	51.156	51.487	.895	.895
Size B - 360,000 to 1,200,000 .....	28.433	28.019	54.318	54.210	48.772	48.838	.943	.939
Size C - 50,000 to 360,000 .....	29.254	28.101	63.201	59.617	43.300	42.916	.858	.855
Size D - Nonmetropolitan (less than 50,000) .....	26.792	26.141	56.521	54.796	44.410	42.881	NA	NA
South urban .....	32.779	32.202	68.658	67.231	43.612	43.094	1.023	1.018
Size A - More than 1,200,000 .....	33.649	32.605	68.825	66.354	45.916	44.971	1.134	1.131
Size B - 450,000 to 1,200,000 .....	34.663	34.655	71.963	71.940	42.799	42.782	.960	.950
Size C - 50,000 to 450,000 .....	30.869	30.954	67.646	67.690	43.716	43.054	NA	NA
Size D - Nonmetropolitan (less than 50,000) .....	25.099	25.500	59.624	60.223	36.773	37.200	.968	.970
West urban .....	29.214	28.833	70.310	69.252	50.562	50.515	1.071	1.110
Size A - More than 1,250,000 .....	29.697	29.194	72.844	71.414	50.813	50.750	1.049	1.101
Size C - 50,000 to 330,000 .....	23.326	23.492	52.692	52.854	37.890	37.890	1.108	1.125
<b>Size classes</b>								
A .....	31.521	31.160	67.373	66.466	54.211	53.981	1.000	.991
B .....	32.263	32.126	68.269	68.185	48.353	48.288	.917	.896
C .....	29.352	29.036	64.391	63.244	43.952	43.491	.907	.895
D .....	27.198	26.821	57.838	56.726	41.453	41.185	.913	.908
<b>Selected local areas</b>								
Chicago-Gary-Lake County, IL-IN-WI .....	26.980	26.965	50.674	50.854	61.196	62.137	NA	NA
Los Angeles-Anaheim-Riverside, CA .....	33.215	32.016	81.220	77.651	63.963	63.963	NA	NA
N.Y.-Northern N.J.-Long Island, NY-NJ-CT .....	42.020	41.779	85.839	85.286	75.167	74.982	1.042	1.032
Phil.-Wilmington-Trenton, PA-NJ-DE-MD .....	37.844	37.890	84.050	84.145	63.027	63.027	.880	.874
San Francisco-Oakland-San Jose, CA .....	27.271	27.271	76.040	76.040	61.380	61.380	NA	NA
Baltimore, MD .....	31.620	32.860	64.060	67.160	53.190	53.190	1.069	1.070
Boston-Lawrence-Salem, MA-NH .....	30.483	30.462	64.242	64.221	63.119	62.950	.988	.970
Cleveland-Akron-Lorain, OH .....	28.604	28.288	63.831	62.322	66.439	66.439	NA	NA
Miami-Fort Lauderdale, FL .....	48.441	48.441	107.420	107.420	45.446	45.446	NA	NA
St. Louis-East St. Louis, MO-IL .....	29.227	29.427	52.712	53.188	49.232	49.225	NA	NA
Washington, DC-MD-VA .....	40.236	40.302	84.457	84.530	47.181	47.211	1.196	1.190
Dallas-Fort Worth, TX .....	26.679	25.042	57.394	53.304	47.335	39.560	NA	NA
Detroit-Ann Arbor, MI .....	25.805	25.766	51.653	51.499	47.323	47.323	NA	NA
Houston-Galveston-Brazoria, TX .....	27.257	27.257	53.177	53.177	41.388	40.577	NA	NA
Pittsburgh-Beaver Valley, PA .....	40.481	40.311	83.406	82.888	52.869	NA	.776	.780

<sup>1</sup> Regions defined as the four Census regions. See map in technical notes.  
 NA Data not adequate for publication.

**Table P2. Average residential unit prices and consumption ranges for utility (piped) gas and electricity for U.S. city average and selected areas**

Area, region and population size class	Average price per therm of utility (piped) gas		Range of therm consumption for Aug. 1997		Average price per KWH of electricity		Range of KWH consumption for Aug. 1997	
	July 1997	Aug. 1997	Low	High	July 1997	Aug. 1997	Low	High
U.S. city average .....	\$0.669	\$0.661	1	2,800	\$0.099	\$0.098	5	6,301
<b>Region and area size <sup>1</sup></b>								
Northeast urban .....	.825	.822	1	2,800	.129	.129	110	5,069
Size A - More than 1,200,000 .....	.837	.834	5	862	.137	.136	110	3,750
Size B - 360,000 to 1,200,000 .....	.763	.763	1	505	.109	.108	173	5,069
Size C - 50,000 to 500,000 .....	.767	.775	19	328	.092	.092	227	2,865
North Central urban .....	.529	.520	6	1,124	.095	.096	5	4,517
Size A - More than 1,200,000 .....	.514	.509	6	1,124	.102	.102	5	3,785
Size B - 360,000 to 1,200,000 .....	.576	.570	20	380	.091	.091	220	4,517
Size C - 50,000 to 360,000 .....	.607	.576	12	623	.080	.079	39	3,404
Size D - Nonmetropolitan (less than 50,000) .....	.529	.509	22	668	.086	.083	252	2,397
South urban .....	.768	.753	1	1,230	.085	.084	32	6,301
Size A - More than 1,200,000 .....	.772	.744	7	394	.090	.088	148	6,301
Size B - 450,000 to 1,200,000 .....	.820	.819	1	1,230	.083	.083	112	6,229
Size C - 50,000 to 450,000 .....	.779	.782	3	278	.082	.081	94	4,249
Size D - Nonmetropolitan (less than 50,000) .....	.603	.611	5	283	.072	.073	32	5,536
West urban .....	.689	.680	5	1,557	.099	.099	101	5,033
Size A - More than 1,250,000 .....	.711	.699	15	1,557	.099	.099	103	5,033
Size C - 50,000 to 330,000 .....	.517	.520	24	606	.080	.080	101	3,146
<b>Size classes</b>								
A .....	.674	.665	5	1,557	.107	.106	5	6,301
B .....	.716	.714	1	1,230	.092	.092	112	6,229
C .....	.656	.646	3	623	.083	.082	39	4,249
D .....	.560	.549	5	2,800	.081	.081	32	5,536
<b>Selected local areas</b>								
Chicago-Gary-Lake County, IL-IN-WI .....	.440	.439	24	1,124	.127	.129	100	2,700
Los Angeles-Anaheim-Riverside, CA .....	.804	.771	17	447	.127	.127	164	2,454
N.Y.-Northern N.J.-Long Island, NY-NJ-CT .....	.888	.882	5	579	.150	.150	125	3,750
Phil.-Wilmington-Trenton, PA-NJ-DE-MD .....	.855	.856	19	862	.133	.133	110	2,451
San Francisco-Oakland-San Jose, CA .....	.727	.732	15	293	.128	.128	200	1,746
Baltimore, MD .....	.692	.723	34	125	.100	.100	541	4,252
Boston-Lawrence-Salem, MA-NH .....	.676	.676	16	232	.121	.121	279	1,533
Cleveland-Akron-Lorain, OH .....	.627	.616	41	561	.127	.127	298	2,259
Miami-Fort Lauderdale, FL .....	1.857	1.857	7	13	.088	.088	380	2,607
St. Louis-East St. Louis, MO-IL .....	.490	.496	73	314	.099	.100	5	2,608
Washington, DC-MD-VA .....	1.048	1.050	20	68	.094	.093	415	3,401
Dallas-Fort Worth, TX .....	.597	.556	20	394	.087	.072	242	6,250
Detroit-Ann Arbor, MI .....	.524	.523	10	1,016	.098	.098	27	1,534
Houston-Galveston-Brazoria, TX .....	.644	.644	18	209	.092	.091	312	6,301
Pittsburgh-Beaver Valley, PA .....	.780	.776	72	632	.092	NA	245	2,808

<sup>1</sup> Regions defined as the four Census regions. See map in technical notes.  
 NA Data not adequate for publication.

**Table P3. Average prices for gasoline, U.S. city average and selected areas  
(Per gallon/3.785 liters)**

Area, region and population size class	Gasoline All types <sup>1</sup>		Gasoline Unleaded regular		Gasoline Unleaded midgrade		Gasoline Unleaded premium	
	July 1997	Aug. 1997	July 1997	Aug. 1997	July 1997	Aug. 1997	July 1997	Aug. 1997
U.S. city average .....	\$1.263	\$1.310	\$1.205	\$1.253	\$1.300	\$1.347	\$1.388	\$1.433
<b>Region and area size <sup>2</sup></b>								
Northeast urban .....	1.296	1.340	1.228	1.276	1.338	1.379	1.415	1.457
Size A - More than 1,200,000 .....	1.294	1.340	1.219	1.272	1.330	1.374	1.409	1.454
Size B - 500,000 to 1,200,000 .....	1.324	1.368	1.268	1.313	1.381	1.426	1.447	1.490
Size C - 50,000 to 500,000 .....	1.279	1.308	1.215	1.246	1.326	1.347	1.402	1.432
North Central urban .....	1.230	1.292	1.187	1.251	1.266	1.326	1.349	1.410
Size A - More than 1,200,000 .....	1.256	1.323	1.212	1.279	1.307	1.375	1.378	1.445
Size B - 360,000 to 1,200,000 .....	1.190	1.291	1.135	1.241	1.249	1.336	1.325	1.416
Size C - 50,000 to 360,000 .....	1.199	1.245	1.162	1.209	1.218	1.270	1.311	1.348
Size D - Nonmetropolitan (less than 50,000) .....	1.199	1.229	1.166	1.195	1.212	1.239	1.304	1.338
South urban .....	1.210	1.248	1.146	1.185	1.244	1.282	1.332	1.369
Size A - More than 1,200,000 .....	1.204	1.243	1.138	1.178	1.254	1.290	1.331	1.370
Size B - 450,000 to 1,200,000 .....	1.250	1.285	1.174	1.210	1.259	1.296	1.345	1.377
Size C - 50,000 to 450,000 .....	1.168	1.217	1.119	1.168	1.208	1.260	1.305	1.349
Size D - Nonmetropolitan (less than 50,000) .....	1.229	1.245	1.175	1.189	1.258	1.275	1.362	1.384
West urban .....	1.353	1.400	1.295	1.339	1.402	1.456	1.491	1.536
Size A - More than 1,250,000 .....	1.366	1.423	1.303	1.361	1.408	1.466	1.508	1.561
Size C - 50,000 to 330,000 .....	1.315	1.354	1.264	1.299	1.343	1.402	1.458	1.489
<b>Size classes</b>								
A .....	1.284	1.337	1.223	1.278	1.327	1.380	1.411	1.462
B .....	1.273	1.317	1.209	1.255	1.307	1.352	1.376	1.416
C .....	1.214	1.258	1.164	1.208	1.249	1.297	1.348	1.385
D .....	1.231	1.256	1.191	1.214	1.251	1.274	1.355	1.387
<b>Selected local areas</b>								
Chicago-Gary-Lake County, IL-IN-WI .....	1.352	1.404	1.293	1.344	1.401	1.455	1.482	1.535
Los Angeles-Anaheim-Riverside, CA .....	1.353	1.444	1.294	1.391	1.379	1.463	1.476	1.559
N.Y.-Northern N.J.-Long Island, NY-NJ-CT .....	1.316	1.373	1.243	1.306	1.366	1.419	1.440	1.489
Phil.-Wilmington-Trenton, PA-NJ-DE-MD .....	1.284	1.318	1.154	1.200	1.264	1.305	1.343	1.387
San Francisco-Oakland-San Jose, CA .....	1.397	1.427	1.328	1.357	1.458	1.501	1.566	1.588
Baltimore, MD .....	1.235	1.263	1.175	1.206	1.280	1.311	1.342	1.362
Boston-Lawrence-Salem, MA-NH .....	1.252	1.297	1.203	1.252	1.307	1.343	1.371	1.410
Cleveland-Akron-Lorain, OH .....	1.187	1.298	1.138	1.246	1.220	1.333	1.329	1.444
Miami-Fort Lauderdale, FL .....	1.325	1.346	1.253	1.273	1.376	1.394	1.439	1.463
St. Louis-East St. Louis, MO-IL .....	1.209	1.266	1.163	1.219	1.238	1.296	1.350	1.406
Washington, DC-MD-VA .....	1.239	1.277	1.171	1.209	1.277	1.312	1.362	1.402
Dallas-Fort Worth, TX .....	1.184	1.217	1.126	1.159	1.238	1.268	1.308	1.343
Detroit-Ann Arbor, MI .....	1.238	1.332	1.193	1.289	1.300	1.388	1.390	1.476
Houston-Galveston-Brazoria, TX .....	1.177	1.237	1.119	1.179	1.225	1.283	1.283	1.344
Pittsburgh-Beaver Valley, PA .....	1.262	1.298	1.206	1.246	1.310	1.340	1.398	1.428

<sup>1</sup> Also includes types of gasoline not shown separately.

<sup>2</sup> Regions defined as the four Census regions. See map in technical notes.

**Table P4. Average retail food prices, U.S. city average and four regions <sup>1</sup>**

Food and unit	U.S. average		Northeast		North Central		South		West	
	July 1997	Aug. 1997	July 1997	Aug. 1997	July 1997	Aug. 1997	July 1997	Aug. 1997	July 1997	Aug. 1997
<b>Cereals and bakery products:</b>										
Flour, white, all purpose, per lb. (453.6 gm) .....	\$0.309	\$0.307	\$0.347	\$0.336	\$0.290	\$0.291	\$0.309	\$0.310	NA	NA
Rice, white, long grain, uncooked, per lb. (453.6 gm) .....	.564	.569	.537	.553	NA	NA	.564	.555	0.613	0.629
Spaghetti and macaroni, per lb. (453.6 gm) .....	.873	.878	.805	.822	.892	.871	.802	.794	1.027	1.057
Bread, white, pan, per lb. (453.6 gm) .....	.872	.872	.910	.905	.858	.874	.824	.828	.933	.917
Bread, French, per lb. (453.6 gm) .....	1.535	1.545	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	1.663	1.657
Bread, whole wheat, pan, per lb. (453.6 gm) .....	1.284	1.258	NA	NA	NA	NA	1.145	1.128	NA	NA
Cookies, chocolate chip, per lb. (453.6 gm) .....	2.614	2.612	NA	NA	2.377	2.490	NA	NA	NA	NA
Crackers, soda, salted, per lb. (453.6 gm) .....	1.658	1.599	NA	NA	NA	NA	1.573	1.541	NA	NA
<b>Meats, poultry, fish and eggs:</b>										
<b>Meats:</b>										
<b>Beef and veal:</b>										
Ground chuck, 100% beef, per lb. (453.6 gm) .....	1.802	1.841	1.699	1.764	1.811	1.804	1.870	1.938	NA	NA
Ground beef, 100% beef, per lb. (453.6 gm) .....	1.402	1.394	NA	NA	1.396	1.355	1.418	1.439	NA	NA
Ground beef, lean and extra lean, per lb. (453.6 gm) .....	2.071	2.071	2.167	2.191	1.901	1.884	2.102	2.100	2.054	2.044
Chuck roast, USDA Choice, bone-in, per lb. (453.6 gm) .....	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Chuck roast, graded and ungraded, excluding USDA Prime and Choice, per lb. (453.6 gm) .....	2.151	2.139	NA	NA	2.326	2.278	2.048	2.035	2.122	2.200
Chuck roast, USDA Choice, boneless, per lb. (453.6 gm) .....	2.425	2.468	2.641	2.631	2.365	2.398	2.279	2.387	2.369	2.422
Round roast, USDA Choice, boneless, per lb. (453.6 gm) .....	2.764	2.776	2.826	2.733	2.658	2.779	2.742	2.772	2.919	2.930
Round roast, graded and ungraded, excluding USDA Prime and Choice, per lb. (453.6 gm) .....	2.610	2.648	NA	NA	2.599	2.713	2.478	2.505	2.723	2.758
Rib roast, USDA Choice, bone-in, per lb. (453.6 gm) .....	5.067	5.163	NA	NA	NA	NA	5.199	5.198	NA	NA
Steak, T-Bone, USDA Choice, bone-in, per lb. (453.6 gm) .....	5.934	5.780	NA	NA	5.498	5.498	6.029	6.088	NA	NA
Steak, rib eye, USDA Choice, boneless, per lb. (453.6 gm) .....	5.615	5.748	NA	NA	5.707	6.089	6.127	6.158	NA	NA
Steak, round, USDA Choice, boneless, per lb. (453.6 gm) .....	3.056	3.069	3.328	3.353	2.838	2.814	3.032	3.138	2.884	2.716
Steak, round, graded and ungraded, excluding USDA Prime and Choice, per lb. (453.6 gm) .....	2.954	3.004	NA	NA	2.983	3.034	2.842	2.841	2.973	3.124
Steak, sirloin, USDA Choice, bone-in, per lb. (453.6 gm) .....	NA	NA	3.254	3.354	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Steak, sirloin, graded and ungraded, excluding USDA Prime and Choice, per lb. (453.6 gm) .....	3.690	3.602	NA	NA	3.552	3.610	3.658	3.507	3.641	3.554
Steak, sirloin, USDA Choice, boneless, per lb. (453.6 gm) .....	4.237	4.374	4.141	4.317	4.087	4.296	4.258	4.242	4.928	5.193
Short ribs, any primal source, bone-in, per lb. (453.6 gm) .....	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Beef for stew, boneless, per lb. (453.6 gm) .....	2.477	2.528	NA	NA	2.551	2.625	NA	NA	NA	NA
<b>Pork:</b>										
Bacon, sliced, per lb. (453.6 gm) .....	2.718	2.755	2.885	2.933	2.662	2.700	2.669	2.674	2.641	2.700
Chops, center cut, bone-in, per lb. (453.6 gm) .....	3.502	3.558	3.318	3.356	3.406	3.335	3.532	3.672	3.834	3.912
Chops, boneless, per lb. (453.6 gm) .....	4.082	4.078	4.047	4.072	4.111	4.042	4.241	4.316	3.914	3.858
Ham, rump or shank half, bone-in, smoked, per lb. (453.6 gm) .....	1.922	1.983	NA	NA	NA	NA	1.840	1.781	NA	NA
Ham, boneless, excluding canned, per lb. (453.6 gm) .....	2.786	2.820	NA	NA	2.597	2.675	2.899	2.872	2.643	2.665
Ham, canned, 3 or 5 lbs, per lb. (453.6 gm) .....	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Shoulder picnic, bone-in, smoked, per lb. (453.6 gm) .....	1.290	1.277	NA	NA	NA	NA	1.252	1.202	NA	NA
Sausage, fresh, loose, per lb. (453.6 gm) .....	2.162	2.180	NA	NA	NA	NA	2.178	2.180	NA	NA
<b>Other meats:</b>										
Frankfurters, all meat or all beef, per lb. (453.6 gm) .....	2.236	2.315	NA	NA	NA	NA	2.076	2.251	NA	NA
Bologna, all beef or mixed, per lb. (453.6 gm) .....	2.424	2.417	NA	NA	2.306	2.332	2.442	2.438	2.321	2.247
Lamb and mutton, bone-in, per lb. (453.6 gm) .....	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA

See footnotes at end of table.

**Table P4. Average retail food prices, U.S. city average and four regions <sup>1</sup>—Continued**

Food and unit	U.S. average		Northeast		North Central		South		West	
	July 1997	Aug. 1997	July 1997	Aug. 1997	July 1997	Aug. 1997	July 1997	Aug. 1997	July 1997	Aug. 1997
<b>Poultry:</b>										
Chicken, fresh, whole, per lb. (453.6 gm) .....	1.005	0.988	1.045	1.034	0.998	0.978	0.939	0.910	1.078	1.078
Chicken breast, bone-in, per lb. (453.6 gm) .....	2.073	2.027	2.241	2.029	2.047	1.988	1.901	1.929	2.137	2.209
Chicken legs, bone-in, per lb. (453.6 gm) .....	1.255	1.216	1.300	1.200	1.108	1.145	1.232	1.233	1.373	1.279
Turkey, frozen, whole, per lb. (453.6 gm) .....	1.074	1.092	NA	NA	1.094	1.100	1.044	1.066	1.093	1.130
<b>Fish and seafood:</b>										
Tuna, light, chunk, per lb. (453.6 gm) .....	1.967	1.997	2.050	1.991	1.984	2.112	1.840	1.881	2.122	2.090
<b>Eggs:</b>										
Grade A, large, per doz. ....	.979	1.061	1.214	1.251	.878	.961	.924	1.038	NA	NA
Grade AA, large, per doz. ....	1.201	1.270	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	1.305	1.385
<b>Dairy products:</b>										
Milk, fresh, whole, fortified, per 1/2 gal. (1.9 lit) .....	1.535	1.530	1.393	1.397	NA	NA	NA	NA	1.686	1.670
Milk, fresh, whole, fortified, per gal. (3.8 lit) .....	2.557	2.551	2.588	2.575	2.428	2.415	2.508	2.522	2.754	2.724
Milk, fresh, low fat, per 1/2 gal. (1.9 lit) .....	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Milk, fresh, low fat, per gal. (3.8 lit) .....	2.362	2.329	NA	NA	2.283	2.222	2.540	2.518	NA	NA
Butter, salted, grade AA, stick, per lb. (453.6 gm) .....	2.108	2.154	NA	NA	NA	NA	2.002	2.078	NA	NA
American processed cheese, per lb. (453.6 gm) .....	3.342	3.352	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Cheddar cheese, natural, per lb. (453.6 gm) .....	3.422	3.068	NA	NA	NA	NA	3.433	3.391	NA	2.824
Ice cream, prepackaged, bulk, regular, per 1/2 gal. (1.9 lit) .....	2.844	2.927	3.034	3.081	2.641	2.541	2.675	2.791	3.084	3.379
Yogurt, natural, fruit flavored, per 8 oz. (226.8 gm) .....	.654	.665	.656	.636	NA	NA	.670	.665	NA	NA
<b>Fruits and vegetables:</b>										
<b>Fresh fruits and vegetables:</b>										
Apples, Red Delicious, per lb. (453.6 gm) .....	.918	.935	.967	.999	.885	.910	.967	.964	.858	.875
Bananas, per lb. (453.6 gm) .....	.487	.475	.557	.554	.456	.440	.453	.434	.504	.500
Oranges, Navel, per lb. (453.6 gm) .....	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Oranges, Valencia, per lb. (453.6 gm) .....	.607	.669	.682	.739	.616	.640	.591	.714	.577	.627
Cherries, per lb. (453.6 gm) .....	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Grapfruit, per lb. (453.6 gm) .....	.592	.646	.598	.663	.630	.688	.557	.615	.599	.634
Grapes, Thompson Seedless, per lb. (453.6 gm) .....	1.372	1.240	1.515	1.355	1.410	1.330	1.373	1.139	1.214	1.147
Lemons, per lb. (453.6 gm) .....	1.519	1.623	1.586	1.563	1.374	1.489	1.465	1.560	1.621	1.836
Peaches, per lb. (453.6 gm) .....	.951	.973	.975	1.070	.878	.915	.909	.953	1.031	.983
Pears, Anjou, per lb. (453.6 gm) .....	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Strawberries, dry pint, per 12 oz. (340.2 gm) .....	1.383	1.375	1.326	1.326	1.365	1.375	NA	1.412	1.411	1.377
Potatoes, white, per lb. (453.6 gm) .....	.367	.388	.427	.424	.320	.344	.385	.410	.336	.375
Lettuce, iceberg, per lb. (453.6 gm) .....	.649	.694	.773	.787	.618	.667	.633	.691	.578	.632
Tomatoes, field grown, per lb. (453.6 gm) .....	1.141	1.130	1.312	1.244	1.168	1.127	1.071	1.124	1.010	1.001
Broccoli, per lb. (453.6 gm) .....	.968	.905	.982	.918	.946	.903	1.097	1.025	NA	NA
Cabbage, per lb. (453.6 gm) .....	.400	.372	.441	.430	.418	.314	.374	.373	NA	NA
Carrots, short trimmed and topped, per lb. (453.6 gm) .....	.520	.508	NA	NA	.437	.416	NA	NA	.428	.422
Celery, per lb. (453.6 gm) .....	.596	.662	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Corn on the cob, per lb. (453.6 gm) .....	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Cucumbers, per lb. (453.6 gm) .....	.635	.628	NA	NA	NA	NA	.675	.718	NA	NA
Onions, dry yellow, per lb. (453.6 gm) .....	.494	.531	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Peppers, sweet, per lb. (453.6 gm) .....	1.295	1.227	NA	NA	NA	NA	1.321	1.240	NA	NA
<b>Processed fruits and vegetables:</b>										
Apple Sauce, any variety, all sizes, per lb. (453.6 gm) .....	.859	.854	NA	NA	NA	NA	.837	.824	NA	NA
Orange juice, frozen concentrate, 12 oz. can, per 16 oz. (473.2 ml) .....	1.770	1.755	2.013	1.939	1.537	1.556	1.732	1.745	1.914	1.863
Peaches, any variety, all sizes, per lb. (453.6 gm) .....	.968	.962	NA	NA	.917	.919	.964	.934	NA	NA
Beans, dried, any type, all sizes, per lb. (453.6 gm) .....	.728	.729	NA	NA	.684	.694	.681	.686	NA	NA
Corn, canned, any style, all sizes, per lb. (453.6 gm) .....	.740	.752	.814	.811	NA	NA	.699	.706	NA	NA
Potatoes, frozen, French fried, per lb. (453.6 gm) .....	.938	.961	NA	NA	.850	.895	.944	.929	NA	NA
Tomatoes, canned, whole, per lb. (453.6 gm) .....	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Tomatoes, canned, any type, all sizes, per lb. (453.6 gm) .....	.684	.682	.638	.622	NA	NA	.693	.693	.776	.783

See footnotes at end of table.

**Table P4. Average retail food prices, U.S. city average and four regions <sup>1</sup>—Continued**

Food and unit	U.S. average		Northeast		North Central		South		West	
	July 1997	Aug. 1997	July 1997	Aug. 1997	July 1997	Aug. 1997	July 1997	Aug. 1997	July 1997	Aug. 1997
Other foods at home:										
Sugar and sweets:										
Sugar, white, all sizes, per lb. (453.6 gm) .....	0.433	0.436	0.447	0.458	0.433	0.437	0.430	0.431	0.426	0.424
Sugar, white, 33-80 oz. pkg. per lb. (453.6 gm) .....	.420	.423	.429	.441	.417	.420	.410	.413	NA	NA
Fats and oils:										
Margarine, stick, per lb. (453.6 gm) .....	.835	.838	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Margarine, soft, tubs, per lb. (453.6 gm) .....	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Shortening, vegetable oil blends, per lb. (453.6 gm) .....	.874	.880	1.043	1.032	.816	.810	.827	.851	.874	.874
Peanut butter, creamy, all sizes, per lb. (453.6 gm) .....	1.810	1.749	1.877	1.838	1.680	1.650	NA	NA	NA	NA
Nonalcoholic beverages:										
Cola, nondiet, cans, 72 oz. 6 pk., per 16 oz. (473.2 ml) <sup>2</sup> .....	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Cola, nondiet, per 2 liters (67.6 oz) .....	1.018	1.003	NA	NA	NA	NA	.991	.995	NA	NA
Coffee, 100%, ground roast, all sizes, per lb. (453.6 gm) .....	4.628	4.669	4.861	4.895	4.641	4.593	NA	NA	4.612	4.662
Coffee, 100%, ground roast, 13.1-20 oz. can, per lb. (453.6 gm) .....	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Coffee, instant, plain, regular, all sizes, per lb. (453.6 gm) .....	10.686	10.619	NA	NA	10.551	10.579	10.085	9.892	NA	NA
Other prepared foods:										
Potato chips, per 16 oz. (453.6 gm) .....	3.117	3.128	2.886	2.881	3.258	3.287	3.083	3.170	3.225	3.120
Alcoholic Beverages at Home:										
Malt Beverages, all types, all sizes, any origin, per 16 oz. (473.2 ml) .....	.847	.837	.887	.830	.792	.777	.829	.861	.895	.873
Vodka, all types, all sizes, any origin, per 1 liter (33.8 oz) .....	9.457	9.528	11.995	NA	9.319	NA	NA	NA	NA	8.455
Wine, red and white table, all sizes, any origin, per 1 liter (33.8 oz) .....	5.406	5.022	5.969	4.709	4.967	5.292	5.023	5.861	5.515	4.586

<sup>1</sup> Regions defined as the four Census regions. See map in technical notes.

<sup>2</sup> Deposit may be included in price.

NA Data not adequate for publication.



**Table NS1. New Series Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers (CPI-U) and for Urban Wage Earners and Clerical Workers (CPI-W), Washington-Baltimore CMSA**

(Nov. 1996=100)

Washington-Baltimore	Pricing schedule <sup>1</sup>	Indexes				Percent Change to Current Month		
		May 1997	June 1997	July 1997	Aug. 1997	May 1997	June 1997	July 1997
<b>CPI-U</b>								
All items .....	1	100.5	-	101.1	-	-	-	-
Food and beverages .....	1	99.7	-	100.1	-	-	-	-
Housing .....	1	100.4	-	102.4	-	-	-	-
Residential rent .....	M	100.5	100.5	100.7	100.6	0.1	0.1	-0.1
Apparel .....	1	101.4	-	97.3	-	-	-	-
Transportation .....	1	100.1	-	99.7	-	-	-	-
Medical care .....	1	101.7	-	101.3	-	-	-	-
Entertainment .....	1	100.6	-	102.1	-	-	-	-
Other goods and services .....	1	101.8	-	102.6	-	-	-	-
All items less food and energy .....	1	100.9	-	101.1	-	-	-	-
All items less medical care .....	1	100.4	-	101.1	-	-	-	-
Food .....	1	99.5	-	99.8	-	-	-	-
Energy .....	M	98.2	106.4	105.4	106.7	8.7	.3	1.2
<b>CPI-W</b>								
All items .....	1	100.5	-	101.1	-	-	-	-
Food and beverages .....	1	99.7	-	99.9	-	-	-	-
Housing .....	1	100.4	-	102.4	-	-	-	-
Residential rent .....	M	100.5	100.5	100.7	100.6	.1	.1	-1
Apparel .....	1	102.4	-	98.0	-	-	-	-
Transportation .....	1	100.2	-	99.6	-	-	-	-
Medical care .....	1	101.0	-	100.6	-	-	-	-
Entertainment .....	1	100.5	-	101.8	-	-	-	-
Other goods and services .....	1	102.3	-	102.9	-	-	-	-
All items less food and energy .....	1	101.0	-	101.0	-	-	-	-
All items less medical care .....	1	100.5	-	101.1	-	-	-	-
Food .....	1	99.4	-	99.7	-	-	-	-
Energy .....	M	98.1	106.4	105.3	106.7	8.8	.3	1.3

<sup>1</sup> Residential rent and Energy are priced monthly in Washington-Baltimore as indicated:  
M - Every month.  
1 - January, March, May, July, September, and November.  
- Data not available.

**Table NS2. New Series Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers (CPI-U) and for Urban Wage Earners and Clerical Workers (CPI-W), Selected Areas, All Items Index**

(Dec. 1996=100)

Region and Population Size Class	Indexes				Percent Change to Current Month		
	May 1997	June 1997	July 1997	Aug. 1997	May 1997	June 1997	July 1997
<b>CPI-U All Items</b>							
<b>Population Size Class</b>							
B/C .....	100.9	101.0	101.1	101.3	0.4	0.3	0.2
<b>Region/Population Size Cross - Classifications</b>							
Northeast B/C .....	100.3	100.6	101.0	101.2	.9	.6	.2
North Central B/C .....	100.5	100.7	100.6	100.9	.4	.2	.3
South B/C .....	101.0	101.3	101.3	101.4	.4	.1	.1
West B/C .....	101.5	101.3	101.3	101.5	.0	.2	.2
<b>CPI-W All Items</b>							
<b>Population Size Class</b>							
B/C .....	100.7	100.9	100.9	101.1	.4	.2	.2
<b>Region/Population Size Cross - Classifications</b>							
Northeast B/C .....	100.3	100.5	100.8	101.0	.7	.5	.2
North Central B/C .....	100.4	100.6	100.5	100.8	.4	.2	.3
South B/C .....	100.9	101.1	101.0	101.1	.2	.0	.1
West B/C .....	101.5	101.3	101.3	101.5	.0	.2	.2

**Table X. New Consumer Price Index Publication Structure of Expenditure Categories**

All items	Citrus fruits
All items - old base	<i>Oranges, including tangerines</i>
Food and beverages	Other fresh fruits
Food	Fresh vegetables
Food at home	Potatoes
Cereals and bakery products	Lettuce
Cereals and cereal products	Tomatoes
Flour and prepared flour mixes	Other fresh vegetables
Breakfast cereal	Processed fruits and vegetables
Rice, pasta, cornmeal	Canned fruits and vegetables
<i>Rice</i>	<i>Canned fruits</i>
Bakery products	<i>Canned vegetables</i>
Bread	Frozen fruits and vegetables
<i>White bread</i>	<i>Frozen vegetables</i>
<i>Bread other than white</i>	Other processed fruits and vegetables including dried
Fresh biscuits, rolls, muffins	<i>Dried beans, peas, and lentils</i>
Cakes, cupcakes, and cookies	Nonalcoholic beverages and beverage materials
<i>Fresh cakes and cupcakes</i>	Juices and nonalcoholic drinks
<i>Cookies</i>	Carbonated drinks
Other bakery products	Frozen noncarbonated juices and drinks
<i>Fresh sweetrolls, coffeecakes, and doughnuts</i>	Nonfrozen noncarbonated juices and drinks
<i>Crackers, bread, and cracker products</i>	Beverage materials including coffee and tea
<i>Frozen and refrigerated bakery products, pies, tarts, turnovers</i>	Coffee
Meats, poultry, fish, and eggs	<i>Roasted coffee</i>
Meats, poultry, and fish	<i>Instant and freeze dried coffee</i>
Meats	Other beverage materials including tea
Beef and veal	Other food at home
Uncooked Ground beef	Sugar and sweets
Uncooked Beef roasts	Sugar and artificial sweeteners
Uncooked Beef steaks	Candy and chewing gum
Other uncooked beef and veal	Other sweets
Pork	Fats and oils
Bacon, breakfast sausage, and related products	Butter and margarine
<i>Bacon and related products</i>	<i>Butter</i>
<i>Breakfast sausage and related products</i>	<i>Margarine</i>
Ham	Salad dressings
<i>Ham, excluding canned</i>	Other fats and oils including peanut butter
Pork chops	<i>Peanut butter</i>
Other pork including roasts and picnics	Other foods
Other meats	Soups
<i>Frankfurters</i>	Frozen and freeze dried prepared foods
<i>Lunchmeats</i>	Snacks
<i>Lamb and organ meats</i>	Spices, seasonings, condiments, sauces
<i>Lamb and mutton</i>	<i>Salt and other seasonings and spices</i>
Poultry	<i>Olives, pickles, relishes</i>
Chicken	<i>Sauces and gravies</i>
<i>Fresh whole chicken</i>	<i>Other condiments</i>
<i>Fresh and frozen chicken parts</i>	Baby food
Other poultry including turkey	Other miscellaneous foods
Fish and seafood	<i>Prepared salads</i>
Fresh fish and seafood	Food away from home
Processed fish and seafood	Full service meals and snacks
<i>Canned fish and seafood</i>	Limited service meals and snacks
<i>Frozen fish and seafood</i>	Food at employee sites and schools
Eggs	Food from vending machines and snack bars
Dairy and related products	Other food away from home
Milk	Alcoholic beverages
<i>Fresh whole milk</i>	Alcoholic beverages at home
<i>Fresh milk other than whole</i>	Beer, ale, and malt beverages at home
Cheese and related products	Distilled spirits at home
Ice cream and related products	<i>Whiskey at home</i>
Other dairy and related products	<i>Distilled spirits excluding whiskey at home</i>
Fruits and vegetables	Wine at home
Fresh fruits and vegetables	Alcoholic beverages away from home
Fresh fruits	<i>Beer, ale, and other malt beverages away from home</i>
Apples	<i>Wine away from home</i>
Bananas	<i>Distilled spirits away from home</i>

Italic denotes substratum indexes.

**Table X. New Consumer Price Index Publication Structure of Expenditure Categories (cont.)**

Housing	Women's footwear
Shelter	Infants' and toddlers' apparel
Rent of primary residence	Jewelry and watches
Lodging away from home	Watches
Housing at school, excluding board	Jewelry
Other lodging away from home including hotels and motels	
Owners' equivalent rent of primary residence	Transportation
Tenants' and household insurance	Private transportation
	New and used motor vehicles
Fuels and utilities	New vehicles
Fuels	<i>New cars and trucks</i>
Fuel oil and other fuels	<i>New cars</i>
Fuel oil	<i>New trucks</i>
Other household fuels	<i>New motorcycles</i>
Gas (piped) and electricity	Used cars and trucks
Electricity	Leased cars and trucks
Utility natural gas service	Car and truck rental
Water and sewer and trash collection services	Motor fuel
Water and sewerage maintenance	Gasoline
Garbage and trash collection	<i>Gasoline, unleaded regular</i>
	<i>Gasoline, unleaded midgrade</i>
Household furnishings and operations	<i>Gasoline, unleaded premium</i>
Window and floor coverings and other linens	Other motor fuels
Floor coverings	Motor vehicle parts and equipment
Window coverings	Tires
Other linens	Vehicle accessories other than tires
Furniture and bedding	<i>Vehicle parts and equipment other than tires</i>
Bedroom furniture	<i>Motor oil, coolant, and fluids</i>
Living room, kitchen, and dining room furniture	Motor vehicle maintenance and repair
Other furniture	Motor vehicle body work
Appliances	Motor vehicle maintenance and servicing
Major appliances	Motor vehicle repair
<i>Laundry equipment</i>	Motor vehicle insurance
Other appliances	Motor vehicle fees
Other household equipment and furnishings	State and local registration, license, and motor
Clocks, lamps, and decorator items	vehicle property tax
Indoor plants and flowers	Parking and other fees
Dishes and flatware	<i>Parking fees and tolls</i>
Nonelectric cookware and tableware	<i>Automobile service clubs</i>
Tools/hardware and outdoor equipment and supplies	Public transportation
Tools, hardware and supplies	Airline fare
Outdoor equipment and supplies	Other intercity transportation
Housekeeping supplies	<i>Intercity bus fare</i>
Household cleaning products	<i>Intercity train fare</i>
Household paper products	<i>Ship fare</i>
Miscellaneous household products	Intracity transportation
Household operations	<i>Taxi fare</i>
Housekeeping services	<i>Car and van pools</i>
Gardening and lawn care services	
Moving, storage, freight expense	Medical care
Repair of household items	Medical care commodities
	Prescription drugs and medical supplies
Apparel	Nonprescription drugs and medical supplies
Men's and boy's apparel	Internal and respiratory over-the-counter drugs
Men's apparel	Nonprescription medical equipment and supplies
Men's suits, sport coats, and outerwear	Medical care services
Men's furnishings	Professional services
Men's shirts and sweaters	Physicians' services
Men's pants and shorts	Dental services
Boy's apparel	Eyeglasses and eye care
Women's and girls' apparel	Services by other medical professionals
Women's apparel	Hospital and related services
Women's outerwear	Hospital services
Women's dresses	<i>Inpatient hospital services</i>
Women's suits and separates	<i>Outpatient hospital services</i>
Women's underwear, nightwear, sportswear and accessories	Nursing homes and adult daycare
Girls' apparel	
Footwear	Recreation
Men's footwear	Video and audio
Boys' and girls' footwear	Television sets

*Italic denotes substratum indexes.*

**Table X. New Consumer Price Index Publication Structure of Expenditure Categories (cont.)**

Cable television	Computer information processing services
Other video equipment	Other information processing equipment
Video cassettes and discs, and other media including rentals	Other goods and services
<i>Video cassettes and discs, blank and prerecorded</i>	Tobacco and smoking products
<i>Rental of video tapes and discs</i>	Cigarettes
Audio equipment	Tobacco products other than cigarettes
Audio discs and tapes and other media	Personal care
Pets, pet products and services	Personal care products
Pets and pet products	Hair, dental, shaving, and miscellaneous personal care products
<i>Pet food</i>	Cosmetics/perfume/bath/nail preparations and implements
<i>Purchase of pets, pet supplies, accessories</i>	Personal care services
Pet services including veterinary services	Haircuts and other personal care services
<i>Pet services</i>	Miscellaneous personal services
<i>Veterinarian services</i>	Legal services
Sporting goods	Funeral expenses
Sports vehicles including bicycles	Laundry and dry cleaning services
Sports equipment	Apparel services other than laundry and dry cleaning
Photography	Financial services
Photographic supplies and equipment	<i>Checking account and other bank services</i>
<i>Film and photographic supplies</i>	<i>Tax return preparation and other accounting fees</i>
<i>Photographic equipment</i>	Care of invalids and elderly at home
Photographers and film processing	Miscellaneous personal goods
<i>Photographer fees</i>	<i>Stationery, stationery supplies, gift wrap</i>
<i>Film processing</i>	Luggage
Other recreational goods	
Toys and games	
<i>Toys, games, hobbies and playground equipment</i>	
<i>Video game hardware, software and accessories</i>	
Sewing machines, fabric, and supplies	
Music instruments and accessories	
Recreation services	
Club membership dues and fees for participant sports	
Admissions	
<i>Admission to movies, theaters, concerts</i>	
<i>Admission to sporting events</i>	
Fees for lessons or instructions	
Recreational reading materials	
Newspapers and magazines	
Recreational books	
Education and communication	
Education	
Educational books and supplies	
Tuition, other school fees, and child care	
College tuition and fees	
Elementary and high school tuition and fees	
Child care and nursery school	
Technical and business school tuition and fees	
Communication	
Postage and delivery services	
Postage	
Delivery services	
Information and information processing	
Telephone services	
Telephone services, local charges	
Telephone services, long distance charges	
<i>Interstate toll calls</i>	
<i>Intrastate toll calls</i>	
Cellular telephone services	
Information and information processing other than telephone services	
Personal computers, peripheral equipment	
Computer software and accessories	
	<b>SPECIAL AGGREGATE INDEXES</b>
	Commodities
	Commodities less food and beverages
	Nondurables less food and beverages
	Nondurables less food, beverages, and apparel
	Durables
	Services
	Rent of Shelter
	Transportation services
	Other services
	All items less food
	All items less shelter
	All items less medical care
	Commodities less food
	Nondurables less food
	Nondurables less food and apparel
	Nondurables
	Apparel less footwear
	Services less rent of shelter
	Services less medical care services
	Energy
	All items less energy
	All items less food and energy
	Commodities less food and energy commodities
	Energy commodities
	Services less energy services
	Domestically produced farm food
	Utilities and public transportation
	Purchasing power of the consumer dollar
	Purchasing power of the consumer dollar - old base

Italic denotes substratum indexes.

# Technical Notes

## Brief Explanation of the CPI

The Consumer Price Index (CPI) is a measure of the average change in prices over time in a fixed market basket of goods and services. The Bureau of Labor Statistics publishes CPI's for two population groups: (1) a CPI for All Urban Consumers (CPI-U) which covers approximately 80 percent of the total population and (2), a CPI for Urban Wage Earners and Clerical Workers (CPI-W) which covers 32 percent of the total population. The CPI-U includes, in addition to wage earners and clerical workers, groups such as professional, managerial, and technical workers, the self-employed, short-term workers, the unemployed, and retirees and others not in the labor force.

The CPI is based on prices of food, clothing, shelter, fuels, transportation fares, charges for doctors' and dentists' services, medicine, and the other goods that people buy for day-to-day living. Prices are collected in 85 urban areas across the country from about 57,000 housing units and approximately 19,000 retail establishments—department stores, supermarkets, hospitals, gasoline stations and other types of stores and services establishments. All taxes directly associated with the purchase and use of items are included in the index. Prices of food, fuel, and a few other items are obtained every month in all 85 locations. Prices of most other commodities and services are collected every month in the five largest geographic areas and every other month in other areas. Prices of most goods and services are obtained by either personal visits or telephone calls from the Bureau's trained representatives. Some data, such as used car prices, are obtained from secondary sources.

In calculating the index, price changes for the various items in each location are averaged together with weights which represent their importance in the spending of the appropriate population group. Local data are then combined to obtain a U.S. city average. Separate indexes are also published by size of city, by region of country, for cross-classifications of regions and population-size classes, and for 29 local areas. Area indexes do not measure differences in the level of prices among cities, they only measure the average change in prices for each area since the base period.

The indexes measure price change from a designated reference date, usually 1982-84, which equals 100.0. An increase of 7 percent, for example, is shown as 107.0. This change can also be expressed in dollars as follows: the price of a base period "market basket" of goods and services in the CPI has risen from \$100 in 1982-84 to \$107.

For further details see *BLS Handbook of Methods*, BLS Bulletin 2414, September 1992.

## Calculating Index Changes

Movements of the indexes from one month to another are usually expressed as percent changes rather than changes in index points, because index point changes are affected by the level of the index in relation to its base period while percent changes are not. The example in the accompanying box illustrates the computation of index point and percent changes.

Percent changes for 3-month and 6-month periods are expressed as annual rates and are computed according to the standard formula for compound growth rates. These data indicate what the percent change would be if the current rate were maintained for a 12-month period.

<i>Index point change</i>	
CPI	112.5
Less previous index	108.5
Equals index point change	4.0
<i>Percent change</i>	
Index point difference	4.0
Divided by the previous index	108.5
Equals	0.037
Results multiplied by one hundred	$0.037 \times 100$
Equals percent change	3.7

## Energy Prices

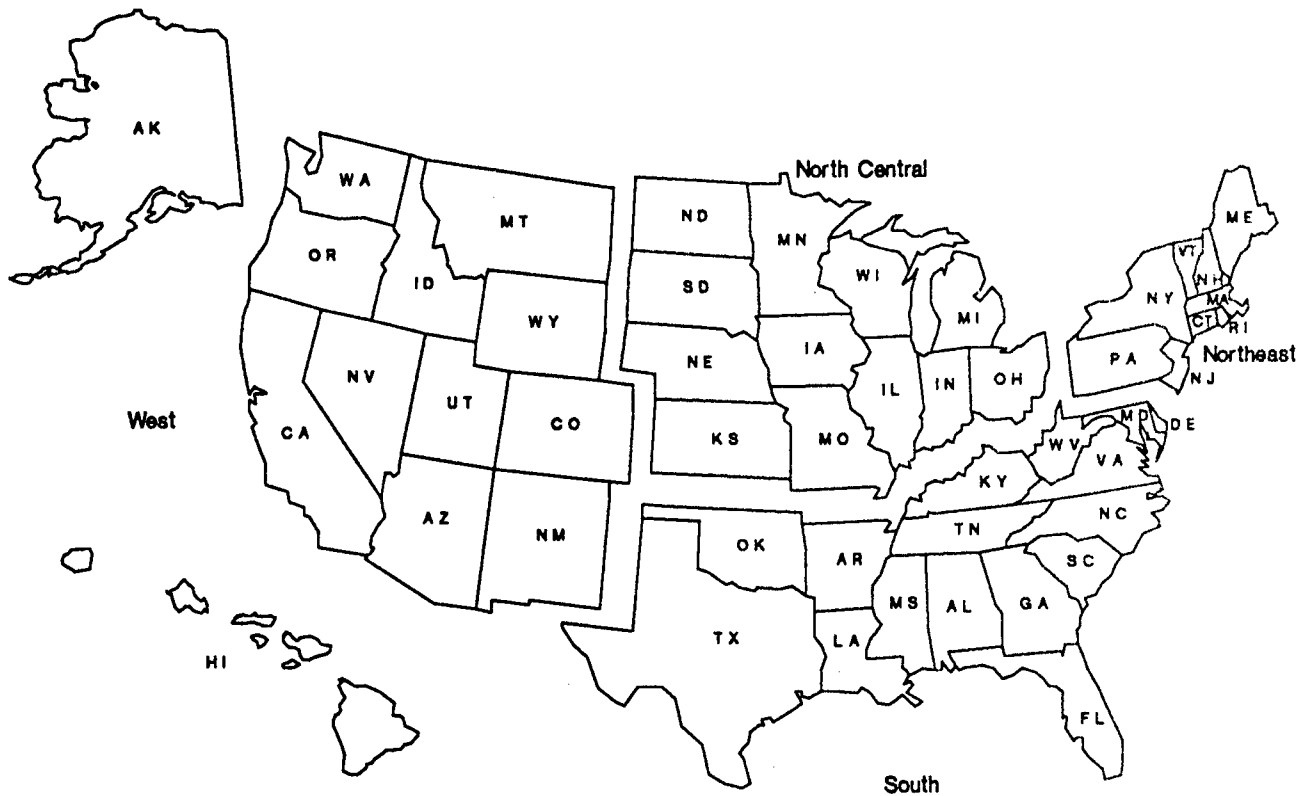
Prices are usually available for the U.S. city average, 15 large metropolitan areas, the four census regions, four size classifications, and 13 areas reflecting the four Census regions cross-classified by the four population sizes. However, not all energy commodities and services are used in every area of the country. Fuel oil, for example, is not a common heating fuel in some urban areas, particularly in the South and West. Where no average prices are available, the designation NA appears. This designation also appears if the data sufficiency criteria have not been met in any given month. For example, if there are fewer than five usable fuel oil prices for a published city or region size class, no fuel oil prices for the area will be published.

All prices are collected monthly by BLS representatives in the urban areas priced for the CPI. Prices for natural gas and electricity include fuel and purchased gas adjustments and all applicable taxes. Fuel oil and gasoline prices include applicable Federal, State, and local taxes.

*Natural gas and electricity.* Natural gas prices are reported in therms, which are a measure of heating value. Electricity prices are given in kilowatt hours (kwh). For both utility services, the consumption ranges specified in table P2 are the upper and lower limits of the bill sizes priced for the Consumer Price Index. The average prices per therm and per kilowatt hour are calculated from bills priced within these ranges. It should be noted that bills priced for the CPI are not only for different consumption amounts, but may also be calculated from different types of residential rate schedules. *The average price per therm and per kilowatt hour are not, therefore, generally suitable for use in place-to-place price comparisons.*

The average prices for 40 and 100 therms of natural gas for 500 kilowatt hours of electricity (table P1) are calculated from a special price collection program. They are not used in the calculation of the CPI. Since heating and air-conditioning requirements vary by geographic location, climate, and weather conditions, it cannot be inferred that these consumption amounts represent those used by a typical residen-

## Census Regions



tial consumer. These bills are used merely to track price changes over time for constant amounts of consumption, and to provide continuity with prices of natural gas and electricity formerly published in conjunction with the unrevised Consumer Price Index.

**Fuel oil.** Only #2 fuel oil (home heating oil) is priced. Prices are collected, in most cases, for quantities greater than one gallon. These prices are converted to a gallon price for this program. Fuel oil prices reflect discounts for quantity and/or quick payment.

**Gasoline.** Gasoline prices are collected at the pump from a sample of full service, mini-service, and self-serve gas stations.

Approximate British Thermal Unit (BTU) values for some energy items are as follows, according to the source indicated:

1 therm = 100,000 BTU's (U.S. Department of Energy).

1 kwh = 3,412 BTU'S (Edison Electric Institute).

1 gallon #2 fuel oil = 140,000 BTU'S (U.S. Department of Energy).

## Food Prices

In the revised CPI, actual weighted average prices are calculated each month at the national level and for the four Census geographic regions. As a result of changes in price collection methodology and sample sizes, average prices for individual cities cannot in general be produced. It is hoped however, that regional average prices will help satisfy the need for local area data. It should be noted that the average prices for food in this report reflect variations in brand, quality, and size among geographic areas. Users of average food prices should be aware that these differences exist.

Because a number of food commodities are not available in all areas on a year-round basis, prices will not appear in some months for some regions or for the U.S. city average. In other instances, sufficient prices may not be available due to temporary disruptions in supplies. Where no average prices are available, the designation NA appears. When a price is not available from an individual store in any month, as estimated price will be calculated for the missing item and used in computing the average price. In cases where the proportion of estimated prices used to calculate the average is considered too high, the average price is not published and NA appears for that item in the table.

Because of space limitations in the table, the description for each item is abbreviated. More detailed specifications are available from the BLS regional offices or from the Washington office upon request.

## Adjustment of Shelter Indexes for Aging Effects

Beginning with January 1988 CPI, the Bureau of Labor Statistics adjusts the monthly CPI shelter indexes for the

change in quality resulting from the effect of aging on rental housing. In January 1987, the Bureau announced its intention to begin making such adjustments, assuming that further research substantiated the need to do so. The decision to implement the adjustment was based on extensive BLS research, in which alternative adjustment methods were explored and tested. Evaluation of the research indicates that an aging effect exists, and that the chosen method is operationally feasible.<sup>1</sup> The adjustment affect CPI shelter indexes, which would have been raised by 0.2 percent for the year 1987 had an aging adjustment been applied.

The quality of housing unit decreases as the unit ages. Existing BLS methods are used to correct for relatively easily measured quality changes such as the addition of an extra bedroom, but such methods are inadequate to correct for deterioration in the condition of housing unit.<sup>2</sup>

The aging adjustment method was specifically designed to correct for quality changes associated with this deterioration. The BLS used hedonic regression methods to estimate the aging effect.

The estimates were then used to correct the CPI rent and rental equivalence indexes. Hedonic regressions are statistical functions that relate the price of a good to its attributes or characteristics. For example, a hedonic regression relates a housing unit's rent to its size, age, location, etc. By using BLS housing survey data from 1987 and Census data from 1980, hedonic regression methods provided estimates of the relationship between a housing unit's rent and age while other housing unit characteristics were held constant. The estimated relationship was then used to construct the aging adjustment. Estimates will be recomputed annually by using the previous year's BLS housing survey data and the most recently available Census data.

## Seasonally Adjusted and Unadjusted Data

Because price data are used for different purposes by different groups, the Bureau of Labor Statistics publishes seasonally adjusted as well as unadjusted changes each month. For analyzing general price trends in the economy, seasonally adjusted changes are usually preferred since they eliminate the effect of changes that normally occur at the same time and in about the same magnitude every year—such as price movements resulting from changing climatic conditions, production cycles, model changeovers, holidays, and sales.

<sup>1</sup> A complete technical presentation of BLS research on this subject is available in William C. Randolph, "Housing Depreciation and Aging Bias in the Consumer Price Index," BLS Working Paper No. 166, April 1987, and *Journal of Business and Economic Statistics*, Vol. 6, No. 3, July 1988, pp. 359-71 and in William C. Randolph, "Estimation of Housing Depreciation: Short Term Quality Change and Long Term Vintage Effects," BLS Working Paper No. 160, April 1986, and *Journal of Urban Economics*, Vol. 23, March 1988, 162-78. These papers are available from the BLS on request.

<sup>2</sup> For detail on existing quality adjustment methods, see *BLS Handbook of Methods*, chapter 19 (BLS Bulletin 2414).



The unadjusted data are of primary interest to consumers concerned about the prices they actually pay. Unadjusted data also are used extensively for escalation purposes. Many collective bargaining contract agreements and pension plans, for example, tie compensation changes to the Consumer Price Index unadjusted for seasonal variation.

In most cases, seasonal factors used in computing the seasonally adjusted indexes are derived by the X-11-ARIMA Seasonal Adjustment Method. The updated seasonal data at the end of 1977 replaced data from 1967 through 1977. Subsequent annual updates have replaced 5 years of seasonal data, for example, data from 1987 through 1991 were replaced at the end of 1991. The seasonal movement of all items and 47 other aggregations is derived by combining the seasonal movement of 60 selected components. Each year the seasonal status of every series is reevaluated based upon certain statistical criteria. Occasionally, a component changes its seasonal adjustment status from seasonally adjusted to not seasonally adjusted. When this occurs, not seasonally adjusted data are used for the last 5 years, but before that period the seasonally adjusted indexes remain in calculations of higher-level seasonally adjusted indexes.

Effective with the calculation of the seasonal factors for 1990, the Bureau of Labor Statistics has used an enhanced seasonal adjustment procedure called intervention analysis in conjunction with X-11-ARIMA for some CPI series. Intervention analysis allows for better estimates of seasonally adjusted data. Extreme values and/or sharp movements which might distort the seasonal pattern are removed from the data prior to calculation of seasonal factors in X-11-ARIMA.

For the fuel oil and the motor fuels indexes, this procedure was used to offset the effects that extreme price volatility would otherwise have had on the estimates of seasonally adjusted data for those series. For some women's apparel indexes and the girls' apparel index, the procedure was used to offset the effects of changes in pricing methodology; and for new cars, new trucks, and new vehicles, this procedure was used to offset the effects of changes in marketing strategies and the introduction of new models. For the tobacco and smoking products index, this procedure was used to offset the effects of increases in excise taxes and wholesale tobacco prices. For some alcoholic beverage series, intervention was used to offset the effects of excise tax increases.

An alternative to the intervention-adjusted X-11-ARIMA procedure is the state space model-based seasonal adjustment method. This method adjusts simultaneously for interventions and seasonal effects, rather than sequentially as in the X-11-ARIMA methodology, using structural statistical models with explanatory variables. The state space structural model-based method of seasonal adjustment was introduced in 1992 for the adjustment of January 1991-December 1991 indexes for three women's apparel series: Dresses, separates and sportswear, and suits.

A description of intervention analysis, including a list of

events treated as interventions and the seasonal factors for these items may be obtained by writing the Bureau of Labor Statistics, Division of Consumer Prices and Price Indexes, Room 3615, Washington, DC 20212-0001 or by calling Claire McAnaw at (202) 606-6968.

## Metropolitan Areas

BLS publishes five major metropolitan areas monthly:

Chicago-Gary-Lake County, IL-IN-WI  
 Los Angeles-Anaheim-Riverside, CA  
 New York-Northern NJ-Long Island, NY-NJ-CT  
 Philadelphia-Wilmington-Trenton PA-NJ-DE-MD  
 San Francisco-Oakland-San Jose, CA

Data for additional 10 metropolitan areas are published every other month [on an odd (January, March, etc.) or even (February, April etc.) month schedule] for the following areas:

Baltimore, MD	-odd
Boston-Lawrence—Salem, MA-NH	-odd
Cleveland-Akron—Lorain, OH	-odd
Dallas-Fort Worth, TX	-even
Detroit-Ann Arbor, MI	-even
Houston, TX	-even
Miami-Fort Lauderdale, FL	-odd
Pittsburgh-Beaver Valley, PA	-even
St. Louis-East St. Louis, MO-IL	-odd
Washington, DC-MD-VA	-odd

(Note: The designation even or odd refers to the month during which the area's price change is measured. Due to the time needed for processing, data are released 2 to 3 weeks in to the following month.)

Data are published for another group of 12 metropolitan areas on a semiannual basis. These indexes, which refer to the arithmetic average for the 6-month periods from January through June and July through December, are published with release of the CPI for July and January, respectively, in August and February for:

Anchorage, AK	Kansas City, MO-KS
Atlanta, GA	Milwaukee, WI
Buffalo-Niagara Falls, NY	Minneapolis-St. Paul MN-WI
Cincinnati-Hamilton, OH-KY-IN	Portland-Vancouver, OR-WA
Denver-Boulder, CO	San Diego, CA
Honolulu, HI	Seattle-Tacoma, WA

Finally, BLS recently began publication of CPI's for two metropolitan areas on an annual basis. These indexes represent the arithmetic averages for the 12-monthly period from January through December of each year. They are published with the release of the CPI for January, i.e., in February. These areas are:

New Orleans, LA  
 Tampa-St. Petersburg-Clearwater, FL

## How to Obtain Consumer Price Index Information

Consumer Price Index (CPI) information can be obtained from the Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS) electronically, through subscriptions to publications, and via telephone and fax through automated recordings. Information specialists are also available to provide help and to respond to questions.

### Electronic access to CPI data

**BLS on the internet.** Through the internet, the BLS provides free, easy, and continuous access to all published CPI data and press releases. The most recent month's CPI is made available immediately at the time of release. A database, called LABSTAT, containing current and historical data for the CPI is accessible. Data and press releases from other BLS surveys are also available. The site is accessible via World Wide Web (WWW), Gopher, and File Transfer Protocol (FTP), as described below. For help using any of these systems, send e-mail to LABSTAT.HELPDESK@BLS.GOV

**World Wide Web.** BLS maintains a website at <http://stats.bls.gov> The BLS home page provides easy access to LABSTAT, as well as links to program specific home pages. The CPI home page provides other CPI information, including a brief explanation of methodology, frequently asked questions and answers, contacts for further information, and explanations of how the CPI handles special items, like medical care and housing.

**FTP and Gopher.** These tools provide access to CPI LABSTAT data, as well as documentation and press release files organized in hierarchical directories. Using FTP or Gopher, connect to [stats.bls.gov](http://stats.bls.gov) Logon as ANONYMOUS and use your complete internet e-mail address as the password.

### Subscriptions to CPI publications

**Summary Data.** Free, monthly, two-page publication containing 1-month and 12-month percent changes for selected U.S. city average Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers (CPI-U) and Consumer Price Index for Urban Wage Earners and Clerical Workers (CPI-W) index series. The all items index data for each local area are also included. To be added to the mailing list, write to: Office of Publications and Special Studies, Bureau of Labor Statistics, 2 Massachusetts Ave., NE., Room 2860, Washington, DC, 20212-0001 or call (202) 606-7828 or any of the regional offices listed on the inside back cover.

**CPI Detailed Report.** Most comprehensive report of the Consumer Price Index. See inside front cover for details.

**Monthly Labor Review (MLR).** The MLR provides selected CPI data included in a monthly summary of BLS data and occasional articles and methodological descriptions too ex-

tensive for inclusion in the *CPI Detailed Report*. The MLR costs \$29.00 per year or \$7.50 per issue. This publication may be ordered by writing to: New Orders, Superintendent of Documents, P.O. Box 371954, Pittsburgh, PA 15250-7954, or by calling (202) 512-1800.

### Recorded CPI data

Summary CPI data are provided 24-hours a day on recorded messages. Detailed CPI information is available by calling (202) 606-7828. A touch-tone telephone is recommended as this system allows the user to select specific indexes from lists of available data.

Information about the *U.S. city average and the Washington, DC-MD-VA area all items index* and the next release date is available by calling (202) 606-6994. This recording is approximately 2.5 minutes in length, and a touch-tone telephone is not needed.

### Other sources of CPI data

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