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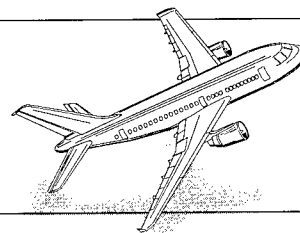
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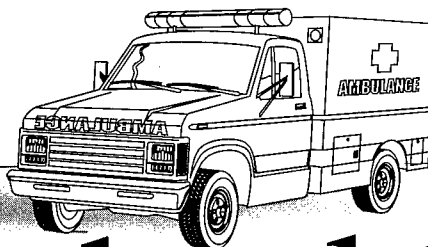


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# Price Movements August 1998

The Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers (CPI-U) rose 0.1 percent in August, before seasonal adjustment, to a level of 163.4 (1982-84=100). For the 12-month period ended in August, the CPI-U has increased 1.6 percent.

The Consumer Price Index for Urban Wage Earners and Clerical Workers (CPI-W) also rose 0.1 percent in August, prior to seasonal adjustment. The August 1998 CPI-W level of 160.0 was 1.4 percent higher than the index in August 1997.

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

On a seasonally adjusted basis, the CPI-U rose 0.2 percent in August, the same as in July. In August the food index increased 0.2 percent for the second consecutive month. Prices for food at home advanced 0.3 percent, as a sharp increase in prices for dairy products was partially offset by a decline in the index for fruits and vegetables. The energy index, which was unchanged in July, declined 1.0 percent in August. The index for petroleum-based energy decreased 1.4 percent, and the index for energy services fell 0.4 percent. Excluding food and energy, the CPI-U increased 0.2 percent in August, the same as in July. An upturn in the index for apparel, reflecting the introduction of fall-winter wear, was largely offset by smaller increases

in the indexes for cigarettes and airline fares, coupled with a decline in the index for telephone services.

During the first eight months of 1998, the CPI-U rose at a 1.6-percent seasonally adjusted annual rate (SAAR). This compares with an increase of 1.7 percent for all of 1997. Declines in energy costs have continued to act as a moderating influence on overall consumer price index movements thus far in 1998, decreasing at a 10.5-percent annual rate after declining 3.4 percent in all of 1997. Food costs, which rose 1.5 percent in 1997, have risen at a 2.4-percent SAAR in the first eight months of 1998. Excluding food and energy, the CPI-U has advanced at a 2.5-percent rate thus far in 1998, compared with a 2.2-percent rise for all of 1997.

The food and beverages index rose 0.3 percent in August. The index for food at home increased 0.3 percent in August, the same as in July. A 1.6-percent increase in the index for dairy products accounted for almost half of the August food at home advance. The indexes for other food at home—reflecting a 5.3-percent increase in butter prices—and cereal and bakery products rose 0.7 and 0.5 percent, respectively. On the other hand, prices for fruits and vegetables and for non-alcoholic beverages turned down in August; and the index for meats, poultry, fish, and eggs

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

Expenditure category	Seasonally adjusted							Compound annual rate, 3 months ended August 1998	Unadjusted 12 months ended August 1998
	Changes from preceding month								
	1998								
	February	March	April	May	June	July	August		
All items .....	0.1	0	0.2	0.3	0.1	0.2	0.2	1.7	1.6
Food and beverages .....	0	0	.1	.5	.1	.2	.3	2.8	2.1
Housing .....	.1	.2	.4	.3	.1	.2	.1	1.8	2.5
Apparel .....	.2	-.2	-.1	.4	.2	-.3	1.1	4.0	1.2
Transportation .....	-.4	-.5	-.1	.1	-.3	.3	0	0	-1.8
Medical care .....	.3	.3	.4	.3	.4	.2	.4	3.9	3.5
Recreation .....	3	.4	0	0	.1	0	.1	.8	1.3
Education and communication .....	-.1	.3	.3	.3	.1	0	-.5	-1.6	1.5
Other goods and services .....	.8	-.3	1.0	.7	0	.7	.1	2.9	5.4
Special indexes									
Energy .....	-2.2	-1.2	-.1	.3	-.7	0	-1.0	-6.4	-7.7
Food .....	0	0	.1	.6	.1	.2	.2	2.5	2.2
All items less food and energy .....	.3	.1	.3	.2	.1	.2	.2	2.1	2.5

moderated. The index for fruits and vegetables, which rose 0.3 percent in July, declined 0.4 percent in August. The indexes for fresh fruits and for fresh vegetables declined 0.5 and 1.0 percent, respectively, more than offsetting a 0.5-percent increase in the index for processed fruits and vegetables. (Prior to seasonal adjustment, prices for fresh fruits rose 0.5 percent, while fresh vegetable prices fell 3.9 percent.) The index for meats, poultry, fish, and eggs rose 0.3 percent in August, following a 0.5-percent increase in July. A 0.3-percent decline in meat prices was more than offset by increases in prices for poultry, eggs, and fish and seafood. Prices for poultry and for fish and seafood rose 1.5 and 1.2 percent, respectively, and the index for eggs rose 1.0 percent. The other two components of the food and beverage index—food away from home and alcoholic beverages—rose 0.2 percent and were unchanged, respectively.

The housing component rose 0.1 percent in August. Shelter costs rose 0.3 percent, following increases of 0.2 percent in each of the preceding two months. Within shelter, the index for rent rose 0.3 percent; owners' equivalent rent, 0.2 percent; and the cost of lodging away from home, 0.7 percent. The index for fuels and utilities, which was unchanged in July, declined 0.4 percent in August. The indexes for electricity and for fuel oil each declined 0.9 percent, more than offsetting a 0.4-percent rise in the index for natural gas. (Prior to seasonal adjustment, charges for natural gas declined 0.5 percent.) The index for household furnishings and operations declined 0.2 percent in August.

The transportation component was unchanged in August, following a 0.3-percent rise in July. The index for motor fuel, which was unchanged in July, declined 1.6 percent in August. Gasoline prices have fallen 10.1 percent

thus far in 1998 and are 23.3 percent lower than their peak level in November 1990. The index for new and used vehicle prices rose 0.2 percent. The index for new vehicles, which increased 0.5 percent in July, rose 0.3 percent in August. (Prior to seasonal adjustment, new vehicle prices rose 0.1 percent.) The index for used cars and trucks fell 0.1 percent. Public transportation costs increased 2.2 percent in August. The index for airline fares, which typically declines in August, increased 0.2 percent.

The index for apparel rose 1.1 percent in August, following a 0.3-percent decline in July. (Prior to seasonal adjustment, apparel prices rose 1.5 percent, reflecting the introduction of higher priced fall-winter wear.)

Medical care costs rose 0.4 percent in August to a level 3.5 percent above a year ago. The index for medical care commodities—prescription drugs, nonprescription drugs, and medical supplies—increased 0.6 percent. The index for medical care services rose 0.3 percent. Charges for professional services and for hospital and related services each increased 0.3 percent.

The index for recreation costs rose 0.1 percent in August. Increases in the indexes for admissions to sporting events, for club membership dues and fees for participant sports, and for books were partially offset by declines in the indexes for sporting goods and for other recreational goods.

The index for education and communication declined 0.5 percent in August. A 0.4-percent increase in education costs was more than offset by a decline in the index for information processing costs. Within the latter group, the indexes for telephone services and for personal computers and peripheral equipment declined 1.1 and 5.5 percent, respectively.

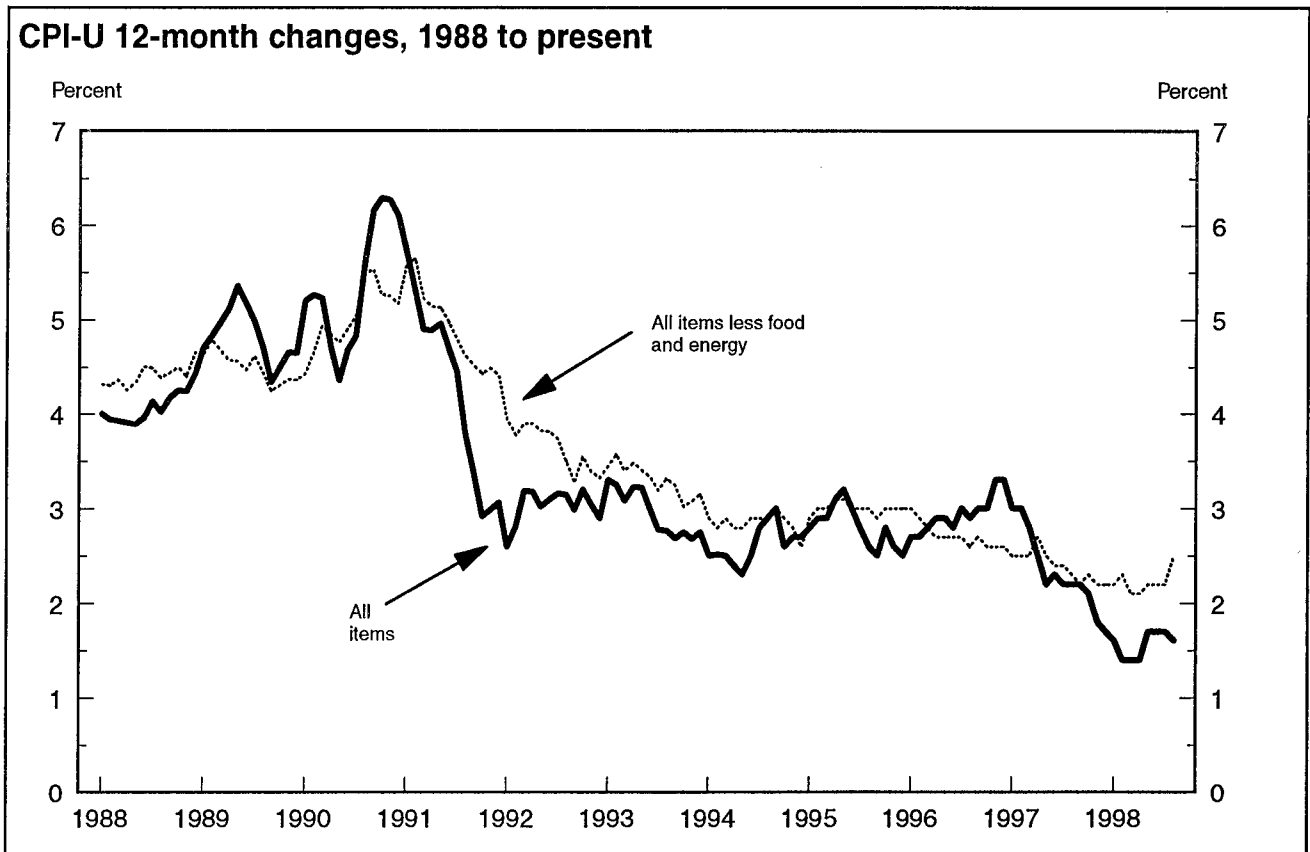
Table B. Percent changes in CPI for Urban Wage Earners and Clerical Workers (CPI-W)

Expenditure category	Seasonally adjusted							Compound annual rate, 3 months ended August 1998	Unadjusted 12 months ended August 1998
	Changes from preceding month								
	1998								
	February	March	April	May	June	July	August		
All items .....	0	-0.1	0.3	0.3	0.1	0.2	0.1	1.3	1.4
Food and beverages .....	0	0	0	.6	.1	.3	.2	2.5	2.0
Housing .....	.1	.3	.3	.3	.1	.2	.1	1.5	2.3
Apparel .....	-.2	-.5	.2	.3	.3	-.4	.9	3.4	.4
Transportation .....	-.4	-.6	0	.1	-.1	.2	-.1	-.3	-2.2
Medical care .....	.2	.3	.4	.3	.5	.2	.3	4.1	3.5
Recreation .....	.3	.3	.1	-.2	.1	-.1	.2	.8	1.0
Education and communication .....	0	.4	.2	.4	.1	.1	-.5	-1.2	1.8
Other goods and services .....	1.1	-.6	1.4	.8	-.1	.9	.2	3.6	6.3
Special indexes									
Energy .....	-2.1	-1.3	-.2	.3	-.6	-.1	-1.1	-6.8	-8.3
Food .....	-.1	0	.1	.6	.1	.3	.3	2.8	2.1
All items less food and energy .....	.2	.1	.4	.2	.1	.2	.2	2.1	2.3

The index for other goods and services, which rose 0.7 percent in July, increased 0.1 percent in August. The deceleration largely was attributable to moderation in the index for tobacco and smoking products, which rose 0.1 percent in August after increasing 2.6 percent in July.

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

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



# Planned Change in the Consumer Price Index Formula

On April 16, 1998, the Bureau of Labor Statistics announced its decision to use a new formula for calculating the basic components of the Consumer Price Index for all Urban Consumers (CPI-U) and the Consumer Price Index for Urban Wage Earners and Clerical Workers (CPI-W). This change will become effective with data for January 1999.

The new formula, the geometric mean estimator, will be used in index categories that comprise approximately 61 percent of total consumer spending represented by the CPI-U. The remaining index categories, which are shown in the table below, will continue to be calculated as they are currently. Based upon BLS research, it is expected that planned use of this new formula will reduce the annual rate of increase in the CPI by approximately 0.2 percentage point per year.

The geometric mean estimator will be introduced in both the CPI-U and the CPI-W, effective with data for January 1999, in accordance with the past practice of introducing methodological changes at the beginning of a calendar year. BLS will continue to publish "overlap" CPI-U and CPI-W series, using the current calculation method for the first six months of 1999. These indexes will not be published regularly for months subsequent to June 1999, but will be available upon request.

Additional information on this change was published in the April 1998 CPI Detailed Report and is available on the Internet (<http://stats.bls.gov/cpihome.htm>). This information may also be obtained by writing to the Bureau of Labor

Statistics, Division of Consumer Prices and Price Indexes, 2 Massachusetts Ave. NE, Room 3615, Washington, DC 20212 or by calling (202) 606-7000.

## Components retaining the arithmetic mean (Laspeyres) formula:

### Selected shelter services

- Rent of primary residence
- Owners' equivalent rent of primary residence
- Housing at school, excluding board

### Selected utilities and government charges

- Electricity
- Utility natural gas service
- Residential water and sewerage maintenance
- State and local registration, license, and motor vehicle property tax
- Telephone services, local charges
- Cable television

### Selected medical care services

- Physicians' services
- Dental services
- Eyeglasses and eye care
- Services by other medical professionals
- Hospital services
- Nursing homes and adult daycare



# Improvements to CPI Procedures for Handling Utility Refunds

Effective with the calculation of the index for January 1999, the Consumer Price Index (CPI) will change its treatment of refunds for electricity, utility natural gas service, or other similar services when the refunds are based on earlier periods' utility consumption amounts. (Other services potentially affected by this change include garbage and trash collection, local telephone charges, water and sewerage maintenance, and cable television.) This change will affect both price indexes and average prices computed by the CPI.

On occasion, utility companies or their regulators (usually called public utility commissions) determine that companies have overcharged customers in the past. This may occur, for example, when a regulator grants a utility company a temporary rate increase while an application for a permanent increase is pending. If the regulator subsequently denies the increase, it may require the company to repay its customers for excess payments made during this temporary period. Other situations when companies may issue refunds based on earlier-period usage result from lower-than-anticipated energy costs or from reevaluations of past rates compared to actual costs.

To compensate for past excess charges, utility companies usually credit their customers' current period bills. Under present CPI practice, utility indexes use the total refunded amount that the company credits to its customer's accounts during the month(s) refunds occur. When the refund is greater than the monthly charge, the CPI shows the remainder of the refund in subsequent months' bills. Consequently, the price used in the CPI may be as low as zero and remain at zero (or a low level) until the customer recoups the full refund. This practice has disadvantages. Utility indexes can be volatile and may not reflect actual current-period charges (for example, what new customers pay for electricity).

Under the new procedure, the CPI will disregard any refund for past excess charges when this refund appears on residential customer bills as a *separate refund credit* that is subtracted from current-period charges. CPI utility indexes will be based only on current rates—including temporary rates—that are in effect each month. The movement of utility indexes will reflect all changes in rates—usually in the month they are effective. Rate changes may be permanent, temporary, or as a rescission of temporary rate increases. However, the movement of utility indexes will no longer reflect refunds resulting from such rescissions (or similar causes). This change in procedure should reduce the month-to-month volatility of the utility indexes and enable them to more accurately reflect current prices and price trends.

This change will only apply to *rebates of past excess charges* that appear as separate refunds on customer bills. CPI utility indexes will continue to reflect current period credits that are based on current period consumption. (The most common credits are purchased gas and fuel adjustments.)

The change will have no effect on the long-run movement of the CPI or its component indexes. It is expected to remove short-term variability in the CPI utility indexes and, to a lesser degree, in higher CPI aggregates, such as the housing index. However, annual average index levels may be slightly higher as a result of this change, depending on the frequency and size of refunds.

For additional information on this change, write to the Bureau of Labor Statistics, Division of Consumer Prices and Price Indexes, 2 Massachusetts Ave. NE, Room 3615, Washington, DC 20212-0001; telephone Bob Adkins at (202) 606-6985; or e-mail Mr. Adkins ([adkins\\_b@bls.gov](mailto:adkins_b@bls.gov)).

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

Effective with the release of the Consumer Price Index (CPI) for January 1999, the Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS) will introduce an improvement in the way in which it calculates the television stratum of the CPI.

As of December 1997, televisions constituted 0.215 percent in the Consumer Price Index for all Urban Consumers (the CPI-U) and 0.256 percent in the Consumer Price Index for Urban Wage Earners and Clerical Workers (the CPI-W). Bureau of Labor Statistics researches developed a regression procedure, called a hedonic model, that decomposes the price of television sets into implicit prices for each important feature and component.<sup>1</sup> This model uses television observations collected for the CPI and provides an estimate of the value of each of the significant features and components of the sets for which prices are collected. This yields a mechanism for

replacing obsolete televisions in the CPI sample with current ones, allowing the CPI to capture the price change that may occur as new models replace old ones in the market place without counting the value of quality improvements as price increases.

The CPI has used similar hedonic methods to adjust apparel prices for many years. In January 1998, the CPI began using a similar approach for personal computers. In the coming years, BLS plans to extend this method to additional CPI items.

Starting with the CPI for January 1999, when a television model in the CPI sample improves in some way, the value of that change, as derived from the regression estimates, will be deducted from the observed price change for that product. (Conversely, if a model deteriorates, the value of the difference will be added to the price.)

For additional information on these changes, write to the Bureau of Labor Statistics, Division of Consumer Prices and Price Indexes, 2 Massachusetts Ave. NE, Room 3260, Washington, DC 20212; telephone Tim LaFleur at (202) 606-6982 ext. 253; or e-mail him (lafleur\_t@bls.gov).

<sup>1</sup> Brent R. Moulton, Timothy J. LaFleur, and Karin E. Moses, "Research on Improved Quality Adjustment in the CPI: The Case of Televisions," presented to the Conference of the Ottawa Group, April 1998.

## **BLS to maintain current reference base of 1982-84=100 for most CPI 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, would be discontinued in 1999 as well. This plan was initially described in the December 1996 *Monthly Labor Review*, which contains 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 substantially impact the index. Because the rebased index values are smaller, however, the loss of precision due to rounding is more serious. In addition, retaining the old index reference bases would spare users the inconvenience associated with conversion.

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

**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 Aug. 1998 from—		Seasonally adjusted percent change from—		
		July 1998	Aug. 1998	Aug. 1997	July 1998	May to June	June to July	July to Aug.
<b>Expenditure category</b>								
All items .....	100.000	163.2	163.4	1.6	0.1	0.1	0.2	0.2
All items (1967=100) .....	-	488.8	489.6	-	-	-	-	-
Food and beverages .....	16.310	160.9	161.4	2.1	.3	.1	.2	.3
Food .....	15.326	160.5	161.0	2.2	.3	.1	.2	.2
Food at home .....	9.646	160.8	161.4	1.8	.4	.1	.3	.3
Cereals and bakery products .....	1.536	181.8	182.7	2.3	.5	.3	.1	.5
Meats, poultry, fish, and eggs .....	2.629	146.9	148.2	-.6	.9	.0	.5	.3
Dairy and related products <sup>1</sup> .....	1.037	148.2	150.5	5.0	1.6	.0	.1	1.6
Fruits and vegetables .....	1.394	198.2	195.9	4.6	-1.2	-1.0	.3	-4
Nonalcoholic beverages and beverage materials .....	1.077	132.3	132.0	-3.4	-2	.4	.0	-7
Other food at home .....	1.972	151.1	152.1	2.3	.7	.8	.3	.7
Sugar and sweets .....	.377	149.9	150.2	1.6	.2	.9	-.7	.6
Fats and oils .....	.291	147.6	149.7	5.9	1.4	1.6	2.6	2.0
Other foods .....	1.305	165.9	166.9	3.2	.6	.6	.1	.5
Other miscellaneous foods <sup>1 2</sup> .....	.309	102.6	103.5	-	.9	1.1	.1	.9
Food away from home <sup>1</sup> .....	5.680	161.1	161.5	2.6	.2	.1	.2	.2
Other food away from home <sup>1 2</sup> .....	.172	101.6	102.3	-	.7	.4	.6	.7
Alcoholic beverages .....	.983	165.6	165.7	1.5	.1	.4	.3	.0
Housing .....	39.560	161.2	161.5	2.5	.2	.1	.2	.1
Shelter .....	29.788	182.6	183.3	3.3	.4	.2	.2	.3
Rent of primary residence .....	6.885	172.2	172.8	3.3	.3	.3	.2	.3
Lodging away from home <sup>2</sup> .....	2.327	111.7	112.9	-	1.1	-.7	-.7	.7
Owners' equivalent rent of primary residence <sup>3</sup> .....	20.199	188.0	188.5	3.2	.3	.2	.3	.2
Tenants' and household insurance <sup>1 2</sup> .....	.377	99.3	99.2	-	-.1	-.5	.2	-.1
Fuels and utilities .....	4.942	131.3	130.6	-.6	-.5	-.4	.0	-.4
Fuels .....	4.018	116.8	115.9	-2.3	-.8	-.5	.0	-.4
Fuel oil and other fuels .....	.261	87.8	86.7	-7.3	-1.3	-1.2	-.3	-.7
Gas (piped) and electricity .....	3.757	124.9	124.0	-2.1	-.7	-.4	.0	-.4
Household furnishings and operations .....	4.831	127.2	126.8	1.3	-.3	.2	.3	-.2
Apparel .....	4.944	129.6	131.6	1.2	1.5	.2	-.3	1.1
Men's and boys' apparel .....	1.390	129.4	130.6	1.3	.9	.2	.2	.3
Women's and girls' apparel .....	1.990	120.6	123.8	2.9	2.7	.6	-.9	1.9
Infants' and toddlers' apparel <sup>1</sup> .....	.268	122.0	124.4	-2.3	2.0	-1.7	-2.2	2.0
Footwear .....	.895	127.0	127.7	1.1	.6	1.5	.1	.7
Transportation .....	17.578	141.8	141.2	-1.8	-.4	-.3	.3	.0
Private transportation .....	16.240	138.0	137.4	-2.4	-.4	-.1	.2	-.2
New and used motor vehicles <sup>2</sup> .....	7.899	99.9	99.9	.4	.0	-.1	.4	.2
New vehicles .....	5.063	142.7	142.8	-.1	-.1	-.3	.5	.3
Used cars and trucks <sup>1</sup> .....	1.880	151.3	151.1	1.8	-.1	.6	.3	-.1
Motor fuel .....	2.995	93.7	91.6	-14.9	-2.2	-1.0	.0	-1.6
Gasoline (all types) .....	2.976	93.2	91.1	-15.2	-2.3	-.9	-.2	-1.5
Motor vehicle parts and equipment .....	.560	101.1	101.2	-.6	.1	.5	.1	.0
Motor vehicle maintenance and repair .....	1.603	166.8	167.3	2.4	.3	.4	.2	.2
Public transportation .....	1.338	192.0	192.2	4.8	.1	-1.1	1.0	2.2
Medical care .....	5.614	242.7	243.5	3.5	.3	.4	.2	.4
Medical care commodities .....	1.222	222.2	223.1	3.5	.4	.2	.0	.6
Medical care services .....	4.392	247.4	248.2	3.5	.3	.4	.2	.3
Professional services .....	2.808	222.8	223.3	3.2	.2	.5	.1	.3
Hospital and related services .....	1.334	288.2	289.5	3.8	.5	.3	.6	.3
Recreation <sup>2</sup> .....	6.145	101.1	101.3	1.3	.2	.1	.0	.1
Video and audio <sup>1 2</sup> .....	1.763	101.1	101.2	1.2	.1	.0	-.1	.1

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 Aug. 1998 from—		Seasonally adjusted percent change from—		
		July 1998	Aug. 1998	Aug. 1997	July 1998	May to June	June to July	July to Aug.
<b>Expenditure category</b>								
Education and communication <sup>2</sup> .....	5.528	100.0	100.1	1.5	0.1	0.1	0.0	-0.5
Education <sup>2</sup> .....	2.615	101.0	102.6	4.9	1.6	.3	.3	.4
Educational books and supplies .....	.194	249.0	249.1	3.8	.0	.0	.4	-3
Tuition, other school fees, and childcare .....	2.421	291.1	295.8	4.9	1.6	.3	.3	.4
Communication <sup>1 2</sup> .....	2.913	99.1	97.9	-1.9	-1.2	.0	-3	-1.2
Information and information processing <sup>1 2</sup> .....	2.706	99.0	97.7	-2.1	-1.3	.0	-3	-1.3
Telephone services <sup>1 2</sup> .....	2.357	101.5	100.4	-	-1.1	.3	.1	-1.1
Information and information processing other than telephone services <sup>1 4</sup> .....	.350	39.1	37.6	-22.0	-3.8	-2.2	-3.7	-3.8
Personal computers and peripheral equipment <sup>1 2</sup> .....	.234	75.2	71.1	-	-5.5	-3.3	-6.0	-5.5
Other goods and services .....	4.321	237.8	238.0	5.4	.1	.0	.7	.1
Tobacco and smoking products .....	.894	273.2	273.7	12.4	.2	-6	2.6	.1
Personal care <sup>1</sup> .....	3.427	157.0	157.1	3.0	.1	.1	.1	.1
Personal care products <sup>1</sup> .....	.737	149.1	148.5	3.5	-4	-1	-1	-4
Personal care services <sup>1</sup> .....	.963	166.1	166.6	2.4	.3	-1	.5	.3
Miscellaneous personal services .....	1.465	235.1	235.7	3.1	.3	.4	.3	.4
<b>Commodity and service group</b>								
Commodities .....	42.635	141.6	141.7	.2	.1	-1	.2	.1
Food and beverages .....	16.310	160.9	161.4	2.1	.3	.1	.2	.3
Commodities less food and beverages .....	26.326	130.1	130.0	-1.0	-1	-1	.1	.0
Nondurables less food and beverages .....	14.729	131.8	131.9	-1.4	.1	-1	.1	-1
Apparel .....	4.944	129.6	131.6	1.2	1.5	2	-3	1.1
Nondurables less food, beverages, and apparel .....	9.785	138.0	137.1	-2.6	-7	.0	.1	-4
Durables .....	11.596	127.5	127.2	-4	-2	.0	.3	.0
Services .....	57.365	184.9	185.3	2.8	.2	.1	.2	.2
Rent of shelter <sup>3</sup> .....	29.410	190.1	190.8	3.3	.4	.2	.1	.4
Transportation services .....	6.984	187.8	187.8	1.9	.0	-2	.2	.4
Other services .....	10.625	216.9	217.6	3.3	.3	.3	.1	.1
<b>Special indexes</b>								
All items less food .....	84.674	163.6	163.9	1.6	.2	.1	.2	.1
All items less shelter .....	70.212	157.3	157.4	1.0	.1	.1	.2	.1
All items less medical care .....	94.386	158.7	159.0	1.5	.2	.0	.2	.2
Commodities less food .....	27.309	131.5	131.4	-9	-1	-1	.2	.0
Nondurables less food .....	15.712	133.8	133.9	-1.2	.1	-1	.2	-1
Nondurables less food and apparel .....	10.768	139.7	138.9	-2.3	-6	.1	.1	-3
Nondurables .....	31.039	146.4	146.8	.5	.3	-1	.2	.0
Services less rent of shelter <sup>3</sup> .....	27.955	192.6	192.7	2.1	.1	.1	.3	.0
Services less medical care services .....	52.973	179.0	179.5	2.7	.3	.2	.2	.1
Energy .....	7.013	105.2	103.8	-7.7	-1.3	-7	.0	-1.0
All items less energy .....	92.987	170.8	171.2	2.3	.2	.1	.2	.2
All items less food and energy .....	77.661	173.3	173.8	2.5	.3	.1	.2	.2
Commodities less food and energy commodities .....	24.053	142.4	142.7	1.1	.2	.0	.1	.2
Energy commodities .....	3.256	93.3	91.3	-14.0	-2.1	-1.0	-1	-1.4
Services less energy services .....	53.608	190.9	191.5	3.1	.3	.2	.2	.3
Purchasing power of the consumer dollar (1982-84=\$1.00) .....	-	\$ .613	\$ .612	-	-	-	-	-
Purchasing power of the consumer dollar (1967=\$1.00) .....	-	\$ .205	\$ .204	-	-	-	-	-

<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—	
	May 1998	June 1998	July 1998	Aug. 1998	Nov. 1997	Feb. 1998	May 1998	Aug. 1998	Feb. 1998	Aug. 1998
<b>Expenditure category</b>										
All items .....	162.9	163.0	163.3	163.6	2.3	0.5	2.2	1.7	1.4	2.0
Food and beverages .....	160.6	160.8	161.2	161.7	2.0	1.3	2.3	2.8	1.6	2.5
Food .....	160.4	160.6	161.0	161.4	2.0	1.3	2.5	2.5	1.7	2.5
Food at home .....	160.7	160.8	161.3	161.8	1.3	.5	2.5	2.8	.9	2.6
Cereals and bakery products .....	180.5	181.0	181.2	182.1	1.8	1.3	2.5	3.6	1.6	3.0
Meats, poultry, fish, and eggs .....	146.9	146.9	147.6	148.1	-1.6	-3.7	-8	3.3	-2.7	1.2
Dairy and related products <sup>1</sup> .....	148.1	148.1	148.2	150.5	10.4	1.9	1.1	6.6	6.1	3.8
Fruits and vegetables .....	203.5	201.4	202.0	201.1	2.5	6.8	18.9	-4.6	4.7	6.5
Nonalcoholic beverages and beverage materials .....	132.5	133.0	133.0	132.1	-4.6	-3.5	-4.7	-1.2	-4.0	-3.0
Other food at home .....	149.2	150.4	150.9	152.0	-3	.8	1.1	7.7	.3	4.3
Sugar and sweets .....	149.0	150.3	149.3	150.2	2.5	1.9	-1.1	3.3	2.2	1.1
Fats and oils .....	141.1	143.3	147.0	149.9	-8	-8	.3	27.4	-8	13.0
Other foods .....	164.5	165.5	165.7	166.5	2.8	3.2	1.7	5.0	3.0	3.3
Other miscellaneous foods <sup>1 2</sup> .....	101.4	102.5	102.6	103.5	-	-	4.0	8.5	-	6.3
Food away from home <sup>1</sup> .....	160.6	160.7	161.1	161.5	3.1	2.5	2.5	2.3	2.8	2.4
Other food away from home <sup>1 2</sup> .....	100.6	101.0	101.6	102.3	-	-	.8	6.9	-	3.8
Alcoholic beverages .....	164.7	165.3	165.8	165.8	1.7	1.7	-2	2.7	1.7	1.2
Housing .....	159.9	160.1	160.4	160.6	3.4	1.0	3.3	1.8	2.2	2.5
Shelter .....	181.3	181.6	181.9	182.4	3.0	3.4	4.1	2.4	3.2	3.3
Rent of primary residence .....	171.3	171.8	172.2	172.8	3.1	2.6	3.8	3.5	2.9	3.7
Lodging away from home <sup>2</sup> .....	102.1	101.4	100.7	101.4	-	-	7.4	-2.7	-	2.2
Owners' equivalent rent of primary residence <sup>3</sup> .....	187.2	187.6	188.1	188.5	2.7	3.5	3.7	2.8	3.1	3.3
Tenants' and household insurance <sup>1 2</sup> .....	99.6	99.1	99.3	99.2	-	-	-2.4	-1.6	-	-2.0
Fuels and utilities .....	128.8	128.3	128.3	127.8	6.3	-12.1	2.8	-3.1	-3.4	-2
Fuels .....	113.5	112.9	112.9	112.4	9.7	-17.9	2.9	-3.8	-5.1	-5
Fuel oil and other fuels .....	91.7	90.6	90.3	89.7	-4	-17.7	-9	-8.4	-9.5	-4.7
Gas (piped) and electricity .....	121.1	120.6	120.6	120.1	10.8	-18.0	2.7	-3.3	-4.7	-3
Household furnishings and operations .....	126.4	126.6	127.0	126.8	.6	2.3	1.0	1.3	1.4	1.1
Apparel .....	132.9	133.2	132.8	134.2	1.2	-9	.6	4.0	.2	2.3
Men's and boys' apparel .....	131.5	131.7	131.9	132.3	.9	3.4	-1.5	2.5	2.2	.5
Women's and girls' apparel .....	126.5	127.2	126.0	128.4	3.2	-2.5	3.9	6.1	.3	5.0
Infants' and toddlers' apparel <sup>1</sup> .....	126.9	124.7	122.0	124.4	-4.0	-8.9	12.9	-7.7	-6.5	2.1
Footwear .....	126.5	128.4	128.5	129.4	1.6	-4.3	-1.9	9.5	-1.4	3.7
Transportation .....	141.7	141.3	141.7	141.7	-1.1	-4.1	-2.0	.0	-2.6	-1.0
Private transportation .....	138.1	137.9	138.2	137.9	-1.4	-5.3	-2.0	-6	-3.4	-1.3
New and used motor vehicles <sup>2</sup> .....	100.2	100.1	100.5	100.7	-	-	.4	2.0	-	1.2
New vehicles .....	143.2	142.7	143.4	143.9	-1.4	-6	-8	2.0	-1.0	.6
Used cars and trucks <sup>1</sup> .....	150.0	150.9	151.3	151.1	-2.4	2.2	4.4	3.0	-1	3.7
Motor fuel .....	93.0	92.1	92.1	90.6	-4.8	-29.2	-13.4	-9.9	-17.9	-11.7
Gasoline (all types) .....	92.3	91.5	91.3	89.9	-5.2	-29.6	-14.2	-10.0	-18.3	-12.1
Motor vehicle parts and equipment .....	100.7	101.2	101.3	101.3	-1.6	-1.6	-1.6	2.4	-1.6	.4
Motor vehicle maintenance and repair .....	165.9	166.6	167.0	167.3	1.5	4.0	1.0	3.4	2.7	2.2
Public transportation .....	190.2	188.2	190.1	194.2	1.7	11.9	-2.5	8.7	6.7	2.9
Medical care .....	241.4	242.3	242.8	243.7	2.7	3.1	4.3	3.9	2.9	4.1
Medical care commodities .....	221.2	221.6	221.7	223.1	1.5	3.0	6.0	3.5	2.2	4.7
Medical care services .....	245.7	246.8	247.4	248.2	3.0	3.2	3.7	4.1	3.1	3.9
Professional services .....	221.3	222.3	222.6	223.3	2.2	3.2	3.9	3.7	2.7	3.8
Hospital and related services .....	285.9	286.7	288.5	289.5	3.6	3.6	2.7	5.1	3.6	3.9
Recreation <sup>2</sup> .....	101.0	101.1	101.1	101.2	-	-	1.6	.8	-	1.2
Video and audio <sup>1 2</sup> .....	101.2	101.2	101.1	101.2	1.2	3.6	.0	.0	2.4	.0

See footnotes at end of table.

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

(1982-84=100, unless otherwise noted)

Item and group	Seasonally adjusted indexes				Seasonally adjusted annual rate percent change for					
					3 months ended—				6 months ended—	
	May 1998	June 1998	July 1998	Aug. 1998	Nov. 1997	Feb. 1998	May 1998	Aug. 1998	Feb. 1998	Aug. 1998
<b>Expenditure category</b>										
Education and communication <sup>2</sup> .....	100.8	100.9	100.9	100.4	-	-	3.7	-1.6	-	1.0
Education <sup>2</sup> .....	102.3	102.6	102.9	103.3	-	-	6.5	4.0	-	5.2
Educational books and supplies .....	249.9	249.8	250.8	250.1	3.2	3.5	8.4	.3	3.3	4.3
Tuition, other school fees, and childcare .....	293.5	294.3	295.3	296.4	4.5	4.8	6.4	4.0	4.7	5.2
Communication <sup>1 2</sup> .....	99.4	99.4	99.1	97.9	1.2	-3.5	.8	-5.9	-1.2	-2.6
Information and information processing <sup>1 2</sup> .....	99.3	99.3	99.0	97.7	1.2	-3.9	.8	-6.3	-1.4	-2.8
Telephone services <sup>1 2</sup> .....	101.1	101.4	101.5	100.4	-	-	4.5	-2.7	-	.8
Information and information processing other than telephone services <sup>1 4</sup> .....	41.5	40.6	39.1	37.6	-4.9	-25.0	-23.0	-32.6	-15.5	-28.0
Personal computers and peripheral equipment <sup>1 2</sup> .....	82.7	80.0	75.2	71.1	-	-	-32.7	-45.4	-	-39.4
Other goods and services .....	237.0	236.9	238.5	238.7	5.6	6.8	5.8	2.9	6.2	4.3
Tobacco and smoking products .....	268.4	266.9	273.8	274.2	10.9	18.6	11.5	8.9	14.7	10.2
Personal care <sup>1</sup> .....	156.6	156.8	157.0	157.1	4.8	1.8	4.2	1.3	3.3	2.7
Personal care products <sup>1</sup> .....	149.3	149.2	149.1	148.5	7.4	1.7	7.3	-2.1	4.5	2.5
Personal care services <sup>1</sup> .....	165.4	165.3	166.1	166.6	2.0	2.0	2.7	2.9	2.0	2.8
Miscellaneous personal services .....	233.3	234.2	234.8	235.7	2.8	2.6	3.0	4.2	2.7	3.6
<b>Commodity and service group</b>										
Commodities .....	141.9	141.8	142.1	142.2	1.1	-1.4	.3	.8	-1	.6
Food and beverages .....	160.6	160.8	161.2	161.7	2.0	1.3	2.3	2.8	1.6	2.5
Commodities less food and beverages .....	130.7	130.6	130.7	130.7	.0	-3.0	-9	.0	-1.5	-5
Nondurables less food and beverages .....	132.7	132.6	132.7	132.6	.9	-5.2	-9	-3	-2.2	-6
Apparel .....	132.9	133.2	132.8	134.2	1.2	-9	.6	4.0	.2	2.3
Nondurables less food, beverages, and apparel .....	137.5	137.5	137.6	137.1	-3	-8.3	-6	-1.2	-4.4	-9
Durables .....	127.4	127.4	127.8	127.8	-1.2	-3	-1.2	1.3	-8	.0
Services .....	183.9	184.1	184.4	184.8	3.1	2.0	3.6	2.0	2.6	2.8
Rent of shelter <sup>3</sup> .....	189.0	189.3	189.5	190.3	3.3	3.3	4.1	2.8	3.3	3.4
Transportation services .....	187.8	187.5	187.8	188.6	1.1	4.6	.0	1.7	2.8	.9
Other services .....	216.8	217.5	217.8	218.1	2.5	3.2	4.6	2.4	2.9	3.5
<b>Special indexes</b>										
All items less food .....	163.2	163.3	163.6	163.8	2.3	.2	2.2	1.5	1.2	1.9
All items less shelter .....	157.1	157.2	157.5	157.6	1.8	-.8	1.3	1.3	.5	1.3
All items less medical care .....	158.3	158.3	158.6	158.9	2.3	.3	2.0	1.5	1.3	1.8
Commodities less food .....	132.2	132.1	132.3	132.3	.3	-2.7	-1.2	.3	-1.2	-5
Nondurables less food .....	134.7	134.5	134.8	134.6	.9	-4.3	-9	-3	-1.8	-6
Nondurables less food and apparel .....	139.1	139.2	139.3	138.9	.0	-7.4	-9	-6	-3.8	-7
Nondurables .....	146.8	146.7	147.0	147.0	1.9	-1.9	.8	.5	.0	.7
Services less rent of shelter <sup>3</sup> .....	191.7	191.9	192.4	192.4	3.7	-2	3.8	1.5	1.7	2.7
Services less medical care services .....	178.0	178.3	178.7	178.9	3.5	1.6	3.4	2.0	2.5	2.7
Energy .....	103.2	102.5	102.5	101.5	2.9	-22.9	-4.2	-6.4	-10.9	-5.3
All items less energy .....	170.7	170.9	171.3	171.7	2.2	2.4	2.6	2.4	2.3	2.5
All items less food and energy .....	173.3	173.5	173.8	174.2	2.1	2.8	2.6	2.1	2.5	2.3
Commodities less food and energy commodities .....	143.2	143.2	143.4	143.7	1.1	1.1	.8	1.4	1.1	1.1
Energy commodities .....	92.8	91.9	91.8	90.5	-4.1	-28.5	-12.3	-9.6	-17.2	-10.9
Services less energy services .....	190.2	190.5	190.9	191.4	2.8	3.5	3.4	2.5	3.1	3.0

<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 Aug. 1998 from—		Seasonally adjusted percent change from—		
		July 1998	Aug. 1998	Aug. 1997	July 1998	May to June	June to July	July to Aug.
<b>Expenditure category</b>								
All items .....	100.000	163.2	163.4	1.6	0.1	0.1	0.2	0.2
All items (1967=100) .....	-	488.8	489.6	-	-	-	-	-
Food and beverages .....	16.310	160.9	161.4	2.1	.3	.1	.2	.3
Food .....	15.326	160.5	161.0	2.2	.3	.1	.2	.2
Food at home .....	9.646	160.8	161.4	1.8	.4	.1	.3	.3
Cereals and bakery products .....	1.536	181.8	182.7	2.3	.5	.3	.5	.5
Cereals and cereal products .....	.547	172.5	173.8	1.2	.8	.5	.1	.8
Flour and prepared flour mixes .....	.071	162.6	163.7	2.1	.7	-.7	.1	-.1
Breakfast cereal .....	.317	190.2	192.0	1.3	.9	.7	.4	1.1
Rice, pasta, cornmeal .....	.160	151.6	152.2	1.4	.4	1.2	-.5	.7
Rice 1 2 3 .....	-	99.7	99.3	-	-.4	.0	.5	-.4
Bakery products .....	.989	185.8	186.5	2.8	.4	.2	.1	.2
Bread 1 3 .....	.290	101.8	102.0	-	.2	.5	.6	.2
White bread 2 3 .....	-	188.9	189.2	3.4	.2	-.2	1.5	.2
Bread other than white 2 3 .....	-	191.2	190.1	3.5	-.6	1.9	-.5	-.6
Fresh biscuits, rolls, muffins 1 3 .....	.142	101.8	102.4	-	.6	1.2	-.7	.6
Cakes, cupcakes, and cookies 3 .....	.270	180.2	181.6	.8	.8	.4	-.3	.8
Cookies 2 3 .....	-	183.2	185.5	2.8	1.3	1.4	-.3	1.3
Fresh cakes and cupcakes 2 3 .....	-	176.8	178.1	-.5	.7	-.8	.1	.7
Other bakery products .....	.286	185.7	185.9	2.7	.1	-.3	-.2	.3
Fresh sweetrolls, coffeecakes, doughnuts 2 3 .....	-	174.6	176.6	1.3	1.1	2.3	.3	1.1
Crackers, bread, and cracker products 2 .....	-	217.2	216.8	1.4	-.2	-.3.5	-.1	-.8
Frozen and refrigerated bakery products, pies, tarts, turnovers 2 3 .....	-	187.6	189.9	7.2	1.2	3.0	-.1.0	1.2
Meats, poultry, fish, and eggs .....	2.629	146.9	148.2	-.6	.9	.0	.5	.3
Meats, poultry, and fish .....	2.499	147.8	148.7	-.7	.6	.1	.5	.3
Meats .....	1.670	141.8	142.2	-2.3	.3	.1	.3	-.3
Beef and veal .....	.742	136.1	137.0	.0	.7	.7	.1	.1
Uncooked ground beef .....	.282	115.4	116.6	.2	1.0	-.1	1.1	.8
Uncooked beef roasts 1 3 .....	.132	98.8	100.3	-	1.5	-.1.4	.9	1.5
Uncooked beef steaks 1 3 .....	.277	100.0	100.2	-	.2	1.3	-.1.2	.2
Uncooked other beef and veal 1 3 .....	.051	98.7	98.5	-	-.2	.6	-.1.0	-.2
Pork .....	.587	149.7	149.9	-.5.5	.1	-.8	.3	-.8
Bacon, breakfast sausage, and related products 1 3 .....	.192	95.3	97.0	-	1.8	-.8	1.1	1.8
Bacon and related products 2 .....	-	150.2	152.2	-.9.8	1.3	-.1.6	1.0	-.5
Breakfast sausage and related products 1 2 3 .....	-	98.3	100.5	-	2.2	-.1.4	.2	2.2
Ham .....	.136	152.0	151.0	-.5.5	-.7	-.1	.5	-.2.6
Ham, excluding canned 2 .....	-	162.6	161.5	-.5.6	-.7	.4	-.1	-.2.8
Pork chops .....	.131	150.4	150.3	-.4.9	-.1	-.1.3	1.1	-.7
Other pork including roasts and picnics 1 3 .....	.128	98.4	97.4	-	-.1.0	2.2	-.1.0	-.1.0
Other meats 3 .....	.341	146.7	146.1	-.2.2	-.4	.3	.5	-.4
Frankfurters 2 3 .....	-	143.5	142.7	-.3.3	-.6	.2	.3	-.6
Lunchmeats 1 2 3 .....	-	100.0	99.0	-	-.1.0	-.2	.7	-.1.0
Lamb and organ meats 2 3 .....	-	166.0	166.9	3.9	.5	4.4	.8	.5
Lamb and mutton 1 2 3 .....	-	105.6	105.7	-	.1	-	3.0	.1
Poultry 3 .....	.495	156.6	158.9	2.1	1.5	-.1	.7	1.5
Chicken 1 3 .....	.382	100.5	102.6	-	2.1	-.6	.5	2.1
Fresh whole chicken 2 3 .....	-	158.5	162.1	4.0	2.3	-.2.3	2.2	2.3
Fresh and frozen chicken parts 2 3 .....	-	156.0	158.7	1.3	1.7	.0	.0	1.7
Other poultry including turkey 1 3 .....	.113	102.3	101.8	-	-.5	1.8	1.2	-.5
Fish and seafood .....	.334	181.4	183.5	3.4	1.2	.0	1.5	1.2
Fresh fish and seafood 1 3 .....	.187	101.7	103.5	-	1.8	-.4	.0	1.8
Processed fish and seafood 1 3 .....	.147	103.1	103.6	-	.5	.0	1.0	.5
Canned fish and seafood 2 3 .....	-	134.0	134.2	4.3	.1	-.3	1.4	.1
Frozen fish and seafood 2 .....	-	NA	NA	-	-	1.8	-	-
Eggs .....	.130	127.5	135.4	-.1.7	6.2	-.4	-.5	1.0
Dairy and related products 3 .....	1.037	148.2	150.5	5.0	1.6	.0	.1	1.6
Milk 1 3 .....	.403	98.4	100.7	-	2.3	-.1.0	-.9	2.3
Fresh whole milk 2 3 .....	-	143.5	147.6	6.0	2.9	-.8	-.6	2.9
Fresh milk other than whole 1 2 3 .....	-	98.5	100.1	-	1.6	-.9	-.1.2	1.6
Cheese and related products 3 .....	.305	151.2	152.7	4.0	1.0	-.3	1.5	1.0
Ice cream and related products .....	.176	153.1	155.2	4.0	1.4	1.7	.8	.8
Other dairy and related products 1 3 .....	.152	101.3	101.9	-	.6	1.2	.2	.6

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

(1982-84=100, unless otherwise noted)

Item and Group	Relative importance, December 1997	Unadjusted indexes		Unadjusted percent change to Aug. 1998 from—		Seasonally adjusted percent change from—		
		July 1998	Aug. 1998	Aug. 1997	July 1998	May to June	June to July	July to Aug.
<b>Expenditure category</b>								
Fruits and vegetables .....	1.394	198.2	195.9	4.6	-1.2	-1.0	0.3	-0.4
Fresh fruits and vegetables .....	1.068	230.7	226.9	5.7	-1.6	-1.3	.3	-.7
Fresh fruits .....	.547	247.4	248.7	4.9	.5	3.0	-.8	-.5
Apples .....	.097	212.4	213.0	1.0	.3	-.2	1.5	-2.1
Bananas .....	.101	171.6	160.2	2.8	-6.6	1.8	1.6	-4.0
Citrus fruits <sup>1 3</sup> .....	.110	147.8	158.7	-	7.4	10.8	14.0	7.4
Oranges, including tangerines <sup>2</sup> .....	-	295.3	318.5	11.9	7.9	7.7	6.5	-4.2
Other fresh fruits <sup>1 3</sup> .....	.240	76.3	75.6	-	-.9	-8.8	-12.6	-.9
Fresh vegetables .....	.521	214.0	205.6	6.9	-3.9	-5.5	1.3	-1.0
Potatoes .....	.093	196.5	192.7	-.7	-1.9	-1.2	-2.7	-3.2
Lettuce <sup>3</sup> .....	.066	212.5	205.8	2.8	-3.2	-28.1	-4.7	-3.2
Tomatoes <sup>3</sup> .....	.101	247.4	218.6	13.0	-11.6	-6.3	11.3	-11.6
Other fresh vegetables .....	.261	213.1	208.6	9.0	-2.1	-2.7	-2.1	2.9
Processed fruits and vegetables <sup>1 3</sup> .....	.327	103.0	103.5	-	.5	-.1	.7	.5
Canned fruits and vegetables <sup>1 3</sup> .....	.176	103.7	103.6	-	-.1	.4	.9	-.1
Canned fruits <sup>1 2 3</sup> .....	-	103.0	102.7	-	-.3	.2	.9	-.3
Canned vegetables <sup>1 2 3</sup> .....	-	105.0	105.1	-	.1	.8	.9	.1
Frozen fruits and vegetables <sup>1 3</sup> .....	.103	102.8	104.2	-	1.4	-1.2	.8	1.4
Frozen vegetables <sup>2</sup> .....	-	151.7	153.5	2.1	1.2	-1.1	-.2	.9
Other processed fruits and vegetables including dried <sup>1 3</sup> .....	.048	101.0	101.4	-	.4	.7	-.2	.4
Dried beans, peas, and lentils <sup>1 2 3</sup> .....	-	101.0	100.8	-	-.2	.8	.4	-.2
Nonalcoholic beverages and beverage materials .....	1.077	132.3	132.0	-3.4	-.2	.4	.0	-.7
Juices and nonalcoholic drinks <sup>1 3</sup> .....	.781	99.8	99.7	-	-.1	.5	-.5	-.1
Carbonated drinks .....	.411	116.6	116.6	-.7	.0	1.1	.3	-.3
Frozen noncarbonated juices and drinks <sup>1 3</sup> .....	.054	101.5	101.5	-	.0	.6	.6	.0
Nonfrozen noncarbonated juices and drinks <sup>1 3</sup> .....	.316	98.6	98.4	-	-.2	.8	-.8	-.2
Beverage materials including coffee and tea <sup>1 3</sup> .....	.297	98.5	97.7	-	-.8	-1.4	.0	-.8
Coffee <sup>3</sup> .....	.166	163.4	162.0	-11.0	-.9	-1.9	-.3	-.9
Roasted coffee <sup>2 3</sup> .....	-	168.8	167.2	-14.9	-.9	-2.1	-.5	-.9
Instant and freeze dried coffee <sup>2 3</sup> .....	-	153.8	152.6	-3.0	-.8	-.3	-.3	-.8
Other beverage materials including tea <sup>1 3</sup> .....	.131	101.8	100.9	-	-.9	-.6	.4	-.9
Other food at home .....	1.972	151.1	152.1	2.3	.7	.8	.3	.7
Sugar and sweets .....	.377	149.9	150.2	1.6	.2	.9	-.7	.6
Sugar and artificial sweeteners .....	.074	136.6	137.0	1.3	.3	.9	.3	.3
Candy and chewing gum <sup>1 3</sup> .....	.228	100.6	100.5	-	-.1	1.5	-.7	-.1
Other sweets <sup>1 3</sup> .....	.076	102.9	103.7	-	.8	-1.3	-.1	.8
Fats and oils .....	.291	147.6	149.7	5.9	1.4	1.6	2.6	2.0
Butter and margarine <sup>1 3</sup> .....	.091	112.8	116.4	-	3.2	2.3	8.4	3.2
Butter <sup>2 3</sup> .....	-	152.1	160.1	39.2	5.3	4.9	13.7	5.3
Margarine <sup>2 3</sup> .....	-	151.6	152.9	5.7	.9	-1.9	2.6	.9
Salad dressing <sup>1 3</sup> .....	.082	100.6	101.5	-	.9	1.9	.3	.9
Other fats and oils including peanut butter <sup>1 3</sup> .....	.119	102.6	102.9	-	.3	.6	.7	.3
Peanut butter <sup>1 2 3</sup> .....	-	102.8	101.8	-	-1.0	2.3	.3	-1.0
Other foods .....	1.305	165.9	166.9	3.2	.6	.6	.1	.5
Soups .....	.109	195.4	194.8	1.7	-.3	.1	-.1	-.4
Frozen and freeze dried prepared foods <sup>3</sup> .....	.224	146.2	146.5	.3	.2	.5	.4	.2
Snacks <sup>3</sup> .....	.271	156.3	158.7	2.1	1.5	.6	-.2	1.5
Spices, seasonings, condiments, sauces .....	.293	172.3	173.1	2.8	.5	-.2	.5	.3
Salt and other seasonings and spices <sup>1 2 3</sup> .....	-	98.7	99.7	-	1.0	-.2	-1.6	1.0
Olives, pickles, relishes <sup>1 2 3</sup> .....	-	101.3	101.3	-	.0	-3.1	.6	.0
Sauces and gravies <sup>1 2 3</sup> .....	-	102.1	102.0	-	-.1	.7	.5	-.1
Other condiments <sup>2</sup> .....	-	173.0	173.9	8.1	.5	.6	1.1	.1
Baby food <sup>1 3</sup> .....	.099	102.5	102.4	-	-.1	.9	.2	-.1
Other miscellaneous foods <sup>1 3</sup> .....	.309	102.6	103.5	-	.9	1.1	.1	.9
Prepared salads <sup>1 2 3</sup> .....	-	NA	NA	-	-	-	-	-
Food away from home <sup>3</sup> .....	5.680	161.1	161.5	2.6	.2	.1	.2	.2
Full service meals and snacks <sup>1 3</sup> .....	2.969	101.6	101.9	-	.3	.1	.2	.3
Limited service meals and snacks <sup>1 3</sup> .....	1.655	101.3	101.4	-	.1	-.1	.4	.1
Food at employee sites and schools <sup>1 3</sup> .....	.662	100.5	100.7	-	.2	.2	.0	.2
Food from vending machines and mobile vendors <sup>1 3</sup> .....	.222	100.4	100.6	-	.2	-.2	.0	.2
Other food away from home <sup>1 3</sup> .....	.172	101.6	102.3	-	.7	.4	.6	.7

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

(1982-84=100, unless otherwise noted)

Item and Group	Relative importance, December 1997	Unadjusted indexes		Unadjusted percent change to Aug. 1998 from—		Seasonally adjusted percent change from—		
		July 1998	Aug. 1998	Aug. 1997	July 1998	May to June	June to July	July to Aug.
<b>Expenditure category</b>								
Alcoholic beverages .....	.983	165.6	165.7	1.5	0.1	0.4	0.3	0.0
Alcoholic beverages at home .....	.628	150.5	150.4	.5	-.1	.2	.1	.1
Beer, ale, and other malt beverages at home .....	.333	148.1	148.0	.2	-.1	.1	.3	.1
Distilled spirits at home .....	.110	152.2	152.8	.9	.4	-.1	-.2	.3
Whiskey at home <sup>2 3</sup> .....	-	151.4	151.7	.2	.2	-.1	-.1	.2
Distilled spirits, excluding whiskey, at home <sup>2 3</sup> .....	-	151.9	152.7	1.0	.5	-.2	-.3	.5
Wine at home .....	.185	147.7	147.3	.7	-.3	.7	-.3	-.1
Alcoholic beverages away from home .....	.355	195.1	195.4	2.7	.2	.4	.7	.2
Beer, ale, and other malt beverages away from home <sup>1 2 3</sup> ..	-	101.0	100.9	-	-.1	-.1	.2	-.1
Wine away from home <sup>1 2 3</sup> .....	-	101.9	102.0	-	.1	.6	.1	.1
Distilled spirits away from home <sup>1 2 3</sup> .....	-	101.6	101.9	-	.3	.3	1.4	.3
Housing .....	39.560	161.2	161.5	2.5	.2	.1	.2	.1
Shelter .....	29.788	182.6	183.3	3.3	.4	.2	.2	.3
Rent of primary residence .....	6.885	172.2	172.8	3.3	.3	.3	.2	.3
Lodging away from home <sup>1</sup> .....	2.327	111.7	112.9	-	1.1	-.7	-.7	.7
Housing at school, excluding board <sup>4</sup> .....	.231	230.6	234.0	4.0	1.5	.4	.4	.0
Other lodging away from home including hotels and motels ..	2.096	241.2	243.7	4.2	1.0	-.8	-.8	.8
Owners' equivalent rent of primary residence <sup>4</sup> .....	20.199	188.0	188.5	3.2	.3	.2	.3	.2
Tenants' and household insurance <sup>1 3</sup> .....	.377	99.3	99.2	-	-.1	-.5	.2	-.1
Fuels and utilities .....	4.942	131.3	130.6	-.6	-.5	-.4	.0	-.4
Fuels .....	4.018	116.8	115.9	-2.3	-.8	-.5	.0	-.4
Fuel oil and other fuels .....	.261	87.8	86.7	-7.3	-1.3	-1.2	-.3	-.7
Fuel oil .....	.185	82.3	81.0	-10.4	-1.6	-1.8	-.6	-.9
Other household fuels <sup>3 5</sup> .....	.075	125.3	124.6	.4	-.6	-.7	-1.0	-.6
Gas (piped) and electricity .....	3.757	124.9	124.0	-2.1	-.7	-.4	.0	-.4
Electricity .....	2.649	133.5	132.5	-3.6	-.7	.1	.1	-.9
Utility natural gas service .....	1.108	110.4	109.8	-.2	-.5	-1.8	-.1	.4
Water and sewer and trash collection services <sup>1</sup> .....	.924	102.0	102.2	-	.2	.1	.1	.0
Water and sewerage maintenance .....	.677	218.2	218.7	2.9	.2	.2	.0	.0
Garbage and trash collection <sup>3 6</sup> .....	.247	257.0	257.5	2.3	.2	.0	.5	.2
Household furnishings and operations .....	4.831	127.2	126.8	1.3	-.3	.2	.3	-.2
Window and floor coverings and other linens <sup>1 3</sup> .....	.354	101.2	101.3	-	.1	-1.4	.5	.1
Floor coverings <sup>1 3</sup> .....	.087	102.4	102.4	-	.0	1.0	.5	.0
Window coverings <sup>1 3</sup> .....	.112	99.9	98.7	-	-1.2	.6	-1.2	-1.2
Other linens <sup>1 3</sup> .....	.155	101.5	102.6	-	1.1	-4.2	1.9	1.1
Furniture and bedding <sup>3</sup> .....	1.141	136.6	136.1	1.3	-.4	.3	.8	-.4
Bedroom furniture <sup>3</sup> .....	.329	143.5	141.7	.1	-1.3	.1	.5	-1.3
Living room, kitchen, and dining room furniture <sup>1 3</sup> .....	.621	102.4	102.5	-	.1	.4	1.1	.1
Other furniture <sup>1 3</sup> .....	.179	105.2	104.6	-	-.6	.1	.7	-.6
Appliances <sup>1 3</sup> .....	.368	100.5	100.2	-	-.3	-.2	.2	-.3
Major appliances <sup>1 3</sup> .....	.217	100.0	99.4	-	-.6	-.2	1.0	-.6
Laundry equipment <sup>2 3</sup> .....	-	112.2	112.0	-1.1	-.2	.4	-.4	-.2
Other appliances <sup>1 3</sup> .....	.144	101.3	101.5	-	.2	-.2	-1.1	.2
Other household equipment and furnishings <sup>1 3</sup> .....	.546	102.1	101.1	-	-1.0	-.5	.4	-1.0
Clocks, lamps, and decorator items <sup>3</sup> .....	.229	119.7	118.3	-1.1	-1.2	-1.9	-.1	-1.2
Indoor plants and flowers <sup>7</sup> .....	.152	113.1	113.0	4.3	-.1	1.3	1.2	.4
Dishes and flatware <sup>1 3</sup> .....	.080	105.8	103.0	-	-2.6	-.2	1.8	-2.6
Nonelectric cookware and tableware <sup>1 3</sup> .....	.085	101.1	100.2	-	-.9	2.3	.2	-.9
Tools, hardware, outdoor equipment and supplies <sup>1 3</sup> .....	.653	100.3	99.9	-	-.4	.0	.0	-.4
Tools, hardware and supplies <sup>1 3</sup> .....	.169	98.0	98.2	-	.2	-.1	-.8	.2
Outdoor equipment and supplies <sup>1 3</sup> .....	.332	101.6	100.7	-	-.9	.2	.3	-.9
Housekeeping supplies .....	.873	146.1	146.1	2.2	.0	.5	-.1	.2
Household cleaning products <sup>1 3</sup> .....	.404	100.6	100.5	-	-.1	.4	-.1	-.1
Household paper products <sup>1 3</sup> .....	.209	103.8	103.9	-	.1	-.5	1.2	.1
Miscellaneous household products <sup>1 3</sup> .....	.259	102.4	102.3	-	-.1	.8	-.7	-.1
Household operations <sup>1 3</sup> .....	.896	101.9	102.0	-	.1	.7	.2	.1
Domestic services <sup>1 3</sup> .....	.316	102.2	102.2	-	.0	1.3	.0	.0
Gardening and lawn care services <sup>1 3</sup> .....	.264	101.6	101.6	-	.0	.2	.3	.0
Moving, storage, freight expense <sup>1 3</sup> .....	.104	102.7	103.2	-	.5	.4	.8	.5
Repair of household items <sup>1 3</sup> .....	.100	101.6	101.6	-	.0	.0	.6	.0

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		July 1998	Aug. 1998	Aug. 1997	July 1998	May to June	June to July	July to Aug.
<b>Expenditure category</b>								
Apparel .....	4.944	129.6	131.6	1.2	1.5	0.2	-0.3	1.1
Men's and boys' apparel .....	1.390	129.4	130.6	1.3	.9	.2	.2	.3
Men's apparel .....	1.091	132.9	133.7	1.5	.6	-1	.0	-1
Men's suits, sport coats, and outerwear .....	.253	133.5	137.3	2.3	2.8	-1	-3	.5
Men's furnishings .....	.278	134.6	132.8	5.7	-1.3	.9	-1.2	-6
Men's shirts and sweaters <sup>1 3</sup> .....	.317	97.2	98.7	-	1.5	-2.1	-1.6	1.5
Men's pants and shorts .....	.227	132.2	131.3	.8	-.7	-.8	.5	.2
Boys' apparel .....	.298	115.6	118.1	.7	2.2	.4	.8	1.4
Women's and girls' apparel .....	1.990	120.6	123.8	2.9	2.7	.6	-.9	1.9
Women's apparel .....	1.687	120.6	124.5	3.6	3.2	.8	-1.1	2.1
Women's outerwear .....	.128	110.0	115.3	-6.1	4.8	-.3	2.2	-1.9
Women's dresses .....	.214	109.0	106.0	2.1	-2.8	2.1	-9.6	-2.5
Women's suits and separates <sup>1 3</sup> .....	.886	94.9	101.0	-	6.4	-3.3	-4.4	6.4
Women's underwear, nightwear, sportswear and accessories <sup>1 3</sup> .....	.435	101.7	101.5	-	-.2	-2.5	-1.6	-.2
Girls' apparel .....	.303	120.7	120.6	-.7	-1	-.8	.3	.7
Footwear .....	.895	127.0	127.7	1.1	.6	1.5	.1	.7
Men's footwear .....	.279	131.6	131.7	.6	.1	1.1	.1	-.2
Boys' and girls' footwear .....	.219	131.9	130.6	2.6	-1.0	2.9	1.6	.6
Women's footwear .....	.397	120.8	122.9	.9	1.7	1.1	-.6	1.4
Infants' and toddlers' apparel <sup>3</sup> .....	.268	122.0	124.4	-2.3	2.0	-1.7	-2.2	2.0
Jewelry and watches <sup>5</sup> .....	.401	141.8	142.4	-2.1	.4	-2.0	1.3	.0
Watches <sup>5</sup> .....	.072	125.1	124.7	-1.9	-.3	-.6	.2	-.6
Jewelry <sup>5</sup> .....	.330	146.5	147.5	-2.2	.7	-2.5	1.6	.1
Transportation .....	17.578	141.8	141.2	-1.8	-.4	-.3	.3	.0
Private transportation .....	16.240	138.0	137.4	-2.4	-.4	-.1	.2	-.2
New and used motor vehicles <sup>1</sup> .....	7.899	99.9	99.9	.4	.0	-.1	.4	.2
New vehicles .....	5.063	142.7	142.8	-1	.1	-.3	.5	.3
New cars and trucks <sup>1 2 3</sup> .....	-	99.0	99.1	-	.1	-.5	.0	.1
New cars <sup>2</sup> .....	-	140.1	140.0	-.3	-.1	-.2	.5	.4
New trucks <sup>2 6</sup> .....	-	150.1	150.4	.1	.2	-.5	.6	.6
New motorcycles <sup>2 5</sup> .....	-	162.2	162.3	-.4	.1	.0	-.5	.0
Used cars and trucks <sup>3</sup> .....	1.880	151.3	151.1	1.8	-.1	.6	.3	-.1
Car and truck rental <sup>1 3</sup> .....	.138	103.6	105.3	-	1.6	.2	2.8	1.6
Motor fuel .....	2.995	93.7	91.6	-14.9	-2.2	-1.0	.0	-1.6
Gasoline (all types) .....	2.976	93.2	91.1	-15.2	-2.3	-.9	-.2	-1.5
Gasoline, unleaded regular <sup>2</sup> .....	-	90.8	88.6	-16.1	-2.4	-1.1	-.1	-1.8
Gasoline, unleaded midgrade <sup>2 3 8</sup> .....	-	97.6	95.7	-14.4	-1.9	.0	-1.0	-1.9
Gasoline, unleaded premium <sup>2</sup> .....	-	95.4	93.7	-13.2	-1.8	-1.1	-.2	-1.1
Other motor fuels <sup>1 3</sup> .....	.019	92.0	90.8	-	-1.3	-.1	-1.7	-1.3
Motor vehicle parts and equipment .....	.560	101.1	101.2	-.6	.1	.5	.1	.0
Tires .....	.272	99.0	99.0	-1.0	.0	.2	.2	.1
Vehicle accessories other than tires <sup>1 3</sup> .....	.287	99.4	99.5	-	.1	.5	-.2	.1
Vehicle parts and equipment other than tires <sup>2 3</sup> .....	-	107.6	107.6	-.4	.0	.7	-.1	.0
Motor oil, coolant, and fluids <sup>2 3</sup> .....	-	130.7	131.6	-.1	.7	.4	-.7	.7
Motor vehicle maintenance and repair .....	1.603	166.8	167.3	2.4	.3	.4	.2	.2
Motor vehicle body work <sup>3</sup> .....	.118	179.2	179.2	3.1	.0	-.4	-.2	.0
Motor vehicle maintenance and servicing <sup>3</sup> .....	.507	154.9	155.0	3.1	.1	.4	.0	.1
Motor vehicle repair <sup>1 3</sup> .....	.958	101.0	101.4	-	.4	.4	.4	.4
Motor vehicle insurance .....	2.551	253.3	252.3	.5	-.4	.0	-.4	-.3
Motor vehicle fees <sup>1 3</sup> .....	.633	102.2	102.3	-	.1	-.6	.1	.1
State and local registration and license <sup>1 3</sup> .....	.425	100.7	100.8	-	.1	-1.0	.2	.1
Parking and other fees <sup>1 3</sup> .....	.185	105.6	106.0	-	.4	.4	-.3	.4
Parking fees and tolls <sup>1 2 3</sup> .....	-	105.7	106.2	-	.5	.6	-.5	.5
Automobile service clubs <sup>1 2 3</sup> .....	-	100.8	101.0	-	.2	.0	.0	.2
Public transportation .....	1.338	192.0	192.2	4.8	.1	-1.1	1.0	2.2
Airline fare <sup>3</sup> .....	.814	207.3	207.8	7.1	.2	-2.0	3.2	.2
Other intercity transportation <sup>3</sup> .....	.183	161.2	160.7	3.7	-.3	.1	.4	-.3
Ship fare <sup>1 2 3</sup> .....	-	105.1	104.9	-	-.2	-.1	.3	-.2
Intracity transportation <sup>3</sup> .....	.337	175.6	175.6	-.2	.0	.2	.1	.0

See footnotes at end of table.

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

(1982-84=100, unless otherwise noted)

Item and Group	Relative importance, December 1997	Unadjusted indexes		Unadjusted percent change to Aug. 1998 from—		Seasonally adjusted percent change from—		
		July 1998	Aug. 1998	Aug. 1997	July 1998	May to June	June to July	July to Aug.
<b>Expenditure category</b>								
Medical care .....	5.614	242.7	243.5	3.5	0.3	0.4	0.2	0.4
Medical care commodities .....	1.222	222.2	223.1	3.5	.4	.2	.0	.6
Prescription drugs and medical supplies .....	.818	259.4	260.5	4.5	.4	.1	.5	.6
Nonprescription drugs and medical supplies <sup>3 5</sup> .....	.404	147.5	148.0	1.5	.3	.5	-.5	.3
Internal and respiratory over-the-counter drugs <sup>3</sup> .....	.270	176.1	176.3	1.8	.1	.7	-.3	.1
Nonprescription medical equipment and supplies <sup>3</sup> .....	.134	172.8	174.2	1.0	.8	.0	-.8	.8
Medical care services .....	4.392	247.4	248.2	3.5	.3	.4	.2	.3
Professional services .....	2.808	222.8	223.3	3.2	.2	.5	.1	.3
Physicians' services .....	1.444	230.1	230.9	3.2	.3	.7	.0	.5
Dental services <sup>3</sup> .....	.812	236.4	237.4	4.2	.4	.2	.3	.4
Eyeglasses and eye care <sup>3 5</sup> .....	.281	145.1	144.4	1.9	-.5	.1	-.2	-.5
Services by other medical professionals <sup>5</sup> .....	.270	155.4	154.9	1.6	-.3	.3	.1	-.3
Hospital and related services .....	1.334	288.2	289.5	3.8	.5	.3	.6	.3
Hospital services <sup>3 9</sup> .....	1.284	105.2	105.7	3.7	.5	.1	.9	.5
Inpatient hospital services <sup>2 3 9</sup> .....	-	104.2	104.6	3.1	.4	.2	.8	.4
Outpatient hospital services <sup>2 5</sup> .....	-	233.5	234.9	4.1	.6	.0	.8	.4
Nursing homes and adult daycare <sup>3 9</sup> .....	.050	107.2	108.1	5.0	.8	.0	.4	.8
Recreation <sup>1</sup> .....	6.145	101.1	101.3	1.3	.2	.1	.0	.1
Video and audio <sup>1 3</sup> .....	1.763	101.1	101.2	1.2	.1	.0	-.1	.1
Televisions <sup>3</sup> .....	.215	59.3	59.0	-3.4	-.5	-.7	-.3	-.5
Cable television <sup>6</sup> .....	.842	246.5	247.5	6.7	.4	.5	.4	.7
Other video equipment <sup>1 3</sup> .....	.087	92.6	91.8	-	-.9	.0	-1.2	-.9
Video cassettes, discs, and other media including rental <sup>1 3</sup> .....	.189	94.9	94.9	-	.0	-.5	-1.5	.0
Video cassettes and discs, blank and prerecorded <sup>1 2 3</sup> .....	-	98.2	98.4	-	.2	-1.1	-1.1	.2
Rental of video tapes and discs <sup>1 2 3</sup> .....	-	93.8	94.0	-	.2	-.1	-.6	.2
Audio equipment <sup>3</sup> .....	.167	84.7	84.2	-5.3	-.6	-1.0	-.5	-.6
Audio discs, tapes and other media <sup>1 3</sup> .....	.148	98.9	99.1	-	.2	-.8	-.4	.2
Pets, pet products and services <sup>1 3</sup> .....	.664	101.9	102.0	-	.1	.4	-.1	.1
Pets and pet products <sup>3</sup> .....	.434	144.6	144.4	1.5	-.1	.4	-.1	-.1
Pet food <sup>1 2 3</sup> .....	-	102.2	102.5	-	.3	.7	-.1	.3
Purchase of pets, pet supplies, accessories <sup>1 2 3</sup> .....	-	100.9	100.1	-	-.8	-.1	.6	-.8
Pet services including veterinary <sup>1 3</sup> .....	.231	102.2	102.6	-	.4	.1	.0	.4
Pet services <sup>1 2 3</sup> .....	-	103.6	103.7	-	.1	.8	.1	.1
Veterinarian services <sup>1 2 3</sup> .....	-	102.3	102.6	-	.3	.1	.0	.3
Sporting goods <sup>3</sup> .....	.493	121.8	121.7	-.8	-.1	.1	.2	-.1
Sports vehicles including bicycles <sup>3</sup> .....	.213	125.2	125.7	.8	.4	.1	.7	.4
Sports equipment <sup>3</sup> .....	.269	116.3	115.6	-2.1	-.6	.0	.0	-.6
Photography <sup>1 3</sup> .....	.265	99.8	100.1	-	.3	.4	-.6	.3
Photographic equipment and supplies <sup>3</sup> .....	.108	132.3	132.9	-.4	.5	-.3	-1.0	.5
Film and photographic supplies <sup>1 2 3</sup> .....	-	99.5	100.1	-	.6	-.6	-.7	.6
Photographic equipment <sup>1 2 3</sup> .....	-	97.7	97.9	-	.2	-.3	-.1	.2
Photographers and film processing <sup>1 3</sup> .....	.155	100.5	100.7	-	.2	.8	-.2	.2
Photographer fees <sup>1 2 3</sup> .....	-	100.5	100.9	-	.4	-	.3	.4
Film processing <sup>1 2 3</sup> .....	-	99.6	99.5	-	-.1	.2	-.6	-.1
Other recreational goods <sup>1</sup> .....	.596	97.0	96.6	-	-.4	-.2	-.3	-.6
Toys .....	.450	119.8	119.3	-6.3	-.4	-.1	-.1	-.8
Toys, games, hobbies and playground equipment <sup>1 2 3</sup> .....	-	97.0	96.6	-	-.4	-.2	.1	-.4
Video game hardware, software and accessories <sup>1 2 3</sup> .....	-	NA	NA	-	-	-	-	-
Sewing machines, fabric and supplies <sup>1 3</sup> .....	.072	97.1	97.2	-	.1	-1.1	-2.1	.1
Music instruments and accessories <sup>1 3</sup> .....	.057	101.3	100.7	-	-.6	.1	-.4	-.6
Recreation services <sup>1</sup> .....	1.771	102.4	103.0	-	.6	.5	-.1	.6
Club membership dues and fees for participant sports <sup>1 3</sup> .....	.647	102.2	103.3	-	1.1	.6	.3	1.1
Admissions <sup>3</sup> .....	.738	206.6	207.1	1.4	.2	.4	-.5	.2
Admission to movies, theaters, and concerts <sup>1 2 3</sup> .....	-	102.2	102.1	-	-.1	-.3	-.3	-.1
Admission to sporting events <sup>1 2 3</sup> .....	-	104.7	105.8	-	1.1	.5	.0	1.1
Fees for lessons or instructions <sup>5</sup> .....	.219	174.7	175.4	3.6	.4	-.2	.5	.5
Recreational reading materials <sup>3</sup> .....	.593	184.5	185.2	3.1	.4	-.1	.4	.4
Newspapers and magazines <sup>1 3</sup> .....	.391	102.2	102.2	-	.0	-.1	.4	.0
Recreational books <sup>1 3</sup> .....	.201	102.8	103.9	-	1.1	.0	.2	1.1

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

(1982-84=100, unless otherwise noted)

Item and Group	Relative importance, December 1997	Unadjusted indexes		Unadjusted percent change to Aug. 1998 from—		Seasonally adjusted percent change from—		
		July 1998	Aug. 1998	Aug. 1997	July 1998	May to June	June to July	July to Aug.
<b>Expenditure category</b>								
Education and communication <sup>1</sup> .....	5.528	100.0	100.1	1.5	0.1	0.1	0.0	-0.5
Education <sup>1</sup> .....	2.615	101.0	102.6	4.9	1.6	.3	.3	.4
Educational books and supplies .....	.194	249.0	249.1	3.8	.0	.0	.4	-3
Tuition, other school fees, and childcare .....	2.421	291.1	295.8	4.9	1.6	.3	.3	.4
College tuition and fees .....	1.112	303.1	307.4	3.9	1.4	.4	.5	.0
Elementary and high school tuition and fees .....	.323	302.9	311.7	7.4	2.9	.8	.4	1.0
Child care and nursery school <sup>7</sup> .....	.865	139.7	141.8	5.7	1.5	-1	.2	1.5
Technical and business school tuition and fees <sup>1 3</sup> .....	.049	101.7	102.5	-	.8	-1	.6	.8
Communication <sup>1 3</sup> .....	2.913	99.1	97.9	-1.9	-1.2	.0	-3	-1.2
Postage and delivery services <sup>1 3</sup> .....	.207	100.1	100.1	-	.0	.0	.0	.0
Postage <sup>3</sup> .....	.203	160.3	160.3	.0	.0	.0	.0	.0
Delivery services <sup>1 3</sup> .....	.004	104.5	104.6	-	.1	.1	.4	.1
Information and information processing <sup>1 3</sup> .....	2.706	99.0	97.7	-2.1	-1.3	.0	-3	-1.3
Telephone services <sup>1 3</sup> .....	2.357	101.5	100.4	-	-1.1	.3	.1	-1.1
Telephone services, local charges <sup>3</sup> .....	1.083	166.2	166.0	1.6	-1	.2	.1	-1
Telephone services, long distance charges <sup>1 3</sup> .....	1.209	101.9	99.9	-	-2.0	.4	.2	-2.0
Interstate toll calls <sup>2 3</sup> .....	-	76.7	74.5	-4	-2.9	-3	.8	-2.9
Intrastate toll calls <sup>2 3</sup> .....	-	95.9	96.2	2.2	.3	.9	-1.2	.3
Cellular telephone services <sup>1 3</sup> .....	.065	94.2	93.9	-	-3	-1.9	-2	-3
Information and information processing other than telephone services <sup>3 10</sup> .....	.350	39.1	37.6	-22.0	-3.8	-2.2	-3.7	-3.8
Personal computers and peripheral equipment <sup>1 3</sup> .....	.234	75.2	71.1	-	-5.5	-3.3	-6.0	-5.5
Computer software and accessories <sup>1 3</sup> .....	.037	98.2	95.4	-	-2.9	.1	1.0	-2.9
Computer information processing services <sup>1 3</sup> .....	.020	103.6	103.6	-	.0	.2	.0	.0
Other information processing equipment <sup>1 3</sup> .....	.057	95.3	94.1	-	-1.3	-4	-1	-1.3
Other goods and services .....	4.321	237.8	238.0	5.4	.1	.0	.7	.1
Tobacco and smoking products .....	.894	273.2	273.7	12.4	.2	-6	2.6	.1
Cigarettes <sup>1 3</sup> .....	.830	109.1	109.3	-	.2	-1.2	2.5	.2
Tobacco products other than cigarettes <sup>1 3</sup> .....	.059	103.7	103.7	-	.0	-7	.1	.0
Personal care <sup>3</sup> .....	3.427	157.0	157.1	3.0	.1	.1	.1	.1
Personal care products <sup>3</sup> .....	.737	149.1	148.5	3.5	-4	-1	-1	-4
Hair, dental, shaving, and miscellaneous personal care products <sup>1 3</sup> .....	.372	100.7	100.4	-	-3	.2	-3	-3
Cosmetics, perfume, bath, nail preparations and implements <sup>3</sup> .....	.361	161.0	160.3	6.7	-4	-3	.2	-4
Personal care services <sup>3</sup> .....	.963	166.1	166.6	2.4	.3	-1	.5	.3
Haircuts and other personal care services <sup>1 3</sup> .....	.963	101.3	101.6	-	.3	.0	.4	.3
Miscellaneous personal services .....	1.465	235.1	235.7	3.1	.3	.4	.3	.4
Legal services <sup>3 5</sup> .....	.329	171.3	171.9	3.2	.4	.1	.1	.4
Funeral expenses <sup>5</sup> .....	.344	177.0	177.7	3.7	.4	.5	.2	.5
Laundry and dry cleaning services <sup>1 3</sup> .....	.214	101.7	101.5	-	-2	.4	.1	-2
Apparel services other than laundry and dry cleaning <sup>1 3</sup> .....	.065	101.0	101.5	-	.5	.2	-1	.5
Financial services <sup>3 5</sup> .....	.307	199.9	200.4	3.7	.3	.7	.4	.3
Checking account and other bank services <sup>1 2 3</sup> .....	-	101.7	102.1	-	.4	1.0	.5	.4
Tax return preparation and other accounting fees <sup>1 2 3</sup> .....	-	104.9	104.8	-	-1	.0	.5	-1
Miscellaneous personal goods <sup>1 3</sup> .....	.262	100.8	99.7	-	-1.1	.2	-4	-1.1
Stationery, stationery supplies, gift wrap <sup>2</sup> .....	-	159.4	157.2	2.4	-1.4	.3	.1	-1
<b>Special aggregate indexes</b>								
Commodities .....	42.635	141.6	141.7	.2	.1	-1	.2	.1
Commodities less food and beverages .....	26.326	130.1	130.0	-1.0	-1	-1	.1	.0
Nondurables less food and beverages .....	14.729	131.8	131.9	-1.4	.1	-1	.1	-1
Nondurables less food, beverages, and apparel .....	9.785	138.0	137.1	-2.6	-7	.0	.1	-4
Durables .....	11.596	127.5	127.2	-4	-2	.0	.3	.0
Services .....	57.365	184.9	185.3	2.8	.2	.1	.2	.2
Rent of shelter <sup>4</sup> .....	29.410	190.1	190.8	3.3	.4	.2	.1	.4
Transportation services .....	6.984	187.8	187.8	1.9	.0	-2	.2	.4
Other services .....	10.625	216.9	217.6	3.3	.3	.3	.1	.1
All items less food .....	84.674	163.6	163.9	1.6	.2	.1	.2	.1
All items less shelter .....	70.212	157.3	157.4	1.0	.1	.1	.2	.1
All items less medical care .....	94.386	158.7	159.0	1.5	.2	.0	.2	.2
Commodities less food .....	27.309	131.5	131.4	-9	-1	-1	.2	.0
Nondurables less food .....	15.712	133.8	133.9	-1.2	.1	-1	.2	-1
Nondurables less food and apparel .....	10.768	139.7	138.9	-2.3	-6	.1	.1	-3
Nondurables .....	31.039	146.4	146.8	.5	.3	-1	.2	.0

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

(1982-84=100, unless otherwise noted)

Item and Group	Relative importance, December 1997	Unadjusted indexes		Unadjusted percent change to Aug. 1998 from—		Seasonally adjusted percent change from—		
		July 1998	Aug. 1998	Aug. 1997	July 1998	May to June	June to July	July to Aug.
<b>Special aggregate indexes</b>								
Apparel less footwear .....	4.049	125.5	127.8	1.5	1.8	0.0	-0.4	1.2
Services less rent of shelter <sup>4</sup> .....	27.955	192.6	192.7	2.1	.1	.1	.3	.0
Services less medical care services .....	52.973	179.0	179.5	2.7	.3	.2	.2	.1
Energy .....	7.013	105.2	103.8	-7.7	-1.3	-7	.0	-1.0
All items less energy .....	92.987	170.8	171.2	2.3	.2	.1	.2	.2
All items less food and energy .....	77.661	173.3	173.8	2.5	.3	.1	.2	.2
Commodities less food and energy commodities .....	24.053	142.4	142.7	1.1	.2	.0	.1	.2
Energy commodities .....	3.256	93.3	91.3	-14.0	-2.1	-1.0	-1	-1.4
Services less energy services .....	53.608	190.9	191.5	3.1	.3	.2	.2	.3
Domestically produced farm food .....	8.134	162.7	163.6	2.3	.6	.3	.1	.6
Utilities and public transportation .....	9.217	148.4	147.6	.8	-5	-3	.2	-3
Purchasing power of the consumer dollar (1982-84=\$1.00) .....	-	\$.613	\$.612	-	-	-	-	-
Purchasing power of the consumer dollar (1967=\$1.00) .....	-	\$.205	\$.204	-	-	-	-	-

<sup>1</sup> Indexes on a December 1997=100 base.

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

<sup>3</sup> Not seasonally adjusted.

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

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

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

<sup>7</sup> Indexes on a December 1990=100 base.

<sup>8</sup> Indexes on a December 1993=100 base.

<sup>9</sup> Indexes on a December 1996=100 base.

<sup>10</sup> 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—	
	May 1998	June 1998	July 1998	Aug. 1998	Nov. 1997	Feb. 1998	May 1998	Aug. 1998	Feb. 1998	Aug. 1998
<b>Expenditure category</b>										
All items .....	162.9	163.0	163.3	163.6	2.3	0.5	2.2	1.7	1.4	2.0
Food and beverages .....	160.6	160.8	161.2	161.7	2.0	1.3	2.3	2.8	1.6	2.5
Food .....	160.4	160.6	161.0	161.4	2.0	1.3	2.5	2.5	1.7	2.5
Food at home .....	160.7	160.8	161.3	161.8	1.3	.5	2.5	2.8	.9	2.6
Cereals and bakery products .....	180.5	181.0	181.2	182.1	1.8	1.3	2.5	3.6	1.6	3.0
Cereals and cereal products .....	170.6	171.4	171.6	172.9	-9	-5	.5	5.5	-7	3.0
Flour and prepared flour mixes .....	161.1	160.0	160.1	160.0	-5.5	3.7	13.4	-2.7	-1.0	5.1
Breakfast cereal .....	187.8	189.2	190.0	192.0	-1.7	.4	-2.3	9.3	-6	3.3
Rice, pasta, cornmeal .....	149.8	151.6	150.8	151.9	3.5	-3.1	-3	5.7	.1	2.7
Rice <sup>1 2 3</sup> .....	99.2	99.2	99.7	99.3	-	-	1.2	.4	-	.8
Bakery products .....	185.0	185.3	185.5	185.9	3.4	2.2	3.5	2.0	2.8	2.7
Bread <sup>1 3</sup> .....	100.7	101.2	101.8	102.0	-	-	2.0	5.3	-	3.6
White bread <sup>2 3</sup> .....	186.4	186.1	188.9	189.2	8.8	-1.3	.2	6.1	3.6	3.1
Bread other than white <sup>2 3</sup> .....	190.6	194.2	191.2	190.1	1.3	8.0	5.9	-1.0	4.6	2.4
Fresh biscuits, rolls, muffins <sup>1 3</sup> .....	101.3	102.5	101.8	102.4	-	-	-2.0	4.4	-	1.2
Cakes, cupcakes, and cookies <sup>3</sup> .....	179.9	180.7	180.2	181.6	.0	3.8	-4.3	3.8	1.9	-3
Cookies <sup>2 3</sup> .....	181.2	183.8	183.2	185.5	7.5	-4	-4.9	9.8	3.5	2.2
Fresh cakes and cupcakes <sup>2 3</sup> .....	178.1	176.7	176.8	178.1	-4.4	7.9	-5.0	.0	1.6	-2.5
Other bakery products .....	184.4	183.8	183.5	184.1	4.3	-2.8	10.1	-6	.7	4.6
Fresh sweetrolls, coffeecakes, doughnuts <sup>2 3</sup> .....	170.1	174.0	174.6	176.6	-1.6	12.0	-17.7	16.2	5.0	-2.2
Crackers, bread, and cracker products <sup>2</sup> .....	218.6	211.0	210.7	209.0	16.0	-16.9	31.1	-16.4	-1.8	4.7
Frozen and refrigerated bakery products, pies, tarts, turnovers <sup>2 3</sup> .....	183.9	189.5	187.6	189.9	.9	12.0	2.9	13.7	6.3	8.2
Meats, poultry, fish, and eggs .....	146.9	146.9	147.6	148.1	-1.6	-3.7	-8	3.3	-2.7	1.2
Meats, poultry, and fish .....	147.5	147.6	148.4	148.8	-2.4	-2.7	-1.3	3.6	-2.5	1.1
Meats .....	141.8	141.9	142.3	141.9	-4.1	-3.6	-2.0	.3	-3.8	-8
Beef and veal .....	136.4	137.4	137.6	137.8	-4.3	-3.5	3.6	4.2	-3.9	3.9
Uncooked ground beef .....	116.2	116.1	117.4	118.3	-7.3	-6.1	7.9	7.4	-6.7	7.7
Uncooked beef roasts <sup>1 3</sup> .....	99.3	97.9	98.8	100.3	-	-	-2.4	4.1	-	.8
Uncooked beef steaks <sup>1 3</sup> .....	99.9	101.2	100.0	100.2	-	-	3.7	1.2	-	2.4
Uncooked other beef and veal <sup>1 3</sup> .....	99.1	99.7	98.7	98.5	-	-	-8	-2.4	-	-1.6
Pork .....	149.9	148.7	149.1	147.9	-6.0	-3.3	-7.4	-5.2	-4.7	-6.3
Bacon, breakfast sausage, and related products <sup>1 3</sup> .....	95.1	94.3	95.3	97.0	-	-	-11.0	8.2	-	-1.8
Bacon and related products <sup>2</sup> .....	150.5	148.1	149.6	148.8	-6.6	-11.1	-16.4	-4.4	-8.9	-10.6
Breakfast sausage and related products <sup>1 2 3</sup> .....	99.5	98.1	98.3	100.5	-	-	-4	4.1	-	1.8
Ham .....	151.6	151.4	152.2	148.3	-11.7	7.3	-8.3	-8.4	-2.7	-8.3
Ham, excluding canned <sup>2</sup> .....	162.2	162.9	162.8	158.2	-11.6	9.7	-9.5	-9.5	-1.5	-9.5
Pork chops .....	149.3	147.4	149.0	147.9	-4.3	-8.5	-3.2	-3.7	-6.4	-3.4
Other pork including roasts and picnics <sup>1 3</sup> .....	97.3	99.4	98.4	97.4	-	-	-8.2	.4	-	-4.0
Other meats <sup>3</sup> .....	145.5	145.9	146.7	146.1	-3	-5.3	-4.8	1.7	-2.8	-1.6
Frankfurters <sup>2 3</sup> .....	142.8	143.1	143.5	142.7	-5.8	5.6	-11.9	-3	-3	-6.3
Lunchmeats <sup>1 2 3</sup> .....	99.5	99.3	100.0	99.0	-	-	-2.0	-2.0	-	-2.0
Lamb and organ meats <sup>2 3</sup> .....	157.8	164.7	166.0	166.9	9.8	-5.0	-10.6	25.1	2.1	5.7
Lamb and mutton <sup>1 2 3</sup> .....	NA	102.5	105.6	105.7	-	-	-	-	-	-
Poultry <sup>3</sup> .....	155.6	155.5	156.6	158.9	4.7	-5.2	.8	8.8	-4	4.7
Chicken <sup>1 3</sup> .....	100.6	100.0	100.5	102.6	-	-	3.7	8.2	-	5.9
Fresh whole chicken <sup>2 3</sup> .....	158.7	155.1	158.5	162.1	14.6	-13.6	8.8	8.8	-5	8.8
Fresh and frozen chicken parts <sup>2 3</sup> .....	156.0	156.0	156.0	158.7	4.1	-6.4	.8	7.1	-1.3	3.9
Other poultry including turkey <sup>1 3</sup> .....	99.3	101.1	102.3	101.8	-	-	-7.7	10.5	-	1.0
Fish and seafood .....	180.7	180.7	183.4	185.6	-1.8	4.6	.0	11.3	1.3	5.5
Fresh fish and seafood <sup>1 3</sup> .....	102.1	101.7	101.7	103.5	-	-	-6.4	5.6	-	-6
Processed fish and seafood <sup>1 3</sup> .....	102.1	102.1	103.1	103.6	-	-	9.1	6.0	-	7.5
Canned fish and seafood <sup>2 3</sup> .....	132.5	132.1	134.0	134.2	5.1	.0	6.9	5.2	2.5	6.1
Frozen fish and seafood <sup>2</sup> .....	203.8	207.5	NA	NA	-3.5	-7.1	11.1	-	-5.3	-
Eggs .....	136.1	135.5	134.8	136.1	9.3	-20.3	7.4	.0	-6.7	3.6
Dairy and related products <sup>3</sup> .....	148.1	148.1	148.2	150.5	10.4	1.9	1.1	6.6	6.1	3.8
Milk <sup>1 3</sup> .....	100.3	99.3	98.4	100.7	-	-	.4	1.6	-	1.0
Fresh whole milk <sup>2 3</sup> .....	145.6	144.4	143.5	147.6	20.7	1.1	-1.9	5.6	10.5	1.8
Fresh milk other than whole <sup>1 2 3</sup> .....	100.6	99.7	98.5	100.1	-	-	1.2	-2.0	-	-4
Cheese and related products <sup>3</sup> .....	149.4	148.9	151.2	152.7	1.4	2.7	3.0	9.1	2.1	6.0
Ice cream and related products .....	150.9	153.5	154.8	156.1	1.1	-1.6	2.4	14.5	-3	8.3
Other dairy and related products <sup>1 3</sup> .....	99.9	101.1	101.3	101.9	-	-	2.0	8.3	-	5.1

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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—	
	May 1998	June 1998	July 1998	Aug. 1998	Nov. 1997	Feb. 1998	May 1998	Aug. 1998	Feb. 1998	Aug. 1998
<b>Expenditure category</b>										
Fruits and vegetables .....	203.5	201.4	202.0	201.1	2.5	6.8	18.9	-4.6	4.7	6.5
Fresh fruits and vegetables .....	237.2	234.0	234.6	232.9	2.8	6.9	23.1	-7.1	4.8	7.0
Fresh fruits .....	246.1	253.4	251.4	250.2	-5.3	21.4	-1.4	6.8	7.3	2.6
Apples .....	202.5	202.1	205.2	200.8	3.9	3.4	.6	-3.3	3.7	-1.4
Bananas .....	161.8	164.7	167.4	160.7	16.5	-23.1	28.1	-2.7	-5.3	11.6
Citrus fruits <sup>1 3</sup> .....	117.0	129.6	147.8	158.7	-	-	78.0	238.5	-	145.4
Oranges, including tangerines <sup>2</sup> .....	241.7	260.4	277.3	265.7	-36.5	46.4	15.6	46.0	-3.6	29.9
Other fresh fruits <sup>1 3</sup> .....	95.7	87.3	76.3	75.6	-	-	-3.7	-61.1	-	-38.8
Fresh vegetables .....	229.2	216.7	219.5	217.3	12.8	-7.1	54.4	-19.2	2.4	11.7
Potatoes .....	188.3	186.1	181.1	175.3	19.4	4.2	4.1	-24.9	11.5	-11.6
Lettuce <sup>3</sup> .....	310.2	222.9	212.5	205.8	175.9	-64.7	492.8	-80.6	-1.3	7.2
Tomatoes <sup>3</sup> .....	237.3	222.3	247.4	218.6	81.9	2.5	21.6	-28.0	36.6	-6.4
Other fresh vegetables .....	229.1	223.0	218.3	224.6	-2.9	11.8	40.8	-7.6	4.2	14.1
Processed fruits and vegetables <sup>1 3</sup> .....	102.4	102.3	103.0	103.5	-	-	6.1	4.4	-	5.2
Canned fruits and vegetables <sup>1 3</sup> .....	102.4	102.8	103.7	103.6	-	-	6.5	4.8	-	5.6
Canned fruits <sup>1 2 3</sup> .....	101.9	102.1	103.0	102.7	-	-	6.5	3.2	-	4.8
Canned vegetables <sup>1 2 3</sup> .....	103.3	104.1	105.0	105.1	-	-	4.8	7.2	-	6.0
Frozen fruits and vegetables <sup>1 3</sup> .....	103.2	102.0	102.8	104.2	-	-	6.4	3.9	-	5.2
Frozen vegetables <sup>2</sup> .....	152.8	151.1	150.8	152.1	-5	1.6	9.1	-1.8	.5	3.5
Other processed fruits and vegetables including dried <sup>1 3</sup> .....	100.5	101.2	101.0	101.4	-	-	2.4	3.6	-	3.0
Dried beans, peas, and lentils <sup>1 2 3</sup> .....	99.8	100.6	101.0	100.8	-	-	-2.8	4.1	-	.6
Nonalcoholic beverages and beverage materials .....	132.5	133.0	133.0	132.1	-4.6	-3.5	-4.7	-1.2	-4.0	-3.0
Juices and nonalcoholic drinks <sup>1 3</sup> .....	99.8	100.3	99.8	99.7	-	-	-7.3	-4	-	-3.9
Carbonated drinks .....	116.2	117.5	117.8	117.4	-7	1.0	-7.2	4.2	.2	-1.7
Frozen noncarbonated juices and drinks <sup>1 3</sup> .....	100.3	100.9	101.5	101.5	-	-	-1.6	4.9	-	1.6
Nonfrozen noncarbonated juices and drinks <sup>1 3</sup> .....	98.6	99.4	98.6	98.4	-	-	-4.0	-8	-	-2.4
Beverage materials including coffee and tea <sup>1 3</sup> .....	99.9	98.5	98.5	97.7	-	-	-8	-8.5	-	-4.7
Coffee <sup>3</sup> .....	167.1	163.9	163.4	162.0	-17.0	-10.4	-4.6	-11.7	-13.8	-8.2
Roasted coffee <sup>2 3</sup> .....	173.3	169.6	168.8	167.2	-24.6	-12.9	-7.7	-13.4	-19.0	-10.6
Instant and freeze dried coffee <sup>2 3</sup> .....	154.7	154.2	153.8	152.6	-2.5	-5.8	1.6	-5.3	-4.1	-1.9
Other beverage materials including tea <sup>1 3</sup> .....	102.0	101.4	101.8	100.9	-	-	4.0	-4.2	-	-2
Other food at home .....	149.2	150.4	150.9	152.0	-3	.8	1.1	7.7	.3	4.3
Sugar and sweets .....	149.0	150.3	149.3	150.2	2.5	1.9	-1.1	3.3	2.2	1.1
Sugar and artificial sweeteners .....	134.5	135.7	136.1	136.5	-9	2.1	-2.1	6.1	.6	1.9
Candy and chewing gum <sup>1 3</sup> .....	99.8	101.3	100.6	100.5	-	-	-4.3	2.8	-	-8
Other sweets <sup>1 3</sup> .....	104.4	103.0	102.9	103.7	-	-	12.8	-2.7	-	4.8
Fats and oils .....	141.1	143.3	147.0	149.9	-8	-8	.3	27.4	-8	13.0
Butter and margarine <sup>1 3</sup> .....	101.8	104.1	112.8	116.4	-	-	8.3	70.9	-	36.0
Butter <sup>2 3</sup> .....	127.5	133.8	152.1	160.1	32.6	9.4	4.2	148.6	20.4	60.9
Margarine <sup>2 3</sup> .....	150.6	147.8	151.6	152.9	-2.2	4.8	14.8	6.3	1.2	10.4
Salad dressing <sup>1 3</sup> .....	98.4	100.3	100.6	101.5	-	-	-11.0	13.2	-	.4
Other fats and oils including peanut butter <sup>1 3</sup> .....	101.3	101.9	102.6	102.9	-	-	-4	6.5	-	3.0
Peanut butter <sup>1 2 3</sup> .....	100.2	102.5	102.8	101.8	-	-	-3.1	6.5	-	1.6
Other foods .....	164.5	165.5	165.7	166.5	2.8	3.2	1.7	5.0	3.0	3.3
Soups .....	192.5	192.7	192.9	192.1	1.3	4.9	1.3	-8	3.1	.2
Frozen and freeze dried prepared foods <sup>3</sup> .....	144.9	145.6	146.2	146.5	-8	-1.6	-8	4.5	-1.2	1.8
Snacks <sup>3</sup> .....	155.7	156.6	156.3	158.7	-2.3	2.3	.5	7.9	.0	4.2
Spices, seasonings, condiments, sauces .....	171.8	171.4	172.3	172.9	1.2	8.6	-1.2	2.6	4.8	.7
Salt and other seasonings and spices <sup>1 2 3</sup> .....	100.5	100.3	98.7	99.7	-	-	-2.0	-3.1	-	-2.6
Olives, pickles, relishes <sup>1 2 3</sup> .....	103.9	100.7	101.3	101.3	-	-	-2.7	-9.6	-	-6.2
Sauces and gravies <sup>1 2 3</sup> .....	100.9	101.6	102.1	102.0	-	-	-5.4	4.4	-	-6
Other condiments <sup>2</sup> .....	169.9	170.9	172.8	173.0	7.7	19.7	-1.4	7.5	13.6	3.0
Baby food <sup>1 3</sup> .....	101.4	102.3	102.5	102.4	-	-	3.6	4.0	-	3.8
Other miscellaneous foods <sup>1 3</sup> .....	101.4	102.5	102.6	103.5	-	-	4.0	8.5	-	6.3
Prepared salads <sup>1 2 3</sup> .....	NA	NA	NA	NA	-	-	-	-	-	-
Food away from home <sup>3</sup> .....	160.6	160.7	161.1	161.5	3.1	2.5	2.5	2.3	2.8	2.4
Full service meals and snacks <sup>1 3</sup> .....	101.3	101.4	101.6	101.9	-	-	3.6	2.4	-	3.0
Limited service meals and snacks <sup>1 3</sup> .....	101.0	100.9	101.3	101.4	-	-	2.0	1.6	-	1.8
Food at employee sites and schools <sup>1 3</sup> .....	100.3	100.5	100.5	100.7	-	-	1.2	1.6	-	1.4
Food from vending machines and mobile vendors <sup>1 3</sup> .....	100.6	100.4	100.4	100.6	-	-	1.6	.0	-	.8
Other food away from home <sup>1 3</sup> .....	100.6	101.0	101.6	102.3	-	-	.8	6.9	-	3.8

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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—	
	May 1998	June 1998	July 1998	Aug. 1998	Nov. 1997	Feb. 1998	May 1998	Aug. 1998	Feb. 1998	Aug. 1998
<b>Expenditure category</b>										
Alcoholic beverages .....	164.7	165.3	165.8	165.8	1.7	1.7	-0.2	2.7	1.7	1.2
Alcoholic beverages at home .....	150.1	150.4	150.5	150.7	.0	.0	.8	1.6	.0	1.2
Beer, ale, and other malt beverages at home .....	147.7	147.9	148.4	148.5	-1.1	.0	.0	2.2	-5	1.1
Distilled spirits at home .....	152.6	152.5	152.2	152.6	1.9	-3	1.6	.0	.8	.8
Whiskey at home <sup>2 3</sup> .....	151.7	151.6	151.4	151.7	1.9	-3.4	2.4	.0	-8	1.2
Distilled spirits, excluding whiskey, at home <sup>2 3</sup> .....	152.6	152.3	151.9	152.7	2.7	.5	.5	.3	1.6	.4
Wine at home .....	146.9	148.0	147.6	147.4	.0	-5	1.7	1.4	-3	1.5
Alcoholic beverages away from home .....	193.0	193.7	195.1	195.4	3.0	4.2	-1.6	5.1	3.6	1.7
Beer, ale, and other malt beverages away from home <sup>1 2 3</sup> ..	100.9	100.8	101.0	100.9	-	-	2.8	.0	-	1.4
Wine away from home <sup>1 2 3</sup> .....	101.2	101.8	101.9	102.0	-	-	2.4	3.2	-	2.8
Distilled spirits away from home <sup>1 2 3</sup> .....	99.9	100.2	101.6	101.9	-	-	-2.4	8.3	-	2.8
Housing .....	159.9	160.1	160.4	160.6	3.4	1.0	3.3	1.8	2.2	2.5
Shelter .....	181.3	181.6	181.9	182.4	3.0	3.4	4.1	2.4	3.2	3.3
Rent of primary residence .....	171.3	171.8	172.2	172.8	3.1	2.6	3.8	3.5	2.9	3.7
Lodging away from home <sup>1</sup> .....	102.1	101.4	100.7	101.4	-	-	7.4	-2.7	-	2.2
Housing at school, excluding board <sup>4</sup> .....	232.2	233.2	234.1	234.0	5.1	3.6	4.2	3.1	4.3	3.7
Other lodging away from home including hotels and motels	235.0	233.2	231.3	233.2	7.3	5.0	7.7	-3.0	6.2	2.2
Owners' equivalent rent of primary residence <sup>4</sup> .....	187.2	187.6	188.1	188.5	2.7	3.5	3.7	2.8	3.1	3.3
Tenants' and household insurance <sup>1 3</sup> .....	99.6	99.1	99.3	99.2	-	-	-2.4	-1.6	-	-2.0
Fuels and utilities .....	128.8	128.3	128.3	127.8	6.3	-12.1	2.8	-3.1	-3.4	-2
Fuels .....	113.5	112.9	112.9	112.4	9.7	-17.9	2.9	-3.8	-5.1	-5
Fuel oil and other fuels .....	91.7	90.6	90.3	89.7	-4	-17.7	-9	-8.4	-9.5	-4.7
Fuel oil .....	86.8	85.2	84.7	83.9	-1.3	-21.2	-4.9	-12.7	-11.8	-8.9
Other household fuels <sup>3 5</sup> .....	127.5	126.6	125.3	124.6	13.2	1.9	-3.4	-8.8	7.4	-6.1
Gas (piped) and electricity .....	121.1	120.6	120.6	120.1	10.8	-18.0	2.7	-3.3	-4.7	-3
Electricity .....	128.0	128.1	128.2	127.1	3.1	-14.7	.6	-2.8	-6.3	-1.1
Utility natural gas service .....	113.8	111.7	111.6	112.0	29.1	-25.3	9.7	-6.2	-1.8	1.4
Water and sewer and trash collection services <sup>1</sup> .....	101.5	101.6	101.7	101.7	-	-	3.6	.8	-	2.2
Water and sewerage maintenance .....	217.4	217.8	217.7	217.6	3.4	3.4	4.3	.4	3.4	2.3
Garbage and trash collection <sup>3 6</sup> .....	255.6	255.6	257.0	257.5	1.9	3.0	1.4	3.0	2.5	2.2
Household furnishings and operations .....	126.4	126.6	127.0	126.8	.6	2.3	1.0	1.3	1.4	1.1
Window and floor coverings and other linens <sup>1 3</sup> .....	102.1	100.7	101.2	101.3	-	-	.8	-3.1	-	-1.2
Floor coverings <sup>1 3</sup> .....	100.9	101.9	102.4	102.4	-	-	4.1	6.1	-	5.1
Window coverings <sup>1 3</sup> .....	100.5	101.1	99.9	98.7	-	-	-5.8	-7.0	-	-6.4
Other linens <sup>1 3</sup> .....	104.0	99.6	101.5	102.6	-	-	4.3	-5.3	-	-6
Furniture and bedding <sup>3</sup> .....	135.1	135.5	136.6	136.1	-9	-1.2	4.6	3.0	-1.0	3.8
Bedroom furniture <sup>3</sup> .....	142.6	142.8	143.5	141.7	-1.1	-2.5	6.7	-2.5	-1.8	2.0
Living room, kitchen, and dining room furniture <sup>1 3</sup> .....	100.9	101.3	102.4	102.5	-	-	-8	6.5	-	2.8
Other furniture <sup>1 3</sup> .....	104.4	104.5	105.2	104.6	-	-	20.2	.8	-	10.1
Appliances <sup>1 3</sup> .....	100.5	100.3	100.5	100.2	-	-	-2.0	-1.2	-	-1.6
Major appliances <sup>1 3</sup> .....	99.2	99.0	100.0	99.4	-	-	-7.7	.8	-	-3.5
Laundry equipment <sup>2 3</sup> .....	112.3	112.7	112.2	112.0	-1.8	5.1	-6.5	-1.1	1.6	-3.8
Other appliances <sup>1 3</sup> .....	102.6	102.4	101.3	101.5	-	-	7.3	-4.2	-	1.4
Other household equipment and furnishings <sup>1 3</sup> .....	102.2	101.7	102.1	101.1	-	-	3.2	-4.2	-	-6
Clocks, lamps, and decorator items <sup>3</sup> .....	122.1	119.8	119.7	118.3	1.3	.3	6.8	-11.9	.8	-3.0
Indoor plants and flowers <sup>7</sup> .....	111.2	112.7	114.0	114.4	-9.2	29.8	-10.1	12.0	8.6	.4
Dishes and flatware <sup>1 3</sup> .....	104.1	103.9	105.8	103.0	-	-	20.3	-4.2	-	7.4
Nonelectric cookware and tableware <sup>1 3</sup> .....	98.6	100.9	101.1	100.2	-	-	-2.8	6.7	-	1.8
Tools, hardware, outdoor equipment and supplies <sup>1 3</sup> .....	100.3	100.3	100.3	99.9	-	-	-3.1	-1.6	-	-2.4
Tools, hardware and supplies <sup>1 3</sup> .....	98.9	98.8	98.0	98.2	-	-	-3.9	-2.8	-	-3.4
Outdoor equipment and supplies <sup>1 3</sup> .....	101.1	101.3	101.6	100.7	-	-	-2.7	-1.6	-	-2.1
Housekeeping supplies .....	145.5	146.2	146.1	146.4	1.1	4.2	1.4	2.5	2.7	1.9
Household cleaning products <sup>1 3</sup> .....	100.3	100.7	100.6	100.5	-	-	-1.6	.8	-	-4
Household paper products <sup>1 3</sup> .....	103.1	102.6	103.8	103.9	-	-	5.2	3.1	-	4.2
Miscellaneous household products <sup>1 3</sup> .....	102.3	103.1	102.4	102.3	-	-	4.4	.0	-	2.2
Household operations <sup>1 3</sup> .....	101.0	101.7	101.9	102.0	-	-	2.8	4.0	-	3.4
Domestic services <sup>1 3</sup> .....	100.9	102.2	102.2	102.2	-	-	2.0	5.3	-	3.6
Gardening and lawn care services <sup>1 3</sup> .....	101.1	101.3	101.6	101.6	-	-	4.9	2.0	-	3.4
Moving, storage, freight expense <sup>1 3</sup> .....	101.5	101.9	102.7	103.2	-	-	2.4	6.9	-	4.6
Repair of household items <sup>1 3</sup> .....	101.0	101.0	101.6	101.6	-	-	2.8	2.4	-	2.6

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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—	
	May 1998	June 1998	July 1998	Aug. 1998	Nov. 1997	Feb. 1998	May 1998	Aug. 1998	Feb. 1998	Aug. 1998
<b>Expenditure category</b>										
Apparel .....	132.9	133.2	132.8	134.2	1.2	-0.9	0.6	4.0	0.2	2.3
Men's and boys' apparel .....	131.5	131.7	131.9	132.3	.9	3.4	-1.5	2.5	2.2	.5
Men's apparel .....	135.4	135.3	135.3	135.2	-.3	7.1	.0	-6	3.3	-.3
Men's suits, sport coats, and outerwear .....	137.7	137.6	137.2	137.9	2.1	16.6	-8.3	.6	9.1	-3.9
Men's furnishings .....	137.8	139.1	137.4	136.6	-3.4	27.8	4.5	-3.4	11.1	.4
Men's shirts and sweaters <sup>1 3</sup> .....	100.9	98.8	97.2	98.7	-	-	15.6	-8.4	-	2.9
Men's pants and shorts .....	132.7	131.7	132.4	132.7	-2.1	2.2	3.4	.0	.0	1.7
Boys' apparel .....	116.6	117.1	118.0	119.6	2.4	-1.0	-8.8	10.7	.7	.5
Women's and girls' apparel .....	126.5	127.2	126.0	128.4	3.2	-2.5	3.9	6.1	.3	5.0
Women's apparel .....	126.8	127.8	126.4	129.1	4.6	-3.7	4.9	7.5	.3	6.2
Women's outerwear .....	118.0	117.7	120.3	118.0	-1.0	-21.1	-7	.0	-11.6	-.3
Women's dresses .....	122.4	125.0	113.0	110.2	4.5	-1.5	60.8	-34.3	1.5	2.8
Women's suits and separates <sup>1 3</sup> .....	102.7	99.3	94.9	101.0	-	-	17.7	-6.5	-	4.9
Women's underwear, nightwear, sportswear and accessories <sup>1 3</sup> .....	106.1	103.4	101.7	101.5	-	-	10.4	-16.2	-	-3.8
Girls' apparel .....	124.9	123.9	124.3	125.2	-5.9	5.3	-2.2	1.0	-.5	-.6
Footwear .....	126.5	128.4	128.5	129.4	1.6	-4.3	-1.9	9.5	-1.4	3.7
Men's footwear .....	131.2	132.7	132.8	132.6	.3	-5.1	2.8	4.3	-2.4	3.6
Boys' and girls' footwear .....	127.2	130.9	133.0	133.8	7.2	-9.6	-6.6	22.4	-1.5	6.9
Women's footwear .....	122.3	123.6	122.9	124.6	-1.0	-1.0	-1.9	7.7	-1.0	2.8
Infants' and toddlers' apparel <sup>3</sup> .....	126.9	124.7	122.0	124.4	-4.0	-8.9	12.9	-7.7	-6.5	2.1
Jewelry and watches <sup>5</sup> .....	142.9	140.1	141.9	141.9	-2.7	8.6	-10.5	-2.8	2.8	-6.7
Watches <sup>5</sup> .....	125.0	124.2	124.4	123.7	-1.9	-7.1	6.0	-4.1	-4.5	.8
Jewelry <sup>5</sup> .....	148.2	144.5	146.8	146.9	-2.6	12.3	-13.3	-3.5	4.6	-8.5
Transportation .....	141.7	141.3	141.7	141.7	-1.1	-4.1	-2.0	.0	-2.6	-1.0
Private transportation .....	138.1	137.9	138.2	137.9	-1.4	-5.3	-2.0	-.6	-3.4	-1.3
New and used motor vehicles <sup>1</sup> .....	100.2	100.1	100.5	100.7	-	-	.4	2.0	-	1.2
New vehicles .....	143.2	142.7	143.4	143.9	-1.4	-6	-8	2.0	-1.0	.6
New cars and trucks <sup>1 2 3</sup> .....	99.5	99.0	99.0	99.1	-	-	-2.8	-1.6	-	-2.2
New cars <sup>2</sup> .....	140.4	140.1	140.8	141.3	-1.7	-8	-1.1	2.6	-1.3	.7
New trucks <sup>2 6</sup> .....	150.6	149.8	150.7	151.6	-.5	-.5	-1.1	2.7	-.5	.8
New motorcycles <sup>2 5</sup> .....	163.7	163.7	162.9	162.9	1.2	-4.6	4.0	-1.9	-1.7	1.0
Used cars and trucks <sup>3</sup> .....	150.0	150.9	151.3	151.1	-2.4	2.2	4.4	3.0	-.1	3.7
Car and truck rental <sup>1 3</sup> .....	100.6	100.8	103.6	105.3	-	-	4.5	20.0	-	12.0
Motor fuel .....	93.0	92.1	92.1	90.6	-4.8	-29.2	-13.4	-9.9	-17.9	-11.7
Gasoline (all types) .....	92.3	91.5	91.3	89.9	-5.2	-29.6	-14.2	-10.0	-18.3	-12.1
Gasoline, unleaded regular <sup>2</sup> .....	90.1	89.1	89.0	87.4	-5.6	-31.0	-14.1	-11.5	-19.3	-12.8
Gasoline, unleaded midgrade <sup>2 3 8</sup> .....	98.6	98.6	97.6	95.7	-11.0	-33.4	2.1	-11.3	-23.0	-4.8
Gasoline, unleaded premium <sup>2</sup> .....	94.9	93.9	93.7	92.7	-3.7	-26.4	-12.1	-9.0	-15.8	-10.5
Other motor fuels <sup>1 3</sup> .....	93.7	93.6	92.0	90.8	-	-	-8.5	-11.8	-	-10.2
Motor vehicle parts and equipment .....	100.7	101.2	101.3	101.3	-1.6	-1.6	-1.6	2.4	-1.6	.4
Tires .....	98.6	98.8	99.0	99.1	-3.9	-1.6	-.4	2.0	-2.8	.8
Vehicle accessories other than tires <sup>1 3</sup> .....	99.1	99.6	99.4	99.5	-	-	-3.2	1.6	-	-.8
Vehicle parts and equipment other than tires <sup>2 3</sup> .....	107.0	107.7	107.6	107.6	.7	.7	-5.1	2.3	.7	-1.5
Motor oil, coolant, and fluids <sup>2 3</sup> .....	131.1	131.6	130.7	131.6	-.3	-1.8	.3	1.5	-1.1	.9
Motor vehicle maintenance and repair .....	165.9	166.6	167.0	167.3	1.5	4.0	1.0	3.4	2.7	2.2
Motor vehicle body work <sup>3</sup> .....	180.2	179.5	179.2	179.2	3.7	6.3	4.8	-2.2	5.0	1.2
Motor vehicle maintenance and servicing <sup>3</sup> .....	154.3	154.9	154.9	155.0	2.4	5.4	2.9	1.8	3.9	2.4
Motor vehicle repair <sup>1 3</sup> .....	100.2	100.6	101.0	101.4	-	-	-.4	4.9	-	2.2
Motor vehicle insurance .....	255.4	255.5	254.6	253.8	1.3	1.7	1.4	-2.5	1.5	-.5
Motor vehicle fees <sup>1 3</sup> .....	102.7	102.1	102.2	102.3	-	-	1.6	-1.5	-	.0
State and local registration and license <sup>1 3</sup> .....	101.5	100.5	100.7	100.8	-	-	.8	-2.7	-	-1.0
Parking and other fees <sup>1 3</sup> .....	105.5	105.9	105.6	106.0	-	-	3.1	1.9	-	2.5
Parking fees and tolls <sup>1 2 3</sup> .....	105.6	106.2	105.7	106.2	-	-	2.7	2.3	-	2.5
Automobile service clubs <sup>1 2 3</sup> .....	100.8	100.8	100.8	101.0	-	-	.8	.8	-	.8
Public transportation .....	190.2	188.2	190.1	194.2	1.7	11.9	-2.5	8.7	6.7	2.9
Airline fare <sup>3</sup> .....	205.0	200.9	207.3	207.8	7.4	19.7	-3.1	5.6	13.4	1.2
Other intercity transportation <sup>3</sup> .....	160.3	160.5	161.2	160.7	.5	11.0	2.8	1.0	5.6	1.9
Ship fare <sup>1 2 3</sup> .....	104.9	104.8	105.1	104.9	-	-	1.5	.0	-	.8
Intracity transportation <sup>3</sup> .....	175.1	175.5	175.6	175.6	1.8	-3.1	-5	1.1	-.7	.3

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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—	
	May 1998	June 1998	July 1998	Aug. 1998	Nov. 1997	Feb. 1998	May 1998	Aug. 1998	Feb. 1998	Aug. 1998
<b>Expenditure category</b>										
Medical care .....	241.4	242.3	242.8	243.7	2.7	3.1	4.3	3.9	2.9	4.1
Medical care commodities .....	221.2	221.6	221.7	223.1	1.5	3.0	6.0	3.5	2.2	4.7
Prescription drugs and medical supplies .....	257.7	257.9	259.2	260.8	1.3	4.5	7.3	4.9	2.9	6.1
Nonprescription drugs and medical supplies <sup>3 5</sup> .....	147.5	148.2	147.5	148.0	.5	1.7	2.5	1.4	1.1	1.9
Internal and respiratory over-the-counter drugs <sup>3</sup> .....	175.4	176.6	176.1	176.3	.2	-2	5.2	2.1	.0	3.6
Nonprescription medical equipment and supplies <sup>3</sup> .....	174.2	174.2	172.8	174.2	1.6	4.9	-2.5	.0	3.3	-1.3
Medical care services .....	245.7	246.8	247.4	248.2	3.0	3.2	3.7	4.1	3.1	3.9
Professional services .....	221.3	222.3	222.6	223.3	2.2	3.2	3.9	3.7	2.7	3.8
Physicians' services .....	227.9	229.6	229.7	230.9	2.0	2.9	2.5	5.4	2.4	3.9
Dental services <sup>3</sup> .....	235.1	235.6	236.4	237.4	3.6	5.0	4.4	4.0	4.3	4.2
Eyeglasses and eye care <sup>3 5</sup> .....	145.3	145.4	145.1	144.4	.0	3.4	6.9	-2.5	1.7	2.1
Services by other medical professionals <sup>5</sup> .....	155.0	155.4	155.6	155.2	1.6	1.8	2.4	.5	1.7	1.4
Hospital and related services .....	285.9	286.7	288.5	289.5	3.6	3.6	2.7	5.1	3.6	3.9
Hospital services <sup>3 9</sup> .....	104.2	104.3	105.2	105.7	3.2	5.6	.4	5.9	4.4	3.1
Inpatient hospital services <sup>2 3 9</sup> .....	103.2	103.4	104.2	104.6	2.4	4.8	-4	5.5	3.6	2.5
Outpatient hospital services <sup>2 5</sup> .....	232.2	232.1	234.0	234.9	4.7	1.6	5.7	4.7	3.1	5.2
Nursing homes and adult daycare <sup>3 9</sup> .....	106.8	106.8	107.2	108.1	1.6	10.0	3.4	5.0	5.7	4.2
Recreation <sup>1</sup> .....	101.0	101.1	101.1	101.2	-	-	1.6	.8	-	1.2
Video and audio <sup>1 3</sup> .....	101.2	101.2	101.1	101.2	1.2	3.6	.0	.0	2.4	.0
Televisions <sup>3</sup> .....	59.9	59.5	59.3	59.0	-1.3	-3.9	-2.6	-5.9	-2.6	-4.3
Cable television <sup>6</sup> .....	243.2	244.3	245.2	246.8	5.7	12.1	3.4	6.1	8.8	4.7
Other video equipment <sup>1 3</sup> .....	93.7	93.7	92.6	91.8	-	-	-16.1	-7.9	-	-12.1
Video cassettes, discs, and other media including rental <sup>1 3</sup> .....	96.8	96.3	94.9	94.9	-	-	-4.4	-7.6	-	-6.0
Video cassettes and discs, blank and prerecorded <sup>1 2 3</sup> .....	100.4	99.3	98.2	98.4	-	-	2.0	-7.7	-	-3.0
Rental of video tapes and discs <sup>1 2 3</sup> .....	94.5	94.4	93.8	94.0	-	-	-13.5	-2.1	-	-8.0
Audio equipment <sup>3</sup> .....	86.0	85.1	84.7	84.2	.0	-8.7	-4.1	-8.1	-4.4	-6.1
Audio discs, tapes and other media <sup>1 3</sup> .....	100.1	99.3	98.9	99.1	-	-	2.4	-3.9	-	-8
Pets, pet products and services <sup>1 3</sup> .....	101.6	102.0	101.9	102.0	-	-	4.0	1.6	-	2.8
Pets and pet products <sup>3</sup> .....	144.1	144.7	144.6	144.4	2.6	-1.1	4.0	.8	.7	2.4
Pet food <sup>1 2 3</sup> .....	101.6	102.3	102.2	102.5	-	-	3.6	3.6	-	3.6
Purchase of pets, pet supplies, accessories <sup>1 2 3</sup> .....	100.4	100.3	100.9	100.1	-	-	2.8	-1.2	-	.8
Pet services including veterinary <sup>1 3</sup> .....	102.1	102.2	102.2	102.6	-	-	4.8	2.0	-	3.4
Pet services <sup>1 2 3</sup> .....	102.7	103.5	103.6	103.7	-	-	2.0	4.0	-	3.0
Veterinarian services <sup>1 2 3</sup> .....	102.2	102.3	102.3	102.6	-	-	4.8	1.6	-	3.2
Sporting goods <sup>3</sup> .....	121.4	121.5	121.8	121.7	-3.5	6.1	-6.3	1.0	1.1	-2.7
Sports vehicles including bicycles <sup>3</sup> .....	124.2	124.3	125.2	125.7	-5.0	6.3	-2.5	4.9	.5	1.1
Sports equipment <sup>3</sup> .....	116.3	116.3	116.3	115.6	-2.0	5.9	-9.4	-2.4	1.9	-5.9
Photography <sup>1 3</sup> .....	100.0	100.4	99.8	100.1	-	-	1.6	.4	-	1.0
Photographic equipment and supplies <sup>3</sup> .....	134.1	133.7	132.3	132.9	4.3	-6.4	4.3	-3.5	-1.2	.3
Film and photographic supplies <sup>1 2 3</sup> .....	100.8	100.2	99.5	100.1	-	-	6.2	-2.7	-	1.6
Photographic equipment <sup>1 2 3</sup> .....	98.1	97.8	97.7	97.9	-	-	.4	-8	-	-2
Photographers and film processing <sup>1 3</sup> .....	99.9	100.7	100.5	100.7	-	-	.0	3.2	-	1.6
Photographer fees <sup>1 2 3</sup> .....	NA	100.2	100.5	100.9	-	-	-	-	-	4.3
Film processing <sup>1 2 3</sup> .....	100.0	100.2	99.6	99.5	-	-	.0	-2.0	-	-1.0
Other recreational goods <sup>1</sup> .....	96.8	96.6	96.3	95.7	-	-	-6.3	-4.5	-	-5.4
Toys .....	119.7	119.6	119.7	118.7	-3.1	-8.9	-9.7	-3.3	-6.1	-6.6
Toys, games, hobbies and playground equipment <sup>1 2 3</sup> .....	97.1	96.9	97.0	96.6	-	-	-10.0	-2.0	-	-6.1
Video game hardware, software and accessories <sup>1 2 3</sup> .....	NA	NA	NA	NA	-	-	-	-	-	-
Sewing machines, fabric and supplies <sup>1 3</sup> .....	100.3	99.2	97.1	97.2	-	-	3.3	-11.8	-	-4.6
Music instruments and accessories <sup>1 3</sup> .....	101.6	101.7	101.3	100.7	-	-	7.0	-3.5	-	1.6
Recreation services <sup>1</sup> .....	102.1	102.6	102.5	103.1	-	-	5.3	4.0	-	4.6
Club membership dues and fees for participant sports <sup>1 3</sup> .....	101.3	101.9	102.2	103.3	-	-	2.8	8.1	-	5.4
Admissions <sup>3</sup> .....	206.8	207.6	206.6	207.1	-7.8	5.5	8.1	.6	-1.4	4.3
Admission to movies, theaters, and concerts <sup>1 2 3</sup> .....	102.8	102.5	102.2	102.1	-	-	7.3	-2.7	-	2.2
Admission to sporting events <sup>1 2 3</sup> .....	104.2	104.7	104.7	105.8	-	-	8.9	6.3	-	7.6
Fees for lessons or instructions <sup>5</sup> .....	175.1	174.8	175.6	176.5	.9	6.5	3.7	3.2	3.7	3.5
Recreational reading materials <sup>3</sup> .....	184.0	183.8	184.5	185.2	.0	5.0	4.7	2.6	2.5	3.7
Newspapers and magazines <sup>1 3</sup> .....	101.9	101.8	102.2	102.2	-	-	2.8	1.2	-	2.0
Recreational books <sup>1 3</sup> .....	102.6	102.6	102.8	103.9	-	-	9.1	5.2	-	7.1

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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—	
	May 1998	June 1998	July 1998	Aug. 1998	Nov. 1997	Feb. 1998	May 1998	Aug. 1998	Feb. 1998	Aug. 1998
<b>Expenditure category</b>										
Education and communication <sup>1</sup> .....	100.8	100.9	100.9	100.4	-	-	3.7	-1.6	-	1.0
Education <sup>1</sup> .....	102.3	102.6	102.9	103.3	-	-	6.5	4.0	-	5.2
Educational books and supplies .....	249.9	249.8	250.8	250.1	3.2	3.5	8.4	.3	3.3	4.3
Tuition, other school fees, and childcare .....	293.5	294.3	295.3	296.4	4.5	4.8	6.4	4.0	4.7	5.2
College tuition and fees .....	305.8	306.9	308.4	308.3	2.6	4.8	5.0	3.3	3.7	4.1
Elementary and high school tuition and fees .....	305.2	307.7	308.8	312.0	8.4	5.6	6.3	9.2	7.0	7.7
Child care and nursery school <sup>7</sup> .....	140.3	140.1	140.4	142.5	5.4	3.6	7.5	6.4	4.5	6.9
Technical and business school tuition and fees <sup>1 3</sup> .....	101.2	101.1	101.7	102.5	-	-	5.3	5.2	-	5.3
Communication <sup>1 3</sup> .....	99.4	99.4	99.1	97.9	1.2	-3.5	.8	-5.9	-1.2	-2.6
Postage and delivery services <sup>1 3</sup> .....	100.1	100.1	100.1	100.1	-	-	.4	.0	-	.2
Postage <sup>3</sup> .....	160.3	160.3	160.3	160.3	.0	.0	.0	.0	.0	.0
Delivery services <sup>1 3</sup> .....	104.0	104.1	104.5	104.6	-	-	10.2	2.3	-	6.2
Information and information processing <sup>1 3</sup> .....	99.3	99.3	99.0	97.7	1.2	-3.9	.8	-6.3	-1.4	-2.8
Telephone services <sup>1 3</sup> .....	101.1	101.4	101.5	100.4	-	-	4.5	-2.7	-	.8
Telephone services, local charges <sup>3</sup> .....	165.7	166.1	166.2	166.0	1.0	1.5	3.2	.7	1.2	2.0
Telephone services, long distance charges <sup>1 3</sup> .....	101.3	101.7	101.9	99.9	-	-	6.6	-5.4	-	.4
Interstate toll calls <sup>2 3</sup> .....	76.3	76.1	76.7	74.5	1.6	1.1	5.4	-9.1	1.3	-2.1
Intrastate toll calls <sup>2 3</sup> .....	96.2	97.1	95.9	96.2	3.9	-5.4	11.1	.0	-8	5.4
Cellular telephone services <sup>1 3</sup> .....	96.2	94.4	94.2	93.9	-	-	-7.5	-9.2	-	-8.4
Information and information processing other than telephone services <sup>3 10</sup> .....	41.5	40.6	39.1	37.6	-4.9	-25.0	-23.0	-32.6	-15.5	-28.0
Personal computers and peripheral equipment <sup>1 3</sup> .....	82.7	80.0	75.2	71.1	-	-	-32.7	-45.4	-	-39.4
Computer software and accessories <sup>1 3</sup> .....	97.1	97.2	98.2	95.4	-	-	-4	-6.8	-	-3.7
Computer information processing services <sup>1 3</sup> .....	103.4	103.6	103.6	103.6	-	-	13.4	.8	-	6.9
Other information processing equipment <sup>1 3</sup> .....	95.8	95.4	95.3	94.1	-	-	-9.8	-6.9	-	-8.4
Other goods and services .....	237.0	236.9	238.5	238.7	5.6	6.8	5.8	2.9	6.2	4.3
Tobacco and smoking products .....	268.4	266.9	273.8	274.2	10.9	18.6	11.5	8.9	14.7	10.2
Cigarettes <sup>1 3</sup> .....	107.7	106.4	109.1	109.3	-	-	14.6	6.1	-	10.2
Tobacco products other than cigarettes <sup>1 3</sup> .....	104.3	103.6	103.7	103.7	-	-	11.1	-2.3	-	4.2
Personal care <sup>3</sup> .....	156.6	156.8	157.0	157.1	4.8	1.8	4.2	1.3	3.3	2.7
Personal care products <sup>3</sup> .....	149.3	149.2	149.1	148.5	7.4	1.7	7.3	-2.1	4.5	2.5
Hair, dental, shaving, and miscellaneous personal care products <sup>1 3</sup> .....	100.8	101.0	100.7	100.4	-	-	1.2	-1.6	-	-2
Cosmetics, perfume, bath, nail preparations and implements <sup>3</sup> .....	161.2	160.7	161.0	160.3	8.5	7.2	13.7	-2.2	7.9	5.5
Personal care services <sup>3</sup> .....	165.4	165.3	166.1	166.6	2.0	2.0	2.7	2.9	2.0	2.8
Haircuts and other personal care services <sup>1 3</sup> .....	100.9	100.9	101.3	101.6	-	-	2.8	2.8	-	2.8
Miscellaneous personal services .....	233.3	234.2	234.8	235.7	2.8	2.6	3.0	4.2	2.7	3.6
Legal services <sup>3 5</sup> .....	171.1	171.2	171.3	171.9	2.2	6.1	2.9	1.9	4.1	2.4
Funeral expenses <sup>5</sup> .....	175.8	176.7	177.1	177.9	1.6	2.6	5.9	4.9	2.1	5.4
Laundry and dry cleaning services <sup>1 3</sup> .....	101.2	101.6	101.7	101.5	-	-	2.0	1.2	-	1.6
Apparel services other than laundry and dry cleaning <sup>1 3</sup> .....	100.9	101.1	101.0	101.5	-	-	2.8	2.4	-	2.6
Financial services <sup>3 5</sup> .....	197.7	199.1	199.9	200.4	1.5	4.8	2.9	5.6	3.1	4.2
Checking account and other bank services <sup>1 2 3</sup> .....	100.2	101.2	101.7	102.1	-	-	.0	7.8	-	3.8
Tax return preparation and other accounting fees <sup>1 2 3</sup> .....	104.4	104.4	104.9	104.8	-	-	7.2	1.5	-	4.3
Miscellaneous personal goods <sup>1 3</sup> .....	101.0	101.2	100.8	99.7	-	-	4.9	-5.0	-	-2
Stationery, stationery supplies, gift wrap <sup>2</sup> .....	158.8	159.3	159.4	159.3	.8	5.0	2.8	1.3	2.8	2.0
<b>Special aggregate indexes</b>										
Commodities .....	141.9	141.8	142.1	142.2	1.1	-1.4	.3	.8	-1	.6
Commodities less food and beverages .....	130.7	130.6	130.7	130.7	.0	-3.0	-9	.0	-1.5	-.5
Nondurables less food and beverages .....	132.7	132.6	132.7	132.6	.9	-5.2	-9	-3	-2.2	-6
Nondurables less food, beverages, and apparel .....	137.5	137.5	137.6	137.1	-.3	-8.3	-6	-1.2	-4.4	-.9
Durables .....	127.4	127.4	127.8	127.8	-1.2	-3	-1.2	1.3	-8	.0
Services .....	183.9	184.1	184.4	184.8	3.1	2.0	3.6	2.0	2.6	2.8
Rent of shelter <sup>4</sup> .....	189.0	189.3	189.5	190.3	3.3	3.3	4.1	2.8	3.3	3.4
Transportation services .....	187.8	187.5	187.8	188.6	1.1	4.6	.0	1.7	2.8	.9
Other services .....	216.8	217.5	217.8	218.1	2.5	3.2	4.6	2.4	2.9	3.5
All items less food .....	163.2	163.3	163.6	163.8	2.3	.2	2.2	1.5	1.2	1.9
All items less shelter .....	157.1	157.2	157.5	157.6	1.8	-.8	1.3	1.3	.5	1.3
All items less medical care .....	158.3	158.3	158.6	158.9	2.3	.3	2.0	1.5	1.3	1.8
Commodities less food .....	132.2	132.1	132.3	132.3	.3	-2.7	-1.2	.3	-1.2	-.5
Nondurables less food .....	134.7	134.5	134.8	134.6	.9	-4.3	-9	-3	-1.8	-.6

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—	
	May 1998	June 1998	July 1998	Aug. 1998	Nov. 1997	Feb. 1998	May 1998	Aug. 1998	Feb. 1998	Aug. 1998
<b>Special aggregate indexes</b>										
Nondurables less food and apparel .....	139.1	139.2	139.3	138.9	0.0	-7.4	-0.9	-0.6	-3.8	-0.7
Nondurables .....	146.8	146.7	147.0	147.0	1.9	-1.9	.8	.5	.0	.7
Apparel less footwear .....	129.5	129.5	129.0	130.5	1.6	-3	1.2	3.1	.6	2.2
Services less rent of shelter <sup>4</sup> .....	191.7	191.9	192.4	192.4	3.7	-2	3.8	1.5	1.7	2.7
Services less medical care services .....	178.0	178.3	178.7	178.9	3.5	1.6	3.4	2.0	2.5	2.7
Energy .....	103.2	102.5	102.5	101.5	2.9	-22.9	-4.2	-6.4	-10.9	-5.3
All items less energy .....	170.7	170.9	171.3	171.7	2.2	2.4	2.6	2.4	2.3	2.5
All items less food and energy .....	173.3	173.5	173.8	174.2	2.1	2.8	2.6	2.1	2.5	2.3
Commodities less food and energy commodities .....	143.2	143.2	143.4	143.7	1.1	1.1	.8	1.4	1.1	1.1
Energy commodities .....	92.8	91.9	91.8	90.5	-4.1	-28.5	-12.3	-9.6	-17.2	-10.9
Services less energy services .....	190.2	190.5	190.9	191.4	2.8	3.5	3.4	2.5	3.1	3.0
Domestically produced farm food .....	162.7	163.2	163.4	164.3	1.3	.7	3.5	4.0	1.0	3.8
Utilities and public transportation .....	146.6	146.2	146.5	146.0	7.4	-5.1	3.1	-1.6	1.0	.7

<sup>1</sup> Indexes on a December 1997=100 base.

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

<sup>3</sup> Not seasonally adjusted.

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

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

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

<sup>7</sup> Indexes on a December 1990=100 base.

<sup>8</sup> Indexes on a December 1993=100 base.

<sup>9</sup> Indexes on a December 1996=100 base.

<sup>10</sup> 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 Aug. 1998 from—
	May 1998	June 1998	July 1998	Aug. 1998	May 1998	June 1998	July 1998	Aug. 1998	Aug. 1997
<b>Food and beverages</b>									
Rice <sup>2</sup> .....	99.2	99.2	99.7	99.3	-0.2	0.0	0.5	-0.4	-
White bread .....	186.4	186.1	188.9	189.2	.5	-2	1.5	.2	3.4
Bread other than white .....	190.6	194.2	191.2	190.1	2.2	1.9	-1.5	-6	3.5
Fresh cakes and cupcakes .....	178.1	176.7	176.8	178.1	-9	-8	.1	.7	-5
Cookies .....	181.2	183.8	183.2	185.5	-5	1.4	-3	1.3	2.8
Fresh sweetrolls, coffeecakes, doughnuts .....	170.1	174.0	174.6	176.6	-2.4	2.3	.3	1.1	1.3
Crackers, bread, and cracker products .....	216.9	218.2	217.2	216.8	.0	.6	-5	-2	1.4
Frozen and refrigerated bakery products, pies, tarts, turnovers .....	183.9	189.5	187.6	189.9	-1.6	3.0	-1.0	1.2	7.2
Bacon and related products .....	147.7	147.9	150.2	152.2	.1	.1	1.6	1.3	-9.8
Breakfast sausage and related products <sup>2</sup> .....	99.5	98.1	98.3	100.5	.5	-1.4	.2	2.2	-
Ham, excluding canned .....	158.2	159.8	162.6	161.5	3.3	1.0	1.8	-7	-5.6
Frankfurters .....	142.8	143.1	143.5	142.7	-2.9	.2	.3	-6	-3.3
Lunchmeats <sup>2</sup> .....	99.5	99.3	100.0	99.0	-2	-2	.7	-1.0	-
Lamb and organ meats .....	157.8	164.7	166.0	166.9	-2.3	4.4	.8	.5	3.9
Lamb and mutton <sup>2</sup> .....	NA	102.5	105.6	105.7	-	-	3.0	.1	-
Fresh whole chicken .....	158.7	155.1	158.5	162.1	1.4	-2.3	2.2	2.3	4.0
Fresh and frozen chicken parts .....	156.0	156.0	156.0	158.7	.9	.0	.0	1.7	1.3
Canned fish and seafood .....	132.5	132.1	134.0	134.2	.8	-3	1.4	.1	4.3
Frozen fish and seafood .....	204.0	207.5	NA	NA	.8	1.7	-	-	-
Fresh whole milk .....	145.6	144.4	143.5	147.6	-5	-8	-6	2.9	6.0
Fresh milk other than whole <sup>2</sup> .....	100.6	99.7	98.5	100.1	.3	-9	-1.2	1.6	-
Oranges, including tangerines .....	235.4	265.9	295.3	318.5	10.2	13.0	11.1	7.9	11.9
Canned fruits <sup>2</sup> .....	101.9	102.1	103.0	102.7	2.0	.2	.9	-3	-
Canned vegetables <sup>2</sup> .....	103.3	104.1	105.0	105.1	.8	.8	.9	.1	-
Frozen vegetables .....	152.8	151.2	151.7	153.5	1.6	-1.0	.3	1.2	2.1
Dried beans, peas, and lentils <sup>2</sup> .....	99.8	100.6	101.0	100.8	-1	.8	.4	-2	-
Roasted coffee .....	173.3	169.6	168.8	167.2	-1.8	-2.1	-5	-9	-14.9
Instant and freeze dried coffee .....	154.7	154.2	153.8	152.6	.3	-3	-3	-8	-3.0
Butter .....	127.5	133.8	152.1	160.1	2.0	4.9	13.7	5.3	39.2
Margarine .....	150.6	147.8	151.6	152.9	1.8	-1.9	2.6	.9	5.7
Peanut butter <sup>2</sup> .....	100.2	102.5	102.8	101.8	-1.3	2.3	.3	-1.0	-
Salt and other seasonings and spices <sup>2</sup> .....	100.5	100.3	98.7	99.7	.3	-2	-1.6	1.0	-
Olives, pickles, relishes <sup>2</sup> .....	103.9	100.7	101.3	101.3	1.0	-3.1	.6	.0	-
Sauces and gravies <sup>2</sup> .....	100.9	101.6	102.1	102.0	-2.2	.7	.5	-1	-
Other condiments .....	170.4	171.4	173.0	173.9	.8	.6	.9	.5	8.1
Prepared salads <sup>2</sup> .....	NA	NA	NA	NA	-	-	-	-	-
Whiskey at home .....	151.7	151.6	151.4	151.7	.3	-1	-1	.2	.2
Distilled spirits, excluding whiskey, at home .....	152.6	152.3	151.9	152.7	.1	-2	-3	.5	1.0
Beer, ale, and other malt beverages away from home <sup>2</sup> .....	100.9	100.8	101.0	100.9	.6	-1	.2	-1	-
Wine away from home <sup>2</sup> .....	101.2	101.8	101.9	102.0	.1	.6	.1	.1	-
Distilled spirits away from home <sup>2</sup> .....	99.9	100.2	101.6	101.9	.2	.3	1.4	.3	-
<b>Housing</b>									
Laundry equipment .....	112.3	112.7	112.2	112.0	-4	.4	-4	-2	-1.1
<b>Transportation</b>									
New cars and trucks <sup>2</sup> .....	99.5	99.0	99.0	99.1	-6	-5	.0	.1	-
New cars .....	140.6	140.0	140.1	140.0	-6	-4	.1	-1	-3
New trucks <sup>3</sup> .....	150.8	149.7	150.1	150.4	-8	-7	.3	.2	.1
New motorcycles <sup>4</sup> .....	163.7	163.1	162.2	162.3	.4	-4	-6	.1	-4
Gasoline, unleaded regular .....	92.0	92.1	90.8	88.6	3.7	.1	-1.4	-2.4	-16.1
Gasoline, unleaded midgrade <sup>5</sup> .....	98.6	98.6	97.6	95.7	3.1	.0	-1.0	-1.9	-14.4
Gasoline, unleaded premium .....	96.1	96.2	95.4	93.7	2.8	.1	-8	-1.8	-13.2
Vehicle parts and equipment other than tires .....	107.0	107.7	107.6	107.6	-3	.7	-1	.0	-4
Motor oil, coolant, and fluids .....	131.1	131.6	130.7	131.6	-2	.4	-7	.7	-1
Parking fees and tolls <sup>2</sup> .....	105.6	106.2	105.7	106.2	.4	.6	-5	.5	-
Automobile service clubs <sup>2</sup> .....	100.8	100.8	100.8	101.0	.0	.0	.0	.2	-
Ship fare <sup>2</sup> .....	104.9	104.8	105.1	104.9	-8	-1	.3	-2	-
<b>Medical care</b>									
Inpatient hospital services <sup>6</sup> .....	103.2	103.4	104.2	104.6	-1	.2	.8	.4	3.1
Outpatient hospital services <sup>4</sup> .....	231.7	231.6	233.5	234.9	.1	.0	.8	.6	4.1

See footnotes at end of table.

**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**

(1982-84=100, unless otherwise noted)

Item	Indexes				1-month percent changes ended—				Percent change to Aug. 1998 from—
	May 1998	June 1998	July 1998	Aug. 1998	May 1998	June 1998	July 1998	Aug. 1998	Aug. 1997
<b>Recreation</b>									
Video cassettes and discs, blank and prerecorded <sup>2</sup> .....	100.4	99.3	98.2	98.4	-1.1	-1.1	-1.1	0.2	-
Rental of video tapes and discs <sup>2</sup> .....	94.5	94.4	93.8	94.0	-3.4	-1	-6	.2	-
Pet food <sup>2</sup> .....	101.6	102.3	102.2	102.5	1.0	.7	-1	.3	-
Purchase of pets, pet supplies, accessories <sup>2</sup> .....	100.4	100.3	100.9	100.1	-8	-1	.6	-8	-
Pet services <sup>2</sup> .....	102.7	103.5	103.6	103.7	.4	.8	.1	.1	-
Veterinarian services <sup>2</sup> .....	102.2	102.3	102.3	102.6	.6	.1	.0	.3	-
Film and photographic supplies <sup>2</sup> .....	100.8	100.2	99.5	100.1	.7	-6	-7	.6	-
Photographic equipment <sup>2</sup> .....	98.1	97.8	97.7	97.9	-1	-3	-1	.2	-
Photographer fees <sup>2</sup> .....	NA	100.2	100.5	100.9	-	-	.3	.4	-
Film processing <sup>2</sup> .....	100.0	100.2	99.6	99.5	-1	.2	-6	-1	-
Toys, games, hobbies and playground equipment <sup>2</sup> .....	97.1	96.9	97.0	96.6	-1.2	-2	.1	-4	-
Video game hardware, software and accessories <sup>2</sup> .....	NA	NA	NA	NA	-	-	-	-	-
Admission to movies, theaters, and concerts <sup>2</sup> .....	102.8	102.5	102.2	102.1	.0	-3	-3	-1	-
Admission to sporting events <sup>2</sup> .....	104.2	104.7	104.7	105.8	.6	.5	.0	1.1	-
<b>Education and communication</b>									
Interstate toll calls .....	76.3	76.1	76.7	74.5	1.3	-3	.8	-2.9	-0.4
Intrastate toll calls .....	96.2	97.1	95.9	96.2	.6	.9	-1.2	.3	2.2
<b>Other goods and services</b>									
Checking account and other bank services <sup>2</sup> .....	100.2	101.2	101.7	102.1	-2	1.0	.5	.4	-
Tax return preparation and other accounting fees <sup>2</sup> .....	104.4	104.4	104.9	104.8	.2	.0	.5	-1	-
Stationery, stationery supplies, gift wrap .....	159.7	160.2	159.4	157.2	.1	.3	-5	-1.4	2.4

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

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

<sup>3</sup> Indexes on a December 1983=100 base.

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

<sup>5</sup> Indexes on a December 1993=100 base.

<sup>6</sup> Indexes on a December 1996=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 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 Aug. 1998 from—		Seasonally adjusted percent change from—		
		July 1998	Aug. 1998	Aug. 1997	July 1998	May to June	June to July	July to Aug.
<b>Expenditure category</b>								
All items .....	100.000	159.8	160.0	1.4	0.1	0.1	0.2	0.1
All items (1967=100) .....	-	476.0	476.5	-	-	-	-	-
Food and beverages .....	17.903	160.2	160.7	2.0	.3	.1	.3	.2
Food .....	16.861	159.8	160.4	2.1	.4	.1	.3	.3
Food at home .....	10.785	159.7	160.4	1.8	.4	.1	.3	.3
Cereals and bakery products .....	1.678	181.6	182.5	2.4	.5	.3	.1	.5
Meats, poultry, fish, and eggs .....	3.125	146.6	147.9	-.6	.9	.1	.5	.3
Dairy and related products <sup>1</sup> .....	1.135	147.8	150.1	5.0	1.6	-.1	.1	1.6
Fruits and vegetables .....	1.447	197.3	194.9	4.3	-1.2	-1.2	.5	-6
Nonalcoholic beverages and beverage materials .....	1.215	131.2	130.7	-3.3	-.4	.4	.2	-7
Other food at home .....	2.185	150.5	151.5	2.4	.7	.7	.5	.7
Sugar and sweets .....	.420	149.9	150.3	1.7	.3	.9	-.6	.7
Fats and oils .....	.332	147.3	149.3	5.7	1.4	1.4	2.5	1.9
Other foods .....	1.432	165.9	166.8	3.2	.5	.5	.4	.4
Other miscellaneous foods <sup>1 2</sup> .....	.344	102.8	103.5	-	.7	1.0	.3	.7
Food away from home <sup>1</sup> .....	6.076	161.1	161.4	2.5	.2	.1	.2	.2
Other food away from home <sup>1 2</sup> .....	.212	101.5	102.2	-	.7	.4	.5	.7
Alcoholic beverages .....	1.042	164.5	164.6	1.3	.1	.3	.4	.0
Housing .....	36.450	157.6	157.7	2.3	.1	.1	.2	.1
Shelter .....	27.033	177.0	177.6	3.1	.3	.2	.2	.2
Rent of primary residence .....	8.347	171.8	172.4	3.2	.3	.3	.3	.2
Lodging away from home <sup>2</sup> .....	1.346	111.9	112.8	-	.8	-.2	-1.1	.5
Owners' equivalent rent of primary residence <sup>3</sup> .....	17.016	171.2	171.8	3.2	.4	.2	.3	.2
Tenants' and household insurance <sup>1 2</sup> .....	.324	99.4	99.4	-	.0	-.4	.1	.0
Fuels and utilities .....	5.053	131.5	130.6	-.5	-.7	-.3	.1	-.5
Fuels .....	4.143	116.6	115.6	-2.1	-.9	-.4	.0	-.6
Fuel oil and other fuels .....	.229	88.2	87.0	-6.7	-1.4	-1.0	-.3	-.8
Gas (piped) and electricity .....	3.914	124.6	123.6	-2.1	-.8	-.4	.1	-.7
Household furnishings and operations .....	4.365	125.6	125.2	1.2	-.3	.0	.4	-.2
Apparel .....	5.300	128.2	129.9	.4	1.3	.3	-.4	.9
Men's and boys' apparel .....	1.503	129.1	129.9	.9	.6	.2	.2	-.1
Women's and girls' apparel .....	1.985	118.6	121.3	1.4	2.3	.5	-1.0	1.9
Infants' and toddlers' apparel <sup>1</sup> .....	.337	122.7	125.0	-2.6	1.9	-1.6	-2.2	1.9
Footwear .....	1.082	127.4	128.4	.9	.8	1.5	-.2	.9
Transportation .....	19.847	140.8	140.2	-2.2	-.4	-.1	.2	-.1
Private transportation .....	18.790	138.2	137.6	-2.5	-.4	-.1	.1	-.3
New and used motor vehicles <sup>2</sup> .....	9.285	100.2	100.2	.6	.0	.0	.4	.2
New vehicles .....	5.304	143.9	144.0	-.2	.1	-.3	.4	.3
Used cars and trucks <sup>1</sup> .....	3.162	152.7	152.4	1.7	-.2	.7	.3	-.2
Motor fuel .....	3.682	93.9	91.7	-14.9	-2.3	-.9	-.2	-1.6
Gasoline (all types) .....	3.658	93.4	91.2	-15.2	-2.4	-.9	-.2	-1.6
Motor vehicle parts and equipment .....	.694	100.5	100.5	-.5	.0	.6	.1	-.1
Motor vehicle maintenance and repair .....	1.664	168.0	168.4	2.6	.2	.4	.2	.2
Public transportation .....	1.057	188.7	188.9	4.0	.1	-.8	.9	1.8
Medical care .....	4.591	242.1	242.8	3.5	.3	.5	.2	.3
Medical care commodities .....	.906	219.1	219.9	3.5	.4	.2	.1	.5
Medical care services .....	3.684	247.2	248.0	3.5	.3	.5	.2	.3
Professional services .....	2.372	224.4	224.8	3.3	.2	.5	.1	.2
Hospital and related services .....	1.097	284.3	285.6	3.8	.5	.3	.6	.4
Recreation <sup>2</sup> .....	5.969	100.9	101.1	1.0	.2	.1	-.1	.2
Video and audio <sup>1 2</sup> .....	1.968	101.0	101.1	1.1	.1	.0	-.1	.1

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 Aug. 1998 from—		Seasonally adjusted percent change from—		
		July 1998	Aug. 1998	Aug. 1997	July 1998	May to June	June to July	July to Aug.
<b>Expenditure category</b>								
Education and communication <sup>2</sup> .....	5.396	100.2	100.3	1.8	0.1	0.1	0.1	-0.5
Education <sup>2</sup> .....	2.402	101.1	102.6	5.1	1.5	.3	.3	.3
Educational books and supplies .....	.192	251.3	251.3	3.9	.0	-.1	.4	-.4
Tuition, other school fees, and childcare .....	2.211	285.3	289.9	5.2	1.6	.3	.3	.4
Communication <sup>1 2</sup> .....	2.994	99.6	98.4	-1.3	-1.2	.1	-.2	-1.2
Information and information processing <sup>1 2</sup> .....	2.841	99.5	98.3	-1.4	-1.2	.1	-.3	-1.2
Telephone services <sup>1 2</sup> .....	2.547	101.5	100.5	-	-1.0	.2	.1	-1.0
Information and information processing other than telephone services <sup>1 4</sup> .....	.294	40.2	38.9	-21.1	-3.2	-1.9	-3.8	-3.2
Personal computers and peripheral equipment <sup>1 2</sup> .....	.191	74.4	71.2	-	-4.3	-2.9	-6.4	-4.3
Other goods and services .....	4.544	236.0	236.2	6.3	.1	-.1	.9	.2
Tobacco and smoking products .....	1.300	273.4	273.7	12.6	.1	-.6	2.7	.3
Personal care <sup>1</sup> .....	3.244	157.0	157.2	3.1	.1	.1	.1	.1
Personal care products <sup>1</sup> .....	.832	150.1	149.6	3.6	-.3	-.1	-.1	-.3
Personal care services <sup>1</sup> .....	.964	166.4	167.0	2.6	.4	-.1	.5	.4
Miscellaneous personal services .....	1.226	233.9	234.9	3.4	.4	.3	.3	.5
<b>Commodity and service group</b>								
Commodities .....	47.234	141.5	141.5	.1	.0	.0	.2	.1
Food and beverages .....	17.903	160.2	160.7	2.0	.3	.1	.3	.2
Commodities less food and beverages .....	29.331	130.3	130.0	-1.2	-2	-.1	.2	-.1
Nondurables less food and beverages .....	15.928	131.4	131.3	-1.9	-.1	-.2	.4	-.5
Apparel .....	5.300	128.2	129.9	.4	1.3	.3	-.4	.9
Nondurables less food, beverages, and apparel .....	10.628	137.7	136.6	-3.0	-.8	-.2	.1	-.4
Durables .....	13.403	127.3	127.0	-.3	-.2	.0	.5	-.1
Services .....	52.766	181.6	181.9	2.5	.2	.2	.2	.2
Rent of shelter <sup>3</sup> .....	26.708	170.4	171.0	3.1	.4	.3	.2	.2
Transportation services .....	6.824	185.2	185.1	1.6	-.1	-.1	.2	.2
Other services .....	10.006	213.7	214.3	3.3	.3	.3	.1	.0
<b>Special indexes</b>								
All items less food .....	83.139	159.7	159.8	1.3	.1	.1	.2	.1
All items less shelter .....	72.967	155.0	155.1	.8	.1	.0	.2	.1
All items less medical care .....	95.409	156.0	156.1	1.2	.1	.1	.2	.1
Commodities less food .....	30.373	131.6	131.4	-1.1	-.2	-.1	.2	-.1
Nondurables less food .....	16.970	133.4	133.3	-1.7	-.1	-.1	.1	-.3
Nondurables less food and apparel .....	11.670	139.3	138.3	-2.5	-.7	-.3	.2	-.2
Nondurables .....	33.831	146.1	146.3	.2	.1	-.1	.3	.0
Services less rent of shelter <sup>3</sup> .....	26.057	171.5	171.5	2.0	.0	.1	.2	.1
Services less medical care services .....	49.082	176.0	176.3	2.5	.2	.2	.2	.2
Energy .....	7.825	104.5	102.9	-8.3	-1.5	-.6	-.1	-1.1
All items less energy .....	92.175	167.4	167.8	2.2	.2	.1	.2	.2
All items less food and energy .....	75.315	169.4	169.8	2.3	.2	.1	.2	.2
Commodities less food and energy commodities .....	26.463	142.0	142.2	1.0	.1	.0	.2	.1
Energy commodities .....	3.910	93.7	91.5	-14.2	-2.3	-.8	-.2	-1.6
Services less energy services .....	48.852	187.9	188.4	3.0	.3	.2	.2	.2
Purchasing power of the consumer dollar (1982-84=\$1.00) .....	-	\$.626	\$.625	-	-	-	-	-
Purchasing power of the consumer dollar (1967=\$1.00) .....	-	\$.210	\$.210	-	-	-	-	-

<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—		
	May 1998	June 1998	July 1998	Aug. 1998	Nov. 1997	Feb. 1998	May 1998	Aug. 1998	Feb. 1998	Aug. 1998
<b>Expenditure category</b>										
All items .....	159.5	159.6	159.9	160.0	1.8	0.3	2.0	1.3	1.0	1.6
Food and beverages .....	160.1	160.2	160.7	161.1	1.8	1.3	2.3	2.5	1.5	2.4
Food .....	159.7	159.8	160.3	160.8	2.0	1.0	2.5	2.8	1.5	2.7
Food at home .....	159.7	159.8	160.3	160.8	1.3	.3	2.5	2.8	.8	2.7
Cereals and bakery products .....	180.3	180.8	181.0	181.9	2.0	1.4	2.7	3.6	1.7	3.2
Meats, poultry, fish, and eggs .....	146.5	146.6	147.3	147.8	-1.9	-3.7	-8	3.6	-2.8	1.4
Dairy and related products <sup>1</sup> .....	147.8	147.7	147.8	150.1	11.1	1.6	1.1	6.4	6.2	3.7
Fruits and vegetables .....	203.0	200.5	201.6	200.4	2.1	7.1	18.9	-5.0	4.6	6.3
Nonalcoholic beverages and beverage materials .....	131.2	131.7	131.9	131.0	-4.1	-3.5	-4.7	-6	-3.8	-2.7
Other food at home .....	148.6	149.7	150.4	151.5	-.3	1.1	1.1	8.0	.4	4.5
Sugar and sweets .....	148.9	150.2	149.3	150.3	1.9	1.9	-8	3.8	1.9	1.5
Fats and oils .....	141.1	143.1	146.7	149.5	-.8	-.8	.9	26.0	-.8	12.7
Other foods .....	164.5	165.3	165.9	166.6	2.2	3.7	1.7	5.2	3.0	3.4
Other miscellaneous foods <sup>1 2</sup> .....	101.5	102.5	102.8	103.5	-	-	4.0	8.1	-	6.1
Food away from home <sup>1</sup> .....	160.6	160.8	161.1	161.4	3.1	2.5	2.5	2.0	2.8	2.3
Other food away from home <sup>1 2</sup> .....	100.6	101.0	101.5	102.2	-	-	1.2	6.5	-	3.8
Alcoholic beverages .....	163.6	164.1	164.7	164.7	1.2	1.5	-5	2.7	1.4	1.1
Housing .....	156.3	156.5	156.8	156.9	3.4	.5	3.4	1.5	2.0	2.5
Shelter .....	176.0	176.4	176.8	177.2	2.8	3.5	3.7	2.8	3.2	3.2
Rent of primary residence .....	171.0	171.5	172.0	172.4	3.2	2.6	3.8	3.3	2.9	3.6
Lodging away from home <sup>2</sup> .....	102.1	101.9	100.8	101.3	-	-	8.2	-3.1	-	2.4
Owners' equivalent rent of primary residence <sup>3</sup> .....	170.6	170.9	171.4	171.8	2.7	3.6	3.6	2.8	3.1	3.2
Tenants' and household insurance <sup>1 2</sup> .....	99.7	99.3	99.4	99.4	-	-	-2.0	-1.2	-	-1.6
Fuels and utilities .....	128.4	128.0	128.1	127.4	6.6	-12.2	2.5	-3.1	-3.2	-.3
Fuels .....	112.8	112.4	112.4	111.7	10.1	-18.0	2.5	-3.8	-5.0	-.7
Fuel oil and other fuels .....	92.0	91.1	90.8	90.1	-.4	-17.4	.9	-8.0	-9.3	-3.7
Gas (piped) and electricity .....	120.5	120.0	120.1	119.3	11.6	-18.3	2.7	-3.9	-4.5	-.7
Household furnishings and operations .....	125.0	125.0	125.5	125.2	.6	2.6	1.0	.6	1.6	.8
Apparel .....	131.1	131.5	131.0	132.2	.6	-2.7	.0	3.4	-1.1	1.7
Men's and boys' apparel .....	131.1	131.4	131.6	131.5	.9	1.2	.0	1.2	1.1	.6
Women's and girls' apparel .....	124.0	124.6	123.4	125.7	1.6	-4.4	2.0	5.6	-1.4	3.8
Infants' and toddlers' apparel <sup>1</sup> .....	127.4	125.4	122.7	125.0	-4.0	-12.0	14.7	-7.3	-8.1	3.1
Footwear .....	127.1	129.0	128.8	130.0	2.2	-4.8	-2.8	9.4	-1.4	3.1
Transportation .....	140.6	140.4	140.7	140.5	-1.7	-4.7	-2.0	-.3	-3.2	-1.1
Private transportation .....	138.1	138.0	138.2	137.8	-2.0	-5.6	-1.7	-.9	-3.8	-1.3
New and used motor vehicles <sup>2</sup> .....	100.3	100.3	100.7	100.9	-	-	.8	2.4	-	1.6
New vehicles .....	144.4	144.0	144.6	145.1	-1.6	-.8	-6	2.0	-1.2	.7
Used cars and trucks <sup>1</sup> .....	151.3	152.3	152.7	152.4	-1.9	1.9	3.8	2.9	.0	3.4
Motor fuel .....	93.2	92.4	92.2	90.7	-6.2	-28.4	-12.6	-10.3	-18.1	-11.5
Gasoline (all types) .....	92.5	91.7	91.5	90.0	-5.9	-29.0	-13.8	-10.4	-18.3	-12.1
Motor vehicle parts and equipment .....	100.0	100.6	100.7	100.6	-1.6	-.4	-2.4	2.4	-1.0	.0
Motor vehicle maintenance and repair .....	167.0	167.7	168.1	168.5	1.7	3.7	1.2	3.6	2.7	2.4
Public transportation .....	187.0	185.5	187.2	190.6	1.8	9.0	-2.3	7.9	5.3	2.7
Medical care .....	240.5	241.6	242.1	242.9	2.8	3.1	4.1	4.1	2.9	4.1
Medical care commodities .....	218.1	218.5	218.7	219.9	2.3	2.3	6.1	3.3	2.3	4.7
Medical care services .....	245.4	246.6	247.2	248.0	2.9	3.4	3.7	4.3	3.1	4.0
Professional services .....	222.7	223.9	224.1	224.6	2.6	3.3	3.5	3.5	3.0	3.5
Hospital and related services .....	282.0	282.8	284.5	285.6	3.5	3.8	2.4	5.2	3.7	3.8
Recreation <sup>2</sup> .....	100.8	100.9	100.8	101.0	-	-	.8	.8	-	.8
Video and audio <sup>1 2</sup> .....	101.1	101.1	101.0	101.1	1.2	3.6	-.4	.0	2.4	-.2

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**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**

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<b>Expenditure category</b>										
Education and communication <sup>2</sup> .....	100.9	101.0	101.1	100.6	-	-	4.1	-1.2	-	1.4
Education <sup>2</sup> .....	102.3	102.6	102.9	103.2	-	-	6.5	3.6	-	5.0
Educational books and supplies .....	252.6	252.4	253.3	252.3	3.7	3.8	8.7	-5	3.7	4.0
Tuition, other school fees, and childcare .....	287.5	288.5	289.4	290.5	5.3	4.8	6.2	4.2	5.1	5.2
Communication <sup>1 2</sup> .....	99.7	99.8	99.6	98.4	1.6	-3.2	1.6	-5.1	-8	-1.8
Information and information processing <sup>1 2</sup> .....	99.7	99.8	99.5	98.3	1.6	-3.2	1.6	-5.5	-8	-2.0
Telephone services <sup>1 2</sup> .....	101.2	101.4	101.5	100.5	-	-	4.9	-2.7	-	1.0
Information and information processing other than telephone services <sup>1 4</sup> .....	42.6	41.8	40.2	38.9	.0	-25.5	-25.2	-30.5	-13.7	-27.9
Personal computers and peripheral equipment <sup>1 2</sup> .....	81.9	79.5	74.4	71.2	-	-	-34.7	-42.9	-	-38.9
Other goods and services .....	234.6	234.3	236.3	236.7	6.6	8.2	6.6	3.6	7.4	5.1
Tobacco and smoking products .....	268.3	266.6	273.7	274.5	10.8	19.2	11.5	9.6	14.9	10.5
Personal care <sup>1</sup> .....	156.7	156.8	157.0	157.2	5.1	1.8	4.5	1.3	3.4	2.9
Personal care products <sup>1</sup> .....	150.5	150.3	150.1	149.6	7.7	1.4	8.1	-2.4	4.5	2.7
Personal care services <sup>1</sup> .....	165.7	165.6	166.4	167.0	2.2	2.0	3.0	3.2	2.1	3.1
Miscellaneous personal services .....	232.3	233.1	233.7	234.9	3.0	3.2	3.0	4.6	3.1	3.8
<b>Commodity and service group</b>										
Commodities .....	141.6	141.6	141.9	142.0	.6	-1.4	.0	1.1	-4	.6
Food and beverages .....	160.1	160.2	160.7	161.1	1.8	1.3	2.3	2.5	1.5	2.4
Commodities less food and beverages .....	130.6	130.5	130.7	130.6	-3	-3.3	-9	.0	-1.8	-5
Nondurables less food and beverages .....	132.2	131.9	132.4	131.8	.6	-5.8	-1.2	-1.2	-2.7	-1.2
Apparel .....	131.1	131.5	131.0	132.2	.6	-2.7	.0	3.4	-1.1	1.7
Nondurables less food, beverages, and apparel .....	137.2	136.9	137.1	136.5	-3	-8.5	-9	-2.0	-4.5	-1.4
Durables .....	127.0	127.0	127.6	127.5	-1.9	.3	-1.2	1.6	-8	.2
Services .....	180.6	180.9	181.2	181.5	3.2	1.6	3.4	2.0	2.4	2.7
Rent of shelter <sup>3</sup> .....	169.3	169.8	170.1	170.5	2.9	3.2	3.4	2.9	3.0	3.1
Transportation services .....	185.5	185.3	185.6	186.0	.9	3.8	.6	1.1	2.3	.9
Other services .....	213.6	214.2	214.5	214.6	2.9	3.3	4.6	1.9	3.1	3.2
<b>Special indexes</b>										
All items less food .....	159.1	159.2	159.5	159.6	2.0	-3	2.0	1.3	.9	1.6
All items less shelter .....	154.9	154.9	155.2	155.3	1.8	-1.0	1.3	1.0	.4	1.2
All items less medical care .....	155.6	155.7	156.0	156.1	2.1	.0	1.8	1.3	1.0	1.6
Commodities less food .....	132.1	132.0	132.2	132.1	.0	-3.3	-9	.0	-1.6	-5
Nondurables less food .....	134.1	134.0	134.2	133.8	.6	-5.7	-6	-9	-2.6	-7
Nondurables less food and apparel .....	138.6	138.2	138.5	138.2	1.4	-8.4	-1.7	-1.1	-3.6	-1.4
Nondurables .....	146.4	146.3	146.7	146.7	.8	-2.4	1.4	.8	-8	1.1
Services less rent of shelter <sup>3</sup> .....	170.7	170.8	171.1	171.2	3.4	-.7	4.1	1.2	1.3	2.6
Services less medical care services .....	175.0	175.4	175.7	176.0	3.3	.9	3.7	2.3	2.1	3.0
Energy .....	102.5	101.9	101.8	100.7	2.2	-23.0	-4.9	-6.8	-11.3	-5.9
All items less energy .....	167.4	167.6	168.0	168.3	2.0	2.2	2.7	2.2	2.1	2.4
All items less food and energy .....	169.5	169.7	170.1	170.4	2.2	2.4	2.6	2.1	2.3	2.4
Commodities less food and energy commodities .....	142.7	142.7	143.0	143.2	.8	1.1	.8	1.4	1.0	1.1
Energy commodities .....	93.1	92.4	92.2	90.7	-5.6	-27.6	-12.3	-9.9	-17.3	-11.1
Services less energy services .....	187.5	187.9	188.2	188.6	2.6	3.3	3.5	2.4	3.0	2.9

<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 Aug. 1998 from—		Seasonally adjusted percent change from—		
		July 1998	Aug. 1998	Aug. 1997	July 1998	May to June	June to July	July to Aug.
<b>Expenditure category</b>								
All items .....	100.000	159.8	160.0	1.4	0.1	0.1	0.2	0.1
All items (1967=100) .....	-	476.0	476.5	-	-	-	-	-
Food and beverages .....	17.903	160.2	160.7	2.0	.3	.1	.3	.2
Food .....	16.861	159.8	160.4	2.1	.4	.1	.3	.3
Food at home .....	10.785	159.7	160.4	1.8	.4	.1	.3	.3
Cereals and bakery products .....	1.678	181.6	182.5	2.4	.5	.3	.1	.5
Cereals and cereal products .....	.614	171.9	173.1	1.2	.7	.5	.1	.8
Flour and prepared flour mixes .....	.083	161.9	163.4	2.2	.9	-6	-6	.4
Breakfast cereal .....	.343	190.2	191.8	1.4	.8	.7	.6	.9
Rice, pasta, cornmeal .....	.188	151.7	152.1	1.1	.3	1.3	-5	.5
Bakery products .....	1.064	185.8	186.6	2.9	.4	.2	.0	.3
Bread <sup>1 2</sup> .....	.326	101.6	101.9	-	.3	.5	.5	.3
Fresh biscuits, rolls, muffins <sup>1 2</sup> .....	.144	102.1	102.8	-	.7	1.1	-6	.7
Cakes, cupcakes, and cookies <sup>2</sup> .....	.293	179.2	180.7	.9	.8	.4	-3	.8
Other bakery products .....	.300	186.4	186.5	2.9	.1	-4	-1	.3
Meats, poultry, fish, and eggs .....	3.125	146.6	147.9	-6	.9	.1	.5	.3
Meats, poultry, and fish .....	2.965	147.5	148.4	-7	.6	.1	.5	.3
Meats .....	2.042	141.9	142.2	-2.3	.2	.1	.4	-3
Beef and veal .....	.919	135.9	136.7	-1	.6	.8	.1	.2
Uncooked ground beef .....	.360	115.6	116.6	.1	.9	-3	1.3	.5
Uncooked beef roasts <sup>1 2</sup> .....	.158	98.7	100.3	-	1.6	-1.8	1.2	1.6
Uncooked beef steaks <sup>1 2</sup> .....	.342	100.2	100.2	-	.0	1.6	-1.2	.0
Uncooked other beef and veal <sup>1 2</sup> .....	.059	98.7	98.6	-	-1	1.0	-1.3	-1
Pork .....	.724	150.0	150.1	-5.4	.1	-1.0	.5	-8
Bacon, breakfast sausage, and related products <sup>1 2</sup> .....	.233	95.5	97.1	-	1.7	-7	1.2	1.7
Ham .....	.161	152.2	151.3	-5.1	-6	-1.0	1.1	-2.4
Pork chops .....	.167	151.2	150.9	-5.2	-2	-1.3	1.2	-7
Other pork including roasts and picnics <sup>1 2</sup> .....	.163	98.3	97.0	-	-1.3	1.7	-6	-1.3
Other meats <sup>2</sup> .....	.399	146.4	145.7	-2.3	-5	.3	.5	-5
Poultry <sup>2</sup> .....	.568	156.8	159.3	2.6	1.6	-1	.7	1.6
Chicken <sup>1 2</sup> .....	.449	100.7	102.8	-	2.1	-5	.5	2.1
Other poultry including turkey <sup>1 2</sup> .....	.119	102.6	102.6	-	.0	1.9	1.1	.0
Fish and seafood .....	.355	181.9	184.6	4.0	1.5	.2	1.3	1.6
Fresh fish and seafood <sup>1 2</sup> .....	.208	101.5	103.8	-	2.3	-2	-1	2.3
Processed fish and seafood <sup>1 2</sup> .....	.147	103.2	103.6	-	.4	-1	1.2	.4
Eggs .....	.160	126.8	134.6	-1.5	6.2	-5	-5	.7
Dairy and related products <sup>2</sup> .....	1.135	147.8	150.1	5.0	1.6	-1	.1	1.6
Milk <sup>1 2</sup> .....	.473	98.4	100.7	-	2.3	-1.0	-9	2.3
Cheese and related products <sup>2</sup> .....	.323	150.9	152.4	4.1	1.0	-4	1.7	1.0
Ice cream and related products .....	.181	153.2	155.4	4.2	1.4	1.8	.7	1.1
Other dairy and related products <sup>1 2</sup> .....	.159	101.1	101.8	-	.7	1.1	.2	.7
Fruits and vegetables .....	1.447	197.3	194.9	4.3	-1.2	-1.2	.5	-6
Fresh fruits and vegetables .....	1.104	229.7	225.7	5.4	-1.7	-1.6	.5	-9
Fresh fruits .....	.557	245.3	246.8	4.4	.6	2.9	-5	-6
Apples .....	.107	213.0	213.5	.6	.2	-3	1.5	-2.3
Bananas .....	.105	171.3	159.8	2.6	-6.7	2.0	1.3	-4.0
Citrus fruits <sup>1 2</sup> .....	.112	147.6	158.7	-	7.5	11.1	13.7	7.5
Other fresh fruits <sup>1 2</sup> .....	.232	76.2	75.7	-	-7	-8.8	-12.9	-7
Fresh vegetables .....	.547	214.6	205.8	6.9	-4.1	-5.8	1.5	-1.1
Potatoes .....	.103	196.4	192.4	-1.2	-2.0	-1.6	-2.6	-3.4
Lettuce <sup>2</sup> .....	.073	208.2	202.5	1.8	-2.7	-27.9	-5.0	-2.7
Tomatoes <sup>2</sup> .....	.116	245.2	216.3	13.7	-11.8	-6.4	11.3	-11.8
Other fresh vegetables .....	.255	215.8	211.2	9.4	-2.1	-2.7	-2.3	2.7
Processed fruits and vegetables <sup>1 2</sup> .....	.342	103.1	103.5	-	.4	.0	.8	.4
Canned fruits and vegetables <sup>1 2</sup> .....	.188	103.7	103.6	-	-1	.5	1.0	-1
Frozen fruits and vegetables <sup>1 2</sup> .....	.105	102.8	104.2	-	1.4	-1.1	.8	1.4
Other processed fruits and vegetables including dried <sup>1 2</sup> .....	.049	101.2	101.7	-	.5	.8	-4	.5

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 Aug. 1998 from—		Seasonally adjusted percent change from—		
		July 1998	Aug. 1998	Aug. 1997	July 1998	May to June	June to July	July to Aug.
<b>Expenditure category</b>								
Nonalcoholic beverages and beverage materials .....	1.215	131.2	130.7	-3.3	-0.4	0.4	0.2	-0.7
Juices and nonalcoholic drinks <sup>1 2</sup> .....	.910	99.9	99.7	-	-2	.5	-4	-2
Carbonated drinks .....	.508	117.0	116.9	-8	-1	.9	.3	-3
Frozen noncarbonated juices and drinks <sup>1 2</sup> .....	.053	101.2	101.4	-	.2	.6	.4	.2
Nonfrozen noncarbonated juices and drinks <sup>1 2</sup> .....	.349	98.7	98.3	-	-4	.8	-7	-4
Beverage materials including coffee and tea <sup>1 2</sup> .....	.305	98.7	97.7	-	-1.0	-1.2	.0	-1.0
Coffee <sup>2</sup> .....	.165	162.6	161.1	-11.1	-9	-2.0	-2	-9
Other beverage materials including tea <sup>1 2</sup> .....	.140	101.9	100.8	-	-1.1	-5	.4	-1.1
Other food at home .....	2.185	150.5	151.5	2.4	.7	.7	.5	.7
Sugar and sweets .....	.420	149.9	150.3	1.7	.3	.9	-6	.7
Sugar and artificial sweeteners .....	.093	137.0	137.5	1.3	.4	.9	.3	.3
Candy and chewing gum <sup>1 2</sup> .....	.249	100.7	100.7	-	.0	1.5	-7	.0
Other sweets <sup>1 2</sup> .....	.078	102.8	103.6	-	.8	-1.3	-2	.8
Fats and oils .....	.332	147.3	149.3	5.7	1.4	1.4	2.5	1.9
Butter and margarine <sup>1 2</sup> .....	.101	112.6	116.2	-	3.2	2.2	8.4	3.2
Salad dressing <sup>1 2</sup> .....	.090	100.6	101.7	-	1.1	1.7	.1	1.1
Other fats and oils including peanut butter <sup>1 2</sup> .....	.141	102.8	103.0	-	.2	.7	.8	.2
Other foods .....	1.432	165.9	166.8	3.2	.5	.5	.4	.4
Soups .....	.107	195.6	195.0	1.5	-3	.0	.0	-3
Frozen and freeze dried prepared foods <sup>2</sup> .....	.251	145.7	145.9	.5	.1	.5	.5	.1
Snacks <sup>2</sup> .....	.301	155.8	158.0	1.8	1.4	.5	-2	1.4
Spices, seasonings, condiments, sauces .....	.307	172.6	173.5	3.0	.5	-1	.8	.3
Baby food <sup>1 2</sup> .....	.123	102.2	102.2	-	.0	.7	.1	.0
Other miscellaneous foods <sup>1 2</sup> .....	.344	102.8	103.5	-	.7	1.0	.3	.7
Food away from home <sup>2</sup> .....	6.076	161.1	161.4	2.5	.2	.1	.2	.2
Full service meals and snacks <sup>1 2</sup> .....	3.162	101.6	101.9	-	.3	.2	.2	.3
Limited service meals and snacks <sup>1 2</sup> .....	1.761	101.2	101.3	-	.1	.0	.3	.1
Food at employee sites and schools <sup>1 2</sup> .....	.705	100.6	100.7	-	.1	.2	.1	.1
Food from vending machines and mobile vendors <sup>1 2</sup> .....	.237	100.4	100.6	-	.2	-2	.0	.2
Other food away from home <sup>1 2</sup> .....	.212	101.5	102.2	-	.7	.4	.5	.7
Alcoholic beverages .....	1.042	164.5	164.6	1.3	.1	.3	.4	.0
Alcoholic beverages at home .....	.698	149.5	149.5	.4	.0	.3	.2	-1
Beer, ale, and other malt beverages at home .....	.477	148.1	148.1	.3	.0	.2	.4	.1
Distilled spirits at home .....	.095	151.6	152.0	.7	.3	-2	-2	.3
Wine at home .....	.125	145.3	144.9	.3	-3	.8	-4	-2
Alcoholic beverages away from home .....	.344	194.1	194.4	2.4	.2	.4	.7	.2
Housing .....	36.450	157.6	157.7	2.3	.1	.1	.2	.1
Shelter .....	27.033	177.0	177.6	3.1	.3	.2	.2	.2
Rent of primary residence .....	8.347	171.8	172.4	3.2	.3	.3	.3	.2
Lodging away from home <sup>1</sup> .....	1.346	111.9	112.8	-	.8	-2	-1.1	.5
Housing at school, excluding board <sup>3</sup> .....	.137	232.3	236.3	4.2	1.7	.3	.5	.0
Other lodging away from home including hotels and motels .....	1.209	241.3	243.0	3.8	.7	-3	-1.2	.6
Owners' equivalent rent of primary residence <sup>3</sup> .....	17.016	171.2	171.8	3.2	.4	.2	.3	.2
Tenants' and household insurance <sup>1 2</sup> .....	.324	99.4	99.4	-	.0	-4	.1	.0
Fuels and utilities .....	5.053	131.5	130.6	-5	-7	-3	.1	-5
Fuels .....	4.143	116.6	115.6	-2.1	-9	-4	.0	-6
Fuel oil and other fuels .....	.229	88.2	87.0	-6.7	-1.4	-1.0	-3	-8
Fuel oil .....	.148	82.5	81.0	-10.6	-1.8	-1.5	-8	-1.2
Other household fuels <sup>2 4</sup> .....	.081	125.0	124.1	.5	-7	-7	-1.1	-7
Gas (piped) and electricity .....	3.914	124.6	123.6	-2.1	-8	-4	.1	-7
Electricity .....	2.802	133.1	132.0	-3.8	-8	.0	.0	-9
Utility natural gas service .....	1.112	109.9	109.2	-3	-6	-1.5	.0	.1
Water and sewer and trash collection services <sup>1</sup> .....	.910	102.0	102.2	-	.2	.1	.3	.0
Water and sewerage maintenance .....	.676	215.0	215.5	3.0	.2	.2	.1	.0
Garbage and trash collection <sup>2 5</sup> .....	.235	257.1	257.6	2.4	.2	.0	.4	.2
Household furnishings and operations .....	4.365	125.6	125.2	1.2	-3	.0	.4	-2
Window and floor coverings and other linens <sup>1 2</sup> .....	.316	101.0	101.2	-	.2	-1.6	.8	.2
Floor coverings <sup>1 2</sup> .....	.075	102.5	102.8	-	.3	.7	.2	.3
Window coverings <sup>1 2</sup> .....	.086	99.6	98.2	-	-1.4	.8	-2	-1.4
Other linens <sup>1 2</sup> .....	.155	101.1	102.2	-	1.1	-4.0	1.7	1.1
Furniture and bedding <sup>2</sup> .....	1.169	133.7	133.1	1.0	-4	.4	.8	-4
Bedroom furniture <sup>2</sup> .....	.355	142.6	140.6	.4	-1.4	.2	.4	-1.4
Living room, kitchen, and dining room furniture <sup>1 2</sup> .....	.616	102.3	102.4	-	.1	.6	1.1	.1
Other furniture <sup>1 2</sup> .....	.180	105.5	105.1	-	-4	.0	.6	-4

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		July 1998	Aug. 1998	Aug. 1997	July 1998	May to June	June to July	July to Aug.
<b>Expenditure category</b>								
Appliances <sup>1 2</sup> .....	.421	100.5	100.0	-	-0.5	-0.1	0.2	-0.5
Major appliances <sup>1 2</sup> .....	.251	100.1	99.3	-	-0.8	-1.1	1.1	-0.8
Other appliances <sup>1 2</sup> .....	.159	101.1	101.2	-	.1	-2	-1.2	.1
Other household equipment and furnishings <sup>1 2</sup> .....	.480	102.2	101.2	-	-1.0	-0.6	.5	-1.0
Clocks, lamps, and decorator items <sup>2</sup> .....	.200	117.9	116.5	-0.3	-1.2	-1.6	-1	-1.2
Indoor plants and flowers <sup>6</sup> .....	.127	114.1	113.7	4.2	-4	1.6	1.1	-1
Dishes and flatware <sup>1 2</sup> .....	.067	105.7	102.8	-	-2.7	-2	1.8	-2.7
Nonelectric cookware and tableware <sup>1 2</sup> .....	.086	99.7	99.3	-	-4	1.0	.3	-4
Tools, hardware, outdoor equipment and supplies <sup>1 2</sup> .....	.640	100.1	99.5	-	-6	-2	.0	-6
Tools, hardware and supplies <sup>1 2</sup> .....	.186	98.4	98.4	-	.0	-1	-5	.0
Outdoor equipment and supplies <sup>1 2</sup> .....	.302	101.1	99.8	-	-1.3	-2	.1	-1.3
Housekeeping supplies .....	.944	147.1	147.0	2.5	-1	.5	-1	.0
Household cleaning products <sup>1 2</sup> .....	.451	100.7	100.5	-	-2	.4	-1	-2
Household paper products <sup>1 2</sup> .....	.218	104.0	103.9	-	-1	-4	1.1	-1
Miscellaneous household products <sup>1 2</sup> .....	.275	102.3	102.4	-	.1	.8	-8	.1
Household operations <sup>1 2</sup> .....	.394	102.0	102.2	-	.2	.5	.2	.2
Domestic services <sup>1 2</sup> .....	.089	102.0	102.0	-	.0	1.1	.0	.0
Gardening and lawn care services <sup>1 2</sup> .....	.106	101.7	101.7	-	.0	.1	.3	.0
Moving, storage, freight expense <sup>1 2</sup> .....	.074	103.1	103.8	-	.7	.6	.5	.7
Repair of household items <sup>1 2</sup> .....	.069	101.5	101.6	-	.1	.0	.4	.1
Apparel .....	5.300	128.2	129.9	.4	1.3	.3	-4	.9
Men's and boys' apparel .....	1.503	129.1	129.9	.9	.6	.2	.2	-1
Men's apparel .....	1.145	133.5	133.8	1.1	.2	.0	.1	-4
Men's suits, sport coats, and outerwear .....	.218	133.5	136.6	.1	2.3	.6	-4	-2
Men's furnishings .....	.311	137.8	135.1	6.5	-2.0	.8	-1.1	-1.4
Men's shirts and sweaters <sup>1 2</sup> .....	.343	97.3	99.0	-	1.7	-2.3	-1.4	1.7
Men's pants and shorts .....	.252	132.0	131.0	.8	-8	-7	.5	.1
Boys' apparel .....	.358	115.3	117.7	.4	2.1	.7	.7	.8
Women's and girls' apparel .....	1.985	118.6	121.3	1.4	2.3	.5	-1.0	1.9
Women's apparel .....	1.634	117.7	120.9	1.9	2.7	.7	-1.2	2.2
Women's outerwear .....	.118	112.4	117.7	-4.7	4.7	.6	2.2	-3.0
Women's dresses .....	.221	104.6	102.6	-8	-1.9	2.5	-9.0	-1.4
Women's suits and separates <sup>1 2</sup> .....	.833	94.9	100.4	-	5.8	-3.6	-4.3	5.8
Women's underwear, nightwear, sportswear and accessories <sup>1 2</sup> .....	.438	101.8	101.2	-	-6	-2.6	-1.5	-6
Girls' apparel .....	.351	123.1	122.8	-1.2	-2	-1.0	.2	.5
Footwear .....	1.082	127.4	128.4	.9	.8	1.5	-2	.9
Men's footwear .....	.374	131.9	131.8	.1	-1	1.2	-2	-2
Boys' and girls' footwear .....	.265	130.8	129.9	1.2	-7	2.7	.5	.8
Women's footwear .....	.443	120.7	123.7	1.2	2.5	1.1	-9	2.3
Infants' and toddlers' apparel <sup>2</sup> .....	.337	122.7	125.0	-2.6	1.9	-1.6	-2.2	1.9
Jewelry and watches <sup>4</sup> .....	.393	139.8	140.0	-3.8	.1	-1.9	1.0	-7
Watches <sup>4</sup> .....	.076	124.4	123.7	-2.0	-6	-1.2	-3	-6
Jewelry <sup>4</sup> .....	.317	144.2	144.7	-4.2	.3	-2.2	1.3	-6
Transportation .....	19.847	140.8	140.2	-2.2	-4	-1	.2	-1
Private transportation .....	18.790	138.2	137.6	-2.5	-4	-1	.1	-3
New and used motor vehicles <sup>1</sup> .....	9.285	100.2	100.2	.6	.0	.0	.4	.2
New vehicles .....	5.304	143.9	144.0	-2	.1	-3	.4	.3
Used cars and trucks <sup>2</sup> .....	3.162	152.7	152.4	1.7	-2	.7	.3	-2
Car and truck rental <sup>1 2</sup> .....	.108	103.7	105.3	-	1.5	.0	2.8	1.5
Motor fuel .....	3.682	93.9	91.7	-14.9	-2.3	-9	-2	-1.6
Gasoline (all types) .....	3.658	93.4	91.2	-15.2	-2.4	-9	-2	-1.6
Gasoline, unleaded regular <sup>7</sup> .....	-	91.0	88.6	-16.3	-2.6	-1.0	-3	-1.8
Gasoline, unleaded midgrade <sup>2 7 8</sup> .....	-	98.0	95.9	-14.2	-2.1	-1	-9	-2.1
Gasoline, unleaded premium <sup>7</sup> .....	-	95.6	93.7	-13.3	-2.0	-1.2	-2	-1.2
Other motor fuels <sup>1 2</sup> .....	.023	92.0	90.7	-	-1.4	-1	-1.7	-1.4
Motor vehicle parts and equipment .....	.694	100.5	100.5	-5	.0	.6	.1	-1
Tires .....	.315	98.1	98.2	-1.0	.1	.3	-1	.3
Vehicle accessories other than tires <sup>1 2</sup> .....	.378	99.5	99.6	-	.1	.5	-2	.1
Motor vehicle maintenance and repair .....	1.664	168.0	168.4	2.6	.2	.4	.2	.2
Motor vehicle body work <sup>2</sup> .....	.119	179.1	179.1	2.8	.0	-4	-2	.0
Motor vehicle maintenance and servicing <sup>2</sup> .....	.483	155.6	155.7	3.2	.1	.5	.1	.1
Motor vehicle repair <sup>1 2</sup> .....	1.039	101.1	101.4	-	.3	.4	.4	.3

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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 Aug. 1998 from—		Seasonally adjusted percent change from—		
		July 1998	Aug. 1998	Aug. 1997	July 1998	May to June	June to July	July to Aug.
<b>Expenditure category</b>								
Motor vehicle insurance .....	2.881	253.4	252.4	0.7	-0.4	0.0	-0.3	-0.4
Motor vehicle fees <sup>1 2</sup> .....	.584	102.1	102.3	-	.2	-5	.1	.2
State and local registration and license <sup>1 2</sup> .....	.419	101.1	101.2	-	.1	-8	.3	.1
Parking and other fees <sup>1 2</sup> .....	.143	105.4	105.8	-	.4	.4	-.3	.4
Public transportation .....	1.057	188.7	188.9	4.0	.1	-8	.9	1.8
Airline fare <sup>2</sup> .....	.555	205.9	206.3	6.8	.2	-2.0	3.0	.2
Other intercity transportation <sup>2</sup> .....	.119	165.0	164.7	4.2	-.2	.0	.5	-.2
Intracity transportation <sup>2</sup> .....	.376	175.2	175.2	-.1	.0	.2	.1	.0
Medical care .....	4.591	242.1	242.8	3.5	.3	.5	.2	.3
Medical care commodities .....	.906	219.1	219.9	3.5	.4	.2	.1	.5
Prescription drugs and medical supplies .....	.570	259.1	260.2	4.6	.4	.1	.5	.6
Nonprescription drugs and medical supplies <sup>2 4</sup> .....	.336	146.1	146.5	1.5	.3	.5	-.3	.3
Internal and respiratory over-the-counter drugs <sup>2</sup> .....	.245	174.1	174.4	1.9	.2	.7	-.2	.2
Nonprescription medical equipment and supplies <sup>2</sup> .....	.091	174.0	175.2	.2	.7	.0	-.7	.7
Medical care services .....	3.684	247.2	248.0	3.5	.3	.5	.2	.3
Professional services .....	2.372	224.4	224.8	3.3	.2	.5	.1	.2
Physicians' services .....	1.269	231.2	231.9	3.3	.3	.7	.1	.5
Dental services <sup>2</sup> .....	.665	236.0	236.9	4.1	.4	.3	.3	.4
Eyeglasses and eye care <sup>2 4</sup> .....	.261	145.4	144.8	1.9	-.4	.1	-.3	-.4
Services by other medical professionals <sup>4</sup> .....	.177	159.5	158.9	1.7	-.4	.1	.3	-.3
Hospital and related services .....	1.097	284.3	285.6	3.8	.5	.3	.6	.4
Hospital services <sup>2 9</sup> .....	1.084	105.0	105.5	3.7	.5	.1	.8	.5
Inpatient hospital services <sup>2 7 9</sup> .....	-	104.0	104.4	3.1	.4	.1	.8	.4
Outpatient hospital services <sup>4 7</sup> .....	-	234.3	235.6	4.3	.6	.0	.9	.3
Nursing homes and adult daycare <sup>2 9</sup> .....	.013	106.9	109.5	6.2	2.4	.1	.5	2.4
Recreation <sup>1</sup> .....	5.969	100.9	101.1	1.0	.2	.1	-.1	.2
Video and audio <sup>1 2</sup> .....	1.968	101.0	101.1	1.1	.1	.0	-.1	.1
Televisions <sup>2</sup> .....	.256	58.3	58.1	-3.8	-.3	-7	-.3	-.3
Cable television <sup>5</sup> .....	.927	247.3	248.4	6.6	.4	.5	.4	.5
Other video equipment <sup>1 2</sup> .....	.101	92.4	91.5	-	-1.0	-.3	-1.1	-1.0
Video cassettes, discs, and other media including rental <sup>1 2</sup> .....	.217	95.7	95.7	-	.0	-.4	-1.3	.0
Audio equipment <sup>2</sup> .....	.194	84.5	84.0	-5.5	-.6	-8	-.5	-.6
Audio discs, tapes and other media <sup>1 2</sup> .....	.158	99.1	99.2	-	.1	-8	-.3	.1
Pets, pet products and services <sup>1 2</sup> .....	.678	101.9	101.9	-	.0	.4	-.1	.0
Pets and pet products <sup>2</sup> .....	.474	144.3	144.1	1.4	-.1	.5	-.1	-.1
Pet services including veterinary <sup>1 2</sup> .....	.204	102.3	102.8	-	.5	.2	.0	.5
Sporting goods <sup>2</sup> .....	.525	123.9	123.8	-1.0	-.1	.1	.2	-.1
Sports vehicles including bicycles <sup>2</sup> .....	.249	128.4	129.0	.5	.5	.1	.7	.5
Sports equipment <sup>2</sup> .....	.269	115.7	115.0	-2.4	-.6	.0	-.1	-.6
Photography <sup>1 2</sup> .....	.282	99.8	100.2	-	.4	.4	-.5	.4
Photographic equipment and supplies <sup>2</sup> .....	.105	132.7	133.4	-1.0	.5	-.4	-.9	.5
Photographers and film processing <sup>1 2</sup> .....	.174	100.5	100.8	-	.3	.9	-.3	.3
Other recreational goods <sup>1</sup> .....	.668	97.1	96.7	-	-.4	-.2	-.1	-.7
Toys .....	.536	120.9	120.4	-5.9	-.4	-.1	.0	-.7
Sewing machines, fabric and supplies <sup>1 2</sup> .....	.064	97.6	97.7	-	.1	-1.0	-1.5	.1
Music instruments and accessories <sup>1 2</sup> .....	.048	102.1	101.5	-	-.6	.1	-.6	-.6
Recreation services <sup>1</sup> .....	1.362	102.4	102.9	-	.5	.2	-.2	.6
Club membership dues and fees for participant sports <sup>1 2</sup> .....	.421	102.3	103.2	-	.9	.5	.3	.9
Admissions <sup>2</sup> .....	.659	205.4	206.0	.8	.3	.0	-.5	.3
Fees for lessons or instructions <sup>4</sup> .....	.145	177.0	177.6	3.9	.3	-.2	.6	.5
Recreational reading materials <sup>2</sup> .....	.486	185.3	186.0	2.8	.4	-.2	.4	.4
Newspapers and magazines <sup>1 2</sup> .....	.337	102.2	102.3	-	.1	-.2	.5	.1
Recreational books <sup>1 2</sup> .....	.149	102.3	103.3	-	1.0	.0	.3	1.0
Education and communication <sup>1</sup> .....	5.396	100.2	100.3	1.8	.1	.1	.1	-.5
Education <sup>1</sup> .....	2.402	101.1	102.6	5.1	1.5	.3	.3	.3
Educational books and supplies .....	.192	251.3	251.3	3.9	.0	-.1	.4	-.4
Tuition, other school fees, and childcare .....	2.211	285.3	289.9	5.2	1.6	.3	.3	.4
College tuition and fees .....	.818	302.4	305.9	3.8	1.2	.4	.6	-.6
Elementary and high school tuition and fees .....	.252	301.7	310.4	7.4	2.9	.9	.3	1.1
Child care and nursery school <sup>6</sup> .....	1.029	140.4	142.8	6.2	1.7	-.1	.3	1.6
Technical and business school tuition and fees <sup>1 2</sup> .....	.049	101.9	103.3	-	1.4	.0	.7	1.4

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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 Aug. 1998 from—		Seasonally adjusted percent change from—		
		July 1998	Aug. 1998	Aug. 1997	July 1998	May to June	June to July	July to Aug.
<b>Expenditure category</b>								
Communication <sup>1 2</sup> .....	2.994	99.6	98.4	-1.3	-1.2	0.1	-0.2	-1.2
Postage and delivery services <sup>1 2</sup> .....	.152	100.1	100.1	-	.0	.0	.0	.0
Postage <sup>2</sup> .....	.150	160.8	160.8	.0	.0	.0	.0	.0
Delivery services <sup>1 2</sup> .....	.002	104.3	104.2	-	-1	.1	.3	-1
Information and information processing <sup>1 2</sup> .....	2.841	99.5	98.3	-1.4	-1.2	.1	-3	-1.2
Telephone services <sup>1 2</sup> .....	2.547	101.5	100.5	-	-1.0	.2	.1	-1.0
Telephone services, local charges <sup>2</sup> .....	1.172	165.5	165.3	1.7	-1	.3	.0	-1
Telephone services, long distance charges <sup>1 2</sup> .....	1.314	101.9	100.0	-	-1.9	.3	.2	-1.9
Cellular telephone services <sup>1 2</sup> .....	.062	94.4	94.1	-	-3	-1.8	-2	-3
Information and information processing other than telephone services <sup>2 10</sup> .....	.294	40.2	38.9	-21.1	-3.2	-1.9	-3.8	-3.2
Personal computers and peripheral equipment <sup>1 2</sup> .....	.191	74.4	71.2	-	-4.3	-2.9	-6.4	-4.3
Computer software and accessories <sup>1 2</sup> .....	.028	98.0	94.5	-	-3.6	.2	.8	-3.6
Computer information processing services <sup>1 2</sup> .....	.016	103.6	103.6	-	.0	.2	.0	.0
Other information processing equipment <sup>1 2</sup> .....	.058	94.5	93.7	-	-8	-6	-5	-8
Other goods and services .....	4.544	236.0	236.2	6.3	.1	-1	.9	.2
Tobacco and smoking products .....	1.300	273.4	273.7	12.6	.1	-6	2.7	.3
Cigarettes <sup>1 2</sup> .....	1.225	109.3	109.4	-	.1	-1.4	2.7	.1
Tobacco products other than cigarettes <sup>1 2</sup> .....	.067	103.7	103.5	-	-2	-5	.0	-2
Personal care <sup>2</sup> .....	3.244	157.0	157.2	3.1	.1	.1	.1	.1
Personal care products <sup>2</sup> .....	.832	150.1	149.6	3.6	-3	-1	-1	-3
Hair, dental, shaving, and miscellaneous personal care products <sup>1 2</sup> .....	.417	100.7	100.4	-	-3	.1	-4	-3
Cosmetics, perfume, bath, nail preparations and implements <sup>2</sup> .....	.411	164.1	163.4	6.8	-4	-4	.1	-4
Personal care services <sup>2</sup> .....	.964	166.4	167.0	2.6	.4	-1	.5	.4
Haircuts and other personal care services <sup>1 2</sup> .....	.964	101.4	101.8	-	.4	-1	.5	.4
Miscellaneous personal services .....	1.226	233.9	234.9	3.4	.4	.3	.3	.5
Legal services <sup>2 4</sup> .....	.302	170.3	171.1	3.3	.5	.0	.1	.5
Funeral expenses <sup>4</sup> .....	.262	178.9	180.8	4.5	1.1	.3	.2	1.1
Laundry and dry cleaning services <sup>1 2</sup> .....	.216	101.7	101.4	-	-3	.3	.1	-3
Apparel services other than laundry and dry cleaning <sup>1 2</sup> .....	.051	101.1	101.6	-	.5	.1	.1	.5
Financial services <sup>2 4</sup> .....	.265	198.8	199.4	3.6	.3	.6	.4	.3
Miscellaneous personal goods <sup>1 2</sup> .....	.223	100.6	99.6	-	-1.0	.2	-4	-1.0
<b>Special aggregate indexes</b>								
Commodities .....	47.234	141.5	141.5	.1	.0	.0	.2	.1
Commodities less food and beverages .....	29.331	130.3	130.0	-1.2	-2	-1	.2	-1
Nondurables less food and beverages .....	15.928	131.4	131.3	-1.9	-1	-2	.4	-5
Nondurables less food, beverages, and apparel .....	10.628	137.7	136.6	-3.0	-8	-2	.1	-4
Durables .....	13.403	127.3	127.0	-3	-2	.0	.5	-1
Services .....	52.766	181.6	181.9	2.5	.2	.2	.2	.2
Rent of shelter <sup>3</sup> .....	26.708	170.4	171.0	3.1	.4	.3	.2	.2
Transportation services .....	6.824	185.2	185.1	1.6	-1	-1	.2	.2
Other services .....	10.006	213.7	214.3	3.3	.3	.3	.1	.0
All items less food .....	83.139	159.7	159.8	1.3	.1	.1	.2	.1
All items less shelter .....	72.967	155.0	155.1	.8	.1	.0	.2	.1
All items less medical care .....	95.409	156.0	156.1	1.2	.1	.1	.2	.1
Commodities less food .....	30.373	131.6	131.4	-1.1	-2	-1	.2	-1
Nondurables less food .....	16.970	133.4	133.3	-1.7	-1	-1	.1	-3
Nondurables less food and apparel .....	11.670	139.3	138.3	-2.5	-7	-3	.2	-2
Nondurables .....	33.831	146.1	146.3	.2	.1	-1	.3	.0
Apparel less footwear .....	4.218	124.1	125.9	.4	1.5	-1	-4	.9
Services less rent of shelter <sup>3</sup> .....	26.057	171.5	171.5	2.0	.0	.1	.2	.1
Services less medical care services .....	49.082	176.0	176.3	2.5	.2	.2	.2	.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 Aug. 1998 from—		Seasonally adjusted percent change from—		
		July 1998	Aug. 1998	Aug. 1997	July 1998	May to June	June to July	July to Aug.
<b>Special aggregate indexes</b>								
Energy .....	7.825	104.5	102.9	-8.3	-1.5	-0.6	-0.1	-1.1
All items less energy .....	92.175	167.4	167.8	2.2	.2	.1	.2	.2
All items less food and energy .....	75.315	169.4	169.8	2.3	.2	.1	.2	.2
Commodities less food and energy commodities .....	26.463	142.0	142.2	1.0	.1	.0	.2	.1
Energy commodities .....	3.910	93.7	91.5	-14.2	-2.3	-8	-2	-1.6
Services less energy services .....	48.852	187.9	188.4	3.0	.3	.2	.2	.2
Domestically produced farm food .....	9.110	161.7	162.7	2.3	.6	.3	.2	.5
Utilities and public transportation .....	9.355	146.6	145.8	.6	-.5	-.3	.2	-.4
Purchasing power of the consumer dollar (1982-84=\$1.00) .....	-	\$.626	\$.625	-	-	-	-	-
Purchasing power of the consumer dollar (1967=\$1.00) .....	-	\$.210	\$.210	-	-	-	-	-

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

- <sup>7</sup> Special index based on a substantially smaller sample.
  - <sup>8</sup> Indexes on a December 1993=100 base.
  - <sup>9</sup> Indexes on a December 1996=100 base.
  - <sup>10</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 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—	
	May 1998	June 1998	July 1998	Aug. 1998	Nov. 1997	Feb. 1998	May 1998	Aug. 1998	Feb. 1998	Aug. 1998
<b>Expenditure category</b>										
All items .....	159.5	159.6	159.9	160.0	1.8	0.3	2.0	1.3	1.0	1.6
Food and beverages .....	160.1	160.2	160.7	161.1	1.8	1.3	2.3	2.5	1.5	2.4
Food .....	159.7	159.8	160.3	160.8	2.0	1.0	2.5	2.8	1.5	2.7
Food at home .....	159.7	159.8	160.3	160.8	1.3	.3	2.5	2.8	.8	2.7
Cereals and bakery products .....	180.3	180.8	181.0	181.9	2.0	1.4	2.7	3.6	1.7	3.2
Cereals and cereal products .....	169.9	170.8	170.9	172.3	-1.2	-.5	.7	5.8	-.8	3.2
Flour and prepared flour mixes .....	160.7	159.7	158.8	159.4	-4.5	4.5	12.9	-3.2	-1.1	4.5
Breakfast cereal .....	187.6	188.9	190.0	191.8	-1.5	-.2	-1.5	9.3	-.8	3.8
Rice, pasta, cornmeal .....	149.7	151.6	150.9	151.6	3.5	-3.4	-1.1	5.2	.0	2.0
Bakery products .....	185.2	185.5	185.5	186.0	3.1	3.1	3.5	1.7	3.1	2.6
Bread <sup>1 2</sup> .....	100.6	101.1	101.6	101.9	-	-	1.6	5.3	-	3.4
Fresh biscuits, rolls, muffins <sup>1 2</sup> .....	101.6	102.7	102.1	102.8	-	-	-1.6	4.8	-	1.6
Cakes, cupcakes, and cookies <sup>2</sup> .....	179.1	179.8	179.2	180.7	.2	3.8	-3.9	3.6	2.0	-.2
Other bakery products .....	185.0	184.3	184.2	184.8	4.3	-2.4	10.6	-.4	.9	4.9
Meats, poultry, fish, and eggs .....	146.5	146.6	147.3	147.8	-1.9	-3.7	-.8	3.6	-2.8	1.4
Meats, poultry, and fish .....	147.1	147.2	148.0	148.5	-2.4	-2.7	-1.3	3.9	-2.5	1.2
Meats .....	141.7	141.8	142.3	141.9	-4.3	-3.6	-2.2	.6	-3.9	-.8
Beef and veal .....	136.1	137.2	137.4	137.7	-4.8	-2.9	3.0	4.8	-3.9	3.9
Uncooked ground beef .....	116.3	116.0	117.5	118.1	-7.9	-5.1	7.6	6.3	-6.5	6.9
Uncooked beef roasts <sup>1 2</sup> .....	99.3	97.5	98.7	100.3	-	-	-2.4	4.1	-	.8
Uncooked beef steaks <sup>1 2</sup> .....	99.8	101.4	100.2	100.2	-	-	2.4	1.6	-	2.0
Uncooked other beef and veal <sup>1 2</sup> .....	99.0	100.0	98.7	98.6	-	-	-1.6	-1.6	-	-1.6
Pork .....	150.1	148.6	149.4	148.2	-5.7	-3.1	-7.6	-5.0	-4.4	-6.3
Bacon, breakfast sausage, and related products <sup>1 2</sup> .....	95.1	94.4	95.5	97.1	-	-	-11.0	8.7	-	-1.6
Ham .....	152.1	150.6	152.3	148.7	-11.7	7.3	-6.6	-8.6	-2.7	-7.6
Pork chops .....	149.9	147.9	149.7	148.6	-4.5	-8.5	-3.9	-3.4	-6.5	-3.7
Other pork including roasts and picnics <sup>1 2</sup> .....	97.2	98.9	98.3	97.0	-	-	-8.6	-.8	-	-4.8
Other meats <sup>2</sup> .....	145.2	145.6	146.4	145.7	-.5	-5.5	-4.3	1.4	-3.1	-1.5
Poultry <sup>2</sup> .....	155.8	155.7	156.8	159.3	5.0	-5.0	1.6	9.3	-.1	5.4
Chicken <sup>1 2</sup> .....	100.7	100.2	100.7	102.8	-	-	3.7	8.6	-	6.1
Other poultry including turkey <sup>1 2</sup> .....	99.6	101.5	102.6	102.6	-	-	-6.5	12.6	-	2.6
Fish and seafood .....	181.3	181.7	184.0	186.9	-.4	3.6	.7	12.9	1.6	6.6
Fresh fish and seafood <sup>1 2</sup> .....	101.8	101.6	101.5	103.8	-	-	-6.0	8.1	-	.8
Processed fish and seafood <sup>1 2</sup> .....	102.1	102.0	103.2	103.6	-	-	8.7	6.0	-	7.3
Eggs .....	135.6	134.9	134.2	135.2	9.7	-19.2	7.7	-1.2	-5.9	3.2
Dairy and related products <sup>2</sup> .....	147.8	147.7	147.8	150.1	11.1	1.6	1.1	6.4	6.2	3.7
Milk <sup>1 2</sup> .....	100.3	99.3	98.4	100.7	-	-	.4	1.6	-	1.0
Cheese and related products <sup>2</sup> .....	149.0	148.4	150.9	152.4	1.1	2.8	3.3	9.4	1.9	6.3
Ice cream and related products .....	151.1	153.8	154.8	156.5	1.3	-1.8	3.0	15.1	-.3	8.9
Other dairy and related products <sup>1 2</sup> .....	99.8	100.9	101.1	101.8	-	-	1.2	8.3	-	4.7
Fruits and vegetables .....	203.0	200.5	201.6	200.4	2.1	7.1	18.9	-5.0	4.6	6.3
Fresh fruits and vegetables .....	238.6	234.7	235.9	233.8	2.0	7.2	23.4	-7.8	4.6	6.6
Fresh fruits .....	242.8	249.8	248.5	247.0	-6.4	23.5	-3.4	7.1	7.5	1.7
Apples .....	203.2	202.6	205.6	200.9	3.7	3.2	.0	-4.5	3.4	-2.3
Bananas .....	161.7	164.9	167.1	160.4	15.7	-23.7	29.4	-3.2	-6.0	11.9
Citrus fruits <sup>1 2</sup> .....	116.8	129.8	147.6	158.7	-	-	76.0	240.8	-	145.0
Other fresh fruits <sup>1 2</sup> .....	95.9	87.5	76.2	75.7	-	-	-3.7	-61.2	-	-38.8
Fresh vegetables .....	230.1	216.7	219.9	217.4	12.8	-.7	57.5	-20.3	2.0	12.0
Potatoes .....	188.8	185.8	181.0	174.9	18.8	4.2	4.6	-26.4	11.3	-12.2
Lettuce <sup>2</sup> .....	304.2	219.2	208.2	202.5	174.4	-66.0	486.2	-80.4	-3.4	7.3
Tomatoes <sup>2</sup> .....	235.4	220.4	245.2	216.3	83.2	3.3	23.7	-28.7	37.6	-6.1
Other fresh vegetables .....	232.4	226.2	221.1	227.0	-2.7	13.6	42.0	-9.0	5.2	13.7
Processed fruits and vegetables <sup>1 2</sup> .....	102.3	102.3	103.1	103.5	-	-	5.2	4.8	-	5.0
Canned fruits and vegetables <sup>1 2</sup> .....	102.2	102.7	103.7	103.6	-	-	5.3	5.6	-	5.4
Frozen fruits and vegetables <sup>1 2</sup> .....	103.1	102.0	102.8	104.2	-	-	6.5	4.3	-	5.4
Other processed fruits and vegetables including dried <sup>1 2</sup> .....	100.8	101.6	101.2	101.7	-	-	2.4	3.6	-	3.0

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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—	
	May 1998	June 1998	July 1998	Aug. 1998	Nov. 1997	Feb. 1998	May 1998	Aug. 1998	Feb. 1998	Aug. 1998
<b>Expenditure category</b>										
Nonalcoholic beverages and beverage materials .....	131.2	131.7	131.9	131.0	-4.1	-3.5	-4.7	-0.6	-3.8	-2.7
Juices and nonalcoholic drinks <sup>1 2</sup> .....	99.8	100.3	99.9	99.7	-	-	-7.6	-4	-	-4.1
Carbonated drinks .....	116.6	117.7	118.0	117.7	-1.3	2.4	-7.2	3.8	.5	-1.8
Frozen noncarbonated juices and drinks <sup>1 2</sup> .....	100.2	100.8	101.2	101.4	-	-	-2.0	4.9	-	1.4
Nonfrozen noncarbonated juices and drinks <sup>1 2</sup> .....	98.6	99.4	98.7	98.3	-	-	-3.6	-1.2	-	-2.4
Beverage materials including coffee and tea <sup>1 2</sup> .....	99.9	98.7	98.7	97.7	-	-	-8	-8.5	-	-4.7
Coffee <sup>2</sup> .....	166.2	162.9	162.6	161.1	-17.1	-10.4	-4.9	-11.7	-13.8	-8.4
Other beverage materials including tea <sup>1 2</sup> .....	102.0	101.5	101.9	100.8	-	-	4.0	-4.6	-	-4
Other food at home .....	148.6	149.7	150.4	151.5	-3	1.1	1.1	8.0	.4	4.5
Sugar and sweets .....	148.9	150.2	149.3	150.3	1.9	1.9	-8	3.8	1.9	1.5
Sugar and artificial sweeteners .....	135.0	136.2	136.6	137.0	-9	2.1	-1.8	6.1	.6	2.1
Candy and chewing gum <sup>1 2</sup> .....	99.9	101.4	100.7	100.7	-	-	-4.3	3.2	-	-6
Other sweets <sup>1 2</sup> .....	104.4	103.0	102.8	103.6	-	-	13.3	-3.0	-	4.8
Fats and oils .....	141.1	143.1	146.7	149.5	-8	-8	.9	26.0	-8	12.7
Butter and margarine <sup>1 2</sup> .....	101.7	103.9	112.6	116.2	-	-	8.3	70.4	-	35.8
Salad dressing <sup>1 2</sup> .....	98.8	100.5	100.6	101.7	-	-	-10.2	12.3	-	.4
Other fats and oils including peanut butter <sup>1 2</sup> .....	101.3	102.0	102.8	103.0	-	-	-1.2	6.9	-	2.8
Other foods .....	164.5	165.3	165.9	166.6	2.2	3.7	1.7	5.2	3.0	3.4
Soups .....	192.9	192.9	192.9	192.3	.8	5.6	.8	-1.2	3.2	-2
Frozen and freeze dried prepared foods <sup>2</sup> .....	144.3	145.0	145.7	145.9	-5	-1.9	.0	4.5	-1.2	2.2
Snacks <sup>2</sup> .....	155.4	156.1	155.8	158.0	-1.5	1.6	.5	6.9	.0	3.6
Spices, seasonings, condiments, sauces .....	171.7	171.5	172.8	173.3	.7	9.3	-1.8	3.8	4.9	.9
Baby food <sup>1 2</sup> .....	101.4	102.1	102.2	102.2	-	-	4.0	3.2	-	3.6
Other miscellaneous foods <sup>1 2</sup> .....	101.5	102.5	102.8	103.5	-	-	4.0	8.1	-	6.1
Food away from home <sup>2</sup> .....	160.6	160.8	161.1	161.4	3.1	2.5	2.5	2.0	2.8	2.3
Full service meals and snacks <sup>1 2</sup> .....	101.2	101.4	101.6	101.9	-	-	2.8	2.8	-	2.8
Limited service meals and snacks <sup>1 2</sup> .....	100.9	100.9	101.2	101.3	-	-	1.6	1.6	-	1.6
Food at employee sites and schools <sup>1 2</sup> .....	100.3	100.5	100.6	100.7	-	-	1.2	1.6	-	1.4
Food from vending machines and mobile vendors <sup>1 2</sup> .....	100.6	100.4	100.4	100.6	-	-	2.0	.0	-	1.0
Other food away from home <sup>1 2</sup> .....	100.6	101.0	101.5	102.2	-	-	1.2	6.5	-	3.8
Alcoholic beverages .....	163.6	164.1	164.7	164.7	1.2	1.5	-5	2.7	1.4	1.1
Alcoholic beverages at home .....	149.0	149.4	149.7	149.6	-5	.3	.0	1.6	-1	.8
Beer, ale, and other malt beverages at home .....	147.5	147.8	148.4	148.5	-1.1	-3	.0	2.7	-7	1.4
Distilled spirits at home .....	152.0	151.7	151.4	151.9	1.6	1.1	.8	-3	1.3	.3
Wine at home .....	144.7	145.9	145.3	145.0	-8	-8	2.0	.8	-8	1.4
Alcoholic beverages away from home .....	192.0	192.7	194.1	194.4	3.2	3.0	-1.6	5.1	3.1	1.7
Housing .....	156.3	156.5	156.8	156.9	3.4	.5	3.4	1.5	2.0	2.5
Shelter .....	176.0	176.4	176.8	177.2	2.8	3.5	3.7	2.8	3.2	3.2
Rent of primary residence .....	171.0	171.5	172.0	172.4	3.2	2.6	3.8	3.3	2.9	3.6
Lodging away from home <sup>1</sup> .....	102.1	101.9	100.8	101.3	-	-	8.2	-3.1	-	2.4
Housing at school, excluding board <sup>3</sup> .....	233.9	234.7	235.9	235.8	6.0	3.4	4.2	3.3	4.6	3.7
Other lodging away from home including hotels and motels .....	234.2	233.6	230.7	232.1	5.8	4.7	8.6	-3.5	5.3	2.4
Owners' equivalent rent of primary residence <sup>3</sup> .....	170.6	170.9	171.4	171.8	2.7	3.6	3.6	2.8	3.1	3.2
Tenants' and household insurance <sup>1 2</sup> .....	99.7	99.3	99.4	99.4	-	-	-2.0	-1.2	-	-1.6
Fuels and utilities .....	128.4	128.0	128.1	127.4	6.6	-12.2	2.5	-3.1	-3.2	-3
Fuels .....	112.8	112.4	112.4	111.7	10.1	-18.0	2.5	-3.8	-5.0	-7
Fuel oil and other fuels .....	92.0	91.1	90.8	90.1	-4	-17.4	.9	-8.0	-9.3	-3.7
Fuel oil .....	86.9	85.6	84.9	83.9	-1.7	-20.8	-5.8	-13.1	-11.8	-9.5
Other household fuels <sup>2 4</sup> .....	127.3	126.4	125.0	124.1	14.7	1.3	-2.8	-9.7	7.8	-6.3
Gas (piped) and electricity .....	120.5	120.0	120.1	119.3	11.6	-18.3	2.7	-3.9	-4.5	-7
Electricity .....	127.6	127.6	127.6	126.5	3.7	-15.0	.6	-3.4	-6.1	-1.4
Utility natural gas service .....	112.9	111.2	111.2	111.3	29.7	-25.6	8.6	-5.5	-1.8	1.3
Water and sewer and trash collection services <sup>1</sup> .....	101.4	101.5	101.8	101.8	-	-	3.6	1.6	-	2.6
Water and sewerage maintenance .....	214.0	214.5	214.7	214.6	3.3	3.1	4.2	1.1	3.2	2.7
Garbage and trash collection <sup>2 5</sup> .....	256.0	256.0	257.1	257.6	1.9	3.5	1.7	2.5	2.7	2.1
Household furnishings and operations .....	125.0	125.0	125.5	125.2	.6	2.6	1.0	.6	1.6	.8
Window and floor coverings and other linens <sup>1 2</sup> .....	101.8	100.2	101.0	101.2	-	-	1.6	-2.3	-	-4
Floor coverings <sup>1 2</sup> .....	101.6	102.3	102.5	102.8	-	-	7.0	4.8	-	5.9
Window coverings <sup>1 2</sup> .....	99.0	99.8	99.6	98.2	-	-	-7.3	-3.2	-	-5.3
Other linens <sup>1 2</sup> .....	103.5	99.4	101.1	102.2	-	-	4.0	-4.9	-	-6
Furniture and bedding <sup>2</sup> .....	132.1	132.6	133.7	133.1	-2.1	-1.5	4.7	3.1	-1.8	3.9
Bedroom furniture <sup>2</sup> .....	141.7	142.0	142.6	140.6	.0	-2.8	7.7	-3.1	-1.4	2.2
Living room, kitchen, and dining room furniture <sup>1 2</sup> .....	100.6	101.2	102.3	102.4	-	-	-2.0	7.4	-	2.6
Other furniture <sup>1 2</sup> .....	104.9	104.9	105.5	105.1	-	-	23.0	.8	-	11.3

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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**

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	May 1998	June 1998	July 1998	Aug. 1998	Nov. 1997	Feb. 1998	May 1998	Aug. 1998	Feb. 1998	Aug. 1998
<b>Expenditure category</b>										
Appliances <sup>1 2</sup> .....	100.4	100.3	100.5	100.0	-	-	-2.4	-1.6	-	-2.0
Major appliances <sup>1 2</sup> .....	99.1	99.0	100.1	99.3	-	-	-8.0	.8	-	-3.7
Other appliances <sup>1 2</sup> .....	102.5	102.3	101.1	101.2	-	-	6.5	-5.0	-	.6
Other household equipment and furnishings <sup>1 2</sup> .....	102.3	101.7	102.2	101.2	-	-	2.8	-4.2	-	-8
Clocks, lamps, and decorator items <sup>2</sup> .....	119.9	118.0	117.9	116.5	1.0	2.8	6.6	-10.9	1.9	-2.5
Indoor plants and flowers <sup>6</sup> .....	112.0	113.8	115.0	114.9	-9.8	31.0	-9.7	10.8	8.7	.0
Dishes and flatware <sup>1 2</sup> .....	104.0	103.8	105.7	102.8	-	-	18.4	-4.5	-	6.3
Nonelectric cookware and tableware <sup>1 2</sup> .....	98.4	99.4	99.7	99.3	-	-	-2.8	3.7	-	.4
Tools, hardware, outdoor equipment and supplies <sup>1 2</sup> .....	100.3	100.1	100.1	99.5	-	-	-4.3	-3.2	-	-3.7
Tools, hardware and supplies <sup>1 2</sup> .....	99.0	98.9	98.4	98.4	-	-	-3.9	-2.4	-	-3.2
Outdoor equipment and supplies <sup>1 2</sup> .....	101.2	101.0	101.1	99.8	-	-	-4.6	-5.4	-	-5.0
Housekeeping supplies .....	146.5	147.2	147.1	147.1	1.7	4.5	1.9	1.6	3.1	1.8
Household cleaning products <sup>1 2</sup> .....	100.4	100.8	100.7	100.5	-	-	-1.2	.4	-	-4
Household paper products <sup>1 2</sup> .....	103.3	102.9	104.0	103.9	-	-	6.0	2.3	-	4.2
Miscellaneous household products <sup>1 2</sup> .....	102.3	103.1	102.3	102.4	-	-	5.2	.4	-	2.8
Household operations <sup>1 2</sup> .....	101.3	101.8	102.0	102.2	-	-	3.2	3.6	-	3.4
Domestic services <sup>1 2</sup> .....	100.9	102.0	102.0	102.0	-	-	1.6	4.4	-	3.0
Gardening and lawn care services <sup>1 2</sup> .....	101.3	101.4	101.7	101.7	-	-	5.7	1.6	-	3.6
Moving, storage, freight expense <sup>1 2</sup> .....	102.0	102.6	103.1	103.8	-	-	2.0	7.2	-	4.6
Repair of household items <sup>1 2</sup> .....	101.1	101.1	101.5	101.6	-	-	2.8	2.0	-	2.4
Apparel .....	131.1	131.5	131.0	132.2	.6	-2.7	.0	3.4	-1.1	1.7
Men's and boys' apparel .....	131.1	131.4	131.6	131.5	.9	1.2	.0	1.2	1.1	.6
Men's apparel .....	135.9	135.9	136.0	135.5	-3	3.3	2.7	-1.2	1.5	.7
Men's suits, sport coats, and outerwear .....	136.9	137.7	137.1	136.8	-1.2	8.2	-5.9	-3	3.4	-3.1
Men's furnishings .....	141.2	142.4	140.8	138.8	-1.8	28.5	9.0	-6.6	12.3	.9
Men's shirts and sweaters <sup>1 2</sup> .....	101.0	98.7	97.3	99.0	-	-	17.1	-7.7	-	4.0
Men's pants and shorts .....	132.4	131.5	132.2	132.3	-1.8	3.4	1.8	-3	.8	.8
Boys' apparel .....	116.5	117.3	118.1	119.0	2.4	.7	-9.4	8.9	1.5	-.7
Women's and girls' apparel .....	124.0	124.6	123.4	125.7	1.6	-4.4	2.0	5.6	-1.4	3.8
Women's apparel .....	123.4	124.3	122.8	125.5	3.3	-6.0	3.0	7.0	-1.5	5.0
Women's outerwear .....	121.4	122.1	124.8	121.1	4.5	-27.7	10.5	-1.0	-13.1	4.6
Women's dresses .....	115.5	118.4	107.8	106.3	.4	1.9	32.3	-28.3	1.1	-2.6
Women's suits and separates <sup>1 2</sup> .....	102.9	99.2	94.9	100.4	-	-	20.1	-9.4	-	4.3
Women's underwear, nightwear, sportswear and accessories <sup>1 2</sup> .....	106.2	103.4	101.8	101.2	-	-	10.4	-17.5	-	-4.6
Girls' apparel .....	127.1	125.8	126.1	126.7	-6.1	3.5	-9	-1.3	-1.4	-1.1
Footwear .....	127.1	129.0	128.8	130.0	2.2	-4.8	-2.8	9.4	-1.4	3.1
Men's footwear .....	131.4	133.0	132.8	132.6	.6	-7.3	3.4	3.7	-3.4	3.6
Boys' and girls' footwear .....	127.5	131.0	131.6	132.7	9.2	-11.4	-7.2	17.3	-1.7	4.4
Women's footwear .....	122.3	123.6	122.5	125.3	-6	.3	-4.5	10.2	-2	2.6
Infants' and toddlers' apparel <sup>2</sup> .....	127.4	125.4	122.7	125.0	-4.0	-12.0	14.7	-7.3	-8.1	3.1
Jewelry and watches <sup>4</sup> .....	141.2	138.5	139.9	138.9	-6	6.0	-13.2	-6.4	2.6	-9.9
Watches <sup>4</sup> .....	125.3	123.8	123.4	122.6	-1.6	-6.9	9.8	-8.3	-4.3	.3
Jewelry <sup>4</sup> .....	145.9	142.7	144.5	143.7	-8	9.4	-17.5	-5.9	4.2	-11.9
Transportation .....	140.6	140.4	140.7	140.5	-1.7	-4.7	-2.0	-3	-3.2	-1.1
Private transportation .....	138.1	138.0	138.2	137.8	-2.0	-5.6	-1.7	-9	-3.8	-1.3
New and used motor vehicles <sup>1</sup> .....	100.3	100.3	100.7	100.9	-	-	.8	2.4	-	1.6
New vehicles .....	144.4	144.0	144.6	145.1	-1.6	-8	-6	2.0	-1.2	.7
Used cars and trucks <sup>2</sup> .....	151.3	152.3	152.7	152.4	-1.9	1.9	3.8	2.9	.0	3.4
Car and truck rental <sup>1 2</sup> .....	100.9	100.9	103.7	105.3	-	-	5.3	18.6	-	11.8
Motor fuel .....	93.2	92.4	92.2	90.7	-6.2	-28.4	-12.6	-10.3	-18.1	-11.5
Gasoline (all types) .....	92.5	91.7	91.5	90.0	-5.9	-29.0	-13.8	-10.4	-18.3	-12.1
Gasoline, unleaded regular <sup>7</sup> .....	90.3	89.4	89.1	87.5	-7.8	-29.6	-13.7	-11.8	-19.4	-12.8
Gasoline, unleaded midgrade <sup>2 7 8</sup> .....	99.0	98.9	98.0	95.9	-11.0	-33.1	3.3	-11.9	-22.8	-4.6
Gasoline, unleaded premium <sup>7</sup> .....	95.1	94.0	93.8	92.7	-4.8	-25.5	-11.7	-9.7	-15.8	-10.7
Other motor fuels <sup>1 2</sup> .....	93.7	93.6	92.0	90.7	-	-	-8.5	-12.2	-	-10.4
Motor vehicle parts and equipment .....	100.0	100.6	100.7	100.6	-1.6	-4	-2.4	2.4	-1.0	.0
Tires .....	97.8	98.1	98.0	98.3	-3.6	-1.6	-8	2.1	-2.6	.6
Vehicle accessories other than tires <sup>1 2</sup> .....	99.2	99.7	99.5	99.6	-	-	-3.5	1.6	-	-1.0
Motor vehicle maintenance and repair .....	167.0	167.7	168.1	168.5	1.7	3.7	1.2	3.6	2.7	2.4
Motor vehicle body work <sup>2</sup> .....	180.1	179.4	179.1	179.1	4.0	5.1	4.6	-2.2	4.5	1.1
Motor vehicle maintenance and servicing <sup>2</sup> .....	154.8	155.5	155.6	155.7	2.4	5.4	2.9	2.3	3.9	2.6
Motor vehicle repair <sup>1 2</sup> .....	100.3	100.7	101.1	101.4	-	-	.0	4.5	-	2.2

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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—	
	May 1998	June 1998	July 1998	Aug. 1998	Nov. 1997	Feb. 1998	May 1998	Aug. 1998	Feb. 1998	Aug. 1998
<b>Expenditure category</b>										
Motor vehicle insurance .....	255.6	255.6	254.9	253.9	1.8	2.1	1.6	-2.6	1.9	-0.5
Motor vehicle fees <sup>1 2</sup> .....	102.5	102.0	102.1	102.3	-	-	1.6	-1.8	-	.4
State and local registration and license <sup>1 2</sup> .....	101.6	100.8	101.1	101.2	-	-	.8	-1.6	-	-.4
Parking and other fees <sup>1 2</sup> .....	105.3	105.7	105.4	105.8	-	-	3.1	1.9	-	2.5
Public transportation .....	187.0	185.5	187.2	190.6	1.8	9.0	-2.3	7.9	5.3	2.7
Airline fare <sup>2</sup> .....	203.9	199.9	205.9	206.3	7.9	18.0	-2.5	4.8	12.8	1.1
Other intercity transportation <sup>2</sup> .....	164.1	164.1	165.0	164.7	1.5	10.7	3.2	1.5	6.0	2.3
Intracity transportation <sup>2</sup> .....	174.8	175.1	175.2	175.2	2.1	-3.4	.0	.9	-7	.5
Medical care .....	240.5	241.6	242.1	242.9	2.8	3.1	4.1	4.1	2.9	4.1
Medical care commodities .....	218.1	218.5	218.7	219.9	2.3	2.3	6.1	3.3	2.3	4.7
Prescription drugs and medical supplies .....	257.3	257.5	258.9	260.5	1.6	4.6	7.3	5.1	3.1	6.2
Nonprescription drugs and medical supplies <sup>2 4</sup> .....	145.9	146.6	146.1	146.5	1.7	.0	2.5	1.7	.8	2.1
Internal and respiratory over-the-counter drugs <sup>2</sup> .....	173.3	174.5	174.1	174.4	1.2	-2	4.3	2.6	.5	3.4
Nonprescription medical equipment and supplies <sup>2</sup> .....	175.3	175.3	174.0	175.2	2.3	1.1	-2.5	-2	1.7	-1.4
Medical care services .....	245.4	246.6	247.2	248.0	2.9	3.4	3.7	4.3	3.1	4.0
Professional services .....	222.7	223.9	224.1	224.6	2.6	3.3	3.5	3.5	3.0	3.5
Physicians' services .....	228.8	230.4	230.7	231.9	2.2	2.9	2.7	5.5	2.5	4.1
Dental services <sup>2</sup> .....	234.6	235.2	236.0	236.9	3.4	5.0	4.2	4.0	4.2	4.1
Eyeglasses and eye care <sup>2 4</sup> .....	145.6	145.8	145.4	144.8	-3	2.8	7.5	-2.2	1.3	2.5
Services by other medical professionals <sup>4</sup> .....	159.0	159.1	159.5	159.1	2.6	2.3	1.8	.3	2.4	1.0
Hospital and related services .....	282.0	282.8	284.5	285.6	3.5	3.8	2.4	5.2	3.7	3.8
Hospital services <sup>2 9</sup> .....	104.1	104.2	105.0	105.5	3.2	6.0	.4	5.5	4.6	2.9
Inpatient hospital services <sup>2 7 9</sup> .....	103.1	103.2	104.0	104.4	2.4	5.2	-4	5.1	3.8	2.3
Outpatient hospital services <sup>4 7</sup> .....	232.7	232.6	234.7	235.4	4.7	2.3	5.3	4.7	3.5	5.0
Nursing homes and adult daycare <sup>2 9</sup> .....	106.3	106.4	106.9	109.5	1.6	7.1	3.9	12.6	4.3	8.1
Recreation <sup>1</sup> .....	100.8	100.9	100.8	101.0	-	-	.8	.8	-	.8
Video and audio <sup>1 2</sup> .....	101.1	101.1	101.0	101.1	1.2	3.6	-4	.0	2.4	-.2
Televisions <sup>2</sup> .....	58.9	58.5	58.3	58.1	-3.3	-3.3	-3.3	-5.3	-3.3	-4.3
Cable television <sup>5</sup> .....	243.8	245.1	246.1	247.4	5.6	11.7	3.0	6.0	8.6	4.5
Other video equipment <sup>1 2</sup> .....	93.7	93.4	92.4	91.5	-	-	-15.4	-9.1	-	-12.3
Video cassettes, discs, and other media including rental <sup>1 2</sup> ..	97.4	97.0	95.7	95.7	-	-	-5.2	-6.8	-	-6.0
Audio equipment <sup>2</sup> .....	85.6	84.9	84.5	84.0	.5	-9.1	-5.9	-7.3	-4.4	-6.6
Audio discs, tapes and other media <sup>1 2</sup> .....	100.2	99.4	99.1	99.2	-	-	3.3	-3.9	-	-.4
Pets, pet products and services <sup>1 2</sup> .....	101.6	102.0	101.9	101.9	-	-	4.0	1.2	-	2.6
Pets and pet products <sup>2</sup> .....	143.8	144.5	144.3	144.1	2.6	-1.1	3.4	.8	.7	2.1
Pet services including veterinary <sup>1 2</sup> .....	102.1	102.3	102.3	102.8	-	-	4.4	2.8	-	3.6
Sporting goods <sup>2</sup> .....	123.5	123.6	123.9	123.8	-5.9	8.7	-6.8	1.0	1.1	-3.0
Sports vehicles including bicycles <sup>2</sup> .....	127.4	127.5	128.4	129.0	-8.4	11.6	-4.9	5.1	1.1	.0
Sports equipment <sup>2</sup> .....	115.8	115.8	115.7	115.0	-2.7	5.2	-8.8	-2.7	1.2	-5.8
Photography <sup>1 2</sup> .....	99.9	100.3	99.8	100.2	-	-	1.2	1.2	-	1.2
Photographic equipment and supplies <sup>2</sup> .....	134.4	133.9	132.7	133.4	3.0	-6.9	3.3	-2.9	-2.1	.2
Photographers and film processing <sup>1 2</sup> .....	99.9	100.8	100.5	100.8	-	-	.0	3.7	-	1.8
Other recreational goods <sup>1</sup> .....	96.8	96.6	96.5	95.8	-	-	-6.7	-4.1	-	-5.4
Toys .....	120.9	120.8	120.8	119.9	-2.5	-8.6	-9.0	-3.3	-5.6	-6.2
Sewing machines, fabric and supplies <sup>1 2</sup> .....	100.1	99.1	97.6	97.7	-	-	.4	-9.3	-	-4.5
Music instruments and accessories <sup>1 2</sup> .....	102.6	102.7	102.1	101.5	-	-	10.8	-4.2	-	3.0
Recreation services <sup>1</sup> .....	102.4	102.6	102.4	103.0	-	-	6.1	2.4	-	4.2
Club membership dues and fees for participant sports <sup>1 2</sup> ..	101.5	102.0	102.3	103.2	-	-	3.6	6.9	-	5.2
Admissions <sup>2</sup> .....	206.4	206.5	205.4	206.0	-8.7	4.9	8.6	-8	-2.1	3.8
Fees for lessons or instructions <sup>4</sup> .....	177.0	176.7	177.7	178.5	2.4	5.9	4.2	3.4	4.1	3.8
Recreational reading materials <sup>2</sup> .....	184.9	184.6	185.3	186.0	.0	4.3	4.7	2.4	2.1	3.5
Newspapers and magazines <sup>1 2</sup> .....	101.9	101.7	102.2	102.3	-	-	2.8	1.6	-	2.2
Recreational books <sup>1 2</sup> .....	102.0	102.0	102.3	103.3	-	-	8.2	5.2	-	6.7
Education and communication <sup>1</sup> .....	100.9	101.0	101.1	100.6	-	-	4.1	-1.2	-	1.4
Education <sup>1</sup> .....	102.3	102.6	102.9	103.2	-	-	6.5	3.6	-	5.0
Educational books and supplies .....	252.6	252.4	253.3	252.3	3.7	3.8	8.7	-5	3.7	4.0
Tuition, other school fees, and childcare .....	287.5	288.5	289.4	290.5	5.3	4.8	6.2	4.2	5.1	5.2
College tuition and fees .....	304.9	306.0	307.9	306.2	3.6	4.8	4.9	1.7	4.2	3.3
Elementary and high school tuition and fees .....	304.1	306.7	307.5	311.0	8.1	5.5	6.4	9.4	6.8	7.9
Child care and nursery school <sup>6</sup> .....	141.1	141.0	141.4	143.6	5.4	4.7	6.8	7.3	5.1	7.0
Technical and business school tuition and fees <sup>1 2</sup> .....	101.2	101.2	101.9	103.3	-	-	4.9	8.6	-	6.7

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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—	
	May 1998	June 1998	July 1998	Aug. 1998	Nov. 1997	Feb. 1998	May 1998	Aug. 1998	Feb. 1998	Aug. 1998
<b>Expenditure category</b>										
Communication <sup>1 2</sup> .....	99.7	99.8	99.6	98.4	1.6	-3.2	1.6	-5.1	-0.8	-1.8
Postage and delivery services <sup>1 2</sup> .....	100.1	100.1	100.1	100.1	-	-	.4	.0	-	.2
Postage <sup>2</sup> .....	160.8	160.8	160.8	160.8	.0	.0	.0	.0	.0	.0
Delivery services <sup>1 2</sup> .....	103.9	104.0	104.3	104.2	-	-	10.2	1.2	-	5.6
Information and information processing <sup>1 2</sup> .....	99.7	99.8	99.5	98.3	1.6	-3.2	1.6	-5.5	-.8	-2.0
Telephone services <sup>1 2</sup> .....	101.2	101.4	101.5	100.5	-	-	4.9	-2.7	-	1.0
Telephone services, local charges <sup>2</sup> .....	165.0	165.5	165.5	165.3	1.2	1.5	3.2	.7	1.4	2.0
Telephone services, long distance charges <sup>1 2</sup> .....	101.4	101.7	101.9	100.0	-	-	7.0	-5.4	-	.6
Cellular telephone services <sup>1 2</sup> .....	96.3	94.6	94.4	94.1	-	-	-7.9	-8.8	-	-8.4
Information and information processing other than telephone services <sup>2 10</sup> .....	42.6	41.8	40.2	38.9	.0	-25.5	-25.2	-30.5	-13.7	-27.9
Personal computers and peripheral equipment <sup>1 2</sup> .....	81.9	79.5	74.4	71.2	-	-	-34.7	-42.9	-	-38.9
Computer software and accessories <sup>1 2</sup> .....	97.0	97.2	98.0	94.5	-	-	-.8	-9.9	-	-5.5
Computer information processing services <sup>1 2</sup> .....	103.4	103.6	103.6	103.6	-	-	13.4	.8	-	6.9
Other information processing equipment <sup>1 2</sup> .....	95.6	95.0	94.5	93.7	-	-	-10.5	-7.7	-	-9.1
Other goods and services .....	234.6	234.3	236.3	236.7	6.6	8.2	6.6	3.6	7.4	5.1
Tobacco and smoking products .....	268.3	266.6	273.7	274.5	10.8	19.2	11.5	9.6	14.9	10.5
Cigarettes <sup>1 2</sup> .....	107.9	106.4	109.3	109.4	-	-	15.0	5.7	-	10.2
Tobacco products other than cigarettes <sup>1 2</sup> .....	104.2	103.7	103.7	103.5	-	-	11.5	-2.7	-	4.2
Personal care <sup>2</sup> .....	156.7	156.8	157.0	157.2	5.1	1.8	4.5	1.3	3.4	2.9
Personal care products <sup>2</sup> .....	150.5	150.3	150.1	149.6	7.7	1.4	8.1	-2.4	4.5	2.7
Hair, dental, shaving, and miscellaneous personal care products <sup>1 2</sup> .....	101.0	101.1	100.7	100.4	-	-	2.0	-2.4	-	-2
Cosmetics, perfume, bath, nail preparations and implements <sup>2</sup> .....	164.6	163.9	164.1	163.4	8.4	7.6	14.8	-2.9	8.0	5.6
Personal care services <sup>2</sup> .....	165.7	165.6	166.4	167.0	2.2	2.0	3.0	3.2	2.1	3.1
Haircuts and other personal care services <sup>1 2</sup> .....	101.0	100.9	101.4	101.8	-	-	2.8	3.2	-	3.0
Miscellaneous personal services .....	232.3	233.1	233.7	234.9	3.0	3.2	3.0	4.6	3.1	3.8
Legal services <sup>2 4</sup> .....	170.2	170.2	170.3	171.1	1.9	6.4	2.9	2.1	4.1	2.5
Funeral expenses <sup>4</sup> .....	178.1	178.6	178.9	180.8	3.3	3.5	5.3	6.2	3.4	5.8
Laundry and dry cleaning services <sup>1 2</sup> .....	101.3	101.6	101.7	101.4	-	-	2.4	.4	-	1.4
Apparel services other than laundry and dry cleaning <sup>1 2</sup> .....	100.9	101.0	101.1	101.6	-	-	2.0	2.8	-	2.4
Financial services <sup>2 4</sup> .....	197.0	198.1	198.8	199.4	1.5	4.9	3.3	5.0	3.1	4.1
Miscellaneous personal goods <sup>1 2</sup> .....	100.8	101.0	100.6	99.6	-	-	4.5	-4.7	-	-2
<b>Special aggregate indexes</b>										
Commodities .....	141.6	141.6	141.9	142.0	.6	-1.4	.0	1.1	-.4	.6
Commodities less food and beverages .....	130.6	130.5	130.7	130.6	-.3	-3.3	-.9	.0	-1.8	-.5
Nondurables less food and beverages .....	132.2	131.9	132.4	131.8	.6	-5.8	-1.2	-1.2	-2.7	-1.2
Nondurables less food, beverages, and apparel .....	137.2	136.9	137.1	136.5	-.3	-8.5	-.9	-2.0	-4.5	-1.4
Durables .....	127.0	127.0	127.6	127.5	-1.9	.3	-1.2	1.6	-.8	.2
Services .....	180.6	180.9	181.2	181.5	3.2	1.6	3.4	2.0	2.4	2.7
Rent of shelter <sup>3</sup> .....	169.3	169.8	170.1	170.5	2.9	3.2	3.4	2.9	3.0	3.1
Transportation services .....	185.5	185.3	185.6	186.0	.9	3.8	.6	1.1	2.3	.9
Other services .....	213.6	214.2	214.5	214.6	2.9	3.3	4.6	1.9	3.1	3.2
All items less food .....	159.1	159.2	159.5	159.6	2.0	-.3	2.0	1.3	.9	1.6
All items less shelter .....	154.9	154.9	155.2	155.3	1.8	-1.0	1.3	1.0	.4	1.2
All items less medical care .....	155.6	155.7	156.0	156.1	2.1	.0	1.8	1.3	1.0	1.6
Commodities less food .....	132.1	132.0	132.2	132.1	.0	-3.3	-.9	.0	-1.6	-.5
Nondurables less food .....	134.1	134.0	134.2	133.8	.6	-5.7	-.6	-.9	-2.6	-.7
Nondurables less food and apparel .....	138.6	138.2	138.5	138.2	1.4	-8.4	-1.7	-1.1	-3.6	-1.4
Nondurables .....	146.4	146.3	146.7	146.7	.8	-2.4	1.4	.8	-.8	1.1
Apparel less footwear .....	127.8	127.7	127.2	128.4	.9	-2.2	.6	1.9	-.6	1.3
Services less rent of shelter <sup>3</sup> .....	170.7	170.8	171.1	171.2	3.4	-.7	4.1	1.2	1.3	2.6
Services less medical care services .....	175.0	175.4	175.7	176.0	3.3	.9	3.7	2.3	2.1	3.0

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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—	
	May 1998	June 1998	July 1998	Aug. 1998	Nov. 1997	Feb. 1998	May 1998	Aug. 1998	Feb. 1998	Aug. 1998
<b>Special aggregate indexes</b>										
Energy .....	102.5	101.9	101.8	100.7	2.2	-23.0	-4.9	-6.8	-11.3	-5.9
All items less energy .....	167.4	167.6	168.0	168.3	2.0	2.2	2.7	2.2	2.1	2.4
All items less food and energy .....	169.5	169.7	170.1	170.4	2.2	2.4	2.6	2.1	2.3	2.4
Commodities less food and energy commodities .....	142.7	142.7	143.0	143.2	.8	1.1	.8	1.4	1.0	1.1
Energy commodities .....	93.1	92.4	92.2	90.7	-5.6	-27.6	-12.3	-9.9	-17.3	-11.1
Services less energy services .....	187.5	187.9	188.2	188.6	2.6	3.3	3.5	2.4	3.0	2.9
Domestically produced farm food .....	161.6	162.1	162.4	163.2	1.0	.8	3.3	4.0	.9	3.7
Utilities and public transportation .....	144.9	144.4	144.7	144.1	8.7	-6.9	4.0	-2.2	.6	.8

<sup>1</sup> Indexes on a December 1997=100 base.

<sup>2</sup> Not seasonally adjusted.

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

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

<sup>5</sup> Indexes on a December 1983=100 base.

<sup>6</sup> Indexes on a December 1990=100 base.

<sup>7</sup> Special index based on a substantially smaller sample.

<sup>8</sup> Indexes on a December 1993=100 base.

<sup>9</sup> Indexes on a December 1996=100 base.

<sup>10</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 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 Aug. 1998 from—			Percent change to July 1998 from—		
		May 1998	June 1998	July 1998	Aug. 1998	Aug. 1997	June 1998	July 1998	July 1997	May 1998	June 1998
U.S. city average .....	M	162.8	163.0	163.2	163.4	1.6	0.2	0.1	1.7	0.2	0.1
<b>Region and area size<sup>2</sup></b>											
Northeast urban .....	M	169.4	169.6	169.9	170.5	1.6	.5	.4	1.4	.3	.2
Size A - More than 1,500,000 .....	M	170.2	170.4	170.7	171.4	1.8	.6	.4	1.5	.3	.2
Size B/C - 50,000 to 1,500,000 <sup>3</sup> .....	M	101.8	101.9	102.0	102.2	1.0	.3	.2	1.0	.2	.1
Midwest urban <sup>4</sup> .....	M	159.4	159.5	159.8	159.5	1.5	.0	-.2	2.0	.3	.2
Size A - More than 1,500,000 .....	M	160.5	160.8	161.2	161.0	1.9	.1	-.1	2.5	.4	.2
Size B/C - 50,000 to 1,500,000 <sup>3</sup> .....	M	102.3	102.2	102.2	102.0	1.1	-.2	-.2	1.6	-.1	.0
Size D - Nonmetropolitan (less than 50,000) .....	M	153.4	153.3	153.5	153.3	.5	.0	-.1	.6	.1	.1
South urban .....	M	158.8	159.1	159.3	159.5	1.5	.3	.1	1.5	.3	.1
Size A - More than 1,500,000 .....	M	157.7	158.4	158.5	158.9	1.9	.3	.3	1.7	.5	.1
Size B/C - 50,000 to 1,500,000 <sup>3</sup> .....	M	102.2	102.3	102.4	102.5	1.1	.2	.1	1.1	.2	.1
Size D - Nonmetropolitan (less than 50,000) .....	M	159.3	160.0	160.0	160.2	2.4	.1	.1	2.3	.4	.0
West urban .....	M	164.3	164.2	164.3	164.8	2.0	.4	.3	2.0	.0	.1
Size A - More than 1,500,000 .....	M	165.0	165.0	165.1	165.6	2.4	.4	.3	2.4	.1	.1
Size B/C - 50,000 to 1,500,000 <sup>3</sup> .....	M	102.4	102.3	102.3	102.5	1.0	.2	.2	1.0	-.1	.0
<b>Size classes</b>											
A <sup>5</sup> .....	M	147.3	147.5	147.7	148.1	2.1	.4	.3	2.0	.3	.1
B/C <sup>3</sup> .....	M	102.2	102.2	102.3	102.4	1.1	.2	.1	1.2	.1	.1
D .....	M	158.8	159.2	159.3	159.4	1.7	.1	.1	1.7	.3	.1
<b>Selected local areas<sup>6</sup></b>											
Chicago-Gary-Kenosha, IL-IN-WI .....	M	165.6	166.0	166.5	165.4	1.8	-.4	-.7	3.0	.5	.3
Los Angeles-Riverside-Orange County, CA ..	M	162.3	162.2	162.1	162.6	1.8	.2	.3	1.6	-.1	-.1
New York-Northern N.J.-Long Island, NY-NJ-CT-PA .....	M	173.0	173.1	173.6	174.2	2.0	.6	.3	1.6	.3	.3
Boston-Brockton-Nashua, MA-NH-ME-CT ....	1	170.9	-	170.7	-	-	-	-	2.2	-.1	-
Cleveland-Akron, OH .....	1	159.2	-	159.9	-	-	-	-	2.3	.4	-
Dallas-Fort Worth, TX .....	1	153.0	-	154.2	-	-	-	-	-	.8	-
Washington-Baltimore, DC-MD-VA-WV <sup>7</sup> .....	1	101.5	-	102.8	-	-	-	-	1.7	1.3	-
Atlanta, GA .....	2	-	162.0	-	161.9	-	-.1	-	-	-	-
Detroit-Ann Arbor-Flint, MI .....	2	-	159.4	-	160.5	2.3	.7	-	-	-	-
Houston-Galveston-Brazoria, TX .....	2	-	146.4	-	147.4	1.4	.7	-	-	-	-
Miami-Fort Lauderdale, FL .....	2	-	160.2	-	160.8	-	.4	-	-	-	-
Philadelphia-Wilmington-Atlantic City, PA-NJ-DE-MD .....	2	-	168.0	-	168.6	1.1	.4	-	-	-	-
San Francisco-Oakland-San Jose, CA .....	2	-	165.5	-	166.6	3.3	.7	-	-	-	-
Seattle-Tacoma-Bremerton, WA .....	2	-	167.5	-	168.5	-	.6	-	-	-	-

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

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.



**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 Aug. 1998	Percent change from—		Index Aug. 1998	Percent change from—		Index Aug. 1998	Percent change from—		Index Aug. 1998	Percent change from—	
		Aug. 1997	July 1998		Aug. 1997	July 1998		Aug. 1997	July 1998		Aug. 1997	July 1998
<b>Expenditure category</b>												
All items .....	170.5	1.6	0.4	159.5	1.5	-0.2	159.5	1.5	0.1	164.8	2.0	0.3
All items (December 1977=100) .....	268.4	-	-	259.6	-	-	258.8	-	-	266.4	-	-
Food and beverages .....	163.5	1.7	.1	158.1	2.1	.2	159.7	1.9	.5	164.5	2.9	.4
Food .....	163.0	1.7	.2	157.6	2.2	.3	159.7	1.8	.5	163.9	3.0	.4
Food at home .....	163.8	1.5	.2	157.2	2.0	.3	158.0	1.3	.6	167.9	2.9	.4
Food away from home .....	163.8	2.3	.1	158.7	2.5	.2	164.1	2.6	.2	158.2	2.9	.3
Alcoholic beverages .....	169.3	.8	-.1	164.3	1.1	-.1	159.1	2.1	.1	170.5	2.0	.3
Housing .....	172.9	2.0	.3	156.2	2.2	-.3	152.5	2.2	.1	165.3	3.3	.4
Shelter .....	204.1	2.7	.4	179.3	2.9	.2	166.6	3.3	.2	182.4	4.0	.5
Rent of primary residence .....	185.4	2.9	.3	169.0	2.7	.3	160.3	3.1	.4	173.9	4.0	.3
Owners' equivalent rent of primary residence <sup>3</sup> .....	211.4	3.0	.4	183.4	2.9	.2	167.8	3.5	.4	192.1	3.6	.3
Fuels and utilities .....	122.6	-1.9	-.2	126.2	-.1	-2.2	138.1	-.1	-.4	139.0	-1.0	.7
Fuels .....	112.5	-2.5	-.2	109.9	-1.0	-2.8	119.6	-4.2	-.5	126.9	-2.0	.7
Gas (piped) and electricity .....	130.1	-1.8	.0	116.0	-.6	-2.8	122.5	-4.7	-.5	130.0	-2.0	.8
Electricity .....	137.4	-3.3	-.1	132.3	-2.4	-3.3	124.0	-5.9	-.3	143.6	-1.9	.4
Utility natural gas service .....	118.7	.8	.1	98.9	.7	-1.9	116.3	-1.2	-1.3	114.0	-2.9	1.7
Household furnishings and operations .....	127.9	1.3	.0	124.7	.7	-1.3	127.8	.7	.2	127.0	2.5	-1
Apparel .....	130.4	1.8	3.3	128.4	-.6	.5	143.1	2.9	1.0	121.3	.4	1.8
Transportation .....	143.4	-1.6	-.2	139.8	-1.9	-.6	138.8	-2.3	-.4	143.8	-1.2	-.2
Private transportation .....	137.9	-2.3	-.1	135.8	-2.3	-.7	137.3	-2.7	-.4	138.9	-2.0	-.3
New and used motor vehicles <sup>4</sup> .....	99.1	-	-.1	99.8	-	.0	100.4	-	.0	100.0	-	.1
New vehicles .....	141.4	.0	.0	139.8	.0	.1	146.5	-.1	.0	142.0	-1.0	.0
New cars and trucks <sup>4 5</sup> .....	98.4	-	.0	99.0	-	.1	99.6	-	.0	98.8	-	.0
New cars <sup>5</sup> .....	139.6	-.1	.1	135.2	-.4	-.1	145.4	-.2	-.1	138.0	-.9	-.2
Used cars and trucks .....	154.3	1.5	-.2	150.6	1.5	-.3	152.7	2.6	-.1	147.9	1.0	-.1
Motor fuel .....	89.3	-15.2	-1.3	93.4	-15.5	-3.6	89.0	-15.2	-2.1	95.4	-12.8	-1.8
Gasoline (all types) .....	88.8	-15.5	-1.3	93.0	-16.1	-3.6	88.5	-15.6	-2.1	94.5	-12.9	-1.8
Gasoline, unleaded regular <sup>5</sup> .....	87.1	-16.6	-1.4	90.9	-17.1	-3.8	85.1	-16.6	-2.3	91.4	-13.7	-1.8
Gasoline, unleaded midgrade <sup>5 6</sup> .....	92.5	-14.8	-1.3	103.9	-14.9	-3.5	95.0	-14.6	-1.9	92.9	-12.5	-1.6
Gasoline, unleaded premium <sup>5</sup> .....	90.6	-13.7	-1.1	97.8	-14.3	-3.4	93.4	-13.4	-1.6	97.0	-11.0	-1.5
Medical care .....	255.7	4.4	.6	237.5	4.3	.2	241.0	3.1	.3	241.0	2.3	.2
Medical care commodities .....	229.1	4.9	.7	220.6	4.6	.0	216.5	3.0	.6	231.1	2.0	.3
Medical care services .....	261.4	4.3	.5	241.6	4.3	.2	247.2	3.1	.2	243.2	2.3	.2
Professional services .....	236.4	4.6	.6	222.1	4.8	.2	227.0	2.3	.1	206.8	1.5	.0
Recreation <sup>4</sup> .....	102.1	-	.2	101.9	-	-.1	101.5	-	.3	99.8	-	.3
Education and communication <sup>4</sup> .....	99.5	-	.1	100.7	-	.0	99.9	-	.2	100.4	-	.0
Other goods and services .....	245.8	4.9	.0	234.0	6.4	.1	230.7	6.3	.2	241.4	3.9	-1
<b>Commodity and service group</b>												
All items .....	170.5	1.6	.4	159.5	1.5	-.2	159.5	1.5	.1	164.8	2.0	.3
Commodities .....	142.1	.3	.3	140.5	-.3	-.4	142.0	.4	.1	142.0	.5	.2
Commodities less food and beverages .....	128.2	-.7	.4	130.5	-1.7	-.7	132.1	-.5	.0	128.5	-1.1	.1
Nondurables less food and beverages .....	129.5	-1.1	.9	133.3	-2.1	-.6	134.4	-.7	.1	130.1	-1.7	.1
Nondurables less food, beverages, and apparel .....	134.9	-2.7	-.4	139.3	-2.7	-1.2	135.5	-2.7	-.4	139.3	-2.7	-.6
Durables .....	126.4	-.1	-.3	126.1	-1.0	-.6	129.1	-.4	-.1	126.4	-.2	-.1
Services .....	198.7	2.5	.4	179.7	3.0	.0	177.7	2.5	.2	185.6	3.1	.4
Rent of shelter <sup>3</sup> .....	213.1	2.8	.5	184.3	3.0	.2	171.2	3.3	.2	193.6	4.0	.5
Transportation services .....	188.7	1.6	.0	185.4	2.9	.1	188.2	.6	-.2	190.7	2.6	.2
Other services .....	230.2	3.2	.4	210.4	3.3	.2	214.5	3.6	.4	214.4	2.8	.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	Percent change from—		Index	Percent change from—		Index	Percent change from—		Index	Percent change from—	
	Aug. 1998	Aug. 1997	July 1998	Aug. 1998	Aug. 1997	July 1998	Aug. 1998	Aug. 1997	July 1998	Aug. 1998	Aug. 1997	July 1998
<b>Special aggregate indexes</b>												
All items less medical care .....	166.3	1.4	0.4	155.4	1.4	-0.1	154.3	1.4	0.1	160.7	2.1	0.3
All items less food .....	172.0	1.5	.4	159.8	1.3	-2	159.4	1.5	.1	165.1	1.9	.3
All items less shelter .....	159.5	1.1	.3	153.9	1.0	-3	157.6	.8	.1	159.0	1.1	.3
Commodities less food .....	129.9	-7	.4	131.8	-1.6	-7	133.1	-4	.0	130.4	-1.0	.0
Nondurables .....	146.8	.4	.5	145.6	.1	-2	147.0	.6	.3	147.6	.8	.2
Nondurables less food .....	131.8	-1.0	.8	135.0	-1.9	-7	135.6	-6	.0	133.1	-1.4	.2
Nondurables less food and apparel .....	137.2	-2.3	-4	140.9	-2.2	-1.1	136.7	-2.1	-4	141.7	-2.3	-6
Services less rent of shelter <sup>3</sup> .....	199.8	2.0	.3	184.7	2.8	-3	191.5	1.8	.1	195.8	2.0	.3
Services less medical care services .....	193.6	2.3	.4	174.0	2.8	.0	170.1	2.4	.2	180.6	3.2	.4
Energy .....	103.0	-7.1	-6	101.8	-7.6	-3.1	103.0	-8.9	-1.2	108.5	-7.4	-5
All items less energy .....	179.4	2.2	.4	167.8	2.3	.1	167.0	2.4	.2	171.1	2.6	.4
All items less food and energy .....	183.7	2.3	.5	170.3	2.3	.1	168.9	2.6	.2	172.9	2.6	.3
Commodities less food and energy commodities .....	143.3	1.3	.6	142.4	.5	-3	144.7	1.6	.3	139.6	.6	.2
Energy commodities .....	87.4	-13.2	-1.2	93.0	-15.1	-3.5	89.9	-14.5	-2.0	96.4	-12.6	-1.7
Services less energy services .....	205.3	2.7	.4	187.8	3.2	.2	183.7	3.0	.3	189.7	3.4	.4

<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 Aug. 1998	Percent change from—		Index Aug. 1998	Percent change from—		Index Aug. 1998	Percent change from—	
		Aug. 1997	July 1998		Aug. 1997	July 1998		Aug. 1997	July 1998
<b>Expenditure category</b>									
All items .....	148.1	2.1	0.3	102.4	1.1	0.1	159.4	1.7	0.1
All items (December 1977=100) .....	148.1	-	-	-	-	-	257.0	-	-
Food and beverages .....	146.0	2.3	.3	101.1	-	.4	156.9	1.8	-.1
Food .....	145.7	2.4	.3	101.2	-	.5	156.6	1.9	-.1
Food at home .....	149.6	2.2	.4	101.0	-	.5	154.3	1.7	-.2
Food away from home .....	139.8	2.7	.1	101.4	-	.3	161.8	2.4	.3
Alcoholic beverages .....	149.5	1.5	.0	100.7	-	.1	160.4	.1	-.2
Housing .....	145.4	3.0	.2	102.1	-	.2	153.3	1.9	.1
Shelter .....	154.8	3.8	.5	102.7	-	.3	174.1	2.4	.4
Rent of primary residence .....	144.6	3.9	.3	101.3	-	.3	162.2	1.8	.4
Owners' equivalent rent of primary residence <sup>4</sup> .....	154.2	3.8	.3	101.5	-	.2	180.7	2.5	.4
Fuels and utilities .....	131.8	.3	-.6	99.3	-	-.5	133.1	2.9	-.9
Fuels .....	129.7	-.6	-.8	98.6	-	-.7	112.1	1.3	-.12
Gas (piped) and electricity .....	129.8	-.3	-.6	99.3	-	-.7	121.3	1.1	-.12
Electricity .....	135.7	-.14	-.11	101.8	-	-.5	130.3	-.8	-.2
Utility natural gas service .....	118.2	.3	.4	91.7	-	-.14	107.2	6.3	-.42
Household furnishings and operations .....	119.4	1.5	-.6	101.6	-	.2	123.1	-.15	.1
Apparel .....	122.8	2.1	2.5	98.4	-	.2	131.9	1.2	.5
Transportation .....	139.4	-.17	-.4	98.6	-	-.4	138.3	-.21	-.1
Private transportation .....	138.1	-.23	-.4	98.2	-	-.4	134.4	-.24	-.2
New and used motor vehicles <sup>3</sup> .....	99.7	-	.0	100.1	-	.0	100.5	-	.3
New vehicles .....	124.9	-.5	-.1	99.6	-	.2	144.3	.3	.3
New cars and trucks <sup>3 5</sup> .....	98.6	-	-.1	99.6	-	.2	99.9	-	.3
New cars <sup>5</sup> .....	123.3	-.3	-.2	99.3	-	.0	141.0	.6	.5
Used cars and trucks .....	143.7	2.4	-.1	101.8	-	-.2	144.9	1.0	-.1
Motor fuel .....	134.5	-.145	-.23	89.8	-	-.23	89.1	-.150	-.17
Gasoline (all types) .....	133.7	-.149	-.23	89.8	-	-.23	88.4	-.155	-.17
Gasoline, unleaded regular <sup>5</sup> .....	132.8	-.159	-.26	89.3	-	-.24	84.8	-.160	-.14
Gasoline, unleaded midgrade <sup>5 6</sup> .....	94.0	-.139	-.20	90.2	-	-.21	97.1	-.161	-.18
Gasoline, unleaded premium <sup>5</sup> .....	126.9	-.132	-.18	91.0	-	-.18	92.9	-.139	-.22
Medical care .....	193.3	3.9	.4	102.1	-	.2	237.8	3.7	.2
Medical care commodities .....	181.2	4.3	.7	101.6	-	.1	221.7	3.1	.7
Medical care services .....	195.9	3.8	.4	102.2	-	.2	242.3	3.8	.0
Professional services .....	177.2	3.6	.3	102.2	-	.1	230.8	3.1	.1
Recreation <sup>3</sup> .....	101.2	-	.1	101.1	-	.3	103.7	-	.4
Education and communication <sup>3</sup> .....	100.5	-	.2	99.5	-	-.1	100.2	-	-.2
Other goods and services .....	190.5	4.7	.1	103.9	-	.2	239.4	8.3	-.1
<b>Commodity and service group</b>									
All items .....	148.1	2.1	.3	102.4	1.1	.1	159.4	1.7	.1
Commodities .....	136.0	.4	.1	99.7	-	.1	139.3	.1	.0
Commodities less food and beverages .....	129.4	-.8	.1	98.8	-	-.2	129.8	-.9	.0
Nondurables less food and beverages .....	137.5	-.12	.4	98.1	-	-.4	132.0	-.8	.0
Nondurables less food, beverages, and apparel .....	147.7	-.29	-.7	98.0	-	-.6	135.5	-.15	-.2
Durables .....	118.5	-.3	-.4	99.6	-	.0	127.0	-.12	.0
Services .....	157.6	3.1	.3	102.1	-	.2	181.2	3.0	.1
Rent of shelter <sup>4</sup> .....	155.2	3.8	.5	102.7	-	.2	180.1	2.4	.4
Transportation services .....	154.2	1.6	.0	101.3	-	.0	185.7	1.5	.1
Other services .....	177.2	3.3	.4	101.8	-	.2	217.0	5.2	.1

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 Aug. 1998	Percent change from—		Index Aug. 1998	Percent change from—		Index Aug. 1998	Percent change from—	
		Aug. 1997	July 1998		Aug. 1997	July 1998		Aug. 1997	July 1998
<b>Special aggregate indexes</b>									
All items less medical care .....	145.6	2.0	0.2	100.9	-	0.1	153.8	1.5	0.1
All items less food .....	148.5	1.9	.2	100.9	-	.0	159.8	1.6	.1
All items less shelter .....	145.2	1.3	.1	100.3	-	.0	155.8	1.4	-.1
Commodities less food .....	130.5	-.8	.1	98.9	-	-.2	130.7	-.9	.0
Nondurables .....	142.1	.7	.4	99.7	-	-.1	144.3	.6	.0
Nondurables less food .....	138.6	-.9	.4	98.3	-	-.3	133.3	-.7	-.1
Nondurables less food and apparel .....	147.8	-2.3	-.6	98.2	-	-.6	136.9	-1.3	-.2
Services less rent of shelter <sup>4</sup> .....	160.0	2.4	.1	101.4	-	.1	192.0	3.4	-.2
Services less medical care services .....	154.4	3.1	.3	102.0	-	.1	173.7	2.8	.1
Energy .....	131.9	-6.8	-1.3	94.8	-	-1.4	100.7	-5.4	-1.4
All items less energy .....	149.2	2.6	.3	101.5	-	.2	167.7	2.3	.2
All items less food and energy .....	150.0	2.7	.4	101.6	-	.2	170.4	2.3	.2
Commodities less food and energy commodities .....	130.0	1.1	.3	100.2	-	.1	142.6	1.1	.2
Energy commodities .....	133.4	-13.9	-2.3	89.7	-	-2.2	88.8	-14.1	-1.6
Services less energy services .....	159.6	3.4	.4	102.3	-	.2	188.1	3.1	.2

<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> Indexes on a December 1982=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 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—	
	Aug. 1998	Aug. 1997	July 1998	Aug. 1998	Aug. 1997	July 1998
<b>Expenditure category</b>						
All items .....	171.4	1.8	0.4	102.2	1.0	0.2
All items (December 1977=100) .....	264.9	-	-	-	-	-
Food and beverages .....	163.2	1.9	.1	101.5	-	.3
Food .....	162.6	1.9	.1	101.6	-	.3
Food at home .....	163.9	1.7	.1	101.4	-	.3
Food away from home .....	163.0	2.3	.1	101.9	-	.2
Alcoholic beverages .....	170.2	1.4	-.1	99.6	-	-.3
Housing .....	173.3	2.2	.3	101.9	-	.3
Shelter .....	202.9	2.9	.5	103.1	-	.4
Rent of primary residence .....	187.2	3.5	.3	100.6	-	.3
Owners' equivalent rent of primary residence <sup>4</sup> .....	207.6	3.3	.4	101.3	-	.3
Fuels and utilities .....	123.2	-1.4	.0	95.6	-	-.6
Fuels .....	117.2	-2.0	.0	94.3	-	-.6
Gas (piped) and electricity .....	131.5	-1.5	.2	96.0	-	-.5
Electricity .....	137.9	-3.6	-.1	97.1	-	-.1
Utility natural gas service .....	122.2	2.0	.7	93.2	-	-1.7
Household furnishings and operations .....	128.0	.9	-.5	102.8	-	1.0
Apparel .....	127.0	1.5	4.3	99.8	-	.7
Transportation .....	146.2	-1.2	-.1	97.4	-	-.3
Private transportation .....	140.5	-2.1	-.1	97.0	-	-.2
Motor fuel .....	88.7	-15.0	-1.2	87.6	-	-1.5
Gasoline (all types) .....	88.2	-15.1	-1.2	87.6	-	-1.5
Gasoline, unleaded regular <sup>5</sup> .....	86.3	-16.4	-1.3	87.0	-	-1.6
Gasoline, unleaded midgrade <sup>5 6</sup> .....	90.8	-14.5	-1.0	88.2	-	-1.6
Gasoline, unleaded premium <sup>5</sup> .....	89.6	-13.4	-1.1	88.5	-	-1.1
Medical care .....	261.2	5.2	.8	102.0	-	.0
Recreation <sup>2</sup> .....	102.2	-	.3	101.8	-	.1
Education and communication <sup>2</sup> .....	99.5	-	.2	99.6	-	-.2
Other goods and services .....	243.3	4.9	.0	102.6	-	-.1
<b>Commodity and service group</b>						
All items .....	171.4	1.8	.4	102.2	1.0	.2
Commodities .....	143.1	.4	.4	99.6	-	.1
Commodities less food and beverages .....	129.1	-.5	.6	98.5	-	.1
Nondurables less food and beverages .....	130.3	-.9	1.3	97.3	-	-.1
Durables .....	127.9	.0	-.5	100.1	-	.2
Services .....	197.8	2.6	.4	101.9	-	.2
<b>Special aggregate indexes</b>						
All items less medical care .....	167.1	1.6	.4	100.8	-	.2
All items less shelter .....	160.6	1.3	.4	100.0	-	.1
Commodities less food .....	130.9	-.5	.6	98.5	-	.0
Nondurables .....	147.6	.6	.7	99.5	-	.1
Nondurables less food .....	132.8	-.7	1.2	97.4	-	-.1
Services less rent of shelter <sup>4</sup> .....	199.6	2.2	.4	100.6	-	.0
Services less medical care services .....	192.4	2.5	.4	101.8	-	.2
Energy .....	106.0	-6.5	-.4	91.7	-	-1.0
All items less energy .....	179.5	2.5	.5	101.7	-	.3
All items less food and energy .....	183.8	2.5	.5	101.7	-	.2

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—	
		Aug. 1998	Aug. 1997		July 1998	Aug. 1998		Aug. 1997	July 1998
<b>Expenditure category</b>									
All items .....	161.0	1.9	-0.1	102.0	1.1	-0.2	153.3	0.5	-0.1
All items (December 1977=100) .....	265.9	-	-	-	-	-	245.7	-	-
Food and beverages .....	160.9	2.3	.2	101.3	-	.3	151.2	1.6	-1
Food .....	160.4	2.3	.2	101.3	-	.3	150.2	1.7	-1
Food at home .....	161.2	2.2	.4	101.5	-	.4	146.8	1.5	-2
Food away from home .....	159.6	2.7	.1	101.1	-	.4	157.2	2.1	.2
Alcoholic beverages .....	165.2	1.3	-1	100.7	-	.0	166.0	-1	-4
Housing .....	156.9	2.8	-3	102.0	-	-2	146.3	.2	-5
Shelter .....	181.2	3.4	.3	102.8	-	.2	163.0	2.5	.0
Rent of primary residence .....	173.4	3.3	.4	101.2	-	.1	152.1	1.9	-1
Owners' equivalent rent of primary residence <sup>4</sup> .....	185.5	3.4	.3	101.4	-	.1	170.4	2.1	.0
Fuels and utilities .....	124.3	.2	-2.6	99.9	-	-1.6	131.1	-3.4	-3.0
Fuels .....	110.5	-8	-3.2	99.6	-	-1.9	102.7	-7.4	-3.7
Gas (piped) and electricity .....	114.1	-7	-3.2	100.2	-	-1.9	111.1	-7.1	-3.7
Electricity .....	131.6	-3.9	-4.6	107.5	-	-2.1	113.0	-16.3	-9
Utility natural gas service .....	95.8	1.3	-9	89.4	-	-1.3	111.3	6.6	-7.3
Household furnishings and operations .....	120.2	1.2	-1.7	100.5	-	-9	119.1	-4.6	-2
Apparel .....	127.0	-3	1.3	98.0	-	-1.1	138.0	-8	1.2
Transportation .....	141.4	-1.7	-7	99.1	-	-6	132.7	-3.3	-1
Private transportation .....	138.3	-2.1	-8	98.9	-	-7	126.3	-3.6	-1
Motor fuel .....	95.4	-14.9	-4.4	93.3	-	-3.2	88.3	-15.7	-1.1
Gasoline (all types) .....	94.9	-15.7	-4.3	93.3	-	-3.2	87.4	-16.4	-1.1
Gasoline, unleaded regular <sup>5</sup> .....	93.4	-16.4	-4.7	92.6	-	-3.4	84.4	-16.8	-8
Gasoline, unleaded midgrade <sup>5 6</sup> .....	103.4	-15.0	-4.3	94.3	-	-2.7	101.8	-16.7	-1.3
Gasoline, unleaded premium <sup>5</sup> .....	97.8	-13.8	-3.6	95.1	-	-3.1	92.3	-14.2	-1.8
Medical care .....	236.1	5.0	.2	102.4	-	.1	230.4	4.3	.2
Recreation <sup>2</sup> .....	102.7	-	.0	100.6	-	-1	102.1	-	.1
Education and communication <sup>2</sup> .....	101.9	-	-1	99.4	-	.3	98.2	-	-8
Other goods and services .....	240.0	6.1	.6	104.1	-	-6	225.6	7.3	.0
<b>Commodity and service group</b>									
All items .....	161.0	1.9	-1	102.0	1.1	-2	153.3	.5	-1
Commodities .....	142.2	.1	-3	99.5	-	-5	138.3	-9	.1
Commodities less food and beverages .....	130.9	-1.4	-6	98.5	-	-1.0	131.1	-2.3	.2
Nondurables less food and beverages .....	135.1	-1.7	-3	98.5	-	-1.3	136.0	-1.6	.1
Durables .....	123.7	-7	-9	98.6	-	-4	124.7	-3.2	.2
Services .....	180.4	3.3	.0	102.3	-	.0	169.6	1.7	-4
<b>Special aggregate indexes</b>									
All items less medical care .....	157.2	1.7	-1	100.9	-	-2	147.8	.1	-2
All items less shelter .....	155.1	1.3	-3	100.4	-	-3	150.8	-3	-2
Commodities less food .....	132.5	-1.2	-5	98.6	-	-9	132.2	-2.2	.2
Nondurables .....	148.3	.4	.0	99.9	-	-5	144.1	.0	.1
Nondurables less food .....	137.1	-1.4	-3	98.6	-	-1.3	137.7	-1.5	.2
Services less rent of shelter <sup>4</sup> .....	185.7	3.1	-3	101.9	-	-1	178.9	1.0	-7
Services less medical care services .....	175.2	3.1	.0	102.3	-	.1	161.6	1.4	-5
Energy .....	103.7	-7.5	-3.6	96.7	-	-2.4	95.1	-11.0	-2.7
All items less energy .....	168.9	2.7	.2	101.3	-	-1	161.5	1.5	.1
All items less food and energy .....	171.0	2.7	.1	101.3	-	-1	164.1	1.5	.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—	
	Aug. 1998	Aug. 1997	July 1998	Aug. 1998	Aug. 1997	July 1998	Aug. 1998	Aug. 1997	July 1998
<b>Expenditure category</b>									
All items .....	158.9	1.9	0.3	102.5	1.1	0.1	160.2	2.4	0.1
All items (December 1977=100) .....	256.4	-	-	-	-	-	260.2	-	-
Food and beverages .....	160.3	1.9	.4	101.0	-	.6	156.0	1.6	.1
Food .....	160.5	2.0	.5	101.0	-	.6	156.4	1.6	.1
Food at home .....	158.3	1.5	.8	100.6	-	.7	153.5	1.5	.0
Food away from home .....	165.1	2.7	.1	101.6	-	.4	164.0	2.1	.1
Alcoholic beverages .....	158.4	1.0	-.3	100.9	-	.5	146.5	-.3	-.5
Housing .....	152.1	3.6	.2	102.5	-	.1	153.6	2.6	.5
Shelter .....	165.3	4.0	.3	103.1	-	.2	174.2	2.1	.6
Rent of primary residence .....	161.5	3.3	.3	101.9	-	.4	164.0	2.2	.9
Owners' equivalent rent of primary residence <sup>4</sup> .....	167.5	3.8	.3	102.1	-	.4	176.9	3.1	.8
Fuels and utilities .....	133.8	6.3	-.2	100.0	-	-.5	136.3	6.7	.0
Fuels .....	121.5	4.0	-.2	99.4	-	-.7	118.1	6.6	.0
Gas (piped) and electricity .....	126.0	4.1	-.2	99.6	-	-.7	123.3	6.3	.0
Electricity .....	126.4	3.1	-.2	101.0	-	-.5	128.6	6.6	.1
Utility natural gas service .....	113.5	.9	-.8	92.4	-	-1.8	111.0	11.6	-.7
Household furnishings and operations .....	132.0	1.1	.2	101.7	-	.2	122.6	.1	.2
Apparel .....	150.9	4.1	1.1	99.0	-	.9	133.8	6.1	.7
Transportation .....	137.8	-2.9	-.3	98.7	-	-.5	137.8	-2.2	-.5
Private transportation .....	137.1	-3.6	-.3	98.4	-	-.5	136.6	-2.2	-.5
Motor fuel .....	91.8	-14.2	-1.4	89.3	-	-2.3	81.6	-16.8	-2.5
Gasoline (all types) .....	90.9	-14.5	-1.4	89.3	-	-2.3	80.6	-17.3	-2.5
Gasoline, unleaded regular <sup>5</sup> .....	87.9	-15.5	-1.7	88.5	-	-2.6	76.0	-18.4	-2.7
Gasoline, unleaded midgrade <sup>5 6</sup> .....	93.6	-13.4	-1.2	89.7	-	-2.2	96.3	-16.5	-2.1
Gasoline, unleaded premium <sup>5</sup> .....	94.3	-12.8	-.9	90.9	-	-1.8	88.9	-15.3	-2.9
Medical care .....	239.3	2.5	.3	102.1	-	.3	244.3	4.6	.3
Recreation <sup>2</sup> .....	100.4	-	.2	101.4	-	.4	106.8	-	.5
Education and communication <sup>2</sup> .....	100.5	-	.4	99.2	-	-.1	101.1	-	.5
Other goods and services .....	220.0	4.4	-.1	104.4	-	.5	229.9	8.8	-.5
<b>Commodity and service group</b>									
All items .....	158.9	1.9	.3	102.5	1.1	.1	160.2	2.4	.1
Commodities .....	142.3	.3	.1	99.9	-	.2	139.1	.8	.0
Commodities less food and beverages .....	132.1	-.8	.1	99.2	-	-.1	130.1	.5	.0
Nondurables less food and beverages .....	133.2	-.7	.1	98.6	-	.0	131.6	.6	-.1
Durables .....	131.0	-1.0	-.1	99.9	-	-.1	128.2	.2	.1
Services .....	175.4	3.1	.2	102.3	-	.2	182.7	3.7	.3
<b>Special aggregate indexes</b>									
All items less medical care .....	154.4	1.8	.2	101.1	-	.1	153.5	2.3	.1
All items less shelter .....	156.9	1.1	.2	100.5	-	.2	156.8	2.6	.1
Commodities less food .....	133.2	-.7	.0	99.3	-	.0	130.5	.5	-.1
Nondurables .....	146.7	.8	.3	99.8	-	.2	143.5	1.1	.0
Nondurables less food .....	134.8	-.5	.1	98.8	-	.1	132.1	.6	-.1
Services less rent of shelter <sup>4</sup> .....	190.9	2.5	.2	101.4	-	.0	194.3	5.0	.1
Services less medical care services .....	169.0	3.1	.2	102.3	-	.1	173.2	3.5	.3
Energy .....	106.1	-4.1	-.7	95.0	-	-1.3	99.4	-2.9	-.9
All items less energy .....	166.1	2.3	.3	101.7	-	.3	168.9	2.9	.3
All items less food and energy .....	167.5	2.3	.2	101.8	-	.2	171.8	3.2	.3

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—	
		Aug. 1998	Aug. 1997		July 1998	Aug. 1997
<b>Expenditure category</b>						
All items .....	165.6	2.4	0.3	102.5	1.0	0.2
All items (December 1977=100) .....	270.1	-	-	-	-	-
Food and beverages .....	165.7	3.1	.5	100.9	-	.3
Food .....	165.1	3.3	.4	100.9	-	.3
Food at home .....	169.6	3.2	.5	101.2	-	.5
Food away from home .....	159.0	3.3	.4	100.3	-	.0
Alcoholic beverages .....	170.9	1.8	.4	101.8	-	-.1
Housing .....	168.4	4.0	.4	101.2	-	.4
Shelter .....	184.6	4.8	.5	101.1	-	.3
Rent of primary residence .....	179.1	4.9	.4	100.5	-	.2
Owners' equivalent rent of primary residence <sup>4</sup> .....	195.3	4.6	.3	100.4	-	.1
Fuels and utilities .....	141.1	-2.6	.6	101.2	-	.8
Fuels .....	129.7	-4.0	.7	101.1	-	1.0
Gas (piped) and electricity .....	132.2	-3.9	.8	101.3	-	1.0
Electricity .....	146.2	-4.0	.0	103.3	-	1.1
Utility natural gas service .....	119.7	-3.8	2.5	93.9	-	.4
Household furnishings and operations .....	128.8	3.0	-.3	101.6	-	.6
Apparel .....	121.7	2.4	2.7	94.8	-	-.7
Transportation .....	142.7	-1.2	-.3	99.0	-	.1
Private transportation .....	138.1	-1.8	-.3	97.8	-	-.3
Motor fuel .....	94.5	-13.5	-2.2	88.6	-	-.9
Gasoline (all types) .....	93.6	-13.6	-2.1	88.6	-	-.9
Gasoline, unleaded regular <sup>5</sup> .....	90.2	-14.7	-2.5	88.2	-	-.9
Gasoline, unleaded midgrade <sup>5 6</sup> .....	91.3	-12.4	-1.8	89.0	-	-1.0
Gasoline, unleaded premium <sup>5</sup> .....	97.0	-11.6	-1.9	89.6	-	-.9
Medical care .....	237.4	2.5	.2	101.7	-	.3
Recreation <sup>2</sup> .....	99.7	-	.2	100.0	-	.5
Education and communication <sup>2</sup> .....	100.4	-	.3	100.2	-	-.6
Other goods and services .....	246.5	3.3	-.4	103.2	-	.6
<b>Commodity and service group</b>						
All items .....	165.6	2.4	.3	102.5	1.0	.2
Commodities .....	142.4	.8	.2	99.2	-	.1
Commodities less food and beverages .....	127.9	-.8	.0	98.1	-	.0
Nondurables less food and beverages .....	129.1	-1.3	.3	97.1	-	-.2
Durables .....	125.9	.2	-.2	99.4	-	.3
Services .....	186.0	3.5	.4	101.4	-	.3
<b>Special aggregate indexes</b>						
All items less medical care .....	161.9	2.4	.3	100.4	-	.2
All items less shelter .....	159.1	1.2	.3	100.2	-	.2
Commodities less food .....	130.1	-.6	.1	98.3	-	.1
Nondurables .....	148.0	1.1	.3	99.1	-	.0
Nondurables less food .....	132.4	-1.0	.2	97.4	-	-.2
Services less rent of shelter <sup>4</sup> .....	195.8	1.8	.3	101.6	-	.3
Services less medical care services .....	181.8	3.6	.4	101.4	-	.3
Energy .....	107.2	-9.0	-.7	95.5	-	.2
All items less energy .....	171.8	3.2	.4	100.9	-	.3
All items less food and energy .....	173.5	3.1	.4	100.9	-	.3

<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> Indexes on a December 1982=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 14. Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers (CPI-U): Food at home, selected areas**

(1982-84=100, unless otherwise noted)

Area	Food at home										
	Pricing schedule 1	Indexes				Percent change to Aug. 1998 from—			Percent change to July 1998 from—		
		May 1998	June 1998	July 1998	Aug. 1998	Aug. 1997	June 1998	July 1998	July 1997	May 1998	June 1998
U.S. city average .....	M	160.7	160.5	160.8	161.4	1.8	0.6	0.4	2.0	0.1	0.2
<b>Region and area size<sup>2</sup></b>											
Northeast urban .....	M	162.8	163.1	163.5	163.8	1.5	.4	.2	1.3	.4	.2
Size A - More than 1,500,000 .....	M	162.7	162.9	163.7	163.9	1.7	.6	.1	1.6	.6	.5
Size B/C 50,000 to 1,500,000 <sup>3</sup> .....	M	101.0	101.4	101.1	101.4	-	.0	.3	-	.1	-.3
Midwest urban <sup>4</sup> .....	M	156.6	155.9	156.7	157.2	2.0	.8	.3	1.7	.1	.5
Size A - More than 1,500,000 .....	M	160.3	159.7	160.6	161.2	2.2	.9	.4	1.9	.2	.6
Size B/C - 50,000 to 1,500,000 <sup>3</sup> .....	M	101.0	100.9	101.1	101.5	-	.6	.4	-	.1	.2
Size D - Nonmetropolitan (less than 50,000) .....	M	148.0	145.4	147.1	146.8	1.5	1.0	-.2	1.8	-.6	1.2
South urban .....	M	157.2	157.1	157.0	158.0	1.3	.6	.6	1.4	-.1	-.1
Size A - More than 1,500,000 .....	M	157.2	158.0	157.1	158.3	1.5	.2	.8	1.4	-.1	-.6
Size B/C - 50,000 to 1,500,000 <sup>3</sup> .....	M	100.4	99.8	99.9	100.6	-	.8	.7	-	-.5	.1
Size D - Nonmetropolitan (less than 50,000) .....	M	151.5	152.5	153.5	153.5	1.5	.7	.0	1.7	1.3	.7
West urban .....	M	167.7	166.9	167.2	167.9	2.9	.6	.4	4.0	-.3	.2
Size A - More than 1,500,000 .....	M	169.1	168.5	168.7	169.6	3.2	.7	.5	4.3	-.2	.1
Size B/C - 50,000 to 1,500,000 <sup>3</sup> .....	M	101.4	100.4	100.7	101.2	-	.8	.5	-	-.7	.3
<b>Size classes</b>											
A <sup>5</sup> .....	M	148.7	148.7	149.0	149.6	2.2	.6	.4	2.3	.2	.2
B/C <sup>3</sup> .....	M	100.8	100.4	100.5	101.0	-	.6	.5	-	-.3	.1
D .....	M	153.7	153.4	154.6	154.3	1.7	.6	-.2	2.4	.6	.8
<b>Selected local areas</b>											
Chicago-Gary-Kenosha, IL-IN-WI .....	M	173.3	170.7	174.8	174.3	4.5	2.1	-.3	5.0	.9	2.4
Los Angeles-Riverside-Orange County, CA ..	M	174.2	172.5	173.2	174.0	2.8	.9	.5	3.8	-.6	.4
New York-Northern N.J.-Long Island, NY-NJ-CT-PA .....	M	165.1	164.4	165.7	165.9	1.7	.9	.1	1.8	.4	.8
Boston-Brockton-Nashua, MA-NH-ME-CT ....	1	161.3	161.7	162.3	163.6	2.8	1.2	.8	3.0	.6	.4
Cleveland-Akron, OH .....	1	160.1	160.9	160.0	159.9	3.0	-.6	-.1	3.4	-.1	-.6
Dallas-Fort Worth, TX .....	1	149.5	150.5	149.0	150.2	1.5	-.2	.8	1.6	.3	-1.0
Washington-Baltimore, DC-MD-VA-WV <sup>3</sup> .....	1	100.9	100.5	98.9	99.7	-	-.8	.8	-	-.2	-1.6
Atlanta, GA .....	2	162.1	164.6	163.8	166.5	-	1.2	1.6	-	1.0	-.5
Detroit-Ann Arbor-Flint, MI .....	2	152.5	151.9	152.3	153.4	1.4	1.0	.7	.1	-.1	.3
Houston-Galveston-Brazoria, TX .....	2	155.9	156.7	158.4	157.7	1.5	.6	-.4	2.7	1.6	1.1
Miami-Fort Lauderdale, FL .....	2	165.3	167.6	167.5	167.2	1.5	-.2	-.2	1.9	1.3	-.1
Philadelphia-Wilmington-Atlantic City, PA-NJ-DE-MD .....	2	161.1	164.4	164.3	162.7	-.1	-1.0	-1.0	.8	2.0	-.1
San Francisco-Oakland-San Jose, CA .....	2	171.8	171.7	171.6	171.3	3.3	-.2	-.2	5.5	-.1	-.1
Seattle-Tacoma-Bremerton, WA .....	2	165.5	164.7	163.9	166.1	-	.9	1.3	-	-1.0	-.5

<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—	
		Aug. 1998	Aug. 1997		July 1998	Aug. 1998		Aug. 1997	July 1998		Aug. 1998	Aug. 1997
<b>Expenditure category</b>												
All items .....	163.4	1.6	0.1	165.4	1.8	-0.7	162.6	1.8	0.3	174.2	2.0	0.3
All items (1987=100) .....	489.6	-	-	494.1	-	-	480.5	-	-	503.7	-	-
Food and beverages .....	161.4	2.1	.3	165.5	3.1	-2	167.8	2.8	.4	166.4	2.0	.2
Food .....	161.0	2.2	.3	165.0	3.4	-2	166.0	2.7	.4	165.6	2.0	.2
Food at home .....	161.4	1.8	.4	174.3	4.5	-3	174.0	2.8	.5	165.9	1.7	.1
Food away from home .....	161.5	2.6	.2	149.2	1.4	-1	154.4	2.5	.1	169.2	2.5	.4
Alcoholic beverages .....	165.7	1.5	.1	171.6	.9	-1	184.9	2.8	.7	175.1	2.5	-2
Housing .....	161.5	2.5	.2	164.5	2.2	-1.1	160.7	2.6	.5	177.1	2.5	.2
Shelter .....	183.3	3.3	.4	196.7	3.8	.3	172.6	3.4	.4	208.1	3.4	.2
Rent of primary residence .....	172.8	3.3	.3	190.9	3.6	.4	164.4	2.9	.2	191.4	3.2	.3
Owners' equivalent rent of primary residence <sup>1</sup> .....	188.5	3.2	.3	201.4	3.7	.2	180.8	2.9	.1	214.8	3.5	.5
Fuels and utilities .....	130.6	-6	-5	117.2	-5.2	-7.6	145.6	-6.8	1.2	117.9	-1.0	.2
Fuels .....	115.9	-2.3	-8	104.9	-5.0	-8.7	138.9	-8.7	1.5	115.6	-1.3	.2
Gas (piped) and electricity .....	124.0	-2.1	-7	107.7	-4.9	-8.8	139.3	-8.7	1.6	127.2	-9	.3
Electricity .....	132.5	-3.6	-7	115.8	-14.7	-14.0	153.8	-8.6	.1	129.4	-3.6	-2
Utility natural gas service .....	109.8	-2	-5	99.3	7.6	-9	128.6	-8.7	4.9	123.3	4.0	1.3
Household furnishings and operations .....	126.8	1.3	-3	111.5	-2.5	-4.5	123.7	3.8	.3	129.5	.1	-7
Apparel .....	131.6	1.2	1.5	120.8	-1.1	-2	122.8	5.0	2.6	129.6	2.0	5.3
Transportation .....	141.2	-1.8	-4	137.9	-1.4	-4	142.5	-1.8	-3	151.1	-1.1	-3
Private transportation .....	137.4	-2.4	-4	134.8	-2.2	-4	136.8	-2.8	-2	142.6	-2.0	.0
Motor fuel .....	91.6	-14.9	-2.2	96.2	-12.5	-2.7	91.5	-14.8	-1.8	87.1	-14.8	-8
Gasoline (all types) .....	91.1	-15.2	-2.3	95.4	-13.2	-2.8	89.4	-15.1	-1.9	86.8	-15.1	-8
Gasoline, unleaded regular <sup>2</sup> .....	88.6	-16.1	-2.4	92.9	-14.3	-2.9	87.0	-16.1	-2.0	85.4	-16.1	-8
Gasoline, unleaded midgrade <sup>2 3</sup> .....	95.7	-14.4	-1.9	102.7	-11.9	-2.8	87.5	-14.8	-1.6	89.8	-14.4	-6
Gasoline, unleaded premium <sup>2</sup> .....	93.7	-13.2	-1.8	97.9	-11.4	-2.0	91.2	-13.3	-1.8	89.1	-13.4	-9
Medical care .....	243.5	3.5	.3	246.2	4.5	-1	238.3	2.7	.3	256.9	5.0	.8
Recreation <sup>4</sup> .....	101.3	1.3	.2	104.1	-	-7	101.1	-	.4	102.0	-	.2
Education and communication <sup>4</sup> .....	100.1	1.5	.1	103.8	-	-9	99.6	-	-3	98.9	-	-1
Other goods and services .....	238.0	5.4	.1	245.2	4.6	-4	247.0	2.5	-8	242.0	5.2	.0
<b>Commodity and service group</b>												
All items .....	163.4	1.6	.1	165.4	1.8	-7	162.6	1.8	.3	174.2	2.0	.3
Commodities .....	141.7	.2	.1	143.0	.1	-8	142.3	1.1	.4	146.0	.5	.6
Commodities less food and beverages .....	130.0	-1.0	-1	128.6	-2.1	-1.1	126.1	-2	.3	130.4	-8	1.1
Nondurables less food and beverages .....	131.9	-1.4	.1	133.4	-1.8	-7	128.7	-1.0	.4	131.9	-8	1.9
Durables .....	127.2	-4	-2	120.5	-2.4	-1.6	122.2	1.2	.2	127.7	-7	-4
Services .....	185.3	2.8	.2	187.1	3.1	-6	180.6	2.3	.3	198.9	2.8	.2
<b>Special aggregate indexes</b>												
All items less medical care .....	159.0	1.5	.2	161.4	1.7	-7	158.6	1.8	.3	170.3	1.8	.4
All items less shelter .....	157.4	1.0	.1	155.5	.9	-1.1	159.4	1.0	.3	161.5	1.3	.4
Commodities less food .....	131.4	-9	-1	130.7	-2.0	-1.1	129.2	.0	.3	132.4	-5	1.0
Nondurables .....	146.8	.5	.3	149.9	.9	-4	149.1	1.1	.4	150.5	.8	.9
Nondurables less food .....	133.9	-1.2	.1	136.2	-1.6	-6	133.4	-7	.5	134.6	-5	1.7
Services less rent of shelter <sup>1</sup> .....	192.7	2.1	.1	185.8	2.1	-1.6	198.3	1.0	.1	196.7	2.1	.2
Services less medical care services .....	179.5	2.7	.3	182.2	3.0	-7	175.7	2.3	.3	194.1	2.7	.2
Energy .....	103.8	-7.7	-1.3	99.8	-8.9	-6.5	108.0	-12.0	-2	104.8	-5.8	-2
All items less energy .....	171.2	2.3	.2	173.8	2.6	-3	168.3	2.7	.3	182.0	2.5	.4
All items less food and energy .....	173.8	2.5	.3	176.0	2.4	-3	169.2	2.7	.4	186.1	2.6	.4

<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 2 <sup>1</sup>								
	U.S. city average			Atlanta, GA			Chicago-Gary-Kenosha, IL-IN-WI		
	Index	Percent change from—		Index	Percent change from—		Index	Percent change from—	
	Aug. 1998	Aug. 1997	June 1998	Aug. 1998	Aug. 1997	June 1998	Aug. 1998	Aug. 1997	June 1998
<b>Expenditure category</b>									
All items .....	163.4	1.6	0.2	161.9	-	-0.1	165.4	1.8	-0.4
All items (1967=100) .....	489.6	-	-	488.3	-	-	494.1	-	-
Food and beverages <sup>2</sup> .....	161.4	2.1	.5	166.1	-	.8	165.5	3.1	1.2
Food <sup>2</sup> .....	161.0	2.2	.6	170.6	-	.8	165.0	3.4	1.2
Food at home .....	161.4	1.8	.6	166.5	-	1.2	174.3	4.5	2.1
Food away from home <sup>3</sup> .....	161.5	2.6	.5	177.9	-	.4	149.2	1.4	-1
Alcoholic beverages <sup>3</sup> .....	165.7	1.5	.1	127.7	-	-1	171.6	.9	1.1
Housing <sup>2</sup> .....	161.5	2.5	.6	164.1	-	.1	164.5	2.2	-9
Shelter .....	183.3	3.3	.8	179.8	-	.1	196.7	3.8	.4
Rent of primary residence <sup>2</sup> .....	172.8	3.3	.6	180.2	-	.3	190.9	3.6	.4
Owners' equivalent rent of primary residence <sup>4</sup> .....	188.5	3.2	.6	175.6	-	.1	201.4	3.7	.3
Fuels and utilities .....	130.6	-6	-5	156.4	-	-1	117.2	-5.2	-8.7
Fuels .....	115.9	-2.3	-8	146.8	-	-1	104.9	-5.0	-10.1
Gas (piped) and electricity .....	124.0	-2.1	-6	148.7	-	.0	107.7	-4.9	-10.3
Electricity .....	132.5	-3.6	-5	156.7	-	1.4	115.8	-14.7	-13.8
Utility natural gas service .....	109.8	-2	-8	NA	-	-	99.3	7.6	-4.9
Household furnishings and operations .....	126.8	1.3	.1	128.6	-	.0	111.5	-2.5	-1.6
Apparel <sup>2</sup> .....	131.6	1.2	-.7	135.6	-	-2.4	120.8	-1.1	-.5
Transportation <sup>2</sup> .....	141.2	-1.8	-.4	126.5	-	-5	137.9	-1.4	-.4
Private transportation .....	137.4	-2.4	-.6	126.8	-	-6	134.8	-2.2	-.4
Motor fuel .....	91.6	-14.9	-3.4	78.8	-	-3.0	96.2	-12.5	-3.6
Gasoline (all types) .....	91.1	-15.2	-3.4	78.2	-	-3.1	95.4	-13.2	-3.6
Gasoline, unleaded regular <sup>5</sup> .....	88.6	-16.1	-3.8	74.1	-	-3.5	92.9	-14.3	-3.8
Gasoline, unleaded midgrade <sup>5 6</sup> .....	95.7	-14.4	-2.9	96.3	-	-3.0	102.7	-11.9	-3.6
Gasoline, unleaded premium <sup>5</sup> .....	93.7	-13.2	-2.6	86.4	-	-2.5	97.9	-11.4	-3.1
Medical care <sup>2</sup> .....	243.5	3.5	.6	245.3	-	.6	246.2	4.5	.8
Recreation <sup>7</sup> .....	101.3	1.3	.1	99.2	-	.7	104.1	-	.1
Education and communication <sup>7</sup> .....	100.1	1.5	.0	99.9	-	.2	103.8	-	-2.3
Other goods and services <sup>2</sup> .....	238.0	5.4	.7	218.3	-	-1.5	245.2	4.6	.0
<b>Commodity and service group</b>									
All items .....	163.4	1.6	.2	161.9	-	-1	165.4	1.8	-.4
Commodities .....	141.7	.2	-1	136.7	-	-7	143.0	.1	-.1
Commodities less food and beverages .....	130.0	-1.0	-5	121.2	-	-1.5	128.6	-2.1	-.5
Nondurables less food and beverages .....	131.9	-1.4	-8	121.7	-	-2.2	133.4	-1.8	-.7
Durables .....	127.2	-.4	-2	118.9	-	-9	120.5	-2.4	-.4
Services .....	185.3	2.8	.6	187.4	-	.4	187.1	3.1	-.6
<b>Special aggregate indexes</b>									
All items less medical care <sup>2</sup> .....	159.0	1.5	.3	156.8	-	-1	161.4	1.7	-.4
All items less shelter .....	157.4	1.0	.1	156.5	-	-1	155.5	.9	-.6
Commodities less food .....	131.4	-.9	-.5	121.3	-	-1.5	130.7	-2.0	-.5
Nondurables .....	146.8	.5	-1	143.0	-	-.6	149.9	.9	.3
Nondurables less food .....	133.9	-1.2	-.7	121.7	-	-1.9	136.2	-1.6	-.6
Services less rent of shelter <sup>4</sup> .....	192.7	2.1	.3	200.9	-	.7	185.8	2.1	-1.8
Services less medical care services .....	179.5	2.7	.6	180.1	-	.4	182.2	3.0	-.8
Energy <sup>2</sup> .....	103.8	-7.7	-1.8	104.8	-	-1.1	99.8	-8.9	-7.7
All items less energy .....	171.2	2.3	.4	169.5	-	.1	173.8	2.6	.2
All items less food and energy <sup>2</sup> .....	173.8	2.5	.5	169.8	-	-1	176.0	2.4	-.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 2 <sup>1</sup>								
	Detroit-Ann Arbor-Flint, MI			Houston-Galveston-Brazoria, TX			Los Angeles-Riverside-Orange County, CA		
	Index	Percent change from—		Index	Percent change from—		Index	Percent change from—	
		Aug. 1998	Aug. 1997		June 1998	Aug. 1998		Aug. 1997	June 1998
<b>Expenditure category</b>									
All items .....	160.5	2.3	0.7	147.4	1.4	0.7	162.6	1.8	0.2
All items (1967=100) .....	477.2	-	-	472.8	-	-	480.5	-	-
Food and beverages <sup>2</sup> .....	155.2	2.2	.9	151.6	2.2	.3	167.8	2.8	.7
Food <sup>2</sup> .....	154.3	2.0	1.0	151.2	2.2	.5	166.0	2.7	.7
Food at home .....	153.4	1.4	1.0	157.7	1.5	.6	174.0	2.8	.9
Food away from home <sup>3</sup> .....	156.7	2.9	.8	140.9	3.7	.4	154.4	2.5	.4
Alcoholic beverages <sup>3</sup> .....	165.2	3.9	.8	151.7	1.1	-2.6	184.9	2.8	.7
Housing <sup>2</sup> .....	154.0	2.7	.8	131.2	3.8	.9	160.7	2.6	.7
Shelter .....	177.3	3.3	.9	146.3	4.7	.6	172.6	3.4	.8
Rent of primary residence <sup>2</sup> .....	162.0	3.6	.9	141.1	3.6	.6	164.4	2.9	.5
Owners' equivalent rent of primary residence <sup>4</sup> .....	182.2	3.3	.7	136.2	3.3	.8	180.8	2.9	.3
Fuels and utilities .....	122.8	-2.5	.5	116.1	4.2	1.6	145.6	-6.8	.1
Fuels .....	101.4	-4.3	-2	108.9	.0	1.9	138.9	-8.7	.1
Gas (piped) and electricity .....	104.3	-4.7	.0	108.8	-3	2.0	139.3	-8.7	.1
Electricity .....	131.4	-1	.0	111.9	-2.2	2.3	153.8	-8.6	.1
Utility natural gas service .....	84.1	-10.0	-1	94.2	-1	.0	128.6	-8.7	.0
Household furnishings and operations .....	118.1	4.2	.3	111.7	1.9	1.4	123.7	3.8	.3
Apparel <sup>2</sup> .....	136.4	-8	4.3	143.6	2.6	6.4	122.8	5.0	-1.8
Transportation <sup>2</sup> .....	148.2	-9	-7	133.9	-5.0	-9	142.5	-1.8	-3
Private transportation .....	146.4	-9	-7	132.3	-6.3	-7	136.8	-2.8	-5
Motor fuel .....	95.0	-15.9	-4.4	90.5	-14.5	-2.4	91.5	-14.8	-3.7
Gasoline (all types) .....	94.6	-16.8	-4.4	90.3	-14.8	-2.4	89.4	-15.1	-3.7
Gasoline, unleaded regular <sup>5</sup> .....	94.0	-17.5	-4.6	88.7	-16.2	-3.0	87.0	-16.1	-4.1
Gasoline, unleaded midgrade <sup>5 6</sup> .....	108.2	-16.0	-4.6	94.8	-12.9	-1.8	87.5	-14.8	-3.4
Gasoline, unleaded premium <sup>5</sup> .....	98.8	-14.2	-4.0	89.1	-13.5	-1.9	91.2	-13.3	-3.0
Medical care <sup>2</sup> .....	236.5	10.7	.3	236.6	3.2	.6	238.3	2.7	.6
Recreation <sup>7</sup> .....	102.1	-	1.0	100.5	-	.7	101.1	-	-3
Education and communication <sup>7</sup> .....	103.9	-	.2	98.7	-	-2	99.6	-	.0
Other goods and services <sup>2</sup> .....	249.2	6.9	2.5	207.6	5.0	1.1	247.0	2.5	-1.0
<b>Commodity and service group</b>									
All items .....	160.5	2.3	.7	147.4	1.4	.7	162.6	1.8	.2
Commodities .....	140.2	.0	.4	136.9	-1	1.0	142.3	1.1	-4
Commodities less food and beverages .....	131.5	-1.4	.1	128.1	-1.7	1.4	126.1	-2	-1.1
Nondurables less food and beverages .....	137.3	-2.2	.6	128.4	-2.3	2.3	128.7	-1.0	-1.9
Durables .....	120.9	1.1	-4	127.3	-9	.6	122.2	1.2	.1
Services .....	182.2	4.1	.9	158.7	2.7	.3	180.6	2.3	.6
<b>Special aggregate indexes</b>									
All items less medical care <sup>2</sup> .....	157.1	1.9	.8	142.1	1.2	.7	158.6	1.8	.2
All items less shelter .....	156.1	2.0	.6	147.3	.3	.7	159.4	1.0	-1
Commodities less food .....	133.0	-1.0	.2	129.2	-1.4	1.3	129.2	.0	-1.0
Nondurables .....	146.4	.0	.8	140.3	.1	1.2	149.1	1.1	-5
Nondurables less food .....	139.2	-1.6	.7	129.8	-2.0	2.0	133.4	-7	-1.8
Services less rent of shelter <sup>4</sup> .....	192.0	4.7	.9	170.4	1.3	.1	198.3	1.0	.4
Services less medical care services .....	177.1	3.6	1.0	149.9	2.6	.4	175.7	2.3	.6
Energy <sup>2</sup> .....	99.4	-10.4	-2.1	101.7	-5.2	.2	108.0	-12.0	-1.8
All items less energy .....	168.9	3.4	.9	154.8	1.8	.7	168.3	2.7	.4
All items less food and energy <sup>2</sup> .....	172.3	3.5	.9	155.6	1.8	.7	169.2	2.7	.3

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 2 <sup>1</sup>								
	Miami-Fort Lauderdale, FL			New York-Northern N.J.-Long Island, NY-NJ-CT-PA			Philadelphia-Wilmington-Atlantic City, PA-NJ-DE-MD		
	Index	Percent change from—		Index	Percent change from—		Index	Percent change from—	
		Aug. 1998	Aug. 1997		June 1998	Aug. 1998		Aug. 1997	June 1998
<b>Expenditure category</b>									
All items .....	160.8	-	0.4	174.2	2.0	0.6	168.6	1.1	0.4
All items (1967=100) .....	259.1	-	-	503.7	-	-	487.0	-	-
Food and beverages 2 .....	169.5	-	-2	166.4	2.0	.8	154.6	-2	-8
Food 2 .....	169.9	-	-2	165.6	2.0	.9	153.6	-3	-8
Food at home .....	167.2	1.5	-2	165.9	1.7	.9	162.7	-1	-1.0
Food away from home 3 .....	175.8	-	-2	169.2	2.5	1.1	138.1	-6	-5
Alcoholic beverages 3 .....	164.4	-	.5	175.1	2.5	-1	167.6	.8	-2
Housing 2 .....	153.6	-	.2	177.1	2.5	.6	170.8	1.0	.2
Shelter .....	161.5	-	.4	208.1	3.4	.8	198.8	.6	.5
Rent of primary residence 2 .....	151.5	1.5	.3	191.4	3.2	.6	180.8	2.5	.7
Owners' equivalent rent of primary residence 4 .....	162.8	1.6	.2	214.8	3.5	.7	204.5	2.2	.3
Fuels and utilities .....	117.9	-	.0	117.9	-1.0	-.4	138.1	2.2	-.7
Fuels .....	108.3	-3.1	.0	115.6	-1.3	-.5	126.6	-.4	-.8
Gas (piped) and electricity .....	107.2	-3.2	-.1	127.2	-.9	-.3	147.2	.1	-.3
Electricity .....	105.2	-3.2	.0	129.4	-3.6	-.5	166.3	.5	.0
Utility natural gas service .....	157.1	-4.3	-1.3	123.3	4.0	.0	120.2	-1.0	-.9
Household furnishings and operations .....	161.5	-	-.9	129.5	.1	.0	126.9	3.9	.0
Apparel 2 .....	154.4	-	2.4	129.6	2.0	3.0	106.7	4.1	3.4
Transportation 2 .....	143.7	-	.3	151.1	-1.1	.3	148.8	-1.3	.1
Private transportation .....	143.4	-	.2	142.6	-2.0	-.1	146.3	-1.9	-.4
Motor fuel .....	99.1	-14.9	-.8	87.1	-14.8	-2.0	91.9	-14.1	-2.1
Gasoline (all types) .....	98.3	-15.3	-.8	86.8	-15.1	-1.9	90.6	-14.3	-2.1
Gasoline, unleaded regular 5 .....	95.4	-16.5	-1.0	85.4	-16.1	-2.2	89.1	-15.7	-2.1
Gasoline, unleaded midgrade 5 6 .....	94.0	-14.7	-.6	89.8	-14.4	-1.4	89.2	-14.3	-2.2
Gasoline, unleaded premium 5 .....	101.3	-13.6	-.3	89.1	-13.4	-1.7	87.0	-13.8	-2.1
Medical care 2 .....	228.9	-	1.3	256.9	5.0	.8	258.0	3.7	1.4
Recreation 7 .....	101.0	-	.2	102.0	-	-.4	102.2	-	1.0
Education and communication 7 .....	100.3	-	.5	98.9	-	-.1	99.5	-	.2
Other goods and services 2 .....	191.4	-	1.0	242.0	5.2	.7	254.4	4.8	1.1
<b>Commodity and service group</b>									
All items .....	160.8	-	.4	174.2	2.0	.6	168.6	1.1	.4
Commodities .....	153.6	-	.2	146.0	.5	.7	136.0	.1	-.4
Commodities less food and beverages .....	142.6	-	.5	130.4	-.8	.5	124.4	.2	.0
Nondurables less food and beverages .....	133.9	-	1.4	131.9	-.8	1.0	124.5	.3	1.1
Durables .....	155.5	-	-.5	127.7	-.7	-.3	125.2	-.1	-2.1
Services .....	167.4	-	.4	198.9	2.8	.6	202.6	1.8	.8
<b>Special aggregate indexes</b>									
All items less medical care 2 .....	156.9	-	.3	170.3	1.8	.7	164.3	.9	.3
All items less shelter .....	160.5	-	.3	161.5	1.3	.6	159.8	1.3	.3
Commodities less food .....	143.8	-	.5	132.4	-.5	.5	126.1	.2	-.1
Nondurables .....	153.1	-	.5	150.5	.8	.9	140.0	.1	.1
Nondurables less food .....	136.3	-	1.3	134.6	-.5	.9	127.3	.4	1.0
Services less rent of shelter 4 .....	180.8	-	.4	196.7	2.1	.4	212.0	2.9	1.2
Services less medical care services .....	161.2	-	.4	194.1	2.7	.6	197.7	1.7	.8
Energy 2 .....	102.1	-9.2	-.4	104.8	-5.8	-1.0	112.2	-5.6	-1.2
All items less energy .....	167.2	-	.4	182.0	2.5	.7	176.2	1.6	.5
All items less food and energy 2 .....	166.6	-	.5	186.1	2.6	.7	182.3	2.0	.8

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 2 <sup>1</sup>					
	San Francisco-Oakland-San Jose, CA			Seattle-Tacoma-Bremerton, WA		
	Index	Percent change from—		Index	Percent change from—	
		Aug. 1998	Aug. 1997		June 1998	Aug. 1997
<b>Expenditure category</b>						
All items .....	166.6	3.3	0.7	168.5	-	0.6
All items (1967=100) .....	512.0	-	-	513.5	-	-
Food and beverages <sup>2</sup> .....	166.6	3.7	.2	165.6	-	1.0
Food <sup>2</sup> .....	167.4	4.0	.2	166.1	-	1.2
Food at home .....	171.3	3.3	-.2	166.1	-	.9
Food away from home <sup>3</sup> .....	163.6	5.4	.9	167.6	-	1.6
Alcoholic beverages <sup>3</sup> .....	160.8	.6	.2	162.0	-	.6
Housing <sup>2</sup> .....	176.1	5.4	1.0	171.5	-	.1
Shelter .....	196.8	7.1	1.1	189.1	-	.9
Rent of primary residence <sup>2</sup> .....	201.7	8.1	1.4	179.2	-	.7
Owners' equivalent rent of primary residence <sup>4</sup> .....	212.7	7.0	1.2	193.8	-	.9
Fuels and utilities .....	143.0	-5.6	.2	118.6	-	.2
Fuels .....	140.2	-9.1	.3	111.5	-	-1.1
Gas (piped) and electricity .....	140.3	-9.1	.2	135.0	-	.0
Electricity .....	158.9	-9.7	.0	148.3	-	.0
Utility natural gas service .....	121.9	-7.7	.8	88.0	-	.0
Household furnishings and operations .....	120.5	2.4	.0	156.9	-	-4.4
Apparel <sup>2</sup> .....	118.9	-3	5.0	129.2	-	5.2
Transportation <sup>2</sup> .....	131.5	-1.1	-.7	146.6	-	.3
Private transportation .....	125.0	-1.0	-.9	151.1	-	.2
Motor fuel .....	99.5	-8.6	-3.4	107.7	-	-1.4
Gasoline (all types) .....	98.3	-8.6	-3.4	109.7	-	-1.3
Gasoline, unleaded regular <sup>5</sup> .....	95.3	-8.9	-3.7	109.8	-	-1.8
Gasoline, unleaded midgrade <sup>5 6</sup> .....	95.7	-8.0	-2.5	96.6	-	-.8
Gasoline, unleaded premium <sup>5</sup> .....	99.9	-7.8	-3.1	115.5	-	-.8
Medical care <sup>2</sup> .....	228.2	2.5	.0	233.9	-	1.1
Recreation <sup>7</sup> .....	99.2	-	.0	98.7	-	.0
Education and communication <sup>7</sup> .....	102.4	-	2.2	102.9	-	-.4
Other goods and services <sup>2</sup> .....	251.9	3.7	-.6	240.2	-	2.1
<b>Commodity and service group</b>						
All items .....	166.6	3.3	.7	168.5	-	.6
Commodities .....	141.9	1.1	.0	148.8	-	.4
Commodities less food and beverages .....	125.2	-1.0	-.1	139.7	-	.0
Nondurables less food and beverages .....	128.6	-1.4	.1	135.1	-	1.9
Durables .....	120.0	.0	-.2	146.2	-	-2.1
Services .....	187.1	4.8	1.0	187.5	-	.7
<b>Special aggregate indexes</b>						
All items less medical care <sup>2</sup> .....	163.7	3.4	.7	165.3	-	.5
All items less shelter .....	155.8	1.3	.4	161.3	-	.4
Commodities less food .....	127.3	-.9	.0	140.4	-	.0
Nondurables .....	148.6	1.6	.1	150.0	-	1.4
Nondurables less food .....	131.3	-1.1	.2	136.6	-	1.7
Services less rent of shelter <sup>4</sup> .....	183.8	1.5	.8	190.7	-	.6
Services less medical care services .....	184.5	4.9	1.1	183.9	-	.7
Energy <sup>2</sup> .....	114.8	-9.0	-1.7	109.9	-	-.7
All items less energy .....	172.2	4.0	.8	174.9	-	.7
All items less food and energy <sup>2</sup> .....	173.4	4.0	.9	176.9	-	.6

<sup>1</sup> Areas on pricing schedule 1 (see Table 10) will appear next month.  
<sup>2</sup> For Washington-Baltimore, index is on a November 1996=100 base.  
<sup>3</sup> For Washington-Baltimore, index is on a November 1997=100 base.  
<sup>4</sup> Indexes on a December 1982=100 base.  
<sup>5</sup> Special index based on a substantially smaller sample.

<sup>6</sup> Indexes on a December 1993=100 base.  
<sup>7</sup> Indexes on a December 1997=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 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 Aug. 1998 from—			Percent change to July 1998 from—		
		May 1998	June 1998	July 1998	Aug. 1998	Aug. 1997	June 1998	July 1998	July 1997	May 1998	June 1998
U.S. city average .....	M	159.5	159.7	159.8	160.0	1.4	0.2	0.1	1.5	0.2	0.1
<b>Region and area size<sup>2</sup></b>											
Northeast urban .....	M	166.4	166.5	166.6	167.1	1.3	.4	.3	1.2	.1	.1
Size A - More than 1,500,000 .....	M	166.1	166.3	166.5	167.1	1.6	.5	.4	1.3	.2	.1
Size B/C 50,000 to 1,500,000 <sup>3</sup> .....	M	101.5	101.5	101.5	101.7	.7	.2	.2	.7	.0	.0
Midwest urban <sup>4</sup> .....	M	155.6	155.7	155.9	155.6	1.3	-.1	-.2	1.8	.2	.1
Size A - More than 1,500,000 .....	M	155.9	156.2	156.5	156.4	1.8	.1	-.1	2.4	.4	.2
Size B/C - 50,000 to 1,500,000 <sup>3</sup> .....	M	102.1	101.9	101.9	101.7	.9	-.2	-.2	1.4	-.2	.0
Size D - Nonmetropolitan (less than 50,000) .....	M	151.3	151.3	151.7	151.4	.3	.1	-.2	.7	.3	.3
South urban .....	M	156.7	157.1	157.2	157.5	1.3	.3	.2	1.2	.3	.1
Size A - More than 1,500,000 .....	M	155.3	155.9	156.1	156.3	1.5	.3	.1	1.4	.5	.1
Size B/C - 50,000 to 1,500,000 <sup>3</sup> .....	M	101.8	101.8	101.9	102.1	1.0	.3	.2	.9	.1	.1
Size D - Nonmetropolitan (less than 50,000) .....	M	159.6	160.4	160.4	160.6	2.3	.1	.1	2.4	.5	.0
West urban .....	M	160.3	160.3	160.3	160.7	1.7	.2	.2	1.7	.0	.0
Size A - More than 1,500,000 .....	M	159.4	159.3	159.3	159.7	2.0	.3	.3	2.0	-.1	.0
Size B/C - 50,000 to 1,500,000 <sup>3</sup> .....	M	102.2	102.1	102.1	102.3	.8	.2	.2	.8	-.1	.0
<b>Size classes</b>											
A <sup>5</sup> .....	M	145.8	146.0	146.2	146.4	1.7	.3	.1	1.8	.3	.1
B/C <sup>3</sup> .....	M	101.9	101.8	101.9	101.9	.8	.1	.0	1.0	.0	.1
D .....	M	157.8	158.1	158.3	158.3	1.5	.1	.0	1.6	.3	.1
<b>Selected local areas<sup>6</sup></b>											
Chicago-Gary-Kenosha, IL-IN-WI .....	M	159.9	160.2	160.6	159.6	1.9	-.4	-.6	2.9	.4	.2
Los Angeles-Riverside-Orange County, CA ..	M	156.2	156.1	155.9	156.1	1.4	.0	.1	1.4	-.2	-.1
New York-Northern N.J.-Long Island, NY-NJ-CT-PA .....	M	168.6	168.8	169.1	169.7	1.8	.5	.4	1.5	.3	.2
Boston-Brockton-Nashua, MA-NH-ME-CT ....	1	168.9	-	168.8	-	-	-	-	1.8	-.1	-
Cleveland-Akron, OH .....	1	151.2	-	152.1	-	-	-	-	2.6	.6	-
Dallas-Fort Worth, TX .....	1	152.8	-	154.0	-	-	-	-	-	.8	-
Washington-Baltimore, DC-MD-VA-WV <sup>7</sup> .....	1	101.3	-	102.5	-	-	-	-	1.4	1.2	-
Atlanta, GA .....	2	-	159.3	-	159.1	-	-.1	-	-	-	-
Detroit-Ann Arbor-Flint, MI .....	2	-	154.0	-	155.1	2.3	.7	-	-	-	-
Houston-Galveston-Brazoria, TX .....	2	-	145.1	-	146.1	.8	.7	-	-	-	-
Miami-Fort Lauderdale, FL .....	2	-	157.6	-	158.0	-	.3	-	-	-	-
Philadelphia-Wilmington-Atlantic City, PA-NJ-DE-MD .....	2	-	167.4	-	167.9	1.2	.3	-	-	-	-
San Francisco-Oakland-San Jose, CA .....	2	-	161.7	-	162.7	2.9	.6	-	-	-	-
Seattle-Tacoma-Bremerton, WA .....	2	-	162.8	-	163.8	-	.6	-	-	-	-

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

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.

**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 Aug. 1998	Percent change from—		Index Aug. 1998	Percent change from—		Index Aug. 1998	Percent change from—		Index Aug. 1998	Percent change from—	
		Aug. 1997	July 1998		Aug. 1997	July 1998		Aug. 1997	July 1998		Aug. 1997	July 1998
<b>Expenditure category</b>												
All items .....	167.1	1.3	0.3	155.6	1.3	-0.2	157.5	1.3	0.2	160.7	1.7	0.2
All items (December 1977=100) .....	261.1	-	-	251.7	-	-	255.0	-	-	258.5	-	-
Food and beverages .....	162.9	1.6	.1	157.9	2.1	.2	158.6	1.8	.4	164.0	2.8	.4
Food .....	162.6	1.8	.2	157.4	2.1	.3	158.8	1.8	.4	163.4	2.9	.4
Food at home .....	163.0	1.4	.2	156.9	1.9	.3	156.8	1.2	.6	166.8	2.9	.5
Food away from home .....	164.0	2.2	.1	158.7	2.5	.2	163.7	2.7	.2	158.5	2.9	.3
Alcoholic beverages .....	167.1	.4	-.2	164.3	.9	-.1	156.2	1.8	.2	170.1	2.0	.2
Housing .....	169.1	1.8	.3	151.3	2.2	-.3	151.3	2.1	-.2	161.4	3.2	.4
Shelter .....	198.9	2.4	.4	171.0	2.9	.3	165.0	3.4	.3	176.1	3.8	.4
Rent of primary residence .....	184.6	2.8	.3	169.3	2.7	.2	160.0	3.1	.4	174.2	4.1	.3
Owners' equivalent rent of primary residence <sup>3</sup> .....	186.4	2.9	.3	170.9	3.0	.3	156.8	3.4	.4	171.4	3.4	.2
Fuels and utilities .....	123.0	-1.6	-.1	126.7	.0	-2.3	138.7	-.1	-.4	138.8	-.6	.7
Fuels .....	113.0	-2.1	-.1	110.2	-.8	-2.8	119.3	-4.4	-.4	127.5	-1.5	.7
Gas (piped) and electricity .....	130.2	-1.5	.1	116.2	-.4	-2.8	122.2	-4.8	-.4	130.2	-1.5	.8
Electricity .....	137.7	-2.8	.0	131.8	-2.5	-3.4	122.9	-6.5	-.3	144.2	-1.4	.4
Utility natural gas service .....	118.7	.5	.3	99.0	.6	-1.9	116.9	-1.0	-1.4	113.8	-2.5	1.8
Household furnishings and operations .....	125.2	1.4	-.1	123.3	.7	-1.3	126.0	.5	.2	126.7	2.4	-.3
Apparel .....	127.3	.6	2.8	127.3	-.8	.6	141.6	2.1	.9	120.8	-1.1	1.1
Transportation .....	143.1	-2.1	-.2	139.0	-2.1	-.6	138.3	-2.6	-.4	141.3	-1.7	-.3
Private transportation .....	138.7	-2.6	-.3	136.5	-2.4	-.7	137.2	-2.8	-.4	138.3	-2.3	-.3
New and used motor vehicles <sup>4</sup> .....	99.5	-	-.1	100.0	-	-.1	100.8	-	.0	99.8	-	.0
New vehicles .....	142.8	.0	-.1	142.6	.1	.1	146.1	-.1	.0	144.0	-1.2	.0
Used cars and trucks .....	154.9	1.6	-.1	152.7	1.5	-.2	154.1	2.4	-.1	148.2	.7	-.1
Motor fuel .....	89.2	-15.2	-1.3	93.4	-15.6	-3.7	89.0	-15.3	-2.1	95.2	-12.8	-1.9
Gasoline (all types) .....	88.8	-15.4	-1.3	93.0	-16.3	-3.6	88.5	-15.6	-2.1	94.4	-13.0	-1.9
Gasoline, unleaded regular <sup>5</sup> .....	87.0	-16.5	-1.4	90.9	-17.2	-3.8	85.0	-16.7	-2.3	91.2	-13.7	-1.9
Gasoline, unleaded midgrade <sup>5 6</sup> .....	92.5	-14.8	-1.3	103.8	-15.0	-3.4	95.0	-14.6	-1.9	93.0	-12.4	-1.6
Gasoline, unleaded premium <sup>5</sup> .....	90.3	-13.8	-1.1	97.6	-14.4	-3.4	93.2	-13.5	-1.7	97.0	-11.0	-1.6
Medical care .....	253.5	4.3	.5	238.0	4.3	.2	241.5	3.1	.3	239.6	2.3	.3
Medical care commodities .....	225.3	4.5	.5	218.4	4.2	.0	215.5	3.1	.6	226.1	2.4	.4
Medical care services .....	259.5	4.3	.5	242.4	4.3	.2	247.7	3.2	.2	242.8	2.3	.2
Professional services .....	237.5	4.6	.6	223.0	4.8	.2	227.9	2.3	.1	209.4	1.5	.0
Recreation <sup>4</sup> .....	101.9	-	.2	101.5	-	.0	101.4	-	.3	99.3	-	.1
Education and communication <sup>4</sup> .....	99.5	-	.1	100.9	-	-.1	100.0	-	.0	100.7	-	.1
Other goods and services .....	247.2	6.1	.0	232.8	7.4	.1	228.4	6.8	.1	237.0	4.5	.1
<b>Commodity and service group</b>												
All items .....	167.1	1.3	.3	155.6	1.3	-.2	157.5	1.3	.2	160.7	1.7	.2
Commodities .....	143.0	.1	.2	139.6	-.3	-.3	141.8	.3	.1	141.8	.2	.1
Commodities less food and beverages .....	129.4	-1.0	.3	129.4	-1.7	-.6	132.2	-.8	-.1	128.6	-1.5	-.1
Nondurables less food and beverages .....	129.0	-1.5	.7	132.6	-2.4	-.7	133.6	-1.3	-.1	129.2	-2.5	-.2
Nondurables less food, beverages, and apparel .....	135.2	-2.5	-.5	138.6	-3.1	-1.5	134.7	-3.0	-.5	138.1	-3.2	-.7
Durables .....	127.4	-.2	-.3	123.9	-.5	-.5	129.2	-.1	.0	127.5	-.3	-.2
Services .....	195.5	2.3	.4	175.4	2.9	-.1	176.7	2.3	.1	181.0	2.9	.3
Rent of shelter <sup>3</sup> .....	185.9	2.5	.4	169.9	2.9	.2	157.0	3.4	.3	169.8	3.8	.4
Transportation services .....	187.3	1.4	.1	181.1	2.9	-.1	188.2	.5	-.2	186.1	2.0	.1
Other services .....	232.3	3.5	.4	202.9	3.2	.3	212.5	3.5	.2	208.1	2.9	.4

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 Aug. 1998	Percent change from—		Index Aug. 1998	Percent change from—		Index Aug. 1998	Percent change from—		Index Aug. 1998	Percent change from—	
		Aug. 1997	July 1998		Aug. 1997	July 1998		Aug. 1997	July 1998		Aug. 1997	July 1998
<b>Special aggregate indexes</b>												
All items less medical care .....	163.7	1.2	0.3	151.9	1.1	-0.2	152.7	1.1	0.1	157.1	1.7	0.3
All items less food .....	168.1	1.2	.3	155.1	1.1	-.3	157.0	1.2	.1	160.1	1.5	.2
All items less shelter .....	157.7	.8	.3	151.9	.8	-.3	155.6	.6	.1	155.8	.8	.2
Commodities less food .....	131.0	-1.0	.3	130.7	-1.6	-.6	133.0	-.6	.0	130.5	-1.4	-.2
Nondurables .....	146.6	.2	.4	145.3	-.1	-.3	146.1	.3	.2	147.3	.4	.1
Nondurables less food .....	131.3	-1.4	.6	134.5	-2.2	-.7	134.7	-1.0	.0	132.3	-2.1	-.1
Nondurables less food and apparel .....	137.3	-2.3	-.5	140.3	-2.7	-1.3	135.7	-2.4	-.4	140.3	-2.6	-.6
Services less rent of shelter <sup>3</sup> .....	176.0	2.0	.2	165.5	2.8	-.4	172.7	1.5	.0	173.5	1.8	.3
Services less medical care services .....	190.8	2.1	.3	169.8	2.7	-.1	169.3	2.2	.2	176.3	3.0	.4
Energy .....	102.3	-7.3	-.5	101.3	-8.3	-3.2	102.0	-9.5	-1.2	108.2	-7.6	-.6
All items less energy .....	176.2	2.0	.3	163.7	2.2	.1	165.4	2.3	.3	166.8	2.3	.3
All items less food and energy .....	180.2	2.2	.4	165.3	2.3	.1	167.0	2.4	.2	167.7	2.2	.2
Commodities less food and energy commodities .....	144.0	1.2	.6	140.7	.9	-.1	144.2	1.6	.2	139.6	.2	.1
Energy commodities .....	87.8	-13.5	-1.3	93.1	-15.4	-3.7	89.7	-14.8	-2.1	96.2	-12.7	-1.8
Services less energy services .....	202.4	2.6	.4	183.3	3.2	.2	183.3	2.9	.2	185.0	3.1	.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 Aug. 1998	Percent change from—		Index Aug. 1998	Percent change from—		Index Aug. 1998	Percent change from—	
		Aug. 1997	July 1998		Aug. 1997	July 1998		Aug. 1997	July 1998
<b>Expenditure category</b>									
All items .....	146.4	1.7	0.1	101.9	0.8	0.0	158.3	1.5	0.0
All items (December 1977=100) .....	146.4	-	-	-	-	-	255.9	-	-
Food and beverages .....	145.8	2.3	.3	101.1	-	.4	155.9	1.8	-.1
Food .....	145.5	2.4	.3	101.1	-	.4	155.5	1.8	-.1
Food at home .....	149.0	2.1	.4	101.0	-	.5	152.8	1.6	-.3
Food away from home .....	139.9	2.7	.2	101.3	-	.3	161.5	2.5	.3
Alcoholic beverages .....	148.5	1.4	-.1	100.7	-	.2	160.1	.1	-.1
Housing .....	143.7	2.9	.1	101.7	-	.1	154.6	1.8	.1
Shelter .....	153.0	3.7	.4	102.3	-	.3	176.8	2.4	.5
Rent of primary residence .....	144.4	3.9	.3	101.3	-	.3	162.5	1.9	.4
Owners' equivalent rent of primary residence <sup>4</sup> .....	154.3	3.7	.3	101.5	-	.2	168.1	2.5	.4
Fuels and utilities .....	131.7	.6	-.7	99.5	-	-.6	134.6	3.1	-1.0
Fuels .....	129.4	-.4	-.8	98.9	-	-.7	112.0	1.3	-1.2
Gas (piped) and electricity .....	129.5	-.1	-.8	99.5	-	-.7	120.9	1.1	-1.2
Electricity .....	135.4	-1.7	-1.3	101.9	-	-.6	129.4	-1.0	-.2
Utility natural gas service .....	117.3	.3	.3	91.5	-	-1.4	107.0	6.3	-4.5
Household furnishings and operations .....	117.8	1.6	-.8	101.4	-	.0	122.5	-1.8	-.1
Apparel .....	120.4	1.1	2.4	98.3	-	.1	132.8	.9	.5
Transportation .....	139.7	-2.1	-.4	98.4	-	-.5	138.5	-2.3	-.2
Private transportation .....	138.8	-2.5	-.5	98.1	-	-.5	136.1	-2.4	-.3
New and used motor vehicles <sup>3</sup> .....	100.0	-	-.1	100.2	-	.0	100.7	-	.2
New vehicles .....	126.0	-.4	-.1	99.4	-	.2	146.7	.3	.3
Used cars and trucks .....	144.6	2.1	-.1	101.8	-	-.3	145.0	.8	-.1
Motor fuel .....	134.4	-14.7	-2.5	90.1	-	-2.3	89.1	-15.2	-1.7
Gasoline (all types) .....	133.7	-15.1	-2.5	90.1	-	-2.3	88.5	-15.6	-1.7
Gasoline, unleaded regular <sup>5</sup> .....	132.8	-16.1	-2.9	89.6	-	-2.5	84.8	-16.1	-1.5
Gasoline, unleaded midgrade <sup>5 6</sup> .....	94.2	-13.7	-2.1	90.5	-	-2.1	97.0	-16.2	-1.9
Gasoline, unleaded premium <sup>5</sup> .....	126.7	-13.3	-1.9	91.2	-	-1.9	92.4	-14.0	-2.2
Medical care .....	192.8	4.0	.4	102.1	-	.2	235.9	3.6	.2
Medical care commodities .....	179.3	4.2	.6	101.6	-	.1	220.1	2.8	.7
Medical care services .....	195.8	3.9	.4	102.2	-	.2	239.9	3.8	.0
Professional services .....	178.7	3.8	.3	102.2	-	.1	230.2	3.1	.0
Recreation <sup>3</sup> .....	100.9	-	.1	100.9	-	.2	103.4	-	.4
Education and communication <sup>3</sup> .....	100.6	-	.1	99.7	-	-.1	100.7	-	.0
Other goods and services .....	189.6	5.4	.1	104.6	-	.2	241.3	9.2	-.2
<b>Commodity and service group</b>									
All items .....	146.4	1.7	.1	101.9	.8	.0	158.3	1.5	.0
Commodities .....	136.5	.3	.1	99.6	-	-.1	140.5	.0	-.1
Commodities less food and beverages .....	130.2	-1.1	-.1	98.8	-	-.3	131.8	-.9	-.1
Nondurables less food and beverages .....	137.6	-1.8	.2	98.1	-	-.4	132.5	-1.2	-.2
Nondurables less food, beverages, and apparel .....	148.6	-3.2	-.9	98.0	-	-.7	135.3	-1.8	-.4
Durables .....	120.4	-.2	-.4	99.8	-	.0	128.3	-.7	.0
Services .....	155.7	3.0	.3	101.8	-	.2	181.6	2.9	.1
Rent of shelter <sup>4</sup> .....	153.4	3.7	.4	102.3	-	.3	165.3	2.5	.4
Transportation services .....	154.3	1.4	.0	100.9	-	-.2	180.3	1.3	-.1
Other services .....	175.8	3.4	.3	101.8	-	.2	215.1	5.3	.1

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 Aug. 1998	Percent change from—		Index Aug. 1998	Percent change from—		Index Aug. 1998	Percent change from—	
		Aug. 1997	July 1998		Aug. 1997	July 1998		Aug. 1997	July 1998
<b>Special aggregate indexes</b>									
All items less medical care .....	144.3	1.6	0.1	100.6	-	0.0	153.7	1.3	0.0
All items less food .....	146.6	1.6	.1	100.6	-	-.1	158.8	1.4	.1
All items less shelter .....	143.9	1.0	.1	100.2	-	.0	154.0	1.2	-.1
Commodities less food .....	131.2	-1.1	-.1	98.9	-	-.3	132.8	-.8	.0
Nondurables .....	142.1	.4	.3	99.6	-	.0	144.3	.3	-.1
Nondurables less food .....	138.6	-1.6	.2	98.2	-	-.5	133.9	-1.1	-.1
Nondurables less food and apparel .....	148.4	-2.6	-.8	98.2	-	-.7	136.7	-1.7	-.4
Services less rent of shelter <sup>4</sup> .....	158.1	2.3	.1	101.3	-	.0	171.3	3.4	-.2
Services less medical care services .....	152.7	3.0	.2	101.7	-	.1	175.0	2.9	.1
Energy .....	132.0	-7.3	-1.6	94.7	-	-1.5	100.3	-6.3	-1.5
All items less energy .....	147.6	2.5	.3	101.3	-	.2	166.7	2.2	.1
All items less food and energy .....	148.1	2.5	.3	101.3	-	.1	169.7	2.3	.2
Commodities less food and energy commodities .....	130.7	1.0	.2	100.3	-	.0	143.8	1.2	.1
Energy commodities .....	133.6	-14.1	-2.4	90.0	-	-2.3	88.6	-14.5	-1.7
Services less energy services .....	157.8	3.2	.3	102.0	-	.2	189.2	3.1	.3

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

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

<sup>3</sup> Indexes on a December 1997=100 base.

<sup>4</sup> Indexes on a December 1984=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 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	Percent change from—		Index	Percent change from—	
		Aug. 1998	Aug. 1997		July 1998	Aug. 1998
<b>Expenditure category</b>						
All items .....	167.1	1.6	0.4	101.7	0.7	0.2
All items (December 1977=100) .....	255.4	-	-	-	-	-
Food and beverages .....	162.4	1.8	.1	101.5	-	.3
Food .....	162.0	1.8	.2	101.6	-	.4
Food at home .....	162.8	1.7	.2	101.4	-	.3
Food away from home .....	162.5	2.1	.1	101.9	-	.2
Alcoholic beverages .....	168.1	.9	-2	99.9	-	-3
Housing .....	167.2	2.1	.2	101.3	-	.3
Shelter .....	194.0	2.9	.4	102.3	-	.5
Rent of primary residence .....	187.1	3.4	.3	100.6	-	.3
Owners' equivalent rent of primary residence <sup>4</sup> .....	183.1	3.2	.3	101.3	-	.3
Fuels and utilities .....	122.8	-1.0	.1	96.0	-	-5
Fuels .....	117.2	-1.6	.1	94.7	-	-6
Gas (piped) and electricity .....	132.0	-1.1	.3	96.0	-	-6
Electricity .....	138.7	-3.1	.1	97.1	-	-1
Utility natural gas service .....	122.2	1.6	.9	93.2	-	-1.7
Household furnishings and operations .....	125.4	.8	-6	102.6	-	1.0
Apparel .....	122.4	.1	3.9	100.3	-	.6
Transportation .....	146.5	-1.7	-2	97.2	-	-2
Private transportation .....	141.6	-2.3	-3	96.9	-	-2
Motor fuel .....	88.7	-14.9	-1.2	87.6	-	-1.5
Gasoline (all types) .....	88.2	-15.1	-1.2	87.6	-	-1.5
Gasoline, unleaded regular <sup>5</sup> .....	86.3	-16.3	-1.4	87.0	-	-1.6
Gasoline, unleaded midgrade <sup>5 6</sup> .....	90.8	-14.5	-1.1	88.2	-	-1.6
Gasoline, unleaded premium <sup>5</sup> .....	89.5	-13.4	-1.1	88.5	-	-1.1
Medical care .....	258.5	5.0	.7	102.2	-	.0
Recreation <sup>2</sup> .....	102.0	-	.2	101.8	-	.1
Education and communication <sup>2</sup> .....	99.6	-	.3	99.2	-	-3
Other goods and services .....	246.7	6.3	.1	103.4	-	-1
<b>Commodity and service group</b>						
All items .....	167.1	1.6	.4	101.7	.7	.2
Commodities .....	142.9	.2	.4	99.6	-	.1
Commodities less food and beverages .....	128.8	-9	.5	98.5	-	.0
Nondurables less food and beverages .....	128.2	-1.5	1.1	97.6	-	-2
Durables .....	127.7	.1	-5	99.6	-	.1
Services .....	193.6	2.6	.4	101.3	-	.2
<b>Special aggregate indexes</b>						
All items less medical care .....	163.5	1.5	.4	100.4	-	.1
All items less shelter .....	158.6	1.1	.4	99.9	-	.1
Commodities less food .....	130.5	-8	.5	98.6	-	.0
Nondurables .....	146.3	.3	.5	99.6	-	.0
Nondurables less food .....	130.6	-1.4	1.0	97.8	-	-1
Services less rent of shelter <sup>4</sup> .....	175.6	2.3	.4	100.4	-	.0
Services less medical care services .....	188.6	2.4	.4	101.2	-	.2
Energy .....	104.8	-6.8	-3	91.7	-	-1.0
All items less energy .....	175.4	2.3	.4	101.3	-	.2
All items less food and energy .....	179.3	2.4	.5	101.3	-	.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	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—	
	Aug. 1998	Aug. 1997	July 1998	Aug. 1998	Aug. 1997	July 1998	Aug. 1998	Aug. 1997	July 1998
<b>Expenditure category</b>									
All items .....	156.4	1.8	-0.1	101.7	0.9	-0.2	151.4	0.3	-0.2
All items (December 1977=100) .....	255.6	-	-	-	-	-	245.3	-	-
Food and beverages .....	160.8	2.3	.2	101.3	-	.4	150.3	1.5	-1
Food .....	160.4	2.4	.3	101.4	-	.5	149.3	1.6	-1
Food at home .....	161.2	2.2	.4	101.5	-	.4	145.5	1.3	-2
Food away from home .....	159.5	2.7	.0	101.1	-	.4	157.0	2.0	.1
Alcoholic beverages .....	164.9	.9	-2	100.5	-	-1	165.2	-1	-4
Housing .....	150.4	2.7	-3	101.6	-	-3	146.2	.1	-6
Shelter .....	170.0	3.4	.4	102.3	-	.1	163.7	2.4	.0
Rent of primary residence .....	173.5	3.3	.4	101.2	-	.1	152.1	1.9	-1
Owners' equivalent rent of primary residence <sup>4</sup> .....	169.9	3.3	.4	101.4	-	.1	162.2	2.1	.0
Fuels and utilities .....	124.9	.2	-2.7	99.8	-	-1.6	132.7	-3.3	-2.9
Fuels .....	110.5	-8	-3.4	99.5	-	-1.9	103.2	-7.5	-3.6
Gas (piped) and electricity .....	114.4	-5	-3.4	100.2	-	-1.9	111.2	-7.2	-3.7
Electricity .....	130.4	-4.6	-4.8	107.5	-	-2.1	113.0	-16.3	-9
Utility natural gas service .....	96.2	.9	-8	89.4	-	-1.3	111.3	6.7	-7.2
Household furnishings and operations .....	118.0	1.2	-1.7	100.2	-	-1.1	119.9	-4.4	-2
Apparel .....	126.8	.2	1.8	97.9	-	-1.0	134.7	-2.1	1.1
Transportation .....	139.7	-1.8	-8	98.8	-	-8	134.2	-3.1	-1
Private transportation .....	137.5	-2.1	-9	98.7	-	-8	130.3	-3.3	-1
Motor fuel .....	95.3	-15.1	-4.5	93.3	-	-3.2	88.3	-15.7	-1.1
Gasoline (all types) .....	94.8	-15.9	-4.5	93.3	-	-3.2	87.4	-16.4	-1.1
Gasoline, unleaded regular <sup>5</sup> .....	93.3	-16.5	-4.8	92.6	-	-3.4	84.4	-16.8	-8
Gasoline, unleaded midgrade <sup>5 6</sup> .....	103.2	-15.1	-4.4	94.3	-	-2.7	101.8	-16.7	-1.3
Gasoline, unleaded premium <sup>5</sup> .....	97.4	-14.0	-3.8	95.1	-	-3.1	92.3	-14.2	-1.8
Medical care .....	237.9	5.0	.2	102.4	-	.2	227.8	4.2	.2
Recreation <sup>2</sup> .....	102.3	-	.1	100.3	-	.0	102.1	-	.1
Education and communication <sup>2</sup> .....	102.0	-	-2	99.7	-	.3	99.8	-	-6
Other goods and services .....	237.9	6.9	.8	104.8	-	-9	226.0	8.0	-1
<b>Commodity and service group</b>									
All items .....	156.4	1.8	-1	101.7	.9	-2	151.4	.3	-2
Commodities .....	140.4	.1	-3	99.4	-	-6	139.0	-8	.0
Commodities less food and beverages .....	128.7	-1.2	-5	98.5	-	-1.0	133.0	-1.9	.2
Nondurables less food and beverages .....	134.5	-1.7	-3	98.2	-	-1.6	135.3	-2.1	.1
Durables .....	121.0	-3	-7	98.9	-	-3	125.5	-1.8	.2
Services .....	175.4	3.3	.0	102.1	-	.1	167.6	1.5	-5
<b>Special aggregate indexes</b>									
All items less medical care .....	152.8	1.7	-1	100.6	-	-3	147.3	.1	-2
All items less shelter .....	153.0	1.2	-3	100.2	-	-4	148.9	-2	-2
Commodities less food .....	130.2	-1.1	-5	98.6	-	-9	134.0	-1.9	.1
Nondurables .....	148.0	.4	.0	99.7	-	-6	143.3	-3	.0
Nondurables less food .....	136.6	-1.4	-3	98.3	-	-1.5	137.1	-2.0	.1
Services less rent of shelter <sup>4</sup> .....	167.5	3.1	-4	101.8	-	-2	157.0	.8	-8
Services less medical care services .....	170.0	3.2	.0	102.0	-	.0	161.1	1.3	-5
Energy .....	102.8	-8.2	-3.9	96.2	-	-2.6	96.0	-11.3	-2.5
All items less energy .....	164.1	2.7	.2	101.2	-	.0	159.3	1.6	.1
All items less food and energy .....	164.9	2.7	.2	101.1	-	-2	161.8	1.6	.1

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—	
	Aug. 1998	Aug. 1997	July 1998	Aug. 1998	Aug. 1997	July 1998	Aug. 1998	Aug. 1997	July 1998
<b>Expenditure category</b>									
All items .....	156.3	1.5	0.1	102.1	1.0	0.2	160.6	2.3	0.1
All items (December 1977=100) .....	253.3	-	-	-	-	-	260.0	-	-
Food and beverages .....	159.3	2.0	.4	100.9	-	.5	155.1	1.4	-.1
Food .....	159.6	2.1	.4	100.9	-	.5	155.5	1.5	-.1
Food at home .....	157.5	1.6	.7	100.6	-	.7	152.4	1.3	-.2
Food away from home .....	164.4	2.9	.1	101.6	-	.4	163.8	2.1	.1
Alcoholic beverages .....	156.4	1.6	-.1	100.7	-	.5	146.5	-.3	-.2
Housing .....	149.6	3.5	.2	102.1	-	.1	157.2	2.9	.6
Shelter .....	162.1	3.7	.2	102.7	-	.3	182.3	2.5	.8
Rent of primary residence .....	160.6	3.3	.3	101.9	-	.4	164.0	2.2	.9
Owners' equivalent rent of primary residence <sup>4</sup> .....	156.0	3.6	.3	102.1	-	.4	167.2	3.1	.8
Fuels and utilities .....	133.4	6.0	-.1	100.1	-	-.5	139.2	7.2	.0
Fuels .....	121.5	3.8	-.2	99.6	-	-.7	118.5	7.0	.0
Gas (piped) and electricity .....	125.9	3.8	-.2	99.8	-	-.6	124.0	6.6	.0
Electricity .....	125.7	1.7	-.1	101.0	-	-.5	128.7	6.6	.1
Utility natural gas service .....	114.8	2.5	-.9	92.4	-	-1.8	111.1	11.7	-.6
Household furnishings and operations .....	129.6	1.0	.3	101.6	-	.2	119.6	-.6	.4
Apparel .....	147.5	2.6	1.3	98.7	-	.7	132.4	5.2	.8
Transportation .....	138.8	-3.0	-.3	98.5	-	-.5	138.2	-2.3	-.6
Private transportation .....	137.9	-3.5	-.3	98.3	-	-.5	137.3	-2.4	-.6
Motor fuel .....	91.8	-14.4	-1.4	89.3	-	-2.3	81.6	-16.8	-2.5
Gasoline (all types) .....	90.9	-14.7	-1.5	89.3	-	-2.3	80.6	-17.3	-2.5
Gasoline, unleaded regular <sup>5</sup> .....	88.0	-15.8	-1.8	88.5	-	-2.6	76.0	-18.4	-2.7
Gasoline, unleaded midgrade <sup>5 6</sup> .....	93.6	-13.4	-1.2	89.7	-	-2.2	96.3	-16.5	-2.1
Gasoline, unleaded premium <sup>5</sup> .....	94.1	-13.0	-.9	90.9	-	-1.8	88.9	-15.3	-2.9
Medical care .....	239.9	2.6	.3	102.1	-	.3	242.8	4.6	.2
Recreation <sup>2</sup> .....	100.2	-	.1	101.1	-	.2	106.8	-	.4
Education and communication <sup>2</sup> .....	100.4	-	.0	99.5	-	-.1	101.1	-	.6
Other goods and services .....	213.2	4.4	-.3	105.1	-	.6	236.0	9.3	-.8
<b>Commodity and service group</b>									
All items .....	156.3	1.5	.1	102.1	1.0	.2	160.6	2.3	.1
Commodities .....	142.0	.1	.1	99.9	-	.1	139.3	.7	-.1
Commodities less food and beverages .....	132.1	-1.2	.0	99.3	-	-.1	130.4	.2	-.2
Nondurables less food and beverages .....	133.4	-1.6	.1	98.5	-	-.1	130.2	-.1	-.3
Durables .....	129.8	-.8	-.1	100.4	-	.0	128.6	.6	.1
Services .....	173.3	2.8	.1	102.0	-	.1	188.3	4.0	.3
<b>Special aggregate indexes</b>									
All items less medical care .....	152.1	1.4	.1	100.9	-	.2	154.7	2.1	.1
All items less shelter .....	155.0	.8	.1	100.4	-	.1	155.7	2.3	.0
Commodities less food .....	133.1	-1.0	.0	99.4	-	.0	130.8	.2	-.2
Nondurables .....	146.5	.4	.3	99.8	-	.3	142.5	.6	-.1
Nondurables less food .....	134.7	-1.3	.1	98.6	-	-.1	130.7	-.1	-.2
Services less rent of shelter <sup>4</sup> .....	169.6	2.2	.1	101.3	-	.0	178.7	5.0	.1
Services less medical care services .....	166.8	2.8	.2	101.9	-	.0	179.8	3.8	.4
Energy .....	105.7	-4.9	-.8	94.6	-	-1.5	97.9	-4.0	-1.1
All items less energy .....	163.7	2.1	.2	101.5	-	.3	169.8	2.9	.2
All items less food and energy .....	164.8	2.0	.2	101.7	-	.2	173.6	3.3	.3

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—	
		Aug. 1998	Aug. 1997		July 1998	Aug. 1998
<b>Expenditure category</b>						
All items .....	159.7	2.0	0.3	102.3	0.8	0.2
All items (December 1977=100) .....	258.6	-	-	-	-	-
Food and beverages .....	165.4	3.1	.5	100.9	-	.3
Food .....	164.7	3.1	.5	100.8	-	.3
Food at home .....	168.6	3.1	.5	101.1	-	.4
Food away from home .....	159.0	3.2	.4	100.2	-	-1.1
Alcoholic beverages .....	170.7	1.9	.3	101.8	-	.0
Housing .....	160.9	3.7	.2	101.3	-	.4
Shelter .....	173.4	4.6	.4	101.2	-	.4
Rent of primary residence .....	179.8	5.0	.4	100.5	-	.2
Owners' equivalent rent of primary residence <sup>4</sup> .....	170.4	4.5	.3	100.4	-	.1
Fuels and utilities .....	140.3	-2.6	.6	101.4	-	.9
Fuels .....	130.7	-3.7	.7	101.3	-	.9
Gas (piped) and electricity .....	132.8	-3.6	.8	101.4	-	1.0
Electricity .....	147.1	-3.7	.1	103.3	-	1.1
Utility natural gas service .....	119.1	-3.5	2.5	93.9	-	.4
Household furnishings and operations .....	128.6	2.7	-6	101.8	-	.5
Apparel .....	121.8	1.4	2.0	94.8	-	-8
Transportation .....	140.2	-1.9	-.4	98.6	-	-1
Private transportation .....	137.0	-2.4	-.4	98.0	-	-3
Motor fuel .....	94.4	-13.5	-2.2	88.8	-	-8
Gasoline (all types) .....	93.4	-13.7	-2.3	88.8	-	-8
Gasoline, unleaded regular <sup>5</sup> .....	90.0	-14.8	-2.5	88.3	-	-9
Gasoline, unleaded midgrade <sup>5 6</sup> .....	91.3	-12.4	-1.9	89.2	-	-9
Gasoline, unleaded premium <sup>5</sup> .....	97.0	-11.7	-1.9	89.8	-	-9
Medical care .....	236.2	2.7	.2	101.6	-	.4
Recreation <sup>2</sup> .....	99.0	-	-1	100.2	-	.6
Education and communication <sup>2</sup> .....	100.7	-	.5	100.6	-	-6
Other goods and services .....	237.2	3.5	-2	103.9	-	.8
<b>Commodity and service group</b>						
All items .....	159.7	2.0	.3	102.3	.8	.2
Commodities .....	141.4	.6	.1	99.1	-	.0
Commodities less food and beverages .....	126.9	-1.2	-1	98.2	-	.0
Nondurables less food and beverages .....	127.6	-2.1	-1	96.8	-	-2
Durables .....	126.2	-2	-2	99.7	-	.2
Services .....	178.9	3.3	.3	101.4	-	.3
<b>Special aggregate indexes</b>						
All items less medical care .....	156.6	2.0	.3	100.3	-	.2
All items less shelter .....	155.6	.9	.2	100.0	-	.1
Commodities less food .....	129.0	-1.1	-2	98.3	-	.0
Nondurables .....	147.3	.8	.2	98.9	-	.0
Nondurables less food .....	131.0	-1.7	.0	97.0	-	-2
Services less rent of shelter <sup>4</sup> .....	172.1	1.7	.3	101.4	-	.2
Services less medical care services .....	174.8	3.3	.3	101.4	-	.3
Energy .....	106.6	-9.4	-9	95.4	-	.2
All items less energy .....	165.7	2.8	.3	100.8	-	.2
All items less food and energy .....	166.1	2.7	.2	100.8	-	.2

<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> Indexes on a December 1984=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 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 Aug.1998 from—			Percent change to July1998 from—		
		May 1998	June 1998	July 1998	Aug. 1998	Aug. 1997	June 1998	July 1998	July 1997	May 1998	June 1998
U.S. city average .....	M	159.6	159.4	159.7	160.4	1.8	0.6	0.4	1.8	0.1	0.2
<b>Region and area size<sup>2</sup></b>											
Northeast urban .....	M	161.9	162.3	162.7	163.0	1.4	.4	.2	1.2	.5	.2
Size A - More than 1,500,000 .....	M	161.4	161.7	162.5	162.8	1.7	.7	.2	1.4	.7	.5
Size B/C - 50,000 to 1,500,000 <sup>3</sup> .....	M	100.9	101.3	101.1	101.4	-	.1	.3	-	.2	-.2
Midwest urban <sup>4</sup> .....	M	156.1	155.6	156.4	156.9	1.9	.8	.3	1.7	.2	.5
Size A - More than 1,500,000 .....	M	160.1	159.7	160.6	161.2	2.2	.9	.4	1.9	.3	.6
Size B/C - 50,000 to 1,500,000 <sup>3</sup> .....	M	101.0	100.9	101.1	101.5	-	.6	.4	-	.1	.2
Size D - Nonmetropolitan (less than 50,000) .....	M	146.4	143.9	145.8	145.5	1.3	1.1	-.2	1.7	-.4	1.3
South urban .....	M	155.9	155.8	155.8	156.8	1.2	.6	.6	1.3	-.1	.0
Size A - More than 1,500,000 .....	M	156.2	157.1	156.4	157.5	1.6	.3	.7	1.5	.1	-.4
Size B/C - 50,000 to 1,500,000 <sup>3</sup> .....	M	100.2	99.7	99.9	100.6	-	.9	.7	-	-.3	.2
Size D - Nonmetropolitan (less than 50,000) .....	M	150.6	151.7	152.7	152.4	1.3	.5	-.2	1.7	1.4	.7
West urban .....	M	166.4	165.6	166.0	166.8	2.9	.7	.5	3.8	-.2	.2
Size A - More than 1,500,000 .....	M	168.0	167.3	167.7	168.6	3.1	.8	.5	4.1	-.2	.2
Size B/C - 50,000 to 1,500,000 <sup>3</sup> .....	M	101.3	100.4	100.7	101.1	-	.7	.4	-	-.6	.3
<b>Size classes</b>											
A <sup>5</sup> .....	M	148.0	148.0	148.4	149.0	2.1	.7	.4	2.2	.3	.3
B/C <sup>3</sup> .....	M	100.7	100.3	100.5	101.0	-	.7	.5	-	-.2	.2
D .....	M	152.4	152.0	153.3	152.8	1.6	.5	-.3	2.3	.6	.9
<b>Selected local areas</b>											
Chicago-Gary-Kenosha, IL-IN-WI .....	M	172.6	170.2	174.4	173.7	4.4	2.1	-.4	5.1	1.0	2.5
Los Angeles-Riverside-Orange County, CA ..	M	173.3	171.4	172.2	173.1	2.9	1.0	.5	3.7	-.6	.5
New York-Northern N.J.-Long Island, NY-NJ-CT-PA .....	M	163.9	163.4	164.7	165.0	1.7	1.0	.2	1.7	.5	.8
Boston-Brockton-Nashua, MA-NH-ME-CT .....	1	158.9	159.4	159.9	161.4	2.8	1.3	.9	2.8	.6	.3
Cleveland-Akron, OH .....	1	158.6	159.6	158.6	158.7	2.8	-.6	.1	3.1	.0	-.6
Dallas-Fort Worth, TX .....	1	148.3	149.8	148.5	149.8	1.6	.0	.9	1.6	.1	-.9
Washington-Baltimore, DC-MD-VA-WV <sup>3</sup> .....	1	101.0	100.5	99.0	99.9	-	-.6	.9	-	-.2	-.15
Atlanta, GA .....	2	158.3	160.7	160.0	162.3	-	1.0	1.4	-	1.1	-.4
Detroit-Ann Arbor-Flint, MI .....	2	152.6	152.3	152.9	154.0	1.9	1.1	.7	.6	.2	.4
Houston-Galveston-Brazoria, TX .....	2	156.3	156.9	158.7	157.8	1.5	.6	-.6	2.9	1.5	1.1
Miami-Fort Lauderdale, FL .....	2	163.2	165.8	165.3	165.4	1.5	-.2	.1	2.0	1.3	-.3
Philadelphia-Wilmington-Atlantic City, PA-NJ-DE-MD .....	2	160.3	163.3	163.3	161.8	.2	-.9	-.9	.6	1.9	.0
San Francisco-Oakland-San Jose, CA .....	2	170.4	170.2	170.3	170.2	2.9	.0	-.1	4.9	-.1	.1
Seattle-Tacoma-Bremerton, WA .....	2	163.7	162.8	162.1	164.2	-	.9	1.3	-	-.1	-.4

<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—	
		Aug. 1998	Aug. 1997		July 1998	Aug. 1998		Aug. 1997	July 1998		Aug. 1998	Aug. 1997
<b>Expenditure category</b>												
All items .....	160.0	1.4	0.1	159.6	1.9	-0.6	156.1	1.4	0.1	169.7	1.8	0.4
All items (1967=100) .....	476.5	-	-	468.7	-	-	461.4	-	-	483.3	-	-
Food and beverages .....	160.7	2.0	.3	165.6	3.0	-.3	167.8	2.8	.4	165.4	2.0	.2
Food .....	160.4	2.1	.4	165.1	3.3	-.2	165.7	2.7	.4	165.0	1.9	.2
Food at home .....	160.4	1.8	.4	173.7	4.4	-.4	173.1	2.9	.5	165.0	1.7	.2
Food away from home .....	161.4	2.5	.2	149.4	1.4	.0	154.7	2.7	.2	168.5	2.4	.4
Alcoholic beverages .....	164.6	1.3	.1	172.2	-.5	-.3	185.4	2.9	.6	170.4	1.9	-.4
Housing .....	157.7	2.3	.1	154.5	2.3	-1.2	154.1	2.3	.3	170.7	2.4	.2
Shelter .....	177.6	3.1	.3	180.9	4.1	.3	162.4	3.0	.2	199.9	3.1	.3
Rent of primary residence .....	172.4	3.2	.3	190.9	3.6	.4	164.5	3.0	.2	191.0	3.1	.3
Owners' equivalent rent of primary residence <sup>1</sup> .....	171.8	3.2	.4	180.2	3.7	.2	160.9	2.9	.1	190.8	3.5	.4
Fuels and utilities .....	130.6	-.5	-.7	117.0	-.5	-7.7	144.7	-.9	1.2	116.1	-.8	.3
Fuels .....	115.6	-.2	-.9	104.5	-.4	-8.8	139.3	-.7	1.5	115.1	-.1	.3
Gas (piped) and electricity .....	123.6	-.2	-.8	107.8	-.4	-8.9	139.8	-.7	1.6	127.2	-.9	.6
Electricity .....	132.0	-.3	-.8	115.8	-14.7	-14.0	153.9	-.8	.0	129.8	-.3	.1
Utility natural gas service .....	109.2	-.3	-.6	99.2	7.5	-1.0	128.5	-.7	4.9	123.0	3.5	1.5
Household furnishings and operations .....	125.2	1.2	-.3	108.0	-.2	-.4	125.5	3.8	.0	126.5	.4	-.9
Apparel .....	129.9	.4	1.3	118.5	-.2	.0	120.5	2.9	.8	123.4	-.1	4.3
Transportation .....	140.2	-2.2	-.4	135.2	-1.5	-.4	137.5	-2.5	-.4	151.6	-1.3	-.2
Private transportation .....	137.6	-2.5	-.4	132.3	-2.1	-.5	133.7	-3.1	-.2	144.2	-1.8	-.1
Motor fuel .....	91.7	-14.9	-2.3	96.2	-12.5	-2.7	91.4	-14.8	-1.9	87.1	-14.7	-.8
Gasoline (all types) .....	91.2	-15.2	-2.4	95.4	-13.2	-2.8	89.3	-15.1	-1.9	86.7	-15.1	-.9
Gasoline, unleaded regular <sup>2</sup> .....	88.6	-16.3	-2.6	92.9	-14.3	-2.9	86.9	-16.1	-2.0	85.4	-16.1	-.8
Gasoline, unleaded midgrade <sup>2,3</sup> .....	95.9	-14.2	-2.1	102.7	-11.9	-2.8	87.5	-14.8	-1.6	89.8	-14.4	-.6
Gasoline, unleaded premium <sup>2</sup> .....	93.7	-13.3	-2.0	97.9	-11.4	-2.0	91.2	-13.3	-1.8	89.0	-13.3	-.9
Medical care .....	242.8	3.5	.3	251.2	4.5	-.1	235.9	2.9	.3	257.2	4.9	.8
Recreation <sup>4</sup> .....	101.1	1.0	.2	103.0	-	-.4	100.4	-	.4	101.9	-	.2
Education and communication <sup>4</sup> .....	100.3	1.8	.1	104.5	-	-.9	99.5	-	-.5	99.2	-	-.1
Other goods and services .....	236.2	6.3	.1	246.9	5.8	-.1	233.2	2.4	-.8	246.7	6.6	.2
<b>Commodity and service group</b>												
All items .....	160.0	1.4	.1	159.6	1.9	-.6	156.1	1.4	.1	169.7	1.8	.4
Commodities .....	141.5	.1	.0	141.0	.4	-.6	140.3	.6	.1	145.1	.3	.6
Commodities less food and beverages .....	130.0	-1.2	-.2	125.9	-1.4	-.9	123.9	-1.0	-.1	129.4	-1.1	.8
Nondurables less food and beverages .....	131.3	-1.9	-.1	133.9	-1.4	-.6	125.8	-2.3	-.2	129.1	-1.5	1.3
Durables .....	127.0	-.3	-.2	116.6	-1.3	-1.1	122.7	.6	.1	127.1	-.2	-.5
Services .....	181.9	2.5	.2	180.4	3.1	-.6	172.8	2.0	.2	195.5	2.8	.3
<b>Special aggregate indexes</b>												
All items less medical care .....	156.1	1.2	.1	155.2	1.7	-.7	152.9	1.3	.1	166.3	1.7	.4
All items less shelter .....	155.1	.8	.1	153.4	.9	-1.0	154.7	.6	.1	159.4	1.2	.4
Commodities less food .....	131.4	-1.1	-.2	128.0	-1.3	-.9	127.0	-.8	-.1	131.1	-1.0	.7
Nondurables .....	146.3	.2	.1	150.3	1.1	-.4	147.9	.6	.1	148.6	.4	.7
Nondurables less food .....	133.3	-1.7	-.1	136.7	-1.2	-.6	131.0	-1.8	-.2	131.5	-1.3	1.2
Services less rent of shelter <sup>1</sup> .....	171.5	2.0	.0	167.9	1.8	-1.7	172.6	.6	.1	173.4	2.2	.2
Services less medical care services .....	176.3	2.5	.2	174.1	3.0	-.6	168.6	2.1	.2	190.9	2.7	.3
Energy .....	102.9	-8.3	-1.5	99.1	-9.1	-6.3	106.4	-12.2	-.5	103.7	-6.1	-.1
All items less energy .....	167.8	2.2	.2	167.9	2.8	-.2	161.7	2.3	.2	177.8	2.4	.4
All items less food and energy .....	169.8	2.3	.2	168.5	2.6	-.2	161.1	2.2	.1	181.5	2.5	.4

<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 2 <sup>1</sup>								
	U.S. city average			Atlanta, GA			Chicago-Gary-Kenosha, IL-IN-WI		
	Index	Percent change from—		Index	Percent change from—		Index	Percent change from—	
		Aug. 1998	Aug. 1997		June 1998	Aug. 1998		Aug. 1997	June 1998
<b>Expenditure category</b>									
All items .....	160.0	1.4	0.2	159.1	-	-0.1	159.6	1.9	-0.4
All items (1967=100) .....	476.5	-	-	481.1	-	-	468.7	-	-
Food and beverages <sup>2</sup> .....	160.7	2.0	.5	164.9	-	.7	165.6	3.0	1.2
Food <sup>2</sup> .....	160.4	2.1	.6	168.6	-	.8	165.1	3.3	1.3
Food at home .....	160.4	1.8	.6	162.3	-	1.0	173.7	4.4	2.1
Food away from home <sup>3</sup> .....	161.4	2.5	.4	179.5	-	.4	149.4	1.4	-1
Alcoholic beverages <sup>3</sup> .....	164.6	1.3	.2	125.5	-	-1	172.2	-.5	.4
Housing <sup>2</sup> .....	157.7	2.3	.4	161.5	-	.1	154.5	2.3	-1.0
Shelter .....	177.6	3.1	.7	174.5	-	.1	180.9	4.1	.3
Rent of primary residence <sup>2</sup> .....	172.4	3.2	.6	180.2	-	.3	190.9	3.6	.4
Owners' equivalent rent of primary residence <sup>4</sup> .....	171.8	3.2	.6	163.4	-	.1	180.2	3.7	.3
Fuels and utilities .....	130.6	-.5	-.5	157.5	-	.1	117.0	-5.1	-8.9
Fuels .....	115.6	-2.1	-.8	147.9	-	.1	104.5	-4.5	-10.1
Gas (piped) and electricity .....	123.6	-2.1	-.7	149.2	-	.1	107.8	-4.5	-10.2
Electricity .....	132.0	-3.8	-.6	156.7	-	1.4	115.8	-14.7	-13.8
Utility natural gas service .....	109.2	-.3	-.8	NA	-	-	99.2	7.5	-5.0
Household furnishings and operations .....	125.2	1.2	.0	132.3	-	.2	108.0	-2.6	-1.3
Apparel <sup>2</sup> .....	129.9	.4	-.8	131.3	-	-1.6	118.5	-.2	-.3
Transportation <sup>2</sup> .....	140.2	-2.2	-.5	124.6	-	-.6	135.2	-1.5	-.4
Private transportation .....	137.6	-2.5	-.6	123.6	-	-.7	132.3	-2.1	-.5
Motor fuel .....	91.7	-14.9	-3.5	78.8	-	-3.0	96.2	-12.5	-3.6
Gasoline (all types) .....	91.2	-15.2	-3.5	78.2	-	-3.1	95.4	-13.2	-3.6
Gasoline, unleaded regular <sup>5</sup> .....	88.6	-16.3	-3.9	74.1	-	-3.5	92.9	-14.3	-3.8
Gasoline, unleaded midgrade <sup>5 6</sup> .....	95.9	-14.2	-3.0	96.3	-	-3.0	102.7	-11.9	-3.6
Gasoline, unleaded premium <sup>5</sup> .....	93.7	-13.3	-2.8	86.4	-	-2.5	97.9	-11.4	-3.1
Medical care <sup>2</sup> .....	242.8	3.5	.6	241.9	-	.4	251.2	4.5	.8
Recreation <sup>7</sup> .....	101.1	1.0	.1	97.7	-	.5	103.0	-	.2
Education and communication <sup>7</sup> .....	100.3	1.8	.0	100.2	-	.2	104.5	-	-2.3
Other goods and services <sup>2</sup> .....	236.2	6.3	.9	220.6	-	-2.4	246.9	5.8	.3
<b>Commodity and service group</b>									
All items .....	160.0	1.4	.2	159.1	-	-.1	159.6	1.9	-.4
Commodities .....	141.5	.1	-.1	135.6	-	-.6	141.0	.4	.1
Commodities less food and beverages .....	130.0	-1.2	-.5	119.9	-	-1.5	125.9	-1.4	-.5
Nondurables less food and beverages .....	131.3	-1.9	-.9	121.1	-	-2.3	133.9	-1.4	-.7
Durables .....	127.0	-.3	-.2	119.6	-	-.7	116.6	-1.3	-.2
Services .....	181.9	2.5	.4	186.3	-	.3	180.4	3.1	-.7
<b>Special aggregate indexes</b>									
All items less medical care <sup>2</sup> .....	156.1	1.2	.1	154.4	-	-.1	155.2	1.7	-.4
All items less shelter .....	155.1	.8	.0	155.0	-	-.2	153.4	.9	-.6
Commodities less food .....	131.4	-1.1	-.5	120.2	-	-1.4	128.0	-1.3	-.5
Nondurables .....	146.3	.2	-.1	142.7	-	-.6	150.3	1.1	.3
Nondurables less food .....	133.3	-1.7	-.8	121.3	-	-2.1	136.7	-1.2	-.7
Services less rent of shelter <sup>4</sup> .....	171.5	2.0	.2	181.8	-	.6	167.9	1.8	-2.0
Services less medical care services .....	176.3	2.5	.5	179.3	-	.4	174.1	3.0	-.9
Energy <sup>2</sup> .....	102.9	-8.3	-2.0	104.5	-	-1.1	99.1	-9.1	-7.5
All items less energy .....	167.8	2.2	.4	166.9	-	.0	167.9	2.8	.2
All items less food and energy <sup>2</sup> .....	169.8	2.3	.4	167.0	-	-.1	168.5	2.6	.0

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 2 <sup>1</sup>								
	Detroit-Ann Arbor-Flint, MI			Houston-Galveston-Brazoria, TX			Los Angeles-Riverside-Orange County, CA		
	Index	Percent change from—		Index	Percent change from—		Index	Percent change from—	
		Aug. 1998	Aug. 1997		June 1998	Aug. 1998		Aug. 1997	June 1998
<b>Expenditure category</b>									
All items .....	155.1	2.3	0.7	146.1	0.8	0.7	156.1	1.4	0.0
All items (1967=100) .....	456.7	-	-	466.2	-	-	461.4	-	-
Food and beverages <sup>2</sup> .....	155.2	2.4	1.0	151.9	2.3	.4	167.8	2.8	.7
Food <sup>2</sup> .....	154.5	2.2	1.0	151.5	2.2	.5	165.7	2.7	.7
Food at home .....	154.0	1.9	1.1	157.8	1.5	.6	173.1	2.9	1.0
Food away from home <sup>3</sup> .....	156.4	2.9	.8	141.7	3.7	.3	154.7	2.7	.5
Alcoholic beverages <sup>3</sup> .....	162.8	4.1	.7	150.8	1.1	-1.8	185.4	2.9	.6
Housing <sup>2</sup> .....	146.1	2.8	.8	131.4	3.5	1.0	154.1	2.3	.5
Shelter .....	164.3	3.3	.9	142.9	4.1	.7	162.4	3.0	.6
Rent of primary residence <sup>2</sup> .....	162.0	3.6	.9	141.1	3.6	.6	164.5	3.0	.5
Owners' equivalent rent of primary residence <sup>4</sup> .....	174.4	3.3	.7	142.6	3.3	.8	160.9	2.9	.3
Fuels and utilities .....	123.7	-2.0	.4	116.9	4.2	1.7	144.7	-6.9	.1
Fuels .....	102.2	-3.7	-3	109.0	.1	2.0	139.3	-8.7	.0
Gas (piped) and electricity .....	104.8	-3.9	.0	109.0	-1	2.0	139.8	-8.7	.1
Electricity .....	131.4	-1	.0	111.9	-2.2	2.3	153.9	-8.6	.1
Utility natural gas service .....	84.1	-10.0	-1	94.3	.0	.0	128.5	-8.7	.0
Household furnishings and operations .....	114.6	4.8	.5	117.3	2.1	1.6	125.5	3.8	.3
Apparel <sup>2</sup> .....	139.0	-1.2	4.4	142.6	1.9	6.1	120.5	2.9	-3.0
Transportation <sup>2</sup> .....	148.2	-9	-8	135.2	-5.3	-8	137.5	-2.5	-4
Private transportation .....	146.7	-9	-8	134.0	-6.0	-7	133.7	-3.1	-6
Motor fuel .....	95.0	-15.9	-4.4	90.5	-14.5	-2.4	91.4	-14.8	-3.7
Gasoline (all types) .....	94.6	-16.8	-4.4	90.3	-14.7	-2.4	89.3	-15.1	-3.7
Gasoline, unleaded regular <sup>5</sup> .....	94.0	-17.5	-4.6	88.7	-16.2	-3.0	86.9	-16.1	-4.2
Gasoline, unleaded midgrade <sup>5 6</sup> .....	108.2	-16.0	-4.6	94.8	-12.9	-1.8	87.5	-14.8	-3.4
Gasoline, unleaded premium <sup>5</sup> .....	98.8	-14.2	-4.0	89.1	-13.5	-1.9	91.2	-13.3	-3.0
Medical care <sup>2</sup> .....	234.7	10.6	.1	238.7	3.2	.6	235.9	2.9	.6
Recreation <sup>7</sup> .....	102.1	-	1.0	100.7	-	.4	100.4	-	-5
Education and communication <sup>7</sup> .....	103.8	-	.1	98.3	-	-3	99.5	-	-2
Other goods and services <sup>2</sup> .....	238.8	7.3	2.6	196.2	4.6	1.4	233.2	2.4	-1.0
<b>Commodity and service group</b>									
All items .....	155.1	2.3	.7	146.1	.8	.7	156.1	1.4	.0
Commodities .....	137.9	.1	.4	137.9	-.4	.9	140.3	.6	-.4
Commodities less food and beverages .....	128.4	-1.5	.2	129.7	-2.2	1.2	123.9	-1.0	-1.3
Nondurables less food and beverages .....	136.7	-2.5	.6	132.6	-3.1	2.2	125.8	-2.3	-2.5
Durables .....	114.3	1.2	-3	124.2	-1.0	.4	122.7	.6	.1
Services .....	176.3	4.3	.9	156.2	2.1	.4	172.8	2.0	.5
<b>Special aggregate indexes</b>									
All items less medical care <sup>2</sup> .....	152.1	1.9	.8	141.0	.6	.6	152.9	1.3	.0
All items less shelter .....	154.0	2.0	.7	147.4	-.1	.6	154.7	.6	-.2
Commodities less food .....	129.9	-1.2	.2	130.7	-1.9	1.2	127.0	-.8	-1.2
Nondurables .....	146.1	.1	.8	142.7	-.1	1.1	147.9	.6	-.6
Nondurables less food .....	138.5	-1.8	.6	133.6	-2.7	1.9	131.0	-1.8	-2.3
Services less rent of shelter <sup>4</sup> .....	171.3	5.2	1.0	156.0	.6	.1	172.6	.6	.3
Services less medical care services .....	171.4	3.8	.9	146.8	1.9	.4	168.6	2.1	.5
Energy <sup>2</sup> .....	99.1	-10.6	-2.4	102.4	-5.9	.0	106.4	-12.2	-2.1
All items less energy .....	162.9	3.4	1.0	152.9	1.4	.7	161.7	2.3	.2
All items less food and energy <sup>2</sup> .....	165.2	3.7	1.0	153.2	1.1	.7	161.1	2.2	.1

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 2 <sup>1</sup>								
	Miami-Fort Lauderdale, FL			New York-Northern N.J.-Long Island, NY-NJ-CT-PA			Philadelphia-Wilmington-Atlantic City, PA-NJ-DE-MD		
	Index	Percent change from—		Index	Percent change from—		Index	Percent change from—	
		Aug. 1998	Aug. 1997		June 1998	Aug. 1998		Aug. 1997	June 1998
<b>Expenditure category</b>									
All items .....	158.0	-	0.3	169.7	1.8	0.5	167.9	1.2	0.3
All items (1967=100) .....	256.8	-	-	483.3	-	-	487.6	-	-
Food and beverages 2 .....	168.4	-	-2	165.4	2.0	.9	155.5	-1	-6
Food 2 .....	169.5	-	-2	165.0	1.9	1.0	154.4	-1	-7
Food at home .....	165.4	1.5	-2	165.0	1.7	1.0	161.8	.2	-9
Food away from home 3 .....	178.1	-	-2	168.5	2.4	1.1	138.6	-6	-4
Alcoholic beverages 3 .....	153.2	-	.8	170.4	1.9	-2	171.1	.6	-2
Housing 2 .....	152.5	-	.2	170.7	2.4	.5	173.1	1.5	.2
Shelter .....	161.5	-	.3	199.9	3.1	.7	202.7	1.0	.5
Rent of primary residence 2 .....	151.5	1.5	.3	191.0	3.1	.6	180.8	2.5	.7
Owners' equivalent rent of primary residence 4 .....	156.5	1.6	.3	190.8	3.5	.7	181.9	2.2	.4
Fuels and utilities .....	117.9	-	-1	116.1	-8	-3	138.6	2.4	-6
Fuels .....	108.4	-3.2	-1	115.1	-1.0	-4	126.3	-2	-7
Gas (piped) and electricity .....	107.3	-3.2	-1	127.2	-9	-2	147.4	.5	-2
Electricity .....	105.2	-3.2	.0	129.8	-3.2	-3	166.3	.5	.0
Utility natural gas service .....	157.1	-4.3	-1.3	123.0	3.5	.1	120.2	-1.0	-9
Household furnishings and operations .....	161.5	-	-5	126.5	.4	.1	126.8	3.9	-2
Apparel 2 .....	157.1	-	2.0	123.4	-1	2.2	104.9	5.6	2.9
Transportation 2 .....	141.1	-	.2	151.6	-1.3	.0	148.9	-1.9	-1
Private transportation .....	140.9	-	.1	144.2	-1.8	-3	147.0	-2.2	-5
Motor fuel .....	99.1	-14.9	-8	87.1	-14.7	-1.9	91.9	-14.1	-2.1
Gasoline (all types) .....	98.3	-15.3	-8	86.7	-15.1	-2.0	90.6	-14.3	-2.1
Gasoline, unleaded regular 5 .....	95.4	-16.5	-1.0	85.4	-16.1	-2.3	89.1	-15.7	-2.1
Gasoline, unleaded midgrade 5 6 .....	94.0	-14.7	-6	89.8	-14.4	-1.5	89.2	-14.3	-2.2
Gasoline, unleaded premium 5 .....	101.3	-13.6	-3	89.0	-13.3	-1.7	87.0	-13.8	-2.1
Medical care 2 .....	227.0	-	1.3	257.2	4.9	.8	253.2	3.6	1.2
Recreation 7 .....	101.0	-	.3	101.9	-	-7	101.5	-	.5
Education and communication 7 .....	100.4	-	-1	99.2	-	-1	99.6	-	1.5
Other goods and services 2 .....	183.8	-	1.0	246.7	6.6	1.1	249.6	5.7	1.1
<b>Commodity and service group</b>									
All items .....	158.0	-	.3	169.7	1.8	.5	167.9	1.2	.3
Commodities .....	151.9	-	.3	145.1	.3	.6	138.4	.2	-2
Commodities less food and beverages .....	141.6	-	.6	129.4	-1.1	.3	126.1	.5	.2
Nondurables less food and beverages .....	132.7	-	1.1	129.1	-1.5	.7	123.0	.9	1.1
Durables .....	152.8	-	-1	127.1	-2	-4	128.9	.0	-1.3
Services .....	165.3	-	.3	195.5	2.8	.5	202.8	2.0	.8
<b>Special aggregate indexes</b>									
All items less medical care 2 .....	154.7	-	.3	166.3	1.7	.5	164.3	1.0	.2
All items less shelter .....	157.0	-	.3	159.4	1.2	.5	158.6	1.2	.3
Commodities less food .....	141.9	-	.5	131.1	-1.0	.2	128.0	.5	.2
Nondurables .....	151.8	-	.4	148.6	.4	.8	140.1	.4	.1
Nondurables less food .....	133.8	-	1.1	131.5	-1.3	.5	126.0	1.0	1.0
Services less rent of shelter 4 .....	159.2	-	.3	173.4	2.2	.3	184.5	2.8	1.1
Services less medical care services .....	159.7	-	.3	190.9	2.7	.5	198.6	1.9	.7
Energy 2 .....	100.1	-9.7	-4	103.7	-6.1	-1.0	109.8	-6.1	-1.3
All items less energy .....	165.5	-	.4	177.8	2.4	.6	176.2	1.8	.4
All items less food and energy 2 .....	164.7	-	.4	181.5	2.5	.6	183.0	2.3	.7

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 2 <sup>1</sup>					
	San Francisco-Oakland-San Jose, CA			Seattle-Tacoma-Bremerton, WA		
	Index	Percent change from—		Index	Percent change from—	
		Aug. 1998	Aug. 1997		June 1998	Aug. 1997
<b>Expenditure category</b>						
All items .....	162.7	2.9	0.6	163.8	-	0.6
All items (1967=100) .....	495.5	-	-	485.9	-	-
Food and beverages 2 .....	166.5	3.4	.2	163.9	-	1.1
Food 2 .....	167.6	3.8	.3	164.4	-	1.2
Food at home .....	170.2	2.9	.0	164.2	-	.9
Food away from home 3 .....	163.4	5.4	.9	167.2	-	1.6
Alcoholic beverages 3 .....	157.6	-6	-4	161.5	-	.9
Housing 2 .....	171.9	5.4	1.0	162.2	-	.1
Shelter .....	190.0	7.1	1.2	178.5	-	.8
Rent of primary residence 2 .....	201.7	8.1	1.4	179.2	-	.7
Owners' equivalent rent of primary residence 4 .....	178.7	7.0	1.2	182.1	-	1.0
Fuels and utilities .....	140.6	-5.6	.2	118.7	-	.2
Fuels .....	141.3	-9.1	.2	113.3	-	.0
Gas (piped) and electricity .....	141.0	-9.2	.2	133.2	-	.0
Electricity .....	158.9	-9.7	.0	148.3	-	.0
Utility natural gas service .....	121.9	-7.7	.8	88.0	-	.0
Household furnishings and operations .....	120.8	1.8	-7	144.7	-	-4.6
Apparel 2 .....	122.9	-1.8	5.3	129.9	-	5.9
Transportation 2 .....	132.5	-1.8	-1.0	148.9	-	.1
Private transportation .....	128.0	-1.9	-1.2	152.9	-	.1
Motor fuel .....	99.5	-8.6	-3.4	107.7	-	-1.4
Gasoline (all types) .....	98.3	-8.6	-3.4	109.7	-	-1.3
Gasoline, unleaded regular 5 .....	95.3	-8.9	-3.7	109.8	-	-1.8
Gasoline, unleaded midgrade 5 6 .....	95.7	-8.0	-2.5	96.6	-	-8
Gasoline, unleaded premium 5 .....	99.9	-7.8	-3.1	115.5	-	-8
Medical care 2 .....	225.3	2.2	.0	233.9	-	1.0
Recreation 7 .....	98.0	-	-7	98.5	-	-2
Education and communication 7 .....	103.6	-	2.9	102.7	-	-2
Other goods and services 2 .....	243.3	4.7	-1	242.7	-	2.5
<b>Commodity and service group</b>						
All items .....	162.7	2.9	.6	163.8	-	.6
Commodities .....	142.7	.6	.0	147.9	-	.6
Commodities less food and beverages .....	126.8	-1.7	-2	139.5	-	.3
Nondurables less food and beverages .....	126.7	-2.5	.0	138.9	-	2.1
Durables .....	125.0	-4	-6	140.0	-	-1.6
Services .....	182.8	4.6	1.1	181.2	-	.7
<b>Special aggregate indexes</b>						
All items less medical care 2 .....	160.3	3.0	.6	160.6	-	.6
All items less shelter .....	152.9	.9	.3	159.5	-	.6
Commodities less food .....	128.3	-1.7	-2	140.1	-	.3
Nondurables .....	147.7	1.0	.1	151.1	-	1.6
Nondurables less food .....	128.7	-2.3	.0	139.9	-	2.0
Services less rent of shelter 4 .....	160.9	1.3	.9	169.7	-	.5
Services less medical care services .....	180.3	4.8	1.1	176.9	-	.7
Energy 2 .....	114.6	-8.8	-1.9	110.5	-	-8
All items less energy .....	168.6	3.7	.7	169.9	-	.7
All items less food and energy 2 .....	168.9	3.7	.8	171.1	-	.6

1 Areas on pricing schedule 1 (see Table 10) will appear next month.  
 2 For Washington-Baltimore, index is on a November 1996=100 base.  
 3 For Washington-Baltimore, index is on a November 1997=100 base.  
 4 Indexes on a December 1984=100 base  
 5 Special index based on a substantially smaller sample.

6 Indexes on a December 1993=100 base.  
 7 Indexes on a December 1997=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 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	14.0	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	2.2	2.3
1946	18.2	18.1	18.3	18.4	18.5	18.7	18.8	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	31.1	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	162.5	162.8	163.0	163.2	163.4	-	-	-	-	162.3	-	-	-	-	-

- 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										Aug. 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	163.4	
All items (1967=100) .....	360.9	377.6	400.9	413.0	425.2	436.8	448.4	459.9	475.0	483.2	489.6	
Food and beverages .....	120.6	127.2	133.9	137.3	139.5	143.3	147.2	150.3	156.6	159.1	161.4	
Food .....	120.7	127.4	134.2	136.7	138.7	142.7	146.8	149.9	156.3	158.7	161.0	
Food at home .....	119.1	126.5	133.8	135.5	137.5	142.3	147.3	150.3	157.7	159.2	161.4	
Cereals and bakery products .....	126.6	136.1	142.4	147.4	153.3	158.9	164.2	169.5	175.7	178.4	182.7	
Cereals and cereal products .....	127.2	136.5	143.7	148.8	154.4	159.6	164.5	168.6	166.6	169.6	173.8	
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	163.7	
Breakfast cereal .....	138.8	152.4	163.5	171.4	178.1	186.5	191.0	194.1	186.0	189.0	192.0	
Rice, pasta, cornmeal .....	118.4	120.1	122.7	126.3	128.9	131.7	139.5	142.8	144.0	149.8	152.2	
Rice <sup>1 2</sup> .....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.0	99.3	
Bakery products .....	126.1	135.6	141.5	146.4	152.5	158.2	163.8	169.6	179.8	182.3	186.5	
Bread <sup>1</sup> .....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.0	102.0	
White bread <sup>2</sup> .....	125.5	133.2	138.3	140.4	146.1	156.2	160.4	169.3	183.4	186.2	189.2	
Bread other than white <sup>2</sup> .....	123.5	132.2	137.5	143.8	151.6	157.0	162.4	171.6	180.7	186.9	190.1	
Fresh biscuits, rolls, muffins <sup>1</sup> .....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.0	102.4	
Cakes, cupcakes, and cookies .....	128.7	139.0	147.2	154.2	157.7	163.2	169.2	171.6	178.8	180.1	181.6	
Cookies <sup>2</sup> .....	129.8	140.2	148.0	155.4	157.5	163.9	170.1	174.2	180.5	182.3	185.5	
Fresh cakes and cupcakes <sup>2</sup> .....	125.4	132.9	139.4	144.8	151.0	156.3	165.2	169.8	175.6	178.6	178.1	
Other bakery products .....	126.3	137.5	141.8	147.6	154.9	158.0	163.1	168.0	178.1	178.8	185.9	
Fresh sweetrolls, coffeecakes, doughnuts <sup>2</sup> .....	122.8	132.2	137.1	142.0	146.8	155.1	159.5	168.9	173.8	177.2	176.6	
Crackers, bread, and cracker products <sup>2</sup> .....	130.8	147.5	159.3	168.1	181.4	176.9	178.7	183.8	206.9	206.4	216.8	
Frozen and refrigerated bakery products, pies, tarts, turnovers <sup>2</sup> .....	126.5	137.0	139.8	145.2	150.4	157.4	161.7	170.8	174.9	181.7	189.9	
Meats, poultry, fish, and eggs .....	116.1	123.8	133.6	131.6	132.1	137.1	136.4	142.0	150.0	148.4	148.2	
Meats, poultry, and fish .....	117.1	123.0	133.8	132.0	133.0	138.4	137.6	141.7	149.0	148.1	148.7	
Meats .....	112.7	120.0	133.6	130.8	131.1	135.9	133.7	137.2	144.4	143.4	142.2	
Beef and veal .....	114.6	122.1	133.0	131.7	132.8	137.7	134.7	134.6	137.8	136.9	137.0	
Uncooked ground beef .....	104.5	112.2	120.8	119.1	118.4	123.0	117.7	115.7	117.6	116.4	116.6	
Uncooked beef roasts <sup>1</sup> .....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.0	100.3	
Uncooked beef steaks <sup>1</sup> .....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.0	100.2	
Uncooked other beef and veal <sup>1</sup> .....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.0	98.5	
Pork .....	109.6	117.2	136.8	128.5	127.4	133.1	130.1	139.6	155.4	153.0	149.9	
Bacon, breakfast sausage, and related products <sup>1</sup> .....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.0	97.0	
Bacon and related products <sup>2</sup> .....	96.9	105.0	122.9	108.6	104.8	117.1	114.8	130.2	161.5	160.3	152.2	
Breakfast sausage and related products <sup>1 2</sup> .....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.0	100.5	
Ham .....	115.9	121.9	144.4	137.3	134.9	137.1	134.8	144.2	157.4	154.3	151.0	
Ham, excluding canned <sup>2</sup> .....	122.2	129.5	154.5	143.6	141.2	144.5	142.1	151.9	168.3	164.7	161.5	
Pork chops .....	114.7	123.7	142.5	136.1	139.5	145.8	138.8	146.2	156.0	150.2	150.3	
Other pork including roasts and picnics <sup>1</sup> .....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.0	97.4	
Other meats .....	113.1	119.5	131.6	132.7	133.0	136.4	137.3	141.4	146.2	147.0	146.1	
Frankfurters <sup>2</sup> .....	113.2	119.3	132.9	134.7	133.9	138.2	134.3	139.3	143.8	144.9	142.7	
Lunchmeats <sup>1 2</sup> .....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.0	99.0	
Lamb and organ meats <sup>2</sup> .....	116.6	119.8	128.2	130.2	134.1	140.1	145.1	151.8	160.7	160.8	166.9	
Lamb and mutton <sup>1 2</sup> .....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.0	105.7	
Poultry .....	127.1	127.8	129.7	130.2	133.7	141.1	140.4	146.3	157.8	155.2	158.9	
Chicken <sup>1</sup> .....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.0	102.6	
Fresh whole chicken <sup>2</sup> .....	131.0	130.4	130.6	129.9	135.4	141.3	139.4	144.8	158.2	158.9	162.1	
Fresh and frozen chicken parts <sup>2</sup> .....	131.5	130.2	133.2	134.8	136.9	146.8	143.2	150.2	161.5	154.4	158.7	
Other poultry including turkey <sup>1</sup> .....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.0	101.8	
Fish and seafood .....	138.9	143.0	148.5	150.4	152.0	158.7	166.9	172.1	175.1	177.2	183.5	
Fresh fish and seafood <sup>1</sup> .....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.0	103.5	
Processed fish and seafood <sup>1</sup> .....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.0	103.6	
Canned fish and seafood <sup>2</sup> .....	124.8	119.4	118.8	118.2	119.9	122.8	124.5	125.5	126.5	129.4	134.2	
Frozen fish and seafood <sup>2</sup> .....	148.5	156.3	164.1	167.0	168.7	177.0	187.9	194.8	198.6	200.5	NA	
Eggs .....	99.6	134.9	128.7	123.5	117.7	116.0	116.4	145.5	162.9	151.1	135.4	
Dairy and related products .....	111.4	122.9	126.7	127.4	129.1	130.2	131.6	135.0	148.6	147.8	150.5	
Milk <sup>1</sup> .....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.0	100.7	
Fresh whole milk <sup>2</sup> .....	110.1	123.0	126.0	125.5	127.8	130.6	131.1	133.7	148.3	145.8	147.6	
Fresh milk other than whole <sup>1 2</sup> .....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.0	100.1	
Cheese and related products .....	112.6	126.9	132.7	135.1	135.4	134.6	136.0	139.0	150.1	148.3	152.7	
Ice cream and related products .....	114.8	123.1	128.5	130.1	130.6	131.5	136.1	139.7	150.5	151.8	155.2	
Other dairy and related products <sup>1</sup> .....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.0	101.9	

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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										Aug. 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	195.9
Fresh fruits and vegetables .....	138.1	145.6	157.6	169.6	173.9	190.1	212.8	206.3	216.2	222.3	226.9
Fresh fruits .....	143.2	154.8	171.2	188.6	181.8	205.4	213.1	224.2	251.1	239.4	248.7
Apples .....	132.4	124.7	151.6	169.9	154.1	166.9	163.2	187.6	194.1	193.9	213.0
Bananas .....	115.9	122.6	128.3	128.3	124.3	127.6	143.1	146.5	157.5	151.5	160.2
Citrus fruits <sup>1</sup> .....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.0	158.7
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	318.5
Other fresh fruits <sup>1</sup> .....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.0	75.6
Fresh vegetables .....	133.0	136.5	144.0	150.7	166.1	174.9	212.7	188.4	181.2	205.2	205.6
Potatoes .....	128.5	140.0	133.9	129.0	137.2	165.0	154.2	175.3	160.2	175.0	192.7
Lettuce .....	174.3	135.8	152.0	170.1	183.0	152.1	273.4	172.2	184.6	218.5	205.8
Tomatoes .....	124.3	140.3	129.5	124.5	193.4	197.2	233.6	242.6	193.4	253.4	218.6
Other fresh vegetables .....	129.4	135.6	151.0	162.3	166.4	178.5	216.1	183.2	185.9	201.5	208.6
Processed fruits and vegetables <sup>1</sup> .....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.0	103.5
Canned fruits and vegetables <sup>1</sup> .....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.0	103.6
Canned fruits <sup>1 2</sup> .....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.0	102.7
Canned vegetables <sup>1 2</sup> .....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.0	105.1
Frozen fruits and vegetables <sup>1</sup> .....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.0	104.2
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	153.5
Other processed fruits and vegetables including dried <sup>1</sup> .....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.0	101.4
Dried beans, peas, and lentils <sup>1 2</sup> .....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.0	100.8
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	132.0
Juices and nonalcoholic drinks <sup>1</sup> .....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.0	99.7
Carbonated drinks .....	104.6	109.8	110.8	111.9	113.7	115.6	115.2	118.5	118.0	116.1	116.6
Frozen noncarbonated juices and drinks <sup>1</sup> .....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.0	101.5
Nonfrozen noncarbonated juices and drinks <sup>1</sup> .....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.0	98.4
Beverage materials including coffee and tea <sup>1</sup> .....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.0	97.7
Coffee .....	116.9	115.7	117.4	111.3	105.4	111.1	172.7	156.1	145.6	170.2	162.0
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	167.2
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	152.6
Other beverage materials including tea <sup>1</sup> .....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.0	100.9
Other food at home .....	115.3	120.1	125.2	127.1	128.3	130.9	138.8	140.5	143.6	147.7	152.1
Sugar and sweets .....	116.7	121.1	126.4	130.9	132.1	133.3	134.5	138.5	144.7	147.9	150.2
Sugar and artificial sweeteners .....	110.0	114.8	118.1	118.1	119.3	120.6	122.8	127.9	132.2	133.3	137.0
Candy and chewing gum <sup>1</sup> .....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.0	100.5
Other sweets <sup>1</sup> .....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.0	103.7
Fats and oils .....	118.5	121.6	131.0	129.3	128.4	129.4	134.2	137.5	140.7	140.3	149.7
Butter and margarine <sup>1</sup> .....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.0	116.4
Butter <sup>2</sup> .....	104.8	103.0	94.9	94.4	88.0	82.0	81.6	93.4	113.9	128.2	160.1
Margarine <sup>2</sup> .....	124.1	126.7	134.0	131.8	128.9	130.3	139.4	141.6	145.5	144.2	152.9
Salad dressing <sup>1</sup> .....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.0	101.5
Other fats and oils including peanut butter <sup>1</sup> .....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.0	102.9
Peanut butter <sup>1 2</sup> .....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.0	101.8
Other foods .....	120.7	127.6	134.2	138.2	141.2	144.9	148.1	152.1	158.9	162.8	166.9
Soups .....	123.2	132.4	140.2	148.6	157.0	163.9	170.7	176.5	184.9	189.1	194.8
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	146.5
Snacks .....	121.2	126.2	131.1	132.8	132.5	136.3	138.7	143.4	151.7	155.6	158.7
Spices, seasonings, condiments, sauces .....	118.3	124.9	132.6	137.9	143.6	147.4	150.9	156.8	163.9	168.3	173.1
Salt and other seasonings and spices <sup>1 2</sup> .....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.0	99.7
Olives, pickles, relishes <sup>1 2</sup> .....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.0	101.3
Sauces and gravies <sup>1 2</sup> .....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.0	102.0
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	173.9
Baby food <sup>1</sup> .....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.0	102.4
Other miscellaneous foods <sup>1</sup> .....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.0	103.5
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	161.5
Full service meals and snacks <sup>1</sup> .....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.0	101.9
Limited service meals and snacks <sup>1</sup> .....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.0	101.4
Food at employee sites and schools <sup>1</sup> .....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.0	100.7
Food from vending machines and mobile vendors <sup>1</sup> .....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.0	100.6
Other food away from home <sup>1</sup> .....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.0	102.3

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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										Aug. 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	165.7
Alcoholic beverages at home .....	114.6	119.5	124.0	138.4	141.3	142.0	141.8	143.1	148.0	149.3	150.4
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	148.0
Distilled spirits at home .....	117.0	122.1	128.1	139.9	141.8	143.1	144.2	145.5	148.5	151.9	152.8
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	151.7
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	152.7
Wine at home .....	107.8	111.6	114.5	130.5	132.4	133.1	131.3	133.4	141.7	145.1	147.3
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	195.4
Beer, ale, and other malt beverages away from home <sup>1 2</sup> .....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.0	100.9
Wine away from home <sup>1 2</sup> .....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.0	102.0
Distilled spirits away from home <sup>1 2</sup> .....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.0	101.9
Housing .....	120.2	124.9	130.5	135.0	138.5	142.3	145.4	149.7	154.0	157.7	161.5
Shelter .....	129.3	135.6	142.7	148.2	152.5	157.1	161.8	167.4	172.3	178.1	183.3
Rent of primary residence .....	130.1	135.5	141.1	145.2	148.6	151.9	155.7	159.6	164.0	169.1	172.8
Lodging away from home <sup>1</sup> .....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.0	112.9
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	234.0
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	243.7
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	188.5
Tenants' and household insurance <sup>1</sup> .....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.0	99.2
Fuels and utilities .....	105.0	108.4	112.7	116.0	118.7	121.7	122.0	123.7	129.4	130.0	130.6
Fuels .....	97.4	101.2	105.6	106.5	108.9	110.7	110.1	110.9	117.1	115.8	115.9
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	86.7
Fuel oil .....	74.2	88.7	115.2	92.3	89.2	85.1	85.1	86.4	106.5	94.0	81.0
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	124.6
Gas (piped) and electricity .....	104.1	107.0	108.6	112.4	115.6	118.1	117.4	118.3	122.8	123.0	124.0
Electricity .....	110.3	113.4	115.0	120.8	122.9	123.6	124.4	127.8	128.7	127.0	132.5
Utility natural gas service .....	95.2	97.8	99.6	99.9	105.0	111.1	107.5	103.6	115.0	118.8	109.8
Water and sewer and trash collection services <sup>1</sup> .....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.0	102.2
Water and sewerage maintenance .....	135.8	144.7	153.7	165.7	176.7	185.2	193.0	198.6	205.5	213.7	218.7
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	257.5
Household furnishings and operations .....	110.6	111.7	113.7	116.3	118.2	120.3	120.8	123.8	125.0	125.1	126.8
Window and floor coverings and other linens <sup>1</sup> .....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.0	101.3
Floor coverings <sup>1</sup> .....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.0	102.4
Window coverings <sup>1</sup> .....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.0	98.7
Other linens <sup>1</sup> .....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.0	102.6
Furniture and bedding .....	115.4	113.8	115.1	116.2	121.4	125.8	127.8	133.2	134.5	133.5	136.1
Bedroom furniture .....	121.3	118.8	117.2	122.0	129.5	136.3	133.7	136.8	141.5	142.7	141.7
Living room, kitchen, and dining room furniture <sup>1</sup> .....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.0	102.5
Other furniture <sup>1</sup> .....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.0	104.6
Appliances <sup>1</sup> .....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.0	100.2
Major appliances <sup>1</sup> .....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.0	99.4
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	112.0
Other appliances <sup>1</sup> .....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.0	101.5
Other household equipment and furnishings <sup>1</sup> .....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.0	101.1
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	118.3
Indoor plants and flowers <sup>6</sup> .....	-	-	100.0	107.0	113.0	110.0	114.1	115.6	116.4	107.1	113.0
Dishes and flatware <sup>1</sup> .....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.0	103.0
Nonelectric cookware and tableware <sup>1</sup> .....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.0	100.2
Tools, hardware, outdoor equipment and supplies <sup>1</sup> .....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.0	99.9
Tools, hardware and supplies <sup>1</sup> .....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.0	98.2
Outdoor equipment and supplies <sup>1</sup> .....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.0	100.7
Housekeeping supplies .....	117.0	123.6	127.5	129.8	129.5	131.9	132.9	139.8	141.4	143.4	146.1
Household cleaning products <sup>1</sup> .....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.0	100.5
Household paper products <sup>1</sup> .....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.0	103.9
Miscellaneous household products <sup>1</sup> .....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.0	102.3
Household operations <sup>1</sup> .....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.0	102.0
Domestic services <sup>1</sup> .....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.0	102.2
Gardening and lawn care services <sup>1</sup> .....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.0	101.6
Moving, storage, freight expense <sup>1</sup> .....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.0	103.2
Repair of household items <sup>1</sup> .....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.0	101.6

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										Aug. 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	131.6
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	130.6
Men's apparel .....	118.4	120.6	124.5	128.3	130.0	130.0	128.2	128.3	130.4	133.7	133.7
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	137.3
Men's furnishings .....	113.7	117.4	119.8	122.2	123.6	123.0	122.7	120.0	124.6	134.1	132.8
Men's shirts and sweaters <sup>1</sup> .....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.0	98.7
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	131.3
Boys' apparel .....	112.5	111.4	113.0	116.2	115.0	117.1	113.2	116.2	116.8	120.7	118.1
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	123.8
Women's apparel .....	116.3	116.5	124.2	128.0	128.4	131.0	125.3	124.1	123.0	123.7	124.5
Women's outerwear .....	104.5	108.9	117.2	121.1	126.2	131.8	119.0	123.5	126.1	126.7	115.3
Women's dresses .....	123.5	122.5	131.1	128.0	130.7	127.2	113.1	114.7	108.1	102.7	106.0
Women's suits and separates <sup>1</sup> .....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.0	101.0
Women's underwear, nightwear, sportswear and accessories <sup>1</sup> .....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.0	101.5
Girls' apparel .....	117.3	116.1	120.2	130.8	133.5	129.1	128.2	128.7	125.0	123.6	120.6
Footwear .....	113.5	114.7	118.4	121.8	125.1	125.8	123.6	124.1	125.9	128.2	127.7
Men's footwear .....	119.2	122.0	125.6	129.4	132.9	133.2	132.2	131.6	131.1	131.4	131.7
Boys' and girls' footwear .....	114.7	118.5	122.9	122.7	121.5	122.1	123.3	125.2	130.4	133.5	130.6
Women's footwear .....	108.3	107.5	110.9	115.5	120.6	121.5	117.1	117.8	119.6	122.7	122.9
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	142.4
Watches <sup>4</sup> .....	107.9	107.7	110.4	114.1	112.7	118.7	124.6	130.6	122.6	122.2	124.7
Jewelry <sup>4</sup> .....	120.3	125.3	134.9	140.2	145.5	146.8	154.3	152.6	145.4	143.6	147.5
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	142.8
New cars and trucks <sup>1 2</sup> .....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.0	99.1
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	140.0
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	150.4
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	162.3
Used cars and trucks .....	120.2	119.7	117.1	120.1	129.0	139.3	151.5	158.2	155.6	147.9	151.1
Car and truck rental <sup>1</sup> .....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.0	105.3
Motor fuel .....	80.3	85.8	117.1	98.4	100.2	94.8	100.4	96.4	108.6	101.9	91.6
Gasoline (all types) .....	80.3	85.5	117.0	98.1	100.1	94.2	100.2	96.0	107.9	101.3	91.1
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	88.6
Gasoline, unleaded midgrade <sup>2 7</sup> .....	-	-	-	-	-	100.0	105.3	100.6	112.4	105.9	95.7
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	93.7
Other motor fuels <sup>1</sup> .....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.0	90.8
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	99.0
Vehicle accessories other than tires <sup>1</sup> .....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.0	99.5
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	107.6
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	131.6
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	167.3
Motor vehicle body work .....	126.3	133.9	138.5	141.9	145.8	150.0	155.7	161.2	168.6	176.2	179.2
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	155.0
Motor vehicle repair <sup>1</sup> .....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.0	101.4
Motor vehicle insurance .....	162.0	171.5	184.4	199.1	212.2	222.8	230.4	240.2	249.3	255.3	252.3
Motor vehicle fees <sup>1</sup> .....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.0	102.3
State and local registration and license <sup>1</sup> .....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.0	100.8
Parking and other fees <sup>1</sup> .....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.0	106.0
Parking fees and tolls <sup>1 2</sup> .....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.0	106.2
Automobile service clubs <sup>1 2</sup> .....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.0	101.0
Public transportation .....	126.5	131.7	154.4	149.8	158.2	176.5	165.6	170.7	189.9	184.3	192.2
Airline fare .....	128.0	134.8	165.4	155.4	165.7	193.8	175.3	178.4	204.7	194.8	207.8
Other intercity transportation .....	136.9	139.2	148.4	152.0	152.2	148.0	151.4	152.6	155.2	156.3	160.7
Ship fare <sup>1 2</sup> .....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.0	104.9
Intracity transportation .....	123.3	125.9	135.6	140.8	147.8	152.0	153.5	165.2	174.7	176.6	175.6

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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										Aug. 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	243.5
Medical care commodities .....	144.2	156.0	169.1	181.7	191.1	197.0	202.9	206.6	212.0	216.8	223.1
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	260.5
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	148.0
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	176.3
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	174.2
Medical care services .....	141.9	154.1	169.3	182.8	195.6	207.1	218.2	227.8	235.0	241.8	248.2
Professional services .....	140.8	149.9	160.0	169.8	179.4	187.4	196.0	203.9	211.0	217.5	223.3
Physicians' services .....	143.4	153.7	165.1	174.2	185.1	194.5	203.1	212.1	218.5	224.5	230.9
Dental services .....	140.9	149.9	159.9	173.0	183.1	191.1	201.4	210.4	221.1	230.0	237.4
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	144.4
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	154.9
Hospital and related services .....	150.8	167.9	186.9	203.5	221.4	238.2	251.3	262.8	273.7	282.5	289.5
Hospital services <sup>8</sup> .....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.0	103.2	105.7
Inpatient hospital services <sup>2 8</sup> .....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.0	102.5	104.6
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	234.9
Nursing homes and adult daycare <sup>8</sup> .....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.0	103.9	108.1
Recreation <sup>1</sup> .....	-	-	-	-	-	91.7	93.0	95.6	98.5	100.0	101.3
Video and audio <sup>1</sup> .....	-	-	-	-	-	96.6	94.2	94.6	97.7	100.0	101.2
Televisions .....	76.8	75.8	73.1	72.3	71.4	70.2	69.2	66.4	62.9	60.2	59.0
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	247.5
Other video equipment <sup>1</sup> .....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.0	91.8
Video cassettes, discs, and other media including rental <sup>1</sup> .....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.0	94.9
Video cassettes and discs, blank and prerecorded <sup>1 2</sup> .....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.0	98.4
Rental of video tapes and discs <sup>1 2</sup> .....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.0	94.0
Audio equipment .....	91.9	94.3	93.3	95.0	93.6	94.0	93.1	90.7	90.2	88.4	84.2
Audio discs, tapes and other media <sup>1</sup> .....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.0	99.1
Pets, pet products and services <sup>1</sup> .....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.0	102.0
Pets and pet products .....	117.7	122.9	127.4	129.6	128.3	129.5	130.8	135.4	142.6	142.1	144.4
Pet food <sup>1 2</sup> .....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.0	102.5
Purchase of pets, pet supplies, accessories <sup>1 2</sup> .....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.0	100.1
Pet services including veterinary <sup>1</sup> .....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.0	102.6
Pet services <sup>1 2</sup> .....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.0	103.7
Veterinarian services <sup>1 2</sup> .....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.0	102.6
Sporting goods .....	111.0	113.3	115.3	119.6	119.7	120.0	123.8	123.1	123.0	122.5	121.7
Sports vehicles including bicycles .....	111.1	113.6	115.9	117.6	120.1	120.0	124.7	124.8	124.9	124.3	125.7
Sports equipment .....	108.3	110.4	112.0	118.3	116.5	117.1	120.0	118.7	118.4	118.1	115.6
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	132.9
Film and photographic supplies <sup>1 2</sup> .....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.0	100.1
Photographic equipment <sup>1 2</sup> .....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.0	97.9
Photographers and film processing <sup>1</sup> .....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.0	100.7
Photographer fees <sup>1 2</sup> .....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.0	100.9
Film processing <sup>1 2</sup> .....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.0	99.5
Other recreational goods <sup>1</sup> .....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.0	96.6
Toys .....	112.4	115.1	116.8	118.1	121.1	122.9	121.8	123.0	126.4	124.4	119.3
Toys, games, hobbies and playground equipment <sup>1 2</sup> .....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.0	96.6
Video game hardware, software and accessories <sup>1 2</sup> .....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.0	NA
Sewing machines, fabric and supplies <sup>1</sup> .....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.0	97.2
Music instruments and accessories <sup>1</sup> .....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.0	100.7
Recreation services <sup>1</sup> .....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.0	103.0
Club membership dues and fees for participant sports <sup>1</sup> .....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.0	103.3
Admissions .....	133.3	146.0	153.6	161.0	167.3	170.3	177.1	186.4	193.8	200.3	207.1
Admission to movies, theaters, and concerts <sup>1 2</sup> .....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.0	102.1
Admission to sporting events <sup>1 2</sup> .....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.0	105.8
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	175.4
Recreational reading materials .....	126.5	132.4	138.5	147.3	152.8	158.2	163.9	173.6	178.2	180.2	185.2
Newspapers and magazines <sup>1</sup> .....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.0	102.2
Recreational books <sup>1</sup> .....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.0	103.9

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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										
	December										Aug. 1998
	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	100.1
Education <sup>1</sup> .....	-	-	-	-	-	81.2	85.9	90.7	95.1	100.0	102.6
Educational books and supplies .....	152.2	164.0	174.7	184.7	193.8	200.4	207.4	219.0	231.1	242.8	249.1
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	295.8
College tuition and fees .....	156.5	169.1	183.0	205.1	225.7	243.5	258.9	273.7	288.3	301.7	307.4
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	311.7
Child care and nursery school <sup>6</sup> .....	-	-	100.0	106.3	111.0	116.7	122.2	126.9	131.6	137.6	141.8
Technical and business school tuition and fees <sup>1</sup> .....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.0	102.5
Communication <sup>1</sup> .....	-	-	-	-	-	97.3	97.3	99.0	100.3	100.0	97.9
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	104.6
Information and information processing <sup>1</sup> .....	-	-	-	-	-	98.3	98.3	98.9	100.3	100.0	97.7
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	166.0
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	74.5
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	96.2
Cellular telephone services <sup>1</sup> .....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.0	93.9
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	37.6
Personal computers and peripheral equipment <sup>1</sup> .....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.0	71.1
Computer software and accessories <sup>1</sup> .....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.0	95.4
Computer information processing services <sup>1</sup> .....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.0	103.6
Other information processing equipment <sup>1</sup> .....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.0	94.1
Other goods and services .....	141.3	152.9	164.5	177.6	189.1	194.2	202.4	211.1	218.7	230.1	238.0
Tobacco and smoking products .....	149.9	171.9	190.5	211.7	228.9	215.5	222.0	228.1	234.3	251.2	273.7
Cigarettes <sup>1</sup> .....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.0	109.3
Tobacco products other than cigarettes <sup>1</sup> .....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.0	103.7
Personal care .....	122.4	127.1	132.4	135.7	139.6	143.1	145.8	148.9	150.5	154.0	157.1
Personal care products .....	121.6	124.7	129.9	133.4	137.8	140.1	142.6	144.1	142.8	145.3	148.5
Hair, dental, shaving, and miscellaneous personal care products <sup>1</sup> .....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.0	100.4
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	160.3
Personal care services .....	123.1	129.7	135.0	138.0	141.3	146.1	149.2	154.3	159.2	163.9	166.6
Haircuts and other personal care services <sup>1</sup> .....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.0	101.6
Miscellaneous personal services .....	143.1	151.4	162.0	172.4	179.8	190.3	199.4	210.0	218.3	230.0	235.7
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	171.9
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	177.7
Laundry and dry cleaning services <sup>1</sup> .....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.0	101.5
Apparel services other than laundry and dry cleaning <sup>1</sup> .....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.0	101.5
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	200.4
Checking account and other bank services <sup>1 2</sup> .....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.0	102.1
Tax return preparation and other accounting fees <sup>1 2</sup> .....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.0	104.8
Miscellaneous personal goods <sup>1</sup> .....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.0	99.7
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	157.2
<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	141.7
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	130.0
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	131.9
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	137.1
Durables .....	112.2	113.5	114.5	117.2	120.1	123.3	126.9	129.0	129.9	128.0	127.2
Services .....	128.1	134.6	142.3	148.8	154.2	160.0	164.7	170.4	176.1	181.0	185.3
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	190.8
Transportation services .....	132.1	138.6	150.0	153.7	159.2	166.9	171.1	176.3	184.1	186.0	187.8
Other services .....	136.2	145.1	154.5	164.1	172.8	181.6	188.9	197.3	205.0	213.1	217.6
All items less food .....	120.4	125.8	133.7	138.1	142.5	146.4	150.2	154.2	159.0	161.8	163.9
All items less shelter .....	118.1	123.5	131.5	135.0	139.1	142.7	146.3	149.6	154.7	156.4	157.4
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	159.0
Commodities less food .....	109.4	113.0	121.4	122.4	125.3	126.1	128.5	129.9	133.3	132.6	131.4
Nondurables less food .....	107.5	112.6	125.7	125.5	128.5	127.8	129.5	130.4	135.3	135.3	133.9
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	138.9
Nondurables .....	113.9	119.8	130.0	131.1	133.6	135.1	137.8	139.7	145.3	146.5	146.8

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										Aug. 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	127.8
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	192.7
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	179.5
Energy .....	88.7	93.2	110.1	101.9	103.9	102.4	104.7	103.3	112.2	108.4	103.8
All items less energy .....	124.8	130.6	137.4	142.8	147.1	151.7	155.7	160.2	164.8	168.3	171.2
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	173.8
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	142.7
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	191.5
Domestically produced farm food .....	119.4	127.4	135.4	137.2	139.6	144.5	148.1	151.5	160.1	161.1	163.6
Utilities and public transportation .....	113.9	117.1	122.9	126.7	130.7	136.5	135.1	137.5	144.4	145.0	147.6

<sup>1</sup> Indexes on a December 1997=100 base.

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

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

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

<sup>5</sup> Indexes on a December 1983=100 base.

<sup>6</sup> Indexes on a December 1990=100 base.

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

<sup>8</sup> Indexes on a December 1996=100 base.

<sup>9</sup> 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										Aug. 1998
	December										
	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	1.3
Food and beverages .....	5.1	5.5	5.3	2.5	1.6	2.7	2.7	2.1	4.2	1.6	1.4
Food .....	5.2	5.6	5.3	1.9	1.5	2.9	2.9	2.1	4.3	1.5	1.4
Food at home .....	5.6	6.2	5.8	1.3	1.5	3.5	3.5	2.0	4.9	1.0	1.4
Cereals and bakery products .....	8.4	7.5	4.6	3.5	4.0	3.7	3.3	3.2	3.7	1.5	2.4
Cereals and cereal products .....	9.6	7.3	5.3	3.5	3.8	3.4	3.1	2.5	-1.2	1.8	2.5
Flour and prepared flour mixes .....	6.9	7.2	2.3	-4	5.4	-2	1.8	6.3	7.5	-4	8.7
Breakfast cereal .....	9.6	9.8	7.3	4.8	3.9	4.7	2.4	1.6	-4.2	1.6	1.6
Rice, pasta, cornmeal .....	11.4	1.4	2.2	2.9	2.1	2.2	5.9	2.4	.8	4.0	1.6
Rice <sup>1 2</sup> .....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-7
Bakery products .....	7.8	7.5	4.4	3.5	4.2	3.7	3.5	3.5	6.0	1.4	2.3
Bread <sup>1</sup> .....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2.0
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	1.6
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	1.7
Fresh biscuits, rolls, muffins <sup>1</sup> .....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2.4
Cakes, cupcakes, and cookies .....	6.3	8.0	5.9	4.8	2.3	3.5	3.7	1.4	4.2	.7	.8
Cookies <sup>2</sup> .....	5.9	8.0	5.6	5.0	1.4	4.1	3.8	2.4	3.6	1.0	1.8
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	-3
Other bakery products .....	5.0	8.9	3.1	4.1	4.9	2.0	3.2	3.0	6.0	.4	4.0
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	-3
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	5.0
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	4.5
Meats, poultry, fish, and eggs .....	5.3	6.6	7.9	-1.5	.4	3.8	-5	4.1	5.6	-1.1	-1
Meats, poultry, and fish .....	4.6	5.0	8.8	-1.3	.8	4.1	-6	3.0	5.2	-6	.4
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	.2
Uncooked beef roasts <sup>1</sup> .....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	.3
Uncooked beef steaks <sup>1</sup> .....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	.2
Uncooked other beef and veal <sup>1</sup> .....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-1.5
Pork .....	-3.1	6.9	16.7	-6.1	-9	4.5	-2.3	7.3	11.3	-1.5	-2.0
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	-5.1
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	-2.1
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	-1.9
Pork chops .....	.3	7.8	15.2	-4.5	2.5	4.5	-4.8	5.3	6.7	-3.7	.1
Other pork including roasts and picnics <sup>1</sup> .....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-2.6
Other meats .....	.9	5.7	10.1	.8	.2	2.6	.7	3.0	3.4	.5	-6
Frankfurters <sup>2</sup> .....	1.4	5.4	11.4	1.4	-6	3.2	-2.8	3.7	3.2	.8	-1.5
Lunchmeats <sup>1 2</sup> .....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-1.0
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	3.8
Lamb and mutton <sup>1 2</sup> .....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	5.7
Poultry .....	17.9	.6	1.5	.4	2.7	5.5	-5	4.2	7.9	-1.6	2.4
Chicken <sup>1</sup> .....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2.6
Fresh whole chicken <sup>2</sup> .....	21.6	-5	.2	-5	4.2	4.4	-1.3	3.9	9.3	.4	2.0
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	2.8
Other poultry including turkey <sup>1</sup> .....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1.8
Fish and seafood .....	4.2	3.0	3.8	1.3	1.1	4.4	5.2	3.1	1.7	1.2	3.6
Fresh fish and seafood <sup>1</sup> .....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3.5
Processed fish and seafood <sup>1</sup> .....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3.6
Canned fish and seafood <sup>2</sup> .....	13.5	-4.3	-5	-5	1.4	2.4	1.4	.8	.8	2.3	3.7
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	-
Eggs .....	16.5	35.4	-4.6	-4.0	-4.7	-1.4	.3	25.0	12.0	-7.2	-10.4
Dairy and related products .....	4.4	10.3	3.1	.6	1.3	.9	1.1	2.6	10.1	-5	1.8
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	1.2
Fresh milk other than whole <sup>1 2</sup> .....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	.1
Cheese and related products .....	5.2	12.7	4.6	1.8	.2	-6	1.0	2.2	8.0	-1.2	3.0
Ice cream and related products .....	3.4	7.2	4.4	1.2	.4	.7	3.5	2.6	7.7	.9	2.2
Other dairy and related products <sup>1</sup> .....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1.9
Fruits and vegetables .....	6.2	4.4	7.2	4.4	2.2	6.6	8.3	-1.3	5.2	2.2	2.4

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										Aug. 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	2.1
Fresh fruits .....	13.4	8.1	10.6	10.2	-3.6	13.0	3.7	5.2	12.0	-4.7	3.9
Apples .....	27.8	-5.8	21.6	12.1	-9.3	8.3	-2.2	15.0	3.5	-1	9.9
Bananas .....	7.9	5.8	4.6	.0	-3.1	2.7	12.1	2.4	7.5	-3.8	5.7
Citrus fruits <sup>1</sup> .....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	58.7
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	68.3
Other fresh fruits <sup>1</sup> .....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-24.4
Fresh vegetables .....	-5.1	2.6	5.5	4.7	10.2	5.3	21.6	-11.4	-3.8	13.2	.2
Potatoes .....	23.8	8.9	-4.4	-3.7	6.4	20.3	-6.5	13.7	-8.6	9.2	10.1
Lettuce .....	-36.1	-22.1	11.9	11.9	7.6	-16.9	79.8	-37.0	7.2	18.4	-5.8
Tomatoes .....	-10.8	12.9	-7.7	-3.9	55.3	2.0	18.5	3.9	-20.3	31.0	-13.7
Other fresh vegetables .....	2.5	4.8	11.4	7.5	2.5	7.3	21.1	-15.2	1.5	8.4	3.5
Processed fruits and vegetables <sup>1</sup> .....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3.5
Canned fruits and vegetables <sup>1</sup> .....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3.6
Canned fruits <sup>1 2</sup> .....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2.7
Canned vegetables <sup>1 2</sup> .....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	5.1
Frozen fruits and vegetables <sup>1</sup> .....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	4.2
Frozen vegetables <sup>2</sup> .....	4.3	7.1	3.1	.6	.7	4.0	.8	2.9	2.4	2.9	3.9
Other processed fruits and vegetables including dried <sup>1</sup> .....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1.4
Dried beans, peas, and lentils <sup>1 2</sup> .....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	.8
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> .....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-3
Carbonated drinks .....	1.3	5.0	.9	1.0	1.6	1.7	-3	2.9	-4	-1.6	.4
Frozen noncarbonated juices and drinks <sup>1</sup> .....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1.5
Nonfrozen noncarbonated juices and drinks <sup>1</sup> .....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-1.6
Beverage materials including coffee and tea <sup>1</sup> .....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-2.3
Coffee .....	5.8	-1.0	1.5	-5.2	-5.3	5.4	55.4	-9.6	-6.7	16.9	-4.8
Roasted coffee <sup>2</sup> .....	9.0	-.7	1.2	-6.6	-6.1	6.6	63.9	-10.9	-8.7	22.2	-6.1
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	-1.7
Other beverage materials including tea <sup>1</sup> .....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	.9
Other food at home .....	4.8	4.2	4.2	1.5	.9	2.0	6.0	1.2	2.2	2.9	3.0
Sugar and sweets .....	5.1	3.8	4.4	3.6	.9	.9	.9	3.0	4.5	2.2	1.6
Sugar and artificial sweeteners .....	7.8	4.4	2.9	.0	1.0	1.1	1.8	4.2	3.4	.8	2.8
Candy and chewing gum <sup>1</sup> .....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	.5
Other sweets <sup>1</sup> .....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3.7
Fats and oils .....	10.0	2.6	7.7	-1.3	-.7	.8	3.7	2.5	2.3	-.3	6.7
Butter and margarine <sup>1</sup> .....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	16.4
Butter <sup>2</sup> .....	.1	-1.7	-7.9	-.5	-6.8	-6.8	-.5	14.5	21.9	12.6	24.9
Margarine <sup>2</sup> .....	16.7	2.1	5.8	-1.6	-2.2	1.1	7.0	1.6	2.8	-.9	6.0
Salad dressing <sup>1</sup> .....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1.5
Other fats and oils including peanut butter <sup>1</sup> .....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2.9
Peanut butter <sup>1 2</sup> .....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1.8
Other foods .....	5.0	5.7	5.2	3.0	2.2	2.6	2.2	2.7	4.5	2.5	2.5
Soups .....	3.6	7.5	5.9	6.0	5.7	4.4	4.1	3.4	4.8	2.3	3.0
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	2.0
Spices, seasonings, condiments, sauces .....	4.5	5.6	6.2	4.0	4.1	2.6	2.4	3.9	4.5	2.7	2.9
Salt and other seasonings and spices <sup>1 2</sup> .....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-.3
Olives, pickles, relishes <sup>1 2</sup> .....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1.3
Sauces and gravies <sup>1 2</sup> .....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2.0
Other condiments <sup>2</sup> .....	2.8	5.1	6.0	4.6	4.8	.0	2.1	3.6	4.3	4.9	7.3
Baby food <sup>1</sup> .....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2.4
Other miscellaneous foods <sup>1</sup> .....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3.5
Prepared salads <sup>1 2</sup> .....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Food away from home .....	4.4	4.6	4.5	2.9	1.4	1.9	1.9	2.2	3.1	2.6	1.6
Full service meals and snacks <sup>1</sup> .....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1.9
Limited service meals and snacks <sup>1</sup> .....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1.4
Food at employee sites and schools <sup>1</sup> .....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	.7
Food from vending machines and mobile vendors <sup>1</sup> .....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	.6
Other food away from home <sup>1</sup> .....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2.3
Alcoholic beverages .....	3.9	4.8	4.2	9.9	2.9	1.5	1.0	2.0	3.6	2.2	1.0

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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										Aug. 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	0.7
Beer, ale, and other malt beverages at home .....	2.8	4.7	3.6	11.8	2.8	.3	-.1	.6	2.9	-.5	.3
Distilled spirits at home .....	1.9	4.4	4.9	9.2	1.4	.9	.8	.9	2.1	2.3	.6
Whiskey at home <sup>2</sup> .....	.7	5.6	5.2	8.1	.9	1.7	.8	2.0	1.9	2.4	.1
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	.4
Wine at home .....	1.6	3.5	2.6	14.0	1.5	.5	-1.4	1.6	6.2	2.4	1.5
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	1.5
Beer, ale, and other malt beverages away from home <sup>1 2</sup> .....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	.9
Wine away from home <sup>1 2</sup> .....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2.0
Distilled spirits away from home <sup>1 2</sup> .....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1.9
Housing .....	4.0	3.9	4.5	3.4	2.6	2.7	2.2	3.0	2.9	2.4	2.4
Shelter .....	4.5	4.9	5.2	3.9	2.9	3.0	3.0	3.5	2.9	3.4	2.9
Rent of primary residence .....	3.6	4.2	4.1	2.9	2.3	2.2	2.5	2.5	2.8	3.1	2.2
Lodging away from home <sup>1</sup> .....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	12.9
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	1.9
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	14.1
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	2.1
Tenants' and household insurance <sup>1</sup> .....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-.8
Fuels and utilities .....	2.9	3.2	4.0	2.9	2.3	2.5	.2	1.4	4.6	.5	.5
Fuels .....	2.4	3.9	4.3	.9	2.3	1.7	-.5	.7	5.6	-.1	.1
Fuel oil and other fuels .....	-4.6	15.5	28.6	-17.0	-3.1	-3.8	.1	1.4	23.1	-11.9	-10.8
Fuel oil .....	-6.3	19.5	29.9	-19.9	-3.4	-4.6	.0	1.5	23.3	-11.7	-13.8
Other household fuels <sup>4</sup> .....	-.3	5.9	25.9	-9.6	-2.4	-2.0	.4	.8	22.9	-12.3	-3.3
Gas (piped) and electricity .....	3.2	2.8	1.5	3.5	2.8	2.2	-.6	.8	3.8	.2	.8
Electricity .....	2.8	2.8	1.4	5.0	1.7	.6	.6	2.7	.7	-1.3	4.3
Utility natural gas service .....	3.6	2.7	1.8	.3	5.1	5.8	-3.2	-3.6	11.0	3.3	-7.6
Water and sewer and trash collection services <sup>1</sup> .....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2.2
Water and sewerage maintenance .....	6.1	6.6	6.2	7.8	6.6	4.8	4.2	2.9	3.5	4.0	2.3
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	1.9
Household furnishings and operations .....	3.1	1.0	1.8	2.3	1.6	1.8	.4	2.5	1.0	.1	1.4
Window and floor coverings and other linens <sup>1</sup> .....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1.3
Floor coverings <sup>1</sup> .....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2.4
Window coverings <sup>1</sup> .....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-1.3
Other linens <sup>1</sup> .....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2.6
Furniture and bedding .....	3.5	-1.4	1.1	1.0	4.5	3.6	1.6	4.2	1.0	-.7	1.9
Bedroom furniture .....	4.7	-2.1	-1.3	4.1	6.1	5.3	-1.9	2.3	3.4	.8	-.7
Living room, kitchen, and dining room furniture <sup>1</sup> .....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2.5
Other furniture <sup>1</sup> .....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	4.6
Appliances <sup>1</sup> .....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	.2
Major appliances <sup>1</sup> .....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-.6
Laundry equipment <sup>2</sup> .....	4.2	-1.0	1.2	-1.5	.7	.8	3.3	-.7	3.1	.2	-1.2
Other appliances <sup>1</sup> .....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1.5
Other household equipment and furnishings <sup>1</sup> .....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1.1
Clocks, lamps, and decorator items .....	3.0	6.5	-.2	4.6	2.1	-1.7	-.3	3.7	-4.2	3.4	-2.2
Indoor plants and flowers <sup>6</sup> .....	-	-	-	7.0	5.6	-2.7	3.7	1.3	.7	-8.0	5.5
Dishes and flatware <sup>1</sup> .....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3.0
Nonelectric cookware and tableware <sup>1</sup> .....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	.2
Tools, hardware, outdoor equipment and supplies <sup>1</sup> .....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-.1
Tools, hardware and supplies <sup>1</sup> .....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-1.8
Outdoor equipment and supplies <sup>1</sup> .....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	.7
Housekeeping supplies .....	4.0	5.6	3.2	1.8	-.2	1.9	.8	5.2	1.1	1.4	1.9
Household cleaning products <sup>1</sup> .....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	.5
Household paper products <sup>1</sup> .....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3.9
Miscellaneous household products <sup>1</sup> .....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2.3
Household operations <sup>1</sup> .....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2.0
Domestic services <sup>1</sup> .....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2.2
Gardening and lawn care services <sup>1</sup> .....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1.6
Moving, storage, freight expense <sup>1</sup> .....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3.2
Repair of household items <sup>1</sup> .....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1.6
Apparel .....	4.7	1.0	5.1	3.4	1.4	.9	-1.6	.1	-.2	1.0	.0

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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										Aug. 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	-0.5
Men's apparel .....	6.1	1.9	3.2	3.1	1.3	.0	-1.4	.1	1.6	2.5	.0
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	1.1
Men's furnishings .....	3.3	3.3	2.0	2.0	1.1	-5	-2	-2.2	3.8	7.6	-1.0
Men's shirts and sweaters <sup>1</sup> .....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-1.3
Men's pants and shorts .....	4.8	1.8	4.5	3.4	2.5	-1.1	-1.6	1.0	1.7	-2	1.8
Boys' apparel .....	4.9	-1.0	1.4	2.8	-1.0	1.8	-3.3	2.7	.5	3.3	-2.2
Women's and girls' apparel .....	3.5	-1	6.1	4.0	.5	1.2	-3.8	-8	-1.1	.2	.2
Women's apparel .....	2.9	.2	6.6	3.1	.3	2.0	-4.4	-1.0	-9	.6	.6
Women's outerwear .....	.5	4.2	7.6	3.3	4.2	4.4	-9.7	3.8	2.1	.5	-9.0
Women's dresses .....	3.0	-8	7.0	-2.4	2.1	-2.7	-11.1	1.4	-5.8	-5.0	3.2
Women's suits and separates <sup>1</sup> .....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1.0
Women's underwear, nightwear, sportswear and accessories <sup>1</sup> .....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1.5
Girls' apparel .....	6.4	-1.0	3.5	8.8	2.1	-3.3	-7	.4	-2.9	-1.1	-2.4
Footwear .....	5.9	1.1	3.2	2.9	2.7	.6	-1.7	.4	1.5	1.8	-4
Men's footwear .....	7.0	2.3	3.0	3.0	2.7	.2	-8	-5	-4	.2	.2
Boys' and girls' footwear .....	4.3	3.3	3.7	-2	-1.0	.5	1.0	1.5	4.2	2.4	-2.2
Women's footwear .....	5.8	-7	3.2	4.1	4.4	.7	-3.6	.6	1.5	2.6	.2
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	2.5
Watches <sup>4</sup> .....	4.4	-2	2.5	3.4	-1.2	5.3	5.0	4.8	-6.1	-3	2.0
Jewelry <sup>4</sup> .....	7.9	4.3	7.5	3.9	3.8	.9	5.1	-1.1	-4.7	-1.2	2.7
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	-9
New cars and trucks <sup>1 2</sup> .....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-9
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	-1.1
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	-7
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	-9
Used cars and trucks .....	3.4	-4	-2.2	2.6	7.4	8.0	8.8	4.4	-1.6	-4.9	2.2
Car and truck rental <sup>1</sup> .....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	5.3
Motor fuel .....	-2.1	6.8	36.5	-16.0	1.8	-5.4	5.9	-4.0	12.7	-6.2	-10.1
Gasoline (all types) .....	-1.8	6.5	36.8	-16.2	2.0	-5.9	6.4	-4.2	12.4	-6.1	-10.1
Gasoline, unleaded regular <sup>2</sup> .....	-2.5	5.5	36.9	-16.7	1.9	-6.7	7.2	-4.4	13.4	-6.6	-10.6
Gasoline, unleaded midgrade <sup>2 7</sup> .....	-	-	-	-	-	-	5.3	-4.5	11.7	-5.8	-9.6
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	-9.0
Other motor fuels <sup>1</sup> .....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-9.2
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	.0
Vehicle accessories other than tires <sup>1</sup> .....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-5
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	-6
Motor oil, coolant, and fluids <sup>2</sup> .....	9.6	-3	7.0	.8	-3	.6	6.1	3.2	1.5	-2	-2
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	1.6
Motor vehicle body work .....	4.6	6.0	3.4	2.5	2.7	2.9	3.8	3.5	4.6	4.5	1.7
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	1.9
Motor vehicle repair <sup>1</sup> .....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1.4
Motor vehicle insurance .....	8.4	5.9	7.5	8.0	6.6	5.0	3.4	4.3	3.8	2.4	-1.2
Motor vehicle fees <sup>1</sup> .....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2.3
State and local registration and license <sup>1</sup> .....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	.8
Parking and other fees <sup>1</sup> .....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6.0
Parking fees and tolls <sup>1 2</sup> .....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6.2
Automobile service clubs <sup>1 2</sup> .....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1.0
Public transportation .....	3.6	4.1	17.2	-3.0	5.6	11.6	-6.2	3.1	11.2	-2.9	4.3
Airline fare .....	3.3	5.3	22.7	-6.0	6.6	17.0	-9.5	1.8	14.7	-4.8	6.7
Other intercity transportation .....	7.1	1.7	6.6	2.4	.1	-2.8	2.3	.8	1.7	.7	2.8
Ship fare <sup>1 2</sup> .....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	4.9
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	2.7

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Item and group	Percent change from previous December										Aug. 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	2.9
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	3.6
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	1.5
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	1.8
Nonprescription medical equipment and supplies .....	4.6	6.1	4.5	5.7	2.9	2.6	4.9	2.4	-1	2.9	.8
Medical care services .....	6.9	8.6	9.9	8.0	7.0	5.9	5.4	4.4	3.2	2.9	2.6
Professional services .....	6.8	6.5	6.7	6.1	5.7	4.5	4.6	4.0	3.5	3.1	2.7
Physicians' services .....	7.5	7.2	7.4	5.5	6.3	5.1	4.4	4.4	3.0	2.7	2.9
Dental services .....	6.7	6.4	6.7	8.2	5.8	4.4	5.4	4.5	5.1	4.0	3.2
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	1.3
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	1.2
Hospital and related services .....	11.0	11.3	11.3	8.9	8.8	7.6	5.5	4.6	4.1	3.2	2.5
Hospital services <sup>8</sup> .....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3.2	2.4
Inpatient hospital services <sup>2 8</sup> .....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2.5	2.0
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	2.9
Nursing homes and adult daycare <sup>8</sup> .....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3.9	4.0
Recreation <sup>1</sup> .....	-	-	-	-	-	-	1.4	2.8	3.0	1.5	1.3
Video and audio <sup>1</sup> .....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-2.5	.4	3.3	2.4	1.2
Televisions .....	-1.4	-1.3	-3.6	-1.1	-1.2	-1.7	-1.4	-4.0	-5.3	-4.3	-2.0
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	6.0
Other video equipment <sup>1</sup> .....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-8.2
Video cassettes, discs, and other media including rental <sup>1</sup> .....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-5.1
Video cassettes and discs, blank and prerecorded <sup>1 2</sup> .....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-1.6
Rental of video tapes and discs <sup>1 2</sup> .....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-6.0
Audio equipment .....	-4	2.6	-1.1	1.8	-1.5	.4	-1.0	-2.6	-6	-2.0	-4.8
Audio discs, tapes and other media <sup>1</sup> .....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-9
Pets, pet products and services <sup>1</sup> .....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2.0
Pets and pet products .....	4.6	4.4	3.7	1.7	-1.0	.9	1.0	3.5	5.3	-4	1.6
Pet food <sup>1 2</sup> .....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2.5
Purchase of pets, pet supplies, accessories <sup>1 2</sup> .....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	.1
Pet services including veterinary <sup>1</sup> .....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2.6
Pet services <sup>1 2</sup> .....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3.7
Veterinarian services <sup>1 2</sup> .....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2.6
Sporting goods .....	4.4	2.1	1.8	3.7	.1	.3	3.2	-6	-1	-4	-7
Sports vehicles including bicycles .....	4.0	2.3	2.0	1.5	2.1	-1	3.9	.1	.1	-5	1.1
Sports equipment .....	4.7	1.9	1.4	5.6	-1.5	.5	2.5	-1.1	-3	-3	-2.1
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	-8
Film and photographic supplies <sup>1 2</sup> .....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	.1
Photographic equipment <sup>1 2</sup> .....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-2.1
Photographers and film processing <sup>1</sup> .....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	.7
Photographer fees <sup>1 2</sup> .....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	.9
Film processing <sup>1 2</sup> .....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-5
Other recreational goods <sup>1</sup> .....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-3.4
Toys .....	4.1	2.4	1.5	1.1	2.5	1.5	-9	1.0	2.8	-1.6	-4.1
Toys, games, hobbies and playground equipment <sup>1 2</sup> .....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-3.4
Video game hardware, software and accessories <sup>1 2</sup> .....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Sewing machines, fabric and supplies <sup>1</sup> .....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-2.8
Music instruments and accessories <sup>1</sup> .....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	.7
Recreation services <sup>1</sup> .....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3.0
Club membership dues and fees for participant sports <sup>1</sup> .....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3.3
Admissions .....	3.8	9.5	5.2	4.8	3.9	1.8	4.0	5.3	4.0	3.4	3.4
Admission to movies, theaters, and concerts <sup>1 2</sup> .....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2.1
Admission to sporting events <sup>1 2</sup> .....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	5.8
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	.7
Recreational reading materials .....	4.2	4.7	4.6	6.4	3.7	3.5	3.6	5.9	2.6	1.1	2.8
Newspapers and magazines <sup>1</sup> .....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2.2
Recreational books <sup>1</sup> .....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3.9
Education and communication <sup>1</sup> .....	-	-	-	-	-	-	3.3	4.0	3.4	3.0	.1

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										Aug. 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	2.6
Educational books and supplies .....	6.9	7.8	6.5	5.7	4.9	3.4	3.5	5.6	5.5	5.1	2.6
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	2.5
College tuition and fees .....	7.7	8.1	8.2	12.1	10.0	7.9	6.3	5.7	5.3	4.6	1.9
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	3.7
Child care and nursery school <sup>6</sup> .....	-	-	-	6.3	4.4	5.1	4.7	3.8	3.7	4.6	3.1
Technical and business school tuition and fees <sup>1</sup> .....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2.5
Communication <sup>1</sup> .....	-	-	-	-	-	-	.0	1.7	1.3	-.3	-2.1
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> .....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	4.6
Information and information processing <sup>1</sup> .....	-	-	-	-	-	-	.0	.6	1.4	-.3	-2.3
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	1.3
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	-.9
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	1.6
Cellular telephone services <sup>1</sup> .....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-6.1
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	-20.7
Personal computers and peripheral equipment <sup>1</sup> .....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-28.9
Computer software and accessories <sup>1</sup> .....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-4.6
Computer information processing services <sup>1</sup> .....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3.6
Other information processing equipment <sup>1</sup> .....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-5.9
Other goods and services .....	7.0	8.2	7.6	8.0	6.5	2.7	4.2	4.3	3.6	5.2	3.4
Tobacco and smoking products .....	9.4	14.7	10.8	11.1	8.1	-5.9	3.0	2.7	2.7	7.2	9.0
Cigarettes <sup>1</sup> .....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	9.3
Tobacco products other than cigarettes <sup>1</sup> .....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3.7
Personal care .....	5.1	3.8	4.2	2.5	2.9	2.5	1.9	2.1	1.1	2.3	2.0
Personal care products .....	5.7	2.5	4.2	2.7	3.3	1.7	1.8	1.1	-9	1.8	2.2
Hair, dental, shaving, and miscellaneous personal care products <sup>1</sup> .....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	.4
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	4.2
Personal care services .....	4.4	5.4	4.1	2.2	2.4	3.4	2.1	3.4	3.2	3.0	1.6
Haircuts and other personal care services <sup>1</sup> .....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1.6
Miscellaneous personal services .....	5.1	5.8	7.0	6.4	4.3	5.8	4.8	5.3	4.0	5.4	2.5
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	2.6
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	3.1
Laundry and dry cleaning services <sup>1</sup> .....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1.5
Apparel services other than laundry and dry cleaning <sup>1</sup> .....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1.5
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	2.9
Checking account and other bank services <sup>1 2</sup> .....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2.1
Tax return preparation and other accounting fees <sup>1 2</sup> .....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	4.8
Miscellaneous personal goods <sup>1</sup> .....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-.3
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	-.6
<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	.0
Commodities less food and beverages .....	3.1	3.3	7.5	.3	2.3	.6	2.0	1.0	2.5	-.7	-.9
Nondurables less food and beverages .....	3.7	4.8	12.3	-1.0	2.3	-.7	1.3	.5	3.8	-.1	-1.2
Nondurables less food, beverages, and apparel .....	3.0	7.2	16.2	-3.2	2.9	-1.5	3.0	.9	5.9	-.7	-1.7
Durables .....	2.5	1.2	.9	2.4	2.5	2.7	2.9	1.7	.7	-1.5	-.6
Services .....	4.8	5.1	5.7	4.6	3.6	3.8	2.9	3.5	3.3	2.8	2.4
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	3.0
Transportation services .....	6.0	4.9	8.2	2.5	3.6	4.8	2.5	3.0	4.4	1.0	1.0
Other services .....	5.6	6.5	6.5	6.2	5.3	5.1	4.0	4.4	3.9	4.0	2.1
All items less food .....	4.2	4.5	6.3	3.3	3.2	2.7	2.6	2.7	3.1	1.8	1.3
All items less shelter .....	4.3	4.6	6.5	2.7	3.0	2.6	2.5	2.3	3.4	1.1	.6
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	1.3
Commodities less food .....	3.2	3.3	7.4	.8	2.4	.6	1.9	1.1	2.6	-.5	-.9
Nondurables less food .....	3.7	4.7	11.6	-.2	2.4	-.5	1.3	.7	3.8	.0	-1.0
Nondurables less food and apparel .....	3.1	6.8	14.7	-1.6	2.8	-1.1	2.7	1.1	5.6	-.4	-1.5
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	.2
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	1.7
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	2.3
Energy .....	.5	5.1	18.1	-7.4	2.0	-1.4	2.2	-1.3	8.6	-3.4	-4.2

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										
	December										Aug. 1998
	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	1.7
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	1.8
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	.4
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	2.5
Domestically produced farm food .....	5.9	6.7	6.3	1.3	1.7	3.5	2.5	2.3	5.7	.6	1.6
Utilities and public transportation .....	3.5	2.8	5.0	3.1	3.2	4.4	-1.0	1.8	5.0	.4	1.8

<sup>1</sup> Indexes on a December 1997=100 base.

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

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

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

<sup>5</sup> Indexes on a December 1983=100 base.

<sup>6</sup> Indexes on a December 1990=100 base.

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

<sup>8</sup> Indexes on a December 1996=100 base.

<sup>9</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 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	18.9	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	26.9	27.0	27.1	27.1	27.2	27.1	27.0	-	-	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	28.5	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	159.1	159.5	159.7	159.8	160.0	-	-	-	-	159.0	-	-	-	-	-

- 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										
	December										Aug. 1998
	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	160.0
All items (1967=100) .....	355.0	371.1	393.8	404.7	416.3	426.8	438.6	449.5	464.3	471.3	476.5
Food and beverages .....	120.3	126.9	133.6	136.9	139.1	142.9	146.6	149.8	156.1	158.5	160.7
Food .....	120.4	127.1	133.9	136.3	138.3	142.2	146.2	149.4	155.8	158.1	160.4
Food at home .....	118.8	126.2	133.5	135.0	137.0	141.7	146.3	149.5	156.9	158.2	160.4
Cereals and bakery products .....	126.7	136.0	142.3	147.2	153.0	158.6	163.9	169.2	175.4	178.1	182.5
Cereals and cereal products .....	126.8	136.1	143.1	148.2	153.5	158.7	163.6	167.8	165.7	168.8	173.1
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	163.4
Breakfast cereal .....	138.9	152.4	163.3	171.1	177.7	186.1	190.5	193.6	185.4	188.6	191.8
Rice, pasta, cornmeal .....	118.7	120.4	122.9	126.4	128.9	131.7	139.6	143.1	144.2	150.1	152.1
Bakery products .....	126.4	135.7	141.6	146.4	152.5	158.2	163.8	169.5	179.7	182.2	186.6
Bread <sup>1</sup> .....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.0	101.9
Fresh biscuits, rolls, muffins <sup>1</sup> .....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.0	102.8
Cakes, cupcakes, and cookies .....	128.7	138.8	146.7	153.7	157.3	162.5	168.5	170.7	177.8	179.1	180.7
Other bakery products .....	126.7	137.8	142.4	147.9	155.5	158.4	163.6	168.0	178.4	179.0	186.5
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	147.9
Meats, poultry, and fish .....	116.9	123.0	133.9	132.0	133.1	138.2	137.3	141.4	148.9	147.8	148.4
Meats .....	112.7	120.1	133.8	130.8	131.2	136.0	133.7	137.3	144.5	143.3	142.2
Beef and veal .....	114.6	122.3	133.2	131.7	132.8	137.7	134.7	134.4	137.8	136.6	136.7
Uncooked ground beef .....	104.7	112.6	121.2	119.5	118.8	123.2	117.7	115.7	117.6	116.3	116.6
Uncooked beef roasts <sup>1</sup> .....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.0	100.3
Uncooked beef steaks <sup>1</sup> .....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.0	100.2
Uncooked other beef and veal <sup>1</sup> .....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.0	98.6
Pork .....	109.6	117.3	136.8	128.6	127.7	133.4	130.3	140.0	155.5	153.1	150.1
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	151.3
Pork chops .....	114.7	124.1	142.6	136.4	140.0	146.5	139.3	146.9	156.9	150.9	150.9
Other pork including roasts and picnics <sup>1</sup> .....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.0	97.0
Other meats .....	112.7	119.0	131.3	132.3	132.6	136.1	136.9	141.2	146.0	146.6	145.7
Poultry .....	126.9	127.4	129.2	129.8	133.4	140.7	140.2	146.0	157.5	155.0	159.3
Chicken <sup>1</sup> .....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.0	102.8
Other poultry including turkey <sup>1</sup> .....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.0	102.6
Fish and seafood .....	139.7	144.8	148.8	151.2	153.8	158.8	167.1	172.3	176.5	178.0	184.6
Fresh fish and seafood <sup>1</sup> .....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.0	103.8
Processed fish and seafood <sup>1</sup> .....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.0	103.6
Eggs .....	99.0	134.3	128.0	122.7	117.0	114.8	115.3	144.8	162.3	150.1	134.6
Dairy and related products .....	111.2	122.8	126.5	127.2	128.9	130.0	131.4	134.7	148.5	147.5	150.1
Milk <sup>1</sup> .....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.0	100.7
Cheese and related products .....	112.3	126.8	132.7	134.9	135.1	134.0	135.2	138.4	149.8	147.7	152.4
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	155.4
Other dairy and related products <sup>1</sup> .....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.0	101.8
Fruits and vegetables .....	130.8	135.8	145.7	152.1	155.3	165.4	178.8	177.0	186.0	190.0	194.9
Fresh fruits and vegetables .....	137.6	144.0	156.1	168.5	172.8	188.6	210.8	205.2	214.3	220.7	225.7
Fresh fruits .....	143.1	152.3	169.5	188.1	180.0	202.6	209.8	222.0	248.1	236.0	246.8
Apples .....	133.0	124.6	151.9	170.4	154.2	167.2	163.5	188.0	195.2	194.9	213.5
Bananas .....	115.9	122.7	128.1	127.6	124.0	127.2	142.7	146.4	157.2	151.3	159.8
Citrus fruits <sup>1</sup> .....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.0	158.7
Other fresh fruits <sup>1</sup> .....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.0	75.7
Fresh vegetables .....	132.3	135.9	143.1	149.3	166.0	175.1	212.0	189.0	181.2	205.8	205.8
Potatoes .....	127.7	139.3	133.5	128.2	136.8	164.9	154.1	175.2	160.2	175.0	192.4
Lettuce .....	173.6	135.3	151.3	169.6	180.7	151.4	269.0	171.1	183.1	215.4	202.5
Tomatoes .....	123.0	139.2	128.2	123.1	190.9	194.6	229.9	239.2	190.5	249.5	216.3
Other fresh vegetables .....	129.2	135.0	150.8	162.4	167.4	179.6	217.6	184.1	187.5	203.6	211.2
Processed fruits and vegetables <sup>1</sup> .....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.0	103.5
Canned fruits and vegetables <sup>1</sup> .....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.0	103.6
Frozen fruits and vegetables <sup>1</sup> .....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.0	104.2
Other processed fruits and vegetables including dried <sup>1</sup> .....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.0	101.7

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										Aug. 1998
	December										
	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	130.7
Juices and nonalcoholic drinks <sup>1</sup> .....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.0	99.7
Carbonated drinks .....	105.2	110.4	111.3	112.3	114.0	116.0	115.7	119.1	118.5	116.3	116.9
Frozen noncarbonated juices and drinks <sup>1</sup> .....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.0	101.4
Nonfrozen noncarbonated juices and drinks <sup>1</sup> .....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.0	98.3
Beverage materials including coffee and tea <sup>1</sup> .....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.0	97.7
Coffee .....	116.6	115.2	117.0	111.0	104.9	110.5	172.3	155.6	144.9	169.3	161.1
Other beverage materials including tea <sup>1</sup> .....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.0	100.8
Other food at home .....	115.1	120.1	125.1	127.0	128.2	130.8	138.3	140.1	143.2	147.1	151.5
Sugar and sweets .....	116.7	121.1	126.3	130.6	131.9	133.1	134.4	138.4	144.5	147.7	150.3
Sugar and artificial sweeteners .....	110.3	115.2	118.4	118.4	119.6	120.8	123.2	128.3	132.7	133.7	137.5
Candy and chewing gum <sup>1</sup> .....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.0	100.7
Other sweets <sup>1</sup> .....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.0	103.6
Fats and oils .....	118.3	121.5	130.8	129.1	128.3	129.3	134.1	137.3	140.4	140.0	149.3
Butter and margarine <sup>1</sup> .....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.0	116.2
Salad dressing <sup>1</sup> .....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.0	101.7
Other fats and oils including peanut butter <sup>1</sup> .....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.0	103.0
Other foods .....	120.5	127.4	134.0	138.1	141.0	144.7	148.0	151.9	158.8	162.7	166.8
Soups .....	123.4	132.6	140.7	149.0	157.5	164.3	171.3	177.4	185.6	189.6	195.0
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	145.9
Snacks .....	121.4	126.1	131.1	132.6	132.1	136.0	138.5	143.3	151.5	155.1	158.0
Spices, seasonings, condiments, sauces .....	118.1	124.7	132.5	137.8	143.5	147.3	150.8	156.8	163.9	168.4	173.5
Baby food <sup>1</sup> .....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.0	102.2
Other miscellaneous foods <sup>1</sup> .....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.0	103.5
Food away from home .....	124.0	129.7	135.6	139.4	141.6	144.1	147.0	150.3	155.0	159.0	161.4
Full service meals and snacks <sup>1</sup> .....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.0	101.9
Limited service meals and snacks <sup>1</sup> .....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.0	101.3
Food at employee sites and schools <sup>1</sup> .....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.0	100.7
Food from vending machines and mobile vendors <sup>1</sup> .....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.0	100.6
Other food away from home <sup>1</sup> .....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.0	102.2
Alcoholic beverages .....	119.5	125.2	130.5	143.5	147.7	150.0	151.4	154.3	159.9	163.1	164.6
Alcoholic beverages at home .....	114.4	119.4	123.9	138.2	141.3	142.0	141.7	143.0	147.7	148.4	149.5
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	148.1
Distilled spirits at home .....	116.7	121.9	127.9	139.3	141.3	142.8	143.8	145.0	147.9	151.2	152.0
Wine at home .....	107.5	110.8	114.0	129.3	131.3	131.6	130.0	131.7	139.9	143.0	144.9
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	194.4
Housing .....	118.5	123.1	128.3	132.7	136.1	139.7	142.7	146.7	151.0	154.4	157.7
Shelter .....	126.5	132.6	139.3	144.6	148.7	153.1	157.7	163.1	167.7	173.1	177.6
Rent of primary residence .....	129.7	135.0	140.6	144.8	148.2	151.6	155.4	159.3	163.7	168.8	172.4
Lodging away from home <sup>1</sup> .....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.0	112.8
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	236.3
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	243.0
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	171.8
Tenants' and household insurance <sup>1</sup> .....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.0	99.4
Fuels and utilities .....	104.8	108.0	112.1	115.7	118.4	121.5	121.6	123.3	129.0	129.7	130.6
Fuels .....	97.2	100.7	104.7	105.9	108.4	110.2	109.5	110.2	116.5	115.2	115.6
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	87.0
Fuel oil .....	74.4	89.0	115.6	92.5	89.5	85.4	85.4	86.8	106.9	94.2	81.0
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	124.1
Gas (piped) and electricity .....	103.9	106.7	108.2	111.9	115.1	117.7	116.8	117.5	122.3	122.4	123.6
Electricity .....	110.2	113.1	114.5	120.4	122.4	123.0	123.8	127.2	128.1	126.4	132.0
Utility natural gas service .....	95.2	97.7	99.4	99.3	104.7	110.9	107.0	102.8	114.9	118.3	109.2
Water and sewer and trash collection services <sup>1</sup> .....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.0	102.2
Water and sewerage maintenance .....	135.1	144.1	152.6	163.8	174.3	182.9	190.5	195.9	202.6	210.6	215.5
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	257.6
Household furnishings and operations .....	110.2	111.1	113.0	115.4	117.2	119.0	119.7	122.4	123.5	123.6	125.2
Window and floor coverings and other linens <sup>1</sup> .....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.0	101.2
Floor coverings <sup>1</sup> .....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.0	102.8
Window coverings <sup>1</sup> .....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.0	98.2
Other linens <sup>1</sup> .....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.0	102.2
Furniture and bedding .....	115.0	113.0	114.2	115.5	120.5	123.9	125.4	130.7	131.9	130.6	133.1
Bedroom furniture .....	121.6	118.8	117.1	122.0	128.3	134.6	132.2	134.8	139.6	141.5	140.6
Living room, kitchen, and dining room furniture <sup>1</sup> .....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.0	102.4
Other furniture <sup>1</sup> .....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.0	105.1

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										Aug. 1998	
	December											
	1988	1989	1990	1991	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997		
<b>Expenditure category</b>												
Appliances <sup>1</sup> .....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.0	100.0
Major appliances <sup>1</sup> .....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.0	99.3
Other appliances <sup>1</sup> .....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.0	101.2
Other household equipment and furnishings <sup>1</sup> .....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.0	101.2
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	116.5	116.5
Indoor plants and flowers <sup>5</sup> .....	-	-	100.0	107.3	113.2	110.4	114.7	116.3	117.0	107.3	113.7	113.7
Dishes and flatware <sup>1</sup> .....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.0	102.8
Nonelectric cookware and tableware <sup>1</sup> .....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.0	99.3
Tools, hardware, outdoor equipment and supplies <sup>1</sup> .....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.0	99.5
Tools, hardware and supplies <sup>1</sup> .....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.0	98.4
Outdoor equipment and supplies <sup>1</sup> .....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.0	99.8
Housekeeping supplies .....	117.4	123.8	127.8	130.4	130.0	131.9	133.3	139.9	142.0	144.3	147.0	147.0
Household cleaning products <sup>1</sup> .....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.0	100.5
Household paper products <sup>1</sup> .....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.0	103.9
Miscellaneous household products <sup>1</sup> .....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.0	102.4
Household operations <sup>1</sup> .....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.0	102.2
Domestic services <sup>1</sup> .....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.0	101.7
Gardening and lawn care services <sup>1</sup> .....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.0	103.8
Moving, storage, freight expense <sup>1</sup> .....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.0	101.6
Repair of household items <sup>1</sup> .....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.0	101.6
Apparel .....	117.6	118.5	124.5	128.4	130.4	131.3	129.3	129.5	129.3	130.3	129.9	129.9
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	129.9	129.9
Men's apparel .....	117.8	120.1	123.9	127.7	129.9	130.3	128.2	128.7	130.9	133.9	133.8	133.8
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	136.6	136.6
Men's furnishings .....	113.4	116.8	119.5	122.1	123.2	123.1	123.9	120.5	125.7	136.1	135.1	135.1
Men's shirts and sweaters <sup>1</sup> .....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.0	99.0	
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	131.0	131.0
Boys' apparel .....	112.4	111.5	113.3	116.3	115.3	116.6	112.9	116.4	116.7	120.5	117.7	117.7
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	121.3	121.3
Women's apparel .....	115.8	115.1	122.8	125.7	126.1	128.1	123.2	122.2	120.8	120.8	120.9	120.9
Women's outerwear .....	102.7	104.0	115.2	118.4	121.9	128.9	118.6	121.3	126.1	129.2	117.7	117.7
Women's dresses .....	126.2	123.0	132.7	128.4	132.4	128.8	114.2	116.7	105.9	100.5	102.6	102.6
Women's suits and separates <sup>1</sup> .....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.0	100.4	
Women's underwear, nightwear, sportswear and accessories <sup>1</sup> .....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.0	101.2	
Girls' apparel .....	117.9	117.4	121.6	131.7	135.1	130.0	127.6	128.6	126.2	125.0	122.8	122.8
Footwear .....	114.0	115.4	119.3	122.5	125.6	126.6	124.2	125.0	127.0	129.2	128.4	128.4
Men's footwear .....	119.8	122.2	125.6	129.6	132.6	134.1	132.1	132.3	131.4	131.4	131.8	131.8
Boys' and girls' footwear .....	114.7	118.6	123.5	123.0	122.7	122.7	123.9	125.8	131.2	135.0	129.9	129.9
Women's footwear .....	108.3	107.4	111.0	115.8	120.7	121.9	117.3	118.0	120.2	123.1	123.7	123.7
Infants' and toddlers' apparel .....	120.3	119.3	127.9	131.8	133.1	128.1	132.9	129.8	128.1	126.5	125.0	125.0
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	140.0	140.0
Watches <sup>3</sup> .....	107.8	107.5	110.7	113.6	111.9	118.6	122.9	129.3	120.9	121.1	123.7	123.7
Jewelry <sup>3</sup> .....	118.6	124.0	132.0	136.4	143.6	146.3	151.2	148.5	143.4	142.4	144.7	144.7
Transportation .....	110.4	114.8	126.7	124.5	128.2	130.8	136.7	138.9	144.8	142.4	140.2	140.2
Private transportation .....	109.5	113.8	125.3	123.2	126.6	128.5	135.2	137.2	142.4	140.1	137.6	137.6
New and used motor vehicles <sup>1</sup> .....	-	-	-	-	-	93.7	98.5	101.3	102.1	100.0	100.2	100.2
New vehicles .....	118.8	122.0	124.4	128.5	131.7	136.2	140.9	143.7	146.5	145.3	144.0	144.0
Used cars and trucks .....	120.1	119.5	116.9	120.2	129.7	140.2	152.1	159.1	156.8	149.5	152.4	152.4
Car and truck rental <sup>1</sup> .....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.0	105.3	
Motor fuel .....	80.4	85.9	117.1	98.5	99.9	94.6	100.2	96.4	108.9	101.7	91.7	91.7
Gasoline (all types) .....	80.4	85.6	117.0	98.3	99.9	94.0	100.0	95.9	108.3	101.2	91.2	91.2
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	88.6	88.6
Gasoline, unleaded midgrade <sup>6,7</sup> .....	-	-	-	-	-	100.0	105.3	100.6	112.4	105.9	95.9	95.9
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	93.7	93.7
Other motor fuels <sup>1</sup> .....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.0	90.7	
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	100.5	100.5
Tires .....	96.8	98.8	98.6	100.8	100.4	98.9	101.1	101.2	101.2	98.2	98.2	98.2
Vehicle accessories other than tires <sup>1</sup> .....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.0	99.6	
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	168.4	168.4
Motor vehicle body work .....	126.5	134.0	139.5	142.9	147.0	150.8	155.7	161.4	168.6	176.5	179.1	179.1
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	155.7	155.7
Motor vehicle repair <sup>1</sup> .....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.0	101.4	

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										Aug. 1998
	December										
	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	252.4
Motor vehicle fees <sup>1</sup> .....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.0
State and local registration and license <sup>1</sup> .....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.0
Parking and other fees <sup>1</sup> .....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.0
Public transportation .....	125.4	130.1	150.3	147.8	155.5	171.1	162.5	169.0	186.9	182.5	188.9
Airline fare .....	126.5	133.1	163.4	154.0	163.6	191.8	173.5	177.2	204.5	193.9	206.3
Other intercity transportation .....	136.8	140.5	149.3	154.2	155.4	149.6	152.3	154.9	157.9	160.3	164.7
Intracity transportation .....	123.5	125.9	135.7	140.7	147.6	152.0	153.3	164.9	174.1	176.2	175.2
Medical care .....	142.8	154.7	168.8	182.0	194.3	204.5	214.6	223.1	230.1	236.5	242.8
Medical care commodities .....	143.1	154.8	168.0	180.3	189.4	195.1	200.8	204.2	209.4	214.1	219.9
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	260.2
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	146.5
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	174.4
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	175.2
Medical care services .....	142.7	154.7	169.0	182.4	195.4	206.6	217.7	227.4	234.7	241.6	248.0
Professional services .....	141.0	150.2	160.3	170.2	180.0	188.0	196.9	204.9	212.3	218.9	224.8
Physicians' services .....	143.6	154.0	165.4	174.5	185.5	194.8	203.6	212.5	219.1	225.3	231.9
Dental services .....	140.8	150.0	159.7	172.9	182.8	190.9	201.3	210.1	220.9	229.6	236.9
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	144.8
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	158.9
Hospital and related services .....	150.0	166.8	184.4	201.2	218.9	235.1	248.5	260.0	270.4	278.7	285.6
Hospital services <sup>8</sup> .....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.0	103.0	105.5
Inpatient hospital services <sup>6 8</sup> .....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.0	102.3	104.4
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	235.6
Nursing homes and adult daycare <sup>8</sup> .....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.0	104.0	109.5
Recreation <sup>1</sup> .....	-	-	-	-	-	92.2	93.2	95.6	98.5	100.0	101.1
Video and audio <sup>1</sup> .....	-	-	-	-	-	96.5	93.9	94.3	97.5	100.0	101.1
Televisions .....	76.4	74.8	72.2	71.4	70.9	69.4	68.2	65.2	61.7	59.3	58.1
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	248.4
Other video equipment <sup>1</sup> .....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.0	91.5
Video cassettes, discs, and other media including rental <sup>1</sup> ..	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.0	95.7
Audio equipment .....	91.9	94.0	93.1	94.9	93.5	94.2	93.2	90.8	90.2	88.4	84.0
Audio discs, tapes and other media <sup>1</sup> .....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.0	99.2
Pets, pet products and services <sup>1</sup> .....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.0	101.9
Pets and pet products .....	117.7	122.8	127.3	129.5	128.5	129.3	130.7	135.4	142.4	141.9	144.1
Pet services including veterinary <sup>1</sup> .....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.0	102.8
Sporting goods .....	112.5	115.9	116.5	120.5	121.6	122.6	126.1	124.5	124.6	124.5	123.8
Sports vehicles including bicycles .....	113.2	117.7	117.8	120.4	123.5	124.9	128.8	127.3	127.4	127.7	129.0
Sports equipment .....	109.0	110.8	112.1	118.0	116.3	116.7	119.7	118.0	118.0	117.3	115.0
Photography <sup>1</sup> .....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.0	100.2
Photographic equipment and supplies .....	123.5	127.8	129.7	131.1	134.1	136.5	131.4	133.8	133.9	134.6	133.4
Photographers and film processing <sup>1</sup> .....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.0	100.8
Other recreational goods <sup>1</sup> .....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.0	96.7
Toys .....	112.3	114.8	116.6	117.9	121.3	123.2	122.2	123.5	127.4	125.2	120.4
Sewing machines, fabric and supplies <sup>1</sup> .....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.0	97.7
Music instruments and accessories <sup>1</sup> .....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.0	101.5
Recreation services <sup>1</sup> .....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.0	102.9
Club membership dues and fees for participant sports <sup>1</sup> .....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.0	103.2
Admissions .....	132.8	145.8	153.1	160.5	166.6	169.9	176.2	185.7	193.3	199.8	206.0
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	177.6
Recreational reading materials .....	126.7	132.5	138.6	147.8	153.4	159.0	164.8	174.5	179.3	181.3	186.0
Newspapers and magazines <sup>1</sup> .....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.0	102.3
Recreational books <sup>1</sup> .....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.0	103.3
Education and communication <sup>1</sup> .....	-	-	-	-	-	87.8	90.4	94.0	97.1	100.0	100.3
Education <sup>1</sup> .....	-	-	-	-	-	81.1	85.6	90.4	94.8	100.0	102.6
Educational books and supplies .....	151.1	162.9	173.9	184.4	194.9	202.3	208.5	220.3	232.9	245.2	251.3
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	289.9
College tuition and fees .....	156.2	169.3	183.6	205.0	223.8	240.3	255.3	271.2	286.1	300.9	305.9
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	310.4
Child care and nursery school <sup>5</sup> .....	-	-	100.0	106.3	110.8	116.7	122.7	127.5	132.1	138.7	142.8
Technical and business school tuition and fees .....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.0	103.3

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										Aug. 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	98.4
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	104.2
Information and information processing <sup>1</sup> .....	-	-	-	-	-	97.6	97.9	98.5	100.1	100.0	98.3
Telephone services <sup>1</sup> .....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.0	100.5
Telephone services, local charges .....	144.8	145.5	147.0	154.7	155.3	156.9	156.3	159.9	161.3	163.0	165.3
Telephone services, long distance charges <sup>1</sup> .....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.0	100.0
Cellular telephone services <sup>1</sup> .....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.0	94.1
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	38.9
Personal computers and peripheral equipment <sup>1</sup> .....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.0	71.2
Computer software and accessories <sup>1</sup> .....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.0	94.5
Computer information processing services <sup>1</sup> .....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.0	103.6
Other information processing equipment <sup>1</sup> .....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.0	93.7
Other goods and services .....	140.6	152.7	164.4	177.7	189.0	192.0	200.0	208.1	215.2	226.9	236.2
Tobacco and smoking products .....	150.2	171.8	190.1	211.5	229.0	215.4	222.2	228.4	233.9	250.9	273.7
Cigarettes <sup>1</sup> .....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.0	109.4
Tobacco products other than cigarettes <sup>1</sup> .....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.0	103.5
Personal care .....	122.3	126.9	132.2	135.7	139.9	143.2	146.1	148.9	150.4	153.9	157.2
Personal care products .....	121.5	124.7	130.0	133.7	138.6	140.7	143.5	144.7	143.5	146.1	149.6
Hair, dental, shaving, and miscellaneous personal care products <sup>1</sup> .....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.0	100.4
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	163.4
Personal care services .....	123.0	129.4	134.9	137.9	141.3	146.2	149.2	154.2	159.4	164.1	167.0
Haircuts and other personal care services <sup>1</sup> .....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.0	101.8
Miscellaneous personal services .....	143.0	151.0	160.1	170.5	177.6	188.9	198.8	208.9	217.8	228.9	234.9
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	171.1
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	180.8
Laundry and dry cleaning services <sup>1</sup> .....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.0	101.4
Apparel services other than laundry and dry cleaning <sup>1</sup> .....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.0	101.6
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	199.4
Miscellaneous personal goods <sup>1</sup> .....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.0	99.6
<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	141.5
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	130.0
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	131.3
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	136.6
Durables .....	110.7	112.0	112.6	115.3	118.7	122.3	126.5	128.9	129.6	127.5	127.0
Services .....	127.2	133.4	140.7	147.0	152.1	157.6	162.4	167.9	173.4	178.2	181.9
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	171.0
Transportation services .....	131.2	137.8	147.9	152.5	157.2	163.3	169.2	174.9	181.5	183.9	185.1
Other services .....	135.0	143.8	152.8	162.0	169.9	178.5	185.9	194.0	201.7	209.9	214.3
All items less food .....	118.8	124.0	131.7	135.7	140.0	143.4	147.4	151.1	155.8	158.1	159.8
All items less shelter .....	117.4	122.6	130.6	133.7	137.6	140.8	144.6	147.8	152.8	154.2	155.1
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	156.1
Commodities less food .....	108.9	112.6	121.2	121.8	125.0	125.7	128.5	130.0	133.5	132.5	131.4
Nondurables less food .....	106.9	112.2	126.0	125.3	128.4	127.1	129.0	129.8	135.2	135.0	133.3
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	138.3
Nondurables .....	113.5	119.5	130.1	130.8	133.4	134.5	137.4	139.3	145.2	146.2	146.3
Apparel less footwear .....	116.4	116.9	122.9	126.8	128.3	128.9	126.5	126.5	125.5	126.1	125.9
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	171.5
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	176.3

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										Aug. 1998
	December										
	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	102.9
All items less energy .....	123.6	129.1	135.5	140.8	144.9	149.1	153.3	157.6	162.1	165.2	167.8
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	169.8
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	142.2
Energy commodities .....	80.3	86.4	117.1	98.4	99.5	94.3	99.4	96.0	109.4	101.6	91.5
Services less energy services .....	129.8	136.4	144.3	151.0	156.3	162.1	167.5	173.4	179.0	184.3	188.4
Domestically produced farm food .....	119.1	127.0	135.0	136.7	139.0	143.9	147.1	150.7	159.3	160.2	162.7
Utilities and public transportation .....	113.4	116.3	121.2	125.6	129.4	134.4	133.6	135.9	142.4	143.3	145.8

<sup>1</sup> Indexes on a December 1997=100 base.

<sup>2</sup> Indexes on a December 1984=100 base.

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

<sup>4</sup> Indexes on a December 1983=100 base.

<sup>5</sup> Indexes on a December 1990=100 base.

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

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

<sup>8</sup> Indexes on a December 1996=100 base.

<sup>9</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 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										Aug. 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	1.1
Food and beverages .....	5.1	5.5	5.3	2.5	1.6	2.7	2.6	2.2	4.2	1.5	1.4
Food .....	5.2	5.6	5.4	1.8	1.5	2.8	2.8	2.2	4.3	1.5	1.5
Food at home .....	5.6	6.2	5.8	1.1	1.5	3.4	3.2	2.2	4.9	.8	1.4
Cereals and bakery products .....	8.4	7.3	4.6	3.4	3.9	3.7	3.3	3.2	3.7	1.5	2.5
Cereals and cereal products .....	9.5	7.3	5.1	3.6	3.6	3.4	3.1	2.6	-1.3	1.9	2.5
Flour and prepared flour mixes .....	6.7	7.3	2.2	-2	5.0	-2	1.7	6.5	7.6	-4	8.9
Breakfast cereal .....	9.6	9.7	7.2	4.8	3.9	4.7	2.4	1.6	-4.2	1.7	1.7
Rice, pasta, cornmeal .....	11.4	1.4	2.1	2.8	2.0	2.2	6.0	2.5	.8	4.1	1.3
Bakery products .....	7.8	7.4	4.3	3.4	4.2	3.7	3.5	3.5	6.0	1.4	2.4
Bread .....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1.9
Fresh biscuits, rolls, muffins .....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2.8
Cakes, cupcakes, and cookies .....	6.1	7.8	5.7	4.8	2.3	3.3	3.7	1.3	4.2	.7	.9
Other bakery products .....	5.0	8.8	3.3	3.9	5.1	1.9	3.3	2.7	6.2	.3	4.2
Meats, poultry, fish, and eggs .....	5.2	6.9	7.9	-1.6	.5	3.6	-7	4.2	5.7	-1.2	-1
Meats, poultry, and fish .....	4.7	5.2	8.9	-1.4	.8	3.8	-7	3.0	5.3	-7	.4
Meats .....	2.1	6.6	11.4	-2.2	.3	3.7	-1.7	2.7	5.2	-8	-8
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	.3
Uncooked beef roasts .....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	.3
Uncooked beef steaks .....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	.2
Uncooked other beef and veal .....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-1.4
Pork .....	-2.9	7.0	16.6	-6.0	-7	4.5	-2.3	7.4	11.1	-1.5	-2.0
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	-1.7
Pork chops .....	.2	8.2	14.9	-4.3	2.6	4.6	-4.9	5.5	6.8	-3.8	.0
Other pork including roasts and picnics .....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-3.0
Other meats .....	.8	5.6	10.3	.8	.2	2.6	.6	3.1	3.4	.4	-6
Poultry .....	18.2	.4	1.4	.5	2.8	5.5	-4	4.1	7.9	-1.6	2.8
Chicken .....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2.8
Other poultry including turkey .....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2.6
Fish and seafood .....	4.6	3.7	2.8	1.6	1.7	3.3	5.2	3.1	2.4	.8	3.7
Fresh fish and seafood .....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3.8
Processed fish and seafood .....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3.6
Eggs .....	16.6	35.7	-4.7	-4.1	-4.6	-1.9	.4	25.6	12.1	-7.5	-10.3
Dairy and related products .....	4.5	10.4	3.0	.6	1.3	.9	1.1	2.5	10.2	-7	1.8
Milk .....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	.7
Cheese and related products .....	5.2	12.9	4.7	1.7	.1	-8	.9	2.4	8.2	-1.4	3.2
Ice cream and related products .....	3.7	7.1	4.4	1.1	.5	.5	3.7	2.7	7.7	1.0	2.3
Other dairy and related products .....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1.8
Fruits and vegetables .....	6.3	3.8	7.3	4.4	2.1	6.5	8.1	-1.0	5.1	2.2	2.6
Fresh fruits and vegetables .....	3.7	4.7	8.4	7.9	2.6	9.1	11.8	-2.7	4.4	3.0	2.3
Fresh fruits .....	13.6	6.4	11.3	11.0	-4.3	12.6	3.6	5.8	11.8	-4.9	4.6
Apples .....	27.5	-6.3	21.9	12.2	-9.5	8.4	-2.2	15.0	3.8	-2	9.5
Bananas .....	7.9	5.9	4.4	-4	-2.8	2.6	12.2	2.6	7.4	-3.8	5.6
Citrus fruits .....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	58.7
Other fresh fruits .....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-24.3
Fresh vegetables .....	-5.2	2.7	5.3	4.3	11.2	5.5	21.1	-10.8	-4.1	13.6	.0
Potatoes .....	24.3	9.1	-4.2	-4.0	6.7	20.5	-6.5	13.7	-8.6	9.2	9.9
Lettuce .....	-36.3	-22.1	11.8	12.1	6.5	-16.2	77.7	-36.4	7.0	17.6	-6.0
Tomatoes .....	-10.8	13.2	-7.9	-4.0	55.1	1.9	18.1	4.0	-20.4	31.0	-13.3
Other fresh vegetables .....	2.5	4.5	11.7	7.7	3.1	7.3	21.2	-15.4	1.8	8.6	3.7
Processed fruits and vegetables .....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3.5
Canned fruits and vegetables .....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3.6
Frozen fruits and vegetables .....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	4.2
Other processed fruits and vegetables including dried .....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1.7
Nonalcoholic beverages and beverage materials .....	2.8	3.2	1.9	-4	-2	2.1	13.5	-1.4	-1.8	4.1	-8

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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										Aug. 1998
	December										
	1988	1989	1990	1991	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997	
<b>Expenditure category</b>											
Juices and nonalcoholic drinks .....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-0.3
Carbonated drinks .....	1.5	4.9	0.8	0.9	1.5	1.8	-0.3	2.9	-0.5	-1.9	.5
Frozen noncarbonated juices and drinks .....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1.4
Nonfrozen noncarbonated juices and drinks .....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-1.7
Beverage materials including coffee and tea .....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-2.3
Coffee .....	5.7	-1.2	1.6	-5.1	-5.5	5.3	55.9	-9.7	-6.9	16.8	-4.8
Other beverage materials including tea .....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	.8
Other food at home .....	4.8	4.3	4.2	1.5	.9	2.0	5.7	1.3	2.2	2.7	3.0
Sugar and sweets .....	5.2	3.8	4.3	3.4	1.0	.9	1.0	3.0	4.4	2.2	1.8
Sugar and artificial sweeteners .....	8.0	4.4	2.8	.0	1.0	1.0	2.0	4.1	3.4	.8	2.8
Candy and chewing gum .....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	.7
Other sweets .....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3.6
Fats and oils .....	9.9	2.7	7.7	-1.3	-6	.8	3.7	2.4	2.3	-3	6.6
Butter and margarine .....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	16.2
Salad dressing .....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1.7
Other fats and oils including peanut butter .....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3.0
Other foods .....	5.0	5.7	5.2	3.1	2.1	2.6	2.3	2.6	4.5	2.5	2.5
Soups .....	3.7	7.5	6.1	5.9	5.7	4.3	4.3	3.6	4.6	2.2	2.8
Frozen and freeze dried prepared foods .....	4.5	5.5	3.4	1.6	.5	-4	.3	.4	5.0	-8	1.2
Snacks .....	5.0	3.9	4.0	1.1	-4	3.0	1.8	3.5	5.7	2.4	1.9
Spices, seasonings, condiments, sauces .....	4.4	5.6	6.3	4.0	4.1	2.6	2.4	4.0	4.5	2.7	3.0
Baby food .....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2.2
Other miscellaneous foods .....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3.5
Food away from home .....	4.4	4.6	4.5	2.8	1.6	1.8	2.0	2.2	3.1	2.6	1.5
Full service meals and snacks .....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1.9
Limited service meals and snacks .....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1.3
Food at employee sites and schools .....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	.7
Food from vending machines and mobile vendors .....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	.6
Other food away from home .....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2.2
Alcoholic beverages .....	3.8	4.8	4.2	10.0	2.9	1.6	.9	1.9	3.6	2.0	.9
Alcoholic beverages at home .....	2.3	4.4	3.8	11.5	2.2	.5	-2	.9	3.3	.5	.7
Beer, ale, and other malt beverages at home .....	2.7	4.7	3.7	11.9	2.8	.3	-2	.8	2.8	-6	.6
Distilled spirits at home .....	1.8	4.5	4.9	8.9	1.4	1.1	.7	.8	2.0	2.2	.5
Wine at home .....	1.8	3.1	2.9	13.4	1.5	.2	-1.2	1.3	6.2	2.2	1.3
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	1.2
Housing .....	3.9	3.9	4.2	3.4	2.6	2.6	2.1	2.8	2.9	2.3	2.1
Shelter .....	4.4	4.8	5.1	3.8	2.8	3.0	3.0	3.4	2.8	3.2	2.6
Rent of primary residence .....	3.5	4.1	4.1	3.0	2.3	2.3	2.5	2.5	2.8	3.1	2.1
Lodging away from home .....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	12.8
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	2.2
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	14.0
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	2.1
Tenants' and household insurance .....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-6
Fuels and utilities .....	3.0	3.1	3.8	3.2	2.3	2.6	.1	1.4	4.6	.5	.7
Fuels .....	2.5	3.6	4.0	1.1	2.4	1.7	-6	.6	5.7	-1.1	.3
Fuel oil and other fuels .....	-4.4	14.9	28.7	-16.8	-2.9	-3.8	.1	1.4	23.6	-12.3	-10.3
Fuel oil .....	-6.4	19.6	29.9	-20.0	-3.2	-4.6	.0	1.6	23.2	-11.9	-14.0
Other household fuels .....	-2	6.0	26.1	-9.8	-2.4	-2.1	.3	.8	24.1	-13.1	-3.4
Gas (piped) and electricity .....	3.2	2.7	1.4	3.4	2.9	2.3	-8	.6	4.1	.1	1.0
Electricity .....	3.0	2.6	1.2	5.2	1.7	.5	.7	2.7	.7	-1.3	4.4
Utility natural gas service .....	3.7	2.6	1.7	-1	5.4	5.9	-3.5	-3.9	11.8	3.0	-7.7
Water and sewer and trash collection services .....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2.2
Water and sewerage maintenance .....	5.6	6.7	5.9	7.3	6.4	4.9	4.2	2.8	3.4	3.9	2.3
Garbage and trash collection .....	7.8	9.7	10.0	11.6	8.6	5.2	4.9	2.7	1.9	2.0	1.9
Household furnishings and operations .....	3.1	.8	1.7	2.1	1.6	1.5	.6	2.3	.9	.1	1.3
Window and floor coverings and other linens .....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1.2
Floor coverings .....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2.8
Window coverings .....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-1.8
Other linens .....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2.2
Furniture and bedding .....	3.1	-1.7	1.1	1.1	4.3	2.8	1.2	4.2	.9	-1.0	1.9
Bedroom furniture .....	5.3	-2.3	-1.4	4.2	5.2	4.9	-1.8	2.0	3.6	1.4	-6
Living room, kitchen, and dining room furniture .....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2.4
Other furniture .....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	5.1
Appliances .....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	.0

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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										Aug. 1998
	December										
	1988	1989	1990	1991	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997	
<b>Expenditure category</b>											
Major appliances .....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-0.7
Other appliances .....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1.2
Other household equipment and furnishings .....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1.2
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	-1.6
Indoor plants and flowers .....	-	-	-	7.3	5.5	-2.5	3.9	1.4	.6	-8.3	6.0
Dishes and flatware .....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2.8
Nonelectric cookware and tableware .....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-7
Tools, hardware, outdoor equipment and supplies .....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-5
Tools, hardware and supplies .....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-1.6
Outdoor equipment and supplies .....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-2
Housekeeping supplies .....	4.0	5.5	3.2	2.0	-3	1.5	1.1	5.0	1.5	1.6	1.9
Household cleaning products .....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	.5
Household paper products .....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3.9
Miscellaneous household products .....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2.4
Household operations .....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2.2
Domestic services .....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2.0
Gardening and lawn care services .....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1.7
Moving, storage, freight expense .....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3.8
Repair of household items .....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1.6
Apparel .....	4.4	.8	5.1	3.1	1.6	.7	-1.5	.2	-2	.8	-3
Men's and boys' apparel .....	5.5	1.3	2.9	2.9	1.2	.5	-2.0	1.0	1.4	2.5	-6
Men's apparel .....	5.7	2.0	3.2	3.1	1.7	.3	-1.6	.4	1.7	2.3	-1
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	.5
Men's furnishings .....	3.1	3.0	2.3	2.2	.9	-1	.6	-2.7	4.3	8.3	-7
Men's shirts and sweaters .....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-1.0
Men's pants and shorts .....	4.1	2.2	3.8	3.5	2.6	-8	-1.3	1.2	1.5	-1	1.6
Boys' apparel .....	4.9	-8	1.6	2.6	-9	1.1	-3.2	3.1	.3	3.3	-2.3
Women's and girls' apparel .....	3.2	-6	6.1	3.3	.7	.6	-3.4	-6	-1.3	-2	-2
Women's apparel .....	2.8	-6	6.7	2.4	.3	1.6	-3.8	-8	-1.1	.0	.1
Women's outerwear .....	-2.2	1.3	10.8	2.8	3.0	5.7	-8.0	2.3	4.0	2.5	-8.9
Women's dresses .....	3.0	-2.5	7.9	-3.2	3.1	-2.7	-11.3	2.2	-9.3	-5.1	2.1
Women's suits and separates .....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	.4
Women's underwear, nightwear, sportswear and accessories .....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1.2
Girls' apparel .....	5.3	-4	3.6	8.3	2.6	-3.8	-1.8	.8	-1.9	-1.0	-1.8
Footwear .....	5.6	1.2	3.4	2.7	2.5	.8	-1.9	.6	1.6	1.7	-6
Men's footwear .....	7.1	2.0	2.8	3.2	2.3	1.1	-1.5	.2	-7	.0	.3
Boys' and girls' footwear .....	3.7	3.4	4.1	-4	-2	.0	1.0	1.5	4.3	2.9	-3.8
Women's footwear .....	5.6	-8	3.4	4.3	4.2	1.0	-3.8	.6	1.9	2.4	.5
Infants' and toddlers' apparel .....	3.4	-8	7.2	3.0	1.0	-3.8	3.7	-2.3	-1.3	-1.2	-1.2
Jewelry and watches .....	6.6	3.5	5.8	3.1	4.0	2.6	3.4	-5	-4.0	-5	1.7
Watches .....	4.1	-3	3.0	2.6	-1.5	6.0	3.6	5.2	-6.5	.2	2.1
Jewelry .....	7.2	4.6	6.5	3.3	5.3	1.9	3.3	-1.8	-3.4	-7	1.6
Transportation .....	2.9	4.0	10.4	-1.7	3.0	2.0	4.5	1.6	4.2	-1.7	-1.5
Private transportation .....	2.9	3.9	10.1	-1.7	2.8	1.5	5.2	1.5	3.8	-1.6	-1.8
New and used motor vehicles .....	-	-	-	-	-	-	5.1	2.8	.8	-2.1	.2
New vehicles .....	2.3	2.7	2.0	3.3	2.5	3.4	3.5	2.0	1.9	-8	-9
Used cars and trucks .....	3.4	-5	-2.2	2.8	7.9	8.1	8.5	4.6	-1.4	-4.7	1.9
Car and truck rental .....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	5.3
Motor fuel .....	-2.0	6.8	36.3	-15.9	1.4	-5.3	5.9	-3.8	13.0	-6.6	-9.8
Gasoline (all types) .....	-1.8	6.5	36.7	-16.0	1.6	-5.9	6.4	-4.1	12.9	-6.6	-9.9
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	-10.4
Gasoline, unleaded midgrade <sup>1</sup> .....	-	-	-	-	-	-	5.3	-4.5	11.7	-5.8	-9.4
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	-8.9
Other motor fuels .....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-9.3
Motor vehicle parts and equipment .....	2.0	2.2	.9	1.5	-8	-1.5	.3	.6	-2	-6	-3
Tires .....	3.8	2.1	-2	2.2	-4	-1.5	2.2	.1	.0	-3.0	.0
Vehicle accessories other than tires .....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-4
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	1.6
Motor vehicle body work .....	4.3	5.9	4.1	2.4	2.9	2.6	3.2	3.7	4.5	4.7	1.5
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	2.0
Motor vehicle repair .....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1.4
Motor vehicle insurance .....	8.1	6.0	7.7	8.1	6.5	4.9	3.4	4.4	3.9	2.5	-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										Aug. 1998	
	December											
	1988	1989	1990	1991	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997		
<b>Expenditure category</b>												
Motor vehicle fees .....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2.3
State and local registration and license .....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1.2
Parking and other fees .....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	5.8
Public transportation .....	3.4	3.7	15.5	-1.7	5.2	10.0	-5.0	4.0	10.6	-2.4	3.5	6.4
Airline fare .....	3.1	5.2	22.8	-5.8	6.2	17.2	-9.5	2.1	15.4	-5.2	2.7	-6
Other intercity transportation .....	6.9	2.7	6.3	3.3	.8	-3.7	1.8	1.7	1.9	1.5	2.7	-6
Intracity transportation .....	2.7	1.9	7.8	3.7	4.9	3.0	.9	7.6	5.6	1.2	2.7	2.7
Medical care .....	7.0	8.3	9.1	7.8	6.8	5.2	4.9	4.0	3.1	2.8	2.7	2.7
Medical care commodities .....	6.7	8.2	8.5	7.3	5.0	3.0	2.9	1.7	2.5	2.2	2.7	3.7
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	1.2	1.6
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	1.6	1.6
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	1.6	.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	2.6	2.6
Medical care services .....	7.1	8.4	9.2	7.9	7.1	5.7	5.4	4.5	3.2	2.9	2.7	2.9
Professional services .....	6.8	6.5	6.7	6.2	5.8	4.4	4.7	4.1	3.6	3.1	2.7	2.9
Physicians' services .....	7.5	7.2	7.4	5.5	6.3	5.0	4.5	4.4	3.1	2.8	3.2	3.2
Dental services .....	6.7	6.5	6.5	8.3	5.7	4.4	5.4	4.4	5.1	3.9	1.4	1.4
Eyeglasses and eye care .....	4.3	3.6	4.6	3.5	3.7	2.1	3.6	2.4	1.4	1.7	1.3	1.3
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	2.5	2.5
Hospital and related services .....	10.8	11.2	10.6	9.1	8.8	7.4	5.7	4.6	4.0	3.1	2.4	2.1
Hospital services .....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3.0	2.4
Inpatient hospital services <sup>1</sup> .....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2.3	2.1
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	3.1	5.3
Nursing homes and adult daycare .....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	4.0	5.3	1.1
Recreation .....	-	-	-	-	-	-	1.1	2.6	3.0	1.5	1.1	1.1
Video and audio .....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-2.7	.4	3.4	2.6	1.1	1.1
Televisions .....	-1.2	-2.1	-3.5	-1.1	-7	-2.1	-1.7	-4.4	-5.4	-3.9	-2.0	-2.0
Cable television .....	10.7	3.9	13.5	8.6	4.0	7.1	-2.9	3.9	7.9	6.9	5.9	5.9
Other video equipment .....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-8.5	-8.5
Video cassettes, discs, and other media including rental ....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-4.3	-4.3
Audio equipment .....	.0	2.3	-1.0	1.9	-1.5	.7	-1.1	-2.6	-7	-2.0	-5.0	-5.0
Audio discs, tapes and other media .....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-8	-8
Pets, pet products and services .....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1.9	1.9
Pets and pet products .....	4.5	4.3	3.7	1.7	-.8	.6	1.1	3.6	5.2	-4	1.6	1.6
Pet services including veterinary .....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2.8	2.8
Sporting goods .....	4.4	3.0	.5	3.4	.9	.8	2.9	-1.3	.1	-1	-6	-6
Sports vehicles including bicycles .....	3.9	4.0	.1	2.2	2.6	1.1	3.1	-1.2	.1	.2	1.0	1.0
Sports equipment .....	4.9	1.7	1.2	5.3	-1.4	.3	2.6	-1.4	.0	-6	-2.0	-2.0
Photography .....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	.2	.2
Photographic equipment and supplies .....	6.2	3.5	1.5	1.1	2.3	1.8	-3.7	1.8	.1	.5	-.9	-.9
Photographers and film processing .....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	.8	.8
Other recreational goods .....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-3.3	-3.3
Toys .....	4.2	2.2	1.6	1.1	2.9	1.6	-.8	1.1	3.2	-1.7	-3.8	-3.8
Sewing machines, fabric and supplies .....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-2.3	-2.3
Music instruments and accessories .....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1.5	1.5
Recreation services .....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2.9	2.9
Club membership dues and fees for participant sports .....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3.2	3.2
Admissions .....	3.7	9.8	5.0	4.8	3.8	2.0	3.7	5.4	4.1	3.4	3.1	3.1
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	1.0	1.0
Recreational reading materials .....	4.4	4.6	4.6	6.6	3.8	3.7	3.6	5.9	2.8	1.1	2.6	2.6
Newspapers and magazines .....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2.3	2.3
Recreational books .....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3.3	3.3
Education and communication .....	-	-	-	-	-	-	3.0	4.0	3.3	3.0	.3	.3
Education .....	-	-	-	-	-	-	5.5	5.6	4.9	5.5	2.6	2.6
Educational books and supplies .....	6.5	7.8	6.8	6.0	5.7	3.8	3.1	5.7	5.7	5.3	2.5	2.5
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	2.5	2.5
College tuition and fees .....	7.4	8.4	8.4	11.7	9.2	7.4	6.2	6.2	5.5	5.2	1.7	1.7
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	3.7	3.7
Child care and nursery school .....	-	-	-	6.3	4.2	5.3	5.1	3.9	3.6	5.0	3.0	3.0
Technical and business school tuition and fees .....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3.3	3.3
Communication .....	-	-	-	-	-	-	.1	1.9	1.4	-1	-1.6	-1.6

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	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	0.0	.0
Delivery services .....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	4.2
Information and information processing .....	-	-	-	-	-	-	.3	.6	1.6	-1	-1	-1.7
Telephone services .....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	.5
Telephone services, local charges .....	4.5	.5	1.0	5.2	.4	1.0	-4	2.3	.9	1.1	1.1	1.4
Telephone services, long distance charges .....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	.0
Cellular telephone services .....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-5.9
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	-10.9	-20.4
Personal computers and peripheral equipment .....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-28.8
Computer software and accessories .....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-5.5
Computer information processing services .....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3.6
Other information processing equipment .....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-6.3
Other goods and services .....	7.1	8.6	7.7	8.1	6.4	1.6	4.2	4.1	3.4	5.4	5.4	4.1
Tobacco and smoking products .....	9.5	14.4	10.7	11.3	8.3	-5.9	3.2	2.8	2.4	7.3	7.3	9.1
Cigarettes .....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	9.4
Tobacco products other than cigarettes .....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3.5
Personal care .....	5.1	3.8	4.2	2.6	3.1	2.4	2.0	1.9	1.0	2.3	2.3	2.1
Personal care products .....	5.6	2.6	4.3	2.8	3.7	1.5	2.0	.8	-8	1.8	1.8	2.4
Hair, dental, shaving, and miscellaneous personal care products .....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	.4
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	2.4	4.3
Personal care services .....	4.4	5.2	4.3	2.2	2.5	3.5	2.1	3.4	3.4	2.9	2.9	1.8
Haircuts and other personal care services .....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1.8
Miscellaneous personal services .....	5.1	5.6	6.0	6.5	4.2	6.4	5.2	5.1	4.3	5.1	5.1	2.6
Legal services .....	4.4	6.0	4.6	6.2	3.4	7.8	2.2	4.0	4.3	4.3	4.3	2.8
Funeral expenses .....	4.8	5.0	6.5	6.1	3.8	5.2	6.0	5.0	4.9	5.3	5.3	3.5
Laundry and dry cleaning services .....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1.4
Apparel services other than laundry and dry cleaning .....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1.6
Financial services .....	6.9	5.6	7.8	7.6	5.2	6.5	8.6	6.7	3.1	5.8	5.8	2.8
Miscellaneous personal goods .....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-4
<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	.1	-1
Commodities less food and beverages .....	3.0	3.2	7.9	-1	2.6	.5	2.3	1.1	2.6	-8	-8	-1.0
Nondurables less food and beverages .....	3.4	5.0	13.1	-1.6	2.5	-1.3	1.6	.5	4.1	-4	-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	-8	-1.9
Durables .....	2.5	1.2	.5	2.4	2.9	3.0	3.4	1.9	.5	-1.6	-1.6	-4
Services .....	4.9	4.9	5.5	4.5	3.5	3.6	3.0	3.4	3.3	2.8	2.8	2.1
Rent of shelter .....	4.4	4.9	5.0	3.9	2.8	3.0	3.0	3.4	2.9	3.2	3.2	2.6
Transportation services .....	6.1	5.0	7.3	3.1	3.1	3.9	3.6	3.4	3.8	1.3	1.3	.7
Other services .....	5.6	6.5	6.3	6.0	4.9	5.1	4.1	4.4	4.0	4.1	4.1	2.1
All items less food .....	4.1	4.4	6.2	3.0	3.2	2.4	2.8	2.5	3.1	1.5	1.5	1.1
All items less shelter .....	4.4	4.4	6.5	2.4	2.9	2.3	2.7	2.2	3.4	.9	.9	.6
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	1.4	1.0
Commodities less food .....	3.1	3.4	7.6	.5	2.6	.6	2.2	1.2	2.7	-7	-7	-8
Nondurables less food .....	3.5	5.0	12.3	-6	2.5	-1.0	1.5	.6	4.2	-1	-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	-4	-1.7
Nondurables .....	4.3	5.3	8.9	.5	2.0	.8	2.2	1.4	4.2	.7	.7	.1
Apparel less footwear .....	4.2	.4	5.1	3.2	1.2	.5	-1.9	.0	-8	.5	.5	-2
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	2.3	1.6
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	2.7	2.1
Energy .....	.3	5.2	19.2	-8.1	1.9	-1.7	2.5	-1.5	9.2	-3.8	-3.8	-4.5

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										Aug. 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	1.6
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	1.6
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	.5
Energy commodities .....	-2.2	7.6	35.5	-16.0	1.1	-5.2	5.4	-3.4	14.0	-7.1	-9.9
Services less energy services .....	4.9	5.1	5.8	4.6	3.5	3.7	3.3	3.5	3.2	3.0	2.2
Domestically produced farm food .....	6.0	6.6	6.3	1.3	1.7	3.5	2.2	2.4	5.7	.6	1.6
Utilities and public transportation .....	3.5	2.6	4.2	3.6	3.0	3.9	-6	1.7	4.8	.6	1.7

<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)	
	July 1998	Aug. 1998	July 1998	Aug. 1998	July 1998	Aug. 1998	July 1998	Aug. 1998
U.S. city average .....	\$30.052	\$29.944	\$64.664	\$64.257	\$46.757	\$46.439	\$0.853	\$0.838
<b>Region and area size <sup>1</sup></b>								
Northeast urban .....	38.892	39.036	81.674	81.999	61.525	61.472	.850	.836
Size A - More than 1,500,000 .....	39.024	39.395	82.900	83.763	65.721	65.673	.903	.887
Size B/C 50,000 to 1,500,000 .....	38.508	37.990	78.074	76.821	54.744	54.682	.752	.741
Midwest urban <sup>2</sup> .....	26.794	26.359	54.975	53.694	47.692	46.220	.769	.739
Size A - More than 1,500,000 .....	27.177	26.945	54.847	54.438	52.020	49.766	.848	.807
Size B/C - 50,000 to 1,500,000 .....	25.750	25.560	53.808	52.567	45.799	44.758	.736	.710
Size D - Nonmetropolitan (less than 50,000) .....	27.820	25.776	58.784	53.436	40.230	39.808	NA	NA
South urban .....	31.378	30.961	65.986	65.018	42.491	42.378	.960	.950
Size A - More than 1,500,000 .....	32.537	32.288	65.848	65.293	45.755	45.741	1.011	.999
Size B/C - 50,000 to 1,500,000 .....	30.619	30.040	66.000	64.635	41.448	41.255	.899	.891
Size D - Nonmetropolitan (less than 50,000) .....	30.082	29.876	66.800	66.349	41.012	41.094	NA	NA
West urban .....	26.517	26.991	63.950	65.089	43.382	43.517	.848	.842
Size A - More than 1,500,000 .....	27.053	27.704	67.441	69.121	48.754	48.765	.953	.953
Size B/C - 50,000 to 1,500,000 .....	26.216	26.320	59.619	59.811	40.292	40.693	.738	.738
Size classes								
A .....	30.820	30.969	66.820	67.184	52.689	52.217	.908	.891
B/C .....	29.340	29.023	62.370	61.311	43.768	43.524	.770	.758
D .....	27.032	25.777	58.496	55.109	37.321	37.258	.931	.914
<b>Selected local areas</b>								
Chicago-Gary-Kenosha, IL-IN-WI .....	28.628	28.387	55.658	55.344	61.941	54.019	-	-
Los Angeles-Riverside-Orange County, CA .....	26.857	28.120	68.431	71.821	57.915	57.915	-	-
New York-Northern N.J.-Long Island, NY-NJ-CT-PA .....	40.815	41.622	85.859	87.465	71.471	71.378	-	-
Boston-Brockton-Nashua, MA-NH-ME-CT .....	34.675	34.675	74.509	74.509	57.386	57.386	-	-
Cleveland-Akron, OH .....	25.064	25.924	55.021	58.411	66.290	66.290	-	-
Dallas-Fort Worth, TX .....	23.390	23.641	49.166	49.798	45.875	45.885	-	-
Washington-Baltimore, DC-MD-VA-WV .....	36.842	36.388	74.717	73.558	49.478	49.375	-	-
Atlanta, GA .....	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	-	-
Detroit-Ann Arbor-Flint, MI .....	23.197	23.208	46.870	46.908	46.446	46.446	-	-
Houston-Galveston-Brazoria, TX .....	27.247	27.247	53.157	53.157	40.403	40.403	-	-
Miami-Fort Lauderdale, FL .....	46.144	45.611	102.840	101.277	43.910	43.910	-	-
Philadelphia-Wilmington-Atlantic City, PA-NJ-DE-MD .....	37.983	37.741	84.311	83.846	63.280	63.280	-	-
San Francisco-Oakland-San Jose, CA .....	24.812	25.333	68.012	69.349	55.249	55.249	-	-
Seattle-Tacoma-Bremerton, WA .....	25.697	25.697	56.934	56.934	NA	NA	-	-

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<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.

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**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 Aug.1998		Average price per KWH of electricity		Range of KWH consumption for Aug.1998	
	July 1998	Aug. 1998	Low	High	July 1998	Aug. 1998	Low	High
U.S. city average .....	\$0.671	\$0.668	1	2,260	\$0.091	\$0.090	5	9,920
<b>Region and area size <sup>1</sup></b>								
Northeast urban .....	.839	.841	5	1,176	.122	.122	8	5,069
Size A - More than 1,500,000 .....	.849	.856	5	862	.132	.132	110	3,750
Size B/C - 50,000 to 1,500,000 .....	.812	.798	6	1,176	.105	.105	8	5,069
Midwest urban <sup>2</sup> .....	.551	.541	1	1,124	.093	.090	5	4,517
Size A - More than 1,500,000 .....	.520	.515	6	1,124	.103	.098	5	3,785
Size B/C - 50,000 to 1,500,000 .....	.559	.551	5	498	.088	.086	35	4,517
Size D - Nonmetropolitan (less than 50,000) .....	.702	.651	1	739	.079	.079	72	3,113
South urban .....	.771	.761	1	2,260	.081	.081	76	9,920
Size A - More than 1,500,000 .....	.747	.741	7	394	.090	.089	242	6,301
Size B/C - 50,000 to 1,500,000 .....	.785	.771	1	2,260	.078	.078	94	9,920
Size D - Nonmetropolitan (less than 50,000) .....	.819	.813	6	146	.077	.077	76	8,120
West urban .....	.634	.645	8	1,557	.085	.085	101	5,033
Size A - More than 1,500,000 .....	.665	.681	12	1,557	.096	.096	103	5,033
Size B/C - 50,000 to 1,500,000 .....	.599	.602	8	606	.079	.080	101	3,321
Size classes								
A .....	.671	.674	5	1,557	.104	.103	5	6,301
B/C .....	.671	.662	1	2,260	.083	.083	8	9,920
D .....	.676	.646	1	739	.072	.072	72	8,120
<b>Selected local areas</b>								
Chicago-Gary-Kenosha, IL-IN-WI .....	.477	.473	24	1,124	.128	.110	100	2,700
Los Angeles-Riverside-Orange County, CA .....	.670	.703	17	447	.116	.116	164	2,454
New York-Northern N.J.-Long Island, NY-NJ-CT-PA .....	.898	.912	5	549	.144	.144	125	3,750
Boston-Brockton-Nashua, MA-NH-ME-CT .....	.789	.789	16	232	.110	.111	279	1,533
Cleveland-Akron, OH .....	.539	.564	41	561	.126	.126	298	2,259
Dallas-Fort Worth, TX .....	.515	.522	20	394	.084	.084	242	6,250
Washington-Baltimore, DC-MD-VA-WV .....	.902	.888	20	125	.096	.096	415	4,252
Atlanta, GA .....	NA	NA	31	132	.090	.089	450	3,034
Detroit-Ann Arbor-Flint, MI .....	.466	.466	10	1,016	.096	.096	27	2,033
Houston-Galveston-Brazoria, TX .....	.643	.643	18	209	.089	.089	312	6,301
Miami-Fort Lauderdale, FL .....	1.789	1.777	7	13	.086	.086	380	2,607
Philadelphia-Wilmington-Atlantic City, PA-NJ-DE-MD ..	.853	.847	19	862	.134	.134	110	2,451
San Francisco-Oakland-San Jose, CA .....	.663	.676	15	293	.115	.115	200	1,746
Seattle-Tacoma-Bremerton, WA .....	.567	.567	45	186	.051	.051	751	5,033

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**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	
	July 1998	Aug. 1998	July 1998	Aug. 1998	July 1998	Aug. 1998	July 1998	Aug. 1998	July 1998	Aug. 1998
U.S. city average .....	\$1.134	\$1.108	\$1.079	\$1.052	\$1.177	\$1.154	\$1.268	\$1.244	\$1.168	\$1.154
<b>Region and area size <sup>2</sup></b>										
Northeast urban .....	1.127	1.112	1.068	1.052	1.174	1.159	1.251	1.237	1.173	1.164
Size A - More than 1,500,000 .....	1.129	1.115	1.066	1.051	1.175	1.163	1.252	1.238	1.178	1.171
Size B/C - 50,000 to 1,500,000 .....	1.124	1.107	1.070	1.053	1.171	1.152	1.250	1.235	1.166	1.155
Midwest urban <sup>3</sup> .....	1.127	1.084	1.083	1.040	1.170	1.130	1.254	1.212	1.113	1.110
Size A - More than 1,500,000 .....	1.165	1.113	1.117	1.063	1.218	1.164	1.278	1.232	1.110	1.109
Size B/C - 50,000 to 1,500,000 .....	1.082	1.047	1.041	1.005	1.131	1.100	1.225	1.186	1.120	1.117
Size D - Nonmetropolitan (less than 50,000) .....	1.076	1.066	NA	NA	1.081	1.067	NA	NA	NA	NA
South urban .....	1.066	1.044	1.004	.981	1.112	1.092	1.203	1.184	1.124	1.108
Size A - More than 1,500,000 .....	1.076	1.061	1.006	.989	1.126	1.113	1.207	1.195	1.222	1.215
Size B/C - 50,000 to 1,500,000 .....	1.059	1.034	1.003	.977	1.102	1.078	1.194	1.172	1.075	1.049
Size D - Nonmetropolitan (less than 50,000) .....	1.067	1.039	1.003	.977	1.111	1.087	1.240	1.203	NA	NA
West urban .....	1.243	1.219	1.185	1.160	1.284	1.266	1.383	1.359	1.313	1.291
Size A - More than 1,500,000 .....	1.250	1.224	1.188	1.160	1.293	1.270	1.393	1.366	1.377	1.363
Size B/C - 50,000 to 1,500,000 .....	1.230	1.209	1.182	1.159	1.270	1.257	1.360	1.337	1.248	1.183
Size classes										
A .....	1.164	1.136	1.104	1.075	1.209	1.184	1.290	1.266	1.206	1.200
B/C .....	1.101	1.075	1.050	1.024	1.144	1.121	1.234	1.210	1.132	1.104
D .....	1.105	1.087	1.060	1.044	1.133	1.117	1.250	1.225	1.091	1.081
<b>Selected local areas</b>										
Chicago-Gary-Kenosha, IL-IN-WI .....	1.244	1.211	1.176	1.141	1.314	1.277	1.382	1.354	-	-
Los Angeles-Riverside-Orange County, CA .....	1.249	1.225	1.191	1.168	1.270	1.248	1.373	1.347	-	-
New York-Northern N.J.-Long Island, NY-NJ-CT-PA .....	1.156	1.147	1.087	1.079	1.202	1.196	1.275	1.262	-	-
Boston-Brockton-Nashua, MA-NH-ME-CT .....	1.106	1.090	1.050	1.032	1.160	1.147	1.237	1.225	-	-
Cleveland-Akron, OH .....	1.113	1.069	1.065	1.016	1.156	1.111	1.241	1.211	-	-
Dallas-Fort Worth, TX .....	1.046	1.033	.980	.966	1.099	1.086	1.180	1.168	-	-
Washington-Baltimore, DC-MD-VA-WV .....	1.132	1.124	1.066	1.058	1.175	1.168	1.244	1.236	-	-
Atlanta, GA .....	.939	.921	.874	.853	.986	.966	1.083	1.073	-	-
Detroit-Ann Arbor-Flint, MI .....	1.164	1.112	1.113	1.062	1.221	1.165	1.315	1.260	-	-
Houston-Galveston-Brazoria, TX .....	1.073	1.054	1.008	.988	1.134	1.117	1.183	1.166	-	-
Miami-Fort Lauderdale, FL .....	1.145	1.137	1.071	1.059	1.194	1.189	1.266	1.263	-	-
Philadelphia-Wilmington-Atlantic City, PA-NJ-DE-MD ..	1.093	1.077	1.027	1.011	1.132	1.117	1.203	1.188	-	-
San Francisco-Oakland-San Jose, CA .....	1.328	1.302	1.262	1.233	1.398	1.378	1.483	1.458	-	-
Seattle-Tacoma-Bremerton, WA .....	1.185	1.177	1.124	1.114	1.240	1.236	1.344	1.341	-	-

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

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**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	
	July 1998	Aug. 1998	July 1998	Aug. 1998	July 1998	Aug. 1998	July 1998	Aug. 1998	July 1998	Aug. 1998
<b>Cereals and bakery products:</b>										
Flour, white, all purpose, per lb. (453.6 gm)	\$0.307	\$0.310	\$0.316	\$0.317	\$0.288	\$0.295	\$0.319	\$0.324	NA	NA
Rice, white, long grain, uncooked, per lb. (453.6 gm)	.540	.536	NA	NA	NA	NA	.541	.547	\$0.542	\$0.530
Spaghetti and macaroni, per lb. (453.6 gm)	.887	.890	.744	.817	.926	.922	.813	.778	1.136	1.087
Bread, white, pan, per lb. (453.6 gm)	.867	.869	.988	1.004	.888	.874	.781	.771	.882	.907
Bread, French, per lb. (453.6 gm)	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	1.401	1.406	NA	NA
Bread, whole wheat, pan, per lb. (453.6 gm)	1.288	1.294	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Cookies, chocolate chip, per lb. (453.6 gm)	2.541	2.588	NA	NA	2.426	2.399	2.351	2.394	NA	NA
Crackers, soda, salted, per lb. (453.6 gm)	1.674	1.613	NA	NA	NA	NA	1.536	1.611	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)	1.768	1.823	1.725	1.879	1.706	1.682	1.791	1.842	NA	NA
Ground beef, 100% beef, per lb. (453.6 gm)	1.447	1.426	NA	NA	1.322	1.362	1.528	1.469	NA	NA
Ground beef, lean and extra lean, per lb. (453.6 gm)	2.045	2.082	2.217	2.267	1.739	1.799	2.068	2.109	2.104	2.104
All uncooked ground beef, per lb. (453.6 gm)	1.834	1.847	1.979	2.042	1.658	1.674	1.824	1.827	1.909	1.890
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)	2.105	2.162	NA	NA	2.198	2.113	1.936	2.065	2.263	2.288
Chuck roast, USDA Choice, boneless, per lb. (453.6 gm)	2.308	2.398	2.347	2.463	2.279	2.291	2.311	2.466	NA	NA
Round roast, USDA Choice, boneless, per lb. (453.6 gm)	2.719	2.720	2.506	2.582	2.771	2.868	2.949	2.819	2.666	2.588
Round roast, graded and ungraded, excluding USDA Prime and Choice, per lb. (453.6 gm)	2.572	2.582	NA	NA	2.639	2.727	2.464	2.326	2.638	2.702
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)	2.640	2.687	2.581	2.633	2.672	2.707	2.582	2.622	2.748	2.813
Steak, T-Bone, USDA Choice, bone-in, per lb. (453.6 gm)	5.979	6.093	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Steak, rib eye, USDA Choice, boneless, per lb. (453.6 gm)	6.179	6.185	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Steak, round, USDA Choice, boneless, per lb. (453.6 gm)	3.096	3.083	3.173	3.155	2.920	2.906	3.098	3.056	3.276	3.361
Steak, round, graded and ungraded, excluding USDA Prime and Choice, per lb. (453.6 gm)	2.892	2.889	NA	NA	2.737	2.915	2.767	2.774	3.046	2.981
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)	3.692	3.688	NA	NA	NA	NA	3.430	3.414	3.850	3.934
Steak, sirloin, USDA Choice, boneless, per lb. (453.6 gm)	4.249	4.222	4.187	4.134	4.140	4.235	4.237	4.158	4.637	4.505
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)	2.546	2.532	NA	NA	2.670	2.699	NA	NA	NA	NA
All Uncooked Beef Steaks, per lb. (453.6 gm)	3.671	3.676	3.644	3.664	3.711	3.743	3.512	3.496	3.886	3.885
All Uncooked Other Beef (Excluding Veal), per lb. (453.6 gm)	2.189	2.205	2.497	2.428	2.196	2.222	1.990	2.026	2.298	2.326
<b>Pork:</b>										
Bacon, sliced, per lb. (453.6 gm)	2.517	2.513	2.733	2.825	2.599	2.603	2.310	2.277	2.633	2.568
Chops, center cut, bone-in, per lb. (453.6 gm)	3.311	3.274	3.225	3.097	2.941	3.070	3.329	3.291	3.768	3.675
Chops, boneless, per lb. (453.6 gm)	3.859	3.845	3.830	3.732	3.931	3.812	4.108	4.252	3.528	3.502
All Pork Chops, per lb. (453.6 gm)	3.163	3.154	3.071	2.993	3.106	3.134	3.108	3.108	3.423	3.434
Ham, rump or shank half, bone-in, smoked, per lb. (453.6 gm)	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Ham, boneless, excluding canned, per lb. (453.6 gm)	2.881	2.898	NA	NA	2.557	2.580	3.087	3.130	2.867	2.926
All Ham (Excluding Canned Ham and Luncheon Slices), per lb. (453.6 gm)	2.114	2.105	2.092	1.982	2.238	2.191	2.063	2.081	2.106	2.161
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	1.148	1.202	NA	NA
All Other Pork (Excluding Canned Ham and Luncheon Slices), per lb. (453.6 gm)	1.765	1.743	1.761	1.717	1.835	1.812	1.573	1.557	2.036	2.025
Sausage, fresh, loose, per lb. (453.6 gm)	2.362	2.405	NA	NA	NA	NA	2.194	2.264	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)	2.561	2.442	NA	NA	2.433	2.451	2.426	2.270	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)	1.033	1.059	1.081	1.136	1.064	1.080	.938	.961	1.116	1.134
Chicken breast, bone-in, per lb. (453.6 gm)	2.048	2.087	1.905	1.947	NA	NA	1.848	1.979	2.470	2.465
Chicken legs, bone-in, per lb. (453.6 gm)	1.252	1.291	1.279	1.280	1.219	1.185	1.213	1.243	NA	NA
Turkey, frozen, whole, per lb. (453.6 gm)	1.008	1.024	NA	NA	1.067	1.059	.967	.985	NA	NA
<b>Fish and seafood:</b>										
Tuna, light, chunk, per lb. (453.6 gm)	2.148	2.170	NA	NA	2.174	2.188	2.015	2.076	NA	NA
<b>Eggs:</b>										
Grade A, large, per doz.	.971	1.053	1.127	1.166	.938	1.002	.906	1.018	NA	NA
Grade AA, large, per doz.	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	1.277	1.377

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	
	July 1998	Aug. 1998	July 1998	Aug. 1998	July 1998	Aug. 1998	July 1998	Aug. 1998	July 1998	Aug. 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) .....	\$2.628	\$2.717	\$2.560	\$2.678	\$2.486	\$2.498	\$2.629	\$2.709	\$2.745	\$2.871
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) .....	2.540	2.569	NA	NA	2.289	2.342	2.553	2.580	2.721	2.779
Butter, salted, grade AA, stick, per lb. (453.6 gm) .....	2.879	2.985	NA	NA	NA	NA	2.782	2.825	NA	NA
American processed cheese, per lb. (453.6 gm) .....	3.636	3.479	NA	NA	NA	NA	3.602	3.558	NA	NA
Cheddar cheese, natural, per lb. (453.6 gm) .....	3.440	3.575	3.892	3.789	NA	NA	3.434	3.483	3.166	3.452
Ice cream, prepackaged, bulk, regular, per 1/2 gal. (1.9 lit) .....	3.133	3.147	3.520	3.319	2.807	2.829	3.023	3.152	3.339	3.404
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) .....	1.000	.990	1.090	1.074	1.017	1.003	.986	.965	.939	.946
Bananas, per lb. (453.6 gm) .....	.530	.489	.562	.538	.516	.470	.486	.443	.579	.534
Oranges, Navel, per lb. (453.6 gm) .....	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Oranges, Valencia, per lb. (453.6 gm) .....	.683	.679	.742	.757	.679	.653	.753	.714	.614	.634
Cherries, per lb. (453.6 gm) .....	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Grapefruit, per lb. (453.6 gm) .....	.695	.738	.753	.821	.618	.649	.736	.772	.701	.745
Grapes, Thompson Seedless, per lb. (453.6 gm) .....	1.256	1.448	1.427	1.305	1.345	1.320	.921	1.511	1.480	1.549
Lemons, per lb. (453.6 gm) .....	1.262	1.405	1.387	1.500	1.181	1.261	1.474	1.558	1.106	1.329
Peaches, per lb. (453.6 gm) .....	1.179	1.065	1.458	1.109	1.088	1.129	1.182	1.166	.947	.931
Pears, Anjou, per lb. (453.6 gm) .....	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Strawberries, dry pint, per 12 oz. (340.2 gm) .....	1.346	1.454	1.229	1.353	1.383	1.527	1.338	1.427	1.398	1.486
Potatoes, white, per lb. (453.6 gm) .....	.392	.382	.417	.391	.344	.331	.411	.419	.397	.386
Lettuce, iceberg, per lb. (453.6 gm) .....	.692	.686	.800	.759	.675	.661	.665	.690	.654	.641
Tomatoes, field grown, per lb. (453.6 gm) .....	1.515	1.312	1.731	1.345	1.559	1.244	1.448	1.380	1.420	1.238
Broccoli, per lb. (453.6 gm) .....	1.076	1.030	NA	NA	1.181	1.021	1.148	1.166	.951	.953
Cabbage, per lb. (453.6 gm) .....	.441	.428	NA	NA	NA	NA	.414	.431	NA	NA
Carrots, short trimmed and topped, per lb. (453.6 gm) .....	.618	.592	NA	NA	NA	NA	.750	.690	NA	NA
Celery, per lb. (453.6 gm) .....	.597	.627	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) .....	1.496	1.341	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) .....	1.655	1.668	1.764	1.755	1.666	1.662	1.584	1.573	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) .....	.698	.689	.758	.774	.643	.636	.635	.640	.787	.747
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) .....	1.023	1.033	1.235	1.246	NA	NA	.916	.941	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) .....	.432	.436	.454	.462	.432	.433	.421	.423	.435	.440
Sugar, white, 33-80 oz. pkg, per lb. (453.6 gm) .....	.416	.421	.425	.435	.417	.421	.404	.405	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) .....	1.028	1.041	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Peanut butter, creamy, all sizes, per lb. (453.6 gm) .....	1.808	1.802	NA	NA	NA	NA	1.696	1.712	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> .....	1.019	1.011	NA	NA	NA	NA	1.005	.999	NA	NA
Coffee, 100%, ground roast, all sizes, per lb. (453.6 gm) .....	3.771	3.704	3.930	3.890	3.495	3.433	3.680	3.644	3.920	3.816
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) .....	10.444	10.413	NA	NA	NA	NA	9.263	9.177	NA	NA
<b>Other prepared foods:</b>										
Potato chips, per 16 oz. (453.6 gm) .....	\$3.128	\$3.210	2.639	2.898	3.423	3.410	3.144	3.190	3.217	3.308
<b>Alcoholic beverages at home:</b>										
Malt beverages, all types, all sizes, any origin, per 16 oz. (473.2 ml) .....	.882	.831	.903	.822	.828	.811	.880	.872	.917	.812
Vodka, all types, all sizes, any origin, per 1 liter (33.8 oz) .....	8.962	9.024	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Wine, red and white table, all sizes, any origin, per 1 liter (33.8 oz) .....	5.319	4.801	6.004	5.485	4.864	5.221	5.231	4.693	5.213	4.473

<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.



# Technical Note

## 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:

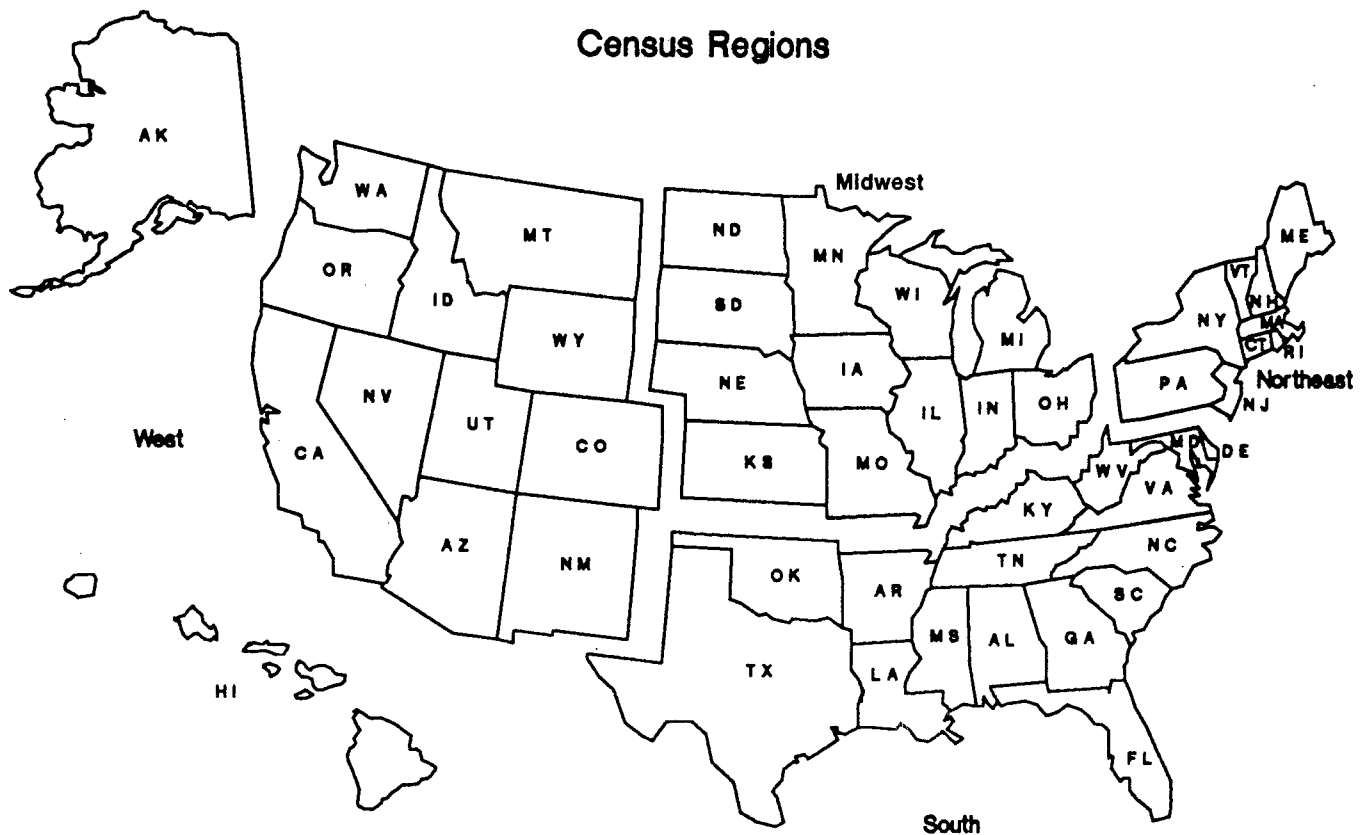
1 therm = 100,000 Btu's (U.S. Department of Energy)

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 data 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.

Seasonally adjusted data, including the All items index levels, are subject to revision for up to five years after their original release. For this reason, BLS advises against the use of these data in escalation agreements.

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 is 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 is used to offset the effects of changes in pricing methodology. For the tobacco and smoking products index, this procedure is used to offset the effects of increases in excise taxes and wholesale tobacco prices. For some alcoholic beverage series, intervention analysis seasonal adjustment is used to offset the effects of excise tax increases. For the nonalcoholic beverages index, the procedure is 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 is 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, by calling Claire McAnaw Gallagher at (202) 606-6968, or e-mailing her (gallagher\_c@bls.gov).

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 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:

Chicago-Gary-Kenosha, IL-IN-WI  
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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  
 San Diego, CA  
 St. Louis, MO-IL  
 Tampa-St. Petersburg-Clearwater, FL

## 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 releases. 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.

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### 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
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Denver	(303) 844-1726
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San Diego	(619) 557-6538
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Seattle	(206) 553-0645
St. Louis	(314) 539-3581
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 the 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 morn-

ing of release day. Call (202) 606-6325 and follow 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) 331-3403	(404) 331-3415
Boston	(617) 565-9167	(617) 565-2327
Chicago	(312) 353-1880	(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.

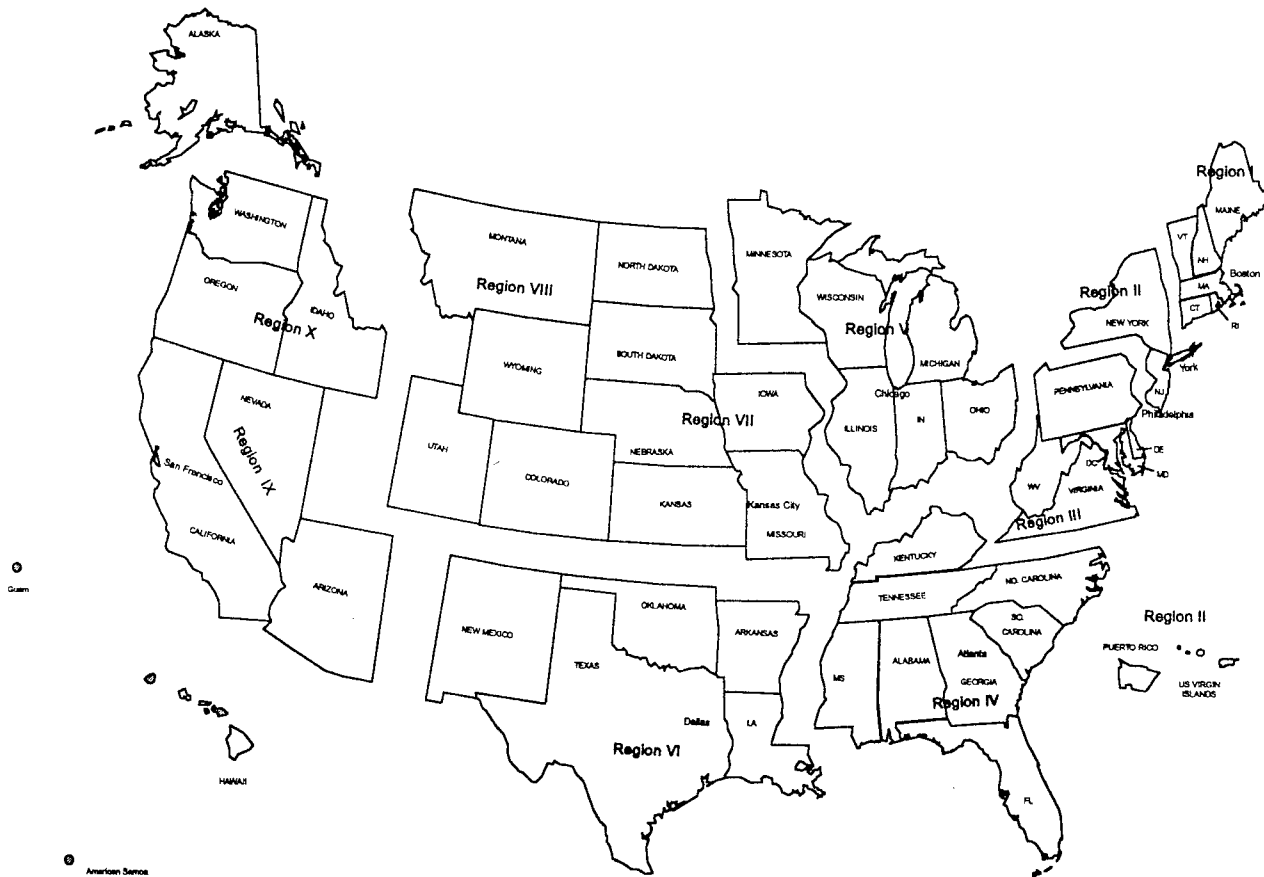
*Further information* may be obtained from the Office of Prices and Living Conditions, Bureau of Labor Statistics, 2 Massachusetts Avenue, NE, Room 3615, Washington, DC, 20212-0001, telephone (202) 606-7000 or by calling any of the regional offices listed above.



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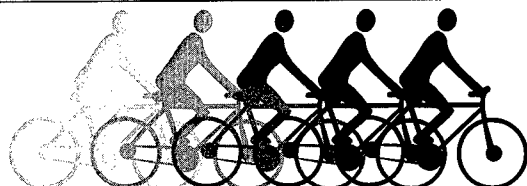
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