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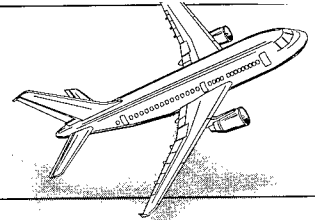


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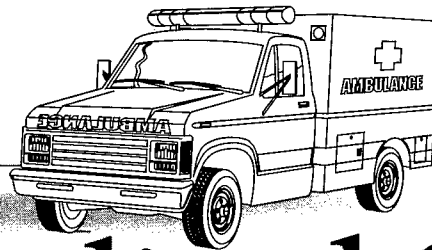
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# Price Movements

## March 1998

The Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers (CPI-U) rose 0.2 percent in March before seasonal adjustment to a level of 162.2 (1982-84=100). For the 12-month period ended in March, the CPI-U has increased 1.4 percent.

The Consumer Price Index for Urban Wage Earners and Clerical Workers (CPI-W) rose 0.1 percent in March, prior to seasonal adjustment. The March 1998 CPI-W level of 158.7 was 1.1 percent higher than the index in March 1997.

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

On a seasonally adjusted basis, the CPI-U was unchanged in March, following a 0.1-percent rise in February. The food index was unchanged for the second consecutive month. Grocery store food prices decreased 0.1 percent in March, the same as in February, reflecting declines in the indexes for fruits and vegetables, for meats, poultry, fish, and eggs, and for nonalcoholic beverages. The energy index declined sharply for the fourth consecutive month—down 1.2 percent in March. The index for petroleum-based energy decreased 3.1 percent, while the index for energy services increased 0.2 percent. Excluding food and energy, the CPI-U rose 0.1 percent,

following an increase of 0.3 percent in February. Declines in the indexes for apparel and for tobacco, coupled with a smaller increase in shelter costs, were largely responsible for the deceleration.

For the first 3-months of 1998, the CPI-U advanced at a 0.2-percent seasonally adjusted annual rate (SAAR). This compares with an increase of 1.7 percent in all of 1997. Falling energy prices were responsible for the deceleration in the first quarter of 1998. The energy index, which decreased 3.4 percent in 1997, declined at a 21.1-percent SAAR in the first three months of 1998. Petroleum-based energy costs fell at a 33.3-percent SAAR, while charges for energy services decreased at a 9.4-percent annual rate. The food index rose at a 1.3-percent SAAR thus far in 1998, following a 1.5-percent increase in 1997. Grocery store food prices increased at a 0.5-percent SAAR in the first 3 months, as the declines in the indexes for meats, poultry, fish, and eggs and for nonalcoholic beverages were more than offset by increases in the four other major grocery store food groups. The CPI-U excluding food and energy advanced at a 2.4-percent SAAR in the first 3 months of 1998, following a 2.2-percent rise for all of 1997, which was the smallest annual increase in this index since a 1.5 percent-rise in

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

Expenditure category	Seasonally adjusted							Compound annual rate, 3 months ended March 1998	Unadjusted 12 months ended March 1998
	Changes from preceding month								
	1997				1998				
	September	October	November	December	January	February	March		
All items .....	0.2	0.2	0.1	0.1	0	0.1	0	0.2	1.4
Food and beverages .....	.1	.2	.2	.1	.3	0	0	1.0	1.9
Housing .....	.3	.3	.3	.1	.1	.1	.2	1.5	2.1
Apparel .....	.2	.1	.1	.2	-5	.2	-2	-2.1	.3
Transportation .....	.3	0	-6	-3	-3	-4	-6	-5.2	-2.6
Medical care .....	.2	.2	.3	.3	.1	.3	.3	2.9	2.7
Recreation <sup>1</sup> .....	-	-	-	-	.3	.3	.4	4.1	1.6
Education and communication <sup>1</sup> .....	-	-	-	-	0	-1	.3	.8	2.5
Other goods and services .....	.3	.7	.4	.4	.4	.8	-3	3.9	5.0
Special indexes									
Energy .....	.9	-2	0	-1.8	-2.4	-2.2	-1.2	-21.1	-8.6
Food .....	.1	.3	.1	0	.3	0	0	1.3	2.0
All items less food and energy .....	.2	.2	.1	.2	.2	.3	.1	2.4	2.1

<sup>1</sup> Data not available.

1965. The rates for selected groups for the last four and one-quarter years are shown below.

**Table Q1. Annual percent changes in the CPI for All Urban Consumers, 1994-98**

Expenditure category	Percent change				SAAR 3 months ended in March
	12 months ended in December				
	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998
All Items .....	2.7	2.5	3.3	1.7	0.2
Food and beverages .....	2.7	2.1	4.2	1.6	1.0
Housing .....	2.2	3.0	2.9	2.4	1.5
Apparel .....	-1.6	.1	-0.2	1.0	-2.1
Transportation .....	3.8	1.5	4.4	-1.4	-5.2
Medical care .....	4.9	3.9	3.0	2.8	2.9
Recreation .....	1.4	2.8	3.0	1.5	4.1
Education and communication .....	3.3	4.0	3.4	3.0	.8
Other goods and services .....	4.2	4.3	3.6	5.2	3.9
Special indexes					
Energy .....	2.2	-1.3	8.6	-3.4	-21.1
Commodities .....	5.2	-3.3	13.8	-6.9	-33.3
Services .....	-.6	.8	3.8	.2	-9.4
All items less energy .....	2.6	2.9	2.9	2.1	2.1
Food .....	2.9	2.1	4.3	1.5	1.3
All items less food and energy .....	2.6	3.0	2.6	2.2	2.4
Shelter .....	3.0	3.5	2.9	3.4	2.7

In March, the food and beverages index was unchanged for the second consecutive month. The index for grocery store food prices declined 0.1 percent in March, the same as in February. Decreases in the indexes for fruits and vegetables, for meats, poultry, fish, and eggs, and for nonalcoholic beverages more than offset moderate increases in the other major grocery store food groups. The index for fruits

and vegetables declined 1.0 percent in March, reflecting decreases in the indexes for both fresh fruits—down 2.6 percent—and fresh vegetables—down 0.3 percent. The index for processed fruits and vegetables rose 0.8 percent. The index for meats, poultry, fish, and eggs declined for the fourth consecutive month—down 0.4 percent in March. The index for beef increased 0.3 percent in March, as beef prices registered their first increase since September. This increase was more than offset by price declines for pork, poultry, fish, and eggs. The index for nonalcoholic beverages decreased 0.3 percent. On the other hand, the other three major groups—dairy and related products, cereal and bakery products, and other food at home—increased 0.5, 0.4 and 0.3 percent, respectively. The other two components of the food and beverage index—food away from home and alcoholic beverages—rose 0.2 and declined 0.1 percent, respectively.

The housing component rose 0.2 percent in March, following increases of 0.1 percent in each of the first two months of the year. Shelter costs rose 0.2 percent. Within shelter, the index for rent rose 0.4 percent, owners' equivalent rent increased 0.2 percent, and the cost of lodging away from home decreased 0.4 percent. (Prior to seasonal adjustment, the latter index rose 1.7 percent.) The index for fuels and utilities, which registered declines in each of the three preceding months, increased 0.3 percent in March. The index for household fuels rose 0.4 percent; the index for natural gas increased 2.3 percent, the index for fuel oil was unchanged, and the index for electricity declined 0.5 percent. (Prior to seasonal adjustment, prices for fuel oil fell 1.5 percent; and charges for natural gas and electricity declined 0.3 and 0.2 percent, respectively.) The index for household furnishings and operation increased 0.1 percent in March.

The transportation component declined for the fifth

**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 March 1998	Unadjusted 12 months ended March 1998
	Changes from preceding month								
	1997				1998				
	September	October	November	December	January	February	March		
All items .....	0.2	0.2	0.1	0.1	0	0	-0.1	-0.3	1.1
Food and beverages .....	.1	.3	.1	0	.3	0	0	1.3	1.9
Housing .....	.3	.3	.3	0	0	.1	.3	1.6	2.0
Apparel .....	.2	0	0	0	-.5	-.2	-.5	-4.5	-.6
Transportation .....	.2	-.1	-.6	-.3	-.5	-.4	-.8	-6.6	-3.0
Medical care .....	.2	.2	.3	.4	.2	.2	.3	2.7	2.7
Recreation .....	-	-	-	-	.3	.3	.3	3.6	1.6
Education and communication .....	-	-	-	-	-.1	0	.4	1.2	2.5
Other goods and services .....	.5	.7	.4	.4	.5	1.1	-.6	3.9	5.2
Special indexes									
Energy .....	.9	-.2	-.2	-1.9	-2.5	-2.1	-1.3	-21.2	-8.9
Food .....	.1	.2	.2	-.1	.4	-.1	0	1.3	1.9
All items less food and energy .....	.2	.2	.1	.2	.2	.2	.1	1.9	1.9

- Data not available.

consecutive month, down 0.6 percent in March. For the third consecutive month, a sharp drop in the index for motor fuels more than offset a large increase in the index for airline fares. The index for gasoline fell 3.5 percent in March and has declined 14.0 percent in the last six months. As of March, gasoline prices were 24.0 percent lower than their peak level of November 1990. The index for new and used vehicle prices declined 0.2 percent; a decline of 1.5 percent in used car and truck prices more than offset a 0.1-percent rise in the index for new vehicles. Public transportation costs rose 0.4 percent in March. The index for airline fares increased substantially for the third consecutive month, up 2.0 percent in March, following increases of 2.7 and 3.2 percent in January and February, respectively.

The index for apparel declined 0.2 percent in March, following a 0.2-percent increase in February. (Prior to seasonal adjustment, apparel prices rose 2.3 percent, reflecting the introduction of higher priced spring-summer wear.)

Medical care costs rose 0.3 percent in March to a level 2.7 percent above a year ago. The index for medical care commodities—prescription drugs, nonprescription drugs, and medical supplies—was virtually unchanged. The index for medical care services rose 0.3 percent. Charges for professional services and for hospital and related services increased 0.4 and 0.2 percent, respectively.

Recreation costs rose 0.4 percent in March, following increases of 0.3 percent in both January and February. Recreational services costs rose 0.9 percent, reflecting increases of 1.2 percent in the index for admissions to movies, theaters, and concerts and 0.9 percent in the index for club membership dues and fees for participant sports.

The index for education and communication increased 0.3 percent in March after declining 0.1 percent in February, reflecting an upturn in the index for communication costs. Within the communication category, increases in local and long distance telephone charges—up 0.7 and 0.2 percent, respectively—more than offset declines in the indexes for personal computers and peripheral equipment and for cellular telephone services—down 2.8 and 0.7 percent, respectively.

The index for other goods and services declined 0.3 percent in March, following a 0.8-percent rise in February. The index for tobacco and smoking products, which rose 2.9 percent in February, declined 2.6 percent in March.

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

On a seasonally adjusted basis, the CPI for Urban Wage Earners and Clerical Workers declined 0.1 percent in March.

### **CPI (old series)**

For the first 6 months of 1998, BLS also will calculate old series CPI-U and old Series CPI-W based on the 1982-84 expenditure pattern used in the CPI from 1987 through

1997. These old series data are contained in tables 1(OS)-4(OS). From February to March, the old series CPI-U and the old series CPI-W each rose 0.1 percent. (Note: These series are not seasonally adjusted.)

## **Overview of Publication Changes**

In January 1998, the Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS) introduced 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 undertakes this type of revision, in order to keep the index up-to-date. Since World War II, revisions of the CPI (besides this one) 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 were taken, in order to ameliorate the effects of these changes. Beginning with the release of the January 1997 index, data series that were to be changed or dropped from publication have been footnoted in all BLS published tables. This provided an early warning for users to reconsider their use of those indexes and provided time for them to make changes in their use. The 1998 CPI Revision contains substantial changes in both the items being presented and the frequency of local area index publication.

### **Changes to item structure**

Effective in 1998, there are 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, with a resulting change from the formerly available seven major groups to the new total of eight.

Previously, the major groups were: 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 remained 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.

### **Changes to geographic structure**

In each revision, the CPI geographic sample is selected to be representative of current demographics of the United States. The 1998 revision uses the 1990 Census of Population. The CPI developed an updated area sample

design, decided on new local area indexes, and changed the frequency of publication for local area indexes, in order to better reflect these new demographics.

In addition to the national index, BLS formerly published indexes for 29 metropolitan areas. In 1998, it continues 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 the BLS formerly published separately, constitute a new Consolidated Metropolitan Statistical Area. A single index is now published for this consolidated area.

The new publication plan for local area indexes that began with the index for January 1998 is summarized below:

- Monthly indexes are now published for the three largest metropolitan areas. Because of sample design considerations, indexes for the Philadelphia and San Francisco areas, both formerly published monthly, are now published every other month, following the release of the December 1997 index.
- Bimonthly indexes are published for the next 11 largest areas, including Atlanta and Seattle. (These cities used to have semiannual average indexes.)
- Semiannual average indexes are now published for 12 additional areas, including Pittsburgh and St. Louis. (These cities formerly had bimonthly indexes.)
- BLS continues to publish separate indexes for the four census regions of the United States. However, beginning in 1998, there are only two area size classes for metropolitan areas, instead of the former three: Size A—areas with 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 former cutoff of 1.2 million and is important, since 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 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 is the full list of areas for which indexes are currently published, since January 1998:

#### **Metropolitan areas for which a local index is published monthly:**

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

#### **Metropolitan areas for which a local index is published bimonthly:**

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

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

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

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

#### **Metropolitan areas for which a local index is published semiannually (January and July):**

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

#### **A note on seasonally adjusted data**

Since the release of seasonal adjustment factors for 1997 in February 1998, seasonal adjustment is performed using X-12-ARIMA. X-12-ARIMA is a seasonal adjustment software package developed by the U.S. Department of Commerce, Bureau of the Census. The X-12-ARIMA seasonal adjustment program is an enhanced version of the X-11 Variant of the Census Method II seasonal adjustment program. The enhancements include a variety of new diagnostics and modeling tools, to help the user detect and remedy any inadequacies in the seasonal adjustments obtained under the program options selected.

In addition, seasonally adjusted data for some index series



have been affected by changes to the CPI publication structure introduced with data for January 1998.

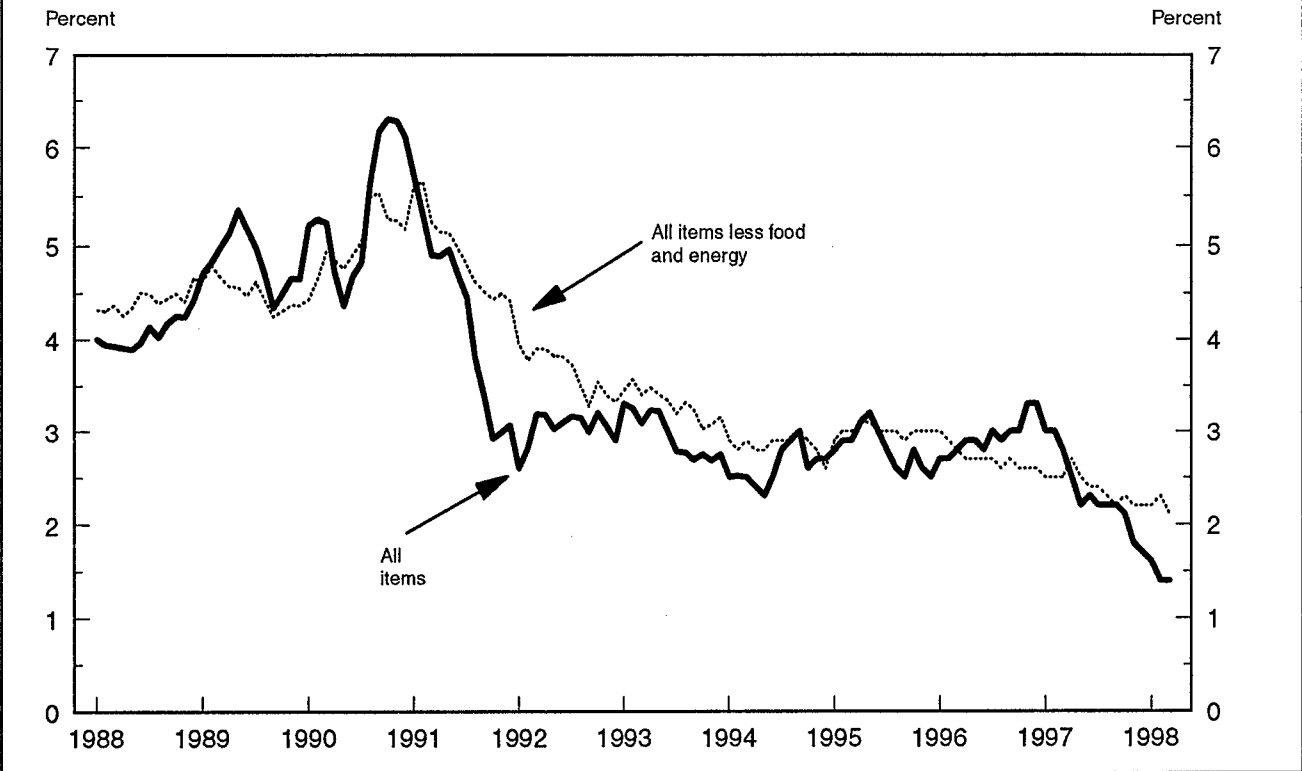
**BLS to maintain current reference base of 1982-84=100 for most CPI index series**

The Bureau of Labor Statistics previously indicated its intention to change the numerical reference base for both the Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers (CPI-U) and the Consumer Price Index for Urban Wage Earners and Clerical Workers (CPI-W) from their present 1982-84=100 base to a 1993-95=100 base, effective with release of the January 1999 index in February 1999. BLS also indicated that the alternate, or 1967=100 base, will be discontinued in 1999, as well. This plan was initially described in the December 1996 *Monthly Labor Review*, which contained several articles that dealt with the 1998 CPI revision.

BLS has now decided not to implement this rebasing plan. Instead, the Bureau will maintain the reference base of 1982-84=100 used for most items. In addition, the 1967=100 reference base will continue to be the alternate base for the All Items indexes. This decision is based, in part, on the fact that historical data have less precision after rebasing. Rebasing is simply an arithmetic transformation that does not substantively affect the index. Because rebased index values are smaller than before the rebasing took place, however, the loss of precision due to rounding is serious. In addition, retaining the old index reference base will spare users the inconvenience associated with conversion.

Changes in the numerical reference base should not be confused with the plans by BLS to update the market basket of the CPI. Since the release of the January CPI in February 1998, the expenditure weights applied to CPI categories are based on consumer spending patterns for 1993-95.

# CPI-U 12-month changes, 1988 to present



**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)

Item and group	Relative importance, December 1997	Unadjusted indexes		Unadjusted percent change to Mar. 1998 from—		Seasonally adjusted percent change from—		
		Feb. 1998	Mar. 1998	Mar. 1997	Feb. 1998	Dec. to Jan.	Jan. to Feb.	Feb. to Mar.
<b>Expenditure category</b>								
All items .....	100.000	161.9	162.2	1.4	0.2	0.0	0.1	0.0
All items (1967=100) .....	-	484.9	485.8	-	-	-	-	-
Food and beverages .....	16.310	159.8	160.1	1.9	.2	.3	.0	.0
Food .....	15.326	159.4	159.7	2.0	.2	.3	.0	.0
Food at home .....	9.646	160.0	160.2	1.6	.1	.4	-.1	-.1
Cereals and bakery products .....	1.536	179.7	179.6	1.6	-.1	-.1	.2	.4
Meats, poultry, fish, and eggs .....	2.629	147.5	147.2	-.4	-.2	-.3	-.1	-.4
Dairy and related products <sup>1</sup> .....	1.037	147.7	148.4	1.6	.5	.3	-.4	.5
Fruits and vegetables .....	1.394	193.8	196.1	3.6	1.2	2.9	-.8	-1.0
Nonalcoholic beverages and beverage materials .....	1.077	134.8	134.2	3.6	-.4	-.2	.1	-.3
Other food at home .....	1.972	149.1	149.5	2.7	.3	.0	.1	.3
Sugar and sweets .....	.377	149.6	150.8	3.1	.8	.5	-.4	.9
Fats and oils .....	.291	141.5	142.2	-.1	.5	-.1	.7	.6
Other foods .....	1.305	164.2	164.3	2.5	.1	.1	.1	.1
Other miscellaneous foods <sup>1 2</sup> .....	.309	100.4	101.5	-	1.1	.4	.0	1.1
Food away from home <sup>1</sup> .....	5.680	159.6	159.9	2.5	.2	.1	.3	.2
Other food away from home <sup>1 2</sup> .....	.172	100.4	100.3	-	-.1	.1	.3	-.1
Alcoholic beverages .....	.983	165.0	165.1	1.9	.1	.2	-.1	-.1
Housing .....	39.560	158.8	159.2	2.1	.3	.1	.1	.2
Shelter .....	29.788	180.1	180.8	3.2	.4	.2	.3	.2
Rent of primary residence .....	6.885	169.9	170.3	3.1	.2	.2	.1	.4
Lodging away from home <sup>2</sup> .....	2.327	109.3	111.2	-	1.7	-.2	.5	-.4
Owners' equivalent rent of primary residence <sup>3</sup> .....	20.199	185.5	185.9	3.2	.2	.2	.3	.2
Tenants' and household insurance <sup>1 2</sup> .....	.377	100.2	100.3	-	.1	.3	-.1	.1
Fuels and utilities .....	4.942	127.4	127.1	-2.2	-.2	-1.2	-.9	.3
Fuels .....	4.018	112.8	112.5	-4.0	-.3	-1.6	-1.3	.4
Fuel oil and other fuels .....	.261	95.2	94.4	-10.5	-.8	-2.1	-2.3	.4
Gas (piped) and electricity .....	3.757	119.7	119.4	-3.2	-.3	-1.5	-1.2	.2
Household furnishings and operations .....	4.831	126.1	126.3	.7	.2	.2	.3	.1
Apparel .....	4.944	131.9	134.9	.3	2.3	-.5	.2	-.2
Men's and boys' apparel .....	1.390	130.8	133.6	3.4	2.1	.2	.0	.6
Women's and girls' apparel .....	1.990	124.3	129.9	-.2	4.5	-1.0	.7	.1
Infants' and toddlers' apparel <sup>1</sup> .....	.268	123.1	124.4	-4.1	1.1	-.8	-1.4	1.1
Footwear .....	.895	126.6	126.5	-.4	-.1	-.5	-1.3	-.8
Transportation .....	17.578	142.1	141.2	-2.6	-.6	-.3	-.4	-.6
Private transportation .....	16.240	138.4	137.4	-2.9	-.7	-.5	-.6	-.6
New and used motor vehicles <sup>2</sup> .....	7.899	100.2	99.9	-1.7	-.3	.1	.0	-.2
New vehicles .....	5.063	144.4	144.4	-.7	.0	.1	-.1	.1
Used cars and trucks <sup>1</sup> .....	1.880	148.4	146.1	-5.4	-1.5	.1	.2	-1.5
Motor fuel .....	2.995	94.1	90.9	-14.6	-3.4	-3.7	-3.3	-3.5
Gasoline (all types) .....	2.976	93.5	90.3	-14.7	-3.4	-3.6	-3.4	-3.5
Motor vehicle parts and equipment .....	.560	101.4	101.2	-1.0	-.2	-.3	.1	.0
Motor vehicle maintenance and repair .....	1.603	165.5	165.7	2.6	.1	.2	.3	.1
Public transportation .....	1.338	191.2	193.7	3.0	1.3	1.6	1.4	.4
Medical care .....	5.614	239.3	239.8	2.7	.2	.1	.3	.3
Medical care commodities .....	1.222	218.4	218.5	1.8	.0	.2	.1	.0
Medical care services .....	4.392	244.2	244.8	3.0	.2	.1	.4	.3
Professional services .....	2.808	219.7	220.4	2.9	.3	.3	.2	.4
Hospital and related services .....	1.334	285.2	285.2	3.1	.0	-.1	.5	.2
Recreation <sup>2</sup> .....	6.145	100.7	101.0	1.6	.3	.3	.3	.4
Video and audio <sup>1 2</sup> .....	1.763	101.2	101.4	2.3	.2	.6	.6	.2

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)

Item and group	Relative importance, December 1997	Unadjusted indexes		Unadjusted percent change to Mar. 1998 from—		Seasonally adjusted percent change from—		
		Feb. 1998	Mar. 1998	Mar. 1997	Feb. 1998	Dec. to Jan.	Jan. to Feb.	Feb. to Mar.
<b>Expenditure category</b>								
Education and communication <sup>2</sup> .....	5.528	99.8	99.9	2.5	0.1	0.0	-0.1	0.3
Education <sup>2</sup> .....	2.615	100.4	100.5	5.1	.1	.4	.3	.5
Educational books and supplies .....	.194	246.9	247.5	5.1	.2	-2	.7	.6
Tuition, other school fees, and childcare .....	2.421	289.2	289.5	5.2	.1	.5	.3	.4
Communication <sup>1 2</sup> .....	2.913	99.2	99.3	-1.3	.1	-4	-4	.1
Information and information processing <sup>1 2</sup> .....	2.706	99.1	99.3	-1.4	.2	-4	-5	.2
Telephone services <sup>1 2</sup> .....	2.357	100.0	100.4	-	.4	-1	.1	.4
Information and information processing other than telephone services <sup>1 4</sup> .....	.350	44.3	43.4	-17.2	-2.0	-2.5	-4.1	-2.0
Personal computers and peripheral equipment <sup>1 2</sup> .....	.234	91.3	88.7	-	-2.8	-3.1	-5.8	-2.8
Other goods and services .....	4.321	233.1	232.4	5.0	-.3	.4	.8	-.3
Tobacco and smoking products .....	.894	261.2	254.1	6.7	-2.7	.7	2.9	-2.6
Personal care <sup>1</sup> .....	3.427	155.0	155.5	2.4	.3	.4	.3	.3
Personal care products <sup>1</sup> .....	.737	146.7	147.3	2.6	.4	.6	.4	.4
Personal care services <sup>1</sup> .....	.963	164.3	164.7	2.2	.2	.2	.0	.2
Miscellaneous personal services .....	1.465	232.1	232.8	4.0	.3	.2	.0	.3
<b>Commodity and service group</b>								
Commodities .....	42.635	141.5	141.5	-.4	.0	-.1	-.1	-.4
Food and beverages .....	16.310	159.8	160.1	1.9	.2	.3	.0	.0
Commodities less food and beverages .....	26.326	130.5	130.4	-1.9	-.1	-.4	-.2	-.5
Nondurables less food and beverages .....	14.729	132.1	132.1	-2.1	.0	-1.1	-.1	-1.0
Apparel .....	4.944	131.9	134.9	.3	2.3	-.5	.2	-.2
Nondurables less food, beverages, and apparel .....	9.785	137.2	135.6	-3.3	-1.2	-1.2	-.6	-1.0
Durables .....	11.596	128.2	127.9	-1.5	-.2	.2	-.2	-.2
Services .....	57.365	182.4	182.9	2.6	.3	.1	.2	.2
Rent of shelter <sup>3</sup> .....	29.410	187.5	188.1	3.2	.3	.2	.3	.3
Transportation services .....	6.984	187.9	188.4	1.9	.3	.6	.4	.2
Other services .....	10.625	214.4	215.1	3.8	.3	.2	.2	.4
<b>Special indexes</b>								
All items less food .....	84.674	162.3	162.6	1.2	.2	-.1	.1	.1
All items less shelter .....	70.212	156.4	156.5	.6	.1	-.1	-.1	-.1
All items less medical care .....	94.386	157.5	157.8	1.2	.2	.0	.1	.0
Commodities less food .....	27.309	131.9	131.8	-1.7	-.1	-.4	-.2	-.5
Nondurables less food .....	15.712	134.1	134.1	-1.8	.0	-.9	-.1	-.9
Nondurables less food and apparel .....	10.768	138.9	137.5	-2.8	-1.0	-1.1	-.6	-1.0
Nondurables .....	31.039	146.1	146.2	.0	.1	-.2	-.2	-.4
Services less rent of shelter <sup>3</sup> .....	27.955	190.1	190.6	2.1	.3	-.1	.0	.4
Services less medical care services .....	52.973	176.6	177.2	2.6	.3	.1	.1	.3
Energy .....	7.013	103.2	101.6	-8.6	-1.6	-2.4	-2.2	-1.2
All items less energy .....	92.987	169.6	170.1	2.2	.3	.2	.2	.1
All items less food and energy .....	77.661	172.1	172.6	2.1	.3	.2	.3	.1
Commodities less food and energy commodities .....	24.053	142.7	143.1	.1	.3	.1	.2	-.1
Energy commodities .....	3.256	94.3	91.3	-14.4	-3.2	-3.5	-3.3	-3.1
Services less energy services .....	53.608	188.8	189.4	3.0	.3	.2	.3	.2
Purchasing power of the consumer dollar .....	-	\$ .618	\$ .617	-	-	-	-	-
Purchasing power of the consumer dollar - old base .....	-	\$ .206	\$ .206	-	-	-	-	-

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

<sup>2</sup> Indexes on a December 1997=100 base.

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

<sup>4</sup> Indexes on a December 1988=100 base.

- 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)

Item and group	Seasonally adjusted indexes				Seasonally adjusted annual rate percent change for					
					3 months ended—				6 months ended—	
	Dec. 1997	Jan. 1998	Feb. 1998	Mar. 1998	June 1997	Sep. 1997	Dec. 1997	Mar. 1998	Sep. 1997	Mar. 1998
<b>Expenditure category</b>										
All items .....	161.9	161.9	162.0	162.0	1.5	2.3	1.5	0.2	1.9	0.9
Food and beverages .....	159.3	159.7	159.7	159.7	2.1	2.8	1.8	1.0	2.4	1.4
Food .....	158.9	159.4	159.4	159.4	2.1	2.8	1.5	1.3	2.4	1.4
Food at home .....	159.3	159.9	159.7	159.5	2.3	2.6	1.0	.5	2.4	.8
Cereals and bakery products .....	179.1	179.0	179.4	180.1	1.1	1.4	1.8	2.3	1.2	2.0
Meats, poultry, fish, and eggs .....	147.7	147.3	147.2	146.6	4.4	.3	-3.2	-2.9	2.3	-3.1
Dairy and related products <sup>1</sup> .....	147.8	148.3	147.7	148.4	-5.4	-1.7	12.5	1.6	-3.5	6.9
Fruits and vegetables .....	190.9	196.5	194.9	193.0	-1.5	9.1	1.9	4.5	3.7	3.2
Nonalcoholic beverages and beverage materials .....	134.3	134.0	134.1	133.7	20.0	5.1	-6.6	-1.8	12.3	-4.2
Other food at home .....	148.7	148.7	148.8	149.3	7.7	3.3	-5	1.6	5.5	.5
Sugar and sweets .....	149.3	150.0	149.4	150.7	5.0	1.4	2.4	3.8	3.2	3.1
Fats and oils .....	141.5	140.0	141.0	141.8	-8	1.7	-2.0	.9	.4	-6
Other foods .....	163.4	163.6	163.8	164.0	2.5	2.8	3.2	1.5	2.6	2.4
Other miscellaneous foods <sup>1 2</sup> .....	100.0	100.4	100.4	101.5	-	-	-	6.1	-	-
Food away from home <sup>1</sup> .....	159.0	159.2	159.6	159.9	1.5	3.1	3.1	2.3	2.3	2.7
Other food away from home <sup>1 2</sup> .....	100.0	100.1	100.4	100.3	-	-	-	1.2	-	-
Alcoholic beverages .....	164.5	164.9	164.8	164.7	2.0	2.7	2.2	.5	2.4	1.3
Housing .....	158.3	158.4	158.6	158.9	2.3	2.1	2.6	1.5	2.2	2.0
Shelter .....	178.7	179.0	179.5	179.9	3.5	2.8	3.9	2.7	3.1	3.3
Rent of primary residence .....	169.1	169.5	169.7	170.3	3.4	3.2	3.1	2.9	3.3	3.0
Lodging away from home <sup>2</sup> .....	100.0	99.8	100.3	99.9	-	-	-	-4	-	-
Owners' equivalent rent of primary residence <sup>3</sup> .....	184.5	184.9	185.5	185.9	3.4	2.9	3.3	3.1	3.1	3.2
Tenants' and household insurance <sup>1 2</sup> .....	100.0	100.3	100.2	100.3	-	-	-	1.2	-	-
Fuels and utilities .....	130.7	129.1	127.9	128.3	-1.2	.9	.0	-7.1	-2	-3.6
Fuels .....	116.0	114.2	112.7	113.1	-4.7	.0	-1.7	-9.6	-2.4	-5.8
Fuel oil and other fuels .....	96.1	94.1	91.9	92.3	-14.6	-11.6	-4	-14.9	-13.1	-7.9
Gas (piped) and electricity .....	123.6	121.8	120.3	120.6	-3.5	1.3	-1.9	-9.4	-1.1	-5.7
Household furnishings and operations .....	125.4	125.7	126.1	126.2	1.6	-1.3	.6	2.6	.2	1.6
Apparel .....	133.2	132.5	132.7	132.5	2.4	-9	1.2	-2.1	.8	-5
Men's and boys' apparel .....	131.7	132.0	132.0	132.8	3.5	4.1	2.5	3.4	3.8	2.9
Women's and girls' apparel .....	125.6	124.4	125.3	125.4	3.2	-3.1	-9	-6	.0	-8
Infants' and toddlers' apparel <sup>1</sup> .....	125.8	124.8	123.1	124.4	10.2	-17.4	-2.8	-4.4	-4.6	-3.6
Footwear .....	129.5	128.8	127.1	126.1	-3	3.8	5.8	-10.1	1.7	-2.5
Transportation .....	143.5	143.0	142.4	141.6	-4.1	3.1	-3.3	-5.2	-6	-4.2
Private transportation .....	140.3	139.6	138.8	137.9	-4.4	3.2	-3.3	-6.7	-7	-5.0
New and used motor vehicles <sup>2</sup> .....	100.0	100.1	100.1	99.9	-	-	-	-4	-	-
New vehicles .....	143.4	143.6	143.5	143.7	-8	-6	-1.9	.8	-7	-6
Used cars and trucks <sup>1</sup> .....	147.9	148.1	148.4	146.1	-6.6	-9.2	-8	-4.8	-7.9	-2.8
Motor fuel .....	103.5	99.7	96.4	93.0	-20.3	20.0	-14.7	-34.8	-2.2	-25.4
Gasoline (all types) .....	103.0	99.3	95.9	92.5	-20.7	21.9	-15.7	-35.0	-1.7	-26.0
Motor vehicle parts and equipment .....	101.3	101.0	101.1	101.1	-8	-4	-2.0	-8	-6	-1.4
Motor vehicle maintenance and repair .....	164.7	165.0	165.5	165.7	3.3	1.2	3.5	2.5	2.2	3.0
Public transportation .....	185.8	188.8	191.4	192.1	-2	.2	-1.9	14.3	.0	5.9
Medical care .....	237.9	238.2	238.9	239.6	2.8	2.1	3.4	2.9	2.4	3.2
Medical care commodities .....	217.4	217.8	218.0	218.1	2.6	.4	3.0	1.3	1.5	2.1
Medical care services .....	242.4	242.6	243.5	244.3	2.9	2.4	3.5	3.2	2.6	3.4
Professional services .....	218.1	218.7	219.2	220.0	3.0	2.4	2.6	3.5	2.7	3.1
Hospital and related services .....	282.8	282.6	284.0	284.6	2.9	2.3	4.4	2.6	2.6	3.5
Recreation <sup>2</sup> .....	100.0	100.3	100.6	101.0	-	-	-	4.1	-	-
Video and audio <sup>1 2</sup> .....	100.0	100.6	101.2	101.4	2.0	1.2	.4	5.7	1.6	3.0

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**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)

Item and group	Seasonally adjusted indexes				Seasonally adjusted annual rate percent change for					
					3 months ended—				6 months ended—	
	Dec. 1997	Jan. 1998	Feb. 1998	Mar. 1998	June 1997	Sep. 1997	Dec. 1997	Mar. 1998	Sep. 1997	Mar. 1998
<b>Expenditure category</b>										
Education and communication <sup>2</sup> .....	100.0	100.0	99.9	100.2	-	-	-	0.8	-	-
Education <sup>2</sup> .....	100.0	100.4	100.7	101.2	-	-	-	4.9	-	-
Educational books and supplies .....	243.8	243.2	244.9	246.3	7.2	4.4	4.7	4.2	5.8	4.4
Tuition, other school fees, and childcare .....	286.8	288.1	289.0	290.3	5.3	4.8	5.3	5.0	5.1	5.2
Communication <sup>1 2</sup> .....	100.0	99.6	99.2	99.3	.4	-3.5	.8	-2.8	-1.6	-1.0
Information and information processing <sup>1 2</sup> .....	100.0	99.6	99.1	99.3	.4	-3.9	.8	-2.8	-1.8	-1.0
Telephone services <sup>1 2</sup> .....	100.0	99.9	100.0	100.4	-	-	-	1.6	-	-
Information and information processing other than telephone services <sup>1 4</sup> .....	47.4	46.2	44.3	43.4	-17.8	-10.8	-8.8	-29.7	-14.3	-19.9
Personal computers and peripheral equipment <sup>1 2</sup> .....	100.0	96.9	91.3	88.7	-	-	-	-38.1	-	-
Other goods and services .....	230.8	231.8	233.7	233.0	4.8	4.7	5.9	3.9	4.7	4.9
Tobacco and smoking products .....	252.1	253.8	261.2	254.3	5.0	8.5	9.8	3.5	6.7	6.6
Personal care <sup>1</sup> .....	154.0	154.6	155.0	155.5	2.7	-3	3.4	4.0	1.2	3.7
Personal care products <sup>1</sup> .....	145.3	146.1	146.7	147.3	1.7	-1.4	4.5	5.6	.1	5.1
Personal care services <sup>1</sup> .....	163.9	164.3	164.3	164.7	3.5	.5	2.7	2.0	2.0	2.3
Miscellaneous personal services .....	231.2	231.6	231.6	232.4	4.9	4.7	4.6	2.1	4.8	3.4
<b>Commodity and service group</b>										
Commodities .....	142.1	141.9	141.8	141.3	-6	2.0	-3	-2.2	.7	-1.3
Food and beverages .....	159.3	159.7	159.7	159.7	2.1	2.8	1.8	1.0	2.4	1.4
Commodities less food and beverages .....	131.8	131.3	131.0	130.3	-2.4	1.5	-1.5	-4.5	-5	-3.0
Nondurables less food and beverages .....	134.6	133.1	133.0	131.7	-2.6	3.9	-1.5	-8.3	.6	-5.0
Apparel .....	133.2	132.5	132.7	132.5	2.4	-9	1.2	-2.1	.8	-5
Nondurables less food, beverages, and apparel .....	140.2	138.5	137.7	136.3	-4.7	6.8	-3.9	-10.7	.9	-7.3
Durables .....	127.7	128.0	127.8	127.6	-2.1	-2.2	-1.6	-.3	-2.1	-9
Services .....	181.7	181.9	182.3	182.7	2.7	2.5	2.9	2.2	2.6	2.6
Rent of shelter <sup>3</sup> .....	186.3	186.6	187.1	187.6	3.3	2.9	4.0	2.8	3.1	3.4
Transportation services .....	185.9	187.1	187.8	188.2	1.7	1.3	.6	5.0	1.5	2.8
Other services .....	213.5	214.0	214.4	215.2	4.5	2.5	3.6	3.2	3.5	3.4
<b>Special indexes</b>										
All items less food .....	162.3	162.2	162.3	162.4	1.3	2.3	1.5	.2	1.8	.9
All items less shelter .....	156.8	156.7	156.6	156.5	.5	2.1	.8	-.8	1.3	.0
All items less medical care .....	157.4	157.4	157.5	157.5	1.0	2.3	1.5	.3	1.7	.9
Commodities less food .....	133.3	132.8	132.6	131.9	-2.1	1.5	-1.2	-4.1	-3	-2.7
Nondurables less food .....	136.3	135.1	135.0	133.8	-2.0	3.3	-1.2	-7.1	.6	-4.2
Nondurables less food and apparel .....	141.7	140.2	139.4	138.0	-3.6	6.1	-3.0	-10.0	1.1	-6.6
Nondurables .....	147.1	146.8	146.5	145.9	-.8	3.3	.5	-3.2	1.2	-1.4
Services less rent of shelter <sup>3</sup> .....	190.0	189.9	189.9	190.6	2.4	2.4	2.1	1.3	2.4	1.7
Services less medical care services .....	176.1	176.3	176.5	177.0	2.8	2.6	3.0	2.1	2.7	2.5
Energy .....	109.3	106.7	104.3	103.0	-11.8	8.3	-7.7	-21.1	-2.3	-14.7
All items less energy .....	168.9	169.2	169.6	169.8	2.4	1.9	2.2	2.1	2.2	2.2
All items less food and energy .....	171.4	171.7	172.2	172.4	2.6	1.7	2.4	2.4	2.1	2.4
Commodities less food and energy commodities .....	142.5	142.6	142.9	142.8	.6	-.3	.6	.8	.1	.7
Energy commodities .....	102.8	99.2	95.9	92.9	-19.7	16.1	-13.2	-33.3	-3.5	-23.9
Services less energy services .....	187.6	188.0	188.6	189.0	3.1	2.6	3.3	3.0	2.9	3.1

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

<sup>2</sup> Indexes on a December 1997=100 base.

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

<sup>4</sup> Indexes on a December 1988=100 base.

- 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	Relative importance, December 1997	Unadjusted indexes		Unadjusted percent change to Mar. 1998 from—		Seasonally adjusted percent change from—		
		Feb. 1998	Mar. 1998	Mar. 1997	Feb. 1998	Dec. to Jan.	Jan. to Feb.	Feb. to Mar.
<b>Expenditure category</b>								
All items .....	100.000	161.9	162.2	1.4	0.2	0.0	0.1	0.0
All items (1967=100) .....	-	484.9	485.8	-	-	-	-	-
Food and beverages .....	16.310	159.8	160.1	1.9	.2	.3	.0	.0
Food .....	15.326	159.4	159.7	2.0	.2	.3	.0	.0
Food at home .....	9.646	160.0	160.2	1.6	.1	.4	-.1	-.1
Cereals and bakery products .....	1.536	179.7	179.6	1.6	-.1	-.1	.2	.4
Cereals and cereal products .....	.547	170.2	170.1	.8	-.1	-.6	.4	-.5
Flour and prepared flour mixes .....	.071	156.3	157.8	1.8	1.0	1.1	-.5	1.1
Breakfast cereal .....	.317	188.4	188.1	.6	-.2	-.1.0	.9	-.8
Rice, pasta, cornmeal .....	.160	150.2	149.8	1.4	-.3	-.1.1	.2	-.5
Rice 1 2 3 .....	-	98.9	99.5	-	.6	.1	-.1.2	.6
Bakery products .....	.989	184.0	183.8	2.1	-.1	.5	.0	.7
Bread 1 3 .....	.290	100.2	99.8	-	-.4	-.6	.8	-.4
White bread 2 3 .....	-	186.3	185.1	1.4	-.6	-.9	1.0	-.6
Bread other than white 2 3 .....	-	187.9	187.7	4.0	-.1	-.3	.9	-.1
Fresh biscuits, rolls, muffins 1 3 .....	.142	101.8	100.9	-	-.9	1.0	.8	-.9
Cakes, cupcakes, and cookies 3 .....	.270	181.9	181.1	1.2	-.4	.0	1.0	-.4
Cookies 2 3 .....	-	183.5	181.7	1.8	-.1.0	.2	.4	-.1.0
Fresh cakes and cupcakes 2 3 .....	-	180.4	180.2	.1	-.1	-.2	1.2	-.1
Other bakery products .....	.286	180.7	182.3	1.8	.9	1.2	-.1.7	2.3
Fresh sweetrolls, coffeecakes, doughnuts 2 3 .....	-	178.6	174.1	.0	-.2.5	.4	.4	-.2.5
Crackers, bread, and cracker products 2 .....	-	207.4	207.9	-.2.0	.2	2.9	-.6.3	5.6
Frozen and refrigerated bakery products, pies, tarts, turnovers 2 3 .....	-	182.6	186.8	4.9	2.3	1.7	-.1.1	2.3
Meats, poultry, fish, and eggs .....	2.629	147.5	147.2	-.4	-.2	-.3	-.1	-.4
Meats, poultry, and fish .....	2.499	147.9	147.6	-.4	-.2	-.1	.0	-.4
Meats .....	1.670	142.4	142.2	-.6	-.1	-.2	-.3	-.3
Beef and veal .....	.742	135.9	136.8	.7	.7	-.4	-.6	.3
Uncooked ground beef .....	.282	115.5	116.8	2.2	1.1	1.3	-.2.4	1.5
Uncooked beef roasts 1 3 .....	.132	99.9	100.0	-	.1	-.5	.4	.1
Uncooked beef steaks 1 3 .....	.277	99.0	99.4	-	.4	-.8	-.2	.4
Uncooked other beef and veal 1 3 .....	.051	99.3	100.5	-	1.2	-.1	-.6	1.2
Pork .....	.587	151.5	149.5	-.2.7	-.1.3	-.4	.1	-.1.2
Bacon, breakfast sausage, and related products 1 3 .....	.192	97.9	97.0	-	-.9	-.9	-.1.2	-.9
Bacon and related products 2 .....	-	155.0	151.2	-.6.2	-.2.5	-.1.6	-.5	-.1.7
Breakfast sausage and related products 1 2 3 .....	-	99.6	100.5	-	.9	1.1	-.1.5	.9
Ham .....	.136	153.4	154.5	-.5	.7	-.1	.8	-.3
Ham, excluding canned 2 .....	-	164.0	165.7	.2	1.0	.5	1.2	-.7
Pork chops .....	.131	149.6	144.1	-.6.1	-.3.7	-.1.1	-.3	-.3.2
Other pork including roasts and picnics 1 3 .....	.128	99.4	97.8	-	-.1.6	-.2	-.4	-.1.6
Other meats 3 .....	.341	147.3	147.4	-.1	.1	.7	-.5	.1
Frankfurters 2 3 .....	-	147.4	144.9	1.2	-.1.7	2.6	-.8	-.1.7
Lunchmeats 1 2 3 .....	-	100.0	99.8	-	-.2	.3	-.3	-.2
Lamb and organ meats 2 3 .....	-	162.3	165.5	1.2	2.0	1.6	-.7	2.0
Lamb and mutton 1 2 3 .....	-	NA	101.3	-	-	-	-	-
Poultry 3 .....	.495	155.3	155.1	-.8	-.1	-.1	.1	-.1
Chicken 1 3 .....	.382	99.7	99.6	-	-.1	-.7	.4	-.1
Fresh whole chicken 2 3 .....	-	155.4	157.8	-.7	1.5	-.2.5	.3	1.5
Fresh and frozen chicken parts 2 3 .....	-	155.7	153.9	-.1.9	-.1.2	.0	.8	-.1.2
Other poultry including turkey 1 3 .....	.113	101.3	101.1	-	-.2	2.3	-.1.0	-.2
Fish and seafood .....	.334	180.9	180.3	1.2	-.3	.1	1.6	-.1.1
Fresh fish and seafood 1 3 .....	.187	103.8	103.0	-	-.8	3.3	.5	-.8
Processed fish and seafood 1 3 .....	.147	99.9	100.1	-	.2	.3	-.4	.2
Canned fish and seafood 2 3 .....	-	130.3	129.4	2.1	-.7	.4	.3	-.7
Frozen fish and seafood 2 .....	-	198.9	201.3	-.7	1.2	-.1.8	.6	.3
Eggs .....	.130	137.3	136.4	-.3.3	-.7	-.2.6	-.2.3	-.1.4
Dairy and related products 3 .....	1.037	147.7	148.4	1.6	.5	.3	-.4	.5
Milk 1 3 .....	.403	100.2	100.7	-	.5	-.2	.4	.5
Fresh whole milk 2 3 .....	-	146.3	147.0	2.2	.5	-.1	.5	.5
Fresh milk other than whole 1 2 3 .....	-	100.3	100.8	-	.5	-.2	.5	.5
Cheese and related products 3 .....	.305	148.3	150.1	1.4	1.2	.1	-.1	1.2
Ice cream and related products .....	.176	150.8	150.0	-.9	-.5	.8	-.1.6	-.3
Other dairy and related products 1 3 .....	.152	99.4	100.1	-	.7	.9	-.1.5	.7

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		Feb. 1998	Mar. 1998	Mar. 1997	Feb. 1998	Dec. to Jan.	Jan. to Feb.	Feb. to Mar.
<b>Expenditure category</b>								
Fruits and vegetables .....	1.394	193.8	196.1	3.6	1.2	2.9	-0.8	-1.0
Fresh fruits and vegetables .....	1.068	225.5	228.5	4.6	1.3	3.3	-.8	-1.5
Fresh fruits .....	.547	240.3	235.9	.6	-1.8	-1.0	5.8	-2.6
Apples .....	.097	200.2	202.2	1.9	1.0	-.7	.8	.3
Bananas .....	.101	160.2	154.1	-12.0	-3.8	-.3	-4.0	-7.2
Citrus fruits <sup>1 3</sup> .....	.110	101.3	102.6	-	1.3	5.6	-4.1	1.3
Oranges, including tangerines <sup>2</sup> .....	-	197.7	197.6	3.9	-1	10.8	-4.1	1.0
Other fresh fruits <sup>1 3</sup> .....	.240	96.6	93.0	-	-3.7	-3.4	.0	-3.7
Fresh vegetables .....	.521	210.5	220.2	8.9	4.6	7.9	-7.2	-.3
Potatoes .....	.093	179.3	181.6	12.7	1.3	1.0	-.2	-.1
Lettuce <sup>3</sup> .....	.066	198.8	210.7	13.4	6.0	33.0	-31.6	6.0
Tomatoes <sup>3</sup> .....	.101	226.0	244.9	-7.4	8.4	-5.9	-5.2	8.4
Other fresh vegetables .....	.261	223.1	232.5	13.7	4.2	11.2	-6.8	3.0
Processed fruits and vegetables <sup>1 3</sup> .....	.327	100.9	101.7	-	.8	1.6	-.7	.8
Canned fruits and vegetables <sup>1 3</sup> .....	.176	100.8	102.4	-	1.6	1.8	-1.0	1.6
Canned fruits <sup>1 2 3</sup> .....	-	100.3	100.4	-	.1	.6	-.3	.1
Canned vegetables <sup>1 2 3</sup> .....	-	102.1	104.5	-	2.4	3.5	-1.4	2.4
Frozen fruits and vegetables <sup>1 3</sup> .....	.103	101.6	101.4	-	-2	1.7	-.1	-.2
Frozen vegetables <sup>2</sup> .....	-	149.8	149.4	2.3	-3	-.7	.5	-.1
Other processed fruits and vegetables including dried <sup>1 3</sup> .....	.048	99.9	100.0	-	.1	.2	-.3	.1
Dried beans, peas, and lentils <sup>1 2 3</sup> .....	-	100.5	99.8	-	-7	.1	.4	-.7
Nonalcoholic beverages and beverage materials .....	1.077	134.8	134.2	3.6	-4	-.2	.1	-3
Juices and nonalcoholic drinks <sup>1 3</sup> .....	.781	101.7	101.1	-	-6	1.1	.6	-.6
Carbonated drinks .....	.411	120.1	119.4	.2	-6	-.2	.8	-.1
Frozen noncarbonated juices and drinks <sup>1 3</sup> .....	.054	100.7	99.8	-	-9	1.0	-.3	-.9
Nonfrozen noncarbonated juices and drinks <sup>1 3</sup> .....	.316	99.6	99.0	-	-6	.0	-.4	-.6
Beverage materials including coffee and tea <sup>1 3</sup> .....	.297	100.1	100.3	-	.2	.0	.1	.2
Coffee <sup>3</sup> .....	.166	169.1	169.8	11.5	.4	-.2	-.4	.4
Roasted coffee <sup>2 3</sup> .....	-	176.8	178.0	14.8	.7	-.6	-.1	.7
Instant and freeze dried coffee <sup>2 3</sup> .....	-	154.1	153.9	2.7	-1	.2	-.9	-.1
Other beverage materials including tea <sup>1 3</sup> .....	.131	101.0	101.0	-	.0	.3	.7	.0
Other food at home .....	1.972	149.1	149.5	2.7	.3	.0	.1	.3
Sugar and sweets .....	.377	149.6	150.8	3.1	.8	.5	-.4	.9
Sugar and artificial sweeteners .....	.074	135.9	136.4	1.7	.4	.5	-.6	.7
Candy and chewing gum <sup>1 3</sup> .....	.228	100.9	101.6	-	.7	1.2	-.3	.7
Other sweets <sup>1 3</sup> .....	.076	101.3	102.9	-	1.6	2.3	-1.0	1.6
Fats and oils .....	.291	141.5	142.2	-1	.5	-1.1	.7	.6
Butter and margarine <sup>1 3</sup> .....	.091	99.8	101.6	-	1.8	-.7	.5	1.8
Butter <sup>2 3</sup> .....	-	126.2	129.4	12.9	2.5	-2.7	1.2	2.5
Margarine <sup>2 3</sup> .....	-	145.5	148.5	1.4	2.1	1.3	-.4	2.1
Salad dressing <sup>1 3</sup> .....	.082	101.3	100.7	-	-6	.0	1.3	-.6
Other fats and oils including peanut butter <sup>1 3</sup> .....	.119	101.4	101.7	-	.3	.8	.6	.3
Peanut butter <sup>1 2 3</sup> .....	-	101.0	101.5	-	.5	.3	.7	.5
Other foods .....	1.305	164.2	164.3	2.5	.1	.1	.1	.1
Soups .....	.109	190.2	190.9	2.6	.4	.5	.2	.2
Frozen and freeze dried prepared foods <sup>3</sup> .....	.224	145.2	143.3	-1.0	-1.3	-.2	.0	-1.3
Snacks <sup>3</sup> .....	.271	155.5	155.1	1.2	-3	-.3	.3	-.3
Spices, seasonings, condiments, sauces .....	.293	173.0	173.0	3.7	.0	.2	1.1	.1
Salt and other seasonings and spices <sup>1 2 3</sup> .....	-	101.0	99.8	-	-1.2	-.1	1.1	-1.2
Olives, pickles, relishes <sup>1 2 3</sup> .....	-	104.6	104.8	-	.2	-3.3	8.2	.2
Sauces and gravies <sup>1 2 3</sup> .....	-	102.3	102.4	-	.1	1.4	.9	.1
Other condiments <sup>2</sup> .....	-	170.3	170.6	7.8	.2	1.9	1.8	-.2
Baby food <sup>1 3</sup> .....	.099	100.5	101.5	-	1.0	.6	-.1	1.0
Other miscellaneous foods <sup>1 3</sup> .....	.309	100.4	101.5	-	1.1	.4	.0	1.1
Prepared salads <sup>1 2 3</sup> .....	-	NA	NA	-	-	-	-	-
Food away from home <sup>3</sup> .....	5.680	159.6	159.9	2.5	.2	.1	.3	.2
Full service meals and snacks <sup>1 3</sup> .....	2.969	100.4	100.7	-	.3	.2	.2	.3
Limited service meals and snacks <sup>1 3</sup> .....	1.655	100.5	100.6	-	.1	.2	.3	.1
Food at employee sites and schools <sup>1 3</sup> .....	.662	100.0	100.0	-	.0	-.1	.1	.0
Food from vending machines and mobile vendors <sup>1 3</sup> .....	.222	100.2	100.3	-	.1	.1	.1	.1
Other food away from home <sup>1 3</sup> .....	.172	100.4	100.3	-	-1	.1	.3	-.1

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<b>Expenditure category</b>								
Alcoholic beverages .....	.983	165.0	165.1	1.9	0.1	0.2	-0.1	-0.1
Alcoholic beverages at home .....	.628	150.2	150.2	.5	.0	.1	-3	-1
Beer, ale, and other malt beverages at home .....	.333	148.2	148.2	-.5	.0	.1	-4	-3
Distilled spirits at home .....	.110	152.0	151.8	1.5	-1	-.5	.2	-1
Whiskey at home <sup>2 3</sup> .....	-	150.8	150.8	1.1	.0	.0	-.5	.0
Distilled spirits, excluding whiskey, at home <sup>2 3</sup> .....	-	152.4	152.0	1.5	-.3	-.2	.4	-.3
Wine at home .....	.185	146.9	146.9	1.0	.0	.1	-.3	-1
Alcoholic beverages away from home .....	.355	193.6	194.0	3.4	.2	.3	.3	.1
Beer, ale, and other malt beverages away from home <sup>1 2 3</sup> ..	-	100.2	100.2	-	.0	.3	-1	.0
Wine away from home <sup>1 2 3</sup> .....	-	100.6	100.5	-	-1	.6	.0	-1
Distilled spirits away from home <sup>1 2 3</sup> .....	-	100.5	100.3	-	-2	.0	.5	-2
Housing .....	39.560	158.8	159.2	2.1	.3	.1	.1	.2
Shelter .....	29.788	180.1	180.8	3.2	.4	.2	.3	.2
Rent of primary residence .....	6.885	169.9	170.3	3.1	.2	.2	.1	.4
Lodging away from home <sup>1</sup> .....	2.327	109.3	111.2	-	1.7	-.2	.5	-.4
Housing at school, excluding board <sup>4</sup> .....	.231	230.0	230.1	4.4	.0	.3	.2	.3
Other lodging away from home including hotels and motels ..	2.096	235.6	240.0	3.4	1.9	-.2	.5	-.5
Owners' equivalent rent of primary residence <sup>4</sup> .....	20.199	185.5	185.9	3.2	.2	.2	.3	.2
Tenants' and household insurance <sup>1 3</sup> .....	.377	100.2	100.3	-	.1	.3	-.1	.1
Fuels and utilities .....	4.942	127.4	127.1	-2.2	-2	-1.2	-.9	.3
Fuels .....	4.018	112.8	112.5	-4.0	-3	-1.6	-1.3	.4
Fuel oil and other fuels .....	.261	95.2	94.4	-10.5	-8	-2.1	-2.3	.4
Fuel oil .....	.185	91.4	90.0	-12.4	-1.5	-2.7	-3.0	.0
Other household fuels <sup>3 5</sup> .....	.075	128.6	129.4	-6.2	.6	-.2	.0	.6
Gas (piped) and electricity .....	3.757	119.7	119.4	-3.2	-3	-1.5	-1.2	.2
Electricity .....	2.649	124.6	124.3	-4.2	-2	-1.0	-1.2	-.5
Utility natural gas service .....	1.108	113.5	113.2	-1.7	-3	-2.7	-1.5	2.3
Water and sewer and trash collection services <sup>1</sup> .....	.924	100.7	100.9	-	.2	.0	.6	.4
Water and sewerage maintenance .....	.677	215.1	215.7	4.3	.3	.0	.5	.5
Garbage and trash collection <sup>3 6</sup> .....	.247	254.7	255.1	2.5	.2	.0	.7	.2
Household furnishings and operations .....	4.831	126.1	126.3	.7	.2	.2	.3	.1
Window and floor coverings and other linens <sup>1 3</sup> .....	.354	101.9	101.1	-	-8	1.5	.4	-.8
Floor coverings <sup>1 3</sup> .....	.087	99.9	100.1	-	.2	-.1	.0	.2
Window coverings <sup>1 3</sup> .....	.112	102.0	100.4	-	-1.6	3.4	-1.4	-1.6
Other linens <sup>1 3</sup> .....	.155	102.9	102.2	-	-7	1.0	1.9	-.7
Furniture and bedding <sup>3</sup> .....	1.141	133.6	135.1	.7	1.1	-.4	.5	1.1
Bedroom furniture <sup>3</sup> .....	.329	140.3	141.0	.8	.5	-2.3	.6	.5
Living room, kitchen, and dining room furniture <sup>1 3</sup> .....	.621	101.1	101.5	-	.4	.7	.4	.4
Other furniture <sup>1 3</sup> .....	.179	99.7	104.1	-	4.4	-.4	.1	4.4
Appliances <sup>1 3</sup> .....	.368	101.0	99.7	-	-1.3	.9	.1	-1.3
Major appliances <sup>1 3</sup> .....	.217	101.2	99.0	-	-2.2	1.1	.1	-2.2
Laundry equipment <sup>2 3</sup> .....	-	114.2	113.0	-7	-1.1	1.0	-.3	-1.1
Other appliances <sup>1 3</sup> .....	.144	100.8	100.9	-	.1	.6	.2	.1
Other household equipment and furnishings <sup>1 3</sup> .....	.546	101.4	101.2	-	-.2	1.6	-.2	-.2
Clocks, lamps, and decorator items <sup>3</sup> .....	.229	120.1	121.2	.9	.9	-.3	-.4	.9
Indoor plants and flowers <sup>7</sup> .....	.152	114.5	110.8	-3.0	-3.2	7.3	-1.2	-4.4
Dishes and flatware <sup>1 3</sup> .....	.080	99.4	102.0	-	2.6	.2	-.8	2.6
Nonelectric cookware and tableware <sup>1 3</sup> .....	.085	99.3	99.5	-	.2	.4	-1.1	.2
Tools, hardware, outdoor equipment and supplies <sup>1 3</sup> .....	.653	101.1	101.7	-	.6	.8	.3	.6
Tools, hardware and supplies <sup>1 3</sup> .....	.169	99.9	100.4	-	.5	.2	-.3	.5
Outdoor equipment and supplies <sup>1 3</sup> .....	.332	101.8	102.4	-	.6	1.1	.7	.6
Housekeeping supplies .....	.873	145.0	145.4	1.8	.3	-.5	1.3	.1
Household cleaning products <sup>1 3</sup> .....	.404	100.7	100.3	-	-.4	.1	.6	-.4
Household paper products <sup>1 3</sup> .....	.209	101.8	102.1	-	.3	.1	1.7	.3
Miscellaneous household products <sup>1 3</sup> .....	.259	101.2	102.4	-	1.2	-.9	2.1	1.2
Household operations <sup>1 3</sup> .....	.896	100.3	100.3	-	.0	.1	.2	.0
Domestic services <sup>1 3</sup> .....	.316	100.4	100.3	-	-1	.2	.2	-.1
Gardening and lawn care services <sup>1 3</sup> .....	.264	99.9	99.9	-	.0	.0	-.1	.0
Moving, storage, freight expense <sup>1 3</sup> .....	.104	100.9	100.9	-	.0	.0	.9	.0
Repair of household items <sup>1 3</sup> .....	.100	100.3	100.3	-	.0	.2	.1	.0

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<b>Expenditure category</b>								
Apparel .....	4.944	131.9	134.9	0.3	2.3	-0.5	0.2	-0.2
Men's and boys' apparel .....	1.390	130.8	133.6	3.4	2.1	.2	.0	.6
Men's apparel .....	1.091	134.1	137.4	3.6	2.5	-.2	.7	.9
Men's suits, sport coats, and outerwear .....	.253	138.2	140.0	3.3	1.3	2.9	.4	-.7
Men's furnishings .....	.278	134.3	138.4	11.0	3.1	.8	1.8	2.0
Men's shirts and sweaters <sup>1 3</sup> .....	.317	97.3	100.5	-	3.3	-3.9	1.2	3.3
Men's pants and shorts .....	.227	132.9	135.7	3.3	2.1	.3	.2	1.4
Boys' apparel .....	.298	118.0	118.8	3.5	.7	1.0	-2.1	-.4
Women's and girls' apparel .....	1.990	124.3	129.9	-2	4.5	-1.0	.7	.1
Women's apparel .....	1.687	124.2	130.3	-2	4.9	-1.4	1.0	.2
Women's outerwear .....	.128	116.2	117.4	-4.9	1.0	-.8	-2.8	-2.0
Women's dresses .....	.214	109.9	128.4	8.4	16.8	-4.7	6.0	14.1
Women's suits and separates <sup>1 3</sup> .....	.886	98.6	102.8	-	4.3	-4.6	3.4	4.3
Women's underwear, nightwear, sportswear and accessories <sup>1 3</sup> .....	.435	103.5	104.6	-	1.1	1.7	1.8	1.1
Girls' apparel .....	.303	125.2	127.9	-.2	2.2	1.6	-1.0	-.6
Footwear .....	.895	126.6	126.5	-.4	-.1	-.5	-1.3	-.8
Men's footwear .....	.279	130.2	130.9	-1.1	.5	-1.1	-.7	.3
Boys' and girls' footwear .....	.219	127.9	126.8	-3.3	-.9	1.8	-4.6	-3.2
Women's footwear .....	.397	122.9	122.7	1.6	-.2	-.5	-.5	-.4
Infants' and toddlers' apparel <sup>3</sup> .....	.268	123.1	124.4	-4.1	1.1	-.8	-1.4	1.1
Jewelry and watches <sup>5</sup> .....	.401	146.2	143.9	-3.6	-1.6	-.7	2.4	-3.6
Watches <sup>5</sup> .....	.072	122.3	122.7	-5.0	.3	.3	-1.7	-1.2
Jewelry <sup>5</sup> .....	.330	152.8	149.8	-3.2	-2.0	-.7	3.2	-4.3
Transportation .....	17.578	142.1	141.2	-2.6	-.6	-.3	-.4	-.6
Private transportation .....	16.240	138.4	137.4	-2.9	-.7	-.5	-.6	-.6
New and used motor vehicles <sup>1</sup> .....	7.899	100.2	99.9	-1.7	-.3	.1	.0	-.2
New vehicles .....	5.063	144.4	144.4	-.7	.0	.1	-.1	.1
New cars and trucks <sup>1 2 3</sup> .....	-	100.2	100.2	-	.0	.2	.0	.0
New cars <sup>2</sup> .....	-	141.7	141.7	-.8	.0	.1	.0	.0
New trucks <sup>2 6</sup> .....	-	151.9	151.9	-.5	.0	-.1	-.1	.1
New motorcycles <sup>2 5</sup> .....	-	162.8	163.1	.6	.2	-.1	-.9	.2
Used cars and trucks <sup>3</sup> .....	1.880	148.4	146.1	-5.4	-1.5	.1	.2	-1.5
Car and truck rental <sup>1 3</sup> .....	.138	99.5	101.4	-	1.9	-2.2	1.7	1.9
Motor fuel .....	2.995	94.1	90.9	-14.6	-3.4	-3.7	-3.3	-3.5
Gasoline (all types) .....	2.976	93.5	90.3	-14.7	-3.4	-3.6	-3.4	-3.5
Gasoline, unleaded regular <sup>2</sup> .....	-	91.0	87.8	-15.3	-3.5	-3.8	-3.6	-3.8
Gasoline, unleaded midgrade <sup>2 3 8</sup> .....	-	98.1	95.0	-13.9	-3.2	-3.9	-3.6	-3.2
Gasoline, unleaded premium <sup>2</sup> .....	-	96.0	92.9	-13.2	-3.2	-3.3	-2.9	-3.2
Other motor fuels <sup>1 3</sup> .....	.019	95.8	93.9	-	-2.0	-2.0	-2.2	-2.0
Motor vehicle parts and equipment .....	.560	101.4	101.2	-1.0	-.2	-.3	.1	.0
Tires .....	.272	99.1	98.7	-2.5	-.4	-.4	.3	-.2
Vehicle accessories other than tires <sup>1 3</sup> .....	.287	99.9	99.8	-	-.1	.0	-.1	-.1
Vehicle parts and equipment other than tires <sup>2 3</sup> .....	-	108.4	108.1	.7	-.3	.2	.0	-.3
Motor oil, coolant, and fluids <sup>2 3</sup> .....	-	131.0	131.0	-.1	.0	-.3	-.3	.0
Motor vehicle maintenance and repair .....	1.603	165.5	165.7	2.6	.1	.2	.3	.1
Motor vehicle body work <sup>3</sup> .....	.118	178.1	178.6	4.8	.3	.2	.9	.3
Motor vehicle maintenance and servicing <sup>3</sup> .....	.507	153.2	153.6	3.5	.3	.4	.3	.3
Motor vehicle repair <sup>1 3</sup> .....	.958	100.3	100.3	-	.0	.1	.2	.0
Motor vehicle insurance .....	2.551	255.3	255.2	2.0	.0	.2	.0	.3
Motor vehicle fees <sup>1 3</sup> .....	.633	102.3	102.3	-	.0	2.2	.1	.0
State and local registration and license <sup>1 3</sup> .....	.425	101.3	101.3	-	.0	1.3	.0	.0
Parking and other fees <sup>1 3</sup> .....	.185	104.7	104.9	-	.2	4.3	.4	.2
Parking fees and tolls <sup>1 2 3</sup> .....	-	104.9	105.1	-	.2	4.5	.4	.2
Automobile service clubs <sup>1 2 3</sup> .....	-	100.6	100.8	-	.2	.3	.3	.2
Public transportation .....	1.338	191.2	193.7	3.0	1.3	1.6	1.4	.4
Airline fare <sup>3</sup> .....	.814	206.6	210.7	4.5	2.0	2.7	3.2	2.0
Other intercity transportation <sup>3</sup> .....	.183	159.2	159.6	3.0	.3	.4	1.5	.3
Ship fare <sup>1 2 3</sup> .....	-	104.5	105.1	-	.6	1.8	2.7	.6
Intracity transportation <sup>3</sup> .....	.337	175.3	175.5	.1	.1	-.6	-.1	.1

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(1982-84=100, unless otherwise noted)

Item and Group	Relative importance, December 1997	Unadjusted indexes		Unadjusted percent change to Mar. 1998 from—		Seasonally adjusted percent change from—		
		Feb. 1998	Mar. 1998	Mar. 1997	Feb. 1998	Dec. to Jan.	Jan. to Feb.	Feb. to Mar.
<b>Expenditure category</b>								
Medical care .....	5.614	239.3	239.8	2.7	0.2	0.1	0.3	0.3
Medical care commodities .....	1.222	218.4	218.5	1.8	.0	.2	.1	.0
Prescription drugs and medical supplies .....	.818	253.7	253.9	2.1	.1	.1	.2	.0
Nonprescription drugs and medical supplies <sup>3 5</sup> .....	.404	146.6	146.6	1.0	.0	.4	.1	.0
Internal and respiratory over-the-counter drugs <sup>3</sup> .....	.270	173.2	173.3	-.1	.1	.0	.1	.1
Nonprescription medical equipment and supplies <sup>3</sup> .....	.134	175.3	175.1	3.0	-.1	1.2	.2	-.1
Medical care services .....	4.392	244.2	244.8	3.0	.2	.1	.4	.3
Professional services .....	2.808	219.7	220.4	2.9	.3	.3	.2	.4
Physicians' services .....	1.444	226.9	227.6	2.6	.3	.0	.4	.2
Dental services <sup>3</sup> .....	.812	232.6	233.7	4.1	.5	.7	.4	.5
Eyeglasses and eye care <sup>3 5</sup> .....	.281	142.9	143.1	1.5	.1	.1	.1	.1
Services by other medical professionals <sup>5</sup> .....	.270	154.4	155.0	2.5	.4	.5	-.1	.3
Hospital and related services .....	1.334	285.2	285.2	3.1	.0	-.1	.5	.2
Hospital services <sup>3 9</sup> .....	1.284	104.1	104.1	3.0	.0	.3	.6	.0
Inpatient hospital services <sup>2 3 9</sup> .....	-	103.3	103.2	2.3	-.1	.3	.5	-.1
Outpatient hospital services <sup>2 5</sup> .....	-	230.4	230.9	3.5	.2	-.4	.5	.6
Nursing homes and adult daycare <sup>3 9</sup> .....	.050	105.9	106.0	4.5	.1	.7	1.2	.1
Recreation <sup>1</sup> .....	6.145	100.7	101.0	1.6	.3	.3	.3	.4
Video and audio <sup>1 3</sup> .....	1.763	101.2	101.4	2.3	.2	.6	.6	.2
Televisions <sup>3</sup> .....	.215	60.3	60.6	-3.7	.5	-.2	.3	.5
Cable television <sup>6</sup> .....	.842	241.7	242.0	7.9	.1	1.7	.8	.1
Other video equipment <sup>1 3</sup> .....	.087	97.9	96.8	-	-1.1	-1.0	-1.1	-1.1
Video cassettes, discs, and other media including rental <sup>1 3</sup> .....	.189	97.9	98.0	-	.1	-1.8	-.3	.1
Video cassettes and discs, blank and prerecorded <sup>1 2 3</sup> .....	-	99.9	101.5	-	1.6	-1.1	1.0	1.6
Rental of video tapes and discs <sup>1 2 3</sup> .....	-	98.0	98.4	-	.4	-3.6	1.7	.4
Audio equipment <sup>3</sup> .....	.167	86.9	87.3	-3.3	.5	-.6	-1.1	.5
Audio discs, tapes and other media <sup>1 3</sup> .....	.148	99.5	100.5	-	1.0	-.4	-.1	1.0
Pets, pet products and services <sup>1 3</sup> .....	.664	100.6	100.7	-	.1	.6	.0	-.1
Pets and pet products <sup>3</sup> .....	.434	142.7	142.5	-.5	-.1	.8	-.4	-.1
Pet food <sup>1 2 3</sup> .....	-	100.7	100.3	-	-.4	1.0	-.3	-.4
Purchase of pets, pet supplies, accessories <sup>1 2 3</sup> .....	-	99.7	100.7	-	1.0	.1	-.4	1.0
Pet services including veterinary <sup>1 3</sup> .....	.231	100.9	101.5	-	.6	.2	.7	.6
Pet services <sup>1 2 3</sup> .....	-	102.2	102.4	-	.2	.3	1.9	.2
Veterinarian services <sup>1 2 3</sup> .....	-	101.0	101.6	-	.6	.1	.9	.6
Sporting goods <sup>3</sup> .....	.493	123.4	122.8	-.7	-.5	.7	.0	-.5
Sports vehicles including bicycles <sup>3</sup> .....	.213	125.0	124.8	-1.2	-.2	.6	-.1	-.2
Sports equipment <sup>3</sup> .....	.269	119.2	118.3	-.3	-.8	.8	.1	-.8
Photography <sup>1 3</sup> .....	.265	99.6	100.1	-	.5	-.1	-.3	.5
Photographic equipment and supplies <sup>3</sup> .....	.108	132.7	134.1	-.1	1.1	-.1	-.8	1.1
Film and photographic supplies <sup>1 2 3</sup> .....	-	99.3	100.5	-	1.2	.5	-1.2	1.2
Photographic equipment <sup>1 2 3</sup> .....	-	98.0	98.4	-	.4	-1.0	-1.0	.4
Photographers and film processing <sup>1 3</sup> .....	.155	99.9	100.1	-	.2	-.1	.0	.2
Photographer fees <sup>1 2 3</sup> .....	-	98.8	NA	-	-	-.1	-1.1	-
Film processing <sup>1 2 3</sup> .....	-	100.0	100.3	-	.3	.0	.0	.3
Other recreational goods <sup>1</sup> .....	.596	98.8	98.7	-	-.1	-1.1	-.5	-.2
Toys .....	.450	122.6	122.1	-3.3	-.4	-1.4	-.6	-.5
Toys, games, hobbies and playground equipment <sup>1 2 3</sup> .....	-	99.7	99.0	-	-.7	-.4	.1	-.7
Video game hardware, software and accessories <sup>1 2 3</sup> .....	-	NA	NA	-	-	-3.7	-	-
Sewing machines, fabric and supplies <sup>1 3</sup> .....	.072	99.5	100.4	-	.9	-.8	.3	.9
Music instruments and accessories <sup>1 3</sup> .....	.057	99.9	100.3	-	.4	.1	-.2	.4
Recreation services <sup>1</sup> .....	1.771	100.8	101.7	-	.9	.2	.6	.9
Club membership dues and fees for participant sports <sup>1 3</sup> .....	.647	100.6	101.5	-	.9	.3	.3	.9
Admissions <sup>3</sup> .....	.738	202.8	204.9	4.9	1.0	.2	1.0	1.0
Admission to movies, theaters, and concerts <sup>1 2 3</sup> .....	-	101.0	102.2	-	1.2	.0	1.0	1.2
Admission to sporting events <sup>1 2 3</sup> .....	-	102.0	102.6	-	.6	.8	1.2	.6
Fees for lessons or instructions <sup>5</sup> .....	.219	174.2	174.6	4.7	.2	.0	-.2	.5
Recreational reading materials <sup>3</sup> .....	.593	181.9	183.0	2.4	.6	.2	.8	.6
Newspapers and magazines <sup>1 3</sup> .....	.391	101.2	101.6	-	.4	.3	.9	.4
Recreational books <sup>1 3</sup> .....	.201	100.4	101.5	-	1.1	-.1	.5	1.1

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		Feb. 1998	Mar. 1998	Mar. 1997	Feb. 1998	Dec. to Jan.	Jan. to Feb.	Feb. to Mar.
<b>Expenditure category</b>								
Education and communication <sup>1</sup> .....	5.528	99.8	99.9	2.5	0.1	0.0	-0.1	0.3
Education <sup>1</sup> .....	2.615	100.4	100.5	5.1	.1	.4	.3	.5
Educational books and supplies .....	.194	246.9	247.5	5.1	.2	-.2	.7	.6
Tuition, other school fees, and childcare .....	2.421	289.2	289.5	5.2	.1	.5	.3	.4
College tuition and fees .....	1.112	302.4	302.4	4.5	.0	.4	.4	.4
Elementary and high school tuition and fees .....	.323	300.6	300.6	7.2	.0	.5	.4	.5
Child care and nursery school <sup>7</sup> .....	.865	138.2	138.5	4.4	.2	.4	-.1	.5
Technical and business school tuition and fees <sup>1 3</sup> .....	.049	99.9	100.2	-	.3	-.2	.1	.3
Communication <sup>1 3</sup> .....	2.913	99.2	99.3	-1.3	.1	-.4	-.4	.1
Postage and delivery services <sup>1 3</sup> .....	.207	100.0	100.1	-	.1	.0	.0	.1
Postage <sup>3</sup> .....	.203	160.3	160.3	.0	.0	.0	.0	.0
Delivery services <sup>1 3</sup> .....	.004	101.5	103.9	-	2.4	.0	1.5	2.4
Information and information processing <sup>1 3</sup> .....	2.706	99.1	99.3	-1.4	.2	-.4	-.5	.2
Telephone services <sup>1 3</sup> .....	2.357	100.0	100.4	-	.4	-.1	.1	.4
Telephone services, local charges <sup>3</sup> .....	1.083	164.4	165.6	1.8	.7	.0	.4	.7
Telephone services, long distance charges <sup>1 3</sup> .....	1.209	99.7	99.9	-	.2	-.2	-.1	.2
Interstate toll calls <sup>2 3</sup> .....	-	75.3	75.3	-4.4	.0	.0	.1	.0
Intrastate toll calls <sup>2 3</sup> .....	-	93.7	94.4	.5	.7	-.4	-.6	.7
Cellular telephone services <sup>1 3</sup> .....	.065	98.1	97.4	-	-.7	-1.0	-.9	-.7
Information and information processing other than telephone services <sup>3 10</sup> .....	.350	44.3	43.4	-17.2	-2.0	-2.5	-4.1	-2.0
Personal computers and peripheral equipment <sup>1 3</sup> .....	.234	91.3	88.7	-	-2.8	-3.1	-5.8	-2.8
Computer software and accessories <sup>1 3</sup> .....	.037	97.2	98.3	-	1.1	-2.9	.1	1.1
Computer information processing services <sup>1 3</sup> .....	.020	100.2	100.2	-	.0	.2	.0	.0
Other information processing equipment <sup>1 3</sup> .....	.057	98.3	96.9	-	-1.4	-.4	-1.3	-1.4
Other goods and services .....	4.321	233.1	232.4	5.0	-.3	.4	.8	-.3
Tobacco and smoking products .....	.894	261.2	254.1	6.7	-2.7	.7	2.9	-2.6
Cigarettes <sup>1 3</sup> .....	.830	104.1	101.1	-	-2.9	1.0	3.1	-2.9
Tobacco products other than cigarettes <sup>1 3</sup> .....	.059	101.6	101.6	-	.0	.8	.8	.0
Personal care <sup>3</sup> .....	3.427	155.0	155.5	2.4	.3	.4	.3	.3
Personal care products <sup>3</sup> .....	.737	146.7	147.3	2.6	.4	.6	.4	.4
Hair, dental, shaving, and miscellaneous personal care products <sup>1 3</sup> .....	.372	100.5	101.1	-	.6	.1	.4	.6
Cosmetics, perfume, bath, nail preparations and implements <sup>3</sup> .....	.361	156.1	156.5	3.2	.3	1.1	.3	.3
Personal care services <sup>3</sup> .....	.963	164.3	164.7	2.2	.2	.2	.0	.2
Haircuts and other personal care services <sup>1 3</sup> .....	.963	100.2	100.5	-	.3	.2	.0	.3
Miscellaneous personal services .....	1.465	232.1	232.8	4.0	.3	.2	.0	.3
Legal services <sup>3 5</sup> .....	.329	169.9	170.2	5.9	.2	.7	.8	.2
Funeral expenses <sup>5</sup> .....	.344	173.9	174.6	3.6	.4	.0	.2	.3
Laundry and dry cleaning services <sup>1 3</sup> .....	.214	100.7	100.7	-	.0	.2	.5	.0
Apparel services other than laundry and dry cleaning <sup>1 3</sup> .....	.065	100.2	100.7	-	.5	.2	.0	.5
Financial services <sup>3 5</sup> .....	.307	196.3	197.4	3.1	.6	.4	.5	.6
Checking account and other bank services <sup>1 2 3</sup> .....	-	100.2	100.4	-	.2	.1	.1	.2
Tax return preparation and other accounting fees <sup>1 2 3</sup> .....	-	102.6	103.4	-	.8	1.0	1.6	.8
Miscellaneous personal goods <sup>1 3</sup> .....	.262	99.8	100.2	-	.4	.1	-.3	.4
Stationery, stationery supplies, gift wrap <sup>2</sup> .....	-	157.7	158.3	1.7	.4	.6	-.4	-.5
<b>Special aggregate indexes</b>								
Commodities .....	42.635	141.5	141.5	-.4	.0	-.1	-.1	-.4
Commodities less food and beverages .....	26.326	130.5	130.4	-1.9	-.1	-.4	-.2	-.5
Nondurables less food and beverages .....	14.729	132.1	132.1	-2.1	.0	-1.1	-.1	-1.0
Nondurables less food, beverages, and apparel .....	9.785	137.2	135.6	-3.3	-1.2	-1.2	-.6	-1.0
Durables .....	11.596	128.2	127.9	-1.5	-.2	.2	-.2	-.2
Services .....	57.365	182.4	182.9	2.6	.3	.1	.2	.2
Rent of shelter <sup>4</sup> .....	29.410	187.5	188.1	3.2	.3	.2	.3	.3
Transportation services .....	6.984	187.9	188.4	1.9	.3	.6	.4	.2
Other services .....	10.625	214.4	215.1	3.8	.3	.2	.2	.4
All items less food .....	84.674	162.3	162.6	1.2	.2	-.1	.1	.1
All items less shelter .....	70.212	156.4	156.5	.6	.1	-.1	-.1	-.1
All items less medical care .....	94.386	157.5	157.8	1.2	.2	.0	.1	.0
Commodities less food .....	27.309	131.9	131.8	-1.7	-.1	-.4	-.2	-.5
Nondurables less food .....	15.712	134.1	134.1	-1.8	.0	-.9	-.1	-.9
Nondurables less food and apparel .....	10.768	138.9	137.5	-2.8	-1.0	-1.1	-.6	-1.0
Nondurables .....	31.039	146.1	146.2	.0	.1	-.2	-.2	-.4

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<b>Special aggregate indexes</b>								
Apparel less footwear .....	4.049	128.3	131.9	0.2	2.8	-0.5	0.4	0.3
Services less rent of shelter <sup>4</sup> .....	27.955	190.1	190.6	2.1	.3	-.1	.0	.4
Services less medical care services .....	52.973	176.6	177.2	2.6	.3	-.1	-.1	-.3
Energy .....	7.013	103.2	101.6	-8.6	-1.6	-2.4	-2.2	-1.2
All items less energy .....	92.987	169.6	170.1	2.2	.3	.2	.2	.1
All items less food and energy .....	77.661	172.1	172.6	2.1	.3	.2	.3	.1
Commodities less food and energy commodities .....	24.053	142.7	143.1	.1	.3	.1	.2	-.1
Energy commodities .....	3.256	94.3	91.3	-14.4	-3.2	-3.5	-3.3	-3.1
Services less energy services .....	53.608	188.8	189.4	3.0	.3	.2	.3	.2
Domestically produced farm food .....	8.134	161.5	162.0	1.6	.3	.4	-.1	.2
Utilities and public transportation .....	9.217	144.7	145.1	.1	.3	-.5	.0	.2
Purchasing power of the consumer dollar .....	-	\$ .618	\$ .617	-	-	-	-	-
Purchasing power of the consumer dollar - old base .....	-	\$ .206	\$ .206	-	-	-	-	-

- 1 Indexes on a December 1997=100 base.
- 2 Special index based on a substantially smaller sample.
- 3 Not seasonally adjusted.
- 4 Indexes on a December 1982=100 base.
- 5 Indexes on a December 1986=100 base.
- 6 Indexes on a December 1983=100 base.
- 7 Indexes on a December 1990=100 base.

- 8 Indexes on a December 1993=100 base.
  - 9 Indexes on a December 1996=100 base.
  - 10 Indexes on a December 1988=100 base.
  - NA Data not adequate for publication.
  - Data not available.
- NOTE: Index applies to a month as a whole, not to any specific date.

**Table 4. Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers (CPI-U): 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					
					3 months ended—				6 months ended—	
	Dec. 1997	Jan. 1998	Feb. 1998	Mar. 1998	June 1997	Sep. 1997	Dec. 1997	Mar. 1998	Sep. 1997	Mar. 1998
<b>Expenditure category</b>										
All items .....	161.9	161.9	162.0	162.0	1.5	2.3	1.5	0.2	1.9	0.9
Food and beverages .....	159.3	159.7	159.7	159.7	2.1	2.8	1.8	1.0	2.4	1.4
Food .....	158.9	159.4	159.4	159.4	2.1	2.8	1.5	1.3	2.4	1.4
Food at home .....	159.3	159.9	159.7	159.5	2.3	2.6	1.0	.5	2.4	.8
Cereals and bakery products .....	179.1	179.0	179.4	180.1	1.1	1.4	1.8	2.3	1.2	2.0
Cereals and cereal products .....	170.8	169.7	170.4	169.6	2.2	2.9	.9	-2.8	2.5	-9
Flour and prepared flour mixes .....	155.2	156.9	156.1	157.8	3.1	-1.3	-1.5	6.9	.9	2.6
Breakfast cereal .....	189.1	187.2	188.9	187.3	3.3	3.2	.0	-3.8	3.3	-1.9
Rice, pasta, cornmeal .....	151.3	149.6	149.9	149.1	.5	7.0	4.1	-5.7	3.7	-9
Rice <sup>1 2 3</sup> .....	100.0	100.1	98.9	99.5	-	-	-	-2.0	-	-
Bakery products .....	182.5	183.4	183.4	184.7	.7	.9	1.8	4.9	.8	3.3
Bread <sup>1 3</sup> .....	100.0	99.4	100.2	99.8	-	-	-	-8	-	-
White bread <sup>2 3</sup> .....	186.2	184.5	186.3	185.1	4.2	-2.2	6.0	-2.3	1.0	1.8
Bread other than white <sup>2 3</sup> .....	186.9	186.3	187.9	187.7	2.2	5.9	6.2	1.7	4.0	3.9
Fresh biscuits, rolls, muffins <sup>1 3</sup> .....	100.0	101.0	101.8	100.9	-	-	-	3.6	-	-
Cakes, cupcakes, and cookies <sup>3</sup> .....	180.1	180.1	181.9	181.1	.9	-3.3	5.3	2.2	-1.2	3.7
Cookies <sup>2 3</sup> .....	182.3	182.7	183.5	181.7	4.6	-2.2	6.6	-1.3	1.1	2.6
Fresh cakes and cupcakes <sup>2 3</sup> .....	178.6	178.2	180.4	180.2	-7.1	-4.0	8.7	3.6	-5.6	6.2
Other bakery products .....	181.0	183.2	180.0	184.2	-2	1.8	-1.1	7.3	.8	3.0
Fresh sweetrolls, coffeecakes, doughnuts <sup>2 3</sup> .....	177.2	177.9	178.6	174.1	6.1	.5	.7	-6.8	3.2	-3.1
Crackers, bread, and cracker products <sup>2</sup> .....	212.0	218.1	204.3	215.8	-18.7	-5.1	10.9	7.4	-12.1	9.1
Frozen and refrigerated bakery products, pies, tarts, turnovers <sup>2 3</sup> .....	181.7	184.7	182.6	186.8	3.2	-4.8	10.6	11.7	-9	11.1
Meats, poultry, fish, and eggs .....	147.7	147.3	147.2	146.6	4.4	.3	-3.2	-2.9	2.3	-3.1
Meats, poultry, and fish .....	148.1	148.0	148.0	147.4	4.4	.3	-4.0	-1.9	2.3	-2.9
Meats .....	143.3	143.0	142.5	142.1	6.0	-3	-4.3	-3.3	2.8	-3.8
Beef and veal .....	136.6	136.0	135.2	135.6	8.9	.9	-3.4	-2.9	4.8	-3.2
Uncooked ground beef .....	115.3	116.8	114.0	115.7	16.9	-3	-7.6	1.4	7.9	-3.2
Uncooked beef roasts <sup>1 3</sup> .....	100.0	99.5	99.9	100.0	-	-	-	.0	-	-
Uncooked beef steaks <sup>1 3</sup> .....	100.0	99.2	99.0	99.4	-	-	-	-2.4	-	-
Uncooked other beef and veal <sup>1 3</sup> .....	100.0	99.9	99.3	100.5	-	-	-	2.0	-	-
Pork .....	153.3	152.7	152.8	151.0	6.1	-4.0	-6.3	-5.9	.9	-6.1
Bacon, breakfast sausage, and related products <sup>1 3</sup> .....	100.0	99.1	97.9	97.0	-	-	-	-11.5	-	-
Bacon and related products <sup>2</sup> .....	160.8	158.2	157.4	154.8	1.2	-3.6	-7.6	-14.1	-1.2	-10.9
Breakfast sausage and related products <sup>1 2 3</sup> .....	100.0	101.1	99.6	100.5	-	-	-	2.0	-	-
Ham .....	153.7	153.6	154.9	154.5	9.3	-5.9	-6.7	2.1	1.4	-2.4
Ham, excluding canned <sup>2</sup> .....	163.5	164.3	166.3	165.2	12.7	-6.9	-7.9	4.2	2.4	-2.0
Pork chops .....	152.6	150.9	150.5	145.7	4.2	-2.3	-8.0	-16.9	.9	-12.5
Other pork including roasts and picnics <sup>1 3</sup> .....	100.0	99.8	99.4	97.8	-	-	-	-8.5	-	-
Other meats <sup>3</sup> .....	147.0	148.1	147.3	147.4	-3	3.3	-4.2	1.1	1.5	-1.6
Frankfurters <sup>2 3</sup> .....	144.9	148.6	147.4	144.9	1.7	10.1	-6.4	.0	5.8	-3.2
Lunchmeats <sup>1 2 3</sup> .....	100.0	100.3	100.0	99.8	-	-	-	-8	-	-
Lamb and organ meats <sup>2 3</sup> .....	160.8	163.4	162.3	165.5	-7.6	8.5	-6.7	12.2	.1	2.3
Lamb and mutton <sup>1 2 3</sup> .....	100.0	NA	NA	101.3	-	-	-	5.3	-	-
Poultry <sup>3</sup> .....	155.2	155.1	155.3	155.1	1.0	.3	-4.0	-3	.6	-2.2
Chicken <sup>1 3</sup> .....	100.0	99.3	99.7	99.6	-	-	-	-1.6	-	-
Fresh whole chicken <sup>2 3</sup> .....	158.9	155.0	155.4	157.8	-5.4	2.3	3.3	-2.7	-1.6	.3
Fresh and frozen chicken parts <sup>2 3</sup> .....	154.4	154.4	155.7	153.9	4.1	-2.7	-7.4	-1.3	.6	-4.4
Other poultry including turkey <sup>1 3</sup> .....	100.0	102.3	101.3	101.1	-	-	-	4.5	-	-
Fish and seafood .....	177.7	177.9	180.7	178.8	-2	2.1	.2	2.5	.9	1.4
Fresh fish and seafood <sup>1 3</sup> .....	100.0	103.3	103.8	103.0	-	-	-	12.6	-	-
Processed fish and seafood <sup>1 3</sup> .....	100.0	100.3	99.9	100.1	-	-	-	.4	-	-
Canned fish and seafood <sup>2 3</sup> .....	129.4	129.9	130.3	129.4	2.5	4.8	.9	.0	3.7	.5
Frozen fish and seafood <sup>2</sup> .....	201.0	197.3	198.5	199.1	-6	1.8	-4	-3.7	.6	-2.1
Eggs .....	140.5	136.9	133.7	131.8	5.7	1.5	5.6	-22.6	3.6	-9.6
Dairy and related products <sup>3</sup> .....	147.8	148.3	147.7	148.4	-5.4	-1.7	12.5	1.6	-3.5	6.9
Milk <sup>1 3</sup> .....	100.0	99.8	100.2	100.7	-	-	-	2.8	-	-
Fresh whole milk <sup>2 3</sup> .....	145.8	145.6	146.3	147.0	-6.0	-7.1	21.1	3.3	-6.6	11.8
Fresh milk other than whole <sup>1 2 3</sup> .....	100.0	99.8	100.3	100.8	-	-	-	3.2	-	-
Cheese and related products <sup>3</sup> .....	148.3	148.5	148.3	150.1	-2.7	.5	2.7	4.9	-1.1	3.8
Ice cream and related products .....	151.2	152.4	150.0	149.5	-3.9	3.3	1.6	-4.4	-4	-1.5
Other dairy and related products <sup>1 3</sup> .....	100.0	100.9	99.4	100.1	-	-	-	.4	-	-

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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					
					3 months ended—				6 months ended—	
	Dec. 1997	Jan. 1998	Feb. 1998	Mar. 1998	June 1997	Sep. 1997	Dec. 1997	Mar. 1998	Sep. 1997	Mar. 1998
<b>Expenditure category</b>										
Fruits and vegetables .....	190.9	196.5	194.9	193.0	-1.5	9.1	1.9	4.5	3.7	3.2
Fresh fruits and vegetables .....	219.8	227.1	225.2	221.9	-1.9	14.3	.9	3.9	5.9	2.4
Fresh fruits .....	235.8	233.4	247.0	240.7	-7.3	4.5	-3.0	8.6	-1.6	2.6
Apples .....	202.0	200.6	202.2	202.8	-1.4	.2	7.5	1.6	-6	4.5
Bananas .....	158.9	158.4	152.1	141.1	-4.9	-4.5	5.7	-37.8	-4.7	-18.9
Citrus fruits <sup>1 3</sup> .....	100.0	105.6	101.3	102.6	-	-	-	10.8	-	-
Oranges, including tangerines <sup>2</sup> .....	219.4	243.1	233.1	235.5	5.2	-6.1	-11.0	32.7	-6	8.7
Other fresh fruits <sup>1 3</sup> .....	100.0	96.6	96.6	93.0	-	-	-	-25.2	-	-
Fresh vegetables .....	205.4	221.6	205.6	205.0	5.2	27.6	5.4	-8	15.9	2.3
Potatoes .....	184.8	186.7	186.4	186.3	1.9	63.1	-6.0	3.3	28.9	-1.5
Lettuce <sup>3</sup> .....	218.5	290.5	198.8	210.7	-24.0	126.3	11.2	-13.5	31.2	-2.0
Tomatoes <sup>3</sup> .....	253.4	238.4	226.0	244.9	-53.3	-47.2	242.3	-12.8	-50.4	72.8
Other fresh vegetables .....	203.0	225.7	210.3	216.7	5.6	19.5	2.0	29.9	12.3	15.1
Processed fruits and vegetables <sup>1 3</sup> .....	100.0	101.6	100.9	101.7	-	-	-	7.0	-	-
Canned fruits and vegetables <sup>1 3</sup> .....	100.0	101.8	100.8	102.4	-	-	-	10.0	-	-
Canned fruits <sup>1 2 3</sup> .....	100.0	100.6	100.3	100.4	-	-	-	1.6	-	-
Canned vegetables <sup>1 2 3</sup> .....	100.0	103.5	102.1	104.5	-	-	-	19.3	-	-
Frozen fruits and vegetables <sup>1 3</sup> .....	100.0	101.7	101.6	101.4	-	-	-	5.7	-	-
Frozen vegetables <sup>2</sup> .....	149.8	148.7	149.5	149.4	6.7	-1.3	5.0	-1.1	2.6	1.9
Other processed fruits and vegetables including dried <sup>1 3</sup> .....	100.0	100.2	99.9	100.0	-	-	-	.0	-	-
Dried beans, peas, and lentils <sup>1 2 3</sup> .....	100.0	100.1	100.5	99.8	-	-	-	-8	-	-
Nonalcoholic beverages and beverage materials .....	134.3	134.0	134.1	133.7	20.0	5.1	-6.6	-1.8	12.3	-4.2
Juices and nonalcoholic drinks <sup>1 3</sup> .....	100.0	101.1	101.7	101.1	-	-	-	4.5	-	-
Carbonated drinks .....	117.7	117.5	118.4	118.3	-1.7	.3	-3	2.1	-7	.9
Frozen noncarbonated juices and drinks <sup>1 3</sup> .....	100.0	101.0	100.7	99.8	-	-	-	-8	-	-
Nonfrozen noncarbonated juices and drinks <sup>1 3</sup> .....	100.0	100.0	99.6	99.0	-	-	-	-3.9	-	-
Beverage materials including coffee and tea <sup>1 3</sup> .....	100.0	100.0	100.1	100.3	-	-	-	1.2	-	-
Coffee <sup>3</sup> .....	170.2	169.8	169.1	169.8	76.3	13.4	-22.0	-9	41.4	-12.1
Roasted coffee <sup>2 3</sup> .....	178.0	176.9	176.8	178.0	115.5	15.1	-29.9	.0	57.5	-16.2
Instant and freeze dried coffee <sup>2 3</sup> .....	155.2	155.5	154.1	153.9	16.7	3.9	-5.0	-3.3	10.1	-4.2
Other beverage materials including tea <sup>1 3</sup> .....	100.0	100.3	101.0	101.0	-	-	-	4.1	-	-
Other food at home .....	148.7	148.7	148.8	149.3	7.7	3.3	-5	1.6	5.5	.5
Sugar and sweets .....	149.3	150.0	149.4	150.7	5.0	1.4	2.4	3.8	3.2	3.1
Sugar and artificial sweeteners .....	135.3	136.0	135.2	136.1	3.6	-3	.9	2.4	1.6	1.6
Candy and chewing gum <sup>1 3</sup> .....	100.0	101.2	100.9	101.6	-	-	-	6.6	-	-
Other sweets <sup>1 3</sup> .....	100.0	102.3	101.3	102.9	-	-	-	12.1	-	-
Fats and oils .....	141.5	140.0	141.0	141.8	-8	1.7	-2.0	.9	.4	-6
Butter and margarine <sup>1 3</sup> .....	100.0	99.3	99.8	101.6	-	-	-	6.6	-	-
Butter <sup>2 3</sup> .....	128.2	124.7	126.2	129.4	-19.1	20.6	60.5	3.8	-1.2	29.1
Margarine <sup>2 3</sup> .....	144.2	146.1	145.5	148.5	-5.3	1.7	-2.5	12.5	-1.9	4.7
Salad dressing <sup>1 3</sup> .....	100.0	100.0	101.3	100.7	-	-	-	2.8	-	-
Other fats and oils including peanut butter <sup>1 3</sup> .....	100.0	100.8	101.4	101.7	-	-	-	7.0	-	-
Peanut butter <sup>1 2 3</sup> .....	100.0	100.3	101.0	101.5	-	-	-	6.1	-	-
Other foods .....	163.4	163.6	163.8	164.0	2.5	2.8	3.2	1.5	2.6	2.4
Soups .....	190.5	191.5	191.9	192.3	3.2	-2	3.9	3.8	1.5	3.9
Frozen and freeze dried prepared foods <sup>3</sup> .....	144.9	145.2	145.2	143.3	4.8	-5.3	1.1	-4.3	-4	-1.7
Snacks <sup>3</sup> .....	155.6	155.1	155.5	155.1	2.6	5.3	-1.8	-1.3	4.0	-1.5
Spices, seasonings, condiments, sauces .....	170.2	170.5	172.3	172.5	2.4	4.1	2.9	5.5	3.3	4.2
Salt and other seasonings and spices <sup>1 2 3</sup> .....	100.0	99.9	101.0	99.8	-	-	-	-8	-	-
Olives, pickles, relishes <sup>1 2 3</sup> .....	100.0	96.7	104.6	104.8	-	-	-	20.6	-	-
Sauces and gravies <sup>1 2 3</sup> .....	100.0	101.4	102.3	102.4	-	-	-	10.0	-	-
Other condiments <sup>2</sup> .....	164.3	167.5	170.5	170.2	3.6	5.6	7.1	15.2	4.6	11.1
Baby food <sup>1 3</sup> .....	100.0	100.6	100.5	101.5	-	-	-	6.1	-	-
Other miscellaneous foods <sup>1 3</sup> .....	100.0	100.4	100.4	101.5	-	-	-	6.1	-	-
Prepared salads <sup>1 2 3</sup> .....	100.0	NA	NA	NA	-	-	-	-	-	-
Food away from home <sup>3</sup> .....	159.2	159.2	159.6	159.9	1.5	3.1	3.1	2.3	2.3	2.7
Full service meals and snacks <sup>1 3</sup> .....	100.0	100.2	100.4	100.7	-	-	-	2.8	-	-
Limited service meals and snacks <sup>1 3</sup> .....	100.0	100.2	100.5	100.6	-	-	-	2.4	-	-
Food at employee sites and schools <sup>1 3</sup> .....	100.0	99.9	100.0	100.0	-	-	-	.0	-	-
Food from vending machines and mobile vendors <sup>1 3</sup> .....	100.0	100.1	100.2	100.3	-	-	-	1.2	-	-
Other food away from home <sup>1 3</sup> .....	100.0	100.1	100.4	100.3	-	-	-	1.2	-	-

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<b>Expenditure category</b>										
Alcoholic beverages .....	164.5	164.9	164.8	164.7	2.0	2.7	2.2	0.5	2.4	1.3
Alcoholic beverages at home .....	150.1	150.3	149.8	149.6	1.1	1.3	.8	-1.3	1.2	-3
Beer, ale, and other malt beverages at home .....	148.1	148.3	147.7	147.3	.0	.0	.0	-2.1	.0	-1.1
Distilled spirits at home .....	152.5	151.7	152.0	151.8	3.0	1.6	3.2	-1.8	2.3	.7
Whiskey at home <sup>2 3</sup> .....	151.5	151.5	150.8	150.8	6.6	.0	-3	-1.8	3.2	-1.1
Distilled spirits, excluding whiskey, at home <sup>2 3</sup> .....	152.1	151.8	152.4	152.0	.5	4.9	1.1	-3	2.7	.4
Wine at home .....	146.5	146.7	146.3	146.2	1.9	3.9	-8	-8	2.9	-8
Alcoholic beverages away from home .....	192.7	193.3	193.8	194.0	2.6	4.5	3.8	2.7	3.5	3.3
Beer, ale, and other malt beverages away from home <sup>1 2 3</sup> ..	100.0	100.3	100.2	100.2	-	-	-	.8	-	-
Wine away from home <sup>1 2 3</sup> .....	100.0	100.6	100.6	100.5	-	-	-	2.0	-	-
Distilled spirits away from home <sup>1 2 3</sup> .....	100.0	100.0	100.5	100.3	-	-	-	1.2	-	-
Housing .....	158.3	158.4	158.6	158.9	2.3	2.1	2.6	1.5	2.2	2.0
Shelter .....	178.7	179.0	179.5	179.9	3.5	2.8	3.9	2.7	3.1	3.3
Rent of primary residence .....	169.1	169.5	169.7	170.3	3.4	3.2	3.1	2.9	3.3	3.0
Lodging away from home <sup>1</sup> .....	100.0	99.8	100.3	99.9	-	-	-	-4	-	-
Housing at school, excluding board <sup>4</sup> .....	228.6	229.3	229.8	230.5	4.6	4.7	4.5	3.4	4.7	3.9
Other lodging away from home including hotels and motels	230.1	229.6	230.7	229.6	2.5	2.7	9.4	-9	2.6	4.1
Owners' equivalent rent of primary residence <sup>4</sup> .....	184.5	184.9	185.5	185.9	3.4	2.9	3.3	3.1	3.1	3.2
Tenants' and household insurance <sup>1 3</sup> .....	100.0	100.3	100.2	100.3	-	-	-	1.2	-	-
Fuels and utilities .....	130.7	129.1	127.9	128.3	-1.2	.9	.0	-7.1	-2	-3.6
Fuels .....	116.0	114.2	112.7	113.1	-4.7	.0	-1.7	-9.6	-2.4	-5.8
Fuel oil and other fuels .....	96.1	94.1	91.9	92.3	-14.6	-11.6	-4	-14.9	-13.1	-7.9
Fuel oil .....	93.1	90.6	87.9	87.9	-14.3	-14.1	.4	-20.5	-14.2	-10.7
Other household fuels <sup>3 5</sup> .....	128.8	128.6	128.6	129.4	-26.2	-8.5	12.4	1.9	-17.8	7.0
Gas (piped) and electricity .....	123.6	121.8	120.3	120.6	-3.5	1.3	-1.9	-9.4	-1.1	-5.7
Electricity .....	130.6	129.3	127.8	127.2	.9	-2.1	-5.3	-10.0	-6	-7.7
Utility natural gas service .....	116.0	112.9	111.2	113.8	-12.8	9.6	5.7	-7.4	-2.2	-1.0
Water and sewer and trash collection services <sup>1</sup> .....	100.0	100.0	100.6	101.0	-	-	-	4.1	-	-
Water and sewerage maintenance .....	214.0	214.0	215.1	216.1	3.5	6.5	3.2	4.0	5.0	3.6
Garbage and trash collection <sup>3 6</sup> .....	252.8	252.9	254.7	255.1	1.8	3.4	1.3	3.7	2.6	2.5
Household furnishings and operations .....	125.4	125.7	126.1	126.2	1.6	-1.3	.6	2.6	.2	1.6
Window and floor coverings and other linens <sup>1 3</sup> .....	100.0	101.5	101.9	101.1	-	-	-	4.5	-	-
Floor coverings <sup>1 3</sup> .....	100.0	99.9	99.9	100.1	-	-	-	.4	-	-
Window coverings <sup>1 3</sup> .....	100.0	103.4	102.0	100.4	-	-	-	1.6	-	-
Other linens <sup>1 3</sup> .....	100.0	101.0	102.9	102.2	-	-	-	9.1	-	-
Furniture and bedding <sup>3</sup> .....	133.5	133.0	133.6	135.1	5.8	-3.5	-3.8	4.9	1.0	.4
Bedroom furniture <sup>3</sup> .....	142.7	139.4	140.3	141.0	11.0	-4.4	2.0	-4.7	3.0	-1.4
Living room, kitchen, and dining room furniture <sup>1 3</sup> .....	100.0	100.7	101.1	101.5	-	-	-	6.1	-	-
Other furniture <sup>1 3</sup> .....	100.0	99.6	99.7	104.1	-	-	-	17.4	-	-
Appliances <sup>1 3</sup> .....	100.0	100.9	101.0	99.7	-	-	-	-1.2	-	-
Major appliances <sup>1 3</sup> .....	100.0	101.1	101.2	99.0	-	-	-	-3.9	-	-
Laundry equipment <sup>2 3</sup> .....	113.4	114.5	114.2	113.0	-3.8	4.7	-2.1	-1.4	.4	-1.7
Other appliances <sup>1 3</sup> .....	100.0	100.6	100.8	100.9	-	-	-	3.6	-	-
Other household equipment and furnishings <sup>1 3</sup> .....	100.0	101.6	101.4	101.2	-	-	-	4.9	-	-
Clocks, lamps, and decorator items <sup>3</sup> .....	121.0	120.6	120.1	121.2	-3	-5.2	9.1	.7	-2.8	4.8
Indoor plants and flowers <sup>7</sup> .....	107.7	115.6	114.2	109.2	.4	-22.6	7.8	5.7	-11.9	6.7
Dishes and flatware <sup>1 3</sup> .....	100.0	100.2	99.4	102.0	-	-	-	8.2	-	-
Nonelectric cookware and tableware <sup>1 3</sup> .....	100.0	100.4	99.3	99.5	-	-	-	-2.0	-	-
Tools, hardware, outdoor equipment and supplies <sup>1 3</sup> .....	100.0	100.8	101.1	101.7	-	-	-	7.0	-	-
Tools, hardware and supplies <sup>1 3</sup> .....	100.0	100.2	99.9	100.4	-	-	-	1.6	-	-
Outdoor equipment and supplies <sup>1 3</sup> .....	100.0	101.1	101.8	102.4	-	-	-	10.0	-	-
Housekeeping supplies .....	143.8	143.1	145.0	145.1	1.7	.8	1.1	3.7	1.3	2.4
Household cleaning products <sup>1 3</sup> .....	100.0	100.1	100.7	100.3	-	-	-	1.2	-	-
Household paper products <sup>1 3</sup> .....	100.0	100.1	101.8	102.1	-	-	-	8.7	-	-
Miscellaneous household products <sup>1 3</sup> .....	100.0	99.1	101.2	102.4	-	-	-	10.0	-	-
Household operations <sup>1 3</sup> .....	100.0	100.1	100.3	100.3	-	-	-	1.2	-	-
Domestic services <sup>1 3</sup> .....	100.0	100.2	100.4	100.3	-	-	-	1.2	-	-
Gardening and lawn care services <sup>1 3</sup> .....	100.0	100.0	99.9	99.9	-	-	-	-4	-	-
Moving, storage, freight expense <sup>1 3</sup> .....	100.0	100.0	100.9	100.9	-	-	-	3.6	-	-
Repair of household items <sup>1 3</sup> .....	100.0	100.2	100.3	100.3	-	-	-	1.2	-	-

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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					
					3 months ended—				6 months ended—	
	Dec. 1997	Jan. 1998	Feb. 1998	Mar. 1998	June 1997	Sep. 1997	Dec. 1997	Mar. 1998	Sep. 1997	Mar. 1998
<b>Expenditure category</b>										
Apparel .....	133.2	132.5	132.7	132.5	2.4	-0.9	1.2	-2.1	0.8	-0.5
Men's and boys' apparel .....	131.7	132.0	132.0	132.8	3.5	4.1	2.5	3.4	3.8	2.9
Men's apparel .....	134.7	134.4	135.4	136.6	2.8	3.0	3.0	5.8	2.9	4.4
Men's suits, sport coats, and outerwear .....	136.2	140.2	140.7	139.7	.6	-5.8	8.7	10.7	-2.6	9.7
Men's furnishings .....	132.9	133.9	136.3	139.0	3.6	18.2	3.7	19.7	10.7	11.4
Men's shirts and sweaters <sup>1 3</sup> .....	100.0	96.1	97.3	100.5	-	-	-	2.0	-	-
Men's pants and shorts .....	131.0	131.4	131.6	133.5	9.6	-1.8	-2.4	7.9	3.7	2.6
Boys' apparel .....	120.6	121.8	119.3	118.8	7.5	5.9	6.9	-5.8	6.7	.3
Women's and girls' apparel .....	125.6	124.4	125.3	125.4	3.2	-3.1	-9	-6	.0	-8
Women's apparel .....	125.9	124.1	125.3	125.6	1.9	-2.8	.3	-9	-5	-3
Women's outerwear .....	122.6	121.6	118.2	115.8	9.5	4.2	-9.5	-20.4	6.9	-15.1
Women's dresses .....	107.6	102.5	108.7	124.0	-15.7	-1.8	-5.7	76.4	-9.0	28.9
Women's suits and separates <sup>1 3</sup> .....	100.0	95.4	98.6	102.8	-	-	-	11.7	-	-
Women's underwear, nightwear, sportswear and accessories <sup>1 3</sup> .....	100.0	101.7	103.5	104.6	-	-	-	19.7	-	-
Girls' apparel .....	124.9	126.9	125.6	124.9	11.3	-5.5	-5.9	.0	2.6	-3.0
Footwear .....	129.5	128.8	127.1	126.1	-3	3.8	5.8	-10.1	1.7	-2.5
Men's footwear .....	132.6	131.2	130.3	130.7	-1.8	-3	3.7	-5.6	-1.1	-1.1
Boys' and girls' footwear .....	133.2	135.6	129.4	125.2	-1.2	1.9	11.6	-21.9	.3	-6.7
Women's footwear .....	124.1	123.5	122.9	122.4	2.0	8.2	2.3	-5.4	5.0	-1.6
Infants' and toddlers' apparel <sup>3</sup> .....	125.8	124.8	123.1	124.4	10.2	-17.4	-2.8	-4.4	-4.6	-3.6
Jewelry and watches <sup>5</sup> .....	144.4	143.4	146.9	141.6	-2.7	-5.9	2.2	-7.5	-4.3	-2.8
Watches <sup>5</sup> .....	124.9	125.3	123.2	121.7	-2.5	-3.4	-4.1	-9.9	-2.9	-7.0
Jewelry <sup>5</sup> .....	149.8	148.8	153.6	147.0	-2.3	-6.7	3.8	-7.3	-4.6	-1.9
Transportation .....	143.5	143.0	142.4	141.6	-4.1	3.1	-3.3	-5.2	-6	-4.2
Private transportation .....	140.3	139.6	138.8	137.9	-4.4	3.2	-3.3	-6.7	-7	-5.0
New and used motor vehicles <sup>1</sup> .....	100.0	100.1	100.1	99.9	-	-	-	-4	-	-
New vehicles .....	143.4	143.6	143.5	143.7	-8	-6	-1.9	.8	-7	-6
New cars and trucks <sup>1 2 3</sup> .....	100.0	100.2	100.2	100.2	-	-	-	.8	-	-
New cars <sup>2</sup> .....	140.7	140.8	140.8	140.8	-8	-8	-2.2	.3	-8	-1.0
New trucks <sup>2 6</sup> .....	151.0	151.2	151.0	151.2	-1.6	.3	-8	.5	-7	-1
New motorcycles <sup>2 5</sup> .....	163.7	163.5	162.1	162.4	3.5	1.0	.7	-3.1	2.2	-1.2
Used cars and trucks <sup>3</sup> .....	147.9	148.1	148.4	146.1	-6.6	-9.2	-8	-4.8	-7.9	-2.8
Car and truck rental <sup>1 3</sup> .....	100.0	97.8	99.5	101.4	-	-	-	5.7	-	-
Motor fuel .....	103.5	99.7	96.4	93.0	-20.3	20.0	-14.7	-34.8	-2.2	-25.4
Gasoline (all types) .....	103.0	99.3	95.9	92.5	-20.7	21.9	-15.7	-35.0	-1.7	-26.0
Gasoline, unleaded regular <sup>2</sup> .....	100.9	97.1	93.6	90.0	-21.3	23.8	-17.0	-36.7	-1.3	-27.5
Gasoline, unleaded midgrade <sup>2 3 8</sup> .....	105.9	101.8	98.1	95.0	-2.5	15.8	-25.0	-35.2	6.3	-30.3
Gasoline, unleaded premium <sup>2</sup> .....	104.3	100.9	98.0	94.9	-19.0	19.4	-14.3	-31.5	-1.6	-23.4
Other motor fuels <sup>1 3</sup> .....	100.0	98.0	95.8	93.9	-	-	-	-22.3	-	-
Motor vehicle parts and equipment .....	101.3	101.0	101.1	101.1	-8	-4	-2.0	-8	-6	-1.4
Tires .....	98.8	98.4	98.7	98.5	-4.3	-1.2	-3.2	-1.2	-2.8	-2.2
Vehicle accessories other than tires <sup>1 3</sup> .....	100.0	100.0	99.9	99.8	-	-	-	-8	-	-
Vehicle parts and equipment other than tires <sup>2 3</sup> .....	108.2	108.4	108.4	108.1	2.3	.7	.0	-4	1.5	-2
Motor oil, coolant, and fluids <sup>2 3</sup> .....	131.8	131.4	131.0	131.0	4.7	-3.3	.9	-2.4	.6	-8
Motor vehicle maintenance and repair .....	164.7	165.0	165.5	165.7	3.3	1.2	3.5	2.5	2.2	3.0
Motor vehicle body work <sup>3</sup> .....	176.2	176.5	178.1	178.6	6.2	2.8	4.7	5.6	4.5	5.1
Motor vehicle maintenance and servicing <sup>3</sup> .....	152.1	152.7	153.2	153.6	1.4	4.9	3.8	4.0	3.1	3.9
Motor vehicle repair <sup>1 3</sup> .....	100.0	100.1	100.3	100.3	-	-	-	1.2	-	-
Motor vehicle insurance .....	254.0	254.6	254.5	255.2	2.4	3.2	.6	1.9	2.8	1.3
Motor vehicle fees <sup>1 3</sup> .....	100.0	102.2	102.3	102.3	-	-	-	9.5	-	-
State and local registration and license <sup>1 3</sup> .....	100.0	101.3	101.3	101.3	-	-	-	5.3	-	-
Parking and other fees <sup>1 3</sup> .....	100.0	104.3	104.7	104.9	-	-	-	21.1	-	-
Parking fees and tolls <sup>1 2 3</sup> .....	100.0	104.5	104.9	105.1	-	-	-	22.0	-	-
Automobile service clubs <sup>1 2 3</sup> .....	100.0	100.3	100.6	100.8	-	-	-	3.2	-	-
Public transportation .....	185.8	188.8	191.4	192.1	-2	.2	-1.9	14.3	.0	5.9
Airline fare <sup>3</sup> .....	194.8	200.1	206.6	210.7	-4.9	-2.2	-6.3	36.9	-3.5	13.2
Other intercity transportation <sup>3</sup> .....	156.3	156.9	159.2	159.6	.0	-2.6	6.1	8.7	-1.3	7.4
Ship fare <sup>1 2 3</sup> .....	100.0	101.8	104.5	105.1	-	-	-	22.0	-	-
Intracity transportation <sup>3</sup> .....	176.6	175.5	175.3	175.5	1.1	.5	1.1	-2.5	.8	-7

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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					
					3 months ended—				6 months ended—	
	Dec. 1997	Jan. 1998	Feb. 1998	Mar. 1998	June 1997	Sep. 1997	Dec. 1997	Mar. 1998	Sep. 1997	Mar. 1998
<b>Expenditure category</b>										
Medical care .....	237.9	238.2	238.9	239.6	2.8	2.1	3.4	2.9	2.4	3.2
Medical care commodities .....	217.4	217.8	218.0	218.1	2.6	.4	3.0	1.3	1.5	2.1
Prescription drugs and medical supplies .....	252.4	252.7	253.2	253.1	3.1	.3	3.9	1.1	1.7	2.5
Nonprescription drugs and medical supplies <sup>3 5</sup> .....	145.8	146.4	146.6	146.6	1.1	-.3	.8	2.2	.4	1.5
Internal and respiratory over-the-counter drugs <sup>3</sup> .....	173.1	173.1	173.2	173.3	1.6	-3.4	1.2	.5	-9	.8
Nonprescription medical equipment and supplies <sup>3</sup> .....	172.8	174.9	175.3	175.1	.9	5.3	.5	5.4	3.1	2.9
Medical care services .....	242.4	242.6	243.5	244.3	2.9	2.4	3.5	3.2	2.6	3.4
Professional services .....	218.1	218.7	219.2	220.0	3.0	2.4	2.6	3.5	2.7	3.1
Physicians' services .....	225.5	225.5	226.5	226.9	2.9	2.4	2.3	2.5	2.6	2.4
Dental services <sup>3</sup> .....	230.0	231.6	232.6	233.7	3.1	3.6	3.2	6.6	3.3	4.9
Eyeglasses and eye care <sup>3 5</sup> .....	142.5	142.7	142.9	143.1	1.4	.9	2.0	1.7	1.1	1.8
Services by other medical professionals <sup>5</sup> .....	153.6	154.3	154.1	154.5	2.4	3.2	1.8	2.4	2.8	2.1
Hospital and related services .....	282.8	282.6	284.0	284.6	2.9	2.3	4.4	2.6	2.6	3.5
Hospital services <sup>3 9</sup> .....	103.2	103.5	104.1	104.1	.8	2.8	4.8	3.5	1.8	4.2
Inpatient hospital services <sup>2 3 9</sup> .....	102.5	102.8	103.3	103.2	.4	2.4	3.6	2.8	1.4	3.2
Outpatient hospital services <sup>2 5</sup> .....	228.8	227.9	229.0	230.4	3.3	3.8	3.9	2.8	3.5	3.4
Nursing homes and adult daycare <sup>3 9</sup> .....	103.9	104.6	105.9	106.0	2.4	4.4	3.1	8.3	3.4	5.7
Recreation <sup>1</sup> .....	100.0	100.3	100.6	101.0	-	-	-	4.1	-	-
Video and audio <sup>1 3</sup> .....	100.0	100.6	101.2	101.4	2.0	1.2	.4	5.7	1.6	3.0
Televisions <sup>3</sup> .....	60.2	60.1	60.3	60.6	-5.6	-8.7	-2.6	2.7	-7.2	.0
Cable television <sup>6</sup> .....	235.4	239.4	241.2	241.5	7.7	8.7	4.9	10.8	8.2	7.8
Other video equipment <sup>1 3</sup> .....	100.0	99.0	97.9	96.8	-	-	-	-12.2	-	-
Video cassettes, discs, and other media including rental <sup>1 3</sup> .....	100.0	98.2	97.9	98.0	-	-	-	-7.8	-	-
Video cassettes and discs, blank and prerecorded <sup>1 2 3</sup> .....	100.0	98.9	99.9	101.5	-	-	-	6.1	-	-
Rental of video tapes and discs <sup>1 2 3</sup> .....	100.0	96.4	98.0	98.4	-	-	-	-6.2	-	-
Audio equipment <sup>3</sup> .....	88.4	87.9	86.9	87.3	-3.9	-4.4	.0	-4.9	-4.2	-2.5
Audio discs, tapes and other media <sup>1 3</sup> .....	100.0	99.6	99.5	100.5	-	-	-	2.0	-	-
Pets, pet products and services <sup>1 3</sup> .....	100.0	100.6	100.6	100.7	-	-	-	2.8	-	-
Pets and pet products <sup>3</sup> .....	142.1	143.3	142.7	142.5	-3.3	2.6	-2.2	1.1	-4	-6
Pet food <sup>1 2 3</sup> .....	100.0	101.0	100.7	100.3	-	-	-	1.2	-	-
Purchase of pets, pet supplies, accessories <sup>1 2 3</sup> .....	100.0	100.1	99.7	100.7	-	-	-	2.8	-	-
Pet services including veterinary <sup>1 3</sup> .....	100.0	100.2	100.9	101.5	-	-	-	6.1	-	-
Pet services <sup>1 2 3</sup> .....	100.0	100.3	102.2	102.4	-	-	-	10.0	-	-
Veterinarian services <sup>1 2 3</sup> .....	100.0	100.1	101.0	101.6	-	-	-	6.6	-	-
Sporting goods <sup>3</sup> .....	122.5	123.4	123.4	122.8	-4.8	1.3	-3	1.0	-1.8	.3
Sports vehicles including bicycles <sup>3</sup> .....	124.3	125.1	125.0	124.8	-7.4	.6	.6	1.6	-3.5	1.1
Sports equipment <sup>3</sup> .....	118.1	119.1	119.2	118.3	-2.3	1.7	-1.0	.7	-3	-2
Photography <sup>1 3</sup> .....	100.0	99.9	99.6	100.1	-	-	-	.4	-	-
Photographic equipment and supplies <sup>3</sup> .....	134.0	133.8	132.7	134.1	-9	.6	-3	.3	-1	.0
Film and photographic supplies <sup>1 2 3</sup> .....	100.0	100.5	99.3	100.5	-	-	-	2.0	-	-
Photographic equipment <sup>1 2 3</sup> .....	100.0	99.0	98.0	98.4	-	-	-	-6.2	-	-
Photographers and film processing <sup>1 3</sup> .....	100.0	99.9	99.9	100.1	-	-	-	.4	-	-
Photographer fees <sup>1 2 3</sup> .....	100.0	99.9	98.8	NA	-	-	-	-	-	-
Film processing <sup>1 2 3</sup> .....	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.3	-	-	-	1.2	-	-
Other recreational goods <sup>1</sup> .....	100.0	98.9	98.4	98.2	-	-	-	-7.0	-	-
Toys .....	125.3	123.6	122.8	122.2	-9	1.0	-3.4	-9.5	.0	-6.5
Toys, games, hobbies and playground equipment <sup>1 2 3</sup> .....	100.0	99.6	99.7	99.0	-	-	-	-3.9	-	-
Video game hardware, software and accessories <sup>1 2 3</sup> .....	100.0	96.3	NA	NA	-	-	-	-	-	-
Sewing machines, fabric and supplies <sup>1 3</sup> .....	100.0	99.2	99.5	100.4	-	-	-	1.6	-	-
Music instruments and accessories <sup>1 3</sup> .....	100.0	100.1	99.9	100.3	-	-	-	1.2	-	-
Recreation services <sup>1</sup> .....	100.0	100.2	100.8	101.7	-	-	-	7.0	-	-
Club membership dues and fees for participant sports <sup>1 3</sup> .....	100.0	100.3	100.6	101.5	-	-	-	6.1	-	-
Admissions <sup>3</sup> .....	200.3	200.7	202.8	204.9	12.2	-1.2	-4	9.5	5.3	4.4
Admission to movies, theaters, and concerts <sup>1 2 3</sup> .....	100.0	100.0	101.0	102.2	-	-	-	9.1	-	-
Admission to sporting events <sup>1 2 3</sup> .....	100.0	100.8	102.0	102.6	-	-	-	10.8	-	-
Fees for lessons or instructions <sup>5</sup> .....	173.8	173.8	173.5	174.3	7.4	.2	10.5	1.2	3.8	5.7
Recreational reading materials <sup>3</sup> .....	180.2	180.5	181.9	183.0	-2	3.6	.0	6.4	1.7	3.1
Newspapers and magazines <sup>1 3</sup> .....	100.0	100.3	101.2	101.6	-	-	-	6.6	-	-
Recreational books <sup>1 3</sup> .....	100.0	99.9	100.4	101.5	-	-	-	6.1	-	-

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					
					3 months ended—				6 months ended—	
	Dec. 1997	Jan. 1998	Feb. 1998	Mar. 1998	June 1997	Sep. 1997	Dec. 1997	Mar. 1998	Sep. 1997	Mar. 1998
<b>Expenditure category</b>										
Education and communication <sup>1</sup> .....	100.0	100.0	99.9	100.2	-	-	-	0.8	-	-
Education <sup>1</sup> .....	100.0	100.4	100.7	101.2	-	-	-	4.9	-	-
Educational books and supplies .....	243.8	243.2	244.9	246.3	7.2	4.4	4.7	4.2	5.8	4.4
Tuition, other school fees, and childcare .....	286.8	288.1	289.0	290.3	5.3	4.8	5.3	5.0	5.1	5.2
College tuition and fees .....	299.8	301.0	302.1	303.3	5.3	2.6	5.4	4.8	4.0	5.1
Elementary and high school tuition and fees .....	297.9	299.4	300.6	302.1	6.4	9.7	7.0	5.8	8.0	6.4
Child care and nursery school <sup>7</sup> .....	137.3	137.9	137.8	138.5	4.0	4.2	5.7	3.5	4.1	4.6
Technical and business school tuition and fees <sup>1 3</sup> .....	100.0	99.8	99.9	100.2	-	-	-	.8	-	-
Communication <sup>1 3</sup> .....	100.0	99.6	99.2	99.3	.4	-3.5	.8	-2.8	-1.6	-1.0
Postage and delivery services <sup>1 3</sup> .....	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.1	-	-	-	.4	-	-
Postage <sup>3</sup> .....	160.3	160.3	160.3	160.3	.0	.0	.0	.0	.0	.0
Delivery services <sup>1 3</sup> .....	100.0	100.0	101.5	103.9	-	-	-	16.5	-	-
Information and information processing <sup>1 3</sup> .....	100.0	99.6	99.1	99.3	.4	-3.9	.8	-2.8	-1.8	-1.0
Telephone services <sup>1 3</sup> .....	100.0	99.9	100.0	100.4	-	-	-	1.6	-	-
Telephone services, local charges <sup>3</sup> .....	163.8	163.8	164.4	165.6	2.2	-5	1.2	4.5	.9	2.8
Telephone services, long distance charges <sup>1 3</sup> .....	100.0	99.8	99.7	99.9	-	-	-	-4	-	-
Interstate toll calls <sup>2 3</sup> .....	75.2	75.2	75.3	75.3	.0	-18.8	2.2	5	-9.9	1.3
Intrastate toll calls <sup>2 3</sup> .....	94.7	94.3	93.7	94.4	-4	3.0	.8	-1.3	1.3	-2
Cellular telephone services <sup>1 3</sup> .....	100.0	99.0	98.1	97.4	-	-	-	-10.0	-	-
Information and information processing other than telephone services <sup>3 10</sup> .....	47.4	46.2	44.3	43.4	-17.8	-10.8	-8.8	-29.7	-14.3	-19.9
Personal computers and peripheral equipment <sup>1 3</sup> .....	100.0	96.9	91.3	88.7	-	-	-	-38.1	-	-
Computer software and accessories <sup>1 3</sup> .....	100.0	97.1	97.2	98.3	-	-	-	-6.6	-	-
Computer information processing services <sup>1 3</sup> .....	100.0	100.2	100.2	100.2	-	-	-	.8	-	-
Other information processing equipment <sup>1 3</sup> .....	100.0	99.6	98.3	96.9	-	-	-	-11.8	-	-
Other goods and services .....	230.8	231.8	233.7	233.0	4.8	4.7	5.9	3.9	4.7	4.9
Tobacco and smoking products .....	252.1	253.8	261.2	254.3	5.0	8.5	9.8	3.5	6.7	6.6
Cigarettes <sup>1 3</sup> .....	100.0	101.0	104.1	101.1	-	-	-	4.5	-	-
Tobacco products other than cigarettes <sup>1 3</sup> .....	100.0	100.8	101.6	101.6	-	-	-	6.6	-	-
Personal care <sup>3</sup> .....	154.0	154.6	155.0	155.5	2.7	-3	3.4	4.0	1.2	3.7
Personal care products <sup>3</sup> .....	145.3	146.1	146.7	147.3	1.7	-1.4	4.5	5.6	.1	5.1
Hair, dental, shaving, and miscellaneous personal care products <sup>1 3</sup> .....	100.0	100.1	100.5	101.1	-	-	-	4.5	-	-
Cosmetics, perfume, bath, nail preparations and implements <sup>3</sup> .....	153.9	155.6	156.1	156.5	.0	-3.4	9.9	6.9	-1.7	8.4
Personal care services <sup>3</sup> .....	163.9	164.3	164.3	164.7	3.5	.5	2.7	2.0	2.0	2.3
Haircuts and other personal care services <sup>1 3</sup> .....	100.0	100.2	100.2	100.5	-	-	-	2.0	-	-
Miscellaneous personal services .....	231.2	231.6	231.6	232.4	4.9	4.7	4.6	2.1	4.8	3.4
Legal services <sup>3 5</sup> .....	167.5	168.6	169.9	170.2	8.5	6.2	2.4	6.6	7.3	4.5
Funeral expenses <sup>5</sup> .....	172.9	172.9	173.3	173.9	5.3	4.1	2.6	2.3	4.7	2.5
Laundry and dry cleaning services <sup>1 3</sup> .....	100.0	100.2	100.7	100.7	-	-	-	2.8	-	-
Apparel services other than laundry and dry cleaning <sup>1 3</sup> .....	100.0	100.2	100.2	100.7	-	-	-	2.8	-	-
Financial services <sup>3 5</sup> .....	194.7	195.4	196.3	197.4	2.3	.4	4.2	5.7	1.4	4.9
Checking account and other bank services <sup>1 2 3</sup> .....	100.0	100.1	100.2	100.4	-	-	-	1.6	-	-
Tax return preparation and other accounting fees <sup>1 2 3</sup> .....	100.0	101.0	102.6	103.4	-	-	-	14.3	-	-
Miscellaneous personal goods <sup>1 3</sup> .....	100.0	100.1	99.8	100.2	-	-	-	.8	-	-
Stationery, stationery supplies, gift wrap <sup>2</sup> .....	157.4	158.4	157.7	156.9	4.2	1.0	2.8	-1.3	2.6	.8
<b>Special aggregate indexes</b>										
Commodities .....	142.1	141.9	141.8	141.3	-6	2.0	-3	-2.2	.7	-1.3
Commodities less food and beverages .....	131.8	131.3	131.0	130.3	-2.4	1.5	-1.5	-4.5	-5	-3.0
Nondurables less food and beverages .....	134.6	133.1	133.0	131.7	-2.6	3.9	-1.5	-8.3	.6	-5.0
Nondurables less food, beverages, and apparel .....	140.2	138.5	137.7	136.3	-4.7	6.8	-3.9	-10.7	.9	-7.3
Durables .....	127.7	128.0	127.8	127.6	-2.1	-2.2	-1.6	-3	-2.1	-9
Services .....	181.7	181.9	182.3	182.7	2.7	2.5	2.9	2.2	2.6	2.6
Rent of shelter <sup>4</sup> .....	186.3	186.6	187.1	187.6	3.3	2.9	4.0	2.8	3.1	3.4
Transportation services .....	185.9	187.1	187.8	188.2	1.7	1.3	.6	5.0	1.5	2.8
Other services .....	213.5	214.0	214.4	215.2	4.5	2.5	3.6	3.2	3.5	3.4
All items less food .....	162.3	162.2	162.3	162.4	1.3	2.3	1.5	.2	1.8	.9
All items less shelter .....	156.8	156.7	156.6	156.5	.5	2.1	.8	-8	1.3	.0
All items less medical care .....	157.4	157.4	157.5	157.5	1.0	2.3	1.5	.3	1.7	.9
Commodities less food .....	133.3	132.8	132.6	131.9	-2.1	1.5	-1.2	-4.1	-3	-2.7
Nondurables less food .....	136.3	135.1	135.0	133.8	-2.0	3.3	-1.2	-7.1	.6	-4.2

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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					
					3 months ended—				6 months ended—	
	Dec. 1997	Jan. 1998	Feb. 1998	Mar. 1998	June 1997	Sep. 1997	Dec. 1997	Mar. 1998	Sep. 1997	Mar. 1998
<b>Special aggregate indexes</b>										
Nondurables less food and apparel .....	141.7	140.2	139.4	138.0	-3.6	6.1	-3.0	-10.0	1.1	-6.6
Nondurables .....	147.1	146.8	146.5	145.9	-.8	3.3	.5	-3.2	1.2	-1.4
Apparel less footwear .....	129.2	128.6	129.1	129.5	3.1	-2.1	.3	.9	.5	.6
Services less rent of shelter <sup>4</sup> .....	190.0	189.9	189.9	190.6	2.4	2.4	2.1	1.3	2.4	1.7
Services less medical care services .....	176.1	176.3	176.5	177.0	2.8	2.6	3.0	2.1	2.7	2.5
Energy .....	109.3	106.7	104.3	103.0	-11.8	8.3	-7.7	-21.1	-2.3	-14.7
All items less energy .....	168.9	169.2	169.6	169.8	2.4	1.9	2.2	2.1	2.2	2.2
All items less food and energy .....	171.4	171.7	172.2	172.4	2.6	1.7	2.4	2.4	2.1	2.4
Commodities less food and energy commodities .....	142.5	142.6	142.9	142.8	.6	-3	.6	.8	.1	.7
Energy commodities .....	102.8	99.2	95.9	92.9	-19.7	16.1	-13.2	-33.3	-3.5	-23.9
Services less energy services .....	187.6	188.0	188.6	189.0	3.1	2.6	3.3	3.0	2.9	3.1
Domestically produced farm food .....	160.8	161.5	161.3	161.7	.8	2.3	1.0	2.3	1.5	1.6
Utilities and public transportation .....	146.2	145.5	145.5	145.8	.3	1.1	.3	-1.1	.7	-4

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- 6 Indexes on a December 1983=100 base.
- 7 Indexes on a December 1990=100 base.

- 8 Indexes on a December 1993=100 base.
- 9 Indexes on a December 1996=100 base.
- 10 Indexes on a December 1988=100 base.
- NA Data not adequate for publication.
- 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 Mar. 1998 from—
	Dec. 1997	Jan. 1998	Feb. 1998	Mar. 1998	Dec. 1997	Jan. 1998	Feb. 1998	Mar. 1998	Mar. 1997
<b>Food and beverages</b>									
Rice <sup>2</sup> .....	100.0	100.1	98.9	99.5	-	0.1	-1.2	0.6	-
White bread .....	186.2	184.5	186.3	185.1	-0.4	-9	1.0	-6	1.4
Bread other than white .....	186.9	186.3	187.9	187.7	1.4	-3	.9	-1	4.0
Fresh cakes and cupcakes .....	178.6	178.2	180.4	180.2	.9	-2	1.2	-1	.1
Cookies .....	182.3	182.7	183.5	181.7	-8	.2	.4	-1.0	1.8
Fresh sweetrolls, coffeecakes, doughnuts .....	177.2	177.9	178.6	174.1	2.1	.4	.4	-2.5	.0
Crackers, bread, and cracker products .....	206.4	208.0	207.4	207.9	-3	.8	-3	.2	-2.0
Frozen and refrigerated bakery products, pies, tarts, turnovers .....	181.7	184.7	182.6	186.8	2.4	1.7	-1.1	2.3	4.9
Bacon and related products .....	160.3	156.8	155.0	151.2	-2.0	-2.2	-1.1	-2.5	-6.2
Breakfast sausage and related products <sup>2</sup> .....	100.0	101.1	99.6	100.5	-	1.1	-1.5	.9	-
Ham, excluding canned .....	164.7	162.0	164.0	165.7	-1.4	-1.6	1.2	1.0	.2
Frankfurters .....	144.9	148.6	147.4	144.9	-3	2.6	-8	-1.7	1.2
Lunchmeats <sup>2</sup> .....	100.0	100.3	100.0	99.8	-	.3	-3	-2	-
Lamb and organ meats .....	160.8	163.4	162.3	165.5	-2.2	1.6	-7	2.0	1.2
Lamb and mutton <sup>2</sup> .....	100.0	NA	NA	101.3	-	-	-	-	-
Fresh whole chicken .....	158.9	155.0	155.4	157.8	-1.4	-2.5	.3	1.5	-7
Fresh and frozen chicken parts .....	154.4	154.4	155.7	153.9	-2.5	.0	.8	-1.2	-1.9
Canned fish and seafood .....	129.4	129.9	130.3	129.4	-7	.4	.3	-7	2.1
Frozen fish and seafood .....	200.5	201.1	198.9	201.3	-9	.3	-1.1	1.2	-7
Fresh whole milk .....	145.8	145.6	146.3	147.0	-1	-1	.5	.5	2.2
Fresh milk other than whole <sup>2</sup> .....	100.0	99.8	100.3	100.8	-	-2	.5	.5	-
Oranges, including tangerines .....	189.3	201.3	197.7	197.6	-7.9	6.3	-1.8	-1	3.9
Canned fruits <sup>2</sup> .....	100.0	100.6	100.3	100.4	-	.6	-3	.1	-
Canned vegetables <sup>2</sup> .....	100.0	103.5	102.1	104.5	-	3.5	-1.4	2.4	-
Frozen vegetables .....	147.8	150.0	149.8	149.4	-2	1.5	-1	-3	2.3
Dried beans, peas, and lentils <sup>2</sup> .....	100.0	100.1	100.5	99.8	-	.1	.4	-7	-
Roasted coffee .....	178.0	176.9	176.8	178.0	-2.7	-6	-1	.7	14.8
Instant and freeze dried coffee .....	155.2	155.5	154.1	153.9	-8	.2	-9	-1	2.7
Butter .....	128.2	124.7	126.2	129.4	3.9	-2.7	1.2	2.5	12.9
Margarine .....	144.2	146.1	145.5	148.5	.3	1.3	-4	2.1	1.4
Peanut butter <sup>2</sup> .....	100.0	100.3	101.0	101.5	-	.3	.7	.5	-
Salt and other seasonings and spices <sup>2</sup> .....	100.0	99.9	101.0	99.8	-	-1	1.1	-1.2	-
Olives, pickles, relishes <sup>2</sup> .....	100.0	96.7	104.6	104.8	-	-3.3	8.2	.2	-
Sauces and gravies <sup>2</sup> .....	100.0	101.4	102.3	102.4	-	1.4	.9	.1	-
Other condiments .....	162.1	167.6	170.3	170.6	.6	3.4	1.6	.2	7.8
Prepared salads <sup>2</sup> .....	100.0	NA	NA	NA	-	-	-	-	-
Whiskey at home .....	151.5	151.5	150.8	150.8	-4	.0	-5	.0	1.1
Distilled spirits, excluding whiskey, at home .....	152.1	151.8	152.4	152.0	-1	-2	.4	-3	1.5
Beer, ale, and other malt beverages away from home <sup>2</sup> .....	100.0	100.3	100.2	100.2	-	.3	-1	.0	-
Wine away from home <sup>2</sup> .....	100.0	100.6	100.6	100.5	-	.6	.0	-1	-
Distilled spirits away from home <sup>2</sup> .....	100.0	100.0	100.5	100.3	-	.0	.5	-2	-
<b>Housing</b>									
Laundry equipment .....	113.4	114.5	114.2	113.0	.5	1.0	-3	-1.1	-7
<b>Transportation</b>									
New cars and trucks <sup>2</sup> .....	100.0	100.2	100.2	100.2	-	.2	.0	.0	-
New cars .....	141.5	141.8	141.7	141.7	.1	.2	-1	.0	-8
New trucks <sup>3</sup> .....	151.4	151.8	151.9	151.9	.1	.3	.1	.0	-5
New motorcycles <sup>4</sup> .....	163.7	163.5	162.8	163.1	-6	-1	-4	.2	.6
Gasoline, unleaded regular .....	99.1	95.0	91.0	87.8	-2.8	-4.1	-4.2	-3.5	-15.3
Gasoline, unleaded midgrade <sup>5</sup> .....	105.9	101.8	98.1	95.0	-2.5	-3.9	-3.6	-3.2	-13.9
Gasoline, unleaded premium .....	103.0	99.4	96.0	92.9	-2.3	-3.5	-3.4	-3.2	-13.2
Vehicle parts and equipment other than tires .....	108.2	108.4	108.4	108.1	.0	.2	.0	-3	.7
Motor oil, coolant, and fluids .....	131.8	131.4	131.0	131.0	.2	-3	-3	.0	-1
Parking fees and tolls <sup>2</sup> .....	100.0	104.5	104.9	105.1	-	4.5	.4	.2	-
Automobile service clubs <sup>2</sup> .....	100.0	100.3	100.6	100.8	-	.3	.3	.2	-
Ship fare <sup>2</sup> .....	100.0	101.8	104.5	105.1	-	1.8	2.7	.6	-
<b>Medical care</b>									
Inpatient hospital services <sup>6</sup> .....	102.5	102.8	103.3	103.2	.4	.3	.5	-1	2.3
Outpatient hospital services <sup>4</sup> .....	228.3	228.6	230.4	230.9	.3	.1	.8	.2	3.5

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**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>—Continued**

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Item	Indexes				1-month percent changes ended—				Percent change to Mar. 1998 from—
	Dec. 1997	Jan. 1998	Feb. 1998	Mar. 1998	Dec. 1997	Jan. 1998	Feb. 1998	Mar. 1998	Mar. 1997
<b>Recreation</b>									
Video cassettes and discs, blank and prerecorded <sup>2</sup> .....	100.0	98.9	99.9	101.5	-	-1.1	1.0	1.6	-
Rental of video tapes and discs <sup>2</sup> .....	100.0	96.4	98.0	98.4	-	-3.6	1.7	.4	-
Pet food <sup>2</sup> .....	100.0	101.0	100.7	100.3	-	1.0	-.3	-.4	-
Purchase of pets, pet supplies, accessories <sup>2</sup> .....	100.0	100.1	99.7	100.7	-	.1	-.4	1.0	-
Pet services <sup>2</sup> .....	100.0	100.3	102.2	102.4	-	.3	1.9	.2	-
Veterinarian services <sup>2</sup> .....	100.0	100.1	101.0	101.6	-	.1	.9	.6	-
Film and photographic supplies <sup>2</sup> .....	100.0	100.5	99.3	100.5	-	.5	-1.2	1.2	-
Photographic equipment <sup>2</sup> .....	100.0	99.0	98.0	98.4	-	-1.0	-1.0	.4	-
Photographer fees <sup>2</sup> .....	100.0	99.9	98.8	NA	-	-1.1	-1.1	-	-
Film processing <sup>2</sup> .....	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.3	-	.0	.0	.3	-
Toys, games, hobbies and playground equipment <sup>2</sup> .....	100.0	99.6	99.7	99.0	-	-.4	.1	-.7	-
Video game hardware, software and accessories <sup>2</sup> .....	100.0	96.3	NA	NA	-	-3.7	-	-	-
Admission to movies, theaters, and concerts <sup>2</sup> .....	100.0	100.0	101.0	102.2	-	.0	1.0	1.2	-
Admission to sporting events <sup>2</sup> .....	100.0	100.8	102.0	102.6	-	.8	1.2	.6	-
<b>Education and communication</b>									
Interstate toll calls .....	75.2	75.2	75.3	75.3	0.1	.0	.1	.0	-4.4
Intrastate toll calls .....	94.7	94.3	93.7	94.4	-3	-.4	-6	.7	.5
<b>Other goods and services</b>									
Checking account and other bank services <sup>2</sup> .....	100.0	100.1	100.2	100.4	-	.1	.1	.2	-
Tax return preparation and other accounting fees <sup>2</sup> .....	100.0	101.0	102.6	103.4	-	1.0	1.6	.8	-
Stationery, stationery supplies, gift wrap .....	158.1	158.6	157.7	158.3	1.6	.3	-6	.4	1.7

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 NA Data not adequate for publication.  
 - Data not available.  
 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)

Item and group	Relative importance, December 1997	Unadjusted indexes		Unadjusted percent change to Mar. 1998 from—		Seasonally adjusted percent change from—		
		Feb. 1998	Mar. 1998	Mar. 1997	Feb. 1998	Dec. to Jan.	Jan. to Feb.	Feb. to Mar.
<b>Expenditure category</b>								
All items .....	100.000	158.5	158.7	1.1	0.1	0.0	0.0	-0.1
All items (1967=100) .....	-	472.2	472.7	-	-	-	-	-
Food and beverages .....	17.903	159.2	159.4	1.9	.1	.3	.0	.0
Food .....	16.861	158.8	159.1	1.9	.2	.4	-.1	.0
Food at home .....	10.785	158.9	159.2	1.6	.2	.4	-.1	-.1
Cereals and bakery products .....	1.678	179.4	179.3	1.6	-.1	-.2	-.3	-.4
Meats, poultry, fish, and eggs .....	3.125	147.2	146.9	-.3	-.2	-.3	-.1	-.3
Dairy and related products <sup>1</sup> .....	1.135	147.4	148.1	1.6	.5	.3	-.3	.5
Fruits and vegetables .....	1.447	192.4	194.8	3.5	1.2	3.6	-1.1	-.9
Nonalcoholic beverages and beverage materials .....	1.215	133.6	133.1	3.3	-.4	-.2	.1	-.3
Other food at home .....	2.185	148.5	148.9	2.6	.3	.1	.1	.3
Sugar and sweets .....	.420	149.5	151.0	3.3	1.0	.5	-.5	1.0
Fats and oils .....	.332	141.4	141.9	-.2	.4	-.9	.6	.4
Other foods .....	1.432	164.1	164.3	2.6	.1	.3	.1	.1
Other miscellaneous foods <sup>1 2</sup> .....	.344	100.5	101.8	-	1.3	.5	.0	1.3
Food away from home <sup>1</sup> .....	6.076	159.6	159.9	2.5	.2	.2	.2	.2
Other food away from home <sup>1 2</sup> .....	.212	100.3	100.3	-	.0	.1	.2	.0
Alcoholic beverages .....	1.042	163.9	164.0	1.5	.1	.2	-.1	-.1
Housing .....	36.450	155.1	155.5	2.0	.3	.0	.1	.3
Shelter .....	27.033	174.6	175.2	3.1	.3	.3	.2	.2
Rent of primary residence .....	8.347	169.6	170.0	3.2	.2	.3	.1	.4
Lodging away from home <sup>2</sup> .....	1.346	108.6	110.8	-	2.0	.1	.0	.0
Owners' equivalent rent of primary residence <sup>3</sup> .....	17.016	169.1	169.5	3.2	.2	.2	.4	.2
Tenants' and household insurance <sup>1 2</sup> .....	.324	100.2	100.5	-	.3	.4	-.2	.3
Fuels and utilities .....	5.053	127.1	126.9	-2.1	-.2	-1.2	-.9	.3
Fuels .....	4.143	112.2	111.9	-3.9	-.3	-1.6	-1.2	.4
Fuel oil and other fuels .....	.229	95.1	94.5	-10.3	-.6	-2.1	-2.2	.8
Gas (piped) and electricity .....	3.914	119.2	118.9	-3.3	-.3	-1.5	-1.2	.3
Household furnishings and operations .....	4.365	124.7	125.0	.9	.2	.2	.4	.1
Apparel .....	5.300	130.4	133.0	-.6	2.0	-.5	-.2	-.5
Men's and boys' apparel .....	1.503	130.1	132.8	3.1	2.1	.2	-.2	.6
Women's and girls' apparel .....	1.985	122.3	127.3	-1.5	4.1	-.9	.3	-.3
Infants' and toddlers' apparel <sup>1</sup> .....	.337	123.1	124.5	-4.7	1.1	-.9	-1.8	1.1
Footwear .....	1.082	127.4	127.1	-.6	-.2	-.5	-1.5	-1.1
Transportation .....	19.847	140.9	139.9	-3.0	-.7	-.5	-.4	-.8
Private transportation .....	18.790	138.4	137.2	-3.3	-.9	-.6	-.6	-.7
New and used motor vehicles <sup>2</sup> .....	9.285	100.2	99.7	-2.2	-.5	.1	.0	-.4
New vehicles .....	5.304	145.5	145.6	-.7	.1	.1	-.1	.2
Used cars and trucks <sup>1</sup> .....	3.162	149.9	147.6	-5.2	-1.5	.1	.1	-1.5
Motor fuel .....	3.682	94.1	91.0	-14.4	-3.3	-3.6	-3.1	-3.2
Gasoline (all types) .....	3.658	93.6	90.5	-14.4	-3.3	-3.6	-3.2	-3.4
Motor vehicle parts and equipment .....	.694	100.9	100.7	-.6	-.2	-.1	.1	-.1
Motor vehicle maintenance and repair .....	1.664	166.5	166.7	2.6	.1	.1	.3	.1
Public transportation .....	1.057	187.9	190.2	2.8	1.2	.9	1.2	.3
Medical care .....	4.591	238.7	239.1	2.7	.2	.2	.2	.3
Medical care commodities .....	.906	215.4	215.5	1.6	.0	.2	.0	.1
Medical care services .....	3.684	244.0	244.5	3.0	.2	.1	.3	.3
Professional services .....	2.372	221.0	221.8	3.0	.4	.2	.4	.2
Hospital and related services .....	1.097	281.4	281.4	3.1	.0	.0	.5	.2
Recreation <sup>2</sup> .....	5.969	100.7	101.0	1.6	.3	.3	.3	.3
Video and audio <sup>1 2</sup> .....	1.968	101.2	101.4	2.4	.2	.5	.7	.2

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)

Item and group	Relative importance, December 1997	Unadjusted indexes		Unadjusted percent change to Mar. 1998 from—		Seasonally adjusted percent change from—		
		Feb. 1998	Mar. 1998	Mar. 1997	Feb. 1998	Dec. to Jan.	Jan. to Feb.	Feb. to Mar.
<b>Expenditure category</b>								
Education and communication <sup>2</sup> .....	5.396	99.8	100.0	2.5	0.2	-0.1	0.0	0.4
Education <sup>2</sup> .....	2.402	100.4	100.5	5.2	.1	.3	.4	.5
Educational books and supplies .....	.192	249.4	250.0	5.4	.2	-.3	.9	.5
Tuition, other school fees, and childcare .....	2.211	283.5	283.9	5.3	.1	.3	.4	.5
Communication <sup>1 2</sup> .....	2.994	99.3	99.5	-1.0	.2	-.3	-.4	.2
Information and information processing <sup>1 2</sup> .....	2.841	99.3	99.5	-1.0	.2	-.4	-.3	.2
Telephone services <sup>1 2</sup> .....	2.547	100.0	100.4	-	.4	-.1	.1	.4
Information and information processing other than telephone services <sup>1 4</sup> .....	.294	45.8	44.8	-15.6	-2.2	-2.5	-4.0	-2.2
Personal computers and peripheral equipment <sup>1 2</sup> .....	.191	91.1	88.3	-	-3.1	-3.4	-5.7	-3.1
Other goods and services .....	4.544	230.6	229.3	5.2	-.6	.5	1.1	-.6
Tobacco and smoking products .....	1.300	261.1	253.7	6.7	-2.8	.8	3.0	-2.8
Personal care <sup>1</sup> .....	3.244	155.0	155.5	2.6	.3	.4	.3	.3
Personal care products <sup>1</sup> .....	.832	147.6	148.2	2.7	.4	.6	.4	.4
Personal care services <sup>1</sup> .....	.964	164.5	164.9	2.3	.2	.2	.0	.2
Miscellaneous personal services .....	1.226	231.1	231.7	3.8	.3	.2	.0	.3
<b>Commodity and service group</b>								
Commodities .....	47.234	141.3	141.1	-.6	-.1	-.1	-.1	-.5
Food and beverages .....	17.903	159.2	159.4	1.9	.1	.3	.0	.0
Commodities less food and beverages .....	29.331	130.5	130.1	-2.3	-.3	-.4	-.2	-.7
Nondurables less food and beverages .....	15.928	131.5	131.2	-2.7	-.2	-1.0	-.2	-1.1
Apparel .....	5.300	130.4	133.0	-.6	2.0	-.5	-.2	-.5
Nondurables less food, beverages, and apparel .....	10.628	136.7	134.8	-3.6	-1.4	-1.4	-.4	-1.2
Durables .....	13.403	127.7	127.3	-1.8	-.3	.2	-.1	-.3
Services .....	52.766	179.1	179.6	2.5	.3	.1	.2	.3
Rent of shelter <sup>3</sup> .....	26.708	168.1	168.6	3.1	.3	.2	.2	.2
Transportation services .....	6.824	185.3	185.8	1.9	.3	.5	.3	.2
Other services .....	10.006	211.2	211.9	3.8	.3	.2	.2	.4
<b>Special indexes</b>								
All items less food .....	83.139	158.4	158.5	.9	.1	-.1	.0	-.1
All items less shelter .....	72.967	154.1	154.2	.3	.1	-.1	-.1	-.2
All items less medical care .....	95.409	154.8	154.9	.9	.1	-.1	.1	-.1
Commodities less food .....	30.373	131.8	131.5	-2.0	-.2	-.5	-.2	-.7
Nondurables less food .....	16.970	133.5	133.2	-2.3	-.2	-1.0	-.3	-.9
Nondurables less food and apparel .....	11.670	138.3	136.6	-3.2	-1.2	-1.5	-.4	-1.4
Nondurables .....	33.831	145.6	145.6	-.3	.0	-.1	-.4	-.3
Services less rent of shelter <sup>3</sup> .....	26.057	169.2	169.6	2.0	.2	-.1	-.1	.4
Services less medical care services .....	49.082	173.6	174.1	2.5	.3	-.1	.0	.4
Energy .....	7.825	102.4	100.8	-8.9	-1.6	-2.5	-2.1	-1.3
All items less energy .....	92.175	166.3	166.7	2.0	.2	.2	.2	.1
All items less food and energy .....	75.315	168.2	168.6	1.9	.2	.2	.2	.1
Commodities less food and energy commodities .....	26.463	142.1	142.3	-.1	.1	.1	.2	-.3
Energy commodities .....	3.910	94.3	91.4	-14.2	-3.1	-3.5	-3.0	-3.0
Services less energy services .....	48.852	185.8	186.4	3.0	.3	.3	.3	.3
Purchasing power of the consumer dollar .....	-	\$ .631	\$ .630	-	-	-	-	-
Purchasing power of the consumer dollar - old base .....	-	\$ .212	\$ .212	-	-	-	-	-

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

<sup>2</sup> Indexes on a December 1997=100 base.

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

<sup>4</sup> Indexes on a December 1988=100 base.

- 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)

Item and group	Seasonally adjusted indexes				Seasonally adjusted annual rate percent change for					
					3 months ended—				6 months ended—	
	Dec. 1997	Jan. 1998	Feb. 1998	Mar. 1998	June 1997	Sep. 1997	Dec. 1997	Mar. 1998	Sep. 1997	Mar. 1998
<b>Expenditure category</b>										
All items .....	158.7	158.7	158.7	158.6	1.0	2.3	1.3	-0.3	1.7	0.5
Food and beverages .....	158.7	159.2	159.2	159.2	2.1	2.6	1.5	1.3	2.3	1.4
Food .....	158.2	158.8	158.7	158.7	2.1	2.8	1.3	1.3	2.5	1.3
Food at home .....	158.3	158.9	158.7	158.6	2.3	2.3	.8	.8	2.3	.8
Cereals and bakery products .....	178.9	178.6	179.1	179.8	1.1	1.1	2.3	2.0	1.1	2.1
Meats, poultry, fish, and eggs .....	147.4	147.0	146.8	146.3	4.4	.3	-2.9	-3.0	2.3	-2.9
Dairy and related products <sup>1</sup> .....	147.5	147.9	147.4	148.1	-5.4	-1.7	12.6	1.6	-3.5	7.0
Fruits and vegetables .....	189.7	196.5	194.4	192.6	-1.5	8.9	.4	6.3	3.6	3.3
Nonalcoholic beverages and beverage materials .....	132.9	132.7	132.8	132.4	17.9	4.3	-6.4	-1.5	10.9	-4.0
Other food at home .....	147.9	148.1	148.2	148.7	7.4	3.0	-8	2.2	5.2	.7
Sugar and sweets .....	149.2	149.9	149.2	150.7	5.3	1.1	2.4	4.1	3.2	3.3
Fats and oils .....	141.3	140.0	140.8	141.4	-8	1.4	-1.7	.3	.3	-7
Other foods .....	163.1	163.6	163.8	163.9	2.5	3.0	2.7	2.0	2.8	2.4
Other miscellaneous foods <sup>1 2</sup> .....	100.0	100.5	100.5	101.8	-	-	-	7.4	-	-
Food away from home <sup>1</sup> .....	159.0	159.3	159.6	159.9	1.5	3.1	3.1	2.3	2.3	2.7
Other food away from home <sup>1 2</sup> .....	100.0	100.1	100.3	100.3	-	-	-	1.2	-	-
Alcoholic beverages .....	163.6	164.0	163.8	163.6	2.0	2.2	2.0	.0	2.1	1.0
Housing .....	154.8	154.8	155.0	155.4	2.1	2.1	2.4	1.6	2.1	2.0
Shelter .....	173.5	174.0	174.4	174.8	3.1	3.1	3.3	3.0	3.1	3.2
Rent of primary residence .....	168.7	169.2	169.4	170.0	3.4	3.2	3.1	3.1	3.3	3.1
Lodging away from home <sup>2</sup> .....	100.0	100.1	100.1	100.1	-	-	-	.4	-	-
Owners' equivalent rent of primary residence <sup>3</sup> .....	168.1	168.5	169.1	169.5	3.0	3.2	2.9	3.4	3.1	3.1
Tenants' and household insurance <sup>1 2</sup> .....	100.0	100.4	100.2	100.5	-	-	-	2.0	-	-
Fuels and utilities .....	130.4	128.8	127.6	128.0	-1.2	.9	.3	-7.2	-2	-3.5
Fuels .....	115.3	113.5	112.1	112.5	-4.7	.0	-1.7	-9.4	-2.4	-5.6
Fuel oil and other fuels .....	95.9	93.9	91.8	92.5	-15.3	-11.6	.4	-13.4	-13.5	-6.8
Gas (piped) and electricity .....	123.0	121.1	119.7	120.0	-3.8	1.3	-1.9	-9.4	-1.3	-5.7
Household furnishings and operations .....	123.9	124.2	124.7	124.8	1.6	-1.3	.6	2.9	.2	1.8
Apparel .....	132.0	131.3	131.1	130.5	2.5	-9	.0	-4.5	.8	-2.3
Men's and boys' apparel .....	131.2	131.4	131.1	131.9	4.8	4.1	1.5	2.2	4.4	1.8
Women's and girls' apparel .....	124.1	123.0	123.4	123.0	2.3	-3.4	-2.8	-3.5	-6	-3.2
Infants' and toddlers' apparel <sup>1</sup> .....	126.5	125.3	123.1	124.5	9.8	-15.5	-5.5	-6.2	-3.6	-5.8
Footwear .....	130.5	129.9	128.0	126.6	.0	3.5	6.4	-11.4	1.7	-2.9
Transportation .....	142.6	141.9	141.3	140.2	-4.6	3.1	-3.6	-6.6	-8	-5.1
Private transportation .....	140.3	139.5	138.7	137.7	-5.0	3.2	-3.9	-7.2	-1.0	-5.6
New and used motor vehicles <sup>2</sup> .....	100.0	100.1	100.1	99.7	-	-	-	-1.2	-	-
New vehicles .....	144.6	144.7	144.6	144.9	-8	-5	-2.2	.8	-7	-7
Used cars and trucks <sup>1</sup> .....	149.5	149.7	149.9	147.6	-6.0	-9.1	-5	-5.0	-7.6	-2.8
Motor fuel .....	103.2	99.5	96.4	93.3	-20.0	19.1	-15.4	-33.2	-2.4	-24.8
Gasoline (all types) .....	102.9	99.2	96.0	92.7	-20.1	21.5	-16.0	-34.1	-1.5	-25.6
Motor vehicle parts and equipment .....	100.6	100.5	100.6	100.5	.0	-8	-1.2	-.4	-.4	-.8
Motor vehicle maintenance and repair .....	165.8	166.0	166.5	166.7	3.2	1.5	3.5	2.2	2.4	2.8
Public transportation .....	184.1	185.8	188.1	188.7	.7	.9	-6	10.4	.8	4.7
Medical care .....	237.2	237.6	238.1	238.8	2.8	2.1	3.4	2.7	2.4	3.1
Medical care commodities .....	214.6	215.0	214.9	215.1	2.7	.2	2.8	.9	1.4	1.9
Medical care services .....	242.2	242.5	243.2	244.0	2.9	2.4	3.7	3.0	2.6	3.4
Professional services .....	219.6	220.0	220.8	221.3	3.0	2.6	3.0	3.1	2.8	3.1
Hospital and related services .....	278.9	278.8	280.3	280.8	2.7	2.5	4.3	2.8	2.6	3.5
Recreation <sup>2</sup> .....	100.0	100.3	100.6	100.9	-	-	-	3.6	-	-
Video and audio <sup>1 2</sup> .....	100.0	100.5	101.2	101.4	2.0	1.6	.4	5.7	1.8	3.0

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)

Item and group	Seasonally adjusted indexes				Seasonally adjusted annual rate percent change for					
					3 months ended—				6 months ended—	
	Dec. 1997	Jan. 1998	Feb. 1998	Mar. 1998	June 1997	Sep. 1997	Dec. 1997	Mar. 1998	Sep. 1997	Mar. 1998
<b>Expenditure category</b>										
Education and communication <sup>2</sup> .....	100.0	99.9	99.9	100.3	-	-	-	-1.2	-	-
Education <sup>2</sup> .....	100.0	100.3	100.7	101.2	-	-	-	4.9	-	-
Educational books and supplies .....	246.1	245.3	247.4	248.7	8.8	4.2	4.5	4.3	6.5	4.4
Tuition, other school fees, and childcare .....	281.2	282.1	283.2	284.7	5.7	4.9	5.6	5.1	5.3	5.3
Communication <sup>1 2</sup> .....	100.0	99.7	99.3	99.5	.8	-3.5	.8	-2.0	-1.4	-6
Information and information processing <sup>1 2</sup> .....	100.0	99.6	99.3	99.5	.8	-3.5	.8	-2.0	-1.4	-6
Telephone services <sup>1 2</sup> .....	100.0	99.9	100.0	100.4	-	-	-	1.6	-	-
Information and information processing other than telephone services <sup>1 4</sup> .....	48.9	47.7	45.8	44.8	-15.6	-10.6	-4.8	-29.6	-13.1	-18.1
Personal computers and peripheral equipment <sup>1 2</sup> .....	100.0	96.6	91.1	88.3	-	-	-	-39.2	-	-
Other goods and services .....	227.4	228.5	230.9	229.6	4.8	5.2	6.2	3.9	5.0	5.1
Tobacco and smoking products .....	251.6	253.6	261.1	253.9	5.0	8.7	9.4	3.7	6.8	6.5
Personal care <sup>1</sup> .....	153.9	154.5	155.0	155.5	2.9	-3	3.5	4.2	1.3	3.8
Personal care products <sup>1</sup> .....	146.1	147.0	147.6	148.2	2.0	-8	3.9	5.9	.6	4.9
Personal care services <sup>1</sup> .....	164.1	164.5	164.5	164.9	3.8	.7	2.7	2.0	2.2	2.3
Miscellaneous personal services .....	230.0	230.5	230.6	231.3	4.0	4.5	4.5	2.3	4.3	3.4
<b>Commodity and service group</b>										
Commodities .....	142.0	141.8	141.6	140.9	-1.1	2.0	-3	-3.1	.4	-1.7
Food and beverages .....	158.7	159.2	159.2	159.2	2.1	2.6	1.5	1.3	2.3	1.4
Commodities less food and beverages .....	131.7	131.2	130.9	130.0	-3.0	1.8	-2.1	-5.1	-6	-3.6
Nondurables less food and beverages .....	134.2	132.9	132.6	131.1	-3.2	4.3	-2.3	-8.9	.4	-5.7
Apparel .....	132.0	131.3	131.1	130.5	2.5	-9	.0	-4.5	.8	-2.3
Nondurables less food, beverages, and apparel .....	140.1	138.1	137.5	135.8	-5.3	7.1	-3.6	-11.7	.7	-7.8
Durables .....	127.3	127.5	127.4	127.0	-2.8	-2.5	-1.2	-.9	-2.6	-1.1
Services .....	178.6	178.8	179.1	179.6	2.8	2.5	2.7	2.3	2.6	2.5
Rent of shelter <sup>3</sup> .....	167.2	167.6	167.9	168.3	3.5	2.9	3.4	2.7	3.2	3.0
Transportation services .....	183.8	184.7	185.2	185.5	2.0	1.8	.9	3.8	1.9	2.3
Other services .....	210.2	210.7	211.2	212.0	4.8	2.5	3.5	3.5	3.6	3.5
<b>Special indexes</b>										
All items less food .....	158.4	158.3	158.3	158.2	.8	2.3	1.0	-.5	1.5	.3
All items less shelter .....	154.6	154.5	154.4	154.1	.3	2.1	.3	-1.3	1.2	-.5
All items less medical care .....	154.9	154.8	154.9	154.7	1.0	2.4	1.0	-.5	1.7	.3
Commodities less food .....	133.3	132.7	132.4	131.5	-2.7	1.5	-1.5	-5.3	-.6	-3.4
Nondurables less food .....	136.0	134.7	134.3	133.1	-2.3	3.6	-1.7	-8.3	.6	-5.1
Nondurables less food and apparel .....	141.8	139.7	139.2	137.3	-5.3	7.3	-1.7	-12.1	.8	-7.0
Nondurables .....	146.7	146.5	145.9	145.5	-.8	3.6	-.5	-3.2	1.4	-1.9
Services less rent of shelter <sup>3</sup> .....	169.3	169.1	169.0	169.7	2.4	2.2	2.4	.9	2.3	1.7
Services less medical care services .....	173.2	173.4	173.4	174.1	2.9	2.6	2.6	2.1	2.7	2.3
Energy .....	108.7	106.0	103.8	102.4	-12.8	9.1	-8.7	-21.2	-2.5	-15.2
All items less energy .....	165.7	166.0	166.3	166.4	2.2	1.7	2.2	1.7	2.0	2.0
All items less food and energy .....	167.7	168.0	168.4	168.5	2.4	1.5	2.2	1.9	1.9	2.0
Commodities less food and energy commodities .....	142.0	142.1	142.4	142.0	.3	-.6	.6	.0	-.1	.3
Energy commodities .....	102.8	99.2	96.2	93.3	-19.4	16.0	-14.2	-32.1	-3.3	-23.7
Services less energy services .....	184.9	185.4	185.9	186.4	3.4	2.7	2.9	3.3	3.0	3.1

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

<sup>2</sup> Indexes on a December 1997=100 base.

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

<sup>4</sup> Indexes on a December 1988=100 base.

- 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	Relative importance, December 1997	Unadjusted indexes		Unadjusted percent change to Mar. 1998 from—		Seasonally adjusted percent change from—		
		Feb. 1998	Mar. 1998	Mar. 1997	Feb. 1998	Dec. to Jan.	Jan. to Feb.	Feb. to Mar.
<b>Expenditure category</b>								
All items .....	100.000	158.5	158.7	1.1	0.1	0.0	0.0	-0.1
All items (1967=100) .....	-	472.2	472.7	-	-	-	-	-
Food and beverages .....	17.903	159.2	159.4	1.9	.1	.3	.0	.0
Food .....	16.861	158.8	159.1	1.9	.2	.4	-.1	.0
Food at home .....	10.785	158.9	159.2	1.6	-.2	.4	-.1	-.1
Cereals and bakery products .....	1.678	179.4	179.3	1.6	-.1	-.2	.3	.4
Cereals and cereal products .....	.614	169.4	169.3	.8	-.1	-.5	.3	-.4
Flour and prepared flour mixes .....	.083	155.9	157.3	2.0	.9	1.2	-.6	1.1
Breakfast cereal .....	.343	187.9	187.7	.8	-.1	-1.0	.7	-.7
Rice, pasta, cornmeal .....	.188	150.3	149.8	1.1	-.3	-1.4	.3	-.7
Bakery products .....	1.064	184.0	183.7	2.0	-.2	.4	.2	.6
Bread <sup>1 2</sup> .....	.326	100.2	99.8	-	-.4	-.6	.8	-.4
Fresh biscuits, rolls, muffins <sup>1 2</sup> .....	.144	102.0	101.1	-	-.9	1.1	.9	-.9
Cakes, cupcakes, and cookies <sup>2</sup> .....	.293	180.9	180.1	1.2	-.4	.1	.9	-.4
Other bakery products .....	.300	181.2	182.7	1.7	.8	1.5	-1.8	2.4
Meats, poultry, fish, and eggs .....	3.125	147.2	146.9	-.3	-.2	-.3	-.1	-.3
Meats, poultry, and fish .....	2.965	147.6	147.4	-.3	-.1	-.1	.0	-.3
Meats .....	2.042	142.5	142.3	-.5	-.1	-.2	-.3	-.3
Beef and veal .....	.919	135.8	136.5	.7	.5	-.4	-.5	.1
Uncooked ground beef .....	.360	115.6	117.0	2.6	1.2	1.4	-2.2	1.5
Uncooked beef roasts <sup>1 2</sup> .....	.158	99.9	99.9	-	.0	-.6	.5	.0
Uncooked beef steaks <sup>1 2</sup> .....	.342	99.2	99.2	-	.0	-.7	-.1	.0
Uncooked other beef and veal <sup>1 2</sup> .....	.059	99.4	100.5	-	1.1	-.1	-.5	1.1
Pork .....	.724	151.7	149.9	-2.5	-1.2	-.3	.1	-1.2
Bacon, breakfast sausage, and related products <sup>1 2</sup> .....	.233	97.9	97.1	-	-.8	-1.0	-1.1	-.8
Ham .....	.161	153.6	155.5	.6	1.2	-.2	.8	.5
Pork chops .....	.167	150.4	145.1	-6.1	-3.5	-.7	-.5	-3.2
Other pork including roasts and picnics <sup>1 2</sup> .....	.163	99.4	97.6	-	-1.8	-.1	-.5	-1.8
Other meats <sup>2</sup> .....	.399	146.8	147.2	.1	.3	.6	-.5	.3
Poultry <sup>2</sup> .....	.568	155.2	155.1	-.6	-.1	.1	.0	-.1
Chicken <sup>1 2</sup> .....	.449	99.8	99.7	-	-.1	-.5	.3	-.1
Other poultry including turkey <sup>1 2</sup> .....	.119	101.3	101.4	-	.1	2.4	-1.1	.1
Fish and seafood .....	.355	181.6	180.8	1.3	-.4	-.1	1.4	-.9
Fresh fish and seafood <sup>1 2</sup> .....	.208	103.4	102.7	-	-.7	3.3	.1	-.7
Processed fish and seafood <sup>1 2</sup> .....	.147	100.0	100.0	-	.0	.4	-.4	.0
Eggs .....	.160	136.5	135.4	-3.3	-.8	-2.6	-2.1	-1.8
Dairy and related products <sup>2</sup> .....	1.135	147.4	148.1	1.6	.5	.3	-.3	.5
Milk <sup>1 2</sup> .....	.473	100.2	100.6	-	.4	-.2	.4	.4
Cheese and related products <sup>2</sup> .....	.323	147.8	149.6	1.4	1.2	.2	-.1	1.2
Ice cream and related products .....	.181	150.9	150.0	-.9	-.6	.9	-1.8	-.3
Other dairy and related products <sup>1 2</sup> .....	.159	99.5	99.9	-	.4	.9	-1.4	.4
Fruits and vegetables .....	1.447	192.4	194.8	3.5	1.2	3.6	-1.1	-.9
Fresh fruits and vegetables .....	1.104	223.7	226.8	4.6	1.4	4.3	-1.2	-1.5
Fresh fruits .....	.557	237.5	233.1	.6	-1.9	.6	5.4	-2.6
Apples .....	.107	201.3	203.1	1.8	.9	-.7	.8	.1
Bananas .....	.105	159.8	154.4	-11.5	-3.4	-.3	-4.2	-6.7
Citrus fruits <sup>1 2</sup> .....	.112	101.4	102.4	-	1.0	5.7	-4.1	1.0
Other fresh fruits <sup>1 2</sup> .....	.232	96.8	93.1	-	-3.8	-2.9	-.3	-3.8
Fresh vegetables .....	.547	210.1	219.9	8.5	4.7	7.9	-7.4	-.2
Potatoes .....	.103	179.6	181.6	12.3	1.1	1.2	-.2	-.2
Lettuce <sup>2</sup> .....	.073	195.5	207.3	12.7	6.0	32.8	-31.6	6.0
Tomatoes <sup>2</sup> .....	.116	223.2	242.4	-6.9	8.6	-.4	-.5	8.6
Other fresh vegetables .....	.255	225.7	235.1	14.2	4.2	11.3	-6.5	2.9
Processed fruits and vegetables <sup>1 2</sup> .....	.342	101.0	101.8	-	.8	1.6	-.6	.8
Canned fruits and vegetables <sup>1 2</sup> .....	.188	100.9	102.5	-	1.6	1.9	-1.0	1.6
Frozen fruits and vegetables <sup>1 2</sup> .....	.105	101.5	101.3	-	-.2	1.6	-.1	-.2
Other processed fruits and vegetables including dried <sup>1 2</sup> .....	.049	100.2	100.2	-	.0	.3	-.1	.0

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	Relative Importance, December 1997	Unadjusted indexes		Unadjusted percent change to Mar. 1998 from—		Seasonally adjusted percent change from—		
		Feb. 1998	Mar. 1998	Mar. 1997	Feb. 1998	Dec. to Jan.	Jan. to Feb.	Feb. to Mar.
<b>Expenditure category</b>								
Nonalcoholic beverages and beverage materials .....	1.215	133.6	133.1	3.3	-0.4	-0.2	0.1	-0.3
Juices and nonalcoholic drinks <sup>1 2</sup> .....	.910	101.8	101.2	-	-6	1.1	.7	-6
Carbonated drinks .....	.508	120.4	119.8	.1	-5	-1	.9	-1
Frozen noncarbonated juices and drinks <sup>1 2</sup> .....	.053	100.7	99.7	-	-1.0	.9	-2	-1.0
Nonfrozen noncarbonated juices and drinks <sup>1 2</sup> .....	.349	99.5	98.8	-	-7	-1	-4	-7
Beverage materials including coffee and tea <sup>1 2</sup> .....	.305	100.1	100.4	-	.3	.0	.1	.3
Coffee <sup>2</sup> .....	.165	168.3	169.0	11.5	.4	-2	-4	.4
Other beverage materials including tea <sup>1 2</sup> .....	.140	101.0	101.1	-	.1	.3	.7	.1
Other food at home .....	2.185	148.5	148.9	2.6	.3	.1	.1	.3
Sugar and sweets .....	.420	149.5	151.0	3.3	1.0	.5	-5	1.0
Sugar and artificial sweeteners .....	.093	136.3	136.8	1.7	.4	.5	-6	.7
Candy and chewing gum <sup>1 2</sup> .....	.249	101.0	102.0	-	1.0	1.3	-3	1.0
Other sweets <sup>1 2</sup> .....	.078	101.2	102.8	-	1.6	2.4	-1.2	1.6
Fats and oils .....	.332	141.4	141.9	-2	.4	-9	.6	.4
Butter and margarine <sup>1 2</sup> .....	.101	99.7	101.4	-	1.7	-6	.3	1.7
Salad dressing <sup>1 2</sup> .....	.090	101.5	100.8	-	-7	.2	1.3	-7
Other fats and oils including peanut butter <sup>1 2</sup> .....	.141	101.6	101.8	-	.2	.9	.7	.2
Other foods .....	1.432	164.1	164.3	2.6	.1	.3	.1	.1
Soups .....	.107	190.8	191.5	2.6	.4	.5	.3	.2
Frozen and freeze dried prepared foods <sup>2</sup> .....	.251	144.3	142.5	-8	-1.2	.2	-1	-1.2
Snacks <sup>2</sup> .....	.301	155.2	154.6	1.0	-4	-3	.3	-4
Spices, seasonings, condiments, sauces .....	.307	173.2	173.0	3.7	-1	.1	1.2	.1
Baby food <sup>1 2</sup> .....	.123	100.4	101.5	-	1.1	.6	-2	1.1
Other miscellaneous foods <sup>1 2</sup> .....	.344	100.5	101.8	-	1.3	.5	.0	1.3
Food away from home <sup>2</sup> .....	6.076	159.6	159.9	2.5	.2	.2	.2	.2
Full service meals and snacks <sup>1 2</sup> .....	3.162	100.5	100.7	-	.2	.2	.3	.2
Limited service meals and snacks <sup>1 2</sup> .....	1.761	100.5	100.6	-	.1	.2	.3	.1
Food at employee sites and schools <sup>1 2</sup> .....	.705	100.0	100.0	-	.0	-1	.1	.0
Food from vending machines and mobile vendors <sup>1 2</sup> .....	.237	100.1	100.3	-	.2	.1	.0	.2
Other food away from home <sup>1 2</sup> .....	.212	100.3	100.3	-	.0	.1	.2	.0
Alcoholic beverages .....	1.042	163.9	164.0	1.5	.1	.2	-1	-1
Alcoholic beverages at home .....	.698	149.3	149.3	.2	.0	.3	-3	-2
Beer, ale, and other malt beverages at home .....	.477	148.0	148.0	-5	.0	.3	-5	-4
Distilled spirits at home .....	.095	151.5	151.3	1.5	-1	-3	.3	-2
Wine at home .....	.125	144.6	144.7	.8	.1	.1	-3	-1
Alcoholic beverages away from home .....	.344	192.6	193.1	3.3	.3	.0	.3	.2
Housing .....	36.450	155.1	155.5	2.0	.3	.0	.1	.3
Shelter .....	27.033	174.6	175.2	3.1	.3	.3	.2	.2
Rent of primary residence .....	8.347	169.6	170.0	3.2	.2	.3	.1	.4
Lodging away from home <sup>1</sup> .....	1.346	108.6	110.8	-	2.0	.1	.0	.0
Housing at school, excluding board <sup>3</sup> .....	.137	231.5	231.6	4.3	.0	.1	.3	.2
Other lodging away from home including hotels and motels .....	1.209	233.5	238.7	3.8	2.2	.0	.0	.0
Owners' equivalent rent of primary residence <sup>3</sup> .....	17.016	169.1	169.5	3.2	.2	.2	.4	.2
Tenants' and household insurance <sup>1 2</sup> .....	.324	100.2	100.5	-	.3	.4	-2	.3
Fuels and utilities .....	5.053	127.1	126.9	-2.1	-2	-1.2	-9	.3
Fuels .....	4.143	112.2	111.9	-3.9	-3	-1.6	-1.2	.4
Fuel oil and other fuels .....	.229	95.1	94.5	-10.3	-6	-2.1	-2.2	.8
Fuel oil .....	.148	91.6	90.2	-12.4	-1.5	-2.6	-3.0	.0
Other household fuels <sup>2 4</sup> .....	.081	128.2	129.2	-6.3	.8	-4	.2	.8
Gas (piped) and electricity .....	3.914	119.2	118.9	-3.3	-3	-1.5	-1.2	.3
Electricity .....	2.802	124.1	123.8	-4.1	-2	-1.1	-1.0	-4
Utility natural gas service .....	1.112	112.8	112.5	-2.1	-3	-2.7	-1.6	2.2
Water and sewer and trash collection services <sup>1</sup> .....	.910	100.7	101.0	-	.3	.1	.4	.4
Water and sewerage maintenance .....	.676	212.0	212.6	4.2	.3	.1	.3	.5
Garbage and trash collection <sup>2 5</sup> .....	.235	254.9	255.4	2.7	.2	.1	.8	.2
Household furnishings and operations .....	4.365	124.7	125.0	.9	.2	.2	.4	.1
Window and floor coverings and other linens <sup>1 2</sup> .....	.316	101.4	100.5	-	-9	1.1	.3	-9
Floor coverings <sup>1 2</sup> .....	.075	99.9	100.0	-	.1	-1	.0	.1
Window coverings <sup>1 2</sup> .....	.086	100.9	99.1	-	-1.8	2.5	-1.6	-1.8
Other linens <sup>1 2</sup> .....	.155	102.5	101.5	-	-1.0	.8	1.7	-1.0
Furniture and bedding <sup>2</sup> .....	1.169	130.6	132.1	.5	1.1	-3	.3	1.1
Bedroom furniture <sup>2</sup> .....	.355	139.1	140.1	1.4	.7	-1.9	.2	.7
Living room, kitchen, and dining room furniture <sup>1 2</sup> .....	.616	101.1	101.3	-	.2	.6	.5	.2
Other furniture <sup>1 2</sup> .....	.180	99.6	104.6	-	5.0	-5	.1	5.0

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Item and Group	Relative importance, December 1997	Unadjusted indexes		Unadjusted percent change to Mar. 1998 from—		Seasonally adjusted percent change from—		
		Feb. 1998	Mar. 1998	Mar. 1997	Feb. 1998	Dec. to Jan.	Jan. to Feb.	Feb. to Mar.
<b>Expenditure category</b>								
Appliances <sup>1 2</sup> .....	.421	101.0	99.7	-	-1.3	1.0	0.0	-1.3
Major appliances <sup>1 2</sup> .....	.251	101.2	98.9	-	-2.3	1.2	.0	-2.3
Other appliances <sup>1 2</sup> .....	.159	100.9	100.9	-	.0	.6	.3	.0
Other household equipment and furnishings <sup>1 2</sup> .....	.480	101.6	101.4	-	-2	1.7	-1	-2
Clocks, lamps, and decorator items <sup>2</sup> .....	.200	118.0	119.3	2.1	1.1	-3	.0	1.1
Indoor plants and flowers <sup>6</sup> .....	.127	115.3	111.1	-2.9	-3.6	7.8	-1.5	-4.7
Dishes and flatware <sup>1 2</sup> .....	.067	99.7	102.1	-	2.4	.5	-.8	2.4
Nonelectric cookware and tableware <sup>1 2</sup> .....	.086	99.1	99.4	-	.3	.4	-1.3	.3
Tools, hardware, outdoor equipment and supplies <sup>1 2</sup> .....	.640	101.4	102.0	-	.6	.9	.5	.6
Tools, hardware and supplies <sup>1 2</sup> .....	.186	100.0	100.8	-	.8	.3	-.3	.8
Outdoor equipment and supplies <sup>1 2</sup> .....	.302	102.4	102.8	-	.4	1.3	1.1	.4
Housekeeping supplies .....	.944	145.8	146.2	1.9	.3	-.6	1.4	-1
Household cleaning products <sup>1 2</sup> .....	.451	100.7	100.3	-	-.4	.1	.6	-.4
Household paper products <sup>1 2</sup> .....	.218	101.8	102.1	-	.3	.1	1.7	.3
Miscellaneous household products <sup>1 2</sup> .....	.275	101.0	102.2	-	1.2	-1.3	2.3	1.2
Household operations <sup>1 2</sup> .....	.394	100.5	100.5	-	.0	.1	.4	.0
Domestic services <sup>1 2</sup> .....	.089	100.5	100.4	-	-.1	.2	.3	-.1
Gardening and lawn care services <sup>1 2</sup> .....	.106	99.9	99.9	-	.0	.0	-.1	.0
Moving, storage, freight expense <sup>1 2</sup> .....	.074	101.5	101.5	-	.0	.0	1.5	.0
Repair of household items <sup>1 2</sup> .....	.069	100.4	100.4	-	.0	.1	.3	.0
Apparel .....	5.300	130.4	133.0	-.6	2.0	-.5	-.2	-.5
Men's and boys' apparel .....	1.503	130.1	132.8	3.1	2.1	.2	-.2	.6
Men's apparel .....	1.145	133.9	137.3	3.0	2.5	-.3	-.4	1.2
Men's suits, sport coats, and outerwear .....	.218	136.9	138.4	1.1	1.1	2.2	-.4	-.5
Men's furnishings .....	.311	136.4	140.8	11.0	3.2	1.2	1.4	2.2
Men's shirts and sweaters <sup>1 2</sup> .....	.343	97.1	100.3	-	3.3	-3.9	1.0	3.3
Men's pants and shorts .....	.252	132.9	135.4	3.4	1.9	.5	.2	1.2
Boys' apparel .....	.358	118.0	118.9	3.8	.8	1.1	-1.9	-.8
Women's and girls' apparel .....	1.985	122.3	127.3	-1.5	4.1	-.9	.3	-.3
Women's apparel .....	1.634	121.3	126.8	-1.7	4.5	-1.5	.7	-.2
Women's outerwear .....	.118	117.6	120.0	-6.8	2.0	-.9	-4.9	-.9
Women's dresses .....	.221	108.0	121.6	2.8	12.6	-3.2	5.4	9.0
Women's suits and separates <sup>1 2</sup> .....	.833	98.3	102.6	-	4.4	-4.5	2.9	4.4
Women's underwear, nightwear, sportswear and accessories <sup>1 2</sup> .....	.438	103.6	104.7	-	1.1	1.5	2.1	1.1
Girls' apparel .....	.351	127.1	129.6	-.7	2.0	2.1	-1.5	-.7
Footwear .....	1.082	127.4	127.1	-.6	-.2	-.5	-1.5	-1.1
Men's footwear .....	.374	130.3	131.1	-1.3	.6	-1.0	-.8	.4
Boys' and girls' footwear .....	.265	128.3	126.8	-3.6	-1.2	1.6	-5.3	-3.2
Women's footwear .....	.443	123.3	122.9	1.6	-.3	-.1	-.4	-.9
Infants' and toddlers' apparel <sup>2</sup> .....	.337	123.1	124.5	-4.7	1.1	-.9	-1.8	1.1
Jewelry and watches <sup>4</sup> .....	.393	145.1	142.4	-4.6	-1.9	-1.1	2.5	-4.6
Watches <sup>4</sup> .....	.076	121.8	122.0	-4.4	.2	-.1	-1.2	-1.1
Jewelry <sup>4</sup> .....	.317	151.8	148.2	-4.7	-2.4	-1.5	3.3	-5.6
Transportation .....	19.847	140.9	139.9	-3.0	-.7	-.5	-.4	-.8
Private transportation .....	18.790	138.4	137.2	-3.3	-.9	-.6	-.6	-.7
New and used motor vehicles <sup>1</sup> .....	9.285	100.2	99.7	-2.2	-.5	.1	.0	-.4
New vehicles .....	5.304	145.5	145.6	-.7	.1	.1	-.1	-.2
Used cars and trucks <sup>2</sup> .....	3.162	149.9	147.6	-5.2	-1.5	.1	.1	-1.5
Car and truck rental <sup>1 2</sup> .....	.108	99.6	101.5	-	1.9	-2.2	1.8	1.9
Motor fuel .....	3.682	94.1	91.0	-14.4	-3.3	-3.6	-3.1	-3.2
Gasoline (all types) .....	3.658	93.6	90.5	-14.4	-3.3	-3.6	-3.2	-3.4
Gasoline, unleaded regular <sup>7</sup> .....	-	91.1	88.0	-15.1	-3.4	-3.7	-3.3	-3.6
Gasoline, unleaded midgrade <sup>2 7 8</sup> .....	-	98.2	95.3	-13.7	-3.0	-4.0	-3.4	-3.0
Gasoline, unleaded premium <sup>7</sup> .....	-	95.9	93.0	-13.0	-3.0	-3.4	-2.5	-3.1
Other motor fuels <sup>1 2</sup> .....	.023	95.8	94.0	-	-1.9	-2.0	-2.2	-1.9
Motor vehicle parts and equipment .....	.694	100.9	100.7	-.6	-.2	-.1	.1	-.1
Tires .....	.315	98.4	98.0	-2.5	-.4	-.2	.3	-.2
Vehicle accessories other than tires <sup>1 2</sup> .....	.378	100.1	100.0	-	-.1	.0	.1	-.1
Motor vehicle maintenance and repair .....	1.664	166.5	166.7	2.6	.1	.1	.3	.1
Motor vehicle body work <sup>2</sup> .....	.119	178.1	178.5	4.7	.2	.1	.8	.2
Motor vehicle maintenance and servicing <sup>2</sup> .....	.483	153.7	154.2	3.6	.3	.3	.4	.3
Motor vehicle repair <sup>1 2</sup> .....	1.039	100.3	100.4	-	.1	.0	.3	.1

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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	Relative importance, December 1997	Unadjusted indexes		Unadjusted percent change to Mar. 1998 from—		Seasonally adjusted percent change from—		
		Feb. 1998	Mar. 1998	Mar. 1997	Feb. 1998	Dec. to Jan.	Jan. to Feb.	Feb. to Mar.
<b>Expenditure category</b>								
Motor vehicle insurance .....	2.881	255.4	255.3	2.2	0.0	0.3	0.0	0.2
Motor vehicle fees <sup>1 2</sup> .....	.584	102.1	102.2	-	.1	2.1	.0	.1
State and local registration and license <sup>1 2</sup> .....	.419	101.4	101.4	-	.0	1.5	-.1	.0
Parking and other fees <sup>1 2</sup> .....	.143	104.5	104.7	-	.2	4.1	.4	.2
Public transportation .....	1.057	187.9	190.2	2.8	1.2	.9	1.2	.3
Airline fare <sup>2</sup> .....	.555	205.2	209.4	4.5	2.0	2.6	3.1	2.0
Other intercity transportation <sup>2</sup> .....	.119	162.8	163.4	3.9	.4	.4	1.1	.4
Intracity transportation <sup>2</sup> .....	.376	174.8	175.0	-.1	.1	-.7	-.1	.1
Medical care .....	4.591	238.7	239.1	2.7	.2	.2	.2	.3
Medical care commodities .....	.906	215.4	215.5	1.6	.0	.2	.0	.1
Prescription drugs and medical supplies .....	.570	253.3	253.6	2.2	.1	.2	.2	.0
Nonprescription drugs and medical supplies <sup>2 4</sup> .....	.336	145.0	145.0	.6	.0	.2	-.1	.0
Internal and respiratory over-the-counter drugs <sup>2</sup> .....	.245	171.5	171.4	.1	-.1	.1	-.1	-.1
Nonprescription medical equipment and supplies <sup>2</sup> .....	.091	176.4	176.6	2.0	.1	.7	.1	.1
Medical care services .....	3.684	244.0	244.5	3.0	.2	.1	.3	.3
Professional services .....	2.372	221.0	221.8	3.0	.4	.2	.4	.2
Physicians' services .....	1.269	227.7	228.5	2.7	.4	.0	.5	.3
Dental services <sup>2</sup> .....	.665	232.2	233.2	4.1	.4	.7	.4	.4
Eyeglasses and eye care <sup>2 4</sup> .....	.261	143.0	143.2	1.3	.1	.1	.1	.1
Services by other medical professionals <sup>4</sup> .....	.177	158.4	159.0	2.6	.4	.3	.1	.1
Hospital and related services .....	1.097	281.4	281.4	3.1	.0	.0	.5	.2
Hospital services <sup>2 9</sup> .....	1.084	104.0	104.0	3.1	.0	.3	.7	.0
Inpatient hospital services <sup>2 7 9</sup> .....	-	103.2	103.1	2.4	-.1	.4	.5	-.1
Outpatient hospital services <sup>4 7</sup> .....	-	231.0	231.5	3.7	.2	-.3	.6	.6
Nursing homes and adult daycare <sup>2 9</sup> .....	.013	105.3	105.3	3.6	.0	.6	.7	.0
Recreation <sup>1</sup> .....	5.969	100.7	101.0	1.6	.3	.3	.3	.3
Video and audio <sup>1 2</sup> .....	1.968	101.2	101.4	2.4	.2	.5	.7	.2
Televisions <sup>2</sup> .....	.256	59.4	59.6	-3.7	.3	-.2	.3	.3
Cable television <sup>5</sup> .....	.927	242.5	242.8	7.7	.1	1.6	.7	.0
Other video equipment <sup>1 2</sup> .....	.101	97.7	96.7	-	-1.0	-1.1	-1.2	-1.0
Video cassettes, discs, and other media including rental <sup>1 2</sup> .....	.217	98.7	98.8	-	.1	-1.7	.4	.1
Audio equipment <sup>2</sup> .....	.194	86.9	87.0	-3.5	.1	-.6	-1.1	.1
Audio discs, tapes and other media <sup>1 2</sup> .....	.158	99.4	100.5	-	1.1	-.4	-.2	1.1
Pets, pet products and services <sup>1 2</sup> .....	.678	100.6	100.7	-	.1	.6	.0	.1
Pets and pet products <sup>2</sup> .....	.474	142.6	142.3	-.6	-.2	.8	-.3	-.2
Pet services including veterinary <sup>1 2</sup> .....	.204	101.0	101.6	-	.6	.1	.9	.6
Sporting goods <sup>2</sup> .....	.525	125.7	125.2	-.2	-.4	.9	.1	-.4
Sports vehicles including bicycles <sup>2</sup> .....	.249	129.0	128.9	.2	-.1	1.0	.0	-.1
Sports equipment <sup>2</sup> .....	.269	118.5	117.6	-.6	-.8	.8	.3	-.8
Photography <sup>1 2</sup> .....	.282	99.6	99.9	-	.3	-.1	-.3	.3
Photographic equipment and supplies <sup>2</sup> .....	.105	133.3	134.3	-.7	.8	-.1	-.8	.8
Photographers and film processing <sup>1 2</sup> .....	.174	99.9	100.0	-	.1	-.1	.0	.1
Other recreational goods <sup>1</sup> .....	.668	98.9	98.8	-	-.1	-1.1	-.4	-.2
Toys .....	.536	123.6	123.2	-3.2	-.3	-1.3	-.5	-.4
Sewing machines, fabric and supplies <sup>1 2</sup> .....	.064	100.0	100.6	-	.6	-.3	.3	.6
Music instruments and accessories <sup>1 2</sup> .....	.048	100.0	100.7	-	.7	.2	-.2	.7
Recreation services <sup>1</sup> .....	1.362	100.9	101.8	-	.9	.2	.7	.9
Club membership dues and fees for participant sports <sup>1 2</sup> .....	.421	100.6	101.7	-	1.1	.4	.2	1.1
Admissions <sup>2</sup> .....	.659	202.2	204.1	4.6	.9	.2	1.0	.9
Fees for lessons or instructions <sup>4</sup> .....	.145	175.9	176.5	4.7	.3	-.1	.0	.5
Recreational reading materials <sup>2</sup> .....	.486	182.8	183.9	2.3	.6	.1	.7	.6
Newspapers and magazines <sup>1 2</sup> .....	.337	101.2	101.6	-	.4	.2	1.0	.4
Recreational books <sup>1 2</sup> .....	.149	100.0	101.1	-	1.1	-.2	.2	1.1
Education and communication <sup>1</sup> .....	5.396	99.8	100.0	2.5	.2	-.1	.0	.4
Education <sup>1</sup> .....	2.402	100.4	100.5	5.2	.1	.3	.4	.5
Educational books and supplies .....	.192	249.4	250.0	5.4	.2	-.3	.9	.5
Tuition, other school fees, and childcare .....	2.211	283.5	283.9	5.3	.1	.3	.4	.5
College tuition and fees .....	.818	301.6	301.6	4.7	.0	.4	.4	.4
Elementary and high school tuition and fees .....	.252	299.4	299.4	7.2	.0	.5	.4	.5
Child care and nursery school <sup>6</sup> .....	1.029	139.2	139.6	4.7	.3	.3	.0	.6
Technical and business school tuition and fees <sup>1 2</sup> .....	.049	100.0	100.2	-	.2	-.1	.1	.2

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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	Relative importance, December 1997	Unadjusted indexes		Unadjusted percent change to Mar. 1998 from—		Seasonally adjusted percent change from—		
		Feb. 1998	Mar. 1998	Mar. 1997	Feb. 1998	Dec. to Jan.	Jan. to Feb.	Feb. to Mar.
<b>Expenditure category</b>								
Communication <sup>1 2</sup> .....	2.994	99.3	99.5	-1.0	0.2	-0.3	-0.4	0.2
Postage and delivery services <sup>1 2</sup> .....	.152	100.0	100.1	-	.1	.0	.0	.1
Postage <sup>2</sup> .....	.150	160.8	160.8	.0	.0	.0	.0	.0
Delivery services <sup>1 2</sup> .....	.002	101.4	103.8	-	2.4	.1	1.3	2.4
Information and information processing <sup>1 2</sup> .....	2.841	99.3	99.5	-1.0	.2	-.4	-.3	.2
Telephone services <sup>1 2</sup> .....	2.547	100.0	100.4	-	.4	-.1	.1	.4
Telephone services, local charges <sup>2</sup> .....	1.172	163.7	164.9	1.9	.7	.1	.4	.7
Telephone services, long distance charges <sup>1 2</sup> .....	1.314	99.7	99.9	-	.2	-.2	-.1	.2
Cellular telephone services <sup>1 2</sup> .....	.062	98.3	97.5	-	-.8	-.9	-.8	-.8
Information and information processing other than telephone services <sup>2 10</sup> .....	.294	45.8	44.8	-15.6	-2.2	-2.5	-4.0	-2.2
Personal computers and peripheral equipment <sup>1 2</sup> .....	.191	91.1	88.3	-	-3.1	-3.4	-5.7	-3.1
Computer software and accessories <sup>1 2</sup> .....	.028	97.2	98.5	-	1.3	-2.6	-.2	1.3
Computer information processing services <sup>1 2</sup> .....	.016	100.2	100.2	-	.0	.2	.0	.0
Other information processing equipment <sup>1 2</sup> .....	.058	98.3	96.8	-	-1.5	-.3	-1.4	-1.5
Other goods and services .....	4.544	230.6	229.3	5.2	-.6	.5	1.1	-.6
Tobacco and smoking products .....	1.300	261.1	253.7	6.7	-2.8	.8	3.0	-2.8
Cigarettes <sup>1 2</sup> .....	1.225	104.2	101.1	-	-3.0	1.1	3.1	-3.0
Tobacco products other than cigarettes <sup>1 2</sup> .....	.067	101.4	101.8	-	.4	.5	.9	.4
Personal care <sup>2</sup> .....	3.244	155.0	155.5	2.6	.3	.4	.3	.3
Personal care products <sup>2</sup> .....	.832	147.6	148.2	2.7	.4	.6	.4	.4
Hair, dental, shaving, and miscellaneous personal care products <sup>1 2</sup> .....	.417	100.5	101.1	-	.6	.1	.4	.6
Cosmetics, perfume, bath, nail preparations and implements <sup>2</sup> .....	.411	159.0	159.5	3.6	.3	1.1	.3	.3
Personal care services <sup>2</sup> .....	.964	164.5	164.9	2.3	.2	.2	.0	.2
Haircuts and other personal care services <sup>1 2</sup> .....	.964	100.3	100.5	-	.2	.3	.0	.2
Miscellaneous personal services .....	1.226	231.1	231.7	3.8	.3	.2	.0	.3
Legal services <sup>2 4</sup> .....	.302	169.0	169.3	5.1	.2	.8	.7	.2
Funeral expenses <sup>4</sup> .....	.262	176.2	176.7	3.6	.3	.0	.2	.1
Laundry and dry cleaning services <sup>1 2</sup> .....	.216	100.7	100.7	-	.0	.2	.5	.0
Apparel services other than laundry and dry cleaning <sup>1 2</sup> .....	.051	100.4	100.6	-	.2	.3	.1	.2
Financial services <sup>2 4</sup> .....	.265	195.4	196.5	3.1	.6	.3	.5	.6
Miscellaneous personal goods <sup>1 2</sup> .....	.223	99.7	100.2	-	.5	.1	-.4	.5
<b>Special aggregate indexes</b>								
Commodities .....	47.234	141.3	141.1	-.6	-.1	-.1	-.1	-.5
Commodities less food and beverages .....	29.331	130.5	130.1	-2.3	-.3	-.4	-.2	-.7
Nondurables less food and beverages .....	15.928	131.5	131.2	-2.7	-.2	-1.0	-.2	-1.1
Nondurables less food, beverages, and apparel .....	10.628	136.7	134.8	-3.6	-1.4	-1.4	-.4	-1.2
Durables .....	13.403	127.7	127.3	-1.8	-.3	.2	-.1	-.3
Services .....	52.766	179.1	179.6	2.5	.3	.1	.2	.3
Rent of shelter <sup>3</sup> .....	26.708	168.1	168.6	3.1	.3	.2	.2	.2
Transportation services .....	6.824	185.3	185.8	1.9	.3	.5	.3	.2
Other services .....	10.006	211.2	211.9	3.8	.3	.2	.2	.4
All items less food .....	83.139	158.4	158.5	.9	.1	-.1	.0	-.1
All items less shelter .....	72.967	154.1	154.2	.3	.1	-.1	-.1	-.2
All items less medical care .....	95.409	154.8	154.9	.9	.1	-.1	.1	-.1
Commodities less food .....	30.373	131.8	131.5	-2.0	-.2	-.5	-.2	-.7
Nondurables less food .....	16.970	133.5	133.2	-2.3	-.2	-1.0	-.3	-.9
Nondurables less food and apparel .....	11.670	138.3	136.6	-3.2	-1.2	-1.5	-.4	-1.4
Nondurables .....	33.831	145.6	145.6	-.3	.0	-.1	-.4	-.3
Apparel less footwear .....	4.218	126.7	129.9	-8	2.5	-.4	.1	.1
Services less rent of shelter <sup>3</sup> .....	26.057	169.2	169.6	2.0	.2	-.1	-.1	.4
Services less medical care services .....	49.082	173.6	174.1	2.5	.3	.1	.0	.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	Relative importance, December 1997	Unadjusted indexes		Unadjusted percent change to Mar. 1998 from—		Seasonally adjusted percent change from—		
		Feb. 1998	Mar. 1998	Mar. 1997	Feb. 1998	Dec. to Jan.	Jan. to Feb.	Feb. to Mar.
<b>Special aggregate indexes</b>								
Energy .....	7.825	102.4	100.8	-8.9	-1.6	-2.5	-2.1	-1.3
All items less energy .....	92.175	166.3	166.7	2.0	.2	.2	.2	.1
All items less food and energy .....	75.315	168.2	168.6	1.9	.2	.2	.2	.1
Commodities less food and energy commodities .....	26.463	142.1	142.3	-1.1	.1	.1	.2	-.3
Energy commodities .....	3.910	94.3	91.4	-14.2	-3.1	-3.5	-3.0	-3.0
Services less energy services .....	48.852	185.8	186.4	3.0	.3	.3	.3	.3
Domestically produced farm food .....	9.110	160.5	161.0	1.5	.3	.4	-.2	.2
Utilities and public transportation .....	9.355	142.8	143.1	.1	.2	-.8	.0	.2
Purchasing power of the consumer dollar .....	-	\$ .631	\$ .630	-	-	-	-	-
Purchasing power of the consumer dollar - old base .....	-	\$ .212	\$ .212	-	-	-	-	-

- 1 Indexes on a December 1997=100 base.
- 2 Not seasonally adjusted.
- 3 Indexes on a December 1984=100 base
- 4 Indexes on a December 1986=100 base.
- 5 Indexes on a December 1983=100 base.
- 6 Indexes on a December 1990=100 base.

- 7 Special index based on a substantially smaller sample.
  - 8 Indexes on a December 1993=100 base.
  - 9 Indexes on a December 1996=100 base.
  - 10 Indexes on a December 1988=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					
					3 months ended—				6 months ended—	
	Dec. 1997	Jan. 1998	Feb. 1998	Mar. 1998	June 1997	Sep. 1997	Dec. 1997	Mar. 1998	Sep. 1997	Mar. 1998
<b>Expenditure category</b>										
All items .....	158.7	158.7	158.7	158.6	1.0	2.3	1.3	-0.3	1.7	0.5
Food and beverages .....	158.7	159.2	159.2	159.2	2.1	2.6	1.5	1.3	2.3	1.4
Food .....	158.2	158.8	158.7	158.7	2.1	2.8	1.3	1.3	2.5	1.3
Food at home .....	158.3	158.9	158.7	158.6	2.3	2.3	.8	.8	2.3	.8
Cereals and bakery products .....	178.9	178.6	179.1	179.8	1.1	1.1	2.3	2.0	1.1	2.1
Cereals and cereal products .....	170.0	169.1	169.6	169.0	2.4	2.9	.7	-2.3	2.6	-.8
Flour and prepared flour mixes .....	155.0	156.8	155.9	157.6	2.9	-1.0	-5	6.9	.9	3.1
Breakfast cereal .....	188.8	187.0	188.3	187.0	3.7	3.2	.2	-3.8	3.5	-1.8
Rice, pasta, cornmeal .....	151.7	149.6	150.1	149.0	1.6	5.8	4.6	-6.9	3.7	-1.3
Bakery products .....	182.4	183.2	183.6	184.7	1.3	.0	2.0	5.1	.7	3.6
Bread <sup>1 2</sup> .....	100.0	99.4	100.2	99.8	-	-	-	-8	-	-
Fresh biscuits, rolls, muffins <sup>1 2</sup> .....	100.0	101.1	102.0	101.1	-	-	-	4.5	-	-
Cakes, cupcakes, and cookies <sup>2</sup> .....	179.1	179.2	180.9	180.1	1.8	-4.6	5.8	2.3	-1.5	4.0
Other bakery products .....	181.1	183.8	180.4	184.8	-1.5	1.6	-1.3	8.4	.0	3.4
Meats, poultry, fish, and eggs .....	147.4	147.0	146.8	146.3	4.4	.3	-2.9	-3.0	2.3	-2.9
Meats, poultry, and fish .....	147.8	147.6	147.6	147.1	4.4	.3	-3.7	-1.9	2.3	-2.8
Meats .....	143.2	142.9	142.5	142.1	6.0	.0	-4.6	-3.0	3.0	-3.8
Beef and veal .....	136.4	135.8	135.1	135.3	8.9	.9	-3.4	-3.2	4.8	-3.3
Uncooked ground beef .....	115.2	116.8	114.2	115.9	18.5	-1.0	-7.6	2.5	8.3	-2.7
Uncooked beef roasts <sup>1 2</sup> .....	100.0	99.4	99.9	99.9	-	-	-	-4	-	-
Uncooked beef steaks <sup>1 2</sup> .....	100.0	99.3	99.2	99.2	-	-	-	-3.2	-	-
Uncooked other beef and veal <sup>1 2</sup> .....	100.0	99.9	99.4	100.5	-	-	-	2.0	-	-
Pork .....	153.4	153.0	153.1	151.2	6.1	-3.5	-6.5	-5.6	1.2	-6.1
Bacon, breakfast sausage, and related products <sup>1 2</sup> .....	100.0	99.0	97.9	97.1	-	-	-	-11.1	-	-
Ham .....	153.7	153.4	154.7	155.5	9.9	-4.7	-6.2	4.8	2.3	-.9
Pork chops .....	153.2	152.1	151.4	146.5	4.2	-2.0	-8.9	-16.4	1.0	-12.7
Other pork including roasts and picnics <sup>1 2</sup> .....	100.0	99.9	99.4	97.6	-	-	-	-9.3	-	-
Other meats <sup>2</sup> .....	146.6	147.5	146.8	147.2	.3	2.7	-4.0	1.6	1.5	-1.2
Poultry <sup>2</sup> .....	155.0	155.2	155.2	155.1	.5	.8	-4.0	.3	.6	-1.9
Chicken <sup>1 2</sup> .....	100.0	99.5	99.8	99.7	-	-	-	-1.2	-	-
Other poultry including turkey <sup>1 2</sup> .....	100.0	102.4	101.3	101.4	-	-	-	5.7	-	-
Fish and seafood .....	178.6	178.5	181.0	179.4	-.7	1.8	2.3	1.8	.6	2.0
Fresh fish and seafood <sup>1 2</sup> .....	100.0	103.3	103.4	102.7	-	-	-	11.2	-	-
Processed fish and seafood <sup>1 2</sup> .....	100.0	100.4	100.0	100.0	-	-	-	.0	-	-
Eggs .....	139.5	135.9	133.1	130.7	5.7	.9	6.3	-22.9	3.3	-9.5
Dairy and related products <sup>2</sup> .....	147.5	147.9	147.4	148.1	-5.4	-1.7	12.6	1.6	-3.5	7.0
Milk <sup>1 2</sup> .....	100.0	99.8	100.2	100.6	-	-	-	2.4	-	-
Cheese and related products <sup>2</sup> .....	147.7	148.0	147.8	149.6	-2.2	.5	2.2	5.2	-.8	3.7
Ice cream and related products .....	151.4	152.7	150.0	149.6	-3.9	3.5	1.6	-4.7	-3	-1.6
Other dairy and related products <sup>1 2</sup> .....	100.0	100.9	99.5	99.9	-	-	-	-4	-	-
Fruits and vegetables .....	189.7	196.5	194.4	192.6	-1.5	8.9	.4	6.3	3.6	3.3
Fresh fruits and vegetables .....	219.8	229.2	226.4	223.1	-1.9	14.0	-1.1	6.1	5.8	2.5
Fresh fruits .....	231.0	232.4	244.9	238.6	-7.1	4.0	-6.5	13.8	-1.7	3.2
Apples .....	203.1	201.6	203.2	203.5	-1.2	.4	7.2	.8	-.4	3.9
Bananas .....	158.6	158.2	151.6	141.5	-4.2	-4.0	5.5	-36.6	-4.1	-18.3
Citrus fruits <sup>1 2</sup> .....	100.0	105.7	101.4	102.4	-	-	-	10.0	-	-
Other fresh fruits <sup>1 2</sup> .....	100.0	97.1	96.8	93.1	-	-	-	-24.9	-	-
Fresh vegetables .....	205.5	221.7	205.4	205.0	5.0	26.8	5.4	-1.0	15.4	2.2
Potatoes .....	184.9	187.1	186.7	186.3	.2	65.9	-7.2	3.1	29.0	-2.2
Lettuce <sup>2</sup> .....	215.4	286.0	195.5	207.3	-21.7	118.7	9.6	-14.2	30.9	-3.0
Tomatoes <sup>2</sup> .....	249.5	236.1	223.2	242.4	-54.2	-46.7	245.5	-10.9	-50.6	75.5
Other fresh vegetables .....	204.6	227.8	212.9	219.1	7.7	18.1	2.0	31.5	12.8	15.8
Processed fruits and vegetables <sup>1 2</sup> .....	100.0	101.6	101.0	101.8	-	-	-	7.4	-	-
Canned fruits and vegetables <sup>1 2</sup> .....	100.0	101.9	100.9	102.5	-	-	-	10.4	-	-
Frozen fruits and vegetables <sup>1 2</sup> .....	100.0	101.6	101.5	101.3	-	-	-	5.3	-	-
Other processed fruits and vegetables including dried <sup>1 2</sup> .....	100.0	100.3	100.2	100.2	-	-	-	.8	-	-

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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					
					3 months ended—				6 months ended—	
	Dec. 1997	Jan. 1998	Feb. 1998	Mar. 1998	June 1997	Sep. 1997	Dec. 1997	Mar. 1998	Sep. 1997	Mar. 1998
<b>Expenditure category</b>										
Nonalcoholic beverages and beverage materials .....	132.9	132.7	132.8	132.4	17.9	4.3	-6.4	-1.5	10.9	-4.0
Juices and nonalcoholic drinks <sup>1 2</sup> .....	100.0	101.1	101.8	101.2	-	-	-	4.9	-	-
Carbonated drinks .....	117.8	117.7	118.8	118.7	-2.3	.0	-7	3.1	-1.2	1.2
Frozen noncarbonated juices and drinks <sup>1 2</sup> .....	100.0	100.9	100.7	99.7	-	-	-	-1.2	-	-
Nonfrozen noncarbonated juices and drinks <sup>1 2</sup> .....	100.0	99.9	99.5	98.8	-	-	-	-4.7	-	-
Beverage materials including coffee and tea <sup>1 2</sup> .....	100.0	100.0	100.1	100.4	-	-	-	1.6	-	-
Coffee <sup>2</sup> .....	169.3	168.9	168.3	169.0	78.4	12.2	-22.3	-7	41.4	-12.1
Other beverage materials including tea <sup>1 2</sup> .....	100.0	100.3	101.0	101.1	-	-	-	4.5	-	-
Other food at home .....	147.9	148.1	148.2	148.7	7.4	3.0	-8	2.2	5.2	.7
Sugar and sweets .....	149.2	149.9	149.2	150.7	5.3	1.1	2.4	4.1	3.2	3.3
Sugar and artificial sweeteners .....	135.7	136.4	135.6	136.5	4.2	-6	.9	2.4	1.8	1.6
Candy and chewing gum <sup>1 2</sup> .....	100.0	101.3	101.0	102.0	-	-	-	8.2	-	-
Other sweets <sup>1 2</sup> .....	100.0	102.4	101.2	102.8	-	-	-	11.7	-	-
Fats and oils .....	141.3	140.0	140.8	141.4	-8	1.4	-1.7	.3	.3	-7
Butter and margarine <sup>1 2</sup> .....	100.0	99.4	99.7	101.4	-	-	-	5.7	-	-
Salad dressing <sup>1 2</sup> .....	100.0	100.2	101.5	100.8	-	-	-	3.2	-	-
Other fats and oils including peanut butter <sup>1 2</sup> .....	100.0	100.9	101.6	101.8	-	-	-	7.4	-	-
Other foods .....	163.1	163.6	163.8	163.9	2.5	3.0	2.7	2.0	2.8	2.4
Soups .....	191.0	191.9	192.5	192.8	2.8	.2	3.4	3.8	1.5	3.6
Frozen and freeze dried prepared foods <sup>2</sup> .....	144.1	144.4	144.3	142.5	5.1	-5.4	1.7	-4.4	-3	-1.4
Snacks <sup>2</sup> .....	155.1	154.7	155.2	154.6	2.4	5.6	-2.5	-1.3	4.0	-1.9
Spices, seasonings, condiments, sauces .....	170.3	170.4	172.5	172.7	2.2	4.4	2.6	5.8	3.3	4.2
Baby food <sup>1 2</sup> .....	100.0	100.6	100.4	101.5	-	-	-	6.1	-	-
Other miscellaneous foods <sup>1 2</sup> .....	100.0	100.5	100.5	101.8	-	-	-	7.4	-	-
Food away from home <sup>2</sup> .....	159.0	159.3	159.6	159.9	1.5	3.1	3.1	2.3	2.3	2.7
Full service meals and snacks <sup>1 2</sup> .....	100.0	100.2	100.5	100.7	-	-	-	2.8	-	-
Limited service meals and snacks <sup>1 2</sup> .....	100.0	100.2	100.5	100.6	-	-	-	2.4	-	-
Food at employee sites and schools <sup>1 2</sup> .....	100.0	99.9	100.0	100.0	-	-	-	.0	-	-
Food from vending machines and mobile vendors <sup>1 2</sup> .....	100.0	100.1	100.1	100.3	-	-	-	1.2	-	-
Other food away from home <sup>1 2</sup> .....	100.0	100.1	100.3	100.3	-	-	-	1.2	-	-
Alcoholic beverages .....	163.6	164.0	163.8	163.6	2.0	2.2	2.0	.0	2.1	1.0
Alcoholic beverages at home .....	149.1	149.5	149.0	148.7	.8	.8	.0	-1.1	.8	-5
Beer, ale, and other malt beverages at home .....	147.8	148.2	147.5	146.9	.8	-3	-5	-2.4	.3	-1.5
Distilled spirits at home .....	151.8	151.3	151.7	151.4	2.7	1.6	3.0	-1.0	2.2	.9
Wine at home .....	144.3	144.5	144.0	143.9	2.3	3.4	-1.4	-1.1	2.8	-1.2
Alcoholic beverages away from home .....	192.2	192.2	192.8	193.1	3.5	3.7	4.1	1.9	3.6	3.0
Housing .....	154.8	154.8	155.0	155.4	2.1	2.1	2.4	1.6	2.1	2.0
Shelter .....	173.5	174.0	174.4	174.8	3.1	3.1	3.3	3.0	3.1	3.2
Rent of primary residence .....	168.7	169.2	169.4	170.0	3.4	3.2	3.1	3.1	3.3	3.1
Lodging away from home <sup>1</sup> .....	100.0	100.1	100.1	100.1	-	-	-	.4	-	-
Housing at school, excluding board <sup>3</sup> .....	230.5	230.8	231.5	232.0	4.6	4.9	5.0	2.6	4.7	3.8
Other lodging away from home including hotels and motels .....	229.3	229.4	229.4	229.3	5.2	1.4	8.6	.0	3.3	4.2
Owners' equivalent rent of primary residence <sup>3</sup> .....	168.1	168.5	169.1	169.5	3.0	3.2	2.9	3.4	3.1	3.1
Tenants' and household insurance <sup>1 2</sup> .....	100.0	100.4	100.2	100.5	-	-	-	2.0	-	-
Fuels and utilities .....	130.4	128.8	127.6	128.0	-1.2	.9	.3	-7.2	-2	-3.5
Fuels .....	115.3	113.5	112.1	112.5	-4.7	.0	-1.7	-9.4	-2.4	-5.6
Fuel oil and other fuels .....	95.9	93.9	91.8	92.5	-15.3	-11.6	.4	-13.4	-13.5	-6.8
Fuel oil .....	93.3	90.9	88.2	88.2	-14.6	-14.1	.4	-20.1	-14.3	-10.4
Other household fuels <sup>2 4</sup> .....	128.5	128.0	128.2	129.2	-27.2	-8.8	13.5	2.2	-18.5	7.7
Gas (piped) and electricity .....	123.0	121.1	119.7	120.0	-3.8	1.3	-1.9	-9.4	-1.3	-5.7
Electricity .....	130.1	128.7	127.4	126.9	.9	-2.1	-5.3	-9.5	-6	-7.4
Utility natural gas service .....	115.5	112.4	110.6	113.0	-13.1	8.9	5.7	-8.4	-2.8	-1.6
Water and sewer and trash collection services <sup>1</sup> .....	100.0	100.1	100.5	100.9	-	-	-	3.6	-	-
Water and sewerage maintenance .....	211.0	211.2	211.8	212.8	3.6	6.4	3.5	3.5	5.0	3.5
Garbage and trash collection <sup>2 5</sup> .....	252.8	253.0	254.9	255.4	1.8	3.4	1.3	4.2	2.6	2.7
Household furnishings and operations .....	123.9	124.2	124.7	124.8	1.6	-1.3	.6	2.9	.2	1.8
Window and floor coverings and other linens <sup>1 2</sup> .....	100.0	101.1	101.4	100.5	-	-	-	2.0	-	-
Floor coverings <sup>1 2</sup> .....	100.0	99.9	99.9	100.0	-	-	-	.0	-	-
Window coverings <sup>1 2</sup> .....	100.0	102.5	100.9	99.1	-	-	-	-3.6	-	-
Other linens <sup>1 2</sup> .....	100.0	100.8	102.5	101.5	-	-	-	6.1	-	-
Furniture and bedding <sup>2</sup> .....	130.6	130.2	130.6	132.1	6.5	-4.4	-4.5	4.7	.9	.0
Bedroom furniture <sup>2</sup> .....	141.5	138.8	139.1	140.1	11.8	-4.2	2.6	-3.9	3.5	-7
Living room, kitchen, and dining room furniture <sup>1 2</sup> .....	100.0	100.6	101.1	101.3	-	-	-	5.3	-	-
Other furniture <sup>1 2</sup> .....	100.0	99.5	99.6	104.6	-	-	-	19.7	-	-

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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					
					3 months ended—				6 months ended—	
	Dec. 1997	Jan. 1998	Feb. 1998	Mar. 1998	June 1997	Sep. 1997	Dec. 1997	Mar. 1998	Sep. 1997	Mar. 1998
<b>Expenditure category</b>										
Appliances <sup>1 2</sup> .....	100.0	101.0	101.0	99.7	-	-	-	-1.2	-	-
Major appliances <sup>1 2</sup> .....	100.0	101.2	101.2	98.9	-	-	-	-4.3	-	-
Other appliances <sup>1 2</sup> .....	100.0	100.6	100.9	100.9	-	-	-	3.6	-	-
Other household equipment and furnishings <sup>1 2</sup> .....	100.0	101.7	101.6	101.4	-	-	-	5.7	-	-
Clocks, lamps, and decorator items <sup>2</sup> .....	118.4	118.0	118.0	119.3	0.7	-4.4	9.7	3.1	-1.9	6.3
Indoor plants and flowers <sup>6</sup> .....	108.2	116.6	114.9	109.5	3.2	-24.2	8.6	4.9	-11.5	6.7
Dishes and flatware <sup>1 2</sup> .....	100.0	100.5	99.7	102.1	-	-	-	8.7	-	-
Nonelectric cookware and tableware <sup>1 2</sup> .....	100.0	100.4	99.1	99.4	-	-	-	-2.4	-	-
Tools, hardware, outdoor equipment and supplies <sup>1 2</sup> .....	100.0	100.9	101.4	102.0	-	-	-	8.2	-	-
Tools, hardware and supplies <sup>1 2</sup> .....	100.0	100.3	100.0	100.8	-	-	-	3.2	-	-
Outdoor equipment and supplies <sup>1 2</sup> .....	100.0	101.3	102.4	102.8	-	-	-	11.7	-	-
Housekeeping supplies .....	144.7	143.8	145.8	145.7	1.4	.8	2.2	2.8	1.1	2.5
Household cleaning products <sup>1 2</sup> .....	100.0	100.1	100.7	100.3	-	-	-	1.2	-	-
Household paper products <sup>1 2</sup> .....	100.0	100.1	101.8	102.1	-	-	-	8.7	-	-
Miscellaneous household products <sup>1 2</sup> .....	100.0	98.7	101.0	102.2	-	-	-	9.1	-	-
Household operations <sup>1 2</sup> .....	100.0	100.1	100.5	100.5	-	-	-	2.0	-	-
Domestic services <sup>1 2</sup> .....	100.0	100.2	100.5	100.4	-	-	-	1.6	-	-
Gardening and lawn care services <sup>1 2</sup> .....	100.0	100.0	99.9	99.9	-	-	-	-4	-	-
Moving, storage, freight expense <sup>1 2</sup> .....	100.0	100.0	101.5	101.5	-	-	-	6.1	-	-
Repair of household items <sup>1 2</sup> .....	100.0	100.1	100.4	100.4	-	-	-	1.6	-	-
Apparel .....	132.0	131.3	131.1	130.5	2.5	-9	.0	-4.5	.8	-2.3
Men's and boys' apparel .....	131.2	131.4	131.1	131.9	4.8	4.1	1.5	2.2	4.4	1.8
Men's apparel .....	134.8	134.4	135.0	136.6	2.1	2.7	1.8	5.4	2.4	3.6
Men's suits, sport coats, and outerwear .....	136.6	139.6	139.0	138.3	-3	-4.9	4.8	5.1	-2.6	4.9
Men's furnishings .....	134.7	136.3	138.2	141.2	.9	17.0	6.5	20.7	8.7	13.4
Men's shirts and sweaters <sup>1 2</sup> .....	100.0	96.1	97.1	100.3	-	-	-	1.2	-	-
Men's pants and shorts .....	130.9	131.5	131.8	133.4	11.6	-3.0	-2.1	7.9	4.1	2.8
Boys' apparel .....	120.4	121.7	119.4	118.5	9.8	6.7	5.5	-6.2	8.2	-5
Women's and girls' apparel .....	124.1	123.0	123.4	123.0	2.3	-3.4	-2.8	-3.5	-6	-3.2
Women's apparel .....	123.5	121.7	122.5	122.3	.0	-2.5	-2.2	-3.8	-1.3	-3.0
Women's outerwear .....	125.6	124.5	118.4	117.3	-1.6	8.2	-6.7	-23.9	3.2	-15.8
Women's dresses .....	105.6	102.2	107.7	117.4	-17.3	-4.7	-7.2	52.8	-11.2	19.0
Women's suits and separates <sup>1 2</sup> .....	100.0	95.5	98.3	102.6	-	-	-	10.8	-	-
Women's underwear, nightwear, sportswear and accessories <sup>1 2</sup> .....	100.0	101.5	103.6	104.7	-	-	-	20.2	-	-
Girls' apparel .....	126.6	129.3	127.4	126.5	11.5	-6.0	-6.9	-3	2.4	-3.7
Footwear .....	130.5	129.9	128.0	126.6	.0	3.5	6.4	-11.4	1.7	-2.9
Men's footwear .....	132.7	131.4	130.3	130.8	.3	-9	1.2	-5.6	-3	-2.3
Boys' and girls' footwear .....	135.0	137.2	129.9	125.8	-4.8	7.0	12.8	-24.6	.9	-7.8
Women's footwear .....	124.3	124.2	123.7	122.6	2.3	8.9	1.3	-5.4	5.5	-2.1
Infants' and toddlers' apparel <sup>2</sup> .....	126.5	125.3	123.1	124.5	9.8	-15.5	-5.5	-6.2	-3.6	-5.8
Jewelry and watches <sup>4</sup> .....	144.4	142.8	146.3	139.5	-5	-7.2	3.1	-12.9	-3.9	-5.2
Watches <sup>4</sup> .....	124.0	123.9	122.4	121.1	-1.3	-4.4	-3.2	-9.0	-2.8	-6.1
Jewelry <sup>4</sup> .....	150.4	148.2	153.1	144.6	-5	-7.4	4.9	-14.6	-4.0	-5.3
Transportation .....	142.6	141.9	141.3	140.2	-4.6	3.1	-3.6	-6.6	-8	-5.1
Private transportation .....	140.3	139.5	138.7	137.7	-5.0	3.2	-3.9	-7.2	-1.0	-5.6
New and used motor vehicles <sup>1</sup> .....	100.0	100.1	100.1	99.7	-	-	-	-1.2	-	-
New vehicles .....	144.6	144.7	144.6	144.9	-8	-5	-2.2	.8	-7	-7
Used cars and trucks <sup>2</sup> .....	149.5	149.7	149.9	147.6	-6.0	-9.1	-5	-5.0	-7.6	-2.8
Car and truck rental <sup>1 2</sup> .....	100.0	97.8	99.6	101.5	-	-	-	6.1	-	-
Motor fuel .....	103.2	99.5	96.4	93.3	-20.0	19.1	-15.4	-33.2	-2.4	-24.8
Gasoline (all types) .....	102.9	99.2	96.0	92.7	-20.1	21.5	-16.0	-34.1	-1.5	-25.6
Gasoline, unleaded regular <sup>7</sup> .....	100.6	96.9	93.7	90.3	-21.0	22.4	-17.6	-35.1	-1.7	-26.9
Gasoline, unleaded midgrade <sup>2 7 8</sup> .....	105.9	101.7	98.2	95.3	-2.5	15.8	-25.0	-34.4	6.3	-29.9
Gasoline, unleaded premium <sup>7</sup> .....	104.1	100.6	98.1	95.1	-19.0	19.0	-14.6	-30.4	-1.8	-22.9
Other motor fuels <sup>1 2</sup> .....	100.0	98.0	95.8	94.0	-	-	-	-21.9	-	-
Motor vehicle parts and equipment .....	100.6	100.5	100.6	100.5	.0	-8	-1.2	-4	-4	-8
Tires .....	97.9	97.7	98.0	97.8	-4.3	-8	-4.4	-4	-2.6	-2.4
Vehicle accessories other than tires <sup>1 2</sup> .....	100.0	100.0	100.1	100.0	-	-	-	.0	-	-
Motor vehicle maintenance and repair .....	165.8	166.0	166.5	166.7	3.2	1.5	3.5	2.2	2.4	2.8
Motor vehicle body work <sup>2</sup> .....	176.5	176.7	178.1	178.5	7.0	3.0	4.2	4.6	5.0	4.4
Motor vehicle maintenance and servicing <sup>2</sup> .....	152.7	153.1	153.7	154.2	1.6	4.4	4.6	4.0	3.0	4.3
Motor vehicle repair <sup>1 2</sup> .....	100.0	100.0	100.3	100.4	-	-	-	1.6	-	-

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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					
					3 months ended—				6 months ended—	
	Dec. 1997	Jan. 1998	Feb. 1998	Mar. 1998	June 1997	Sep. 1997	Dec. 1997	Mar. 1998	Sep. 1997	Mar. 1998
<b>Expenditure category</b>										
Motor vehicle insurance .....	253.9	254.7	254.6	255.1	2.4	3.4	1.1	1.9	2.9	1.5
Motor vehicle fees <sup>1 2</sup> .....	100.0	102.1	102.1	102.2	-	-	-	9.1	-	-
State and local registration and license <sup>1 2</sup> .....	100.0	101.5	101.4	101.4	-	-	-	5.7	-	-
Parking and other fees <sup>1 2</sup> .....	100.0	104.1	104.5	104.7	-	-	-	20.2	-	-
Public transportation .....	184.1	185.8	188.1	188.7	.7	.9	-6	10.4	.8	4.7
Airline fare <sup>2</sup> .....	193.9	199.0	205.2	209.4	-4.3	-2.4	-6.0	36.0	-3.4	13.1
Other intercity transportation <sup>2</sup> .....	160.3	161.0	162.8	163.4	-8	1.5	7.3	8.0	.4	7.6
Intracity transportation <sup>2</sup> .....	176.2	175.0	174.8	175.0	.5	.7	1.4	-2.7	.6	-7
Medical care .....	237.2	237.6	238.1	238.8	2.8	2.1	3.4	2.7	2.4	3.1
Medical care commodities .....	214.6	215.0	214.9	215.1	2.7	.2	2.8	.9	1.4	1.9
Prescription drugs and medical supplies .....	251.7	252.3	252.8	252.8	2.6	.6	3.4	1.8	1.6	2.6
Nonprescription drugs and medical supplies <sup>2 4</sup> .....	144.8	145.1	145.0	145.0	1.1	-1.4	2.0	.6	-1	1.3
Internal and respiratory over-the-counter drugs <sup>2</sup> .....	171.6	171.7	171.5	171.4	2.1	-3.7	2.4	-5	-8	.9
Nonprescription medical equipment and supplies <sup>2</sup> .....	175.0	176.2	176.4	176.6	-1.1	5.2	.2	3.7	2.0	2.0
Medical care services .....	242.2	242.5	243.2	244.0	2.9	2.4	3.7	3.0	2.6	3.4
Professional services .....	219.6	220.0	220.8	221.3	3.0	2.6	3.0	3.1	2.8	3.1
Physicians' services .....	226.3	226.2	227.3	228.0	2.5	2.5	2.5	3.0	2.5	2.8
Dental services <sup>2</sup> .....	229.6	231.3	232.2	233.2	3.3	3.6	3.0	6.4	3.4	4.7
Eyeglasses and eye care <sup>2 4</sup> .....	142.8	142.9	143.0	143.2	1.1	1.1	2.0	1.1	1.1	1.6
Services by other medical professionals <sup>4</sup> .....	157.6	158.1	158.3	158.5	2.6	2.6	2.8	2.3	2.6	2.6
Hospital and related services .....	278.9	278.8	280.3	280.8	2.7	2.5	4.3	2.8	2.6	3.5
Hospital services <sup>2 9</sup> .....	103.0	103.3	104.0	104.0	.8	2.8	4.8	3.9	1.8	4.4
Inpatient hospital services <sup>2 7 9</sup> .....	102.3	102.7	103.2	103.1	.4	2.4	3.6	3.2	1.4	3.4
Outpatient hospital services <sup>4 7</sup> .....	229.1	228.3	229.7	231.0	2.9	4.2	4.1	3.4	3.5	3.7
Nursing homes and adult daycare <sup>2 9</sup> .....	104.0	104.6	105.3	105.3	2.0	4.4	3.1	5.1	3.2	4.1
Recreation <sup>1</sup> .....	100.0	100.3	100.6	100.9	-	-	-	3.6	-	-
Video and audio <sup>1 2</sup> .....	100.0	100.5	101.2	101.4	2.0	1.6	4	5.7	1.8	3.0
Televisions <sup>2</sup> .....	59.3	59.2	59.4	59.6	-5.1	-8.2	-3.3	2.0	-6.7	-7
Cable television <sup>5</sup> .....	236.4	240.3	242.0	242.1	7.3	8.8	4.7	10.0	8.1	7.3
Other video equipment <sup>1 2</sup> .....	100.0	98.9	97.7	96.7	-	-	-	-12.6	-	-
Video cassettes, discs, and other media including rental <sup>1 2</sup> .....	100.0	98.3	98.7	98.8	-	-	-	-4.7	-	-
Audio equipment <sup>2</sup> .....	88.4	87.9	86.9	87.0	-3.9	-4.0	.0	-6.2	-4.0	-3.1
Audio discs, tapes and other media <sup>1 2</sup> .....	100.0	99.6	99.4	100.5	-	-	-	2.0	-	-
Pets, pet products and services <sup>1 2</sup> .....	100.0	100.6	100.6	100.7	-	-	-	2.8	-	-
Pets and pet products <sup>2</sup> .....	141.9	143.1	142.6	142.3	-3.9	3.4	-2.8	1.1	-3	-8
Pet services including veterinary <sup>1 2</sup> .....	100.0	100.1	101.0	101.6	-	-	-	6.6	-	-
Sporting goods <sup>2</sup> .....	124.5	125.6	125.7	125.2	-4.4	1.0	.6	2.3	-1.7	1.5
Sports vehicles including bicycles <sup>2</sup> .....	127.7	129.0	129.0	128.9	-6.1	1.9	1.6	3.8	-2.2	2.7
Sports equipment <sup>2</sup> .....	117.3	118.2	118.5	117.6	-2.3	.0	-1.0	1.0	-1.2	.0
Photography <sup>1 2</sup> .....	100.0	99.9	99.6	99.9	-	-	-	-4	-	-
Photographic equipment and supplies <sup>2</sup> .....	134.6	134.4	133.3	134.3	-9	.3	-1.5	-9	-3	-1.2
Photographers and film processing <sup>1 2</sup> .....	100.0	99.9	99.9	100.0	-	-	-	.0	-	-
Other recreational goods <sup>1</sup> .....	100.0	98.9	98.5	98.3	-	-	-	-6.6	-	-
Toys .....	126.1	124.4	123.8	123.3	-1.6	.9	-3.4	-8.6	-3	-6.0
Sewing machines, fabric and supplies <sup>1 2</sup> .....	100.0	99.7	100.0	100.6	-	-	-	2.4	-	-
Music instruments and accessories <sup>1 2</sup> .....	100.0	100.2	100.0	100.7	-	-	-	2.8	-	-
Recreation services <sup>1</sup> .....	100.0	100.2	100.9	101.8	-	-	-	7.4	-	-
Club membership dues and fees for participant sports <sup>1 2</sup> .....	100.0	100.4	100.6	101.7	-	-	-	7.0	-	-
Admissions <sup>2</sup> .....	199.8	200.2	202.2	204.1	12.9	-8	-1.8	8.9	5.8	3.4
Fees for lessons or instructions <sup>4</sup> .....	175.4	175.2	175.2	176.1	5.8	1.4	10.2	1.6	3.6	5.8
Recreational reading materials <sup>2</sup> .....	181.3	181.5	182.8	183.9	.0	3.4	.0	5.9	1.7	2.9
Newspapers and magazines <sup>1 2</sup> .....	100.0	100.2	101.2	101.6	-	-	-	6.6	-	-
Recreational books <sup>1 2</sup> .....	100.0	99.8	100.0	101.1	-	-	-	4.5	-	-
Education and communication <sup>1</sup> .....	100.0	99.9	99.9	100.3	-	-	-	1.2	-	-
Education <sup>1</sup> .....	100.0	100.3	100.7	101.2	-	-	-	4.9	-	-
Educational books and supplies .....	246.1	245.3	247.4	248.7	8.8	4.2	4.5	4.3	6.5	4.4
Tuition, other school fees, and childcare .....	281.2	282.1	283.2	284.7	5.7	4.9	5.6	5.1	5.3	5.3
College tuition and fees .....	299.1	300.2	301.3	302.5	5.7	3.2	5.1	4.6	4.4	4.9
Elementary and high school tuition and fees .....	296.7	298.2	299.4	300.9	6.6	9.7	6.9	5.8	8.1	6.3
Child care and nursery school <sup>6</sup> .....	138.4	138.8	138.8	139.6	4.3	3.9	7.2	3.5	4.1	5.4
Technical and business school tuition and fees <sup>1 2</sup> .....	100.0	99.9	100.0	100.2	-	-	-	.8	-	-

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(1982-84=100, unless otherwise noted)

Item and group	Seasonally adjusted indexes				Seasonally adjusted annual rate percent change for					
					3 months ended—				6 months ended—	
	Dec. 1997	Jan. 1998	Feb. 1998	Mar. 1998	June 1997	Sep. 1997	Dec. 1997	Mar. 1998	Sep. 1997	Mar. 1998
<b>Expenditure category</b>										
Communication <sup>1 2</sup> .....	100.0	99.7	99.3	99.5	0.8	-3.5	0.8	-2.0	-1.4	-0.6
Postage and delivery services <sup>1 2</sup> .....	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.1	-	-	-	.4	-	-
Postage <sup>2</sup> .....	160.8	160.8	160.8	160.8	.0	.0	.0	.0	.0	.0
Delivery services <sup>1 2</sup> .....	100.0	100.1	101.4	103.8	-	-	-	16.1	-	-
Information and information processing <sup>1 2</sup> .....	100.0	99.6	99.3	99.5	.8	-3.5	.8	-2.0	-1.4	-6
Telephone services <sup>1 2</sup> .....	100.0	99.9	100.0	100.4	-	-	-	1.6	-	-
Telephone services, local charges <sup>2</sup> .....	163.0	163.1	163.7	164.9	2.2	-2	1.0	4.7	1.0	2.8
Telephone services, long distance charges <sup>1 2</sup> .....	100.0	99.8	99.7	99.9	-	-	-	-4	-	-
Cellular telephone services <sup>1 2</sup> .....	100.0	99.1	98.3	97.5	-	-	-	-9.6	-	-
Information and information processing other than telephone services <sup>2 10</sup> .....	48.9	47.7	45.8	44.8	-15.6	-10.6	-4.8	-29.6	-13.1	-18.1
Personal computers and peripheral equipment <sup>1 2</sup> .....	100.0	96.6	91.1	88.3	-	-	-	-39.2	-	-
Computer software and accessories <sup>1 2</sup> .....	100.0	97.4	97.2	98.5	-	-	-	-5.9	-	-
Computer information processing services <sup>1 2</sup> .....	100.0	100.2	100.2	100.2	-	-	-	.8	-	-
Other information processing equipment <sup>1 2</sup> .....	100.0	99.7	98.3	96.8	-	-	-	-12.2	-	-
Other goods and services .....	227.4	228.5	230.9	229.6	4.8	5.2	6.2	3.9	5.0	5.1
Tobacco and smoking products .....	251.6	253.6	261.1	253.9	5.0	8.7	9.4	3.7	6.8	6.5
Cigarettes <sup>1 2</sup> .....	100.0	101.1	104.2	101.1	-	-	-	4.5	-	-
Tobacco products other than cigarettes <sup>1 2</sup> .....	100.0	100.5	101.4	101.8	-	-	-	7.4	-	-
Personal care <sup>2</sup> .....	153.9	154.5	155.0	155.5	2.9	-3	3.5	4.2	1.3	3.8
Personal care products <sup>2</sup> .....	146.1	147.0	147.6	148.2	2.0	-8	3.9	5.9	.6	4.9
Hair, dental, shaving, and miscellaneous personal care products <sup>1 2</sup> .....	100.0	100.1	100.5	101.1	-	-	-	4.5	-	-
Cosmetics, perfume, bath, nail preparations and implements <sup>2</sup> .....	156.7	158.5	159.0	159.5	.5	-2.8	9.7	7.3	-1.2	8.5
Personal care services <sup>2</sup> .....	164.1	164.5	164.5	164.9	3.8	.7	2.7	2.0	2.2	2.3
Haircuts and other personal care services <sup>1 2</sup> .....	100.0	100.3	100.3	100.5	-	-	-	2.0	-	-
Miscellaneous personal services .....	230.0	230.5	230.6	231.3	4.0	4.5	4.5	2.3	4.3	3.4
Legal services <sup>2 4</sup> .....	166.5	167.8	169.0	169.3	6.1	5.2	2.2	6.9	5.7	4.5
Funeral expenses <sup>4</sup> .....	175.5	175.5	175.8	176.0	4.6	4.7	4.2	1.1	4.6	2.7
Laundry and dry cleaning services <sup>1 2</sup> .....	100.0	100.2	100.7	100.7	-	-	-	2.8	-	-
Apparel services other than laundry and dry cleaning <sup>1 2</sup> .....	100.0	100.3	100.4	100.6	-	-	-	2.4	-	-
Financial services <sup>2 4</sup> .....	193.9	194.4	195.4	196.5	2.8	.6	3.8	5.5	1.7	4.6
Miscellaneous personal goods <sup>1 2</sup> .....	100.0	100.1	99.7	100.2	-	-	-	.8	-	-
<b>Special aggregate indexes</b>										
Commodities .....	142.0	141.8	141.6	140.9	-1.1	2.0	-3	-3.1	.4	-1.7
Commodities less food and beverages .....	131.7	131.2	130.9	130.0	-3.0	1.8	-2.1	-5.1	-6	-3.6
Nondurables less food and beverages .....	134.2	132.9	132.6	131.1	-3.2	4.3	-2.3	-8.9	.4	-5.7
Nondurables less food, beverages, and apparel .....	140.1	138.1	137.5	135.8	-5.3	7.1	-3.6	-11.7	.7	-7.8
Durables .....	127.3	127.5	127.4	127.0	-2.8	-2.5	-1.2	-.9	-2.6	-1.1
Services .....	178.6	178.8	179.1	179.6	2.8	2.5	2.7	2.3	2.6	2.5
Rent of shelter <sup>3</sup> .....	167.2	167.6	167.9	168.3	3.5	2.9	3.4	2.7	3.2	3.0
Transportation services .....	183.8	184.7	185.2	185.5	2.0	1.8	.9	3.8	1.9	2.3
Other services .....	210.2	210.7	211.2	212.0	4.8	2.5	3.5	3.5	3.6	3.5
All items less food .....	158.4	158.3	158.3	158.2	.8	2.3	1.0	-.5	1.5	.3
All items less shelter .....	154.6	154.5	154.4	154.1	.3	2.1	.3	-1.3	1.2	-.5
All items less medical care .....	154.9	154.8	154.9	154.7	1.0	2.4	1.0	-.5	1.7	.3
Commodities less food .....	133.3	132.7	132.4	131.5	-2.7	1.5	-1.5	-5.3	-.6	-3.4
Nondurables less food .....	136.0	134.7	134.3	133.1	-2.3	3.6	-1.7	-8.3	.6	-5.1
Nondurables less food and apparel .....	141.8	139.7	139.2	137.3	-5.3	7.3	-1.7	-12.1	.8	-7.0
Nondurables .....	146.7	146.5	145.9	145.5	-.8	3.6	-.5	-3.2	1.4	-1.9
Apparel less footwear .....	128.0	127.5	127.6	127.7	2.8	-2.2	-1.2	-.9	.3	-1.1
Services less rent of shelter <sup>3</sup> .....	169.3	169.1	169.0	169.7	2.4	2.2	2.4	.9	2.3	1.7
Services less medical care services .....	173.2	173.4	173.4	174.1	2.9	2.6	2.6	2.1	2.7	2.3

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	Dec. 1997	Jan. 1998	Feb. 1998	Mar. 1998	June 1997	Sep. 1997	Dec. 1997	Mar. 1998	Sep. 1997	Mar. 1998
<b>Special aggregate indexes</b>										
Energy .....	108.7	106.0	103.8	102.4	-12.8	9.1	-8.7	-21.2	-2.5	-15.2
All items less energy .....	165.7	166.0	166.3	166.4	2.2	1.7	2.2	1.7	2.0	2.0
All items less food and energy .....	167.7	168.0	168.4	168.5	2.4	1.5	2.2	1.9	1.9	2.0
Commodities less food and energy commodities .....	142.0	142.1	142.4	142.0	.3	-.6	.6	.0	-.1	.3
Energy commodities .....	102.8	99.2	96.2	93.3	-19.4	16.0	-14.2	-32.1	-3.3	-23.7
Services less energy services .....	184.9	185.4	185.9	186.4	3.4	2.7	2.9	3.3	3.0	3.1
Domestically produced farm food .....	159.9	160.6	160.3	160.7	1.0	2.0	1.0	2.0	1.5	1.5
Utilities and public transportation .....	144.6	143.5	143.5	143.8	.0	2.0	.6	-2.2	1.0	-.8

- 1 Indexes on a December 1997=100 base.
- 2 Not seasonally adjusted.
- 3 Indexes on a December 1984=100 base.
- 4 Indexes on a December 1986=100 base.
- 5 Indexes on a December 1983=100 base.
- 6 Indexes on a December 1990=100 base.

- 7 Special index based on a substantially smaller sample.
- 8 Indexes on a December 1993=100 base.
- 9 Indexes on a December 1996=100 base.
- 10 Indexes on a December 1988=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 1	All items									
		Indexes				Percent change to Mar. 1998 from—			Percent change to Feb. 1998 from—		
		Dec. 1997	Jan. 1998	Feb. 1998	Mar. 1998	Mar. 1997	Jan. 1998	Feb. 1998	Feb. 1997	Dec. 1997	Jan. 1998
U.S. city average .....	M	161.3	161.6	161.9	162.2	1.4	0.4	0.2	1.4	0.4	0.2
<b>Region and area size<sup>2</sup></b>											
Northeast urban .....	M	168.4	168.8	169.1	169.3	1.2	.3	.1	1.3	.4	.2
Size A - More than 1,500,000 .....	M	169.1	169.5	170.1	170.2	1.2	.4	.1	1.4	.6	.4
Size B/C 50,000 to 1,500,000 <sup>3</sup> .....	M	101.3	101.6	101.4	101.7	1.2	.1	.3	1.2	.1	-.2
Midwest urban <sup>4</sup> .....	M	157.3	157.6	158.0	158.4	1.6	.5	.3	1.3	.4	.3
Size A - More than 1,500,000 .....	M	158.1	158.5	158.9	159.5	1.9	.6	.4	1.5	.5	.3
Size B/C - 50,000 to 1,500,000 <sup>3</sup> .....	M	101.0	101.2	101.6	101.6	1.4	.4	.0	1.4	.6	.4
Size D - Nonmetropolitan (less than 50,000) .....	M	153.0	152.9	152.7	152.9	.5	.0	.1	.4	-.2	-.1
South urban .....	M	157.3	157.6	157.8	158.2	1.1	.4	.3	1.1	.3	.1
Size A - More than 1,500,000 .....	M	156.3	156.6	156.7	157.2	1.2	.4	.3	1.0	.3	.1
Size B/C - 50,000 to 1,500,000 <sup>3</sup> .....	M	101.3	101.5	101.6	101.8	.9	.3	.2	1.0	.3	.1
Size D - Nonmetropolitan (less than 50,000) .....	M	157.0	157.5	157.9	158.4	1.5	.6	.3	1.5	.6	.3
West urban .....	M	162.8	163.0	163.2	163.3	1.6	.2	.1	1.9	.2	.1
Size A - More than 1,500,000 .....	M	163.1	163.3	163.6	163.8	1.8	.3	.1	2.2	.3	.2
Size B/C - 50,000 to 1,500,000 <sup>3</sup> .....	M	102.0	102.3	102.3	102.3	1.1	.0	.0	1.5	.3	.0
<b>Size classes</b>											
A <sup>5</sup> .....	M	145.7	146.0	146.4	146.6	1.5	.4	.1	1.6	.5	.3
B/C <sup>3</sup> .....	M	101.4	101.6	101.7	101.8	1.1	.2	.1	1.2	.3	.1
D .....	M	157.5	157.7	157.8	158.1	1.1	.3	.2	1.0	.2	.1
<b>Selected local areas<sup>6</sup></b>											
Chicago-Gary-Kenosha, IL-IN-WI .....	M	162.8	162.8	163.1	164.1	1.9	.8	.6	1.2	.2	.2
Los Angeles-Riverside-Orange County, CA ..	M	161.2	161.0	161.1	161.4	1.0	.2	.2	1.2	-.1	.1
New York-Northern N.J.-Long Island, NY-NJ-CT-PA .....	M	171.9	172.1	172.7	173.0	1.3	.5	.2	1.5	.5	.3
Boston-Brockton-Nashua, MA-NH-ME-CT ....	1	-	171.2	-	171.3	1.9	.1	-	-	-	-
Cleveland-Akron, OH .....	1	-	158.2	-	158.6	2.1	.3	-	-	-	-
Dallas-Fort Worth, TX .....	1	152.5	152.1	-	153.0	-	.6	-	-	-	-
Washington-Baltimore, DC-MD-VA-WV <sup>7</sup> .....	1	-	101.0	-	101.6	.8	.6	-	-	-	-
Atlanta, GA .....	2	159.4	-	159.5	-	-	-	-	-	.1	-
Detroit-Ann Arbor-Flint, MI .....	2	157.1	-	158.5	-	-	-	-	2.0	.9	-
Houston-Galveston-Brazoria, TX .....	2	145.6	-	146.1	-	-	-	-	1.1	.3	-
Miami-Fort Lauderdale, FL .....	2	159.3	-	160.2	-	-	-	-	-	.6	-
Philadelphia-Wilmington-Atlantic City, PA-NJ-DE-MD .....	2	166.4	-	167.0	-	-	-	-	.7	.4	-
San Francisco-Oakland-San Jose, CA .....	2	162.6	-	163.2	-	-	-	-	3.4	.4	-
Seattle-Tacoma-Bremerton, WA .....	2	165.0	-	166.5	-	-	-	-	-	.9	-

<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> Indexes on a December 1996=100 base.

<sup>4</sup> The 'North Central' region has been renamed the 'Midwest' region by the Census Bureau. It is composed of the same geographic entities.

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

<sup>6</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; Cincinnati-Hamilton, OH-KY-IN; Denver-Boulder-Greeley, CO; Honolulu, HI; Kansas City, MO-KS;

Milwaukee-Racine, WI; Minneapolis-St. Paul, MN-WI; Pittsburgh, PA; Portland-Salem, OR-WA; St. Louis, MO-IL; San Diego, CA; Tampa-St. Petersburg-Clearwater, FL.

<sup>7</sup> Indexes on a November 1996=100 base.

- Data not available.

NOTE: Local area 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.

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

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

(1982-84=100, unless otherwise noted)

Item and group	Northeast			Midwest <sup>2</sup>			South			West		
	Index Mar. 1998	Percent change from—		Index Mar. 1998	Percent change from—		Index Mar. 1998	Percent change from—		Index Mar. 1998	Percent change from—	
		Mar. 1997	Feb. 1998		Mar. 1997	Feb. 1998		Mar. 1997	Feb. 1998		Mar. 1997	Feb. 1998
<b>Expenditure category</b>												
All items .....	169.3	1.2	0.1	158.4	1.6	0.3	158.2	1.1	0.3	163.3	1.6	0.1
All items (December 1977=100) .....	266.7	-	-	257.7	-	-	256.6	-	-	264.0	-	-
Food and beverages .....	161.9	1.1	.1	157.1	2.3	.3	158.5	2.1	.3	163.1	2.4	.1
Food .....	161.3	1.1	.1	156.5	2.3	.3	158.4	2.0	.2	162.5	2.4	.1
Food at home .....	161.8	.2	.0	156.2	2.2	.5	157.1	1.8	.3	167.0	2.6	.1
Food away from home .....	162.5	2.5	.2	157.7	2.7	.1	162.3	2.4	.1	156.1	2.3	.3
Alcoholic beverages .....	169.2	1.4	.1	164.0	1.4	.4	158.6	1.9	.3	169.0	2.5	-.5
Housing .....	171.0	1.8	.1	154.5	2.4	.3	149.7	1.4	.3	162.9	3.0	.4
Shelter .....	201.1	3.0	.2	176.9	3.1	.4	164.7	3.1	.5	179.5	3.5	.3
Rent of primary residence .....	182.9	2.9	.1	167.0	3.2	.3	158.0	3.0	.3	171.0	3.5	.3
Owners' equivalent rent of primary residence <sup>3</sup> .....	208.6	2.9	.1	181.3	3.4	.3	165.3	3.3	.3	189.3	3.3	.3
Fuels and utilities .....	123.5	-3.0	-7	124.2	-7	.2	129.6	-3.6	-6	136.5	-1	.9
Fuels .....	113.9	-4.5	-9	108.1	-1.6	.2	110.5	-7.6	-1.0	124.5	-1	1.1
Gas (piped) and electricity .....	129.6	-2.7	-9	113.7	-1.0	.3	112.7	-7.5	-9	127.4	.2	1.3
Electricity .....	134.2	-2.1	-1.3	123.8	.7	.6	112.0	-8.4	-1.0	139.6	-3.7	1.7
Utility natural gas service .....	123.1	-3.8	-2	104.0	-3.7	-3	117.8	-3.8	-6	114.1	9.1	-.2
Household furnishings and operations .....	127.0	.3	.4	126.1	2.4	-1	126.5	-7	.2	126.2	1.7	.3
Apparel .....	133.4	.7	2.5	130.8	-1.9	.8	147.0	2.0	3.8	125.2	-4	1.7
Transportation .....	143.7	-2.6	-8	140.3	-1.6	-1	139.1	-3.1	-4	142.5	-2.7	-1.0
Private transportation .....	138.0	-3.2	-1.0	136.1	-1.9	-2	137.5	-3.3	-6	137.8	-3.3	-1.3
New and used motor vehicles <sup>4</sup> .....	99.3	-	-4	100.0	-	-2	100.1	-	-3	99.9	-	-5
New vehicles .....	143.0	-8	-2	142.0	-1	.4	147.6	-9	-1	144.1	-1.1	-1
New cars and trucks <sup>4 5</sup> .....	99.5	-	-2	100.5	-	.3	100.3	-	-1	100.3	-	-1
New cars <sup>5</sup> .....	141.3	-7	-2	137.3	-8	.2	146.5	-1.1	-1	140.2	-8	.0
Used cars and trucks .....	149.0	-5.6	-1.5	145.6	-5.8	-1.7	147.3	-4.8	-1.3	143.8	-5.5	-1.6
Motor fuel .....	89.7	-15.5	-4.4	92.9	-11.5	-1.3	89.9	-15.2	-2.2	90.8	-16.4	-6.7
Gasoline (all types) .....	89.2	-15.5	-4.4	92.4	-11.7	-1.3	89.4	-15.3	-2.2	89.9	-16.3	-6.7
Gasoline, unleaded regular <sup>5</sup> .....	87.4	-16.4	-4.6	90.6	-12.2	-1.3	86.0	-16.3	-2.4	86.8	-17.0	-7.2
Gasoline, unleaded midgrade <sup>5 6</sup> .....	93.1	-14.7	-3.9	102.7	-10.9	-1.6	96.0	-14.2	-2.0	87.6	-16.3	-6.3
Gasoline, unleaded premium <sup>5</sup> .....	90.9	-13.8	-4.1	96.5	-10.1	-1.3	94.0	-13.2	-1.9	92.8	-14.2	-6.2
Medical care .....	250.9	3.0	.4	232.0	2.8	.3	238.5	2.8	.2	238.7	2.4	-.1
Medical care commodities .....	222.9	2.1	.0	213.6	1.0	.0	213.9	2.0	.0	227.8	1.9	.2
Medical care services .....	256.9	3.2	.4	236.6	3.2	.3	244.8	2.9	.3	241.3	2.5	-.1
Professional services .....	232.1	3.8	.6	216.8	3.4	.6	225.2	2.6	.4	206.2	2.0	-.2
Recreation <sup>4</sup> .....	102.5	-	1.1	100.7	-	.5	101.3	-	.1	99.7	-	.0
Education and communication <sup>4</sup> .....	99.1	-	.0	100.3	-	.4	99.8	-	-.1	100.3	-	.2
Other goods and services .....	242.3	5.1	-.4	226.8	5.6	-.4	224.4	5.4	-.3	237.0	3.9	-.1
<b>Commodity and service group</b>												
All items .....	169.3	1.2	.1	158.4	1.6	.3	158.2	1.1	.3	163.3	1.6	.1
Commodities .....	142.1	-.6	.0	140.5	-.1	.0	141.8	-.4	.2	141.5	-.4	-.4
Commodities less food and beverages .....	129.2	-1.7	.0	131.0	-1.7	-.2	132.4	-1.9	.2	128.5	-2.3	-.6
Nondurables less food and beverages .....	130.6	-2.0	.0	132.8	-2.1	-.2	134.9	-1.7	.7	129.6	-2.9	-.7
Nondurables less food, beverages, and apparel .....	134.9	-3.5	-1.4	137.1	-2.2	-.7	134.5	-3.5	-.8	136.2	-4.2	-1.9
Durable .....	127.1	-1.3	.0	127.7	-1.2	-.1	129.2	-2.0	-.3	127.0	-1.5	-.5
Services .....	196.5	2.5	.2	177.4	3.0	.4	175.2	2.2	.3	183.2	2.9	.3
Rent of shelter <sup>3</sup> .....	209.9	3.0	.2	181.8	3.1	.4	169.3	3.1	.5	190.5	3.5	.3
Transportation services .....	189.0	1.2	.0	187.3	3.3	.4	189.4	1.2	.2	190.1	2.2	.6
Other services .....	228.7	3.8	.5	206.2	4.3	.6	212.1	4.1	.1	212.7	3.0	.3

See footnotes at end of table.



**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)

Item and group	Northeast			Midwest <sup>2</sup>			South			West		
	Index Mar. 1998	Percent change from—		Index Mar. 1998	Percent change from—		Index Mar. 1998	Percent change from—		Index Mar. 1998	Percent change from—	
		Mar. 1997	Feb. 1998		Mar. 1997	Feb. 1998		Mar. 1997	Feb. 1998		Mar. 1997	Feb. 1998
<b>Special aggregate indexes</b>												
All items less medical care .....	165.3	1.1	0.1	154.4	1.5	0.3	153.0	0.9	0.3	159.2	1.5	0.1
All items less food .....	171.0	1.3	.1	158.7	1.5	.3	158.0	.8	.3	163.6	1.4	.1
All items less shelter .....	159.1	.4	.1	153.2	1.1	.2	156.4	.3	.1	158.1	.7	.0
Commodities less food .....	130.8	-1.7	.0	132.3	-1.5	-.2	133.4	-1.6	.3	130.4	-2.0	-.6
Nondurables .....	146.6	-.3	.1	144.9	.1	.1	146.6	.1	.4	146.7	.0	-.3
Nondurables less food .....	132.9	-1.8	.0	134.6	-1.8	-.1	136.1	-1.5	.7	132.5	-2.4	-.7
Nondurables less food and apparel .....	137.2	-3.0	-1.2	138.8	-1.8	-.6	135.7	-3.0	-.7	138.8	-3.4	-1.8
Services less rent of shelter <sup>3</sup> .....	198.6	1.8	.2	182.5	2.9	.4	188.2	1.4	.0	194.2	2.3	.4
Services less medical care services .....	191.6	2.4	.2	171.9	3.0	.4	167.6	2.1	.3	178.2	2.9	.3
Energy .....	104.0	-8.5	-2.1	100.6	-6.1	-4	98.7	-10.9	-1.5	104.9	-8.5	-2.7
All items less energy .....	178.1	2.0	.3	166.7	2.2	.3	166.0	2.0	.4	169.8	2.2	.2
All items less food and energy .....	182.4	2.2	.3	169.2	2.2	.3	167.9	2.1	.4	171.6	2.1	.2
Commodities less food and energy commodities .....	143.9	.5	.5	142.9	-.1	.0	144.8	.2	.6	140.3	-.1	.1
Energy commodities .....	89.7	-14.8	-3.5	92.8	-11.6	-1.3	90.9	-14.9	-2.2	91.9	-16.3	-6.6
Services less energy services .....	203.0	2.8	.2	185.5	3.3	.4	182.0	2.9	.4	187.3	3.0	.3

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

<sup>2</sup> The 'North Central' region has been renamed the 'Midwest' region by the Census Bureau. It is composed of the same geographic entities.

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

<sup>4</sup> Indexes on a December 1997=100 base.

<sup>5</sup> Special index based on a substantially smaller sample.

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

- Data not available.

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

**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**

(1982-84=100, unless otherwise noted)

Item and group	Size class A <sup>2</sup>			Size class B/C <sup>3</sup>			Size class D		
	Index Mar. 1998	Percent change from—		Index Mar. 1998	Percent change from—		Index Mar. 1998	Percent change from—	
		Mar. 1997	Feb. 1998		Mar. 1997	Feb. 1998		Mar. 1997	Feb. 1998
<b>Expenditure category</b>									
All items <sup>4</sup> .....	146.6	1.5	0.1	101.8	1.1	0.1	158.1	1.1	0.2
All items (December 1977=100) .....	146.6	-	-	-	-	-	255.0	-	-
Food and beverages .....	144.6	1.9	.1	100.6	-	.2	155.9	1.7	.4
Food .....	144.1	1.8	.1	100.6	-	.2	155.5	1.8	.5
Food at home .....	148.0	1.4	.1	100.7	-	.2	153.6	1.8	.7
Food away from home .....	138.3	2.4	.2	100.5	-	.1	159.7	1.9	-.1
Alcoholic beverages .....	149.0	2.1	.1	100.3	-	.3	160.5	-.6	-1.6
Housing .....	143.1	2.5	.3	100.9	-	.3	152.1	1.7	.3
Shelter .....	152.4	3.6	.3	101.4	-	.4	173.1	2.2	.3
Rent of primary residence .....	142.1	3.6	.3	100.4	-	.1	160.0	1.7	.1
Owners' equivalent rent of primary residence <sup>5</sup> .....	151.7	3.6	.3	100.5	-	.2	178.2	2.4	.1
Fuels and utilities .....	127.3	-2.0	.1	97.9	-	-.6	129.1	1.4	.8
Fuels .....	124.6	-3.3	.0	97.1	-	-.8	108.2	-1.4	.5
Gas (piped) and electricity .....	123.7	-2.4	.2	97.0	-	-.9	116.9	-.8	.5
Electricity .....	125.1	-2.9	.2	97.5	-	-.8	121.1	-2.2	.2
Utility natural gas service .....	120.7	-2.3	-.1	95.5	-	-.9	113.7	2.9	1.3
Household furnishings and operations .....	119.0	.8	.5	100.9	-	-.1	124.4	-.6	-.2
Apparel .....	125.6	.9	2.5	101.5	-	2.2	133.0	.5	.3
Transportation .....	139.3	-2.5	-.6	98.7	-	-.6	138.8	-3.3	-.4
Private transportation .....	137.9	-2.9	-.8	98.1	-	-.8	134.7	-3.3	-.5
New and used motor vehicles <sup>3</sup> .....	99.7	-	-.3	100.0	-	-.3	100.8	-	.0
New vehicles .....	126.7	-.9	.1	100.4	-	.0	146.5	.5	.4
New cars and trucks <sup>3 6</sup> .....	99.9	-	.0	100.4	-	.0	101.4	-	.4
New cars <sup>6</sup> .....	125.1	-.8	.0	100.2	-	-.1	142.4	.1	.6
Used cars and trucks .....	138.6	-5.0	-1.5	98.8	-	-1.5	140.4	-6.3	-1.6
Motor fuel .....	132.0	-14.8	-3.9	90.2	-	-3.0	88.8	-15.7	-2.6
Gasoline (all types) .....	131.2	-14.8	-3.9	90.2	-	-2.9	88.1	-15.9	-2.7
Gasoline, unleaded regular <sup>6</sup> .....	130.1	-15.6	-4.1	89.7	-	-3.1	84.2	-16.9	-2.8
Gasoline, unleaded midgrade <sup>6 7</sup> .....	92.3	-14.0	-3.6	90.7	-	-2.6	97.9	-15.5	-2.3
Gasoline, unleaded premium <sup>6</sup> .....	124.7	-13.6	-3.6	91.2	-	-2.7	92.7	-13.9	-2.7
Medical care .....	189.8	2.7	.2	101.0	-	.1	233.9	2.9	.3
Medical care commodities .....	175.7	1.4	-.3	100.8	-	.3	216.3	1.1	.7
Medical care services .....	192.9	2.9	.4	101.1	-	.1	238.9	3.4	.3
Professional services .....	174.5	2.8	.5	101.1	-	.2	228.6	3.3	.2
Recreation <sup>3</sup> .....	100.9	-	.2	101.1	-	.6	101.9	-	.1
Education and communication <sup>3</sup> .....	99.9	-	.1	99.7	-	-.1	99.9	-	.4
Other goods and services .....	187.1	5.0	-.2	101.2	-	-.3	225.7	4.6	-.6
<b>Commodity and service group</b>									
All items <sup>4</sup> .....	146.6	1.5	.1	101.8	1.1	.1	158.1	1.1	.2
Commodities .....	135.7	-.3	.1	99.7	-	-.1	138.7	-.7	-.1
Commodities less food and beverages .....	129.8	-1.7	.0	99.2	-	-.2	129.3	-2.2	-.5
Nondurables less food and beverages .....	137.6	-1.9	.1	98.6	-	-.1	129.9	-2.6	-.6
Nondurables less food, beverages, and apparel .....	146.0	-3.3	-1.2	97.3	-	-1.1	131.7	-4.1	-1.1
Durables .....	119.2	-1.7	-.2	100.0	-	-.3	128.4	-1.8	-.3
Services .....	155.3	2.8	.3	101.0	-	.3	179.3	2.6	.4
Rent of shelter <sup>5</sup> .....	152.8	3.6	.3	101.4	-	.4	179.1	2.3	.3
Transportation services .....	154.7	1.4	.3	101.6	-	.4	NA	-	-
Other services .....	174.9	3.6	.3	101.1	-	.4	212.9	5.3	.6

See footnotes at end of table.

**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)

Item and group	Size class A <sup>2</sup>			Size class B/C <sup>3</sup>			Size class D		
	Index Mar. 1998	Percent change from—		Index Mar. 1998	Percent change from—		Index Mar. 1998	Percent change from—	
		Mar. 1997	Feb. 1998		Mar. 1997	Feb. 1998		Mar. 1997	Feb. 1998
<b>Special aggregate indexes</b>									
All items less medical care .....	144.3	1.5	0.2	100.4	-	0.2	152.7	0.9	0.1
All items less food .....	147.1	1.4	.2	100.4	-	.1	158.5	1.0	.1
All items less shelter .....	144.2	.6	.1	100.1	-	.1	154.4	.7	.1
Commodities less food .....	130.9	-1.5	.0	99.3	-	-1	130.3	-2.1	-5
Nondurables .....	141.3	.1	.1	99.7	-	.1	142.7	-4	-1
Nondurables less food .....	138.7	-1.5	.1	98.7	-	.0	131.3	-2.6	-6
Nondurables less food and apparel .....	146.2	-2.7	-1.1	97.6	-	-9	133.3	-3.8	-1.1
Services less rent of shelter <sup>5</sup> .....	157.9	1.9	.3	100.6	-	.1	189.1	2.9	.5
Services less medical care services .....	152.2	2.8	.3	101.0	-	.3	171.9	2.6	.5
Energy .....	127.8	-8.3	-1.5	94.1	-	-1.8	98.3	-7.5	-8
All items less energy .....	148.0	2.2	.3	101.0	-	.3	166.6	1.8	.2
All items less food and energy .....	148.8	2.3	.3	101.0	-	.3	169.3	1.9	.2
Commodities less food and energy commodities .....	130.6	.2	.5	100.5	-	.2	142.0	-.2	-.3
Energy commodities .....	132.1	-14.4	-3.6	90.9	-	-2.7	88.6	-15.5	-2.5
Services less energy services .....	157.6	3.1	.3	101.3	-	.4	186.6	2.9	.4

<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> Indexes on a December 1997=100 base.

<sup>4</sup> The 'All items' index size B/C is on a December 1996=100 base.

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

<sup>6</sup> Special index based on a substantially smaller sample.

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

NA Data not adequate for publication.

- Data not available.

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

**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)

Item and group	Northeast					
	Size class A			Size class B/C <sup>2</sup>		
	Index	Percent change from—		Index	Percent change from—	
		Mar. 1998	Mar. 1997		Feb. 1998	Mar. 1997
<b>Expenditure category</b>						
All items <sup>4</sup> .....	170.2	1.2	0.1	101.7	1.2	0.3
All items (December 1977=100) .....	262.9	-	-	-	-	-
Food and beverages .....	161.6	1.1	.1	100.5	-	.1
Food .....	160.9	1.0	.1	100.5	-	.1
Food at home .....	161.8	.1	.0	100.4	-	.0
Food away from home .....	161.9	2.5	.3	100.7	-	.2
Alcoholic beverages .....	169.8	1.7	-.2	100.1	-	.8
Housing .....	171.3	1.8	.1	101.0	-	.2
Shelter .....	200.1	3.0	.2	101.3	-	.3
Rent of primary residence .....	184.3	3.2	.1	99.9	-	-.1
Owners' equivalent rent of primary residence <sup>5</sup> .....	204.6	3.2	.0	100.3	-	.3
Fuels and utilities .....	122.5	-3.1	-.9	99.2	-	-.5
Fuels .....	116.9	-4.3	-.9	98.7	-	-.7
Gas (piped) and electricity .....	129.3	-2.9	-1.0	98.8	-	-.7
Electricity .....	131.8	-2.9	-1.4	99.2	-	-1.1
Utility natural gas service .....	126.3	-2.8	-.2	97.6	-	.2
Household furnishings and operations .....	127.5	-.2	.6	101.3	-	.0
Apparel .....	129.3	-.3	1.3	103.5	-	5.8
Transportation .....	146.7	-2.2	-.8	97.4	-	-.7
Private transportation .....	140.9	-2.9	-1.0	96.8	-	-.8
Motor fuel .....	89.3	-15.0	-4.7	87.5	-	-3.7
Gasoline (all types) .....	88.8	-15.0	-4.6	87.5	-	-3.7
Gasoline, unleaded regular <sup>6</sup> .....	86.9	-16.0	-5.0	86.7	-	-3.8
Gasoline, unleaded midgrade <sup>6 7</sup> .....	91.5	-14.3	-4.1	88.5	-	-3.6
Gasoline, unleaded premium <sup>6</sup> .....	90.0	-13.4	-4.4	88.7	-	-3.7
Medical care .....	255.2	3.4	.4	100.9	-	.2
Recreation <sup>2</sup> .....	102.4	-	.8	102.7	-	1.7
Education and communication <sup>2</sup> .....	99.1	-	.0	99.0	-	-.3
Other goods and services .....	239.3	5.2	-.3	101.8	-	-.7
<b>Commodity and service group</b>						
All items <sup>4</sup> .....	170.2	1.2	.1	101.7	1.2	.3
Commodities .....	143.1	-.6	-.1	99.7	-	.2
Commodities less food and beverages .....	130.0	-1.8	-.2	99.3	-	.4
Nondurables less food and beverages .....	131.0	-2.0	-.4	98.9	-	.9
Durables .....	129.1	-1.4	.2	99.8	-	-.3
Services .....	195.5	2.4	.1	101.0	-	.4
<b>Special aggregate indexes</b>						
All items less medical care .....	166.0	1.1	.0	100.4	-	.3
All items less shelter .....	159.9	.4	-.1	100.1	-	.3
Commodities less food .....	131.7	-1.6	-.2	99.3	-	.4
Nondurables .....	147.2	-.3	-.1	99.7	-	.5
Nondurables less food .....	133.4	-1.8	-.4	99.0	-	.9
Services less rent of shelter <sup>5</sup> .....	197.9	1.7	.1	100.6	-	.3
Services less medical care services .....	190.3	2.3	.1	101.0	-	.4
Energy .....	106.0	-8.1	-2.2	94.5	-	-1.7
All items less energy .....	178.1	1.9	.2	101.0	-	.5
All items less food and energy .....	182.4	2.1	.2	101.1	-	.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)

Item and group	Midwest <sup>3</sup>								
	Size class A			Size class B/C <sup>2</sup>			Size class D		
	Index	Percent change from—		Index	Percent change from—		Index	Percent change from—	
		Mar. 1998	Mar. 1997		Feb. 1998	Mar. 1998		Mar. 1997	Feb. 1998
<b>Expenditure category</b>									
All items <sup>4</sup> .....	159.5	1.9	0.4	101.6	1.4	0.0	152.9	0.5	0.1
All items (December 1977=100) .....	263.4	-	-	-	-	-	245.2	-	-
Food and beverages .....	159.4	2.3	.3	100.9	-	.3	151.4	2.2	.1
Food .....	158.9	2.4	.3	100.9	-	.3	150.5	2.4	.3
Food at home .....	159.4	2.2	.3	101.2	-	.5	147.7	2.1	.6
Food away from home .....	158.5	2.7	.1	100.5	-	.1	156.2	3.0	-.4
Alcoholic beverages .....	164.5	1.3	.6	100.9	-	.4	165.3	-.4	-1.1
Housing .....	155.1	2.9	.5	100.7	-	.0	146.2	1.2	.0
Shelter .....	178.8	3.8	.4	101.2	-	.4	161.1	1.5	.0
Rent of primary residence .....	170.9	3.6	.4	100.3	-	.1	151.1	2.5	.1
Owners' equivalent rent of primary residence <sup>5</sup> .....	183.1	3.7	.4	100.5	-	.1	168.7	1.8	.0
Fuels and utilities .....	121.9	-1.2	.7	97.7	-	-.7	133.9	2.4	.6
Fuels .....	108.4	-2.2	.7	97.1	-	-.8	105.4	1.4	.6
Gas (piped) and electricity .....	111.7	-1.8	.9	97.2	-	-.8	114.1	2.1	.5
Electricity .....	122.6	.4	1.2	99.9	-	-.2	111.4	2.1	-.4
Utility natural gas service .....	100.8	-5.2	.3	93.0	-	-2.0	120.1	2.1	1.6
Household furnishings and operations .....	121.5	2.4	.8	101.3	-	-1.1	122.4	-1.1	-.6
Apparel .....	128.2	-2.4	1.9	102.2	-	.0	136.6	-4.9	-1.5
Transportation .....	141.4	-1.7	-1	99.7	-	-.2	135.4	-2.9	.5
Private transportation .....	138.2	-1.8	-2	99.2	-	-.4	128.8	-2.4	.4
Motor fuel .....	93.9	-11.4	-6	93.5	-	-2.5	89.4	-13.1	.1
Gasoline (all types) .....	93.4	-11.3	-5	93.5	-	-2.5	88.4	-13.6	.1
Gasoline, unleaded regular <sup>6</sup> .....	92.0	-11.7	-5	93.3	-	-2.5	85.3	-14.9	-.1
Gasoline, unleaded midgrade <sup>6 7</sup> .....	101.3	-11.1	-1.3	93.8	-	-2.4	103.4	-12.5	.1
Gasoline, unleaded premium <sup>6</sup> .....	96.0	-10.2	-5	93.9	-	-2.9	93.3	-10.5	1.0
Medical care .....	229.3	2.5	.4	100.9	-	-.2	225.4	3.3	1.1
Recreation <sup>2</sup> .....	101.1	-	.3	99.9	-	.7	101.0	-	.7
Education and communication <sup>2</sup> .....	101.1	-	.7	99.4	-	.1	99.0	-	.1
Other goods and services .....	233.6	6.4	-2	101.1	-	-.8	211.3	3.2	-.8
<b>Commodity and service group</b>									
All items <sup>4</sup> .....	159.5	1.9	.4	101.6	1.4	.0	152.9	.5	.1
Commodities .....	141.7	-1	.2	99.9	-	-.3	138.3	-1.0	-.2
Commodities less food and beverages .....	131.0	-1.7	.2	99.4	-	-.6	131.1	-2.7	-.4
Nondurables less food and beverages .....	134.1	-1.8	.4	99.1	-	-.9	133.1	-3.8	-.5
Durables .....	124.8	-1.8	.0	99.8	-	-.3	128.2	-1.5	-.2
Services .....	177.8	3.4	.5	101.0	-	.2	168.8	2.0	.4
<b>Special aggregate indexes</b>									
All items less medical care .....	155.9	1.8	.4	100.5	-	.0	147.7	.3	.1
All items less shelter .....	153.9	1.1	.4	100.3	-	-.1	150.9	.2	.1
Commodities less food .....	132.5	-1.5	.2	99.5	-	-.5	132.1	-2.7	-.5
Nondurables .....	147.1	.4	.3	100.0	-	-.3	142.6	-.8	-.1
Nondurables less food .....	136.1	-1.4	.4	99.2	-	-.8	134.8	-3.6	-.5
Services less rent of shelter <sup>5</sup> .....	182.9	3.0	.5	100.9	-	.1	179.2	2.5	.8
Services less medical care services .....	172.9	3.4	.5	101.0	-	.3	161.3	1.8	.4
Energy .....	101.8	-6.3	.2	95.4	-	-1.6	97.1	-5.0	.3
All items less energy .....	167.4	2.5	.4	100.9	-	.1	160.9	1.1	.1
All items less food and energy .....	169.5	2.5	.4	101.0	-	.1	163.2	.8	.1

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)

Item and group	South								
	Size class A			Size class B/C <sup>2</sup>			Size class D		
	Index	Percent change from—		Index	Percent change from—		Index	Percent change from—	
		Mar. 1998	Mar. 1997		Feb. 1998	Mar. 1998		Mar. 1997	Feb. 1998
<b>Expenditure category</b>									
All items <sup>4</sup> .....	157.2	1.2	0.3	101.8	0.9	0.2	158.4	1.5	0.3
All items (December 1977=100) .....	253.9	-	-	-	-	-	257.2	-	-
Food and beverages .....	158.6	1.9	.1	100.6	-	.3	153.5	.7	.5
Food .....	158.6	1.8	.1	100.6	-	.2	153.9	.9	.5
Food at home .....	156.4	1.1	.0	100.6	-	.3	151.0	.9	.6
Food away from home .....	163.3	2.8	.2	100.6	-	.1	161.3	.6	.2
Alcoholic beverages .....	158.7	2.3	.4	100.1	-	.2	146.1	-1.5	-1.1
Housing .....	148.2	1.9	.3	101.0	-	.3	151.9	2.2	.7
Shelter .....	163.3	3.4	.4	101.8	-	.6	174.8	3.5	.6
Rent of primary residence .....	158.9	3.0	.3	100.7	-	.2	160.4	2.4	.0
Owners' equivalent rent of primary residence <sup>5</sup> .....	164.5	3.4	.3	100.8	-	.3	173.2	3.0	-1.1
Fuels and utilities .....	118.6	-2.1	-1.1	97.1	-	-1.2	127.1	.3	1.0
Fuels .....	104.7	-4.1	-1.1	96.0	-	-1.6	108.1	-4.2	.4
Gas (piped) and electricity .....	107.9	-4.0	-1.1	95.9	-	-1.6	112.4	-4.2	.4
Electricity .....	105.8	-3.6	.1	96.0	-	-1.6	113.7	-5.6	.0
Utility natural gas service .....	109.3	-6.3	-5.5	95.9	-	-1.1	117.9	5.8	1.6
Household furnishings and operations .....	130.0	-.8	-1.1	100.8	-	.4	122.2	-.8	.1
Apparel .....	157.8	4.9	6.0	100.4	-	2.4	137.4	6.6	2.5
Transportation .....	138.3	-3.3	-.4	98.8	-	-5.5	137.7	-3.7	-.7
Private transportation .....	137.9	-3.6	-.4	98.3	-	-7.7	136.2	-3.7	-.8
Motor fuel .....	91.9	-14.7	-2.8	90.5	-	-1.7	82.8	-17.1	-3.2
Gasoline (all types) .....	91.1	-14.9	-2.7	90.5	-	-1.7	81.7	-17.4	-3.2
Gasoline, unleaded regular <sup>6</sup> .....	88.1	-16.0	-2.9	89.8	-	-2.0	77.3	-18.5	-3.3
Gasoline, unleaded midgrade <sup>6,7</sup> .....	94.0	-13.3	-2.4	91.0	-	-1.6	97.6	-16.7	-2.6
Gasoline, unleaded premium <sup>6</sup> .....	94.1	-13.4	-2.4	91.9	-	-1.4	89.8	-14.5	-3.2
Medical care .....	237.5	2.2	.1	101.1	-	.3	239.5	2.7	.1
Recreation <sup>2</sup> .....	100.7	-	-.1	101.3	-	.2	104.2	-	-.1
Education and communication <sup>2</sup> .....	99.8	-	-.1	99.8	-	-2.2	99.7	-	.2
Other goods and services .....	216.6	4.8	-5.5	101.1	-	-1.1	218.7	5.8	-.6
<b>Commodity and service group</b>									
All items <sup>4</sup> .....	157.2	1.2	.3	101.8	.9	.2	158.4	1.5	.3
Commodities .....	142.2	-.4	.4	99.8	-	.2	138.0	-.4	.0
Commodities less food and beverages .....	132.9	-1.8	.6	99.4	-	.1	129.7	-1.1	-.2
Nondurables less food and beverages .....	134.9	-1.2	1.4	98.6	-	.4	130.7	-.8	-.2
Durables .....	130.7	-2.7	-.4	100.2	-	-.2	128.2	-1.5	-.2
Services .....	172.4	2.5	.3	101.0	-	.3	180.0	3.1	.4
<b>Special aggregate indexes</b>									
All items less medical care .....	152.8	1.1	.3	100.4	-	.2	151.8	1.4	.3
All items less shelter .....	155.5	.5	.3	100.0	-	.1	154.2	.9	.1
Commodities less food .....	134.0	-1.5	.6	99.4	-	.1	130.1	-1.1	-.2
Nondurables .....	146.7	.4	.7	99.6	-	.3	141.9	.0	.2
Nondurables less food .....	136.4	-.8	1.3	98.7	-	.4	131.2	-.8	-.2
Services less rent of shelter <sup>5</sup> .....	186.7	1.8	.2	100.2	-	-.1	188.8	2.7	.3
Services less medical care services .....	166.0	2.5	.3	101.0	-	.3	170.7	3.0	.5
Energy .....	97.4	-9.1	-1.2	93.6	-	-1.7	94.4	-9.5	-.9
All items less energy .....	165.3	2.0	.4	101.0	-	.3	167.5	2.5	.4
All items less food and energy .....	167.0	2.0	.5	101.1	-	.4	170.7	2.9	.4

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)

Item and group	West					
	Size class A			Size class B/C <sup>2</sup>		
	Index	Percent change from—		Index	Percent change from—	
		Mar. 1998	Mar. 1997		Feb. 1998	Mar. 1997
<b>Expenditure category</b>						
All items <sup>4</sup> .....	163.8	1.8	0.1	102.3	1.1	0.0
All items (December 1977=100) .....	267.1	-	-	-	-	-
Food and beverages .....	164.0	2.5	.1	100.5	-	.2
Food .....	163.3	2.4	.1	100.6	-	.3
Food at home .....	168.4	2.7	.0	100.8	-	.2
Food away from home .....	156.3	2.0	.3	100.2	-	.4
Alcoholic beverages .....	169.6	2.9	-.4	100.2	-	-.3
Housing .....	165.4	3.4	.4	100.6	-	.3
Shelter .....	180.8	4.1	.3	100.9	-	.2
Rent of primary residence .....	175.3	4.3	.4	100.3	-	.0
Owners' equivalent rent of primary residence <sup>5</sup> .....	191.5	4.1	.4	100.1	-	-.1
Fuels and utilities .....	139.0	-1.6	.8	98.7	-	1.2
Fuels .....	127.6	-2.1	1.0	98.3	-	1.5
Gas (piped) and electricity .....	129.9	-1.9	1.1	98.3	-	1.7
Electricity .....	143.5	-5.9	1.6	98.4	-	2.0
Utility natural gas service .....	118.0	8.5	.2	97.9	-	.3
Household furnishings and operations .....	128.1	1.7	.5	100.1	-	-.3
Apparel .....	124.7	1.5	2.1	101.0	-	.6
Transportation .....	141.3	-2.8	-1.0	98.6	-	-1.1
Private transportation .....	136.6	-3.4	-1.4	97.7	-	-1.3
Motor fuel .....	89.1	-17.2	-6.7	87.0	-	-6.8
Gasoline (all types) .....	88.1	-17.2	-6.8	87.0	-	-6.8
Gasoline, unleaded regular <sup>6</sup> .....	85.1	-17.9	-7.0	86.4	-	-7.1
Gasoline, unleaded midgrade <sup>6,7</sup> .....	85.1	-16.9	-6.2	87.2	-	-6.4
Gasoline, unleaded premium <sup>6</sup> .....	91.8	-15.2	-6.1	88.7	-	-5.9
Medical care .....	234.6	2.1	.0	101.0	-	-.1
Recreation <sup>2</sup> .....	99.5	-	-.1	100.3	-	.1
Education and communication <sup>2</sup> .....	100.1	-	.1	100.5	-	.2
Other goods and services .....	243.5	3.8	.0	100.7	-	-.3
<b>Commodity and service group</b>						
All items <sup>4</sup> .....	163.8	1.8	.1	102.3	1.1	.0
Commodities .....	141.8	-.1	-.2	99.2	-	-.5
Commodities less food and beverages .....	127.9	-1.8	-.5	98.4	-	-1.0
Nondurables less food and beverages .....	128.3	-2.4	-.5	97.6	-	-1.1
Durables .....	126.7	-1.2	-.5	99.5	-	-.6
Services .....	183.1	3.0	.3	101.0	-	.4
<b>Special aggregate indexes</b>						
All items less medical care .....	160.1	1.8	.1	100.2	-	.0
All items less shelter .....	158.1	.6	.0	99.9	-	-.2
Commodities less food .....	130.1	-1.5	-.5	98.5	-	-.9
Nondurables .....	146.8	.3	-.1	99.2	-	-.4
Nondurables less food .....	131.7	-1.8	-.5	97.7	-	-1.1
Services less rent of shelter <sup>5</sup> .....	194.0	1.6	.4	101.0	-	.4
Services less medical care services .....	178.9	3.1	.3	101.0	-	.4
Energy .....	103.3	-10.1	-2.8	93.2	-	-2.1
All items less energy .....	170.1	2.5	.3	100.8	-	.2
All items less food and energy .....	171.8	2.5	.3	100.8	-	.1

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

<sup>2</sup> Indexes on a December 1997=100 base.

<sup>3</sup> The 'North Central' region has been renamed the 'Midwest' region by the Census Bureau. It is composed of the same geographic entities.

<sup>4</sup> The 'All items' index size B/C is on a December 1996=100 base.

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

<sup>6</sup> Special index based on a substantially smaller sample.

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

- Data not available.

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

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

(1982-84=100, unless otherwise noted)

Area	Pricing schedule 1	Food at home									
		Indexes				Percent change to Mar. 1998 from—			Percent change to Feb. 1998 from—		
		Dec. 1997	Jan. 1998	Feb. 1998	Mar. 1998	Mar. 1997	Jan. 1998	Feb. 1998	Feb. 1997	Dec. 1997	Jan. 1998
U.S. city average .....	M	159.2	161.0	160.0	160.2	1.6	-0.5	0.1	1.5	0.5	-0.6
<b>Region and area size<sup>2</sup></b>											
Northeast urban .....	M	161.1	163.3	161.8	161.8	.2	-9	.0	.5	.4	-9
Size A - More than 1,500,000 .....	M	161.1	163.3	161.8	161.8	.1	-9	.0	.4	.4	-9
Size B/C - 50,000 to 1,500,000 <sup>3</sup> .....	M	100.0	101.2	100.4	100.4	-	-8	.0	-	.4	-8
Midwest urban <sup>4</sup> .....	M	154.7	156.1	155.5	156.2	2.2	.1	.5	1.2	.5	-4
Size A - More than 1,500,000 .....	M	158.4	159.7	158.9	159.4	2.2	-2	.3	1.7	.3	-5
Size B/C - 50,000 to 1,500,000 <sup>3</sup> .....	M	100.0	100.9	100.7	101.2	-	.3	.5	-	.7	-2
Size D - Nonmetropolitan (less than 50,000) .....	M	145.7	146.9	146.8	147.7	2.1	.5	.6	1.1	.8	-1
South urban .....	M	156.5	157.7	156.7	157.1	1.8	-4	.3	1.3	.1	-6
Size A - More than 1,500,000 .....	M	156.4	157.7	156.4	156.4	1.1	-8	.0	.9	.0	-8
Size B/C - 50,000 to 1,500,000 <sup>3</sup> .....	M	100.0	100.8	100.3	100.6	-	-2	.3	-	.3	-5
Size D - Nonmetropolitan (less than 50,000) .....	M	150.3	151.0	150.1	151.0	.9	.0	.6	.6	-1	-6
West urban .....	M	165.3	167.9	166.8	167.0	2.6	-5	.1	3.0	.9	-7
Size A - More than 1,500,000 .....	M	166.6	169.2	168.4	168.4	2.7	-5	.0	3.0	1.1	-5
Size B/C - 50,000 to 1,500,000 <sup>3</sup> .....	M	100.0	101.6	100.6	100.8	-	-8	.2	-	.6	-1.0
<b>Size classes</b>											
A <sup>5</sup> .....	M	147.1	148.9	147.9	148.0	1.4	-6	.1	1.5	.5	-7
B/C <sup>3</sup> .....	M	100.0	101.0	100.5	100.7	-	-3	.2	-	.5	-5
D .....	M	152.3	153.5	152.5	153.6	1.8	.1	.7	1.0	.1	-7
<b>Selected local areas</b>											
Chicago-Gary-Kenosha, IL-IN-WI .....	M	170.4	169.9	169.8	171.5	3.3	.9	1.0	2.4	-4	-1
Los Angeles-Riverside-Orange County, CA ..	M	171.1	173.9	171.9	172.6	1.6	-7	.4	1.8	.5	-1.2
New York-Northern N.J.-Long Island, NY-NJ-CT-PA .....	M	163.5	164.9	164.2	164.1	.1	-5	-1	.4	.4	-4
Boston-Brockton-Nashua, MA-NH-ME-CT ....	1	157.6	162.7	160.3	160.5	1.3	-1.4	.1	2.0	1.7	-1.5
Cleveland-Akron, OH .....	1	154.6	158.7	160.6	157.0	2.7	-1.1	-2.2	4.1	3.9	1.2
Dallas-Fort Worth, TX .....	1	150.0	148.2	147.6	147.3	.7	-6	-2	.5	-1.6	-4
Washington-Baltimore, DC-MD-VA-WV <sup>3</sup> .....	1	100.0	101.2	100.4	99.9	-	-1.3	-5	-	.4	-8
Atlanta, GA .....	2	159.1	160.8	160.4	159.8	-	-6	-4	-	.8	-2
Detroit-Ann Arbor-Flint, MI .....	2	150.9	152.3	151.4	152.4	2.3	.1	.7	.7	.3	-6
Houston-Galveston-Brazoria, TX .....	2	153.7	158.8	155.2	157.8	2.3	-6	1.7	-1	1.0	-2.3
Miami-Fort Lauderdale, FL .....	2	164.5	166.5	165.2	164.2	-1	-1.4	-6	3.0	.4	-8
Philadelphia-Wilmington-Atlantic City, PA-NJ-DE-MD .....	2	160.7	163.7	160.6	161.1	-6	-1.6	.3	-7	-1	-1.9
San Francisco-Oakland-San Jose, CA .....	2	169.3	172.8	172.3	170.8	3.0	-1.2	-9	4.2	1.8	-3
Seattle-Tacoma-Bremerton, WA .....	2	162.1	165.1	167.3	167.5	-	1.5	.1	-	3.2	1.3

<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> Indexes on a December 1997=100 base.

<sup>4</sup> The 'North Central' region has been renamed the 'Midwest' region by the Census Bureau. It is composed of the same geographic entities.

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

- Data not available.

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



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

(1982-84=100, unless otherwise noted)

Item and group	U.S. city average			Chicago-Gary-Kenosha, IL-IN-WI			Los Angeles-Riverside-Orange County, CA			New York-Northern N.J.-Long Island, NY-NJ-CT-PA		
	Index	Percent change from—		Index	Percent change from—		Index	Percent change from—		Index	Percent change from—	
		Mar. 1998	Mar. 1997		Feb. 1998	Mar. 1998		Mar. 1997	Feb. 1998		Mar. 1998	Mar. 1997
<b>Expenditure category</b>												
All items .....	162.2	1.4	0.2	164.1	1.9	0.6	161.4	1.0	0.2	173.0	1.3	0.2
All items (1967=100) .....	485.8	-	-	490.1	-	-	476.8	-	-	500.0	-	-
Food and beverages .....	160.1	1.9	.2	163.9	2.6	.6	166.2	1.8	.3	164.8	1.2	.1
Food .....	159.7	2.0	.2	163.4	3.0	.6	164.5	1.8	.4	164.0	1.0	.1
Food at home .....	160.2	1.6	.1	171.5	3.3	1.0	172.6	1.6	.4	164.1	.1	-1
Food away from home .....	159.9	2.5	.2	149.3	2.5	-1	152.8	2.0	.5	167.7	2.5	.4
Alcoholic beverages .....	165.1	1.9	.1	170.0	-1.2	.0	181.4	1.2	-1.7	173.9	3.0	-1
Housing .....	159.2	2.1	.3	163.5	3.0	.6	159.2	2.4	.3	174.9	2.2	.2
Shelter .....	180.8	3.2	.4	193.3	5.1	.5	170.6	2.7	.2	205.2	3.5	.4
Rent of primary residence .....	170.3	3.1	.2	188.1	4.3	.4	162.3	2.4	.3	188.8	3.4	.1
Owners' equivalent rent of primary residence <sup>1</sup> .....	185.9	3.2	.2	199.2	5.2	.4	179.3	2.9	.3	211.5	3.4	.1
Fuels and utilities .....	127.1	-2.2	-2	122.6	-3.5	2.9	145.8	-2.8	.1	116.0	-3.5	-8
Fuels .....	112.5	-4.0	-3	110.7	-4.0	3.5	139.6	-3.2	.1	113.7	-4.5	-9
Gas (piped) and electricity .....	119.4	-3.2	-3	113.7	-3.9	3.5	140.0	-3.1	.1	123.1	-2.9	-8
Electricity .....	124.3	-4.2	-2	124.4	-1.2	4.4	153.5	-8.0	.1	123.9	-2.7	-8
Utility natural gas service .....	113.2	-1.7	-3	102.3	-7.9	2.2	131.1	9.5	.0	121.6	-3.4	-9
Household furnishings and operations .....	126.3	.7	.2	114.5	-1.3	-5	123.4	2.4	1.0	130.2	-4	.5
Apparel .....	134.9	.3	2.3	122.2	-2.1	2.5	129.3	3.9	3.4	131.0	-2.5	.9
Transportation .....	141.2	-2.6	-6	137.2	-3.0	-2	139.9	-4.2	-1.1	151.5	-2.3	-6
Private transportation .....	137.4	-2.9	-7	134.1	-3.5	-2	134.2	-5.0	-1.4	142.8	-2.9	-8
Motor fuel .....	90.9	-14.6	-3.4	91.2	-14.0	-1.4	82.6	-20.3	-6.9	88.3	-13.2	-4.7
Gasoline (all types) .....	90.3	-14.7	-3.4	90.4	-14.1	-1.4	80.7	-20.3	-6.9	88.0	-13.2	-4.8
Gasoline, unleaded regular <sup>2</sup> .....	87.8	-15.3	-3.5	87.8	-15.3	-1.6	77.9	-21.6	-7.5	86.6	-13.8	-5.1
Gasoline, unleaded midgrade <sup>2 3</sup> .....	95.0	-13.9	-3.2	97.6	-12.5	-1.5	79.0	-20.4	-6.6	91.2	-12.5	-3.9
Gasoline, unleaded premium <sup>2</sup> .....	92.9	-13.2	-3.2	93.0	-12.5	-7	83.5	-18.1	-6.3	90.0	-12.4	-4.7
Medical care .....	239.8	2.7	.2	241.3	2.9	.8	234.4	1.1	-2	250.9	3.0	.1
Recreation <sup>4</sup> .....	101.0	1.6	.3	100.7	-	.0	100.3	-	.0	102.6	-	.8
Education and communication <sup>4</sup> .....	99.9	2.5	.1	103.7	-	2.4	99.9	-	.3	99.2	-	.1
Other goods and services .....	232.4	5.0	-3	241.5	5.5	-4	243.6	1.9	-6	239.6	6.0	.0
<b>Commodity and service group</b>												
All items .....	162.2	1.4	.2	164.1	1.9	.6	161.4	1.0	.2	173.0	1.3	.2
Commodities .....	141.5	-4	.0	142.5	-5	.3	141.7	-2	.1	145.9	-8	-1
Commodities less food and beverages .....	130.4	-1.9	-1	128.6	-2.9	.1	126.2	-1.6	-1	131.4	-2.4	-2
Nondurables less food and beverages .....	132.1	-2.1	.0	132.2	-2.4	.5	128.4	-2.4	.0	132.2	-2.9	-6
Durables .....	127.9	-1.5	-2	121.8	-3.9	-2	122.7	-6	-2	129.9	-1.4	.5
Services .....	182.9	2.6	.3	185.0	3.7	.8	178.8	1.8	.2	196.7	2.6	.3
<b>Special aggregate indexes</b>												
All items less medical care .....	157.8	1.2	.2	160.2	1.8	.6	157.5	1.0	.2	169.2	1.2	.1
All items less shelter .....	156.5	.6	.1	154.9	.6	.6	158.5	.1	.1	160.9	.2	.1
Commodities less food .....	131.8	-1.7	-1	130.7	-2.8	.1	129.1	-1.5	-2	133.3	-2.1	-2
Nondurables .....	146.2	.0	.1	148.4	.3	.5	148.2	.0	.2	149.9	-7	-2
Nondurables less food .....	134.1	-1.8	.0	134.9	-2.3	.4	132.9	-2.0	-2	134.8	-2.5	-6
Services less rent of shelter <sup>1</sup> .....	190.6	2.1	.3	185.1	2.4	1.3	196.8	.5	.3	195.1	1.6	.2
Services less medical care services .....	177.2	2.6	.3	180.2	3.7	.8	174.1	1.9	.3	192.0	2.6	.3
Energy .....	101.6	-8.6	-1.6	101.0	-8.4	1.5	103.1	-12.2	-3.4	104.1	-7.5	-2.2
All items less energy .....	170.1	2.2	.3	172.2	2.7	.5	167.4	1.8	.4	180.7	1.9	.3
All items less food and energy .....	172.6	2.1	.3	174.4	2.5	.5	168.4	1.8	.4	184.9	2.1	.3

<sup>1</sup> Indexes on a December 1982=100 base.

<sup>2</sup> Special index based on a substantially smaller sample.

<sup>3</sup> Indexes on a December 1993=100 base.

<sup>4</sup> Indexes on a December 1997=100 base.

- Data not available.

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

**Table 16. Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers (CPI-U): Selected areas, by expenditure category and commodity and service group**

(1982-84=100, unless otherwise noted)

Item and group	Monthly cities and pricing schedule <sup>1</sup>								
	U.S. city average			Boston-Brockton-Nashua, MA-NH-ME-CT			Chicago-Gary-Kenosha, IL-IN-WI		
	Index Mar. 1998	Percent change from—		Index Mar. 1998	Percent change from—		Index Mar. 1998	Percent change from—	
		Mar. 1997	Jan. 1998		Mar. 1997	Jan. 1998		Mar. 1997	Jan. 1998
<b>Expenditure category</b>									
All items <sup>3</sup> .....	162.2	1.4	0.4	171.3	1.9	0.1	164.1	1.9	0.8
All items (1967=100) .....	485.8	-	-	497.8	-	-	490.1	-	-
Food and beverages <sup>3</sup> .....	160.1	1.9	-1	163.6	2.2	-5	163.9	2.6	.5
Food <sup>3</sup> .....	159.7	2.0	-1	164.2	2.6	-5	163.4	3.0	.6
Food at home .....	160.2	1.6	-5	160.5	1.3	-1.4	171.5	3.3	.9
Food away from home <sup>4</sup> .....	159.9	2.5	.4	171.5	4.6	.6	149.3	2.5	-1
Alcoholic beverages <sup>4</sup> .....	165.1	1.9	.3	159.5	-1.7	-7	170.0	-1.2	-2
Housing <sup>3</sup> .....	159.2	2.1	.6	165.9	.9	.1	163.5	3.0	.7
Shelter .....	180.8	3.2	.9	193.5	2.4	.5	193.3	5.1	.8
Rent of primary residence <sup>3</sup> .....	170.3	3.1	.5	181.8	3.8	.6	188.1	4.3	.5
Owners' equivalent rent of primary residence <sup>5</sup> .....	185.9	3.2	.4	196.2	2.6	.2	199.2	5.2	.6
Fuels and utilities .....	127.1	-2.2	-1.3	124.5	-6.9	-3.8	122.6	-3.5	-1.4
Fuels .....	112.5	-4.0	-1.7	108.1	-8.8	-4.3	110.7	-4.0	-1.7
Gas (piped) and electricity .....	119.4	-3.2	-1.8	132.5	-7.3	-4.6	113.7	-3.9	-1.7
Electricity .....	124.3	-4.2	-1.5	131.2	-7.9	-6.8	124.4	-1.2	.0
Utility natural gas service .....	113.2	-1.7	-2.4	131.9	-6.3	-1.3	102.3	-7.9	-3.9
Household furnishings and operations .....	126.3	.7	.6	121.0	-1	1.2	114.5	-1.3	2.1
Apparel <sup>3</sup> .....	134.9	.3	3.9	149.8	6.2	4.0	122.2	-2.1	3.8
Transportation <sup>3</sup> .....	141.2	-2.6	-1.1	139.6	-1.4	-2.0	137.2	-3.0	-4
Private transportation .....	137.4	-2.9	-1.4	139.4	-2.3	-2.2	134.1	-3.5	-4
Motor fuel .....	90.9	-14.6	-7.1	94.1	-15.0	-7.7	91.2	-14.0	-3.7
Gasoline (all types) .....	90.3	-14.7	-7.1	92.9	-14.6	-7.7	90.4	-14.1	-3.7
Gasoline, unleaded regular <sup>6</sup> .....	87.8	-15.3	-7.6	89.7	-15.9	-8.8	87.8	-15.3	-4.8
Gasoline, unleaded midgrade <sup>6 7</sup> .....	95.0	-13.9	-6.7	96.9	-13.5	-6.2	97.6	-12.5	-2.4
Gasoline, unleaded premium <sup>6</sup> .....	92.9	-13.2	-6.5	96.4	-12.7	-6.0	93.0	-12.5	-2.4
Medical care <sup>3</sup> .....	239.8	2.7	.7	308.9	6.6	1.8	241.3	2.9	1.1
Recreation <sup>8</sup> .....	101.0	1.6	.7	104.5	-	2.1	100.7	-	.5
Education and communication <sup>8</sup> .....	99.9	2.5	.0	99.0	-	-1.1	103.7	-	2.6
Other goods and services <sup>3</sup> .....	232.4	5.0	.5	235.6	4.2	-2	241.5	5.5	.4
<b>Commodity and service group</b>									
All items <sup>3</sup> .....	162.2	1.4	.4	171.3	1.9	.1	164.1	1.9	.8
Commodities .....	141.5	-4	-1	143.0	1.4	.1	142.5	-5	.6
Commodities less food and beverages .....	130.4	-1.9	-1	130.4	.9	.5	128.6	-2.9	.7
Nondurables less food and beverages .....	132.1	-2.1	.1	134.8	.7	.8	132.2	-2.4	1.1
Durables .....	127.9	-1.5	-2	128.4	1.3	.0	121.8	-3.9	.2
Services .....	182.9	2.6	.6	198.1	2.1	-1	185.0	3.7	.9
<b>Special aggregate indexes</b>									
All items less medical care <sup>3</sup> .....	157.8	1.2	.3	164.9	1.5	-1	160.2	1.8	.8
All items less shelter .....	156.5	.6	.1	164.7	1.5	-2	154.9	.6	.7
Commodities less food .....	131.8	-1.7	-1	131.7	.8	.5	130.7	-2.8	.6
Nondurables .....	146.2	.0	.0	148.9	1.4	.1	148.4	.3	.7
Nondurables less food .....	134.1	-1.8	.1	136.0	.4	.7	134.9	-2.3	.9
Services less rent of shelter <sup>5</sup> .....	190.6	2.1	.4	211.5	1.6	-8	185.1	2.4	.9
Services less medical care services .....	177.2	2.6	.6	188.7	1.6	-2	180.2	3.7	.8
Energy <sup>3</sup> .....	101.6	-8.6	-4.1	102.4	-11.0	-5.4	101.0	-8.4	-2.5
All items less energy .....	170.1	2.2	.7	181.3	2.9	.4	172.2	2.7	1.0
All items less food and energy <sup>3</sup> .....	172.6	2.1	.8	185.2	2.9	.5	174.4	2.5	1.0

See footnotes at end of table.

**Table 16. Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers (CPI-U): Selected areas, by expenditure category and commodity and service group-Continued**

(1982-84=100, unless otherwise noted)

Item and group	Monthly cities and pricing schedule 1 <sup>1</sup>								
	Cleveland-Akron, OH			Dallas-Fort Worth, TX			Los Angeles-Riverside-Orange County, CA		
	Index	Percent change from—		Index	Percent change from—		Index	Percent change from—	
		Mar. 1998	Mar. 1997		Jan. 1998	Mar. 1998		Mar. 1997	Jan. 1998
<b>Expenditure category</b>									
All items <sup>3</sup> .....	158.6	2.1	0.3	153.0	-	0.6	161.4	1.0	0.2
All items (1967=100) .....	508.1	-	-	479.8	-	-	476.8	-	-
Food and beverages <sup>3</sup> .....	160.9	2.6	-5	159.0	-	.1	166.2	1.8	-2
Food <sup>3</sup> .....	162.4	2.8	-6	156.5	-	-1	164.5	1.8	-1
Food at home .....	157.0	2.7	-1.1	147.3	0.7	-6	172.6	1.6	-7
Food away from home <sup>4</sup> .....	173.5	3.0	.3	171.6	-	.7	152.8	2.0	.9
Alcoholic beverages <sup>4</sup> .....	146.8	-3	.3	188.4	-	1.5	181.4	1.2	-9
Housing <sup>3</sup> .....	157.7	3.5	1.1	141.2	-	.4	159.2	2.4	.5
Shelter .....	179.2	5.0	1.9	150.6	-	1.0	170.6	2.7	.9
Rent of primary residence <sup>3</sup> .....	169.3	6.1	1.3	147.9	5.3	.7	162.3	2.4	.4
Owners' equivalent rent of primary residence <sup>5</sup> .....	176.8	5.9	1.2	158.7	5.1	.6	179.3	2.9	.7
Fuels and utilities .....	124.6	-3.6	-1.1	123.0	-	-1.7	145.8	-2.8	-5.0
Fuels .....	119.8	-5.9	-1.4	113.5	-4.0	-2.3	139.6	-3.2	-6.8
Gas (piped) and electricity .....	121.8	-5.9	-1.4	112.9	-4.0	-2.4	140.0	-3.1	-6.8
Electricity .....	133.0	-.3	1.1	111.9	-2.4	.3	153.5	-8.0	-8.8
Utility natural gas service .....	112.0	-11.4	-4.4	107.9	-13.7	-13.0	131.1	9.5	-2.4
Household furnishings and operations .....	131.9	3.6	-1.3	133.5	-	-3	123.4	2.4	1.4
Apparel <sup>3</sup> .....	127.2	-1.3	-2.2	146.9	-	12.8	129.3	3.9	9.1
Transportation <sup>3</sup> .....	141.6	-.6	.0	139.1	-	-5	139.9	-4.2	-2.4
Private transportation .....	141.3	-.1	-.2	139.7	-	-7	134.2	-5.0	-2.9
Motor fuel .....	97.1	-12.4	-2.5	91.6	-13.6	-6.1	82.6	-20.3	-15.3
Gasoline (all types) .....	96.2	-12.5	-2.5	91.1	-13.8	-6.2	80.7	-20.3	-15.3
Gasoline, unleaded regular <sup>6</sup> .....	94.7	-13.0	-3.1	87.4	-15.2	-6.6	77.9	-21.6	-16.2
Gasoline, unleaded midgrade <sup>6,7</sup> .....	99.1	-11.9	-1.6	93.8	-12.3	-5.3	79.0	-20.4	-15.0
Gasoline, unleaded premium <sup>6</sup> .....	99.8	-11.3	-1.6	94.3	-11.6	-5.6	83.5	-18.1	-13.7
Medical care <sup>3</sup> .....	211.6	.2	.0	227.6	-	-6	234.4	1.1	.6
Recreation <sup>8</sup> .....	99.3	-	-1.6	99.7	-	-2	100.3	-	.9
Education and communication <sup>8</sup> .....	98.9	-	-1.0	99.1	-	.2	99.9	-	.3
Other goods and services <sup>3</sup> .....	213.4	7.1	1.9	216.2	-	-6	243.6	1.9	-8
<b>Commodity and service group</b>									
All items <sup>3</sup> .....	158.6	2.1	.3	153.0	-	.6	161.4	1.0	.2
Commodities .....	143.6	.5	-.9	139.9	-	.8	141.7	-.2	-.1
Commodities less food and beverages .....	132.6	-.9	-1.1	130.0	-	1.2	126.2	-1.6	.1
Nondurables less food and beverages .....	135.2	-1.1	-1.2	129.1	-	2.1	128.4	-2.4	.2
Durables .....	123.5	-.9	-1.1	132.6	-	.4	122.7	-.6	.1
Services .....	174.8	3.3	1.0	165.4	-	.4	178.8	1.8	.4
<b>Special aggregate indexes</b>									
All items less medical care <sup>3</sup> .....	155.9	2.2	.2	148.8	-	.6	157.5	1.0	.3
All items less shelter .....	151.9	.9	-.5	154.5	-	.5	158.5	.1	-.1
Commodities less food .....	133.2	-.8	-1.0	132.0	-	1.3	129.1	-1.5	.0
Nondurables .....	148.4	.8	-.8	143.5	-	.9	148.2	.0	.0
Nondurables less food .....	135.5	-1.0	-1.0	132.4	-	2.1	132.9	-2.0	.0
Services less rent of shelter <sup>5</sup> .....	173.8	1.6	.1	188.4	-	-2	196.8	.5	-.3
Services less medical care services .....	171.9	3.6	1.1	159.2	-	.3	174.1	1.9	.5
Energy <sup>3</sup> .....	110.3	-8.5	-1.7	101.8	-8.5	-4.1	103.1	-12.2	-11.0
All items less energy .....	165.4	3.0	.4	161.2	-	.9	167.4	1.8	.9
All items less food and energy <sup>3</sup> .....	165.8	3.0	.5	162.5	-	1.1	168.4	1.8	1.1

See footnotes at end of table.

**Table 16. Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers (CPI-U): Selected areas, by expenditure category and commodity and service group-Continued**

(1982-84=100, unless otherwise noted)

Item and group	Monthly cities and pricing schedule 1 <sup>1</sup>					
	New York-Northern N.J.-Long Island, NY-NJ-CT-PA			Washington-Baltimore, DC-MD-VA-WV <sup>2</sup>		
	Index	Percent change from—		Index	Percent change from—	
		Mar. 1998	Mar. 1997		Jan. 1998	Mar. 1997
<b>Expenditure category</b>						
All items <sup>3</sup> .....	173.0	1.3	0.5	101.6	0.8	0.6
All items (1967=100) .....	500.0	-	-	-	-	-
Food and beverages <sup>3</sup> .....	164.8	1.2	-1	101.3	1.3	-4
Food <sup>3</sup> .....	164.0	1.0	-1	101.1	1.2	-6
Food at home .....	164.1	.1	-5	99.9	-	-1.3
Food away from home <sup>4</sup> .....	167.7	2.5	.7	100.9	-	.4
Alcoholic beverages <sup>4</sup> .....	173.9	3.0	.1	100.7	-	.4
Housing <sup>3</sup> .....	174.9	2.2	.5	101.8	1.2	.9
Shelter .....	205.2	3.5	.7	102.5	-	1.1
Rent of primary residence <sup>3</sup> .....	188.8	3.4	.5	101.8	2.1	.6
Owners' equivalent rent of primary residence <sup>5</sup> .....	211.5	3.4	.3	101.4	-	.7
Fuels and utilities .....	116.0	-3.5	-1.7	99.2	-	-6
Fuels .....	113.7	-4.5	-1.9	99.1	-	-6
Gas (piped) and electricity .....	123.1	-2.9	-1.7	99.2	-	-6
Electricity .....	123.9	-2.7	-1.4	100.3	-	-1
Utility natural gas service .....	121.6	-3.4	-2.3	95.3	-	-2.5
Household furnishings and operations .....	130.2	-4	2.2	102.7	-	.6
Apparel <sup>3</sup> .....	131.0	-2.5	5.2	105.2	4.9	11.8
Transportation <sup>3</sup> .....	151.5	-2.3	-5	98.2	-2.7	-1.3
Private transportation .....	142.8	-2.9	-1.2	98.0	-	-1.4
Motor fuel .....	88.3	-13.2	-7.7	88.8	-	-8.5
Gasoline (all types) .....	88.0	-13.2	-7.8	88.8	-	-8.5
Gasoline, unleaded regular <sup>6</sup> .....	86.6	-13.8	-8.5	87.7	-	-8.8
Gasoline, unleaded midgrade <sup>6 7</sup> .....	91.2	-12.5	-6.7	89.7	-	-8.2
Gasoline, unleaded premium <sup>6</sup> .....	90.0	-12.4	-7.0	90.1	-	-7.9
Medical care <sup>3</sup> .....	250.9	3.0	.7	104.1	1.6	.2
Recreation <sup>8</sup> .....	102.6	-	1.8	101.3	-	.3
Education and communication <sup>8</sup> .....	99.2	-	-9	99.8	-	-1
Other goods and services <sup>3</sup> .....	239.6	6.0	.6	105.3	3.6	.3
<b>Commodity and service group</b>						
All items <sup>3</sup> .....	173.0	1.3	.5	101.6	.8	.6
Commodities .....	145.9	-8	.3	100.9	-	.7
Commodities less food and beverages .....	131.4	-2.4	.7	101.2	-	1.4
Nondurables less food and beverages .....	132.2	-2.9	.8	102.0	-	2.6
Durables .....	129.9	-1.4	.4	100.1	-	-3
Services .....	196.7	2.6	.6	101.6	-	.6
<b>Special aggregate indexes</b>						
All items less medical care <sup>3</sup> .....	169.2	1.2	.5	101.5	.8	.7
All items less shelter .....	160.9	.2	.4	100.8	-	.5
Commodities less food .....	133.3	-2.1	.7	101.2	-	1.4
Nondurables .....	149.9	-7	.3	101.1	-	.9
Nondurables less food .....	134.8	-2.5	.7	101.9	-	2.4
Services less rent of shelter <sup>5</sup> .....	195.1	1.6	.6	100.7	-	.2
Services less medical care services .....	192.0	2.6	.6	101.7	-	.8
Energy <sup>3</sup> .....	104.1	-7.5	-3.8	92.0	-9.3	-4.2
All items less energy .....	180.7	1.9	.8	101.8	-	1.0
All items less food and energy <sup>3</sup> .....	184.9	2.1	1.0	102.6	1.7	1.3

1 Areas on pricing schedule 2 (see Table 10) will appear next month.  
 2 For Washington-Baltimore, indexes are on a December 1997=100 base unless otherwise noted.  
 3 For Washington-Baltimore, index is on a November 1996=100 base.  
 4 For Washington-Baltimore, index is on a November 1997=100 base.  
 5 Indexes on a December 1982=100 base.

6 Special index based on a substantially smaller sample.  
 7 Indexes on a December 1993=100 base.  
 8 Indexes on a December 1997=100 base.  
 - Data not available.  
 NOTE: Index applies to a month as a whole, not to any specific date.

**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 1	All items									
		Indexes				Percent change to Mar. 1998 from—			Percent change to Feb. 1998 from—		
		Dec. 1997	Jan. 1998	Feb. 1998	Mar. 1998	Mar. 1997	Jan. 1998	Feb. 1998	Feb. 1997	Dec. 1997	Jan. 1998
U.S. city average .....	M	158.2	158.4	158.5	158.7	1.1	0.2	0.1	1.1	0.2	0.1
<b>Region and area size<sup>2</sup></b>											
Northeast urban .....	M	165.5	165.7	165.9	166.0	.9	.2	.1	1.0	.2	.1
Size A - More than 1,500,000 .....	M	165.2	165.4	165.8	165.8	1.0	.2	.0	1.2	.4	.2
Size B/C - 50,000 to 1,500,000 <sup>3</sup> .....	M	101.1	101.3	101.1	101.3	.9	.0	.2	1.0	.0	-.2
Midwest urban <sup>4</sup> .....	M	153.7	153.9	154.2	154.4	1.3	.3	.1	1.2	.3	.2
Size A - More than 1,500,000 .....	M	153.6	153.9	154.2	154.7	1.6	.5	.3	1.2	.4	.2
Size B/C - 50,000 to 1,500,000 <sup>3</sup> .....	M	101.0	101.1	101.4	101.3	1.3	.2	-.1	1.3	.4	.3
Size D - Nonmetropolitan (less than 50,000) .....	M	151.0	150.9	150.8	150.7	.4	-.1	-.1	.3	-.1	-.1
South urban .....	M	155.6	155.8	155.7	156.0	.8	.1	.2	.8	.1	-.1
Size A - More than 1,500,000 .....	M	154.2	154.4	154.3	154.7	.8	.2	.3	.7	.1	-.1
Size B/C - 50,000 to 1,500,000 <sup>3</sup> .....	M	101.1	101.2	101.1	101.3	.6	.1	.2	.6	.0	-.1
Size D - Nonmetropolitan (less than 50,000) .....	M	157.5	157.6	158.0	158.2	1.3	.4	.1	1.4	.3	.3
West urban .....	M	159.2	159.4	159.4	159.4	1.3	.0	.0	1.7	.1	.0
Size A - More than 1,500,000 .....	M	157.9	158.0	158.0	158.1	1.4	.1	.1	1.8	.1	.0
Size B/C - 50,000 to 1,500,000 <sup>3</sup> .....	M	101.9	102.2	102.2	102.1	.8	-.1	-.1	1.3	.3	.0
<b>Size classes</b>											
A <sup>5</sup> .....	M	144.4	144.6	144.8	145.0	1.3	.3	.1	1.3	.3	.1
B/C <sup>3</sup> .....	M	101.2	101.3	101.3	101.4	.8	.1	.1	.9	.1	.0
D .....	M	156.7	156.7	156.8	156.8	.9	.1	.0	.9	.1	.1
<b>Selected local areas<sup>6</sup></b>											
Chicago-Gary-Kenosha, IL-IN-WI .....	M	157.3	157.3	157.4	158.3	1.7	.6	.6	1.0	.1	.1
Los Angeles-Riverside-Orange County, CA ..	M	155.3	155.1	155.0	155.1	.6	.0	.1	.9	-.2	-.1
New York-Northern N.J.-Long Island, NY-NJ-CT-PA .....	M	167.7	167.7	168.2	168.2	1.0	.3	.0	1.2	.3	.3
Boston-Brockton-Nashua, MA-NH-ME-CT ....	1	-	169.3	-	169.3	1.5	.0	-	-	-	-
Cleveland-Akron, OH .....	1	-	150.0	-	150.1	1.8	.1	-	-	-	-
Dallas-Fort Worth, TX .....	1	152.7	152.2	-	152.8	-	.4	-	-	-	-
Washington-Baltimore, DC-MD-VA-WV <sup>7</sup> .....	1	-	100.8	-	101.3	.5	.5	-	-	-	-
Atlanta, GA .....	2	156.8	-	156.6	-	-	-	-	-	-.1	-
Detroit-Ann Arbor-Flint, MI .....	2	151.7	-	152.9	-	-	-	-	1.7	.8	-
Houston-Galveston-Brazoria, TX .....	2	144.5	-	144.7	-	-	-	-	.8	.1	-
Miami-Fort Lauderdale, FL .....	2	156.8	-	157.3	-	-	-	-	-	.3	-
Philadelphia-Wilmington-Atlantic City, PA-NJ-DE-MD .....	2	165.7	-	166.1	-	-	-	-	.7	.2	-
San Francisco-Oakland-San Jose, CA .....	2	159.4	-	159.6	-	-	-	-	3.0	.1	-
Seattle-Tacoma-Bremerton, WA .....	2	160.6	-	162.2	-	-	-	-	-	1.0	-

1 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.

2 Regions defined as the four Census regions. See map in technical notes.

3 Indexes on a December 1996=100 base.

4 The 'North Central' region has been renamed the 'Midwest' region by the Census Bureau. It is composed of the same geographic entities.

5 Indexes on a December 1986=100 base.

6 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; Cincinnati-Hamilton, OH-KY-IN; Denver-Boulder-Greeley, CO; Honolulu, HI; Kansas City, MO-KS;

Milwaukee-Racine, WI; Minneapolis-St. Paul, MN-WI; Pittsburgh, PA; Portland-Salem, OR-WA; St. Louis, MO-IL; San Diego, CA; Tampa-St. Petersburg-Clearwater, FL.

7 Indexes on a November 1996=100 base.

- Data not available.

NOTE: Local area 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.

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

**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**

(1982-84=100, unless otherwise noted)

Item and group	Northeast			Midwest <sup>2</sup>			South			West		
	Index Mar. 1998	Percent change from—		Index Mar. 1998	Percent change from—		Index Mar. 1998	Percent change from—		Index Mar. 1998	Percent change from—	
		Mar. 1997	Feb. 1998		Mar. 1997	Feb. 1998		Mar. 1997	Feb. 1998		Mar. 1997	Feb. 1998
<b>Expenditure category</b>												
All items .....	166.0	0.9	0.1	154.4	1.3	0.1	156.0	0.8	0.2	159.4	1.3	0.0
All items (December 1977=100) .....	259.3	-	-	249.8	-	-	252.6	-	-	256.4	-	-
Food and beverages .....	161.2	.9	.1	157.0	2.3	.3	157.4	1.9	.2	162.7	2.4	.1
Food .....	160.7	.9	.0	156.4	2.4	.3	157.5	1.9	.2	162.1	2.5	.2
Food at home .....	160.9	.1	-.1	155.9	2.2	.4	155.8	1.6	.3	165.9	2.5	.1
Food away from home .....	162.8	2.5	.2	157.7	2.7	.1	161.9	2.5	.1	156.4	2.2	.3
Alcoholic beverages .....	167.5	1.2	.2	164.1	1.2	.4	155.5	1.8	.4	168.5	2.1	-.9
Housing .....	167.2	1.6	.1	149.7	2.4	.3	148.3	1.3	.3	159.1	2.8	.4
Shelter .....	196.2	2.9	.2	168.7	3.1	.4	162.9	3.2	.4	173.5	3.4	.3
Rent of primary residence .....	182.2	2.9	.1	167.3	3.1	.2	157.7	3.0	.3	171.3	3.6	.3
Owners' equivalent rent of primary residence <sup>3</sup> .....	184.0	2.9	.1	168.9	3.4	.3	154.5	3.3	.3	169.0	3.2	.3
Fuels and utilities .....	123.5	-2.8	-6	124.6	-8	.2	130.0	-3.6	-6	136.2	.1	1.0
Fuels .....	113.8	-4.4	-9	108.3	-1.6	.2	110.1	-7.6	-9	125.0	.3	1.3
Gas (piped) and electricity .....	129.3	-2.7	-9	113.7	-1.1	.2	112.4	-7.5	-9	127.6	.6	1.4
Electricity .....	134.1	-2.1	-1.3	123.6	.7	.7	111.4	-8.5	-1.0	140.3	-3.2	1.7
Utility natural gas service .....	122.6	-3.8	-2	103.8	-4.1	-4	118.0	-4.0	-8	113.9	9.3	.2
Household furnishings and operations .....	124.0	.0	.5	124.8	2.5	-1	125.1	-.6	.2	126.3	1.9	.3
Apparel .....	130.1	-.2	2.3	129.2	-2.6	.6	145.1	1.2	3.3	125.2	-1.3	1.4
Transportation .....	143.0	-3.1	-9	139.1	-2.0	-3	138.1	-3.7	-6	140.1	-3.2	-1.3
Private transportation .....	138.6	-3.7	-1.0	136.5	-2.2	-4	137.0	-3.9	-7	137.2	-3.7	-1.4
New and used motor vehicles <sup>4</sup> .....	99.1	-	-6	99.8	-	-3	99.9	-	-4	99.7	-	-7
New vehicles .....	144.1	-1.0	-2	144.7	-.1	.3	147.2	-.9	.1	146.0	-1.2	-.1
Used cars and trucks .....	149.3	-5.3	-1.6	147.7	-5.7	-1.7	148.8	-4.7	-1.3	144.6	-5.4	-1.8
Motor fuel .....	89.6	-15.5	-4.3	93.1	-11.5	-1.3	89.9	-15.0	-2.2	90.7	-16.4	-6.7
Gasoline (all types) .....	89.1	-15.5	-4.3	92.6	-11.6	-1.4	89.4	-15.2	-2.2	89.9	-16.3	-6.6
Gasoline, unleaded regular <sup>5</sup> .....	87.2	-16.5	-4.6	90.8	-12.1	-1.3	86.0	-16.3	-2.3	86.7	-17.0	-7.1
Gasoline, unleaded midgrade <sup>5 6</sup> .....	93.0	-14.8	-3.9	102.7	-10.9	-1.7	96.0	-14.2	-2.0	87.8	-16.1	-6.1
Gasoline, unleaded premium <sup>5</sup> .....	90.6	-13.8	-4.0	96.3	-10.3	-1.5	93.8	-13.2	-1.9	93.0	-14.0	-6.0
Medical care .....	248.7	2.9	.3	232.6	2.7	.3	239.0	2.8	.2	237.4	2.5	-.1
Medical care commodities .....	219.5	1.9	.2	212.1	.8	.0	212.9	1.8	.0	222.3	2.1	.0
Medical care services .....	255.1	3.2	.4	237.3	3.1	.3	245.2	3.0	.2	240.9	2.6	-.2
Professional services .....	233.1	3.7	.6	217.6	3.4	.6	226.1	2.6	.4	208.9	2.1	-.3
Recreation <sup>4</sup> .....	102.5	-	.9	100.5	-	.4	101.4	-	.1	99.5	-	-.2
Education and communication <sup>4</sup> .....	99.0	-	.0	100.5	-	.5	99.9	-	-.1	100.6	-	.4
Other goods and services .....	242.5	5.8	-.7	224.1	5.9	-.8	220.7	5.1	-.6	231.7	3.6	-.2
<b>Commodity and service group</b>												
All items .....	166.0	.9	.1	154.4	1.3	.1	156.0	.8	.2	159.4	1.3	.0
Commodities .....	142.8	-.8	-.1	139.3	-.3	-.1	141.3	-.6	.1	141.3	-.6	-.5
Commodities less food and beverages .....	130.0	-2.2	-.2	129.4	-1.9	-.3	132.1	-2.3	.1	128.6	-2.6	-.8
Nondurables less food and beverages .....	129.7	-2.4	-.2	131.8	-2.4	-.4	133.8	-2.3	.4	128.7	-3.6	-1.1
Nondurables less food, beverages, and apparel .....	134.7	-3.6	-1.6	136.3	-2.6	-.9	133.4	-3.9	-1.0	134.7	-4.9	-2.3
Durables .....	127.8	-1.8	.0	124.7	-1.3	-.3	128.7	-2.3	-.3	128.0	-1.7	-.6
Services .....	193.4	2.3	.2	173.2	2.9	.4	174.0	2.1	.2	178.9	2.8	.4
Rent of shelter <sup>3</sup> .....	183.3	2.9	.2	167.6	3.1	.4	155.0	3.1	.5	167.2	3.4	.4
Transportation services .....	187.2	1.1	.1	182.9	3.5	.4	189.2	1.1	.1	185.8	1.9	.5
Other services .....	230.8	3.9	.5	199.0	4.2	.6	210.3	4.1	.1	206.5	2.8	.3

See footnotes at end of table.

**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)

Item and group	Northeast			Midwest <sup>2</sup>			South			West		
	Index Mar. 1998	Percent change from—		Index Mar. 1998	Percent change from—		Index Mar. 1998	Percent change from—		Index Mar. 1998	Percent change from—	
		Mar. 1997	Feb. 1998		Mar. 1997	Feb. 1998		Mar. 1997	Feb. 1998		Mar. 1997	Feb. 1998
<b>Special aggregate indexes</b>												
All items less medical care .....	162.6	0.8	0.0	150.9	1.3	0.1	151.3	0.6	0.1	155.8	1.1	0.0
All items less food .....	167.1	.9	.0	153.9	1.1	.1	155.5	.5	.2	158.8	1.0	-.1
All items less shelter .....	157.1	.1	.0	151.1	.8	.1	154.3	.0	.1	155.0	.3	-.1
Commodities less food .....	131.6	-2.0	-.2	130.7	-1.7	-.3	132.9	-2.1	.2	130.5	-2.4	-.8
Nondurables .....	146.1	-.6	-.1	144.4	.0	-.1	145.7	-.1	.3	146.4	-.3	-.4
Nondurables less food .....	132.0	-2.1	-.2	133.7	-2.2	-.4	134.8	-2.0	.4	131.7	-3.1	-1.0
Nondurables less food and apparel .....	136.9	-3.1	-1.4	138.2	-2.1	-.8	134.5	-3.3	-.8	137.0	-4.3	-2.1
Services less rent of shelter <sup>3</sup> .....	174.8	1.7	.1	163.6	2.8	.4	169.6	1.3	-.1	172.2	2.1	.4
Services less medical care services .....	188.8	2.2	.1	167.8	2.9	.4	166.6	2.0	.2	174.1	2.8	.4
Energy .....	102.9	-8.7	-2.1	100.1	-6.6	-.6	98.1	-11.2	-1.5	104.5	-9.0	-2.9
All items less energy .....	174.8	1.7	.2	162.5	2.1	.2	164.2	1.9	.3	165.7	2.0	.2
All items less food and energy .....	178.9	1.9	.3	164.1	2.1	.2	165.9	1.8	.4	166.7	1.8	.2
Commodities less food and energy commodities .....	144.3	.2	.4	140.7	-.1	-.1	143.8	-.1	.3	140.4	-.4	-.1
Energy commodities .....	89.7	-14.8	-3.5	93.1	-11.6	-1.4	90.8	-14.8	-2.0	91.8	-16.2	-6.5
Services less energy services .....	200.2	2.7	.3	181.1	3.3	.4	181.6	2.9	.3	182.9	2.9	.3

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

<sup>2</sup> The 'North Central' region has been renamed the 'Midwest' region by the Census Bureau. It is composed of the same geographic entities.

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

<sup>4</sup> Indexes on a December 1997=100 base.

<sup>5</sup> Special index based on a substantially smaller sample.

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

- Data not available.

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

**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**

(1982-84=100, unless otherwise noted)

Item and group	Size class A <sup>2</sup>			Size class B/C <sup>3</sup>			Size class D		
	Index Mar. 1998	Percent change from—		Index Mar. 1998	Percent change from—		Index Mar. 1998	Percent change from—	
		Mar. 1997	Feb. 1998		Mar. 1997	Feb. 1998		Mar. 1997	Feb. 1998
<b>Expenditure category</b>									
All items <sup>4</sup> .....	145.0	1.3	0.1	101.4	0.8	0.1	156.8	0.9	0.0
All items (December 1977=100) .....	145.0	-	-	-	-	-	253.4	-	-
Food and beverages .....	144.3	1.8	.1	100.6	-	.2	154.9	1.7	.3
Food .....	143.9	1.8	.1	100.6	-	.2	154.5	1.8	.4
Food at home .....	147.3	1.4	.1	100.7	-	.3	152.3	1.8	.7
Food away from home .....	138.4	2.5	.2	100.5	-	.1	159.4	2.0	-.1
Alcoholic beverages .....	148.1	2.0	.1	100.2	-	.2	160.1	-.4	-1.8
Housing .....	141.3	2.4	.3	100.6	-	.2	152.9	1.6	.2
Shelter .....	150.6	3.5	.3	101.1	-	.4	174.9	2.2	.2
Rent of primary residence .....	142.0	3.7	.4	100.4	-	.1	160.3	1.8	.1
Owners' equivalent rent of primary residence <sup>5</sup> .....	151.9	3.5	.3	100.5	-	.2	165.7	2.3	.0
Fuels and utilities .....	126.8	-2.0	.1	97.9	-	-.6	130.3	1.6	.7
Fuels .....	124.0	-3.1	.2	97.1	-	-.8	107.9	-1.3	.5
Gas (piped) and electricity .....	123.1	-2.5	.2	97.0	-	-.9	116.3	-.6	.4
Electricity .....	124.9	-2.7	.3	97.6	-	-.7	120.4	-2.0	.2
Utility natural gas service .....	119.6	-2.8	.0	95.3	-	-1.0	113.5	3.1	1.3
Household furnishings and operations .....	117.6	.8	.6	101.0	-	-.2	124.3	-.4	-.2
Apparel .....	122.8	-.3	2.2	101.2	-	1.9	134.7	1.4	.4
Transportation .....	139.3	-2.9	-.7	98.3	-	-.7	138.2	-3.8	-.7
Private transportation .....	138.4	-3.3	-.9	98.0	-	-.8	135.7	-3.9	-.8
New and used motor vehicles <sup>9</sup> .....	99.6	-	-.5	99.8	-	-.5	99.9	-	-.6
New vehicles .....	127.7	-.9	.1	100.3	-	.0	148.5	.1	.3
Used cars and trucks .....	139.8	-4.9	-1.5	98.7	-	-1.6	140.5	-6.4	-1.7
Motor fuel .....	132.0	-14.6	-3.6	90.5	-	-2.9	89.0	-15.6	-2.5
Gasoline (all types) .....	131.2	-14.7	-3.7	90.5	-	-2.9	88.4	-15.7	-2.5
Gasoline, unleaded regular <sup>6</sup> .....	130.2	-15.5	-3.8	90.1	-	-3.0	84.5	-16.7	-2.5
Gasoline, unleaded midgrade <sup>6 7</sup> .....	92.5	-13.8	-3.4	90.9	-	-2.6	97.9	-15.5	-2.3
Gasoline, unleaded premium <sup>6</sup> .....	124.6	-13.5	-3.5	91.4	-	-2.7	92.3	-13.9	-2.7
Medical care .....	189.2	2.6	.3	101.0	-	.1	232.3	2.8	.3
Medical care commodities .....	174.0	1.2	-.2	100.7	-	.3	215.5	1.1	.8
Medical care services .....	192.7	2.9	.4	101.1	-	.1	236.5	3.3	.2
Professional services .....	175.8	3.0	.5	101.1	-	.2	228.0	3.3	.2
Recreation <sup>3</sup> .....	100.9	-	.2	101.0	-	.5	101.8	-	.1
Education and communication <sup>3</sup> .....	100.1	-	.3	99.8	-	.0	100.1	-	.5
Other goods and services .....	185.4	5.3	-.5	101.2	-	-.7	225.7	4.2	-.9
<b>Commodity and service group</b>									
All items <sup>4</sup> .....	145.0	1.3	.1	101.4	.8	.1	156.8	.9	.0
Commodities .....	135.9	-.5	-.1	99.6	-	-.1	139.6	-.9	-.4
Commodities less food and beverages .....	130.2	-2.3	-.2	99.0	-	-.3	130.9	-2.4	-.7
Nondurables less food and beverages .....	137.4	-2.5	-.1	98.4	-	-.2	130.5	-2.8	-.8
Nondurables less food, beverages, and apparel .....	146.5	-3.6	-1.5	97.0	-	-1.3	131.3	-4.5	-1.3
Durables .....	120.8	-1.9	-.2	99.9	-	-.3	128.6	-2.1	-.6
Services .....	153.4	2.7	.3	100.8	-	.2	179.3	2.6	.4
Rent of shelter <sup>5</sup> .....	151.0	3.5	.3	101.1	-	.3	163.6	2.2	.2
Transportation services .....	154.9	1.5	.3	101.1	-	.2	NA	-	-
Other services .....	173.6	3.8	.3	101.0	-	.2	211.1	5.0	.6

See footnotes at end of table.



**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)

Item and group	Size class A <sup>2</sup>			Size class B/C <sup>3</sup>			Size class D		
	Index Mar. 1998	Percent change from—		Index Mar. 1998	Percent change from—		Index Mar. 1998	Percent change from—	
		Mar. 1997	Feb. 1998		Mar. 1997	Feb. 1998		Mar. 1997	Feb. 1998
<b>Special aggregate indexes</b>									
All items less medical care .....	142.9	1.1	0.1	100.1	-	0.0	152.3	0.7	0.0
All items less food .....	145.2	1.1	.1	100.1	-	.0	157.1	.6	-.1
All items less shelter .....	142.9	.4	.1	99.9	-	.0	152.5	.5	.0
Commodities less food .....	131.2	-2.0	-2	99.1	-	-.3	131.9	-2.3	-.7
Nondurables .....	141.2	-.1	-.1	99.5	-	.0	142.8	-.5	-.2
Nondurables less food .....	138.4	-2.1	-.1	98.5	-	-.2	132.0	-2.7	-.8
Nondurables less food and apparel .....	146.5	-3.0	-1.3	97.3	-	-1.1	132.9	-4.3	-1.3
Services less rent of shelter <sup>5</sup> .....	156.0	1.9	.3	100.4	-	.0	168.8	2.9	.5
Services less medical care services .....	150.5	2.7	.3	100.7	-	.2	172.7	2.5	.3
Energy .....	127.8	-8.7	-1.6	93.9	-	-1.8	98.1	-8.0	-.8
All items less energy .....	146.4	2.0	.3	100.8	-	.2	165.3	1.7	.1
All items less food and energy .....	147.0	2.1	.3	100.8	-	.2	168.1	1.6	.0
Commodities less food and energy commodities .....	130.9	-.2	.2	100.3	-	.0	142.7	-.3	-.5
Energy commodities .....	132.0	-14.4	-3.4	90.9	-	-2.8	88.6	-15.4	-2.4
Services less energy services .....	155.9	3.1	.3	101.1	-	.3	187.3	2.9	.4

<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> Indexes on a December 1997=100 base.

<sup>4</sup> The 'All items' index size B/C is on a December 1996=100 base.

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

<sup>6</sup> Special index based on a substantially smaller sample.

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

NA Data not adequate for publication.

- Data not available.

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

**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**

(1982-84=100, unless otherwise noted)

Item and group	Northeast					
	Size class A			Size class B/C <sup>2</sup>		
	Index Mar. 1998	Percent change from—		Index Mar. 1998	Percent change from—	
		Mar. 1997	Feb. 1998		Mar. 1997	Feb. 1998
<b>Expenditure category</b>						
All items <sup>4</sup> .....	165.8	1.0	0.0	101.3	0.9	0.2
All items (December 1977=100) .....	253.3	-	-	-	-	-
Food and beverages .....	160.7	.8	.1	100.4	-	.0
Food .....	160.1	.8	.0	100.4	-	.0
Food at home .....	160.5	-.1	-.1	100.3	-	-.1
Food away from home .....	161.5	2.5	.2	100.7	-	.2
Alcoholic beverages .....	168.4	1.6	-.1	100.4	-	.8
Housing .....	165.1	1.6	.1	100.6	-	.1
Shelter .....	191.3	2.9	.1	100.8	-	.3
Rent of primary residence .....	184.4	3.3	.2	99.9	-	-.1
Owners' equivalent rent of primary residence <sup>5</sup> .....	180.6	3.2	.1	100.3	-	.3
Fuels and utilities .....	121.4	-3.1	-.9	99.3	-	-.4
Fuels .....	116.1	-4.3	-.9	98.9	-	-.5
Gas (piped) and electricity .....	129.1	-3.0	-1.0	98.8	-	-.7
Electricity .....	131.8	-2.9	-1.3	99.2	-	-1.1
Utility natural gas service .....	125.7	-3.1	-.4	97.6	-	.2
Household furnishings and operations .....	124.4	-.8	.7	101.2	-	-.3
Apparel .....	124.5	-1.4	1.0	103.6	-	5.6
Transportation .....	146.4	-2.9	-.9	97.2	-	-.7
Private transportation .....	141.5	-3.4	-1.1	96.8	-	-.7
Motor fuel .....	89.2	-15.0	-4.7	87.5	-	-3.7
Gasoline (all types) .....	88.7	-15.0	-4.7	87.5	-	-3.7
Gasoline, unleaded regular <sup>6</sup> .....	86.8	-16.0	-5.0	86.7	-	-3.8
Gasoline, unleaded midgrade <sup>6 7</sup> .....	91.4	-14.4	-4.2	88.5	-	-3.6
Gasoline, unleaded premium <sup>6</sup> .....	89.9	-13.3	-4.3	88.7	-	-3.7
Medical care .....	252.8	3.3	.4	100.9	-	.2
Recreation <sup>2</sup> .....	102.6	-	.7	102.4	-	1.3
Education and communication <sup>2</sup> .....	99.0	-	.1	98.8	-	-.4
Other goods and services .....	241.6	6.4	-.5	101.8	-	-1.2
<b>Commodity and service group</b>						
All items <sup>4</sup> .....	165.8	1.0	.0	101.3	.9	.2
Commodities .....	142.5	-.8	-.2	99.6	-	.1
Commodities less food and beverages .....	129.3	-2.2	-.3	99.1	-	.2
Nondurables less food and beverages .....	128.6	-2.4	-.5	98.7	-	.6
Durables .....	128.3	-1.8	.2	99.6	-	-.3
Services .....	191.3	2.3	.1	100.6	-	.3
<b>Special aggregate indexes</b>						
All items less medical care .....	162.2	.8	-.1	100.1	-	.2
All items less shelter .....	157.7	.1	-.1	99.9	-	.2
Commodities less food .....	131.0	-1.9	-.2	99.2	-	.2
Nondurables .....	145.6	-.6	-.3	99.6	-	.3
Nondurables less food .....	131.0	-2.1	-.5	98.8	-	.6
Services less rent of shelter <sup>5</sup> .....	173.8	1.6	.0	100.4	-	.3
Services less medical care services .....	186.4	2.2	.1	100.6	-	.3
Energy .....	104.3	-8.4	-2.3	94.1	-	-1.8
All items less energy .....	173.9	1.8	.2	100.7	-	.4
All items less food and energy .....	177.9	2.0	.2	100.8	-	.5

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)

Item and group	Midwest <sup>3</sup>								
	Size class A			Size class B/C <sup>2</sup>			Size class D		
	Index	Percent change from—		Index	Percent change from—		Index	Percent change from—	
		Mar. 1998	Mar. 1997		Feb. 1998	Mar. 1998		Mar. 1997	Feb. 1998
<b>Expenditure category</b>									
All items <sup>4</sup> .....	154.7	1.6	0.3	101.3	1.3	-0.1	150.7	0.4	-0.1
All items (December 1977=100) .....	253.0	-	-	-	-	-	244.2	-	-
Food and beverages .....	159.3	2.3	.3	100.9	-	.3	150.7	2.2	.1
Food .....	158.8	2.4	.2	100.9	-	.3	149.7	2.4	.1
Food at home .....	159.4	2.3	.4	101.2	-	.4	146.6	2.2	.4
Food away from home .....	158.4	2.7	.1	100.5	-	.1	156.2	3.0	-.4
Alcoholic beverages .....	164.5	1.0	.6	100.7	-	.3	164.0	-.6	-1.4
Housing .....	148.6	2.8	.5	100.5	-	-.1	146.2	1.5	.0
Shelter .....	167.7	3.7	.4	100.9	-	.3	161.8	1.8	.0
Rent of primary residence .....	171.0	3.6	.4	100.3	-	.1	151.1	2.5	.1
Owners' equivalent rent of primary residence <sup>5</sup> .....	167.7	3.8	.4	100.5	-	.1	160.6	1.8	.0
Fuels and utilities .....	122.3	-1.2	.7	97.6	-	-.8	135.4	2.4	.6
Fuels .....	108.3	-2.2	.8	97.0	-	-.9	105.9	1.4	.5
Gas (piped) and electricity .....	111.7	-1.8	1.0	97.1	-	-.9	114.1	2.1	.5
Electricity .....	122.0	.4	1.3	99.9	-	-.2	111.4	2.1	-.4
Utility natural gas service .....	100.8	-5.8	.3	93.0	-	-2.0	120.0	2.1	1.5
Household furnishings and operations .....	119.3	2.3	.9	101.3	-	-1.2	123.2	-1.0	-.6
Apparel .....	126.7	-3.3	1.8	102.1	-	-.2	133.2	-6.3	-1.7
Transportation .....	139.4	-2.0	-.2	99.2	-	-.4	135.1	-3.6	-.3
Private transportation .....	137.1	-2.1	-.3	98.9	-	-.5	131.0	-3.5	-.5
Motor fuel .....	94.1	-11.3	-.5	93.5	-	-2.5	89.4	-13.1	.1
Gasoline (all types) .....	93.5	-11.4	-.6	93.5	-	-2.5	88.4	-13.6	.1
Gasoline, unleaded regular <sup>6</sup> .....	92.1	-11.8	-.5	93.3	-	-2.5	85.3	-14.9	-.1
Gasoline, unleaded midgrade <sup>6 7</sup> .....	101.3	-11.1	-1.4	93.8	-	-2.4	103.4	-12.5	.1
Gasoline, unleaded premium <sup>6</sup> .....	95.8	-10.1	-.4	93.9	-	-2.9	93.3	-10.5	1.0
Medical care .....	231.0	2.4	.4	101.0	-	-.1	223.2	3.4	1.1
Recreation <sup>2</sup> .....	101.0	-	.2	99.7	-	.6	101.2	-	.9
Education and communication <sup>2</sup> .....	101.3	-	.8	99.4	-	-.1	99.8	-	.3
Other goods and services .....	230.3	6.6	-.5	101.1	-	-1.3	209.6	3.1	-1.2
<b>Commodity and service group</b>									
All items <sup>4</sup> .....	154.7	1.6	.3	101.3	1.3	-.1	150.7	.4	-.1
Commodities .....	139.6	-.3	.1	99.8	-	-.4	138.3	-1.3	-.5
Commodities less food and beverages .....	128.3	-1.9	.1	99.2	-	-.8	131.7	-3.2	-.8
Nondurables less food and beverages .....	132.9	-2.1	.2	98.8	-	-1.1	132.0	-4.3	-.6
Durables .....	121.7	-1.8	-.1	99.7	-	-.4	126.4	-2.1	-1.0
Services .....	172.8	3.3	.5	100.8	-	.1	167.1	2.3	.5
<b>Special aggregate indexes</b>									
All items less medical care .....	151.4	1.6	.3	100.3	-	-.1	146.8	.3	-.1
All items less shelter .....	151.6	.8	.3	100.1	-	-.3	148.4	.0	-.1
Commodities less food .....	129.8	-1.7	.1	99.3	-	-.7	132.7	-3.1	-.8
Nondurables .....	146.4	.2	.2	99.8	-	-.4	141.7	-1.1	-.3
Nondurables less food .....	135.0	-1.9	.2	98.9	-	-1.0	133.8	-4.2	-.7
Services less rent of shelter <sup>5</sup> .....	165.0	2.9	.6	100.8	-	.1	157.5	2.7	.8
Services less medical care services .....	167.7	3.3	.5	100.8	-	.2	160.9	2.2	.4
Energy .....	101.1	-6.7	.3	95.2	-	-1.8	97.9	-5.6	.3
All items less energy .....	162.5	2.3	.4	100.8	-	.0	158.2	1.1	-.1
All items less food and energy .....	163.3	2.3	.4	100.8	-	.0	160.3	.7	-.2

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)

Item and group	South								
	Size class A			Size class B/C <sup>2</sup>			Size class D		
	Index	Percent change from—		Index	Percent change from—		Index	Percent change from—	
		Mar. 1998	Mar. 1997		Feb. 1998	Mar. 1998		Mar. 1997	Feb. 1998
<b>Expenditure category</b>									
All items <sup>4</sup> .....	154.7	0.8	0.3	101.3	0.6	0.2	158.2	1.3	0.1
All items (December 1977=100) .....	250.5	-	-	-	-	-	256.0	-	-
Food and beverages .....	157.5	1.9	.1	100.5	-	.2	152.6	.7	.5
Food .....	157.6	1.7	.1	100.6	-	.3	153.0	.7	.5
Food at home .....	155.4	.9	.0	100.6	-	.4	149.9	.8	.7
Food away from home .....	162.6	3.1	.2	100.6	-	.1	161.1	.6	.2
Alcoholic beverages .....	156.2	2.8	.6	100.0	-	.2	146.3	-.8	-.1
Housing .....	145.4	1.9	.3	100.6	-	.2	153.9	1.9	.4
Shelter .....	160.0	3.4	.4	101.4	-	.5	180.6	3.2	.3
Rent of primary residence .....	158.0	3.1	.3	100.7	-	.2	160.4	2.4	.0
Owners' equivalent rent of primary residence <sup>5</sup> .....	153.4	3.4	.3	100.8	-	.3	163.7	3.0	-.1
Fuels and utilities .....	118.2	-2.1	-.1	97.2	-	-1.2	128.9	.7	.8
Fuels .....	104.7	-4.0	-.1	96.0	-	-1.6	107.6	-4.4	.2
Gas (piped) and electricity .....	108.0	-3.9	-.1	95.9	-	-1.6	112.3	-4.3	.3
Electricity .....	105.9	-3.6	.0	96.0	-	-1.6	113.8	-5.6	.0
Utility natural gas service .....	109.2	-6.3	-.7	95.9	-	-1.1	118.0	5.8	1.7
Household furnishings and operations .....	128.1	-.6	-.1	100.9	-	.4	119.7	-1.0	.1
Apparel .....	154.1	3.4	5.3	99.9	-	2.5	136.4	7.7	2.5
Transportation .....	139.0	-3.6	-.4	98.3	-	-.7	137.3	-4.3	-.9
Private transportation .....	138.3	-4.0	-.5	97.9	-	-.8	136.3	-4.4	-.9
Motor fuel .....	92.0	-14.6	-2.5	90.5	-	-1.7	82.8	-17.1	-3.2
Gasoline (all types) .....	91.2	-14.6	-2.6	90.5	-	-1.7	81.7	-17.4	-3.2
Gasoline, unleaded regular <sup>6</sup> .....	88.3	-15.9	-2.9	89.8	-	-2.0	77.3	-18.5	-3.3
Gasoline, unleaded midgrade <sup>6 7</sup> .....	94.0	-13.3	-2.4	91.0	-	-1.6	97.6	-16.7	-2.6
Gasoline, unleaded premium <sup>6</sup> .....	93.9	-13.1	-2.4	91.9	-	-1.4	89.8	-14.5	-3.2
Medical care .....	238.3	2.2	.1	101.1	-	.4	238.2	2.7	.1
Recreation <sup>2</sup> .....	100.7	-	-.1	101.3	-	.3	104.4	-	-.3
Education and communication <sup>2</sup> .....	99.9	-	.0	99.9	-	-.2	99.7	-	.2
Other goods and services .....	208.6	4.0	-1.1	101.1	-	-.3	223.0	6.0	-.9
<b>Commodity and service group</b>									
All items <sup>4</sup> .....	154.7	.8	.3	101.3	.6	.2	158.2	1.3	.1
Commodities .....	141.7	-.6	.2	99.6	-	.1	138.0	-.6	-.1
Commodities less food and beverages .....	132.6	-2.3	.3	99.1	-	.0	129.8	-1.3	-.2
Nondurables less food and beverages .....	134.9	-2.0	.9	98.3	-	.3	129.7	-.8	-.2
Durables .....	129.2	-2.7	-.3	100.1	-	-.3	127.7	-2.0	-.3
Services .....	170.2	2.3	.3	100.7	-	.1	184.3	3.1	.3
<b>Special aggregate indexes</b>									
All items less medical care .....	150.5	.7	.3	100.1	-	.1	152.4	1.2	.1
All items less shelter .....	153.4	.0	.1	99.8	-	.0	153.0	.8	.1
Commodities less food .....	133.5	-2.0	.3	99.1	-	.0	130.2	-1.3	-.2
Nondurables .....	146.2	.0	.4	99.4	-	.2	141.1	-.1	.1
Nondurables less food .....	136.0	-1.6	.8	98.4	-	.3	130.1	-.8	-.3
Services less rent of shelter <sup>5</sup> .....	165.7	1.4	.1	100.1	-	-.1	173.3	2.8	.2
Services less medical care services .....	163.6	2.3	.2	100.7	-	.1	175.8	3.0	.3
Energy .....	97.5	-9.4	-1.3	93.4	-	-1.7	93.1	-10.3	-1.3
All items less energy .....	162.8	1.7	.3	100.8	-	.3	167.8	2.4	.2
All items less food and energy .....	164.2	1.7	.4	100.8	-	.2	171.7	2.9	.2

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)

Item and group	West					
	Size class A			Size class B/C <sup>2</sup>		
	Index	Percent change from—		Index	Percent change from—	
		Mar. 1998	Mar. 1997		Feb. 1998	Mar. 1997
<b>Expenditure category</b>						
All items <sup>4</sup> .....	158.1	1.4	0.1	102.1	0.8	-0.1
All items (December 1977=100) .....	255.9	-	-	-	-	-
Food and beverages .....	163.6	2.3	.1	100.6	-	.2
Food .....	163.0	2.4	.1	100.6	-	.3
Food at home .....	167.4	2.6	.1	100.8	-	.2
Food away from home .....	156.3	2.0	.3	100.2	-	.4
Alcoholic beverages .....	169.3	2.4	-5	99.8	-	-1.0
Housing .....	158.1	3.2	.4	100.6	-	.3
Shelter .....	169.9	4.0	.4	101.0	-	.3
Rent of primary residence .....	175.9	4.4	.4	100.3	-	.0
Owners' equivalent rent of primary residence <sup>5</sup> .....	167.1	3.9	.4	100.1	-	-.1
Fuels and utilities .....	138.3	-1.6	.9	98.6	-	1.2
Fuels .....	128.7	-1.8	1.2	98.3	-	1.7
Gas (piped) and electricity .....	130.7	-1.6	1.2	98.3	-	1.7
Electricity .....	144.6	-5.6	1.7	98.4	-	2.0
Utility natural gas service .....	117.4	8.5	.3	97.8	-	.2
Household furnishings and operations .....	128.4	1.7	.5	100.3	-	-.3
Apparel .....	125.1	1.0	2.0	101.1	-	.3
Transportation .....	138.8	-3.5	-1.2	98.2	-	-1.2
Private transportation .....	135.6	-4.0	-1.5	97.8	-	-1.4
Motor fuel .....	89.0	-17.1	-6.6	87.2	-	-6.6
Gasoline (all types) .....	88.1	-17.1	-6.6	87.1	-	-6.7
Gasoline, unleaded regular <sup>6</sup> .....	84.9	-18.0	-6.9	86.5	-	-7.1
Gasoline, unleaded midgrade <sup>6 7</sup> .....	85.1	-16.9	-6.1	87.4	-	-6.3
Gasoline, unleaded premium <sup>6</sup> .....	91.9	-15.1	-6.0	88.9	-	-5.8
Medical care .....	233.3	2.2	-.1	100.9	-	-.2
Recreation <sup>2</sup> .....	99.3	-	-.3	100.4	-	.1
Education and communication <sup>2</sup> .....	100.3	-	.2	100.9	-	.4
Other goods and services .....	233.6	3.6	-.1	100.8	-	-.3
<b>Commodity and service group</b>						
All items <sup>4</sup> .....	158.1	1.4	.1	102.1	.8	-.1
Commodities .....	140.7	-.4	-.4	99.2	-	-.6
Commodities less food and beverages .....	126.7	-2.4	-.7	98.5	-	-1.0
Nondurables less food and beverages .....	128.8	-3.1	-.8	97.4	-	-1.4
Durables .....	126.9	-1.5	-.6	99.7	-	-.6
Services .....	176.2	2.9	.4	100.9	-	.3
<b>Special aggregate indexes</b>						
All items less medical care .....	154.9	1.4	.0	100.1	-	-.1
All items less shelter .....	154.6	.3	-.1	99.8	-	-.2
Commodities less food .....	128.8	-2.1	-.7	98.5	-	-1.0
Nondurables .....	146.0	-.1	-.3	99.0	-	-.6
Nondurables less food .....	130.1	-2.6	-.8	97.5	-	-1.4
Services less rent of shelter <sup>5</sup> .....	170.6	1.5	.4	100.9	-	.5
Services less medical care services .....	172.2	3.0	.4	101.0	-	.5
Energy .....	102.5	-10.8	-3.2	93.0	-	-2.3
All items less energy .....	164.3	2.2	.2	100.8	-	.2
All items less food and energy .....	164.7	2.2	.2	100.8	-	.1

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

<sup>2</sup> Indexes on a December 1997=100 base.

<sup>3</sup> The 'North Central' region has been renamed the 'Midwest' region by the Census Bureau. It is composed of the same geographic entities.

<sup>4</sup> The 'All items' index size B/C is on a December 1996=100 base.

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

<sup>6</sup> Special index based on a substantially smaller sample.

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

- Data not available.

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

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

(1982-84=100, unless otherwise noted)

Area	Pricing schedule 1	Food at home									
		Indexes				Percent change to Mar. 1998 from—			Percent change to Feb. 1998 from—		
		Dec. 1997	Jan. 1998	Feb. 1998	Mar. 1998	Mar. 1997	Jan. 1998	Feb. 1998	Feb. 1997	Dec. 1997	Jan. 1998
U.S. city average .....	M	158.2	159.9	158.9	159.2	1.6	-0.4	0.2	1.3	0.4	-0.6
<b>Region and area size<sup>2</sup></b>											
Northeast urban .....	M	160.3	162.4	161.0	160.9	.1	-9	-1	.5	.4	-9
Size A - More than 1,500,000 .....	M	159.8	162.1	160.6	160.5	-1	-1.0	-1	.3	.5	-9
Size B/C - 50,000 to 1,500,000 <sup>3</sup> .....	M	100.0	101.1	100.4	100.3	-	-8	-1	-	.4	-7
Midwest urban <sup>4</sup> .....	M	154.4	155.8	155.3	155.9	2.2	.1	.4	1.4	.6	-3
Size A - More than 1,500,000 .....	M	158.2	159.6	158.8	159.4	2.3	-1	.4	1.7	.4	-5
Size B/C - 50,000 to 1,500,000 <sup>3</sup> .....	M	100.0	100.9	100.8	101.2	-	.3	.4	-	.8	-1
Size D - Nonmetropolitan (less than 50,000) .....	M	144.7	145.7	146.0	146.6	2.2	.6	.4	1.4	.9	.2
South urban .....	M	155.3	156.5	155.4	155.8	1.6	-4	.3	1.1	.1	-7
Size A - More than 1,500,000 .....	M	155.5	156.9	155.4	155.4	.9	-1.0	.0	.6	-1	-1.0
Size B/C - 50,000 to 1,500,000 <sup>3</sup> .....	M	100.0	100.8	100.2	100.6	-	-2	.4	-	.2	-6
Size D - Nonmetropolitan (less than 50,000) .....	M	149.3	149.9	148.9	149.9	.8	.0	.7	.3	-3	-7
West urban .....	M	164.2	166.7	165.7	165.9	2.5	-5	.1	2.9	.9	-6
Size A - More than 1,500,000 .....	M	165.6	168.1	167.3	167.4	2.6	-4	.1	2.9	1.0	-5
Size B/C - 50,000 to 1,500,000 <sup>3</sup> .....	M	100.0	101.6	100.6	100.8	-	-8	.2	-	.6	-1.0
<b>Size classes</b>											
A <sup>5</sup> .....	M	146.5	148.3	147.2	147.3	1.4	-7	.1	1.4	.5	-7
B/C <sup>3</sup> .....	M	100.0	101.0	100.4	100.7	-	-3	.3	-	.4	-6
D .....	M	151.1	152.1	151.3	152.3	1.8	.1	.7	1.1	.1	-5
<b>Selected local areas</b>											
Chicago-Gary-Kenosha, IL-IN-WI .....	M	170.1	169.3	169.2	171.0	3.2	1.0	1.1	2.3	-.5	-1
Los Angeles-Riverside-Orange County, CA ..	M	170.2	172.8	170.8	171.7	1.7	-6	.5	1.7	.4	-1.2
New York-Northern N.J.-Long Island, NY-NJ-CT-PA .....	M	162.3	163.8	163.1	162.9	-1	-5	-1	.4	.5	-4
Boston-Brockton-Nashua, MA-NH-ME-CT ....	1	155.1	160.3	158.0	158.3	1.5	-1.2	.2	1.8	1.9	-1.4
Cleveland-Akron, OH .....	1	153.6	157.3	159.3	155.5	2.2	-1.1	-2.4	3.9	3.7	1.3
Dallas-Fort Worth, TX .....	1	149.7	148.0	147.2	147.1	.8	-6	-1	.5	-1.7	-5
Washington-Baltimore, DC-MD-VA-WV <sup>3</sup> .....	1	100.0	101.4	100.3	99.8	-	-1.6	-5	-	.3	-1.1
Atlanta, GA .....	2	155.2	157.0	156.3	155.7	-	-8	-4	-	.7	-4
Detroit-Ann Arbor-Flint, MI .....	2	150.9	152.5	152.0	152.8	2.7	.2	.5	1.2	.7	-3
Houston-Galveston-Brazoria, TX .....	2	154.3	159.3	155.6	157.9	2.1	-9	1.5	-1	.8	-2.3
Miami-Fort Lauderdale, FL .....	2	162.5	164.7	163.3	162.1	-1	-1.6	-7	2.8	.5	-9
Philadelphia-Wilmington-Atlantic City, PA-NJ-DE-MD .....	2	160.0	162.8	159.7	159.9	-1.1	-1.8	.1	-9	-2	-1.9
San Francisco-Oakland-San Jose, CA .....	2	168.3	171.4	171.0	169.3	2.5	-1.2	-1.0	3.9	1.6	-2
Seattle-Tacoma-Bremerton, WA .....	2	160.3	163.9	165.9	165.7	-	1.1	-1	-	3.5	1.2

<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> Indexes on a December 1997=100 base.

<sup>4</sup> The 'North Central' region has been renamed the 'Midwest' region by the Census Bureau. It is composed of the same geographic entities.

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

- Data not available.

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

**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**

(1982-84=100, unless otherwise noted)

Item and group	U.S. city average			Chicago-Gary-Kenosha, IL-IN-WI			Los Angeles-Riverside-Orange County, CA			New York-Northern N.J.-Long Island, NY-NJ-CT-PA		
	Index	Percent change from—		Index	Percent change from—		Index	Percent change from—		Index	Percent change from—	
		Mar. 1998	Mar. 1997		Feb. 1998	Mar. 1998		Mar. 1997	Feb. 1998		Mar. 1998	Mar. 1997
<b>Expenditure category</b>												
All items .....	158.7	1.1	0.1	158.3	1.7	0.6	155.1	0.6	0.1	168.2	1.0	0.0
All items (1967=100) .....	472.7	-	-	464.9	-	-	458.4	-	-	479.0	-	-
Food and beverages .....	159.4	1.9	.1	164.1	2.6	.6	166.2	1.8	.4	163.6	1.0	.0
Food .....	159.1	1.9	.2	163.5	3.0	.6	164.3	1.8	.6	163.1	.8	.0
Food at home .....	159.2	1.6	.2	171.0	3.2	1.1	171.7	1.7	.5	162.9	-.1	-.1
Food away from home .....	159.9	2.5	.2	149.4	2.5	-.1	153.0	2.0	.5	166.9	2.4	.4
Alcoholic beverages .....	164.0	1.5	.1	171.9	-1.8	-.5	181.8	1.0	-1.7	170.0	2.9	-.1
Housing .....	155.5	2.0	.3	153.6	2.9	.7	152.8	2.2	.3	168.4	1.9	.1
Shelter .....	175.2	3.1	.3	177.7	5.1	.4	160.8	2.6	.2	197.2	3.3	.3
Rent of primary residence .....	170.0	3.2	.2	188.1	4.3	.4	162.4	2.4	.3	188.5	3.4	.1
Owners' equivalent rent of primary residence <sup>1</sup> .....	169.5	3.2	.2	178.2	5.1	.3	159.6	2.9	.3	188.0	3.4	.2
Fuels and utilities .....	126.9	-2.1	-.2	122.5	-3.3	3.0	144.9	-3.0	.1	113.5	-3.8	-.9
Fuels .....	111.9	-3.9	-.3	110.3	-3.7	3.5	140.1	-3.0	.1	112.5	-4.7	-1.0
Gas (piped) and electricity .....	118.9	-3.3	-.3	113.8	-3.6	3.5	140.5	-2.9	.1	122.6	-3.1	-.9
Electricity .....	123.8	-4.1	-.2	124.4	-1.2	4.4	153.6	-8.0	.1	123.4	-2.8	-.8
Utility natural gas service .....	112.5	-2.1	-.3	102.3	-7.9	2.2	131.0	9.5	.0	121.3	-3.5	-1.0
Household furnishings and operations .....	125.0	.9	.2	110.8	-1.4	-.6	125.1	2.1	.9	126.3	-.8	.8
Apparel .....	133.0	-.6	2.0	119.3	-2.8	2.4	127.3	2.3	3.4	124.6	-.4	.5
Transportation .....	139.9	-3.0	-.7	134.2	-3.2	-.3	135.1	-4.7	-1.2	151.2	-2.8	-.7
Private transportation .....	137.2	-3.3	-.9	131.3	-3.7	-.3	131.3	-5.3	-1.5	143.6	-3.3	-1.0
Motor fuel .....	91.0	-14.4	-3.3	91.2	-14.0	-1.4	82.5	-20.3	-7.0	88.3	-13.1	-4.7
Gasoline (all types) .....	90.5	-14.4	-3.3	90.4	-14.1	-1.4	80.6	-20.4	-6.9	88.0	-13.1	-4.8
Gasoline, unleaded regular <sup>2</sup> .....	88.0	-15.1	-3.4	87.8	-15.3	-1.6	77.9	-21.5	-7.4	86.7	-13.7	-5.0
Gasoline, unleaded midgrade <sup>2 3</sup> .....	95.3	-13.7	-3.0	97.6	-12.5	-1.5	79.0	-20.4	-6.6	91.1	-12.6	-4.0
Gasoline, unleaded premium <sup>2</sup> .....	93.0	-13.0	-3.0	93.0	-12.5	-.7	83.5	-18.1	-6.3	90.1	-12.2	-4.5
Medical care .....	239.1	2.7	.2	246.4	3.0	1.0	231.6	.9	-.3	251.5	3.1	.2
Recreation <sup>4</sup> .....	101.0	1.6	.3	100.7	-	.0	100.1	-	-.2	102.7	-	.8
Education and communication <sup>4</sup> .....	100.0	2.5	.2	104.1	-	2.6	99.9	-	.3	99.2	-	.1
Other goods and services .....	229.3	5.2	-.6	241.9	6.4	-.6	229.7	1.7	-.7	243.4	7.4	-.1
<b>Commodity and service group</b>												
All items .....	158.7	1.1	.1	158.3	1.7	.6	155.1	.6	.1	168.2	1.0	.0
Commodities .....	141.1	-.6	-.1	140.0	-.6	.1	139.6	-.7	-.1	144.6	-.1	-.2
Commodities less food and beverages .....	130.1	-2.3	-.3	125.3	-2.7	-.1	123.8	-2.4	-.4	129.8	-3.0	-.4
Nondurables less food and beverages .....	131.2	-2.7	-.2	132.1	-2.4	.2	125.3	-3.7	-.3	129.3	-3.3	-.8
Durables .....	127.3	-1.8	-.3	116.9	-3.5	-.4	123.0	-1.0	-.5	127.9	-2.2	.6
Services .....	179.6	2.5	.3	178.7	3.7	.9	171.3	1.6	.2	193.2	2.5	.2
<b>Special aggregate indexes</b>												
All items less medical care .....	154.9	.9	.1	154.1	1.7	.6	152.0	.6	.1	164.9	.9	.1
All items less shelter .....	154.2	.3	.1	152.8	.5	.7	153.9	-.3	.0	158.3	-.1	-.1
Commodities less food .....	131.5	-2.0	-.2	127.4	-2.7	-.2	126.8	-2.2	-.5	131.5	-2.7	-.4
Nondurables .....	145.6	-.3	.0	148.6	.3	.4	146.9	-.5	.1	147.8	-.9	-.3
Nondurables less food .....	133.2	-2.3	-.2	134.9	-2.4	.1	130.4	-3.1	-.4	131.8	-2.7	-.7
Services less rent of shelter <sup>1</sup> .....	169.6	2.0	.2	167.9	2.2	1.4	171.5	.4	.2	171.7	1.5	.2
Services less medical care services .....	174.1	2.5	.3	172.5	3.7	.9	167.2	1.8	.3	188.6	2.4	.2
Energy .....	100.8	-8.9	-1.6	100.1	-8.6	1.4	100.9	-13.0	-3.8	102.7	-7.6	-2.2
All items less energy .....	166.7	2.0	.2	166.4	2.6	.5	161.1	1.5	.3	176.3	1.6	.2
All items less food and energy .....	168.6	1.9	.2	166.9	2.4	.4	160.6	1.4	.2	180.1	1.8	.3

<sup>1</sup> Indexes on a December 1984=100 base  
<sup>2</sup> Special index based on a substantially smaller sample.  
<sup>3</sup> Indexes on a December 1993=100 base.

<sup>4</sup> Indexes on a December 1997=100 base.  
 - Data not available.

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

**Table 23. Consumer Price Index for Urban Wage Earners and Clerical Workers (CPI-W): Selected areas, by expenditure category and commodity and service group**

(1982-84=100, unless otherwise noted)

Item and group	Monthly cities and pricing schedule 1 <sup>1</sup>								
	U.S. city average			Boston-Brockton-Nashua, MA-NH-ME-CT			Chicago-Gary-Kenosha, IL-IN-WI		
	Index	Percent change from—		Index	Percent change from—		Index	Percent change from—	
		Mar. 1998	Mar. 1997		Jan. 1998	Mar. 1998		Mar. 1997	Jan. 1998
<b>Expenditure category</b>									
All items <sup>3</sup> .....	158.7	1.1	0.2	169.3	1.5	0.0	158.3	1.7	0.6
All items (1967=100) .....	472.7	-	-	489.3	-	-	464.9	-	-
Food and beverages <sup>3</sup> .....	159.4	1.9	-1	161.9	2.2	-5	164.1	2.6	.6
Food <sup>3</sup> .....	159.1	1.9	-1	162.5	2.7	-6	163.5	3.0	.6
Food at home .....	159.2	1.6	-4	158.3	1.5	-1.2	171.0	3.2	1.0
Food away from home <sup>4</sup> .....	159.9	2.5	.4	171.9	4.6	.5	149.4	2.5	-1
Alcoholic beverages <sup>4</sup> .....	164.0	1.5	.2	158.3	-1.9	-3	171.9	-1.8	-6
Housing <sup>3</sup> .....	155.5	2.0	.5	163.3	.6	.0	153.6	2.9	.7
Shelter .....	175.2	3.1	.7	190.8	2.6	.4	177.7	5.1	.8
Rent of primary residence <sup>3</sup> .....	170.0	3.2	.5	181.8	3.8	.6	188.1	4.3	.5
Owners' equivalent rent of primary residence <sup>5</sup> .....	169.5	3.2	.5	172.5	2.7	.2	178.2	5.1	.6
Fuels and utilities .....	126.9	-2.1	-1.3	126.0	-6.5	-3.9	122.5	-3.3	-1.4
Fuels .....	111.9	-3.9	-1.8	107.8	-8.4	-4.4	110.3	-3.7	-1.6
Gas (piped) and electricity .....	118.9	-3.3	-1.7	132.1	-7.4	-4.7	113.8	-3.6	-1.6
Electricity .....	123.8	-4.1	-1.4	131.2	-7.9	-6.8	124.4	-1.2	.0
Utility natural gas service .....	112.5	-2.1	-2.6	131.9	-6.3	-1.3	102.3	-7.9	-3.9
Household furnishings and operations .....	125.0	.9	.7	115.1	-3.2	1.8	110.8	-1.4	2.2
Apparel <sup>3</sup> .....	133.0	-6	3.3	153.3	4.4	5.2	119.3	-2.8	3.0
Transportation <sup>3</sup> .....	139.9	-3.0	-1.3	141.6	-2.6	-2.2	134.2	-3.2	-4
Private transportation .....	137.2	-3.3	-1.5	140.9	-3.5	-2.6	131.3	-3.7	-6
Motor fuel .....	91.0	-14.4	-6.8	94.1	-15.0	-7.7	91.2	-14.0	-3.7
Gasoline (all types) .....	90.5	-14.4	-6.8	92.9	-14.6	-7.7	90.4	-14.1	-3.7
Gasoline, unleaded regular <sup>6</sup> .....	88.0	-15.1	-7.2	89.7	-15.9	-8.8	87.8	-15.3	-4.8
Gasoline, unleaded midgrade <sup>6 7</sup> .....	95.3	-13.7	-6.3	96.9	-13.5	-6.2	97.6	-12.5	-2.4
Gasoline, unleaded premium <sup>6</sup> .....	93.0	-13.0	-6.2	96.4	-12.7	-6.0	93.0	-12.5	-2.4
Medical care <sup>3</sup> .....	239.1	2.7	.7	299.2	6.2	1.8	246.4	3.0	1.2
Recreation <sup>8</sup> .....	101.0	1.6	.7	105.5	-	2.0	100.7	-	.6
Education and communication <sup>8</sup> .....	100.0	2.5	.0	98.9	-	-1.2	104.1	-	2.8
Other goods and services <sup>3</sup> .....	229.3	5.2	.5	239.0	5.6	.1	241.9	6.4	.4
<b>Commodity and service group</b>									
All items <sup>3</sup> .....	158.7	1.1	.2	169.3	1.5	.0	158.3	1.7	.6
Commodities .....	141.1	-6	-2	144.7	.8	.2	140.0	-6	.4
Commodities less food and beverages .....	130.1	-2.3	-3	134.3	-1	.7	125.3	-2.7	.3
Nondurables less food and beverages .....	131.2	-2.7	-2	136.7	-9	1.1	132.1	-2.4	.6
Durables .....	127.3	-1.8	-3	130.1	.8	.1	116.9	-3.5	.1
Services .....	179.6	2.5	.5	196.7	1.9	-2	178.7	3.7	.9
<b>Special aggregate indexes</b>									
All items less medical care <sup>3</sup> .....	154.9	.9	.1	163.6	1.2	-1	154.1	1.7	.7
All items less shelter .....	154.2	.3	.0	163.7	1.0	-2	152.8	.5	.6
Commodities less food .....	131.5	-2.0	-2	135.1	-3	.7	127.4	-2.7	.3
Nondurables .....	145.6	-3	-2	148.5	.7	.3	148.6	.3	.6
Nondurables less food .....	133.2	-2.3	-2	137.1	-1.1	1.0	134.9	-2.4	.5
Services less rent of shelter <sup>5</sup> .....	169.6	2.0	.3	190.4	1.2	-9	167.9	2.2	.8
Services less medical care services .....	174.1	2.5	.5	187.7	1.4	-4	172.5	3.7	.8
Energy <sup>3</sup> .....	100.8	-8.9	-4.0	101.9	-11.1	-5.7	100.1	-8.6	-2.5
All items less energy .....	166.7	2.0	.5	179.6	2.6	.4	166.4	2.6	.9
All items less food and energy <sup>3</sup> .....	168.6	1.9	.7	184.2	2.6	.7	166.9	2.4	.9

See footnotes at end of table.



**Table 23. Consumer Price Index for Urban Wage Earners and Clerical Workers (CPI-W): Selected areas, by expenditure category and commodity and service group-Continued**

(1982-84=100, unless otherwise noted)

Item and group	Monthly cities and pricing schedule 1 <sup>1</sup>								
	Cleveland-Akron, OH			Dallas-Fort Worth, TX			Los Angeles-Riverside-Orange County, CA		
	Index	Percent change from—		Index	Percent change from—		Index	Percent change from—	
		Mar. 1998	Mar. 1997		Jan. 1998	Mar. 1998		Mar. 1997	Jan. 1998
<b>Expenditure category</b>									
All items <sup>3</sup> .....	150.1	1.8	0.1	152.8	-	0.4	155.1	0.6	0.0
All items (1967=100) .....	469.0	-	-	471.0	-	-	458.4	-	-
Food and beverages <sup>3</sup> .....	160.0	2.4	-.6	158.0	-	.1	166.2	1.8	-.2
Food <sup>3</sup> .....	161.2	2.6	-.6	155.8	-	-.2	164.3	1.8	-.1
Food at home .....	155.5	2.2	-1.1	147.1	0.8	-.6	171.7	1.7	-.6
Food away from home <sup>4</sup> .....	172.8	3.1	.2	171.4	-	.6	153.0	2.0	.9
Alcoholic beverages <sup>4</sup> .....	147.7	-.7	.2	182.9	-	2.0	181.8	1.0	-1.0
Housing <sup>3</sup> .....	145.5	3.5	1.0	140.2	-	.4	152.8	2.2	.3
Shelter .....	159.3	5.4	1.9	150.4	-	.9	160.8	2.6	.8
Rent of primary residence <sup>3</sup> .....	169.3	6.1	1.3	147.9	5.3	.7	162.4	2.4	.4
Owners' equivalent rent of primary residence <sup>5</sup> .....	164.3	5.9	1.2	144.1	5.1	.6	159.6	2.9	.7
Fuels and utilities .....	125.8	-3.5	-1.0	121.9	-	-1.5	144.9	-3.0	-5.0
Fuels .....	119.8	-5.9	-1.3	113.6	-3.7	-2.2	140.1	-3.0	-6.7
Gas (piped) and electricity .....	121.7	-6.0	-1.4	112.7	-3.6	-2.1	140.5	-2.9	-6.8
Electricity .....	133.0	-.3	1.1	111.9	-2.4	.3	153.6	-8.0	-8.8
Utility natural gas service .....	112.0	-11.4	-4.4	107.9	-13.7	-13.0	131.0	9.5	-2.4
Household furnishings and operations .....	127.6	2.3	-1.5	128.4	-	-.6	125.1	2.1	1.1
Apparel <sup>3</sup> .....	124.0	-1.2	-1.4	139.3	-	9.0	127.3	2.3	7.9
Transportation <sup>3</sup> .....	137.0	-.7	-.2	143.7	-	-.6	135.1	-4.7	-2.7
Private transportation .....	136.6	-.2	-.4	144.1	-	-.8	131.3	-5.3	-3.0
Motor fuel .....	97.1	-12.4	-2.5	91.6	-13.6	-6.1	82.5	-20.3	-15.3
Gasoline (all types) .....	96.2	-12.5	-2.5	91.1	-13.8	-6.2	80.6	-20.4	-15.3
Gasoline, unleaded regular <sup>6</sup> .....	94.7	-13.0	-3.1	87.4	-15.2	-6.6	77.9	-21.5	-16.2
Gasoline, unleaded midgrade <sup>6 7</sup> .....	99.1	-11.9	-1.6	93.8	-12.3	-5.3	79.0	-20.4	-15.0
Gasoline, unleaded premium <sup>6</sup> .....	99.9	-11.2	-1.5	94.3	-11.6	-5.6	83.5	-18.1	-13.7
Medical care <sup>3</sup> .....	208.5	-.1	.0	232.1	-	-.3	231.6	.9	.3
Recreation <sup>8</sup> .....	99.5	-	-1.5	99.7	-	-.2	100.1	-	.9
Education and communication <sup>8</sup> .....	98.8	-	-1.1	98.8	-	.2	99.9	-	.3
Other goods and services <sup>3</sup> .....	212.8	6.1	1.5	212.0	-	-.7	229.7	1.7	-.8
<b>Commodity and service group</b>									
All items <sup>3</sup> .....	150.1	1.8	.1	152.8	-	.4	155.1	.6	.0
Commodities .....	137.7	.1	-.8	141.8	-	.4	139.6	-.7	-.4
Commodities less food and beverages .....	125.3	-1.3	-1.0	132.2	-	.6	123.8	-2.4	-.6
Nondurables less food and beverages .....	132.5	-2.1	-1.1	128.9	-	1.0	125.3	-3.7	-.9
Durables .....	116.6	-.4	-.8	136.9	-	.4	123.0	-1.0	-.3
Services .....	165.0	3.4	1.0	165.3	-	.3	171.3	1.6	.4
<b>Special aggregate indexes</b>									
All items less medical care <sup>3</sup> .....	147.5	1.9	.0	148.6	-	.4	152.0	.6	.0
All items less shelter .....	149.1	.5	-.6	154.1	-	.2	153.9	-.3	-.4
Commodities less food .....	126.2	-1.3	-.9	134.1	-	.8	126.8	-2.2	-.6
Nondurables .....	146.8	.3	-.8	143.5	-	.5	146.9	-.5	-.4
Nondurables less food .....	133.2	-2.1	-1.0	132.1	-	1.1	130.4	-3.1	-.8
Services less rent of shelter <sup>5</sup> .....	159.7	1.5	.0	169.2	-	-.2	171.5	.4	-.2
Services less medical care services .....	161.5	3.8	1.0	158.7	-	.3	167.2	1.8	.4
Energy <sup>3</sup> .....	109.6	-9.0	-1.8	101.3	-8.7	-4.0	100.9	-13.0	-11.5
All items less energy .....	156.0	2.8	.2	161.3	-	.7	161.1	1.5	.8
All items less food and energy <sup>3</sup> .....	155.0	2.9	.4	162.7	-	.9	160.6	1.4	.9

See footnotes at end of table.

**Table 23. Consumer Price Index for Urban Wage Earners and Clerical Workers (CPI-W): Selected areas, by expenditure category and commodity and service group-Continued**

(1982-84=100, unless otherwise noted)

Item and group	Monthly cities and pricing schedule 1 <sup>1</sup>					
	New York-Northern N.J.-Long Island, NY-NJ-CT-PA			Washington-Baltimore, DC-MD-VA-WV <sup>2</sup>		
	Index	Percent change from—		Index	Percent change from—	
		Mar. 1998	Mar. 1997		Jan. 1998	Mar. 1997
<b>Expenditure category</b>						
All items <sup>3</sup> .....	168.2	1.0	0.3	101.3	0.5	0.5
All items (1967=100) .....	479.0	-	-	-	-	-
Food and beverages <sup>3</sup> .....	163.6	1.0	-2	101.1	1.1	-6
Food <sup>3</sup> .....	163.1	.8	-2	101.0	1.1	-7
Food at home .....	162.9	-1	-5	99.8	-	-1.6
Food away from home <sup>4</sup> .....	166.9	2.4	.6	101.0	-	.5
Alcoholic beverages <sup>4</sup> .....	170.0	2.9	-1	100.5	-	.6
Housing <sup>3</sup> .....	168.4	1.9	.5	101.6	1.1	.7
Shelter .....	197.2	3.3	.6	102.0	-	.9
Rent of primary residence <sup>3</sup> .....	188.5	3.4	.5	101.8	2.0	.5
Owners' equivalent rent of primary residence <sup>5</sup> .....	188.0	3.4	.4	101.3	-	.6
Fuels and utilities .....	113.5	-3.8	-1.8	99.5	-	-4
Fuels .....	112.5	-4.7	-2.0	99.5	-	-4
Gas (piped) and electricity .....	122.6	-3.1	-1.8	99.6	-	-3
Electricity .....	123.4	-2.8	-1.4	100.2	-	-1
Utility natural gas service .....	121.3	-3.5	-2.5	96.4	-	-1.6
Household furnishings and operations .....	126.3	-8	2.9	104.0	-	.7
Apparel <sup>3</sup> .....	124.6	-4.4	3.7	106.1	4.9	12.9
Transportation <sup>3</sup> .....	151.2	-2.8	-9	98.0	-3.0	-1.2
Private transportation .....	143.6	-3.3	-1.4	98.1	-	-1.4
Motor fuel .....	88.3	-13.1	-7.7	88.9	-	-8.4
Gasoline (all types) .....	88.0	-13.1	-7.7	88.8	-	-8.5
Gasoline, unleaded regular <sup>6</sup> .....	86.7	-13.7	-8.4	87.8	-	-8.8
Gasoline, unleaded midgrade <sup>6,7</sup> .....	91.1	-12.6	-6.9	89.8	-	-8.2
Gasoline, unleaded premium <sup>6</sup> .....	90.1	-12.2	-6.8	90.2	-	-7.9
Medical care <sup>3</sup> .....	251.5	3.1	.8	103.5	1.5	.2
Recreation <sup>8</sup> .....	102.7	-	2.0	101.2	-	-2
Education and communication <sup>8</sup> .....	99.2	-	-8	99.9	-	-1
Other goods and services <sup>3</sup> .....	243.4	7.4	.7	105.0	2.7	-5
<b>Commodity and service group</b>						
All items <sup>3</sup> .....	168.2	1.0	.3	101.3	.5	.5
Commodities .....	144.6	-1.1	.1	100.8	-	.5
Commodities less food and beverages .....	129.8	-3.0	.3	101.1	-	1.2
Nondurables less food and beverages .....	129.3	-3.3	.2	101.7	-	2.4
Durables .....	127.9	-2.2	.5	100.3	-	-3
Services .....	193.2	2.5	.5	101.4	-	.6
<b>Special aggregate indexes</b>						
All items less medical care <sup>3</sup> .....	164.9	.9	.3	101.2	.5	.5
All items less shelter .....	158.3	-1	.2	100.8	-	.4
Commodities less food .....	131.5	-2.7	.3	101.0	-	1.1
Nondurables .....	147.8	-9	.0	100.9	-	.7
Nondurables less food .....	131.8	-2.7	.3	101.6	-	2.2
Services less rent of shelter <sup>5</sup> .....	171.7	1.5	.5	100.8	-	.3
Services less medical care services .....	188.6	2.4	.5	101.4	-	.6
Energy <sup>3</sup> .....	102.7	-7.6	-3.9	91.8	-9.8	-4.5
All items less energy .....	176.3	1.6	.7	101.6	-	.9
All items less food and energy <sup>3</sup> .....	180.1	1.8	.8	102.3	1.4	1.2

1 Areas on pricing schedule 2 (see Table 10) will appear next month.  
2 For Washington-Baltimore, indexes are on a December 1997=100 base unless otherwise noted.  
3 For Washington-Baltimore, index is on a November 1996=100 base.  
4 For Washington-Baltimore, index is on a November 1997=100 base.  
5 Indexes on a December 1984=100 base

6 Special index based on a substantially smaller sample.  
7 Indexes on a December 1993=100 base.  
8 Indexes on a December 1997=100 base.  
- Data not available.  
NOTE: Index applies to a month as a whole, not to any specific date.

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

(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.
1913	9.8	9.8	9.8	9.8	9.7	9.8	9.9	9.9	10.0	10.0	10.1	10.0	-	-	9.9	-	-
1914	10.0	9.9	9.9	9.8	9.9	9.9	10.0	10.2	10.2	10.1	10.2	10.1	-	-	10.0	1.0	1.0
1915	10.1	10.0	9.9	10.0	10.1	10.1	10.1	10.1	10.1	10.2	10.3	10.3	-	-	10.1	2.0	1.0
1916	10.4	10.4	10.5	10.6	10.7	10.8	10.8	10.9	11.1	11.3	11.5	11.6	-	-	10.9	12.6	7.9
1917	11.7	12.0	12.0	12.6	12.8	13.0	12.8	13.0	13.3	13.5	13.5	13.7	-	-	12.8	18.1	17.4
1918	14.0	14.1	14.0	14.2	14.5	14.7	15.1	15.4	15.7	16.0	16.3	16.5	-	-	15.1	20.4	18.0
1919	16.5	16.2	16.4	16.7	16.9	16.9	17.4	17.7	17.8	18.1	18.5	18.9	-	-	17.3	14.5	14.6
1920	19.3	19.5	19.7	20.3	20.6	20.9	20.8	20.3	20.0	19.9	19.8	19.4	-	-	20.0	2.6	15.6
1921	19.0	18.4	18.3	18.1	17.7	17.6	17.7	17.7	17.5	17.5	17.4	17.3	-	-	17.9	-10.8	-10.5
1922	16.9	16.9	16.7	16.7	16.7	16.7	16.8	16.6	16.6	16.7	16.8	16.9	-	-	16.8	-2.3	-6.1
1923	16.8	16.8	16.8	16.9	16.9	17.0	17.2	17.1	17.2	17.3	17.3	17.3	-	-	17.1	2.4	1.8
1924	17.3	17.2	17.1	17.0	17.0	17.0	17.1	17.0	17.1	17.2	17.2	17.3	-	-	17.1	.0	.0
1925	17.3	17.2	17.3	17.2	17.3	17.5	17.7	17.7	17.7	17.7	18.0	17.9	-	-	17.5	3.5	2.3
1926	17.9	17.9	17.8	17.9	17.8	17.7	17.5	17.4	17.5	17.6	17.7	17.7	-	-	17.7	-1.1	1.1
1927	17.5	17.4	17.3	17.3	17.4	17.6	17.3	17.2	17.3	17.4	17.3	17.3	-	-	17.4	-2.3	-1.7
1928	17.3	17.1	17.1	17.1	17.2	17.1	17.1	17.1	17.3	17.2	17.2	17.1	-	-	17.1	-1.2	-1.7
1929	17.1	17.1	17.0	16.9	17.0	17.1	17.3	17.3	17.3	17.3	17.3	17.2	-	-	17.1	.6	.0
1930	17.1	17.0	16.9	17.0	16.9	16.8	16.6	16.5	16.6	16.5	16.4	16.1	-	-	16.7	-6.4	-2.3
1931	15.9	15.7	15.6	15.5	15.3	15.1	15.1	15.1	15.0	14.9	14.7	14.6	-	-	15.2	-9.3	-9.0
1932	14.3	14.1	14.0	13.9	13.7	13.6	13.6	13.5	13.4	13.3	13.2	13.1	-	-	13.7	-10.3	-9.9
1933	12.9	12.7	12.6	12.6	12.6	12.7	13.1	13.2	13.2	13.2	13.2	13.2	-	-	13.0	.8	-5.1
1934	13.2	13.3	13.3	13.3	13.3	13.4	13.4	13.4	13.6	13.5	13.5	13.4	-	-	13.4	1.5	3.1
1935	13.6	13.7	13.7	13.8	13.8	13.7	13.7	13.7	13.7	13.7	13.8	13.8	-	-	13.7	3.0	2.2
1936	13.8	13.8	13.7	13.7	13.7	13.8	13.9	14.0	14.0	14.0	14.0	14.0	-	-	13.9	1.4	1.5
1937	14.1	14.1	14.2	14.3	14.4	14.4	14.5	14.5	14.6	14.6	14.5	14.4	-	-	14.4	2.9	3.6
1938	14.2	14.1	14.1	14.2	14.1	14.1	14.1	14.1	14.1	14.1	14.0	14.0	-	-	14.1	-2.8	-2.1
1939	14.0	13.9	13.9	13.8	13.8	13.8	13.8	13.8	14.1	14.0	14.0	14.0	-	-	13.9	.0	-1.4
1940	13.9	14.0	14.0	14.0	14.0	14.1	14.0	14.0	14.0	14.0	14.0	14.1	-	-	14.0	.7	.7
1941	14.1	14.1	14.2	14.3	14.4	14.7	14.7	14.9	15.1	15.3	15.4	15.5	-	-	14.7	9.9	5.0
1942	15.7	15.8	16.0	16.1	16.3	16.3	16.4	16.5	16.5	16.7	16.8	16.9	-	-	16.3	9.0	10.9
1943	16.9	16.9	17.2	17.4	17.5	17.5	17.4	17.3	17.4	17.4	17.4	17.4	-	-	17.3	3.0	6.1
1944	17.4	17.4	17.4	17.5	17.5	17.6	17.7	17.7	17.7	17.7	17.7	17.8	-	-	17.6	2.3	1.7
1945	17.8	17.8	17.8	17.8	17.9	18.1	18.1	18.1	18.1	18.1	18.1	18.2	-	-	18.0	.4	-4
1946	18.2	18.1	18.3	18.4	18.5	18.7	19.8	20.2	20.4	20.8	21.3	21.5	-	-	19.5	18.1	8.3
1947	21.5	21.5	21.9	21.9	21.9	22.0	22.2	22.5	23.0	23.0	23.1	23.4	-	-	22.3	8.8	14.4
1948	23.7	23.5	23.4	23.8	23.9	24.1	24.4	24.5	24.5	24.4	24.2	24.1	-	-	24.1	3.0	8.1
1949	24.0	23.8	23.8	23.9	23.8	23.9	23.7	23.8	23.9	23.7	23.8	23.6	-	-	23.8	-2.1	-1.2
1950	23.5	23.5	23.6	23.6	23.7	23.8	24.1	24.3	24.4	24.6	24.7	25.0	-	-	24.1	5.9	1.3
1951	25.4	25.7	25.8	25.8	25.9	25.9	25.9	25.9	26.1	26.2	26.4	26.5	-	-	26.0	6.0	7.9
1952	26.5	26.3	26.3	26.4	26.4	26.5	26.7	26.7	26.7	26.7	26.7	26.7	-	-	26.5	.8	1.9
1953	26.6	26.5	26.6	26.6	26.7	26.8	26.8	26.9	26.9	27.0	26.9	26.9	-	-	26.7	.7	.8
1954	26.9	26.9	26.9	26.8	26.9	26.9	26.9	26.9	26.8	26.8	26.8	26.7	-	-	26.9	-7	.7
1955	26.7	26.7	26.7	26.7	26.7	26.7	26.8	26.8	26.9	26.9	26.9	26.8	-	-	26.8	.4	-4
1956	26.8	26.8	26.8	26.9	27.0	27.2	27.4	27.3	27.4	27.5	27.5	27.6	-	-	27.2	3.0	1.5
1957	27.6	27.7	27.8	27.9	28.0	28.1	28.3	28.3	28.3	28.3	28.4	28.4	-	-	28.1	2.9	3.3
1958	28.6	28.6	28.8	28.9	28.9	28.9	29.0	28.9	28.9	28.9	29.0	28.9	-	-	28.9	1.8	2.8
1959	29.0	28.9	28.9	29.0	29.0	29.1	29.2	29.2	29.3	29.4	29.4	29.4	-	-	29.1	1.7	.7
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

See footnotes at end of table.

**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.
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	157.8	158.3	158.6	158.6	155.8	157.9	156.9	3.3	3.0
1997	159.1	159.6	160.0	160.2	160.1	160.3	160.5	160.8	161.2	161.6	161.5	161.3	159.9	161.2	160.5	1.7	2.3
1998	161.6	161.9	162.2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

- Data not available.

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

**Table 25. Historical Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers (CPI-U): U.S. city average, by commodity and service group and detailed expenditure categories**

(1982-84=100, unless otherwise noted)

Item and group	Unadjusted indexes										Mar. 1998
	December										
	1988	1989	1990	1991	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997	
<b>Expenditure category</b>											
All items .....	120.5	126.1	133.8	137.9	141.9	145.8	149.7	153.5	158.6	161.3	162.2
All items (1967=100) .....	360.9	377.6	400.9	413.0	425.2	436.8	448.4	459.9	475.0	483.2	485.8
<b>Food and beverages</b> .....	120.6	127.2	133.9	137.3	139.5	143.3	147.2	150.3	156.6	159.1	160.1
<b>Food</b> .....	120.7	127.4	134.2	136.7	138.7	142.7	146.8	149.9	156.3	158.7	159.7
Food at home .....	119.1	126.5	133.8	135.5	137.5	142.3	147.3	150.3	157.7	159.2	160.2
Cereals and bakery products .....	126.6	136.1	142.4	147.4	153.3	158.9	164.2	169.5	175.7	178.4	179.6
Cereals and cereal products .....	127.2	136.5	143.7	148.8	154.4	159.6	164.5	168.6	166.6	169.6	170.1
Flour and prepared flour mixes .....	113.1	121.2	124.0	123.5	130.2	129.9	132.3	140.6	151.2	150.6	157.8
Breakfast cereal .....	138.8	152.4	163.5	171.4	178.1	186.5	191.0	194.1	186.0	189.0	188.1
Rice, pasta, cornmeal .....	118.4	120.1	122.7	126.3	128.9	131.7	139.5	142.8	144.0	149.8	149.8
Rice <sup>1 2</sup> .....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.0	99.5
Bakery products .....	126.1	135.6	141.5	146.4	152.5	158.2	163.8	169.6	179.8	182.3	183.8
Bread <sup>1</sup> .....	125.5	133.2	138.3	140.4	146.1	156.2	160.4	169.3	183.4	186.2	185.1
White bread <sup>2</sup> .....	123.5	132.2	137.5	143.8	151.6	157.0	162.4	171.6	180.7	186.9	187.7
Bread other than white <sup>2</sup> .....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.0	100.9
Fresh biscuits, rolls, muffins <sup>1</sup> .....	128.7	139.0	147.2	154.2	157.7	163.2	169.2	171.6	178.8	180.1	181.1
Cakes, cupcakes, and cookies .....	129.8	140.2	148.0	155.4	157.5	163.9	170.1	174.2	180.5	182.3	181.7
Cookies <sup>2</sup> .....	125.4	132.9	139.4	144.8	151.0	156.3	165.2	169.8	175.6	178.6	180.2
Fresh cakes and cupcakes <sup>2</sup> .....	126.3	137.5	141.8	147.6	154.9	158.0	163.1	168.0	178.1	178.8	182.3
Other bakery products .....	122.8	132.2	137.1	142.0	146.8	155.1	159.5	168.9	173.8	177.2	174.1
Fresh sweetrolls, coffeecakes, doughnuts <sup>2</sup> .....	130.8	147.5	159.3	168.1	181.4	176.9	178.7	183.8	206.9	206.4	207.9
Crackers, bread, and cracker products <sup>2</sup> .....	126.5	137.0	139.8	145.2	150.4	157.4	161.7	170.8	174.9	181.7	186.8
Frozen and refrigerated bakery products, pies, tarts, turnovers <sup>2</sup> .....	116.1	123.8	133.6	131.6	132.1	137.1	136.4	142.0	150.0	148.4	147.2
Meats, poultry, fish, and eggs .....	117.1	123.0	133.8	132.0	133.0	138.4	137.6	141.7	149.0	148.1	147.6
Meats, poultry, and fish .....	112.7	120.0	133.6	130.8	131.1	135.9	133.7	137.2	144.4	143.4	142.2
Meats .....	114.6	122.1	133.0	131.7	132.8	137.7	134.7	134.6	137.8	136.9	136.8
Beef and veal .....	104.5	112.2	120.8	119.1	118.4	123.0	117.7	115.7	117.6	116.4	116.8
Uncooked ground beef .....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.0	100.0
Uncooked beef roasts <sup>1</sup> .....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.0	99.4
Uncooked beef steaks <sup>1</sup> .....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.0	100.5
Uncooked other beef and veal <sup>1</sup> .....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.0	100.5
Pork .....	109.6	117.2	136.8	128.5	127.4	133.1	130.1	139.6	155.4	153.0	149.5
Bacon, breakfast sausage, and related products <sup>1</sup> .....	96.9	105.0	122.9	108.6	104.8	117.1	114.8	130.2	161.5	160.3	151.2
Bacon and related products <sup>2</sup> .....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.0	100.5
Breakfast sausage and related products <sup>1 2</sup> .....	115.9	121.9	144.4	137.3	134.9	137.1	134.8	144.2	157.4	154.3	154.5
Ham .....	122.2	129.5	154.5	143.6	141.2	144.5	142.1	151.9	168.3	164.7	165.7
Ham, excluding canned <sup>2</sup> .....	114.7	123.7	142.5	136.1	139.5	145.8	138.8	146.2	156.0	150.2	144.1
Pork chops .....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.0	97.8
Other pork including roasts and picnics <sup>1</sup> .....	113.1	119.5	131.6	132.7	133.0	136.4	137.3	141.4	146.2	147.0	147.4
Other meats .....	113.2	119.3	132.9	134.7	133.9	138.2	134.3	139.3	143.8	144.9	144.9
Frankfurters <sup>2</sup> .....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.0	99.8
Lunchmeats <sup>1 2</sup> .....	116.6	119.8	128.2	130.2	134.1	140.1	145.1	151.8	160.7	160.8	165.5
Lamb and organ meats <sup>2</sup> .....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.0	101.3
Lamb and mutton <sup>1 2</sup> .....	127.1	127.8	129.7	130.2	133.7	141.1	140.4	146.3	157.8	155.2	155.1
Poultry .....	131.0	130.4	130.6	129.9	135.4	141.3	139.4	144.8	158.2	158.9	157.8
Chicken <sup>1</sup> .....	131.5	130.2	133.2	134.8	136.9	146.8	143.2	150.2	161.5	154.4	153.9
Fresh whole chicken <sup>2</sup> .....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.0	101.1
Fresh and frozen chicken parts <sup>2</sup> .....	138.9	143.0	148.5	150.4	152.0	158.7	166.9	172.1	175.1	177.2	180.3
Other poultry including turkey <sup>1</sup> .....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.0	103.0
Fish and seafood .....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.0	100.1
Fresh fish and seafood <sup>1</sup> .....	124.8	119.4	118.8	118.2	119.9	122.8	124.5	125.5	126.5	129.4	129.4
Processed fish and seafood <sup>1</sup> .....	99.6	134.9	128.7	123.5	117.7	116.0	116.4	145.5	162.9	151.1	136.4
Canned fish and seafood <sup>2</sup> .....	111.4	122.9	126.7	127.4	129.1	130.2	131.6	135.0	148.6	147.8	148.4
Frozen fish and seafood <sup>2</sup> .....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.0	100.7
Eggs .....	110.1	123.0	126.0	125.5	127.8	130.6	131.1	133.7	148.3	145.8	147.0
Dairy and related products .....	112.6	126.9	132.7	135.1	135.4	134.6	136.0	139.0	150.1	148.3	150.1
Milk <sup>1</sup> .....	114.8	123.1	128.5	130.1	130.6	131.5	136.1	139.7	150.5	151.8	150.0
Fresh whole milk <sup>2</sup> .....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.0	100.8
Fresh milk other than whole <sup>1 2</sup> .....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.0	100.8
Cheese and related products .....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.0	100.7
Ice cream and related products .....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.0	100.7
Other dairy and related products <sup>1</sup> .....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.0	100.7

See footnotes at end of table.

**Table 25. 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)

Item and group	Unadjusted indexes										Mar. 1998
	December										
	1988	1989	1990	1991	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997	
<b>Expenditure category</b>											
Fruits and vegetables .....	131.0	136.7	146.5	152.9	156.2	166.5	180.3	177.9	187.2	191.3	196.1
Fresh fruits and vegetables .....	138.1	145.6	157.6	169.6	173.9	190.1	212.8	206.3	216.2	222.3	228.5
Fresh fruits .....	143.2	154.8	171.2	188.6	181.8	205.4	213.1	224.2	251.1	239.4	235.9
Apples .....	132.4	124.7	151.6	169.9	154.1	166.9	163.2	187.6	194.1	193.9	202.2
Bananas .....	115.9	122.6	128.3	128.3	124.3	127.6	143.1	146.5	157.5	151.5	154.1
Citrus fruits <sup>1</sup> .....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.0	102.6
Oranges, including tangerines <sup>2</sup> .....	144.4	138.5	152.7	186.8	156.7	177.4	178.7	206.7	199.6	189.3	197.6
Other fresh fruits <sup>1</sup> .....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.0	93.0
Fresh vegetables .....	133.0	136.5	144.0	150.7	166.1	174.9	212.7	188.4	181.2	205.2	220.2
Potatoes .....	128.5	140.0	133.9	129.0	137.2	165.0	154.2	175.3	160.2	175.0	181.6
Lettuce .....	174.3	135.8	152.0	170.1	183.0	152.1	273.4	172.2	184.6	218.5	210.7
Tomatoes .....	124.3	140.3	129.5	124.5	193.4	197.2	233.6	242.6	193.4	253.4	244.9
Other fresh vegetables .....	129.4	135.6	151.0	162.3	166.4	178.5	216.1	183.2	185.9	201.5	232.5
Processed fruits and vegetables <sup>1</sup> .....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.0	101.7
Canned fruits and vegetables <sup>1</sup> .....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.0	102.4
Canned fruits <sup>1 2</sup> .....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.0	100.4
Canned vegetables <sup>1 2</sup> .....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.0	104.5
Frozen fruits and vegetables <sup>1</sup> .....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.0	101.4
Frozen vegetables <sup>2</sup> .....	116.3	124.6	128.5	129.3	130.2	135.4	136.5	140.4	143.7	147.8	149.4
Other processed fruits and vegetables including dried <sup>1</sup> .....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.0	100.0
Dried beans, peas, and lentils <sup>1 2</sup> .....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.0	99.8
Nonalcoholic beverages and beverage materials .....	107.8	111.0	113.1	112.5	112.3	114.8	131.7	129.5	126.9	133.1	134.2
Juices and nonalcoholic drinks <sup>1</sup> .....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.0	101.1
Carbonated drinks .....	104.6	109.8	110.8	111.9	113.7	115.6	115.2	118.5	118.0	116.1	119.4
Frozen noncarbonated juices and drinks <sup>1</sup> .....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.0	99.8
Nonfrozen noncarbonated juices and drinks <sup>1</sup> .....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.0	99.0
Beverage materials including coffee and tea <sup>1</sup> .....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.0	100.3
Coffee .....	116.9	115.7	117.4	111.3	105.4	111.1	172.7	156.1	145.6	170.2	169.8
Roasted coffee <sup>2</sup> .....	116.1	115.3	116.7	109.0	102.4	109.2	179.0	159.5	145.7	178.0	178.0
Instant and freeze dried coffee <sup>2</sup> .....	116.9	115.5	118.1	115.6	111.7	115.8	157.9	148.9	145.3	155.2	153.9
Other beverage materials including tea <sup>1</sup> .....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.0	101.0
Other food at home .....	115.3	120.1	125.2	127.1	128.3	130.9	138.8	140.5	143.6	147.7	149.5
Sugar and sweets .....	116.7	121.1	126.4	130.9	132.1	133.3	134.5	138.5	144.7	147.9	150.8
Sugar and artificial sweeteners .....	110.0	114.8	118.1	118.1	119.3	120.6	122.8	127.9	132.2	133.3	136.4
Candy and chewing gum <sup>1</sup> .....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.0	101.6
Other sweets <sup>1</sup> .....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.0	102.9
Fats and oils .....	118.5	121.6	131.0	129.3	128.4	129.4	134.2	137.5	140.7	140.3	142.2
Butter and margarine <sup>1</sup> .....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.0	101.6
Butter <sup>2</sup> .....	104.8	103.0	94.9	94.4	88.0	82.0	81.6	93.4	113.9	128.2	129.4
Margarine <sup>2</sup> .....	124.1	126.7	134.0	131.8	128.9	130.3	139.4	141.6	145.5	144.2	148.5
Salad dressing <sup>1</sup> .....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.0	100.7
Other fats and oils including peanut butter <sup>1</sup> .....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.0	101.7
Peanut butter <sup>1 2</sup> .....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.0	101.5
Other foods .....	120.7	127.6	134.2	138.2	141.2	144.9	148.1	152.1	158.9	162.8	164.3
Soups .....	123.2	132.4	140.2	148.6	157.0	163.9	170.7	176.5	184.9	189.1	190.9
Frozen and freeze dried prepared foods .....	124.6	131.3	135.8	138.0	138.7	138.6	138.9	139.8	146.2	144.9	143.3
Snacks .....	121.2	126.2	131.1	132.8	132.5	136.3	138.7	143.4	151.7	155.6	155.1
Spices, seasonings, condiments, sauces .....	118.3	124.9	132.6	137.9	143.6	147.4	150.9	156.8	163.9	168.3	173.0
Salt and other seasonings and spices <sup>1 2</sup> .....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.0	99.8
Olives, pickles, relishes <sup>1 2</sup> .....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.0	104.8
Sauces and gravies <sup>1 2</sup> .....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.0	102.4
Other condiments <sup>2</sup> .....	114.7	120.6	127.8	133.7	140.1	140.1	143.1	148.2	154.5	162.1	170.6
Baby food <sup>1</sup> .....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.0	101.5
Other miscellaneous foods <sup>1</sup> .....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.0	101.5
Prepared salads <sup>1 2</sup> .....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.0	NA
Food away from home .....	124.1	129.8	135.7	139.6	141.6	144.3	147.1	150.4	155.0	159.0	159.9
Full service meals and snacks <sup>1</sup> .....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.0	100.7
Limited service meals and snacks <sup>1</sup> .....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.0	100.6
Food at employee sites and schools <sup>1</sup> .....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.0	100.0
Food from vending machines and mobile vendors <sup>1</sup> .....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.0	100.3
Other food away from home <sup>1</sup> .....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.0	100.3

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**Table 25. 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)

Item and group	Unadjusted indexes										Mar. 1998
	December										
	1988	1989	1990	1991	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997	
<b>Expenditure category</b>											
Alcoholic beverages .....	119.9	125.6	130.9	143.9	148.1	150.3	151.8	154.9	160.5	164.0	165.1
Alcoholic beverages at home .....	114.6	119.5	124.0	138.4	141.3	142.0	141.8	143.1	148.0	149.3	150.2
Beer, ale, and other malt beverages at home .....	114.6	120.0	124.3	139.0	142.9	143.3	143.2	144.1	148.3	147.5	148.2
Distilled spirits at home .....	117.0	122.1	128.1	139.9	141.8	143.1	144.2	145.5	148.5	151.9	151.8
Whiskey at home <sup>2</sup> .....	114.8	121.2	127.5	137.8	139.0	141.3	142.4	145.2	147.9	151.5	150.8
Distilled spirits, excluding whiskey, at home <sup>2</sup> .....	119.2	123.8	129.2	142.3	144.0	144.6	144.5	145.1	147.9	152.1	152.0
Wine at home .....	107.8	111.6	114.5	130.5	132.4	133.1	131.3	133.4	141.7	145.1	146.9
Alcoholic beverages away from home .....	133.3	140.3	146.9	158.9	165.0	169.3	173.3	178.8	185.6	192.5	194.0
Beer, ale, and other malt beverages away from home <sup>1 2</sup> .....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.0	100.2
Wine away from home <sup>1 2</sup> .....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.0	100.5
Distilled spirits away from home <sup>1 2</sup> .....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.0	100.3
Housing .....	120.2	124.9	130.5	135.0	138.5	142.3	145.4	149.7	154.0	157.7	159.2
Shelter .....	129.3	135.6	142.7	148.2	152.5	157.1	161.8	167.4	172.3	178.1	180.8
Rent of primary residence .....	130.1	135.5	141.1	145.2	148.6	151.9	155.7	159.6	164.0	169.1	170.3
Lodging away from home <sup>1</sup> .....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.0	111.2
Housing at school, excluding board <sup>3</sup> .....	145.5	156.3	166.1	175.8	188.6	193.8	201.9	210.6	219.0	229.7	230.1
Other lodging away from home including hotels and motels .....	127.0	133.8	154.9	168.0	174.3	181.0	183.3	191.2	201.0	213.5	240.0
Owners' equivalent rent of primary residence <sup>3</sup> .....	134.1	141.0	147.7	153.2	157.8	162.8	168.1	174.3	179.1	184.7	185.9
Tenants' and household insurance <sup>1</sup> .....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.0	100.3
Fuels and utilities .....	105.0	108.4	112.7	116.0	118.7	121.7	122.0	123.7	129.4	130.0	127.1
Fuels .....	97.4	101.2	105.6	106.5	108.9	110.7	110.1	110.9	117.1	115.8	112.5
Fuel oil and other fuels .....	76.8	88.7	114.1	94.7	91.8	88.3	88.4	89.6	110.3	97.2	94.4
Fuel oil .....	74.2	88.7	115.2	92.3	89.2	85.1	85.1	86.4	106.5	94.0	90.0
Other household fuels <sup>4</sup> .....	102.3	108.3	136.4	123.3	120.4	118.0	118.5	119.4	146.8	128.8	129.4
Gas (piped) and electricity .....	104.1	107.0	108.6	112.4	115.6	118.1	117.4	118.3	122.8	123.0	119.4
Electricity .....	110.3	113.4	115.0	120.8	122.9	123.6	124.4	127.8	128.7	127.0	124.3
Utility natural gas service .....	95.2	97.8	99.6	99.9	105.0	111.1	107.5	103.6	115.0	118.8	113.2
Water and sewer and trash collection services <sup>1</sup> .....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.0	100.9
Water and sewerage maintenance .....	135.8	144.7	153.7	165.7	176.7	185.2	193.0	198.6	205.5	213.7	215.7
Garbage and trash collection <sup>5</sup> .....	146.9	161.1	176.9	197.3	214.0	225.2	236.4	243.3	247.8	252.8	255.1
Household furnishings and operations .....	110.6	111.7	113.7	116.3	118.2	120.3	120.8	123.8	125.0	125.1	126.3
Window and floor coverings and other linens <sup>1</sup> .....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.0	101.1
Floor coverings <sup>1</sup> .....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.0	100.1
Window coverings <sup>1</sup> .....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.0	100.4
Other linens <sup>1</sup> .....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.0	102.2
Furniture and bedding .....	115.4	113.8	115.1	116.2	121.4	125.8	127.8	133.2	134.5	133.5	135.1
Bedroom furniture .....	121.3	118.8	117.2	122.0	129.5	136.3	133.7	136.8	141.5	142.7	141.0
Living room, kitchen, and dining room furniture <sup>1</sup> .....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.0	101.5
Other furniture <sup>1</sup> .....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.0	99.7
Appliances <sup>1</sup> .....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.0	99.0
Major appliances <sup>1</sup> .....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.0	99.0
Laundry equipment <sup>2</sup> .....	107.0	105.9	107.2	105.6	106.3	107.1	110.6	109.8	113.2	113.4	113.0
Other appliances <sup>1</sup> .....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.0	100.9
Other household equipment and furnishings <sup>1</sup> .....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.0	101.2
Clocks, lamps, and decorator items .....	105.9	112.8	112.6	117.8	120.3	118.2	117.8	122.1	117.0	121.0	121.2
Indoor plants and flowers <sup>6</sup> .....	-	-	100.0	107.0	113.0	110.0	114.1	115.6	116.4	107.1	110.8
Dishes and flatware <sup>1</sup> .....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.0	102.0
Nonelectric cookware and tableware <sup>1</sup> .....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.0	99.5
Tools, hardware, outdoor equipment and supplies <sup>1</sup> .....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.0	101.7
Tools, hardware and supplies <sup>1</sup> .....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.0	100.4
Outdoor equipment and supplies <sup>1</sup> .....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.0	102.4
Housekeeping supplies .....	117.0	123.6	127.5	129.8	129.5	131.9	132.9	139.8	141.4	143.4	145.4
Household cleaning products <sup>1</sup> .....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.0	100.3
Household paper products <sup>1</sup> .....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.0	102.1
Miscellaneous household products <sup>1</sup> .....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.0	102.4
Household operations <sup>1</sup> .....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.0	100.3
Domestic services <sup>1</sup> .....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.0	99.9
Gardening and lawn care services <sup>1</sup> .....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.0	100.9
Moving, storage, freight expense <sup>1</sup> .....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.0	100.9
Repair of household items <sup>1</sup> .....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.0	100.3

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**Table 25. 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)

Item and group	Unadjusted indexes										Mar. 1998
	December										
	1988	1989	1990	1991	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997	
<b>Expenditure category</b>											
Apparel .....	118.0	119.2	125.3	129.6	131.4	132.6	130.5	130.6	130.3	131.6	134.9
Men's and boys' apparel .....	117.3	118.8	122.3	125.9	127.1	127.5	125.3	126.0	127.8	131.2	133.6
Men's apparel .....	118.4	120.6	124.5	128.3	130.0	130.0	128.2	128.3	130.4	133.7	137.4
Men's suits, sport coats, and outerwear .....	122.0	124.7	128.2	131.3	132.8	137.4	136.0	133.7	133.3	135.8	140.0
Men's furnishings .....	113.7	117.4	119.8	122.2	123.6	123.0	122.7	120.0	124.6	134.1	138.4
Men's shirts and sweaters <sup>1</sup> .....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.0	100.5
Men's pants and shorts .....	114.6	116.7	121.9	126.1	129.2	127.8	125.8	127.0	129.2	129.0	135.7
Boys' apparel .....	112.5	111.4	113.0	116.2	115.0	117.1	113.2	116.2	116.8	120.7	118.8
Women's and girls' apparel .....	116.5	116.4	123.5	128.4	129.1	130.6	125.7	124.7	123.3	123.6	129.9
Women's apparel .....	116.3	116.5	124.2	128.0	128.4	131.0	125.3	124.1	123.0	123.7	130.3
Women's outerwear .....	104.5	108.9	117.2	121.1	126.2	131.8	119.0	123.5	126.1	126.7	117.4
Women's dresses .....	123.5	122.5	131.1	128.0	130.7	127.2	113.1	114.7	108.1	102.7	128.4
Women's suits and separates <sup>1</sup> .....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.0	102.8
Women's underwear, nightwear, sportswear and accessories <sup>1</sup> .....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.0	104.6
Girls' apparel .....	117.3	116.1	120.2	130.8	133.5	129.1	128.2	128.7	125.0	123.6	127.9
Footwear .....	113.5	114.7	118.4	121.8	125.1	125.8	123.6	124.1	125.9	128.2	126.5
Men's footwear .....	119.2	122.0	125.6	129.4	132.9	133.2	132.2	131.6	131.1	131.4	130.9
Boys' and girls' footwear .....	114.7	118.5	122.9	122.7	121.5	122.1	123.3	125.2	130.4	133.5	126.8
Women's footwear .....	108.3	107.5	110.9	115.5	120.6	121.5	117.1	117.8	119.6	122.7	122.7
Infants' and toddlers' apparel .....	117.3	115.3	125.6	129.2	130.7	127.1	131.3	128.7	126.9	125.8	124.4
Jewelry and watches <sup>4</sup> .....	117.6	121.5	129.4	134.4	138.2	140.6	147.7	147.7	140.3	138.9	143.9
Watches <sup>4</sup> .....	107.9	107.7	110.4	114.1	112.7	118.7	124.6	130.6	122.6	122.2	122.7
Jewelry <sup>4</sup> .....	120.3	125.5	134.9	140.2	145.5	146.8	154.3	152.6	145.4	143.6	149.8
Transportation .....	110.8	115.2	127.2	125.3	129.0	132.1	137.1	139.1	145.2	143.2	141.2
Private transportation .....	109.6	113.9	125.1	123.4	126.7	128.6	134.9	136.6	141.7	140.0	137.4
New and used motor vehicles <sup>1</sup> .....	-	-	-	-	-	94.1	98.3	100.7	101.7	100.0	99.9
New vehicles .....	119.0	121.9	124.3	128.3	131.3	135.6	140.1	142.8	145.4	144.1	144.4
New cars and trucks <sup>1 2</sup> .....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.0	100.2
New cars <sup>2</sup> .....	119.1	121.8	123.5	127.6	130.5	134.2	138.5	140.7	143.0	141.5	141.7
New trucks <sup>2 5</sup> .....	116.8	120.7	125.8	129.6	132.9	139.0	144.1	148.2	151.5	151.4	151.9
New motorcycles <sup>2 4</sup> .....	109.6	114.2	117.4	123.7	128.7	138.0	148.9	156.5	162.4	163.7	163.1
Used cars and trucks .....	120.2	119.7	117.1	120.1	129.0	139.3	151.5	158.2	155.6	147.9	146.1
Car and truck rental <sup>1</sup> .....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.0	101.4
Motor fuel .....	80.3	85.8	117.1	98.4	100.2	94.8	100.4	96.4	108.6	101.9	90.9
Gasoline (all types) .....	80.3	85.5	117.0	98.1	100.1	94.2	100.2	96.0	107.9	101.3	90.3
Gasoline, unleaded regular <sup>2</sup> .....	78.8	83.1	115.4	96.1	97.9	91.3	97.9	93.6	106.1	99.1	87.8
Gasoline, unleaded midgrade <sup>2 7</sup> .....	-	-	-	-	-	100.0	105.3	100.6	112.4	105.9	95.0
Gasoline, unleaded premium <sup>2</sup> .....	84.7	89.9	118.7	101.4	103.2	98.3	103.4	98.4	109.1	103.0	92.9
Other motor fuels <sup>1</sup> .....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.0	93.9
Motor vehicle parts and equipment .....	98.9	101.1	102.0	103.6	103.0	101.4	101.9	102.4	102.3	101.4	101.2
Tires .....	96.9	99.1	99.0	101.3	100.8	99.4	101.6	101.8	101.8	99.0	98.7
Vehicle accessories other than tires <sup>1</sup> .....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.0	99.8
Vehicle parts and equipment other than tires <sup>2</sup> .....	105.1	107.3	109.4	110.2	109.5	107.7	106.3	107.3	107.0	108.2	108.1
Motor oil, coolant, and fluids <sup>2</sup> .....	110.1	109.8	117.5	118.4	118.1	118.8	126.0	130.0	132.0	131.8	131.0
Motor vehicle maintenance and repair .....	121.5	126.9	132.5	138.4	143.2	147.7	151.9	155.7	160.6	164.7	165.7
Motor vehicle body work .....	126.3	133.9	138.5	141.9	145.8	150.0	155.7	161.2	168.6	176.2	178.6
Motor vehicle maintenance and servicing .....	118.8	122.5	127.0	133.8	136.6	139.4	141.3	144.2	148.2	152.1	153.6
Motor vehicle repair <sup>1</sup> .....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.0	100.3
Motor vehicle insurance .....	162.0	171.5	184.4	199.1	212.2	222.8	230.4	240.2	249.3	255.3	255.2
Motor vehicle fees <sup>1</sup> .....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.0	102.3
State and local registration and license <sup>1</sup> .....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.0	101.3
Parking and other fees <sup>1</sup> .....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.0	104.9
Parking fees and tolls <sup>1 2</sup> .....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.0	105.1
Automobile service clubs <sup>1 2</sup> .....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.0	100.8
Public transportation .....	126.5	131.7	154.4	149.8	158.2	176.5	165.6	170.7	189.9	184.3	193.7
Airline fare .....	128.0	134.8	165.4	155.4	165.7	193.8	175.3	178.4	204.7	194.8	210.7
Other intercity transportation .....	136.9	139.2	148.4	152.0	152.2	148.0	151.4	152.6	155.2	156.3	159.6
Ship fare <sup>1 2</sup> .....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.0	105.1
Intracity transportation .....	123.3	125.9	135.6	140.8	147.8	152.0	153.5	165.2	174.7	176.6	175.5

See footnotes at end of table.



**Table 25. 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)

Item and group	Unadjusted indexes										Mar. 1998
	December										
	1988	1989	1990	1991	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997	
<b>Expenditure category</b>											
Medical care .....	142.3	154.4	169.2	182.6	194.7	205.2	215.3	223.8	230.6	237.1	239.8
Medical care commodities .....	144.2	156.0	169.1	181.7	191.1	197.0	202.9	206.6	212.0	216.8	218.5
Prescription drugs and medical supplies .....	157.1	172.0	189.0	206.7	218.5	225.7	233.2	237.8	245.4	251.5	253.9
Nonprescription drugs and medical supplies <sup>4</sup> .....	110.7	117.1	123.5	127.9	132.9	136.5	139.6	141.5	143.3	145.8	146.6
Internal and respiratory over-the-counter drugs .....	134.0	141.5	150.0	153.7	160.5	164.9	166.3	167.6	171.2	173.1	173.3
Nonprescription medical equipment and supplies .....	126.7	134.4	140.4	148.4	152.7	156.6	164.3	168.2	168.0	172.8	175.1
Medical care services .....	141.9	154.1	169.3	182.8	195.6	207.1	218.2	227.8	235.0	241.8	244.8
Professional services .....	140.8	149.9	160.0	169.8	179.4	187.4	196.0	203.9	211.0	217.5	220.4
Physicians' services .....	143.4	153.7	165.1	174.2	185.1	194.5	203.1	212.1	218.5	224.5	227.6
Dental services .....	140.9	149.9	159.9	173.0	183.1	191.1	201.4	210.4	221.1	230.0	233.7
Eyeglasses and eye care <sup>4</sup> .....	110.3	114.1	119.2	123.5	128.1	130.7	135.0	138.3	139.9	142.5	143.1
Services by other medical professionals <sup>4</sup> .....	110.3	116.6	122.5	129.2	133.2	137.5	143.0	144.1	148.4	153.0	155.0
Hospital and related services .....	150.8	167.9	186.9	203.5	221.4	238.2	251.3	262.8	273.7	282.5	285.2
Hospital services <sup>8</sup> .....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.0	103.2	104.1
Inpatient hospital services <sup>2 8</sup> .....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.0	102.5	103.2
Outpatient hospital services <sup>2 4</sup> .....	117.0	130.7	145.4	159.7	175.4	189.2	199.7	209.2	219.2	228.3	230.9
Nursing homes and adult daycare <sup>8</sup> .....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.0	103.9	106.0
Recreation <sup>1</sup> .....	-	-	-	-	-	91.7	93.0	95.6	98.5	100.0	101.0
Video and audio <sup>1</sup> .....	-	-	-	-	-	96.6	94.2	94.6	97.7	100.0	101.4
Televisions .....	76.8	75.8	73.1	72.3	71.4	70.2	69.2	66.4	62.9	60.2	60.6
Cable television <sup>5</sup> .....	141.4	146.8	166.1	180.4	187.0	200.1	194.9	202.8	218.6	233.6	242.0
Other video equipment <sup>1</sup> .....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.0	96.8
Video cassettes, discs, and other media including rental <sup>1</sup> .....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.0	98.0
Video cassettes and discs, blank and prerecorded <sup>1 2</sup> .....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.0	101.5
Rental of video tapes and discs <sup>1 2</sup> .....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.0	98.4
Audio equipment .....	91.9	94.3	93.3	95.0	93.6	94.0	93.1	90.7	90.2	88.4	87.3
Audio discs, tapes and other media <sup>1</sup> .....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.0	100.5
Pets, pet products and services <sup>1</sup> .....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.0	100.7
Pets and pet products .....	117.7	122.9	127.4	129.6	128.3	129.5	130.8	135.4	142.6	142.1	142.5
Pet food <sup>1 2</sup> .....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.0	100.3
Purchase of pets, pet supplies, accessories <sup>1 2</sup> .....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.0	100.7
Pet services including veterinary <sup>1</sup> .....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.0	101.5
Pet services <sup>1 2</sup> .....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.0	102.4
Veterinarian services <sup>1 2</sup> .....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.0	101.6
Sporting goods .....	111.0	113.3	115.3	119.6	119.7	120.0	123.8	123.1	123.0	122.5	122.8
Sports vehicles including bicycles .....	111.1	113.6	115.9	117.6	120.1	120.0	124.7	124.8	124.9	124.3	124.8
Sports equipment .....	108.3	110.4	112.0	118.3	116.5	117.1	120.0	118.7	118.4	118.1	118.3
Photography <sup>1</sup> .....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.0	100.1
Photographic equipment and supplies .....	123.0	127.2	129.0	130.1	132.9	135.2	130.9	133.4	132.9	134.0	134.1
Film and photographic supplies <sup>1 2</sup> .....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.0	100.5
Photographic equipment <sup>1 2</sup> .....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.0	98.4
Photographers and film processing <sup>1</sup> .....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.0	100.1
Photographer fees <sup>1 2</sup> .....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.0	NA
Film processing <sup>1 2</sup> .....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.0	100.3
Other recreational goods <sup>1</sup> .....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.0	98.7
Toys .....	112.4	115.1	116.8	118.1	121.1	122.9	121.8	123.0	126.4	124.4	122.1
Toys, games, hobbies and playground equipment <sup>1 2</sup> .....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.0	99.0
Video game hardware, software and accessories <sup>1 2</sup> .....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.0	NA
Sewing machines, fabric and supplies <sup>1</sup> .....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.0	100.4
Music instruments and accessories <sup>1</sup> .....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.0	100.3
Recreation services <sup>1</sup> .....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.0	101.7
Club membership dues and fees for participant sports <sup>1</sup> .....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.0	101.5
Admissions .....	133.3	146.0	153.6	161.0	167.3	170.3	177.1	186.4	193.8	200.3	204.9
Admission to movies, theaters, and concerts <sup>1 2</sup> .....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.0	102.2
Admission to sporting events <sup>1 2</sup> .....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.0	102.6
Fees for lessons or instructions <sup>4</sup> .....	109.8	119.6	125.4	132.4	139.2	144.7	151.8	156.3	165.5	174.1	174.6
Recreational reading materials .....	126.5	132.4	138.5	147.3	152.8	158.2	163.9	173.6	178.2	180.2	183.0
Newspapers and magazines <sup>1</sup> .....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.0	101.6
Recreational books <sup>1</sup> .....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.0	101.5

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**Table 25. 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)

Item and group	Unadjusted indexes										Mar. 1998
	December										
	1988	1989	1990	1991	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997	
<b>Expenditure category</b>											
Education and communication <sup>1</sup> .....	-	-	-	-	-	87.4	90.3	93.9	97.1	100.0	99.9
Education <sup>1</sup> .....	-	-	-	-	-	81.2	85.9	90.7	95.1	100.0	100.5
Educational books and supplies .....	152.2	164.0	174.7	184.7	193.8	200.4	207.4	219.0	231.1	242.8	247.5
Tuition, other school fees, and childcare .....	157.6	170.0	183.5	201.4	218.5	234.0	247.8	261.6	274.3	288.5	289.5
College tuition and fees .....	156.5	169.1	183.0	205.1	225.7	243.5	258.9	273.7	288.3	301.7	302.4
Elementary and high school tuition and fees .....	163.0	177.4	192.8	207.3	223.7	237.0	251.6	268.2	280.5	300.6	300.6
Child care and nursery school <sup>6</sup> .....	-	-	100.0	106.3	111.0	116.7	122.2	126.9	131.6	137.6	138.5
Technical and business school tuition and fees <sup>1</sup> .....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.0	100.2
Communication <sup>1</sup> .....	-	-	-	-	-	97.3	97.3	99.0	100.3	100.0	99.3
Postage and delivery services <sup>1</sup> .....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.0	100.1
Postage .....	125.1	125.1	125.1	145.3	145.3	145.3	145.3	160.3	160.3	160.3	160.3
Delivery services <sup>1</sup> .....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.0	103.9
Information and information processing <sup>1</sup> .....	-	-	-	-	-	98.3	98.3	98.9	100.3	100.0	99.3
Telephone services <sup>1</sup> .....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.0	100.4
Telephone services, local charges .....	145.2	146.0	147.5	155.0	155.7	157.2	156.7	160.7	162.1	163.8	165.6
Telephone services, long distance charges <sup>1</sup> .....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.0	99.9
Interstate toll calls <sup>2</sup> .....	70.9	70.0	67.4	68.3	67.4	71.8	75.7	75.8	78.6	75.2	75.3
Intrastate toll calls <sup>2</sup> .....	99.2	96.6	94.5	93.1	90.9	91.1	90.2	86.8	92.1	94.7	94.4
Cellular telephone services <sup>1</sup> .....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.0	97.4
Information and information processing other than telephone services <sup>9</sup> .....	100.0	92.7	90.3	86.6	81.3	75.1	68.3	61.0	53.9	47.4	43.4
Personal computers and peripheral equipment <sup>1</sup> .....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.0	88.7
Computer software and accessories <sup>1</sup> .....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.0	98.3
Computer information processing services <sup>1</sup> .....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.0	100.2
Other information processing equipment <sup>1</sup> .....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.0	96.9
Other goods and services .....	141.3	152.9	164.5	177.6	189.1	194.2	202.4	211.1	218.7	230.1	232.4
Tobacco and smoking products .....	149.9	171.9	190.5	211.7	228.9	215.5	222.0	228.1	234.3	251.2	254.1
Cigarettes <sup>1</sup> .....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.0	101.1
Tobacco products other than cigarettes <sup>1</sup> .....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.0	101.6
Personal care .....	122.4	127.1	132.4	135.7	139.6	143.1	145.8	148.9	150.5	154.0	155.5
Personal care products .....	121.6	124.7	129.9	133.4	137.8	140.1	142.6	144.1	142.8	145.3	147.3
Hair, dental, shaving, and miscellaneous personal care products <sup>1</sup> .....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.0	101.1
Cosmetics, perfume, bath, nail preparations and implements .....	121.6	123.9	131.2	135.1	137.0	143.4	144.8	146.9	150.6	153.9	156.5
Personal care services .....	123.1	129.7	135.0	138.0	141.3	146.1	149.2	154.3	159.2	163.9	164.7
Haircuts and other personal care services <sup>1</sup> .....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.0	100.5
Miscellaneous personal services .....	143.1	151.4	162.0	172.4	179.8	190.3	199.4	210.0	218.3	230.0	232.8
Legal services <sup>4</sup> .....	109.9	116.8	124.8	131.9	137.2	145.1	147.9	153.5	159.3	167.5	170.2
Funeral expenses <sup>4</sup> .....	108.2	113.4	120.9	128.0	133.2	140.4	148.6	156.6	164.0	172.3	174.6
Laundry and dry cleaning services <sup>1</sup> .....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.0	100.7
Apparel services other than laundry and dry cleaning <sup>1</sup> .....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.0	100.7
Financial services <sup>4</sup> .....	111.3	117.9	127.0	137.5	144.4	153.9	165.9	177.6	183.6	194.7	197.4
Checking account and other bank services <sup>1 2</sup> .....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.0	100.4
Tax return preparation and other accounting fees <sup>1 2</sup> .....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.0	103.4
Miscellaneous personal goods <sup>1</sup> .....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.0	100.2
Stationery, stationery supplies, gift wrap <sup>2</sup> .....	113.2	116.6	121.7	127.5	131.3	136.1	138.2	147.2	151.8	158.1	158.3
<b>Special aggregate indexes</b>											
Commodities .....	113.5	118.2	126.0	127.5	130.1	132.0	135.1	137.0	141.4	141.7	141.5
Commodities less food and beverages .....	109.0	112.6	121.1	121.5	124.3	125.1	127.6	128.9	132.1	131.2	130.4
Nondurables less food and beverages .....	106.9	112.0	125.8	124.5	127.4	126.5	128.1	128.8	133.7	133.5	132.1
Nondurables less food, beverages, and apparel .....	104.5	112.0	130.1	126.0	129.6	127.7	131.5	132.7	140.5	139.5	135.6
Durables .....	112.2	113.5	114.5	117.2	120.1	123.3	126.9	129.0	129.9	128.0	127.9
Services .....	128.1	134.6	142.3	148.8	154.2	160.0	164.7	170.4	176.1	181.0	182.9
Rent of shelter <sup>3</sup> .....	134.3	140.9	148.4	154.2	158.7	163.5	168.3	174.2	179.3	185.3	188.1
Transportation services .....	132.1	138.6	150.0	153.7	159.2	166.9	171.1	176.3	184.1	186.0	188.4
Other services .....	136.2	145.1	154.5	164.1	172.8	181.6	188.9	197.3	205.0	213.1	215.1
All items less food .....	120.4	125.8	133.7	138.1	142.5	146.4	150.2	154.2	159.0	161.8	162.6
All items less shelter .....	118.1	123.5	131.5	135.0	139.1	142.7	146.3	149.6	154.7	156.4	156.5
All items less medical care .....	119.1	124.4	131.8	135.3	138.9	142.5	146.0	149.6	154.5	157.0	157.8
Commodities less food .....	109.4	113.0	121.4	122.4	125.3	126.1	128.5	129.9	133.3	132.6	131.8
Nondurables less food .....	107.5	112.6	125.7	125.5	128.5	127.8	129.5	130.4	135.3	135.3	134.1
Nondurables less food and apparel .....	105.3	112.5	129.0	126.9	130.5	129.1	132.6	134.0	141.5	141.0	137.5
Nondurables .....	113.9	119.8	130.0	131.1	133.6	135.1	137.8	139.7	145.3	146.5	146.2

See footnotes at end of table.

**Table 25. 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)

Item and group	Unadjusted indexes										Mar. 1998
	December										
	1988	1989	1990	1991	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997	
<b>Special aggregate indexes</b>											
Apparel less footwear .....	116.8	117.6	123.8	128.2	129.4	130.3	127.9	127.7	126.6	127.6	131.9
Services less rent of shelter <sup>3</sup> .....	131.1	137.8	146.4	153.9	160.7	167.8	172.7	178.5	185.2	189.5	190.6
Services less medical care services .....	126.6	132.6	139.7	145.5	150.3	155.6	159.7	165.0	170.6	175.4	177.2
Energy .....	88.7	93.2	110.1	101.9	103.9	102.4	104.7	103.3	112.2	108.4	101.6
All items less energy .....	124.8	130.6	137.4	142.8	147.1	151.7	155.7	160.2	164.8	168.3	170.1
All items less food and energy .....	126.0	131.5	138.3	144.4	149.2	153.9	157.9	162.7	167.0	170.7	172.6
Commodities less food and energy commodities .....	118.0	121.2	125.3	130.3	133.6	135.7	137.6	140.0	141.5	142.1	143.1
Energy commodities .....	80.1	86.4	117.0	98.2	99.4	94.3	99.2	95.9	109.1	101.6	91.3
Services less energy services .....	130.6	137.5	145.8	152.5	158.2	164.3	169.6	175.7	181.5	186.9	189.4
Domestically produced farm food .....	119.4	127.4	135.4	137.2	139.6	144.5	148.1	151.5	160.1	161.1	162.0
Utilities and public transportation .....	113.9	117.1	122.9	126.7	130.7	136.5	135.1	137.5	144.4	145.0	145.1

1 Indexes on a December 1997=100 base.

2 Special index based on a substantially smaller sample.

3 Indexes on a December 1982=100 base.

4 Indexes on a December 1986=100 base.

5 Indexes on a December 1983=100 base.

6 Indexes on a December 1990=100 base.

7 Indexes on a December 1993=100 base.

8 Indexes on a December 1996=100 base.

9 Indexes on a December 1988=100 base.

NA Data not adequate for publication.

- Data not available.

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

**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**

Item and group	Percent change from previous December										
	December									Mar. 1998	
	1988	1989	1990	1991	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996		1997
<b>Expenditure category</b>											
All items .....	4.4	4.6	6.1	3.1	2.9	2.7	2.7	2.5	3.3	1.7	0.6
Food and beverages .....	5.1	5.5	5.3	2.5	1.6	2.7	2.7	2.1	4.2	1.6	.6
Food .....	5.2	5.6	5.3	1.9	1.5	2.9	2.9	2.1	4.3	1.5	.6
Food at home .....	5.6	6.2	5.8	1.3	1.5	3.5	3.5	2.0	4.9	1.0	.6
Cereals and bakery products .....	8.4	7.5	4.6	3.5	4.0	3.7	3.3	3.2	3.7	1.5	.7
Cereals and cereal products .....	9.6	7.3	5.3	3.5	3.8	3.4	3.1	2.5	-1.2	1.8	.3
Flour and prepared flour mixes .....	6.9	7.2	2.3	-4	5.4	-2	1.8	6.3	7.5	-4	4.8
Breakfast cereal .....	9.6	9.8	7.3	4.8	3.9	4.7	2.4	1.6	-4.2	1.6	-5
Rice, pasta, cornmeal .....	11.4	1.4	2.2	2.9	2.1	2.2	5.9	2.4	.8	4.0	.0
Rice <sup>1 2</sup> .....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-5
Bakery products .....	7.8	7.5	4.4	3.5	4.2	3.7	3.5	3.5	6.0	1.4	.8
Bread <sup>1</sup> .....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-2
White bread <sup>2</sup> .....	11.0	6.1	3.8	1.5	4.1	6.9	2.7	5.5	8.3	1.5	-6
Bread other than white <sup>2</sup> .....	9.6	7.0	4.0	4.6	5.4	3.6	3.4	5.7	5.3	3.4	.4
Fresh biscuits, rolls, muffins <sup>1</sup> .....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	.9
Cakes, cupcakes, and cookies .....	6.3	8.0	5.9	4.8	2.3	3.5	3.7	1.4	4.2	.7	.6
Cookies <sup>2</sup> .....	5.9	8.0	5.6	5.0	1.4	4.1	3.8	2.4	3.6	1.0	-3
Fresh cakes and cupcakes <sup>2</sup> .....	5.8	6.0	4.9	3.9	4.3	3.5	5.7	2.8	3.4	1.7	.9
Other bakery products .....	5.0	8.9	3.1	4.1	4.9	2.0	3.2	3.0	6.0	.4	2.0
Fresh sweetrolls, coffeecakes, doughnuts <sup>2</sup> .....	5.7	7.7	3.7	3.6	3.4	5.7	2.8	5.9	2.9	2.0	-1.7
Crackers, bread, and cracker products <sup>2</sup> .....	6.3	12.8	8.0	5.5	7.9	-2.5	1.0	2.9	12.6	-2	.7
Frozen and refrigerated bakery products, pies, tarts, turnovers <sup>2</sup> .....	5.2	8.3	2.0	3.9	3.6	4.7	2.7	5.6	2.4	3.9	2.8
Meats, poultry, fish, and eggs .....	5.3	6.6	7.9	-1.5	.4	3.8	-5	4.1	5.6	-1.1	-8
Meats, poultry, and fish .....	4.6	5.0	8.8	-1.3	.8	4.1	-6	3.0	5.2	-6	-3
Meats .....	2.1	6.5	11.3	-2.1	.2	3.7	-1.6	2.6	5.2	-7	-8
Beef and veal .....	5.6	6.5	8.9	-1.0	.8	3.7	-2.2	-.1	2.4	-7	-1
Uncooked ground beef .....	2.5	7.4	7.7	-1.4	-6	3.9	-4.3	-1.7	1.6	-1.0	.3
Uncooked beef roasts <sup>1</sup> .....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	.0
Uncooked beef steaks <sup>1</sup> .....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-6
Uncooked other beef and veal <sup>1</sup> .....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	.5
Pork .....	-3.1	6.9	16.7	-6.1	-9	4.5	-2.3	7.3	11.3	-1.5	-2.3
Bacon, breakfast sausage, and related products <sup>1</sup> .....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-3.0
Bacon and related products <sup>2</sup> .....	-10.4	8.4	17.0	-11.6	-3.5	11.7	-2.0	13.4	24.0	-7	-5.7
Breakfast sausage and related products <sup>1 2</sup> .....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	.5
Ham .....	-1.9	5.2	18.5	-4.9	-1.7	1.6	-1.7	7.0	9.2	-2.0	.1
Ham, excluding canned <sup>2</sup> .....	-1.9	6.0	19.3	-7.1	-1.7	2.3	-1.7	6.9	10.8	-2.1	.6
Pork chops .....	.3	7.8	15.2	-4.5	2.5	4.5	-4.8	5.3	6.7	-3.7	-4.1
Other pork including roasts and picnics <sup>1</sup> .....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-2.2
Other meats .....	.9	5.7	10.1	.8	.2	2.6	.7	3.0	3.4	.5	.3
Frankfurters <sup>2</sup> .....	1.4	5.4	11.4	1.4	-6	3.2	-2.8	3.7	3.2	.8	.0
Lunchmeats <sup>1 2</sup> .....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-2
Lamb and organ meats <sup>2</sup> .....	3.6	2.7	7.0	1.6	3.0	4.5	3.6	4.6	5.9	.1	2.9
Lamb and mutton <sup>1 2</sup> .....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1.3
Poultry .....	17.9	.6	1.5	.4	2.7	5.5	-5	4.2	7.9	-1.6	-1
Chicken <sup>1</sup> .....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-4
Fresh whole chicken <sup>2</sup> .....	21.6	-.5	.2	-.5	4.2	4.4	-1.3	3.9	9.3	.4	-7
Fresh and frozen chicken parts <sup>2</sup> .....	18.7	-1.0	2.3	1.2	1.6	7.2	-2.5	4.9	7.5	-4.4	-3
Other poultry including turkey <sup>1</sup> .....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1.1
Fish and seafood .....	4.2	3.0	3.8	1.3	1.1	4.4	5.2	3.1	1.7	1.2	1.7
Fresh fish and seafood <sup>1</sup> .....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3.0
Processed fish and seafood <sup>1</sup> .....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	.1
Canned fish and seafood <sup>2</sup> .....	13.5	-4.3	-.5	-.5	1.4	2.4	1.4	.8	.8	2.3	.0
Frozen fish and seafood <sup>2</sup> .....	1.6	5.3	5.0	1.8	1.0	4.9	6.2	3.7	2.0	1.0	.4
Eggs .....	16.5	35.4	-4.6	-4.0	-4.7	-1.4	.3	25.0	12.0	-7.2	-9.7
Dairy and related products .....	4.4	10.3	3.1	.6	1.3	.9	1.1	2.6	10.1	-.5	.4
Milk <sup>1</sup> .....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	.7
Fresh whole milk <sup>2</sup> .....	5.1	11.7	2.4	-.4	1.8	2.2	.4	2.0	10.9	-1.7	.8
Fresh milk other than whole <sup>1 2</sup> .....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	.8
Cheese and related products .....	5.2	12.7	4.6	1.8	.2	-.6	1.0	2.2	8.0	-1.2	1.2
Ice cream and related products .....	3.4	7.2	4.4	1.2	.4	.7	3.5	2.6	7.7	.9	-1.2
Other dairy and related products <sup>1</sup> .....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	.1
Fruits and vegetables .....	6.2	4.4	7.2	4.4	2.2	6.6	8.3	-1.3	5.2	2.2	2.5

See footnotes at end of table.

**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**

Item and group	Percent change from previous December										Mar. 1998
	December										
	1988	1989	1990	1991	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997	
<b>Expenditure category</b>											
Fresh fruits and vegetables .....	3.7	5.4	8.2	7.6	2.5	9.3	11.9	-3.1	4.8	2.8	2.8
Fresh fruits .....	13.4	8.1	10.6	10.2	-3.6	13.0	3.7	5.2	12.0	-4.7	-1.5
Apples .....	27.8	-5.8	21.6	12.1	-9.3	8.3	-2.2	15.0	3.5	-.1	4.3
Bananas .....	7.9	5.8	4.6	.0	-3.1	2.7	12.1	2.4	7.5	-3.8	1.7
Citrus fruits <sup>1</sup> .....											2.6
Oranges, including tangerines <sup>2</sup> .....	14.3	-4.1	10.3	22.3	-16.1	13.2	.7	15.7	-3.4	-5.2	4.4
Other fresh fruits <sup>1</sup> .....											-7.0
Fresh vegetables .....	-5.1	2.6	5.5	4.7	10.2	5.3	21.6	-11.4	-3.8	13.2	7.3
Potatoes .....	23.8	8.9	-4.4	-3.7	6.4	20.3	-6.5	13.7	-8.6	9.2	3.8
Lettuce .....	-36.1	-22.1	11.9	11.9	7.6	-16.9	79.8	-37.0	7.2	18.4	-3.6
Tomatoes .....	-10.8	12.9	-7.7	-3.9	55.3	2.0	18.5	3.9	-20.3	31.0	-3.4
Other fresh vegetables .....	2.5	4.8	11.4	7.5	2.5	7.3	21.1	-15.2	1.5	8.4	15.4
Processed fruits and vegetables <sup>1</sup> .....											1.7
Canned fruits and vegetables <sup>1</sup> .....											2.4
Canned fruits <sup>1 2</sup> .....											.4
Canned vegetables <sup>1 2</sup> .....											4.5
Frozen fruits and vegetables <sup>1</sup> .....											1.4
Frozen vegetables <sup>2</sup> .....	4.3	7.1	3.1	.6	.7	4.0	.8	2.9	2.4	2.9	1.1
Other processed fruits and vegetables including dried <sup>1</sup> .....											.0
Dried beans, peas, and lentils <sup>1 2</sup> .....											-2
Nonalcoholic beverages and beverage materials .....	2.9	3.0	1.9	-.5	-2	2.2	14.7	-1.7	-2.0	4.9	.8
Juices and nonalcoholic drinks <sup>1</sup> .....											1.1
Carbonated drinks .....	1.3	5.0	.9	1.0	1.6	1.7	-3	2.9	-4	-1.6	2.8
Frozen noncarbonated juices and drinks <sup>1</sup> .....											-2
Nonfrozen noncarbonated juices and drinks <sup>1</sup> .....											-1.0
Beverage materials including coffee and tea <sup>1</sup> .....											.3
Coffee .....	5.8	-1.0	1.5	-5.2	-5.3	5.4	55.4	-9.6	-6.7	16.9	-2
Roasted coffee <sup>2</sup> .....	9.0	-.7	1.2	-6.6	-6.1	6.6	63.9	-10.9	-8.7	22.2	.0
Instant and freeze dried coffee <sup>2</sup> .....	-.8	-1.2	2.3	-2.1	-3.4	3.7	36.4	-5.7	-2.4	6.8	-.8
Other beverage materials including tea <sup>1</sup> .....											1.0
Other food at home .....	4.8	4.2	4.2	1.5	.9	2.0	6.0	1.2	2.2	2.9	1.2
Sugar and sweets .....	5.1	3.8	4.4	3.6	.9	.9	.9	3.0	4.5	2.2	2.0
Sugar and artificial sweeteners .....	7.8	4.4	2.9	.0	1.0	1.1	1.8	4.2	3.4	.8	2.3
Candy and chewing gum <sup>1</sup> .....											1.6
Other sweets <sup>1</sup> .....											2.9
Fats and oils .....	10.0	2.6	7.7	-1.3	-7	.8	3.7	2.5	2.3	-.3	1.4
Butter and margarine <sup>1</sup> .....											1.6
Butter <sup>2</sup> .....	.1	-1.7	-7.9	-.5	-6.8	-6.8	-.5	14.5	21.9	12.6	.9
Margarine <sup>2</sup> .....	16.7	2.1	5.8	-1.6	-2.2	1.1	7.0	1.6	2.8	-.9	3.0
Salad dressing <sup>1</sup> .....											.7
Other fats and oils including peanut butter <sup>1</sup> .....											1.7
Peanut butter <sup>1 2</sup> .....											1.5
Other foods .....	5.0	5.7	5.2	3.0	2.2	2.6	2.2	2.7	4.5	2.5	.9
Soups .....	3.6	7.5	5.9	6.0	5.7	4.4	4.1	3.4	4.8	2.3	1.0
Frozen and freeze dried prepared foods .....	4.7	5.4	3.4	1.6	.5	-.1	.2	.6	4.6	-.9	-1.1
Snacks .....	4.8	4.1	3.9	1.3	-.2	2.9	1.8	3.4	5.8	2.6	-.3
Spices, seasonings, condiments, sauces .....	4.5	5.6	6.2	4.0	4.1	2.6	2.4	3.9	4.5	2.7	2.8
Salt and other seasonings and spices <sup>1 2</sup> .....											-.2
Olives, pickles, relishes <sup>1 2</sup> .....											4.8
Sauces and gravies <sup>1 2</sup> .....											2.4
Other condiments <sup>2</sup> .....	2.8	5.1	6.0	4.6	4.8	.0	2.1	3.6	4.3	4.9	5.2
Baby food <sup>1</sup> .....											1.5
Other miscellaneous foods <sup>1</sup> .....											1.5
Prepared salads <sup>1 2</sup> .....											.6
Food away from home .....	4.4	4.6	4.5	2.9	1.4	1.9	1.9	2.2	3.1	2.6	.6
Full service meals and snacks <sup>1</sup> .....											.7
Limited service meals and snacks <sup>1</sup> .....											.6
Food at employee sites and schools <sup>1</sup> .....											.0
Food from vending machines and mobile vendors <sup>1</sup> .....											.3
Other food away from home <sup>1</sup> .....											.3
Alcoholic beverages .....	3.9	4.8	4.2	9.9	2.9	1.5	1.0	2.0	3.6	2.2	.7

See footnotes at end of table.

**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**

Item and group	Percent change from previous December										Mar. 1998
	December										
	1988	1989	1990	1991	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997	
<b>Expenditure category</b>											
Alcoholic beverages at home .....	2.3	4.3	3.8	11.6	2.1	0.5	-0.1	0.9	3.4	0.9	0.6
Beer, ale, and other malt beverages at home .....	2.8	4.7	3.6	11.8	2.8	.3	-1	.6	2.9	-5	.5
Distilled spirits at home .....	1.9	4.4	4.9	9.2	1.4	.9	.8	.9	2.1	2.3	-1
Whiskey at home <sup>2</sup> .....	.7	5.6	5.2	8.1	.9	1.7	.8	2.0	1.9	2.4	-5
Distilled spirits, excluding whiskey, at home <sup>2</sup> .....	2.7	3.9	4.4	10.1	1.2	.4	-1	.4	1.9	2.8	-1
Wine at home .....	1.6	3.5	2.6	14.0	1.5	.5	-1.4	1.6	6.2	2.4	1.2
Alcoholic beverages away from home .....	6.0	5.3	4.7	8.2	3.8	2.6	2.4	3.2	3.8	3.7	.8
Beer, ale, and other malt beverages away from home <sup>1 2</sup> .....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	.2
Wine away from home <sup>1 2</sup> .....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	.5
Distilled spirits away from home <sup>1 2</sup> .....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	.3
Housing .....	4.0	3.9	4.5	3.4	2.6	2.7	2.2	3.0	2.9	2.4	1.0
Shelter .....	4.5	4.9	5.2	3.9	2.9	3.0	3.0	3.5	2.9	3.4	1.5
Rent of primary residence .....	3.6	4.2	4.1	2.9	2.3	2.2	2.5	2.5	2.8	3.1	.7
Lodging away from home <sup>1</sup> .....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	11.2
Housing at school, excluding board <sup>3</sup> .....	6.6	7.4	6.3	5.8	7.3	2.8	4.2	4.3	4.0	4.9	.2
Other lodging away from home including hotels and motels .....	4.5	5.4	15.8	8.5	3.8	3.8	1.3	4.3	5.1	6.2	12.4
Owners' equivalent rent of primary residence <sup>3</sup> .....	4.8	5.1	4.8	3.7	3.0	3.2	3.3	3.7	2.8	3.1	.6
Tenants' and household insurance <sup>1</sup> .....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	.3
Fuels and utilities .....	2.9	3.2	4.0	2.9	2.3	2.5	.2	1.4	4.6	.5	-2.2
Fuels .....	2.4	3.9	4.3	.9	2.3	1.7	-5	.7	5.6	-1.1	-2.8
Fuel oil and other fuels .....	-4.6	15.5	28.6	-17.0	-3.1	-3.8	.1	1.4	23.1	-11.9	-2.9
Fuel oil .....	-6.3	19.5	29.9	-19.9	-3.4	-4.6	.0	1.5	23.3	-11.7	-4.3
Other household fuels <sup>4</sup> .....	-3	5.9	25.9	-9.6	-2.4	-2.0	.4	.8	22.9	-12.3	.5
Gas (piped) and electricity .....	3.2	2.8	1.5	3.5	2.8	2.2	-6	.8	3.8	.2	-2.9
Electricity .....	2.8	2.8	1.4	5.0	1.7	.6	.6	2.7	.7	-1.3	-2.1
Utility natural gas service .....	3.6	2.7	1.8	.3	5.1	5.8	-3.2	-3.6	11.0	3.3	-4.7
Water and sewer and trash collection services <sup>1</sup> .....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	.9
Water and sewerage maintenance .....	6.1	6.6	6.2	7.8	6.6	4.8	4.2	2.9	3.5	4.0	.9
Garbage and trash collection <sup>5</sup> .....	7.9	9.7	9.8	11.5	8.5	5.2	5.0	2.9	1.8	2.0	.9
Household furnishings and operations .....	3.1	1.0	1.8	2.3	1.6	1.8	.4	2.5	1.0	.1	1.0
Window and floor coverings and other linens <sup>1</sup> .....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1.1
Floor coverings <sup>1</sup> .....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	.1
Window coverings <sup>1</sup> .....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	.4
Other linens <sup>1</sup> .....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2.2
Furniture and bedding .....	3.5	-1.4	1.1	1.0	4.5	3.6	1.6	4.2	1.0	-7	1.2
Bedroom furniture .....	4.7	-2.1	-1.3	4.1	6.1	5.3	-1.9	2.3	3.4	.8	-1.2
Living room, kitchen, and dining room furniture <sup>1</sup> .....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1.5
Other furniture <sup>1</sup> .....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	4.1
Appliances <sup>1</sup> .....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-3
Major appliances <sup>1</sup> .....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-1.0
Laundry equipment <sup>2</sup> .....	4.2	-1.0	1.2	-1.5	.7	.8	3.3	-7	3.1	.2	-4
Other appliances <sup>1</sup> .....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	.9
Other household equipment and furnishings <sup>1</sup> .....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1.2
Clocks, lamps, and decorator items .....	3.0	6.5	-2	4.6	2.1	-1.7	-3	3.7	-4.2	3.4	.2
Indoor plants and flowers <sup>6</sup> .....	-	-	-	7.0	5.6	-2.7	3.7	1.3	.7	-8.0	3.5
Dishes and flatware <sup>1</sup> .....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2.0
Nonelectric cookware and tableware <sup>1</sup> .....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-5
Tools, hardware, outdoor equipment and supplies <sup>1</sup> .....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1.7
Tools, hardware and supplies <sup>1</sup> .....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	.4
Outdoor equipment and supplies <sup>1</sup> .....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2.4
Housekeeping supplies .....	4.0	5.6	3.2	1.8	-2	1.9	.8	5.2	1.1	1.4	1.4
Household cleaning products <sup>1</sup> .....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	.3
Household paper products <sup>1</sup> .....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2.1
Miscellaneous household products <sup>1</sup> .....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2.4
Household operations <sup>1</sup> .....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	.3
Domestic services <sup>1</sup> .....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	.3
Gardening and lawn care services <sup>1</sup> .....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-1
Moving, storage, freight expense <sup>1</sup> .....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	.9
Repair of household items <sup>1</sup> .....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	.3
Apparel .....	4.7	1.0	5.1	3.4	1.4	.9	-1.6	.1	-2	1.0	2.5

See footnotes at end of table.

**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**

Item and group	Percent change from previous December										Mar. 1998
	December										
	1988	1989	1990	1991	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997	
<b>Expenditure category</b>											
Men's and boys' apparel .....	6.0	1.3	2.9	2.9	1.0	0.3	-1.7	0.6	1.4	2.7	1.8
Men's apparel .....	6.1	1.9	3.2	3.1	1.3	.0	-1.4	.1	1.6	2.5	2.8
Men's suits, sport coats, and outerwear .....	9.2	2.2	2.8	2.4	1.1	3.5	-1.0	-1.7	-3	1.9	3.1
Men's furnishings .....	3.3	3.3	2.0	2.0	1.1	-5	-2	-2.2	3.8	7.6	3.2
Men's shirts and sweaters <sup>1</sup> .....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	.5
Men's pants and shorts .....	4.8	1.8	4.5	3.4	2.5	-1.1	-1.6	1.0	1.7	-2	5.2
Boys' apparel .....	4.9	-1.0	1.4	2.8	-1.0	1.8	-3.3	2.7	.5	3.3	-1.6
Women's and girls' apparel .....	3.5	-1	6.1	4.0	.5	1.2	-3.8	-8	-1.1	.2	5.1
Women's apparel .....	2.9	.2	6.6	3.1	.3	2.0	-4.4	-1.0	-.9	.6	5.3
Women's outerwear .....	.5	4.2	7.6	3.3	4.2	4.4	-9.7	3.8	2.1	.5	-7.3
Women's dresses .....	3.0	-8	7.0	-2.4	2.1	-2.7	-11.1	1.4	-5.8	-5.0	25.0
Women's suits and separates <sup>1</sup> .....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2.8
Women's underwear, nightwear, sportswear and accessories <sup>1</sup> .....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	4.6
Girls' apparel .....	6.4	-1.0	3.5	8.8	2.1	-3.3	-7	.4	-2.9	-1.1	3.5
Footwear .....	5.9	1.1	3.2	2.9	2.7	.6	-1.7	.4	1.5	1.8	-1.3
Men's footwear .....	7.0	2.3	3.0	3.0	2.7	.2	-8	-5	-4	.2	-4
Boys' and girls' footwear .....	4.3	3.3	3.7	-.2	-1.0	.5	1.0	1.5	4.2	2.4	-5.0
Women's footwear .....	5.8	-.7	3.2	4.1	4.4	.7	-3.6	.6	1.5	2.6	.0
Infants' and toddlers' apparel .....	2.4	-1.7	8.9	2.9	1.2	-2.8	3.3	-2.0	-1.4	-.9	-1.1
Jewelry and watches <sup>4</sup> .....	7.2	3.3	6.5	3.9	2.8	1.7	5.0	.0	-5.0	-1.0	3.6
Watches <sup>4</sup> .....	4.4	-.2	2.5	3.4	-1.2	5.3	5.0	4.8	-6.1	-.3	.4
Jewelry <sup>4</sup> .....	7.9	4.3	7.5	3.9	3.8	.9	5.1	-1.1	-4.7	-1.2	4.3
Transportation .....	3.0	4.0	10.4	-1.5	3.0	2.4	3.8	1.5	4.4	-1.4	-1.4
Private transportation .....	2.9	3.9	9.8	-1.4	2.7	1.5	4.9	1.3	3.7	-1.2	-1.9
New and used motor vehicles <sup>1</sup> .....	-	-	-	-	-	-	4.5	2.4	1.0	-1.7	-1
New vehicles .....	2.2	2.4	2.0	3.2	2.3	3.3	3.3	1.9	1.8	-.9	.2
New cars and trucks <sup>1 2</sup> .....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	.2
New cars <sup>2</sup> .....	2.1	2.3	1.4	3.3	2.3	2.8	3.2	1.6	1.6	-1.0	.1
New trucks <sup>2 5</sup> .....	2.2	3.3	4.2	3.0	2.5	4.6	3.7	2.8	2.2	-.1	.3
New motorcycles <sup>2 4</sup> .....	5.3	4.2	2.8	5.4	4.0	7.2	7.9	5.1	3.8	.8	-4
Used cars and trucks .....	3.4	-.4	-2.2	2.6	7.4	8.0	8.8	4.4	-1.6	-4.9	-1.2
Car and truck rental <sup>1</sup> .....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1.4
Motor fuel .....	-2.1	6.8	36.5	-16.0	1.8	-5.4	5.9	-4.0	12.7	-6.2	-10.8
Gasoline (all types) .....	-1.8	6.5	36.8	-16.2	2.0	-5.9	6.4	-4.2	12.4	-6.1	-10.9
Gasoline, unleaded regular <sup>2</sup> .....	-2.5	5.5	38.9	-16.7	1.9	-6.7	7.2	-4.4	13.4	-6.6	-11.4
Gasoline, unleaded midgrade <sup>2 7</sup> .....	-	-	-	-	-	-	5.3	-4.5	11.7	-5.8	-10.3
Gasoline, unleaded premium <sup>2</sup> .....	-.7	6.1	32.0	-14.6	1.8	-4.7	5.2	-4.8	10.9	-5.6	-9.8
Other motor fuels <sup>1</sup> .....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-6.1
Motor vehicle parts and equipment .....	2.3	2.2	.9	1.6	-.6	-1.6	.5	.5	-.1	-.9	-.2
Tires .....	4.0	2.3	-.1	2.3	-.5	-1.4	2.2	.2	.0	-2.8	-.3
Vehicle accessories other than tires <sup>1</sup> .....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-.2
Vehicle parts and equipment other than tires <sup>2</sup> .....	.8	2.1	2.0	.7	-.6	-1.6	-1.3	.9	-.3	1.1	-.1
Motor oil, coolant, and fluids <sup>2</sup> .....	9.6	-.3	7.0	.8	-.3	.6	6.1	3.2	1.5	-.2	-.6
Motor vehicle maintenance and repair .....	3.9	4.4	4.4	4.5	3.5	3.1	2.8	2.5	3.1	2.6	.6
Motor vehicle body work .....	4.6	6.0	3.4	2.5	2.7	2.9	3.8	3.5	4.6	4.5	1.4
Motor vehicle maintenance and servicing .....	3.3	3.1	3.7	5.4	2.1	2.0	1.4	2.1	2.8	2.6	1.0
Motor vehicle repair <sup>1</sup> .....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	.3
Motor vehicle insurance .....	8.4	5.9	7.5	8.0	6.6	5.0	3.4	4.3	3.8	2.4	.0
Motor vehicle fees <sup>1</sup> .....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2.3
State and local registration and license <sup>1</sup> .....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1.3
Parking and other fees <sup>1</sup> .....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	4.9
Parking fees and tolls <sup>1 2</sup> .....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	5.1
Automobile service clubs <sup>1 2</sup> .....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	.8
Public transportation .....	3.6	4.1	17.2	-3.0	5.6	11.6	-6.2	3.1	11.2	-2.9	5.1
Airline fare .....	3.3	5.3	22.7	-6.0	6.6	17.0	-9.5	1.8	14.7	-4.8	8.2
Other intercity transportation .....	7.1	1.7	6.6	2.4	.1	-2.8	2.3	.8	1.7	.7	2.1
Ship fare <sup>1 2</sup> .....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	5.1
Intracity transportation .....	2.9	2.1	7.7	3.8	5.0	2.8	1.0	7.6	5.8	1.1	-.6
Medical care .....	6.9	8.5	9.6	7.9	6.6	5.4	4.9	3.9	3.0	2.8	1.1

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**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**

Item and group	Percent change from previous December										Mar. 1998
	December										
	1988	1989	1990	1991	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997	
<b>Expenditure category</b>											
Medical care commodities .....	6.9	8.2	8.4	7.5	5.2	3.1	3.0	1.8	2.6	2.3	0.8
Prescription drugs and medical supplies .....	7.8	9.5	9.9	9.4	5.7	3.3	3.3	2.0	3.2	2.5	1.0
Nonprescription drugs and medical supplies <sup>4</sup> .....	5.0	5.8	5.5	3.6	3.9	2.7	2.3	1.4	1.3	1.7	.5
Internal and respiratory over-the-counter drugs .....	5.3	5.6	6.0	2.5	4.4	2.7	.8	.8	2.1	1.1	.1
Nonprescription medical equipment and supplies .....	4.6	6.1	4.5	5.7	2.9	2.6	4.9	2.4	-.1	2.9	1.3
Medical care services .....	6.9	8.6	9.9	8.0	7.0	5.9	5.4	4.4	3.2	2.9	1.2
Professional services .....	6.8	6.5	6.7	6.1	5.7	4.5	4.6	4.0	3.5	3.1	1.3
Physicians' services .....	7.5	7.2	7.4	5.5	6.3	5.1	4.4	4.4	3.0	2.7	1.4
Dental services .....	6.7	6.4	6.7	8.2	5.8	4.4	5.4	4.5	5.1	4.0	1.6
Eyeglasses and eye care <sup>4</sup> .....	4.7	3.4	4.5	3.6	3.7	2.0	3.3	2.4	1.2	1.9	.4
Services by other medical professionals <sup>4</sup> .....	5.6	5.7	5.1	5.5	3.1	3.2	4.0	.8	3.0	3.1	1.3
Hospital and related services .....	11.0	11.3	11.3	8.9	8.8	7.6	5.5	4.6	4.1	3.2	1.0
Hospital services <sup>8</sup> .....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3.2	.9
Inpatient hospital services <sup>2 8</sup> .....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2.5	.7
Outpatient hospital services <sup>2 4</sup> .....	9.2	11.7	11.2	9.8	9.8	7.9	5.5	4.8	4.8	4.2	1.1
Nursing homes and adult daycare <sup>8</sup> .....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3.9	2.0
Recreation <sup>1</sup> .....	-	-	-	-	-	-	1.4	2.8	3.0	1.5	1.0
Video and audio <sup>1</sup> .....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-2.5	.4	3.3	2.4	1.4
Televisions .....	-1.4	-1.3	-3.6	-1.1	-1.2	-1.7	-1.4	-4.0	-5.3	-4.3	.7
Cable television <sup>5</sup> .....	10.6	3.8	13.1	8.6	3.7	7.0	-2.6	4.1	7.8	6.9	3.6
Other video equipment <sup>1</sup> .....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-3.2
Video cassettes, discs, and other media including rental <sup>1</sup> .....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-2.0
Video cassettes and discs, blank and prerecorded <sup>1 2</sup> .....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1.5
Rental of video tapes and discs <sup>1 2</sup> .....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-1.6
Audio equipment .....	-4	2.6	-1.1	1.8	-1.5	.4	-1.0	-2.6	-.6	-2.0	-1.2
Audio discs, tapes and other media <sup>1</sup> .....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	.5
Pets, pet products and services <sup>1</sup> .....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	.7
Pets and pet products .....	4.6	4.4	3.7	1.7	-1.0	.9	1.0	3.5	5.3	-.4	.3
Pet food <sup>1 2</sup> .....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	.3
Purchase of pets, pet supplies, accessories <sup>1 2</sup> .....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	.7
Pet services including veterinary <sup>1</sup> .....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1.5
Pet services <sup>1 2</sup> .....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2.4
Veterinarian services <sup>1 2</sup> .....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1.6
Sporting goods .....	4.4	2.1	1.8	3.7	.1	.3	3.2	-.6	-.1	-.4	.2
Sports vehicles including bicycles .....	4.0	2.3	2.0	1.5	2.1	-.1	3.9	.1	.1	-.5	.4
Sports equipment .....	4.7	1.9	1.4	5.6	-1.5	.5	2.5	-1.1	-.3	-.3	.2
Photography <sup>1</sup> .....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	.1
Photographic equipment and supplies .....	5.8	3.4	1.4	.9	2.2	1.7	-3.2	1.9	-.4	.8	.1
Film and photographic supplies <sup>1 2</sup> .....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	.5
Photographic equipment <sup>1 2</sup> .....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-1.6
Photographers and film processing <sup>1</sup> .....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	.1
Photographer fees <sup>1 2</sup> .....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Film processing <sup>1 2</sup> .....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	.3
Other recreational goods <sup>1</sup> .....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-1.3
Toys .....	4.1	2.4	1.5	1.1	2.5	1.5	-.9	1.0	2.8	-1.6	-1.8
Toys, games, hobbies and playground equipment <sup>1 2</sup> .....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-1.0
Video game hardware, software and accessories <sup>1 2</sup> .....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Sewing machines, fabric and supplies <sup>1</sup> .....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	.4
Music instruments and accessories <sup>1</sup> .....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	.3
Recreation services <sup>1</sup> .....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1.7
Club membership dues and fees for participant sports <sup>1</sup> .....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1.5
Admissions .....	3.8	9.5	5.2	4.8	3.9	1.8	4.0	5.3	4.0	3.4	2.3
Admission to movies, theaters, and concerts <sup>1 2</sup> .....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2.2
Admission to sporting events <sup>1 2</sup> .....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2.6
Fees for lessons or instructions <sup>4</sup> .....	4.6	8.9	4.8	5.6	5.1	4.0	4.9	3.0	5.9	5.2	.3
Recreational reading materials .....	4.2	4.7	4.6	6.4	3.7	3.5	3.6	5.9	2.6	1.1	1.6
Newspapers and magazines <sup>1</sup> .....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1.6
Recreational books <sup>1</sup> .....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1.5
Education and communication <sup>1</sup> .....	-	-	-	-	-	-	3.3	4.0	3.4	3.0	-.1

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**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**

Item and group	Percent change from previous December										Mar. 1998
	December										
	1988	1989	1990	1991	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997	
<b>Expenditure category</b>											
Education <sup>1</sup> .....	-	-	-	-	-	-	5.8	5.6	4.9	5.2	0.5
Educational books and supplies .....	6.9	7.8	6.5	5.7	4.9	3.4	3.5	5.6	5.5	5.1	1.9
Tuition, other school fees, and childcare .....	7.6	7.9	7.9	9.8	8.5	7.1	5.9	5.6	4.9	5.2	.3
College tuition and fees .....	7.7	8.1	8.2	12.1	10.0	7.9	6.3	5.7	5.3	4.6	.2
Elementary and high school tuition and fees .....	8.4	8.8	8.7	7.5	7.9	5.9	6.2	6.6	4.6	7.2	.0
Child care and nursery school <sup>6</sup> .....	-	-	-	6.3	4.4	5.1	4.7	3.8	3.7	4.6	.7
Technical and business school tuition and fees <sup>1</sup> .....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	.2
Communication <sup>1</sup> .....	-	-	-	-	-	-	.0	1.7	1.3	-3	-7
Postage and delivery services <sup>1</sup> .....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	.1
Postage .....	13.5	.0	.0	16.1	.0	.0	.0	10.3	.0	.0	.0
Delivery services <sup>1</sup> .....	-	-	-	-	-	-	.0	.6	1.4	-3	3.9
Information and information processing <sup>1</sup> .....	-	-	-	-	-	-	.0	.6	1.4	-3	-7
Telephone services <sup>1</sup> .....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	.4
Telephone services, local charges .....	4.5	.6	1.0	5.1	.5	1.0	-3	2.6	.9	1.0	1.1
Telephone services, long distance charges <sup>1</sup> .....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-1
Interstate toll calls <sup>2</sup> .....	-4.2	-1.3	-3.7	1.3	-1.3	6.5	5.4	.1	3.7	-4.3	.1
Intrastate toll calls <sup>2</sup> .....	-4.2	-2.6	-2.2	-1.5	-2.4	.2	-1.0	-3.8	6.1	2.8	-3
Cellular telephone services <sup>1</sup> .....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-2.6
Information and information processing other than telephone services <sup>9</sup> .....	-	-7.3	-2.6	-4.1	-6.1	-7.6	-9.1	-10.7	-11.6	-12.1	-8.4
Personal computers and peripheral equipment <sup>1</sup> .....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-11.3
Computer software and accessories <sup>1</sup> .....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-1.7
Computer information processing services <sup>1</sup> .....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	.2
Other information processing equipment <sup>1</sup> .....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-3.1
Other goods and services .....	7.0	8.2	7.6	8.0	6.5	2.7	4.2	4.3	3.6	5.2	1.0
Tobacco and smoking products .....	9.4	14.7	10.8	11.1	8.1	-5.9	3.0	2.7	2.7	7.2	1.2
Cigarettes <sup>1</sup> .....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1.1
Tobacco products other than cigarettes <sup>1</sup> .....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1.6
Personal care .....	5.1	3.8	4.2	2.5	2.9	2.5	1.9	2.1	1.1	2.3	1.0
Personal care products .....	5.7	2.5	4.2	2.7	3.3	1.7	1.8	1.1	-9	1.8	1.4
Hair, dental, shaving, and miscellaneous personal care products <sup>1</sup> .....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1.1
Cosmetics, perfume, bath, nail preparations and implements .....	5.3	1.9	5.9	3.0	1.4	4.7	1.0	1.5	2.5	2.2	1.7
Personal care services .....	4.4	5.4	4.1	2.2	2.4	3.4	2.1	3.4	3.2	3.0	.5
Haircuts and other personal care services <sup>1</sup> .....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	.5
Miscellaneous personal services .....	5.1	5.8	7.0	6.4	4.3	5.8	4.8	5.3	4.0	5.4	1.2
Legal services <sup>4</sup> .....	4.5	6.3	6.8	5.7	4.0	5.8	1.9	3.8	3.8	5.1	1.6
Funeral expenses <sup>4</sup> .....	4.1	4.8	6.6	5.9	4.1	5.4	5.8	5.4	4.7	5.1	1.3
Laundry and dry cleaning services <sup>1</sup> .....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	.7
Apparel services other than laundry and dry cleaning <sup>1</sup> .....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	.7
Financial services <sup>4</sup> .....	6.9	5.9	7.7	8.3	5.0	6.6	7.8	7.1	3.4	6.0	1.4
Checking account and other bank services <sup>1 2</sup> .....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	.4
Tax return preparation and other accounting fees <sup>1 2</sup> .....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3.4
Miscellaneous personal goods <sup>1</sup> .....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	.2
Stationery, stationery supplies, gift wrap <sup>2</sup> .....	3.8	3.0	4.4	4.8	3.0	3.7	1.5	6.5	3.1	4.2	.1
<b>Special aggregate indexes</b>											
Commodities .....	3.8	4.1	6.6	1.2	2.0	1.5	2.3	1.4	3.2	.2	-1
Commodities less food and beverages .....	3.1	3.3	7.5	.3	2.3	.6	2.0	1.0	2.5	-7	-6
Nondurables less food and beverages .....	3.7	4.8	12.3	-1.0	2.3	-7	1.3	.5	3.8	-1	-1.0
Nondurables less food, beverages, and apparel .....	3.0	7.2	16.2	-3.2	2.9	-1.5	3.0	.9	5.9	-7	-2.8
Durables .....	2.5	1.2	.9	2.4	2.5	2.7	2.9	1.7	.7	-1.5	-1
Services .....	4.8	5.1	5.7	4.6	3.6	3.8	2.9	3.5	3.3	2.8	1.0
Rent of shelter <sup>3</sup> .....	4.5	4.9	5.3	3.9	2.9	3.0	2.9	3.5	2.9	3.3	1.5
Transportation services .....	6.0	4.9	8.2	2.5	3.6	4.8	2.5	3.0	4.4	1.0	1.3
Other services .....	5.6	6.5	6.5	6.2	5.3	5.1	4.0	4.4	3.9	4.0	.9
All items less food .....	4.2	4.5	6.3	3.3	3.2	2.7	2.6	2.7	3.1	1.8	.5
All items less shelter .....	4.3	4.6	6.5	2.7	3.0	2.6	2.5	2.3	3.4	1.1	.1
All items less medical care .....	4.2	4.5	5.9	2.7	2.7	2.6	2.5	2.5	3.3	1.6	.5
Commodities less food .....	3.2	3.3	7.4	.8	2.4	.6	1.9	1.1	2.6	-5	-6
Nondurables less food .....	3.7	4.7	11.6	-2	2.4	-5	1.3	.7	3.8	.0	-9
Nondurables less food and apparel .....	3.1	6.8	14.7	-1.6	2.8	-1.1	2.7	1.1	5.6	-4	-2.5
Nondurables .....	4.4	5.2	8.5	.8	1.9	1.1	2.0	1.4	4.0	.8	-2
Apparel less footwear .....	4.6	.7	5.3	3.6	.9	.7	-1.8	-2	-9	.8	3.4
Services less rent of shelter <sup>3</sup> .....	5.2	5.1	6.2	5.1	4.4	4.4	2.9	3.4	3.8	2.3	.6
Services less medical care services .....	4.6	4.7	5.4	4.2	3.3	3.5	2.6	3.3	3.4	2.8	1.0
Energy .....	.5	5.1	18.1	-7.4	2.0	-1.4	2.2	-1.3	8.6	-3.4	-6.3

See footnotes at end of table.

**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**

Item and group	Percent change from previous December										Mar. 1998
	December										
	1988	1989	1990	1991	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997	
<b>Special aggregate indexes</b>											
All items less energy .....	4.7	4.6	5.2	3.9	3.0	3.1	2.6	2.9	2.9	2.1	1.1
All items less food and energy .....	4.7	4.4	5.2	4.4	3.3	3.2	2.6	3.0	2.6	2.2	1.1
Commodities less food and energy commodities .....	4.0	2.7	3.4	4.0	2.5	1.6	1.4	1.7	1.1	.4	.7
Energy commodities .....	-2.3	7.9	35.4	-16.1	1.2	-5.1	5.2	-3.3	13.8	-6.9	-10.1
Services less energy services .....	5.0	5.3	6.0	4.6	3.7	3.9	3.2	3.6	3.3	3.0	1.3
Domestically produced farm food .....	5.9	6.7	6.3	1.3	1.7	3.5	2.5	2.3	5.7	.6	.6
Utilities and public transportation .....	3.5	2.8	5.0	3.1	3.2	4.4	-1.0	1.8	5.0	.4	.1

- 1 Indexes on a December 1997=100 base.
- 2 Special index based on a substantially smaller sample.
- 3 Indexes on a December 1982=100 base.
- 4 Indexes on a December 1986=100 base.
- 5 Indexes on a December 1983=100 base.
- 6 Indexes on a December 1990=100 base.
- 7 Indexes on a December 1993=100 base.
- 8 Indexes on a December 1996=100 base.
- 9 Indexes on a December 1988=100 base.
- Data not available.

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

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

(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.
1913	9.9	9.8	9.8	9.9	9.8	9.8	9.9	10.0	10.0	10.1	10.1	10.1	-	-	10.0	-	-
1914	10.1	10.0	10.0	9.9	9.9	10.0	10.1	10.2	10.3	10.2	10.2	10.2	-	-	10.1	1.0	1.0
1915	10.2	10.1	10.0	10.1	10.1	10.2	10.2	10.2	10.2	10.3	10.4	10.4	-	-	10.2	2.0	1.0
1916	10.5	10.5	10.6	10.7	10.7	10.9	10.9	11.0	11.2	11.3	11.5	11.6	-	-	11.0	11.5	7.8
1917	11.8	12.0	12.1	12.6	12.9	13.0	12.9	13.1	13.3	13.6	13.6	13.8	-	-	12.9	19.0	17.3
1918	14.0	14.2	14.1	14.3	14.5	14.8	15.2	15.4	15.8	16.1	16.3	16.6	-	-	15.1	20.3	17.1
1919	16.6	16.2	16.5	16.8	17.0	17.0	17.5	17.8	17.9	18.2	18.6	19.0	-	-	17.4	14.5	15.2
1920	19.4	19.6	19.8	20.4	20.7	21.0	20.9	20.4	20.1	20.0	19.9	19.5	-	-	20.1	2.6	15.5
1921	19.1	18.5	18.4	18.2	17.8	17.7	17.8	17.8	17.6	17.6	17.5	17.4	-	-	18.0	-10.8	-10.4
1922	17.0	17.0	16.8	16.8	16.8	16.8	16.9	16.7	16.7	16.8	16.9	17.0	-	-	16.9	-2.3	-6.1
1923	16.9	16.9	16.9	17.0	17.0	17.1	17.3	17.2	17.3	17.4	17.4	17.4	-	-	17.2	2.4	1.8
1924	17.4	17.3	17.2	17.1	17.1	17.1	17.2	17.1	17.2	17.3	17.3	17.4	-	-	17.2	.0	.0
1925	17.4	17.3	17.4	17.3	17.4	17.6	17.8	17.8	17.8	17.8	18.1	18.0	-	-	17.6	3.4	2.3
1926	18.0	18.0	17.9	18.0	17.9	17.8	17.6	17.5	17.6	17.7	17.8	17.8	-	-	17.8	-1.1	1.1
1927	17.6	17.5	17.4	17.4	17.5	17.7	17.4	17.3	17.4	17.5	17.4	17.4	-	-	17.5	-2.2	-1.7
1928	17.4	17.2	17.2	17.2	17.3	17.2	17.2	17.2	17.4	17.3	17.3	17.2	-	-	17.2	-1.1	-1.7
1929	17.2	17.2	17.1	17.0	17.1	17.2	17.4	17.4	17.4	17.4	17.4	17.3	-	-	17.2	.6	.0
1930	17.2	17.1	17.0	17.1	17.0	16.9	16.7	16.6	16.7	16.6	16.5	16.2	-	-	16.8	-6.4	-2.3
1931	16.0	15.7	15.6	15.5	15.4	15.2	15.2	15.1	15.1	15.0	14.8	14.7	-	-	15.3	-9.3	-8.9
1932	14.4	14.2	14.1	14.0	13.8	13.7	13.7	13.5	13.5	13.4	13.3	13.2	-	-	13.7	-10.2	-10.5
1933	13.0	12.8	12.7	12.6	12.7	12.8	13.2	13.3	13.3	13.3	13.3	13.2	-	-	13.0	.0	-5.1
1934	13.3	13.4	13.4	13.4	13.4	13.4	13.4	13.5	13.7	13.6	13.5	13.5	-	-	13.5	2.3	3.8
1935	13.7	13.8	13.8	13.9	13.8	13.8	13.7	13.7	13.8	13.8	13.9	13.9	-	-	13.8	3.0	2.2
1936	13.9	13.8	13.8	13.8	13.8	13.9	14.0	14.1	14.1	14.1	14.1	14.1	-	-	13.9	1.4	.7
1937	14.2	14.2	14.3	14.4	14.4	14.5	14.5	14.6	14.7	14.6	14.5	14.5	-	-	14.4	2.8	3.6
1938	14.3	14.2	14.2	14.2	14.2	14.2	14.2	14.2	14.2	14.1	14.1	14.1	-	-	14.2	-2.8	-1.4
1939	14.0	14.0	13.9	13.9	13.9	13.9	13.9	13.9	14.2	14.1	14.1	14.0	-	-	14.0	-7	-1.4
1940	14.0	14.1	14.1	14.1	14.1	14.1	14.1	14.1	14.1	14.1	14.1	14.2	-	-	14.1	1.4	.7
1941	14.2	14.2	14.2	14.4	14.5	14.7	14.8	14.9	15.2	15.4	15.5	15.5	-	-	14.8	9.2	5.0
1942	15.7	15.9	16.1	16.2	16.3	16.4	16.5	16.6	16.6	16.8	16.9	17.0	-	-	16.4	9.7	10.8
1943	17.0	17.0	17.3	17.5	17.6	17.6	17.5	17.4	17.5	17.5	17.5	17.5	-	-	17.4	2.9	6.1
1944	17.5	17.5	17.5	17.6	17.6	17.7	17.8	17.8	17.8	17.8	17.8	17.9	-	-	17.7	2.3	1.7
1945	17.9	17.9	17.9	17.9	18.0	18.2	18.2	18.2	18.2	18.2	18.2	18.3	-	-	18.1	2.2	2.3
1946	18.3	18.2	18.4	18.5	18.6	18.8	19.9	20.3	20.5	20.9	21.5	21.6	-	-	19.6	18.0	8.3
1947	21.6	21.6	22.1	22.1	22.0	22.2	22.4	22.6	23.1	23.1	23.3	23.6	-	-	22.5	9.3	14.8
1948	23.8	23.6	23.6	23.9	24.1	24.2	24.5	24.6	24.6	24.5	24.4	24.2	-	-	24.2	2.5	7.6
1949	24.2	23.9	24.0	24.0	24.0	24.0	23.8	23.9	24.0	23.9	23.9	23.8	-	-	24.0	-1.7	-8
1950	23.7	23.6	23.7	23.7	23.8	24.0	24.2	24.4	24.6	24.7	24.8	25.1	-	-	24.2	5.5	.8
1951	25.5	25.9	26.0	26.0	26.1	26.1	26.1	26.1	26.3	26.4	26.5	26.6	-	-	26.1	6.0	7.9
1952	26.6	26.5	26.5	26.6	26.6	26.7	26.9	26.9	26.9	26.9	26.9	26.9	-	-	26.7	1.1	2.3
1953	26.8	26.7	26.7	26.8	26.8	26.8	26.9	27.0	27.1	27.1	27.2	27.1	-	-	26.9	.4	.7
1954	27.1	27.1	27.0	27.0	27.1	27.1	27.1	27.1	27.0	26.9	27.0	26.9	-	-	27.0	-4	.4
1955	26.9	26.9	26.9	26.9	26.9	26.9	27.0	26.9	27.0	27.0	27.1	27.0	-	-	26.9	.4	-4
1956	27.0	27.0	27.0	27.0	27.2	27.3	27.5	27.5	27.5	27.7	27.7	27.8	-	-	27.3	3.0	1.5
1957	27.8	27.9	28.0	28.1	28.1	28.3	28.4	28.5	28.5	28.5	28.6	28.6	-	-	28.3	2.9	3.7
1958	28.8	28.8	29.0	29.1	29.1	29.1	29.1	29.1	29.1	29.1	29.1	29.1	-	-	29.1	1.7	2.8
1959	29.1	29.1	29.1	29.1	29.2	29.3	29.4	29.3	29.4	29.5	29.5	29.5	-	-	29.3	1.4	.7
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

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.
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	158.3	158.5	158.5	158.2	157.0	158.1	157.6	1.5	2.3
1998	158.4	158.5	158.7	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

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

**Table 28. 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**

(1982-84=100, unless otherwise noted)

Item and group	Unadjusted indexes										Mar. 1998
	December										
	1988	1989	1990	1991	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997	
<b>Expenditure category</b>											
All items .....	119.2	124.6	132.2	135.9	139.8	143.3	147.2	150.9	155.9	158.2	158.7
All items (1967=100) .....	355.0	371.1	393.8	404.7	416.3	426.8	438.6	449.5	464.3	471.3	472.7
<b>Food and beverages</b> .....	120.3	126.9	133.6	136.9	139.1	142.9	146.6	149.8	156.1	158.5	159.4
<b>Food</b> .....	120.4	127.1	133.9	136.3	138.3	142.2	146.2	149.4	155.8	158.1	159.1
Food at home .....	118.8	126.2	133.5	135.0	137.0	141.7	146.3	149.5	156.9	158.2	159.2
Cereals and bakery products .....	126.7	136.0	142.3	147.2	153.0	158.6	163.9	169.2	175.4	178.1	179.3
Cereals and cereal products .....	126.8	136.1	143.1	148.2	153.5	158.7	163.6	167.8	165.7	168.8	169.3
Flour and prepared flour mixes .....	112.6	120.8	123.5	123.3	129.5	129.3	131.5	140.0	150.6	150.0	157.3
Breakfast cereal .....	138.9	152.4	163.3	171.1	177.7	186.1	190.5	193.6	185.4	188.6	187.7
Rice, pasta, cornmeal .....	118.7	120.4	122.9	126.4	128.9	131.7	139.6	143.1	144.2	150.1	149.8
Bakery products .....	126.4	135.7	141.6	146.4	152.5	158.2	163.8	169.5	179.7	182.2	183.7
Bread <sup>1</sup> .....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.0	99.8
Fresh biscuits, rolls, muffins <sup>1</sup> .....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.0	101.1
Cakes, cupcakes, and cookies .....	128.7	138.8	146.7	153.7	157.3	162.5	168.5	170.7	177.8	179.1	180.1
Other bakery products .....	126.7	137.8	142.4	147.9	155.5	158.4	163.6	168.0	178.4	179.0	182.7
Meats, poultry, fish, and eggs .....	115.8	123.8	133.6	131.5	132.1	136.9	136.0	141.7	149.8	148.0	146.9
Meats, poultry, and fish .....	116.9	123.0	133.9	132.0	133.1	138.2	137.3	141.4	148.9	147.8	147.4
Meats .....	112.7	120.1	133.8	130.8	131.2	136.0	133.7	137.3	144.5	143.3	142.3
Beef and veal .....	114.6	122.3	133.2	131.7	132.8	137.7	134.7	134.4	137.8	136.6	136.5
Uncooked ground beef .....	104.7	112.6	121.2	119.5	118.8	123.2	117.7	115.7	117.6	116.3	117.0
Uncooked beef roasts <sup>1</sup> .....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.0	99.9
Uncooked beef steaks <sup>1</sup> .....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.0	99.2
Uncooked other beef and veal <sup>1</sup> .....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.0	100.5
Pork .....	109.6	117.3	136.8	128.6	127.7	133.4	130.3	140.0	155.5	153.1	149.9
Bacon, breakfast sausage, and related products <sup>1</sup> .....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.0	97.1
Ham .....	115.7	121.6	143.7	136.8	134.9	136.9	134.9	144.6	156.9	153.9	155.5
Pork chops .....	114.7	124.1	142.6	136.4	140.0	146.5	139.3	146.9	156.9	150.9	145.1
Other pork including roasts and picnics <sup>1</sup> .....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.0	97.6
Other meats .....	112.7	119.0	131.3	132.3	132.6	136.1	136.9	141.2	146.0	146.6	147.2
Poultry .....	126.9	127.4	129.2	129.8	133.4	140.7	140.2	146.0	157.5	155.0	155.1
Chicken <sup>1</sup> .....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.0	99.7
Other poultry including turkey <sup>1</sup> .....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.0	101.4
Fish and seafood .....	139.7	144.8	148.8	151.2	153.8	158.8	167.1	172.3	176.5	178.0	180.8
Fresh fish and seafood <sup>1</sup> .....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.0	102.7
Processed fish and seafood <sup>1</sup> .....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.0	100.0
Eggs .....	99.0	134.3	128.0	122.7	117.0	114.8	115.3	144.8	162.3	150.1	135.4
<b>Dairy and related products</b> .....	111.2	122.8	126.5	127.2	128.9	130.0	131.4	134.7	148.5	147.5	148.1
Milk <sup>1</sup> .....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.0	100.6
Cheese and related products .....	112.3	126.8	132.7	134.9	135.1	134.0	135.2	138.4	149.8	147.7	149.6
Ice cream and related products .....	114.9	123.1	128.5	129.9	130.5	131.2	136.0	139.7	150.4	151.9	150.0
Other dairy and related products <sup>1</sup> .....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.0	99.9
<b>Fruits and vegetables</b> .....	130.8	135.8	145.7	152.1	155.3	165.4	178.8	177.0	186.0	190.0	194.8
Fresh fruits and vegetables .....	137.6	144.0	156.1	168.5	172.8	188.6	210.8	205.2	214.3	220.7	226.8
Fresh fruits .....	143.1	152.3	169.5	188.1	180.0	202.6	209.8	222.0	248.1	236.0	233.1
Apples .....	133.0	124.6	151.9	170.4	154.2	167.2	163.5	188.0	195.2	194.9	203.1
Bananas .....	115.9	122.7	128.1	127.6	124.0	127.2	142.7	146.4	157.2	151.3	154.4
Citrus fruits <sup>1</sup> .....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.0	102.4
Other fresh fruits <sup>1</sup> .....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.0	93.1
Fresh vegetables .....	132.3	135.9	143.1	149.3	166.0	175.1	212.0	189.0	181.2	205.8	219.9
Potatoes .....	127.7	139.3	133.5	128.2	136.8	164.9	154.1	175.2	160.2	175.0	181.6
Lettuce .....	173.6	135.3	151.3	169.6	180.7	151.4	269.0	171.1	183.1	215.4	207.3
Tomatoes .....	123.0	139.2	128.2	123.1	190.9	194.6	229.9	239.2	190.5	249.5	242.4
Other fresh vegetables .....	129.2	135.0	150.8	162.4	167.4	179.6	217.6	184.1	187.5	203.6	235.1
Processed fruits and vegetables <sup>1</sup> .....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.0	101.8
Canned fruits and vegetables <sup>1</sup> .....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.0	102.5
Frozen fruits and vegetables <sup>1</sup> .....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.0	101.3
Other processed fruits and vegetables including dried <sup>1</sup> .....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.0	100.2

See footnotes at end of table.

**Table 28. 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)

Item and group	Unadjusted indexes										
	December										Mar. 1998
	1988	1989	1990	1991	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997	
<b>Expenditure category</b>											
Nonalcoholic beverages and beverage materials .....	107.8	111.2	113.3	112.9	112.7	115.1	130.6	128.8	126.5	131.7	133.1
Juices and nonalcoholic drinks <sup>1</sup> .....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.0	101.2
Carbonated drinks .....	105.2	110.4	111.3	112.3	114.0	116.0	115.7	119.1	118.5	116.3	119.8
Frozen noncarbonated juices and drinks <sup>1</sup> .....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.0	99.7
Nonfrozen noncarbonated juices and drinks <sup>1</sup> .....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.0	98.8
Beverage materials including coffee and tea <sup>1</sup> .....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.0	100.4
Coffee .....	116.6	115.2	117.0	111.0	104.9	110.5	172.3	155.6	144.9	169.3	169.0
Other beverage materials including tea <sup>1</sup> .....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.0	101.1
Other food at home .....	115.1	120.1	125.1	127.0	128.2	130.8	138.3	140.1	143.2	147.1	148.9
Sugar and sweets .....	116.7	121.1	126.3	130.6	131.9	133.1	134.4	138.4	144.5	147.7	151.0
Sugar and artificial sweeteners .....	110.3	115.2	118.4	118.4	119.6	120.8	123.2	128.3	132.7	133.7	136.8
Candy and chewing gum <sup>1</sup> .....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.0	102.0
Other sweets <sup>1</sup> .....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.0	102.8
Fats and oils .....	118.3	121.5	130.8	129.1	128.3	129.3	134.1	137.3	140.4	140.0	141.9
Butter and margarine <sup>1</sup> .....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.0	101.4
Salad dressing <sup>1</sup> .....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.0	100.8
Other fats and oils including peanut butter <sup>1</sup> .....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.0	101.8
Other foods .....	120.5	127.4	134.0	138.1	141.0	144.7	148.0	151.9	158.8	162.7	164.3
Soups .....	123.4	132.6	140.7	149.0	157.5	164.3	171.3	177.4	185.6	189.6	191.5
Frozen and freeze dried prepared foods .....	124.0	130.8	135.3	137.4	138.1	137.5	137.9	138.4	145.3	144.1	142.5
Snacks .....	121.4	126.1	131.1	132.6	132.1	136.0	138.5	143.3	151.5	155.1	154.6
Spices, seasonings, condiments, sauces .....	118.1	124.7	132.5	137.8	143.5	147.3	150.8	156.8	163.9	168.4	173.0
Baby food <sup>1</sup> .....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.0	101.5
Other miscellaneous foods <sup>1</sup> .....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.0	101.8
Food away from home .....	124.0	129.7	135.6	139.4	141.6	144.1	147.0	150.3	155.0	159.0	159.9
Full service meals and snacks <sup>1</sup> .....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.0	100.7
Limited service meals and snacks <sup>1</sup> .....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.0	100.6
Food at employee sites and schools <sup>1</sup> .....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.0	100.0
Food from vending machines and mobile vendors <sup>1</sup> .....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.0	100.3
Other food away from home <sup>1</sup> .....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.0	100.3
Alcoholic beverages .....	119.5	125.2	130.5	143.5	147.7	150.0	151.4	154.3	159.9	163.1	164.0
Alcoholic beverages at home .....	114.4	119.4	123.9	138.2	141.3	142.0	141.7	143.0	147.7	148.4	149.3
Beer, ale, and other malt beverages at home .....	114.3	119.7	124.1	138.9	142.8	143.2	142.9	144.1	148.1	147.2	148.0
Distilled spirits at home .....	116.7	121.9	127.9	139.3	141.3	142.8	143.8	145.0	147.9	151.2	151.3
Wine at home .....	107.5	110.8	114.0	129.3	131.3	131.6	130.0	131.7	139.9	143.0	144.7
Alcoholic beverages away from home .....	132.6	139.5	146.3	158.0	164.0	168.8	172.5	178.0	185.2	192.1	193.1
Housing .....	118.5	123.1	128.3	132.7	136.1	139.7	142.7	146.7	151.0	154.4	155.5
Shelter .....	126.5	132.6	139.3	144.6	148.7	153.1	157.7	163.1	167.7	173.1	175.2
Rent of primary residence .....	129.7	135.0	140.6	144.8	148.2	151.6	155.4	159.3	163.7	168.8	170.0
Lodging away from home <sup>1</sup> .....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.0	110.8
Housing at school, excluding board <sup>2</sup> .....	144.9	155.5	165.0	175.7	189.7	193.8	202.9	211.8	219.2	231.2	231.6
Other lodging away from home including hotels and motels .....	126.2	134.4	155.2	168.6	174.5	181.2	184.4	191.1	201.1	213.2	238.7
Owners' equivalent rent of primary residence <sup>2</sup> .....	122.2	128.5	134.5	139.7	143.8	148.4	153.3	159.0	163.4	168.3	169.5
Tenants' and household insurance <sup>1</sup> .....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.0	100.5
Fuels and utilities .....	104.8	108.0	112.1	115.7	118.4	121.5	121.6	123.3	129.0	129.7	126.9
Fuels .....	97.2	100.7	104.7	105.9	108.4	110.2	109.5	110.2	116.5	115.2	111.9
Fuel oil and other fuels .....	76.7	88.1	113.4	94.4	91.7	88.2	88.3	89.5	110.6	97.0	94.5
Fuel oil .....	74.4	89.0	115.6	92.5	89.5	85.4	85.4	86.8	106.9	94.2	90.2
Other household fuels <sup>3</sup> .....	102.2	108.3	136.6	123.2	120.3	117.8	118.2	119.2	147.9	128.5	129.2
Gas (piped) and electricity .....	103.9	106.7	108.2	111.9	115.1	117.7	116.8	117.5	122.3	122.4	118.9
Electricity .....	110.2	113.1	114.5	120.4	122.4	123.0	123.8	127.2	128.1	126.4	123.8
Utility natural gas service .....	95.2	97.7	99.4	99.3	104.7	110.9	107.0	102.8	114.9	118.3	112.5
Water and sewer and trash collection services <sup>1</sup> .....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.0	101.0
Water and sewerage maintenance .....	135.1	144.1	152.6	163.8	174.3	182.9	190.5	195.9	202.6	210.6	212.6
Garbage and trash collection <sup>4</sup> .....	146.7	161.0	177.1	197.6	214.6	225.7	236.8	243.3	247.9	252.8	255.4
Household furnishings and operations .....	110.2	111.1	113.0	115.4	117.2	119.0	119.7	122.4	123.5	123.6	125.0
Window and floor coverings and other linens <sup>1</sup> .....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.0	100.5
Floor coverings <sup>1</sup> .....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.0	100.0
Window coverings <sup>1</sup> .....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.0	99.1
Other linens <sup>1</sup> .....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.0	101.5
Furniture and bedding .....	115.0	113.0	114.2	115.5	120.5	123.9	125.4	130.7	131.9	130.6	132.1
Bedroom furniture .....	121.6	118.8	117.1	122.0	128.3	134.6	132.2	134.8	139.6	141.5	140.1
Living room, kitchen, and dining room furniture <sup>1</sup> .....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.0	101.3
Other furniture <sup>1</sup> .....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.0	104.6

See footnotes at end of table.

**Table 28. 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)

Item and group	Unadjusted indexes											
	December										Mar. 1998	
	1988	1989	1990	1991	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997		
<b>Expenditure category</b>												
Appliances <sup>1</sup> .....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.0	99.7
Major appliances <sup>1</sup> .....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.0	98.9
Other appliances <sup>1</sup> .....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.0	100.9
Other household equipment and furnishings <sup>1</sup> .....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.0	101.4
Clocks, lamps, and decorator items .....	105.8	112.2	112.3	116.2	119.0	115.0	114.5	118.7	114.1	118.4	118.4	119.3
Indoor plants and flowers <sup>5</sup> .....	-	-	100.0	107.3	113.2	110.4	114.7	116.3	117.0	107.3	117.0	111.1
Dishes and flatware <sup>1</sup> .....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.0	102.1
Nonelectric cookware and tableware <sup>1</sup> .....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.0	99.4
Tools, hardware, outdoor equipment and supplies <sup>1</sup> .....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.0	102.0
Tools, hardware and supplies <sup>1</sup> .....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.0	100.8
Outdoor equipment and supplies <sup>1</sup> .....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.0	102.8
Housekeeping supplies .....	117.4	123.8	127.8	130.4	130.0	131.9	133.3	139.9	142.0	144.3	146.2	146.2
Household cleaning products <sup>1</sup> .....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.0	100.3
Household paper products <sup>1</sup> .....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.0	102.1
Miscellaneous household products <sup>1</sup> .....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.0	102.2
Household operations <sup>1</sup> .....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.0	100.5
Domestic services <sup>1</sup> .....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.0	100.4
Gardening and lawn care services <sup>1</sup> .....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.0	99.9
Moving, storage, freight expense <sup>1</sup> .....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.0	101.5
Repair of household items <sup>1</sup> .....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.0	100.4
Apparel .....	117.6	118.5	124.5	128.4	130.4	131.3	129.3	129.5	129.3	130.3	133.0	133.0
Men's and boys' apparel .....	116.5	118.0	121.4	124.9	126.4	127.0	124.5	125.8	127.5	130.7	132.8	132.8
Men's apparel .....	117.8	120.1	123.9	127.7	129.9	130.3	128.2	128.7	130.9	133.9	137.3	137.3
Men's suits, sport coats, and outerwear .....	121.5	124.6	127.8	131.0	133.6	140.4	137.3	135.5	134.7	135.9	138.4	138.4
Men's furnishings .....	113.4	116.8	119.5	122.1	123.2	123.1	123.9	120.5	125.7	136.1	140.8	140.8
Men's shirts and sweaters <sup>1</sup> .....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.0	100.3
Men's pants and shorts .....	113.8	116.3	120.7	124.9	128.2	127.2	125.6	127.1	129.0	128.9	135.4	135.4
Boys' apparel .....	112.4	111.5	113.3	116.3	115.3	116.6	112.9	116.4	116.7	120.5	118.9	118.9
Women's and girls' apparel .....	116.2	115.5	122.6	126.7	127.6	128.4	124.0	123.3	121.7	121.5	127.3	127.3
Women's apparel .....	115.8	115.1	122.8	125.7	126.1	128.1	123.2	122.2	120.8	120.8	126.8	126.8
Women's outerwear .....	102.7	104.0	115.2	118.4	121.9	128.9	118.6	121.3	126.1	129.2	120.0	120.0
Women's dresses .....	126.2	123.0	132.7	128.4	132.4	128.8	114.2	116.7	105.9	100.5	121.6	121.6
Women's suits and separates <sup>1</sup> .....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.0	102.6
Women's underwear, nightwear, sportswear and accessories <sup>1</sup> .....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.0	104.7
Girls' apparel .....	117.9	117.4	121.6	131.7	135.1	130.0	127.6	128.6	126.2	125.0	129.6	129.6
Footwear .....	114.0	115.4	119.3	122.5	125.6	126.6	124.2	125.0	127.0	129.2	127.1	127.1
Men's footwear .....	119.8	122.2	125.6	129.6	132.6	134.1	132.1	132.3	131.4	131.4	131.1	131.1
Boys' and girls' footwear .....	114.7	118.6	123.5	123.0	122.7	122.7	123.9	125.8	131.2	135.0	126.8	126.8
Women's footwear .....	108.3	107.4	111.0	115.8	120.7	121.9	117.3	118.0	120.2	123.1	122.9	122.9
Infants' and toddlers' apparel .....	120.3	119.3	127.9	131.8	133.1	128.1	132.9	129.8	128.1	126.5	124.5	124.5
Jewelry and watches <sup>3</sup> .....	116.2	120.3	127.3	131.3	136.6	140.1	144.9	144.2	138.4	137.7	142.4	142.4
Watches <sup>3</sup> .....	107.8	107.5	110.7	113.6	111.9	118.6	122.9	129.3	120.9	121.1	122.0	122.0
Jewelry <sup>3</sup> .....	118.6	124.0	132.0	136.4	143.6	146.3	151.2	148.5	143.4	142.4	148.2	148.2
Transportation .....	110.4	114.8	126.7	124.5	128.2	130.8	136.7	138.9	144.8	142.4	139.9	139.9
Private transportation .....	109.5	113.8	125.3	123.2	126.6	128.5	135.2	137.2	142.4	140.1	137.2	137.2
New and used motor vehicles <sup>1</sup> .....	-	-	-	-	-	93.7	98.5	101.3	102.1	100.0	99.7	99.7
New vehicles .....	118.8	122.0	124.4	128.5	131.7	136.2	140.9	143.7	146.5	145.3	145.6	145.6
Used cars and trucks .....	120.1	119.5	116.9	120.2	129.7	140.2	152.1	159.1	156.8	149.5	147.6	147.6
Car and truck rental <sup>1</sup> .....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.0	101.5
Motor fuel .....	80.4	85.9	117.1	98.5	99.9	94.6	100.2	96.4	108.9	101.7	91.0	91.0
Gasoline (all types) .....	80.4	85.6	117.0	98.3	99.9	94.0	100.0	95.9	108.3	101.2	90.5	90.5
Gasoline, unleaded regular <sup>6</sup> .....	78.8	83.2	115.4	96.2	97.6	91.1	97.6	93.5	106.5	98.9	88.0	88.0
Gasoline, unleaded midgrade <sup>6,7</sup> .....	-	-	-	-	-	100.0	105.3	100.6	112.4	105.9	95.3	95.3
Gasoline, unleaded premium <sup>6</sup> .....	84.7	90.0	118.7	101.5	103.0	98.1	103.2	98.3	109.2	102.8	93.0	93.0
Other motor fuels <sup>1</sup> .....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.0	94.0
Motor vehicle parts and equipment .....	98.4	100.6	101.5	103.0	102.2	100.7	101.0	101.6	101.4	100.8	100.7	100.7
Tires .....	96.8	98.8	98.6	100.8	100.4	98.9	101.1	101.2	101.2	98.2	98.0	98.0
Vehicle accessories other than tires <sup>1</sup> .....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.0	100.0
Motor vehicle maintenance and repair .....	121.5	126.9	132.8	138.8	143.9	148.3	152.6	156.6	161.4	165.7	166.7	166.7
Motor vehicle body work .....	126.5	134.0	139.5	142.9	147.0	150.8	155.7	161.4	168.6	176.5	178.5	178.5
Motor vehicle maintenance and servicing .....	118.3	122.0	126.8	133.7	136.5	139.3	141.4	144.4	148.6	152.7	154.2	154.2
Motor vehicle repair <sup>1</sup> .....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.0	100.4	100.4

See footnotes at end of table.

**Table 28. 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)

Item and group	Unadjusted indexes										
	December										Mar. 1998
	1988	1989	1990	1991	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997	
<b>Expenditure category</b>											
Motor vehicle insurance .....	160.9	170.6	183.7	198.6	211.5	221.9	229.5	239.6	249.0	255.3	255.3
Motor vehicle fees <sup>1</sup> .....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.0	102.2
State and local registration and license <sup>1</sup> .....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.0	101.4
Parking and other fees <sup>1</sup> .....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.0	104.7
Public transportation .....	125.4	130.1	150.3	147.8	155.5	171.1	162.5	169.0	186.9	182.5	190.2
Airline fare .....	126.5	133.1	163.4	154.0	163.6	191.8	173.5	177.2	204.5	193.9	209.4
Other intercity transportation .....	136.8	140.5	149.3	154.2	155.4	149.6	152.3	154.9	157.9	160.3	163.4
Intracity transportation .....	123.5	125.9	135.7	140.7	147.6	152.0	153.3	164.9	174.1	176.2	175.0
Medical care .....	142.8	154.7	168.8	182.0	194.3	204.5	214.6	223.1	230.1	236.5	239.1
Medical care commodities .....	143.1	154.8	168.0	180.3	189.4	195.1	200.8	204.2	209.4	214.1	215.5
Prescription drugs and medical supplies .....	156.9	171.8	189.0	206.8	218.3	225.2	233.2	237.8	244.9	251.0	253.6
Nonprescription drugs and medical supplies <sup>3</sup> .....	110.4	116.8	123.6	127.7	133.0	136.5	138.7	140.4	142.5	144.8	145.0
Internal and respiratory over-the-counter drugs .....	133.2	140.3	148.9	152.7	159.2	163.3	164.7	165.9	169.0	171.6	171.4
Nonprescription medical equipment and supplies .....	126.6	135.7	142.4	150.5	156.1	160.4	167.0	171.2	171.6	175.0	176.6
Medical care services .....	142.7	154.7	169.0	182.4	195.4	206.6	217.7	227.4	234.7	241.6	244.5
Professional services .....	141.0	150.2	160.3	170.2	180.0	188.0	196.9	204.9	212.3	218.9	221.8
Physicians' services .....	143.6	154.0	165.4	174.5	185.5	194.8	203.6	212.5	219.1	225.3	228.5
Dental services .....	140.8	150.0	159.7	172.9	182.8	190.9	201.3	210.1	220.9	229.6	233.2
Eyeglasses and eye care <sup>3</sup> .....	109.8	113.8	119.0	123.2	127.8	130.5	135.2	138.5	140.4	142.8	143.2
Services by other medical professionals <sup>3</sup> .....	110.8	117.2	122.8	129.2	133.9	138.1	144.3	146.8	151.5	156.8	159.0
Hospital and related services .....	150.0	166.8	184.4	201.2	218.9	235.1	248.5	260.0	270.4	278.7	281.4
Hospital services <sup>8</sup> .....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.0	103.0	104.0
Inpatient hospital services <sup>6 8</sup> .....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.0	102.3	103.1
Outpatient hospital services <sup>6 3</sup> .....	117.1	131.1	145.9	160.4	176.0	189.3	200.2	209.4	219.5	228.6	231.5
Nursing homes and adult daycare <sup>8</sup> .....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.0	104.0	105.3
Recreation <sup>1</sup> .....	-	-	-	-	-	92.2	93.2	95.6	98.5	100.0	101.0
Video and audio <sup>1</sup> .....	-	-	-	-	-	96.5	93.9	94.3	97.5	100.0	101.4
Televisions .....	76.4	74.8	72.2	71.4	70.9	69.4	68.2	65.2	61.7	59.3	59.6
Cable television <sup>4</sup> .....	141.6	147.1	166.9	181.2	188.4	201.7	195.8	203.5	219.5	234.6	242.8
Other video equipment <sup>1</sup> .....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.0	96.7
Video cassettes, discs, and other media including rental <sup>1</sup> ..	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.0	98.8
Audio equipment .....	91.9	94.0	93.1	94.9	93.5	94.2	93.2	90.8	90.2	88.4	87.0
Audio discs, tapes and other media <sup>1</sup> .....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.0	100.5
Pets, pet products and services <sup>1</sup> .....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.0	100.7
Pets and pet products .....	117.7	122.8	127.3	129.5	128.5	129.3	130.7	135.4	142.4	141.9	142.3
Pet services including veterinary <sup>1</sup> .....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.0	101.6
Sporting goods .....	112.5	115.9	116.5	120.5	121.6	122.6	126.1	124.5	124.6	124.5	125.2
Sports vehicles including bicycles .....	113.2	117.7	117.8	120.4	123.5	124.9	128.8	127.3	127.4	127.7	128.9
Sports equipment .....	109.0	110.8	112.1	118.0	116.3	116.7	119.7	118.0	118.0	117.3	117.6
Photography <sup>1</sup> .....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.0	99.9
Photographic equipment and supplies .....	123.5	127.8	129.7	131.1	134.1	136.5	131.4	133.8	133.9	134.6	134.3
Photographers and film processing <sup>1</sup> .....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.0	100.0
Other recreational goods <sup>1</sup> .....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.0	98.8
Toys .....	112.3	114.8	116.6	117.9	121.3	123.2	122.2	123.5	127.4	125.2	123.2
Sewing machines, fabric and supplies <sup>1</sup> .....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.0	100.6
Music instruments and accessories <sup>1</sup> .....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.0	100.7
Recreation services <sup>1</sup> .....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.0	101.8
Club membership dues and fees for participant sports <sup>1</sup> .....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.0	101.7
Admissions .....	132.8	145.8	153.1	160.5	166.6	169.9	176.2	185.7	193.3	199.8	204.1
Fees for lessons or instructions <sup>3</sup> .....	110.6	119.6	126.1	133.6	140.7	146.3	154.0	158.6	167.3	175.8	176.5
Recreational reading materials .....	126.7	132.5	138.6	147.8	153.4	159.0	164.8	174.5	179.3	181.3	183.9
Newspapers and magazines <sup>1</sup> .....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.0	101.6
Recreational books <sup>1</sup> .....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.0	101.1
Education and communication <sup>1</sup> .....	-	-	-	-	-	87.8	90.4	94.0	97.1	100.0	100.0
Education <sup>1</sup> .....	-	-	-	-	-	81.1	85.6	90.4	94.8	100.0	100.5
Educational books and supplies .....	151.1	162.9	173.9	184.4	194.9	202.3	208.5	220.3	232.9	245.2	250.0
Tuition, other school fees, and childcare .....	157.1	169.6	182.7	199.4	214.4	228.7	242.0	255.8	267.9	282.7	283.9
College tuition and fees .....	156.2	169.3	183.6	205.0	223.8	240.3	255.3	271.2	286.1	300.9	301.6
Elementary and high school tuition and fees .....	161.9	176.2	191.4	206.2	222.7	235.4	250.2	266.9	279.3	299.4	299.4
Child care and nursery school <sup>5</sup> .....	-	-	100.0	106.3	110.8	116.7	122.7	127.5	132.1	138.7	139.6
Technical and business school tuition and fees .....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.0	100.2

See footnotes at end of table.



**Table 28. 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)

Item and group	Unadjusted indexes										Mar. 1998
	December										
	1988	1989	1990	1991	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997	
<b>Expenditure category</b>											
Communication <sup>1</sup> .....	-	-	-	-	-	96.8	96.9	98.7	100.1	100.0	99.5
Postage and delivery services <sup>1</sup> .....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.0	100.1
Postage .....	125.4	125.4	125.4	145.7	145.7	145.7	145.7	160.8	160.8	160.8	160.8
Delivery services <sup>1</sup> .....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.0	103.8
Information and information processing <sup>1</sup> .....	-	-	-	-	-	97.6	97.9	98.5	100.1	100.0	99.5
Telephone services <sup>1</sup> .....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.0	100.4
Telephone services, local charges .....	144.8	145.5	147.0	154.7	155.3	156.9	156.3	159.9	161.3	163.0	164.9
Telephone services, long distance charges <sup>1</sup> .....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.0	99.9
Cellular telephone services <sup>1</sup> .....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.0	97.5
Information and information processing other than telephone services <sup>9</sup> .....	100.0	92.7	89.7	86.9	80.6	74.2	68.2	61.4	54.9	48.9	44.8
Personal computers and peripheral equipment <sup>1</sup> .....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.0	88.3
Computer software and accessories <sup>1</sup> .....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.0	98.5
Computer information processing services <sup>1</sup> .....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.0	100.2
Other information processing equipment <sup>1</sup> .....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.0	96.8
Other goods and services .....	140.6	152.7	164.4	177.7	189.0	192.0	200.0	208.1	215.2	226.9	229.3
Tobacco and smoking products .....	150.2	171.8	190.1	211.5	229.0	215.4	222.2	228.4	233.9	250.9	253.7
Cigarettes <sup>1</sup> .....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.0	101.1
Tobacco products other than cigarettes <sup>1</sup> .....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.0	101.8
Personal care .....	122.3	126.9	132.2	135.7	139.9	143.2	146.1	148.9	150.4	153.9	155.5
Personal care products .....	121.5	124.7	130.0	133.7	138.6	140.7	143.5	144.7	143.5	146.1	148.2
Hair, dental, shaving, and miscellaneous personal care products <sup>1</sup> .....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.0	101.1
Cosmetics, perfume, bath, nail preparations and implements .....	122.2	124.8	132.0	136.0	138.5	144.7	146.8	148.9	153.1	156.7	159.5
Personal care services .....	123.0	129.4	134.9	137.9	141.3	146.2	149.2	154.2	159.4	164.1	164.9
Haircuts and other personal care services <sup>1</sup> .....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.0	100.5
Miscellaneous personal services .....	143.0	151.0	160.1	170.5	177.6	188.9	198.8	208.9	217.8	228.9	231.7
Legal services <sup>3</sup> .....	109.8	116.4	121.7	129.2	133.6	144.0	147.2	153.1	159.7	166.5	169.3
Funeral expenses <sup>3</sup> .....	109.6	115.1	122.6	130.1	135.1	142.1	150.6	158.1	165.9	174.7	176.7
Laundry and dry cleaning services <sup>1</sup> .....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.0	100.7
Apparel services other than laundry and dry cleaning <sup>1</sup> .....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.0	100.6
Financial services <sup>3</sup> .....	111.7	117.9	127.1	136.8	143.9	153.3	166.5	177.7	183.2	193.9	196.5
Miscellaneous personal goods <sup>1</sup> .....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.0	100.2
<b>Special aggregate indexes</b>											
Commodities .....	113.0	117.8	125.8	127.0	129.8	131.6	134.8	136.9	141.4	141.6	141.1
Commodities less food and beverages .....	108.6	112.1	121.0	120.9	124.1	124.7	127.6	129.0	132.4	131.3	130.1
Nondurables less food and beverages .....	106.3	111.6	126.2	124.2	127.3	125.7	127.7	128.3	133.6	133.1	131.2
Nondurables less food, beverages, and apparel .....	104.1	111.7	131.0	126.2	129.9	127.2	131.3	132.1	140.4	139.3	134.8
Durables .....	110.7	112.0	112.6	115.3	118.7	122.3	126.5	128.9	129.6	127.5	127.3
Services .....	127.2	133.4	140.7	147.0	152.1	157.6	162.4	167.9	173.4	178.2	179.6
Rent of shelter <sup>2</sup> .....	121.5	127.5	133.9	139.1	143.0	147.3	151.7	156.9	161.4	166.6	168.6
Transportation services .....	131.2	137.8	147.9	152.5	157.2	163.3	169.2	174.9	181.5	183.9	185.8
Other services .....	135.0	143.8	152.8	162.0	169.9	178.5	185.9	194.0	201.7	209.9	211.9
All items less food .....	118.8	124.0	131.7	135.7	140.0	143.4	147.4	151.1	155.8	158.1	158.5
All items less shelter .....	117.4	122.6	130.6	133.7	137.6	140.8	144.6	147.8	152.8	154.2	154.2
All items less medical care .....	117.9	123.1	130.4	133.6	137.2	140.4	144.0	147.5	152.4	154.5	154.9
Commodities less food .....	108.9	112.6	121.2	121.8	125.0	125.7	128.5	130.0	133.5	132.5	131.5
Nondurables less food .....	106.9	112.2	126.0	125.3	128.4	127.1	129.0	129.8	135.2	135.0	133.2
Nondurables less food and apparel .....	104.9	112.2	129.7	127.0	130.7	128.6	132.4	133.4	141.3	140.7	136.6
Nondurables .....	113.5	119.5	130.1	130.8	133.4	134.5	137.4	139.3	145.2	146.2	145.6
Apparel less footwear .....	116.4	116.9	122.9	126.8	128.3	128.9	126.5	126.5	125.5	126.1	129.9
Services less rent of shelter <sup>2</sup> .....	118.1	123.9	131.1	137.9	143.5	149.5	154.0	159.2	165.0	168.8	169.6
Services less medical care services .....	125.6	131.4	138.1	143.9	148.4	153.4	157.6	162.8	168.1	172.7	174.1

See footnotes at end of table.

**Table 28. 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)

Item and group	Unadjusted indexes										
	December										Mar. 1998
	1988	1989	1990	1991	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997	
<b>Special aggregate indexes</b>											
Energy .....	88.1	92.7	110.5	101.6	103.5	101.7	104.2	102.6	112.0	107.7	100.8
All items less energy .....	123.6	129.1	135.5	140.8	144.9	149.1	153.3	157.6	162.1	165.2	166.7
All items less food and energy .....	124.4	129.7	136.0	142.0	146.6	150.9	155.1	159.7	163.7	167.1	168.6
Commodities less food and energy commodities .....	117.0	120.2	124.0	128.9	132.7	134.7	137.1	139.6	141.0	141.5	142.3
Energy commodities .....	80.3	86.4	117.1	98.4	99.5	94.3	99.4	96.0	109.4	101.6	91.4
Services less energy services .....	129.8	136.4	144.3	151.0	156.3	162.1	167.5	173.4	179.0	184.3	186.4
Domestically produced farm food .....	119.1	127.0	135.0	136.7	139.0	143.9	147.1	150.7	159.3	160.2	161.0
Utilities and public transportation .....	113.4	116.3	121.2	125.6	129.4	134.4	133.6	135.9	142.4	143.3	143.1

- 1 Indexes on a December 1997=100 base.
- 2 Indexes on a December 1984=100 base.
- 3 Indexes on a December 1986=100 base.
- 4 Indexes on a December 1983=100 base.
- 5 Indexes on a December 1990=100 base.
- 6 Special index based on a substantially smaller sample.
- 7 Indexes on a December 1993=100 base.
- 8 Indexes on a December 1996=100 base.
- 9 Indexes on a December 1988=100 base.
- Data not available.

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

**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**

Item and group	Percent change from previous December										Mar. 1998
	December										
	1988	1989	1990	1991	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997	
<b>Expenditure category</b>											
All items .....	4.4	4.5	6.1	2.8	2.9	2.5	2.7	2.5	3.3	1.5	0.3
Food and beverages .....	5.1	5.5	5.3	2.5	1.6	2.7	2.6	2.2	4.2	1.5	.6
Food .....	5.2	5.6	5.4	1.8	1.5	2.8	2.8	2.2	4.3	1.5	.6
Food at home .....	5.6	6.2	5.8	1.1	1.5	3.4	3.2	2.2	4.9	.8	.6
Cereals and bakery products .....	8.4	7.3	4.6	3.4	3.9	3.7	3.3	3.2	3.7	1.5	.7
Cereals and cereal products .....	9.5	7.3	5.1	3.6	3.6	3.4	3.1	2.6	-1.3	1.9	.3
Flour and prepared flour mixes .....	6.7	7.3	2.2	-2	5.0	-2	1.7	6.5	7.6	-4	4.9
Breakfast cereal .....	9.6	9.7	7.2	4.8	3.9	4.7	2.4	1.6	-4.2	1.7	-5
Rice, pasta, cornmeal .....	11.4	1.4	2.1	2.8	2.0	2.2	6.0	2.5	.8	4.1	-2
Bakery products .....	7.8	7.4	4.3	3.4	4.2	3.7	3.5	3.5	6.0	1.4	.8
Bread .....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-2
Fresh biscuits, rolls, muffins .....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1.1
Cakes, cupcakes, and cookies .....	6.1	7.8	5.7	4.8	2.3	3.3	3.7	1.3	4.2	.7	.6
Other bakery products .....	5.0	8.8	3.3	3.9	5.1	1.9	3.3	2.7	6.2	.3	2.1
Meats, poultry, fish, and eggs .....	5.2	6.9	7.9	-1.6	.5	3.6	-7	4.2	5.7	-1.2	-7
Meats, poultry, and fish .....	4.7	5.2	8.9	-1.4	.8	3.8	-7	3.0	5.3	-7	-3
Meats .....	2.1	6.6	11.4	-2.2	.3	3.7	-1.7	2.7	5.2	-8	-7
Beef and veal .....	5.5	6.7	8.9	-1.1	.8	3.7	-2.2	-2	2.5	-9	-1
Uncooked ground beef .....	2.4	7.5	7.6	-1.4	-6	3.7	-4.5	-1.7	1.6	-1.1	.6
Uncooked beef roasts .....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-1
Uncooked beef steaks .....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-8
Uncooked other beef and veal .....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	.5
Pork .....	-2.9	7.0	16.6	-6.0	-7	4.5	-2.3	7.4	11.1	-1.5	-2.1
Bacon, breakfast sausage, and related products .....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-2.9
Ham .....	-1.5	5.1	18.2	-4.8	-1.4	1.5	-1.5	7.2	8.5	-1.9	1.0
Pork chops .....	.2	8.2	14.9	-4.3	2.6	4.6	-4.9	5.5	6.8	-3.8	-3.8
Other pork including roasts and picnics .....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-2.4
Other meats .....	.8	5.6	10.3	.8	.2	2.6	.6	3.1	3.4	.4	.4
Poultry .....	18.2	.4	1.4	.5	2.8	5.5	-4	4.1	7.9	-1.6	.1
Chicken .....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-3
Other poultry including turkey .....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1.4
Fish and seafood .....	4.6	3.7	2.8	1.6	1.7	3.3	5.2	3.1	2.4	.8	1.6
Fresh fish and seafood .....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2.7
Processed fish and seafood .....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	.0
Eggs .....	16.6	35.7	-4.7	-4.1	-4.6	-1.9	.4	25.6	12.1	-7.5	-9.8
Dairy and related products .....	4.5	10.4	3.0	.6	1.3	.9	1.1	2.5	10.2	-7	.4
Milk .....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	.6
Cheese and related products .....	5.2	12.9	4.7	1.7	.1	-8	.9	2.4	8.2	-1.4	1.3
Ice cream and related products .....	3.7	7.1	4.4	1.1	.5	.5	3.7	2.7	7.7	1.0	-1.3
Other dairy and related products .....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-1
Fruits and vegetables .....	6.3	3.8	7.3	4.4	2.1	6.5	8.1	-1.0	5.1	2.2	2.5
Fresh fruits and vegetables .....	3.7	4.7	8.4	7.9	2.6	9.1	11.8	-2.7	4.4	3.0	2.8
Fresh fruits .....	13.6	6.4	11.3	11.0	-4.3	12.6	3.6	5.8	11.8	-4.9	-1.2
Apples .....	27.5	-6.3	21.9	12.2	-9.5	8.4	-2.2	15.0	3.8	-2	4.2
Bananas .....	7.9	5.9	4.4	-4	-2.8	2.6	12.2	2.6	7.4	-3.8	2.0
Citrus fruits .....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2.4
Other fresh fruits .....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-6.9
Fresh vegetables .....	-5.2	2.7	5.3	4.3	11.2	5.5	21.1	-10.8	-4.1	13.6	6.9
Potatoes .....	24.3	9.1	-4.2	-4.0	6.7	20.5	-6.5	13.7	-8.6	9.2	3.8
Lettuce .....	-36.3	-22.1	11.8	12.1	6.5	-16.2	77.7	-36.4	7.0	17.6	-3.8
Tomatoes .....	-10.8	13.2	-7.9	-4.0	55.1	1.9	18.1	4.0	-20.4	31.0	-2.8
Other fresh vegetables .....	2.5	4.5	11.7	7.7	3.1	7.3	21.2	-15.4	1.8	8.6	15.5
Processed fruits and vegetables .....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1.8
Canned fruits and vegetables .....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2.5
Frozen fruits and vegetables .....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1.3
Other processed fruits and vegetables including dried .....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	.2
Nonalcoholic beverages and beverage materials .....	2.8	3.2	1.9	-4	-2	2.1	13.5	-1.4	-1.8	4.1	1.1

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**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**

Item and group	Percent change from previous December										Mar. 1998
	December										
	1988	1989	1990	1991	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997	
<b>Expenditure category</b>											
Juices and nonalcoholic drinks .....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1.2
Carbonated drinks .....	1.5	4.9	0.8	0.9	1.5	1.8	-0.3	2.9	-0.5	-1.9	3.0
Frozen noncarbonated juices and drinks .....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-0.3
Nonfrozen noncarbonated juices and drinks .....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-1.2
Beverage materials including coffee and tea .....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	.4
Coffee .....	5.7	-1.2	1.6	-5.1	-5.5	5.3	55.9	-9.7	-6.9	16.8	-2
Other beverage materials including tea .....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1.1
Other food at home .....	4.8	4.3	4.2	1.5	.9	2.0	5.7	1.3	2.2	2.7	1.2
Sugar and sweets .....	5.2	3.8	4.3	3.4	1.0	.9	1.0	3.0	4.4	2.2	2.2
Sugar and artificial sweeteners .....	8.0	4.4	2.8	.0	1.0	1.0	2.0	4.1	3.4	.8	2.3
Candy and chewing gum .....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2.0
Other sweets .....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2.8
Fats and oils .....	9.9	2.7	7.7	-1.3	-6	.8	3.7	2.4	2.3	-3	1.4
Butter and margarine .....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1.4
Salad dressing .....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	.8
Other fats and oils including peanut butter .....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1.8
Other foods .....	5.0	5.7	5.2	3.1	2.1	2.6	2.3	2.6	4.5	2.5	1.0
Soups .....	3.7	7.5	6.1	5.9	5.7	4.3	4.3	3.6	4.6	2.2	1.0
Frozen and freeze dried prepared foods .....	4.5	5.5	3.4	1.6	.5	-4	.3	.4	5.0	-8	-1.1
Snacks .....	5.0	3.9	4.0	1.1	-4	3.0	1.8	3.5	5.7	2.4	-3
Spices, seasonings, condiments, sauces .....	4.4	5.6	6.3	4.0	4.1	2.6	2.4	4.0	4.5	2.7	2.7
Baby food .....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1.5
Other miscellaneous foods .....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1.8
Food away from home .....	4.4	4.6	4.5	2.8	1.6	1.8	2.0	2.2	3.1	2.6	.6
Full service meals and snacks .....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	.7
Limited service meals and snacks .....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	.6
Food at employee sites and schools .....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	.0
Food from vending machines and mobile vendors .....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	.3
Other food away from home .....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	.3
Alcoholic beverages .....	3.8	4.8	4.2	10.0	2.9	1.6	.9	1.9	3.6	2.0	.6
Alcoholic beverages at home .....	2.3	4.4	3.8	11.5	2.2	.5	-2	.9	3.3	.5	.6
Beer, ale, and other malt beverages at home .....	2.7	4.7	3.7	11.9	2.8	.3	-2	.8	2.8	-6	.5
Distilled spirits at home .....	1.8	4.5	4.9	8.9	1.4	1.1	.7	.8	2.0	2.2	.1
Wine at home .....	1.8	3.1	2.9	13.4	1.5	.2	-1.2	1.3	6.2	2.2	1.2
Alcoholic beverages away from home .....	5.7	5.2	4.9	8.0	3.8	2.9	2.2	3.2	4.0	3.7	.5
Housing .....	3.9	3.9	4.2	3.4	2.6	2.6	2.1	2.8	2.9	2.3	.7
Shelter .....	4.4	4.8	5.1	3.8	2.8	3.0	3.0	3.4	2.8	3.2	1.2
Rent of primary residence .....	3.5	4.1	4.1	3.0	2.3	2.3	2.5	2.5	2.8	3.1	.7
Lodging away from home .....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	10.8
Housing at school, excluding board .....	5.8	7.3	6.1	6.5	8.0	2.2	4.7	4.4	3.5	5.5	.2
Other lodging away from home including hotels and motels .....	3.6	6.5	15.5	8.6	3.5	3.8	1.8	3.6	5.2	6.0	12.0
Owners' equivalent rent of primary residence .....	4.8	5.2	4.7	3.9	2.9	3.2	3.3	3.7	2.8	3.0	.7
Tenants' and household insurance .....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	.5
Fuels and utilities .....	3.0	3.1	3.8	3.2	2.3	2.6	.1	1.4	4.6	.5	-2.2
Fuels .....	2.5	3.6	4.0	1.1	2.4	1.7	-6	.6	5.7	-1.1	-2.9
Fuel oil and other fuels .....	-4.4	14.9	28.7	-16.8	-2.9	-3.8	.1	1.4	23.6	-12.3	-2.6
Fuel oil .....	-6.4	19.6	29.9	-20.0	-3.2	-4.6	.0	1.6	23.2	-11.9	-4.2
Other household fuels .....	-2	6.0	26.1	-9.8	-2.4	-2.1	.3	.8	24.1	-13.1	.5
Gas (piped) and electricity .....	3.2	2.7	1.4	3.4	2.9	2.3	-8	.6	4.1	.1	-2.9
Electricity .....	3.0	2.6	1.2	5.2	1.7	.5	.7	2.7	.7	-1.3	-2.1
Utility natural gas service .....	3.7	2.6	1.7	-1	5.4	5.9	-3.5	-3.9	11.8	3.0	-4.9
Water and sewer and trash collection services .....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1.0
Water and sewerage maintenance .....	5.6	6.7	5.9	7.3	6.4	4.9	4.2	2.8	3.4	3.9	.9
Garbage and trash collection .....	7.8	9.7	10.0	11.6	8.6	5.2	4.9	2.7	1.9	2.0	1.0
Household furnishings and operations .....	3.1	.8	1.7	2.1	1.6	1.5	.6	2.3	.9	.1	1.1
Window and floor coverings and other linens .....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	.5
Floor coverings .....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	.0
Window coverings .....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-9
Other linens .....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1.5
Furniture and bedding .....	3.1	-1.7	1.1	1.1	4.3	2.8	1.2	4.2	.9	-1.0	1.1
Bedroom furniture .....	5.3	-2.3	-1.4	4.2	5.2	4.9	-1.8	2.0	3.6	1.4	-1.0
Living room, kitchen, and dining room furniture .....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1.3
Other furniture .....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	4.6
Appliances .....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-3

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Item and group	Percent change from previous December										Mar. 1998
	December										
	1988	1989	1990	1991	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997	
<b>Expenditure category</b>											
Major appliances .....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-1.1
Other appliances .....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	.9
Other household equipment and furnishings .....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1.4
Clocks, lamps, and decorator items .....	3.2	6.0	0.1	3.5	2.4	-3.4	-0.4	3.7	-3.9	3.8	.8
Indoor plants and flowers .....	-	-	-	7.3	5.5	-2.5	3.9	1.4	.6	-8.3	3.5
Dishes and flatware .....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2.1
Nonelectric cookware and tableware .....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-6
Tools, hardware, outdoor equipment and supplies .....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2.0
Tools, hardware and supplies .....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	.8
Outdoor equipment and supplies .....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2.8
Housekeeping supplies .....	4.0	5.5	3.2	2.0	-3	1.5	1.1	5.0	1.5	1.6	1.3
Household cleaning products .....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	.3
Household paper products .....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2.1
Miscellaneous household products .....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2.2
Household operations .....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	.5
Domestic services .....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	.4
Gardening and lawn care services .....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-1
Moving, storage, freight expense .....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1.5
Repair of household items .....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	.4
Apparel .....	4.4	.8	5.1	3.1	1.6	.7	-1.5	.2	-2	.8	2.1
Men's and boys' apparel .....	5.5	1.3	2.9	2.9	1.2	.5	-2.0	1.0	1.4	2.5	1.6
Men's apparel .....	5.7	2.0	3.2	3.1	1.7	.3	-1.6	.4	1.7	2.3	2.5
Men's suits, sport coats, and outerwear .....	9.2	2.6	2.6	2.5	2.0	5.1	-2.2	-1.3	-6	.9	1.8
Men's furnishings .....	3.1	3.0	2.3	2.2	.9	-1	.6	-2.7	4.3	8.3	3.5
Men's shirts and sweaters .....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	.3
Men's pants and shorts .....	4.1	2.2	3.8	3.5	2.6	-8	-1.3	1.2	1.5	-1	5.0
Boys' apparel .....	4.9	-8	1.6	2.6	-9	1.1	-3.2	3.1	.3	3.3	-1.3
Women's and girls' apparel .....	3.2	-6	6.1	3.3	.7	.6	-3.4	-6	-1.3	-2	4.8
Women's apparel .....	2.8	-6	6.7	2.4	.3	1.6	-3.8	-8	-1.1	.0	5.0
Women's outerwear .....	-2.2	1.3	10.8	2.8	3.0	5.7	-8.0	2.3	4.0	2.5	-7.1
Women's dresses .....	3.0	-2.5	7.9	-3.2	3.1	-2.7	-11.3	2.2	-9.3	-5.1	21.0
Women's suits and separates .....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2.6
Women's underwear, nightwear, sportswear and accessories .....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	4.7
Girls' apparel .....	5.3	-4	3.6	8.3	2.6	-3.8	-1.8	.8	-1.9	-1.0	3.7
Footwear .....	5.6	1.2	3.4	2.7	2.5	.8	-1.9	.6	1.6	1.7	-1.6
Men's footwear .....	7.1	2.0	2.8	3.2	2.3	1.1	-1.5	.2	-7	.0	-2
Boys' and girls' footwear .....	3.7	3.4	4.1	-4	-2	.0	1.0	1.5	4.3	2.9	-6.1
Women's footwear .....	5.6	-8	3.4	4.3	4.2	1.0	-3.8	.6	1.9	2.4	-2
Infants' and toddlers' apparel .....	3.4	-8	7.2	3.0	1.0	-3.8	3.7	-2.3	-1.3	-1.2	-1.6
Jewelry and watches .....	6.6	3.5	5.8	3.1	4.0	2.6	3.4	-5	-4.0	-5	3.4
Watches .....	4.1	-3	3.0	2.6	-1.5	6.0	3.6	5.2	-6.5	.2	.7
Jewelry .....	7.2	4.6	6.5	3.3	5.3	1.9	3.3	-1.8	-3.4	-7	4.1
Transportation .....	2.9	4.0	10.4	-1.7	3.0	2.0	4.5	1.6	4.2	-1.7	-1.8
Private transportation .....	2.9	3.9	10.1	-1.7	2.8	1.5	5.2	1.5	3.8	-1.6	-2.1
New and used motor vehicles .....	-	-	-	-	-	-	5.1	2.8	.8	-2.1	-3
New vehicles .....	2.3	2.7	2.0	3.3	2.5	3.4	3.5	2.0	1.9	-8	.2
Used cars and trucks .....	3.4	-5	-2.2	2.8	7.9	8.1	8.5	4.6	-1.4	-4.7	-1.3
Car and truck rental .....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1.5
Motor fuel .....	-2.0	6.8	36.3	-15.9	1.4	-5.3	5.9	-3.8	13.0	-6.6	-10.5
Gasoline (all types) .....	-1.8	6.5	36.7	-16.0	1.6	-5.9	6.4	-4.1	12.9	-6.6	-10.6
Gasoline, unleaded regular <sup>1</sup> .....	-2.5	5.6	38.7	-16.6	1.5	-6.7	7.1	-4.2	13.9	-7.1	-11.0
Gasoline, unleaded midgrade <sup>1</sup> .....	-	-	-	-	-	-	5.3	-4.5	11.7	-5.8	-10.0
Gasoline, unleaded premium <sup>1</sup> .....	-7	6.3	31.9	-14.5	1.5	-4.8	5.2	-4.7	11.1	-5.9	-9.5
Other motor fuels .....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-6.0
Motor vehicle parts and equipment .....	2.0	2.2	.9	1.5	-8	-1.5	.3	.6	-2	-6	-1
Tires .....	3.8	2.1	-2	2.2	-4	-1.5	2.2	.1	.0	-3.0	-2
Vehicle accessories other than tires .....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	.0
Motor vehicle maintenance and repair .....	3.8	4.4	4.6	4.5	3.7	3.1	2.9	2.6	3.1	2.7	.6
Motor vehicle body work .....	4.3	5.9	4.1	2.4	2.9	2.6	3.2	3.7	4.5	4.7	1.1
Motor vehicle maintenance and servicing .....	3.1	3.1	3.9	5.4	2.1	2.1	1.5	2.1	2.9	2.8	1.0
Motor vehicle repair .....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	.4
Motor vehicle insurance .....	8.1	6.0	7.7	8.1	6.5	4.9	3.4	4.4	3.9	2.5	.0

See footnotes at end of table.

**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**

Item and group	Percent change from previous December										Mar. 1998
	December										
	1988	1989	1990	1991	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997	
<b>Expenditure category</b>											
Motor vehicle fees .....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2.2
State and local registration and license .....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1.4
Parking and other fees .....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	4.7
Public transportation .....	3.4	3.7	15.5	-1.7	5.2	10.0	-5.0	4.0	10.6	-2.4	4.2
Airline fare .....	3.1	5.2	22.8	-5.8	6.2	17.2	-9.5	2.1	15.4	-5.2	8.0
Other intercity transportation .....	6.9	2.7	6.3	3.3	.8	-3.7	1.8	1.7	1.9	1.5	1.9
Intracity transportation .....	2.7	1.9	7.8	3.7	4.9	3.0	.9	7.6	5.6	1.2	-7
Medical care .....	7.0	8.3	9.1	7.8	6.8	5.2	4.9	4.0	3.1	2.8	1.1
Medical care commodities .....	6.7	8.2	8.5	7.3	5.0	3.0	2.9	1.7	2.5	2.2	.7
Prescription drugs and medical supplies .....	7.7	9.5	10.0	9.4	5.6	3.2	3.6	2.0	3.0	2.5	1.0
Nonprescription drugs and medical supplies .....	4.8	5.8	5.8	3.3	4.2	2.6	1.6	1.2	1.5	1.6	.1
Internal and respiratory over-the-counter drugs .....	5.0	5.3	6.1	2.6	4.3	2.6	.9	.7	1.9	1.5	-1
Nonprescription medical equipment and supplies .....	4.7	7.2	4.9	5.7	3.7	2.8	4.1	2.5	.2	2.0	.9
Medical care services .....	7.1	8.4	9.2	7.9	7.1	5.7	5.4	4.5	3.2	2.9	1.2
Professional services .....	6.8	6.5	6.7	6.2	5.8	4.4	4.7	4.1	3.6	3.1	1.3
Physicians' services .....	7.5	7.2	7.4	5.5	6.3	5.0	4.5	4.4	3.1	2.8	1.4
Dental services .....	6.7	6.5	6.5	8.3	5.7	4.4	5.4	4.4	5.1	3.9	1.6
Eyeglasses and eye care .....	4.3	3.6	4.6	3.5	3.7	2.1	3.6	2.4	1.4	1.7	.3
Services by other medical professionals .....	5.5	5.8	4.8	5.2	3.6	3.1	4.5	1.7	3.2	3.5	1.4
Hospital and related services .....	10.8	11.2	10.6	9.1	8.8	7.4	5.7	4.6	4.0	3.1	1.0
Hospital services .....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3.0
Inpatient hospital services <sup>1</sup> .....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2.3
Outpatient hospital services <sup>1</sup> .....	9.2	12.0	11.3	9.9	9.7	7.6	5.8	4.6	4.8	4.1	1.3
Nursing homes and adult daycare .....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	4.0
Recreation .....	-	-	-	-	-	-	1.1	2.6	3.0	1.5	1.0
Video and audio .....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-2.7	.4	3.4	2.6	1.4
Televisions .....	-1.2	-2.1	-3.5	-1.1	-7	-2.1	-1.7	-4.4	-5.4	-3.9	.5
Cable television .....	10.7	3.9	13.5	8.6	4.0	7.1	-2.9	3.9	7.9	6.9	3.5
Other video equipment .....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-3.3
Video cassettes, discs, and other media including rental .....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-1.2
Audio equipment .....	.0	2.3	-1.0	1.9	-1.5	.7	-1.1	-2.6	-.7	-2.0	-1.6
Audio discs, tapes and other media .....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	.5
Pets, pet products and services .....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	.7
Pets and pet products .....	4.5	4.3	3.7	1.7	-.8	.6	1.1	3.6	5.2	-.4	.3
Pet services including veterinary .....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1.6
Sporting goods .....	4.4	3.0	.5	3.4	.9	.8	2.9	-1.3	.1	-.1	.6
Sports vehicles including bicycles .....	3.9	4.0	.1	2.2	2.6	1.1	3.1	-1.2	.1	.2	.9
Sports equipment .....	4.9	1.7	1.2	5.3	-1.4	.3	2.6	-1.4	.0	-.6	.3
Photography .....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-.1
Photographic equipment and supplies .....	6.2	3.5	1.5	1.1	2.3	1.8	-3.7	1.8	.1	.5	-.2
Photographers and film processing .....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	.0
Other recreational goods .....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-1.2
Toys .....	4.2	2.2	1.6	1.1	2.9	1.6	-.8	1.1	3.2	-1.7	-1.6
Sewing machines, fabric and supplies .....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	.6
Music instruments and accessories .....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	.7
Recreation services .....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1.8
Club membership dues and fees for participant sports .....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1.7
Admissions .....	3.7	9.8	5.0	4.8	3.8	2.0	3.7	5.4	4.1	3.4	2.2
Fees for lessons or instructions .....	5.0	8.1	5.4	5.9	5.3	4.0	5.3	3.0	5.5	5.1	.4
Recreational reading materials .....	4.4	4.6	4.6	6.6	3.8	3.7	3.6	5.9	2.8	1.1	1.4
Newspapers and magazines .....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1.6
Recreational books .....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1.1
Education and communication .....	-	-	-	-	-	-	3.0	4.0	3.3	3.0	.0
Education .....	-	-	-	-	-	-	5.5	5.6	4.9	5.5	.5
Educational books and supplies .....	6.5	7.8	6.8	6.0	5.7	3.8	3.1	5.7	5.7	5.3	2.0
Tuition, other school fees, and childcare .....	7.4	8.0	7.7	9.1	7.5	6.7	5.8	5.7	4.7	5.5	.4
College tuition and fees .....	7.4	8.4	8.4	11.7	9.2	7.4	6.2	6.2	5.5	5.2	.2
Elementary and high school tuition and fees .....	8.4	8.8	8.6	7.7	8.0	5.7	6.3	6.7	4.6	7.2	.0
Child care and nursery school .....	-	-	-	6.3	4.2	5.3	5.1	3.9	3.6	5.0	.6
Technical and business school tuition and fees .....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	.2
Communication .....	-	-	-	-	-	-	.1	1.9	1.4	-.1	-.5

See footnotes at end of table.

**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**

Item and group	Percent change from previous December										Mar. 1998	
	December											
	1988	1989	1990	1991	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997		
<b>Expenditure category</b>												
Postage and delivery services .....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0.1
Postage .....	13.6	0.0	0.0	16.2	0.0	0.0	0.0	10.4	0.0	0.0	-	.0
Delivery services .....	-	-	-	-	-	-	.3	.6	1.6	-1	-	3.8
Information and information processing .....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-.5
Telephone services .....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	.4
Telephone services, local charges .....	4.5	.5	1.0	5.2	.4	1.0	-4	2.3	.9	1.1	-	1.2
Telephone services, long distance charges .....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-1
Cellular telephone services .....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-2.5
Information and information processing other than telephone services .....	-	-7.3	-3.2	-3.1	-7.2	-7.9	-8.1	-10.0	-10.6	-10.9	-	-8.4
Personal computers and peripheral equipment .....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-11.7
Computer software and accessories .....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-1.5
Computer information processing services .....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	.2
Other information processing equipment .....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-3.2
Other goods and services .....	7.1	8.6	7.7	8.1	6.4	1.6	4.2	4.1	3.4	5.4	-	1.1
Tobacco and smoking products .....	9.5	14.4	10.7	11.3	8.3	-5.9	3.2	2.8	2.4	7.3	-	1.1
Cigarettes .....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1.8
Tobacco products other than cigarettes .....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1.1
Personal care .....	5.1	3.8	4.2	2.6	3.1	2.4	2.0	1.9	1.0	2.3	-	1.0
Personal care products .....	5.6	2.6	4.3	2.8	3.7	1.5	2.0	.8	-8	1.8	-	1.4
Hair, dental, shaving, and miscellaneous personal care products .....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1.1
Cosmetics, perfume, bath, nail preparations and implements .....	5.3	2.1	5.8	3.0	1.8	4.5	1.5	1.4	2.8	2.4	-	1.8
Personal care services .....	4.4	5.2	4.3	2.2	2.5	3.5	2.1	3.4	3.4	2.9	-	.5
Haircuts and other personal care services .....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	.5
Miscellaneous personal services .....	5.1	5.6	6.0	6.5	4.2	6.4	5.2	5.1	4.3	5.1	-	1.2
Legal services .....	4.4	6.0	4.6	6.2	3.4	7.8	2.2	4.0	4.3	4.3	-	1.7
Funeral expenses .....	4.8	5.0	6.5	6.1	3.8	5.2	6.0	5.0	4.9	5.3	-	1.1
Laundry and dry cleaning services .....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	.7
Apparel services other than laundry and dry cleaning .....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	.6
Financial services .....	6.9	5.6	7.8	7.6	5.2	6.5	8.6	6.7	3.1	5.8	-	1.3
Miscellaneous personal goods .....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	.2
<b>Special aggregate indexes</b>												
Commodities .....	3.8	4.2	6.8	1.0	2.2	1.4	2.4	1.6	3.3	.1	-	-4
Commodities less food and beverages .....	3.0	3.2	7.9	-1	2.6	.5	2.3	1.1	2.6	-8	-	-9
Nondurables less food and beverages .....	3.4	5.0	13.1	-1.6	2.5	-1.3	1.6	.5	4.1	-4	-	-1.4
Nondurables less food, beverages, and apparel .....	2.9	7.3	17.3	-3.7	2.9	-2.1	3.2	.6	6.3	-8	-	-3.2
Durables .....	2.5	1.2	.5	2.4	2.9	3.0	3.4	1.9	.5	-1.6	-	-2
Services .....	4.9	4.9	5.5	4.5	3.5	3.6	3.0	3.4	3.3	2.8	-	.8
Rent of shelter .....	4.4	4.9	5.0	3.9	2.8	3.0	3.0	3.4	2.9	3.2	-	1.2
Transportation services .....	6.1	5.0	7.3	3.1	3.1	3.9	3.6	3.4	3.8	1.3	-	1.0
Other services .....	5.6	6.5	6.3	6.0	4.9	5.1	4.1	4.4	4.0	4.1	-	1.0
All items less food .....	4.1	4.4	6.2	3.0	3.2	2.4	2.8	2.5	3.1	1.5	-	.3
All items less shelter .....	4.4	4.4	6.5	2.4	2.9	2.3	2.7	2.2	3.4	.9	-	.0
All items less medical care .....	4.2	4.4	5.9	2.5	2.7	2.3	2.6	2.4	3.3	1.4	-	.3
Commodities less food .....	3.1	3.4	7.6	.5	2.6	.6	2.2	1.2	2.7	-7	-	-8
Nondurables less food .....	3.5	5.0	12.3	-.6	2.5	-1.0	1.5	.6	4.2	-1	-	-1.3
Nondurables less food and apparel .....	3.0	7.0	15.6	-2.1	2.9	-1.6	3.0	.8	5.9	-4	-	-2.9
Nondurables .....	4.3	5.3	8.9	.5	2.0	.8	2.2	1.4	4.2	.7	-	-4
Apparel less footwear .....	4.2	.4	5.1	3.2	1.2	.5	-1.9	.0	-8	.5	-	3.0
Services less rent of shelter .....	5.3	4.9	5.8	5.2	4.1	4.2	3.0	3.4	3.6	2.3	-	.5
Services less medical care services .....	4.6	4.6	5.1	4.2	3.1	3.4	2.7	3.3	3.3	2.7	-	.8
Energy .....	.3	5.2	19.2	-8.1	1.9	-1.7	2.5	-1.5	9.2	-3.8	-	-6.4

See footnotes at end of table.

**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**

Item and group	Percent change from previous December										Mar. 1998
	December										
	1988	1989	1990	1991	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997	
<b>Special aggregate indexes</b>											
All items less energy .....	4.7	4.4	5.0	3.9	2.9	2.9	2.8	2.8	2.9	1.9	0.9
All items less food and energy .....	4.5	4.3	4.9	4.4	3.2	2.9	2.8	3.0	2.5	2.1	.9
Commodities less food and energy commodities .....	3.9	2.7	3.2	4.0	2.9	1.5	1.8	1.8	1.0	.4	.6
Energy commodities .....	-2.2	7.6	35.5	-16.0	1.1	-5.2	5.4	-3.4	14.0	-7.1	-10.0
Services less energy services .....	4.9	5.1	5.8	4.6	3.5	3.7	3.3	3.5	3.2	3.0	1.1
Domestically produced farm food .....	6.0	6.6	6.3	1.3	1.7	3.5	2.2	2.4	5.7	.6	.5
Utilities and public transportation .....	3.5	2.6	4.2	3.6	3.0	3.9	-6	1.7	4.8	.6	-1

<sup>1</sup> Special index based on a substantially smaller sample.

- Data not available.

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



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

Area, region and population size class	Utility natural gas				Electricity		Fuel oil #2	
	per 40 therms		per 100 therms		per 500 KWH		per gallon (3.785 liters)	
	Feb. 1998	Mar. 1998	Feb. 1998	Mar. 1998	Feb. 1998	Mar. 1998	Feb. 1998	Mar. 1998
U.S. city average .....	\$30.739	\$30.665	\$66.562	\$66.385	\$45.728	\$45.659	\$0.948	\$0.933
<b>Region and area size <sup>1</sup></b>								
Northeast urban .....	40.659	40.536	85.691	85.563	62.764	61.827	.953	.940
Size A - More than 1,500,000 .....	40.993	40.811	87.111	86.915	66.590	65.442	.995	.983
Size B/C - 50,000 to 1,500,000 .....	39.688	39.736	81.521	81.594	56.586	55.991	.874	.861
Midwest urban <sup>2</sup> .....	27.503	27.425	56.342	56.207	44.302	44.477	.847	.826
Size A - More than 1,500,000 .....	27.910	28.038	55.902	56.029	47.383	47.953	.882	.882
Size B/C - 50,000 to 1,500,000 .....	26.770	26.219	56.336	55.523	42.825	42.709	.835	.804
Size D - Nonmetropolitan (less than 50,000) .....	27.578	27.813	58.357	58.907	39.424	39.323	NA	NA
South urban .....	31.556	31.325	66.539	65.968	41.889	41.501	1.029	1.008
Size A - More than 1,500,000 .....	31.397	31.399	63.485	63.082	43.695	43.676	1.116	1.101
Size B/C - 50,000 to 1,500,000 .....	31.393	31.044	68.071	67.251	41.744	41.125	.950	.924
Size D - Nonmetropolitan (less than 50,000) .....	36.018	33.412	82.390	76.881	38.950	38.952	NA	NA
West urban .....	26.573	26.678	66.072	66.202	42.047	42.962	.919	.883
Size A - More than 1,500,000 .....	26.455	26.577	67.690	67.857	47.387	48.533	1.007	.950
Size B/C - 50,000 to 1,500,000 .....	27.054	27.128	63.221	63.282	38.653	39.423	.789	.791
Size classes								
A .....	31.235	31.267	68.019	67.986	51.010	51.192	.997	.984
B/C .....	30.275	29.984	65.060	64.517	43.364	43.050	.876	.858
D .....	28.312	28.541	61.074	61.928	36.001	36.052	1.014	.995
<b>Selected local areas</b>								
Chicago-Gary-Kenosha, IL-IN-WI .....	28.872	29.342	55.184	56.094	57.425	59.598	-	-
Los Angeles-Riverside-Orange County, CA .....	28.352	28.352	73.207	73.207	57.880	57.915	-	-
New York-Northern N.J.-Long Island, NY-NJ-CT-PA .....	41.519	40.879	87.253	86.209	71.667	71.087	-	-
Boston-Brockton-Nashua, MA-NH-ME-CT .....	43.994	43.994	96.007	96.007	62.491	57.527	-	-
Cleveland-Akron, OH .....	27.658	27.158	60.496	59.449	59.969	60.497	-	-
Dallas-Fort Worth, TX .....	23.053	22.760	49.750	49.023	44.330	44.155	-	-
Washington-Baltimore, DC-MD-VA-WV .....	37.928	38.631	76.581	77.206	43.082	43.125	-	-
Atlanta, GA .....	33.855	34.101	64.820	65.520	NA	NA	-	-
Detroit-Ann Arbor-Flint, MI .....	26.229	25.649	52.327	50.265	46.454	46.446	-	-
Houston-Galveston-Brazoria, TX .....	28.607	27.247	56.503	53.157	39.368	39.358	-	-
Miami-Fort Lauderdale, FL .....	47.916	47.649	106.967	106.063	43.590	43.590	-	-
Philadelphia-Wilmington-Atlantic City, PA-NJ-DE-MD ..	38.010	38.232	83.961	84.209	62.846	62.846	-	-
San Francisco-Oakland-San Jose, CA .....	22.170	22.470	64.951	65.311	49.135	54.850	-	-
Seattle-Tacoma-Bremerton, WA .....	25.670	25.670	56.936	56.936	NA	NA	-	-

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

<sup>2</sup> The 'North Central' region has been renamed the 'Midwest' region by the Census Bureau. It is composed of the same geographic entities.

NA Data not adequate for publication.

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

Area, region and population size class	Average price per therm of utility natural gas		Range of therm consumption for Mar.1998		Average price per KWH of electricity		Range of KWH consumption for Mar.1998	
	Feb. 1998	Mar. 1998	Low	High	Feb. 1998	Mar. 1998	Low	High
U.S. city average .....	\$0.688	\$0.686	1	2,260	\$0.085	\$0.085	5	9,920
<b>Region and area size <sup>1</sup></b>								
Northeast urban .....	.875	.873	5	1,176	.120	.118	8	5,069
Size A - More than 1,500,000 .....	.889	.886	5	862	.126	.125	110	3,750
Size B/C - 50,000 to 1,500,000 .....	.834	.835	6	1,176	.109	.108	8	5,069
Midwest urban <sup>2</sup> .....	.566	.565	1	1,124	.084	.085	5	4,517
Size A - More than 1,500,000 .....	.533	.535	6	1,124	.090	.092	5	3,785
Size B/C - 50,000 to 1,500,000 .....	.585	.573	5	498	.080	.080	35	4,517
Size D - Nonmetropolitan (less than 50,000) .....	.692	.703	1	739	.078	.078	72	3,113
South urban .....	.777	.772	1	2,260	.075	.074	76	9,920
Size A - More than 1,500,000 .....	.723	.721	7	394	.076	.076	242	6,301
Size B/C - 50,000 to 1,500,000 .....	.809	.800	1	2,260	.075	.074	94	9,920
Size D - Nonmetropolitan (less than 50,000) .....	1.023	.915	6	90	.068	.068	76	8,120
West urban .....	.645	.646	8	1,557	.082	.083	101	5,033
Size A - More than 1,500,000 .....	.670	.672	12	1,557	.093	.095	103	5,033
Size B/C - 50,000 to 1,500,000 .....	.626	.627	8	606	.075	.076	101	3,321
<b>Size classes</b>								
A .....	.684	.685	5	1,557	.095	.095	5	6,301
B/C .....	.696	.690	1	2,260	.080	.080	8	9,920
D .....	.674	.686	1	739	.067	.067	72	8,120
<b>Selected local areas</b>								
Chicago-Gary-Kenosha, IL-IN-WI .....	.477	.487	24	1,124	.114	.119	100	2,700
Los Angeles-Riverside-Orange County, CA .....	.716	.716	17	447	.116	.116	164	2,454
New York-Northern N.J.-Long Island, NY-NJ-CT-PA .....	.909	.899	5	549	.138	.137	125	3,750
Boston-Brockton-Nashua, MA-NH-ME-CT .....	1.011	1.011	16	232	.119	.113	279	1,533
Cleveland-Akron, OH .....	.599	.587	41	561	.106	.107	298	2,259
Dallas-Fort Worth, TX .....	.518	.512	20	394	.071	.070	242	6,250
Washington-Baltimore, DC-MD-VA-WV .....	.927	.944	20	125	.072	.072	415	4,252
Atlanta, GA .....	.741	.743	31	132	.072	.072	450	3,034
Detroit-Ann Arbor-Flint, MI .....	.530	.513	10	1,016	.095	.095	27	2,033
Houston-Galveston-Brazoria, TX .....	.678	.643	18	209	.071	.071	312	6,301
Miami-Fort Lauderdale, FL .....	1.834	1.828	7	13	.085	.085	380	2,607
Philadelphia-Wilmington-Atlantic City, PA-NJ-DE-MD ..	.849	.853	19	862	.119	.119	110	2,451
San Francisco-Oakland-San Jose, CA .....	.631	.636	15	293	.103	.115	200	1,746
Seattle-Tacoma-Bremerton, WA .....	.567	.567	45	186	.057	.054	751	5,033

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

<sup>2</sup> The 'North Central' region has been renamed the 'Midwest' region by the Census Bureau. It is composed of the same geographic entities.

**Table P3. Average prices for gasoline, U.S. city average and selected areas**

Area, region and population size class	Gasoline All types <sup>1</sup>		Gasoline Unleaded regular		Gasoline Unleaded midgrade		Gasoline Unleaded premium		Automotive Diesel fuel	
	Feb. 1998	Mar. 1998	Feb. 1998	Mar. 1998	Feb. 1998	Mar. 1998	Feb. 1998	Mar. 1998	Feb. 1998	Mar. 1998
U.S. city average .....	\$1.137	\$1.097	\$1.082	\$1.041	\$1.180	\$1.140	\$1.271	\$1.229	\$1.220	\$1.192
<b>Region and area size <sup>2</sup></b>										
Northeast urban .....	1.167	1.116	1.106	1.055	1.213	1.165	1.294	1.241	1.220	1.200
Size A - More than 1,500,000 .....	1.177	1.122	1.115	1.059	1.221	1.170	1.298	1.242	1.227	1.202
Size B/C 50,000 to 1,500,000 .....	1.149	1.106	1.091	1.050	1.199	1.156	1.286	1.238	1.210	1.198
Midwest urban <sup>3</sup> .....	1.092	1.079	1.050	1.037	1.136	1.119	1.210	1.204	1.167	1.145
Size A - More than 1,500,000 .....	1.104	1.098	1.055	1.048	1.157	1.144	1.218	1.222	1.149	1.132
Size B/C - 50,000 to 1,500,000 .....	1.077	1.050	1.039	1.014	1.121	1.094	1.207	1.172	1.208	1.176
Size D - Nonmetropolitan (less than 50,000) .....	1.080	1.081	NA	NA	1.085	1.086	NA	NA	NA	NA
South urban .....	1.078	1.055	1.016	.992	1.127	1.104	1.214	1.191	1.164	1.143
Size A - More than 1,500,000 .....	1.093	1.064	1.021	.992	1.147	1.119	1.223	1.194	1.255	1.227
Size B/C - 50,000 to 1,500,000 .....	1.067	1.049	1.011	.991	1.112	1.095	1.200	1.184	1.114	1.097
Size D - Nonmetropolitan (less than 50,000) .....	1.087	1.052	1.026	.992	1.130	1.100	1.254	1.212	NA	NA
West urban .....	1.243	1.159	1.188	1.104	1.280	1.196	1.381	1.295	1.380	1.326
Size A - More than 1,500,000 .....	1.232	1.150	1.173	1.091	1.269	1.187	1.372	1.287	1.436	1.384
Size B/C - 50,000 to 1,500,000 .....	1.286	1.197	1.238	1.149	1.321	1.232	1.423	1.334	1.321	1.282
Size classes										
A .....	1.157	1.111	1.097	1.051	1.203	1.156	1.286	1.240	1.250	1.221
B/C .....	1.116	1.081	1.065	1.030	1.159	1.124	1.250	1.215	1.190	1.166
D .....	1.111	1.076	1.067	1.032	1.141	1.109	1.250	1.212	1.158	1.115
<b>Selected local areas</b>										
Chicago-Gary-Kenosha, IL-IN-WI .....	1.163	1.146	1.096	1.078	1.232	1.214	1.296	1.285	-	-
Los Angeles-Riverside-Orange County, CA .....	1.189	1.106	1.131	1.048	1.208	1.128	1.316	1.233	-	-
New York-Northern N.J.-Long Island, NY-NJ-CT-PA .....	1.220	1.160	1.151	1.092	1.264	1.213	1.339	1.275	-	-
Boston-Brockton-Nashua, MA-NH-ME-CT .....	1.185	1.129	1.135	1.074	1.232	1.185	1.304	1.257	-	-
Cleveland-Akron, OH .....	1.086	1.041	1.038	.993	1.126	1.079	1.214	1.169	-	-
Dallas-Fort Worth, TX .....	1.079	1.051	1.012	.984	1.133	1.107	1.210	1.182	-	-
Washington-Baltimore, DC-MD-VA-WV .....	1.161	1.114	1.097	1.050	1.204	1.155	1.266	1.222	-	-
Atlanta, GA .....	.955	.927	.884	.856	1.003	.977	1.110	1.082	-	-
Detroit-Ann Arbor-Flint, MI .....	1.096	1.101	1.047	1.052	1.152	1.156	1.241	1.245	-	-
Houston-Galveston-Brazoria, TX .....	1.077	1.066	1.007	.997	1.147	1.139	1.195	1.177	-	-
Miami-Fort Lauderdale, FL .....	1.151	1.119	1.079	1.044	1.205	1.176	1.262	1.236	-	-
Philadelphia-Wilmington-Atlantic City, PA-NJ-DE-MD ..	1.103	1.050	1.037	.984	1.147	1.089	1.210	1.159	-	-
San Francisco-Oakland-San Jose, CA .....	1.362	1.292	1.297	1.227	1.417	1.346	1.523	1.451	-	-
Seattle-Tacoma-Bremerton, WA .....	1.211	1.127	1.152	1.071	1.268	1.183	1.361	1.268	-	-

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

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<sup>3</sup> The 'North Central' region has been renamed the 'Midwest' region by the Census Bureau. It is composed of the same geographic entities.

NA Data not adequate for publication.

**Table P4. Average retail food prices, U.S. city average and four regions**

Food and unit	U.S. city average		Northeast		Midwest <sup>1</sup>		South		West	
	Feb. 1998	Mar. 1998	Feb. 1998	Mar. 1998	Feb. 1998	Mar. 1998	Feb. 1998	Mar. 1998	Feb. 1998	Mar. 1998
<b>Cereals and bakery products:</b>										
Flour, white, all purpose, per lb. (453.6 gm)	\$0.297	\$0.302	\$0.300	\$0.316	\$0.290	\$0.289	\$0.317	\$0.309	NA	NA
Rice, white, long grain, uncooked, per lb. (453.6 gm)	.547	.545	NA	NA	NA	NA	.548	.552	\$0.563	\$0.550
Spaghetti and macaroni, per lb. (453.6 gm)	.878	.875	.800	.793	.847	.875	.816	.808	1.093	1.067
Bread, white, pan, per lb. (453.6 gm)	.860	.853	.967	.968	.872	.839	.763	.752	.920	.934
Bread, French, per lb. (453.6 gm)	NA	1.586	NA	NA	NA	NA	1.483	1.463	NA	NA
Bread, whole wheat, pan, per lb. (453.6 gm)	1.275	1.292	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	1.193	NA	NA
Cookies, chocolate chip, per lb. (453.6 gm)	2.607	2.499	NA	NA	2.453	2.340	2.448	2.443	NA	NA
Crackers, soda, salted, per lb. (453.6 gm)	1.602	1.624	NA	NA	NA	NA	1.549	1.751	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)	1.798	1.842	1.801	1.874	1.682	1.731	1.849	1.843	NA	NA
Ground beef, 100% beef, per lb. (453.6 gm)	1.398	1.413	NA	NA	1.347	1.427	1.449	1.445	NA	NA
Ground beef, lean and extra lean, per lb. (453.6 gm)	2.040	2.050	2.229	2.234	1.775	1.824	2.081	2.046	2.027	2.081
All uncooked ground beef, per lb. (453.6 gm)	1.823	1.838	1.996	2.033	1.667	1.734	1.809	1.784	1.858	1.874
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)	2.085	2.153	NA	NA	1.994	2.000	1.919	2.092	2.293	2.282
Chuck roast, USDA Choice, boneless, per lb. (453.6 gm)	2.307	2.362	2.240	2.445	2.291	2.302	2.374	2.308	NA	NA
Round roast, USDA Choice, boneless, per lb. (453.6 gm)	2.738	2.726	2.515	2.547	2.743	2.698	2.975	2.907	2.772	2.826
Round roast, graded and ungraded, excluding USDA Prime and Choice, per lb. (453.6 gm)	2.706	2.614	NA	NA	2.976	2.677	2.542	2.508	2.757	2.683
Rib roast, USDA Choice, bone-in, per lb. (453.6 gm)	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
All Uncooked Beef Roasts, per lb. (453.6 gm)	2.663	2.673	2.571	2.632	2.709	2.660	2.600	2.639	2.793	2.772
Steak, T-Bone, USDA Choice, bone-in, per lb. (453.6 gm)	6.080	5.851	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Steak, rib eye, USDA Choice, boneless, per lb. (453.6 gm)	5.768	5.725	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Steak, round, USDA Choice, boneless, per lb. (453.6 gm)	3.099	3.154	3.118	3.104	3.055	3.118	3.079	3.160	3.205	3.377
Steak, round, graded and ungraded, excluding USDA Prime and Choice, per lb. (453.6 gm)	2.852	2.940	NA	NA	2.794	2.862	2.743	2.734	2.974	3.155
Steak, sirloin, USDA Choice, bone-in, per lb. (453.6 gm)	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Steak, sirloin, graded and ungraded, excluding USDA Prime and Choice, per lb. (453.6 gm)	3.471	3.672	NA	NA	NA	NA	3.214	3.522	3.577	3.856
Steak, sirloin, USDA Choice, boneless, per lb. (453.6 gm)	4.099	4.102	4.005	4.086	4.080	3.974	4.004	3.995	4.543	4.674
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)	2.548	2.594	NA	NA	2.612	2.746	NA	NA	NA	NA
All Uncooked Beef Steaks, per lb. (453.6 gm)	3.620	3.650	3.603	3.578	3.731	3.675	3.450	3.513	3.784	3.880
All Uncooked Other Beef (Excluding Veal), per lb. (453.6 gm)	2.209	2.220	2.417	2.478	2.165	2.145	2.073	2.083	2.326	2.332
<b>Pork:</b>										
Bacon, sliced, per lb. (453.6 gm)	2.623	2.539	2.734	2.704	2.758	2.665	2.454	2.291	2.724	2.759
Chops, center cut, bone-in, per lb. (453.6 gm)	3.300	3.151	3.121	2.908	3.252	3.042	3.219	3.160	3.745	3.539
Chops, boneless, per lb. (453.6 gm)	3.687	3.679	3.760	3.384	3.812	3.600	3.907	4.141	3.262	3.487
All Pork Chops, per lb. (453.6 gm)	3.134	3.032	3.031	2.789	3.188	3.014	3.051	3.016	3.356	3.336
Ham, rump or shank half, bone-in, smoked, per lb. (453.6 gm)	2.191	2.187	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Ham, boneless, excluding canned, per lb. (453.6 gm)	2.796	2.827	NA	NA	2.639	2.725	2.875	2.846	2.667	2.740
All Ham (Excluding Canned Ham and Luncheon Slices), per lb. (453.6 gm)	2.106	2.147	2.080	2.064	2.258	2.303	2.029	2.067	2.125	2.209
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)	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	1.145	NA	NA
All Other Pork (Excluding Canned Ham and Luncheon Slices), per lb. (453.6 gm)	1.764	1.734	1.705	1.685	1.904	1.820	1.582	1.570	2.002	1.980
Sausage, fresh, loose, per lb. (453.6 gm)	2.311	2.326	NA	NA	NA	NA	2.251	2.143	NA	NA
<b>Other meats:</b>										
Frankfurters, all meat or all beef, per lb. (453.6 gm)	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Bologna, all beef or mixed, per lb. (453.6 gm)	2.445	2.387	NA	NA	2.466	2.474	2.381	2.349	NA	NA
Lamb and mutton, bone-in, per lb. (453.6 gm)	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
<b>Poultry:</b>										
Chicken, fresh, whole, per lb. (453.6 gm)	1.007	1.032	1.045	1.087	1.004	1.010	.925	.925	1.102	1.164
Chicken breast, bone-in, per lb. (453.6 gm)	1.976	1.988	1.818	1.888	NA	NA	1.859	1.836	2.252	2.312
Chicken legs, bone-in, per lb. (453.6 gm)	1.271	1.249	1.235	1.268	1.199	1.114	1.283	1.242	NA	NA
Turkey, frozen, whole, per lb. (453.6 gm)	1.001	.996	NA	NA	1.030	1.074	.952	.909	NA	NA
<b>Fish and seafood:</b>										
Tuna, light, chunk, per lb. (453.6 gm)	2.036	2.066	NA	NA	2.171	2.123	1.861	1.956	NA	NA
<b>Eggs:</b>										
Grade A, large, per doz.	1.073	1.043	1.172	1.195	.994	.984	1.062	.997	NA	NA
Grade AA, large, per doz.	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	1.359	1.316

See footnotes at end of table.

**Table P4. Average retail food prices, U.S. city average and four regions-Continued**

Food and unit	U.S. city average		Northeast		Midwest <sup>1</sup>		South		West	
	Feb. 1998	Mar. 1998	Feb. 1998	Mar. 1998	Feb. 1998	Mar. 1998	Feb. 1998	Mar. 1998	Feb. 1998	Mar. 1998
<b>Dairy products:</b>										
Milk, fresh, whole, fortified, per 1/2 gal. (1.9 lit) .....	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Milk, fresh, whole, fortified, per gal. (3.8 lit) .....	\$2.653	\$2.658	\$2.656	\$2.659	\$2.375	\$2.406	\$2.704	\$2.704	\$2.753	\$2.751
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) .....	2.589	2.589	NA	NA	2.370	2.342	2.613	2.632	2.769	2.771
Butter, salted, grade AA, stick, per lb. (453.6 gm) .....	2.321	2.421	NA	NA	NA	NA	3.605	3.634	NA	NA
American processed cheese, per lb. (453.6 gm) .....	3.475	3.572	NA	NA	NA	NA	3.605	3.634	NA	NA
Cheddar cheese, natural, per lb. (453.6 gm) .....	3.507	3.477	3.832	3.918	NA	NA	3.526	3.517	3.336	3.231
Ice cream, prepackaged, bulk, regular, per 1/2 gal. (1.9 lit) .....	2.996	2.969	3.346	3.377	2.637	2.668	2.835	2.812	3.321	3.185
Yogurt, natural, fruit flavored, per 8 oz. (226.8 gm) .....	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
<b>Fruits and vegetables:</b>										
<b>Fresh fruits and vegetables:</b>										
Apples, Red Delicious, per lb. (453.6 gm) .....	.960	.962	1.019	1.070	.950	.940	.939	.943	.946	.921
Bananas, per lb. (453.6 gm) .....	.489	.475	.522	.498	.463	.451	.458	.446	.531	.519
Oranges, Navel, per lb. (453.6 gm) .....	.507	.505	.568	.590	.540	.528	.545	.559	.415	.391
Oranges, Valencia, per lb. (453.6 gm) .....	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Cherries, per lb. (453.6 gm) .....	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Grapefruit, per lb. (453.6 gm) .....	.481	.503	.471	.483	.433	.479	.467	.462	.557	.588
Grapes, Thompson Seedless, per lb. (453.6 gm) .....	1.722	1.579	1.829	1.599	1.798	1.527	1.310	1.236	2.066	1.977
Lemons, per lb. (453.6 gm) .....	.976	.959	.885	.886	1.039	.983	.941	.970	.997	.962
Peaches, per lb. (453.6 gm) .....	1.894	NA	1.988	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	1.925	NA
Pears, Anjou, per lb. (453.6 gm) .....	.931	.878	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Strawberries, dry pint, per 12 oz. (340.2 gm) .....	2.080	1.751	1.673	1.604	1.999	1.710	1.850	1.625	2.504	1.956
Potatoes, white, per lb. (453.6 gm) .....	.362	.368	.367	.379	.301	.297	.392	.387	.389	.415
Lettuce, iceberg, per lb. (453.6 gm) .....	.643	.695	.694	.778	.569	.667	.644	.698	.685	.640
Tomatoes, field grown, per lb. (453.6 gm) .....	1.356	1.515	1.507	1.659	1.417	1.436	1.289	1.559	1.298	1.403
Broccoli, per lb. (453.6 gm) .....	1.066	1.122	NA	NA	.971	1.131	1.180	1.197	1.046	1.125
Cabbage, per lb. (453.6 gm) .....	.464	.447	NA	NA	NA	NA	.411	.391	NA	NA
Carrots, short trimmed and topped, per lb. (453.6 gm) .....	.513	.667	NA	NA	NA	NA	.499	.890	NA	NA
Celery, per lb. (453.6 gm) .....	.578	.541	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) .....	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Onions, dry yellow, per lb. (453.6 gm) .....	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Peppers, sweet, per lb. (453.6 gm) .....	1.568	1.636	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
<b>Processed fruits and vegetables:</b>										
Apple Sauce, any variety, all sizes, per lb. (453.6 gm) .....	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Orange juice, frozen concentrate, 12 oz. can, per 16 oz. (473.2 ml) .....	1.568	1.587	1.733	1.759	1.555	1.513	1.465	1.512	NA	NA
Peaches, any variety, all sizes, per lb. (453.6 gm) .....	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Beans, dried, any type, all sizes, per lb. (453.6 gm) .....	.692	.689	.768	.752	.623	.628	.668	.654	.740	.748
Corn, canned, any style, all sizes, per lb. (453.6 gm) .....	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Potatoes, frozen, French fried, per lb. (453.6 gm) .....	.990	.999	1.141	1.167	NA	NA	.887	.919	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) .....	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
<b>Other foods at home:</b>										
<b>Sugar and sweets:</b>										
Sugar, white, all sizes, per lb. (453.6 gm) .....	.429	.433	.453	.460	.427	.435	.413	.418	.437	.434
Sugar, white, 33-80 oz. pkg, per lb. (453.6 gm) .....	.412	.416	.425	.434	.408	.417	.394	.398	NA	NA
<b>Fats and oils:</b>										
Margarine, stick, per lb. (453.6 gm) .....	NA	NA	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) .....	.992	.994	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Peanut butter, creamy, all sizes, per lb. (453.6 gm) .....	1.808	1.821	NA	NA	NA	NA	1.720	1.711	NA	NA
<b>Nonalcoholic beverages:</b>										
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) <sup>2</sup> .....	1.061	1.058	NA	NA	NA	NA	1.042	1.047	NA	NA
Coffee, 100%, ground roast, all sizes, per lb. (453.6 gm) .....	3.973	4.033	4.265	4.243	3.735	3.788	3.886	3.893	4.000	4.143
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) .....	10.516	10.436	NA	NA	NA	NA	9.318	9.301	NA	NA
<b>Other prepared foods:</b>										
Potato chips, per 16 oz. (453.6 gm) .....	\$3.136	\$3.107	2.912	2.831	3.380	3.481	3.087	3.062	3.153	3.024
<b>Alcoholic beverages at home:</b>										
Malt beverages, all types, all sizes, any origin, per 16 oz. (473.2 ml) .....	.839	.885	.834	.933	.820	.819	.862	.882	.834	.915
Vodka, all types, all sizes, any origin, per 1 liter (33.8 oz) .....	8.893	8.981	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Wine, red and white table, all sizes, any origin, per 1 liter (33.8 oz) .....	4.790	5.306	5.575	5.935	5.105	4.844	4.535	5.502	4.532	5.029

<sup>1</sup> The 'North Central' region has been renamed the 'Midwest' region by the Census Bureau. It is composed of the same geographic entities.

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

NA Data not adequate for publication.

**Table 1(OS). Old Series 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)

Item and group	Relative importance, December 1997	Unadjusted indexes		Unadjusted percent change to Mar. 1998 from-	
		Feb. 1998	Mar. 1998	Mar. 1997	Feb. 1998
<b>Expenditure category</b>					
All items .....	100.000	162.0	162.2	1.4	0.1
All items (1967=100) .....	-	485.2	486.0	-	-
Food and beverages .....	17.465	159.8	160.0	1.8	.1
Food .....	15.886	159.3	159.6	1.9	.2
Food at home .....	9.964	159.9	160.1	1.5	.1
Cereals and bakery products .....	1.476	179.5	179.5	1.6	.0
Meats, poultry, fish, and eggs .....	2.921	147.2	147.0	-.5	-.1
Dairy products .....	1.218	147.9	148.8	1.8	.6
Fruits and vegetables .....	1.982	193.8	194.9	3.0	.6
Other food at home .....	2.366	149.5	149.7	2.9	.1
Sugar and sweets .....	.332	149.5	150.6	2.9	.7
Fats and oils .....	.241	141.8	142.2	-.1	.3
Nonalcoholic beverages .....	.747	135.1	134.9	4.2	-.1
Other prepared food .....	1.046	164.4	164.5	2.6	.1
Food away from home .....	5.923	159.6	159.8	2.4	.1
Alcoholic beverages .....	1.578	164.9	164.8	1.7	-.1
Housing .....	41.469	158.8	159.2	2.1	.3
Shelter .....	28.640	180.1	180.7	3.1	.3
Renters' costs <sup>1</sup> .....	8.169	191.5	192.7	3.2	.6
Rent, residential .....	5.810	169.9	170.3	3.1	.2
Other renters' costs .....	2.359	235.2	239.1	3.2	1.7
Homeowners' costs <sup>1</sup> .....	20.269	185.1	185.5	3.2	.2
Owners' equivalent rent <sup>1</sup> .....	19.881	185.4	185.8	3.2	.2
Household insurance <sup>1</sup> .....	.388	167.3	167.5	2.6	.1
Maintenance and repairs .....	.202	146.0	146.3	2.7	.2
Maintenance and repair services .....	.126	154.7	154.5	4.1	-.1
Maintenance and repair commodities .....	.076	134.0	135.0	.5	.7
Fuel and other utilities .....	7.015	128.5	128.6	-1.0	.1
Fuels .....	3.769	112.7	112.4	-4.1	-.3
Fuel oil and other household fuel commodities .....	.368	95.3	94.6	-10.3	-.7
Gas (piped) and electricity (energy services) .....	3.401	119.5	119.3	-3.3	-.2
Other utilities and public services .....	3.246	164.1	164.8	2.7	.4
Household furnishings and operation .....	5.814	125.9	126.1	.6	.2
Housefurnishings .....	3.232	110.1	110.3	-.7	-.2
Housekeeping supplies .....	1.090	145.3	145.6	2.0	.2
Housekeeping services .....	1.492	154.3	154.3	2.5	.0
Apparel and upkeep .....	5.291	131.6	134.6	.1	2.3
Apparel commodities .....	4.748	127.6	130.8	-.2	2.5
Men's and boys' apparel .....	1.292	130.7	133.2	3.1	1.9
Women's and girls' apparel .....	2.072	123.0	128.5	-1.2	4.5
Infants' and toddlers' apparel .....	.182	122.8	124.2	-4.2	1.1
Footwear .....	.719	126.9	127.2	.2	.2
Other apparel commodities .....	.484	146.4	145.9	-2.4	-.3
Apparel services .....	.543	164.8	165.3	1.8	.3
Transportation .....	16.620	142.1	141.3	-2.5	-.6
Private transportation .....	15.054	138.3	137.3	-3.0	-.7
New vehicles .....	4.829	144.3	144.4	-.7	.1
New cars .....	3.842	141.6	141.7	-.8	.1
Used cars .....	1.195	148.3	146.0	-5.4	-1.6
Motor fuel .....	2.925	94.1	90.8	-14.7	-3.5
Gasoline .....	-	93.5	90.3	-14.7	-3.4
Maintenance and repairs .....	1.546	165.5	165.7	2.6	.1
Other private transportation .....	4.560	179.6	179.5	1.2	-.1
Other private transportation commodities .....	.574	104.3	104.0	-1.0	-.3
Other private transportation services .....	3.986	197.4	197.4	1.5	.0
Public transportation .....	1.566	191.1	193.8	3.0	1.4
Medical care .....	7.426	239.4	239.9	2.8	.2
Medical care commodities .....	1.280	218.4	218.5	1.8	.0
Medical care services .....	6.145	244.3	244.8	3.0	.2
Professional medical services .....	3.518	219.7	220.4	2.9	.3

See footnotes at end of table.

**Table 1(OS). Old Series 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)

Item and group	Relative importance, December 1997	Unadjusted indexes		Unadjusted percent change to Mar. 1998 from-	
		Feb. 1998	Mar. 1998	Mar. 1997	Feb. 1998
<b>Expenditure category</b>					
Entertainment .....	4.339	164.0	164.6	1.5	0.4
Entertainment commodities .....	1.924	144.6	144.5	.0	-.1
Entertainment services .....	2.415	186.4	187.8	2.8	.8
Other goods and services .....	7.390	233.2	232.0	4.8	-.5
Tobacco and smoking products .....	1.688	261.3	254.1	6.7	-2.8
Personal care .....	1.152	155.0	155.6	2.5	.4
Toilet goods and personal care appliances .....	.589	147.0	147.6	2.8	.4
Personal care services .....	.564	164.1	164.6	2.1	.3
Personal and educational expenses .....	4.550	267.6	268.0	4.8	.1
School books and supplies .....	.273	247.1	247.8	5.3	.3
Personal and educational services .....	4.277	269.4	269.7	4.7	.1
<b>Commodity and service group</b>					
All items .....	100.000	162.0	162.2	1.4	.1
Commodities .....	42.255	141.6	141.6	-.3	.0
Food and beverages .....	17.465	159.8	160.0	1.8	.1
Commodities less food and beverages .....	24.791	130.7	130.5	-1.8	-.2
Nondurables less food and beverages .....	14.865	132.4	132.2	-2.1	-.2
Apparel commodities .....	4.748	127.6	130.8	-.2	2.5
Nondurables less food, beverages, and apparel .....	10.117	138.0	136.0	-3.0	-1.4
Durables .....	9.926	128.3	128.1	-1.4	-.2
Services .....	57.745	182.4	183.0	2.7	.3
Rent of shelter <sup>1</sup> .....	28.016	187.4	188.1	3.2	.4
Household services less rent of shelter <sup>1</sup> .....	8.687	144.6	144.7	.3	.1
Transportation services .....	7.097	188.1	188.8	2.1	.4
Medical care services .....	6.145	244.3	244.8	3.0	.2
Other services .....	7.799	214.2	215.0	3.7	.4
<b>Special indexes</b>					
All items less food .....	84.114	162.4	162.7	1.3	.2
All items less shelter .....	71.360	156.6	156.7	.7	.1
All items less homeowners' costs <sup>1</sup> .....	79.731	162.4	162.7	.9	.2
All items less medical care .....	92.574	157.6	157.9	1.3	.2
Commodities less food .....	26.369	132.1	132.0	-1.6	-.1
Nondurables less food .....	16.443	134.5	134.3	-1.7	-.1
Nondurables less food and apparel .....	11.695	139.8	138.1	-2.3	-1.2
Nondurables .....	32.329	146.3	146.3	.1	.0
Services less rent of shelter <sup>1</sup> .....	29.728	190.3	190.8	2.2	.3
Services less medical care services .....	51.599	176.7	177.2	2.6	.3
Energy .....	6.695	103.1	101.5	-8.7	-1.6
All items less energy .....	93.305	169.6	170.1	2.2	.3
All items less food and energy .....	77.419	172.2	172.7	2.2	.3
Commodities less food and energy commodities .....	23.076	143.0	143.4	.3	.3
Energy commodities .....	3.293	94.5	91.5	-14.2	-3.2
Services less energy services .....	54.343	188.8	189.4	3.0	.3
Purchasing power of the consumer dollar:					
1982-84=\$1.00 .....	-	\$.617	\$.616	-	-
1967=\$1.00 .....	-	\$.206	\$.206	-	-

<sup>1</sup> Indexes on a December 1982=100 base.

- Data not available.

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

**Table 2(OS). Old Series 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)

Item and group	Relative importance, December 1997	Unadjusted indexes		Unadjusted percent change to Mar. 1998 from-	
		Feb. 1998	Mar. 1998	Mar. 1997	Feb. 1998
<b>Expenditure category</b>					
All items .....	100.000	158.7	158.8	1.1	0.1
All items (1967=100) .....	-	472.6	473.0	-	-
<b>Food and beverages</b> .....	19.434	159.1	159.3	1.8	.1
Food .....	17.739	158.7	158.9	1.8	.1
Food at home .....	11.309	158.7	159.0	1.5	.2
Cereals and bakery products .....	1.689	179.2	179.1	1.5	-1
Meats, poultry, fish, and eggs .....	3.441	146.9	146.7	-5	-1
Dairy products .....	1.358	147.6	148.4	1.8	.5
Fruits and vegetables .....	2.100	192.0	193.4	2.8	.7
Other food at home .....	2.722	148.8	149.0	2.7	.1
Sugar and sweets .....	.376	149.4	150.6	3.0	.8
Fats and oils .....	.277	141.4	141.7	-.4	.2
Nonalcoholic beverages .....	.863	133.9	133.7	3.7	-1
Other prepared food .....	1.206	164.2	164.4	2.7	.1
Food away from home .....	6.430	159.6	159.9	2.5	.2
Alcoholic beverages .....	1.695	163.8	163.8	1.4	.0
<b>Housing</b> .....	39.037	155.2	155.6	2.0	.3
Shelter .....	26.305	174.7	175.2	3.1	.3
Renters' costs <sup>1</sup> .....	8.250	166.3	167.1	3.2	.5
Rent, residential .....	6.686	169.6	169.9	3.2	.2
Other renters' costs .....	1.564	234.2	237.7	3.4	1.5
Homeowners' costs <sup>1</sup> .....	17.864	168.7	169.1	3.2	.2
Owners' equivalent rent <sup>1</sup> .....	17.538	169.0	169.4	3.1	.2
Household insurance <sup>1</sup> .....	.327	151.8	152.0	2.6	.1
Maintenance and repairs .....	.191	143.8	144.1	2.3	.2
Maintenance and repair services .....	.107	155.8	155.5	3.5	-2
Maintenance and repair commodities .....	.084	128.7	129.7	.8	.8
Fuel and other utilities .....	7.274	128.4	128.5	-.8	.1
Fuels .....	3.875	112.1	111.8	-4.0	-3
Fuel oil and other household fuel commodities .....	.338	95.2	94.5	-10.3	-7
Gas (piped) and electricity (energy services) .....	3.537	119.1	118.8	-3.3	-3
Other utilities and public services .....	3.399	165.1	165.8	2.9	.4
Household furnishings and operation .....	5.458	124.5	124.5	.5	.0
Housefurnishings .....	3.171	108.9	109.0	-.7	.1
Housekeeping supplies .....	1.130	146.1	146.4	2.0	.2
Housekeeping services .....	1.157	157.3	157.3	2.6	.0
<b>Apparel and upkeep</b> .....	5.311	130.1	132.8	-.7	2.1
Apparel commodities .....	4.801	126.4	129.2	-1.0	2.2
Men's and boys' apparel .....	1.298	130.4	132.7	3.0	1.8
Women's and girls' apparel .....	2.019	121.1	126.0	-2.5	4.0
Infants' and toddlers' apparel .....	.233	123.3	124.9	-4.4	1.3
Footwear .....	.800	127.3	127.7	-.2	.3
Other apparel commodities .....	.450	143.4	142.7	-4.5	-5
Apparel services .....	.510	163.9	164.4	1.8	.3
<b>Transportation</b> .....	18.597	140.9	139.9	-3.0	-.7
Private transportation .....	17.389	138.2	137.1	-3.4	-.8
New vehicles .....	4.781	145.5	145.6	-.7	.1
New cars .....	3.439	141.2	141.2	-.9	.0
Used cars .....	2.179	149.9	147.6	-5.2	-1.5
Motor fuel .....	3.608	94.0	90.9	-14.5	-3.3
Gasoline .....	-	93.5	90.4	-14.5	-3.3
Maintenance and repairs .....	1.634	166.5	166.7	2.6	.1
Other private transportation .....	5.188	174.7	174.7	1.1	.0
Other private transportation commodities .....	.727	103.6	103.3	-.8	-.3
Other private transportation services .....	4.460	192.9	192.9	1.4	.0
Public transportation .....	1.208	188.2	190.3	2.8	1.1
<b>Medical care</b> .....	6.331	238.8	239.3	2.8	.2
Medical care commodities .....	1.054	215.6	215.8	1.7	.1
Medical care services .....	5.276	244.0	244.5	3.0	.2
Professional medical services .....	3.020	221.1	221.9	3.0	.4

See footnotes at end of table.



**Table 2(OS). Old Series 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)

Item and group	Relative importance, December 1997	Unadjusted indexes		Unadjusted percent change to Mar. 1998 from-	
		Feb. 1998	Mar. 1998	Mar. 1997	Feb. 1998
<b>Expenditure category</b>					
Entertainment .....	4.006	161.2	161.8	1.4	0.4
Entertainment commodities .....	2.005	143.1	143.0	-.3	-.1
Entertainment services .....	2.001	186.8	188.3	3.0	.8
Other goods and services .....	7.285	230.8	229.1	5.1	-.7
Tobacco and smoking products .....	2.237	261.3	254.0	6.9	-2.8
Personal care .....	1.116	155.0	155.6	2.6	.4
Toilet goods and personal care appliances .....	.612	147.8	148.4	2.8	.4
Personal care services .....	.504	164.4	164.9	2.3	.3
Personal and educational expenses .....	3.932	263.1	263.6	4.8	.2
School books and supplies .....	.241	249.4	250.0	5.4	.2
Personal and educational services .....	3.692	264.6	265.0	4.7	.2
<b>Commodity and service group</b>					
All items .....	100.000	158.7	158.8	1.1	.1
Commodities .....	46.401	141.4	141.2	-.6	-.1
Food and beverages .....	19.434	159.1	159.3	1.8	.1
Commodities less food and beverages .....	26.967	130.6	130.2	-2.2	-.3
Nondurables less food and beverages .....	15.915	131.9	131.3	-2.6	-.5
Apparel commodities .....	4.801	126.4	129.2	-1.0	2.2
Nondurables less food, beverages, and apparel .....	11.114	137.5	135.3	-3.3	-1.6
Durables .....	11.052	127.8	127.4	-1.7	-.3
Services .....	53.599	179.3	179.7	2.6	.2
Rent of shelter <sup>1</sup> .....	25.761	168.2	168.7	3.2	.3
Household services less rent of shelter <sup>1</sup> .....	8.554	132.8	132.9	.2	.1
Transportation services .....	7.302	185.4	185.9	2.0	.3
Medical care services .....	5.276	244.0	244.5	3.0	.2
Other services .....	6.706	211.1	211.9	3.8	.4
<b>Special indexes</b>					
All items less food .....	82.261	158.5	158.6	1.0	.1
All items less shelter .....	73.695	154.3	154.3	.4	.0
All items less homeowners' costs <sup>1</sup> .....	82.136	148.4	148.5	.7	.1
All items less medical care .....	93.669	154.9	155.0	1.0	.1
Commodities less food .....	28.662	132.0	131.5	-2.0	-.4
Nondurables less food .....	17.610	133.9	133.3	-2.3	-.4
Nondurables less food and apparel .....	12.809	139.2	137.3	-2.7	-1.4
Nondurables .....	35.349	145.8	145.7	-.2	-.1
Services less rent of shelter <sup>1</sup> .....	27.838	169.4	169.8	2.1	.2
Services less medical care services .....	48.322	173.7	174.2	2.5	.3
Energy .....	7.483	102.3	100.6	-9.1	-1.7
All items less energy .....	92.517	166.4	166.7	2.0	.2
All items less food and energy .....	74.778	168.4	168.8	2.0	.2
Commodities less food and energy commodities .....	24.717	142.4	142.5	.0	.1
Energy commodities .....	3.946	94.4	91.5	-14.1	-3.1
Services less energy services .....	50.062	185.9	186.4	3.0	.3
Purchasing power of the consumer dollar:					
1982-84=\$1.00 .....	-	\$.630	\$.630	-	-
1967=\$1.00 .....	-	\$.212	\$.211	-	-

<sup>1</sup> Indexes on a December 1984=100 base.

- Data not available.

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

**Table 3(OS) Old Series Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers (CPI-U): Selected areas, all items index**

(1982-84=100, unless otherwise noted)

Area	Pricing schedule 1	Indexes				Percent change to Mar.1998 from-		
		Dec. 1997	Jan. 1998	Feb. 1998	Mar. 1998	Dec. 1997	Jan. 1998	Feb. 1998
U.S. city average .....	M	161.3	161.6	162.0	162.2	0.6	0.4	0.1
<b>Selected local areas</b>								
Chicago-Gary-Lake County, IL-IN-WI .....	M	162.8	162.5	163.0	163.8	.6	.8	.5
Los Angeles-Anaheim-Riverside, CA .....	M	161.2	161.0	161.2	161.3	.1	.2	.1
New York-Northern N.J.-Long Island, NY-NJ-CT .....	M	171.9	172.1	172.8	173.1	.7	.6	.2
Boston-Lawrence-Salem, MA-NH .....	1	-	171.0	-	171.2	-	.1	-
Cleveland-Akron-Lorain, OH .....	1	-	158.0	-	157.9	-	-.1	-
Dallas-Fort Worth, TX .....	1	152.5	152.2	-	153.3	.5	.7	-
Detroit-Ann Arbor, MI .....	2	157.1	-	158.7	-	-	-	-
Houston-Galveston-Brazoria, TX .....	2	145.6	-	146.5	-	-	-	-
Miami-Fort Lauderdale, FL .....	2	159.3	-	160.6	-	-	-	-
Philadelphia-Wilmington-Trenton, PA-NJ-DE-MD .....	2	166.4	-	167.4	-	-	-	-
San Francisco-Oakland-San Jose, CA .....	2	162.6	-	163.5	-	-	-	-
<b>Region and area size</b>								
Northeast urban .....	M	168.4	168.8	169.2	169.3	.5	.3	.1
Midwest urban <sup>2</sup> .....	M	157.3	157.6	158.1	158.4	.7	.5	.2
South urban .....	M	157.3	157.7	157.9	158.5	.8	.5	.4
West urban .....	M	162.8	163.0	163.3	163.3	.3	.2	.0
<b>Population size classes</b>								
A <sup>3</sup> .....	M	145.7	146.0	146.4	146.6	.6	.4	.1
D .....	M	157.5	157.9	158.0	158.2	.4	.2	.1
<b>Region/Population size class cross classifications</b>								
Northeast Size A - More than 1,500,000 .....	M	169.1	169.5	170.1	170.2	.7	.4	.1
Midwest Size A - More than 1,500,000 .....	M	158.1	158.3	158.8	159.3	.8	.6	.3
South Size A - More than 1,500,000 .....	M	156.3	156.7	156.8	157.6	.8	.6	.5
West Size A - More than 1,500,000 .....	M	163.1	163.2	163.6	163.7	.4	.3	.1
Midwest Size D - Nonmetropolitan (less than 50,000) .....	M	153.0	153.0	153.1	153.3	.2	.2	.1
South Size D - Nonmetropolitan (less than 50,000) .....	M	157.0	157.7	158.0	158.4	.9	.4	.3

<sup>1</sup> The 'All items' index size B/C is on a December 1996=100 base.

<sup>2</sup> The 'North Central' region has been renamed the 'Midwest' region by the Census Bureau. It is composed of the same geographic entities.

<sup>3</sup> Indexes on a December 1986=100 base.

- Data not available.

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

**Table 4(OS) Old Series 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 1	Indexes				Percent change to Mar.1998 from—		
		Dec. 1997	Jan. 1998	Feb. 1998	Mar. 1998	Dec. 1997	Jan. 1998	Feb. 1998
U.S. city average .....	M	158.2	158.4	158.7	158.8	0.4	0.3	0.1
<b>Selected local areas</b>								
Chicago-Gary-Lake County, IL-IN-WI .....	M	157.3	156.8	157.2	157.9	.4	.7	.4
Los Angeles-Anaheim-Riverside, CA .....	M	155.3	155.1	155.2	155.1	-.1	.0	-.1
New York-Northern N.J.-Long Island, NY-NJ-CT .....	M	167.7	167.7	168.3	168.5	.5	.5	.1
Boston-Lawrence-Salem, MA-NH .....	1	-	169.5	-	169.5	-	.0	-
Cleveland-Akron-Lorain, OH .....	1	-	149.9	-	149.7	-	-.1	-
Dallas-Fort Worth, TX .....	1	152.7	152.2	-	152.5	-.1	.2	-
Detroit-Ann Arbor, MI .....	2	151.7	-	153.0	-	-	-	-
Houston-Galveston-Brazoria, TX .....	2	144.5	-	145.1	-	-	-	-
Miami-Fort Lauderdale, FL .....	2	156.8	-	157.8	-	-	-	-
Philadelphia-Wilmington-Trenton, PA-NJ-DE-MD .....	2	165.7	-	166.3	-	-	-	-
San Francisco-Oakland-San Jose, CA .....	2	159.4	-	160.1	-	-	-	-
<b>Region and area size</b>								
Northeast urban .....	M	165.5	165.8	166.1	166.1	.4	.2	.0
Midwest urban <sup>2</sup> .....	M	153.7	153.9	154.3	154.5	.5	.4	.1
South urban .....	M	155.6	155.8	155.8	156.2	.4	.3	.3
West urban .....	M	159.2	159.3	159.4	159.3	.1	.0	-.1
<b>Population size classes</b>								
A <sup>3</sup> .....	M	144.4	144.6	144.8	145.0	.4	.3	.1
D .....	M	156.7	156.8	156.8	156.9	.1	.1	.1
<b>Region/Population size class cross classifications</b>								
Northeast Size A - More than 1,500,000 .....	M	165.2	165.4	165.9	165.8	.4	.2	-.1
Midwest Size A - More than 1,500,000 .....	M	153.6	153.7	154.2	154.5	.6	.5	.2
South Size A - More than 1,500,000 .....	M	154.2	154.4	154.3	154.8	.4	.3	.3
West Size A - More than 1,500,000 .....	M	157.9	157.9	158.1	158.0	.1	.1	-.1
Midwest Size D - Nonmetropolitan (less than 50,000) .....	M	151.0	151.0	151.0	151.0	.0	.0	.0
South Size D - Nonmetropolitan (less than 50,000) .....	M	157.5	157.7	158.0	158.3	.5	.4	.2

<sup>1</sup> The 'All items' index size B/C is on a December 1996=100 base.

<sup>2</sup> The 'North Central' region has been renamed the 'Midwest' region by the Census Bureau. It is composed of the same geographic entities.

<sup>3</sup> Indexes on a December 1986=100 base.

- Data not available.

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

**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>

Italics denote 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>Ship fare</i>
Household cleaning products	Intracity transportation
Household paper products	
Miscellaneous household products	Medical care
Household operations	Medical care commodities
Housekeeping services	Prescription drugs and medical supplies
Gardening and lawn care services	Nonprescription drugs and medical supplies
Moving, storage, freight expense	Internal and respiratory over-the-counter drugs
Repair of household items	Nonprescription medical equipment and supplies
Apparel	Medical care services
Men's and boy's apparel	Professional services
Men's apparel	Physicians' services
Men's suits, sport coats, and outerwear	Dental services
Men's furnishings	Eyeglasses and eye care
Men's shirts and sweaters	Services by other medical professionals
Men's pants and shorts	Hospital and related services
Boy's apparel	Hospital services
Women's and girls' apparel	<i>Inpatient hospital services</i>
Women's apparel	<i>Outpatient hospital services</i>
Women's outerwear	Nursing homes and adult daycare
Women's dresses	
Women's suits and separates	Recreation
Women's underwear, nightwear, sportswear and accessories	Video and audio
Girls' apparel	Television sets
Footwear	Cable television
Men's footwear	Other video equipment
Boys' and girls' footwear	Video cassettes and discs, and other media including rentals

Italics denote substratum indexes.

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

<i>Video cassettes and discs, blank and prerecorded</i>	Other goods and services
<i>Rental of video tapes and discs</i>	Tobacco and smoking products
Audio equipment	Cigarettes
Audio discs and tapes and other media	Tobacco products other than cigarettes
Pets, pet products and services	Personal care
Pets and pet products	Personal care products
<i>Pet food</i>	Hair, dental, shaving, and miscellaneous personal care products
<i>Purchase of pets, pet supplies, accessories</i>	Cosmetics/perfume/bath/nail preparations and implements
Pet services including veterinary services	Personal care services
<i>Pet services</i>	Haircuts and other personal care services
<i>Veterinarian services</i>	Miscellaneous personal services
Sporting goods	Legal services
Sports vehicles including bicycles	Funeral expenses
Sports equipment	Laundry and dry cleaning services
Photography	Apparel services other than laundry and dry cleaning
Photographic supplies and equipment	Financial services
<i>Film and photographic supplies</i>	<i>Checking account and other bank services</i>
<i>Photographic equipment</i>	<i>Tax return preparation and other accounting fees</i>
Photographers and film processing	Care of invalids and elderly at home
<i>Photographer fees</i>	Miscellaneous personal goods
<i>Film processing</i>	<i>Stationery, stationery supplies, gift wrap</i>
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	
Computer information processing services	
Other information processing equipment	
	<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

Italics denote 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 87 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, and fuels, transportation fares, charges for physicians' and dentists' services, drugs, and other goods and services that people buy for day-to-day living. Prices are collected in 87 urban areas across the country from about 50,000 housing units and approximately 23,000 retail establishments—department stores, supermarkets, hospitals, filling stations, and other types of stores and service establishments. All taxes directly associated with the purchase and use of items are included in the index. Prices of fuels and a few other items are obtained every month in all 87 locations. Prices of most other commodities and services are collected every month in the three largest metropolitan areas and every other month in other areas. Prices of most goods and services are obtained by personal visits or telephone calls by the Bureau's trained representatives.

In calculating this index, price changes for the various items in each location are averaged together with weights that 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 the country, for cross-classifications of regions and population-size classes, and for 26 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 index measures price change from a designed reference date—1982-84, which equals 100.0. An increase of 16.5 percent, for example, is shown as 116.5. 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 \$10 in 1982-84 to \$11.65.

For further details, see *BLS Handbook of Methods*, Chapter 17, the Consumer Price Index, Bulletin 2490, April 1997.

## Calculating Index Changes

Movements of 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 below 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	115.7
Less previous index	111.2
Equals index point change	4.5
<i>Percent change</i>	
Index point difference	4.5
Divided by the previous index	111.2
Equals	0.040
Results multiplied by one hundred	0.040x100
Equals percent change	4.0

## Energy Prices

Prices are usually available for the U.S. city average, 13 large metropolitan areas, the 4 census regions, 3 size classifications, and 10 areas reflecting the 4 census regions cross-classified by the 3 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 bills priced for the CPI. 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 and for 500-kilowatt hours of electricity (shown in table P1) are calculated from a special price collection program. These

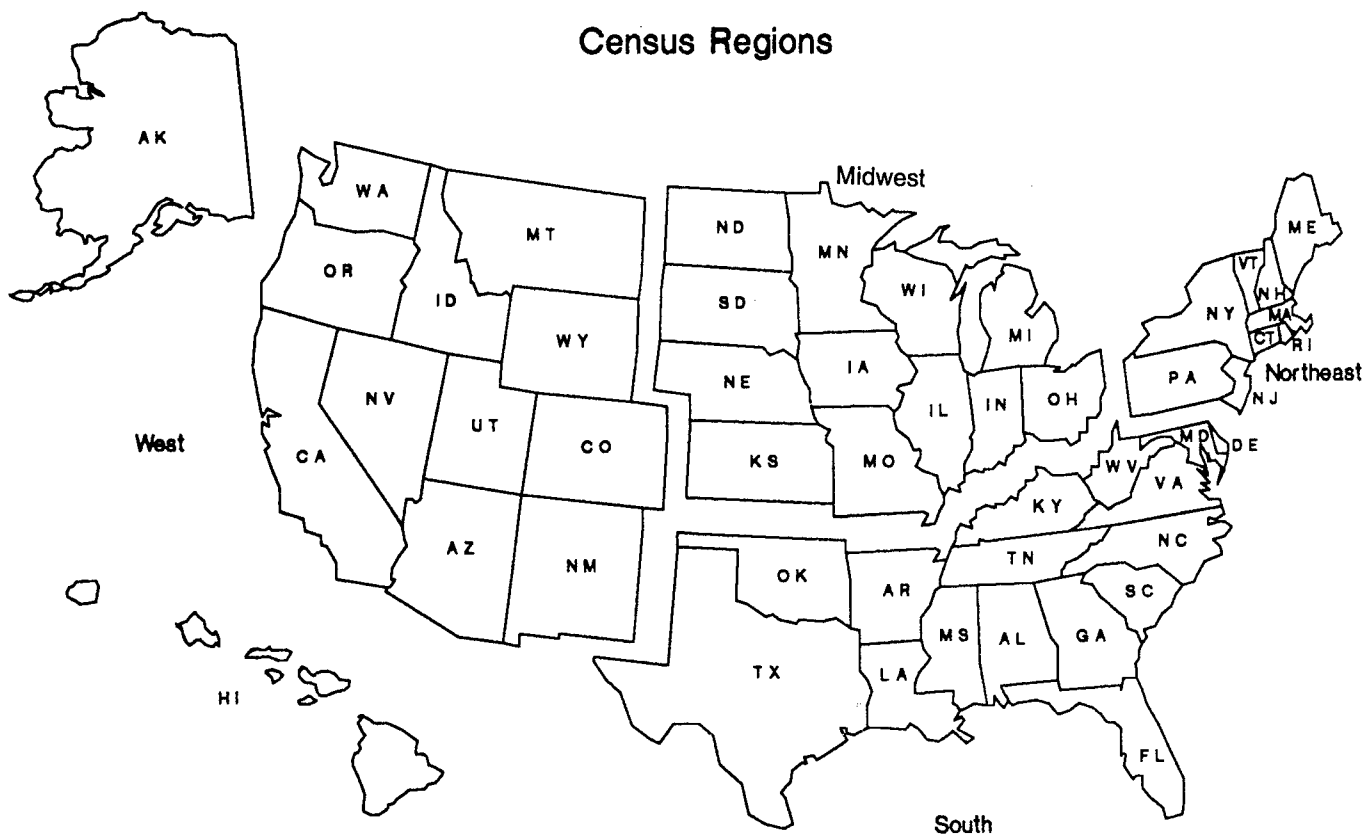
average prices are not used in the calculation of the CPI. Since heating and air-conditioning requirements vary by geographic location, climate, and weather conditions, it cannot be inferred that these consumption amounts represent those used by a typical residential consumer. These bills are used merely 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 CPI.

*Fuel oil.* Only #2 fuel oil (home heating oil) is priced. (See table P1.) 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 and automotive diesel fuel.* Gasoline and diesel prices, shown in table P3, are collected at the pump from a sample of full service, mini-service, and self-service 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 and Beverage Prices

Actual weighted average prices for food and beverages are calculated each month at the national level and for the four census geographic regions, as shown in table P4. 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 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, an 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 BLS regional offices or from the Washington office upon request.

### 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.

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.

Seasonal factors used in computing seasonally adjusted indexes are derived by the X-12-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, e.g., data from 1993 through 1997 were replaced at the end of 1997. The seasonal movement of all items and 54 other aggregations is derived by combining the seasonal movement of 73 selected components. Each year, the seasonal status of every series is

reevaluated, based on certain statistical criteria. If any of the 73 components change their seasonal adjustment status from seasonally adjusted to not seasonally adjusted, not seasonally adjusted data will be used for the last 5 years; but the seasonally adjusted indexes will be used before that period.

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 seasonal adjustment for some CPI series. Intervention analysis seasonal adjustment allows for better estimates of seasonally adjusted data. Extreme values and/or sharp movements, which might distort the seasonal pattern, are estimated and removed from the data, prior to calculation of seasonal factors. Beginning with the calculation of seasonal factors for 1996, X-12-ARIMA software was used for intervention analysis seasonal adjustment.

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. 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 analysis seasonal adjustment was used to offset the effects of excise tax increases. For the nonalcoholic beverages index, the procedure was used to offset the effects of a large increase in coffee prices, due to adverse weather. For the water and sewerage maintenance index, the procedure was used to account for a data collection anomaly.

A description of intervention analysis seasonal adjustment, as well as a list of unusual events modeled and seasonal factors for these items, may be obtained by writing to the Bureau of Labor Statistics, Division of Consumer Prices and Price Indexes, Washington, DC 20212 or by calling Claire McAnaw Gallagher at (202) 606-6968 or e-mailing her (gallagher\_c@bls.gov).

Beginning with the release of seasonal adjustment factors for 1997, in February 1998, seasonal adjustment will be performed using X-12-ARIMA. X-12-ARIMA is a new seasonal adjustment software package developed by the U.S. Department of Commerce, Bureau of the Census. The X-12-ARIMA seasonal adjustment program is an enhanced version of the X-11 Variant of the Census Method II seasonal adjustment program. The enhancements include a variety of new diagnostics and modeling tools to help the user detect and remedy any inadequacies in the seasonal adjustments obtained under the program options selected.

### Metropolitan Areas

BLS publishes three major metropolitan areas monthly:

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

Data for additional 11 metropolitan areas are published every other month [on an odd (January, March, etc.) or even (February, April, etc.) month schedule] for the following areas:

Atlanta, GA	-even
Boston-Brockton-Nashua, MA-NH-ME-CT	-odd
Cleveland-Akron, OH	-odd
Dallas-Fort Worth, TX	-odd
Detroit-Ann Arbor-Flint, MI	-even
Houston-Galveston-Brazoria, TX	-even
Miami-Fort Lauderdale, FL	
PA-NJ-DE-MD	-even
Philadelphia-Wilmington-Atlantic City,	-even
San Francisco-Oakland-San Jose, CA	-even
Seattle-Tacoma-Bremerton, WA	-even
Washington-Baltimore, DC-MD-VA-WV	-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 two to three weeks into the following month.)

Data are published for an additional 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
Cincinnati-Hamilton, OH-KY-IN
Denver-Boulder-Greeley, CO
Honolulu, HI
Kansas City, MO-KS
Milwaukee-Racine, WI
Minneapolis-St. Paul, MN-WI
Pittsburgh, PA
Portland-Salem, OR-WA
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### How to Obtain Consumer Price Index Information

Consumer Price Index (CPI) information is available from the Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS) electronically, through publication subscriptions, and via telephone and fax through automated recordings. Information specialists are also available in the national and regional offices, to provide help and to respond to questions.

#### Electronic access to CPI data

*BLS on the Internet.* Through the Internet, BLS provides free, continuous access to published CPI data and press re-

leases. The most recent month's CPI is made available immediately at the time of release. Additionally, 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 BLS site is accessible via the World Wide Web (WWW), Gopher, and File Transfer Protocol (FTP), as described below. Send e-mail to [labstat.helpdesk@bls.gov](mailto:labstat.helpdesk@bls.gov) for help using any of these systems.

*World Wide Web.* BLS maintains a Web site (<http://stats.bls.gov>). This BLS homepage provides access to LABSTAT, as well as links to program-specific homepages. The CPI homepage <http://stats.bls.gov/cpihome.htm> provides other CPI information, as well as indexes. This includes 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. In addition, CPI press releases and historical data for metropolitan areas can be accessed by linking to regional office homepages from the main BLS Web site listed above.

*FTP and Gopher.* These tools provide access to CPI LABSTAT data, as well as documentation and press release files organized in hierarchical directories. Connect to [stats.bls.gov](http://stats.bls.gov) using FTP or Gopher. Log on as "anonymous," and use your complete Internet e-mail address as the password.

#### Subscriptions to CPI publications

*Summary data.* Free, monthly, 2-page publication containing 1- 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, Bureau of Labor Statistics, 2 Massachusetts Avenue, NE., Room 2850, Washington, DC 20212-0001, or call (202) 606-7828 or any of the BLS regional offices listed below.

*CPI Detailed Report.* Most comprehensive report of the Consumer Price Index. 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. Subscriptions cost \$25 per year.

*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 extensive for inclusion in the *CPI Detailed Report*. The MLR costs \$29 per year. 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 on 24-hour recorded messages. Detailed CPI information is available by calling (202) 606-STAT. A touch-tone telephone is recommended, as this system allows the user to select specific indexes from lists of available data.

Recorded summaries of CPI are also available by calling any one of the metropolitan area CPI hot lines listed below. These hotline summaries typically include data for the U.S. city average, as well as the specified area. These recordings are approximately 3 minutes in length, do not require a touch-tone telephone, and are available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

Area	Hotline Number
Anchorage	(907) 271-2770
Atlanta	(404) 347-3702
Baltimore	(410) 962-4898
Boston	(617) 565-2325/2327
Chicago	(312) 353-1883
Cincinnati	(513) 684-2349
Cleveland	(216) 522-3852
Dallas	(214) 767-6971
Denver	(303) 844-1735
Detroit	(313) 226-7558
Honolulu	(808) 541-2808
Houston	(713) 718-3753
Indianapolis	(317) 226-7885
Kansas City	(816) 426-2372
Los Angeles	(310) 235-6884
Milwaukee	(414) 276-2579
Minneapolis-St. Paul	(612) 290-3996
New York	(212) 337-2406/2408
Philadelphia	(215) 596-1156
Pittsburgh	(412) 644-2900
Portland	(503) 231-2045
Salt Lake City	(801) 485-6582
San Diego	(619) 557-6538
San Francisco	(415) 975-4406
Seattle	(206) 553-0645
St. Louis	(314) 539-3527
Washington, DC	(202) 606-6994/7828

## Other sources of CPI data

Technical information is available during normal working hours, Monday through Friday, by calling (202) 606-7000 or any of the regional offices listed below.

*Fax-on-Demand.* A wide variety of BLS information and data,

including CPI, are available from the BLS *Ready Facts* catalog, via fax-on-demand. CPI documents from *Ready Facts* that are available around the clock include the monthly CPI press release, selected national, regional and metropolitan area historical summaries, and some technical information. The latest CPI information is posted during the morning of release day. Call (202) 606-6325. Then, follow the instructions to have the latest *Ready Facts* catalog sent to you. Each regional office also has a fax system in place; their systems include all information available from the national catalog, in addition to region-specific information on the CPI. Phone and fax-on-demand numbers for the eight regional offices are:

Office	Fax-on-Demand	Telephone
Atlanta	(404) 562-2545	(404) 562-2463
Boston	(617) 515-9167	(617) 565-2327
Chicago	(312) 987-9288	(312) 353-1880
Dallas	(214) 767-9613	(214) 767-6970
Kansas City	(816) 426-3152	(816) 426-2481
New York	(212) 337-2412	(212) 337-2400
Philadelphia	(215) 596-4160	(215) 596-1154
San Francisco	(415) 975-4567	(415) 975-4350
Washington, DC	(202) 606-6325	(202) 606-7000

*Historical tables.* These include all published indexes for each of the detailed CPI components. These tables are available via the Internet, by calling (202) 606-7000 in the national office, or by contacting any of the regional offices listed above.

*Descriptive publications.* These publications describe the CPI and ways to use it. They include simple fact sheets discussing specific topics about the CPI, a broader, non-technical overview of the CPI in a question and answer format, and a technical and thorough description of the CPI and its methodology. These publications are available upon request by calling (202) 606-7000, and many are included on the CPI homepage on the Internet.

*Special publications.* Also available are various special publications, such as *Relative Importance of Components in the Consumer Price Index* and materials describing the annual revisions of seasonally adjusted CPI data. For more information, call (202) 606-7000.

*Further information* may be obtained from the Office of Prices and Living Conditions, Bureau of Labor Statistics, 2 Massachusetts Avenue, NE., Room 3615, Washington, DC, 20212-0001, telephone (202) 606-7000 or by calling any of the regional offices listed above.

