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CONSUMER PRICE INDEX--FEBRUARY 1994

The Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers (CPI-U) rose 0.3 percent before seasonal adjustment in February to a level of 146.7 (1982-84=100), the Bureau of Labor Statistics of the U.S. Department of Labor reported today. For the 12-month period ended in February, the CPI-U increased 2.5 percent.

The Consumer Price Index for Urban Wage Earners and Clerical Workers (CPI-W) increased 0.3 percent in February, prior to seasonal adjustment. The February 1994 CPI-W level of 144.0 was 2.3 percent higher than the index in February 1993.

CPI for All Urban Consumers (CPI-U)

On a seasonally adjusted basis, the CPI-U rose 0.3 percent in February after registering no change in January. The energy index, which had risen only once in the preceding 9 months, increased 1.6 percent in February, largely as a result of a sharp upturn in petroleum-based energy prices. The food index, on the other hand, which had risen substantially during the last quarter of 1993, declined for the second consecutive month--down 0.3 percent in February. Excluding food and energy, the CPI-U rose 0.3 percent in February, following a 0.1 percent increase in January, with the acceleration resulting from a 0.5 percent advance in shelter costs.

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

Expenditure category	Seasonally adjusted								Unadj	
	Changes from preceding month								Compnd	12-mo ended
	1993				1994				ann rte ended	
	Aug.	Sep.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.	Feb. 94		
All items	.3	.1	.3	.3	.2	.0	.3	1.9	2.5	
Food and beverages	.4	.3	.4	.2	.5	-.1	-.3	.6	2.1	
Housing	.3	.2	.2	.2	.2	.1	.4	2.8	2.9	
Apparel and upkeep	.7	-.4	-.1	.7	-.1	-.1	-.3	-2.1	-.7	
Transportation	.1	.0	1.0	.0	-.2	-.2	.5	.3	2.1	
Medical care	.3	.4	.5	.3	.3	.3	.3	3.8	4.9	
Entertainment	.3	.2	.4	.5	.3	.3	.4	4.1	3.2	
Other goods & serv	-.6	-1.0	.3	.4	.4	.1	.3	2.9	1.9	
Special indexes:										
Energy	-.7	-.4	1.9	-.9	-.7	-.8	1.6	.4	-.2	
Food	.4	.3	.5	.2	.5	-.1	-.3	.3	2.1	
AI - food & energy	.3	.1	.3	.4	.2	.1	.3	2.4	2.8	

The food and beverage index declined for the second consecutive month, down 0.3 percent in February. Grocery store food prices fell 0.4 percent in February, following a 0.3 percent drop in January. Declines in the index for fruits and vegetables were largely responsible for the decrease in each month. In February, the index for fruits and vegetables fell 3.4 percent; fresh fruit prices declined 4.4 percent, fresh vegetable prices, 4.9 percent, and processed fruits and vegetables, 0.9 percent. These declines were partially offset by increases in most other grocery store food groups. The index for meats, poultry, fish, and eggs rose 0.2 percent in February. Declines in prices for beef, poultry, and fish and seafood were more than offset by increases in the indexes for pork and for eggs. The indexes for cereal and bakery products and dairy products rose 0.6 and 0.8 percent, respectively. The index for other food at home declined 0.1 percent in February. The other two components of the food and beverage index--restaurant meals and alcoholic beverages--rose 0.1 and declined 0.1 percent, respectively, in February.

The housing component rose 0.4 percent in February, following

an increase of 0.1 percent in January. A substantially larger increase in shelter costs and an upturn in the index for fuel and other utilities were responsible for the acceleration. Shelter costs rose 0.5 percent, following a 0.2 percent increase in January, its largest advance since a 0.6 percent similar increase in January 1991. Within shelter, renters' costs rose 0.4 percent, homeowners' costs, 0.5 percent, and maintenance and repair costs, 0.4 percent. The index for fuel and other utilities, which had declined in each of the 3 preceding months, rose 0.9 percent in February. The index for household fuels advanced 1.1 percent, reflecting increases in each of the major components. The index for fuel oil rose 7.2 percent, its first increase since last June and its largest monthly advance since a 12.6 percent rise in October 1990. Charges for natural gas and electricity increased 1.5 and 0.3 percent, respectively. The index for other utilities and public services increased 0.7 percent in February, largely as a result of a 5.3 percent increase in charges for interstate telephone calls. The index for household furnishings and operation, which increased 0.2 percent in January, declined 0.4 percent in February.

The transportation index registered its first monthly increase since October, advancing 0.5 percent in February. The index for gasoline rose 1.8 percent, ending a nearly year-long decline, which began in March 1993 and was interrupted only by the 4.3 percent increase in October associated with the 4.3 cents per gallon Federal excise tax increase. As of February, the gasoline index was 4.9 percent lower than a year earlier and 18.3 percent below its peak level of December 1990. A sharp advance in automobile purchase costs also contributed to the upturn in the transportation component in February. The index for new cars rose 0.5 percent and automobile finance charges jumped 0.9 percent. The upturn in finance charges in February follows a period of generally declining rates in which this index fell 24.6 percent between February 1991 and January 1994. These advances were partially offset by a 1.1 percent drop in the index for used cars. The index for public transportation increased 0.4 percent in February, primarily due to a 2.1 percent rise in fares for other intercity transportation.

The index for apparel and upkeep fell 0.3 percent in February, following declines of 0.1 percent in each of the 2 preceding months. (Prior to seasonal adjustment, the index advanced 1.5 percent.) The somewhat slower introduction of spring and summer merchandise into the market place than in recent years has resulted in seasonally adjusted declines during the first 2 months of 1994.

Medical care costs rose 0.3 percent in February, the same as in each of the preceding 3 months. As of February, the index was 4.9 percent above its level a year earlier. The index for medical care commodities--prescription drugs, nonprescription drugs, and medical supplies--decreased 0.1 percent in February. The index for medical care services rose 0.3 percent in February. Charges for professional services and hospital and related services increased 0.4 and 0.2 percent, respectively.

Entertainment costs increased 0.4 percent in February, as a slight decline in the index for entertainment commodities was more than offset by a 0.8 percent rise in charges for entertainment services. The index for admissions to movies, theaters, concerts, and sporting events rose 1.2 percent and fees for lessons or instructions jumped 2.3 percent.

The index for other goods and services rose 0.3 percent in February, following a 0.1 percent increase in January. Increases in educational expenses and personal financial services more than offset a decline in the index for personal care. The index for tobacco and smoking products was unchanged in February.

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

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

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

Expenditure category	Seasonally adjusted								Unadj	
	Changes from preceding month								Compnd	12-mo
	1993				1994				3-mos	ended
	Aug.	Sep.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.	Feb. 94	Feb94	
All items	.1	.1	.4	.2	.1	.1	.2	1.7	2.3	
Food and beverages	.3	.3	.4	.2	.4	.1	-.3	.6	2.1	
Housing	.3	.1	.3	.1	.2	.1	.5	3.2	2.8	

Apparel and upkeep	.5	-.2	.1	.4	-.3	.3	-.2	-.9	-.5
Transportation	.0	.0	1.1	-.2	-.2	-.2	.5	.6	1.9
Medical care	.3	.4	.4	.3	.4	.3	.2	3.8	4.8
Entertainment	.3	.2	.3	.6	.3	.3	.3	3.6	3.0
Other goods & serv	-.8	-1.6	.3	.5	.3	.1	.2	2.1	.8
Special indexes:									
Energy	-.7	-.5	2.0	-1.0	-.7	-.8	1.6	.4	-.5
Food	.3	.3	.5	.2	.3	.1	-.4	.0	2.2
AI - food & energy	.2	.1	.3	.3	.3	.1	.3	2.4	2.6

Consumer Price Index data for March will be released on Wednesday, April 13, 1994, 8:30 A.M. (EDT).

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)

Expenditure category	Relative importance, December 1993	Unadjusted indexes		Unadjusted percent change to Feb. 1994 from-		Seasonally adjusted percent change from-		
		Jan. 1994	Feb. 1994	Feb. 1993	Jan. 1994	Nov. to Dec.	Dec. to Jan.	Jan. to Feb.
All items	100.000	146.2	146.7	2.5	0.3	0.2	0.0	0.3
All items (1967=100)	-	437.8	439.3	-	-	-	-	-
Food and beverages	17.398	144.3	143.6	2.1	-.5	.5	-.1	-.3
Food	15.799	143.7	142.9	2.1	-.6	.5	-.1	-.3
Food at home	9.853	143.8	142.6	2.5	-.8	.7	-.3	-.4
Cereals and bakery products	1.454	160.3	161.3	4.1	.6	.6	.4	.6
Meats, poultry, fish, and eggs	2.984	137.8	137.4	3.2	-.3	-.1	.1	.2
Dairy products	1.186	131.6	131.8	2.3	.2	.2	.9	.8
Fruits and vegetables	1.909	169.8	161.7	1.4	-4.8	3.2	-2.5	-3.4
Other food at home	2.320	132.2	132.5	1.7	.2	.2	.0	-.1
Sugar and sweets .....	.331	134.9	135.6	1.7	.5	.0	.6	.4
Fats and oils .....	.246	131.3	131.5	.6	.2	.2	.1	.0
Nonalcoholic beverages .....	.712	116.1	116.0	.8	-.1	.2	-.4	-1.0
Other prepared food	1.030	145.8	146.5	2.7	.5	.1	.1	.4
Food away from home	5.946	144.5	144.6	1.7	.1	.1	.1	.1
Alcoholic beverages	1.600	151.0	151.1	1.3	.1	.5	.2	-.1

Housing	41.394	142.9	143.7	2.9	.6	.2	.1	.4
Shelter	27.948	158.1	159.1	3.0	.6	.3	.2	.5
Renters' costs 1/	7.984	166.8	168.9	2.7	1.3	.3	.0	.4
Rent, residential	5.771	152.2	152.8	2.5	.4	.3	.3	.5
Other renters' costs	2.213	191.6	198.4	3.5	3.5	.3	-.6	.3
Homeowners' costs 1/	19.768	162.9	163.7	3.3	.5	.3	.2	.5
Owners' equivalent rent 1/	19.386	163.2	164.0	3.3	.5	.3	.2	.6
Household insurance 2/ 1/ .....	.382	149.2	149.4	3.2	.1	-.1	.1	.1
Maintenance and repairs 2/ .....	.196	128.9	129.4	-.8	.4	-.2	1.0	.4
Maintenance and repair services 2/ .	.118	131.3	131.2	-3.0	-.1	.5	.4	-.1
Maintenance and repair								
commodities 2/ .....	.078	125.9	127.1	2.5	1.0	-1.1	1.9	1.0
Fuel and other utilities	7.262	121.6	122.4	3.4	.7	-.1	-.4	.9
Fuels	3.983	110.6	111.1	3.3	.5	-.2	-.9	1.1
Fuel oil and other household fuel								
commodities .....	.369	88.9	93.6	1.2	5.3	-1.7	-1.1	6.0
Gas (piped) and electricity (energy								
services).....	3.614	118.0	117.9	3.6	-.1	-.1	-.8	.6
Other utilities and public								
services 2/	3.279	148.9	150.0	3.2	.7	.1	.1	.7
Household furnishings and operation	6.183	120.5	120.4	1.5	-.1	.1	.2	-.4
Housefurnishings	3.601	110.7	110.5	1.5	-.2	.2	.4	-.7
Housekeeping supplies	1.109	131.5	131.7	.8	.2	.0	-.2	.1
Housekeeping services	1.473	137.4	137.6	2.3	.1	-.1	.4	-.1
Apparel and upkeep	5.897	130.4	132.4	-.7	1.5	-.1	-.1	-.3
Apparel commodities	5.333	127.3	129.5	-1.1	1.7	-.2	-.1	-.4
Men's and boys' apparel	1.389	124.2	124.1	-1.9	-.1	-.9	-.6	-1.2
Women's and girls' apparel.....	2.421	127.0	131.1	-1.5	3.2	.0	.3	-.2
Infants' and toddlers' apparel .....	.203	125.6	125.5	-1.2	-.1	.2	.9	-.4
Footwear .....	.781	125.9	125.9	.6	.0	.3	1.0	-.8
Other apparel commodities .....	.539	142.5	146.4	.8	2.7	-.3	-2.1	1.7
Apparel services 2/ .....	.564	153.8	154.0	2.5	.1	.1	.0	.1
Transportation	16.954	131.6	131.9	2.1	.2	-.2	-.2	.5
Private transportation	15.295	128.2	128.5	1.6	.2	-.2	-.1	.5
New vehicles	5.025	136.1	136.5	3.4	.3	.1	.1	.4
New cars	4.031	134.7	135.0	3.1	.2	.1	.1	.5
Used cars	1.245	136.8	134.1	6.4	-2.0	.0	-.9	-1.1
Motor fuel	3.010	92.6	93.6	-4.5	1.1	-1.3	-.5	2.1
Gasoline	-	92.1	93.0	-4.9	1.0	-1.2	-.4	1.8
Maintenance and repairs	1.533	148.1	148.6	3.0	.3	.3	.3	.1
Other private transportation	4.483	159.5	159.7	1.8	.1	.0	.2	.1

Other private transportation commodities .....	.629	103.5	103.4	-1.1	-.1	.3	.0	.2
Other private transportation services	3.854	172.4	172.8	2.4	.2	.0	.2	.1	
Public transportation	1.659	175.3	175.9	7.2	.3	.6	-1.8	.4	
Medical care	7.108	206.4	207.7	4.9	.6	.3	.3	.3	
Medical care commodities	1.287	197.8	198.7	2.8	.5	.2	.4	-.1	
Medical care services	5.821	208.4	209.8	5.4	.7	.4	.3	.3	
Professional medical services	3.353	188.3	189.4	4.2	.6	.4	.2	.4	
Entertainment	4.351	148.5	149.1	3.2	.4	.3	.3	.4	
Entertainment commodities	1.986	134.7	134.5	1.2	-.1	.3	-.1	-.1	
Entertainment services	2.365	165.0	166.4	4.9	.8	.2	.7	.8	
Other goods and services	6.897	195.1	195.2	1.9	.1	.4	.1	.3	
Tobacco and smoking products	1.601	217.6	217.4	-7.7	-.1	-.2	-.5	.0	
Personal care 2/	1.184	143.3	143.0	2.4	-.2	.1	.1	-.2	
Toilet goods and personal care appliances 2/ .....	.628	140.5	140.0	2.2	-.4	-.1	.3	-.4
Personal care services 2/ .....	.556	146.3	146.2	2.8	-.1	.3	.1	-.1
Personal and educational expenses	4.112	218.3	218.8	6.2	.2	.6	.3	.5	
School books and supplies .....	.249	203.4	204.0	4.3	.3	.5	.8	.2
Personal and educational services	3.863	219.7	220.1	6.3	.2	.6	.3	.5	
Commodity and service group									
All items	100.000	146.2	146.7	2.5	.3	.2	.0	.3	
Commodities	43.547	132.0	132.2	1.0	.2	.1	-.1	.0	
Food and beverages	17.398	144.3	143.6	2.1	-.5	.5	-.1	-.3	
Commodities less food and beverages	26.149	124.5	125.1	.2	.5	-.2	.0	.2	
Nondurables less food and beverages ..	15.579	125.4	126.5	-1.4	.9	-.2	-.1	.6	
Apparel commodities	5.333	127.3	129.5	-1.1	1.7	-.2	-.1	-.4	
Nondurables less food, beverages, and apparel 2/	10.245	127.3	127.8	-1.7	.4	-1.0	-.3	.4	
Durables	10.570	123.4	123.3	2.8	-.1	.2	.0	.0	
Services	56.453	160.7	161.5	3.7	.5	.3	.1	.4	
Rent of shelter 2/ 1/	27.337	164.5	165.6	3.1	.7	.2	.6	.7	
Household services less rent of shelter 1/	8.900	134.9	135.3	3.1	.3	.1	-.4	.4	
Transportation services	7.046	167.1	167.5	3.6	.2	.2	-.2	.2	
Medical care services	5.821	208.4	209.8	5.4	.7	.4	.3	.3	
Other services	7.349	182.3	182.9	5.2	.3	.4	.4	.5	

Special indexes

All items less food	84.201	146.6	147.3	2.5	.5	.1	.1	.3
All items less shelter	72.052	142.9	143.2	2.3	.2	.1	.0	.1
All items less homeowners' costs 1/	80.232	147.5	148.0	2.3	.3	.2	-.1	.2
All items less medical care	92.892	142.8	143.2	2.3	.3	.2	.0	.3
Commodities less food	27.749	125.6	126.2	.3	.5	-.1	-.1	.2
Nondurables less food	17.178	126.9	127.9	-1.2	.8	-.2	-.1	.5
Nondurables less food and apparel 2/	11.845	128.8	129.3	-1.2	.4	-.8	-.2	.4
Nondurables 2/	32.977	135.0	135.2	.4	.1	-.5	-.1	.1
Services less rent of shelter 1/	29.116	168.2	168.9	4.3	.4	.3	.1	.5
Services less medical care services	50.632	156.2	157.0	3.5	.5	.3	.0	.6
Energy	6.993	101.3	102.0	-.2	.7	-.7	-.8	1.6
All items less energy	93.007	152.2	152.6	2.6	.3	.3	.1	.1
All items less food and energy	77.208	154.3	155.0	2.8	.5	.2	.1	.3
Commodities less food and energy commodities	24.369	135.4	135.8	.8	.3	.1	.0	-.1
Energy commodities	3.380	92.4	93.8	-3.9	1.5	-1.4	-.5	2.4
Services less energy services	52.839	165.1	166.0	3.7	.5	.3	.2	.4
Purchasing power of the consumer dollar:								
1982-84=\$1.00 2/	-	\$.684	\$.682	-2.4	-.3	.0	-.3	-.3
1967=\$1.00 2/	-	.228	.228	-	-	-	-	-

1/ Indexes on a December 1982=100 base.

2/ Not seasonally adjusted.

- 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)

Expenditure category	Seasonally adjusted indexes					Seasonally adjusted annual rate percent change for				
						3 months ended-		6 months ended-		
	Nov. 1993	Dec. 1993	Jan. 1994	Feb. 1994	May 1993	Aug. 1993	Nov. 1993	Feb. 1994	Aug. 1993	Feb. 1994

All items	-	-	-	-	3.1	2.0	2.8	1.9	2.5	2.4
Food and beverages	143.1	143.8	143.7	143.3	4.1	.3	3.7	.6	2.1	2.1
Food	142.6	143.3	143.1	142.7	4.4	.3	4.0	.3	2.3	2.1
Food at home	141.9	142.9	142.5	141.9	5.9	-.6	4.9	.0	2.6	2.4
Cereals and bakery products	158.5	159.4	160.1	161.1	3.7	2.1	3.9	6.7	2.9	5.3
Meats, poultry, fish, and eggs	137.2	137.1	137.2	137.5	7.7	-.3	4.5	.9	3.6	2.7
Dairy products	129.1	129.4	130.5	131.5	2.8	3.1	-3.6	7.6	3.0	1.9
Fruits and vegetables	163.5	168.7	164.4	158.8	12.9	-8.4	15.5	-11.0	1.7	1.4
Other food at home	131.6	131.8	131.8	131.7	1.9	1.5	3.1	.3	1.7	1.7
Sugar and sweets	134.1	134.1	134.9	135.4	.0	.6	2.1	3.9	.3	3.0
Fats and oils	130.3	130.5	130.6	130.6	-1.8	2.5	.9	.9	.3	.9
Nonalcoholic beverages	116.0	116.2	115.7	114.5	3.2	.3	5.0	-5.1	1.8	-.2
Other prepared food	145.2	145.4	145.6	146.2	2.8	2.0	3.1	2.8	2.4	2.9
Food away from home	144.2	144.4	144.6	144.7	1.7	1.7	2.0	1.4	1.7	1.7
Alcoholic beverages	150.4	151.1	151.4	151.3	.0	.8	2.4	2.4	.4	2.4
Housing	142.5	142.8	142.9	143.5	3.8	2.3	2.6	2.8	3.0	2.7
Shelter	157.1	157.5	157.8	158.6	3.2	2.3	2.9	3.9	2.7	3.4
Renters' costs 1/	165.8	166.3	166.3	167.0	3.7	1.2	3.2	2.9	2.5	3.1
Rent, residential	151.4	151.8	152.2	152.9	2.2	2.4	1.3	4.0	2.3	2.7
Other renters' costs	193.6	194.1	192.9	193.5	8.2	-1.9	8.3	-.2	3.0	3.9
Homeowners' costs 1/	161.9	162.4	162.8	163.6	2.8	2.8	2.8	4.3	2.8	3.5
Owners' equivalent rent 1/	162.2	162.7	163.1	164.0	2.8	2.8	2.8	4.5	2.8	3.6
Household insurance 2/ 1/	149.2	149.0	149.2	149.4	2.2	7.1	3.3	.5	4.6	1.9
Maintenance and repairs 2/	127.9	127.6	128.9	129.4	3.4	.0	-10.8	4.8	1.7	-3.3
Maintenance and repair services	130.2	130.8	131.3	131.2	.6	3.3	-17.2	3.1	1.9	-7.6
Maintenance and repair commodities 2/	124.9	123.5	125.9	127.1	8.7	-5.3	.0	7.2	1.5	3.6
Fuel and other utilities	122.4	122.3	121.8	122.9	6.9	4.0	.7	1.6	5.5	1.1
Fuels	111.2	111.0	110.0	111.2	10.4	3.3	-.4	.0	6.8	-.2
Fuel oil and other household fuel commodities	88.8	87.3	86.3	91.5	4.0	-4.3	-6.5	12.7	-.2	2.7
Gas (piped) and electricity (energy services)	119.0	118.9	117.9	118.6	10.9	4.5	.3	-1.3	7.6	-.5
Other utilities and public services 2/	148.6	148.8	148.9	150.0	2.8	4.2	2.2	3.8	3.5	3.0
Household furnishings and operation	120.3	120.4	120.7	120.2	1.7	1.0	3.7	-.3	1.4	1.7
Housefurnishings	110.5	110.7	111.1	110.3	1.5	1.8	3.3	-.7	1.7	1.3
Housekeeping supplies	131.7	131.7	131.5	131.6	1.9	-4.8	7.3	-.3	-1.5	3.4
Housekeeping services	137.3	137.2	137.7	137.6	2.4	3.9	2.1	.9	3.1	1.5
Apparel and upkeep	134.1	133.9	133.8	133.4	-2.1	.9	.6	-2.1	-.6	-.7
Apparel commodities	131.2	131.0	130.9	130.4	-2.4	.3	.3	-2.4	-1.1	-1.1
Men's and boys' apparel	128.6	127.5	126.7	125.2	-1.2	1.6	2.8	-10.2	.2	-3.9
Women's and girls' apparel	132.3	132.3	132.7	132.4	-5.3	1.8	-2.7	.3	-1.8	-1.2

Infants' and toddlers' apparel	126.4	126.7	127.8	127.3	-6.7	8.1	-8.1	2.9	.5	-2.8
Footwear	126.3	126.7	128.0	127.0	1.0	-4.4	3.9	2.2	-1.7	3.1
Other apparel commodities	146.4	146.0	143.0	145.4	4.2	-3.3	5.4	-2.7	.4	1.2
Apparel services 2/.....	153.6	153.8	153.8	154.0	1.9	2.9	4.3	1.0	2.4	2.6
Transportation	131.9	131.7	131.4	132.0	1.9	1.5	4.0	.3	1.7	2.2
Private transportation	128.7	128.5	128.4	129.0	1.3	.0	3.8	.9	.6	2.4
New vehicles	134.5	134.6	134.8	135.3	4.4	4.3	2.7	2.4	4.3	2.6
New cars	133.1	133.2	133.3	133.9	3.7	3.7	2.8	2.4	3.7	2.6
Used cars	138.7	138.7	137.5	136.0	14.5	12.7	7.5	-7.6	13.6	-.3
Motor fuel	96.6	95.3	94.8	96.8	-9.1	-13.8	5.6	.8	-11.5	3.2
Gasoline	96.2	95.0	94.6	96.3	-9.9	-14.2	5.1	.4	-12.1	2.8
Maintenance and repairs	147.4	147.9	148.4	148.6	3.1	2.8	2.8	3.3	2.9	3.0
Other private transportation	158.1	158.1	158.4	158.6	2.1	1.3	3.1	1.3	1.7	2.2
Other private transportation commodities	102.6	102.9	102.9	103.1	-2.3	-3.1	-.8	2.0	-2.7	.6
Other private transportation services	171.1	171.1	171.4	171.6	2.7	1.9	3.8	1.2	2.3	2.5
Public transportation	173.7	174.8	171.7	172.4	10.1	16.2	6.2	-3.0	13.1	1.5
Medical care	205.4	206.1	206.7	207.3	6.4	4.7	4.8	3.8	5.5	4.3
Medical care commodities	197.3	197.6	198.4	198.3	2.1	4.6	2.5	2.0	3.3	2.3
Medical care services	207.0	207.8	208.4	209.1	7.5	4.8	5.2	4.1	6.1	4.7
Professional medical services	187.5	188.2	188.5	189.2	6.3	3.1	3.9	3.7	4.7	3.8
Entertainment 2/	147.7	148.1	148.6	149.2	1.4	2.5	4.7	4.1	1.9	4.4
Entertainment commodities	134.4	134.8	134.7	134.5	.3	1.2	3.0	.3	.8	1.7
Entertainment services	163.7	164.1	165.2	166.5	2.0	3.6	6.6	7.0	2.8	6.8
Other goods and services	194.0	194.7	194.9	195.4	6.4	.0	-1.2	2.9	3.2	.8
Tobacco and smoking products	216.9	216.5	215.5	215.6	6.3	-15.7	-17.4	-2.4	-5.3	-10.2
Personal care 2/	142.9	143.1	143.3	143.0	4.1	2.9	2.6	.3	3.5	1.4
Toilet goods and personal care appliances 2/	140.2	140.1	140.5	140.0	5.1	3.2	1.1	-.6	4.1	.3
Personal care services 2/	145.7	146.1	146.3	146.2	3.4	2.5	3.9	1.4	3.0	2.7
Personal and educational expenses	215.7	217.0	217.7	218.7	7.0	6.9	5.2	5.7	6.9	5.4
School books and supplies	199.7	200.7	202.4	202.8	5.5	8.6	-2.8	6.4	7.0	1.7
Personal and educational services	216.8	218.1	218.8	219.9	7.1	6.6	5.7	5.8	6.9	5.8
Commodity and service group										
All items	-	-	-	-	3.1	2.0	2.8	1.9	2.5	2.4
Commodities	132.3	132.4	132.3	132.3	1.8	-.6	2.5	.0	.6	1.2
Food and beverages	143.1	143.8	143.7	143.3	4.1	.3	3.7	.6	2.1	2.1
Commodities less food and beverages	125.6	125.4	125.4	125.6	.6	-1.0	1.3	.0	-.2	.6

Nondurables less food and beverages	127.2	126.9	126.8	127.5	-.6	-4.0	-1.9	.9	-2.3	-.5
Apparel commodities	131.2	131.0	130.9	130.4	-2.4	.3	.3	-2.4	-1.1	-1.1
Nondurables less food, beverages, and apparel 2/	129.0	127.7	127.3	127.8	3.4	-6.0	-.3	-3.7	-1.4	-2.0
Durables	122.8	123.0	123.0	123.0	3.0	3.7	3.3	.7	3.4	2.0
Services	160.0	160.5	160.6	161.3	4.4	3.6	3.3	3.3	4.0	3.3
Rent of shelter 2/ 1/	163.1	163.5	164.5	165.6	1.5	4.8	.0	6.3	3.1	3.1
Household services less rent										
of shelter 1/	135.7	135.9	135.3	135.9	5.9	4.6	1.5	.6	5.2	1.0
Transportation services	165.8	166.1	165.7	166.0	4.3	5.3	4.2	.5	4.8	2.3
Medical care services	207.0	207.8	208.4	209.1	7.5	4.8	5.2	4.1	6.1	4.7
Other services	181.0	181.8	182.5	183.4	4.7	5.1	5.7	5.4	4.9	5.6

Special indexes

All items less food	146.5	146.7	146.8	147.3	3.1	1.9	2.8	2.2	2.5	2.5
All items less shelter	142.8	143.0	143.0	143.2	3.2	1.7	2.9	1.1	2.4	2.0
All items less homeowners' costs 1/	147.4	147.7	147.6	147.9	3.4	1.7	2.8	1.4	2.5	2.1
All items less medical care	142.4	142.7	142.7	143.1	2.9	1.7	2.6	2.0	2.3	2.3
Commodities less food	126.7	126.6	126.5	126.7	.6	-.9	1.3	.0	-.2	.6
Nondurables less food	128.6	128.3	128.2	128.8	-.6	-3.0	-1.5	.6	-1.8	-.5
Nondurables less food and apparel 2/	130.2	129.1	128.8	129.3	3.4	-5.1	-.3	-2.7	-.9	-1.5
Nondurables 2/	135.8	135.1	135.0	135.2	3.6	-4.1	3.9	-1.8	-.3	1.0
Services less rent of shelter 1/	167.5	168.0	168.1	168.9	5.3	4.7	3.9	3.4	5.0	3.6
Services less medical care services	155.5	156.0	156.0	157.0	3.7	3.4	3.1	3.9	3.6	3.5
Energy	103.6	102.9	102.1	103.7	1.2	-4.5	2.4	.4	-1.7	1.4
All items less energy	151.8	152.2	152.3	152.5	3.5	2.4	3.0	1.9	3.0	2.4
All items less food and energy	154.1	154.4	154.6	155.0	3.2	2.7	2.9	2.4	2.9	2.6
Commodities less food and energy commodities	135.9	136.0	136.0	135.8	2.1	.9	.9	-.3	1.5	.3
Energy commodities	95.8	94.5	94.0	96.3	-7.7	-12.8	3.8	2.1	-10.3	3.0
Services less energy services	164.2	164.7	165.0	165.7	4.1	3.5	3.5	3.7	3.8	3.6

1/ Indexes on a December 1982=100 base.

2/ Not seasonally adjusted.

- Data not available.

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

Table 4. 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)

Expenditure category	Relative importance, December 1993	Unadjusted indexes		Unadjusted percent change to Feb. 1994 from-		Seasonally adjusted percent change from-		
		Jan. 1994	Feb. 1994	Feb. 1993	Jan. 1994	Nov. to Dec.	Dec. to Jan.	Jan. to Feb.
All items	100.000	143.6	144.0	2.3	0.3	0.1	0.1	0.2
All items (1967=100)	-	427.7	428.8	-	-	-	-	-
Food and beverages	19.344	143.8	143.2	2.1	-.4	.4	.1	-.3
Food	17.622	143.3	142.5	2.2	-.6	.3	.1	-.4
Food at home	11.187	143.2	142.0	2.5	-.8	.5	-.1	-.5
Cereals and bakery products	1.660	159.9	160.9	4.1	.6	.5	.4	.6
Meats, poultry, fish, and eggs	3.513	137.7	137.2	3.1	-.4	-.1	.2	.1
Dairy products	1.321	131.4	131.6	2.5	.2	.2	.9	.6
Fruits and vegetables	2.019	168.8	161.0	1.8	-4.6	2.4	-2.0	-3.5
Other food at home	2.674	132.2	132.4	1.6	.2	.0	.0	-.2
Sugar and sweets .....	.374	134.9	135.6	1.9	.5	-.1	.7	.4
Fats and oils .....	.283	131.3	131.5	.7	.2	.2	.1	.1
Nonalcoholic beverages .....	.833	116.6	116.3	.6	-.3	-.2	-.4	-1.2
Other prepared food	1.184	145.6	146.1	2.5	.3	.1	.1	.4
Food away from home	6.435	144.3	144.4	1.6	.1	.1	.3	-.1
Alcoholic beverages	1.722	150.5	150.6	1.2	.1	.5	.1	-.3
Housing	39.004	140.2	140.9	2.8	.5	.2	.1	.5
Shelter	25.682	153.9	154.8	3.1	.6	.3	.2	.6
Renters' costs 1/	8.095	146.4	147.8	2.7	1.0	.3	.1	.4
Rent, residential	6.628	151.9	152.5	2.6	.4	.3	.3	.5
Other renters' costs	1.467	192.0	198.4	3.7	3.3	.4	-.8	.3
Homeowners' costs 1/	17.399	148.6	149.2	3.3	.4	.3	.2	.7
Owners' equivalent rent 1/	17.074	148.8	149.5	3.2	.5	.3	.3	.6
Household insurance 2/ 1/ .....	.324	136.5	136.7	3.3	.1	-.1	.1	.1
Maintenance and repairs 2/ .....	.188	129.6	129.4	-1.4	-.2	-.7	1.5	-.2
Maintenance and repair services 2/ ..	.102	134.9	134.8	-3.0	-.1	.4	.7	-.1
Maintenance and repair commodities 2/ .....	.085	121.8	121.7	.7	-.1	-2.0	2.4	-.1
Fuel and other utilities	7.523	121.5	122.1	3.3	.5	-.1	-.4	.9
Fuels	4.093	110.1	110.5	3.4	.4	-.2	-.9	1.0
Fuel oil and other household fuel commodities .....	.339	88.9	93.6	1.4	5.3	-1.7	-1.5	6.5

Gas (piped) and electricity (energy services).....	3.754	117.5	117.4	3.6	-.1	-.1	-.8	.5
Other utilities and public services 2/	3.429	149.6	150.7	3.3	.7	.2	.0	.7
Household furnishings and operation	5.800	119.2	119.0	1.2	-.2	.2	.2	-.5
Housefurnishings	3.525	109.4	109.1	1.1	-.3	.3	.1	-.7
Housekeeping supplies	1.141	131.7	131.7	.3	.0	.0	.0	-.2
Housekeeping services	1.134	139.4	139.7	2.6	.2	.0	.4	-.1
Apparel and upkeep	5.909	129.4	131.4	-.5	1.5	-.3	.3	-.2
Apparel commodities	5.379	126.5	128.6	-.7	1.7	-.3	.3	-.2
Men's and boys' apparel	1.393	124.1	124.0	-1.7	-.1	-.6	-.4	-1.2
Women's and girls' apparel.....	2.356	125.1	129.5	-.8	3.5	-.5	.7	.0
Infants' and toddlers' apparel .....	.261	126.1	126.6	-2.3	.4	.2	.5	.1
Footwear .....	.866	126.9	127.0	1.0	.1	.1	1.3	-.3
Other apparel commodities .....	.502	142.9	145.0	.5	1.5	.3	-1.5	.9
Apparel services 2/ .....	.530	153.4	153.5	2.5	.1	.1	.0	.1
Transportation	18.863	130.2	130.4	1.9	.2	-.2	-.2	.5
Private transportation	17.613	127.9	128.1	1.6	.2	-.2	-.2	.5
New vehicles	4.948	136.6	137.1	3.5	.4	.1	.1	.4
New cars	3.606	134.4	134.7	3.2	.2	.0	.1	.5
Used cars	2.256	137.6	134.8	6.5	-2.0	-.1	-.9	-.8
Motor fuel	3.705	92.5	93.5	-4.3	1.1	-1.2	-.6	2.3
Gasoline	-	92.0	93.0	-4.7	1.1	-1.4	-.2	2.0
Maintenance and repairs	1.615	148.8	149.3	3.0	.3	.4	.3	.1
Other private transportation	5.089	155.3	155.5	1.6	.1	.1	.1	.1
Other private transportation commodities .....	.795	102.9	102.8	-1.0	-.1	.1	.1	.2
Other private transportation services	4.295	168.2	168.4	2.1	.1	.1	.1	.1
Public transportation	1.251	170.3	170.9	6.3	.4	.6	-1.3	-.2
Medical care	6.044	205.8	207.0	4.8	.6	.4	.3	.2
Medical care commodities	1.061	195.9	196.8	2.8	.5	.3	.3	.3
Medical care services	4.983	208.0	209.3	5.2	.6	.4	.3	.2
Professional medical services	2.865	189.0	190.1	4.3	.6	.4	.2	.4
Entertainment	4.028	146.7	147.1	3.0	.3	.3	.3	.3
Entertainment commodities	2.077	134.2	134.0	1.3	-.1	.3	.0	-.1
Entertainment services	1.951	164.8	166.0	4.8	.7	.3	.6	.7
Other goods and services	6.807	193.1	193.2	.8	.1	.3	.1	.2
Tobacco and smoking products	2.121	217.5	217.2	-7.8	-.1	-.2	-.5	.0
Personal care 2/	1.146	143.5	143.1	2.4	-.3	.1	.2	-.3

Toilet goods and personal care									
appliances 2/ .....	.650	141.0	140.5	2.0	-.4	.0	.2	-.4	
Personal care services 2/ .....	.496	146.4	146.3	2.9	-.1	.4	.1	-.1	
Personal and educational expenses	3.540	214.1	214.7	6.2	.3	.6	.4	.4	
School books and supplies .....	.219	205.1	205.8	4.5	.3	.5	.6	.3	
Personal and educational services	3.321	215.2	215.7	6.3	.2	.6	.3	.5	
Commodity and service group									
All items	100.000	143.6	144.0	2.3	.3	.1	.1	.2	
Commodities	47.644	131.6	131.7	1.0	.1	.0	.0	.0	
Food and beverages	19.344	143.8	143.2	2.1	-.4	.4	.1	-.3	
Commodities less food and beverages	28.300	124.1	124.6	.2	.4	-.2	-.1	.2	
Nondurables less food and beverages ..	16.590	124.7	125.7	-1.8	.8	-.3	.0	.7	
Apparel commodities	5.379	126.5	128.6	-.7	1.7	-.3	.3	-.2	
Nondurables less food, beverages, and apparel 2/	11.211	126.7	127.2	-2.3	.4	-1.2	-.4	.4	
Durables	11.710	122.2	121.9	3.0	-.2	.2	.0	.1	
Services	52.356	158.2	159.0	3.6	.5	.3	.1	.4	
Rent of shelter 2/ 1/	25.143	148.1	148.9	3.0	.5	.3	.5	.5	
Household services less rent of									
shelter 1/	8.771	124.2	124.5	3.2	.2	.2	-.2	.6	
Transportation services	7.160	163.6	164.0	3.0	.2	.2	-.1	.1	
Medical care services	4.983	208.0	209.3	5.2	.6	.4	.3	.2	
Other services	6.299	179.2	179.9	5.3	.4	.4	.4	.5	
Special indexes									
All items less food	82.378	143.5	144.1	2.3	.4	.1	.1	.3	
All items less shelter	74.318	141.0	141.2	2.0	.1	.1	.0	.1	
All items less homeowners' costs 1/	82.601	135.1	135.4	2.1	.2	.1	.0	.1	
All items less medical care	93.956	140.6	140.9	2.1	.2	.1	.0	.3	
Commodities less food	30.022	125.1	125.6	.2	.4	-.2	-.1	.2	
Nondurables less food	18.312	126.2	127.2	-1.5	.8	-.2	-.1	.6	
Nondurables less food and apparel 2/	12.933	128.2	128.7	-1.8	.4	-1.0	-.3	.4	
Nondurables 2/	35.934	134.6	134.7	.3	.1	-.6	.1	.1	
Services less rent of shelter 1/	27.213	149.8	150.4	4.0	.4	.3	.0	.5	
Services less medical care services	47.373	153.9	154.6	3.4	.5	.4	.1	.5	
Energy	7.798	100.5	101.2	-.5	.7	-.7	-.8	1.6	
All items less energy	92.202	149.6	149.9	2.5	.2	.3	.1	.1	
All items less food and energy	74.580	151.2	151.8	2.6	.4	.3	.1	.3	
Commodities less food and energy commodities	25.978	134.4	134.7	.9	.2	.0	.0	-.1	
Energy commodities	4.044	92.4	93.8	-3.8	1.5	-1.3	-.6	2.7	

Services less energy services	48.602	162.7	163.6	3.5	.6	.3	.2	.4
Purchasing power of the consumer dollar:								
1982-84=\$1.00 2/	-	\$.697	\$.695	-2.3	-.3	.1	-.1	-.3
1967=\$1.00 2/	-	.234	.233	-	-	-	-	-

1/ Indexes on a December 1984=100 base.

2/ Not seasonally adjusted.

- Data not available.

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

Table 5. 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)

Expenditure category	Seasonally adjusted indexes					Seasonally adjusted annual rate percent change for				
	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.	May	3 months ended-		6 months ended-		
	1993	1993	1994	1994	1993	Aug. 1993	Nov. 1993	Feb. 1994	Aug. 1993	Feb. 1994
All items	-	-	-	-	3.2	1.4	2.8	1.7	2.3	2.3
Food and beverages	142.8	143.3	143.4	143.0	4.1	.3	3.7	.6	2.2	2.1
Food	142.2	142.6	142.7	142.2	4.7	.3	4.0	.0	2.5	2.0
Food at home	141.5	142.2	142.1	141.4	5.9	-.3	5.0	-.3	2.8	2.3
Cereals and bakery products	158.3	159.1	159.8	160.7	4.2	1.5	4.1	6.2	2.9	5.2
Meats, poultry, fish, and eggs	137.0	136.9	137.2	137.3	7.7	.0	3.9	.9	3.8	2.4
Dairy products	128.8	129.1	130.3	131.1	3.8	3.1	-3.9	7.3	3.5	1.5
Fruits and vegetables	163.5	167.5	164.2	158.5	13.2	-7.7	16.7	-11.7	2.2	1.5
Other food at home	131.7	131.7	131.7	131.5	1.9	1.5	3.7	-.6	1.7	1.5
Sugar and sweets	134.0	133.9	134.9	135.5	-.3	.9	2.7	4.6	.3	3.6
Fats and oils	130.3	130.5	130.6	130.7	-2.4	3.1	.9	1.2	.3	1.1
Nonalcoholic beverages	116.8	116.6	116.1	114.7	3.6	.3	6.0	-7.0	1.9	-.7
Other prepared food	145.0	145.2	145.3	145.9	2.8	2.0	3.1	2.5	2.4	2.8
Food away from home	144.0	144.1	144.5	144.4	2.0	1.7	1.7	1.1	1.8	1.4
Alcoholic beverages	150.2	150.9	151.1	150.7	-.3	1.4	2.4	1.3	.5	1.9
Housing	139.7	140.0	140.1	140.8	3.3	2.6	2.3	3.2	2.9	2.8

Shelter	152.9	153.4	153.7	154.6	2.7	2.4	2.7	4.5	2.5	3.6
Renters' costs 1/	145.7	146.1	146.2	146.8	3.4	1.4	3.1	3.1	2.4	3.1
Rent, residential	151.1	151.5	151.9	152.6	2.4	1.9	1.9	4.0	2.2	2.9
Other renters' costs	193.6	194.4	192.9	193.5	8.4	-1.9	8.5	-.2	3.1	4.0
Homeowners' costs 1/	147.6	148.1	148.4	149.4	2.5	3.1	2.8	5.0	2.8	3.9
Owners' equivalent rent 1/	147.8	148.3	148.7	149.6	2.5	2.8	2.8	5.0	2.6	3.9
Household insurance 2/ 1/	136.5	136.4	136.5	136.7	2.7	7.1	3.0	.6	4.9	1.8
Maintenance and repairs 2/	128.6	127.7	129.6	129.4	1.2	1.5	-10.2	2.5	1.4	-4.0
Maintenance and repair services	133.5	134.0	134.9	134.8	-1.7	5.0	-17.6	4.0	1.6	-7.4
Maintenance and repair commodities 2/	121.4	119.0	121.8	121.7	4.7	-2.3	-.7	1.0	1.2	.2
Fuel and other utilities	122.1	122.0	121.5	122.6	7.3	4.0	.7	1.6	5.6	1.2
Fuels	110.6	110.4	109.4	110.5	10.9	3.7	-.7	-.4	7.2	-.5
Fuel oil and other household fuel										
commodities	88.8	87.3	86.0	91.6	3.1	-2.6	-7.3	13.2	.2	2.4
Gas (piped) and electricity (energy										
services).....	118.4	118.3	117.3	117.9	12.1	4.2	.0	-1.7	8.1	-.8
Other utilities and public services 2/	149.3	149.6	149.6	150.7	2.8	4.4	2.2	3.8	3.6	3.0
Household furnishings and operation	118.9	119.1	119.3	118.7	1.0	.3	3.8	-.7	.7	1.5
Housefurnishings	109.2	109.5	109.6	108.8	.7	1.1	3.7	-1.5	.9	1.1
Housekeeping supplies	131.7	131.7	131.7	131.4	1.2	-4.8	5.7	-.9	-1.8	2.3
Housekeeping services	139.0	139.0	139.6	139.5	1.8	4.8	2.0	1.4	3.3	1.7
Apparel and upkeep	132.7	132.3	132.7	132.4	-2.1	.6	.9	-.9	-.8	.0
Apparel commodities	130.1	129.7	130.1	129.8	-2.4	.3	.6	-.9	-1.1	-.2
Men's and boys' apparel	127.7	126.9	126.4	124.9	-1.6	1.9	2.2	-8.5	.2	-3.3
Women's and girls' apparel	130.8	130.2	131.1	131.1	-4.2	-.3	.3	.9	-2.3	.6
Infants' and toddlers' apparel	127.4	127.6	128.2	128.3	-8.0	5.7	-8.9	2.9	-1.4	-3.2
Footwear	127.0	127.1	128.7	128.3	-.6	-2.8	3.5	4.2	-1.7	3.8
Other apparel commodities	145.1	145.5	143.3	144.6	3.1	1.7	-1.4	-1.4	2.4	-1.4
Apparel services 2/.....	153.2	153.4	153.4	153.5	2.2	2.4	4.8	.8	2.3	2.8
Transportation	130.6	130.4	130.2	130.8	1.6	1.2	3.8	.6	1.4	2.2
Private transportation	128.5	128.3	128.1	128.8	1.3	.0	3.8	.9	.6	2.4
New vehicles	135.1	135.2	135.4	135.9	4.3	4.9	2.7	2.4	4.6	2.5
New cars	132.9	132.9	133.0	133.7	4.1	4.0	2.8	2.4	4.1	2.6
Used cars	139.6	139.5	138.3	137.2	13.4	12.6	8.1	-6.7	13.0	.4
Motor fuel	96.4	95.2	94.6	96.8	-9.2	-13.4	5.1	1.7	-11.3	3.4
Gasoline	96.0	94.7	94.5	96.4	-10.3	-13.5	4.3	1.7	-11.9	3.0
Maintenance and repairs	148.0	148.6	149.1	149.2	3.1	3.0	2.5	3.3	3.1	2.9
Other private transportation	154.0	154.1	154.3	154.5	1.3	1.3	2.4	1.3	1.3	1.8
Other private transportation										
commodities	102.1	102.2	102.3	102.5	-1.9	-2.7	-.8	1.6	-2.3	.4
Other private transportation										
services	166.7	166.8	167.0	167.2	2.2	2.0	2.9	1.2	2.1	2.1

Public transportation	168.8	169.8	167.6	167.2	10.6	12.7	6.4	-3.7	11.6	1.2
Medical care	204.6	205.4	206.0	206.5	6.4	4.5	4.4	3.8	5.5	4.1
Medical care commodities	195.3	195.8	196.3	196.8	1.5	4.4	2.3	3.1	2.9	2.7
Medical care services	206.6	207.4	208.0	208.5	7.7	4.4	5.0	3.7	6.0	4.4
Professional medical services	188.0	188.8	189.1	189.9	6.1	3.1	3.9	4.1	4.6	4.0
Entertainment 2/	145.9	146.3	146.7	147.2	1.1	2.8	4.5	3.6	2.0	4.1
Entertainment commodities	133.8	134.2	134.2	134.0	.3	1.5	2.7	.6	.9	1.7
Entertainment services	163.5	164.0	165.0	166.2	2.3	4.1	6.4	6.8	3.2	6.6
Other goods and services	191.9	192.4	192.5	192.9	6.2	-1.6	-3.3	2.1	2.2	-.6
Tobacco and smoking products	216.9	216.5	215.4	215.5	5.9	-14.8	-17.8	-2.6	-5.0	-10.5
Personal care 2/	143.0	143.2	143.5	143.1	4.1	2.9	2.3	.3	3.5	1.3
Toilet goods and personal care appliances 2/	140.7	140.7	141.0	140.5	5.0	2.6	1.1	-.6	3.8	.3
Personal care services 2/	145.6	146.2	146.4	146.3	2.8	3.1	3.7	1.9	3.0	2.8
Personal and educational expenses	211.5	212.8	213.6	214.5	7.1	6.6	5.1	5.8	6.8	5.4
School books and supplies	201.5	202.6	203.9	204.6	5.6	8.7	-2.3	6.3	7.2	1.9
Personal and educational services	212.5	213.8	214.5	215.5	7.3	6.3	5.7	5.8	6.8	5.7
Commodity and service group										
All items	-	-	-	-	3.2	1.4	2.8	1.7	2.3	2.3
Commodities	131.9	131.9	131.9	131.9	2.2	-.6	2.2	.0	.8	1.1
Food and beverages	142.8	143.3	143.4	143.0	4.1	.3	3.7	.6	2.2	2.1
Commodities less food and beverages	125.1	124.9	124.8	125.1	.6	-1.3	1.3	.0	-.3	.6
Nondurables less food and beverages	126.5	126.1	126.1	127.0	-.9	-5.5	-2.2	1.6	-3.2	-.3
Apparel commodities	130.1	129.7	130.1	129.8	-2.4	.3	.6	-.9	-1.1	-.2
Nondurables less food, beverages, and apparel 2/	128.7	127.2	126.7	127.2	4.1	-7.1	-1.2	-4.6	-1.7	-2.9
Durables	121.7	121.9	121.9	122.0	3.8	3.7	3.4	1.0	3.7	2.2
Services	157.5	157.9	158.1	158.8	4.2	3.4	3.4	3.3	3.8	3.4
Rent of shelter 2/ 1/	146.9	147.3	148.1	148.9	1.4	4.5	.8	5.6	2.9	3.2
Household services less rent of shelter 1/	124.7	124.9	124.7	125.4	5.7	4.0	1.3	2.3	4.8	1.8
Transportation services	162.3	162.7	162.5	162.6	3.9	3.8	3.5	.7	3.8	2.1
Medical care services	206.6	207.4	208.0	208.5	7.7	4.4	5.0	3.7	6.0	4.4
Other services	177.9	178.7	179.4	180.3	5.0	4.9	5.6	5.5	5.0	5.5
Special indexes										
All items less food	143.3	143.5	143.6	144.1	3.2	1.7	2.3	2.3	2.4	2.3
All items less shelter	141.0	141.1	141.1	141.3	3.2	1.2	2.9	.9	2.2	1.9

All items less homeowners' costs 1/	135.1	135.2	135.2	135.4	3.4	1.2	2.7	.9	2.3	1.8
All items less medical care	140.4	140.6	140.6	141.0	2.9	1.4	2.6	1.7	2.2	2.2
Commodities less food	126.3	126.1	126.0	126.3	.6	-.9	1.3	.0	-.2	.6
Nondurables less food	127.9	127.6	127.5	128.3	-1.5	-3.6	-1.9	1.3	-2.6	-.3
Nondurables less food and apparel 2/	129.9	128.6	128.2	128.7	3.7	-6.2	-.9	-3.6	-1.4	-2.3
Nondurables 2/	135.3	134.5	134.6	134.7	4.2	-4.3	3.3	-1.8	-.1	.7
Services less rent of shelter 1/	149.2	149.7	149.7	150.4	5.1	4.2	3.6	3.3	4.6	3.4
Services less medical care services	153.1	153.7	153.8	154.6	3.8	3.2	2.7	4.0	3.5	3.3
Energy	103.0	102.3	101.5	103.1	.8	-4.9	2.0	.4	-2.1	1.2
All items less energy	149.1	149.5	149.6	149.8	3.6	1.9	2.7	1.9	2.8	2.3
All items less food and energy	151.0	151.4	151.5	151.9	3.3	2.4	2.4	2.4	2.9	2.4
Commodities less food and energy commodities	135.0	135.0	135.0	134.8	2.1	.9	.9	-.6	1.5	.1
Energy commodities	95.9	94.7	94.1	96.6	-8.5	-12.4	3.8	3.0	-10.5	3.4
Services less energy services	162.0	162.5	162.8	163.5	3.6	3.3	3.5	3.8	3.4	3.6

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

Table 3. Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers: Selected areas, all items index

(1982-84=100, unless otherwise noted)

Area	Pricing schedule 1/	Indexes				Percent change to Feb. 1994 from-			Percent change to Jan. 1994 from-		
		Nov. 1993	Dec. 1993	Jan. 1994	Feb. 1994	Feb. 1993	Dec. 1993	Jan. 1994	Jan. 1993	Nov. 1993	Dec. 1993
U.S. city average	M	145.8	145.8	146.2	146.7	2.5	0.6	0.3	2.5	0.3	0.3
Region and area size 2/											
Northeast urban.....	M	152.7	152.7	153.2	154.0	2.4	.9	.5	2.3	.3	.3
Size A - More than 1,200,000	M	153.3	153.2	153.7	154.6	2.5	.9	.6	2.3	.3	.3
Size B - 500,000 to 1,200,000	M	151.4	151.7	152.5	153.0	2.8	.9	.3	3.0	.7	.5
Size C - 50,000 to 500,000	M	151.2	151.1	151.3	151.9	1.9	.5	.4	1.9	.1	.1

North Central urban	M	141.4	141.2	141.5	142.1	2.5	.6	.4	2.5	.1	.2
Size A - More than 1,200,000	M	142.5	142.2	142.5	143.2	2.6	.7	.5	2.4	.0	.2
Size B - 360,000 to 1,200,000	M	140.1	140.1	141.1	141.3	2.9	.9	.1	2.8	.7	.7
Size C - 50,000 to 360,000	M	142.6	142.4	142.4	143.0	2.1	.4	.4	2.2	-.1	.0
Size D - Nonmetropolitan (less than 50,000)	M	137.1	136.8	136.7	137.2	2.7	.3	.4	2.8	-.3	-.1
South urban	M	142.3	142.2	142.5	142.9	2.7	.5	.3	3.0	.1	.2
Size A - More than 1,200,000	M	142.6	142.7	142.9	143.4	2.6	.5	.3	2.9	.2	.1
Size B - 450,000 to 1,200,000	M	143.9	143.8	144.4	144.6	3.1	.6	.1	3.2	.3	.4
Size C - 50,000 to 450,000	M	141.1	140.9	141.0	141.6	2.5	.5	.4	2.3	-.1	.1
Size D - Nonmetropolitan (less than 50,000)	M	141.1	140.7	140.8	140.7	2.9	.0	-.1	3.2	-.2	.1
West urban	M	147.5	147.8	148.1	148.3	2.1	.3	.1	2.3	.4	.2
Size A - More than 1,250,000	M	149.3	149.5	149.7	149.9	1.8	.3	.1	2.0	.3	.1
Size C - 50,000 to 330,000	M	147.0	146.7	147.8	148.3	3.6	1.1	.3	3.6	.5	.7
Size classes											
A 3/	M	132.5	132.5	132.7	133.3	2.3	.6	.5	2.3	.2	.2
B	M	144.9	145.0	145.8	146.1	3.0	.8	.2	3.0	.6	.6
C	M	144.3	144.1	144.3	144.9	2.4	.6	.4	2.4	.0	.1
D	M	141.3	141.3	141.2	141.5	2.8	.1	.2	2.8	-.1	-.1
Selected local areas											
Chicago-Gary-Lake County, IL-IN-WI.....	M	146.4	146.1	146.5	146.8	2.2	.5	.2	2.3	.1	.3
Los Angeles-Anaheim-Riverside, CA	M	151.6	151.9	152.2	152.2	1.5	.2	.0	2.0	.4	.2
N.Y.-Northern N.J.-Long Island, NY-NJ-CT	M	155.4	155.6	156.0	157.4	2.5	1.2	.9	2.0	.4	.3
Phil.-Wilmington-Trenton, PA-NJ-DE-MD ..	M	152.1	151.3	152.5	152.9	3.0	1.1	.3	3.4	.3	.8
San Francisco-Oakland-San Jose, CA	M	147.2	147.0	147.5	147.4	1.3	.3	-.1	1.7	.2	.3
Baltimore, MD	1	143.4	-	143.8	-	-	-	-	1.3	.3	-
Boston-Lawrence-Salem, MA-NH	1	154.5	-	153.6	-	-	-	-	1.1	-.6	-
Cleveland-Akron-Lorain, OH	1	142.1	-	142.4	-	-	-	-	3.6	.2	-
Miami-Fort Lauderdale, FL	1	139.8	-	141.0	-	-	-	-	2.3	.9	-
St. Louis-East St. Louis, MO-IL	1	138.1	-	138.6	-	-	-	-	2.0	.4	-
Washington, DC-MD-VA	1	150.9	-	150.9	-	-	-	-	2.1	.0	-
Dallas-Fort Worth, TX	2	-	138.8	-	139.2	2.8	.3	-	-	-	-
Detroit-Ann Arbor, MI	2	-	140.2	-	141.7	2.5	1.1	-	-	-	-
Houston-Galveston-Brazoria, TX	2	-	136.5	-	137.0	4.0	.4	-	-	-	-
Pittsburgh-Beaver Valley, PA	2	-	141.1	-	142.6	2.4	1.1	-	-	-	-

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Table 6. Consumer Price Index for Urban Wage Earners and Clerical Workers: Selected areas, all items index
(1982-84=100, unless otherwise noted)

Area	Pricing schedule 1/	Indexes				Percent change to Feb. 1994 from-			Percent change to Jan. 1994 from-		
		Nov. 1993	Dec. 1993	Jan. 1994	Feb. 1994	Feb. 1993	Dec. 1993	Jan. 1994	Jan. 1993	Nov. 1993	Dec. 1993
U.S. city average	M	143.4	143.3	143.6	144.0	2.3	0.5	0.3	2.4	0.1	0.2
Region and area size 2/											
Northeast urban.....	M	150.4	150.4	150.8	151.4	2.2	.7	.4	2.2	.3	.3
Size A - More than 1,200,000	M	150.0	149.9	150.2	150.9	2.1	.7	.5	2.0	.1	.2
Size B - 500,000 to 1,200,000	M	149.2	149.4	150.3	150.7	2.5	.9	.3	2.8	.7	.6
Size C - 50,000 to 500,000	M	152.8	152.6	152.7	153.2	1.7	.4	.3	1.7	-.1	.1
North Central urban	M	138.5	138.2	138.5	139.0	2.4	.6	.4	2.3	.0	.2
Size A - More than 1,200,000	M	138.8	138.5	138.8	139.4	2.4	.6	.4	2.4	.0	.2
Size B - 360,000 to 1,200,000	M	136.4	136.5	137.4	137.6	2.7	.8	.1	2.5	.7	.7
Size C - 50,000 to 360,000	M	140.2	140.0	140.0	140.6	1.9	.4	.4	2.0	-.1	.0
Size D - Nonmetropolitan (less than 50,000)	M	136.0	135.6	135.3	135.8	2.3	.1	.4	2.3	-.5	-.2
South urban	M	141.0	140.8	141.0	141.2	2.6	.3	.1	2.8	.0	.1

Size A - More than 1,200,000	M	141.0	141.0	141.0	141.3	2.4	.2	.2	2.8	.0	.0
Size B - 450,000 to 1,200,000	M	140.8	140.7	141.1	141.2	3.1	.4	.1	3.1	.2	.3
Size C - 50,000 to 450,000	M	141.0	140.8	140.8	141.3	2.3	.4	.4	2.1	-.1	.0
Size D - Nonmetropolitan (less than 50,000)	M	141.4	140.9	141.1	141.0	3.1	.1	-.1	3.3	-.2	.1
West urban	M	144.8	145.0	145.3	145.4	1.9	.3	.1	2.2	.3	.2
Size A - More than 1,250,000	M	145.0	145.2	145.3	145.4	1.6	.1	.1	1.9	.2	.1
Size C - 50,000 to 330,000	M	144.7	144.5	145.4	146.0	3.3	1.0	.4	3.3	.5	.6
Size classes											
A 3/	M	131.6	131.5	131.7	132.1	2.2	.5	.3	2.3	.1	.2
B	M	142.6	142.6	143.2	143.4	2.8	.6	.1	2.8	.4	.4
C	M	143.6	143.4	143.6	144.1	2.2	.5	.3	2.2	.0	.1
D	M	140.8	140.7	140.6	140.8	2.5	.1	.1	2.6	-.1	-.1
Selected local areas											
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N.Y.-Northern N.J.-Long Island, NY-NJ-CT	M	152.0	152.1	152.4	153.5	2.1	.9	.7	1.7	.3	.2
Phil.-Wilmington-Trenton, PA-NJ-DE-MD ..	M	151.9	151.2	152.1	152.2	2.4	.7	.1	3.2	.1	.6
San Francisco-Oakland-San Jose, CA	M	145.0	144.7	145.3	145.0	1.0	.2	-.2	1.6	.2	.4
Baltimore, MD	1	142.5	-	142.7	-	-	-	-	1.0	.1	-
Boston-Lawrence-Salem, MA-NH	1	153.4	-	152.5	-	-	-	-	.9	-.6	-
Cleveland-Akron-Lorain, OH	1	135.1	-	135.1	-	-	-	-	3.3	.0	-
Miami-Fort Lauderdale, FL	1	138.0	-	138.7	-	-	-	-	2.1	.5	-
St. Louis-East St. Louis, MO-IL	1	137.5	-	137.7	-	-	-	-	1.7	.1	-
Washington, DC-MD-VA	1	148.5	-	148.3	-	-	-	-	1.9	-.1	-
Dallas-Fort Worth, TX	2	-	138.6	-	138.1	2.4	-.4	-	-	-	-
Detroit-Ann Arbor, MI	2	-	135.7	-	137.0	1.9	1.0	-	-	-	-
Houston-Galveston-Brazoria, TX	2	-	136.0	-	136.3	3.8	.2	-	-	-	-
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