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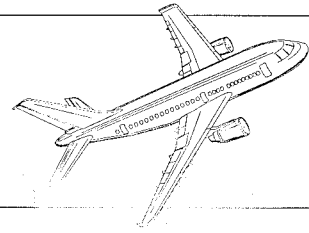
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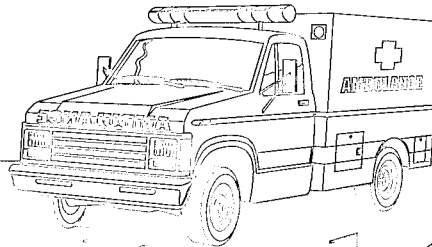
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Price Movements November 1998

The Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers (CPI-U) was unchanged in November, before seasonal adjustment, remaining at a level of 164.0 (1982-84=100). For the 12-month period ended in November, the CPI-U has increased 1.5 percent.

The Consumer Price Index for Urban Wage Earners and Clerical Workers (CPI-W) rose 0.1 percent in November, prior to seasonal adjustment. The November 1998 CPI-W level of 160.7 was 1.4 percent higher than the index in November 1997.

CPI for All Urban Consumers (CPI-U)

On a seasonally adjusted basis, the CPI-U rose 0.2 percent in November, the same as in October. The indexes for food and energy, which had accelerated in October, moderated in November. The food index increased 0.1 percent in November, after advancing 0.6 percent in October. The index for food at home, which increased 0.7 percent in October, rose 0.2 percent in November; the moderation was a result of downturns in the indexes for fruits and vegetables and for meats, poultry, fish, and eggs. The energy index, which rose 0.9 percent in October, was unchanged in November. The index for petroleum-based energy declined 1.0 percent, while the index for energy

services increased 0.8 percent. Excluding food and energy, the CPI-U increased 0.2 percent in November, the same as in each of the preceding 4 months.

As previously announced, effective with release of data for January 1999, the BLS will introduce a new formula for calculating the basic components of the CPI. See page 6 for more details. See pages 5-9 for announcements of other methodological changes to be introduced with data for January 1999.

During the first 11 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. Energy costs have continued to act as a moderating influence on overall consumer price index movements thus far in 1998, decreasing at an 8.2-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 2.5-percent SAAR in the first 11 months of 1998. Excluding food and energy, the CPI-U has advanced at a 2.4-percent rate thus far in 1998, compared with a 2.2 percent rise for all of 1997.

The food and beverages index rose 0.2 percent in November. The index for food at home, which increased 0.7 percent in October, rose 0.2 percent in November; the moderation was a result of downturns in the indexes for

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

Expenditure category	Seasonally adjusted							Compound annual rate, 3 months ended November 1998	Unadjusted 12 months ended November 1998
	Changes from preceding month								
	1998								
	May	June	July	August	September	October	November		
All items	0.3	0.1	0.2	0.2	0	0.2	0.2	1.7	1.5
Food and beverages .....	.5	.1	.2	.3	0	.5	.2	2.7	2.3
Housing .....	.3	.1	.2	.1	.2	.2	.3	3.0	2.3
Apparel .....	.4	.2	-.3	1.1	-.7	.1	0	-2.7	.2
Transportation .....	.1	-.3	.3	.0	-.4	.3	0	-.6	-1.7
Medical care .....	.3	.4	.2	.4	.3	.2	.2	2.7	3.5
Recreation	0	.1	0	.1	.1	-.3	.2	0	1.3
Education and communication .....	.3	.1	0	-.5	0	.2	.2	1.6	1.0
Other goods and services .....	.7	0	.7	.1	.9	.3	-.3	3.9	4.6
Special indexes									
Energy .....	.3	-.7	0	-1.0	-1.3	.9	0	-1.6	-9.2
Food .....	.6	.1	.2	.2	0	.6	.1	2.8	2.3
All items less food and energy .....	.2	.1	.2	.2	.2	.2	.2	2.1	2.3

fruits and vegetables and for meats, poultry, fish, and eggs. The index for fruits and vegetables declined 0.9 percent in November, following a 3.2-percent increase in October. In November, the index for fresh vegetables fell 3.0 percent, more than offsetting a 1.1-percent rise in the index for fresh fruits. (Prior to seasonal adjustment, prices for fresh vegetables increased 0.5 percent, whereas fresh fruit prices fell 0.9 percent.) The index for processed fruits and vegetables declined for the third consecutive month—down 0.6 percent in November. The index for meats, poultry, fish, and eggs declined 0.2 percent, following a 0.2-percent rise in October. A downturn in the indexes for poultry and for eggs was responsible for the November decline. Meat prices rose slightly in November; increases in prices for beef and other meats more than offset another decline in pork prices. The index for dairy products continued to advance, but by less than in recent months—up 0.6 percent in November, following increases of about 1.5 percent in each of the preceding 3 months. The indexes for the other three major grocery store food groups, cereal and bakery products, nonalcoholic beverages, and other food at home, rose 0.2, 0.5, and 0.7 percent, respectively. The other two components of the food and beverage index—food away from home and alcoholic beverages—each rose 0.2 percent.

The housing component rose 0.3 percent in November. Shelter costs rose 0.3 percent, following an increase of 0.2 percent in October. Within shelter, the indexes for rent and for owners' equivalent rent each rose 0.2 percent; and the cost of lodging away from home increased 1.3 percent. (Prior to seasonal adjustment, the cost of lodging while out of town fell 2.9 percent.) The index for fuels and utilities increased 0.6 percent in November, its first advance since May. The indexes for natural gas and for

electricity rose 2.2 and 0.4 percent, respectively, more than offsetting a 0.7-percent decline in the index for fuel oil. (Prior to seasonal adjustment, charges for electricity fell 1.9 percent, reflecting the switch to off-season rates in some areas.) The index for household furnishings and operations increased 0.2 percent in November, the same as in October.

The transportation component, which increased 0.3 percent in October, was unchanged in November. The November moderation reflects a return to the general pattern in 1998 of declining gasoline prices. Following an increase of 2.7 percent in October, the index for gasoline fell 0.9 percent in November. (Prior to seasonal adjustment, gasoline prices declined 1.2 percent.) Gasoline prices have fallen 11.9 percent thus far in 1998 and are 24.9 percent lower than their peak level in November 1990. The index for new and used vehicle prices rose 0.2 percent in November. The index for new vehicles was unchanged. (Prior to seasonal adjustment, new vehicle prices rose 0.7 percent. As of November, about 55 percent of the new vehicle sample were represented by 1999 models. The 1999 models will continue to be phased in over the next several months as they replace old models at dealerships, with appropriate adjustments for quality change. For a report on quality changes for the 1999 vehicles represented in the Producer Price Index sample, see news release USDL-98-457, dated November 13, 1998.) The index for used cars and trucks increased 0.7 percent. Public transportation costs declined for the third month in a row, down 0.5 percent in November, reflecting a 2.1-percent drop in airline fares.

The index for apparel was unchanged in November, following a 0.1-percent rise in October. (Prior to seasonal adjustment, apparel prices declined 0.4 percent, largely re-

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

Expenditure category	Seasonally adjusted								Unadjusted 12 months ended November 1998
	Changes from preceding month							Compound annual rate, 3 months ended November 1998	
	1998								
	May	June	July	August	September	October	November		
All items	0.3	0.1	0.2	0.1	0.1	0.3	0.1	2.0	1.4
Food and beverages .....	.6	.1	.3	.2	0	.5	.2	2.8	2.1
Housing .....	.3	.1	.2	.1	.2	.2	.3	2.8	2.1
Apparel .....	.3	.3	-.4	-.9	-.5	.4	.1	0	-.3
Transportation .....	.1	-.1	.2	-.1	-.4	.4	0	0	-1.7
Medical care .....	.3	.5	.2	.3	.3	.2	.2	2.8	3.5
Recreation	-.2	.1	-.1	.2	0	-.3	.1	-.8	.8
Education and communication .....	.4	.1	.1	-.5	.1	.1	.3	2.0	1.2
Other goods and services .....	.8	-.1	.9	.2	1.3	.3	-.5	4.5	5.5
Special indexes									
Energy .....	.3	-.6	-.1	-1.1	-1.4	1.0	-.1	-2.0	-9.5
Food .....	.6	.1	.3	.3	-.1	.5	.2	2.5	2.2
All items less food and energy .....	.2	.1	.2	.2	.2	.2	.2	2.1	2.3

flecting the discounting of prices for women's wear.)

Medical care costs rose 0.2 percent in November to a level 3.5 percent above a year ago. The index for medical care commodities—prescription drugs, nonprescription drugs, and medical supplies—increased 0.2 percent. The index for medical care services also rose 0.2 percent, with charges for professional services and hospital and related services each up 0.2 percent. The index for recreation costs, which declined 0.3 percent in October, rose 0.2 percent in November. Continued declines in prices for video and audio equipment and toys were offset by increases in prices for pets, pet products, and services; sporting goods; club memberships; and admissions to movies, theaters, concerts, and sporting events.

The index for education and communication rose 0.2 percent in November, the same as in October. The index for telephone services rose 0.4 percent. The index for information and information processing other than telephone

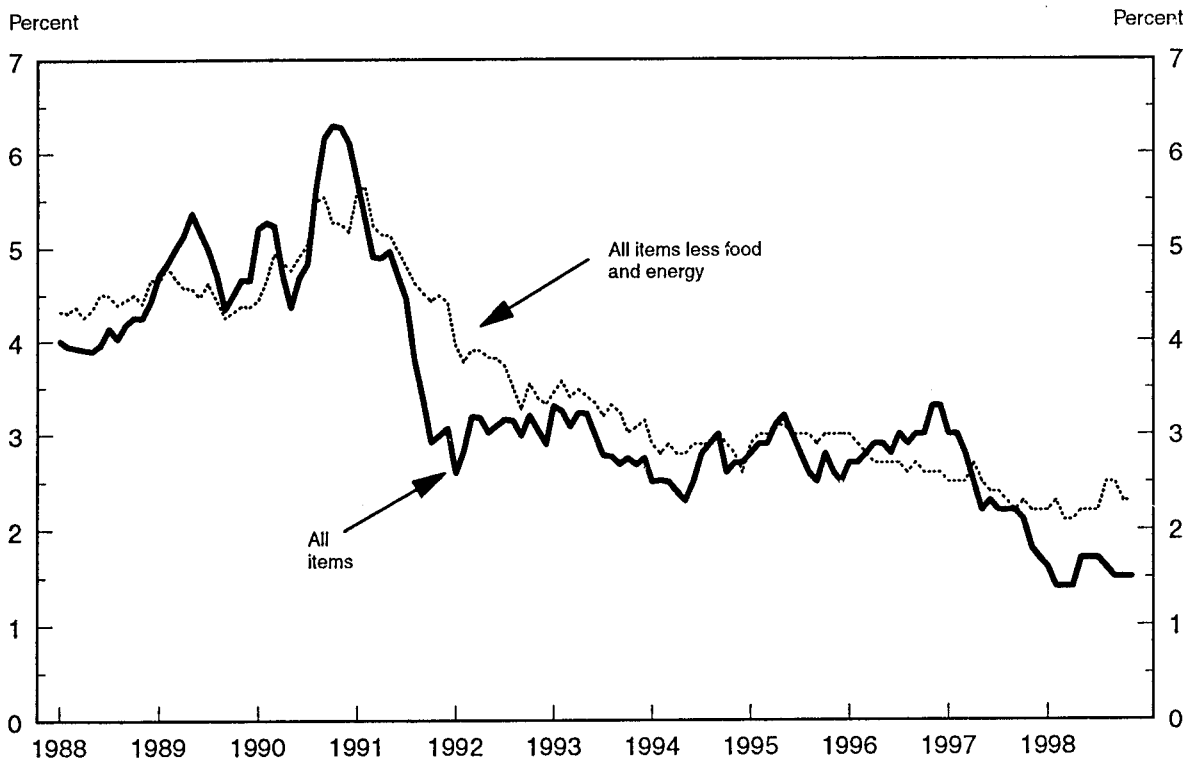
services declined 2.2 percent, reflecting a 2.8-percent drop in the index for personal computers and peripheral equipment. The latter index has declined 34.4 percent thus far in 1998.

The index for other goods and services declined 0.3 percent in November, following an increase of 0.3 percent in October. This downturn largely was attributable to a decrease in the index for tobacco and smoking products, which fell 1.1 percent in November, after increasing 0.3 percent in October. For the 12 months ended in November, however, the index for tobacco and smoking products has risen 12.2 percent.

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 November.

CPI-U 12-month changes, 1988 to present



Report on Quality Changes for 1999 Model Vehicles

Passenger cars

The value of quality changes for a sample of 16 domestic passenger cars for the 1999 model year included in the Producer Price Index for October averaged \$13.49, according to estimates by the Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS). This change represents 12.3 percent of the average \$109.67 yearly increase in producers' prices.

The retail equivalent of these quality changes averaged \$15.50, representing 10 percent of the average \$155.27 yearly increase in manufacturers' suggested list prices.

These quality-change values represent modifications made to meet 1990 Clean Air Act amendments, changes in levels of standard or optional equipment, and upgrades to powertrains and corrosion protection.

Light trucks

The value of quality changes for a sample of 15 domestic light trucks for the 1999 model year included in the Producer Price Index for October averaged \$408.52. This change represents 95 percent of the average \$430.08 yearly increase in producers' prices.

The retail equivalent of quality changes for domestic light trucks averaged \$484.86, representing 98.6 percent of the average \$491.63 yearly increase in manufacturers' suggested list prices.

The \$484.86 estimated retail level of quality changes breaks down as follows:

- \$76.61 for changes in accordance with 1990 Clean Air Act amendments
- \$408.25 for other quality changes such as powertrain improvements, corrosion protection upgrades, and changes in levels of standard or optional equipment.

Estimates of the value of quality change are based on a review by BLS of data supplied by producers for similarly equipped 1998 and 1999 domestic models priced for the Producer Price Index. Most of the estimates of quality changes in this article are derived from information supplied for the Producer Price Index for October.

Changing the Treatment of Mandated Pollution Control Measures in the CPI

Beginning in 1999, modifications to goods and services made solely for purposes of meeting air pollution standards, and that do not otherwise provide direct value to consumers, will no longer be treated as quality improvements in the Consumer Price Index (CPI). Price increases associated with such modifications will be reflected as increases in the index.

The Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS) recently undertook to explain precisely the relationship between the CPI and a complete measure of changes in consumers' living costs. As part of this activity, BLS reviewed the treatment of pollution control measures in the CPI. The new policy for treating pollution control measures is a direct result of that review.

BLS has stated that the proper objective of the CPI is to approximate changes in the cost of living of U.S. consumers.¹ The CPI is intended to approximate a particular subindex of a complete cost-of-living index. This subindex is limited to prices of market goods and services and is conditional upon the levels of other determinants of changes in living costs, such as the environment, crime level, and numerous government-provided goods and services. The choice of this index definition recognizes that not all important living cost determinants can be reliably measured and provides users of the CPI with a clear specification of its scope and limitations.

Given this definition, changes in air quality, as well as in other important environmental factors, are beyond the scope of the CPI and, thus, cannot be included in its construction. A complete explanation of the relationship between the CPI and a comprehensive measure of changes in living costs is contained in "The Treatment of Mandated Pollution Control Measures in the CPI."²

The new policy for the treatment of air pollution measures will become effective with CPI data for January 1999. This new practice will have its most significant effect on the motor fuel and new and used motor vehicle components of the index. In the vehicle indexes, the policy will apply to all vehicle models introduced on or after January 1, 1999. Since most of the 1999 model-year vehicles will be introduced before that date, the old policy will be used for the 1998-to-1999 model-year changeover in most cases.

Historically, quality adjustments for anti-pollution measures have been made to the new car (or new vehicle) component of the CPI since 1969 (automobile model year 1970), with their estimated dollar effect published annually. Since 1988, these data have also been utilized to make quality adjustments in the used car component. In addition, since late 1994, quality adjustments were made for the introduction of reformulated gasoline, which was required in selected areas for compliance with the Clean Air Act Amendment of 1990. Available information is not sufficient to make possible a complete accounting of the impacts of this policy in all years. Estimates presented below should be viewed, therefore, as approximations—rather than as precise values. In adherence with standard policy, official CPI historical data will not be revised to be consistent with the new practice. For the period from December 1968 through December 1997, the new car component of the CPI-U rose 174.2 percent. BLS estimates that not adjusting for anti-pollution measures would have resulted in an increase of 230.2 percent over this period. Quality adjustments for light trucks have been made since they were introduced into the CPI in 1983. For the period from December 1983 through December 1997, this index rose 51.4 percent. However, with the quality adjustments for anti-pollution measures factored back into the index, it would have risen by an estimated 55.1 percent. The CPI used car index rose 27.2 percent between December 1987 and December 1997; with the quality adjustments for anti-pollution measures factored back into the index, it would have risen approximately 28.8 percent. The motor fuel component, whose index rose 7.5 percent between December 1993 and December 1997, would have increased by an estimated 15.4 percent, if adjustment for environmental quality change had not been made. BLS estimates that the aggregate effects of these component changes on the CPI-U All Items Index would have increased the percentage change over the period from December 1968 to December 1997 from 354.4 percent to 357.7 percent. Past experience, however, is not necessarily an indicator of the future impact of policy change.

NOTE: For additional information on these changes, write to:
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¹"Measurement Issues in the Consumer Price Index," paper prepared in response to a letter from Representative Jim Saxton, Chairman of the Joint Economic Committee, June 1997, available by contacting BLS or on the Internet at <http://stats.bls.gov/cpihome.htm>.

² Paper available by contacting BLS or on the Internet at <http://stats.bls.gov/cpihome.htm>.

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, and 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 customers' 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 ex-

ample, 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.

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 (CPI-U) and 0.256 percent in the Consumer Price Index for Urban Wage Earners and Clerical Workers (CPI-W). Bureau of Labor Statistics researchers developed a regression procedure, called a hedonic model, that decomposes the price of television sets into implicit prices for each important feature and component.¹ 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 Timothy LaFleur, Bureau of Labor Statistics, Division of Consumer Prices and Price Indexes, 2 Massachusetts Ave. NE, Room 3260, Washington, DC 20212; telephone Mr. LaFleur at (202) 606-6982, ext. 253; or e-mail lafleur_t@bls.gov.

¹Brent 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 ref-

erence 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 will 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 Nov. 1998 from—		Seasonally adjusted percent change from—		
		Oct. 1998	Nov. 1998	Nov. 1997	Oct. 1998	Aug. to Sep.	Sep. to Oct.	Oct. to Nov.
Expenditure category								
All items	100.000	164.0	164.0	1.5	0.0	0.0	0.2	0.2
All items (1967=100)	-	491.3	491.3	-	-	-	-	-
Food and beverages	16.310	162.4	162.5	2.3	.1	.0	.5	.2
Food	15.326	162.0	162.1	2.3	.1	.0	.6	.1
Food at home	9.646	162.5	162.5	2.1	.0	-2	.7	.2
Cereals and bakery products	1.536	182.2	182.1	2.3	-1	.0	.2	.2
Meats, poultry, fish, and eggs	2.629	148.0	147.9	-9	-1	-7	.2	-2
Dairy and related products ¹	1.037	155.0	155.9	6.1	.6	1.6	1.4	.6
Fruits and vegetables	1.394	199.5	198.8	4.9	-4	-2.0	3.2	-9
Nonalcoholic beverages and beverage materials	1.077	132.6	132.7	-1.5	.1	.0	.4	.5
Other food at home	1.972	152.7	152.7	3.4	.0	.3	.1	.7
Sugar and sweets .....	.377	150.5	149.6	1.5	-6	.3	-1	.3
Fats and oils .....	.291	156.8	155.1	10.5	-1.1	1.9	2.6	-3
Other foods	1.305	166.0	166.7	3.2	.4	-1	-4	1.1
Other miscellaneous foods ^{1 2} .....	.309	103.5	104.8	-	1.3	.1	-1	1.3
Food away from home ¹	5.680	162.3	162.6	2.5	.2	.4	.1	.2
Other food away from home ^{1 2} .....	.172	102.7	103.3	-	.6	.4	.0	.6
Alcoholic beverages .....	.983	166.6	166.8	1.9	.1	.4	.1	.2
Housing	39.560	161.4	161.3	2.3	-1	.2	.2	.3
Shelter	29.788	183.9	184.0	3.5	.1	.5	.2	.3
Rent of primary residence	6.885	173.9	174.5	3.4	.3	.3	.3	.2
Lodging away from home ²	2.327	109.5	106.3	-	-2.9	2.8	-3	1.3
Owners' equivalent rent of primary residence ³	20.199	189.8	190.3	3.3	.3	.3	.3	.2
Tenants' and household insurance ^{1 2} .....	.377	99.7	99.9	-	.2	.0	.5	.2
Fuels and utilities	4.942	127.1	126.5	-3.5	-5	-6	-2	.6
Fuels	4.018	112.0	111.4	-5.4	-5	-8	-4	.8
Fuel oil and other fuels .....	.261	86.4	86.8	-10.1	.5	-1.7	-8	-9
Gas (piped) and electricity	3.757	119.6	118.9	-5.1	-6	-8	-3	.8
Household furnishings and operations	4.831	126.6	126.6	1.1	.0	-3	.2	.2
Apparel	4.944	135.6	135.0	.2	-4	-7	.1	.0
Men's and boys' apparel	1.390	134.1	134.1	.8	.0	-1.3	1.2	-2
Women's and girls' apparel	1.990	128.8	127.5	-1.0	-1.0	-5	-1.5	-5
Infants' and toddlers' apparel ¹ .....	.268	130.2	131.3	4.2	.8	.4	4.2	.8
Footwear .....	.895	130.3	130.4	.9	.1	-4	-2	.8
Transportation	17.578	141.3	141.5	-1.7	.1	-4	.3	.0
Private transportation	16.240	137.7	138.0	-1.8	.2	-3	.4	.0
New and used motor vehicles ²	7.899	100.1	100.7	.8	.6	.1	-1	.2
New vehicles	5.063	142.5	143.5	-3	.7	-1	-3	.0
Used cars and trucks ¹	1.880	153.0	154.0	4.3	.7	.5	.7	.7
Motor fuel	2.995	90.8	89.7	-14.2	-1.2	-2.0	2.6	-1.0
Gasoline (all types)	2.976	90.3	89.2	-14.3	-1.2	-2.0	2.7	-9
Motor vehicle parts and equipment .....	.560	101.4	101.4	-2	.0	.0	.2	-2
Motor vehicle maintenance and repair	1.603	169.0	169.5	3.4	.3	.5	.4	.5
Public transportation	1.338	189.9	187.4	.8	-1.3	-1.6	-1.3	-5
Medical care	5.614	244.3	244.7	3.5	.2	.3	.2	.2
Medical care commodities	1.222	224.2	224.5	4.0	.1	.6	.1	.2
Medical care services	4.392	249.0	249.3	3.4	.1	.2	.2	.2
Professional services	2.808	224.2	224.4	3.4	.1	.3	.2	.2
Hospital and related services	1.334	290.2	290.8	3.4	.2	.0	.3	.2
Recreation ²	6.145	101.1	101.3	1.3	.2	.1	-3	.2
Video and audio ^{1 2}	1.763	101.1	100.8	.5	-3	.2	-3	-3

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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 Nov. 1998 from—		Seasonally adjusted percent change from—		
		Oct. 1998	Nov. 1998	Nov. 1997	Oct. 1998	Aug. to Sep.	Sep. to Oct.	Oct. to Nov.
Expenditure category								
Education and communication ²	5.528	101.0	101.0	1.0	0.0	0.0	0.2	0.2
Education ²	2.615	104.5	104.6	4.7	.1	.0	.5	.4
Educational books and supplies .....	.194	257.0	257.1	6.1	.0	1.2	1.4	.3
Tuition, other school fees, and childcare	2.421	301.2	301.4	4.5	.1	-1.1	.4	.4
Communication ^{1 2}	2.913	97.8	97.8	-2.3	.0	.0	-1.1	.0
Information and information processing ^{1 2}	2.706	97.6	97.6	-2.5	.0	.0	-1.1	.0
Telephone services ^{1 2}	2.357	100.7	101.1	-	.4	.3	.0	.4
Information and information processing other than telephone services ^{1 4} .....	.350	36.1	35.3	-25.8	-2.2	-2.4	-1.6	-2.2
Personal computers and peripheral equipment ^{1 2} .....	.234	67.5	65.6	-	-2.8	-3.7	-1.5	-2.8
Other goods and services	4.321	241.3	240.5	4.6	-3	.9	.3	-3
Tobacco and smoking products .....	.894	284.9	281.3	12.2	-1.3	3.3	.3	-1.1
Personal care ¹	3.427	158.1	158.0	2.4	-1	.3	.4	-1
Personal care products ¹ .....	.737	149.4	148.8	1.8	-4	.4	.2	-4
Personal care services ¹ .....	.963	167.5	167.6	2.5	.1	.3	.2	.1
Miscellaneous personal services	1.465	236.9	237.2	3.4	.1	.3	.3	.3
Commodity and service group								
Commodities	42.635	142.6	142.5	.1	-1	-1	.4	-1
Food and beverages	16.310	162.4	162.5	2.3	.1	.0	.5	.2
Commodities less food and beverages	26.326	130.8	130.6	-1.2	-2	-2	.2	-2
Nondurables less food and beverages	14.729	133.6	132.9	-1.8	-5	-3	.6	-5
Apparel	4.944	135.6	135.0	.2	-4	-7	.1	.0
Nondurables less food, beverages, and apparel	9.785	137.6	136.8	-2.7	-6	-2	.6	-4
Durables	11.596	126.9	127.4	-4	.4	-3	-2	.2
Services	57.365	185.5	185.6	2.5	.1	.2	.2	.3
Rent of shelter ³	29.410	191.5	191.5	3.5	.0	.5	.2	.3
Transportation services	6.984	188.2	188.3	1.1	.1	-3	-2	.1
Other services	10.625	219.0	219.5	3.2	.2	.2	.1	.3
Special indexes								
All items less food	84.674	164.4	164.3	1.4	-1	.1	.2	.1
All items less shelter	70.212	157.9	157.9	.7	.0	-1	.3	.1
All items less medical care	94.386	159.5	159.5	1.4	.0	.0	.3	.2
Commodities less food	27.309	132.3	132.1	-1.0	-2	-3	.3	-2
Nondurables less food	15.712	135.6	135.0	-1.5	-4	-3	.5	-2
Nondurables less food and apparel	10.768	139.5	138.8	-2.2	-5	-1	.6	-3
Nondurables	31.039	148.1	147.8	.3	-2	.0	.5	-1
Services less rent of shelter ³	27.955	192.6	192.7	1.5	.1	.0	.0	.3
Services less medical care services	52.973	179.7	179.7	2.5	.0	.2	.1	.3
Energy	7.013	101.3	100.5	-9.2	-8	-1.3	.9	.0
All items less energy	92.987	172.2	172.3	2.4	.1	.1	.2	.1
All items less food and energy	77.661	174.7	174.8	2.3	.1	.2	.2	.2
Commodities less food and energy commodities	24.053	143.8	143.8	.7	.0	-1	.0	-1
Energy commodities	3.256	90.5	89.6	-13.8	-1.0	-2.1	2.4	-1.0
Services less energy services	53.608	192.3	192.4	3.1	.1	.3	.2	.3
Purchasing power of the consumer dollar (1982-84=\$1.00)	-	\$.610	\$.610	-	-	-	-	-
Purchasing power of the consumer dollar (1967=\$1.00)	-	\$.204	\$.204	-	-	-	-	-

¹ Not seasonally adjusted.

² Indexes on a December 1997=100 base.

³ Indexes on a December 1982=100 base.

⁴ 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—	
	Aug. 1998	Sep. 1998	Oct. 1998	Nov. 1998	Feb. 1998	May 1998	Aug. 1998	Nov. 1998	May 1998	Nov. 1998
Expenditure category										
All items	163.6	163.6	164.0	164.3	0.5	2.2	1.7	1.7	1.4	1.7
Food and beverages	161.7	161.7	162.5	162.8	1.3	2.3	2.8	2.7	1.8	2.8
Food	161.4	161.4	162.3	162.5	1.3	2.5	2.5	2.8	1.9	2.6
Food at home	161.8	161.4	162.6	162.9	.5	2.5	2.8	2.7	1.5	2.8
Cereals and bakery products	182.1	182.1	182.4	182.8	1.3	2.5	3.6	1.5	1.9	2.6
Meats, poultry, fish, and eggs	148.1	147.1	147.4	147.1	-3.7	-.8	3.3	-2.7	-2.3	.3
Dairy and related products ¹	150.5	152.9	155.0	155.9	1.9	1.1	6.6	15.1	1.5	10.8
Fruits and vegetables	201.1	197.0	203.3	201.5	6.8	18.9	-4.6	.8	12.7	-2.0
Nonalcoholic beverages and beverage materials	132.1	132.1	132.6	133.3	-3.5	-4.7	-1.2	3.7	-4.1	1.2
Other food at home	152.0	152.5	152.7	153.8	.8	1.1	7.7	4.8	.9	6.3
Sugar and sweets	150.2	150.7	150.5	151.0	1.9	-1.1	3.3	2.1	.4	2.7
Fats and oils	149.9	152.7	156.6	156.2	-.8	.3	27.4	17.9	-3	22.5
Other foods	166.5	166.4	165.8	167.7	3.2	1.7	5.0	2.9	2.5	3.9
Other miscellaneous foods ^{1 2}	103.5	103.6	103.5	104.8	-	4.0	8.5	5.1	-	6.8
Food away from home ¹	161.5	162.1	162.3	162.6	2.5	2.5	2.3	2.8	2.5	2.5
Other food away from home ^{1 2}	102.3	102.7	102.7	103.3	-	.8	6.9	4.0	-	5.4
Alcoholic beverages	165.8	166.5	166.7	167.1	1.7	-2	2.7	3.2	.7	2.9
Housing	160.6	161.0	161.3	161.8	1.0	3.3	1.8	3.0	2.2	2.4
Shelter	182.4	183.3	183.7	184.2	3.4	4.1	2.4	4.0	3.7	3.2
Rent of primary residence	172.8	173.4	173.9	174.3	2.6	3.8	3.5	3.5	3.2	3.5
Lodging away from home ²	101.4	104.2	103.9	105.2	-	7.4	-2.7	15.9	-	6.2
Owners' equivalent rent of primary residence ³	188.5	189.0	189.6	189.9	3.5	3.7	2.8	3.0	3.6	2.9
Tenants' and household insurance ^{1 2}	99.2	99.2	99.7	99.9	-	-2.4	-1.6	2.9	-	.6
Fuels and utilities	127.8	127.0	126.8	127.6	-12.1	2.8	-3.1	-.6	-4.9	-1.9
Fuels	112.4	111.5	111.1	112.0	-17.9	2.9	-3.8	-1.4	-8.1	-2.6
Fuel oil and other fuels	89.7	88.2	87.5	86.7	-17.7	-.9	-8.4	-12.7	-9.7	-10.6
Gas (piped) and electricity	120.1	119.1	118.8	119.8	-18.0	2.7	-3.3	-1.0	-8.2	-2.1
Household furnishings and operations	126.8	126.4	126.6	126.8	2.3	1.0	1.3	.0	1.6	.6
Apparel	134.2	133.2	133.3	133.3	-.9	.6	4.0	-2.7	-.2	.6
Men's and boys' apparel	132.3	130.6	132.2	132.0	3.4	-1.5	2.5	-.9	.9	.8
Women's and girls' apparel	128.4	127.7	125.8	125.2	-2.5	3.9	6.1	-9.6	.6	-2.0
Infants' and toddlers' apparel ¹	124.4	124.9	130.2	131.3	-8.9	12.9	-7.7	24.1	1.4	7.1
Footwear	129.4	128.9	128.6	129.6	-4.3	-1.9	9.5	.6	-3.1	5.0
Transportation	141.7	141.1	141.5	141.5	-4.1	-2.0	.0	-.6	-3.0	-.3
Private transportation	137.9	137.5	138.1	138.1	-5.3	-2.0	-.6	.6	-3.7	.0
New and used motor vehicles ²	100.7	100.8	100.7	100.9	-	.4	2.0	.8	-	1.4
New vehicles	143.9	143.7	143.2	143.2	-.6	-.8	2.0	-1.9	-.7	.0
Used cars and trucks ¹	151.1	151.9	153.0	154.0	2.2	4.4	3.0	7.9	3.3	5.4
Motor fuel	90.6	88.8	91.1	90.2	-29.2	-13.4	-9.9	-1.8	-21.7	-5.9
Gasoline (all types)	89.9	88.1	90.5	89.7	-29.6	-14.2	-10.0	-.9	-22.3	-5.6
Motor vehicle parts and equipment	101.3	101.3	101.5	101.3	-1.6	-1.6	2.4	.0	-1.6	1.2
Motor vehicle maintenance and repair	167.3	168.1	168.7	169.5	4.0	1.0	3.4	5.4	2.5	4.4
Public transportation	194.2	191.0	188.6	187.6	11.9	-2.5	8.7	-12.9	4.5	-2.7
Medical care	243.7	244.4	244.9	245.3	3.1	4.3	3.9	2.7	3.7	3.3
Medical care commodities	223.1	224.5	224.7	225.2	3.0	6.0	3.5	3.8	4.5	3.6
Medical care services	248.2	248.6	249.2	249.6	3.2	3.7	4.1	2.3	3.4	3.2
Professional services	223.3	224.0	224.4	224.9	3.2	3.9	3.7	2.9	3.5	3.3
Hospital and related services	289.5	289.5	290.5	291.1	3.6	2.7	5.1	2.2	3.2	3.7
Recreation ²	101.2	101.3	101.0	101.2	-	1.6	.8	.0	-	.4
Video and audio ^{1 2}	101.2	101.4	101.1	100.8	3.6	.0	.0	-1.6	1.8	-.8

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

(1982-84=100, unless otherwise noted)

Item and group	Seasonally adjusted indexes				Seasonally adjusted annual rate percent change for					
					3 months ended—				6 months ended—	
	Aug. 1998	Sep. 1998	Oct. 1998	Nov. 1998	Feb. 1998	May 1998	Aug. 1998	Nov. 1998	May 1998	Nov. 1998
Expenditure category										
Education and communication ²	100.4	100.4	100.6	100.8	-	3.7	-1.6	1.6	-	0.0
Education ²	103.3	103.3	103.8	104.2	-	6.5	4.0	3.5	-	3.7
Educational books and supplies	250.1	253.2	256.8	257.6	3.5	8.4	.3	12.5	5.9	6.3
Tuition, other school fees, and childcare	296.4	296.1	297.4	298.5	4.8	6.4	4.0	2.9	5.6	3.4
Communication ^{1 2}	97.9	97.9	97.8	97.8	-3.5	.8	-5.9	-.4	-1.4	-3.2
Information and information processing ^{1 2}	97.7	97.7	97.6	97.6	-3.9	.8	-6.3	-.4	-1.6	-3.4
Telephone services ^{1 2}	100.4	100.7	100.7	101.1	-	4.5	-2.7	2.8	-	.0
Information and information processing other than telephone services ^{1 4}	37.6	36.7	36.1	35.3	-25.0	-23.0	-32.6	-22.3	-24.0	-27.6
Personal computers and peripheral equipment ^{1 2}	71.1	68.5	67.5	65.6	-	-32.7	-45.4	-27.5	-	-37.1
Other goods and services	238.7	240.9	241.7	241.0	6.8	5.8	2.9	3.9	6.3	3.4
Tobacco and smoking products	274.2	283.2	284.0	280.8	18.6	11.5	8.9	10.0	15.0	9.5
Personal care ¹	157.1	157.5	158.1	158.0	1.8	4.2	1.3	2.3	3.0	1.8
Personal care products ¹	148.5	149.1	149.4	148.8	1.7	7.3	-2.1	.8	4.4	-7
Personal care services ¹	166.6	167.1	167.5	167.6	2.0	2.7	2.9	2.4	2.3	2.7
Miscellaneous personal services	235.7	236.5	237.3	237.9	2.6	3.0	4.2	3.8	2.8	4.0
Commodity and service group										
Commodities	142.2	142.0	142.5	142.4	-1.4	.3	.8	.6	-6	.7
Food and beverages	161.7	161.7	162.5	162.8	1.3	2.3	2.8	2.7	1.8	2.8
Commodities less food and beverages	130.7	130.4	130.7	130.5	-3.0	-9	.0	-.6	-2.0	-3
Nondurables less food and beverages	132.6	132.2	133.0	132.4	-5.2	-9	-.3	-.6	-3.1	-5
Apparel	134.2	133.2	133.3	133.3	-.9	.6	4.0	-2.7	-.2	.6
Nondurables less food, beverages, and apparel	137.1	136.8	137.6	137.0	-8.3	-.6	-1.2	-.3	-4.5	-7
Durables	127.8	127.4	127.2	127.4	-.3	-1.2	1.3	-1.2	-.8	.0
Services	184.8	185.2	185.5	186.0	2.0	3.6	2.0	2.6	2.8	2.3
Rent of shelter ³	190.3	191.2	191.5	192.1	3.3	4.1	2.8	3.8	3.7	3.3
Transportation services	188.6	188.0	187.7	187.9	4.6	.0	1.7	-1.5	2.3	.1
Other services	218.1	218.6	218.8	219.5	3.2	4.6	2.4	2.6	3.9	2.5
Special indexes										
All items less food	163.8	163.9	164.2	164.4	.2	2.2	1.5	1.5	1.2	1.5
All items less shelter	157.6	157.4	157.8	158.0	-.8	1.3	1.3	1.0	.3	1.1
All items less medical care	158.9	158.9	159.3	159.6	.3	2.0	1.5	1.8	1.1	1.6
Commodities less food	132.3	131.9	132.3	132.1	-2.7	-1.2	.3	-.6	-1.9	-2
Nondurables less food	134.6	134.2	134.9	134.6	-4.3	-.9	-.3	.0	-2.6	-.1
Nondurables less food and apparel	138.9	138.7	139.5	139.1	-7.4	-.9	-.6	.6	-4.2	.0
Nondurables	147.0	147.0	147.8	147.7	-1.9	.8	.5	1.9	-.5	1.2
Services less rent of shelter ³	192.4	192.4	192.4	192.9	-.2	3.8	1.5	1.0	1.8	1.3
Services less medical care services	178.9	179.3	179.5	180.1	1.6	3.4	2.0	2.7	2.5	2.4
Energy	101.5	100.2	101.1	101.1	-22.9	-4.2	-6.4	-1.6	-14.0	-4.0
All items less energy	171.7	171.9	172.3	172.5	2.4	2.6	2.4	1.9	2.5	2.1
All items less food and energy	174.2	174.5	174.8	175.1	2.8	2.6	2.1	2.1	2.7	2.1
Commodities less food and energy commodities	143.7	143.6	143.6	143.5	1.1	.8	1.4	-.6	1.0	.4
Energy commodities	90.5	88.6	90.7	89.8	-28.5	-12.3	-9.6	-3.1	-20.8	-6.4
Services less energy services	191.4	191.9	192.3	192.8	3.5	3.4	2.5	3.0	3.5	2.8

¹ Not seasonally adjusted.

² Indexes on a December 1997=100 base.

³ Indexes on a December 1982=100 base.

⁴ 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 Nov. 1998 from—		Seasonally adjusted percent change from—		
		Oct. 1998	Nov. 1998	Nov. 1997	Oct. 1998	Aug. to Sep.	Sep. to Oct.	Oct. to Nov.
Expenditure category								
All items	100.000	164.0	164.0	1.5	0.0	0.0	0.2	0.2
All items (1967=100)	-	491.3	491.3	-	-	-	-	-
Food and beverages	16.310	162.4	162.5	2.3	.1	.0	.5	.2
Food	15.326	162.0	162.1	2.3	.1	.0	.6	.1
Food at home	9.646	162.5	162.5	2.1	.0	-2	.7	.2
Cereals and bakery products	1.536	182.2	182.1	2.3	-1	.0	.2	.2
Cereals and cereal products .....	.547	172.5	171.4	1.4	-6	-2	.4	-2
Flour and prepared flour mixes .....	.071	160.4	154.5	2.5	-3.7	-4	1.1	-1.6
Breakfast cereal .....	.317	191.3	192.0	2.2	.4	-1	.2	.3
Rice, pasta, cornmeal .....	.160	150.7	148.9	-8	-1.2	-5	.4	-1.2
Rice ^{1 2 3}	-	98.9	99.1	-	.2	-4	.0	.2
Bakery products .....	.989	186.6	187.0	2.7	.2	.3	.1	.4
Bread ^{1 3} .....	.290	101.5	102.0	-	.5	.2	-7	.5
White bread ^{2 3}	-	188.2	188.2	.7	.0	.1	-6	.0
Bread other than white ^{2 3}	-	190.7	193.8	5.2	1.6	1.1	-8	1.6
Fresh biscuits, rolls, muffins ^{1 3} .....	.142	103.4	103.8	-	.4	1.6	-6	.4
Cakes, cupcakes, and cookies ³ .....	.270	181.4	182.9	1.5	.8	-9	.8	.8
Cookies ^{2 3}	-	182.7	183.9	.1	.7	-2.5	1.0	.7
Fresh cakes and cupcakes ^{2 3}	-	180.0	183.0	3.4	1.7	.1	1.0	1.7
Other bakery products .....	.286	186.4	185.1	3.8	-7	.0	1.4	.7
Fresh sweetrolls, coffeecakes, doughnuts ^{2 3}	-	178.2	177.8	2.4	-2	1.4	-4	-2
Crackers, bread, and cracker products ²	-	218.9	216.3	4.4	-1.2	2.0	2.6	2.2
Frozen and refrigerated bakery products, pies, tarts, turnovers ^{2 3}	-	189.3	188.8	6.4	-3	-1.3	1.0	-3
Meats, poultry, fish, and eggs	2.629	148.0	147.9	-9	-1	-7	.2	-2
Meats, poultry, and fish	2.499	148.4	148.2	-9	-1	-7	.1	-1
Meats	1.670	141.3	141.4	-2.2	.1	-7	-4	.1
Beef and veal .....	.742	136.1	137.0	.0	.7	-6	-7	.3
Uncooked ground beef .....	.282	116.2	116.6	.1	.3	-1.5	-5	.0
Uncooked beef roasts ^{1 3} .....	.132	99.3	99.5	-	.2	-5	-5	.2
Uncooked beef steaks ^{1 3} .....	.277	99.2	100.3	-	1.1	-4	-6	1.1
Uncooked other beef and veal ^{1 3} .....	.051	98.5	99.1	-	.6	.1	-1	.6
Pork .....	.587	147.5	146.2	-6.0	-9	-1.4	-3	-3
Bacon, breakfast sausage, and related products ^{1 3} .....	.192	97.4	96.6	-	-8	.5	-1	-8
Bacon and related products ²	-	154.7	153.5	-6.1	-8	.7	.2	1.4
Breakfast sausage and related products ^{1 2 3}	-	99.3	98.5	-	-8	-7	-5	-8
Ham .....	.136	150.7	149.6	-4.1	-7	-1.1	-6	.1
Ham, excluding canned ²	-	160.6	159.6	-4.4	-6	-1.1	-1.3	.5
Pork chops .....	.131	145.2	141.4	-7.9	-2.6	-2.6	.4	-2.0
Other pork including roasts and picnics ^{1 3} .....	.128	93.1	93.9	-	.9	-1.3	-3.1	.9
Other meats ³ .....	.341	147.4	148.1	-8	.5	.1	.8	.5
Frankfurters ^{2 3}	-	143.0	147.5	1.4	3.1	1.1	-8	3.1
Lunchmeats ^{1 2 3}	-	99.6	99.8	-	.2	.3	.3	.2
Lamb and organ meats ^{2 3}	-	169.8	175.8	6.9	3.5	-2.2	4.0	3.5
Lamb and mutton ^{1 2 3}	-	107.0	101.5	-	-5.1	.0	1.2	-5.1
Poultry ³ .....	.495	161.1	159.6	1.4	-9	.3	1.1	-9
Chicken ^{1 3} .....	.382	104.5	103.9	-	-6	.3	1.6	-6
Fresh whole chicken ^{2 3}	-	164.3	164.8	2.2	.3	1.4	.0	.3
Fresh and frozen chicken parts ^{2 3}	-	162.0	160.2	1.2	-1.1	-1	2.2	-1.1
Other poultry including turkey ^{1 3} .....	.113	101.6	99.5	-	-2.1	.2	-4	-2.1
Fish and seafood .....	.334	183.1	183.1	2.3	.0	-1.6	.3	-1
Fresh fish and seafood ^{1 3} .....	.187	103.5	103.2	-	-3	-1.4	1.5	-3
Processed fish and seafood ^{1 3} .....	.147	103.1	103.5	-	.4	-6	.1	.4
Canned fish and seafood ^{2 3}	-	134.6	134.4	3.1	-1	-3	.6	-1
Frozen fish and seafood ²	-	NA	NA	-	-	-	-	-
Eggs .....	.130	136.1	139.4	-3.9	2.4	-1.4	3.3	-2.0
Dairy and related products ³	1.037	155.0	155.9	6.1	.6	1.6	1.4	.6
Milk ^{1 3} .....	.403	103.6	103.5	-	-1	2.1	.8	-1
Fresh whole milk ^{2 3}	-	150.9	151.9	4.1	.7	2.2	.1	.7
Fresh milk other than whole ^{1 2 3}	-	103.9	103.2	-	-7	2.4	1.4	-7
Cheese and related products ³ .....	.305	156.8	158.2	7.4	.9	.9	1.8	.9
Ice cream and related products176	162.3	163.9	9.0	1.0	1.3	2.3	1.5
Other dairy and related products ^{1 3}152	103.9	105.2	-	1.3	1.7	.3	1.3

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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 Nov. 1998 from—		Seasonally adjusted percent change from—		
		Oct. 1998	Nov. 1998	Nov. 1997	Oct. 1998	Aug. to Sep.	Sep. to Oct.	Oct. to Nov.
Expenditure category								
Fruits and vegetables	1.394	199.5	198.8	4.9	-0.4	-2.0	3.2	-0.9
Fresh fruits and vegetables	1.068	232.8	232.2	5.7	-3	-2.6	4.2	-1.0
Fresh fruits .....	.547	251.8	249.6	6.7	-9	-3.6	2.8	1.1
Apples .....	.097	197.8	193.7	1.4	-2.1	.8	1.9	-1.4
Bananas .....	.101	153.1	157.3	2.1	2.7	1.1	.4	1.7
Citrus fruits ^{1 3} .....	.110	156.6	129.3	-	-17.4	1.8	-3.1	-17.4
Oranges, including tangerines ²	-	301.0	243.0	18.2	-19.3	-7.8	3.2	-1.0
Other fresh fruits ^{1 3} .....	.240	84.7	94.7	-	11.8	-5	12.6	11.8
Fresh vegetables .....	.521	213.9	214.9	4.7	.5	-1.5	5.7	-3.0
Potatoes .....	.093	187.0	176.7	1.4	-5.5	5.6	2.3	-1.4
Lettuce ³ .....	.066	221.7	222.8	-13.6	.5	1.1	6.5	.5
Tomatoes ³ .....	.101	248.2	268.7	19.6	8.3	-5.5	20.1	8.3
Other fresh vegetables .....	.261	214.4	214.0	6.4	-2	-2.2	2.5	-3.5
Processed fruits and vegetables ^{1 3} .....	.327	102.9	102.3	-	-6	-3	-3	-6
Canned fruits and vegetables ^{1 3} .....	.176	103.1	102.9	-	-2	-3	-2	-2
Canned fruits ^{1 2 3}	-	103.2	102.7	-	-5	1.0	-5	-5
Canned vegetables ^{1 2 3}	-	103.7	104.1	-	.4	-1.0	-3	.4
Frozen fruits and vegetables ^{1 3} .....	.103	103.7	102.5	-	-1.2	-3	-2	-1.2
Frozen vegetables ²	-	152.4	150.5	1.6	-1.2	.3	.2	-1.0
Other processed fruits and vegetables including dried ^{1 3} .....	.048	100.4	100.0	-	-4	-2	-8	-4
Dried beans, peas, and lentils ^{1 2 3}	-	101.1	100.0	-	-1.1	-8	1.1	-1.1
Nonalcoholic beverages and beverage materials	1.077	132.6	132.7	-1.5	.1	.0	.4	.5
Juices and nonalcoholic drinks ^{1 3} .....	.781	100.6	100.7	-	.1	.3	.6	.1
Carbonated drinks .....	.411	117.1	117.1	-3	.0	-3	-1	.7
Frozen noncarbonated juices and drinks ^{1 3} .....	.054	103.4	103.0	-	-4	.1	1.8	-4
Nonfrozen noncarbonated juices and drinks ^{1 3} .....	.316	99.8	100.1	-	.3	.6	.8	.3
Beverage materials including coffee and tea ^{1 3} .....	.297	97.1	96.9	-	-2	.0	-6	-2
Coffee ³ .....	.166	156.6	156.3	-10.1	-2	-1.7	-1.6	-2
Roasted coffee ^{2 3}	-	159.8	NA	-	-	-2.2	-2.3	-
Instant and freeze dried coffee ^{2 3}	-	157.3	NA	-	-	-7	3.8	-
Other beverage materials including tea ^{1 3} .....	.131	103.6	103.3	-	-3	2.0	.7	-3
Other food at home	1.972	152.7	152.7	3.4	.0	.3	.1	.7
Sugar and sweets .....	.377	150.5	149.6	1.5	-6	.3	-1	.3
Sugar and artificial sweeteners .....	.074	134.1	133.6	.6	-4	.2	-2.2	1.1
Candy and chewing gum ^{1 3} .....	.228	101.2	101.0	-	-2	.6	.1	-2
Other sweets ^{1 3} .....	.076	104.7	102.7	-	-1.9	.0	1.0	-1.9
Fats and oils .....	.291	156.8	155.1	10.5	-1.1	1.9	2.6	-3
Butter and margarine ^{1 3} .....	.091	132.2	128.2	-	-3.0	6.5	6.6	-3.0
Butter ^{2 3}	-	194.2	187.0	51.5	-3.7	10.2	10.0	-3.7
Margarine ^{2 3}	-	155.6	153.0	6.4	-1.7	1.0	.7	-1.7
Salad dressing ^{1 3} .....	.082	102.4	102.3	-	-1	-4	1.3	-1
Other fats and oils including peanut butter ^{1 3} .....	.119	102.5	102.7	-	.2	-9	.5	.2
Peanut butter ^{1 2 3}	-	101.7	102.6	-	.9	.6	-7	.9
Other foods	1.305	166.0	166.7	3.2	.4	-1	-4	1.1
Soups .....	.109	190.4	189.1	.3	-7	-1.4	.8	-5
Frozen and freeze dried prepared foods ³ .....	.224	144.7	145.4	-3	.5	-4	-8	.5
Snacks ³ .....	.271	157.2	157.7	2.0	.3	-1.5	.6	.3
Spices, seasonings, condiments, sauces .....	.293	173.2	173.4	4.2	.1	.2	-1	1.6
Salt and other seasonings and spices ^{1 2 3}	-	99.9	100.1	-	.2	.7	-5	.2
Olives, pickles, relishes ^{1 2 3}	-	102.6	101.9	-	-7	1.1	.2	-7
Sauces and gravies ^{1 2 3}	-	103.1	104.3	-	1.2	1.0	.1	1.2
Other condiments ²	-	170.2	165.2	2.5	-2.9	-1.3	-5	-1.6
Baby food ^{1 3} .....	.099	103.2	102.9	-	-3	.9	-1	-3
Other miscellaneous foods ^{1 3} .....	.309	103.5	104.8	-	1.3	.1	-1	1.3
Prepared salads ^{1 2 3}	-	NA	NA	-	-	-	-	-
Food away from home ³	5.680	162.3	162.6	2.5	.2	.4	.1	.2
Full service meals and snacks ^{1 3}	2.969	102.3	102.5	-	.2	.2	.2	.2
Limited service meals and snacks ^{1 3}	1.655	101.9	102.0	-	.1	.4	.1	.1
Food at employee sites and schools ^{1 3} .....	.662	102.1	102.3	-	.2	.9	.5	.2
Food from vending machines and mobile vendors ^{1 3}222	100.7	100.8	-	.1	.2	-1	.1
Other food away from home ^{1 3}172	102.7	103.3	-	.6	.4	.0	.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)

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		Oct. 1998	Nov. 1998	Nov. 1997	Oct. 1998	Aug. to Sep.	Sep. to Oct.	Oct. to Nov.
Expenditure category								
Alcoholic beverages .....	.983	166.6	166.8	1.9	0.1	0.4	0.1	0.2
Alcoholic beverages at home .....	.628	151.0	151.3	1.3	.2	.1	.2	.3
Beer, ale, and other malt beverages at home .....	.333	148.5	149.3	1.6	.5	.1	.5	.6
Distilled spirits at home .....	.110	154.1	154.0	1.2	-1	.5	.1	.3
Whiskey at home ^{2 3}	-	154.9	154.5	1.6	-3	.6	1.5	-3
Distilled spirits, excluding whiskey, at home ^{2 3}	-	153.6	153.5	.9	-1	.5	.1	-1
Wine at home .....	.185	147.7	147.2	.8	-3	.4	-4	.1
Alcoholic beverages away from home .....	.355	196.9	196.9	2.7	.0	.6	.3	.0
Beer, ale, and other malt beverages away from home ^{1 2 3} ..	-	101.4	101.5	-	.1	.4	.1	.1
Wine away from home ^{1 2 3}	-	104.6	104.4	-	-2	.1	2.4	-2
Distilled spirits away from home ^{1 2 3}	-	102.5	102.9	-	.4	.5	.1	.4
Housing	39.560	161.4	161.3	2.3	-1	.2	.2	.3
Shelter	29.788	183.9	184.0	3.5	.1	.5	.2	.3
Rent of primary residence	6.885	173.9	174.5	3.4	.3	.3	.3	.2
Lodging away from home ¹	2.327	109.5	106.3	-	-2.9	2.8	-3	1.3
Housing at school, excluding board ⁴ .....	.231	239.3	239.4	4.2	.0	.6	.5	.4
Other lodging away from home including hotels and motels ..	2.096	235.1	227.5	6.3	-3.2	2.9	-3	1.3
Owners' equivalent rent of primary residence ⁴	20.199	189.8	190.3	3.3	.3	.3	.3	.2
Tenants' and household insurance ^{1 3} .....	.377	99.7	99.9	-	.2	.0	.5	.2
Fuels and utilities	4.942	127.1	126.5	-3.5	-5	-6	-2	.6
Fuels	4.018	112.0	111.4	-5.4	-5	-8	-4	.8
Fuel oil and other fuels .....	.261	86.4	86.8	-10.1	.5	-1.7	-8	-9
Fuel oil .....	.185	80.4	80.9	-13.4	.6	-1.9	-1.1	-7
Other household fuels ^{3 5} .....	.075	125.2	125.5	-2.0	.2	.0	.5	.2
Gas (piped) and electricity	3.757	119.6	118.9	-5.1	-6	-8	-3	.8
Electricity	2.649	125.8	123.4	-5.1	-1.9	-8	-2	.4
Utility natural gas service	1.108	110.4	113.5	-5.3	2.8	-6	-4	2.2
Water and sewer and trash collection services ¹ .....	.924	102.4	102.4	-	.0	.3	.2	.1
Water and sewerage maintenance .....	.677	218.7	219.0	2.6	.1	.2	.2	.2
Garbage and trash collection ^{3 6} .....	.247	259.2	259.0	2.5	-1	.5	.2	-1
Household furnishings and operations	4.831	126.6	126.6	1.1	.0	-3	.2	.2
Window and floor coverings and other linens ^{1 3} .....	.354	102.1	101.5	-	-6	.1	.7	-6
Floor coverings ^{1 3} .....	.087	102.8	102.3	-	-5	.4	.0	-5
Window coverings ^{1 3} .....	.112	101.1	100.2	-	-9	.1	2.3	-9
Other linens ^{1 3} .....	.155	102.4	102.0	-	-4	.0	-2	-4
Furniture and bedding ³	1.141	134.7	134.5	.4	-1	-9	-1	-1
Bedroom furniture ³ .....	.329	139.5	140.0	-8	.4	-9	-6	.4
Living room, kitchen, and dining room furniture ^{1 3} .....	.621	101.8	101.4	-	-4	-5	-2	-4
Other furniture ^{1 3} .....	.179	103.6	103.2	-	-4	-2.1	1.2	-4
Appliances ^{1 3} .....	.368	100.2	99.9	-	-3	-1	.1	-3
Major appliances ^{1 3} .....	.217	99.7	99.3	-	-4	.1	.2	-4
Laundry equipment ^{2 3}	-	112.3	111.5	-1.2	-7	-4	.6	-7
Other appliances ^{1 3} .....	.144	101.1	100.7	-	-4	-5	.1	-4
Other household equipment and furnishings ^{1 3} .....	.546	100.4	100.6	-	.2	-1.1	.4	.2
Clocks, lamps, and decorator items ³ .....	.229	119.1	119.7	-3	.5	.2	.5	.5
Indoor plants and flowers ⁷ .....	.152	110.1	110.7	3.6	.5	-3.5	1.0	-6
Dishes and flatware ^{1 3} .....	.080	101.9	100.7	-	-1.2	-3.5	2.5	-1.2
Nonelectric cookware and tableware ^{1 3} .....	.085	100.0	100.4	-	.4	-3	.1	.4
Tools, hardware, outdoor equipment and supplies ^{1 3} .....	.653	99.6	99.4	-	-2	.0	-3	-2
Tools, hardware and supplies ^{1 3} .....	.169	96.9	96.9	-	.0	-6	-7	.0
Outdoor equipment and supplies ^{1 3} .....	.332	100.8	100.5	-	-3	.3	-2	-3
Housekeeping supplies .....	.873	146.7	146.5	2.2	-1	.3	-1	-1
Household cleaning products ^{1 3} .....	.404	101.4	101.1	-	-3	.6	.3	-3
Household paper products ^{1 3} .....	.209	102.6	103.0	-	.4	-1	-1.2	.4
Miscellaneous household products ^{1 3} .....	.259	103.3	103.0	-	-3	.5	.5	-3
Household operations ^{1 3} .....	.896	102.4	102.8	-	.4	.2	.2	.4
Domestic services ^{1 3} .....	.316	102.7	103.0	-	.3	.2	.3	.3
Gardening and lawn care services ^{1 3} .....	.264	101.5	101.5	-	.0	.0	-1	.0
Moving, storage, freight expense ^{1 3}104	103.6	103.4	-	-2	.5	-1	-2
Repair of household items ^{1 3}100	102.5	105.0	-	2.4	.2	.7	2.4

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		Oct. 1998	Nov. 1998	Nov. 1997	Oct. 1998	Aug. to Sep.	Sep. to Oct.	Oct. to Nov.
Expenditure category								
Apparel	4.944	135.6	135.0	0.2	-0.4	-0.7	0.1	0.0
Men's and boys' apparel	1.390	134.1	134.1	.8	.0	-1.3	1.2	-2
Men's apparel	1.091	136.3	136.3	.5	.0	-1.8	1.4	-6
Men's suits, sport coats, and outerwear .....	.253	137.1	135.9	-1.9	-9	-2.0	-9	-8
Men's furnishings .....	.278	134.1	135.3	1.7	.9	-4.2	.4	-7
Men's shirts and sweaters ^{1 3} .....	.317	104.4	104.0	-	-4	2.0	3.7	-4
Men's pants and shorts .....	.227	131.5	132.4	1.2	.7	-1.7	1.4	.2
Boys' apparel .....	.298	124.6	124.4	1.7	-2	.5	1.8	-5
Women's and girls' apparel	1.990	128.8	127.5	-1.0	-1.0	-5	-1.5	-5
Women's apparel	1.687	129.7	128.0	-1.1	-1.3	-2	-1.9	-6
Women's outerwear .....	.128	126.4	127.4	-5.8	.8	2.4	-2.1	-1
Women's dresses .....	.214	113.8	111.1	-3	-2.4	-5	.3	-1.0
Women's suits and separates ^{1 3} .....	.886	105.5	103.4	-	-2.0	4.8	-3	-2.0
Women's underwear, nightwear, sportswear and accessories ^{1 3} .....	.435	102.2	102.4	-	.2	-5	1.2	.2
Girls' apparel .....	.303	124.1	124.5	-7	.3	-2.7	.9	.2
Footwear .....	.895	130.3	130.4	.9	.1	-4	-2	.8
Men's footwear .....	.279	133.5	132.9	.1	-4	-6	.2	.0
Boys' and girls' footwear .....	.219	133.8	133.9	.0	.1	1.0	-1.9	.1
Women's footwear .....	.397	125.6	126.2	1.9	.5	-1.0	.1	1.7
Infants' and toddlers' apparel ³ .....	.268	130.2	131.3	4.2	.8	.4	4.2	.8
Jewelry and watches ⁵ .....	.401	143.0	142.3	-8	-5	-1.3	1.3	.8
Watches ⁵ .....	.072	124.0	123.3	-1.4	-6	-2.4	1.3	1.1
Jewelry ⁵ .....	.330	148.4	147.6	-7	-5	-1.1	1.3	.7
Transportation	17.578	141.3	141.5	-1.7	.1	-4	.3	.0
Private transportation	16.240	137.7	138.0	-1.8	.2	-3	.4	.0
New and used motor vehicles ¹	7.899	100.1	100.7	.8	.6	.1	-.1	.2
New vehicles	5.063	142.5	143.5	-3	.7	-1	-3	.0
New cars and trucks ^{1 2 3}	-	98.9	99.6	-	.7	-4	.2	.7
New cars ²	-	139.7	140.6	-5	.6	-2	-3	-1
New trucks ^{2 5}	-	150.2	151.5	.1	.9	-3	-3	.5
New motorcycles ^{2 5}	-	162.9	163.8	-5	.6	-1	.1	.2
Used cars and trucks ³	1.880	153.0	154.0	4.3	.7	.5	.7	.7
Car and truck rental ^{1 3} .....	.138	103.4	102.7	-	-7	-7	-1.1	-7
Motor fuel	2.995	90.8	89.7	-14.2	-1.2	-2.0	2.6	-1.0
Gasoline (all types)	2.976	90.3	89.2	-14.3	-1.2	-2.0	2.7	-9
Gasoline, unleaded regular ²	-	87.7	86.5	-15.2	-1.4	-2.3	3.0	-1.0
Gasoline, unleaded midgrade ^{2 3 8}	-	95.0	94.0	-13.4	-1.1	-1.7	1.0	-1.1
Gasoline, unleaded premium ²	-	93.0	92.1	-12.6	-1.0	-1.6	2.1	-6
Other motor fuels ^{1 3} .....	.019	90.7	89.9	-	-9	-9	.8	-9
Motor vehicle parts and equipment .....	.560	101.4	101.4	-2	.0	.0	.2	-2
Tires .....	.272	99.0	98.8	-5	-2	.1	.1	-7
Vehicle accessories other than tires ^{1 3} .....	.287	99.9	100.0	-	.1	.0	.4	.1
Vehicle parts and equipment other than tires ^{2 3}	-	108.5	108.5	.3	.0	.0	.8	.0
Motor oil, coolant, and fluids ^{2 3}	-	130.7	130.8	-6	.1	-4	-3	.1
Motor vehicle maintenance and repair	1.603	169.0	169.5	3.4	.3	.5	.4	.5
Motor vehicle body work ³ .....	.118	180.0	180.9	3.1	.5	.6	-1	.5
Motor vehicle maintenance and servicing ³ .....	.507	156.4	156.6	3.6	.1	.8	.1	.1
Motor vehicle repair ^{1 3} .....	.958	102.6	102.9	-	.3	.5	.7	.3
Motor vehicle insurance	2.551	254.0	255.1	.0	.4	-3	.1	.0
Motor vehicle fees ^{1 3} .....	.633	102.4	103.1	-	.7	.3	-2	.7
State and local registration and license ^{1 3} .....	.425	100.7	101.4	-	.7	.1	-2	.7
Parking and other fees ^{1 3} .....	.185	106.6	107.1	-	.5	.5	.1	.5
Parking fees and tolls ^{1 2 3}	-	107.0	107.4	-	.4	.6	.2	.4
Automobile service clubs ^{1 2 3}	-	100.7	100.9	-	.2	.0	-3	.2
Public transportation	1.338	189.9	187.4	.8	-1.3	-1.6	-1.3	-5
Airline fare ³ .....	.814	205.2	200.8	1.7	-2.1	-9	-4	-2.1
Other intercity transportation ³ .....	.183	161.8	162.0	4.4	.1	.4	.2	.1
Ship fare ^{1 2 3}	-	103.7	104.5	-	.8	-8	-4	.8
Intracity transportation ³ .....	.337	171.7	171.9	-2.7	.1	-2.3	.1	.1

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 Nov. 1998 from—		Seasonally adjusted percent change from—		
		Oct. 1998	Nov. 1998	Nov. 1997	Oct. 1998	Aug. to Sep.	Sep. to Oct.	Oct. to Nov.
Expenditure category								
Medical care	5.614	244.3	244.7	3.5	0.2	0.3	0.2	0.2
Medical care commodities	1.222	224.2	224.5	4.0	.1	.6	.1	.2
Prescription drugs and medical supplies .....	.818	262.4	262.8	5.2	.2	.7	.1	.3
Nonprescription drugs and medical supplies ^{3 5} .....	.404	148.2	148.3	1.6	.1	.3	-.2	.1
Internal and respiratory over-the-counter drugs ³ .....	.270	176.3	175.5	1.3	-.5	.3	-.3	-.5
Nonprescription medical equipment and supplies ³ .....	.134	174.9	176.8	2.1	1.1	.3	.1	1.1
Medical care services	4.392	249.0	249.3	3.4	.1	.2	.2	.2
Professional services	2.808	224.2	224.4	3.4	.1	.3	.2	.2
Physicians' services	1.444	231.4	231.7	3.4	.1	.4	.0	.3
Dental services ³ .....	.812	239.2	239.8	4.4	.3	.3	.4	.3
Eyeglasses and eye care ^{3 5} .....	.281	144.8	143.7	1.4	-.8	.0	.3	-.8
Services by other medical professionals ⁵ .....	.270	155.5	156.4	2.2	.6	.3	.3	.4
Hospital and related services	1.334	290.2	290.8	3.4	.2	.0	.3	.2
Hospital services ^{3 9}	1.284	105.9	106.2	3.4	.3	-.2	.4	.3
Inpatient hospital services ^{2 3 9}	-	104.7	105.0	2.8	.3	-.1	.2	.3
Outpatient hospital services ^{2 5}	-	236.0	236.7	4.0	.3	.1	.3	.5
Nursing homes and adult daycare ^{3 9} .....	.050	108.0	108.1	4.5	.1	.1	-.2	.1
Recreation ¹	6.145	101.1	101.3	1.3	.2	.1	-.3	.2
Video and audio ^{1 3}	1.763	101.1	100.8	.5	-.3	.2	-.3	-.3
Televisions ³ .....	.215	58.0	57.8	-5.1	-.3	-.8	-.9	-.3
Cable television ⁶ .....	.842	248.1	248.7	6.6	.2	.8	.1	.3
Other video equipment ^{1 3} .....	.087	89.3	87.9	-	-1.6	-1.6	-1.1	-1.6
Video cassettes, discs, and other media including rental ^{1 3} .....	.189	95.3	94.7	-	-.6	.8	-.4	-.6
Video cassettes and discs, blank and prerecorded ^{1 2 3}	-	99.1	97.8	-	-1.3	1.4	-.7	-1.3
Rental of video tapes and discs ^{1 2 3}	-	93.4	93.2	-	-.2	.1	-.7	-.2
Audio equipment ³ .....	.167	84.2	82.6	-7.1	-1.9	.2	-.2	-1.9
Audio discs, tapes and other media ^{1 3} .....	.148	99.9	100.0	-	.1	.8	.0	.1
Pets, pet products and services ^{1 3} .....	.664	101.7	102.3	-	.6	-.5	.2	.6
Pets and pet products ³ .....	.434	142.9	143.9	.6	.7	-1.2	.1	.7
Pet food ^{1 2 3}	-	101.6	102.3	-	.7	-1.3	.4	.7
Purchase of pets, pet supplies, accessories ^{1 2 3}	-	99.5	99.5	-	.0	-.8	.2	.0
Pet services including veterinary ^{1 3} .....	.231	103.6	104.1	-	.5	.9	.1	.5
Pet services ^{1 2 3}	-	103.8	103.8	-	.0	.1	.0	.0
Veterinarian services ^{1 2 3}	-	103.7	104.3	-	.6	.9	.2	.6
Sporting goods ³ .....	.493	120.4	121.5	-.1	.9	-.8	-.2	.9
Sports vehicles including bicycles ³ .....	.213	124.6	126.4	2.7	1.4	-.3	-.6	1.4
Sports equipment ³ .....	.269	114.2	114.7	-2.4	.4	-1.2	.0	.4
Photography ^{1 3} .....	.265	100.6	100.0	-	-.6	.5	.0	-.6
Photographic equipment and supplies ³ .....	.108	133.5	132.3	-1.9	-.9	.5	-.1	-.9
Film and photographic supplies ^{1 2 3}	-	101.0	100.6	-	-.4	.7	-.2	-.4
Photographic equipment ^{1 2 3}	-	97.6	96.2	-	-1.4	-.2	-.1	-1.4
Photographers and film processing ^{1 3} .....	.155	101.2	100.9	-	-.3	.6	-.1	-.3
Photographer fees ^{1 2 3}	-	101.7	101.2	-	-.5	.9	-.1	-.5
Film processing ^{1 2 3}	-	100.1	100.0	-	-.1	.7	-.1	-.1
Other recreational goods ¹ .....	.596	95.8	95.2	-	-.6	-.1	-.4	-.6
Toys .....	.450	117.7	117.2	-6.8	-.4	-.5	-.4	-.4
Toys, games, hobbies and playground equipment ^{1 2 3}	-	95.9	95.2	-	-.7	-.3	-.4	-.7
Video game hardware, software and accessories ^{1 2 3}	-	NA	NA	-	-	-	-	-
Sewing machines, fabric and supplies ^{1 3} .....	.072	98.7	97.6	-	-1.1	2.0	-.4	-1.1
Music instruments and accessories ^{1 3} .....	.057	100.8	99.7	-	-1.1	.4	-.3	-1.1
Recreation services ¹	1.771	102.9	103.6	-	.7	.2	-.5	.7
Club membership dues and fees for participant sports ^{1 3} .....	.647	103.2	104.7	-	1.5	.3	-.4	1.5
Admissions ³ .....	.738	205.5	205.8	2.8	.1	-.3	-.5	.1
Admission to movies, theaters, and concerts ^{1 2 3}	-	102.2	101.7	-	-.5	.6	-.5	-.5
Admission to sporting events ^{1 2 3}	-	104.3	104.7	-	.4	-1.1	-.3	.4
Fees for lessons or instructions ⁵ .....	.219	179.1	178.9	4.3	-.1	1.1	-.1	-.1
Recreational reading materials ³ .....	.593	185.7	185.3	3.1	-.2	.4	-.2	-.2
Newspapers and magazines ^{1 3}391	102.8	103.0	-	.2	.5	.1	.2
Recreational books ^{1 3}201	103.6	102.5	-	-1.1	.4	-.7	-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 Nov. 1998 from—		Seasonally adjusted percent change from—		
		Oct. 1998	Nov. 1998	Nov. 1997	Oct. 1998	Aug. to Sep.	Sep. to Oct.	Oct. to Nov.
Expenditure category								
Education and communication ¹	5.528	101.0	101.0	1.0	0.0	0.0	0.2	0.2
Education ¹	2.615	104.5	104.6	4.7	.1	.0	.5	.4
Educational books and supplies .....	.194	257.0	257.1	6.1	.0	1.2	1.4	.3
Tuition, other school fees, and childcare	2.421	301.2	301.4	4.5	.1	-.1	.4	.4
College tuition and fees	1.112	313.3	313.6	3.9	.1	-.3	.5	.5
Elementary and high school tuition and fees .....	.323	318.8	318.8	6.1	.0	-.2	.4	.5
Child care and nursery school ⁷ .....	.865	143.9	144.0	5.1	.1	.4	.2	.2
Technical and business school tuition and fees ^{1 3} .....	.049	105.0	105.1	-	.1	2.1	.3	.1
Communication ^{1 3}	2.913	97.8	97.8	-2.3	.0	.0	-.1	.0
Postage and delivery services ^{1 3} .....	.207	100.1	100.1	-	.0	.0	.0	.0
Postage ³ .....	.203	160.3	160.3	.0	.0	.0	.0	.0
Delivery services ^{1 3} .....	.004	104.4	103.9	-	-.5	-.3	.1	-.5
Information and information processing ^{1 3}	2.706	97.6	97.6	-2.5	.0	.0	-.1	.0
Telephone services ^{1 3}	2.357	100.7	101.1	-	.4	.3	.0	.4
Telephone services, local charges ³	1.083	166.3	166.4	1.6	.1	.1	.1	.1
Telephone services, long distance charges ^{1 3}	1.209	100.4	101.0	-	.6	.5	.0	.6
Interstate toll calls ^{2 3}	-	75.2	75.8	.9	.8	.9	.0	.8
Intrastate toll calls ^{2 3}	-	96.2	96.7	1.8	.5	-.2	.2	.5
Cellular telephone services ^{1 3} .....	.065	93.7	92.4	-	-1.4	.2	-.4	-1.4
Information and information processing other than telephone services ^{3 10} .....	.350	36.1	35.3	-25.8	-2.2	-2.4	-1.6	-2.2
Personal computers and peripheral equipment ^{1 3} .....	.234	67.5	65.6	-	-2.8	-3.7	-1.5	-2.8
Computer software and accessories ^{1 3} .....	.037	92.7	90.0	-	-2.9	-.7	-2.1	-2.9
Computer information processing services ^{1 3} .....	.020	103.4	103.3	-	-.1	-.2	.0	-.1
Other information processing equipment ^{1 3} .....	.057	92.0	91.7	-	-.3	.0	-2.2	-.3
Other goods and services	4.321	241.3	240.5	4.6	-.3	.9	.3	-.3
Tobacco and smoking products .....	.894	284.9	281.3	12.2	-1.3	3.3	.3	-1.1
Cigarettes ^{1 3} .....	.830	114.1	112.5	-	-1.4	3.8	.5	-1.4
Tobacco products other than cigarettes ^{1 3} .....	.059	103.8	105.2	-	1.3	.1	.0	1.3
Personal care ³	3.427	158.1	158.0	2.4	-.1	.3	.4	-.1
Personal care products ³ .....	.737	149.4	148.8	1.8	-.4	.4	.2	-.4
Hair, dental, shaving, and miscellaneous personal care products ^{1 3} .....	.372	100.9	100.3	-	-.6	.9	-.4	-.6
Cosmetics, perfume, bath, nail preparations and implements ³ .....	.361	161.4	161.0	5.0	-.2	-.2	.9	-.2
Personal care services ³ .....	.963	167.5	167.6	2.5	.1	.3	.2	.1
Haircuts and other personal care services ^{1 3} .....	.963	102.2	102.3	-	.1	.3	.3	.1
Miscellaneous personal services	1.465	236.9	237.2	3.4	.1	.3	.3	.3
Legal services ^{3 5} .....	.329	173.8	174.0	3.9	.1	.6	.5	.1
Funeral expenses ⁵ .....	.344	178.1	178.6	4.0	.3	.2	.2	.2
Laundry and dry cleaning services ^{1 3} .....	.214	102.3	102.4	-	.1	.3	.5	.1
Apparel services other than laundry and dry cleaning ^{1 3} .....	.065	101.3	101.3	-	.0	-.2	.0	.0
Financial services ^{3 5} .....	.307	200.7	200.9	3.6	.1	.0	.1	.1
Checking account and other bank services ^{1 2 3}	-	101.8	101.9	-	.1	-.2	-1.1	.1
Tax return preparation and other accounting fees ^{1 2 3}	-	105.3	105.3	-	.0	.1	.4	.0
Miscellaneous personal goods ^{1 3} .....	.262	102.1	100.9	-	-1.2	.5	1.9	-1.2
Stationery, stationery supplies, gift wrap ²	-	161.3	160.5	3.1	-.5	1.0	.9	-1.0
Special aggregate indexes								
Commodities	42.635	142.6	142.5	.1	-.1	-.1	.4	-.1
Commodities less food and beverages	26.326	130.8	130.6	-1.2	-.2	-.2	.2	-.2
Nondurables less food and beverages	14.729	133.6	132.9	-1.8	-.5	-.3	.6	-.5
Nondurables less food, beverages, and apparel	9.785	137.6	136.8	-2.7	-.6	-.2	.6	-.4
Durables	11.596	126.9	127.4	-.4	.4	-.3	-.2	.2
Services	57.365	185.5	185.6	2.5	.1	.2	.2	.3
Rent of shelter ⁴	29.410	191.5	191.5	3.5	.0	.5	.2	.3
Transportation services	6.984	188.2	188.3	1.1	.1	-.3	-.2	.1
Other services	10.625	219.0	219.5	3.2	.2	.2	.1	.3
All items less food	84.674	164.4	164.3	1.4	-.1	.1	.2	.1
All items less shelter	70.212	157.9	157.9	.7	.0	-.1	.3	.1
All items less medical care	94.386	159.5	159.5	1.4	.0	.0	.3	.2
Commodities less food	27.309	132.3	132.1	-1.0	-.2	-.3	.3	-.2
Nondurables less food	15.712	135.6	135.0	-1.5	-.4	-.3	.5	-.2
Nondurables less food and apparel	10.768	139.5	138.8	-2.2	-.5	-.1	.6	-.3
Nondurables	31.039	148.1	147.8	.3	-.2	.0	.5	-.1

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 Nov. 1998 from—		Seasonally adjusted percent change from—		
		Oct. 1998	Nov. 1998	Nov. 1997	Oct. 1998	Aug. to Sep.	Sep. to Oct.	Oct. to Nov.
Special aggregate indexes								
Apparel less footwear	4.049	131.9	131.2	-0.2	-0.5	-0.8	0.1	-0.2
Services less rent of shelter ⁴	27.955	192.6	192.7	1.5	.1	.0	.0	.3
Services less medical care services	52.973	179.7	179.7	2.5	.0	.2	.1	.3
Energy	7.013	101.3	100.5	-9.2	-8	-1.3	.9	.0
All items less energy	92.987	172.2	172.3	2.4	.1	.1	.2	.1
All items less food and energy	77.661	174.7	174.8	2.3	.1	.2	.2	.2
Commodities less food and energy commodities	24.053	143.8	143.8	.7	.0	-.1	.0	-.1
Energy commodities	3.256	90.5	89.6	-13.8	-1.0	-2.1	2.4	-1.0
Services less energy services	53.608	192.3	192.4	3.1	.1	.3	.2	.3
Domestically produced farm food	8.134	164.9	164.8	2.6	-.1	-.3	.8	.1
Utilities and public transportation	9.217	145.5	145.0	-1.0	-.3	-.1	-.3	.3
Purchasing power of the consumer dollar (1982-84=\$1.00)	-	\$.610	\$.610	-	-	-	-	-
Purchasing power of the consumer dollar (1967=\$1.00)	-	\$.204	\$.204	-	-	-	-	-

¹ Indexes on a December 1997=100 base.

² Special index based on a substantially smaller sample.

³ Not seasonally adjusted.

⁴ Indexes on a December 1982=100 base.

⁵ Indexes on a December 1986=100 base.

⁶ Indexes on a December 1983=100 base.

⁷ Indexes on a December 1990=100 base.

⁸ Indexes on a December 1993=100 base.

⁹ Indexes on a December 1996=100 base.

¹⁰ Indexes on a December 1988=100 base.

NA Data not adequate for publication.

- Data not available.

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

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

(1982-84=100, unless otherwise noted)

Item and group	Seasonally adjusted indexes				Seasonally adjusted annual rate percent change for					
					3 months ended—				6 months ended—	
	Aug. 1998	Sep. 1998	Oct. 1998	Nov. 1998	Feb. 1998	May 1998	Aug. 1998	Nov. 1998	May 1998	Nov. 1998
Expenditure category										
All items	163.6	163.6	164.0	164.3	0.5	2.2	1.7	1.7	1.4	1.7
Food and beverages	161.7	161.7	162.5	162.8	1.3	2.3	2.8	2.7	1.8	2.8
Food	161.4	161.4	162.3	162.5	1.3	2.5	2.5	2.8	1.9	2.6
Food at home	161.8	161.4	162.6	162.9	.5	2.5	2.8	2.7	1.5	2.8
Cereals and bakery products	182.1	182.1	182.4	182.8	1.3	2.5	3.6	1.5	1.9	2.6
Cereals and cereal products	172.9	172.5	173.2	172.9	-.5	.5	5.5	.0	.0	2.7
Flour and prepared flour mixes	160.0	159.3	161.1	158.5	3.7	13.4	-2.7	-3.7	8.4	-3.2
Breakfast cereal	192.0	191.9	192.3	192.8	.4	-2.3	9.3	1.7	-1.0	5.4
Rice, pasta, cornmeal	151.9	151.1	151.7	149.9	-3.1	-3	5.7	-5.2	-1.7	.1
Rice ^{1 2 3}	99.3	98.9	98.9	99.1	-	1.2	.4	-.8	-	-.2
Bakery products	185.9	186.5	186.6	187.4	2.2	3.5	2.0	3.3	2.9	2.6
Bread ^{1 3}	102.0	102.2	101.5	102.0	-	2.0	5.3	.0	-	2.6
White bread ^{2 3}	189.2	189.4	188.2	188.2	-1.3	.2	6.1	-2.1	-.5	1.9
Bread other than white ^{2 3}	190.1	192.2	190.7	193.8	8.0	5.9	-1.0	8.0	7.0	3.4
Fresh biscuits, rolls, muffins ^{1 3}	102.4	104.0	103.4	103.8	-	-2.0	4.4	5.6	-	5.0
Cakes, cupcakes, and cookies ³	181.6	179.9	181.4	182.9	3.8	-4.3	3.8	2.9	-.3	3.4
Cookies ^{2 3}	185.5	180.9	182.7	183.9	-.4	-4.9	9.8	-3.4	-2.7	3.0
Fresh cakes and cupcakes ^{2 3}	178.1	178.2	180.0	183.0	7.9	-5.0	.0	11.5	1.2	5.6
Other bakery products	184.1	184.1	186.7	188.1	-2.8	10.1	-.6	9.0	3.4	4.1
Fresh sweetrolls, coffeecakes, doughnuts ^{2 3}	176.6	179.0	178.2	177.8	12.0	-17.7	16.2	2.7	-4.0	9.3
Crackers, bread, and cracker products ²	209.0	213.2	218.7	223.5	-16.9	31.1	-16.4	30.8	4.3	4.5
Frozen and refrigerated bakery products, pies, tarts, turnovers ^{2 3}	189.9	187.5	189.3	188.8	12.0	2.9	13.7	-2.3	7.3	5.4
Meats, poultry, fish, and eggs	148.1	147.1	147.4	147.1	-3.7	-.8	3.3	-2.7	-2.3	.3
Meats, poultry, and fish	148.8	147.8	147.9	147.7	-2.7	-1.3	3.6	-2.9	-2.0	.3
Meats	141.9	140.9	140.4	140.6	-3.6	-2.0	.3	-3.6	-2.8	-1.7
Beef and veal	137.8	137.0	136.0	136.4	-3.5	3.6	4.2	-4.0	.0	.0
Uncooked ground beef	118.3	116.5	115.9	115.9	-6.1	7.9	7.4	-7.9	.7	-.5
Uncooked beef roasts ^{1 3}	100.3	99.8	99.3	99.5	-	-2.4	4.1	-3.2	-	.4
Uncooked beef steaks ^{1 3}	100.2	99.8	99.2	100.3	-	3.7	1.2	.4	-	.8
Uncooked other beef and veal ^{1 3}	98.5	98.6	98.5	99.1	-	-.8	-2.4	2.5	-	.0
Pork	147.9	145.8	145.3	144.9	-3.3	-7.4	-5.2	-7.9	-5.4	-6.6
Bacon, breakfast sausage, and related products ^{1 3}	97.0	97.5	97.4	96.6	-	-11.0	8.2	-1.6	-	3.2
Bacon and related products ²	148.8	149.9	150.2	152.3	-11.1	-16.4	-4.4	9.7	-13.8	2.4
Breakfast sausage and related products ^{1 2 3}	100.5	99.8	99.3	98.5	-	-.4	4.1	-7.7	-	-2.0
Ham	148.3	146.7	145.8	145.9	7.3	-8.3	-8.4	-6.3	-.8	-7.4
Ham, excluding canned ²	158.2	156.5	154.5	155.2	9.7	-9.5	-9.5	-7.4	-.4	-8.4
Pork chops	147.9	144.0	144.6	141.7	-8.5	-3.2	-3.7	-15.7	-5.9	-9.9
Other pork including roasts and picnics ^{1 3}	97.4	96.1	93.1	93.9	-	-8.2	.4	-13.6	-	-6.9
Other meats ³	146.1	146.3	147.4	148.1	-5.3	-4.8	1.7	5.6	-5.0	3.6
Frankfurters ^{2 3}	142.7	144.2	143.0	147.5	5.6	-11.9	-.3	14.1	-3.5	6.7
Lunchmeats ^{1 2 3}	99.0	99.3	99.6	99.8	-	-2.0	-2.0	3.3	-	.6
Lamb and organ meats ^{2 3}	166.9	163.2	169.8	175.8	-5.0	-10.6	25.1	23.1	-7.9	24.1
Lamb and mutton ^{1 2 3}	105.7	105.7	107.0	101.5	-	-	-	-15.0	-	-
Poultry ³	158.9	159.3	161.1	159.6	-5.2	.8	8.8	1.8	-2.3	5.2
Chicken ^{1 3}	102.6	102.9	104.5	103.9	-	3.7	8.2	5.2	-	6.7
Fresh whole chicken ^{2 3}	162.1	164.3	164.3	164.8	-13.6	8.8	8.8	6.8	-3.1	7.8
Fresh and frozen chicken parts ^{2 3}	158.7	158.5	162.0	160.2	-6.4	.8	7.1	3.8	-2.9	5.5
Other poultry including turkey ^{1 3}	101.8	102.0	101.6	99.5	-	-7.7	10.5	-8.7	-	.4
Fish and seafood	185.6	182.6	183.1	182.9	4.6	.0	11.3	-5.7	2.3	2.4
Fresh fish and seafood ^{1 3}	103.5	102.0	103.5	103.2	-	-6.4	5.6	-1.2	-	2.2
Processed fish and seafood ^{1 3}	103.6	103.0	103.1	103.5	-	9.1	6.0	-.4	-	2.8
Canned fish and seafood ^{2 3}	134.2	133.8	134.6	134.4	.0	6.9	5.2	.6	3.4	2.9
Frozen fish and seafood ²	NA	NA	NA	NA	-7.1	11.1	-	-	1.6	-
Eggs	136.1	134.2	138.6	135.8	-20.3	7.4	.0	-.9	-7.5	-.4
Dairy and related products ³	150.5	152.9	155.0	155.9	1.9	1.1	6.6	15.1	1.5	10.8
Milk ^{1 3}	100.7	102.8	103.6	103.5	-	.4	1.6	11.6	-	6.5
Fresh whole milk ^{2 3}	147.6	150.8	150.9	151.9	1.1	-1.9	5.6	12.2	-.4	8.8
Fresh milk other than whole ^{1 2 3}	100.1	102.5	103.9	103.2	-	1.2	-2.0	13.0	-	5.2
Cheese and related products ³	152.7	154.1	156.8	158.2	2.7	3.0	9.1	15.2	2.9	12.1
Ice cream and related products	156.1	158.1	161.8	164.3	-1.6	2.4	14.5	22.7	.4	18.5
Other dairy and related products ^{1 3}	101.9	103.6	103.9	105.2	-	2.0	8.3	13.6	-	10.9

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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—	
	Aug. 1998	Sep. 1998	Oct. 1998	Nov. 1998	Feb. 1998	May 1998	Aug. 1998	Nov. 1998	May 1998	Nov. 1998
Expenditure category										
Fruits and vegetables	201.1	197.0	203.3	201.5	6.8	18.9	-4.6	0.8	12.7	-2.0
Fresh fruits and vegetables	232.9	226.9	236.5	234.2	6.9	23.1	-7.1	2.3	14.7	-2.5
Fresh fruits	250.2	241.3	248.1	250.8	21.4	-1.4	6.8	1.0	9.4	3.9
Apples	200.8	202.4	206.2	203.3	3.4	.6	-3.3	5.1	2.0	.8
Bananas	160.7	162.5	163.1	165.9	-23.1	28.1	-2.7	13.6	-.7	5.1
Citrus fruits ^{1 3}	158.7	161.6	156.6	129.3	-	78.0	238.5	-55.9	-	22.1
Oranges, including tangerines ²	265.7	245.1	253.0	250.5	46.4	15.6	46.0	-21.0	30.1	7.4
Other fresh fruits ^{1 3}	75.6	75.2	84.7	94.7	-	-3.7	-61.1	146.2	-	-2.1
Fresh vegetables	217.3	214.0	226.1	219.3	-7.1	54.4	-19.2	3.7	19.8	-8.5
Potatoes	175.3	185.2	189.5	186.9	4.2	4.1	-24.9	29.2	4.2	-1.5
Lettuce ³	205.8	208.1	221.7	222.8	-64.7	492.8	-80.6	37.4	44.7	-48.4
Tomatoes ³	218.6	206.6	248.2	268.7	2.5	21.6	-28.0	128.3	11.6	28.2
Other fresh vegetables	224.6	219.7	225.3	217.5	11.8	40.8	-7.6	-12.1	25.5	-9.9
Processed fruits and vegetables ^{1 3}	103.5	103.2	102.9	102.3	-	6.1	4.4	-4.6	-	-2
Canned fruits and vegetables ^{1 3}	103.6	103.3	103.1	102.9	-	6.5	4.8	-2.7	-	1.0
Canned fruits ^{1 2 3}	102.7	103.7	103.2	102.7	-	6.5	3.2	.0	-	1.6
Canned vegetables ^{1 2 3}	105.1	104.0	103.7	104.1	-	4.8	7.2	-3.8	-	1.6
Frozen fruits and vegetables ^{1 3}	104.2	103.9	103.7	102.5	-	6.4	3.9	-6.4	-	-1.4
Frozen vegetables ²	152.1	152.5	152.8	151.2	1.6	9.1	-1.8	-2.3	5.3	-2.1
Other processed fruits and vegetables including dried ^{1 3}	101.4	101.2	100.4	100.0	-	2.4	3.6	-5.4	-	-1.0
Dried beans, peas, and lentils ^{1 2 3}	100.8	100.0	101.1	100.0	-	-2.8	4.1	-3.1	-	.4
Nonalcoholic beverages and beverage materials	132.1	132.1	132.6	133.3	-3.5	-4.7	-1.2	3.7	-4.1	1.2
Juices and nonalcoholic drinks ^{1 3}	99.7	100.0	100.6	100.7	-	-7.3	-4	4.1	-	1.8
Carbonated drinks	117.4	117.0	116.9	117.7	1.0	-7.2	4.2	1.0	-3.2	2.6
Frozen noncarbonated juices and drinks ^{1 3}	101.5	101.6	103.4	103.0	-	-1.6	4.9	6.0	-	5.5
Nonfrozen noncarbonated juices and drinks ^{1 3}	98.4	99.0	99.8	100.1	-	-4.0	-8	7.1	-	3.1
Beverage materials including coffee and tea ^{1 3}	97.7	97.7	97.1	96.9	-	-8	-8.5	-3.2	-	-5.9
Coffee ³	162.0	159.2	156.6	156.3	-10.4	-4.6	-11.7	-13.3	-7.6	-12.5
Roasted coffee ^{2 3}	167.2	163.5	159.8	NA	-12.9	-7.7	-13.4	-	-10.3	-
Instant and freeze dried coffee ^{2 3}	152.6	151.6	157.3	NA	-5.8	1.6	-5.3	-	-2.2	-
Other beverage materials including tea ^{1 3}	100.9	102.9	103.6	103.3	-	4.0	-4.2	9.9	-	2.6
Other food at home	152.0	152.5	152.7	153.8	.8	1.1	7.7	4.8	.9	6.3
Sugar and sweets	150.2	150.7	150.5	151.0	1.9	-1.1	3.3	2.1	.4	2.7
Sugar and artificial sweeteners	136.5	136.8	133.8	135.3	2.1	-2.1	6.1	-3.5	.0	1.2
Candy and chewing gum ^{1 3}	100.5	101.1	101.2	101.0	-	-4.3	2.8	2.0	-	2.4
Other sweets ^{1 3}	103.7	103.7	104.7	102.7	-	12.8	-2.7	-3.8	-	-3.2
Fats and oils	149.9	152.7	156.6	156.2	-8	.3	27.4	17.9	-.3	22.5
Butter and margarine ^{1 3}	116.4	124.0	132.2	128.2	-	8.3	70.9	47.1	-	58.6
Butter ^{2 3}	160.1	176.5	194.2	187.0	9.4	4.2	148.6	86.1	6.8	115.1
Margarine ^{2 3}	152.9	154.5	155.6	153.0	4.8	14.8	6.3	.3	9.7	3.2
Salad dressing ^{1 3}	101.5	101.1	102.4	102.3	-	-11.0	13.2	3.2	-	8.1
Other fats and oils including peanut butter ^{1 3}	102.9	102.0	102.5	102.7	-	-4	6.5	-8	-	2.8
Peanut butter ^{1 2 3}	101.8	102.4	101.7	102.6	-	-3.1	6.5	3.2	-	4.8
Other foods	166.5	166.4	165.8	167.7	3.2	1.7	5.0	2.9	2.5	3.9
Soups	192.1	189.5	191.0	190.0	4.9	1.3	-8	-4.3	3.1	-2.6
Frozen and freeze dried prepared foods ³	146.5	145.9	144.7	145.4	-1.6	-8	4.5	-3.0	-1.2	.7
Snacks ³	158.7	156.3	157.2	157.7	2.3	.5	7.9	-2.5	1.4	2.6
Spices, seasonings, condiments, sauces	172.9	173.3	173.2	175.9	8.6	-1.2	2.6	7.1	3.6	4.8
Salt and other seasonings and spices ^{1 2 3}	99.7	100.4	99.9	100.1	-	-2.0	-3.1	1.6	-	-8
Olives, pickles, relishes ^{1 2 3}	101.3	102.4	102.6	101.9	-	-2.7	-9.6	2.4	-	-3.8
Sauces and gravies ^{1 2 3}	102.0	103.0	103.1	104.3	-	-5.4	4.4	9.3	-	6.9
Other condiments ²	173.0	170.7	169.8	167.0	19.7	-1.4	7.5	-13.2	8.6	-3.4
Baby food ^{1 3}	102.4	103.3	103.2	102.9	-	3.6	4.0	2.0	-	3.0
Other miscellaneous foods ^{1 3}	103.5	103.6	103.5	104.8	-	4.0	8.5	5.1	-	6.8
Prepared salads ^{1 2 3}	NA	NA	NA	NA	-	-	-	-	-	-
Food away from home ³	161.5	162.1	162.3	162.6	2.5	2.5	2.3	2.8	2.5	2.5
Full service meals and snacks ^{1 3}	101.9	102.1	102.3	102.5	-	3.6	2.4	2.4	-	2.4
Limited service meals and snacks ^{1 3}	101.4	101.8	101.9	102.0	-	2.0	1.6	2.4	-	2.0
Food at employee sites and schools ^{1 3}	100.7	101.6	102.1	102.3	-	1.2	1.6	6.5	-	4.0
Food from vending machines and mobile vendors ^{1 3}	100.6	100.8	100.7	100.8	-	1.6	.0	.8	-	.4
Other food away from home ^{1 3}	102.3	102.7	102.7	103.3	-	.8	6.9	4.0	-	5.4

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

(1982-84=100, unless otherwise noted)

Item and group	Seasonally adjusted indexes				Seasonally adjusted annual rate percent change for					
					3 months ended—				6 months ended—	
	Aug. 1998	Sep. 1998	Oct. 1998	Nov. 1998	Feb. 1998	May 1998	Aug. 1998	Nov. 1998	May 1998	Nov. 1998
Expenditure category										
Alcoholic beverages	165.8	166.5	166.7	167.1	1.7	-0.2	2.7	3.2	0.7	2.9
Alcoholic beverages at home	150.7	150.9	151.2	151.7	.0	.8	1.6	2.7	.4	2.1
Beer, ale, and other malt beverages at home	148.5	148.6	149.3	150.2	.0	.0	2.2	4.7	.0	3.4
Distilled spirits at home	152.6	153.4	153.6	154.0	-3	1.6	.0	3.7	.7	1.8
Whiskey at home ^{2 3}	151.7	152.6	154.9	154.5	-3.4	2.4	.0	7.6	-5	3.7
Distilled spirits, excluding whiskey, at home ^{2 3}	152.7	153.5	153.6	153.5	.5	.5	.3	2.1	.5	1.2
Wine at home	147.4	148.0	147.4	147.6	-5	1.7	1.4	.5	.5	1.0
Alcoholic beverages away from home	195.4	196.5	197.1	197.1	4.2	-1.6	5.1	3.5	1.3	4.3
Beer, ale, and other malt beverages away from home ^{1 2 3}	100.9	101.3	101.4	101.5	-	2.8	.0	2.4	-	1.2
Wine away from home ^{1 2 3}	102.0	102.1	104.6	104.4	-	2.4	3.2	9.7	-	6.4
Distilled spirits away from home ^{1 2 3}	101.9	102.4	102.5	102.9	-	-2.4	8.3	4.0	-	6.1
Housing	160.6	161.0	161.3	161.8	1.0	3.3	1.8	3.0	2.2	2.4
Shelter	182.4	183.3	183.7	184.2	3.4	4.1	2.4	4.0	3.7	3.2
Rent of primary residence	172.8	173.4	173.9	174.3	2.6	3.8	3.5	3.5	3.2	3.5
Lodging away from home ¹	101.4	104.2	103.9	105.2	-	7.4	-2.7	15.9	-	6.2
Housing at school, excluding board ⁴	234.0	235.4	236.5	237.5	3.6	4.2	3.1	6.1	3.9	4.6
Other lodging away from home including hotels and motels	233.2	239.9	239.2	242.3	5.0	7.7	-3.0	16.5	6.3	6.3
Owners' equivalent rent of primary residence ⁴	188.5	189.0	189.6	189.9	3.5	3.7	2.8	3.0	3.6	2.9
Tenants' and household insurance ^{1 3}	99.2	99.2	99.7	99.9	-	-2.4	-1.6	2.9	-	.6
Fuels and utilities	127.8	127.0	126.8	127.6	-12.1	2.8	-3.1	-6	-4.9	-1.9
Fuels	112.4	111.5	111.1	112.0	-17.9	2.9	-3.8	-1.4	-8.1	-2.6
Fuel oil and other fuels	89.7	88.2	87.5	86.7	-17.7	-9	-8.4	-12.7	-9.7	-10.6
Fuel oil	83.9	82.3	81.4	80.8	-21.2	-4.9	-12.7	-14.0	-13.4	-13.3
Other household fuels ^{3 5}	124.6	124.6	125.2	125.5	1.9	-3.4	-8.8	2.9	-8	-3.1
Gas (piped) and electricity	120.1	119.1	118.8	119.8	-18.0	2.7	-3.3	-1.0	-8.2	-2.1
Electricity	127.1	126.1	125.8	126.3	-14.7	.6	-2.8	-2.5	-7.4	-2.6
Utility natural gas service	112.0	111.3	110.8	113.2	-25.3	9.7	-6.2	4.4	-9.5	-1.1
Water and sewer and trash collection services ¹	101.7	102.0	102.2	102.3	-	3.6	.8	2.4	-	1.6
Water and sewerage maintenance	217.6	218.1	218.5	219.0	3.4	4.3	.4	2.6	3.9	1.5
Garbage and trash collection ^{3 6}	257.5	258.7	259.2	259.0	3.0	1.4	3.0	2.4	2.2	2.7
Household furnishings and operations	126.8	126.4	126.6	126.8	2.3	1.0	1.3	.0	1.6	.6
Window and floor coverings and other linens ^{1 3}	101.3	101.4	102.1	101.5	-	.8	-3.1	.8	-	-1.2
Floor coverings ^{1 3}	102.4	102.8	102.8	102.3	-	4.1	6.1	-4	-	2.8
Window coverings ^{1 3}	98.7	98.8	101.1	100.2	-	-5.8	-7.0	6.2	-	-6
Other linens ^{1 3}	102.6	102.6	102.4	102.0	-	4.3	-5.3	-2.3	-	-3.8
Furniture and bedding ³	136.1	134.9	134.7	134.5	-1.2	4.6	3.0	-4.6	1.6	-9
Bedroom furniture ³	141.7	140.4	139.5	140.0	-2.5	6.7	-2.5	-4.7	2.0	-3.6
Living room, kitchen, and dining room furniture ^{1 3}	102.5	102.0	101.8	101.4	-	-8	6.5	-4.2	-	1.0
Other furniture ^{1 3}	104.6	102.4	103.6	103.2	-	20.2	.8	-5.2	-	-2.3
Appliances ^{1 3}	100.2	100.1	100.2	99.9	-	-2.0	-1.2	-1.2	-	-1.2
Major appliances ^{1 3}	99.4	99.5	99.7	99.3	-	-7.7	.8	-4	-	.2
Laundry equipment ^{2 3}	112.0	111.6	112.3	111.5	5.1	-6.5	-1.1	-1.8	-9	-1.4
Other appliances ^{1 3}	101.5	101.0	101.1	100.7	-	7.3	-4.2	-3.1	-	-3.7
Other household equipment and furnishings ^{1 3}	101.1	100.0	100.4	100.6	-	3.2	-4.2	-2.0	-	-3.1
Clocks, lamps, and decorator items ³	118.3	118.5	119.1	119.7	.3	6.8	-11.9	4.8	3.5	-3.9
Indoor plants and flowers ⁷	114.4	110.4	111.5	110.8	29.8	-10.1	12.0	-12.0	8.0	-.7
Dishes and flatware ^{1 3}	103.0	99.4	101.9	100.7	-	20.3	-4.2	-8.6	-	-6.4
Nonelectric cookware and tableware ^{1 3}	100.2	99.9	100.0	100.4	-	-2.8	6.7	.8	-	3.7
Tools, hardware, outdoor equipment and supplies ^{1 3}	99.9	99.9	99.6	99.4	-	-3.1	-1.6	-2.0	-	-1.8
Tools, hardware and supplies ^{1 3}	98.2	97.6	96.9	96.9	-	-3.9	-2.8	-5.2	-	-4.0
Outdoor equipment and supplies ^{1 3}	100.7	101.0	100.8	100.5	-	-2.7	-1.6	-8	-	-1.2
Housekeeping supplies	146.4	146.8	146.7	146.5	4.2	1.4	2.5	.3	2.8	1.4
Household cleaning products ^{1 3}	100.5	101.1	101.4	101.1	-	-1.6	.8	2.4	-	1.6
Household paper products ^{1 3}	103.9	103.8	102.6	103.0	-	5.2	3.1	-3.4	-	-2
Miscellaneous household products ^{1 3}	102.3	102.8	103.3	103.0	-	4.4	.0	2.8	-	1.4
Household operations ^{1 3}	102.0	102.2	102.4	102.8	-	2.8	4.0	3.2	-	3.6
Domestic services ^{1 3}	102.2	102.4	102.7	103.0	-	2.0	5.3	3.2	-	4.2
Gardening and lawn care services ^{1 3}	101.6	101.6	101.5	101.5	-	4.9	2.0	-.4	-	.8
Moving, storage, freight expense ^{1 3}	103.2	103.7	103.6	103.4	-	2.4	6.9	.8	-	3.8
Repair of household items ^{1 3}	101.6	101.8	102.5	105.0	-	2.8	2.4	14.1	-	8.1

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	Aug. 1998	Sep. 1998	Oct. 1998	Nov. 1998	Feb. 1998	May 1998	Aug. 1998	Nov. 1998	May 1998	Nov. 1998
Expenditure category										
Apparel	134.2	133.2	133.3	133.3	-0.9	0.6	4.0	-2.7	-0.2	0.6
Men's and boys' apparel	132.3	130.6	132.2	132.0	3.4	-1.5	2.5	-9	.9	.8
Men's apparel	135.2	132.8	134.6	133.8	7.1	.0	-6	-4.1	3.5	-2.3
Men's suits, sport coats, and outerwear	137.9	135.1	133.9	132.8	16.6	-8.3	.6	-14.0	3.4	-7.0
Men's furnishings	136.6	130.8	131.3	130.4	27.8	4.5	-3.4	-17.0	15.5	-10.5
Men's shirts and sweaters ^{1 3}	98.7	100.7	104.4	104.0	-	15.6	-8.4	23.3	-	6.2
Men's pants and shorts	132.7	130.5	132.3	132.6	2.2	3.4	.0	-3	2.8	-2
Boys' apparel	119.6	120.2	122.4	121.8	-1.0	-8.8	10.7	7.6	-5.0	9.1
Women's and girls' apparel	128.4	127.7	125.8	125.2	-2.5	3.9	6.1	-9.6	.6	-2.0
Women's apparel	129.1	128.8	126.4	125.7	-3.7	4.9	7.5	-10.1	.5	-1.7
Women's outerwear	118.0	120.8	118.3	118.2	-21.1	-7	.0	.7	-11.5	.3
Women's dresses	110.2	109.6	109.9	108.8	-1.5	60.8	-34.3	-5.0	25.9	-21.0
Women's suits and separates ^{1 3}	101.0	105.8	105.5	103.4	-	17.7	-6.5	9.8	-	1.4
Women's underwear, nightwear, sportswear and accessories ^{1 3}	101.5	101.0	102.2	102.4	-	10.4	-16.2	3.6	-	-6.9
Girls' apparel	125.2	121.8	122.9	123.1	5.3	-2.2	1.0	-6.5	1.5	-2.9
Footwear	129.4	128.9	128.6	129.6	-4.3	-1.9	9.5	.6	-3.1	5.0
Men's footwear	132.6	131.8	132.1	132.1	-5.1	2.8	4.3	-1.5	-1.2	1.4
Boys' and girls' footwear	133.8	135.2	132.6	132.7	-9.6	-6.6	22.4	-3.2	-8.1	8.8
Women's footwear	124.6	123.4	123.5	125.6	-1.0	-1.9	7.7	3.2	-1.5	5.5
Infants' and toddlers' apparel ³	124.4	124.9	130.2	131.3	-8.9	12.9	-7.7	24.1	1.4	7.1
Jewelry and watches ⁵	141.9	140.0	141.8	142.9	8.6	-10.5	-2.8	2.8	-1.4	.0
Watches ⁵	123.7	120.7	122.3	123.6	-7.1	6.0	-4.1	-3	-8	-2.2
Jewelry ⁵	146.9	145.3	147.2	148.2	12.3	-13.3	-3.5	3.6	-1.3	.0
Transportation	141.7	141.1	141.5	141.5	-4.1	-2.0	.0	-6	-3.0	-3
Private transportation	137.9	137.5	138.1	138.1	-5.3	-2.0	-6	.6	-3.7	.0
New and used motor vehicles ¹	100.7	100.8	100.7	100.9	-	.4	2.0	.8	-	1.4
New vehicles	143.9	143.7	143.2	143.2	-6	-8	2.0	-1.9	-7	.0
New cars and trucks ^{1 2 3}	99.1	98.7	98.9	99.6	-	-2.8	-1.6	2.0	-	.2
New cars ²	141.3	141.0	140.6	140.4	-8	-1.1	2.6	-2.5	-1.0	.0
New trucks ^{2 6}	151.6	151.2	150.7	151.4	-5	-1.1	2.7	-5	-8	1.1
New motorcycles ^{2 5}	162.9	162.7	162.8	163.1	-4.6	4.0	-1.9	.5	-4	-7
Used cars and trucks ³	151.1	151.9	153.0	154.0	2.2	4.4	3.0	7.9	3.3	5.4
Car and truck rental ^{1 3}	105.3	104.6	103.4	102.7	-	4.5	20.0	-9.5	-	4.2
Motor fuel	90.6	88.8	91.1	90.2	-29.2	-13.4	-9.9	-1.8	-21.7	-5.9
Gasoline (all types)	89.9	88.1	90.5	89.7	-29.6	-14.2	-10.0	-9	-22.3	-5.6
Gasoline, unleaded regular ²	87.4	85.4	88.0	87.1	-31.0	-14.1	-11.5	-1.4	-23.0	-6.5
Gasoline, unleaded midgrade ^{2 3 8}	95.7	94.1	95.0	94.0	-33.4	2.1	-11.3	-6.9	-17.6	-9.1
Gasoline, unleaded premium ²	92.7	91.2	93.1	92.5	-26.4	-12.1	-9.0	-9	-19.5	-5.0
Other motor fuels ^{1 3}	90.8	90.0	90.7	89.9	-	-8.5	-11.8	-3.9	-	-7.9
Motor vehicle parts and equipment	101.3	101.3	101.5	101.3	-1.6	-1.6	2.4	.0	-1.6	1.2
Tires	99.1	99.2	99.3	98.6	-1.6	-4	2.0	-2.0	-1.0	.0
Vehicle accessories other than tires ^{1 3}	99.5	99.5	99.9	100.0	-	-3.2	1.6	2.0	-	1.8
Vehicle parts and equipment other than tires ^{2 3}	107.6	107.6	108.5	108.5	.7	-5.1	2.3	3.4	-2.2	2.8
Motor oil, coolant, and fluids ^{2 3}	131.6	131.1	130.7	130.8	-1.8	.3	1.5	-2.4	-8	-5
Motor vehicle maintenance and repair	167.3	168.1	168.7	169.5	4.0	1.0	3.4	5.4	2.5	4.4
Motor vehicle body work ³	179.2	180.2	180.0	180.9	6.3	4.8	-2.2	3.8	5.5	.8
Motor vehicle maintenance and servicing ³	155.0	156.2	156.4	156.6	5.4	2.9	1.8	4.2	4.1	3.0
Motor vehicle repair ^{1 3}	101.4	101.9	102.6	102.9	-	-4	4.9	6.0	-	5.5
Motor vehicle insurance	253.8	253.0	253.2	253.3	1.7	1.4	-2.5	-8	1.6	-1.6
Motor vehicle fees ^{1 3}	102.3	102.6	102.4	103.1	-	1.6	-1.5	3.2	-	.8
State and local registration and license ^{1 3}	100.8	100.9	100.7	101.4	-	.8	-2.7	2.4	-	-2
Parking and other fees ^{1 3}	106.0	106.5	106.6	107.1	-	3.1	1.9	4.2	-	3.1
Parking fees and tolls ^{1 2 3}	106.2	106.8	107.0	107.4	-	2.7	2.3	4.6	-	3.4
Automobile service clubs ^{1 2 3}	101.0	101.0	100.7	100.9	-	.8	.8	-4	-	.2
Public transportation	194.2	191.0	188.6	187.6	11.9	-2.5	8.7	-12.9	4.5	-2.7
Airline fare ³	207.8	206.0	205.2	200.8	19.7	-3.1	5.6	-12.8	7.7	-4.1
Other intercity transportation ³	160.7	161.4	161.8	162.0	11.0	2.8	1.0	3.3	6.8	2.1
Ship fare ^{1 2 3}	104.9	104.1	103.7	104.5	-	1.5	.0	-1.5	-	-8
Intracity transportation ³	175.6	171.6	171.7	171.9	-3.1	-5	1.1	-8.2	-1.8	-3.6

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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—	
	Aug. 1998	Sep. 1998	Oct. 1998	Nov. 1998	Feb. 1998	May 1998	Aug. 1998	Nov. 1998	May 1998	Nov. 1998
Expenditure category										
Medical care	243.7	244.4	244.9	245.3	3.1	4.3	3.9	2.7	3.7	3.3
Medical care commodities	223.1	224.5	224.7	225.2	3.0	6.0	3.5	3.8	4.5	3.6
Prescription drugs and medical supplies	260.8	262.6	262.9	263.6	4.5	7.3	4.9	4.4	5.9	4.6
Nonprescription drugs and medical supplies ^{3 5}	148.0	148.5	148.2	148.3	1.7	2.5	1.4	.8	2.1	1.1
Internal and respiratory over-the-counter drugs ³	176.3	176.9	176.3	175.5	-2	5.2	2.1	-1.8	2.4	.1
Nonprescription medical equipment and supplies ³	174.2	174.7	174.9	176.8	4.9	-2.5	.0	6.1	1.2	3.0
Medical care services	248.2	248.6	249.2	249.6	3.2	3.7	4.1	2.3	3.4	3.2
Professional services	223.3	224.0	224.4	224.9	3.2	3.9	3.7	2.9	3.5	3.3
Physicians' services	230.9	231.8	231.9	232.7	2.9	2.5	5.4	3.2	2.7	4.3
Dental services ³	237.4	238.2	239.2	239.8	5.0	4.4	4.0	4.1	4.7	4.0
Eyeglasses and eye care ^{3 5}	144.4	144.4	144.8	143.7	3.4	6.9	-2.5	-1.9	5.1	-2.2
Services by other medical professionals ⁵	155.2	155.7	156.1	156.8	1.8	2.4	.5	4.2	2.1	2.3
Hospital and related services	289.5	289.5	290.5	291.1	3.6	2.7	5.1	2.2	3.2	3.7
Hospital services ^{3 9}	105.7	105.5	105.9	106.2	5.6	.4	5.9	1.9	2.9	3.9
Inpatient hospital services ^{2 3 9}	104.6	104.5	104.7	105.0	4.8	-4	5.5	1.5	2.2	3.5
Outpatient hospital services ^{2 5}	234.9	235.2	236.0	237.1	1.6	5.7	4.7	3.8	3.6	4.3
Nursing homes and adult daycare ^{3 9}	108.1	108.2	108.0	108.1	10.0	3.4	5.0	.0	6.7	2.4
Recreation ¹	101.2	101.3	101.0	101.2	-	1.6	.8	.0	-	.4
Video and audio ^{1 3}	101.2	101.4	101.1	100.8	3.6	.0	.0	-1.6	1.8	-8
Televisions ³	59.0	58.5	58.0	57.8	-3.9	-2.6	-5.9	-7.9	-3.3	-6.9
Cable television ⁶	246.8	248.7	248.9	249.7	12.1	3.4	6.1	4.8	7.6	5.4
Other video equipment ^{1 3}	91.8	90.3	89.3	87.9	-	-16.1	-7.9	-15.9	-	-12.0
Video cassettes, discs, and other media including rental ^{1 3}	94.9	95.7	95.3	94.7	-	-4.4	-7.6	-8	-	-4.3
Video cassettes and discs, blank and prerecorded ^{1 2 3}	98.4	99.8	99.1	97.8	-	2.0	-7.7	-2.4	-	-5.1
Rental of video tapes and discs ^{1 2 3}	94.0	94.1	93.4	93.2	-	-13.5	-2.1	-3.4	-	-2.7
Audio equipment ³	84.2	84.4	84.2	82.6	-8.7	-4.1	-8.1	-7.4	-6.4	-7.8
Audio discs, tapes and other media ^{1 3}	99.1	99.9	99.9	100.0	-	2.4	-3.9	3.7	-	-2
Pets, pet products and services ^{1 3}	102.0	101.5	101.7	102.3	-	4.0	1.6	1.2	-	1.4
Pets and pet products ³	144.4	142.7	142.9	143.9	-1.1	4.0	.8	-1.4	1.4	-3
Pet food ^{1 2 3}	102.5	101.2	101.6	102.3	-	3.6	3.6	-8	-	1.4
Purchase of pets, pet supplies, accessories ^{1 2 3}	100.1	99.3	99.5	99.5	-	2.8	-1.2	-2.4	-	-1.8
Pet services including veterinary ^{1 3}	102.6	103.5	103.6	104.1	-	4.8	2.0	6.0	-	4.0
Pet services ^{1 2 3}	103.7	103.8	103.8	103.8	-	2.0	4.0	.4	-	2.2
Veterinarian services ^{1 2 3}	102.6	103.5	103.7	104.3	-	4.8	1.6	6.8	-	4.2
Sporting goods ³	121.7	120.7	120.4	121.5	6.1	-6.3	1.0	-7	-3	.2
Sports vehicles including bicycles ³	125.7	125.3	124.6	126.4	6.3	-2.5	4.9	2.2	1.8	3.6
Sports equipment ³	115.6	114.2	114.2	114.7	5.9	-9.4	-2.4	-3.1	-2.0	-2.7
Photography ^{1 3}	100.1	100.6	100.6	100.0	-	1.6	.4	-4	-	.0
Photographic equipment and supplies ³	132.9	133.6	133.5	132.3	-6.4	4.3	-3.5	-1.8	-1.2	-2.7
Film and photographic supplies ^{1 2 3}	100.1	100.8	101.0	100.6	-	6.2	-2.7	2.0	-	-4
Photographic equipment ^{1 2 3}	97.9	97.7	97.6	96.2	-	.4	-8	-6.8	-	-3.8
Photographers and film processing ^{1 3}	100.7	101.3	101.2	100.9	-	.0	3.2	.8	-	2.0
Photographer fees ^{1 2 3}	100.9	101.8	101.7	101.2	-	-	-	1.2	-	-
Film processing ^{1 2 3}	99.5	100.2	100.1	100.0	-	.0	-2.0	2.0	-	.0
Other recreational goods ¹	95.7	95.6	95.2	94.6	-	-6.3	-4.5	-4.5	-	-4.5
Toys	118.7	118.1	117.6	117.1	-8.9	-9.7	-3.3	-5.3	-9.3	-4.3
Toys, games, hobbies and playground equipment ^{1 2 3}	96.6	96.3	95.9	95.2	-	-10.0	-2.0	-5.7	-	-3.9
Video game hardware, software and accessories ^{1 2 3}	NA	NA	NA	NA	-	-	-	-	-	-
Sewing machines, fabric and supplies ^{1 3}	97.2	99.1	98.7	97.6	-	3.3	-11.8	1.7	-	-5.3
Music instruments and accessories ^{1 3}	100.7	101.1	100.8	99.7	-	7.0	-3.5	-3.9	-	-3.7
Recreation services ¹	103.1	103.3	102.8	103.5	-	5.3	4.0	1.6	-	2.8
Club membership dues and fees for participant sports ^{1 3}	103.3	103.6	103.2	104.7	-	2.8	8.1	5.5	-	6.8
Admissions ³	207.1	206.5	205.5	205.8	5.5	8.1	.6	-2.5	6.8	-1.0
Admission to movies, theaters, and concerts ^{1 2 3}	102.1	102.7	102.2	101.7	-	7.3	-2.7	-1.6	-	-2.1
Admission to sporting events ^{1 2 3}	105.8	104.6	104.3	104.7	-	8.9	6.3	-4.1	-	1.0
Fees for lessons or instructions ⁵	176.5	178.5	178.3	178.1	6.5	3.7	3.2	3.7	5.1	3.5
Recreational reading materials ³	185.2	186.0	185.7	185.3	5.0	4.7	2.6	.2	4.8	1.4
Newspapers and magazines ^{1 3}	102.2	102.7	102.8	103.0	-	2.8	1.2	3.2	-	2.2
Recreational books ^{1 3}	103.9	104.3	103.6	102.5	-	9.1	5.2	-5.3	-	-2

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	Aug. 1998	Sep. 1998	Oct. 1998	Nov. 1998	Feb. 1998	May 1998	Aug. 1998	Nov. 1998	May 1998	Nov. 1998
Expenditure category										
Education and communication ¹	100.4	100.4	100.6	100.8	-	3.7	-1.6	1.6	-	0.0
Education ¹	103.3	103.3	103.8	104.2	-	6.5	4.0	3.5	-	3.7
Educational books and supplies	250.1	253.2	256.8	257.6	3.5	8.4	.3	12.5	5.9	6.3
Tuition, other school fees, and childcare	296.4	296.1	297.4	298.5	4.8	6.4	4.0	2.9	5.6	3.4
College tuition and fees	308.3	307.3	308.7	310.2	4.8	5.0	3.3	2.5	4.9	2.9
Elementary and high school tuition and fees	312.0	311.5	312.8	314.4	5.6	6.3	9.2	3.1	6.0	6.1
Child care and nursery school ⁷	142.5	143.0	143.3	143.6	3.6	7.5	6.4	3.1	5.5	4.8
Technical and business school tuition and fees ^{1 3}	102.5	104.7	105.0	105.1	-	5.3	5.2	10.5	-	7.9
Communication ^{1 3}	97.9	97.9	97.8	97.8	-3.5	.8	-5.9	-4	-1.4	-3.2
Postage and delivery services ^{1 3}	100.1	100.1	100.1	100.1	-	.4	.0	.0	-	.0
Postage ³	160.3	160.3	160.3	160.3	.0	.0	.0	.0	.0	.0
Delivery services ^{1 3}	104.6	104.3	104.4	103.9	-	10.2	2.3	-2.7	-	-2
Information and information processing ^{1 3}	97.7	97.7	97.6	97.6	-3.9	.8	-6.3	-4	-1.6	-3.4
Telephone services ^{1 3}	100.4	100.7	100.7	101.1	-	4.5	-2.7	2.8	-	.0
Telephone services, local charges ³	166.0	166.1	166.3	166.4	1.5	3.2	.7	1.0	2.3	.8
Telephone services, long distance charges ^{1 3}	99.9	100.4	100.4	101.0	-	6.6	-5.4	4.5	-	-6
Interstate toll calls ^{2 3}	74.5	75.2	75.2	75.8	1.1	5.4	-9.1	7.2	3.2	-1.3
Intrastate toll calls ^{2 3}	96.2	96.0	96.2	96.7	-5.4	11.1	.0	2.1	2.5	1.0
Cellular telephone services ^{1 3}	93.9	94.1	93.7	92.4	-	-7.5	-9.2	-6.2	-	-7.7
Information and information processing other than telephone services ^{3 10}	37.6	36.7	36.1	35.3	-25.0	-23.0	-32.6	-22.3	-24.0	-27.6
Personal computers and peripheral equipment ^{1 3}	71.1	68.5	67.5	65.6	-	-32.7	-45.4	-27.5	-	-37.1
Computer software and accessories ^{1 3}	95.4	94.7	92.7	90.0	-	-4	-6.8	-20.8	-	-14.1
Computer information processing services ^{1 3}	103.6	103.4	103.4	103.3	-	13.4	.8	-1.2	-	-2
Other information processing equipment ^{1 3}	94.1	94.1	92.0	91.7	-	-9.8	-6.9	-9.8	-	-8.4
Other goods and services	238.7	240.9	241.7	241.0	6.8	5.8	2.9	3.9	6.3	3.4
Tobacco and smoking products	274.2	283.2	284.0	280.8	18.6	11.5	8.9	10.0	15.0	9.5
Cigarettes ^{1 3}	109.3	113.5	114.1	112.5	-	14.6	6.1	12.2	-	9.1
Tobacco products other than cigarettes ^{1 3}	103.7	103.8	103.8	105.2	-	11.1	-2.3	5.9	-	1.7
Personal care ³	157.1	157.5	158.1	158.0	1.8	4.2	1.3	2.3	3.0	1.8
Personal care products ³	148.5	149.1	149.4	148.8	1.7	7.3	-2.1	.8	4.4	-7
Hair, dental, shaving, and miscellaneous personal care products ^{1 3}	100.4	101.3	100.9	100.3	-	1.2	-1.6	-4	-	-1.0
Cosmetics, perfume, bath, nail preparations and implements ³	160.3	160.0	161.4	161.0	7.2	13.7	-2.2	1.8	10.4	-2
Personal care services ³	166.6	167.1	167.5	167.6	2.0	2.7	2.9	2.4	2.3	2.7
Haircuts and other personal care services ^{1 3}	101.6	101.9	102.2	102.3	-	2.8	2.8	2.8	-	2.8
Miscellaneous personal services	235.7	236.5	237.3	237.9	2.6	3.0	4.2	3.8	2.8	4.0
Legal services ^{3 5}	171.9	172.9	173.8	174.0	6.1	2.9	1.9	5.0	4.5	3.4
Funeral expenses ⁵	177.9	178.3	178.7	179.1	2.6	5.9	4.9	2.7	4.2	3.8
Laundry and dry cleaning services ^{1 3}	101.5	101.8	102.3	102.4	-	2.0	1.2	3.6	-	2.4
Apparel services other than laundry and dry cleaning ^{1 3}	101.5	101.3	101.3	101.3	-	2.8	2.4	-8	-	.8
Financial services ^{3 5}	200.4	200.5	200.7	200.9	4.8	2.9	5.6	1.0	3.9	3.3
Checking account and other bank services ^{1 2 3}	102.1	101.9	101.8	101.9	-	.0	7.8	-8	-	3.4
Tax return preparation and other accounting fees ^{1 2 3}	104.8	104.9	105.3	105.3	-	7.2	1.5	1.9	-	1.7
Miscellaneous personal goods ^{1 3}	99.7	100.2	102.1	100.9	-	4.9	-5.0	4.9	-	-2
Stationery, stationery supplies, gift wrap ²	159.3	160.9	162.3	160.7	5.0	2.8	1.3	3.6	3.9	2.4
Special aggregate indexes										
Commodities	142.2	142.0	142.5	142.4	-1.4	.3	.8	.6	-6	.7
Commodities less food and beverages	130.7	130.4	130.7	130.5	-3.0	-9	.0	-6	-2.0	-3
Nondurables less food and beverages	132.6	132.2	133.0	132.4	-5.2	-9	-3	-6	-3.1	-5
Nondurables less food, beverages, and apparel	137.1	136.8	137.6	137.0	-8.3	-6	-1.2	-3	-4.5	-7
Durables	127.8	127.4	127.2	127.4	-3	-1.2	1.3	-1.2	-8	.0
Services	184.8	185.2	185.5	186.0	2.0	3.6	2.0	2.6	2.8	2.3
Rent of shelter ⁴	190.3	191.2	191.5	192.1	3.3	4.1	2.8	3.8	3.7	3.3
Transportation services	188.6	188.0	187.7	187.9	4.6	.0	1.7	-1.5	2.3	.1
Other services	218.1	218.6	218.8	219.5	3.2	4.6	2.4	2.6	3.9	2.5
All items less food	163.8	163.9	164.2	164.4	.2	2.2	1.5	1.5	1.2	1.5
All items less shelter	157.6	157.4	157.8	158.0	-8	1.3	1.3	1.0	.3	1.1
All items less medical care	158.9	158.9	159.3	159.6	.3	2.0	1.5	1.8	1.1	1.6
Commodities less food	132.3	131.9	132.3	132.1	-2.7	-1.2	.3	-6	-1.9	-2
Nondurables less food	134.6	134.2	134.9	134.6	-4.3	-9	-3	.0	-2.6	-1

See footnotes at end of table.

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

(1982-84=100, unless otherwise noted)

Item and group	Seasonally adjusted indexes				Seasonally adjusted annual rate percent change for					
					3 months ended—			6 months ended—		
	Aug. 1998	Sep. 1998	Oct. 1998	Nov. 1998	Feb. 1998	May 1998	Aug. 1998	Nov. 1998	May 1998	Nov. 1998
Special aggregate indexes										
Nondurables less food and apparel	138.9	138.7	139.5	139.1	-7.4	-0.9	-0.6	0.6	-4.2	0.0
Nondurables	147.0	147.0	147.8	147.7	-1.9	.8	.5	1.9	-5	1.2
Apparel less footwear	130.5	129.4	129.5	129.3	-.3	1.2	3.1	-3.6	.5	-.3
Services less rent of shelter ⁴	192.4	192.4	192.4	192.9	-.2	3.8	1.5	1.0	1.8	1.3
Services less medical care services	178.9	179.3	179.5	180.1	1.6	3.4	2.0	2.7	2.5	2.4
Energy	101.5	100.2	101.1	101.1	-22.9	-4.2	-6.4	-1.6	-14.0	-4.0
All items less energy	171.7	171.9	172.3	172.5	2.4	2.6	2.4	1.9	2.5	2.1
All items less food and energy	174.2	174.5	174.8	175.1	2.8	2.6	2.1	2.1	2.7	2.1
Commodities less food and energy commodities	143.7	143.6	143.6	143.5	1.1	.8	1.4	-.6	1.0	.4
Energy commodities	90.5	88.6	90.7	89.8	-28.5	-12.3	-9.6	-3.1	-20.8	-6.4
Services less energy services	191.4	191.9	192.3	192.8	3.5	3.4	2.5	3.0	3.5	2.8
Domestically produced farm food	164.3	163.8	165.1	165.2	.7	3.5	4.0	2.2	2.1	3.1
Utilities and public transportation	146.0	145.9	145.5	146.0	-5.1	3.1	-1.6	.0	-1.1	-8

¹ Indexes on a December 1997=100 base.

² Special index based on a substantially smaller sample.

³ Not seasonally adjusted.

⁴ Indexes on a December 1982=100 base.

⁵ Indexes on a December 1986=100 base.

⁶ Indexes on a December 1983=100 base.

⁷ Indexes on a December 1990=100 base.

⁸ Indexes on a December 1993=100 base.

⁹ Indexes on a December 1996=100 base.

¹⁰ Indexes on a December 1988=100 base.

NA Data not adequate for publication.

- Data not available.

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

Table 5. Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers (CPI-U): U.S. city average, unadjusted indexes for special detailed expenditure categories¹

(1982-84=100, unless otherwise noted)

Item	Indexes				1-month percent changes ended—				Percent change to Nov. 1998 from—
	Aug. 1998	Sep. 1998	Oct. 1998	Nov. 1998	Aug. 1998	Sep. 1998	Oct. 1998	Nov. 1998	Nov. 1997
Food and beverages									
Rice ²	99.3	98.9	98.9	99.1	-0.4	-0.4	0.0	0.2	-
White bread	189.2	189.4	188.2	188.2	.2	.1	-6	.0	0.7
Bread other than white	190.1	192.2	190.7	193.8	-6	1.1	-8	1.6	5.2
Fresh cakes and cupcakes	178.1	178.2	180.0	183.0	.7	.1	1.0	1.7	3.4
Cookies	185.5	180.9	182.7	183.9	1.3	-2.5	1.0	.7	.1
Fresh sweetrolls, coffeecakes, doughnuts	176.6	179.0	178.2	177.8	1.1	1.4	-4	-2	2.4
Crackers, bread, and cracker products	216.8	216.6	218.9	216.3	-2	-1	1.1	-1.2	4.4
Frozen and refrigerated bakery products, pies, tarts, turnovers	189.9	187.5	189.3	188.8	1.2	-1.3	1.0	-3	6.4
Bacon and related products	152.2	154.2	154.7	153.5	1.3	1.3	.3	-8	-6.1
Breakfast sausage and related products ²	100.5	99.8	99.3	98.5	2.2	-7	-5	-8	-
Ham, excluding canned	161.5	160.7	160.6	159.6	-7	-5	-1	-6	-4.4
Frankfurters	142.7	144.2	143.0	147.5	-6	1.1	-8	3.1	1.4
Lunchmeats ²	99.0	99.3	99.6	99.8	-1.0	.3	.3	.2	-
Lamb and organ meats	166.9	163.2	169.8	175.8	.5	-2.2	4.0	3.5	6.9
Lamb and mutton ²	105.7	105.7	107.0	101.5	.1	.0	1.2	-5.1	-
Fresh whole chicken	162.1	164.3	164.3	164.8	2.3	1.4	.0	.3	2.2
Fresh and frozen chicken parts	158.7	158.5	162.0	160.2	1.7	-1	2.2	-1.1	1.2
Canned fish and seafood	134.2	133.8	134.6	134.4	.1	-3	.6	-1	3.1
Frozen fish and seafood	NA	NA	NA	NA	-	-	-	-	-
Fresh whole milk	147.6	150.8	150.9	151.9	2.9	2.2	.1	.7	4.1
Fresh milk other than whole ²	100.1	102.5	103.9	103.2	1.6	2.4	1.4	-7	-
Oranges, including tangerines	318.5	323.7	301.0	243.0	7.9	1.6	-7.0	-19.3	18.2
Canned fruits ²	102.7	103.7	103.2	102.7	-3	1.0	-5	-5	-
Canned vegetables ²	105.1	104.0	103.7	104.1	.1	-1.0	-3	.4	-
Frozen vegetables	153.5	152.5	152.4	150.5	1.2	-7	-1	-1.2	1.6
Dried beans, peas, and lentils ²	100.8	100.0	101.1	100.0	-2	-8	1.1	-1.1	-
Roasted coffee	167.2	163.5	159.8	NA	-9	-2.2	-2.3	-	-
Instant and freeze dried coffee	152.6	151.6	157.3	NA	-8	-7	3.8	-	-
Butter	160.1	176.5	194.2	187.0	5.3	10.2	10.0	-3.7	51.5
Margarine	152.9	154.5	155.6	153.0	.9	1.0	.7	-1.7	6.4
Peanut butter ²	101.8	102.4	101.7	102.6	-1.0	.6	-7	.9	-
Salt and other seasonings and spices ²	99.7	100.4	99.9	100.1	1.0	.7	-5	.2	-
Olives, pickles, relishes ²	101.3	102.4	102.6	101.9	.0	1.1	.2	-7	-
Sauces and gravies ²	102.0	103.0	103.1	104.3	-1	1.0	.1	1.2	-
Other condiments	173.9	171.2	170.2	165.2	.5	-1.6	-6	-2.9	2.5
Prepared salads ²	NA	NA	NA	NA	-	-	-	-	-
Whiskey at home	151.7	152.6	154.9	154.5	.2	.6	1.5	-3	1.6
Distilled spirits, excluding whiskey, at home	152.7	153.5	153.6	153.5	.5	.5	.1	-1	.9
Beer, ale, and other malt beverages away from home ²	100.9	101.3	101.4	101.5	-1	.4	.1	.1	-
Wine away from home ²	102.0	102.1	104.6	104.4	.1	.1	2.4	-2	-
Distilled spirits away from home ²	101.9	102.4	102.5	102.9	.3	.5	.1	.4	-
Housing									
Laundry equipment	112.0	111.6	112.3	111.5	-2	-4	.6	-7	-1.2
Transportation									
New cars and trucks ²	99.1	98.7	98.9	99.6	.1	-4	.2	.7	-
New cars	140.0	139.4	139.7	140.6	-1	-4	.2	.6	-5
New trucks ³	150.4	150.2	150.2	151.5	.2	-1	.0	.9	.1
New motorcycles ⁴	162.3	162.2	162.9	163.8	.1	-1	.4	.6	-5
Gasoline, unleaded regular	88.6	86.8	87.7	86.5	-2.4	-2.0	1.0	-1.4	-15.2
Gasoline, unleaded midgrade ⁵	95.7	94.1	95.0	94.0	-1.9	-1.7	1.0	-1.1	-13.4
Gasoline, unleaded premium	93.7	92.4	93.0	92.1	-1.8	-1.4	.6	-1.0	-12.6
Vehicle parts and equipment other than tires	107.6	107.6	108.5	108.5	.0	.0	.8	.0	.3
Motor oil, coolant, and fluids	131.6	131.1	130.7	130.8	.7	-4	-3	.1	-6
Parking fees and tolls ²	106.2	106.8	107.0	107.4	.5	.6	.2	.4	-
Automobile service clubs ²	101.0	101.0	100.7	100.9	.2	.0	-3	.2	-
Ship fare ²	104.9	104.1	103.7	104.5	-2	-8	-4	.8	-
Medical care									
Inpatient hospital services ⁶	104.6	104.5	104.7	105.0	.4	-1	.2	.3	2.8
Outpatient hospital services ⁴	234.9	234.7	236.0	236.7	.6	-1	.6	.3	4.0

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 categories¹-Continued

(1982-84=100, unless otherwise noted)

Item	Indexes				1-month percent changes ended—				Percent change to Nov. 1998 from—
	Aug. 1998	Sep. 1998	Oct. 1998	Nov. 1998	Aug. 1998	Sep. 1998	Oct. 1998	Nov. 1998	Nov. 1997
Recreation									
Video cassettes and discs, blank and prerecorded ²	98.4	99.8	99.1	97.8	0.2	1.4	-0.7	-1.3	-
Rental of video tapes and discs ²	94.0	94.1	93.4	93.2	.2	.1	-.7	-.2	-
Pet food ²	102.5	101.2	101.6	102.3	.3	-1.3	.4	.7	-
Purchase of pets, pet supplies, accessories ²	100.1	99.3	99.5	99.5	-.8	-.8	.2	.0	-
Pet services ²	103.7	103.8	103.8	103.8	.1	.1	.0	.0	-
Veterinarian services ²	102.6	103.5	103.7	104.3	.3	.9	.2	.6	-
Film and photographic supplies ²	100.1	100.8	101.0	100.6	.6	.7	.2	-.4	-
Photographic equipment ²	97.9	97.7	97.6	96.2	.2	-.2	-.1	-1.4	-
Photographer fees ²	100.9	101.8	101.7	101.2	.4	.9	-.1	-.5	-
Film processing ²	99.5	100.2	100.1	100.0	-.1	.7	-.1	-.1	-
Toys, games, hobbies and playground equipment ²	96.6	96.3	95.9	95.2	-.4	-.3	-.4	-.7	-
Video game hardware, software and accessories ²	NA	NA	NA	NA	-	-	-	-	-
Admission to movies, theaters, and concerts ²	102.1	102.7	102.2	101.7	-.1	.6	-.5	-.5	-
Admission to sporting events ²	105.8	104.6	104.3	104.7	1.1	-1.1	-.3	.4	-
Education and communication									
Interstate toll calls	74.5	75.2	75.2	75.8	-2.9	.9	.0	.8	0.9
Intrastate toll calls	96.2	96.0	96.2	96.7	.3	-.2	.2	.5	1.8
Other goods and services									
Checking account and other bank services ²	102.1	101.9	101.8	101.9	.4	-.2	-.1	.1	-
Tax return preparation and other accounting fees ²	104.8	104.9	105.3	105.3	-.1	.1	.4	.0	-
Stationery, stationery supplies, gift wrap	157.2	158.3	161.3	160.5	-1.4	.7	1.9	-5	3.1

¹ Special index based on a substantially smaller sample.

² Indexes on a December 1997=100 base.

³ Indexes on a December 1983=100 base.

⁴ Indexes on a December 1986=100 base.

⁵ Indexes on a December 1993=100 base.

⁶ 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 Nov. 1998 from—		Seasonally adjusted percent change from—		
		Oct. 1998	Nov. 1998	Nov. 1997	Oct. 1998	Aug. to Sep.	Sep. to Oct.	Oct. to Nov.
Expenditure category								
All items	100.000	160.6	160.7	1.4	0.1	0.1	0.3	0.1
All items (1967=100)	-	478.4	478.6	-	-	-	-	-
Food and beverages	17.903	161.6	161.7	2.1	.1	.0	.5	.2
Food	16.861	161.3	161.4	2.2	.1	-.1	.5	.2
Food at home	10.785	161.3	161.3	2.0	.0	-.2	.7	.1
Cereals and bakery products	1.678	181.9	181.9	2.3	.0	.1	.1	.3
Meats, poultry, fish, and eggs	3.125	147.5	147.6	-.9	.1	-.7	.2	-.2
Dairy and related products ¹	1.135	154.6	155.5	5.9	.6	1.7	1.3	.6
Fruits and vegetables	1.447	198.4	197.6	4.9	-.4	-2.0	3.3	-.9
Nonalcoholic beverages and beverage materials	1.215	131.3	131.4	-1.4	.1	-.1	.3	.5
Other food at home	2.185	151.9	152.0	3.4	.1	.2	.1	.7
Sugar and sweets .....	.420	150.2	149.5	1.5	-.5	.1	-.1	.3
Fats and oils .....	.332	156.1	154.4	10.1	-1.1	1.7	2.6	-.4
Other foods	1.432	165.7	166.6	3.3	.5	-.1	-.5	1.1
Other miscellaneous foods ^{1 2} .....	.344	103.3	104.9	-	1.5	.2	-.4	1.5
Food away from home ¹	6.076	162.3	162.6	2.5	.2	.4	.2	.2
Other food away from home ^{1 2} .....	.212	102.8	103.4	-	.6	.6	.0	.6
Alcoholic beverages	1.042	165.4	165.7	1.8	.2	.3	.2	.3
Housing	36.450	157.6	157.7	2.1	.1	.2	.2	.3
Shelter	27.033	178.4	178.6	3.4	.1	.4	.3	.3
Rent of primary residence	8.347	173.5	174.1	3.4	.3	.3	.3	.2
Lodging away from home ²	1.346	109.7	106.6	-	-2.8	2.7	.3	1.2
Owners' equivalent rent of primary residence ³	17.016	172.9	173.4	3.3	.3	.2	.3	.2
Tenants' and household insurance ^{1 2} .....	.324	100.0	100.3	-	.3	.0	.6	.3
Fuels and utilities	5.053	126.9	126.4	-3.4	-.4	-.6	-.2	.7
Fuels	4.143	111.6	110.9	-5.5	-.6	-.9	-.2	.7
Fuel oil and other fuels .....	.229	86.9	87.4	-9.3	.6	-1.8	-.7	-.7
Gas (piped) and electricity	3.914	119.1	118.3	-5.3	-.7	-.8	-.3	.8
Household furnishings and operations	4.365	124.9	124.8	.9	-.1	-.4	.2	.2
Apparel	5.300	134.3	134.0	.3	-.2	-.5	.4	.1
Men's and boys' apparel	1.503	134.1	134.0	1.0	-.1	-1.0	1.7	-.3
Women's and girls' apparel	1.985	126.9	125.9	-.9	-.8	-.1	-1.2	-.3
Infants' and toddlers' apparel ¹ .....	.337	131.0	132.7	4.4	1.3	.6	4.1	1.3
Footwear	1.082	130.9	130.9	.4	.0	-.3	-.2	.6
Transportation	19.847	140.4	140.6	-1.7	.1	-.4	.4	.0
Private transportation	18.790	137.9	138.2	-1.8	.2	-.3	.5	.0
New and used motor vehicles ²	9.285	100.4	101.1	1.2	.7	.0	.0	.4
New vehicles	5.304	143.6	144.7	-.3	.8	-.2	-.4	.1
Used cars and trucks ¹	3.162	154.2	155.2	4.0	.6	.5	.7	.6
Motor fuel	3.682	90.9	89.7	-14.1	-1.3	-2.1	2.6	-1.1
Gasoline (all types)	3.658	90.4	89.2	-14.2	-1.3	-2.0	2.8	-1.0
Motor vehicle parts and equipment .....	.694	100.7	100.7	.0	.0	.0	.2	-.1
Motor vehicle maintenance and repair	1.664	170.3	170.8	3.5	.3	.5	.5	.4
Public transportation	1.057	186.3	184.2	.2	-1.1	-1.7	-1.2	-.4
Medical care	4.591	243.7	244.0	3.5	.1	.3	.2	.2
Medical care commodities .....	.906	220.8	221.1	3.8	.1	.7	-.1	.2
Medical care services	3.684	248.8	249.1	3.4	.1	.2	.2	.2
Professional services	2.372	225.8	225.9	3.4	.0	.4	.3	.1
Hospital and related services	1.097	286.4	286.9	3.4	.2	.0	.4	.2
Recreation ²	5.969	100.8	100.8	.8	.0	.0	-.3	.1
Video and audio ^{1 2}	1.968	101.0	100.8	.5	-.2	.2	-.3	-.2

See footnotes at end of table.

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

(1982-84=100, unless otherwise noted)

Item and group	Relative importance, December 1997	Unadjusted indexes		Unadjusted percent change to Nov. 1998 from—		Seasonally adjusted percent change from—		
		Oct. 1998	Nov. 1998	Nov. 1997	Oct. 1998	Aug. to Sep.	Sep. to Oct.	Oct. to Nov.
Expenditure category								
Education and communication ²	5.396	101.1	101.2	1.2	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.3
Education ²	2.402	104.5	104.6	4.7	.1	.2	.5	.3
Educational books and supplies .....	.192	259.4	259.5	6.0	.0	1.2	1.5	.3
Tuition, other school fees, and childcare	2.211	295.2	295.4	4.6	.1	.0	.4	.4
Communication ^{1 2}	2.994	98.4	98.5	-1.6	.1	.1	-.1	.1
Information and information processing ^{1 2}	2.841	98.3	98.4	-1.7	.1	.1	-.1	.1
Telephone services ^{1 2}	2.547	100.8	101.2	-	.4	.3	.0	.4
Information and information processing other than telephone services ^{1 4} .....	.294	37.4	36.6	-25.8	-2.1	-1.8	-2.1	-2.1
Personal computers and peripheral equipment ^{1 2} .....	.191	67.5	65.3	-	-3.3	-3.1	-2.2	-3.3
Other goods and services	4.544	240.4	239.2	5.5	-.5	1.3	.3	-.5
Tobacco and smoking products	1.300	285.2	281.4	12.3	-1.3	3.4	.2	-1.2
Personal care ¹	3.244	158.3	158.1	2.5	-.1	.3	.4	-.1
Personal care products ¹ .....	.832	150.4	149.8	1.8	-.4	.3	.2	-.4
Personal care services ¹ .....	.964	167.8	168.0	2.6	.1	.2	.2	.1
Miscellaneous personal services	1.226	236.6	236.9	3.8	.1	.6	.3	.3
Commodity and service group								
Commodities	47.234	142.4	142.4	.2	.0	-.1	.4	.0
Food and beverages	17.903	161.6	161.7	2.1	.1	.0	.5	.2
Commodities less food and beverages	29.331	131.0	130.9	-1.1	-.1	-.2	.3	-.1
Nondurables less food and beverages	15.928	133.2	132.5	-1.9	-.5	-.2	.8	-.5
Apparel	5.300	134.3	134.0	.3	-.2	-.5	.4	.1
Nondurables less food, beverages, and apparel	10.628	137.3	136.3	-3.0	-.7	-.3	.9	-.7
Durables	13.403	126.9	127.4	.1	.4	-.2	-.1	.2
Services	52.766	182.3	182.4	2.4	.1	.2	.2	.3
Rent of shelter ³	26.708	171.8	172.0	3.4	.1	.5	.3	.3
Transportation services	6.824	185.8	186.1	1.1	.2	-.3	-.1	.1
Other services	10.006	215.7	216.2	3.2	.2	.3	.1	.3
Special indexes								
All items less food	83.139	160.4	160.4	1.2	.0	.1	.2	.2
All items less shelter	72.967	155.7	155.7	.6	.0	-.1	.3	.1
All items less medical care	95.409	156.8	156.8	1.2	.0	.0	.3	.1
Commodities less food	30.373	132.4	132.2	-1.0	-.2	-.2	.3	-.1
Nondurables less food	16.970	135.2	134.5	-1.6	-.5	-.2	.7	-.3
Nondurables less food and apparel	11.670	139.0	138.2	-2.5	-.6	-.2	1.0	-.4
Nondurables	33.831	147.7	147.4	.3	-.2	-.1	.5	.0
Services less rent of shelter ³	26.057	171.3	171.4	1.4	.1	.1	.0	.2
Services less medical care services	49.082	176.6	176.8	2.3	.1	.2	.1	.3
Energy	7.825	100.5	99.6	-9.5	-.9	-1.4	1.0	-.1
All items less energy	92.175	168.9	169.1	2.3	.1	.2	.2	.2
All items less food and energy	75.315	170.9	171.1	2.3	.1	.2	.2	.2
Commodities less food and energy commodities	26.463	143.5	143.6	1.0	.1	.1	.1	.0
Energy commodities	3.910	90.8	89.7	-13.8	-1.2	-2.1	2.4	-1.1
Services less energy services	48.852	189.3	189.6	3.0	.2	.3	.2	.3
Purchasing power of the consumer dollar (1982-84=\$1.00)	-	\$.623	\$.622	-	-	-	-	-
Purchasing power of the consumer dollar (1967=\$1.00)	-	\$.209	\$.209	-	-	-	-	-

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 - Data not available.

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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

(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—		
	Aug. 1998	Sep. 1998	Oct. 1998	Nov. 1998	Feb. 1998	May 1998	Aug. 1998	Nov. 1998	May 1998	Nov. 1998
Expenditure category										
All items	160.0	160.1	160.6	160.8	0.3	2.0	1.3	2.0	1.1	1.6
Food and beverages	161.1	161.1	161.9	162.2	1.3	2.3	2.5	2.8	1.8	2.6
Food	160.8	160.7	161.5	161.8	1.0	2.5	2.8	2.5	1.8	2.6
Food at home	160.8	160.4	161.5	161.7	.3	2.5	2.8	2.3	1.4	2.5
Cereals and bakery products	181.9	182.0	182.1	182.6	1.4	2.7	3.6	1.5	2.0	2.6
Meats, poultry, fish, and eggs	147.8	146.7	147.0	146.7	-3.7	-8	3.6	-2.9	-2.3	.3
Dairy and related products ¹	150.1	152.6	154.6	155.5	1.6	1.1	6.4	15.2	1.4	10.7
Fruits and vegetables	200.4	196.4	202.9	201.1	7.1	18.9	-5.0	1.4	12.8	-1.9
Nonalcoholic beverages and beverage materials	131.0	130.9	131.3	132.0	-3.5	-4.7	-6	3.1	-4.1	1.2
Other food at home	151.5	151.8	152.0	153.1	1.1	1.1	8.0	4.3	1.1	6.1
Sugar and sweets	150.3	150.4	150.2	150.7	1.9	-8	3.8	1.1	.5	2.4
Fats and oils	149.5	152.1	156.1	155.5	-8	.9	26.0	17.0	.0	21.5
Other foods	166.6	166.5	165.7	167.6	3.7	1.7	5.2	2.4	2.7	3.8
Other miscellaneous foods ^{1 2}	103.5	103.7	103.3	104.9	-	4.0	8.1	5.5	-	6.8
Food away from home ¹	161.4	162.0	162.3	162.6	2.5	2.5	2.0	3.0	2.5	2.5
Other food away from home ^{1 2}	102.2	102.8	102.8	103.4	-	1.2	6.5	4.8	-	5.6
Alcoholic beverages	164.7	165.2	165.5	166.0	1.5	-5	2.7	3.2	.5	3.0
Housing	156.9	157.2	157.5	158.0	.5	3.4	1.5	2.8	1.9	2.2
Shelter	177.2	177.9	178.4	178.9	3.5	3.7	2.8	3.9	3.6	3.3
Rent of primary residence	172.4	173.0	173.5	173.9	2.6	3.8	3.3	3.5	3.2	3.4
Lodging away from home ²	101.3	104.0	104.3	105.6	-	8.2	-3.1	18.1	-	7.0
Owners' equivalent rent of primary residence ³	171.8	172.2	172.7	173.0	3.6	3.6	2.8	2.8	3.6	2.8
Tenants' and household insurance ^{1 2}	99.4	99.4	100.0	100.3	-	-2.0	-1.2	3.7	-	1.2
Fuels and utilities	127.4	126.6	126.4	127.3	-12.2	2.5	-3.1	-3	-5.1	-1.7
Fuels	111.7	110.7	110.5	111.3	-18.0	2.5	-3.8	-1.4	-8.3	-2.6
Fuel oil and other fuels	90.1	88.5	87.9	87.3	-17.4	.9	-8.0	-11.9	-8.7	-10.0
Gas (piped) and electricity	119.3	118.4	118.1	119.1	-18.3	2.7	-3.9	-7	-8.4	-2.3
Household furnishings and operations	125.2	124.7	124.9	125.1	2.6	1.0	.6	-3	1.8	.2
Apparel	132.2	131.6	132.1	132.2	-2.7	.0	3.4	.0	-1.4	1.7
Men's and boys' apparel	131.5	130.2	132.4	132.0	1.2	.0	1.2	1.5	.6	1.4
Women's and girls' apparel	125.7	125.6	124.1	123.7	-4.4	2.0	5.6	-6.2	-1.3	-5
Infants' and toddlers' apparel ¹	125.0	125.8	131.0	132.7	-12.0	14.7	-7.3	27.0	.5	8.5
Footwear	130.0	129.6	129.4	130.2	-4.8	-2.8	9.4	.6	-3.8	4.9
Transportation	140.5	139.9	140.5	140.5	-4.7	-2.0	-3	.0	-3.3	-1
Private transportation	137.8	137.4	138.1	138.1	-5.6	-1.7	-9	.9	-3.7	.0
New and used motor vehicles ²	100.9	100.9	100.9	101.3	-	.8	2.4	1.6	-	2.0
New vehicles	145.1	144.8	144.2	144.4	-8	-6	2.0	-1.9	-7	.0
Used cars and trucks ¹	152.4	153.2	154.2	155.2	1.9	3.8	2.9	7.6	2.8	5.2
Motor fuel	90.7	88.8	91.1	90.1	-28.4	-12.6	-10.3	-2.6	-20.9	-6.5
Gasoline (all types)	90.0	88.2	90.7	89.8	-29.0	-13.8	-10.4	-9	-21.8	-5.8
Motor vehicle parts and equipment	100.6	100.6	100.8	100.7	-4	-2.4	2.4	.4	-1.4	1.4
Motor vehicle maintenance and repair	168.5	169.3	170.2	170.8	3.7	1.2	3.6	5.6	2.4	4.6
Public transportation	190.6	187.4	185.2	184.4	9.0	-2.3	7.9	-12.4	3.2	-2.8
Medical care	242.9	243.7	244.1	244.6	3.1	4.1	4.1	2.8	3.6	3.4
Medical care commodities	219.9	221.5	221.3	221.8	2.3	6.1	3.3	3.5	4.2	3.4
Medical care services	248.0	248.5	249.1	249.6	3.4	3.7	4.3	2.6	3.5	3.5
Professional services	224.6	225.5	226.2	226.4	3.3	3.5	3.5	3.2	3.4	3.4
Hospital and related services	285.6	285.6	286.7	287.2	3.8	2.4	5.2	2.3	3.1	3.7
Recreation ²	101.0	101.0	100.7	100.8	-	.8	.8	-8	-	.0
Video and audio ^{1 2}	101.1	101.3	101.0	100.8	3.6	-4	.0	-1.2	1.6	-6

See footnotes at end of table.

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

(1982-84=100, unless otherwise noted)

Item and group	Seasonally adjusted indexes				Seasonally adjusted annual rate percent change for					
					3 months ended—				6 months ended—	
	Aug. 1998	Sep. 1998	Oct. 1998	Nov. 1998	Feb. 1998	May 1998	Aug. 1998	Nov. 1998	May 1998	Nov. 1998
Expenditure category										
Education and communication ²	100.6	100.7	100.8	101.1	-	4.1	-1.2	2.0	-	0.4
Education ²	103.2	103.4	103.9	104.2	-	6.5	3.6	3.9	-	3.7
Educational books and supplies	252.3	255.3	259.1	260.0	3.8	8.7	-5	12.8	6.2	5.9
Tuition, other school fees, and childcare	290.5	290.6	291.7	292.8	4.8	6.2	4.2	3.2	5.5	3.7
Communication ^{1 2}	98.4	98.5	98.4	98.5	-3.2	1.6	-5.1	.4	-8	-2.4
Information and information processing ^{1 2}	98.3	98.4	98.3	98.4	-3.2	1.6	-5.5	.4	-8	-2.6
Telephone services ^{1 2}	100.5	100.8	100.8	101.2	-	4.9	-2.7	2.8	-	.0
Information and information processing other than telephone services ^{1 4}	38.9	38.2	37.4	36.6	-25.5	-25.2	-30.5	-21.6	-25.3	-26.2
Personal computers and peripheral equipment ^{1 2}	71.2	69.0	67.5	65.3	-	-34.7	-42.9	-29.2	-	-36.4
Other goods and services	236.7	239.7	240.4	239.3	8.2	6.6	3.6	4.5	7.4	4.0
Tobacco and smoking products	274.5	283.7	284.3	280.8	19.2	11.5	9.6	9.5	15.3	9.5
Personal care ¹	157.2	157.7	158.3	158.1	1.8	4.5	1.3	2.3	3.1	1.8
Personal care products ¹	149.6	150.1	150.4	149.8	1.4	8.1	-2.4	.5	4.7	-9
Personal care services ¹	167.0	167.4	167.8	168.0	2.0	3.0	3.2	2.4	2.5	2.8
Miscellaneous personal services	234.9	236.2	236.8	237.4	3.2	3.0	4.6	4.3	3.1	4.4
Commodity and service group										
Commodities	142.0	141.8	142.4	142.4	-1.4	.0	1.1	1.1	-7	1.1
Food and beverages	161.1	161.1	161.9	162.2	1.3	2.3	2.5	2.8	1.8	2.6
Commodities less food and beverages	130.6	130.3	130.7	130.6	-3.3	-9	.0	.0	-2.1	.0
Nondurables less food and beverages	131.8	131.5	132.6	132.0	-5.8	-1.2	-1.2	.6	-3.5	-3
Apparel	132.2	131.6	132.1	132.2	-2.7	.0	3.4	.0	-1.4	1.7
Nondurables less food, beverages, and apparel	136.5	136.1	137.3	136.4	-8.5	-9	-2.0	-3	-4.8	-1.2
Durables	127.5	127.2	127.1	127.4	.3	-1.2	1.6	-3	-5	.6
Services	181.5	181.9	182.2	182.7	1.6	3.4	2.0	2.7	2.5	2.3
Rent of shelter ³	170.5	171.3	171.8	172.4	3.2	3.4	2.9	4.5	3.3	3.7
Transportation services	186.0	185.5	185.4	185.6	3.8	.6	1.1	-9	2.2	.1
Other services	214.6	215.3	215.5	216.2	3.3	4.6	1.9	3.0	4.0	2.4
Special indexes										
All items less food	159.6	159.7	160.0	160.3	-3	2.0	1.3	1.8	.9	1.5
All items less shelter	155.3	155.1	155.5	155.7	-1.0	1.3	1.0	1.0	.1	1.0
All items less medical care	156.1	156.1	156.6	156.8	.0	1.8	1.3	1.8	.9	1.5
Commodities less food	132.1	131.9	132.3	132.2	-3.3	-9	.0	.3	-2.1	.2
Nondurables less food	133.8	133.5	134.5	134.1	-5.7	-6	-9	.9	-3.2	.0
Nondurables less food and apparel	138.2	137.9	139.3	138.7	-8.4	-1.7	-1.1	1.5	-5.1	.1
Nondurables	146.7	146.6	147.3	147.3	-2.4	1.4	.8	1.6	-5	1.2
Services less rent of shelter ³	171.2	171.3	171.3	171.6	-7	4.1	1.2	.9	1.7	1.1
Services less medical care services	176.0	176.3	176.4	177.0	.9	3.7	2.3	2.3	2.3	2.3
Energy	100.7	99.3	100.3	100.2	-23.0	-4.9	-6.8	-2.0	-14.4	-4.4
All items less energy	168.3	168.6	168.9	169.2	2.2	2.7	2.2	2.2	2.4	2.2
All items less food and energy	170.4	170.7	171.0	171.3	2.4	2.6	2.1	2.1	2.5	2.1
Commodities less food and energy commodities	143.2	143.3	143.4	143.4	1.1	.8	1.4	.6	1.0	1.0
Energy commodities	90.7	88.8	90.9	89.9	-27.6	-12.3	-9.9	-3.5	-20.3	-6.8
Services less energy services	188.6	189.1	189.5	190.0	3.3	3.5	2.4	3.0	3.4	2.7

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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

(1982-84=100, unless otherwise noted)

Item and Group	Relative importance, December 1997	Unadjusted indexes		Unadjusted percent change to Nov. 1998 from—		Seasonally adjusted percent change from—		
		Oct. 1998	Nov. 1998	Nov. 1997	Oct. 1998	Aug. to Sep.	Sep. to Oct.	Oct. to Nov.
Expenditure category								
All items	100.000	160.6	160.7	1.4	0.1	0.1	0.3	0.1
All items (1967=100)	-	478.4	478.6	-	-	-	-	-
Food and beverages	17.903	161.6	161.7	2.1	.1	.0	.5	.2
Food	16.861	161.3	161.4	2.2	.1	-.1	.5	.2
Food at home	10.785	161.3	161.3	2.0	.0	-.2	.7	.1
Cereals and bakery products	1.678	181.9	181.9	2.3	.0	.1	.1	.3
Cereals and cereal products .....	.614	171.7	170.6	1.4	-.6	-.2	.3	-.1
Flour and prepared flour mixes .....	.083	160.1	154.2	2.8	-3.7	-.4	1.2	-1.4
Breakfast cereal .....	.343	191.1	191.7	2.2	.3	.1	.1	.3
Rice, pasta, cornmeal .....	.188	150.5	149.0	-.9	-1.0	-.5	.5	-.9
Bakery products	1.064	186.6	187.1	2.9	.3	.3	.0	.5
Bread ^{1 2} .....	.326	101.3	101.9	-	.6	.2	-.8	.6
Fresh biscuits, rolls, muffins ^{1 2} .....	.144	103.8	104.3	-	.5	1.8	-.8	.5
Cakes, cupcakes, and cookies ² .....	.293	180.5	182.1	1.6	.9	-.9	.8	.9
Other bakery products .....	.300	186.9	185.8	4.0	-.6	.1	1.2	.9
Meats, poultry, fish, and eggs	3.125	147.5	147.6	-.9	.1	-.7	.2	-.2
Meats, poultry, and fish	2.965	148.0	147.9	-.9	-.1	-.7	.0	-.1
Meats	2.042	141.2	141.4	-2.2	.1	-.8	-.3	.1
Beef and veal .....	.919	135.7	136.8	.0	.8	-.7	-.7	.3
Uncooked ground beef .....	.360	116.1	116.7	.3	.5	-1.4	-.5	.1
Uncooked beef roasts ^{1 2} .....	.158	99.2	99.4	-	.2	-.7	-.4	.2
Uncooked beef steaks ^{1 2} .....	.342	99.1	100.4	-	1.3	-.5	-.6	1.3
Uncooked other beef and veal ^{1 2} .....	.059	98.5	99.3	-	.8	.2	-.3	.8
Pork .....	.724	147.8	146.6	-5.8	-.8	-1.4	-.3	-.3
Bacon, breakfast sausage, and related products ^{1 2} .....	.233	97.5	96.7	-	-.8	.6	-.2	-.8
Ham .....	.161	151.3	150.1	-3.5	-.8	-1.0	-.5	.0
Pork chops .....	.167	145.9	142.2	-8.0	-2.5	-.4	-.2	-2.2
Other pork including roasts and picnics ^{1 2} .....	.163	93.1	93.9	-	.9	-1.1	-2.9	.9
Other meats ² .....	.399	147.0	147.6	-.9	.4	.2	.7	.4
Poultry ² .....	.568	161.4	160.1	1.8	-.8	-.4	-.9	-.8
Chicken ^{1 2} .....	.449	104.6	104.1	-	-.5	.4	1.4	-.5
Other poultry including turkey ^{1 2} .....	.119	102.3	100.1	-	-2.2	.4	-.7	-2.2
Fish and seafood .....	.355	183.7	183.8	2.2	.1	-1.8	.1	-.2
Fresh fish and seafood ^{1 2} .....	.208	103.2	103.1	-	-.1	-2.0	1.5	-.1
Processed fish and seafood ^{1 2} .....	.147	103.1	103.4	-	.3	-.6	.1	.3
Eggs .....	.160	135.3	138.5	-3.9	2.4	-1.5	3.4	-2.0
Dairy and related products ²	1.135	154.6	155.5	5.9	.6	1.7	1.3	.6
Milk ^{1 2} .....	.473	103.6	103.6	-	.0	2.1	.8	.0
Cheese and related products ² .....	.323	156.4	157.5	7.3	.7	-.9	1.7	.7
Ice cream and related products .....	.181	162.5	164.1	9.1	1.0	1.0	2.4	1.6
Other dairy and related products ^{1 2} .....	.159	104.0	105.2	-	1.2	1.9	.3	1.2
Fruits and vegetables	1.447	198.4	197.6	4.9	-.4	-2.0	3.3	-.9
Fresh fruits and vegetables	1.104	231.4	230.6	5.8	-.3	-2.5	4.4	-1.1
Fresh fruits .....	.557	249.1	245.7	6.3	-1.4	-3.6	2.9	.9
Apples .....	.107	198.3	193.4	.8	-2.5	.6	2.3	-1.6
Bananas .....	.105	152.8	157.3	2.3	2.9	1.1	.4	2.0
Citrus fruits ^{1 2} .....	.112	157.1	129.3	-	-17.7	1.9	-2.8	-17.7
Other fresh fruits ^{1 2} .....	.232	84.5	94.3	-	11.6	-.9	12.7	11.6
Fresh vegetables .....	.547	214.5	215.8	5.1	.6	-1.3	5.9	-2.9
Potatoes .....	.103	186.9	176.8	1.4	-5.4	6.2	2.1	-1.2
Lettuce ² .....	.073	218.7	220.3	-13.9	.7	1.1	6.8	.7
Tomatoes ² .....	.116	244.7	265.3	19.8	8.4	-5.9	20.2	8.4
Other fresh vegetables .....	.255	217.1	216.7	7.0	-.2	-1.9	2.7	-3.5
Processed fruits and vegetables ^{1 2} .....	.342	102.9	102.4	-	-.5	-.4	-.2	-.5
Canned fruits and vegetables ^{1 2} .....	.188	103.0	102.9	-	-.1	-.4	-.2	-.1
Frozen fruits and vegetables ^{1 2} .....	.105	103.6	102.5	-	-1.1	-.4	-.2	-1.1
Other processed fruits and vegetables including dried ^{1 2}049	100.7	100.1	-	-.6	-.3	-.7	-.6

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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 Nov. 1998 from—		Seasonally adjusted percent change from—		
		Oct. 1998	Nov. 1998	Nov. 1997	Oct. 1998	Aug. to Sep.	Sep. to Oct.	Oct. to Nov.
Expenditure category								
Nonalcoholic beverages and beverage materials	1.215	131.3	131.4	-1.4	0.1	-0.1	0.3	0.5
Juices and nonalcoholic drinks ^{1 2} .....	.910	100.5	100.6	-	.1	.2	.6	.1
Carbonated drinks .....	.508	117.2	117.2	-.3	.0	-.6	.3	.4
Frozen noncarbonated juices and drinks ^{1 2} .....	.053	103.4	102.8	-	-.6	0.0	2.0	-.6
Nonfrozen noncarbonated juices and drinks ^{1 2} .....	.349	99.7	100.1	-	.4	.6	.8	.4
Beverage materials including coffee and tea ^{1 2} .....	.305	97.3	97.0	-	-.3	.2	-.6	-.3
Coffee ² .....	.165	155.6	155.2	-10.3	-.3	-1.7	-1.7	-.3
Other beverage materials including tea ^{1 2} .....	.140	103.7	103.4	-	-.3	2.3	.6	-.3
Other food at home	2.185	151.9	152.0	3.4	.1	.2	.1	.7
Sugar and sweets .....	.420	150.2	149.5	1.5	-.5	.1	-.1	.3
Sugar and artificial sweeteners .....	.093	134.7	133.9	.5	-.6	.1	-2.0	1.0
Candy and chewing gum ^{1 2} .....	.249	101.1	101.2	-	.1	.3	.1	.1
Other sweets ^{1 2} .....	.078	104.7	102.7	-	-1.9	.0	1.1	-1.9
Fats and oils .....	.332	156.1	154.4	10.1	-1.1	1.7	2.6	-.4
Butter and margarine ^{1 2} .....	.101	131.8	127.6	-	-3.2	6.5	6.5	-3.2
Salad dressing ^{1 2} .....	.090	102.8	102.5	-	-.3	-.3	1.4	-.3
Other fats and oils including peanut butter ^{1 2} .....	.141	102.6	102.9	-	.3	-.7	.3	.3
Other foods	1.432	165.7	166.6	3.3	.5	-.1	-.5	1.1
Soups .....	.107	190.7	189.7	.4	-.5	-1.2	.7	-.4
Frozen and freeze dried prepared foods ² .....	.251	143.8	144.8	-.1	.7	-.4	-1.0	.7
Snacks ² .....	.301	156.3	157.1	1.6	.5	-1.4	.3	.5
Spices, seasonings, condiments, sauces .....	.307	173.5	173.5	4.3	.0	.1	.1	1.3
Baby food ^{1 2} .....	.123	102.8	102.7	-	-.1	1.0	-.4	-.1
Other miscellaneous foods ^{1 2} .....	.344	103.3	104.9	-	1.5	.2	-.4	1.5
Food away from home ²	6.076	162.3	162.6	2.5	.2	.4	.2	.2
Full service meals and snacks ^{1 2}	3.162	102.2	102.5	-	.3	.2	.1	.3
Limited service meals and snacks ^{1 2}	1.761	101.9	102.0	-	.1	.4	.2	.1
Food at employee sites and schools ^{1 2} .....	.705	102.1	102.3	-	.2	.9	.5	.2
Food from vending machines and mobile vendors ^{1 2} .....	.237	100.7	100.7	-	.0	.2	-.1	.0
Other food away from home ^{1 2} .....	.212	102.8	103.4	-	.6	.6	.0	.6
Alcoholic beverages	1.042	165.4	165.7	1.8	.2	.3	.2	.3
Alcoholic beverages at home .....	.698	150.1	150.5	1.3	.3	.2	.2	.5
Beer, ale, and other malt beverages at home .....	.477	148.5	149.4	1.7	.6	.1	.3	.7
Distilled spirits at home .....	.095	152.9	152.9	1.0	.0	.3	.1	.3
Wine at home .....	.125	145.8	145.0	.6	-.5	.5	-.3	-.1
Alcoholic beverages away from home .....	.344	195.7	195.7	2.3	.0	.6	.2	-.1
Housing	36.450	157.6	157.7	2.1	.1	.2	.2	.3
Shelter	27.033	178.4	178.6	3.4	.1	.4	.3	.3
Rent of primary residence	8.347	173.5	174.1	3.4	.3	.3	.3	.2
Lodging away from home ¹	1.346	109.7	106.6	-	-2.8	2.7	.3	1.2
Housing at school, excluding board ³ .....	.137	241.7	241.7	4.5	.0	.6	.7	.5
Other lodging away from home including hotels and motels	1.209	235.3	227.8	6.9	-3.2	2.9	.2	1.3
Owners' equivalent rent of primary residence ³	17.016	172.9	173.4	3.3	.3	.2	.3	.2
Tenants' and household insurance ^{1 2} .....	.324	100.0	100.3	-	.3	.0	.6	.3
Fuels and utilities	5.053	126.9	126.4	-3.4	-.4	-.6	-.2	.7
Fuels	4.143	111.6	110.9	-5.5	-.6	-.9	-.2	.7
Fuel oil and other fuels .....	.229	86.9	87.4	-9.3	.6	-1.8	-.7	-.7
Fuel oil .....	.148	80.5	81.1	-13.4	.7	-1.9	-1.0	-.7
Other household fuels ^{2 4} .....	.081	124.8	125.2	-2.0	.3	-.1	.6	.3
Gas (piped) and electricity	3.914	119.1	118.3	-5.3	-.7	-.8	-.3	.8
Electricity	2.802	125.2	122.9	-5.2	-1.8	-.8	-.2	.4
Utility natural gas service	1.112	109.8	112.7	-5.7	2.6	-.7	-.4	2.1
Water and sewer and trash collection services ¹ .....	.910	102.4	102.5	-	.1	.3	.1	.2
Water and sewerage maintenance .....	.676	215.6	216.0	2.7	.2	.2	.1	.3
Garbage and trash collection ^{2 5} .....	.235	259.4	259.3	2.6	.0	.5	.2	.0
Household furnishings and operations	4.365	124.9	124.8	.9	-.1	-.4	.2	.2
Window and floor coverings and other linens ^{1 2} .....	.316	101.7	101.4	-	-.3	.0	.5	-.3
Floor coverings ^{1 2} .....	.075	103.0	102.5	-	-.5	.3	-.1	-.5
Window coverings ^{1 2} .....	.086	100.6	100.6	-	.0	-.1	2.5	.0
Other linens ^{1 2} .....	.155	101.7	101.2	-	-.5	-.1	-.4	-.5
Furniture and bedding ²	1.169	131.5	131.4	.2	-.1	-1.0	-.2	-.1
Bedroom furniture ² .....	.355	138.6	139.3	-.6	.5	-.8	-.6	.5
Living room, kitchen, and dining room furniture ^{1 2}616	101.3	101.0	-	-.3	-.7	-.4	-.3
Other furniture ^{1 2}180	103.8	103.5	-	-.3	-2.4	1.2	-.3

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Item and Group	Relative importance, December 1997	Unadjusted indexes		Unadjusted percent change to Nov. 1998 from—		Seasonally adjusted percent change from—		
		Oct. 1998	Nov. 1998	Nov. 1997	Oct. 1998	Aug. to Sep.	Sep. to Oct.	Oct. to Nov.
Expenditure category								
Appliances ^{1 2} .....	.421	100.0	99.7	-	-0.3	-0.1	0.1	-0.3
Major appliances ^{1 2} .....	.251	99.6	99.3	-	-0.3	.2	.1	-0.3
Other appliances ^{1 2} .....	.159	100.7	100.4	-	-0.3	-0.6	.1	-0.3
Other household equipment and furnishings ^{1 2} .....	.480	100.7	100.9	-	.2	-0.8	.3	.2
Clocks, lamps, and decorator items ² .....	.200	117.6	117.8	0.5	.2	.5	.4	.2
Indoor plants and flowers ⁶ .....	.127	110.9	111.4	3.9	.5	-3.7	1.4	-0.4
Dishes and flatware ^{1 2} .....	.067	101.5	100.5	-	-1.0	-3.4	2.2	-1.0
Nonelectric cookware and tableware ^{1 2} .....	.086	99.4	100.1	-	.7	-0.2	.3	.7
Tools, hardware, outdoor equipment and supplies ^{1 2} .....	.640	99.2	99.1	-	-0.1	.0	-0.3	-0.1
Tools, hardware and supplies ^{1 2} .....	.186	97.0	96.9	-	-0.1	-0.7	-0.7	-0.1
Outdoor equipment and supplies ^{1 2} .....	.302	100.3	100.2	-	-0.1	.6	-0.1	-0.1
Housekeeping supplies .....	.944	147.7	147.4	2.2	-0.2	.4	.0	-0.2
Household cleaning products ^{1 2} .....	.451	101.6	101.2	-	-0.4	.6	.5	-0.4
Household paper products ^{1 2} .....	.218	102.7	102.9	-	.2	-0.2	-1.0	.2
Miscellaneous household products ^{1 2} .....	.275	103.3	102.9	-	-0.4	.5	.4	-0.4
Household operations ^{1 2} .....	.394	102.6	103.1	-	.5	.2	.2	.5
Domestic services ^{1 2} .....	.089	102.6	102.9	-	.3	.3	.3	.3
Gardening and lawn care services ^{1 2} .....	.106	101.7	101.7	-	.0	.1	-0.1	.0
Moving, storage, freight expense ^{1 2} .....	.074	104.0	103.9	-	-0.1	.5	-0.3	-0.1
Repair of household items ^{1 2} .....	.069	102.4	104.5	-	2.1	.1	.7	2.1
Apparel	5.300	134.3	134.0	.3	-0.2	-0.5	.4	.1
Men's and boys' apparel	1.503	134.1	134.0	1.0	-0.1	-1.0	1.7	-0.3
Men's apparel	1.145	137.0	137.0	.7	.0	-1.8	1.7	-0.4
Men's suits, sport coats, and outerwear .....	.218	136.9	135.7	-2.7	-0.9	-0.8	-1.8	-0.5
Men's furnishings .....	.311	137.1	137.9	2.5	.6	-4.2	.8	-0.8
Men's shirts and sweaters ^{1 2} .....	.343	105.2	104.6	-	-0.6	1.8	4.4	-0.6
Men's pants and shorts .....	.252	131.4	132.0	1.0	.5	-1.4	1.2	.1
Boys' apparel .....	.358	124.6	124.5	2.1	-0.1	.9	2.1	-0.6
Women's and girls' apparel	1.985	126.9	125.9	-0.9	-0.8	-0.1	-1.2	-0.3
Women's apparel	1.634	127.0	125.6	-1.0	-1.1	.2	-1.6	-0.4
Women's outerwear .....	.118	128.6	129.2	-0.5	.5	.8	-1.9	-0.9
Women's dresses .....	.221	113.4	110.7	1.7	-2.4	.9	1.5	.2
Women's suits and separates ^{1 2} .....	.833	105.6	103.8	-	-1.7	5.3	-0.1	-1.7
Women's underwear, nightwear, sportswear and accessories ^{1 2} .....	.438	101.8	102.3	-	.5	-0.4	1.0	.5
Girls' apparel .....	.351	126.5	127.2	-0.2	.6	-1.3	.4	.3
Footwear	1.082	130.9	130.9	.4	.0	-0.3	-0.2	.6
Men's footwear .....	.374	133.6	132.9	-0.4	-0.5	-0.3	.2	-0.2
Boys' and girls' footwear .....	.265	134.1	134.0	-1.0	-0.1	1.7	-1.8	.0
Women's footwear .....	.443	125.9	126.5	1.9	.5	-1.0	-0.4	1.9
Infants' and toddlers' apparel ² .....	.337	131.0	132.7	4.4	1.3	.6	4.1	1.3
Jewelry and watches ⁴ .....	.393	140.7	140.1	-0.4	-0.4	-1.0	1.7	.8
Watches ⁴ .....	.076	123.1	122.4	-1.6	-0.6	-2.0	1.6	.4
Jewelry ⁴ .....	.317	145.7	145.2	-0.5	-0.3	-0.8	1.5	1.0
Transportation	19.847	140.4	140.6	-0.1	.1	-0.4	.4	.0
Private transportation	18.790	137.9	138.2	-0.1	.2	-0.3	.5	.0
New and used motor vehicles ¹	9.285	100.4	101.1	1.2	.7	.0	.0	.4
New vehicles	5.304	143.6	144.7	-0.3	.8	-0.2	-0.4	.1
Used cars and trucks ²	3.162	154.2	155.2	4.0	.6	.5	.7	.6
Car and truck rental ^{1 2} .....	.108	103.6	102.8	-	-0.8	-0.8	-0.9	-0.8
Motor fuel	3.682	90.9	89.7	-1.4	-1.3	-2.1	2.6	-1.1
Gasoline (all types)	3.658	90.4	89.2	-1.4	-1.3	-2.0	2.8	-1.0
Gasoline, unleaded regular ⁷	-	87.8	86.5	-1.5	-1.5	-2.3	3.2	-1.5
Gasoline, unleaded midgrade ^{2 7 8}	-	95.2	94.1	-1.3	-1.2	-1.7	1.0	-1.2
Gasoline, unleaded premium ⁷	-	93.1	92.1	-1.2	-1.1	-1.5	2.1	-0.8
Other motor fuels ^{1 2} .....	.023	90.6	89.8	-	-0.9	-0.9	.8	-0.9
Motor vehicle parts and equipment .....	.694	100.7	100.7	.0	.0	.0	.2	-0.1
Tires .....	.315	98.2	98.1	-0.1	-0.1	.1	.1	-0.6
Vehicle accessories other than tires ^{1 2} .....	.378	99.9	100.1	.2	.2	.0	.3	.2
Motor vehicle maintenance and repair	1.664	170.3	170.8	3.5	.3	.5	.5	.4
Motor vehicle body work ² .....	.119	180.3	181.2	3.0	.5	.7	-0.1	.5
Motor vehicle maintenance and servicing ²483	157.0	157.2	3.6	.1	.7	.1	.1
Motor vehicle repair ^{1 2}	1.039	102.8	103.1	.3	.3	.6	.8	.3

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Item and Group	Relative importance, December 1997	Unadjusted indexes		Unadjusted percent change to Nov. 1998 from—		Seasonally adjusted percent change from—		
		Oct. 1998	Nov. 1998	Nov. 1997	Oct. 1998	Aug. to Sep.	Sep. to Oct.	Oct. to Nov.
Expenditure category								
Motor vehicle insurance	2.881	254.2	255.2	0.0	0.4	-0.3	0.1	0.0
Motor vehicle fees ^{1 2} .....	.584	102.3	103.0	-	.7	.2	-.2	.7
State and local registration and license ^{1 2} .....	.419	101.0	101.8	-	.8	.1	-.3	.8
Parking and other fees ^{1 2} .....	.143	106.3	106.8	-	.5	.4	.1	.5
Public transportation	1.057	186.3	184.2	.2	-1.1	-1.7	-1.2	-.4
Airline fare ² .....	.555	204.0	199.6	1.4	-2.2	-9	-.2	-2.2
Other intercity transportation ² .....	.119	165.4	165.5	4.3	.1	.4	.1	.1
Intracity transportation ² .....	.376	171.2	171.4	-2.8	.1	-2.3	.1	.1
Medical care	4.591	243.7	244.0	3.5	.1	.3	.2	.2
Medical care commodities .....	.906	220.8	221.1	3.8	.1	.7	-.1	.2
Prescription drugs and medical supplies .....	.570	262.0	262.4	5.3	.2	.7	.1	.2
Nonprescription drugs and medical supplies ^{2 4} .....	.336	146.4	146.5	1.0	.1	.3	-.3	.1
Internal and respiratory over-the-counter drugs ² .....	.245	174.0	173.4	1.0	-.3	.3	-5	-.3
Nonprescription medical equipment and supplies ² .....	.091	175.7	177.8	1.1	1.2	.1	.2	1.2
Medical care services	3.684	248.8	249.1	3.4	.1	.2	.2	.2
Professional services	2.372	225.8	225.9	3.4	.0	.4	.3	.1
Physicians' services	1.269	232.5	232.8	3.5	.1	.4	.1	.2
Dental services ² .....	.665	238.8	239.3	4.3	.2	.3	.5	.2
Eyeglasses and eye care ^{2 4} .....	.261	145.3	144.0	1.4	-9	.1	.3	-9
Services by other medical professionals ⁴ .....	.177	159.5	160.3	2.2	.5	.4	.2	.6
Hospital and related services	1.097	286.4	286.9	3.4	.2	.0	.4	.2
Hospital services ^{2 9}	1.084	105.8	106.0	3.4	.2	-1	.4	.2
Inpatient hospital services ^{2 7 9}	-	104.5	104.8	2.8	.3	-1	.2	.3
Outpatient hospital services ^{4 7}	-	236.9	237.5	4.1	.3	.3	.4	.3
Nursing homes and adult daycare ^{2 9} .....	.013	109.9	109.7	6.0	-2	.2	.2	-2
Recreation ¹	5.969	100.8	100.8	.8	.0	.0	-.3	.1
Video and audio ^{1 2}	1.968	101.0	100.8	.5	-2	.2	-.3	-2
Televisions ² .....	.256	57.1	56.9	-5.0	-4	-9	-9	-4
Cable television ⁵ .....	.927	249.0	249.7	6.5	.3	.9	.0	.5
Other video equipment ^{1 2} .....	.101	88.9	87.6	-	-1.5	-1.5	-1.3	-1.5
Video cassettes, discs, and other media including rental ^{1 2} .....	.217	96.1	95.6	-	-5	.9	-5	-5
Audio equipment ² .....	.194	84.0	82.4	-7.4	-1.9	.2	-2	-1.9
Audio discs, tapes and other media ^{1 2} .....	.158	100.1	100.2	-	.1	.8	.1	.1
Pets, pet products and services ^{1 2} .....	.678	101.4	101.9	-	.5	-5	.0	.5
Pets and pet products ² .....	.474	142.5	143.3	.2	.6	-1.0	-.1	.6
Pet services including veterinary ^{1 2} .....	.204	103.7	104.0	-	.3	.8	.1	.3
Sporting goods ² .....	.525	122.4	123.7	.5	1.1	-1.0	-2	1.1
Sports vehicles including bicycles ² .....	.249	128.1	130.3	3.8	1.7	-.3	-.4	1.7
Sports equipment ² .....	.269	113.3	113.8	-2.7	.4	-1.5	.0	.4
Photography ^{1 2} .....	.282	100.7	100.3	-	-4	.6	-.1	-.4
Photographic equipment and supplies ² .....	.105	133.9	133.0	-2.0	-7	.4	-.1	-.7
Photographers and film processing ^{1 2} .....	.174	101.4	101.2	-	-2	.8	-.2	-.2
Other recreational goods ¹ .....	.668	95.7	95.2	-	-5	-.3	-.3	-.6
Toys .....	.536	118.8	118.1	-6.8	-6	-.6	-.3	-.7
Sewing machines, fabric and supplies ^{1 2} .....	.064	98.7	98.4	-	-.3	1.4	-.4	-.3
Music instruments and accessories ^{1 2} .....	.048	101.5	100.4	-	-1.1	.3	-.3	-1.1
Recreation services ¹	1.362	102.7	103.2	-	.5	.2	-.5	.5
Club membership dues and fees for participant sports ^{1 2} .....	.421	103.1	104.3	-	1.2	.4	-.5	1.2
Admissions ² .....	.659	204.7	204.9	2.6	.1	.0	-.6	.1
Fees for lessons or instructions ⁴ .....	.145	180.2	179.9	3.9	-2	.8	-.1	-.2
Recreational reading materials ² .....	.486	186.8	186.5	3.1	-2	.5	-.1	-.2
Newspapers and magazines ^{1 2} .....	.337	102.8	103.0	-	.2	.4	.1	.2
Recreational books ^{1 2} .....	.149	103.6	102.7	-	-9	.6	-.3	-.9
Education and communication ¹	5.396	101.1	101.2	1.2	.1	.1	.1	.3
Education ¹	2.402	104.5	104.6	4.7	.1	.2	.5	.3
Educational books and supplies .....	.192	259.4	259.5	6.0	.0	1.2	1.5	.3
Tuition, other school fees, and childcare	2.211	295.2	295.4	4.6	.1	.0	.4	.4
College tuition and fees .....	.818	312.4	312.7	3.9	.1	.2	.4	.6
Elementary and high school tuition and fees .....	.252	318.1	318.2	6.2	.0	-.2	.5	.5
Child care and nursery school ⁶	1.029	144.8	144.9	5.2	.1	.2	.2	.1
Technical and business school tuition and fees ^{1 2}049	105.2	105.2	-	.0	1.5	.3	.0

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Expenditure category								
Communication ^{1 2}	2.994	98.4	98.5	-1.6	0.1	0.1	-0.1	0.1
Postage and delivery services ^{1 2}152	100.1	100.1	-	.0	.0	.0	.0
Postage ² .....	.150	160.8	160.8	.0	.0	.0	.0	.0
Delivery services ^{1 2} .....	.002	104.2	103.8	-	-4	-1	.1	-4
Information and information processing ^{1 2}	2.841	98.3	98.4	-1.7	.1	.1	-1	.1
Telephone services ^{1 2}	2.547	100.8	101.2	-	.4	.3	.0	.4
Telephone services, local charges ²	1.172	165.6	165.8	1.7	.1	.1	.1	.1
Telephone services, long distance charges ^{1 2}	1.314	100.5	101.1	-	.6	.4	.1	.6
Cellular telephone services ^{1 2} .....	.062	93.9	92.9	-	-1.1	.1	-3	-1.1
Information and information processing other than telephone services ^{2 10} .....	.294	37.4	36.6	-25.8	-2.1	-1.8	-2.1	-2.1
Personal computers and peripheral equipment ^{1 2} .....	.191	67.5	65.3	-	-3.3	-3.1	-2.2	-3.3
Computer software and accessories ^{1 2} .....	.028	92.4	90.0	-	-2.6	-7	-1.5	-2.6
Computer information processing services ^{1 2} .....	.016	103.5	103.5	-	.0	-1	.0	.0
Other information processing equipment ^{1 2} .....	.058	91.1	91.2	-	.1	-4	-2.4	.1
Other goods and services	4.544	240.4	239.2	5.5	-5	1.3	.3	-5
Tobacco and smoking products	1.300	285.2	281.4	12.3	-1.3	3.4	.2	-1.2
Cigarettes ^{1 2}	1.225	114.2	112.5	-	-1.5	3.8	.5	-1.5
Tobacco products other than cigarettes ^{1 2} .....	.067	103.5	105.2	-	1.6	.2	-2	1.6
Personal care ²	3.244	158.3	158.1	2.5	-1	.3	.4	-1
Personal care products ² .....	.832	150.4	149.8	1.8	-4	.3	.2	-4
Hair, dental, shaving, and miscellaneous personal care products ^{1 2} .....	.417	100.8	100.2	-	-6	.9	-5	-6
Cosmetics, perfume, bath, nail preparations and implements ² .....	.411	164.8	164.2	5.2	-4	-2	1.0	-4
Personal care services ² .....	.964	167.8	168.0	2.6	.1	.2	.2	.1
Haircuts and other personal care services ^{1 2} .....	.964	102.3	102.4	-	.1	.3	.2	.1
Miscellaneous personal services	1.226	236.6	236.9	3.8	.1	.6	.3	.3
Legal services ^{2 4} .....	.302	174.2	174.3	4.7	.1	1.3	.5	.1
Funeral expenses ⁴ .....	.262	181.1	181.6	4.5	.3	.2	.3	.2
Laundry and dry cleaning services ^{1 2} .....	.216	102.2	102.4	-	.2	.3	.5	.2
Apparel services other than laundry and dry cleaning ^{1 2} .....	.051	101.2	101.3	-	.1	-2	-2	.1
Financial services ^{2 4} .....	.265	199.7	199.9	3.5	.1	.0	.2	.1
Miscellaneous personal goods ^{1 2} .....	.223	101.7	100.7	-	-1.0	.6	1.5	-1.0
Special aggregate indexes								
Commodities	47.234	142.4	142.4	.2	.0	-1	.4	.0
Commodities less food and beverages	29.331	131.0	130.9	-1.1	-1	-2	.3	-1
Nondurables less food and beverages	15.928	133.2	132.5	-1.9	-5	-2	.8	-5
Nondurables less food, beverages, and apparel	10.628	137.3	136.3	-3.0	-7	-3	.9	-7
Durables	13.403	126.9	127.4	.1	.4	-2	-1	.2
Services	52.766	182.3	182.4	2.4	.1	.2	.2	.3
Rent of shelter ³	26.708	171.8	172.0	3.4	.1	.5	.3	.3
Transportation services	6.824	185.8	186.1	1.1	.2	-3	-1	.1
Other services	10.006	215.7	216.2	3.2	.2	.3	.1	.3
All items less food	83.139	160.4	160.4	1.2	.0	.1	.2	.2
All items less shelter	72.967	155.7	155.7	.6	.0	-1	.3	.1
All items less medical care	95.409	156.8	156.8	1.2	.0	.0	.3	.1
Commodities less food	30.373	132.4	132.2	-1.0	-2	-2	.3	-1
Nondurables less food	16.970	135.2	134.5	-1.6	-5	-2	.7	-3
Nondurables less food and apparel	11.670	139.0	138.2	-2.5	-6	-2	1.0	-4
Nondurables	33.831	147.7	147.4	.3	-2	-1	.5	.0
Apparel less footwear	4.218	130.6	130.1	-1	-4	-5	.5	.0
Services less rent of shelter ³	26.057	171.3	171.4	1.4	.1	.1	.0	.2
Services less medical care services	49.082	176.6	176.8	2.3	.1	.2	.1	.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 Nov. 1998 from—		Seasonally adjusted percent change from—		
		Oct. 1998	Nov. 1998	Nov. 1997	Oct. 1998	Aug. to Sep.	Sep. to Oct.	Oct. to Nov.
Special aggregate indexes								
Energy	7.825	100.5	99.6	-9.5	-0.9	-1.4	1.0	-0.1
All items less energy	92.175	168.9	169.1	2.3	.1	.2	.2	.2
All items less food and energy	75.315	170.9	171.1	2.3	.1	.2	.2	.2
Commodities less food and energy commodities	26.463	143.5	143.6	1.0	.1	.1	.1	.0
Energy commodities	3.910	90.8	89.7	-13.8	-1.2	-2.1	2.4	-1.1
Services less energy services	48.852	189.3	189.6	3.0	.2	.3	.2	.3
Domestically produced farm food	9.110	163.7	163.7	2.4	.0	-.4	.8	.1
Utilities and public transportation	9.355	143.6	143.2	-1.1	-.3	-.1	-.1	.4
Purchasing power of the consumer dollar (1982-84=\$1.00)	-	\$.623	\$.622	-	-	-	-	-
Purchasing power of the consumer dollar (1967=\$1.00)	-	\$.209	\$.209	-	-	-	-	-

¹ Indexes on a December 1997=100 base.

² Not seasonally adjusted.

³ Indexes on a December 1984=100 base

⁴ Indexes on a December 1986=100 base.

⁵ Indexes on a December 1983=100 base.

⁶ Indexes on a December 1990=100 base.

⁷ Special index based on a substantially smaller sample.

⁸ Indexes on a December 1993=100 base.

⁹ Indexes on a December 1996=100 base.

¹⁰ Indexes on a December 1988=100 base.

- Data not available.

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

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

(1982-84=100, unless otherwise noted)

Item and group	Seasonally adjusted indexes				Seasonally adjusted annual rate percent change for					
					3 months ended—				6 months ended—	
	Aug. 1998	Sep. 1998	Oct. 1998	Nov. 1998	Feb. 1998	May 1998	Aug. 1998	Nov. 1998	May 1998	Nov. 1998
Expenditure category										
All items	160.0	160.1	160.6	160.8	0.3	2.0	1.3	2.0	1.1	1.6
Food and beverages	161.1	161.1	161.9	162.2	1.3	2.3	2.5	2.8	1.8	2.6
Food	160.8	160.7	161.5	161.8	1.0	2.5	2.8	2.5	1.8	2.6
Food at home	160.8	160.4	161.5	161.7	.3	2.5	2.8	2.3	1.4	2.5
Cereals and bakery products	181.9	182.0	182.1	182.6	1.4	2.7	3.6	1.5	2.0	2.6
Cereals and cereal products	172.3	171.9	172.4	172.2	-5	.7	5.8	-2	.1	2.7
Flour and prepared flour mixes	159.4	158.8	160.7	158.4	4.5	12.9	-3.2	-2.5	8.6	-2.8
Breakfast cereal	191.8	191.9	192.1	192.7	-2	-1.5	9.3	1.9	-8	5.5
Rice, pasta, cornmeal	151.6	150.8	151.6	150.2	-3.4	-1.1	5.2	-3.6	-2.2	.7
Bakery products	186.0	186.6	186.6	187.5	3.1	3.5	1.7	3.3	3.3	2.5
Bread ^{1 2}	101.9	102.1	101.3	101.9	-	1.6	5.3	.0	-	2.6
Fresh biscuits, rolls, muffins ^{1 2}	102.8	104.6	103.8	104.3	-	-1.6	4.8	6.0	-	5.4
Cakes, cupcakes, and cookies ²	180.7	179.0	180.5	182.1	3.8	-3.9	3.6	3.1	-1	3.4
Other bakery products	184.8	185.0	187.3	188.9	-2.4	10.6	-4	9.2	3.9	4.3
Meats, poultry, fish, and eggs	147.8	146.7	147.0	146.7	-3.7	-8	3.6	-2.9	-2.3	.3
Meats, poultry, and fish	148.5	147.5	147.5	147.3	-2.7	-1.3	3.9	-3.2	-2.0	.3
Meats	141.9	140.8	140.4	140.5	-3.6	-2.2	.6	-3.9	-2.9	-1.7
Beef and veal	137.7	136.7	135.7	136.1	-2.9	3.0	4.8	-4.6	.0	.0
Uncooked ground beef	118.1	116.5	115.9	116.0	-5.1	7.6	6.3	-6.9	1.0	-5
Uncooked beef roasts ^{1 2}	100.3	99.6	99.2	99.4	-	-2.4	4.1	-3.5	-	.2
Uncooked beef steaks ^{1 2}	100.2	99.7	99.1	100.4	-	2.4	1.6	.8	-	1.2
Uncooked other beef and veal ^{1 2}	98.6	98.8	98.5	99.3	-	-1.6	-1.6	2.9	-	.6
Pork	148.2	146.1	145.6	145.2	-3.1	-7.6	-5.0	-7.9	-5.4	-6.4
Bacon, breakfast sausage, and related products ^{1 2}	97.1	97.7	97.5	96.7	-	-11.0	8.7	-1.6	-	3.4
Ham	148.7	147.2	146.5	146.5	7.3	-6.6	-8.6	-5.8	.1	-7.2
Pork chops	148.6	144.9	145.5	142.3	-8.5	-3.9	-3.4	-15.9	-6.2	-9.9
Other pork including roasts and picnics ^{1 2}	97.0	95.9	93.1	93.9	-	-8.6	-8	-12.2	-	-6.7
Other meats ²	145.7	146.0	147.0	147.6	-5.5	-4.3	1.4	5.3	-4.9	3.3
Poultry ²	159.3	159.9	161.4	160.1	-5.0	1.6	9.3	2.0	-1.8	5.6
Chicken ^{1 2}	102.8	103.2	104.6	104.1	-	3.7	8.6	5.2	-	6.9
Other poultry including turkey ^{1 2}	102.6	103.0	102.3	100.1	-	-6.5	12.6	-9.4	-	1.0
Fish and seafood	186.9	183.5	183.7	183.4	3.6	.7	12.9	-7.3	2.1	2.3
Fresh fish and seafood ^{1 2}	103.8	101.7	103.2	103.1	-	-6.0	8.1	-2.7	-	2.6
Processed fish and seafood ^{1 2}	103.6	103.0	103.1	103.4	-	8.7	6.0	-8	-	2.6
Eggs	135.2	133.2	137.7	135.0	-19.2	7.7	-1.2	-6	-6.7	-9
Dairy and related products ²	150.1	152.6	154.6	155.5	1.6	1.1	6.4	15.2	1.4	10.7
Milk ^{1 2}	100.7	102.8	103.6	103.6	-	.4	1.6	12.0	-	6.7
Cheese and related products ²	152.4	153.8	156.4	157.5	2.8	3.3	9.4	14.1	3.0	11.7
Ice cream and related products	156.5	158.1	161.9	164.5	-1.8	3.0	15.1	22.1	.5	18.5
Other dairy and related products ^{1 2}	101.8	103.7	104.0	105.2	-	1.2	8.3	14.0	-	11.1
Fruits and vegetables	200.4	196.4	202.9	201.1	7.1	18.9	-5.0	1.4	12.8	-1.9
Fresh fruits and vegetables	233.8	228.0	238.1	235.5	7.2	23.4	-7.8	2.9	15.0	-2.6
Fresh fruits	247.0	238.0	244.9	247.2	23.5	-3.4	7.1	.3	9.2	3.7
Apples	200.9	202.1	206.8	203.4	3.2	.0	-4.5	5.1	1.6	.2
Bananas	160.4	162.1	162.7	166.0	-23.7	29.4	-3.2	14.7	-6	5.4
Citrus fruits ^{1 2}	158.7	161.7	157.1	129.3	-	76.0	240.8	-55.9	-	22.5
Other fresh fruits ^{1 2}	75.7	75.0	84.5	94.3	-	-3.7	-61.2	140.8	-	-3.3
Fresh vegetables	217.4	214.5	227.2	220.5	-7.8	57.5	-20.3	5.8	20.5	-8.2
Potatoes	174.9	185.7	189.6	187.3	4.2	4.6	-26.4	31.5	4.4	-1.6
Lettuce ²	202.5	204.8	218.7	220.3	-66.0	486.2	-80.4	40.1	41.2	-47.6
Tomatoes ²	216.3	203.5	244.7	265.3	3.3	23.7	-28.7	126.3	13.0	27.0
Other fresh vegetables	227.0	222.6	228.5	220.6	13.6	42.0	-9.0	-10.8	27.0	-9.9
Processed fruits and vegetables ^{1 2}	103.5	103.1	102.9	102.4	-	5.2	4.8	-4.2	-	.2
Canned fruits and vegetables ^{1 2}	103.6	103.2	103.0	102.9	-	5.3	5.6	-2.7	-	1.4
Frozen fruits and vegetables ^{1 2}	104.2	103.8	103.6	102.5	-	6.5	4.3	-6.4	-	-1.2
Other processed fruits and vegetables including dried ^{1 2}	101.7	101.4	100.7	100.1	-	2.4	3.6	-6.1	-	-1.4

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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—	
	Aug. 1998	Sep. 1998	Oct. 1998	Nov. 1998	Feb. 1998	May 1998	Aug. 1998	Nov. 1998	May 1998	Nov. 1998
Expenditure category										
Nonalcoholic beverages and beverage materials	131.0	130.9	131.3	132.0	-3.5	-4.7	-0.6	3.1	-4.1	1.2
Juices and nonalcoholic drinks ^{1 2}	99.7	99.9	100.5	100.6	-	-7.6	-4	3.7	-	1.6
Carbonated drinks	117.7	117.0	117.3	117.8	2.4	-7.2	3.8	.3	-2.5	2.1
Frozen noncarbonated juices and drinks ^{1 2}	101.4	101.4	103.4	102.8	-	-2.0	4.9	5.6	-	5.3
Nonfrozen noncarbonated juices and drinks ^{1 2}	98.3	98.9	99.7	100.1	-	-3.6	-1.2	7.5	-	3.1
Beverage materials including coffee and tea ^{1 2}	97.7	97.9	97.3	97.0	-	-8	-8.5	-2.8	-	-5.7
Coffee ²	161.1	158.3	155.6	155.2	-10.4	-4.9	-11.7	-13.9	-7.7	-12.8
Other beverage materials including tea ^{1 2}	100.8	103.1	103.7	103.4	-	4.0	-4.6	10.7	-	2.8
Other food at home	151.5	151.8	152.0	153.1	1.1	1.1	8.0	4.3	1.1	6.1
Sugar and sweets	150.3	150.4	150.2	150.7	1.9	-8	3.8	1.1	.5	2.4
Sugar and artificial sweeteners	137.0	137.2	134.4	135.7	2.1	-1.8	6.1	-3.7	.1	1.0
Candy and chewing gum ^{1 2}	100.7	101.0	101.1	101.2	-	-4.3	3.2	2.0	-	2.6
Other sweets ^{1 2}	103.6	103.6	104.7	102.7	-	13.3	-3.0	-3.4	-	-3.2
Fats and oils	149.5	152.1	156.1	155.5	-8	.9	26.0	17.0	.0	21.5
Butter and margarine ^{1 2}	116.2	123.7	131.8	127.6	-	8.3	70.4	45.4	-	57.4
Salad dressing ^{1 2}	101.7	101.4	102.8	102.5	-	-10.2	12.3	3.2	-	7.6
Other fats and oils including peanut butter ^{1 2}	103.0	102.3	102.6	102.9	-	-1.2	6.9	-4	-	3.2
Other foods	166.6	166.5	165.7	167.6	3.7	1.7	5.2	2.4	2.7	3.8
Soups	192.3	190.0	191.3	190.6	5.6	.8	-1.2	-3.5	3.2	-2.4
Frozen and freeze dried prepared foods ²	145.9	145.3	143.8	144.8	-1.9	.0	4.5	-3.0	-1.0	.7
Snacks ²	158.0	155.8	156.3	157.1	1.6	.5	6.9	-2.3	1.0	2.2
Spices, seasonings, condiments, sauces	173.3	173.5	173.6	175.8	9.3	-1.8	3.8	5.9	3.6	4.8
Baby food ^{1 2}	102.2	103.2	102.8	102.7	-	4.0	3.2	2.0	-	2.6
Other miscellaneous foods ^{1 2}	103.5	103.7	103.3	104.9	-	4.0	8.1	5.5	-	6.8
Food away from home ²	161.4	162.0	162.3	162.6	2.5	2.5	2.0	3.0	2.5	2.5
Full service meals and snacks ^{1 2}	101.9	102.1	102.2	102.5	-	2.8	2.8	2.4	-	2.6
Limited service meals and snacks ^{1 2}	101.3	101.7	101.9	102.0	-	1.6	1.6	2.8	-	2.2
Food at employee sites and schools ^{1 2}	100.7	101.6	102.1	102.3	-	1.2	1.6	6.5	-	4.0
Food from vending machines and mobile vendors ^{1 2}	100.6	100.8	100.7	100.7	-	2.0	.0	.4	-	.2
Other food away from home ^{1 2}	102.2	102.8	102.8	103.4	-	1.2	6.5	4.8	-	5.6
Alcoholic beverages	164.7	165.2	165.5	166.0	1.5	-5	2.7	3.2	.5	3.0
Alcoholic beverages at home	149.6	149.9	150.2	151.0	.3	.0	1.6	3.8	.1	2.7
Beer, ale, and other malt beverages at home	148.5	148.6	149.1	150.1	-3	.0	2.7	4.4	-1	3.6
Distilled spirits at home	151.9	152.3	152.4	152.9	1.1	.8	-3	2.7	.9	1.2
Wine at home	145.0	145.7	145.3	145.2	-8	2.0	.8	.6	.6	.7
Alcoholic beverages away from home	194.4	195.6	195.9	195.7	3.0	-1.6	5.1	2.7	.6	3.9
Housing	156.9	157.2	157.5	158.0	.5	3.4	1.5	2.8	1.9	2.2
Shelter	177.2	177.9	178.4	178.9	3.5	3.7	2.8	3.9	3.6	3.3
Rent of primary residence	172.4	173.0	173.5	173.9	2.6	3.8	3.3	3.5	3.2	3.4
Lodging away from home ¹	101.3	104.0	104.3	105.6	-	8.2	-3.1	18.1	-	7.0
Housing at school, excluding board ³	235.8	237.2	238.8	240.1	3.4	4.2	3.3	7.5	3.8	5.4
Other lodging away from home including hotels and motels	232.1	238.8	239.3	242.5	4.7	8.6	-3.5	19.2	6.6	7.2
Owners' equivalent rent of primary residence ³	171.8	172.2	172.7	173.0	3.6	3.6	2.8	2.8	3.6	2.8
Tenants' and household insurance ^{1 2}	99.4	99.4	100.0	100.3	-	-2.0	-1.2	3.7	-	1.2
Fuels and utilities	127.4	126.6	126.4	127.3	-12.2	2.5	-3.1	-3	-5.1	-1.7
Fuels	111.7	110.7	110.5	111.3	-18.0	2.5	-3.8	-1.4	-8.3	-2.6
Fuel oil and other fuels	90.1	88.5	87.9	87.3	-17.4	.9	-8.0	-11.9	-8.7	-10.0
Fuel oil	83.9	82.3	81.5	80.9	-20.8	-5.8	-13.1	-13.6	-13.6	-13.3
Other household fuels ^{2 4}	124.1	124.0	124.8	125.2	1.3	-2.8	-9.7	3.6	-8	-3.3
Gas (piped) and electricity	119.3	118.4	118.1	119.1	-18.3	2.7	-3.9	-7	-8.4	-2.3
Electricity	126.5	125.5	125.3	125.8	-15.0	.6	-3.4	-2.2	-7.5	-2.8
Utility natural gas service	111.3	110.5	110.1	112.4	-25.6	8.6	-5.5	4.0	-10.1	-9
Water and sewer and trash collection services ¹	101.8	102.1	102.2	102.4	-	3.6	1.6	2.4	-	2.0
Water and sewerage maintenance	214.6	215.1	215.4	216.0	3.1	4.2	1.1	2.6	3.6	1.9
Garbage and trash collection ^{2 5}	257.6	258.9	259.4	259.3	3.5	1.7	2.5	2.7	2.6	2.6
Household furnishings and operations	125.2	124.7	124.9	125.1	2.6	1.0	.6	-3	1.8	.2
Window and floor coverings and other linens ^{1 2}	101.2	101.2	101.7	101.4	-	1.6	-2.3	.8	-	-8
Floor coverings ^{1 2}	102.8	103.1	103.0	102.5	-	7.0	4.8	-1.2	-	1.8
Window coverings ^{1 2}	98.2	98.1	100.6	100.6	-	-7.3	-3.2	10.1	-	3.3
Other linens ^{1 2}	102.2	102.1	101.7	101.2	-	4.0	-4.9	-3.9	-	-4.4
Furniture and bedding ²	133.1	131.8	131.5	131.4	-1.5	4.7	3.1	-5.0	1.5	-1.1
Bedroom furniture ²	140.6	139.5	138.6	139.3	-2.8	7.7	-3.1	-3.6	2.3	-3.4
Living room, kitchen, and dining room furniture ^{1 2}	102.4	101.7	101.3	101.0	-	-2.0	7.4	-5.4	-	.8
Other furniture ^{1 2}	105.1	102.6	103.8	103.5	-	23.0	.8	-6.0	-	-2.7

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

(1982-84=100, unless otherwise noted)

Item and group	Seasonally adjusted indexes				Seasonally adjusted annual rate percent change for					
					3 months ended—			6 months ended—		
	Aug. 1998	Sep. 1998	Oct. 1998	Nov. 1998	Feb. 1998	May 1998	Aug. 1998	Nov. 1998	May 1998	Nov. 1998
Expenditure category										
Appliances ^{1 2}	100.0	99.9	100.0	99.7	-	-2.4	-1.6	-1.2	-	-1.4
Major appliances ^{1 2}	99.3	99.5	99.6	99.3	-	-8.0	.8	.0	-	.4
Other appliances ^{1 2}	101.2	100.6	100.7	100.4	-	6.5	-5.0	-3.1	-	-4.1
Other household equipment and furnishings ^{1 2}	101.2	100.4	100.7	100.9	-	2.8	-4.2	-1.2	-	-2.7
Clocks, lamps, and decorator items ²	116.5	117.1	117.6	117.8	2.8	6.6	-10.9	4.5	4.7	-3.5
Indoor plants and flowers ⁶	114.9	110.7	112.2	111.7	31.0	-9.7	10.8	-10.7	8.7	-5
Dishes and flatware ^{1 2}	102.8	99.3	101.5	100.5	-	18.4	-4.5	-8.7	-	-6.6
Nonelectric cookware and tableware ^{1 2}	99.3	99.1	99.4	100.1	-	-2.8	3.7	3.3	-	3.5
Tools, hardware, outdoor equipment and supplies ^{1 2}	99.5	99.5	99.2	99.1	-	-4.3	-3.2	-1.6	-	-2.4
Tools, hardware and supplies ^{1 2}	98.4	97.7	97.0	96.9	-	-3.9	-2.4	-6.0	-	-4.2
Outdoor equipment and supplies ^{1 2}	99.8	100.4	100.3	100.2	-	-4.6	-5.4	1.6	-	-2.0
Housekeeping supplies	147.1	147.7	147.7	147.4	4.5	1.9	1.6	.8	3.2	1.2
Household cleaning products ^{1 2}	100.5	101.1	101.6	101.2	-	-1.2	.4	2.8	-	1.6
Household paper products ^{1 2}	103.9	103.7	102.7	102.9	-	6.0	2.3	-3.8	-	-8
Miscellaneous household products ^{1 2}	102.4	102.9	103.3	102.9	-	5.2	.4	2.0	-	1.2
Household operations ^{1 2}	102.2	102.4	102.6	103.1	-	3.2	3.6	3.6	-	3.6
Domestic services ^{1 2}	102.0	102.3	102.6	102.9	-	1.6	4.4	3.6	-	4.0
Gardening and lawn care services ^{1 2}	101.7	101.8	101.7	101.7	-	5.7	1.6	.0	-	.8
Moving, storage, freight expense ^{1 2}	103.8	104.3	104.0	103.9	-	2.0	7.2	.4	-	3.8
Repair of household items ^{1 2}	101.6	101.7	102.4	104.5	-	2.8	2.0	11.9	-	6.8
Apparel	132.2	131.6	132.1	132.2	-2.7	.0	3.4	.0	-1.4	1.7
Men's and boys' apparel	131.5	130.2	132.4	132.0	1.2	.0	1.2	1.5	.6	1.4
Men's apparel	135.5	133.1	135.4	134.8	3.3	2.7	-1.2	-2.1	3.0	-1.6
Men's suits, sport coats, and outerwear	136.8	135.7	133.3	132.6	8.2	-5.9	-3	-11.7	.9	-6.2
Men's furnishings	138.8	133.0	134.1	133.0	28.5	9.0	-6.6	-15.7	18.3	-11.3
Men's shirts and sweaters ^{1 2}	99.0	100.8	105.2	104.6	-	17.1	-7.7	24.6	-	7.3
Men's pants and shorts	132.3	130.4	131.9	132.0	3.4	1.8	-3	-9	2.6	-6
Boys' apparel	119.0	120.1	122.6	121.9	.7	-9.4	8.9	10.1	-4.5	9.5
Women's and girls' apparel	125.7	125.6	124.1	123.7	-4.4	2.0	5.6	-6.2	-1.3	-5
Women's apparel	125.5	125.7	123.7	123.2	-6.0	3.0	7.0	-7.1	-1.6	-3
Women's outerwear	121.1	122.1	119.8	118.7	-27.7	10.5	-1.0	-7.7	-10.6	-4.4
Women's dresses	106.3	107.3	108.9	109.1	1.9	32.3	-28.3	11.0	16.1	-10.8
Women's suits and separates ^{1 2}	100.4	105.7	105.6	103.8	-	20.1	-9.4	14.2	-	1.8
Women's underwear, nightwear, sportswear and accessories ^{1 2}	101.2	100.8	101.8	102.3	-	10.4	-17.5	4.4	-	-7.2
Girls' apparel	126.7	125.1	125.6	126.0	3.5	-9	-1.3	-2.2	1.3	-1.7
Footwear	130.0	129.6	129.4	130.2	-4.8	-2.8	9.4	.6	-3.8	4.9
Men's footwear	132.6	132.2	132.5	132.2	-7.3	3.4	3.7	-1.2	-2.1	1.2
Boys' and girls' footwear	132.7	134.9	132.5	132.5	-11.4	-7.2	17.3	-6	-9.3	8.0
Women's footwear	125.3	124.1	123.6	125.9	.3	-4.5	10.2	1.9	-2.1	6.0
Infants' and toddlers' apparel ²	125.0	125.8	131.0	132.7	-12.0	14.7	-7.3	27.0	.5	8.5
Jewelry and watches ⁴	138.9	137.5	139.8	140.9	6.0	-13.2	-6.4	5.9	-4.1	-4
Watches ⁴	122.6	120.1	122.0	122.5	-6.9	9.8	-8.3	-3	1.1	-4.4
Jewelry ⁴	143.7	142.5	144.6	146.1	9.4	-17.5	-5.9	6.8	-5.0	.3
Transportation	140.5	139.9	140.5	140.5	-4.7	-2.0	-3	.0	-3.3	-1
Private transportation	137.8	137.4	138.1	138.1	-5.6	-1.7	-9	.9	-3.7	.0
New and used motor vehicles ¹	100.9	100.9	100.9	101.3	-	.8	2.4	1.6	-	2.0
New vehicles	145.1	144.8	144.2	144.4	-8	-6	2.0	-1.9	-7	.0
Used cars and trucks ²	152.4	153.2	154.2	155.2	1.9	3.8	2.9	7.6	2.8	5.2
Car and truck rental ^{1 2}	105.3	104.5	103.6	102.8	-	5.3	18.6	-9.2	-	3.8
Motor fuel	90.7	88.8	91.1	90.1	-28.4	-12.6	-10.3	-2.6	-20.9	-6.5
Gasoline (all types)	90.0	88.2	90.7	89.8	-29.0	-13.8	-10.4	-9	-21.8	-5.8
Gasoline, unleaded regular ⁷	87.5	85.5	88.2	86.9	-29.6	-13.7	-11.8	-2.7	-22.1	-7.4
Gasoline, unleaded midgrade ^{2 7 8}	95.9	94.3	95.2	94.1	-33.1	3.3	-11.9	-7.3	-16.9	-9.7
Gasoline, unleaded premium ⁷	92.7	91.3	93.2	92.5	-25.5	-11.7	-9.7	-9	-18.9	-5.4
Other motor fuels ^{1 2}	90.7	89.9	90.6	89.8	-	-8.5	-12.2	-3.9	-	-8.2
Motor vehicle parts and equipment	100.6	100.6	100.8	100.7	-4	-2.4	2.4	.4	-1.4	1.4
Tires	98.3	98.4	98.5	97.9	-1.6	-8	2.1	-1.6	-1.2	.2
Vehicle accessories other than tires ^{1 2}	99.6	99.6	99.9	100.1	-	-3.5	1.6	2.0	-	1.8
Motor vehicle maintenance and repair	168.5	169.3	170.2	170.8	3.7	1.2	3.6	5.6	2.4	4.6
Motor vehicle body work ²	179.1	180.4	180.3	181.2	5.1	4.6	-2.2	4.8	4.8	1.2
Motor vehicle maintenance and servicing ²	155.7	156.8	157.0	157.2	5.4	2.9	2.3	3.9	4.1	3.1
Motor vehicle repair ^{1 2}	101.4	102.0	102.8	103.1	-	.0	4.5	6.9	-	5.7

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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—	
	Aug. 1998	Sep. 1998	Oct. 1998	Nov. 1998	Feb. 1998	May 1998	Aug. 1998	Nov. 1998	May 1998	Nov. 1998
Expenditure category										
Motor vehicle insurance	253.9	253.2	253.5	253.4	2.1	1.6	-2.6	-0.8	1.8	-1.7
Motor vehicle fees ^{1 2}	102.3	102.5	102.3	103.0	-	1.6	-8	2.8	-	1.0
State and local registration and license ^{1 2}	101.2	101.3	101.0	101.8	-	.8	-1.6	2.4	-	.4
Parking and other fees ^{1 2}	105.8	106.2	106.3	106.8	-	3.1	1.9	3.8	-	2.9
Public transportation	190.6	187.4	185.2	184.4	9.0	-2.3	7.9	-12.4	3.2	-2.8
Airline fare ²	206.3	204.4	204.0	199.6	18.0	-2.5	4.8	-12.4	7.2	-4.2
Other intercity transportation ²	164.7	165.3	165.4	165.5	10.7	3.2	1.5	2.0	6.9	1.7
Intracity transportation ²	175.2	171.1	171.2	171.4	-3.4	.0	.9	-8.4	-1.7	-3.9
Medical care	242.9	243.7	244.1	244.6	3.1	4.1	4.1	2.8	3.6	3.4
Medical care commodities	219.9	221.5	221.3	221.8	2.3	6.1	3.3	3.5	4.2	3.4
Prescription drugs and medical supplies	260.5	262.3	262.6	263.2	4.6	7.3	5.1	4.2	5.9	4.6
Nonprescription drugs and medical supplies ^{2 4}	146.5	146.9	146.4	146.5	.0	2.5	1.7	.0	1.2	.8
Internal and respiratory over-the-counter drugs ²	174.4	174.9	174.0	173.4	-2	4.3	2.6	-2.3	2.0	.1
Nonprescription medical equipment and supplies ²	175.2	175.4	175.7	177.8	1.1	-2.5	-2	6.1	-7	2.9
Medical care services	248.0	248.5	249.1	249.6	3.4	3.7	4.3	2.6	3.5	3.5
Professional services	224.6	225.5	226.2	226.4	3.3	3.5	3.5	3.2	3.4	3.4
Physicians' services	231.9	232.9	233.2	233.7	2.9	2.7	5.5	3.1	2.8	4.3
Dental services ²	236.9	237.7	238.8	239.3	5.0	4.2	4.0	4.1	4.6	4.0
Eyeglasses and eye care ^{2 4}	144.8	144.9	145.3	144.0	2.8	7.5	-2.2	-2.2	5.1	-2.2
Services by other medical professionals ⁴	159.1	159.7	160.0	160.9	2.3	1.8	.3	4.6	2.0	2.4
Hospital and related services	285.6	285.6	286.7	287.2	3.8	2.4	5.2	2.3	3.1	3.7
Hospital services ^{2 9}	105.5	105.4	105.8	106.0	6.0	.4	5.5	1.9	3.1	3.7
Inpatient hospital services ^{2 7 9}	104.4	104.3	104.5	104.8	5.2	-4	5.1	1.5	2.4	3.3
Outpatient hospital services ^{4 7}	235.4	236.0	236.9	237.7	2.3	5.3	4.7	4.0	3.8	4.3
Nursing homes and adult daycare ^{2 9}	109.5	109.7	109.9	109.7	7.1	3.9	12.6	.7	5.5	6.5
Recreation ¹	101.0	101.0	100.7	100.8	-	.8	.8	-8	-	.0
Video and audio ^{1 2}	101.1	101.3	101.0	100.8	3.6	-4	.0	-1.2	1.6	-6
Televisions ²	58.1	57.6	57.1	56.9	-3.3	-3.3	-5.3	-8.0	-3.3	-6.7
Cable television ⁵	247.4	249.6	249.5	250.7	11.7	3.0	6.0	5.4	7.3	5.7
Other video equipment ^{1 2}	91.5	90.1	88.9	87.6	-	-15.4	-9.1	-16.0	-	-12.6
Video cassettes, discs, and other media including rental ^{1 2}	95.7	96.6	96.1	95.6	-	-5.2	-6.8	-4	-	-3.7
Audio equipment ²	84.0	84.2	84.0	82.4	-9.1	-5.9	-7.3	-7.4	-7.5	-7.3
Audio discs, tapes and other media ^{1 2}	99.2	100.0	100.1	100.2	-	3.3	-3.9	4.1	-	.0
Pets, pet products and services ^{1 2}	101.9	101.4	101.4	101.9	-	4.0	1.2	.0	-	.6
Pets and pet products ²	144.1	142.6	142.5	143.3	-1.1	3.4	.8	-2.2	1.1	-7
Pet services including veterinary ^{1 2}	102.8	103.6	103.7	104.0	-	4.4	2.8	4.8	-	3.8
Sporting goods ²	123.8	122.6	122.4	123.7	8.7	-6.8	1.0	-3	.7	.3
Sports vehicles including bicycles ²	129.0	128.6	128.1	130.3	11.6	-4.9	5.1	4.1	3.1	4.6
Sports equipment ²	115.0	113.3	113.3	113.8	5.2	-8.8	-2.7	-4.1	-2.0	-3.4
Photography ^{1 2}	100.2	100.8	100.7	100.3	-	1.2	1.2	.4	-	.8
Photographic equipment and supplies ²	133.4	134.0	133.9	133.0	-6.9	3.3	-2.9	-1.2	-1.9	-2.1
Photographers and film processing ^{1 2}	100.8	101.6	101.4	101.2	-	.0	3.7	1.6	-	2.6
Other recreational goods ¹	95.8	95.5	95.2	94.6	-	-6.7	-4.1	-4.9	-	-4.5
Toys	119.9	119.2	118.8	118.0	-8.6	-9.0	-3.3	-6.2	-8.8	-4.7
Sewing machines, fabric and supplies ^{1 2}	97.7	99.1	98.7	98.4	-	.4	-9.3	2.9	-	-3.4
Music instruments and accessories ^{1 2}	101.5	101.8	101.5	100.4	-	10.8	-4.2	-4.3	-	-4.2
Recreation services ¹	103.0	103.2	102.7	103.2	-	6.1	2.4	.8	-	1.6
Club membership dues and fees for participant sports ^{1 2}	103.2	103.6	103.1	104.3	-	3.6	6.9	4.3	-	5.6
Admissions ²	206.0	206.0	204.7	204.9	4.9	8.6	-8	-2.1	6.7	-1.4
Fees for lessons or instructions ⁴	178.5	179.9	179.7	179.4	5.9	4.2	3.4	2.0	5.0	2.7
Recreational reading materials ²	186.0	186.9	186.8	186.5	4.3	4.7	2.4	1.1	4.5	1.7
Newspapers and magazines ^{1 2}	102.3	102.7	102.8	103.0	-	2.8	1.6	2.8	-	2.2
Recreational books ^{1 2}	103.3	103.9	103.6	102.7	-	8.2	5.2	-2.3	-	1.4
Education and communication ¹	100.6	100.7	100.8	101.1	-	4.1	-1.2	2.0	-	.4
Education ¹	103.2	103.4	103.9	104.2	-	6.5	3.6	3.9	-	3.7
Educational books and supplies	252.3	255.3	259.1	260.0	3.8	8.7	-5	12.8	6.2	5.9
Tuition, other school fees, and childcare	290.5	290.6	291.7	292.8	4.8	6.2	4.2	3.2	5.5	3.7
College tuition and fees	306.2	306.7	307.8	309.6	4.8	4.9	1.7	4.5	4.8	3.1
Elementary and high school tuition and fees	311.0	310.5	312.2	313.8	5.5	6.4	9.4	3.7	6.0	6.5
Child care and nursery school ⁶	143.6	143.9	144.2	144.3	4.7	6.8	7.3	2.0	5.8	4.6
Technical and business school tuition and fees ^{1 2}	103.3	104.9	105.2	105.2	-	4.9	8.6	7.6	-	8.1

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

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Item and group	Seasonally adjusted indexes				Seasonally adjusted annual rate percent change for					
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	Aug. 1998	Sep. 1998	Oct. 1998	Nov. 1998	Feb. 1998	May 1998	Aug. 1998	Nov. 1998	May 1998	Nov. 1998
Expenditure category										
Communication ^{1 2}	98.4	98.5	98.4	98.5	-3.2	1.6	-5.1	0.4	-0.8	-2.4
Postage and delivery services ^{1 2}	100.1	100.1	100.1	100.1	-	.4	.0	.0	-	.0
Postage ²	160.8	160.8	160.8	160.8	.0	.0	.0	.0	.0	.0
Delivery services ^{1 2}	104.2	104.1	104.2	103.8	-	10.2	1.2	-1.5	-	-2
Information and information processing ^{1 2}	98.3	98.4	98.3	98.4	-3.2	1.6	-5.5	.4	-8	-2.6
Telephone services ^{1 2}	100.5	100.8	100.8	101.2	-	4.9	-2.7	2.8	-	.0
Telephone services, local charges ²	165.3	165.4	165.6	165.8	1.5	3.2	.7	1.2	2.3	1.0
Telephone services, long distance charges ^{1 2}	100.0	100.4	100.5	101.1	-	7.0	-5.4	4.5	-	-6
Cellular telephone services ^{1 2}	94.1	94.2	93.9	92.9	-	-7.9	-8.8	-5.0	-	-6.9
Information and information processing other than telephone services ^{2 10}	38.9	38.2	37.4	36.6	-25.5	-25.2	-30.5	-21.6	-25.3	-26.2
Personal computers and peripheral equipment ^{1 2}	71.2	69.0	67.5	65.3	-	-34.7	-42.9	-29.2	-	-36.4
Computer software and accessories ^{1 2}	94.5	93.8	92.4	90.0	-	-8	-9.9	-17.7	-	-13.9
Computer information processing services ^{1 2}	103.6	103.5	103.5	103.5	-	13.4	.8	-4	-	.2
Other information processing equipment ^{1 2}	93.7	93.3	91.1	91.2	-	-10.5	-7.7	-10.3	-	-9.0
Other goods and services	236.7	239.7	240.4	239.3	8.2	6.6	3.6	4.5	7.4	4.0
Tobacco and smoking products	274.5	283.7	284.3	280.8	19.2	11.5	9.6	9.5	15.3	9.5
Cigarettes ^{1 2}	109.4	113.6	114.2	112.5	-	15.0	5.7	11.8	-	8.7
Tobacco products other than cigarettes ^{1 2}	103.5	103.7	103.5	105.2	-	11.5	-2.7	6.7	-	1.9
Personal care ²	157.2	157.7	158.3	158.1	1.8	4.5	1.3	2.3	3.1	1.8
Personal care products ²	149.6	150.1	150.4	149.8	1.4	8.1	-2.4	.5	4.7	-9
Hair, dental, shaving, and miscellaneous personal care products ^{1 2}	100.4	101.3	100.8	100.2	-	2.0	-2.4	-8	-	-1.6
Cosmetics, perfume, bath, nail preparations and implements ²	163.4	163.1	164.8	164.2	7.6	14.8	-2.9	2.0	11.2	-5
Personal care services ²	167.0	167.4	167.8	168.0	2.0	3.0	3.2	2.4	2.5	2.8
Haircuts and other personal care services ^{1 2}	101.8	102.1	102.3	102.4	-	2.8	3.2	2.4	-	2.8
Miscellaneous personal services	234.9	236.2	236.8	237.4	3.2	3.0	4.6	4.3	3.1	4.4
Legal services ^{2 4}	171.1	173.3	174.2	174.3	6.4	2.9	2.1	7.7	4.6	4.9
Funeral expenses ⁴	180.8	181.2	181.7	182.1	3.5	5.3	6.2	2.9	4.4	4.5
Laundry and dry cleaning services ^{1 2}	101.4	101.7	102.2	102.4	-	2.4	.4	4.0	-	2.2
Apparel services other than laundry and dry cleaning ^{1 2}	101.6	101.4	101.2	101.3	-	2.0	2.8	-1.2	-	.8
Financial services ^{2 4}	199.4	199.4	199.7	199.9	4.9	3.3	5.0	1.0	4.1	3.0
Miscellaneous personal goods ^{1 2}	99.6	100.2	101.7	100.7	-	4.5	-4.7	4.5	-	-2
Special aggregate indexes										
Commodities	142.0	141.8	142.4	142.4	-1.4	.0	1.1	1.1	-7	1.1
Commodities less food and beverages	130.6	130.3	130.7	130.6	-3.3	-9	.0	.0	-2.1	.0
Nondurables less food and beverages	131.8	131.5	132.6	132.0	-5.8	-1.2	-1.2	.6	-3.5	-3
Nondurables less food, beverages, and apparel	136.5	136.1	137.3	136.4	-8.5	-9	-2.0	-3	-4.8	-1.2
Durables	127.5	127.2	127.1	127.4	.3	-1.2	1.6	-3	-5	.6
Services	181.5	181.9	182.2	182.7	1.6	3.4	2.0	2.7	2.5	2.3
Rent of shelter ³	170.5	171.3	171.8	172.4	3.2	3.4	2.9	4.5	3.3	3.7
Transportation services	186.0	185.5	185.4	185.6	3.8	.6	1.1	-9	2.2	.1
Other services	214.6	215.3	215.5	216.2	3.3	4.6	1.9	3.0	4.0	2.4
All items less food	159.6	159.7	160.0	160.3	-3	2.0	1.3	1.8	.9	1.5
All items less shelter	155.3	155.1	155.5	155.7	-1.0	1.3	1.0	1.0	.1	1.0
All items less medical care	156.1	156.1	156.6	156.8	.0	1.8	1.3	1.8	.9	1.5
Commodities less food	132.1	131.9	132.3	132.2	-3.3	-9	.0	.3	-2.1	.2
Nondurables less food	133.8	133.5	134.5	134.1	-5.7	-6	-9	.9	-3.2	.0
Nondurables less food and apparel	138.2	137.9	139.3	138.7	-8.4	-1.7	-1.1	1.5	-5.1	.1
Nondurables	146.7	146.6	147.3	147.3	-2.4	1.4	.8	1.6	-5	1.2
Apparel less footwear	128.4	127.8	128.4	128.4	-2.2	.6	1.9	.0	-8	.9
Services less rent of shelter ³	171.2	171.3	171.3	171.6	-7	4.1	1.2	.9	1.7	1.1
Services less medical care services	176.0	176.3	176.4	177.0	.9	3.7	2.3	2.3	2.3	2.3

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	Aug. 1998	Sep. 1998	Oct. 1998	Nov. 1998	Feb. 1998	May 1998	Aug. 1998	Nov. 1998	May 1998	Nov. 1998
Special aggregate indexes										
Energy	100.7	99.3	100.3	100.2	-23.0	-4.9	-6.8	-2.0	-14.4	-4.4
All items less energy	168.3	168.6	168.9	169.2	2.2	2.7	2.2	2.2	2.4	2.2
All items less food and energy	170.4	170.7	171.0	171.3	2.4	2.6	2.1	2.1	2.5	2.1
Commodities less food and energy commodities	143.2	143.3	143.4	143.4	1.1	.8	1.4	.6	1.0	1.0
Energy commodities	90.7	88.8	90.9	89.9	-27.6	-12.3	-9.9	-3.5	-20.3	-6.8
Services less energy services	188.6	189.1	189.5	190.0	3.3	3.5	2.4	3.0	3.4	2.7
Domestically produced farm food	163.2	162.6	163.9	164.1	.8	3.3	4.0	2.2	2.0	3.1
Utilities and public transportation	144.1	144.0	143.9	144.5	-6.9	4.0	-2.2	1.1	-1.6	-6

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

- ⁷ Special index based on a substantially smaller sample.
 - ⁸ Indexes on a December 1993=100 base.
 - ⁹ Indexes on a December 1996=100 base.
 - ¹⁰ Indexes on a December 1988=100 base.
 - Data not available.
- NOTE: Index applies to a month as a whole, not to any specific date.

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

(1982-84=100, unless otherwise noted)

Area	Pricing schedule 1	All items									
		Indexes				Percent change to Nov. 1998 from—			Percent change to Oct. 1998 from—		
		Aug. 1998	Sep. 1998	Oct. 1998	Nov. 1998	Nov. 1997	Sep. 1998	Oct. 1998	Oct. 1997	Aug. 1998	Sep. 1998
U.S. city average	M	163.4	163.6	164.0	164.0	1.5	0.2	0.0	1.5	0.4	0.2
Region and area size²											
Northeast urban	M	170.5	170.6	171.3	171.2	1.6	.4	-.1	1.5	.5	.4
Size A - More than 1,500,000	M	171.4	171.7	172.3	172.2	1.7	.3	-.1	1.7	.5	.3
Size B/C - 50,000 to 1,500,000 ³	M	102.2	102.2	102.6	102.6	1.3	.4	.0	1.2	.4	.4
Midwest urban ⁴	M	159.5	159.9	160.1	160.1	1.5	.1	.0	1.5	.4	.1
Size A - More than 1,500,000	M	161.0	161.4	161.4	161.3	1.8	-.1	-.1	1.9	.2	.0
Size B/C - 50,000 to 1,500,000 ³	M	102.0	102.2	102.4	102.4	1.1	.2	.0	1.1	.4	.2
Size D - Nonmetropolitan (less than 50,000)	M	153.3	154.0	154.3	154.7	.7	.5	.3	.7	.7	.2
South urban	M	159.5	159.5	159.8	159.6	1.1	.1	-.1	1.3	.2	.2
Size A - More than 1,500,000	M	158.9	158.8	159.0	158.6	1.4	-.1	-.3	1.5	.1	.1
Size B/C - 50,000 to 1,500,000 ³	M	102.5	102.5	102.8	102.8	.9	.3	.0	1.0	.3	.3
Size D - Nonmetropolitan (less than 50,000)	M	160.2	160.1	159.8	160.0	1.8	-.1	.1	1.8	-.2	-.2
West urban	M	164.8	165.1	165.5	165.8	1.8	.4	.2	1.7	.4	.2
Size A - More than 1,500,000	M	165.6	165.9	166.3	166.5	2.3	.4	.1	2.0	.4	.2
Size B/C - 50,000 to 1,500,000 ³	M	102.5	102.7	103.0	103.5	1.1	.8	.5	.9	.5	.3
Size classes											
A ⁵	M	148.1	148.2	148.5	148.5	1.9	.2	.0	1.7	.3	.2
B/C ³	M	102.4	102.4	102.7	102.8	1.1	.4	.1	1.0	.3	.3
D	M	159.4	159.7	159.7	159.9	1.3	.1	.1	1.3	.2	.0
Selected local areas⁶											
Chicago-Gary-Kenosha, IL-IN-WI	M	165.4	165.3	165.7	165.4	1.5	.1	-.2	2.0	.2	.2
Los Angeles-Riverside-Orange County, CA ..	M	162.6	162.6	163.2	163.4	1.7	.5	.1	1.3	.4	.4
New York-Northern N.J.-Long Island, NY-NJ-CT-PA	M	174.2	174.4	174.8	174.7	1.6	.2	-.1	1.5	.3	.2
Boston-Brockton-Nashua, MA-NH-ME-CT	1	-	172.1	-	173.3	2.3	.7	-	-	-	-
Cleveland-Akron, OH	1	-	161.5	-	160.8	2.4	-.4	-	-	-	-
Dallas-Fort Worth, TX	1	-	154.5	-	154.0	-	-.3	-	-	-	-
Washington-Baltimore, DC-MD-VA-WV ⁷	1	-	102.9	-	102.4	1.9	-.5	-	-	-	-
Atlanta, GA	2	161.9	-	162.0	-	-	-	-	-	.1	-
Detroit-Ann Arbor-Flint, MI	2	160.5	-	161.0	-	-	-	-	2.0	.3	-
Houston-Galveston-Brazoria, TX	2	147.4	-	148.5	-	-	-	-	.8	.7	-
Miami-Fort Lauderdale, FL	2	160.8	-	161.1	-	-	-	-	-	.2	-
Philadelphia-Wilmington-Atlantic City, PA-NJ-DE-MD	2	168.6	-	170.3	-	-	-	-	1.6	1.0	-
San Francisco-Oakland-San Jose, CA	2	166.6	-	167.2	-	-	-	-	2.9	.4	-
Seattle-Tacoma-Bremerton, WA	2	168.5	-	169.3	-	-	-	-	-	.5	-

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

M - Every month.

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

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

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

³ Indexes on a December 1996=100 base.

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

⁵ Indexes on a December 1986=100 base.

⁶ In addition, the following metropolitan areas are published semiannually and appear in Tables 34 and 39 of the January and July issues of the CPI Detailed Report: Anchorage, AK; Cincinnati-Hamilton, OH-KY-IN; Denver-Boulder-Greeley, CO; Honolulu, HI; Kansas City, MO-KS;

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

⁷ Indexes on a November 1996=100 base.

- Data not available.

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

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

Table 11. Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers (CPI-U): Regions¹, by expenditure category and commodity and service group

(1982-84=100, unless otherwise noted)

Item and group	Northeast			Midwest ²			South			West		
	Index Nov. 1998	Percent change from—		Index Nov. 1998	Percent change from—		Index Nov. 1998	Percent change from—		Index Nov. 1998	Percent change from—	
		Nov. 1997	Oct. 1998		Nov. 1997	Oct. 1998		Nov. 1997	Oct. 1998		Nov. 1997	Oct. 1998
Expenditure category												
All items	171.2	1.6	-0.1	160.1	1.5	0.0	159.6	1.1	-0.1	165.8	1.8	0.2
All items (December 1977=100)	269.6	-	-	260.4	-	-	259.0	-	-	268.1	-	-
Food and beverages	165.2	2.4	.1	159.2	2.4	.2	160.4	1.9	.0	165.5	2.5	.0
Food	164.6	2.4	.1	158.5	2.5	.1	160.5	2.0	.1	165.0	2.5	.0
Food at home	165.5	2.3	-.1	157.9	2.5	.1	158.7	1.5	.0	169.1	2.5	-.1
Food away from home	165.4	2.5	.4	160.1	2.4	.3	165.1	2.7	.1	159.0	2.5	.1
Alcoholic beverages	171.5	2.1	.0	166.5	1.9	.4	159.9	2.0	.3	169.8	1.5	-.4
Housing	172.9	2.4	.0	155.8	1.8	-.1	151.3	1.6	-.4	166.4	3.2	.3
Shelter	204.3	3.4	-.2	179.8	3.0	-.1	166.9	3.3	.0	184.1	4.1	.3
Rent of primary residence	187.6	3.5	.5	170.4	2.8	.2	161.4	3.1	.2	176.0	4.0	.5
Owners' equivalent rent of primary residence ³	213.3	3.1	.2	184.9	2.9	.2	169.0	3.3	.2	194.6	3.8	.4
Fuels and utilities	121.9	-2.7	1.7	122.3	-3.5	.2	129.6	-4.8	-2.6	137.9	-2.5	.0
Fuels	111.9	-3.4	2.0	105.7	-5.0	.2	110.3	-7.9	-3.3	125.5	-4.0	.1
Gas (piped) and electricity	129.3	-1.8	2.3	111.2	-5.0	.1	112.7	-8.2	-3.4	128.5	-3.9	.1
Electricity	132.2	-2.8	.2	120.2	-1.9	-.8	111.9	-8.8	-4.5	141.3	-3.0	-.1
Utility natural gas service	125.6	-.2	6.2	102.9	-8.8	1.5	118.0	-6.0	2.2	114.0	-6.2	.4
Household furnishings and operations	128.3	2.2	.2	124.3	.2	-.2	127.2	.6	-.3	126.8	1.4	.3
Apparel	132.9	-.2	-1.1	133.1	-.6	-.3	145.9	.1	.2	124.9	1.8	-.6
Transportation	143.3	-2.6	.1	140.2	-.8	.0	139.1	-1.8	-.1	143.9	-1.6	.2
Private transportation	138.4	-2.8	.1	136.6	-.8	.2	137.7	-2.1	.2	139.5	-2.0	.4
New and used motor vehicles ⁴	100.0	-	.4	101.0	-	1.0	100.9	-	.4	100.8	-	.9
New vehicles	142.5	-1.0	.3	141.1	.3	1.1	146.7	-.1	.5	142.7	-.6	.9
New cars and trucks ^{4 5}	99.2	-	.4	99.9	-	1.1	99.7	-	.4	99.3	-	.9
New cars ⁵	140.7	-1.2	.4	136.3	.0	1.1	145.3	-.3	.3	138.8	-.6	.9
Used cars and trucks	157.4	4.2	.7	153.8	4.3	.7	155.6	4.9	.6	150.3	3.4	.4
Motor fuel	88.1	-15.2	-.1	90.2	-11.9	-2.5	87.7	-13.8	-1.0	93.5	-16.1	-.8
Gasoline (all types)	87.6	-15.4	-.1	89.8	-12.1	-2.5	87.2	-13.9	-1.0	92.6	-16.2	-.9
Gasoline, unleaded regular ⁵	85.7	-16.4	-.2	87.7	-12.9	-2.7	83.7	-14.9	-1.1	89.2	-17.3	-1.0
Gasoline, unleaded midgrade ^{5 6}	91.3	-14.8	.0	100.5	-10.9	-2.8	93.6	-13.2	-1.1	91.5	-14.9	-.4
Gasoline, unleaded premium ⁵	89.7	-13.4	-.1	94.7	-10.4	-2.3	92.0	-12.1	-1.0	95.5	-14.3	-.7
Medical care	256.8	4.2	.1	238.3	4.3	.1	242.3	3.2	.0	242.8	2.6	.5
Medical care commodities	230.4	5.5	-.3	221.6	4.3	.3	218.4	3.6	.2	232.6	3.3	.3
Medical care services	262.4	3.9	.2	242.3	4.3	.0	248.3	3.1	.0	245.1	2.4	.5
Professional services	236.9	4.3	-.1	223.0	4.9	.1	228.2	2.7	.0	208.8	1.9	.7
Recreation ⁴	102.9	-	.3	100.9	-	-.1	101.4	-	.0	99.9	-	.6
Education and communication ⁴	100.7	-	.0	101.9	-	.0	100.9	-	.3	100.7	-	.1
Other goods and services	248.7	4.2	-.5	235.4	4.9	-.4	233.8	5.3	-.4	243.9	3.6	.0
Commodity and service group												
All items	171.2	1.6	-.1	160.1	1.5	.0	159.6	1.1	-.1	165.8	1.8	.2
Commodities	143.2	.1	-.2	141.5	.3	.0	142.5	.0	-.1	142.7	.1	.0
Commodities less food and beverages	129.0	-1.4	-.3	131.5	-1.0	-.2	132.4	-1.1	-.1	129.1	-1.5	.0
Nondurables less food and beverages	130.6	-2.0	-.7	134.4	-1.4	-.8	135.3	-1.6	-.2	131.1	-2.1	-.4
Nondurables less food, beverages, and apparel	135.3	-2.8	-.4	138.4	-1.8	-1.1	135.5	-2.4	-.5	138.8	-3.9	-.3
Durable	126.6	-.6	.2	126.8	-.2	.6	128.8	-.5	.1	126.7	-.4	.6
Services	199.1	2.6	.1	179.7	2.5	.0	177.4	2.1	-.2	186.8	3.0	.3
Rent of shelter ³	213.2	3.4	-.2	184.7	3.0	-.1	171.6	3.4	.1	195.4	4.2	.3
Transportation services	187.9	-.2	.0	186.8	2.0	-.1	189.7	.6	.4	191.0	2.5	.1
Other services	233.5	3.5	.3	211.0	3.7	.1	216.7	3.2	.2	215.8	2.2	.5

See footnotes at end of table.

Table 11. Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers (CPI-U): Regions¹, by expenditure category and commodity and service group-Continued

(1982-84=100, unless otherwise noted)

Item and group	Northeast			Midwest ²			South			West		
	Index Nov. 1998	Percent change from—		Index Nov. 1998	Percent change from—		Index Nov. 1998	Percent change from—		Index Nov. 1998	Percent change from—	
		Nov. 1997	Oct. 1998		Nov. 1997	Oct. 1998		Nov. 1997	Oct. 1998		Nov. 1997	Oct. 1998
Special aggregate indexes												
All items less medical care	167.0	1.5	-0.1	155.8	1.3	-0.1	154.4	1.0	-0.1	161.6	1.8	0.1
All items less food	172.6	1.5	.0	160.3	1.4	.0	159.4	1.0	-1.1	166.1	1.8	.2
All items less shelter	160.5	.8	.1	154.4	.9	.0	157.6	.4	-2	159.7	.8	.1
Commodities less food	130.7	-1.3	-.4	132.8	-.9	-.2	133.4	-1.0	-1	131.1	-1.2	.0
Nondurables	148.2	.4	-.3	146.7	.5	-.3	147.8	.3	-1	148.6	.4	-.2
Nondurables less food	133.0	-1.6	-.7	136.2	-1.2	-.7	136.5	-1.4	-2	134.0	-1.7	-.4
Nondurables less food and apparel	137.7	-2.3	-.4	140.2	-1.5	-.9	136.8	-1.9	-4	141.2	-3.3	-.3
Services less rent of shelter ³	200.7	1.7	.5	184.4	2.0	.1	190.5	.9	-4	196.4	1.6	.3
Services less medical care services	194.0	2.5	.1	174.0	2.4	.0	169.7	1.9	-2	181.7	3.1	.3
Energy	102.1	-7.7	1.2	98.0	-8.1	-1.0	97.6	-10.8	-2.4	106.8	-10.1	-.4
All items less energy	180.4	2.3	-.1	168.9	2.3	.1	167.8	2.1	.1	172.4	2.7	.2
All items less food and energy	184.5	2.3	-.2	171.4	2.3	.1	169.7	2.2	.1	174.2	2.7	.2
Commodities less food and energy commodities	144.5	.7	-.4	144.1	.6	.1	145.3	.6	.0	140.7	.8	.1
Energy commodities	86.4	-14.3	.0	90.0	-11.9	-2.4	88.5	-13.4	-1.0	94.6	-15.8	-.7
Services less energy services	205.9	2.9	.0	188.4	3.1	-.1	184.5	2.9	.1	191.1	3.4	.3

¹ Regions defined as the four Census regions. See map in technical notes.

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

³ Indexes on a December 1982=100 base.

⁴ Indexes on a December 1997=100 base.

⁵ Special index based on a substantially smaller sample.

⁶ 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 classes¹, by expenditure category and commodity and service group

(1982-84=100, unless otherwise noted)

Item and group	Size class A ²			Size class B/C ³			Size class D		
	Index	Percent change from—		Index	Percent change from—		Index	Percent change from—	
		Nov. 1998	Nov. 1997		Oct. 1998	Nov. 1998		Nov. 1997	Oct. 1998	Nov. 1998	Nov. 1997	Oct. 1998
Expenditure category									
All items	148.5	1.9	0.0	102.8	1.1	0.1	159.9	1.3	0.1
All items (December 1977=100)	148.5	-	-	-	-	-	257.9	-	-
Food and beverages	147.0	2.4	.1	101.8	-	.1	158.3	2.3	.0
Food	146.6	2.4	.1	101.9	-	.2	158.1	2.4	.0
Food at home	150.5	2.4	.0	101.7	-	.1	156.1	2.6	.0
Food away from home	140.8	2.6	.2	102.2	-	.3	162.6	2.1	.1
Alcoholic beverages	150.6	2.2	.1	101.3	-	.1	159.2	-9	.1
Housing	145.4	2.8	-1	101.8	-	.0	152.7	1.1	.1
Shelter	155.5	3.9	-1	102.9	-	.1	174.0	1.4	.2
Rent of primary residence	146.2	4.1	.3	102.2	-	.4	163.0	1.9	.2
Owners' equivalent rent of primary residence ⁴	155.8	3.8	.3	102.4	-	.3	181.5	2.1	.3
Fuels and utilities	126.6	-3.4	-9	97.2	-	.1	130.2	1.7	.1
Fuels	123.4	-4.9	-1.0	96.0	-	.0	108.4	.4	.0
Gas (piped) and electricity	123.0	-4.5	-1.2	96.5	-	.0	117.1	.4	.0
Electricity	123.6	-3.1	-3.1	96.8	-	-9	123.6	2.7	-2
Utility natural gas service	121.8	-5.9	2.9	95.6	-	3.1	108.7	-5.0	.6
Household furnishings and operations	119.5	1.6	.0	100.9	-	-1	123.2	-1.4	-3
Apparel	124.4	.7	-7	102.6	-	-1	139.0	1.2	1.4
Transportation	139.8	-1.5	.1	98.7	-	.1	138.0	-2.3	.0
Private transportation	138.9	-1.8	.3	98.4	-	.2	134.1	-2.3	.0
New and used motor vehicles ³	100.7	-	.6	100.9	-	.9	100.8	-	.1
New vehicles	125.9	-6	.6	99.9	-	.9	143.9	-1	-1
New cars and trucks ^{3 5}	99.3	-	.6	99.9	-	.9	99.6	-	-2
New cars ⁵	124.3	-5	.6	99.5	-	.9	140.0	.1	-4
Used cars and trucks	146.5	4.6	.5	103.6	-	.7	147.6	3.8	.6
Motor fuel	131.9	-14.0	-8	87.9	-	-1.7	86.1	-15.4	-1.4
Gasoline (all types)	131.1	-14.3	-8	87.9	-	-1.7	85.4	-15.5	-1.5
Gasoline, unleaded regular ⁵	129.9	-15.1	-1.0	87.3	-	-1.8	81.5	-16.2	-1.3
Gasoline, unleaded midgrade ^{5 6}	92.5	-13.3	-5	88.3	-	-1.7	95.2	-15.1	-1.3
Gasoline, unleaded premium ⁵	125.0	-12.5	-6	89.3	-	-1.3	90.5	-13.1	-1.7
Medical care	193.9	3.7	.2	102.8	-	.0	239.4	4.0	.1
Medical care commodities	181.9	4.7	.0	102.4	-	.2	225.1	5.0	.4
Medical care services	196.4	3.4	.3	103.0	-	.1	243.1	3.7	.0
Professional services	177.9	3.6	.2	102.9	-	.0	231.8	3.0	-1
Recreation ³	101.1	-	.3	101.1	-	-1	103.9	-	.3
Education and communication ³	101.3	-	.0	100.6	-	.2	100.7	-	.1
Other goods and services	192.5	4.1	-2	105.1	-	-4	240.7	7.6	-8
Commodity and service group									
All items	148.5	1.9	.0	102.8	1.1	.1	159.9	1.3	.1
Commodities	136.6	.3	-1	100.3	-	.0	140.4	.2	-1
Commodities less food and beverages	129.8	-1.1	-2	99.4	-	-1	130.8	-9	-1
Nondurables less food and beverages	138.0	-1.5	-5	99.3	-	-6	133.9	-7	-1
Nondurables less food, beverages, and apparel	147.5	-2.6	-4	97.8	-	-8	134.9	-1.5	-8
Durables	118.8	-3	.3	99.5	-	.5	127.1	-1.1	.0
Services	157.9	2.9	.0	102.3	-	.1	181.1	2.3	.2
Rent of shelter ⁴	155.9	4.0	-1	102.9	-	.0	180.0	1.4	.2
Transportation services	154.7	1.2	.1	101.6	-	.1	186.9	.6	.7
Other services	178.6	3.2	.3	102.9	-	.1	218.5	4.8	.3

See footnotes at end of table.

Table 12. Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers (CPI-U): Population size classes¹, by expenditure category and commodity and service group-Continued

(1982-84=100, unless otherwise noted)

Item and group	Size class A ²			Size class B/C ³			Size class D		
	Index Nov. 1998	Percent change from—		Index Nov. 1998	Percent change from—		Index Nov. 1998	Percent change from—	
		Nov. 1997	Oct. 1998		Nov. 1997	Oct. 1998		Nov. 1997	Oct. 1998
Special aggregate indexes									
All items less medical care	146.0	1.7	-0.1	101.3	-	0.1	154.3	1.1	0.1
All items less food	148.9	1.8	.0	101.3	-	.0	160.2	1.1	.1
All items less shelter	145.5	.9	-.1	100.8	-	.0	156.5	1.3	.1
Commodities less food	131.0	-.9	-.2	99.5	-	-.1	131.7	-.9	-.1
Nondurables	142.8	.6	-.2	100.6	-	-.2	145.9	.8	-.1
Nondurables less food	139.2	-1.2	-.4	99.4	-	-.6	135.1	-.7	-.1
Nondurables less food and apparel	147.7	-2.1	-.3	98.1	-	-.7	136.3	-1.4	-.7
Services less rent of shelter ⁴	159.8	1.7	.1	101.6	-	.1	192.0	3.1	.3
Services less medical care services	154.7	2.9	.0	102.2	-	.1	173.5	2.1	.2
Energy	127.0	-8.9	-1.0	92.5	-	-6	97.3	-6.2	-.5
All items less energy	150.1	2.6	.1	102.1	-	.1	168.8	2.0	.1
All items less food and energy	150.8	2.7	.1	102.2	-	.1	171.4	1.9	.2
Commodities less food and energy commodities	130.8	.8	-.2	101.1	-	.1	144.2	.9	.1
Energy commodities	131.2	-13.7	-.7	88.0	-	-1.5	85.9	-14.8	-1.5
Services less energy services	160.4	3.4	.1	102.7	-	.1	188.7	2.4	.3

¹ See region and area size on Table 10 for information about population size classes.

² Indexes on a December 1986=100 base.

³ Indexes on a December 1997=100 base.

⁴ Indexes on a December 1982=100 base.

⁵ Special index based on a substantially smaller sample.

⁶ 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 classes¹, 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 ²		
	Index	Percent change from—		Index	Percent change from—	
		Nov. 1998	Nov. 1997		Oct. 1998	Nov. 1997	Oct. 1998
Expenditure category						
All items	172.2	1.7	-0.1	102.6	1.3	0.0
All items (December 1977=100)	266.1	-	-	-	-	-
Food and beverages	164.9	2.4	.1	102.5	-	-1
Food	164.2	2.2	.1	102.6	-	-1
Food at home	165.4	2.2	.0	102.7	-	-2
Food away from home	164.7	2.5	.4	102.5	-	.1
Alcoholic beverages	173.0	3.0	.1	100.0	-	-2
Housing	173.5	2.6	.0	101.6	-	.0
Shelter	203.4	3.5	-2	102.6	-	-3
Rent of primary residence	189.4	3.9	.5	101.6	-	.2
Owners' equivalent rent of primary residence ⁴	209.5	3.4	.2	102.1	-	.2
Fuels and utilities	121.7	-2.3	1.8	96.5	-	1.6
Fuels	115.7	-2.8	2.1	95.2	-	1.7
Gas (piped) and electricity	129.6	-1.4	2.3	97.4	-	2.1
Electricity	130.6	-2.5	.2	96.7	-	.3
Utility natural gas service	129.0	.5	6.0	99.3	-	6.8
Household furnishings and operations	128.7	2.1	.2	102.5	-	.2
Apparel	128.6	-1.2	-1.4	103.7	-	-4
Transportation	146.1	-2.3	.1	97.4	-	.2
Private transportation	141.2	-2.5	.1	97.1	-	.2
Motor fuel	87.6	-15.0	.0	86.1	-	-6
Gasoline (all types)	87.1	-15.0	.1	86.1	-	-6
Gasoline, unleaded regular ⁵	85.1	-16.1	.1	85.3	-	-8
Gasoline, unleaded midgrade ^{5 6}	89.7	-14.3	.0	86.7	-	-3
Gasoline, unleaded premium ⁵	88.7	-13.1	-1	87.8	-	.0
Medical care	261.9	4.7	.1	102.7	-	.1
Recreation ²	103.3	-	.5	102.0	-	-1
Education and communication ²	100.7	-	-1	100.4	-	-1
Other goods and services	246.0	4.3	-6	104.1	-	-2
Commodity and service group						
All items	172.2	1.7	-1	102.6	1.3	.0
Commodities	144.2	.1	-2	100.5	-	.0
Commodities less food and beverages	129.8	-1.4	-5	99.2	-	-1
Nondurables less food and beverages	131.1	-1.9	-8	98.8	-	-3
Durables	128.4	-6	.1	99.7	-	.2
Services	198.4	2.7	.1	101.9	-	.0
Special aggregate indexes						
All items less medical care	167.9	1.6	-1	101.2	-	.0
All items less shelter	161.5	.9	.1	100.8	-	.1
Commodities less food	131.6	-1.3	-5	99.2	-	-1
Nondurables	148.8	.3	-3	100.8	-	-1
Nondurables less food	133.7	-1.5	-7	98.9	-	-3
Services less rent of shelter ⁴	200.3	1.9	.5	101.2	-	.4
Services less medical care services	193.0	2.7	.1	101.8	-	.0
Energy	104.6	-7.1	1.5	91.8	-	1.0
All items less energy	180.5	2.4	-1	102.1	-	-1
All items less food and energy	184.7	2.4	-2	102.0	-	-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 classes¹, by expenditure category and commodity and service group-Continued

(1982-84=100, unless otherwise noted)

Item and group	Midwest ³								
	Size class A			Size class B/C ²			Size class D		
	Index	Percent change from—		Index	Percent change from—		Index	Percent change from—	
	Nov. 1998	Nov. 1997	Oct. 1998	Nov. 1998	Nov. 1997	Oct. 1998	Nov. 1998	Nov. 1997	Oct. 1998
Expenditure category									
All items	161.3	1.8	-0.1	102.4	1.1	0.0	154.7	0.7	0.3
All items (December 1977=100)	266.4	-	-	-	-	-	248.1	-	-
Food and beverages	162.4	2.9	.3	101.5	-	.0	152.2	1.7	.1
Food	162.0	3.1	.4	101.5	-	.0	151.2	1.8	.1
Food at home	162.9	3.4	.4	101.0	-	-.3	147.9	1.9	.1
Food away from home	160.8	2.3	.1	102.2	-	.4	157.9	1.7	.1
Alcoholic beverages	166.8	1.7	-1	102.7	-	1.0	166.8	.2	1.8
Housing	156.4	1.9	-2	101.7	-	.3	146.7	.1	.2
Shelter	181.7	3.3	-2	102.9	-	.3	164.1	1.7	.2
Rent of primary residence	175.0	3.5	.2	101.8	-	.3	153.7	2.0	.3
Owners' equivalent rent of primary residence ⁴	187.1	3.3	.1	102.0	-	.4	172.2	2.1	.3
Fuels and utilities	119.3	-4.6	.3	97.6	-	.2	129.9	-2.4	.0
Fuels	105.1	-6.4	.3	96.6	-	.0	101.1	-4.4	.0
Gas (piped) and electricity	108.3	-6.4	.3	97.0	-	.0	109.3	-4.2	-1
Electricity	117.0	-3.1	-4	99.9	-	-1.3	106.9	-1.6	-7
Utility natural gas service	100.0	-10.2	1.4	92.7	-	2.1	114.8	-7.1	.6
Household furnishings and operations	119.9	.0	-3	100.0	-	.0	119.1	-4.0	.1
Apparel	129.7	.9	-5	102.1	-	-1.1	152.2	2.6	3.3
Transportation	142.1	-4	.1	99.3	-	.1	132.8	-3.0	.2
Private transportation	139.4	-4	.3	99.1	-	.1	126.8	-2.2	.3
Motor fuel	92.4	-10.7	-2.2	90.1	-	-3.4	83.9	-15.9	-7
Gasoline (all types)	91.8	-11.0	-2.2	90.1	-	-3.4	83.0	-15.9	-7
Gasoline, unleaded regular ⁵	90.2	-11.7	-2.4	89.5	-	-3.3	79.9	-16.4	-9
Gasoline, unleaded midgrade ^{5 6}	100.4	-10.3	-2.1	90.8	-	-3.8	97.5	-15.9	-3
Gasoline, unleaded premium ⁵	95.0	-9.4	-1.9	91.9	-	-3.2	87.8	-13.8	-6
Medical care	237.1	5.0	.2	102.5	-	.0	232.4	5.0	.0
Recreation ²	100.4	-	-2	101.3	-	.0	103.1	-	.5
Education and communication ²	102.9	-	-1	101.0	-	.0	98.8	-	.1
Other goods and services	241.2	4.8	-2	105.3	-	-4	224.2	5.8	-1.2
Commodity and service group									
All items	161.3	1.8	-1	102.4	1.1	.0	154.7	.7	.3
Commodities	143.1	.8	.0	100.1	-	-1	140.2	-1	.3
Commodities less food and beverages	131.5	-5	-2	99.3	-	-2	133.5	-1.0	.4
Nondurables less food and beverages	135.5	-6	-7	99.7	-	-1.2	139.3	-6	.6
Durables	124.5	-1	.5	98.8	-	1.0	126.0	-1.6	.1
Services	180.1	2.6	-1	102.5	-	.1	170.5	1.4	.3
Special aggregate indexes									
All items less medical care	157.5	1.7	-1	101.3	-	.0	149.2	.3	.3
All items less shelter	155.3	1.3	.0	100.9	-	.0	152.4	.4	.3
Commodities less food	133.1	-3	-2	99.4	-	-2	134.6	-1.0	.4
Nondurables	149.2	1.3	-2	100.6	-	-6	146.3	.5	.3
Nondurables less food	137.5	-4	-7	99.8	-	-1.1	140.8	-5	.6
Services less rent of shelter ⁴	184.6	1.9	.0	102.3	-	.1	180.0	1.4	.4
Services less medical care services	174.9	2.5	-2	102.5	-	.2	162.5	1.1	.4
Energy	99.3	-8.3	-7	93.6	-	-1.6	92.3	-9.3	-3
All items less energy	169.7	2.7	-1	102.0	-	.1	163.7	1.7	.4
All items less food and energy	171.7	2.6	-1	102.2	-	.2	166.5	1.6	.4

See footnotes at end of table.

Table 13. Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers (CPI-U): Cross classification of regions and population size classes¹, 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 ²			Size class D		
	Index	Percent change from—		Index	Percent change from—		Index	Percent change from—	
		Nov. 1998	Nov. 1997		Oct. 1998	Nov. 1998		Nov. 1997	Oct. 1998	Nov. 1998	Nov. 1997	Oct. 1998
Expenditure category									
All items	158.6	1.4	-0.3	102.8	0.9	0.0	160.0	1.8	0.1
All items (December 1977=100)	256.1	-	-	-	-	-	259.8	-	-
Food and beverages	160.6	1.8	-2	101.7	-	.3	156.8	2.1	-1
Food	160.7	1.7	-3	101.7	-	.3	157.3	2.1	-1
Food at home	158.0	.8	-5	101.3	-	.3	154.9	2.4	-1
Food away from home	166.1	2.9	.0	102.3	-	.2	163.9	1.7	.0
Alcoholic beverages	159.7	2.3	.6	101.3	-	.1	144.3	-1.5	-6
Housing	150.4	2.7	-7	101.9	-	-2	151.9	1.4	.2
Shelter	166.0	3.8	.1	103.2	-	-1	173.6	1.3	.3
Rent of primary residence	162.7	3.4	.2	102.7	-	.2	164.6	2.2	.4
Owners' equivalent rent of primary residence ⁴	168.8	3.6	.3	103.0	-	.2	177.0	2.3	.4
Fuels and utilities	119.4	-1.6	-6.1	96.3	-	-1.0	130.6	3.3	.1
Fuels	105.4	-2.7	-7.7	94.7	-	-1.4	111.4	2.9	.1
Gas (piped) and electricity	108.9	-2.5	-7.9	94.7	-	-1.5	116.1	3.0	.1
Electricity	105.9	-1.2	-10.2	94.7	-	-1.9	120.0	4.9	.0
Utility natural gas service	114.2	-6.1	3.9	94.8	-	1.3	109.7	-6.6	.5
Household furnishings and operations	131.8	2.2	-7	100.8	-	-2	122.2	-7	-7
Apparel	152.2	1.1	.7	102.2	-	-2	132.4	-1.1	1.4
Transportation	138.4	-2.1	.3	98.9	-	.2	138.0	-1.5	.0
Private transportation	137.9	-2.5	.3	98.5	-	.1	136.3	-1.9	-1
Motor fuel	90.7	-13.0	-3	87.6	-	-1.5	80.5	-14.8	-1.6
Gasoline (all types)	89.9	-13.1	-3	87.6	-	-1.5	79.5	-14.9	-1.5
Gasoline, unleaded regular ⁵	86.8	-14.1	-3	87.0	-	-1.4	74.8	-16.0	-1.6
Gasoline, unleaded midgrade ^{5 6}	92.6	-12.2	-2	87.9	-	-1.7	95.2	-14.0	-1.4
Gasoline, unleaded premium ⁵	93.5	-11.2	-1	89.1	-	-1.4	88.1	-12.6	-1.6
Medical care	239.0	1.8	.1	103.1	-	.0	245.9	4.8	.1
Recreation ²	100.4	-	.0	101.2	-	-2	106.7	-	.3
Education and communication ²	101.6	-	.1	100.2	-	.4	101.8	-	.1
Other goods and services	223.3	3.8	-2	105.6	-	-5	234.2	9.1	-5
Commodity and service group									
All items	158.6	1.4	-3	102.8	.9	.0	160.0	1.8	.1
Commodities	142.5	.0	-1	100.4	-	.0	139.4	.4	-1
Commodities less food and beverages	132.2	-1.0	.0	99.7	-	-1	130.1	-5	.0
Nondurables less food and beverages	134.0	-1.3	.2	99.4	-	-6	131.9	-6	.0
Durables	130.3	-8	-3	100.0	-	.4	127.7	-4	-2
Services	174.8	2.5	-3	102.3	-	-1	181.9	3.0	.3
Special aggregate indexes									
All items less medical care	154.2	1.4	-3	101.3	-	-1	153.1	1.5	.1
All items less shelter	156.3	.4	-4	100.8	-	.0	156.6	2.0	.0
Commodities less food	133.4	-9	.1	99.7	-	-2	130.4	-5	-1
Nondurables	147.2	.3	-1	100.6	-	-1	144.0	.8	-1
Nondurables less food	135.6	-9	.3	99.5	-	-6	132.3	-6	.0
Services less rent of shelter ⁴	188.7	1.1	-8	101.3	-	-1	193.3	4.3	.2
Services less medical care services	168.4	2.5	-4	102.2	-	-1	172.3	2.8	.3
Energy	97.2	-7.4	-4.6	91.6	-	-1.4	95.3	-4.2	-5
All items less energy	166.8	2.1	.1	102.2	-	.0	169.2	2.4	.2
All items less food and energy	168.4	2.2	.2	102.4	-	.0	172.0	2.4	.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 classes¹, 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 ²		
	Index	Percent change from—		Index	Percent change from—	
		Nov. 1998	Nov. 1997		Oct. 1998	Nov. 1998	Nov. 1997	Oct. 1998
Expenditure category						
All items	166.5	2.3	0.1	103.5	1.1	0.5
All items (December 1977=100)	271.5	-	-	-	-	-
Food and beverages	166.3	2.7	-1	102.0	-	.2
Food	165.8	2.8	-1	102.0	-	.2
Food at home	170.3	2.8	-2	102.3	-	.1
Food away from home	159.5	2.8	.1	101.3	-	.1
Alcoholic beverages	170.4	1.6	-3	101.4	-	-3
Housing	169.5	3.9	.2	102.0	-	.7
Shelter	186.3	5.1	.2	102.4	-	.7
Rent of primary residence	181.4	4.9	.4	101.8	-	.9
Owners' equivalent rent of primary residence ⁴	198.0	4.8	.4	101.7	-	.6
Fuels and utilities	139.4	-4.7	-7	100.8	-	1.6
Fuels	127.7	-7.0	-9	100.6	-	2.1
Gas (piped) and electricity	130.0	-6.9	-1.0	100.8	-	2.1
Electricity	144.1	-6.0	-1.0	101.1	-	1.5
Utility natural gas service	117.1	-9.2	-9	99.5	-	4.3
Household furnishings and operations	128.7	2.1	.5	100.8	-	-2
Apparel	122.9	2.1	-1.2	103.2	-	2.2
Transportation	143.0	-1.4	.2	98.9	-	.1
Private transportation	138.9	-1.8	.4	98.3	-	.5
Motor fuel	92.7	-16.6	-7	87.4	-	-6
Gasoline (all types)	91.7	-16.7	-9	87.4	-	-6
Gasoline, unleaded regular ⁵	88.2	-17.9	-1.0	86.6	-	-8
Gasoline, unleaded midgrade ^{5 6}	89.7	-15.1	-4	88.3	-	-5
Gasoline, unleaded premium ⁵	95.5	-14.8	-7	88.9	-	-3
Medical care	238.8	2.7	.4	102.9	-	.7
Recreation ²	100.2	-	.9	99.2	-	-1
Education and communication ²	100.5	-	.1	101.2	-	.2
Other goods and services	249.5	3.2	.2	104.0	-	-6
Commodity and service group						
All items	166.5	2.3	.1	103.5	1.1	.5
Commodities	142.9	.4	-1	100.2	-	.3
Commodities less food and beverages	128.4	-1.2	.0	99.1	-	.4
Nondurables less food and beverages	129.3	-2.0	-5	99.2	-	.2
Durables	126.7	.2	.6	99.0	-	.5
Services	187.2	3.5	.2	102.3	-	.6
Special aggregate indexes						
All items less medical care	162.8	2.3	.1	101.3	-	.4
All items less shelter	159.6	.8	.1	101.0	-	.3
Commodities less food	130.5	-1.1	-1	99.2	-	.4
Nondurables	148.4	.5	-3	100.7	-	.2
Nondurables less food	132.6	-1.7	-5	99.3	-	.2
Services less rent of shelter ⁴	196.4	1.4	.3	102.0	-	.4
Services less medical care services	183.0	3.6	.2	102.2	-	.5
Energy	105.3	-12.0	-9	94.7	-	1.0
All items less energy	172.9	3.1	.2	101.9	-	.4
All items less food and energy	174.7	3.2	.2	101.9	-	.4

¹ See region and area size on Table 10 for information about cross classifications.

² Indexes on a December 1997=100 base.

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

⁴ Indexes on a December 1982=100 base.

⁵ Special index based on a substantially smaller sample.

⁶ 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 Nov. 1998 from—			Percent change to Oct. 1998 from—		
		Aug. 1998	Sep. 1998	Oct. 1998	Nov. 1998	Nov. 1997	Sep. 1998	Oct. 1998	Oct. 1997	Aug. 1998	Sep. 1998
U.S. city average	M	161.4	161.2	162.5	162.5	2.1	0.8	0.0	2.2	0.7	0.8
Region and area size²											
Northeast urban	M	163.8	163.5	165.6	165.5	2.3	1.2	-1	2.8	1.1	1.3
Size A - More than 1,500,000	M	163.9	163.3	165.4	165.4	2.2	1.3	.0	2.7	.9	1.3
Size B/C - 50,000 to 1,500,000 ³	M	101.4	101.6	102.9	102.7	-	1.1	-2	-	1.5	1.3
Midwest urban ⁴	M	157.2	156.8	157.7	157.9	2.5	.7	.1	2.1	.3	.6
Size A - More than 1,500,000	M	161.2	160.9	162.2	162.9	3.4	1.2	.4	2.7	.6	.8
Size B/C - 50,000 to 1,500,000 ³	M	101.5	100.9	101.3	101.0	-	.1	-3	-	-2	.4
Size D - Nonmetropolitan (less than 50,000)	M	146.8	147.9	147.8	147.9	1.9	.0	.1	2.4	.7	-1
South urban	M	158.0	157.7	158.7	158.7	1.5	.6	.0	1.7	.4	.6
Size A - More than 1,500,000	M	158.3	157.4	158.8	158.0	.8	.4	-5	1.4	.3	.9
Size B/C - 50,000 to 1,500,000 ³	M	100.6	100.5	101.0	101.3	-	.8	.3	-	.4	.5
Size D - Nonmetropolitan (less than 50,000)	M	153.5	154.7	155.1	154.9	2.4	.1	-1	3.4	1.0	.3
West urban	M	167.9	167.9	169.2	169.1	2.5	.7	-1	2.5	.8	.8
Size A - More than 1,500,000	M	169.6	169.5	170.6	170.3	2.8	.5	-2	2.8	.6	.6
Size B/C - 50,000 to 1,500,000 ³	M	101.2	101.3	102.2	102.3	-	1.0	.1	-	1.0	.9
Size classes											
A ⁵	M	149.6	149.1	150.5	150.5	2.4	.9	.0	2.5	.6	.9
B/C ³	M	101.0	100.9	101.6	101.7	-	.8	.1	-	.6	.7
D	M	154.3	155.5	156.1	156.1	2.6	.4	.0	2.8	1.2	.4
Selected local areas											
Chicago-Gary-Kenosha, IL-IN-WI	M	174.3	172.9	176.2	174.7	3.8	1.0	-9	4.6	1.1	1.9
Los Angeles-Riverside-Orange County, CA ..	M	174.0	173.8	175.4	175.1	2.8	.7	-2	3.1	.8	.9
New York-Northern N.J.-Long Island, NY-NJ-CT-PA	M	165.9	165.4	166.5	166.6	1.2	.7	.1	1.8	.4	.7
Boston-Brockton-Nashua, MA-NH-ME-CT	1	163.6	162.2	167.9	166.4	5.7	2.6	-9	5.5	2.6	3.5
Cleveland-Akron, OH	1	159.9	161.2	162.1	162.6	4.4	.9	.3	5.0	1.4	.6
Dallas-Fort Worth, TX	1	150.2	148.5	150.0	148.3	-7	-1	-1.1	1.1	-1	1.0
Washington-Baltimore, DC-MD-VA-WV ³	1	99.7	98.8	99.9	100.3	-	1.5	.4	-	.2	1.1
Atlanta, GA	2	166.5	166.4	166.3	164.3	-	-1.3	-1.2	-	-1	-1
Detroit-Ann Arbor-Flint, MI	2	153.4	153.9	153.0	157.2	4.2	2.1	2.7	1.6	-3	-6
Houston-Galveston-Brazoria, TX	2	157.7	156.8	157.7	155.1	-8	-1.1	-1.6	.5	.0	.6
Miami-Fort Lauderdale, FL	2	167.2	167.5	169.2	167.7	1.5	.1	-9	3.8	1.2	1.0
Philadelphia-Wilmington-Atlantic City, PA-NJ-DE-MD	2	162.7	162.9	165.7	166.4	3.4	2.1	.4	3.4	1.8	1.7
San Francisco-Oakland-San Jose, CA	2	171.3	171.7	172.6	171.7	2.7	.0	-5	2.9	.8	.5
Seattle-Tacoma-Bremerton, WA	2	166.1	166.8	168.7	168.0	-	.7	-4	-	1.6	1.1

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

M - Every month.

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

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

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

³ Indexes on a December 1997=100 base.

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

⁵ Indexes on a December 1986=100 base.

- 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—	
		Nov. 1998	Nov. 1997		Oct. 1998	Nov. 1998		Nov. 1997	Oct. 1998		Nov. 1998	Nov. 1997	Oct. 1998
Expenditure category												
All items	164.0	1.5	0.0	165.4	1.5	-0.2	163.4	1.7	0.1	174.7	1.6	-0.1
All items (1967=100)	491.3	-	-	494.3	-	-	482.9	-	-	505.2	-	-
Food and beverages	162.5	2.3	.1	166.1	2.7	-5	168.4	2.4	-1	167.8	2.1	.2
Food	162.1	2.3	.1	165.6	2.9	-5	166.7	2.5	-1	167.0	2.0	.2
Food at home	162.5	2.1	.0	174.7	3.8	-9	175.1	2.8	-2	166.6	1.2	.1
Food away from home	162.6	2.5	.2	150.1	1.1	.1	154.7	2.1	-1	171.8	3.4	.6
Alcoholic beverages	166.8	1.9	.1	171.1	.3	-1.3	182.5	.8	.1	176.2	2.7	.0
Housing	161.3	2.3	-.1	163.9	.4	-2	161.4	2.3	.1	177.2	2.6	.1
Shelter	184.0	3.5	.1	196.7	3.0	-4	173.8	3.6	.2	208.5	3.4	.0
Rent of primary residence	174.5	3.4	.3	192.9	3.6	.2	166.1	3.2	.3	193.7	3.7	.6
Owners' equivalent rent of primary residence ¹	190.3	3.3	.3	202.6	2.7	-1	182.6	3.0	.3	216.2	3.3	.2
Fuels and utilities	126.5	-3.5	-.5	112.9	-11.9	.9	143.6	-9.0	-4	115.1	-2.4	.3
Fuels	111.4	-5.4	-.5	100.3	-14.2	1.0	136.4	-11.9	-5	112.8	-2.3	.6
Gas (piped) and electricity	118.9	-5.1	-.6	103.0	-14.2	1.1	136.7	-11.9	-5	123.7	-.5	.7
Electricity	123.4	-5.1	-1.9	107.7	-11.3	.1	154.2	-8.3	-1	123.1	-1.6	.2
Utility natural gas service	113.5	-5.3	2.8	98.2	-17.4	2.2	120.4	-19.1	-1.7	124.9	1.5	1.4
Household furnishings and operations	126.6	1.1	.0	111.4	-4.1	-2	124.1	2.7	.6	131.4	1.3	.2
Apparel	135.0	.2	-.4	122.7	2.5	.2	120.6	1.5	-2.3	128.0	-3.8	-2.6
Transportation	141.5	-1.7	.1	138.7	.1	.0	143.9	-.9	.3	150.6	-1.8	.0
Private transportation	138.0	-1.8	.2	136.0	.0	.4	138.6	-1.4	.6	143.4	-1.5	.1
Motor fuel	89.7	-14.2	-1.2	93.4	-8.3	-2.2	91.3	-15.5	.0	86.1	-14.3	.1
Gasoline (all types)	89.2	-14.3	-1.2	92.6	-8.6	-2.2	89.2	-15.7	.0	85.7	-14.6	.0
Gasoline, unleaded regular ²	86.5	-15.2	-1.4	90.1	-9.3	-2.2	86.5	-16.7	-2	84.2	-15.5	.0
Gasoline, unleaded midgrade ^{2 3}	94.0	-13.4	-1.1	99.6	-7.6	-2.4	87.4	-15.6	.5	88.6	-13.9	-1
Gasoline, unleaded premium ²	92.1	-12.6	-1.0	95.3	-7.4	-2.0	91.7	-13.7	.1	88.3	-12.9	.0
Medical care	244.7	3.5	.2	246.7	4.2	.0	239.8	3.0	.7	257.5	4.5	-2
Recreation ⁴	101.3	1.3	.2	100.1	-	-6	103.1	-	1.9	103.4	-	1.1
Education and communication ⁴	101.0	1.0	.0	105.9	-	.0	99.2	-	-1	100.7	-	-1
Other goods and services	240.5	4.6	-.3	247.7	3.9	.2	250.4	3.0	.1	245.6	4.4	-2
Commodity and service group												
All items	164.0	1.5	.0	165.4	1.5	-2	163.4	1.7	.1	174.7	1.6	-1
Commodities	142.5	.1	-.1	143.7	.8	-1	142.7	.8	-2	146.6	-.3	-3
Commodities less food and beverages	130.6	-1.2	-.2	129.3	-.5	.1	126.5	-.4	-2	130.6	-2.2	-7
Nondurables less food and beverages	132.9	-1.8	-.5	134.1	.2	-1	128.4	-1.7	-6	131.6	-3.0	-1.3
Durables	127.4	-.4	.4	121.3	-1.3	.4	123.5	1.6	.5	128.8	-.6	.4
Services	185.6	2.5	.1	186.6	2.0	-2	181.7	2.3	.3	199.4	2.8	.1
Special aggregate indexes												
All items less medical care	159.5	1.4	.0	161.4	1.4	-2	159.4	1.7	.1	170.8	1.4	-1
All items less shelter	157.9	.7	.0	155.5	.8	-1	160.0	.8	.1	162.1	.7	-1
Commodities less food	132.1	-1.0	-.2	131.4	-.4	.1	129.5	-.3	-2	132.6	-1.9	-7
Nondurables	147.8	.3	-.2	150.5	1.6	-.3	149.3	.6	-.3	151.1	-.2	-.4
Nondurables less food	135.0	-1.5	-.4	136.8	.2	-2	133.0	-1.5	-6	134.3	-2.6	-1.2
Services less rent of shelter ¹	192.7	1.5	.1	184.7	.9	.0	199.4	.7	.5	197.2	2.0	.2
Services less medical care services	179.7	2.5	.0	181.7	1.9	-2	176.9	2.4	.3	194.6	2.7	.1
Energy	100.5	-9.2	-.8	96.1	-11.9	-2	106.9	-13.9	-.3	102.7	-6.3	-.4
All items less energy	172.3	2.4	.1	174.3	2.5	-2	169.3	2.7	.1	182.8	2.1	-1
All items less food and energy	174.8	2.3	.1	176.5	2.4	-1	170.2	2.7	.2	186.8	2.1	-2

¹ Indexes on a December 1982=100 base.

² Special index based on a substantially smaller sample.

³ Indexes on a December 1993=100 base.

⁴ 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 ¹¹								
	U.S. city average			Boston-Brockton-Nashua, MA-NH-ME-CT			Chicago-Gary-Kenosha, IL-IN-WI		
	Index	Percent change from—		Index	Percent change from—		Index	Percent change from—	
		Nov. 1998	Nov. 1997		Sep. 1998	Nov. 1998		Nov. 1997	Sep. 1998	Nov. 1998	Nov. 1997	Sep. 1998
Expenditure category									
All items ³	164.0	1.5	0.2	173.3	2.3	0.7	165.4	1.5	0.1
All items (1967=100)	491.3	-	-	503.7	-	-	494.3	-	-
Food and beverages ³	162.5	2.3	.6	168.9	4.8	1.4	166.1	2.7	.7
Food ³	162.1	2.3	.6	169.2	4.6	1.6	165.6	2.9	.7
Food at home	162.5	2.1	.8	166.4	5.7	2.6	174.7	3.8	1.0
Food away from home ⁴	162.6	2.5	.3	175.1	3.1	.2	150.1	1.1	.2
Alcoholic beverages ⁴	166.8	1.9	.3	168.7	6.6	.4	171.1	.3	-.7
Housing ³	161.3	2.3	-.1	167.6	2.6	1.0	163.9	.4	-.1
Shelter	184.0	3.5	.3	197.2	4.0	.3	196.7	3.0	.0
Rent of primary residence ³	174.5	3.4	.6	188.7	5.7	.7	192.9	3.6	.6
Owners' equivalent rent of primary residence ⁵	190.3	3.3	.6	202.8	4.2	1.2	202.6	2.7	.2
Fuels and utilities	126.5	-3.5	-2.7	121.2	-6.2	7.4	112.9	-11.9	-2.8
Fuels	111.4	-5.4	-3.3	104.4	-7.2	8.8	100.3	-14.2	-3.3
Gas (piped) and electricity	118.9	-5.1	-3.6	129.8	-6.3	10.6	103.0	-14.2	-3.3
Electricity	123.4	-5.1	-6.2	125.5	-10.6	-5	107.7	-11.3	-7.5
Utility natural gas service	113.5	-5.3	3.4	133.4	-.1	29.5	98.2	-17.4	2.2
Household furnishings and operations	126.6	1.1	.1	119.6	2.4	.5	111.4	-4.1	2.3
Apparel ³	135.0	.2	1.0	147.6	.0	1.0	122.7	2.5	-2.0
Transportation ³	141.5	-1.7	.6	139.5	-2.3	.6	138.7	.1	.9
Private transportation	138.0	-1.8	.7	138.8	-3.5	.7	136.0	.0	1.2
Motor fuel	89.7	-14.2	-.3	90.4	-16.0	1.5	93.4	-8.3	-1.1
Gasoline (all types)	89.2	-14.3	-.3	89.3	-16.1	1.6	92.6	-8.6	-1.1
Gasoline, unleaded regular ⁶	86.5	-15.2	-.3	86.0	-17.4	1.9	90.1	-9.3	-1.0
Gasoline, unleaded midgrade ^{6,7}	94.0	-13.4	-.1	93.2	-14.7	1.2	99.6	-7.6	-1.2
Gasoline, unleaded premium ⁶	92.1	-12.6	-.3	93.0	-13.6	.6	95.3	-7.4	-.8
Medical care ³	244.7	3.5	.3	320.0	7.3	1.1	246.7	4.2	.1
Recreation ⁸	101.3	1.3	.0	104.2	-	-4	100.1	-	-.7
Education and communication ⁸	101.0	1.0	.1	100.9	-	.0	105.9	-	.7
Other goods and services ³	240.5	4.6	.0	239.7	2.9	-2.0	247.7	3.9	-.3
Commodity and service group									
All items ³	164.0	1.5	.2	173.3	2.3	.7	165.4	1.5	.1
Commodities	142.5	.1	.5	142.9	.8	.3	143.7	.8	.3
Commodities less food and beverages	130.6	-1.2	.3	127.9	-1.4	-5	129.3	-5	.0
Nondurables less food and beverages	132.9	-1.8	.2	132.2	-1.8	-5	134.1	.2	-1.3
Durables	127.4	-.4	.5	126.0	-.8	-.4	121.3	-1.3	1.5
Services	185.6	2.5	.1	201.9	3.2	1.0	186.6	2.0	.0
Special aggregate indexes									
All items less medical care ³	159.5	1.4	.2	166.6	2.0	.7	161.4	1.4	.1
All items less shelter	157.9	.7	.2	166.0	1.5	1.0	155.5	.8	.1
Commodities less food	132.1	-1.0	.4	129.6	-1.1	-.4	131.4	-.4	.0
Nondurables	147.8	.3	.5	149.8	1.4	.5	150.5	1.6	-.3
Nondurables less food	135.0	-1.5	.3	134.1	-1.3	-.4	136.8	.2	-1.2
Services less rent of shelter ⁵	192.7	1.5	-.2	215.3	2.1	1.9	184.7	.9	.0
Services less medical care services	179.7	2.5	.1	192.1	2.9	1.0	181.7	1.9	.0
Energy ³	100.5	-9.2	-2.1	98.7	-10.4	6.1	96.1	-11.9	-2.3
All items less energy	172.3	2.4	.4	184.0	3.3	.4	174.3	2.5	.3
All items less food and energy ³	174.8	2.3	.3	187.6	3.0	.2	176.5	2.4	.2

See footnotes at end of table.

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

(1982-84=100, unless otherwise noted)

Item and group	Monthly cities and pricing schedule 1 ¹								
	Cleveland-Akron, OH			Dallas-Fort Worth, TX			Los Angeles-Riverside-Orange County, CA		
	Index	Percent change from—		Index	Percent change from—		Index	Percent change from—	
		Nov. 1997	Sep. 1998		Nov. 1997	Sep. 1998		Nov. 1997	Sep. 1998
Nov. 1998	Nov. 1997	Sep. 1998	Nov. 1998	Nov. 1997	Sep. 1998	Nov. 1998	Nov. 1997	Sep. 1998	
Expenditure category									
All items ³	160.8	2.4	-0.4	154.0	-	-0.3	163.4	1.7	0.5
All items (1967=100)	515.2	-	-	483.0	-	-	482.9	-	-
Food and beverages ³	165.4	3.8	.7	161.2	-	.2	168.4	2.4	.3
Food ³	167.2	3.9	.7	158.6	-	.0	166.7	2.5	.4
Food at home	162.6	4.4	.9	148.3	-0.7	-1	175.1	2.8	.7
Food away from home ⁴	177.1	3.0	.5	175.5	-	.3	154.7	2.1	-2
Alcoholic beverages ⁴	147.9	1.4	1.3	191.7	-	2.0	182.5	.8	-1.1
Housing ³	159.2	3.1	-1.4	143.6	-	-1.6	161.4	2.3	.1
Shelter	180.1	3.6	-2	154.0	-	.0	173.8	3.6	.3
Rent of primary residence ³	171.6	3.6	.1	151.8	3.7	.3	166.1	3.2	.5
Owners' equivalent rent of primary residence ⁵	180.2	4.3	.5	163.1	3.6	.2	182.6	3.0	.7
Fuels and utilities	131.7	4.6	-7.5	123.7	-	-10.1	143.6	-9.0	-1.8
Fuels	127.7	4.8	-8.9	114.0	-4.9	-13.1	136.4	-11.9	-2.4
Gas (piped) and electricity	130.2	5.3	-9.1	113.6	-4.8	-13.3	136.7	-11.9	-2.4
Electricity	133.6	1.6	-15.2	111.8	-2.4	-16.2	154.2	-8.3	.3
Utility natural gas service	129.1	9.8	-1.1	112.0	-14.1	2.4	120.4	-19.1	-8.0
Household furnishings and operations	129.1	-2.3	-5	133.8	-	.1	124.1	2.7	-2
Apparel ³	134.3	3.8	.2	130.6	-	-4	120.6	1.5	.9
Transportation ³	142.0	.6	.6	138.8	-	1.0	143.9	-.9	.8
Private transportation	143.1	1.0	.8	138.7	-	1.0	138.6	-1.4	1.2
Motor fuel	97.6	-9.5	-9	89.4	-13.5	1.2	91.3	-15.5	.3
Gasoline (all types)	96.7	-9.8	-9	88.9	-13.6	1.3	89.2	-15.7	.3
Gasoline, unleaded regular ⁶	94.9	-10.6	-8	85.0	-14.5	1.1	86.5	-16.7	.1
Gasoline, unleaded midgrade ^{6,7}	99.8	-9.0	-1.3	91.7	-13.1	1.7	87.4	-15.6	.6
Gasoline, unleaded premium ⁶	100.8	-7.7	-1.1	92.7	-11.7	1.3	91.7	-13.7	.5
Medical care ³	217.1	2.2	.2	228.8	-	-1.0	239.8	3.0	1.0
Recreation ⁸	100.2	-	.0	100.7	-	.6	103.1	-	2.7
Education and communication ⁸	99.5	-	-3	101.7	-	.5	99.2	-	.2
Other goods and services ³	216.5	3.3	-1.7	224.0	-	.4	250.4	3.0	1.0
Commodity and service group									
All items ³	160.8	2.4	-4	154.0	-	-3	163.4	1.7	.5
Commodities	146.4	1.6	.1	139.4	-	.4	142.7	.8	.6
Commodities less food and beverages	134.4	.3	-2	128.1	-	.6	126.5	-.4	.9
Nondurables less food and beverages	137.1	-.8	-1.3	125.1	-	.6	128.4	-1.7	1.0
Durables	125.2	2.0	1.0	133.0	-	.7	123.5	1.6	.7
Services	176.6	2.9	-8	168.0	-	-9	181.7	2.3	.4
Special aggregate indexes									
All items less medical care ³	158.0	2.3	-4	149.8	-	-3	159.4	1.7	.4
All items less shelter	154.7	1.8	-5	154.7	-	-4	160.0	.8	.6
Commodities less food	135.0	.4	-1	130.2	-	.7	129.5	-.3	.8
Nondurables	151.7	1.7	-2	142.6	-	.4	149.3	.6	.7
Nondurables less food	137.3	-.6	-1.2	128.8	-	.7	133.0	-1.5	.8
Services less rent of shelter ⁵	176.6	2.2	-1.5	190.1	-	-1.8	199.4	.7	.5
Services less medical care services	173.7	3.1	-9	161.9	-	-9	176.9	2.4	.4
Energy ³	115.3	-.9	-6.5	101.0	-8.8	-7.5	106.9	-13.9	-1.1
All items less energy	167.3	2.6	.1	162.4	-	.2	169.3	2.7	.6
All items less food and energy ³	167.2	2.4	.0	163.5	-	.3	170.2	2.7	.6

See footnotes at end of table.

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

(1982-84=100, unless otherwise noted)

Item and group	Monthly cities and pricing schedule 1 ¹					
	New York-Northern N.J.-Long Island, NY-NJ-CT-PA			Washington-Baltimore, DC-MD-VA-WV ²		
	Index	Percent change from—		Index	Percent change from—	
		Nov. 1998	Nov. 1997		Sep. 1998	Nov. 1997	Sep. 1998
Expenditure category						
All items ³	174.7	1.6	0.2	102.4	1.9	-0.5
All items (1967=100)	505.2	-	-	-	-	-
Food and beverages ³	167.8	2.1	.7	102.1	1.3	.8
Food ³	167.0	2.0	.7	102.0	1.4	.8
Food at home	166.6	1.2	.7	100.3	-	1.5
Food away from home ⁴	171.8	3.4	.8	102.5	2.5	-1
Alcoholic beverages ⁴	176.2	2.7	.1	100.4	.4	.6
Housing ³	177.2	2.6	.2	103.1	3.2	-2.3
Shelter	208.5	3.4	.4	104.5	-	.1
Rent of primary residence ³	193.7	3.7	1.0	104.1	3.5	.7
Owners' equivalent rent of primary residence ⁵	216.2	3.3	.6	104.3	-	.6
Fuels and utilities	115.1	-2.4	-1.8	98.3	-	-17.2
Fuels	112.8	-2.3	-1.7	97.4	-	-19.7
Gas (piped) and electricity	123.7	-1.5	-2.1	98.1	-	-20.8
Electricity	123.1	-1.6	-4.3	98.8	-	-25.4
Utility natural gas service	124.9	1.5	2.3	95.7	-	2.8
Household furnishings and operations	131.4	1.3	.8	102.1	-	-1.9
Apparel ³	128.0	-3.8	-1.4	99.5	4.4	1.5
Transportation ³	150.6	-1.8	.4	98.3	-1.9	.5
Private transportation	143.4	-1.5	.8	98.0	-	.6
Motor fuel	86.1	-14.3	.0	86.5	-	-1.4
Gasoline (all types)	85.7	-14.6	.0	86.4	-	-1.4
Gasoline, unleaded regular ⁶	84.2	-15.5	.2	84.8	-	-1.4
Gasoline, unleaded midgrade ^{6,7}	88.6	-13.9	.0	87.6	-	-1.6
Gasoline, unleaded premium ⁶	88.3	-12.9	-5	88.5	-	-1.2
Medical care ³	257.5	4.5	-1	105.5	2.6	.8
Recreation ⁸	103.4	-	.7	101.2	-	-7
Education and communication ⁸	100.7	-	.0	102.9	-	.3
Other goods and services ³	245.6	4.4	.2	107.3	3.1	-1
Commodity and service group						
All items ³	174.7	1.6	.2	102.4	1.9	-5
Commodities	146.6	-.3	.2	100.2	-	.1
Commodities less food and beverages	130.6	-2.2	-1	99.5	-	-4
Nondurables less food and beverages	131.6	-3.0	-5	100.2	-	.1
Durables	128.8	-.6	.9	98.6	-	-9
Services	199.4	2.8	.2	103.4	-	-1.1
Special aggregate indexes						
All items less medical care ³	170.8	1.4	.2	102.1	1.8	-7
All items less shelter	162.1	.7	.1	101.0	-	-9
Commodities less food	132.6	-1.9	-1	99.6	-	-3
Nondurables	151.1	-.2	.1	100.7	-	.4
Nondurables less food	134.3	-2.6	-5	100.2	-	.1
Services less rent of shelter ⁵	197.2	2.0	-1	102.3	-	-2.2
Services less medical care services	194.6	2.7	.3	103.4	-	-1.2
Energy ³	102.7	-6.3	-1.3	90.1	-10.0	-12.7
All items less energy	182.8	2.1	.3	102.7	-	.3
All items less food and energy ³	186.8	2.1	.2	103.5	3.0	.2

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

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

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

(1982-84=100, unless otherwise noted)

Area	Pricing schedule 1	All items									
		Indexes				Percent change to Nov. 1998 from—			Percent change to Oct. 1998 from—		
		Aug. 1998	Sep. 1998	Oct. 1998	Nov. 1998	Nov. 1997	Sep. 1998	Oct. 1998	Oct. 1997	Aug. 1998	Sep. 1998
U.S. city average	M	160.0	160.2	160.6	160.7	1.4	0.3	0.1	1.3	0.4	0.2
Region and area size²											
Northeast urban	M	167.1	167.4	168.1	168.2	1.5	.5	.1	1.4	.6	.4
Size A - More than 1,500,000	M	167.1	167.5	168.1	168.2	1.6	.4	.1	1.6	.6	.4
Size B/C - 50,000 to 1,500,000 ³	M	101.7	101.8	102.2	102.2	1.1	.4	.0	1.0	.5	.4
Midwest urban ⁴	M	155.6	156.0	156.2	156.2	1.4	.1	.0	1.4	.4	.1
Size A - More than 1,500,000	M	156.4	156.7	156.7	156.7	1.9	.0	.0	1.8	.2	.0
Size B/C - 50,000 to 1,500,000 ³	M	101.7	101.9	102.1	102.1	.9	.2	.0	.9	.4	.2
Size D - Nonmetropolitan (less than 50,000)	M	151.4	152.2	152.4	152.9	.9	.5	.3	.9	.7	.1
South urban	M	157.5	157.5	157.8	157.7	1.0	.1	-.1	1.1	.2	.2
Size A - More than 1,500,000	M	156.3	156.3	156.6	156.2	1.1	-.1	-.3	1.2	.2	.2
Size B/C - 50,000 to 1,500,000 ³	M	102.1	102.1	102.4	102.4	.7	.3	.0	.9	.3	.3
Size D - Nonmetropolitan (less than 50,000)	M	160.6	160.6	160.4	160.6	2.0	.0	.1	2.0	-.1	-.1
West urban	M	160.7	160.9	161.5	161.8	1.6	.6	.2	1.4	.5	.4
Size A - More than 1,500,000	M	159.7	160.0	160.5	160.7	1.9	.4	.1	1.6	.5	.3
Size B/C - 50,000 to 1,500,000 ³	M	102.3	102.5	102.8	103.3	1.0	.8	.5	.7	.5	.3
Size classes											
A ⁵	M	146.4	146.6	147.0	147.0	1.7	.3	.0	1.6	.4	.3
B/C ³	M	101.9	102.0	102.4	102.4	.9	.4	.0	.9	.5	.4
D	M	158.3	158.7	158.9	159.1	1.4	.3	.1	1.4	.4	.1
Selected local areas⁶											
Chicago-Gary-Kenosha, IL-IN-WI	M	159.6	159.6	160.0	159.9	1.7	.2	-.1	2.0	.3	.3
Los Angeles-Riverside-Orange County, CA ..	M	156.1	156.1	156.8	157.0	1.4	.6	.1	.9	.4	.4
New York-Northern N.J.-Long Island, NY-NJ-CT-PA	M	169.7	169.9	170.5	170.5	1.5	.4	.0	1.4	.5	.4
Boston-Brockton-Nashua, MA-NH-ME-CT	1	-	169.9	-	171.5	2.2	.9	-	-	-	-
Cleveland-Akron, OH	1	-	153.3	-	152.8	2.5	-.3	-	-	-	-
Dallas-Fort Worth, TX	1	-	154.3	-	153.8	-	-.3	-	-	-	-
Washington-Baltimore, DC-MD-VA-WV ⁷	1	-	102.7	-	102.2	1.8	-.5	-	-	-	-
Atlanta, GA	2	159.1	-	159.2	-	-	-	-	-	.1	-
Detroit-Ann Arbor-Flint, MI	2	155.1	-	155.7	-	-	-	-	2.2	.4	-
Houston-Galveston-Brazoria, TX	2	146.1	-	146.9	-	-	-	-	.4	.5	-
Miami-Fort Lauderdale, FL	2	158.0	-	158.6	-	-	-	-	-	.4	-
Philadelphia-Wilmington-Atlantic City, PA-NJ-DE-MD	2	167.9	-	169.3	-	-	-	-	1.5	.8	-
San Francisco-Oakland-San Jose, CA	2	162.7	-	163.4	-	-	-	-	2.4	.4	-
Seattle-Tacoma-Bremerton, WA	2	163.8	-	164.9	-	-	-	-	-	.7	-

¹ Foods, fuels, and several other items priced every month in all areas; most other goods and services priced as indicated:
M - Every month.

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

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

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

³ Indexes on a December 1996=100 base.

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

⁵ Indexes on a December 1986=100 base.

⁶ In addition, the following metropolitan areas are published semiannually and appear in Tables 34 and 39 of the January and July issues of the CPI Detailed Report: Anchorage, AK; Cincinnati-Hamilton, OH-KY-IN; Denver-Boulder-Greeley, CO; Honolulu, HI; Kansas City, MO-KS;

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

⁷ Indexes on a November 1996=100 base.

- Data not available.

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

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

Table 18. Consumer Price Index for Urban Wage Earners and Clerical Workers (CPI-W): Regions¹, by expenditure category and commodity and service group

(1982-84=100, unless otherwise noted)

Item and group	Northeast			Midwest ²			South			West		
	Index	Percent change from—		Index	Percent change from—		Index	Percent change from—		Index	Percent change from—	
		Nov. 1998	Nov. 1997		Oct. 1998	Nov. 1998		Nov. 1997	Oct. 1998		Nov. 1998	Nov. 1997	Oct. 1998
Expenditure category												
All items	168.2	1.5	0.1	156.2	1.4	0.0	157.7	1.0	-0.1	161.8	1.6	0.2
All items (December 1977=100)	262.7	-	-	252.6	-	-	255.4	-	-	260.3	-	-
Food and beverages	164.5	2.2	.1	159.0	2.4	.3	159.3	1.9	.1	164.9	2.4	.0
Food	164.1	2.2	.1	158.4	2.5	.3	159.5	1.9	.1	164.4	2.5	.0
Food at home	164.6	2.2	.0	157.7	2.5	.3	157.2	1.2	-.1	167.9	2.5	.0
Food away from home	165.5	2.4	.3	160.1	2.4	.3	164.7	2.7	.1	159.3	2.5	.1
Alcoholic beverages	169.0	1.6	-.1	167.0	1.9	.5	156.8	2.0	.4	169.4	1.5	-.4
Housing	169.6	2.4	.2	150.9	1.6	.0	150.1	1.4	-.3	162.6	3.0	.4
Shelter	199.9	3.3	-.1	171.6	2.9	.0	165.6	3.2	.1	178.0	4.0	.4
Rent of primary residence	186.8	3.4	.5	170.7	2.8	.2	161.2	3.1	.2	176.3	4.0	.5
Owners' equivalent rent of primary residence ³	188.1	3.1	.3	172.2	2.8	.2	158.0	3.3	.2	173.7	3.8	.4
Fuels and utilities	122.1	-2.6	1.7	122.6	-3.6	.2	130.2	-4.8	-2.5	137.8	-2.1	.1
Fuels	112.1	-3.3	1.9	105.8	-5.1	.2	110.0	-8.0	-3.3	126.2	-3.4	.2
Gas (piped) and electricity	129.0	-2.1	2.1	111.2	-5.0	.1	112.4	-8.3	-3.4	128.8	-3.4	.2
Electricity	132.2	-2.9	.2	119.9	-2.0	-.7	111.3	-9.1	-4.4	142.1	-2.5	.2
Utility natural gas service	125.1	-5	5.8	102.8	-8.9	1.6	118.5	-5.7	2.3	114.0	-5.7	.5
Household furnishings and operations	125.5	2.4	.0	122.7	.2	-.2	125.2	.2	-.3	126.4	1.2	.3
Apparel	130.7	-.2	-1.0	131.8	-.2	-.2	145.0	-.1	.3	126.0	1.9	-.3
Transportation	142.9	-2.9	.1	139.6	-.8	.1	138.8	-1.8	.1	141.5	-1.9	.2
Private transportation	139.2	-2.9	.1	137.3	-.8	.2	137.8	-1.9	.2	138.8	-2.2	.4
New and used motor vehicles ⁴	100.4	-	.4	101.5	-	1.1	101.6	-	.5	100.5	-	.8
New vehicles	143.6	-1.1	.2	144.0	.3	1.3	146.3	-.2	.4	144.6	-.7	.9
Used cars and trucks	157.8	4.1	.7	156.1	4.3	.8	156.9	4.7	.6	150.0	2.5	.4
Motor fuel	88.0	-15.2	-.1	90.3	-12.0	-2.6	87.7	-13.8	-1.0	93.3	-16.0	-.9
Gasoline (all types)	87.5	-15.5	-.2	89.8	-12.2	-2.6	87.2	-13.9	-1.0	92.5	-16.2	-.9
Gasoline, unleaded regular ⁵	85.5	-16.4	-.3	87.7	-13.0	-2.7	83.7	-14.9	-1.1	89.0	-17.2	-1.1
Gasoline, unleaded midgrade ^{5 6}	91.3	-14.8	-.1	100.4	-11.0	-2.8	93.6	-13.2	-1.1	91.5	-14.9	-.4
Gasoline, unleaded premium ⁵	89.4	-13.5	-.1	94.5	-10.5	-2.4	91.9	-12.1	-1.0	95.6	-14.3	-.7
Medical care	254.6	4.1	.1	238.6	4.1	.0	242.8	3.1	.0	241.4	2.5	.5
Medical care commodities	226.5	5.1	-.2	219.1	3.8	.2	217.2	3.4	.2	227.0	3.0	.4
Medical care services	260.6	3.9	.2	243.0	4.2	.0	248.8	3.1	-.1	244.7	2.3	.5
Professional services	238.1	4.3	-.1	223.9	4.9	.0	229.0	2.6	-.1	211.4	1.8	.7
Recreation ⁴	102.4	-	.3	100.8	-	-.1	101.1	-	-.1	99.2	-	.3
Education and communication ⁴	100.6	-	-.1	102.2	-	.0	101.0	-	.3	101.1	-	.2
Other goods and services	251.3	5.8	-.6	234.6	5.8	-.6	232.1	6.0	-.6	239.3	4.1	-.1
Commodity and service group												
All items	168.2	1.5	.1	156.2	1.4	.0	157.7	1.0	-.1	161.8	1.6	.2
Commodities	144.2	.1	-.2	140.5	.4	.0	142.4	.1	-.1	142.7	.1	.1
Commodities less food and beverages	130.4	-1.3	-.3	130.3	-.8	-.1	132.9	-1.0	-.1	129.5	-1.4	.2
Nondurables less food and beverages	130.6	-1.7	-.6	133.4	-1.6	-.9	134.7	-1.9	-.3	130.7	-2.5	-.3
Nondurables less food, beverages, and apparel	135.7	-2.7	-.4	137.6	-2.3	-1.2	134.7	-2.7	-.7	137.4	-4.7	-.4
Durables	127.5	-.5	.2	124.8	.4	.7	129.3	.2	.2	127.8	-.2	.6
Services	196.3	2.5	.2	175.6	2.5	.1	176.5	1.8	-.1	182.4	2.9	.3
Rent of shelter ³	186.8	3.4	.0	170.5	3.0	.0	157.6	3.3	.1	171.6	4.1	.4
Transportation services	186.5	-.4	.0	183.0	2.2	.1	189.9	.6	.4	187.0	2.3	.3
Other services	235.7	3.5	.2	203.9	3.8	.1	214.5	3.1	.2	209.2	2.2	.3

See footnotes at end of table.

Table 18. Consumer Price Index for Urban Wage Earners and Clerical Workers (CPI-W): Regions¹, by expenditure category and commodity and service group-Continued

(1982-84=100, unless otherwise noted)

Item and group	Northeast			Midwest ²			South			West		
	Index Nov. 1998	Percent change from—		Index Nov. 1998	Percent change from—		Index Nov. 1998	Percent change from—		Index Nov. 1998	Percent change from—	
		Nov. 1997	Oct. 1998		Nov. 1997	Oct. 1998		Nov. 1997	Oct. 1998		Nov. 1997	Oct. 1998
Special aggregate indexes												
All items less medical care	164.7	1.4	0.1	152.5	1.3	0.0	152.9	0.8	-0.1	158.2	1.5	0.2
All items less food	169.1	1.4	.1	155.7	1.3	.0	157.2	.8	-1	161.3	1.4	.2
All items less shelter	158.8	.8	.1	152.5	.9	.1	155.7	.3	-2	156.6	.6	.1
Commodities less food	132.0	-1.2	-4	131.6	-7	-2	133.6	-9	-1	131.4	-1.4	.1
Nondurables	148.2	.5	-2	146.3	.5	-3	147.0	.1	-1	148.5	.2	-1
Nondurables less food	132.9	-1.5	-6	135.4	-1.4	-9	135.7	-1.6	-3	133.6	-2.2	-3
Nondurables less food and apparel	137.9	-2.3	-4	139.5	-2.0	-1.1	135.8	-2.2	-5	139.6	-4.0	-4
Services less rent of shelter ³	176.7	1.6	.5	165.3	2.0	.1	171.6	.6	-3	174.1	1.5	.3
Services less medical care services	191.6	2.4	.2	170.0	2.3	.1	169.0	1.7	-1	177.6	3.0	.3
Energy	101.2	-8.0	1.1	97.5	-8.5	-1.1	96.9	-11.1	-2.3	106.5	-10.3	-3
All items less energy	177.5	2.2	-1	164.9	2.4	.1	166.3	2.1	.1	168.2	2.5	.2
All items less food and energy	181.5	2.3	-1	166.5	2.3	.1	168.1	2.1	.1	169.2	2.4	.3
Commodities less food and energy												
commodities	145.5	1.0	-3	142.4	1.0	.2	145.3	1.0	.1	141.0	.8	.2
Energy commodities	86.7	-14.4	-1	90.2	-11.9	-2.5	88.5	-13.4	-1.0	94.4	-15.9	-8
Services less energy services	203.5	2.9	.0	184.2	3.2	.1	184.4	2.8	.2	186.6	3.3	.3

¹ Regions defined as the four Census regions. See map in technical notes.

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

³ Indexes on a December 1984=100 base

⁴ Indexes on a December 1997=100 base.

⁵ Special index based on a substantially smaller sample.

⁶ 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 classes¹, by expenditure category and commodity and service group

(1982-84=100, unless otherwise noted)

Item and group	Size class A ²			Size class B/C ³			Size class D		
	Index Nov. 1998	Percent change from—		Index Nov. 1998	Percent change from—		Index Nov. 1998	Percent change from—	
		Nov. 1997	Oct. 1998		Nov. 1997	Oct. 1998		Nov. 1997	Oct. 1998
Expenditure category									
All items	147.0	1.7	0.0	102.4	0.9	0.0	159.1	1.4	0.1
All items (December 1977=100)	147.0	-	-	-	-	-	257.1	-	-
Food and beverages	146.7	2.4	.1	101.7	-	.1	157.2	2.1	.1
Food	146.3	2.4	.0	101.8	-	.2	157.0	2.3	.1
Food at home	149.8	2.3	.0	101.5	-	.1	154.7	2.5	.1
Food away from home	140.8	2.5	.1	102.2	-	.3	162.1	2.0	.1
Alcoholic beverages	149.9	2.3	.2	101.2	-	.2	158.2	-1.4	.0
Housing	143.8	2.7	.0	101.6	-	.1	154.1	1.2	.1
Shelter	154.1	3.9	.1	102.7	-	.1	177.1	1.7	.2
Rent of primary residence	146.0	4.1	.3	102.1	-	.3	163.3	1.9	.2
Owners' equivalent rent of primary residence ⁴	155.9	3.8	.3	102.4	-	.3	168.8	2.1	.2
Fuels and utilities	126.0	-3.6	-9	97.4	-	.1	131.6	1.8	.1
Fuels	122.7	-5.0	-1.1	96.2	-	.0	108.3	.6	.1
Gas (piped) and electricity	122.3	-4.8	-1.2	96.6	-	.0	116.7	.5	.0
Electricity	123.2	-3.1	-3.0	96.9	-	-1.0	122.8	2.6	-2
Utility natural gas service	120.6	-6.3	2.7	95.4	-	3.1	108.7	-5.0	.6
Household furnishings and operations	117.9	1.6	.1	100.6	-	-1	122.3	-2.0	-2
Apparel	122.5	.4	-6	102.7	-	.0	140.2	2.3	1.4
Transportation	140.2	-1.6	.1	98.6	-	.2	138.5	-2.1	.1
Private transportation	139.7	-1.7	.3	98.4	-	.2	136.2	-1.9	.1
New and used motor vehicles ³	101.0	-	.6	101.2	-	1.0	101.4	-	.2
New vehicles	126.9	-4	.7	99.8	-	1.0	146.0	-.7	-2
Used cars and trucks	147.3	4.3	.5	103.6	-	.7	147.8	3.9	.5
Motor fuel	131.8	-13.9	-9	88.1	-	-1.8	86.2	-15.5	-1.4
Gasoline (all types)	131.1	-14.0	-9	88.1	-	-1.8	85.5	-15.6	-1.5
Gasoline, unleaded regular ⁵	129.9	-14.9	-1.1	87.5	-	-1.9	81.5	-16.3	-1.5
Gasoline, unleaded midgrade ^{5 6}	92.7	-13.1	-6	88.5	-	-1.8	95.2	-15.1	-1.3
Gasoline, unleaded premium ⁵	124.9	-12.3	-6	89.4	-	-1.5	90.1	-13.0	-1.6
Medical care	193.3	3.6	.2	102.8	-	.0	237.3	3.9	.0
Medical care commodities	179.7	4.1	.1	102.3	-	.2	223.7	4.9	.4
Medical care services	196.3	3.5	.2	102.9	-	.0	240.7	3.7	-1
Professional services	179.4	3.8	.2	102.8	-	-1	231.3	3.0	-1
Recreation ³	100.6	-	.2	100.7	-	-1	103.4	-	.1
Education and communication ³	101.5	-	.0	100.8	-	.2	101.3	-	.0
Other goods and services	192.0	4.9	-3	106.0	-	-7	243.2	8.4	-9
Commodity and service group									
All items	147.0	1.7	.0	102.4	.9	.0	159.1	1.4	.1
Commodities	137.2	.4	-1	100.4	-	.0	141.7	.4	-1
Commodities less food and beverages	130.8	-1.1	-2	99.6	-	-1	132.9	-.6	-1
Nondurables less food and beverages	138.4	-1.8	-5	99.3	-	-7	134.4	-.7	-1
Nondurables less food, beverages, and apparel	148.4	-2.9	-4	97.7	-	-1.0	134.4	-2.0	-1.0
Durables	121.0	.2	.4	99.9	-	.6	128.7	-.4	.0
Services	156.1	2.8	.0	102.1	-	.2	181.8	2.4	.3
Rent of shelter ⁴	154.5	4.0	.1	102.8	-	.2	165.5	1.7	.2
Transportation services	155.1	1.1	.1	101.4	-	.1	181.7	.8	.7
Other services	177.2	3.3	.2	102.9	-	.2	216.7	4.8	.4

See footnotes at end of table.

Table 19. Consumer Price Index for Urban Wage Earners and Clerical Workers (CPI-W): Population size classes¹, by expenditure category and commodity and service group-Continued

(1982-84=100, unless otherwise noted)

Item and group	Size class A ²			Size class B/C ³			Size class D		
	Index Nov. 1998	Percent change from—		Index Nov. 1998	Percent change from—		Index Nov. 1998	Percent change from—	
		Nov. 1997	Oct. 1998		Nov. 1997	Oct. 1998		Nov. 1997	Oct. 1998
Special aggregate indexes									
All items less medical care	144.9	1.6	0.0	101.1	-	0.0	154.4	1.2	0.1
All items less food	147.2	1.6	.0	101.1	-	.0	159.4	1.2	.1
All items less shelter	144.3	.8	-1	100.7	-	.0	154.8	1.3	.1
Commodities less food	131.9	-8	-1	99.6	-	-1	133.8	-6	-1
Nondurables	142.9	.5	-2	100.5	-	-3	146.0	.8	.0
Nondurables less food	139.4	-1.5	-4	99.4	-	-6	135.6	-7	-1
Nondurables less food and apparel	148.3	-2.4	-4	98.0	-	-8	135.8	-1.9	-9
Services less rent of shelter ⁴	157.7	1.5	.0	101.4	-	.1	171.3	2.9	.2
Services less medical care services	153.1	2.7	.0	102.0	-	.1	175.0	2.2	.3
Energy	127.1	-9.1	-9	92.3	-	-9	97.0	-6.7	-5
All items less energy	148.6	2.6	.1	102.1	-	.2	168.1	2.2	.2
All items less food and energy	149.2	2.6	.1	102.1	-	.1	171.0	2.1	.2
Commodities less food and energy commodities	131.8	1.1	.0	101.4	-	.1	145.6	1.4	.1
Energy commodities	131.3	-13.6	-8	88.2	-	-1.7	85.8	-15.0	-1.4
Services less energy services	158.8	3.3	.1	102.6	-	.2	190.0	2.5	.3

¹ See region and area size on Table 10 for information about population size classes.

² Indexes on a December 1986=100 base.

³ Indexes on a December 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.

- 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 classes¹, 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 ²		
	Index	Percent change from—		Index	Percent change from—	
		Nov. 1998	Nov. 1997		Oct. 1998	Nov. 1997	Oct. 1998
Expenditure category						
All items	168.2	1.6	0.1	102.2	1.1	0.0
All items (December 1977=100)	257.0	-	-	-	-	-
Food and beverages	164.0	2.2	.2	102.5	-	-1
Food	163.5	2.2	.2	102.6	-	-1
Food at home	164.2	2.1	.1	102.6	-	-2
Food away from home	164.1	2.3	.4	102.5	-	.1
Alcoholic beverages	170.8	2.5	.1	100.0	-	-3
Housing	167.8	2.6	.2	101.5	-	.2
Shelter	195.3	3.5	.1	102.3	-	-1
Rent of primary residence	189.3	3.8	.5	101.6	-	.2
Owners' equivalent rent of primary residence ⁴	184.8	3.4	.2	102.1	-	.2
Fuels and utilities	120.8	-2.3	1.6	96.9	-	1.5
Fuels	115.2	-2.8	1.9	95.7	-	1.7
Gas (piped) and electricity	129.4	-1.7	2.1	97.4	-	2.0
Electricity	130.7	-2.6	.1	96.7	-	.3
Utility natural gas service	128.4	.0	5.5	99.3	-	6.8
Household furnishings and operations	125.9	2.4	-1	102.6	-	.2
Apparel	125.1	-1.4	-1.3	103.9	-	-4
Transportation	146.3	-2.6	.0	97.2	-	.2
Private transportation	142.2	-2.5	.0	97.0	-	.3
Motor fuel	87.6	-14.9	.0	86.1	-	-6
Gasoline (all types)	87.0	-15.1	-1	86.1	-	-6
Gasoline, unleaded regular ⁵	85.0	-16.1	.0	85.3	-	-8
Gasoline, unleaded midgrade ^{5 6}	89.7	-14.3	.0	86.7	-	-3
Gasoline, unleaded premium ⁵	88.6	-13.1	-1	87.8	-	.0
Medical care	259.2	4.6	.0	102.9	-	.1
Recreation ²	102.7	-	.5	101.8	-	.0
Education and communication ²	100.9	-	.0	99.9	-	-2
Other goods and services	250.6	6.0	-6	105.3	-	-4
Commodity and service group						
All items	168.2	1.6	.1	102.2	1.1	.0
Commodities	144.1	.2	-2	100.4	-	-1
Commodities less food and beverages	129.8	-1.3	-5	99.2	-	-1
Nondurables less food and beverages	129.5	-1.9	-8	99.1	-	-3
Durables	128.1	-2	.1	99.3	-	.2
Services	194.6	2.7	.2	101.7	-	.1
Special aggregate indexes						
All items less medical care	164.5	1.5	.0	101.0	-	.0
All items less shelter	159.5	.8	.0	100.7	-	.1
Commodities less food	131.5	-1.2	-5	99.3	-	.0
Nondurables	147.7	.3	-3	100.9	-	-2
Nondurables less food	132.0	-1.6	-8	99.2	-	-3
Services less rent of shelter ⁴	176.0	1.7	.4	101.1	-	.4
Services less medical care services	189.6	2.7	.2	101.6	-	.2
Energy	103.2	-7.4	1.3	91.7	-	.9
All items less energy	176.8	2.4	-1	102.0	-	.0
All items less food and energy	180.6	2.4	-1	101.9	-	.0

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 classes¹, by expenditure category and commodity and service group-Continued

(1982-84=100, unless otherwise noted)

Item and group	Midwest ³								
	Size class A			Size class B/C ²			Size class D		
	Index	Percent change from—		Index	Percent change from—		Index	Percent change from—	
		Nov. 1998	Nov. 1997		Oct. 1998	Nov. 1998		Nov. 1997	Oct. 1998	Nov. 1998	Nov. 1997	Oct. 1998
Expenditure category									
All items	156.7	1.9	0.0	102.1	0.9	0.0	152.9	0.9	0.3
All items (December 1977=100)	256.3	-	-	-	-	-	247.8	-	-
Food and beverages	162.3	2.9	.4	101.6	-	.1	151.3	1.5	.2
Food	161.9	3.1	.4	101.5	-	.0	150.2	1.6	.1
Food at home	162.8	3.5	.5	101.0	-	-.2	146.6	1.5	.1
Food away from home	160.7	2.4	.2	102.2	-	.4	157.7	1.6	.1
Alcoholic beverages	167.4	1.8	.1	102.7	-	1.1	166.0	.2	1.9
Housing	149.8	1.8	-.1	101.3	-	.2	146.6	.2	.2
Shelter	170.6	3.3	-.2	102.6	-	.3	164.9	1.9	.2
Rent of primary residence	175.1	3.5	.2	101.8	-	.3	153.7	2.0	.3
Owners' equivalent rent of primary residence ⁴	171.3	3.3	.1	102.0	-	.4	163.9	2.1	.4
Fuels and utilities	119.4	-4.9	.2	97.5	-	.1	131.4	-2.3	-.1
Fuels	104.8	-6.6	.4	96.6	-	.0	101.6	-4.3	.0
Gas (piped) and electricity	108.0	-6.7	.3	97.0	-	.0	109.3	-4.2	-.1
Electricity	116.1	-3.4	-.3	99.9	-	-1.3	106.9	-1.6	-.7
Utility natural gas service	100.1	-10.5	1.4	92.7	-	2.1	114.8	-7.1	.7
Household furnishings and operations	117.5	.0	-.3	99.7	-	-.1	119.9	-3.9	.1
Apparel	128.9	1.2	-.5	102.2	-	-1.0	148.3	3.1	3.8
Transportation	140.6	-.2	.1	99.0	-	.0	134.9	-2.1	.3
Private transportation	138.7	-.1	.3	98.9	-	.1	131.2	-1.6	.4
Motor fuel	92.4	-10.8	-2.1	90.1	-	-3.4	83.9	-15.9	-.7
Gasoline (all types)	91.9	-11.0	-2.1	90.1	-	-3.4	83.0	-15.9	-.7
Gasoline, unleaded regular ⁵	90.3	-11.6	-2.3	89.5	-	-3.3	79.9	-16.4	-.9
Gasoline, unleaded midgrade ^{5 6}	100.3	-10.4	-2.1	90.8	-	-3.8	97.5	-15.9	-.3
Gasoline, unleaded premium ⁵	94.7	-9.5	-1.8	91.9	-	-3.2	87.8	-13.8	-.6
Medical care	238.7	5.0	.2	102.4	-	-.1	229.8	4.8	.0
Recreation ²	100.4	-	-.3	100.8	-	.0	103.1	-	.4
Education and communication ²	103.2	-	.0	101.1	-	.0	100.8	-	.2
Other goods and services	239.3	5.5	-.4	106.4	-	-.6	225.0	6.6	-1.3
Commodity and service group									
All items	156.7	1.9	.0	102.1	.9	.0	152.9	.9	.3
Commodities	141.3	1.1	.1	100.0	-	-.2	140.9	.3	.3
Commodities less food and beverages	129.2	-.2	-.2	99.3	-	-.3	135.3	-.4	.4
Nondurables less food and beverages	134.5	-.7	-.8	99.3	-	-1.4	137.9	-.6	.5
Durables	122.0	.6	.6	99.3	-	1.0	127.5	.2	.3
Services	175.3	2.6	-.1	102.3	-	.2	168.7	1.6	.4
Special aggregate indexes									
All items less medical care	153.2	1.7	.0	101.1	-	.1	148.8	.7	.3
All items less shelter	153.3	1.3	.1	100.7	-	-.1	150.5	.7	.3
Commodities less food	130.8	-.1	-.2	99.4	-	-.2	136.3	-.3	.4
Nondurables	148.7	1.2	-.2	100.4	-	-.7	145.1	.4	.3
Nondurables less food	136.7	-.4	-.7	99.5	-	-1.3	139.6	-.6	.5
Services less rent of shelter ⁴	166.7	2.0	.1	102.1	-	.0	158.2	1.5	.5
Services less medical care services	169.8	2.4	-.1	102.3	-	.2	162.1	1.2	.4
Energy	98.4	-8.6	-.8	93.2	-	-1.8	93.0	-9.7	-.3
All items less energy	165.1	2.8	.1	102.0	-	.2	161.5	2.0	.4
All items less food and energy	165.8	2.7	-.1	102.1	-	.3	164.4	2.1	.5

See footnotes at end of table.

Table 20. Consumer Price Index for Urban Wage Earners and Clerical Workers (CPI-W): Cross classification of regions and population size classes¹, 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 ²			Size class D		
	Index	Percent change from—		Index	Percent change from—		Index	Percent change from—	
	Nov. 1998	Nov. 1997	Oct. 1998	Nov. 1998	Nov. 1997	Oct. 1998	Nov. 1998	Nov. 1997	Oct. 1998
Expenditure category									
All items	156.2	1.1	-0.3	102.4	0.7	0.0	160.6	2.0	0.1
All items (December 1977=100)	253.0	-	-	-	-	-	259.9	-	-
Food and beverages	159.4	1.7	-3	101.5	-	.2	156.0	2.0	-1
Food	159.6	1.6	-4	101.6	-	.3	156.6	2.2	-1
Food at home	156.9	.7	-6	101.2	-	.4	154.2	2.6	-1
Food away from home	165.5	3.1	.1	102.3	-	.2	163.7	1.7	.0
Alcoholic beverages	157.8	3.0	1.0	101.0	-	.1	143.6	-2.0	-6
Housing	147.8	2.4	-8	101.6	-	-2	155.6	1.7	.2
Shelter	163.1	3.6	.2	103.1	-	.0	182.2	1.8	.4
Rent of primary residence	161.9	3.5	.3	102.7	-	.2	164.6	2.2	.4
Owners' equivalent rent of primary residence ⁴	157.2	3.5	.3	103.0	-	.2	167.3	2.3	.4
Fuels and utilities	119.1	-1.5	-6.1	96.4	-	-1.0	133.0	3.6	.1
Fuels	105.6	-2.5	-7.6	94.7	-	-1.5	111.6	3.3	.1
Gas (piped) and electricity	109.1	-2.4	-7.8	94.7	-	-1.5	116.6	3.5	.1
Electricity	106.2	-1.1	-9.8	94.7	-	-1.9	120.1	4.9	.0
Utility natural gas service	114.9	-5.2	4.5	94.8	-	1.3	109.7	-6.6	.5
Household furnishings and operations	129.7	2.6	-5	100.5	-	-2	118.9	-1.7	-5
Apparel	149.6	.1	.4	102.1	-	-1	131.5	-6	1.5
Transportation	139.6	-1.9	.3	98.8	-	.1	138.6	-1.4	.0
Private transportation	138.9	-2.2	.4	98.5	-	.1	137.5	-1.6	.0
Motor fuel	90.9	-12.8	-3	87.6	-	-1.5	80.5	-14.8	-1.6
Gasoline (all types)	90.1	-12.9	-3	87.6	-	-1.5	79.5	-14.9	-1.6
Gasoline, unleaded regular ⁵	87.1	-13.9	-5	87.0	-	-1.4	74.8	-16.0	-1.6
Gasoline, unleaded midgrade ^{5 6}	92.8	-12.0	-1	87.9	-	-1.7	95.2	-14.0	-1.4
Gasoline, unleaded premium ⁵	93.5	-11.0	.0	89.1	-	-1.4	88.1	-12.6	-1.6
Medical care	239.4	1.7	.0	103.0	-	-1	244.2	4.7	.1
Recreation ²	100.0	-	.0	100.9	-	-1	106.4	-	.1
Education and communication ²	101.5	-	.3	100.6	-	.5	101.9	-	.0
Other goods and services	217.1	4.2	-4	106.5	-	-7	240.9	9.7	-6
Commodity and service group									
All items	156.2	1.1	-3	102.4	.7	.0	160.6	2.0	.1
Commodities	142.4	.0	-1	100.5	-	.0	139.7	.6	.0
Commodities less food and beverages	132.7	-1.0	.1	99.9	-	-2	130.6	-2	.0
Nondurables less food and beverages	134.6	-1.9	.1	99.3	-	-7	130.5	-8	.0
Durables	129.7	-1	.0	100.6	-	.4	128.6	.5	.0
Services	172.6	2.1	-5	102.0	-	-1	187.6	3.2	.3
Special aggregate indexes									
All items less medical care	152.0	1.1	-3	101.2	-	.0	154.6	1.7	.1
All items less shelter	154.5	.3	-4	100.7	-	.0	155.6	2.0	.1
Commodities less food	133.7	-8	.1	99.9	-	-2	130.9	-3	.0
Nondurables	147.1	.1	-1	100.5	-	-1	143.1	.6	.0
Nondurables less food	135.9	-1.5	.2	99.4	-	-6	130.8	-8	.0
Services less rent of shelter ⁴	167.3	.8	-9	101.1	-	-1	177.6	4.2	.2
Services less medical care services	166.1	2.2	-4	102.0	-	.0	179.0	3.1	.3
Energy	97.4	-7.6	-4.3	91.3	-	-1.4	94.0	-5.0	-5
All items less energy	164.6	1.9	.1	102.2	-	.1	170.4	2.6	.2
All items less food and energy	165.9	2.0	.2	102.4	-	.1	174.1	2.7	.2

See footnotes at end of table.

Table 20. Consumer Price Index for Urban Wage Earners and Clerical Workers (CPI-W): Cross classification of regions and population size classes¹, 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 ²		
	Index	Percent change from—		Index	Percent change from—	
		Nov. 1998	Nov. 1997		Oct. 1998	Nov. 1997	Oct. 1998
Expenditure category						
All items	160.7	1.9	0.1	103.3	1.0	0.5
All items (December 1977=100)	260.2	-	-	-	-	-
Food and beverages	166.0	2.7	-1	101.7	-	.1
Food	165.4	2.7	-1	101.8	-	.2
Food at home	169.3	2.8	-1	102.0	-	.1
Food away from home	159.5	2.7	.1	101.3	-	.1
Alcoholic beverages	170.4	1.8	-4	100.8	-	-2
Housing	162.3	3.8	.3	102.0	-	.7
Shelter	175.3	4.9	.3	102.4	-	.7
Rent of primary residence	182.0	4.9	.4	101.8	-	.9
Owners' equivalent rent of primary residence ⁴	172.8	4.7	.4	101.7	-	.6
Fuels and utilities	138.7	-4.6	-6	100.9	-	1.7
Fuels	128.8	-6.7	-8	100.7	-	2.0
Gas (piped) and electricity	130.7	-6.7	-8	100.8	-	2.1
Electricity	145.1	-5.7	-8	101.1	-	1.5
Utility natural gas service	116.6	-8.9	-9	99.5	-	4.4
Household furnishings and operations	128.7	1.7	.7	100.7	-	-4
Apparel	123.6	1.6	-1.0	104.2	-	2.5
Transportation	140.6	-1.9	.3	98.7	-	.3
Private transportation	137.8	-2.1	.4	98.4	-	.4
Motor fuel	92.5	-16.5	-8	87.5	-	-6
Gasoline (all types)	91.5	-16.7	-9	87.5	-	-6
Gasoline, unleaded regular ⁵	88.0	-17.8	-1.0	86.7	-	-8
Gasoline, unleaded midgrade ^{5 6}	89.7	-15.1	-3	88.5	-	-4
Gasoline, unleaded premium ⁵	95.5	-14.8	-6	89.1	-	-3
Medical care	237.6	2.6	.6	102.8	-	.6
Recreation ²	99.3	-	.6	99.2	-	-2
Education and communication ²	100.8	-	.1	101.7	-	.2
Other goods and services	240.0	3.5	.3	104.6	-	-9
Commodity and service group						
All items	160.7	1.9	.1	103.3	1.0	.5
Commodities	141.9	.2	.0	100.3	-	.4
Commodities less food and beverages	127.4	-1.5	.1	99.4	-	.4
Nondurables less food and beverages	127.9	-3.0	-5	99.4	-	.3
Durables	127.1	.4	.7	99.4	-	.6
Services	180.3	3.3	.3	102.2	-	.5
Special aggregate indexes						
All items less medical care	157.5	1.9	.1	101.3	-	.5
All items less shelter	156.2	.6	.1	100.9	-	.4
Commodities less food	129.5	-1.3	.1	99.5	-	.5
Nondurables	147.8	.3	-2	100.6	-	.2
Nondurables less food	131.2	-2.5	-5	99.5	-	.3
Services less rent of shelter ⁴	172.6	1.2	.2	101.9	-	.5
Services less medical care services	176.2	3.4	.2	102.2	-	.6
Energy	104.7	-12.4	-8	94.5	-	1.0
All items less energy	167.0	2.9	.2	101.9	-	.4
All items less food and energy	167.5	3.0	.2	101.9	-	.5

¹ See region and area size on Table 10 for information about cross classifications.

² Indexes on a December 1997=100 base.

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

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.

- 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 Nov. 1998 from—			Percent change to Oct. 1998 from—		
		Aug. 1998	Sep. 1998	Oct. 1998	Nov. 1998	Nov. 1997	Sep. 1998	Oct. 1998	Oct. 1997	Aug. 1998	Sep. 1998
U.S. city average	M	160.4	160.2	161.3	161.3	2.0	0.7	0.0	2.1	0.6	0.7
Region and area size²											
Northeast urban	M	163.0	162.7	164.6	164.6	2.2	1.2	.0	2.6	1.0	1.2
Size A - More than 1,500,000	M	162.8	162.2	164.1	164.2	2.1	1.2	.1	2.6	.8	1.2
Size B/C 50,000 to 1,500,000 ³	M	101.4	101.6	102.8	102.6	-	1.0	-2	-	1.4	1.2
Midwest urban ⁴	M	156.9	156.6	157.3	157.7	2.5	.7	-.3	1.9	.3	.4
Size A - More than 1,500,000	M	161.2	160.9	162.0	162.8	3.5	1.2	.5	2.5	.5	.7
Size B/C - 50,000 to 1,500,000 ³	M	101.5	100.9	101.2	101.0	-	.1	-2	-	-.3	.3
Size D - Nonmetropolitan (less than 50,000)	M	145.5	146.7	146.4	146.6	1.5	-.1	.1	2.1	.6	-.2
South urban	M	156.8	156.5	157.3	157.2	1.2	.4	-.1	1.5	.3	.5
Size A - More than 1,500,000	M	157.5	156.6	157.9	156.9	.7	.2	-.6	1.4	.3	.8
Size B/C - 50,000 to 1,500,000 ³	M	100.6	100.4	100.8	101.2	-	.8	.4	-	.2	.4
Size D - Nonmetropolitan (less than 50,000)	M	152.4	154.0	154.3	154.2	2.6	.1	-.1	3.4	1.2	.2
West urban	M	166.8	166.7	167.9	167.9	2.5	.7	.0	2.4	.7	.7
Size A - More than 1,500,000	M	168.6	168.4	169.5	169.3	2.8	.5	-.1	2.7	.5	.7
Size B/C - 50,000 to 1,500,000 ³	M	101.1	101.1	101.9	102.0	-	.9	.1	-	.8	.8
Size classes											
A ⁵	M	149.0	148.6	149.8	149.8	2.3	.8	.0	2.3	.5	.8
B/C ³	M	101.0	100.8	101.4	101.5	-	.7	.1	-	.4	.6
D	M	152.8	154.3	154.6	154.7	2.5	.3	.1	2.7	1.2	.2
Selected local areas											
Chicago-Gary-Kenosha, IL-IN-WI	M	173.7	172.3	175.5	174.2	3.8	1.1	-.7	4.5	1.0	1.9
Los Angeles-Riverside-Orange County, CA ..	M	173.1	172.8	174.4	174.3	2.8	.9	-.1	3.1	.8	.9
New York-Northern N.J.-Long Island, NY-NJ-CT-PA	M	165.0	164.5	165.5	165.6	1.2	.7	.1	1.8	.3	.6
Boston-Brockton-Nashua, MA-NH-ME-CT	1	161.4	160.2	165.8	164.4	6.0	2.6	-.8	5.7	2.7	3.5
Cleveland-Akron, OH	1	158.7	159.9	160.5	161.2	4.1	.8	.4	4.5	1.1	.4
Dallas-Fort Worth, TX	1	149.8	147.9	149.4	147.7	-.8	-.1	-1.1	.9	-.3	1.0
Washington-Baltimore, DC-MD-VA-WV ³	1	99.9	99.0	100.1	100.4	-	1.4	.3	-	.2	1.1
Atlanta, GA	2	162.3	162.2	161.7	159.9	-	-1.4	-1.1	-	-.4	-.3
Detroit-Ann Arbor-Flint, MI	2	154.0	154.5	153.4	157.4	4.3	1.9	2.6	1.8	-.4	-.7
Houston-Galveston-Brazoria, TX	2	157.8	157.2	157.8	155.2	-.9	-1.3	-1.6	.6	.0	.4
Miami-Fort Lauderdale, FL	2	165.4	165.8	167.6	165.6	1.4	-.1	-1.2	3.9	1.3	1.1
Philadelphia-Wilmington-Atlantic City, PA-NJ-DE-MD	2	161.8	161.6	164.0	165.2	3.1	2.2	.7	2.9	1.4	1.5
San Francisco-Oakland-San Jose, CA	2	170.2	170.5	171.5	170.5	2.5	.0	-.6	2.7	.8	.6
Seattle-Tacoma-Bremerton, WA	2	164.2	165.1	166.6	165.9	-	.5	-.4	-	1.5	.9

¹ Foods, fuels, and several other items priced every month in all areas; most other goods and services priced as indicated:
M - Every month.
1 - January, March, May, July, September, and November.
2 - February, April, June, August, October, and December.
² Regions defined as the four Census regions. See map in technical notes.

³ Indexes on a December 1997=100 base.
⁴ The 'North Central' region has been renamed the 'Midwest' region by the Census Bureau. It is composed of the same geographic entities.
⁵ Indexes on a December 1986=100 base.
- 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—	
		Nov. 1998	Nov. 1997		Oct. 1998	Nov. 1998		Nov. 1997	Oct. 1998		Nov. 1998	Nov. 1997	Oct. 1998	Nov. 1998	Nov. 1997	Oct. 1998
Expenditure category												
All items	160.7	1.4	0.1	159.9	1.7	-0.1	157.0	1.4	0.1	170.5	1.5	0.0
All items (1967=100)	478.6	-	-	469.5	-	-	464.1	-	-	485.4	-	-
Food and beverages	161.7	2.1	.1	166.3	2.7	-.5	168.6	2.6	-.1	166.6	1.9	.2
Food	161.4	2.2	.1	165.7	2.8	-.5	166.6	2.6	-.1	166.2	1.8	.2
Food at home	161.3	2.0	.0	174.2	3.8	-.7	174.3	2.8	-.1	165.6	1.2	.1
Food away from home	162.6	2.5	.2	150.2	1.1	.1	155.0	2.2	.0	170.9	3.2	.6
Alcoholic beverages	165.7	1.8	.2	173.4	-.1	-.9	183.4	1.2	-.3	171.8	2.2	.0
Housing	157.7	2.1	.1	153.8	.3	-.2	155.1	2.2	.3	171.2	2.6	.2
Shelter	178.6	3.4	.1	180.9	3.0	-.3	163.8	3.4	.2	201.2	3.4	.2
Rent of primary residence	174.1	3.4	.3	192.9	3.6	.2	166.3	3.3	.4	193.4	3.7	.7
Owners' equivalent rent of primary residence ¹	173.4	3.3	.3	181.3	2.7	-.1	162.6	3.0	.4	192.2	3.4	.3
Fuels and utilities	126.4	-3.4	-.4	112.6	-12.0	.9	142.6	-9.2	-.4	112.9	-2.5	.4
Fuels	110.9	-5.5	-.6	99.8	-14.2	1.0	136.7	-12.0	-.5	111.9	-2.4	.4
Gas (piped) and electricity	118.3	-5.3	-.7	103.0	-14.2	1.0	137.1	-12.0	-.6	123.3	-.7	.6
Electricity	122.9	-5.2	-1.8	107.7	-11.3	.1	154.3	-8.3	-.1	122.7	-1.8	.1
Utility natural gas service	112.7	-5.7	2.6	98.2	-17.4	2.2	120.3	-19.2	-1.7	124.4	1.0	1.5
Household furnishings and operations	124.8	.9	-.1	107.6	-4.0	-.1	126.1	2.8	.7	127.9	1.8	-.2
Apparel	134.0	.3	-.2	120.0	2.9	.2	119.4	.3	-1.6	123.2	-4.7	-2.4
Transportation	140.6	-1.7	.1	136.4	.4	.3	138.9	-1.4	.4	150.9	-1.9	-.1
Private transportation	138.2	-1.8	.2	133.8	.5	.5	135.4	-1.7	.6	144.8	-1.5	-.1
Motor fuel	89.7	-14.1	-1.3	93.4	-8.3	-2.2	91.2	-15.5	-.1	86.0	-14.3	.0
Gasoline (all types)	89.2	-14.2	-1.3	92.6	-8.6	-2.2	89.1	-15.8	-.1	85.7	-14.5	.0
Gasoline, unleaded regular ²	86.5	-15.1	-1.5	90.1	-9.3	-2.2	86.4	-16.8	-.3	84.2	-15.5	.0
Gasoline, unleaded midgrade ^{2 3}	94.1	-13.4	-1.2	99.6	-7.6	-2.4	87.4	-15.6	.5	88.6	-13.9	-.1
Gasoline, unleaded premium ²	92.1	-12.5	-1.1	95.3	-7.4	-2.0	91.7	-13.7	.1	88.2	-12.8	.0
Medical care	244.0	3.5	.1	251.8	4.3	.0	237.3	3.0	.8	257.9	4.4	-.2
Recreation ⁴	100.8	.8	.0	100.1	-	-.4	101.5	-	1.1	102.7	-	1.0
Education and communication ⁴	101.2	1.2	.1	106.9	-	.1	99.1	-	.0	101.2	-	.0
Other goods and services	239.2	5.5	-.5	249.0	4.9	.2	235.8	3.1	.1	251.5	6.0	-.4
Commodity and service group												
All items	160.7	1.4	.1	159.9	1.7	-.1	157.0	1.4	.1	170.5	1.5	.0
Commodities	142.4	.2	.0	141.8	1.3	.1	140.9	.6	.0	145.8	-.3	-.3
Commodities less food and beverages	130.9	-1.1	-.1	126.8	.4	.3	124.5	-.7	-.1	129.9	-2.1	-.7
Nondurables less food and beverages	132.5	-1.9	-.5	134.2	.4	-.2	125.7	-2.9	-.4	129.3	-3.1	-1.1
Durables	127.4	.1	.4	117.9	.3	.8	124.1	1.6	.5	128.1	.2	.3
Services	182.4	2.4	.1	180.1	2.0	-.2	174.0	2.1	.3	196.3	2.7	.2
Special aggregate indexes												
All items less medical care	156.8	1.2	.0	155.5	1.6	-.1	153.8	1.3	.1	167.0	1.3	.0
All items less shelter	155.7	.6	.0	153.7	1.1	.0	155.4	.5	.1	159.9	.6	-.1
Commodities less food	132.2	-1.0	-.2	128.9	.4	.2	127.6	-.6	.1	131.6	-1.9	-.7
Nondurables	147.4	.3	-.2	150.7	1.5	-.3	148.2	.2	-.2	149.3	-.3	-.4
Nondurables less food	134.5	-1.6	-.5	137.0	.3	-.3	130.8	-2.5	-.4	131.8	-2.8	-1.1
Services less rent of shelter ¹	171.4	1.4	.1	167.4	.8	.1	173.2	.2	.3	173.6	1.8	.1
Services less medical care services	176.8	2.3	-.1	173.8	1.8	-.2	169.7	2.0	.3	191.7	2.6	.2
Energy	99.6	-9.5	-.9	95.3	-11.8	-.3	105.4	-14.0	-.3	101.4	-6.7	-.3
All items less energy	169.1	2.3	.1	168.7	2.7	-.1	162.8	2.5	.2	178.9	2.1	-.1
All items less food and energy	171.1	2.3	.1	169.3	2.7	.0	162.2	2.4	.2	182.7	2.2	-.1

¹ Indexes on a December 1984=100 base

² Special index based on a substantially smaller sample.

³ Indexes on a December 1993=100 base.

⁴ Indexes on a December 1997=100 base.

- Data not available.

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

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

(1982-84=100, unless otherwise noted)

Item and group	Monthly cities and pricing schedule 1 ¹								
	U.S. city average			Boston-Brockton-Nashua, MA-NH-ME-CT			Chicago-Gary-Kenosha, IL-IN-WI		
	Index	Percent change from—		Index	Percent change from—		Index	Percent change from—	
	Nov. 1998	Nov. 1997	Sep. 1998	Nov. 1998	Nov. 1997	Sep. 1998	Nov. 1998	Nov. 1997	Sep. 1998
Expenditure category									
All items ³	160.7	1.4	0.3	171.5	2.2	0.9	159.9	1.7	0.2
All items (1967=100)	478.6	-	-	495.8	-	-	469.5	-	-
Food and beverages ³	161.7	2.1	.6	167.2	4.9	1.5	166.3	2.7	.7
Food ³	161.4	2.2	.6	167.6	4.8	1.6	165.7	2.8	.7
Food at home	161.3	2.0	.7	164.4	6.0	2.6	174.2	3.8	1.1
Food away from home ⁴	162.6	2.5	.4	175.6	3.1	.2	150.2	1.1	.1
Alcoholic beverages ⁴	165.7	1.8	.4	166.1	6.3	-1	173.4	-1	-2
Housing ³	157.7	2.1	-1	166.0	2.7	1.4	153.8	.3	-1
Shelter	178.6	3.4	.4	195.9	4.3	.6	180.9	3.0	.0
Rent of primary residence ³	174.1	3.4	.6	188.7	5.7	.7	192.9	3.6	.6
Owners' equivalent rent of primary residence ⁵	173.4	3.3	.6	178.2	4.2	1.3	181.3	2.7	.3
Fuels and utilities	126.4	-3.4	-2.8	123.0	-6.0	7.6	112.6	-12.0	-2.9
Fuels	110.9	-5.5	-3.5	104.5	-7.0	8.9	99.8	-14.2	-3.4
Gas (piped) and electricity	118.3	-5.3	-3.7	129.3	-6.5	10.1	103.0	-14.2	-3.4
Electricity	122.9	-5.2	-6.2	125.5	-10.6	-5	107.7	-11.3	-7.5
Utility natural gas service	112.7	-5.7	3.3	133.4	-1	29.5	98.2	-17.4	2.2
Household furnishings and operations	124.8	.9	-1	114.3	1.9	.4	107.6	-4.0	2.2
Apparel ³	134.0	.3	1.5	149.6	-9	1.1	120.0	2.9	-1.6
Transportation ³	140.6	-1.7	.7	141.4	-2.8	.6	136.4	.4	1.1
Private transportation	138.2	-1.8	.8	140.3	-3.9	.9	133.8	.5	1.3
Motor fuel	89.7	-14.1	-4	90.4	-16.0	1.5	93.4	-8.3	-1.1
Gasoline (all types)	89.2	-14.2	-4	89.3	-16.1	1.6	92.6	-8.6	-1.1
Gasoline, unleaded regular ⁶	86.5	-15.1	-5	86.0	-17.4	1.9	90.1	-9.3	-1.0
Gasoline, unleaded midgrade ^{6,7}	94.1	-13.4	-2	93.2	-14.7	1.2	99.6	-7.6	-1.2
Gasoline, unleaded premium ⁶	92.1	-12.5	-3	93.0	-13.6	.6	95.3	-7.4	-8
Medical care ³	244.0	3.5	.3	309.9	6.9	1.0	251.8	4.3	.1
Recreation ⁸	100.8	.8	-2	103.9	-	-1	100.1	-	-7
Education and communication ⁸	101.2	1.2	.1	100.6	-	.0	106.9	-	.8
Other goods and services ³	239.2	5.5	-1	245.4	4.6	-2.1	249.0	4.9	-4
Commodity and service group									
All items ³	160.7	1.4	.3	171.5	2.2	.9	159.9	1.7	.2
Commodities	142.4	.2	.5	144.7	.7	.3	141.8	1.3	.4
Commodities less food and beverages	130.9	-1.1	.5	131.8	-1.6	-3	126.8	.4	.3
Nondurables less food and beverages	132.5	-1.9	.3	134.6	-2.3	-2	134.2	.4	-1.1
Durables	127.4	.1	.6	126.9	-9	-5	117.9	.3	1.6
Services	182.4	2.4	.1	201.1	3.2	1.3	180.1	2.0	.0
Special aggregate indexes									
All items less medical care ³	156.8	1.2	.3	165.5	2.0	.9	155.5	1.6	.2
All items less shelter	155.7	.6	.3	164.8	1.2	1.0	153.7	1.1	.3
Commodities less food	132.2	-1.0	.4	132.9	-1.3	-2	128.9	.4	.3
Nondurables	147.4	.3	.5	149.8	1.3	.7	150.7	1.5	-2
Nondurables less food	134.5	-1.6	.4	135.5	-1.7	-2	137.0	.3	-1.1
Services less rent of shelter ⁵	171.4	1.4	-2	193.4	1.8	2.1	167.4	.8	-1
Services less medical care services	176.8	2.3	.1	191.8	3.0	1.3	173.8	1.8	-1
Energy ³	99.6	-9.5	-2.2	98.5	-10.6	6.0	95.3	-11.8	-2.4
All items less energy	169.1	2.3	.5	182.7	3.3	.6	168.7	2.7	.4
All items less food and energy ³	171.1	2.3	.5	186.8	3.0	.4	169.3	2.7	.3

See footnotes at end of table.

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

(1982-84=100, unless otherwise noted)

Item and group	Monthly cities and pricing schedule 1 ¹								
	Cleveland-Akron, OH			Dallas-Fort Worth, TX			Los Angeles-Riverside-Orange County, CA		
	Index	Percent change from—		Index	Percent change from—		Index	Percent change from—	
		Nov. 1998	Nov. 1997		Sep. 1998	Nov. 1998		Nov. 1997	Sep. 1998	Nov. 1998	Nov. 1997	Sep. 1998
Expenditure category									
All items ³	152.8	2.5	-0.3	153.8	-	-0.3	157.0	1.4	0.6
All items (1967=100)	477.5	-	-	474.4	-	-	464.1	-	-
Food and beverages ³	164.7	3.7	.7	160.0	-	.3	168.6	2.6	.4
Food ³	166.1	3.7	.7	157.5	-	.0	166.6	2.6	.5
Food at home	161.2	4.1	.8	147.7	-0.8	-1	174.3	2.8	.9
Food away from home ⁴	176.4	3.0	.5	175.3	-	.3	155.0	2.2	-1
Alcoholic beverages ⁴	148.7	1.1	1.4	187.7	-	2.5	183.4	1.2	-1.2
Housing ³	147.0	3.1	-1.5	142.7	-	-1.7	155.1	2.2	.3
Shelter	160.2	3.7	-1	153.9	-	.1	163.8	3.4	.5
Rent of primary residence ³	171.6	3.6	.1	151.8	3.7	.3	166.3	3.3	.6
Owners' equivalent rent of primary residence ⁵	167.4	4.3	.4	148.1	3.6	.2	162.6	3.0	.7
Fuels and utilities	132.8	4.6	-7.5	122.6	-	-10.4	142.6	-9.2	-1.9
Fuels	127.6	4.8	-9.0	114.1	-4.7	-13.6	136.7	-12.0	-2.5
Gas (piped) and electricity	130.0	5.3	-9.2	113.3	-4.5	-13.7	137.1	-12.0	-2.6
Electricity	133.6	1.6	-15.2	111.8	-2.4	-16.2	154.3	-8.3	.2
Utility natural gas service	129.1	9.8	-1.1	112.0	-14.1	2.4	120.3	-19.2	-8.0
Household furnishings and operations	124.5	-2.7	-6	128.1	-	.6	126.1	2.8	-3
Apparel ³	132.1	4.8	.4	126.9	-	-1.5	119.4	.3	1.8
Transportation ³	138.9	1.5	.9	143.6	-	1.1	138.9	-1.4	.9
Private transportation	139.2	1.6	.9	143.7	-	1.1	135.4	-1.7	1.1
Motor fuel	97.6	-9.5	-9	89.4	-13.5	1.2	91.2	-15.5	.3
Gasoline (all types)	96.7	-9.8	-1.0	88.9	-13.6	1.3	89.1	-15.8	.3
Gasoline, unleaded regular ⁶	94.9	-10.6	-8	85.0	-14.5	1.1	86.4	-16.8	.1
Gasoline, unleaded midgrade ^{6 7}	99.8	-9.0	-1.3	91.7	-13.1	1.7	87.4	-15.6	.6
Gasoline, unleaded premium ⁶	100.8	-7.7	-1.1	92.7	-11.7	1.3	91.7	-13.7	.7
Medical care ³	213.3	1.6	.3	233.2	-	-9	237.3	3.0	1.0
Recreation ⁸	100.3	-	-1	100.8	-	.7	101.5	-	1.8
Education and communication ⁸	99.0	-	-3	100.8	-	.8	99.1	-	.3
Other goods and services ³	219.1	3.7	-2.1	220.8	-	.4	235.8	3.1	.6
Commodity and service group									
All items ³	152.8	2.5	-3	153.8	-	-3	157.0	1.4	.6
Commodities	140.9	2.0	.2	141.8	-	.4	140.9	.6	.7
Commodities less food and beverages	127.8	.9	-1	131.2	-	.5	124.5	-.7	1.0
Nondurables less food and beverages	135.3	-.7	-1.2	125.8	-	.2	125.7	-2.9	1.1
Durables	118.6	2.8	.9	137.8	-	.9	124.1	1.6	.7
Services	167.2	3.1	-8	167.7	-	-1.1	174.0	2.1	.5
Special aggregate indexes									
All items less medical care ³	150.2	2.5	-3	149.7	-	-3	153.8	1.3	.5
All items less shelter	152.5	2.1	-4	154.5	-	-4	155.4	.5	.6
Commodities less food	128.6	.9	.0	133.3	-	.7	127.6	-.6	.9
Nondurables	150.6	1.6	-1	143.0	-	.2	148.2	.2	.7
Nondurables less food	135.9	-.7	-1.0	129.8	-	.5	130.8	-2.5	.9
Services less rent of shelter ⁵	163.1	2.5	-1.5	170.2	-	-2.1	173.2	.2	.3
Services less medical care services	163.7	3.3	-9	161.1	-	-1.0	169.7	2.0	.5
Energy ³	114.1	-1.8	-5.9	100.5	-8.8	-7.4	105.4	-14.0	-9
All items less energy	158.6	3.0	.3	162.7	-	.3	162.8	2.5	.7
All items less food and energy ³	157.0	2.7	.1	164.0	-	.4	162.2	2.4	.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 1 ¹					
	New York-Northern N.J.-Long Island, NY-NJ-CT-PA			Washington-Baltimore, DC-MD-VA-WV ²		
	Index	Percent change from—		Index	Percent change from—	
		Nov. 1998	Nov. 1997		Sep. 1998	Nov. 1998	Nov. 1997	Sep. 1998
Expenditure category						
All items ³	170.5	1.5	0.4	102.2	1.8	-0.5
All items (1967=100)	485.4	-	-	-	-	-
Food and beverages ³	166.6	1.9	.7	102.0	1.4	.9
Food ³	166.2	1.8	.7	102.0	1.5	.9
Food at home	165.6	1.2	.7	100.4	-	1.4
Food away from home ⁴	170.9	3.2	.7	102.6	2.6	-1.1
Alcoholic beverages ⁴	171.8	2.2	.2	100.3	.3	.5
Housing ³	171.2	2.6	.3	103.2	3.2	-2.4
Shelter	201.2	3.4	.7	104.3	-	.3
Rent of primary residence ³	193.4	3.7	1.0	104.2	3.5	.7
Owners' equivalent rent of primary residence ⁵	192.2	3.4	.6	104.4	-	.6
Fuels and utilities	112.9	-2.5	-2.0	98.6	-	-18.6
Fuels	111.9	-2.4	-2.0	97.9	-	-20.8
Gas (piped) and electricity	123.3	-7	-2.2	98.5	-	-21.6
Electricity	122.7	-1.8	-4.7	98.8	-	-25.4
Utility natural gas service	124.4	1.0	2.3	96.9	-	4.1
Household furnishings and operations	127.9	1.8	.3	103.2	-	-2.3
Apparel ³	123.2	-4.7	-6	99.9	4.0	1.5
Transportation ³	150.9	-1.9	.5	98.3	-1.7	.5
Private transportation	144.8	-1.5	.7	98.4	-	.6
Motor fuel	86.0	-14.3	.0	86.6	-	-1.3
Gasoline (all types)	85.7	-14.5	.0	86.5	-	-1.3
Gasoline, unleaded regular ⁶	84.2	-15.5	.2	84.9	-	-1.3
Gasoline, unleaded midgrade ^{6 7}	88.6	-13.9	.0	87.8	-	-1.3
Gasoline, unleaded premium ⁶	88.2	-12.8	-5	88.7	-	-1.1
Medical care ³	257.9	4.4	.0	104.6	2.4	.4
Recreation ⁸	102.7	-	.7	101.1	-	-.7
Education and communication ⁸	101.2	-	.1	102.9	-	.1
Other goods and services ³	251.5	6.0	.0	109.2	4.8	-.1
Commodity and service group						
All items ³	170.5	1.5	.4	102.2	1.8	-.5
Commodities	145.8	-.3	.3	100.5	-	.2
Commodities less food and beverages	129.9	-2.1	.1	100.1	-	-.1
Nondurables less food and beverages	129.3	-3.1	-.3	100.5	-	.3
Durables	128.1	.2	.8	99.6	-	-.6
Services	196.3	2.7	.3	103.3	-	-1.2
Special aggregate indexes						
All items less medical care ³	167.0	1.3	.3	102.0	1.7	-.6
All items less shelter	159.9	.6	.1	101.1	-	-.8
Commodities less food	131.6	-1.9	.0	100.1	-	-.1
Nondurables	149.3	-.3	.2	100.9	-	.6
Nondurables less food	131.8	-2.8	-.3	100.5	-	.3
Services less rent of shelter ⁵	173.6	1.8	-.1	102.2	-	-2.9
Services less medical care services	191.7	2.6	.4	103.3	-	-1.4
Energy ³	101.4	-6.7	-1.4	89.9	-10.3	-12.5
All items less energy	178.9	2.1	.4	102.6	-	.3
All items less food and energy ³	182.7	2.2	.4	103.4	3.0	.3

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

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

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

(1982-84=100, unless otherwise noted)

Year	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	June	July	Aug.	Sep.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Semiannual averages		Annual avg.	Percent change from previous	
													1st half	2nd half		Dec.	Annual avg.
1913	9.8	9.8	9.8	9.8	9.7	9.8	9.9	9.9	10.0	10.0	10.1	10.0	-	-	9.9	-	-
1914	10.0	9.9	9.9	9.8	9.9	9.9	10.0	10.2	10.2	10.1	10.2	10.1	-	-	10.0	1.0	1.0
1915	10.1	10.0	9.9	10.0	10.1	10.1	10.1	10.1	10.1	10.2	10.3	10.3	-	-	10.1	2.0	1.0
1916	10.4	10.4	10.5	10.6	10.7	10.8	10.8	10.9	11.1	11.3	11.5	11.6	-	-	10.9	12.6	7.9
1917	11.7	12.0	12.0	12.6	12.8	13.0	12.8	13.0	13.3	13.5	13.5	13.7	-	-	12.8	18.1	17.4
1918	14.0	14.1	14.0	14.2	14.5	14.7	15.1	15.4	15.7	16.0	16.3	16.5	-	-	15.1	20.4	18.0
1919	16.5	16.2	16.4	16.7	16.9	16.9	17.4	17.7	17.8	18.1	18.5	18.9	-	-	17.3	14.5	14.6
1920	19.3	19.5	19.7	20.3	20.6	20.9	20.8	20.3	20.0	19.9	19.8	19.4	-	-	20.0	2.6	15.6
1921	19.0	18.4	18.3	18.1	17.7	17.6	17.7	17.7	17.5	17.5	17.4	17.3	-	-	17.9	-10.8	-10.5
1922	16.9	16.9	16.7	16.7	16.7	16.7	16.8	16.6	16.6	16.7	16.8	16.9	-	-	16.8	-2.3	-6.1
1923	16.8	16.8	16.8	16.9	16.9	17.0	17.2	17.1	17.2	17.3	17.3	17.3	-	-	17.1	2.4	1.8
1924	17.3	17.2	17.1	17.0	17.0	17.0	17.1	17.0	17.1	17.2	17.2	17.3	-	-	17.1	.0	.0
1925	17.3	17.2	17.3	17.2	17.3	17.5	17.7	17.7	17.7	17.7	18.0	17.9	-	-	17.5	3.5	2.3
1926	17.9	17.9	17.8	17.9	17.8	17.7	17.5	17.4	17.5	17.6	17.7	17.7	-	-	17.7	-1.1	1.1
1927	17.5	17.4	17.3	17.3	17.4	17.6	17.3	17.2	17.3	17.4	17.3	17.3	-	-	17.4	-2.3	-1.7
1928	17.3	17.1	17.1	17.1	17.2	17.1	17.1	17.1	17.3	17.2	17.2	17.1	-	-	17.1	-1.2	-1.7
1929	17.1	17.1	17.0	16.9	17.0	17.1	17.3	17.3	17.3	17.3	17.3	17.2	-	-	17.1	.6	.0
1930	17.1	17.0	16.9	17.0	16.9	16.8	16.6	16.5	16.6	16.5	16.4	16.1	-	-	16.7	-6.4	-2.3
1931	15.9	15.7	15.6	15.5	15.3	15.1	15.1	15.1	15.0	14.9	14.7	14.6	-	-	15.2	-9.3	-9.0
1932	14.3	14.1	14.0	13.9	13.7	13.6	13.6	13.5	13.4	13.3	13.2	13.1	-	-	13.7	-10.3	-9.9
1933	12.9	12.7	12.6	12.6	12.6	12.7	13.1	13.2	13.2	13.2	13.2	13.2	-	-	13.0	.8	-5.1
1934	13.2	13.3	13.3	13.3	13.3	13.4	13.4	13.4	13.6	13.5	13.5	13.4	-	-	13.4	1.5	3.1
1935	13.6	13.7	13.7	13.8	13.8	13.7	13.7	13.7	13.7	13.7	13.8	13.8	-	-	13.7	3.0	2.2
1936	13.8	13.8	13.7	13.7	13.7	13.8	13.9	14.0	14.0	14.0	14.0	14.0	-	-	13.9	1.4	1.5
1937	14.1	14.1	14.2	14.3	14.4	14.4	14.5	14.5	14.6	14.6	14.5	14.4	-	-	14.4	2.9	3.6
1938	14.2	14.1	14.1	14.2	14.1	14.1	14.1	14.1	14.1	14.0	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	19.8	20.2	20.4	20.8	21.3	21.5	-	-	19.5	18.1	8.3
1947	21.5	21.5	21.9	21.9	21.9	22.0	22.2	22.5	23.0	23.0	23.1	23.4	-	-	22.3	8.8	14.4
1948	23.7	23.5	23.4	23.8	23.9	24.1	24.4	24.5	24.5	24.4	24.2	24.1	-	-	24.1	3.0	8.1
1949	24.0	23.8	23.8	23.9	23.8	23.9	23.7	23.8	23.9	23.7	23.8	23.6	-	-	23.8	-2.1	-1.2
1950	23.5	23.5	23.6	23.6	23.7	23.8	24.1	24.3	24.4	24.6	24.7	25.0	-	-	24.1	5.9	1.3
1951	25.4	25.7	25.8	25.8	25.9	25.9	25.9	25.9	26.1	26.2	26.4	26.5	-	-	26.0	6.0	7.9
1952	26.5	26.3	26.3	26.4	26.4	26.5	26.7	26.7	26.7	26.7	26.7	26.7	-	-	26.5	.8	1.9
1953	26.6	26.5	26.6	26.6	26.7	26.8	26.8	26.9	26.9	27.0	26.9	26.9	-	-	26.7	.7	.8
1954	26.9	26.9	26.9	26.8	26.9	26.9	26.9	26.9	26.8	26.8	26.8	26.7	-	-	26.9	-7	.7
1955	26.7	26.7	26.7	26.7	26.7	26.7	26.8	26.8	26.9	26.9	26.9	26.8	-	-	26.8	.4	-4
1956	26.8	26.8	26.8	26.9	27.0	27.2	27.4	27.3	27.4	27.5	27.5	27.6	-	-	27.2	3.0	1.5
1957	27.6	27.7	27.8	27.9	28.0	28.1	28.3	28.3	28.3	28.3	28.4	28.4	-	-	28.1	2.9	3.3
1958	28.6	28.6	28.8	28.9	28.9	28.9	29.0	28.9	28.9	28.9	29.0	28.9	-	-	28.9	1.8	2.8
1959	29.0	28.9	28.9	29.0	29.0	29.1	29.2	29.2	29.3	29.4	29.4	29.4	-	-	29.1	1.7	.7
1960	29.3	29.4	29.4	29.5	29.5	29.6	29.6	29.6	29.6	29.8	29.8	29.8	-	-	29.6	1.4	1.7
1961	29.8	29.8	29.8	29.8	29.8	29.8	30.0	29.9	30.0	30.0	30.0	30.0	-	-	29.9	.7	1.0
1962	30.0	30.1	30.1	30.2	30.2	30.2	30.3	30.3	30.4	30.4	30.4	30.4	-	-	30.2	1.3	1.0
1963	30.4	30.4	30.5	30.5	30.5	30.6	30.7	30.7	30.7	30.8	30.8	30.9	-	-	30.6	1.6	1.3
1964	30.9	30.9	30.9	30.9	30.9	31.0	31.1	31.0	31.1	31.1	31.2	31.2	-	-	31.0	1.0	1.3
1965	31.2	31.2	31.3	31.4	31.4	31.6	31.6	31.6	31.6	31.7	31.7	31.8	-	-	31.5	1.9	1.6
1966	31.8	32.0	32.1	32.3	32.3	32.4	32.5	32.7	32.7	32.9	32.9	32.9	-	-	32.4	3.5	2.9
1967	32.9	32.9	33.0	33.1	33.2	33.3	33.4	33.5	33.6	33.7	33.8	33.9	-	-	33.4	3.0	3.1
1968	34.1	34.2	34.3	34.4	34.5	34.7	34.9	35.0	35.1	35.3	35.4	35.5	-	-	34.8	4.7	4.2
1969	35.6	35.8	36.1	36.3	36.4	36.6	36.8	37.0	37.1	37.3	37.5	37.7	-	-	36.7	6.2	5.5

See footnotes at end of table.

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

(1982-84=100, unless otherwise noted)

Year	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	June	July	Aug.	Sep.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Semiannual averages		Annual avg.	Percent change from previous	
													1st half	2nd half		Dec.	Annual avg.
1970	37.8	38.0	38.2	38.5	38.6	38.8	39.0	39.0	39.2	39.4	39.6	39.8	-	-	38.8	5.6	5.7
1971	39.8	39.9	40.0	40.1	40.3	40.6	40.7	40.8	40.8	40.9	40.9	41.1	-	-	40.5	3.3	4.4
1972	41.1	41.3	41.4	41.5	41.6	41.7	41.9	42.0	42.1	42.3	42.4	42.5	-	-	41.8	3.4	3.2
1973	42.6	42.9	43.3	43.6	43.9	44.2	44.3	45.1	45.2	45.6	45.9	46.2	-	-	44.4	8.7	6.2
1974	46.6	47.2	47.8	48.0	48.6	49.0	49.4	50.0	50.6	51.1	51.5	51.9	-	-	49.3	12.3	11.0
1975	52.1	52.5	52.7	52.9	53.2	53.6	54.2	54.3	54.6	54.9	55.3	55.5	-	-	53.8	6.9	9.1
1976	55.6	55.8	55.9	56.1	56.5	56.8	57.1	57.4	57.6	57.9	58.0	58.2	-	-	56.9	4.9	5.8
1977	58.5	59.1	59.5	60.0	60.3	60.7	61.0	61.2	61.4	61.6	61.9	62.1	-	-	60.6	6.7	6.5
1978	62.5	62.9	63.4	63.9	64.5	65.2	65.7	66.0	66.5	67.1	67.4	67.7	-	-	65.2	9.0	7.6
1979	68.3	69.1	69.8	70.6	71.5	72.3	73.1	73.8	74.6	75.2	75.9	76.7	-	-	72.6	13.3	11.3
1980	77.8	78.9	80.1	81.0	81.8	82.7	82.7	83.3	84.0	84.8	85.5	86.3	-	-	82.4	12.5	13.5
1981	87.0	87.9	88.5	89.1	89.8	90.6	91.6	92.3	93.2	93.4	93.7	94.0	-	-	90.9	8.9	10.3
1982	94.3	94.6	94.5	94.9	95.8	97.0	97.5	97.7	97.9	98.2	98.0	97.6	-	-	96.5	3.8	6.2
1983	97.8	97.9	97.9	98.6	99.2	99.5	99.9	100.2	100.7	101.0	101.2	101.3	-	-	99.6	3.8	3.2
1984	101.9	102.4	102.6	103.1	103.4	103.7	104.1	104.5	105.0	105.3	105.3	105.3	102.9	104.9	103.9	3.9	4.3
1985	105.5	106.0	106.4	106.9	107.3	107.6	107.8	108.0	108.3	108.7	109.0	109.3	106.6	108.5	107.6	3.8	3.6
1986	109.6	109.3	108.8	108.6	108.9	109.5	109.5	109.7	110.2	110.3	110.4	110.5	109.1	110.1	109.6	1.1	1.9
1987	111.2	111.6	112.1	112.7	113.1	113.5	113.8	114.4	115.0	115.3	115.4	115.4	112.4	114.9	113.6	4.4	3.6
1988	115.7	116.0	116.5	117.1	117.5	118.0	118.5	119.0	119.8	120.2	120.3	120.5	116.8	119.7	118.3	4.4	4.1
1989	121.1	121.6	122.3	123.1	123.8	124.1	124.4	124.6	125.0	125.6	125.9	126.1	122.7	125.3	124.0	4.6	4.8
1990	127.4	128.0	128.7	128.9	129.2	129.9	130.4	131.6	132.7	133.5	133.8	133.8	128.7	132.6	130.7	6.1	5.4
1991	134.6	134.8	135.0	135.2	135.6	136.0	136.2	136.6	137.2	137.4	137.8	137.9	135.2	137.2	136.2	3.1	4.2
1992	138.1	138.6	139.3	139.5	139.7	140.2	140.5	140.9	141.3	141.8	142.0	141.9	139.2	141.4	140.3	2.9	3.0
1993	142.6	143.1	143.6	144.0	144.2	144.4	144.4	144.8	145.1	145.7	145.8	145.8	143.7	145.3	144.5	2.7	3.0
1994	146.2	146.7	147.2	147.4	147.5	148.0	148.4	149.0	149.4	149.5	149.7	149.7	147.2	149.3	148.2	2.7	2.6
1995	150.3	150.9	151.4	151.9	152.2	152.5	152.5	152.9	153.2	153.7	153.6	153.5	151.5	153.2	152.4	2.5	2.8
1996	154.4	154.9	155.7	156.3	156.6	156.7	157.0	157.3	157.8	158.3	158.6	158.6	155.8	157.9	156.9	3.3	3.0
1997	159.1	159.6	160.0	160.2	160.1	160.3	160.5	160.8	161.2	161.6	161.5	161.3	159.9	161.2	160.5	1.7	2.3
1998	161.6	161.9	162.2	162.5	162.8	163.0	163.2	163.4	163.6	164.0	164.0	-	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										Nov. 1998
	December										
	1988	1989	1990	1991	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997	
Expenditure category											
All items	120.5	126.1	133.8	137.9	141.9	145.8	149.7	153.5	158.6	161.3	164.0
All items (1967=100)	360.9	377.6	400.9	413.0	425.2	436.8	448.4	459.9	475.0	483.2	491.3
Food and beverages	120.6	127.2	133.9	137.3	139.5	143.3	147.2	150.3	156.6	159.1	162.5
Food	120.7	127.4	134.2	136.7	138.7	142.7	146.8	149.9	156.3	158.7	162.1
Food at home	119.1	126.5	133.8	135.5	137.5	142.3	147.3	150.3	157.7	159.2	162.5
Cereals and bakery products	126.6	136.1	142.4	147.4	153.3	158.9	164.2	169.5	175.7	178.4	182.1
Cereals and cereal products	127.2	136.5	143.7	148.8	154.4	159.6	164.5	168.6	166.6	169.6	171.4
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	154.5
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	148.9
Rice ^{1 2}	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.0	99.1
Bakery products	126.1	135.6	141.5	146.4	152.5	158.2	163.8	169.6	179.8	182.3	187.0
Bread ¹	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.0	102.0
White bread ²	125.5	133.2	138.3	140.4	146.1	156.2	160.4	169.3	183.4	186.2	188.2
Bread other than white ²	123.5	132.2	137.5	143.8	151.6	157.0	162.4	171.6	180.7	186.9	193.8
Fresh biscuits, rolls, muffins ¹	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.0	103.8
Cakes, cupcakes, and cookies	128.7	139.0	147.2	154.2	157.7	163.2	169.2	171.6	178.8	180.1	182.9
Cookies ²	129.8	140.2	148.0	155.4	157.5	163.9	170.1	174.2	180.5	182.3	183.9
Fresh cakes and cupcakes ²	125.4	132.9	139.4	144.8	151.0	156.3	165.2	169.8	175.6	178.6	183.0
Other bakery products	126.3	137.5	141.8	147.6	154.9	158.0	163.1	168.0	178.1	178.8	185.1
Fresh sweetrolls, coffeecakes, doughnuts ²	122.8	132.2	137.1	142.0	146.8	155.1	159.5	168.9	173.8	177.2	177.8
Crackers, bread, and cracker products ²	130.8	147.5	159.3	168.1	181.4	176.9	178.7	183.8	206.9	206.4	216.3
Frozen and refrigerated bakery products, pies, tarts, turnovers ²	126.5	137.0	139.8	145.2	150.4	157.4	161.7	170.8	174.9	181.7	188.8
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	147.9
Meats, poultry, and fish	117.1	123.0	133.8	132.0	133.0	138.4	137.6	141.7	149.0	148.1	148.2
Meats	112.7	120.0	133.6	130.8	131.1	135.9	133.7	137.2	144.4	143.4	141.4
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 ¹	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.0	99.5
Uncooked beef steaks ¹	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.0	100.3
Uncooked other beef and veal ¹	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.0	99.1
Pork	109.6	117.2	136.8	128.5	127.4	133.1	130.1	139.6	155.4	153.0	146.2
Bacon, breakfast sausage, and related products ¹	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.0	96.6
Bacon and related products ²	96.9	105.0	122.9	108.6	104.8	117.1	114.8	130.2	161.5	160.3	153.5
Breakfast sausage and related products ^{1 2}	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.0	98.5
Ham	115.9	121.9	144.4	137.3	134.9	137.1	134.8	144.2	157.4	154.3	149.6
Ham, excluding canned ²	122.2	129.5	154.5	143.6	141.2	144.5	142.1	151.9	168.3	164.7	159.6
Pork chops	114.7	123.7	142.5	136.1	139.5	145.8	138.8	146.2	156.0	150.2	141.4
Other pork including roasts and picnics ¹	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.0	93.9
Other meats	113.1	119.5	131.6	132.7	133.0	136.4	137.3	141.4	146.2	147.0	148.1
Frankfurters ²	113.2	119.3	132.9	134.7	133.9	138.2	134.3	139.3	143.8	144.9	147.5
Lunchmeats ^{1 2}	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.0	99.8
Lamb and organ meats ²	116.6	119.8	128.2	130.2	134.1	140.1	145.1	151.8	160.7	160.8	175.8
Lamb and mutton ^{1 2}	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.0	101.5
Poultry	127.1	127.8	129.7	130.2	133.7	141.1	140.4	146.3	157.8	155.2	159.6
Chicken ¹	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.0	103.9
Fresh whole chicken ²	131.0	130.4	130.6	129.9	135.4	141.3	139.4	144.8	158.2	158.9	164.8
Fresh and frozen chicken parts ²	131.5	130.2	133.2	134.8	136.9	146.8	143.2	150.2	161.5	154.4	160.2
Other poultry including turkey ¹	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.0	99.5
Fish and seafood	138.9	143.0	148.5	150.4	152.0	158.7	166.9	172.1	175.1	177.2	183.1
Fresh fish and seafood ¹	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.0	103.2
Processed fish and seafood ¹	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.0	103.5
Canned fish and seafood ²	124.8	119.4	118.8	118.2	119.9	122.8	124.5	125.5	126.5	129.4	134.4
Frozen fish and seafood ²	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	139.4
Dairy and related products	111.4	122.9	126.7	127.4	129.1	130.2	131.6	135.0	148.6	147.8	155.9
Milk ¹	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.0	103.5
Fresh whole milk ²	110.1	123.0	126.0	125.5	127.8	130.6	131.1	133.7	148.3	145.8	151.9
Fresh milk other than whole ^{1 2}	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.0	103.2
Cheese and related products	112.6	126.9	132.7	135.1	135.4	134.6	136.0	139.0	150.1	148.3	158.2
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	163.9
Other dairy and related products ¹	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.0	105.2

See footnotes at end of table.

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

(1982-84=100, unless otherwise noted)

Item and group	Unadjusted indexes										Nov. 1998
	December										
	1988	1989	1990	1991	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997	
Expenditure category											
Fruits and vegetables	131.0	136.7	146.5	152.9	156.2	166.5	180.3	177.9	187.2	191.3	198.8
Fresh fruits and vegetables	138.1	145.6	157.6	169.6	173.9	190.1	212.8	206.3	216.2	222.3	232.2
Fresh fruits	143.2	154.8	171.2	188.6	181.8	205.4	213.1	224.2	251.1	239.4	249.6
Apples	132.4	124.7	151.6	169.9	154.1	166.9	163.2	187.6	194.1	193.9	193.7
Bananas	115.9	122.6	128.3	128.3	124.3	127.6	143.1	146.5	157.5	151.5	157.3
Citrus fruits ¹	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.0	129.3
Oranges, including tangerines ²	144.4	138.5	152.7	186.8	156.7	177.4	178.7	206.7	199.6	189.3	243.0
Other fresh fruits ¹	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.0	94.7
Fresh vegetables	133.0	136.5	144.0	150.7	166.1	174.9	212.7	188.4	181.2	205.2	214.9
Potatoes	128.5	140.0	133.9	129.0	137.2	165.0	154.2	175.3	160.2	175.0	176.7
Lettuce	174.3	135.8	152.0	170.1	183.0	152.1	273.4	172.2	184.6	218.5	222.8
Tomatoes	124.3	140.3	129.5	124.5	193.4	197.2	233.6	242.6	193.4	253.4	268.7
Other fresh vegetables	129.4	135.6	151.0	162.3	166.4	178.5	216.1	183.2	185.9	201.5	214.0
Processed fruits and vegetables ¹	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.0	102.3
Canned fruits and vegetables ¹	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.0	102.9
Canned fruits ^{1 2}	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.0	102.7
Canned vegetables ^{1 2}	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.0	104.1
Frozen fruits and vegetables ¹	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.0	102.5
Frozen vegetables ²	116.3	124.6	128.5	129.3	130.2	135.4	136.5	140.4	143.7	147.8	150.5
Other processed fruits and vegetables including dried ¹	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.0	100.0
Dried beans, peas, and lentils ^{1 2}	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.0	100.0
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	132.7
Juices and nonalcoholic drinks ¹	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.0	100.7
Carbonated drinks	104.6	109.8	110.8	111.9	113.7	115.6	115.2	118.5	118.0	116.1	117.1
Frozen noncarbonated juices and drinks ¹	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.0	103.0
Nonfrozen noncarbonated juices and drinks ¹	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.0	100.1
Beverage materials including coffee and tea ¹	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.0	96.9
Coffee	116.9	115.7	117.4	111.3	105.4	111.1	172.7	156.1	145.6	170.2	156.3
Roasted coffee ²	116.1	115.3	116.7	109.0	102.4	109.2	179.0	159.5	145.7	178.0	NA
Instant and freeze dried coffee ²	116.9	115.5	118.1	115.6	111.7	115.8	157.9	148.9	145.3	155.2	NA
Other beverage materials including tea ¹	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.0	103.3
Other food at home	115.3	120.1	125.2	127.1	128.3	130.9	138.8	140.5	143.6	147.7	152.7
Sugar and sweets	116.7	121.1	126.4	130.9	132.1	133.3	134.5	138.5	144.7	147.9	149.6
Sugar and artificial sweeteners	110.0	114.8	118.1	118.1	119.3	120.6	122.8	127.9	132.2	133.3	133.6
Candy and chewing gum ¹	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.0	101.0
Other sweets ¹	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.0	102.7
Fats and oils	118.5	121.6	131.0	129.3	128.4	129.4	134.2	137.5	140.7	140.3	155.1
Butter and margarine ¹	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.0	128.2
Butter ²	104.8	103.0	94.9	94.4	88.0	82.0	81.6	93.4	113.9	128.2	187.0
Margarine ²	124.1	126.7	134.0	131.8	128.9	130.3	139.4	141.6	145.5	144.2	153.0
Salad dressing ¹	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.0	102.3
Other fats and oils including peanut butter ¹	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.0	102.7
Peanut butter ^{1 2}	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.0	102.6
Other foods	120.7	127.6	134.2	138.2	141.2	144.9	148.1	152.1	158.9	162.8	166.7
Soups	123.2	132.4	140.2	148.6	157.0	163.9	170.7	176.5	184.9	189.1	189.1
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	145.4
Snacks	121.2	126.2	131.1	132.8	132.5	136.3	138.7	143.4	151.7	155.6	157.7
Spices, seasonings, condiments, sauces	118.3	124.9	132.6	137.9	143.6	147.4	150.9	156.8	163.9	168.3	173.4
Salt and other seasonings and spices ^{1 2}	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.0	100.1
Olives, pickles, relishes ^{1 2}	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.0	101.9
Sauces and gravies ^{1 2}	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.0	104.3
Other condiments ²	114.7	120.6	127.8	133.7	140.1	140.1	143.1	148.2	154.5	162.1	165.2
Baby food ¹	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.0	102.9
Other miscellaneous foods ¹	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.0	104.8
Prepared salads ^{1 2}	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	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	162.6
Full service meals and snacks ¹	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.0	102.5
Limited service meals and snacks ¹	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.0	102.0
Food at employee sites and schools ¹	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.0	102.3
Food from vending machines and mobile vendors ¹	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.0	100.8
Other food away from home ¹	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.0	103.3

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										Nov. 1998
	December										
	1988	1989	1990	1991	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997	
Expenditure category											
Alcoholic beverages	119.9	125.6	130.9	143.9	148.1	150.3	151.8	154.9	160.5	164.0	166.8
Alcoholic beverages at home	114.6	119.5	124.0	138.4	141.3	142.0	141.8	143.1	148.0	149.3	151.3
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	149.3
Distilled spirits at home	117.0	122.1	128.1	139.9	141.8	143.1	144.2	145.5	148.5	151.9	154.0
Whiskey at home ²	114.8	121.2	127.5	137.8	139.0	141.3	142.4	145.2	147.9	151.5	154.5
Distilled spirits, excluding whiskey, at home ²	119.2	123.8	129.2	142.3	144.0	144.6	144.5	145.1	147.9	152.1	153.5
Wine at home	107.8	111.6	114.5	130.5	132.4	133.1	131.3	133.4	141.7	145.1	147.2
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	196.9
Beer, ale, and other malt beverages away from home ^{1 2}	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.0	101.5
Wine away from home ^{1 2}	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.0	104.4
Distilled spirits away from home ^{1 2}	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.0	102.9
Housing	120.2	124.9	130.5	135.0	138.5	142.3	145.4	149.7	154.0	157.7	161.3
Shelter	129.3	135.6	142.7	148.2	152.5	157.1	161.8	167.4	172.3	178.1	184.0
Rent of primary residence	130.1	135.5	141.1	145.2	148.6	151.9	155.7	159.6	164.0	169.1	174.5
Lodging away from home ¹	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.0	106.3
Housing at school, excluding board ³	145.5	156.3	166.1	175.8	188.6	193.8	201.9	210.6	219.0	229.7	239.4
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	227.5
Owners' equivalent rent of primary residence ³	134.1	141.0	147.7	153.2	157.8	162.8	168.1	174.3	179.1	184.7	190.3
Tenants' and household insurance ¹	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.0	99.9
Fuels and utilities	105.0	108.4	112.7	116.0	118.7	121.7	122.0	123.7	129.4	130.0	126.5
Fuels	97.4	101.2	105.6	106.5	108.9	110.7	110.1	110.9	117.1	115.8	111.4
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	86.8
Fuel oil	74.2	88.7	115.2	92.3	89.2	85.1	85.1	86.4	106.5	94.0	80.9
Other household fuels ⁴	102.3	108.3	136.4	123.3	120.4	118.0	118.5	119.4	146.8	128.8	125.5
Gas (piped) and electricity	104.1	107.0	108.6	112.4	115.6	118.1	117.4	118.3	122.8	123.0	118.9
Electricity	110.3	113.4	115.0	120.8	122.9	123.6	124.4	127.8	128.7	127.0	123.4
Utility natural gas service	95.2	97.8	99.6	99.9	105.0	111.1	107.5	103.6	115.0	118.8	113.5
Water and sewer and trash collection services ¹	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.0	102.4
Water and sewerage maintenance	135.8	144.7	153.7	165.7	176.7	185.2	193.0	198.6	205.5	213.7	219.0
Garbage and trash collection ⁵	146.9	161.1	176.9	197.3	214.0	225.2	236.4	243.3	247.8	252.8	259.0
Household furnishings and operations	110.6	111.7	113.7	116.3	118.2	120.3	120.8	123.8	125.0	125.1	126.6
Window and floor coverings and other linens ¹	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.0	101.5
Floor coverings ¹	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.0	102.3
Window coverings ¹	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.0	100.2
Other linens ¹	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.0	102.0
Furniture and bedding	115.4	113.8	115.1	116.2	121.4	125.8	127.8	133.2	134.5	133.5	134.5
Bedroom furniture	121.3	118.8	117.2	122.0	129.5	136.3	133.7	136.8	141.5	142.7	140.0
Living room, kitchen, and dining room furniture ¹	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.0	101.4
Other furniture ¹	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.0	103.2
Appliances ¹	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.0	99.9
Major appliances ¹	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.0	99.3
Laundry equipment ²	107.0	105.9	107.2	105.6	106.3	107.1	110.6	109.8	113.2	113.4	111.5
Other appliances ¹	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.0	100.7
Other household equipment and furnishings ¹	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.0	100.6
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	119.7
Indoor plants and flowers ⁶	-	-	100.0	107.0	113.0	110.0	114.1	115.6	116.4	107.1	110.7
Dishes and flatware ¹	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.0	100.7
Nonelectric cookware and tableware ¹	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.0	100.4
Tools, hardware, outdoor equipment and supplies ¹	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.0	99.4
Tools, hardware and supplies ¹	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.0	96.9
Outdoor equipment and supplies ¹	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.0	100.5
Housekeeping supplies	117.0	123.6	127.5	129.8	129.5	131.9	132.9	139.8	141.4	143.4	146.5
Household cleaning products ¹	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.0	101.1
Household paper products ¹	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.0	103.0
Miscellaneous household products ¹	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.0	103.0
Household operations ¹	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.0	102.8
Domestic services ¹	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.0	103.0
Gardening and lawn care services ¹	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.0	101.5
Moving, storage, freight expense ¹	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.0	103.4
Repair of household items ¹	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.0	105.0

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										Nov. 1998
	December										
	1988	1989	1990	1991	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997	
Expenditure category											
Apparel	118.0	119.2	125.3	129.6	131.4	132.6	130.5	130.6	130.3	131.6	135.0
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	134.1
Men's apparel	118.4	120.6	124.5	128.3	130.0	130.0	128.2	128.3	130.4	133.7	136.3
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	135.9
Men's furnishings	113.7	117.4	119.8	122.2	123.6	123.0	122.7	120.0	124.6	134.1	135.3
Men's shirts and sweaters ¹	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.0	104.0
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	132.4
Boys' apparel	112.5	111.4	113.0	116.2	115.0	117.1	113.2	116.2	116.8	120.7	124.4
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	127.5
Women's apparel	116.3	116.5	124.2	128.0	128.4	131.0	125.3	124.1	123.0	123.7	128.0
Women's outerwear	104.5	108.9	117.2	121.1	126.2	131.8	119.0	123.5	126.1	126.7	127.4
Women's dresses	123.5	122.5	131.1	128.0	130.7	127.2	113.1	114.7	108.1	102.7	111.1
Women's suits and separates ¹	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.0	103.4
Women's underwear, nightwear, sportswear and accessories ¹	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.0	102.4
Girls' apparel	117.3	116.1	120.2	130.8	133.5	129.1	128.2	128.7	125.0	123.6	124.5
Footwear	113.5	114.7	118.4	121.8	125.1	125.8	123.6	124.1	125.9	128.2	130.4
Men's footwear	119.2	122.0	125.6	129.4	132.9	133.2	132.2	131.6	131.1	131.4	132.9
Boys' and girls' footwear	114.7	118.5	122.9	122.7	121.5	122.1	123.3	125.2	130.4	133.5	133.9
Women's footwear	108.3	107.5	110.9	115.5	120.6	121.5	117.1	117.8	119.6	122.7	126.2
Infants' and toddlers' apparel	117.3	115.3	125.6	129.2	130.7	127.1	131.3	128.7	126.9	125.8	131.3
Jewelry and watches ⁴	117.6	121.5	129.4	134.4	138.2	140.6	147.7	147.7	140.3	138.9	142.3
Watches ⁴	107.9	107.7	110.4	114.1	112.7	118.7	124.6	130.6	122.6	122.2	123.3
Jewelry ⁴	120.3	125.5	134.9	140.2	145.5	146.8	154.3	152.6	145.4	143.6	147.6
Transportation	110.8	115.2	127.2	125.3	129.0	132.1	137.1	139.1	145.2	143.2	141.5
Private transportation	109.6	113.9	125.1	123.4	126.7	128.6	134.9	136.6	141.7	140.0	138.0
New and used motor vehicles ¹	-	-	-	-	-	94.1	98.3	100.7	101.7	100.0	100.7
New vehicles	119.0	121.9	124.3	128.3	131.3	135.6	140.1	142.8	145.4	144.1	143.5
New cars and trucks ^{1 2}	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.0	99.6
New cars ²	119.1	121.8	123.5	127.6	130.5	134.2	138.5	140.7	143.0	141.5	140.6
New trucks ^{2 5}	116.8	120.7	125.8	129.6	132.9	139.0	144.1	148.2	151.5	151.4	151.5
New motorcycles ^{2 4}	109.6	114.2	117.4	123.7	128.7	138.0	148.9	156.5	162.4	163.7	163.8
Used cars and trucks	120.2	119.7	117.1	120.1	129.0	139.3	151.5	158.2	155.6	147.9	154.0
Car and truck rental ¹	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.0	102.7
Motor fuel	80.3	85.8	117.1	98.4	100.2	94.8	100.4	96.4	108.6	101.9	89.7
Gasoline (all types)	80.3	85.5	117.0	98.1	100.1	94.2	100.2	96.0	107.9	101.3	89.2
Gasoline, unleaded regular ²	78.8	83.1	115.4	96.1	97.9	91.3	97.9	93.6	106.1	99.1	86.5
Gasoline, unleaded midgrade ^{2 7}	-	-	-	-	-	100.0	105.3	100.6	112.4	105.9	94.0
Gasoline, unleaded premium ²	84.7	89.9	118.7	101.4	103.2	98.3	103.4	98.4	109.1	103.0	92.1
Other motor fuels ¹	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.0	89.9
Motor vehicle parts and equipment	98.9	101.1	102.0	103.6	103.0	101.4	101.9	102.4	102.3	101.4	101.4
Tires	96.9	99.1	99.0	101.3	100.8	99.4	101.6	101.8	101.8	99.0	98.8
Vehicle accessories other than tires ¹	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.0	100.0
Vehicle parts and equipment other than tires ²	105.1	107.3	109.4	110.2	109.5	107.7	106.3	107.3	107.0	108.2	108.5
Motor oil, coolant, and fluids ²	110.1	109.8	117.5	118.4	118.1	118.8	126.0	130.0	132.0	131.8	130.8
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	169.5
Motor vehicle body work	126.3	133.9	138.5	141.9	145.8	150.0	155.7	161.2	168.6	176.2	180.9
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	156.6
Motor vehicle repair ¹	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.0	102.9
Motor vehicle insurance	162.0	171.5	184.4	199.1	212.2	222.8	230.4	240.2	249.3	255.3	255.1
Motor vehicle fees ¹	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.0	103.1
State and local registration and license ¹	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.0	101.4
Parking and other fees ¹	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.0	107.1
Parking fees and tolls ^{1 2}	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.0	107.4
Automobile service clubs ^{1 2}	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.0	100.9
Public transportation	126.5	131.7	154.4	149.8	158.2	176.5	165.6	170.7	189.9	184.3	187.4
Airline fare	128.0	134.8	165.4	155.4	165.7	193.8	175.3	178.4	204.7	194.8	200.8
Other intercity transportation	136.9	139.2	148.4	152.0	152.2	148.0	151.4	152.6	155.2	156.3	162.0
Ship fare ^{1 2}	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.0	104.5
Intracity transportation	123.3	125.9	135.6	140.8	147.8	152.0	153.5	165.2	174.7	176.6	171.9

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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										Nov. 1998
	1988	1989	1990	1991	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997	
Expenditure category											
Medical care	142.3	154.4	169.2	182.6	194.7	205.2	215.3	223.8	230.6	237.1	244.7
Medical care commodities	144.2	156.0	169.1	181.7	191.1	197.0	202.9	206.6	212.0	216.8	224.5
Prescription drugs and medical supplies	157.1	172.0	189.0	206.7	218.5	225.7	233.2	237.8	245.4	251.5	262.8
Nonprescription drugs and medical supplies ⁴	110.7	117.1	123.5	127.9	132.9	136.5	139.6	141.5	143.3	145.8	148.3
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	175.5
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	176.8
Medical care services	141.9	154.1	169.3	182.8	195.6	207.1	218.2	227.8	235.0	241.8	249.3
Professional services	140.8	149.9	160.0	169.8	179.4	187.4	196.0	203.9	211.0	217.5	224.4
Physicians' services	143.4	153.7	165.1	174.2	185.1	194.5	203.1	212.1	218.5	224.5	231.7
Dental services	140.9	149.9	159.9	173.0	183.1	191.1	201.4	210.4	221.1	230.0	239.8
Eyeglasses and eye care ⁴	110.3	114.1	119.2	123.5	128.1	130.7	135.0	138.3	139.9	142.5	143.7
Services by other medical professionals ⁴	110.3	116.6	122.5	129.2	133.2	137.5	143.0	144.1	148.4	153.0	156.4
Hospital and related services	150.8	167.9	186.9	203.5	221.4	238.2	251.3	262.8	273.7	282.5	290.8
Hospital services ⁸	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.0	103.2	106.2
Inpatient hospital services ^{2 8}	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.0	102.5	105.0
Outpatient hospital services ^{2 4}	117.0	130.7	145.4	159.7	175.4	189.2	199.7	209.2	219.2	228.3	236.7
Nursing homes and adult daycare ⁸	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.0	103.9	108.1
Recreation ¹	-	-	-	-	-	91.7	93.0	95.6	98.5	100.0	101.3
Video and audio ¹	-	-	-	-	-	96.6	94.2	94.6	97.7	100.0	100.8
Televisions	76.8	75.8	73.1	72.3	71.4	70.2	69.2	66.4	62.9	60.2	57.8
Cable television ⁵	141.4	146.8	166.1	180.4	187.0	200.1	194.9	202.8	218.6	233.6	248.7
Other video equipment ¹	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.0	87.9
Video cassettes, discs, and other media including rental ¹	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.0	94.7
Video cassettes and discs, blank and prerecorded ^{1 2}	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.0	97.8
Rental of video tapes and discs ^{1 2}	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.0	93.2
Audio equipment	91.9	94.3	93.3	95.0	93.6	94.0	93.1	90.7	90.2	88.4	82.6
Audio discs, tapes and other media ¹	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.0	100.0
Pets, pet products and services ¹	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.0	102.3
Pets and pet products	117.7	122.9	127.4	129.6	128.3	129.5	130.8	135.4	142.6	142.1	143.9
Pet food ^{1 2}	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.0	102.3
Purchase of pets, pet supplies, accessories ^{1 2}	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.0	99.5
Pet services including veterinary ¹	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.0	104.1
Pet services ^{1 2}	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.0	103.8
Veterinarian services ^{1 2}	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.0	104.3
Sporting goods	111.0	113.3	115.3	119.6	119.7	120.0	123.8	123.1	123.0	122.5	121.5
Sports vehicles including bicycles	111.1	113.6	115.9	117.6	120.1	120.0	124.7	124.8	124.9	124.3	126.4
Sports equipment	108.3	110.4	112.0	118.3	116.5	117.1	120.0	118.7	118.4	118.1	114.7
Photography ¹	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.0	100.0
Photographic equipment and supplies	123.0	127.2	129.0	130.1	132.9	135.2	130.9	133.4	132.9	134.0	132.3
Film and photographic supplies ^{1 2}	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.0	100.6
Photographic equipment ^{1 2}	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.0	96.2
Photographers and film processing ¹	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.0	100.9
Photographer fees ^{1 2}	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.0	101.2
Film processing ^{1 2}	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.0	100.0
Other recreational goods ¹	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.0	95.2
Toys	112.4	115.1	116.8	118.1	121.1	122.9	121.8	123.0	126.4	124.4	117.2
Toys, games, hobbies and playground equipment ^{1 2}	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.0	95.2
Video game hardware, software and accessories ^{1 2}	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.0	NA
Sewing machines, fabric and supplies ¹	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.0	97.6
Music instruments and accessories ¹	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.0	99.7
Recreation services ¹	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.0	103.6
Club membership dues and fees for participant sports ¹	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.0	104.7
Admissions	133.3	146.0	153.6	161.0	167.3	170.3	177.1	186.4	193.8	200.3	205.8
Admission to movies, theaters, and concerts ^{1 2}	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.0	101.7
Admission to sporting events ^{1 2}	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.0	104.7
Fees for lessons or instructions ⁴	109.8	119.6	125.4	132.4	139.2	144.7	151.8	156.3	165.5	174.1	178.9
Recreational reading materials	126.5	132.4	138.5	147.3	152.8	158.2	163.9	173.6	178.2	180.2	185.3
Newspapers and magazines ¹	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.0	103.0
Recreational books ¹	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.0	102.5

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

(1982-84=100, unless otherwise noted)

Item and group	Unadjusted indexes										
	December										Nov. 1998
	1988	1989	1990	1991	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997	
Expenditure category											
Education and communication ¹	-	-	-	-	-	87.4	90.3	93.9	97.1	100.0	101.0
Education ¹	-	-	-	-	-	81.2	85.9	90.7	95.1	100.0	104.6
Educational books and supplies	152.2	164.0	174.7	184.7	193.8	200.4	207.4	219.0	231.1	242.8	257.1
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	301.4
College tuition and fees	156.5	169.1	183.0	205.1	225.7	243.5	258.9	273.7	288.3	301.7	313.6
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	318.8
Child care and nursery school ⁶	-	-	100.0	106.3	111.0	116.7	122.2	126.9	131.6	137.6	144.0
Technical and business school tuition and fees ¹	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.0	105.1
Communication ¹	-	-	-	-	-	97.3	97.3	99.0	100.3	100.0	97.8
Postage and delivery services ¹	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	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 ¹	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.0	103.9
Information and information processing ¹	-	-	-	-	-	98.3	98.3	98.9	100.3	100.0	97.6
Telephone services ¹	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.0	101.1
Telephone services, local charges	145.2	146.0	147.5	155.0	155.7	157.2	156.7	160.7	162.1	163.8	166.4
Telephone services, long distance charges ¹	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.0	101.0
Interstate toll calls ²	70.9	70.0	67.4	68.3	67.4	71.8	75.7	75.8	78.6	75.2	75.8
Intrastate toll calls ²	99.2	96.6	94.5	93.1	90.9	91.1	90.2	86.8	92.1	94.7	96.7
Cellular telephone services ¹	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.0	92.4
Information and information processing other than telephone services ⁹	100.0	92.7	90.3	86.6	81.3	75.1	68.3	61.0	53.9	47.4	35.3
Personal computers and peripheral equipment ¹	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.0	65.6
Computer software and accessories ¹	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.0	90.0
Computer information processing services ¹	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.0	103.3
Other information processing equipment ¹	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.0	91.7
Other goods and services	141.3	152.9	164.5	177.6	189.1	194.2	202.4	211.1	218.7	230.1	240.5
Tobacco and smoking products	149.9	171.9	190.5	211.7	228.9	215.5	222.0	228.1	234.3	251.2	281.3
Cigarettes ¹	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.0	112.5
Tobacco products other than cigarettes ¹	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.0	105.2
Personal care	122.4	127.1	132.4	135.7	139.6	143.1	145.8	148.9	150.5	154.0	158.0
Personal care products	121.6	124.7	129.9	133.4	137.8	140.1	142.6	144.1	142.8	145.3	148.8
Hair, dental, shaving, and miscellaneous personal care products ¹	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.0	100.3
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	161.0
Personal care services	123.1	129.7	135.0	138.0	141.3	146.1	149.2	154.3	159.2	163.9	167.6
Haircuts and other personal care services ¹	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.0	102.3
Miscellaneous personal services	143.1	151.4	162.0	172.4	179.8	190.3	199.4	210.0	218.3	230.0	237.2
Legal services ⁴	109.9	116.8	124.8	131.9	137.2	145.1	147.9	153.5	159.3	167.5	174.0
Funeral expenses ⁴	108.2	113.4	120.9	128.0	133.2	140.4	148.6	156.6	164.0	172.3	178.6
Laundry and dry cleaning services ¹	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.0	102.4
Apparel services other than laundry and dry cleaning ¹	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.0	101.3
Financial services ⁴	111.3	117.9	127.0	137.5	144.4	153.9	165.9	177.6	183.6	194.7	200.9
Checking account and other bank services ^{1 2}	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.0	101.9
Tax return preparation and other accounting fees ^{1 2}	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.0	105.3
Miscellaneous personal goods ¹	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.0	100.9
Stationery, stationery supplies, gift wrap ²	113.2	116.6	121.7	127.5	131.3	136.1	138.2	147.2	151.8	158.1	160.5
Special aggregate indexes											
Commodities	113.5	118.2	126.0	127.5	130.1	132.0	135.1	137.0	141.4	141.7	142.5
Commodities less food and beverages	109.0	112.6	121.1	121.5	124.3	125.1	127.6	128.9	132.1	131.2	130.6
Nondurables less food and beverages	106.9	112.0	125.8	124.5	127.4	126.5	128.1	128.8	133.7	133.5	132.9
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	136.8
Durables	112.2	113.5	114.5	117.2	120.1	123.3	126.9	129.0	129.9	128.0	127.4
Services	128.1	134.6	142.3	148.8	154.2	160.0	164.7	170.4	176.1	181.0	185.6
Rent of shelter ³	134.3	140.9	148.4	154.2	158.7	163.5	168.3	174.2	179.3	185.3	191.5
Transportation services	132.1	138.6	150.0	153.7	159.2	166.9	171.1	176.3	184.1	186.0	188.3
Other services	136.2	145.1	154.5	164.1	172.8	181.6	188.9	197.3	205.0	213.1	219.5
All items less food	120.4	125.8	133.7	138.1	142.5	146.4	150.2	154.2	159.0	161.8	164.3
All items less shelter	118.1	123.5	131.5	135.0	139.1	142.7	146.3	149.6	154.7	156.4	157.9
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	159.5
Commodities less food	109.4	113.0	121.4	122.4	125.3	126.1	128.5	129.9	133.3	132.6	132.1
Nondurables less food	107.5	112.6	125.7	125.5	128.5	127.8	129.5	130.4	135.3	135.3	135.0
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	138.8
Nondurables	113.9	119.8	130.0	131.1	133.6	135.1	137.8	139.7	145.3	146.5	147.8

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										Nov. 1998
	December										
	1988	1989	1990	1991	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997	
Special aggregate indexes											
Apparel less footwear	116.8	117.6	123.8	128.2	129.4	130.3	127.9	127.7	126.6	127.6	131.2
Services less rent of shelter ³	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	179.7
Energy	88.7	93.2	110.1	101.9	103.9	102.4	104.7	103.3	112.2	108.4	100.5
All items less energy	124.8	130.6	137.4	142.8	147.1	151.7	155.7	160.2	164.8	168.3	172.3
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	174.8
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	143.8
Energy commodities	80.1	86.4	117.0	98.2	99.4	94.3	99.2	95.9	109.1	101.6	89.6
Services less energy services	130.6	137.5	145.8	152.5	158.2	164.3	169.6	175.7	181.5	186.9	192.4
Domestically produced farm food	119.4	127.4	135.4	137.2	139.6	144.5	148.1	151.5	160.1	161.1	164.8
Utilities and public transportation	113.9	117.1	122.9	126.7	130.7	136.5	135.1	137.5	144.4	145.0	145.0

¹ Indexes on a December 1997=100 base.

² Special index based on a substantially smaller sample.

³ Indexes on a December 1982=100 base.

⁴ Indexes on a December 1986=100 base.

⁵ Indexes on a December 1983=100 base.

⁶ Indexes on a December 1990=100 base.

⁷ Indexes on a December 1993=100 base.

⁸ Indexes on a December 1996=100 base.

⁹ Indexes on a December 1988=100 base.

NA Data not adequate for publication.

- Data not available.

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

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

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

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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										Nov. 1998
	December										
	1988	1989	1990	1991	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997	
Expenditure category											
Fresh fruits and vegetables	3.7	5.4	8.2	7.6	2.5	9.3	11.9	-3.1	4.8	2.8	4.5
Fresh fruits	13.4	8.1	10.6	10.2	-3.6	13.0	3.7	5.2	12.0	-4.7	4.3
Apples	27.8	-5.8	21.6	12.1	-9.3	8.3	-2.2	15.0	3.5	-.1	-.1
Bananas	7.9	5.8	4.6	.0	-3.1	2.7	12.1	2.4	7.5	-3.8	3.8
Citrus fruits ¹	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	29.3
Oranges, including tangerines ²	14.3	-4.1	10.3	22.3	-16.1	13.2	.7	15.7	-3.4	-5.2	28.4
Other fresh fruits ¹	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-5.3
Fresh vegetables	-5.1	2.6	5.5	4.7	10.2	5.3	21.6	-11.4	-3.8	13.2	4.7
Potatoes	23.8	8.9	-4.4	-3.7	6.4	20.3	-6.5	13.7	-8.6	9.2	1.0
Lettuce	-36.1	-22.1	11.9	11.9	7.6	-16.9	79.8	-37.0	7.2	18.4	2.0
Tomatoes	-10.8	12.9	-7.7	-3.9	55.3	2.0	18.5	3.9	-20.3	31.0	6.0
Other fresh vegetables	2.5	4.8	11.4	7.5	2.5	7.3	21.1	-15.2	1.5	8.4	6.2
Processed fruits and vegetables ¹	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2.3
Canned fruits and vegetables ¹	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2.9
Canned fruits ^{1 2}	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2.7
Canned vegetables ^{1 2}	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	4.1
Frozen fruits and vegetables ¹	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2.5
Frozen vegetables ²	4.3	7.1	3.1	.6	.7	4.0	.8	2.9	2.4	2.9	1.8
Other processed fruits and vegetables including dried ¹	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	.0
Dried beans, peas, and lentils ^{1 2}	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	.0
Nonalcoholic beverages and beverage materials	2.9	3.0	1.9	-5	-2	2.2	14.7	-1.7	-2.0	4.9	-3
Juices and nonalcoholic drinks ¹	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	.7
Carbonated drinks	1.3	5.0	.9	1.0	1.6	1.7	-3	2.9	-4	-1.6	.9
Frozen noncarbonated juices and drinks ¹	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3.0
Nonfrozen noncarbonated juices and drinks ¹	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	.1
Beverage materials including coffee and tea ¹	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-3.1
Coffee	5.8	-1.0	1.5	-5.2	-5.3	5.4	55.4	-9.6	-6.7	16.9	-8.2
Roasted coffee ²	9.0	-.7	1.2	-6.6	-6.1	6.6	63.9	-10.9	-8.7	22.2	-
Instant and freeze dried coffee ²	-8	-1.2	2.3	-2.1	-3.4	3.7	36.4	-5.7	-2.4	6.8	-
Other beverage materials including tea ¹	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3.3
Other food at home	4.8	4.2	4.2	1.5	.9	2.0	6.0	1.2	2.2	2.9	3.4
Sugar and sweets	5.1	3.8	4.4	3.6	.9	.9	.9	3.0	4.5	2.2	1.1
Sugar and artificial sweeteners	7.8	4.4	2.9	.0	1.0	1.1	1.8	4.2	3.4	.8	.2
Candy and chewing gum ¹	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1.0
Other sweets ¹	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2.7
Fats and oils	10.0	2.6	7.7	-1.3	-7	.8	3.7	2.5	2.3	-3	10.5
Butter and margarine ¹	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	28.2
Butter ² .....	.1	-1.7	-7.9	-.5	-6.8	-6.8	-.5	14.5	21.9	12.6	45.9
Margarine ²	16.7	2.1	5.8	-1.6	-2.2	1.1	7.0	1.6	2.8	-.9	6.1
Salad dressing ¹	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2.3
Other fats and oils including peanut butter ¹	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2.7
Peanut butter ^{1 2}	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2.6
Other foods	5.0	5.7	5.2	3.0	2.2	2.6	2.2	2.7	4.5	2.5	2.4
Soups	3.6	7.5	5.9	6.0	5.7	4.4	4.1	3.4	4.8	2.3	.0
Frozen and freeze dried prepared foods	4.7	5.4	3.4	1.6	.5	-.1	.2	.6	4.6	-.9	.3
Snacks	4.8	4.1	3.9	1.3	-.2	2.9	1.8	3.4	5.8	2.6	1.3
Spices, seasonings, condiments, sauces	4.5	5.6	6.2	4.0	4.1	2.6	2.4	3.9	4.5	2.7	3.0
Salt and other seasonings and spices ^{1 2}	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	.1
Olives, pickles, relishes ^{1 2}	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1.9
Sauces and gravies ^{1 2}	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	4.3
Other condiments ²	2.8	5.1	6.0	4.6	4.8	.0	2.1	3.6	4.3	4.9	1.9
Baby food ¹	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2.9
Other miscellaneous foods ¹	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	4.8
Prepared salads ^{1 2}	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Food away from home	4.4	4.6	4.5	2.9	1.4	1.9	1.9	2.2	3.1	2.6	2.3
Full service meals and snacks ¹	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2.5
Limited service meals and snacks ¹	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2.0
Food at employee sites and schools ¹	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2.3
Food from vending machines and mobile vendors ¹	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	.8
Other food away from home ¹	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3.3
Alcoholic beverages	3.9	4.8	4.2	9.9	2.9	1.5	1.0	2.0	3.6	2.2	1.7

See footnotes at end of table.

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

Item and group	Percent change from previous December										Nov. 1998
	December										
	1988	1989	1990	1991	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997	
Expenditure category											
Alcoholic beverages at home	2.3	4.3	3.8	11.6	2.1	0.5	-0.1	0.9	3.4	0.9	1.3
Beer, ale, and other malt beverages at home	2.8	4.7	3.6	11.8	2.8	.3	-1	.6	2.9	-5	1.2
Distilled spirits at home	1.9	4.4	4.9	9.2	1.4	.9	.8	.9	2.1	2.3	1.4
Whiskey at home ² .....	.7	5.6	5.2	8.1	.9	1.7	.8	2.0	1.9	2.4	2.0
Distilled spirits, excluding whiskey, at home ²	2.7	3.9	4.4	10.1	1.2	.4	-1	.4	1.9	2.8	.9
Wine at home	1.6	3.5	2.6	14.0	1.5	.5	-1.4	1.6	6.2	2.4	1.4
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	2.3
Beer, ale, and other malt beverages away from home ^{1 2}	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1.5
Wine away from home ^{1 2}	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	4.4
Distilled spirits away from home ^{1 2}	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2.9
Housing	4.0	3.9	4.5	3.4	2.6	2.7	2.2	3.0	2.9	2.4	2.3
Shelter	4.5	4.9	5.2	3.9	2.9	3.0	3.0	3.5	2.9	3.4	3.3
Rent of primary residence	3.6	4.2	4.1	2.9	2.3	2.2	2.5	2.5	2.8	3.1	3.2
Lodging away from home ¹	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6.3
Housing at school, excluding board ³	6.6	7.4	6.3	5.8	7.3	2.8	4.2	4.3	4.0	4.9	4.2
Other lodging away from home including hotels and motels	4.5	5.4	15.8	8.5	3.8	3.8	1.3	4.3	5.1	6.2	6.6
Owners' equivalent rent of primary residence ³	4.8	5.1	4.8	3.7	3.0	3.2	3.3	3.7	2.8	3.1	3.0
Tenants' and household insurance ¹	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-1
Fuels and utilities	2.9	3.2	4.0	2.9	2.3	2.5	.2	1.4	4.6	.5	-2.7
Fuels	2.4	3.9	4.3	.9	2.3	1.7	-5	.7	5.6	-1.1	-3.8
Fuel oil and other fuels	-4.6	15.5	28.6	-17.0	-3.1	-3.8	.1	1.4	23.1	-11.9	-10.7
Fuel oil	-6.3	19.5	29.9	-19.9	-3.4	-4.6	.0	1.5	23.3	-11.7	-13.9
Other household fuels ⁴	-3	5.9	25.9	-9.6	-2.4	-2.0	.4	.8	22.9	-12.3	-2.6
Gas (piped) and electricity	3.2	2.8	1.5	3.5	2.8	2.2	-6	.8	3.8	.2	-3.3
Electricity	2.8	2.8	1.4	5.0	1.7	.6	.6	2.7	.7	-1.3	-2.8
Utility natural gas service	3.6	2.7	1.8	.3	5.1	5.8	-3.2	-3.6	11.0	3.3	-4.5
Water and sewer and trash collection services ¹	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2.4
Water and sewerage maintenance	6.1	6.6	6.2	7.8	6.6	4.8	4.2	2.9	3.5	4.0	2.5
Garbage and trash collection ⁵	7.9	9.7	9.8	11.5	8.5	5.2	5.0	2.9	1.8	2.0	2.5
Household furnishings and operations	3.1	1.0	1.8	2.3	1.6	1.8	.4	2.5	1.0	.1	1.2
Window and floor coverings and other linens ¹	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1.5
Floor coverings ¹	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2.3
Window coverings ¹	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	.2
Other linens ¹	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2.0
Furniture and bedding	3.5	-1.4	1.1	1.0	4.5	3.6	1.6	4.2	1.0	-7	.7
Bedroom furniture	4.7	-2.1	-1.3	4.1	6.1	5.3	-1.9	2.3	3.4	.8	-1.9
Living room, kitchen, and dining room furniture ¹	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1.4
Other furniture ¹	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3.2
Appliances ¹	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-1
Major appliances ¹	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-7
Laundry equipment ²	4.2	-1.0	1.2	-1.5	.7	.8	3.3	-7	3.1	.2	-1.7
Other appliances ¹	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	.7
Other household equipment and furnishings ¹	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	.6
Clocks, lamps, and decorator items	3.0	6.5	-2	4.6	2.1	-1.7	-3	3.7	-4.2	3.4	-1.1
Indoor plants and flowers ⁶	-	-	-	7.0	5.6	-2.7	3.7	1.3	.7	-8.0	3.4
Dishes and flatware ¹	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	.7
Nonelectric cookware and tableware ¹	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	.4
Tools, hardware, outdoor equipment and supplies ¹	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-6
Tools, hardware and supplies ¹	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-3.1
Outdoor equipment and supplies ¹	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	.5
Housekeeping supplies	4.0	5.6	3.2	1.8	-2	1.9	.8	5.2	1.1	1.4	2.2
Household cleaning products ¹	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1.1
Household paper products ¹	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3.0
Miscellaneous household products ¹	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3.0
Household operations ¹	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2.8
Domestic services ¹	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3.0
Gardening and lawn care services ¹	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1.5
Moving, storage, freight expense ¹	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3.4
Repair of household items ¹	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	5.0
Apparel	4.7	1.0	5.1	3.4	1.4	.9	-1.6	.1	-2	1.0	2.6

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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										Nov. 1998
	December										
	1988	1989	1990	1991	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997	
Expenditure category											
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	2.2
Men's apparel	6.1	1.9	3.2	3.1	1.3	.0	-1.4	.1	1.6	2.5	1.9
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
Men's furnishings	3.3	3.3	2.0	2.0	1.1	-.5	-.2	-2.2	3.8	7.6	.9
Men's shirts and sweaters ¹	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	4.0
Men's pants and shorts	4.8	1.8	4.5	3.4	2.5	-1.1	-1.6	1.0	1.7	-.2	2.6
Boys' apparel	4.9	-1.0	1.4	2.8	-1.0	1.8	-3.3	2.7	.5	3.3	3.1
Women's and girls' apparel	3.5	-.1	6.1	4.0	.5	1.2	-3.8	-.8	-1.1	-.2	3.2
Women's apparel	2.9	.2	6.6	3.1	.3	2.0	-4.4	-1.0	-.9	.6	3.5
Women's outerwear .....	.5	4.2	7.6	3.3	4.2	4.4	-9.7	3.8	2.1	.5	.6
Women's dresses	3.0	-.8	7.0	-2.4	2.1	-2.7	-11.1	1.4	-5.8	-5.0	8.2
Women's suits and separates ¹	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3.4
Women's underwear, nightwear, sportswear and accessories ¹	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2.4
Girls' apparel	6.4	-1.0	3.5	8.8	2.1	-3.3	-.7	.4	-2.9	-1.1	.7
Footwear	5.9	1.1	3.2	2.9	2.7	.6	-1.7	.4	1.5	1.8	1.7
Men's footwear	7.0	2.3	3.0	3.0	2.7	.2	-.8	-.5	-.4	-.2	1.1
Boys' and girls' footwear	4.3	3.3	3.7	-.2	-1.0	.5	1.0	1.5	4.2	2.4	.3
Women's footwear	5.8	-.7	3.2	4.1	4.4	.7	-3.6	.6	1.5	2.6	2.9
Infants' and toddlers' apparel	2.4	-1.7	8.9	2.9	1.2	-2.8	3.3	-2.0	-1.4	-.9	4.4
Jewelry and watches ⁴	7.2	3.3	6.5	3.9	2.8	1.7	5.0	.0	-5.0	-1.0	2.4
Watches ⁴	4.4	-.2	2.5	3.4	-1.2	5.3	5.0	4.8	-6.1	-.3	.9
Jewelry ⁴	7.9	4.3	7.5	3.9	3.8	.9	5.1	-1.1	-4.7	-1.2	2.8
Transportation	3.0	4.0	10.4	-1.5	3.0	2.4	3.8	1.5	4.4	-1.4	-1.2
Private transportation	2.9	3.9	9.8	-1.4	2.7	1.5	4.9	1.3	3.7	-1.2	-1.4
New and used motor vehicles ¹	-	-	-	-	-	-	4.5	2.4	1.0	-1.7	.7
New vehicles	2.2	2.4	2.0	3.2	2.3	3.3	3.3	1.9	1.8	-.9	-.4
New cars and trucks ^{1 2}	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-.4
New cars ²	2.1	2.3	1.4	3.3	2.3	2.8	3.2	1.6	1.6	-1.0	-.6
New trucks ^{2 5}	2.2	3.3	4.2	3.0	2.5	4.6	3.7	2.8	2.2	-.1	.1
New motorcycles ^{2 4}	5.3	4.2	2.8	5.4	4.0	7.2	7.9	5.1	3.8	.8	.1
Used cars and trucks	3.4	-.4	-2.2	2.6	7.4	8.0	8.8	4.4	-1.6	-4.9	4.1
Car and truck rental ¹	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2.7
Motor fuel	-2.1	6.8	36.5	-16.0	1.8	-5.4	5.9	-4.0	12.7	-6.2	-12.0
Gasoline (all types)	-1.8	6.5	36.8	-16.2	2.0	-5.9	6.4	-4.2	12.4	-6.1	-11.9
Gasoline, unleaded regular ²	-2.5	5.5	38.9	-16.7	1.9	-6.7	7.2	-4.4	13.4	-6.6	-12.7
Gasoline, unleaded midgrade ^{2 7}	-	-	-	-	-	-	5.3	-4.5	11.7	-5.8	-11.2
Gasoline, unleaded premium ²	-.7	6.1	32.0	-14.6	1.8	-4.7	5.2	-4.8	10.9	-5.6	-10.6
Other motor fuels ¹	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-10.1
Motor vehicle parts and equipment	2.3	2.2	.9	1.6	-.6	-1.6	.5	.5	-.1	-.9	.0
Tires	4.0	2.3	-.1	2.3	-.5	-1.4	2.2	.2	.0	-2.8	-.2
Vehicle accessories other than tires ¹	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	.0
Vehicle parts and equipment other than tires ² .....	.8	2.1	2.0	.7	-.6	-1.6	-1.3	.9	-.3	1.1	.3
Motor oil, coolant, and fluids ²	9.6	-.3	7.0	.8	-.3	.6	6.1	3.2	1.5	-.2	-.8
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	2.9
Motor vehicle body work	4.6	6.0	3.4	2.5	2.7	2.9	3.8	3.5	4.6	4.5	2.7
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	3.0
Motor vehicle repair ¹	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2.9
Motor vehicle insurance	8.4	5.9	7.5	8.0	6.6	5.0	3.4	4.3	3.8	2.4	-.1
Motor vehicle fees ¹	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3.1
State and local registration and license ¹	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1.4
Parking and other fees ¹	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	7.1
Parking fees and tolls ^{1 2}	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	7.4
Automobile service clubs ^{1 2}	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	.9
Public transportation	3.6	4.1	17.2	-3.0	5.6	11.6	-6.2	3.1	11.2	-2.9	1.7
Airline fare	3.3	5.3	22.7	-6.0	6.6	17.0	-9.5	1.8	14.7	-4.8	3.1
Other intercity transportation	7.1	1.7	6.6	2.4	.1	-2.8	2.3	.8	1.7	.7	3.6
Ship fare ^{1 2}	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	4.5
Intracity transportation	2.9	2.1	7.7	3.8	5.0	2.8	1.0	7.6	5.8	1.1	-2.7
Medical care	6.9	8.5	9.6	7.9	6.6	5.4	4.9	3.9	3.0	2.8	3.2

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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										Nov. 1998
	December										
	1988	1989	1990	1991	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997	
Expenditure category											
Medical care commodities	6.9	8.2	8.4	7.5	5.2	3.1	3.0	1.8	2.6	2.3	3.6
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	4.5
Nonprescription drugs and medical supplies ⁴	5.0	5.8	5.5	3.6	3.9	2.7	2.3	1.4	1.3	1.7	1.7
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	1.4
Nonprescription medical equipment and supplies	4.6	6.1	4.5	5.7	2.9	2.6	4.9	2.4	-1	2.9	2.3
Medical care services	6.9	8.6	9.9	8.0	7.0	5.9	5.4	4.4	3.2	2.9	3.1
Professional services	6.8	6.5	6.7	6.1	5.7	4.5	4.6	4.0	3.5	3.1	3.2
Physicians' services	7.5	7.2	7.4	5.5	6.3	5.1	4.4	4.4	3.0	2.7	3.2
Dental services	6.7	6.4	6.7	8.2	5.8	4.4	5.4	4.5	5.1	4.0	4.3
Eyeglasses and eye care ⁴	4.7	3.4	4.5	3.6	3.7	2.0	3.3	2.4	1.2	1.9	.8
Services by other medical professionals ⁴	5.6	5.7	5.1	5.5	3.1	3.2	4.0	.8	3.0	3.1	2.2
Hospital and related services	11.0	11.3	11.3	8.9	8.8	7.6	5.5	4.6	4.1	3.2	2.9
Hospital services ⁸	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3.2	2.9
Inpatient hospital services ^{2 8}	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2.5	2.4
Outpatient hospital services ^{2 4}	9.2	11.7	11.2	9.8	9.8	7.9	5.5	4.8	4.8	4.2	3.7
Nursing homes and adult daycare ⁸	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3.9	4.0
Recreation ¹	-	-	-	-	-	-	1.4	2.8	3.0	1.5	1.3
Video and audio ¹	-	-	-	-	-	-	-2.5	.4	3.3	2.4	.8
Televisions	-1.4	-1.3	-3.6	-1.1	-1.2	-1.7	-1.4	-4.0	-5.3	-4.3	-4.0
Cable television ⁵	10.6	3.8	13.1	8.6	3.7	7.0	-2.6	4.1	7.8	6.9	6.5
Other video equipment ¹	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-12.1
Video cassettes, discs, and other media including rental ¹	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-5.3
Video cassettes and discs, blank and prerecorded ^{1 2}	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-2.2
Rental of video tapes and discs ^{1 2}	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-6.8
Audio equipment	-4	2.6	-1.1	1.8	-1.5	.4	-1.0	-2.6	-6	-2.0	-6.6
Audio discs, tapes and other media ¹	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	.0
Pets, pet products and services ¹	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2.3
Pets and pet products	4.6	4.4	3.7	1.7	-1.0	.9	1.0	3.5	5.3	-4	1.3
Pet food ^{1 2}	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2.3
Purchase of pets, pet supplies, accessories ^{1 2}	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-5
Pet services including veterinary ¹	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	4.1
Pet services ^{1 2}	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3.8
Veterinarian services ^{1 2}	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	4.3
Sporting goods	4.4	2.1	1.8	3.7	.1	.3	3.2	-6	-1	-4	-8
Sports vehicles including bicycles	4.0	2.3	2.0	1.5	2.1	-1	3.9	.1	.1	-5	1.7
Sports equipment	4.7	1.9	1.4	5.6	-1.5	.5	2.5	-1.1	-3	-3	-2.9
Photography ¹	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	.0
Photographic equipment and supplies	5.8	3.4	1.4	.9	2.2	1.7	-3.2	1.9	-4	.8	-1.3
Film and photographic supplies ^{1 2}	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	.6
Photographic equipment ^{1 2}	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-3.8
Photographers and film processing ¹	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	.9
Photographer fees ^{1 2}	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1.2
Film processing ^{1 2}	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	.0
Other recreational goods ¹	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-4.8
Toys	4.1	2.4	1.5	1.1	2.5	1.5	-9	1.0	2.8	-1.6	-5.8
Toys, games, hobbies and playground equipment ^{1 2}	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-4.8
Video game hardware, software and accessories ^{1 2}	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Sewing machines, fabric and supplies ¹	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-2.4
Music instruments and accessories ¹	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-3
Recreation services ¹	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3.6
Club membership dues and fees for participant sports ¹	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	4.7
Admissions	3.8	9.5	5.2	4.8	3.9	1.8	4.0	5.3	4.0	3.4	2.7
Admission to movies, theaters, and concerts ^{1 2}	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1.7
Admission to sporting events ^{1 2}	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	4.7
Fees for lessons or instructions ⁴	4.6	8.9	4.8	5.6	5.1	4.0	4.9	3.0	5.9	5.2	2.8
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 ¹	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3.0
Recreational books ¹	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2.5
Education and communication ¹	-	-	-	-	-	-	3.3	4.0	3.4	3.0	1.0

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Item and group	Percent change from previous December										Nov. 1998
	December										
	1988	1989	1990	1991	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997	
Expenditure category											
Education ¹	-	-	-	-	-	-	5.8	5.6	4.9	5.2	4.6
Educational books and supplies	6.9	7.8	6.5	5.7	4.9	3.4	3.5	5.6	5.5	5.1	5.9
Tuition, other school fees, and childcare	7.6	7.9	7.9	9.8	8.5	7.1	5.9	5.6	4.9	5.2	4.5
College tuition and fees	7.7	8.1	8.2	12.1	10.0	7.9	6.3	5.7	5.3	4.6	3.9
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	6.1
Child care and nursery school ⁶	-	-	-	6.3	4.4	5.1	4.7	3.8	3.7	4.6	4.7
Technical and business school tuition and fees ¹	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	5.1
Communication ¹	-	-	-	-	-	-	.0	1.7	1.3	-3	-2.2
Postage and delivery services ¹	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	.1
Postage	13.5	.0	.0	16.1	.0	.0	.0	10.3	.0	.0	.0
Delivery services ¹	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3.9
Information and information processing ¹	-	-	-	-	-	-	.0	.6	1.4	-3	-2.4
Telephone services ¹	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1.1
Telephone services, local charges	4.5	.6	1.0	5.1	.5	1.0	-3	2.6	.9	1.0	1.6
Telephone services, long distance charges ¹	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1.0
Interstate toll calls ²	-4.2	-1.3	-3.7	1.3	-1.3	6.5	5.4	.1	3.7	-4.3	.8
Intrastate toll calls ²	-4.2	-2.6	-2.2	-1.5	-2.4	.2	-1.0	-3.8	6.1	2.8	2.1
Cellular telephone services ¹	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-7.6
Information and information processing other than telephone services ⁹	-	-7.3	-2.6	-4.1	-6.1	-7.6	-9.1	-10.7	-11.6	-12.1	-25.5
Personal computers and peripheral equipment ¹	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-34.4
Computer software and accessories ¹	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-10.0
Computer information processing services ¹	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3.3
Other information processing equipment ¹	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-8.3
Other goods and services	7.0	8.2	7.6	8.0	6.5	2.7	4.2	4.3	3.6	5.2	4.5
Tobacco and smoking products	9.4	14.7	10.8	11.1	8.1	-5.9	3.0	2.7	2.7	7.2	12.0
Cigarettes ¹	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	12.5
Tobacco products other than cigarettes ¹	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	5.2
Personal care	5.1	3.8	4.2	2.5	2.9	2.5	1.9	2.1	1.1	2.3	2.6
Personal care products	5.7	2.5	4.2	2.7	3.3	1.7	1.8	1.1	-9	1.8	2.4
Hair, dental, shaving, and miscellaneous personal care products ¹	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	.3
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	4.6
Personal care services	4.4	5.4	4.1	2.2	2.4	3.4	2.1	3.4	3.2	3.0	2.3
Haircuts and other personal care services ¹	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2.3
Miscellaneous personal services	5.1	5.8	7.0	6.4	4.3	5.8	4.8	5.3	4.0	5.4	3.1
Legal services ⁴	4.5	6.3	6.8	5.7	4.0	5.8	1.9	3.8	3.8	5.1	3.9
Funeral expenses ⁴	4.1	4.8	6.6	5.9	4.1	5.4	5.8	5.4	4.7	5.1	3.7
Laundry and dry cleaning services ¹	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2.4
Apparel services other than laundry and dry cleaning ¹	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1.3
Financial services ⁴	6.9	5.9	7.7	8.3	5.0	6.6	7.8	7.1	3.4	6.0	3.2
Checking account and other bank services ^{1 2}	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1.9
Tax return preparation and other accounting fees ^{1 2}	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	5.3
Miscellaneous personal goods ¹	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	.9
Stationery, stationery supplies, gift wrap ²	3.8	3.0	4.4	4.8	3.0	3.7	1.5	6.5	3.1	4.2	1.5
Special aggregate indexes											
Commodities	3.8	4.1	6.6	1.2	2.0	1.5	2.3	1.4	3.2	.2	.6
Commodities less food and beverages	3.1	3.3	7.5	.3	2.3	.6	2.0	1.0	2.5	-7	-5
Nondurables less food and beverages	3.7	4.8	12.3	-1.0	2.3	-7	1.3	.5	3.8	-1	-4
Nondurables less food, beverages, and apparel	3.0	7.2	16.2	-3.2	2.9	-1.5	3.0	.9	5.9	-7	-1.9
Durables	2.5	1.2	.9	2.4	2.5	2.7	2.9	1.7	.7	-1.5	-5
Services	4.8	5.1	5.7	4.6	3.6	3.8	2.9	3.5	3.3	2.8	2.5
Rent of shelter ³	4.5	4.9	5.3	3.9	2.9	3.0	2.9	3.5	2.9	3.3	3.3
Transportation services	6.0	4.9	8.2	2.5	3.6	4.8	2.5	3.0	4.4	1.0	1.2
Other services	5.6	6.5	6.5	6.2	5.3	5.1	4.0	4.4	3.9	4.0	3.0
All items less food	4.2	4.5	6.3	3.3	3.2	2.7	2.6	2.7	3.1	1.8	1.5
All items less shelter	4.3	4.6	6.5	2.7	3.0	2.6	2.5	2.3	3.4	1.1	1.0
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	1.6
Commodities less food	3.2	3.3	7.4	.8	2.4	.6	1.9	1.1	2.6	-5	-4
Nondurables less food	3.7	4.7	11.6	-2	2.4	-5	1.3	.7	3.8	.0	-2
Nondurables less food and apparel	3.1	6.8	14.7	-1.6	2.8	-1.1	2.7	1.1	5.6	-4	-1.6
Nondurables	4.4	5.2	8.5	.8	1.9	1.1	2.0	1.4	4.0	.8	.9
Apparel less footwear	4.6	.7	5.3	3.6	.9	.7	-1.8	-2	-9	.8	2.8
Services less rent of shelter ³	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	2.5
Energy .....	.5	5.1	18.1	-7.4	2.0	-1.4	2.2	-1.3	8.6	-3.4	-7.3

See footnotes at end of table.

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

Item and group	Percent change from previous December										
	December										Nov. 1998
	1988	1989	1990	1991	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997	
Special aggregate indexes											
All items less energy	4.7	4.6	5.2	3.9	3.0	3.1	2.6	2.9	2.9	2.1	2.4
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	2.4
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	1.2
Energy commodities	-2.3	7.9	35.4	-16.1	1.2	-5.1	5.2	-3.3	13.8	-6.9	-11.8
Services less energy services	5.0	5.3	6.0	4.6	3.7	3.9	3.2	3.6	3.3	3.0	2.9
Domestically produced farm food	5.9	6.7	6.3	1.3	1.7	3.5	2.5	2.3	5.7	.6	2.3
Utilities and public transportation	3.5	2.8	5.0	3.1	3.2	4.4	-1.0	1.8	5.0	.4	.0

¹ Indexes on a December 1997=100 base.

² Special index based on a substantially smaller sample.

³ Indexes on a December 1982=100 base.

⁴ Indexes on a December 1986=100 base.

⁵ Indexes on a December 1983=100 base.

⁶ Indexes on a December 1990=100 base.

⁷ Indexes on a December 1993=100 base.

⁸ Indexes on a December 1996=100 base.

⁹ Indexes on a December 1988=100 base.

- Data not available.

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

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

(1982-84=100, unless otherwise noted)

Year	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	June	July	Aug.	Sep.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Semiannual averages		Annual avg.	Percent change from previous	
													1st half	2nd half		Dec.	Annual avg.
1913	9.9	9.8	9.8	9.9	9.8	9.8	9.9	10.0	10.0	10.1	10.1	10.1	-	-	10.0	-	-
1914	10.1	10.0	10.0	9.9	9.9	10.0	10.1	10.2	10.3	10.2	10.2	10.2	-	-	10.1	1.0	1.0
1915	10.2	10.1	10.0	10.1	10.1	10.2	10.2	10.2	10.2	10.3	10.4	10.4	-	-	10.2	2.0	1.0
1916	10.5	10.5	10.6	10.7	10.7	10.9	10.9	11.0	11.2	11.3	11.5	11.6	-	-	11.0	11.5	7.8
1917	11.8	12.0	12.1	12.6	12.9	13.0	12.9	13.1	13.3	13.6	13.6	13.8	-	-	12.9	19.0	17.3
1918	14.0	14.2	14.1	14.3	14.5	14.8	15.2	15.4	15.8	16.1	16.3	16.6	-	-	15.1	20.3	17.1
1919	16.6	16.2	16.5	16.8	17.0	17.0	17.5	17.8	17.9	18.2	18.6	19.0	-	-	17.4	14.5	15.2
1920	19.4	19.6	19.8	20.4	20.7	21.0	20.9	20.4	20.1	20.0	19.9	19.5	-	-	20.1	2.6	15.5
1921	19.1	18.5	18.4	18.2	17.8	17.7	17.8	17.8	17.6	17.6	17.5	17.4	-	-	18.0	-10.8	-10.4
1922	17.0	17.0	16.8	16.8	16.8	16.8	16.9	16.7	16.7	16.8	16.9	17.0	-	-	16.9	-2.3	-6.1
1923	16.9	16.9	16.9	17.0	17.0	17.1	17.3	17.2	17.3	17.4	17.4	17.4	-	-	17.2	2.4	1.8
1924	17.4	17.3	17.2	17.1	17.1	17.1	17.2	17.1	17.2	17.3	17.3	17.4	-	-	17.2	.0	.0
1925	17.4	17.3	17.4	17.3	17.4	17.6	17.8	17.8	17.8	17.8	18.1	18.0	-	-	17.6	3.4	2.3
1926	18.0	18.0	17.9	18.0	17.9	17.9	17.8	17.6	17.5	17.6	17.7	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	28.6	28.6	-	-	28.3	2.9	3.7
1958	28.8	28.8	29.0	29.1	29.1	29.1	29.1	29.1	29.1	29.1	29.1	29.1	-	-	29.1	1.7	2.8
1959	29.1	29.1	29.1	29.1	29.2	29.3	29.4	29.3	29.4	29.5	29.5	29.5	-	-	29.3	1.4	.7
1960	29.5	29.5	29.5	29.7	29.7	29.8	29.8	29.8	29.8	29.9	30.0	30.0	-	-	29.8	1.7	1.7
1961	30.0	30.0	30.0	30.0	30.0	30.0	30.1	30.1	30.2	30.2	30.2	30.2	-	-	30.1	.7	1.0
1962	30.2	30.2	30.3	30.4	30.4	30.4	30.4	30.4	30.6	30.6	30.6	30.6	-	-	30.4	1.3	1.0
1963	30.6	30.6	30.7	30.7	30.7	30.8	30.9	30.9	30.9	31.0	31.0	31.1	-	-	30.8	1.6	1.3
1964	31.1	31.1	31.1	31.1	31.1	31.2	31.3	31.2	31.3	31.3	31.4	31.4	-	-	31.2	1.0	1.3
1965	31.4	31.4	31.5	31.6	31.6	31.8	31.8	31.8	31.8	31.9	31.9	32.0	-	-	31.7	1.9	1.6
1966	32.0	32.2	32.3	32.5	32.5	32.6	32.7	32.9	32.9	33.1	33.1	33.1	-	-	32.6	3.4	2.8
1967	33.1	33.1	33.2	33.3	33.4	33.5	33.6	33.7	33.8	33.9	34.0	34.1	-	-	33.6	3.0	3.1
1968	34.2	34.3	34.5	34.6	34.7	34.9	35.1	35.2	35.3	35.5	35.6	35.7	-	-	35.0	4.7	4.2
1969	35.8	36.0	36.3	36.5	36.6	36.8	37.0	37.2	37.3	37.5	37.7	37.9	-	-	36.9	6.2	5.4

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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	160.2	160.6	160.7	-	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										Nov. 1998
	December										
	1988	1989	1990	1991	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997	
Expenditure category											
All items	119.2	124.6	132.2	135.9	139.8	143.3	147.2	150.9	155.9	158.2	160.7
All items (1967=100)	355.0	371.1	393.8	404.7	416.3	426.8	438.6	449.5	464.3	471.3	478.6
Food and beverages	120.3	126.9	133.6	136.9	139.1	142.9	146.6	149.8	156.1	158.5	161.7
Food	120.4	127.1	133.9	136.3	138.3	142.2	146.2	149.4	155.8	158.1	161.4
Food at home	118.8	126.2	133.5	135.0	137.0	141.7	146.3	149.5	156.9	158.2	161.3
Cereals and bakery products	126.7	136.0	142.3	147.2	153.0	158.6	163.9	169.2	175.4	178.1	181.9
Cereals and cereal products	126.8	136.1	143.1	148.2	153.5	158.7	163.6	167.8	165.7	168.8	170.6
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	154.2
Breakfast cereal	138.9	152.4	163.3	171.1	177.7	186.1	190.5	193.6	185.4	188.6	191.7
Rice, pasta, cornmeal	118.7	120.4	122.9	126.4	128.9	131.7	139.6	143.1	144.2	150.1	149.0
Bakery products	126.4	135.7	141.6	146.4	152.5	158.2	163.8	169.5	179.7	182.2	187.1
Bread ¹	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.0
Fresh biscuits, rolls, muffins ¹	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.0
Cakes, cupcakes, and cookies	128.7	138.8	146.7	153.7	157.3	162.5	168.5	170.7	177.8	179.1	182.1
Other bakery products	126.7	137.8	142.4	147.9	155.5	158.4	163.6	168.0	178.4	179.0	185.8
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	147.6
Meats, poultry, and fish	116.9	123.0	133.9	132.0	133.1	138.2	137.3	141.4	148.9	147.8	147.9
Meats	112.7	120.1	133.8	130.8	131.2	136.0	133.7	137.3	144.5	143.3	141.4
Beef and veal	114.6	122.3	133.2	131.7	132.8	137.7	134.7	134.4	137.8	136.6	136.8
Uncooked ground beef	104.7	112.6	121.2	119.5	118.8	123.2	117.7	115.7	117.6	116.3	116.7
Uncooked beef roasts ¹	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.0
Uncooked beef steaks ¹	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.0
Uncooked other beef and veal ¹	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.0
Pork	109.6	117.3	136.8	128.6	127.7	133.4	130.3	140.0	155.5	153.1	146.6
Bacon, breakfast sausage, and related products ¹	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.0
Ham	115.7	121.6	143.7	136.8	134.9	136.9	134.9	144.6	156.9	153.9	150.1
Pork chops	114.7	124.1	142.6	136.4	140.0	146.5	139.3	146.9	156.9	150.9	142.2
Other pork including roasts and picnics ¹	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.0
Other meats	112.7	119.0	131.3	132.3	132.6	136.1	136.9	141.2	146.0	146.6	147.6
Poultry	126.9	127.4	129.2	129.8	133.4	140.7	140.2	146.0	157.5	155.0	160.1
Chicken ¹	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.0
Other poultry including turkey ¹	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.0
Fish and seafood	139.7	144.8	148.8	151.2	153.8	158.8	167.1	172.3	176.5	178.0	183.8
Fresh fish and seafood ¹	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.0
Processed fish and seafood ¹	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.0
Eggs	99.0	134.3	128.0	122.7	117.0	114.8	115.3	144.8	162.3	150.1	138.5
Dairy and related products	111.2	122.8	126.5	127.2	128.9	130.0	131.4	134.7	148.5	147.5	155.5
Milk ¹	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.0
Cheese and related products	112.3	126.8	132.7	134.9	135.1	134.0	135.2	138.4	149.8	147.7	157.5
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	164.1
Other dairy and related products ¹	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.0
Fruits and vegetables	130.8	135.8	145.7	152.1	155.3	165.4	178.8	177.0	186.0	190.0	197.6
Fresh fruits and vegetables	137.6	144.0	156.1	168.5	172.8	188.6	210.8	205.2	214.3	220.7	230.6
Fresh fruits	143.1	152.3	169.5	188.1	180.0	202.6	209.8	222.0	248.1	236.0	245.7
Apples	133.0	124.6	151.9	170.4	154.2	167.2	163.5	188.0	195.2	194.9	193.4
Bananas	115.9	122.7	128.1	127.6	124.0	127.2	142.7	146.4	157.2	151.3	157.3
Citrus fruits ¹	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.0
Other fresh fruits ¹	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.0
Fresh vegetables	132.3	135.9	143.1	149.3	166.0	175.1	212.0	189.0	181.2	205.8	215.8
Potatoes	127.7	139.3	133.5	128.2	136.8	164.9	154.1	175.2	160.2	175.0	176.8
Lettuce	173.6	135.3	151.3	169.6	180.7	151.4	269.0	171.1	183.1	215.4	220.3
Tomatoes	123.0	139.2	128.2	123.1	190.9	194.6	229.9	239.2	190.5	249.5	265.3
Other fresh vegetables	129.2	135.0	150.8	162.4	167.4	179.6	217.6	184.1	187.5	203.6	216.7
Processed fruits and vegetables ¹	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.0
Canned fruits and vegetables ¹	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.0
Frozen fruits and vegetables ¹	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.0
Other processed fruits and vegetables including dried ¹	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.0

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										Nov. 1998
	December										
	1988	1989	1990	1991	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997	
Expenditure category											
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	131.4
Juices and nonalcoholic drinks ¹	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.0	100.6
Carbonated drinks	105.2	110.4	111.3	112.3	114.0	116.0	115.7	119.1	118.5	116.3	117.2
Frozen noncarbonated juices and drinks ¹	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.0	102.8
Nonfrozen noncarbonated juices and drinks ¹	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.0	100.1
Beverage materials including coffee and tea ¹	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.0	97.0
Coffee	116.6	115.2	117.0	111.0	104.9	110.5	172.3	155.6	144.9	169.3	155.2
Other beverage materials including tea ¹	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.0	103.4
Other food at home	115.1	120.1	125.1	127.0	128.2	130.8	138.3	140.1	143.2	147.1	152.0
Sugar and sweets	116.7	121.1	126.3	130.6	131.9	133.1	134.4	138.4	144.5	147.7	149.5
Sugar and artificial sweeteners	110.3	115.2	118.4	118.4	119.6	120.8	123.2	128.3	132.7	133.7	133.9
Candy and chewing gum ¹	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.0	101.2
Other sweets ¹	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.0	102.7
Fats and oils	118.3	121.5	130.8	129.1	128.3	129.3	134.1	137.3	140.4	140.0	154.4
Butter and margarine ¹	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.0	127.6
Salad dressing ¹	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.0	102.5
Other fats and oils including peanut butter ¹	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.0	102.9
Other foods	120.5	127.4	134.0	138.1	141.0	144.7	148.0	151.9	158.8	162.7	166.6
Soups	123.4	132.6	140.7	149.0	157.5	164.3	171.3	177.4	185.6	189.6	189.7
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	144.8
Snacks	121.4	126.1	131.1	132.6	132.1	136.0	138.5	143.3	151.5	155.1	157.1
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 ¹	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.0	102.7
Other miscellaneous foods ¹	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.0	104.9
Food away from home	124.0	129.7	135.6	139.4	141.6	144.1	147.0	150.3	155.0	159.0	162.6
Full service meals and snacks ¹	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.0	102.5
Limited service meals and snacks ¹	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.0	102.0
Food at employee sites and schools ¹	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.0	102.3
Food from vending machines and mobile vendors ¹	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.0	100.7
Other food away from home ¹	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.0	103.4
Alcoholic beverages	119.5	125.2	130.5	143.5	147.7	150.0	151.4	154.3	159.9	163.1	165.7
Alcoholic beverages at home	114.4	119.4	123.9	138.2	141.3	142.0	141.7	143.0	147.7	148.4	150.5
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	149.4
Distilled spirits at home	116.7	121.9	127.9	139.3	141.3	142.8	143.8	145.0	147.9	151.2	152.9
Wine at home	107.5	110.8	114.0	129.3	131.3	131.6	130.0	131.7	139.9	143.0	145.0
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	195.7
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	178.6
Rent of primary residence	129.7	135.0	140.6	144.8	148.2	151.6	155.4	159.3	163.7	168.8	174.1
Lodging away from home ¹	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.0	106.6
Housing at school, excluding board ²	144.9	155.5	165.0	175.7	189.7	193.8	202.9	211.8	219.2	231.2	241.7
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	227.8
Owners' equivalent rent of primary residence ²	122.2	128.5	134.5	139.7	143.8	148.4	153.3	159.0	163.4	168.3	173.4
Tenants' and household insurance ¹	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.0	100.3
Fuels and utilities	104.8	108.0	112.1	115.7	118.4	121.5	121.6	123.3	129.0	129.7	126.4
Fuels	97.2	100.7	104.7	105.9	108.4	110.2	109.5	110.2	116.5	115.2	110.9
Fuel oil and other fuels	76.7	88.1	113.4	94.4	91.7	88.2	88.3	89.5	110.6	97.0	87.4
Fuel oil	74.4	89.0	115.6	92.5	89.5	85.4	85.4	86.8	106.9	94.2	81.1
Other household fuels ³	102.2	108.3	136.6	123.2	120.3	117.8	118.2	119.2	147.9	128.5	125.2
Gas (piped) and electricity	103.9	106.7	108.2	111.9	115.1	117.7	116.8	117.5	122.3	122.4	118.3
Electricity	110.2	113.1	114.5	120.4	122.4	123.0	123.8	127.2	128.1	126.4	122.9
Utility natural gas service	95.2	97.7	99.4	99.3	104.7	110.9	107.0	102.8	114.9	118.3	112.7
Water and sewer and trash collection services ¹	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.0	102.5
Water and sewerage maintenance	135.1	144.1	152.6	163.8	174.3	182.9	190.5	195.9	202.6	210.6	216.0
Garbage and trash collection ⁴	146.7	161.0	177.1	197.6	214.6	225.7	236.8	243.3	247.9	252.8	259.3
Household furnishings and operations	110.2	111.1	113.0	115.4	117.2	119.0	119.7	122.4	123.5	123.6	124.8
Window and floor coverings and other linens ¹	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.0	101.4
Floor coverings ¹	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.0	102.5
Window coverings ¹	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.0	100.6
Other linens ¹	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.0	101.2
Furniture and bedding	115.0	113.0	114.2	115.5	120.5	123.9	125.4	130.7	131.9	130.6	131.4
Bedroom furniture	121.6	118.8	117.1	122.0	128.3	134.6	132.2	134.8	139.6	141.5	139.3
Living room, kitchen, and dining room furniture ¹	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.0	101.0
Other furniture ¹	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.0	103.5

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										Nov. 1998
	December										
	1988	1989	1990	1991	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997	
Expenditure category											
Appliances ¹	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.0	99.7
Major appliances ¹	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.0	99.3
Other appliances ¹	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.0	100.4
Other household equipment and furnishings ¹	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.0	100.9
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	117.8
Indoor plants and flowers ⁵	-	-	100.0	107.3	113.2	110.4	114.7	116.3	117.0	107.3	111.4
Dishes and flatware ¹	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.0	100.5
Nonelectric cookware and tableware ¹	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.0	100.1
Tools, hardware, outdoor equipment and supplies ¹	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.0	99.1
Tools, hardware and supplies ¹	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.0	96.9
Outdoor equipment and supplies ¹	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.0	100.2
Housekeeping supplies	117.4	123.8	127.8	130.4	130.0	131.9	133.3	139.9	142.0	144.3	147.4
Household cleaning products ¹	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.0	101.2
Household paper products ¹	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.0	102.9
Miscellaneous household products ¹	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.0	102.9
Household operations ¹	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.0	103.1
Domestic services ¹	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.0	102.9
Gardening and lawn care services ¹	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.0	101.7
Moving, storage, freight expense ¹	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.0	103.9
Repair of household items ¹	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.0	104.5
Apparel	117.6	118.5	124.5	128.4	130.4	131.3	129.3	129.5	129.3	130.3	134.0
Men's and boys' apparel	116.5	118.0	121.4	124.9	126.4	127.0	124.5	125.8	127.5	130.7	134.0
Men's apparel	117.8	120.1	123.9	127.7	129.9	130.3	128.2	128.7	130.9	133.9	137.0
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	135.7
Men's furnishings	113.4	116.8	119.5	122.1	123.2	123.1	123.9	120.5	125.7	136.1	137.9
Men's shirts and sweaters ¹	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.0	104.6
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	132.0
Boys' apparel	112.4	111.5	113.3	116.3	115.3	116.6	112.9	116.4	116.7	120.5	124.5
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	125.9
Women's apparel	115.8	115.1	122.8	125.7	126.1	128.1	123.2	122.2	120.8	120.8	125.6
Women's outerwear	102.7	104.0	115.2	118.4	121.9	128.9	118.6	121.3	126.1	129.2	129.2
Women's dresses	126.2	123.0	132.7	128.4	132.4	128.8	114.2	116.7	105.9	100.5	110.7
Women's suits and separates ¹	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.0	103.8
Women's underwear, nightwear, sportswear and accessories ¹	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.0	102.3
Girls' apparel	117.9	117.4	121.6	131.7	135.1	130.0	127.6	128.6	126.2	125.0	127.2
Footwear	114.0	115.4	119.3	122.5	125.6	126.6	124.2	125.0	127.0	129.2	130.9
Men's footwear	119.8	122.2	125.6	129.6	132.6	134.1	132.1	132.3	131.4	131.4	132.9
Boys' and girls' footwear	114.7	118.6	123.5	123.0	122.7	123.9	123.9	125.8	131.2	135.0	134.0
Women's footwear	108.3	107.4	111.0	115.8	120.7	121.9	117.3	118.0	120.2	123.1	126.5
Infants' and toddlers' apparel	120.3	119.3	127.9	131.8	133.1	128.1	132.9	129.8	128.1	126.5	132.7
Jewelry and watches ³	116.2	120.3	127.3	131.3	136.6	140.1	144.9	144.2	138.4	137.7	140.1
Watches ³	107.8	107.5	110.7	113.6	111.9	118.6	122.9	129.3	120.9	121.1	122.4
Jewelry ³	118.6	124.0	132.0	136.4	143.6	146.3	151.2	148.5	143.4	142.4	145.2
Transportation	110.4	114.8	126.7	124.5	128.2	130.8	136.7	138.9	144.8	142.4	140.6
Private transportation	109.5	113.8	125.3	123.2	126.6	128.5	135.2	137.2	142.4	140.1	138.2
New and used motor vehicles ¹	-	-	-	-	-	93.7	98.5	101.3	102.1	100.0	101.1
New vehicles	118.8	122.0	124.4	128.5	131.7	136.2	140.9	143.7	146.5	145.3	144.7
Used cars and trucks	120.1	119.5	116.9	120.2	129.7	140.2	152.1	159.1	156.8	149.5	155.2
Car and truck rental ¹	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.0	102.8
Motor fuel	80.4	85.9	117.1	98.5	99.9	94.6	100.2	96.4	108.9	101.7	89.7
Gasoline (all types)	80.4	85.6	117.0	98.3	99.9	94.0	100.0	95.9	108.3	101.2	89.2
Gasoline, unleaded regular ⁶	78.8	83.2	115.4	96.2	97.6	91.1	97.6	93.5	106.5	98.9	86.5
Gasoline, unleaded midgrade ^{6 7}	-	-	-	-	-	100.0	105.3	100.6	112.4	105.9	94.1
Gasoline, unleaded premium ⁶	84.7	90.0	118.7	101.5	103.0	98.1	103.2	98.3	109.2	102.8	92.1
Other motor fuels ¹	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.0	89.8
Motor vehicle parts and equipment	98.4	100.6	101.5	103.0	102.2	100.7	101.0	101.6	101.4	100.8	100.7
Tires	96.8	98.8	98.6	100.8	100.4	98.9	101.1	101.2	101.2	98.2	98.1
Vehicle accessories other than tires ¹	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.0	100.1
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	170.8
Motor vehicle body work	126.5	134.0	139.5	142.9	147.0	150.8	155.7	161.4	168.6	176.5	181.2
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	157.2
Motor vehicle repair ¹	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.0	103.1

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										Nov. 1998
	December										
	1988	1989	1990	1991	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997	
Expenditure category											
Motor vehicle insurance	160.9	170.6	183.7	198.6	211.5	221.9	229.5	239.6	249.0	255.3	255.2
Motor vehicle fees ¹	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.0
State and local registration and license ¹	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.0
Parking and other fees ¹	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.0
Public transportation	125.4	130.1	150.3	147.8	155.5	171.1	162.5	169.0	186.9	182.5	184.2
Airline fare	126.5	133.1	163.4	154.0	163.6	191.8	173.5	177.2	204.5	193.9	199.6
Other intercity transportation	136.8	140.5	149.3	154.2	155.4	149.6	152.3	154.9	157.9	160.3	165.5
Intracity transportation	123.5	125.9	135.7	140.7	147.6	152.0	153.3	164.9	174.1	176.2	171.4
Medical care	142.8	154.7	168.8	182.0	194.3	204.5	214.6	223.1	230.1	236.5	244.0
Medical care commodities	143.1	154.8	168.0	180.3	189.4	195.1	200.8	204.2	209.4	214.1	221.1
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	262.4
Nonprescription drugs and medical supplies ³	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	173.4
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	177.8
Medical care services	142.7	154.7	169.0	182.4	195.4	206.6	217.7	227.4	234.7	241.6	249.1
Professional services	141.0	150.2	160.3	170.2	180.0	188.0	196.9	204.9	212.3	218.9	225.9
Physicians' services	143.6	154.0	165.4	174.5	185.5	194.8	203.6	212.5	219.1	225.3	232.8
Dental services	140.8	150.0	159.7	172.9	182.8	190.9	201.3	210.1	220.9	229.6	239.3
Eyeglasses and eye care ³	109.8	113.8	119.0	123.2	127.8	130.5	135.2	138.5	140.4	142.8	144.0
Services by other medical professionals ³	110.8	117.2	122.8	129.2	133.9	138.1	144.3	146.8	151.5	156.8	160.3
Hospital and related services	150.0	166.8	184.4	201.2	218.9	235.1	248.5	260.0	270.4	278.7	286.9
Hospital services ⁸	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.0	100.0	100.0
Inpatient hospital services ^{6 8}	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.0	102.3	104.8
Outpatient hospital services ^{6 3}	117.1	131.1	145.9	160.4	176.0	189.3	200.2	209.4	219.5	228.6	237.5
Nursing homes and adult daycare ⁸	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.0	104.0	109.7
Recreation ¹	-	-	-	-	-	92.2	93.2	95.6	98.5	100.0	100.8
Video and audio ¹	-	-	-	-	-	96.5	93.9	94.3	97.5	100.0	100.8
Televisions	76.4	74.8	72.2	71.4	70.9	69.4	68.2	65.2	61.7	59.3	56.9
Cable television ⁴	141.6	147.1	166.9	181.2	188.4	201.7	195.8	203.5	219.5	234.6	249.7
Other video equipment ¹	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.0	87.6
Video cassettes, discs, and other media including rental ¹ ..	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.0	95.6
Audio equipment	91.9	94.0	93.1	94.9	93.5	94.2	93.2	90.8	90.2	88.4	82.4
Audio discs, tapes and other media ¹	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.0	100.2
Pets, pet products and services ¹	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	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	143.3
Pet services including veterinary ¹	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.0	104.0
Sporting goods	112.5	115.9	116.5	120.5	121.6	122.6	126.1	124.5	124.6	124.5	123.7
Sports vehicles including bicycles	113.2	117.7	117.8	120.4	123.5	124.9	128.8	127.3	127.4	127.7	130.3
Sports equipment	109.0	110.8	112.1	118.0	116.3	116.7	119.7	118.0	118.0	117.3	113.8
Photography ¹	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.0	100.3
Photographic equipment and supplies	123.5	127.8	129.7	131.1	134.1	136.5	131.4	133.8	133.9	134.6	133.0
Photographers and film processing ¹	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.0	101.2
Other recreational goods ¹	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.0	95.2
Toys	112.3	114.8	116.6	117.9	121.3	123.2	122.2	123.5	127.4	125.2	118.1
Sewing machines, fabric and supplies ¹	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.0	98.4
Music instruments and accessories ¹	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.0	100.4
Recreation services ¹	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.0	103.2
Club membership dues and fees for participant sports ¹	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.0	104.3
Admissions	132.8	145.8	153.1	160.5	166.6	169.9	176.2	185.7	193.3	199.8	204.9
Fees for lessons or instructions ³	110.6	119.6	126.1	133.6	140.7	146.3	154.0	158.6	167.3	175.8	179.9
Recreational reading materials	126.7	132.5	138.6	147.8	153.4	159.0	164.8	174.5	179.3	181.3	186.5
Newspapers and magazines ¹	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.0	103.0
Recreational books ¹	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.0	102.7
Education and communication ¹	-	-	-	-	-	87.8	90.4	94.0	97.1	100.0	101.2
Education ¹	-	-	-	-	-	81.1	85.6	90.4	94.8	100.0	104.6
Educational books and supplies	151.1	162.9	173.9	184.4	194.9	202.3	208.5	220.3	232.9	245.2	259.5
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	295.4
College tuition and fees	156.2	169.3	183.6	205.0	223.8	240.3	255.3	271.2	286.1	300.9	312.7
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	318.2
Child care and nursery school ⁵	-	-	100.0	106.3	110.8	116.7	122.7	127.5	132.1	138.7	144.9
Technical and business school tuition and fees	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.0	105.2

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Table 28. Historical Consumer Price Index for Urban Wage Earners and Clerical Workers (CPI-W): U.S. city average, by commodity and service group and detailed expenditure categories-Continued

(1982-84=100, unless otherwise noted)

Item and group	Unadjusted indexes										
	December										Nov. 1998
	1988	1989	1990	1991	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997	
Expenditure category											
Communication ¹	-	-	-	-	-	96.8	96.9	98.7	100.1	100.0	98.5
Postage and delivery services ¹	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.0
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 ¹	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.0
Information and information processing ¹	-	-	-	-	-	97.6	97.9	98.5	100.1	100.0	98.4
Telephone services ¹	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.0
Telephone services, local charges	144.8	145.5	147.0	154.7	155.3	156.9	156.3	159.9	161.3	163.0	165.8
Telephone services, long distance charges ¹	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.0
Cellular telephone services ¹	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.0
Information and information processing other than telephone services ⁹	100.0	92.7	89.7	86.9	80.6	74.2	68.2	61.4	54.9	48.9	36.6
Personal computers and peripheral equipment ¹	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.0
Computer software and accessories ¹	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.0
Computer information processing services ¹	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.0
Other information processing equipment ¹	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.0
Other goods and services	140.6	152.7	164.4	177.7	189.0	192.0	200.0	208.1	215.2	226.9	239.2
Tobacco and smoking products	150.2	171.8	190.1	211.5	229.0	215.4	222.2	228.4	233.9	250.9	281.4
Cigarettes ¹	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.0
Tobacco products other than cigarettes ¹	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.0
Personal care	122.3	126.9	132.2	135.7	139.9	143.2	146.1	148.9	150.4	153.9	158.1
Personal care products	121.5	124.7	130.0	133.7	138.6	140.7	143.5	144.7	143.5	146.1	149.8
Hair, dental, shaving, and miscellaneous personal care products ¹	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.0
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	164.2
Personal care services	123.0	129.4	134.9	137.9	141.3	146.2	149.2	154.2	159.4	164.1	168.0
Haircuts and other personal care services ¹	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.0
Miscellaneous personal services	143.0	151.0	160.1	170.5	177.6	188.9	198.8	208.9	217.8	228.9	236.9
Legal services ³	109.8	116.4	121.7	129.2	133.6	144.0	147.2	153.1	159.7	166.5	174.3
Funeral expenses ³	109.6	115.1	122.6	130.1	135.1	142.1	150.6	158.1	165.9	174.7	181.6
Laundry and dry cleaning services ¹	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.0
Apparel services other than laundry and dry cleaning ¹	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.0
Financial services ³	111.7	117.9	127.1	136.8	143.9	153.3	166.5	177.7	183.2	193.9	199.9
Miscellaneous personal goods ¹	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.0
Special aggregate indexes											
Commodities	113.0	117.8	125.8	127.0	129.8	131.6	134.8	136.9	141.4	141.6	142.4
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	130.9
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	132.5
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	136.3
Durables	110.7	112.0	112.6	115.3	118.7	122.3	126.5	128.9	129.6	127.5	127.4
Services	127.2	133.4	140.7	147.0	152.1	157.6	162.4	167.9	173.4	178.2	182.4
Rent of shelter ²	121.5	127.5	133.9	139.1	143.0	147.3	151.7	156.9	161.4	166.6	172.0
Transportation services	131.2	137.8	147.9	152.5	157.2	163.3	169.2	174.9	181.5	183.9	186.1
Other services	135.0	143.8	152.8	162.0	169.9	178.5	185.9	194.0	201.7	209.9	216.2
All items less food	118.8	124.0	131.7	135.7	140.0	143.4	147.4	151.1	155.8	158.1	160.4
All items less shelter	117.4	122.6	130.6	133.7	137.6	140.8	144.6	147.8	152.8	154.2	155.7
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	156.8
Commodities less food	108.9	112.6	121.2	121.8	125.0	125.7	128.5	130.0	133.5	132.5	132.2
Nondurables less food	106.9	112.2	126.0	125.3	128.4	127.1	129.0	129.8	135.2	135.0	134.5
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	138.2
Nondurables	113.5	119.5	130.1	130.8	133.4	134.5	137.4	139.3	145.2	146.2	147.4
Apparel less footwear	116.4	116.9	122.9	126.8	128.3	128.9	126.5	126.5	125.5	126.1	130.1
Services less rent of shelter ²	118.1	123.9	131.1	137.9	143.5	149.5	154.0	159.2	165.0	168.8	171.4
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	176.8

See footnotes at end of table.

Table 28. Historical Consumer Price Index for Urban Wage Earners and Clerical Workers (CPI-W): U.S. city average, by commodity and service group and detailed expenditure categories-Continued

(1982-84=100, unless otherwise noted)

Item and group	Unadjusted indexes										
	December										Nov. 1998
	1988	1989	1990	1991	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997	
Special aggregate indexes											
Energy	88.1	92.7	110.5	101.6	103.5	101.7	104.2	102.6	112.0	107.7	99.6
All items less energy	123.6	129.1	135.5	140.8	144.9	149.1	153.3	157.6	162.1	165.2	169.1
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	171.1
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	143.6
Energy commodities	80.3	86.4	117.1	98.4	99.5	94.3	99.4	96.0	109.4	101.6	89.7
Services less energy services	129.8	136.4	144.3	151.0	156.3	162.1	167.5	173.4	179.0	184.3	189.6
Domestically produced farm food	119.1	127.0	135.0	136.7	139.0	143.9	147.1	150.7	159.3	160.2	163.7
Utilities and public transportation	113.4	116.3	121.2	125.6	129.4	134.4	133.6	135.9	142.4	143.3	143.2

¹ Indexes on a December 1997=100 base.

² Indexes on a December 1984=100 base.

³ Indexes on a December 1986=100 base.

⁴ Indexes on a December 1983=100 base.

⁵ Indexes on a December 1990=100 base.

⁶ Special index based on a substantially smaller sample.

⁷ Indexes on a December 1993=100 base.

⁸ Indexes on a December 1996=100 base.

⁹ Indexes on a December 1988=100 base.

- Data not available.

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

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

Item and group	Percent change from previous December										Nov. 1998
	December										
	1988	1989	1990	1991	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997	
Expenditure category											
All items	4.4	4.5	6.1	2.8	2.9	2.5	2.7	2.5	3.3	1.5	1.6
Food and beverages	5.1	5.5	5.3	2.5	1.6	2.7	2.6	2.2	4.2	1.5	2.0
Food	5.2	5.6	5.4	1.8	1.5	2.8	2.8	2.2	4.3	1.5	2.1
Food at home	5.6	6.2	5.8	1.1	1.5	3.4	3.2	2.2	4.9	.8	2.0
Cereals and bakery products	8.4	7.3	4.6	3.4	3.9	3.7	3.3	3.2	3.7	1.5	2.1
Cereals and cereal products	9.5	7.3	5.1	3.6	3.6	3.4	3.1	2.6	-1.3	1.9	1.1
Flour and prepared flour mixes	6.7	7.3	2.2	-2	5.0	-2	1.7	6.5	7.6	-4	2.8
Breakfast cereal	9.6	9.7	7.2	4.8	3.9	4.7	2.4	1.6	-4.2	1.7	1.6
Rice, pasta, cornmeal	11.4	1.4	2.1	2.8	2.0	2.2	6.0	2.5	.8	4.1	-7
Bakery products	7.8	7.4	4.3	3.4	4.2	3.7	3.5	3.5	6.0	1.4	2.7
Bread	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1.9
Fresh biscuits, rolls, muffins	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	4.3
Cakes, cupcakes, and cookies	6.1	7.8	5.7	4.8	2.3	3.3	3.7	1.3	4.2	.7	1.7
Other bakery products	5.0	8.8	3.3	3.9	5.1	1.9	3.3	2.7	6.2	.3	3.8
Meats, poultry, fish, and eggs	5.2	6.9	7.9	-1.6	.5	3.6	-7	4.2	5.7	-1.2	-3
Meats, poultry, and fish	4.7	5.2	8.9	-1.4	.8	3.8	-7	3.0	5.3	-7	.1
Meats	2.1	6.6	11.4	-2.2	.3	3.7	-1.7	2.7	5.2	-8	-1.3
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	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-6
Uncooked beef steaks	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	4
Uncooked other beef and veal	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-7
Pork	-2.9	7.0	16.6	-6.0	-7	4.5	-2.3	7.4	11.1	-1.5	-4.2
Bacon, breakfast sausage, and related products	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-3.3
Ham	-1.5	5.1	18.2	-4.8	-1.4	1.5	-1.5	7.2	8.5	-1.9	-2.5
Pork chops .....	.2	8.2	14.9	-4.3	2.6	4.6	-4.9	5.5	6.8	-3.8	-5.8
Other pork including roasts and picnics	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-6.1
Other meats .....	.8	5.6	10.3	.8	.2	2.6	.6	3.1	3.4	.4	.7
Poultry	18.2	.4	1.4	.5	2.8	5.5	-4	4.1	7.9	-1.6	3.3
Chicken	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	4.1
Other poultry including turkey	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	.1
Fish and seafood	4.6	3.7	2.8	1.6	1.7	3.3	5.2	3.1	2.4	.8	3.3
Fresh fish and seafood	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3.1
Processed fish and seafood	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3.4
Eggs	16.6	35.7	-4.7	-4.1	-4.6	-1.9	.4	25.6	12.1	-7.5	-7.7
Dairy and related products	4.5	10.4	3.0	.6	1.3	.9	1.1	2.5	10.2	-7	5.4
Milk	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3.6
Cheese and related products	5.2	12.9	4.7	1.7	.1	-.8	.9	2.4	8.2	-1.4	6.6
Ice cream and related products	3.7	7.1	4.4	1.1	.5	.5	3.7	2.7	7.7	1.0	8.0
Other dairy and related products	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	5.2
Fruits and vegetables	6.3	3.8	7.3	4.4	2.1	6.5	8.1	-1.0	5.1	2.2	4.0
Fresh fruits and vegetables	3.7	4.7	8.4	7.9	2.6	9.1	11.8	-2.7	4.4	3.0	4.5
Fresh fruits	13.6	6.4	11.3	11.0	-4.3	12.6	3.6	5.8	11.8	-4.9	4.1
Apples	27.5	-6.3	21.9	12.2	-9.5	8.4	-2.2	15.0	3.8	-2	-8
Bananas	7.9	5.9	4.4	-4	-2.8	2.6	12.2	2.6	7.4	-3.8	4.0
Citrus fruits	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	29.3
Other fresh fruits	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-5.7
Fresh vegetables	-5.2	2.7	5.3	4.3	11.2	5.5	21.1	-10.8	-4.1	13.6	4.9
Potatoes	24.3	9.1	-4.2	-4.0	6.7	20.5	-6.5	13.7	-8.6	9.2	1.0
Lettuce	-36.3	-22.1	11.8	12.1	6.5	-16.2	77.7	-36.4	7.0	17.6	2.3
Tomatoes	-10.8	13.2	-7.9	-4.0	55.1	1.9	18.1	4.0	-20.4	31.0	6.3
Other fresh vegetables	2.5	4.5	11.7	7.7	3.1	7.3	21.2	-15.4	1.8	8.6	6.4
Processed fruits and vegetables	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2.4
Canned fruits and vegetables	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2.9
Frozen fruits and vegetables	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2.5
Other processed fruits and vegetables including dried	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	.1
Nonalcoholic beverages and beverage materials	2.8	3.2	1.9	-4	-2	2.1	13.5	-1.4	-1.8	4.1	-2

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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										Nov. 1998
	December										
	1988	1989	1990	1991	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997	
Expenditure category											
Juices and nonalcoholic drinks	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0.6
Carbonated drinks	1.5	4.9	0.8	0.9	1.5	1.8	-0.3	2.9	-0.5	-1.9	.8
Frozen noncarbonated juices and drinks	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2.8
Nonfrozen noncarbonated juices and drinks	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	.1
Beverage materials including coffee and tea	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-3.0
Coffee	5.7	-1.2	1.6	-5.1	-5.5	5.3	55.9	-9.7	-6.9	16.8	-8.3
Other beverage materials including tea	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3.4
Other food at home	4.8	4.3	4.2	1.5	.9	2.0	5.7	1.3	2.2	2.7	3.3
Sugar and sweets	5.2	3.8	4.3	3.4	1.0	.9	1.0	3.0	4.4	2.2	1.2
Sugar and artificial sweeteners	8.0	4.4	2.8	.0	1.0	1.0	2.0	4.1	3.4	.8	.1
Candy and chewing gum	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1.2
Other sweets	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2.7
Fats and oils	9.9	2.7	7.7	-1.3	-6	.8	3.7	2.4	2.3	-3	10.3
Butter and margarine	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	27.6
Salad dressing	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2.5
Other fats and oils including peanut butter	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2.9
Other foods	5.0	5.7	5.2	3.1	2.1	2.6	2.3	2.6	4.5	2.5	2.4
Soups	3.7	7.5	6.1	5.9	5.7	4.3	4.3	3.6	4.6	2.2	.1
Frozen and freeze dried prepared foods	4.5	5.5	3.4	1.6	.5	-4	.3	.4	5.0	-8	.5
Snacks	5.0	3.9	4.0	1.1	-4	3.0	1.8	3.5	5.7	2.4	1.3
Spices, seasonings, condiments, sauces	4.4	5.6	6.3	4.0	4.1	2.6	2.4	4.0	4.5	2.7	3.0
Baby food	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2.7
Other miscellaneous foods	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	4.9
Food away from home	4.4	4.6	4.5	2.8	1.6	1.8	2.0	2.2	3.1	2.6	2.3
Full service meals and snacks	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2.5
Limited service meals and snacks	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2.0
Food at employee sites and schools	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2.3
Food from vending machines and mobile vendors	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	.7
Other food away from home	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3.4
Alcoholic beverages	3.8	4.8	4.2	10.0	2.9	1.6	.9	1.9	3.6	2.0	1.6
Alcoholic beverages at home	2.3	4.4	3.8	11.5	2.2	.5	-2	.9	3.3	.5	1.4
Beer, ale, and other malt beverages at home	2.7	4.7	3.7	11.9	2.8	.3	-2	.8	2.8	-6	1.5
Distilled spirits at home	1.8	4.5	4.9	8.9	1.4	1.1	.7	.8	2.0	2.2	1.1
Wine at home	1.8	3.1	2.9	13.4	1.5	.2	-1.2	1.3	6.2	2.2	1.4
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	1.9
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	3.2
Rent of primary residence	3.5	4.1	4.1	3.0	2.3	2.3	2.5	2.5	2.8	3.1	3.1
Lodging away from home	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6.6
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	4.5
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	6.8
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	3.0
Tenants' and household insurance	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	.3
Fuels and utilities	3.0	3.1	3.8	3.2	2.3	2.6	.1	1.4	4.6	.5	-2.5
Fuels	2.5	3.6	4.0	1.1	2.4	1.7	-6	.6	5.7	-1.1	-3.7
Fuel oil and other fuels	-4.4	14.9	28.7	-16.8	-2.9	-3.8	.1	1.4	23.6	-12.3	-9.9
Fuel oil	-6.4	19.6	29.9	-20.0	-3.2	-4.6	.0	1.6	23.2	-11.9	-13.9
Other household fuels	-2	6.0	26.1	-9.8	-2.4	-2.1	.3	.8	24.1	-13.1	-2.6
Gas (piped) and electricity	3.2	2.7	1.4	3.4	2.9	2.3	-8	.6	4.1	.1	-3.3
Electricity	3.0	2.6	1.2	5.2	1.7	.5	.7	2.7	.7	-1.3	-2.8
Utility natural gas service	3.7	2.6	1.7	-1	5.4	5.9	-3.5	-3.9	11.8	3.0	-4.7
Water and sewer and trash collection services	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2.5
Water and sewerage maintenance	5.6	6.7	5.9	7.3	6.4	4.9	4.2	2.8	3.4	3.9	2.6
Garbage and trash collection	7.8	9.7	10.0	11.6	8.6	5.2	4.9	2.7	1.9	2.0	2.6
Household furnishings and operations	3.1	.8	1.7	2.1	1.6	1.5	.6	2.3	.9	.1	1.0
Window and floor coverings and other linens	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1.4
Floor coverings	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2.5
Window coverings	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	.6
Other linens	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1.2
Furniture and bedding	3.1	-1.7	1.1	1.1	4.3	2.8	1.2	4.2	.9	-1.0	.6
Bedroom furniture	5.3	-2.3	-1.4	4.2	5.2	4.9	-1.8	2.0	3.6	1.4	-1.6
Living room, kitchen, and dining room furniture	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1.0
Other furniture	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3.5
Appliances	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-3

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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										Nov. 1998
	December										
	1988	1989	1990	1991	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997	
Expenditure category											
Major appliances	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-0.7
Other appliances	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	.4
Other household equipment and furnishings	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	.9
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	-5
Indoor plants and flowers	-	-	-	7.3	5.5	-2.5	3.9	1.4	.6	-8.3	3.8
Dishes and flatware	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	.5
Nonelectric cookware and tableware	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
Tools, hardware, outdoor equipment and supplies	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-9
Tools, hardware and supplies	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-3.1
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	2.1
Household cleaning products	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1.2
Household paper products	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2.9
Miscellaneous household products	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2.9
Household operations	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3.1
Domestic services	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2.9
Gardening and lawn care services	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1.7
Moving, storage, freight expense	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3.9
Repair of household items	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	4.5
Apparel	4.4	.8	5.1	3.1	1.6	.7	-1.5	.2	-2	.8	2.8
Men's and boys' apparel	5.5	1.3	2.9	2.9	1.2	.5	-2.0	1.0	1.4	2.5	2.5
Men's apparel	5.7	2.0	3.2	3.1	1.7	.3	-1.6	.4	1.7	2.3	2.3
Men's suits, sport coats, and outerwear	9.2	2.6	2.6	2.5	2.0	5.1	-2.2	-1.3	-6	.9	-1
Men's furnishings	3.1	3.0	2.3	2.2	.9	-1	.6	-2.7	4.3	8.3	1.3
Men's shirts and sweaters	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	4.6
Men's pants and shorts	4.1	2.2	3.8	3.5	2.6	-8	-1.3	1.2	1.5	-1	2.4
Boys' apparel	4.9	-8	1.6	2.6	-9	1.1	-3.2	3.1	.3	3.3	3.3
Women's and girls' apparel	3.2	-6	6.1	3.3	.7	.6	-3.4	-6	-1.3	-2	3.6
Women's apparel	2.8	-6	6.7	2.4	.3	1.6	-3.8	-8	-1.1	.0	4.0
Women's outerwear	-2.2	1.3	10.8	2.8	3.0	5.7	-8.0	2.3	4.0	2.5	.0
Women's dresses	3.0	-2.5	7.9	-3.2	3.1	-2.7	-11.3	2.2	-9.3	-5.1	10.1
Women's suits and separates	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3.8
Women's underwear, nightwear, sportswear and accessories	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2.3
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	1.3
Men's footwear	7.1	2.0	2.8	3.2	2.3	1.1	-1.5	.2	-7	.0	1.1
Boys' and girls' footwear	3.7	3.4	4.1	-4	-2	.0	1.0	1.5	4.3	2.9	-7
Women's footwear	5.6	-8	3.4	4.3	4.2	1.0	-3.8	.6	1.9	2.4	2.8
Infants' and toddlers' apparel	3.4	-8	7.2	3.0	1.0	-3.8	3.7	-2.3	-1.3	-1.2	4.9
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	1.1
Jewelry	7.2	4.6	6.5	3.3	5.3	1.9	3.3	-1.8	-3.4	-7	2.0
Transportation	2.9	4.0	10.4	-1.7	3.0	2.0	4.5	1.6	4.2	-1.7	-1.3
Private transportation	2.9	3.9	10.1	-1.7	2.8	1.5	5.2	1.5	3.8	-1.6	-1.4
New and used motor vehicles	-	-	-	-	-	-	5.1	2.8	.8	-2.1	1.1
New vehicles	2.3	2.7	2.0	3.3	2.5	3.4	3.5	2.0	1.9	-8	-4
Used cars and trucks	3.4	-5	-2.2	2.8	7.9	8.1	8.5	4.6	-1.4	-4.7	3.8
Car and truck rental	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2.8
Motor fuel	-2.0	6.8	36.3	-15.9	1.4	-5.3	5.9	-3.8	13.0	-6.6	-11.8
Gasoline (all types)	-1.8	6.5	36.7	-16.0	1.6	-5.9	6.4	-4.1	12.9	-6.6	-11.9
Gasoline, unleaded regular ¹	-2.5	5.6	38.7	-16.6	1.5	-6.7	7.1	-4.2	13.9	-7.1	-12.5
Gasoline, unleaded midgrade ¹	-	-	-	-	-	-	5.3	-4.5	11.7	-5.8	-11.1
Gasoline, unleaded premium ¹	-7	6.3	31.9	-14.5	1.5	-4.8	5.2	-4.7	11.1	-5.9	-10.4
Other motor fuels	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-10.2
Motor vehicle parts and equipment	2.0	2.2	.9	1.5	-8	-1.5	.3	.6	-2	-6	-1
Tires	3.8	2.1	-2	2.2	-4	-1.5	2.2	.1	0	-3.0	-1
Vehicle accessories other than tires	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	.1
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	3.1
Motor vehicle body work	4.3	5.9	4.1	2.4	2.9	2.6	3.2	3.7	4.5	4.7	2.7
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	2.9
Motor vehicle repair	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3.1
Motor vehicle insurance	8.1	6.0	7.7	8.1	6.5	4.9	3.4	4.4	3.9	2.5	.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										
	December										Nov. 1998
	1988	1989	1990	1991	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997	
Expenditure category											
Motor vehicle fees	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3.0
State and local registration and license	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1.8
Parking and other fees	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6.8
Public transportation	3.4	3.7	15.5	-1.7	5.2	10.0	-5.0	4.0	10.6	-2.4	.9
Airline fare	3.1	5.2	22.8	-5.8	6.2	17.2	-9.5	2.1	15.4	-5.2	2.9
Other intercity transportation	6.9	2.7	6.3	3.3	.8	-3.7	1.8	1.7	1.9	1.5	3.2
Intracity transportation	2.7	1.9	7.8	3.7	4.9	3.0	.9	7.6	5.6	1.2	-2.7
Medical care	7.0	8.3	9.1	7.8	6.8	5.2	4.9	4.0	3.1	2.8	3.2
Medical care commodities	6.7	8.2	8.5	7.3	5.0	3.0	2.9	1.7	2.5	2.2	3.3
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	4.5
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	1.2
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	1.0
Nonprescription medical equipment and supplies	4.7	7.2	4.9	5.7	3.7	2.8	4.1	2.5	.2	2.0	1.6
Medical care services	7.1	8.4	9.2	7.9	7.1	5.7	5.4	4.5	3.2	2.9	3.1
Professional services	6.8	6.5	6.7	6.2	5.8	4.4	4.7	4.1	3.6	3.1	3.2
Physicians' services	7.5	7.2	7.4	5.5	6.3	5.0	4.5	4.4	3.1	2.8	3.3
Dental services	6.7	6.5	6.5	8.3	5.7	4.4	5.4	4.4	5.1	3.9	4.2
Eyeglasses and eye care	4.3	3.6	4.6	3.5	3.7	2.1	3.6	2.4	1.4	1.7	.8
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	2.2
Hospital and related services	10.8	11.2	10.6	9.1	8.8	7.4	5.7	4.6	4.0	3.1	2.9
Hospital services	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3.0
Inpatient hospital services ¹	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2.3
Outpatient hospital services ¹	9.2	12.0	11.3	9.9	9.7	7.6	5.8	4.6	4.8	4.1	3.9
Nursing homes and adult daycare	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	4.0	5.5
Recreation	-	-	-	-	-	-	1.1	2.6	3.0	1.5	.8
Video and audio	-	-	-	-	-	-	-2.7	.4	3.4	2.6	.8
Televisions	-1.2	-2.1	-3.5	-1.1	-7	-2.1	-1.7	-4.4	-5.4	-3.9	-4.0
Cable television	10.7	3.9	13.5	8.6	4.0	7.1	-2.9	3.9	7.9	6.9	6.4
Other video equipment	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-12.4
Video cassettes, discs, and other media including rental	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-4.4
Audio equipment .....	.0	2.3	-1.0	1.9	-1.5	.7	-1.1	-2.6	-7	-2.0	-6.8
Audio discs, tapes and other media	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	.2
Pets, pet products and services	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1.9
Pets and pet products	4.5	4.3	3.7	1.7	-8	.6	1.1	3.6	5.2	-4	1.0
Pet services including veterinary	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	4.0
Sporting goods	4.4	3.0	.5	3.4	.9	.8	2.9	-1.3	.1	-1	-6
Sports vehicles including bicycles	3.9	4.0	.1	2.2	2.6	1.1	3.1	-1.2	.1	.2	2.0
Sports equipment	4.9	1.7	1.2	5.3	-1.4	.3	2.6	-1.4	.0	-6	-3.0
Photography	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	.3
Photographic equipment and supplies	6.2	3.5	1.5	1.1	2.3	1.8	-3.7	1.8	.1	.5	-1.2
Photographers and film processing	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1.2
Other recreational goods	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-4.8
Toys	4.2	2.2	1.6	1.1	2.9	1.6	-8	1.1	3.2	-1.7	-5.7
Sewing machines, fabric and supplies	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-1.6
Music instruments and accessories	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	.4
Recreation services	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3.2
Club membership dues and fees for participant sports	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	4.3
Admissions	3.7	9.8	5.0	4.8	3.8	2.0	3.7	5.4	4.1	3.4	2.6
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	2.3
Recreational reading materials	4.4	4.6	4.6	6.6	3.8	3.7	3.6	5.9	2.8	1.1	2.9
Newspapers and magazines	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3.0
Recreational books	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2.7
Education and communication	-	-	-	-	-	-	3.0	4.0	3.3	3.0	1.2
Education	-	-	-	-	-	-	5.5	5.6	4.9	5.5	4.6
Educational books and supplies	6.5	7.8	6.8	6.0	5.7	3.8	3.1	5.7	5.7	5.3	5.8
Tuition, other school fees, and childcare	7.4	8.0	7.7	9.1	7.5	6.7	5.8	5.7	4.7	5.5	4.5
College tuition and fees	7.4	8.4	8.4	11.7	9.2	7.4	6.2	6.2	5.5	5.2	3.9
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	6.3
Child care and nursery school	-	-	-	6.3	4.2	5.3	5.1	3.9	3.6	5.0	4.5
Technical and business school tuition and fees	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	5.2
Communication	-	-	-	-	-	-	.1	1.9	1.4	-1	-1.5

See footnotes at end of table.

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

Item and group	Percent change from previous December										Nov 1998	
	December											
	1988	1989	1990	1991	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997		
Expenditure category												
Postage and delivery services												0.1
Postage	13.6	0.0	0.0	16.2	0.0	0.0	0.0	10.4	0.0	0.0		0
Delivery services												3.8
Information and information processing							3	6	1.6	-1		-1.6
Telephone services												1.2
Telephone services, local charges	4.5	5	1.0	5.2	4	1.0	-4	2.3	9	1.1		1.7
Telephone services, long distance charges												1.1
Cellular telephone services												-7.1
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		-25.2
Personal computers and peripheral equipment												-34.7
Computer software and accessories												-10.0
Computer information processing services												3.5
Other information processing equipment												-8.8
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
Tobacco and smoking products	9.5	14.4	10.7	11.3	8.3	-5.9	3.2	2.8	2.4	7.3		12.2
Cigarettes												12.5
Tobacco products other than cigarettes												5.2
Personal care	5.1	3.8	4.2	2.6	3.1	2.4	2.0	1.9	1.0	2.3		2.7
Personal care products	5.6	2.6	4.3	2.8	3.7	1.5	2.0	8	-8	1.8		2.5
Hair, dental, shaving, and miscellaneous personal care products												2
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		4.8
Personal care services	4.4	5.2	4.3	2.2	2.5	3.5	2.1	3.4	3.4	2.9		2.4
Haircuts and other personal care services												2.4
Miscellaneous personal services	5.1	5.6	6.0	6.5	4.2	6.4	5.2	5.1	4.3	5.1		3.5
Legal services	4.4	6.0	4.6	6.2	3.4	7.8	2.2	4.0	4.3	4.3		4.7
Funeral expenses	4.8	5.0	6.5	6.1	3.8	5.2	6.0	5.0	4.9	5.3		3.9
Laundry and dry cleaning services												2.4
Apparel services other than laundry and dry cleaning												1.3
Financial services	6.9	5.6	7.8	7.6	5.2	6.5	8.6	6.7	3.1	5.8		3.1
Miscellaneous personal goods												7
Special aggregate indexes												
Commodities	3.8	4.2	6.8	1.0	2.2	1.4	2.4	1.6	3.3	1		6
Commodities less food and beverages	3.0	3.2	7.9	-1	2.6	5	2.3	1.1	2.6	-8		-3
Nondurables less food and beverages	3.4	5.0	13.1	-1.6	2.5	-1.3	1.6	5	4.1	-4		-5
Nondurables less food, beverages, and apparel	2.9	7.3	17.3	-3.7	2.9	2.1	3.2	6	6.3	-8		-2.2
Durables	2.5	1.2	5	2.4	2.9	3.0	3.4	1.9	5	-1.6		-1
Services	4.9	4.9	5.5	4.5	3.5	3.6	3.0	3.4	3.3	2.8		2.4
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
Transportation services	6.1	5.0	7.3	3.1	3.1	3.9	3.6	3.4	3.8	1.3		1.2
Other services	5.5	6.5	6.3	6.0	4.9	5.1	4.1	4.4	4.0	4.1		3.0
All items less food	4.1	4.4	6.2	3.0	3.2	2.4	2.8	2.5	3.1	1.5		1.5
All items less shelter	4.4	4.4	6.5	2.4	2.9	2.3	2.7	2.2	3.4	1.9		1.0
All items less medical care	4.2	4.4	5.9	2.5	2.7	2.3	2.6	2.4	3.3	1.4		1.5
Commodities less food	3.1	3.4	7.6	5	2.6	6	2.2	1.2	2.7	7		-2
Nondurables less food	3.5	5.0	12.3	-6	2.5	1.0	1.5	6	4.2	-1		-4
Nondurables less food and apparel	3.0	7.0	15.6	-2.1	2.9	-1.6	3.0	8	5.9	-4		-1.8
Nondurables	4.3	5.3	8.9	5	2.9	8	2.2	1.4	4.2	7		1.8
Apparel less footwear	4.2	4	5.1	3.2	1.2	5	1.9	0	-8	5		3.2
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		1.5
Services less medical care services	4.6	4.6	5.1	4.2	3.1	3.4	2.7	3.3	3.3	2.7		2.4
Energy	3	5.2	19.2	-8.1	1.9	1.7	2.5	-1.5	9.2	-3.8		-7.5

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										Nov. 1998
	December										
	1988	1989	1990	1991	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997	
Special aggregate indexes											
All items less energy	4.7	4.4	5.0	3.9	2.9	2.9	2.8	2.8	2.9	1.9	2.4
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	2.4
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	1.5
Energy commodities	-2.2	7.6	35.5	-16.0	1.1	-5.2	5.4	-3.4	14.0	-7.1	-11.7
Services less energy services	4.9	5.1	5.8	4.6	3.5	3.7	3.3	3.5	3.2	3.0	2.9
Domestically produced farm food	6.0	6.6	6.3	1.3	1.7	3.5	2.2	2.4	5.7	.6	2.2
Utilities and public transportation	3.5	2.6	4.2	3.6	3.0	3.9	-6	1.7	4.8	.6	-1

¹ 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)	
	Oct. 1998	Nov. 1998	Oct. 1998	Nov. 1998	Oct. 1998	Nov. 1998	Oct. 1998	Nov. 1998
U.S. city average	\$30.091	\$30.653	\$64.574	\$66.351	\$45.458	\$45.259	\$0.834	\$0.841
Region and area size ¹								
Northeast urban	38.886	41.134	82.130	87.174	60.337	60.436	.829	.837
Size A - More than 1,500,000	39.223	41.401	84.033	88.547	63.966	64.067	.879	.891
Size B/C 50,000 to 1,500,000	37.906	40.356	76.543	83.143	54.473	54.568	.731	.734
Midwest urban ²	26.889	27.240	54.713	55.458	43.662	43.335	.762	.764
Size A - More than 1,500,000	27.575	27.933	55.528	55.933	46.198	45.819	.818	.815
Size B/C - 50,000 to 1,500,000	25.896	26.303	53.386	54.752	42.952	42.640	.739	.743
Size D - Nonmetropolitan (less than 50,000)	26.357	26.531	54.686	55.253	37.941	37.726	NA	NA
South urban	30.999	31.502	64.702	66.284	42.138	41.513	.938	.935
Size A - More than 1,500,000	31.940	32.717	63.411	65.975	45.147	43.695	.988	.989
Size B/C - 50,000 to 1,500,000	30.490	30.810	65.775	66.685	41.123	40.711	.871	.865
Size D - Nonmetropolitan (less than 50,000)	29.121	29.351	64.461	65.035	41.034	41.038	NA	NA
West urban	26.880	26.386	64.926	65.433	42.665	43.156	.867	.888
Size A - More than 1,500,000	27.418	26.464	68.522	67.738	48.129	48.615	.952	.964
Size B/C - 50,000 to 1,500,000	26.682	27.342	60.621	64.254	39.158	39.855	.767	.786
Size classes								
A	31.018	31.533	67.227	68.812	50.742	50.462	.885	.895
B/C	29.336	30.069	62.063	64.441	42.861	42.698	.754	.756
D	25.980	26.155	55.540	56.020	36.774	36.723	.959	.983
Selected local areas								
Chicago-Gary-Kenosha, IL-IN-WI	27.917	28.523	53.460	54.185	52.380	52.198	-	-
Los Angeles-Riverside-Orange County, CA	26.759	26.386	68.268	67.146	58.099	58.099	-	-
New York-Northern N.J.-Long Island, NY-NJ-CT-PA	41.290	41.741	87.259	88.487	68.763	68.960	-	-
Boston-Brockton-Nashua, MA-NH-ME-CT	34.675	44.056	74.509	96.362	55.558	55.558	-	-
Cleveland-Akron, OH	31.170	30.795	69.371	68.305	60.675	60.675	-	-
Dallas-Fort Worth, TX	23.938	23.479	50.538	50.766	45.885	44.105	-	-
Washington-Baltimore, DC-MD-VA-WV	38.640	38.872	77.068	77.665	46.816	42.382	-	-
Atlanta, GA	35.630	39.340	67.370	77.787	42.000	41.433	-	-
Detroit-Ann Arbor-Flint, MI	23.882	23.886	48.155	48.177	46.446	46.446	-	-
Houston-Galveston-Brazoria, TX	26.108	26.108	50.337	50.337	40.403	40.403	-	-
Miami-Fort Lauderdale, FL	46.144	46.817	102.840	104.080	43.910	43.910	-	-
Philadelphia-Wilmington-Atlantic City, PA-NJ-DE-MD	38.979	38.959	85.880	86.211	63.081	63.081	-	-
San Francisco-Oakland-San Jose, CA	26.662	24.720	72.809	72.119	51.482	54.980	-	-
Seattle-Tacoma-Bremerton, WA	25.697	25.697	56.934	56.934	29.862	29.862	-	-

¹ Regions defined as the four Census regions. See map in technical notes.

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

NA Data not adequate for publication.

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

Area, region and population size class	Average price per therm of utility natural gas		Range of therm consumption for Nov. 1998		Average price per KWH of electricity		Range of KWH consumption for Nov. 1998	
	Oct. 1998	Nov. 1998	Low	High	Oct. 1998	Nov. 1998	Low	High
U.S. city average	\$0.671	\$0.689	1	2,260	\$0.086	\$0.084	5	9,920
Region and area size ¹								
Northeast urban .....	.837	.890	5	1,176	.116	.117	8	5,069
Size A - More than 1,500,000 .....	.852	.904	5	862	.124	.124	110	3,750
Size B/C - 50,000 to 1,500,000 .....	.796	.850	6	1,176	.105	.105	8	5,069
Midwest urban ² .....	.552	.560	1	1,124	.083	.082	5	4,517
Size A - More than 1,500,000 .....	.528	.533	6	1,124	.087	.087	5	3,785
Size B/C - 50,000 to 1,500,000 .....	.560	.571	5	498	.081	.080	35	4,517
Size D - Nonmetropolitan (less than 50,000) .....	.668	.672	1	739	.075	.075	72	3,113
South urban .....	.759	.775	1	2,260	.077	.074	76	9,920
Size A - More than 1,500,000 .....	.727	.752	7	394	.084	.076	242	6,301
Size B/C - 50,000 to 1,500,000 .....	.781	.791	1	2,260	.074	.073	94	9,920
Size D - Nonmetropolitan (less than 50,000) .....	.799	.803	6	146	.072	.072	76	8,120
West urban .....	.644	.647	8	1,557	.084	.084	101	5,033
Size A - More than 1,500,000 .....	.675	.669	12	1,557	.095	.095	103	5,033
Size B/C - 50,000 to 1,500,000 .....	.611	.638	8	606	.077	.078	101	3,321
Size classes								
A .....	.674	.692	5	1,557	.097	.094	5	6,301
B/C .....	.670	.691	1	2,260	.080	.079	8	9,920
D .....	.653	.657	1	739	.068	.068	72	8,120
Selected local areas								
Chicago-Gary-Kenosha, IL-IN-WI .....	.458	.468	24	1,124	.103	.103	100	2,700
Los Angeles-Riverside-Orange County, CA .....	.669	.658	17	447	.116	.116	164	2,454
New York-Northern N.J.-Long Island, NY-NJ-CT-PA .....	.908	.921	5	549	.136	.136	125	3,750
Boston-Brockton-Nashua, MA-NH-ME-CT .....	.789	1.023	16	232	.108	.108	279	1,533
Cleveland-Akron, OH .....	.685	.677	41	561	.107	.107	298	2,259
Dallas-Fort Worth, TX .....	.530	.531	20	394	.084	.070	242	6,250
Washington-Baltimore, DC-MD-VA-WV .....	.941	.948	20	125	.082	.071	415	4,252
Atlanta, GA .....	.765	.864	31	132	.073	.073	450	3,034
Detroit-Ann Arbor-Flint, MI .....	.481	.481	10	1,016	.096	.095	27	2,033
Houston-Galveston-Brazoria, TX .....	.615	.615	18	209	.089	.073	312	6,301
Miami-Fort Lauderdale, FL	1.789	1.810	7	13	.086	.086	380	2,607
Philadelphia-Wilmington-Atlantic City, PA-NJ-DE-MD .....	.873	.876	19	862	.119	.119	110	2,451
San Francisco-Oakland-San Jose, CA711	.700	15	293	.108	.115	200	1,746
Seattle-Tacoma-Bremerton, WA567	.567	45	186	.057	.057	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 ¹		Gasoline Unleaded regular		Gasoline Unleaded midgrade		Gasoline Unleaded premium		Automotive Diesel fuel	
	Oct. 1998	Nov. 1998	Oct. 1998	Nov. 1998	Oct. 1998	Nov. 1998	Oct. 1998	Nov. 1998	Oct. 1998	Nov. 1998
U.S. city average	\$1.099	\$1.086	\$1.042	\$1.028	\$1.145	\$1.132	\$1.236	\$1.225	\$1.148	\$1.142
Region and area size²										
Northeast urban	1.099	1.097	1.038	1.036	1.144	1.143	1.226	1.226	1.151	1.146
Size A - More than 1,500,000	1.101	1.102	1.036	1.038	1.148	1.149	1.226	1.226	1.158	1.152
Size B/C - 50,000 to 1,500,000	1.095	1.089	1.041	1.032	1.136	1.133	1.226	1.226	1.142	1.139
Midwest urban ³	1.074	1.047	1.029	1.003	1.124	1.088	1.200	1.176	1.099	1.099
Size A - More than 1,500,000	1.101	1.075	1.052	1.027	1.154	1.118	1.221	1.200	1.086	1.086
Size B/C - 50,000 to 1,500,000	1.048	1.012	1.006	.973	1.102	1.059	1.184	1.147	1.130	1.129
Size D - Nonmetropolitan (less than 50,000)	1.021	1.016	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
South urban	1.039	1.029	.976	.966	1.087	1.075	1.178	1.167	1.110	1.096
Size A - More than 1,500,000	1.053	1.050	.981	.977	1.104	1.102	1.187	1.186	1.214	1.205
Size B/C - 50,000 to 1,500,000	1.030	1.015	.973	.960	1.074	1.057	1.165	1.148	1.054	1.036
Size D - Nonmetropolitan (less than 50,000)	1.041	1.025	.977	.961	1.091	1.075	1.212	1.193	NA	NA
West urban	1.208	1.197	1.147	1.134	1.255	1.248	1.354	1.344	1.286	1.283
Size A - More than 1,500,000	1.214	1.204	1.149	1.136	1.258	1.254	1.361	1.353	1.359	1.355
Size B/C - 50,000 to 1,500,000	1.201	1.193	1.148	1.138	1.256	1.249	1.336	1.332	1.171	1.171
Size classes										
A	1.125	1.116	1.064	1.053	1.173	1.163	1.258	1.250	1.188	1.184
B/C	1.070	1.054	1.018	1.002	1.117	1.098	1.205	1.189	1.105	1.096
D	1.068	1.051	1.020	1.006	1.109	1.093	1.212	1.189	1.086	1.079
Selected local areas										
Chicago-Gary-Kenosha, IL-IN-WI	1.201	1.163	1.131	1.103	1.268	1.205	1.345	1.301	-	-
Los Angeles-Riverside-Orange County, CA	1.224	1.222	1.165	1.159	1.242	1.248	1.354	1.355	-	-
New York-Northern N.J.-Long Island, NY-NJ-CT-PA	1.133	1.134	1.064	1.065	1.182	1.181	1.252	1.255	-	-
Boston-Brockton-Nashua, MA-NH-ME-CT	1.080	1.085	1.024	1.030	1.135	1.140	1.214	1.213	-	-
Cleveland-Akron, OH	1.076	1.046	1.023	.996	1.119	1.087	1.217	1.181	-	-
Dallas-Fort Worth, TX	1.023	1.025	.957	.956	1.074	1.082	1.159	1.162	-	-
Washington-Baltimore, DC-MD-VA-WV	1.096	1.084	1.027	1.014	1.140	1.128	1.211	1.201	-	-
Atlanta, GA .....	.930	.933	.864	.866	.975	.978	1.076	1.082	-	-
Detroit-Ann Arbor-Flint, MI	1.085	1.059	1.035	1.008	1.138	1.112	1.235	1.215	-	-
Houston-Galveston-Brazoria, TX	1.053	1.042	.988	.978	1.112	1.101	1.166	1.154	-	-
Miami-Fort Lauderdale, FL	1.137	1.143	1.056	1.061	1.194	1.199	1.266	1.273	-	-
Philadelphia-Wilmington-Atlantic City, PA-NJ-DE-MD ..	1.059	1.055	.989	.985	1.100	1.100	1.174	1.170	-	-
San Francisco-Oakland-San Jose, CA	1.249	1.226	1.180	1.159	1.322	1.298	1.407	1.381	-	-
Seattle-Tacoma-Bremerton, WA	1.172	1.155	1.109	1.092	1.234	1.215	1.331	1.315	-	-

¹ Also includes types of gasoline not shown separately.

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

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NA Data not adequate for publication.

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Food and unit	U.S. city average		Northeast		Midwest ¹		South		West	
	Oct. 1998	Nov. 1998	Oct. 1998	Nov. 1998	Oct. 1998	Nov. 1998	Oct. 1998	Nov. 1998	Oct. 1998	Nov. 1998
Cereals and bakery products:										
Flour, white, all purpose, per lb. (453.6 gm)	\$0.301	\$0.287	\$0.313	\$0.299	\$0.287	\$0.272	\$0.309	\$0.299	NA	NA
Rice, white, long grain, uncooked, per lb. (453.6 gm)	.542	.539	NA	NA	NA	NA	.551	.564	\$0.540	\$0.521
Spaghetti and macaroni, per lb. (453.6 gm)	.895	.870	.856	.834	.895	.887	.762	.770	1.100	1.017
Bread, white, pan, per lb. (453.6 gm)	.849	.855	.992	1.005	.834	.844	.771	.758	.869	.892
Bread, French, per lb. (453.6 gm)	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	1.438	1.485	NA	NA
Bread, whole wheat, pan, per lb. (453.6 gm)	1.268	1.295	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Cookies, chocolate chip, per lb. (453.6 gm)	2.517	2.519	NA	NA	2.330	2.485	2.437	2.379	NA	NA
Crackers, soda, salted, per lb. (453.6 gm)	1.643	1.678	NA	NA	NA	NA	1.518	1.536	NA	NA
Meats, poultry, fish and eggs:										
Meats:										
Beef and veal:										
Ground chuck, 100% beef, per lb. (453.6 gm)	1.809	1.809	1.844	1.836	1.677	1.728	1.803	1.799	NA	NA
Ground beef, 100% beef, per lb. (453.6 gm)	1.393	1.442	NA	NA	1.319	1.355	1.414	1.515	NA	NA
Ground beef, lean and extra lean, per lb. (453.6 gm)	2.093	2.074	2.250	2.269	1.791	1.799	2.102	2.104	2.173	2.074
All uncooked ground beef, per lb. (453.6 gm)	1.845	1.855	2.066	2.064	1.652	1.689	1.797	1.833	1.941	1.884
Chuck roast, USDA Choice, bone-in, per lb. (453.6 gm)	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Chuck roast, graded and ungraded, excluding USDA Prime and Choice, per lb. (453.6 gm)	2.151	2.101	NA	NA	2.160	1.933	2.043	2.091	2.281	2.154
Chuck roast, USDA Choice, boneless, per lb. (453.6 gm)	2.364	2.419	2.453	2.538	2.358	2.353	2.321	2.333	NA	NA
Round roast, USDA Choice, boneless, per lb. (453.6 gm)	2.699	2.758	2.677	2.615	2.607	2.804	2.824	2.866	2.679	2.792
Round roast, graded and ungraded, excluding USDA Prime and Choice, per lb. (453.6 gm)	2.487	2.516	NA	NA	2.637	2.763	2.516	2.409	2.400	2.471
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)	2.641	2.666	2.671	2.671	2.645	2.706	2.580	2.602	2.703	2.721
Steak, T-Bone, USDA Choice, bone-in, per lb. (453.6 gm)	6.041	6.024	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Steak, rib eye, USDA Choice, boneless, per lb. (453.6 gm)	6.241	6.338	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Steak, round, USDA Choice, boneless, per lb. (453.6 gm)	3.001	3.087	2.998	3.113	2.830	2.884	3.038	3.162	3.302	3.259
Steak, round, graded and ungraded, excluding USDA Prime and Choice, per lb. (453.6 gm)	2.873	2.881	NA	NA	2.864	2.782	2.781	2.732	2.958	3.029
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)	3.553	3.489	NA	NA	3.459	3.329	3.381	3.152	3.594	3.703
Steak, sirloin, USDA Choice, boneless, per lb. (453.6 gm)	4.157	4.182	4.103	4.097	4.097	4.278	3.943	3.942	4.872	4.689
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)	2.476	2.546	NA	NA	2.698	2.708	NA	NA	NA	NA
All Uncooked Beef Steaks, per lb. (453.6 gm)	3.641	3.674	3.651	3.704	3.680	3.767	3.464	3.484	3.849	3.842
All Uncooked Other Beef (Excluding Veal), per lb. (453.6 gm)	2.179	2.194	2.468	2.486	2.260	2.248	1.985	2.003	2.234	2.263
Pork:										
Bacon, sliced, per lb. (453.6 gm)	2.567	2.619	2.767	2.782	2.603	2.786	2.393	2.395	2.674	2.721
Chops, center cut, bone-in, per lb. (453.6 gm)	3.177	3.095	2.876	2.818	2.944	2.988	3.233	3.132	3.703	3.494
Chops, boneless, per lb. (453.6 gm)	3.814	3.655	3.662	3.493	3.758	3.455	4.100	4.035	3.673	3.556
All Pork Chops, per lb. (453.6 gm)	3.062	2.970	2.847	2.788	3.046	2.927	2.993	2.923	3.442	3.292
Ham, rump or shank half, bone-in, smoked, per lb. (453.6 gm)	2.132	2.046	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Ham, boneless, excluding canned, per lb. (453.6 gm)	2.794	2.809	NA	NA	2.592	2.487	2.817	3.056	2.750	2.728
All Ham (Excluding Canned Ham and Luncheon Slices), per lb. (453.6 gm)	2.075	2.060	2.140	2.038	2.230	2.190	1.953	1.963	2.099	2.130
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	1.139	1.125	NA	NA
All Other Pork (Excluding Canned Ham and Luncheon Slices), per lb. (453.6 gm)	1.669	1.685	1.583	1.682	1.717	1.729	1.484	1.480	2.017	2.002
Sausage, fresh, loose, per lb. (453.6 gm)	2.453	2.426	NA	NA	NA	NA	2.308	2.303	NA	NA
Other meats:										
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)	2.478	2.389	NA	NA	2.381	2.497	2.301	NA	NA	NA
Lamb and mutton, bone-in, per lb. (453.6 gm)	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Poultry:										
Chicken, fresh, whole, per lb. (453.6 gm)	1.076	1.084	1.115	1.155	1.116	1.062	.955	.990	1.194	1.185
Chicken breast, bone-in, per lb. (453.6 gm)	2.132	2.102	2.014	1.925	NA	NA	1.963	1.957	2.457	2.513
Chicken legs, bone-in, per lb. (453.6 gm)	1.300	1.301	1.301	1.293	1.199	1.182	1.297	1.297	NA	NA
Turkey, frozen, whole, per lb. (453.6 gm)	1.025	.934	NA	NA	1.028	.933	.992	.905	NA	NA
Fish and seafood:										
Tuna, light, chunk, per lb. (453.6 gm)	2.132	2.160	NA	NA	2.144	2.247	2.060	2.075	NA	NA
Eggs:										
Grade A, large, per doz.	1.048	1.077	1.163	1.199	1.019	1.021	1.001	1.037	NA	NA
Grade AA, large, per doz.	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	1.368	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 ¹		South		West	
	Oct. 1998	Nov. 1998	Oct. 1998	Nov. 1998	Oct. 1998	Nov. 1998	Oct. 1998	Nov. 1998	Oct. 1998	Nov. 1998
Dairy products:										
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)	\$2.785	\$2.800	\$2.720	\$2.739	\$2.488	\$2.549	\$2.767	\$2.744	\$3.010	\$3.035
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)	2.658	2.651	NA	NA	2.405	2.379	2.695	2.639	2.841	2.905
Butter, salted, grade AA, stick, per lb. (453.6 gm)	3.802	3.623	NA	NA	NA	NA	3.783	3.494	NA	NA
American processed cheese, per lb. (453.6 gm)	3.630	3.803	NA	NA	NA	NA	3.778	3.854	NA	NA
Cheddar cheese, natural, per lb. (453.6 gm)	3.671	3.657	NA	NA	NA	NA	3.719	3.762	3.392	3.431
Ice cream, prepackaged, bulk, regular, per 1/2 gal. (1.9 lit)	3.272	3.373	3.611	3.615	3.011	3.083	3.340	3.548	3.304	3.403
Yogurt, natural, fruit flavored, per 8 oz. (226.8 gm)	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Fruits and vegetables:										
Fresh fruits and vegetables:										
Apples, Red Delicious, per lb. (453.6 gm) .....	.902	.878	.946	.934	.941	.918	.911	.883	.836	.808
Bananas, per lb. (453.6 gm) .....	.470	.487	.506	.520	.462	.473	.419	.452	.520	.526
Oranges, Navel, per lb. (453.6 gm)	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	.676	NA	NA
Oranges, Valencia, per lb. (453.6 gm) .....	.643	.621	.740	NA	.645	.624	.655	NA	.588	.607
Cherries, per lb. (453.6 gm)	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Grapefruit, per lb. (453.6 gm) .....	.767	.618	.758	.540	.722	.564	.795	.619	.798	.733
Grapes, Thompson Seedless, per lb. (453.6 gm)	1.564	1.941	1.729	2.188	1.358	1.813	1.442	1.699	1.658	2.040
Lemons, per lb. (453.6 gm)	1.462	1.453	1.326	1.202	1.435	1.507	1.424	1.382	1.548	1.567
Peaches, per lb. (453.6 gm)	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
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)	1.779	NA	1.530	NA	1.895	NA	1.697	NA	1.915	NA
Potatoes, white, per lb. (453.6 gm) .....	.379	.370	.402	.387	.321	.306	.411	.401	.384	.387
Lettuce, iceberg, per lb. (453.6 gm) .....	.757	.765	.811	.890	.755	.726	.762	.768	.699	.683
Tomatoes, field grown, per lb. (453.6 gm)	1.573	1.689	1.648	1.711	1.601	1.668	1.574	1.698	1.487	1.675
Broccoli, per lb. (453.6 gm)	1.040	1.016	NA	NA	1.098	1.055	1.258	1.075	1.000	.977
Cabbage, per lb. (453.6 gm) .....	.421	.427	NA	NA	NA	NA	.408	.395	NA	NA
Carrots, short trimmed and topped, per lb. (453.6 gm) .....	.526	.544	NA	NA	NA	NA	.536	.583	NA	NA
Celery, per lb. (453.6 gm) .....	.642	.597	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)	1.425	1.553	NA	NA	NA	1.571	NA	NA	NA	NA
Processed fruits and vegetables:										
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	1.654	1.755	1.813	1.655	1.665	1.548	1.599	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) .....	.691	.679	.761	.764	.642	.645	.641	.649	.754	.702
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)	1.007	.994	1.212	1.146	NA	NA	.916	.938	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
Other foods at home:										
Sugar and sweets:										
Sugar, white, all sizes, per lb. (453.6 gm) .....	.423	.425	.460	.458	.423	.420	.411	.421	.417	.416
Sugar, white, 33-80 oz. pkg, per lb. (453.6 gm) .....	.405	.409	.434	.431	.412	.409	.391	.404	NA	NA
Fats and oils:										
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)	1.048	1.041	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Peanut butter, creamy, all sizes, per lb. (453.6 gm)	1.813	1.820	NA	NA	NA	NA	1.706	1.724	NA	NA
Nonalcoholic beverages:										
Cola, nondiet, cans, 72 oz. 6 pk., per 16 oz. (473.2 ml) ²	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Cola, nondiet, per 2 liters (67.6 oz) ²	1.028	.997	NA	NA	NA	NA	1.021	.964	NA	NA
Coffee, 100%, ground roast, all sizes, per lb. (453.6 gm)	3.503	3.482	3.671	3.692	3.287	3.213	3.485	3.385	3.565	3.590
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)	10.547	10.530	NA	NA	NA	NA	9.558	9.776	NA	NA
Other prepared foods:										
Potato chips, per 16 oz. (453.6 gm)	\$3.219	\$3.207	2.973	2.962	3.363	3.307	3.212	3.215	3.293	3.300
Alcoholic beverages at home:										
Malt beverages, all types, all sizes, any origin, per 16 oz. (473.2 ml) .....	.837	.884	.827	.922	.828	.846	.871	.873	.816	.903
Vodka, all types, all sizes, any origin, per 1 liter (33.8 oz)	9.041	9.117	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Wine, red and white table, all sizes, any origin, per 1 liter (33.8 oz)	4.823	5.274	5.934	5.906	5.216	4.881	4.696	5.339	4.346	5.032

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² Deposit may be included in price.

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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:

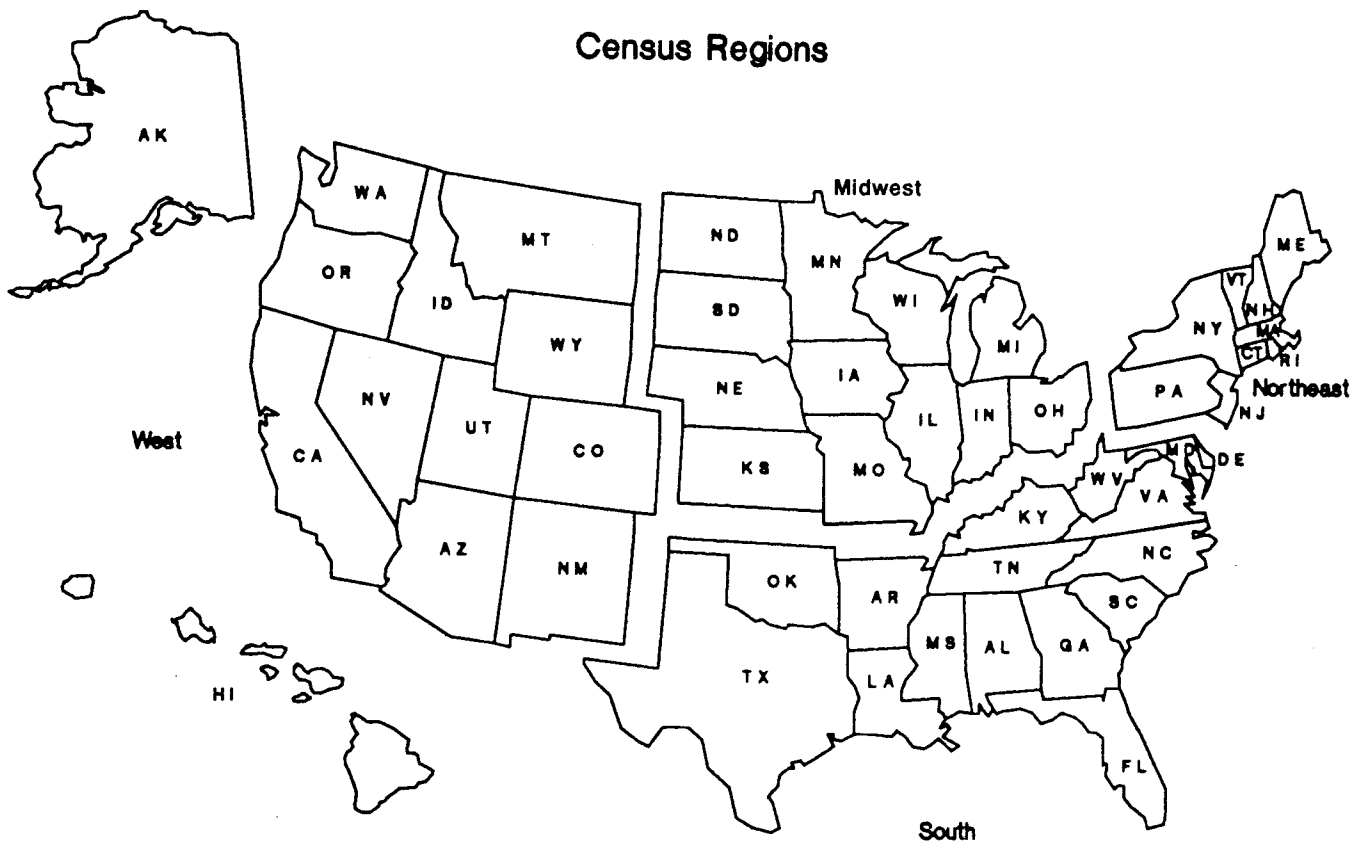
1 therm = 100,000 Btu's (U.S. Department of Energy)

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
Los Angeles-Riverside-Orange County, CA
New York-Northern New Jersey-Long Island,
NY-NJ-CT-PA

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

Atlanta, GA -even
Boston-Brockton-Nashua, MA-NH-ME-CT -odd

Cleveland-Akron, OH	-odd
Dallas-Fort Worth, TX	-odd
Detroit-Ann Arbor-Flint, MI	-even
Houston-Galveston-Brazoria, TX	-even
Miami-Fort Lauderdale, FL	
PA-NJ-DE-MD	-even
Philadelphia-Wilmington-Atlantic City,	-even
San Francisco-Oakland-San Jose, CA	-even
Seattle-Tacoma-Bremerton, WA	-even
Washington-Baltimore, DC-MD-VA-WV	-odd

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

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

Anchorage, AK
 Cincinnati-Hamilton, OH-KY-IN
 Denver-Boulder-Greeley, CO
 Honolulu, HI
 Kansas City, MO-KS
 Milwaukee-Racine, WI
 Minneapolis-St. Paul, MN-WI
 Pittsburgh, PA
 Portland-Salem, OR-WA
 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 for help using any of these systems.

World Wide Web. BLS maintains a Web site at <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 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 \$27 per year.

Monthly Labor Review (MLR). The MLR provides selected CPI data included in a monthly summary of BLS data and occasional articles and methodological descriptions too extensive for inclusion in the *CPI Detailed Report*. The MLR costs \$27 per year. This publication may be ordered by writing to: New Orders, Superintendent of Documents, P.O. Box 371954, Pittsburgh, PA 15250-7954 or by calling (202) 512-1800.

Recorded CPI data

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

Recorded summaries of CPI are also available by calling any one of the metropolitan area CPI hot lines listed below.

These hotline summaries typically include data for the U.S. city average, as well as the specified area. These recordings are approximately 3 minutes in length, do not require a touch-tone telephone, and are available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

Area	Hotline Number
Anchorage	(907) 271-2770
Atlanta	(404) 331-3415
Baltimore	(410) 962-4898
Boston	(617) 565-2325/2327
Chicago	(312) 353-1880
Cincinnati	(513) 684-2349
Cleveland	(216) 522-3852
Dallas	(214) 767-6970
Denver	(303) 844-1726
Detroit	(313) 226-7558
Honolulu	(808) 541-2808
Houston	(713) 718-3753
Indianapolis	(317) 226-7885
Kansas City	(816) 426-2481
Los Angeles	(310) 235-6884
Milwaukee	(414) 276-2579
Minneapolis-St. Paul	(612) 290-3996
New York	(212) 337-2404/2408
Philadelphia	(215) 596-1156
Pittsburgh	(412) 644-2900
Portland	(503) 231-2045
San Diego	(619) 557-6538
San Francisco	(415) 975-4350
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.

