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CONSUMER PRICE INDEX--MARCH 1994

The Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers (CPI-U) rose 0.3 percent before seasonal adjustment in March to a level of 147.2 (1982-84=100), the Bureau of Labor Statistics of the U.S. Department of Labor reported today. For the 12-month period ended in March, the CPI-U increased 2.5 percent.

The Consumer Price Index for Urban Wage Earners and Clerical Workers (CPI-W) also increased 0.3 percent in March, prior to seasonal adjustment. The March 1994 CPI-W level of 144.4 was 2.3 percent higher than the index in March 1993.

CPI for All Urban Consumers (CPI-U)

On a seasonally adjusted basis, the CPI-U rose 0.3 percent in March, the same as in February. The food index increased 0.1 percent in March, following declines in each of the preceding 2 months. The index for fruits and vegetables, which had risen sharply during the last half of 1993 before declining in the first 2 months of 1994, turned back up in March. The energy index rose 0.4 percent in March, following a 1.6 percent advance in February. Excluding food and energy, the CPI-U rose 0.3 percent in March, the same as in February. Another larger than average advance in shelter costs, coupled with an upturn in the apparel index, accounted for nearly half of the March increase.

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

Expenditure category	Seasonally adjusted							Unadj	
	Changes from preceding month							Compnd	12-mo
	1993			1994				ann rte	
	Sep.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	ended	ended
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All items	.1	.3	.3	.2	.0	.3	.3	2.5	2.5
Food and beverages	.3	.4	.2	.5	-.1	-.3	.1	-.8	2.1
Housing	.2	.2	.2	.2	.1	.4	.3	3.4	2.8
Apparel and upkeep	-.4	-.1	.7	-.1	-.1	-.3	.4	.3	-.1
Transportation	.0	1.0	.0	-.2	-.2	.5	.6	3.4	2.5
Medical care	.4	.5	.3	.3	.3	.3	.2	3.3	4.9
Entertainment	.2	.4	.5	.3	.3	.4	.3	4.1	3.3
Other goods & serv	-1.0	.3	.4	.4	.1	.3	.4	3.1	1.8
Special indexes:									
Energy	-.4	1.9	-.9	-.7	-.8	1.6	.4	4.7	-.6
Food	.3	.5	.2	.5	-.1	-.3	.1	-1.1	2.2
AI - food & energy	.1	.3	.4	.2	.1	.3	.3	2.9	2.9

During the first 3 months of 1994, the CPI-U rose at a 2.5 seasonally adjusted annual rate (SAAR). This compares with a 2.7 percent increase in 1993. The food index declined during the first 3 months, reflecting a sharp turnaround in the index for fruits and vegetables. After increasing at a 18.9 percent rate in the second half of 1993, the index for fruits and vegetables declined at a 19.5 percent rate in the first 3 months of 1994. On the other hand, the energy index turned up in the first quarter after declining throughout most of last year. The index for petroleum-based energy advanced at a 8.7 percent rate during the 3-month period ended in March, following a 5.1 percent drop in 1993.

Excluding food and energy, the CPI-U advanced at a 2.9 percent seasonally adjusted annual rate during the first 3 months of 1994. This follows a 3.2 percent increase in 1993 and continues the moderation in this index evident since 1990. Within this group, the indexes for medical care and apparel and upkeep have also exhibited this pattern of moderation since 1990. On the other hand, the shelter index increased at a 4.4 percent rate during the

first 3 months after advancing 3.0 percent last year, and accounted for over half of the first quarter increase in the index for all items less food and energy.

	Percent change 12 months ended in December					SAAR 3 Mos end in Mar.	
	1988	1989	1990	1991	1992	1993	1994
All Items	4.4	4.6	6.1	3.1	2.9	2.7	2.5
Food and beverages	5.1	5.5	5.3	2.5	1.6	2.7	-.8
Housing	4.0	3.9	4.5	3.4	2.6	2.7	3.4
Apparel and upkeep	4.7	1.0	5.1	3.4	1.4	.9	.3
Transportation	3.0	4.0	10.4	-1.5	3.0	2.4	3.4
Medical care	6.9	8.5	9.6	7.9	6.6	5.4	3.3
Entertainment	4.6	5.1	4.3	3.9	2.8	2.8	4.1
Other goods & services	7.0	8.2	7.6	8.0	6.5	2.7	3.1
Special indexes:							
Energy	.5	5.1	18.1	-7.4	2.0	-1.4	4.7
Food	5.2	5.6	5.3	1.9	1.5	2.9	-1.1
All Items less food and energy	4.7	4.4	5.2	4.4	3.3	3.2	2.9

The food and beverage index turned back up in March, following declines in each of the preceding 2 months. Grocery store food prices rose 0.1 percent in March, following declines in both January and February. The index for fruits and vegetables has been the predominant factor in the behavior of the grocery store food index during most of the past 12 months. Substantial increases during the second half of 1993 were largely responsible for the acceleration, while sharp decreases in January and February more than offset small price increases for most other components. In March, the index for fruits and vegetables rose 0.6 percent; fresh fruit prices increased 1.7 percent, while fresh vegetable prices fell 0.1 percent. The index for processed fruits and vegetables was unchanged. Among other grocery store food groups, the index for meats, poultry, fish, and eggs rose 0.1 percent in March. Declines in prices for pork, poultry, and eggs were more than offset by increases in the indexes for beef and fish and seafood. Beef prices, which had declined in each of the preceding 3 months, rose 0.8 percent in March, their largest advance in nearly a year. The index for cereal and bakery products declined 0.3 percent in

March, while the index for dairy products was unchanged. The index for other food at home rose 0.2 percent in March, reflecting an upturn in prices for carbonated beverages. 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 March.

The housing component rose 0.3 percent in March, following an increase of 0.4 percent in February. Shelter costs, which registered its largest advance in more than 3 years in February--up 0.5 percent--increased 0.4 percent in March. Within shelter, renters' and homeowners' costs each increased 0.4 percent, while maintenance and repair costs fell 0.1 percent. The index for fuel and other utilities--up 0.3 percent--registered its second consecutive increase after declining in each of the 3 preceding months. The index for household fuels advanced 0.5 percent, largely as a result of a 1.9 percent increase in the index for natural gas. The index for fuel oil rose 0.5 percent, while charges for electricity declined 0.1 percent. The index for other utilities and public services increased 0.1 percent in March. The index for household furnishings and operation continued to register small changes, advancing 0.1 percent in March, following a 0.4 percent decline in February. During the past 12 months, this component has risen 1.6 percent.

The transportation index rose 0.6 percent in March, following a 0.5 percent increase in February. A 1.6 percent rise in the index for public transportation, reflecting sharp increases in airline fares and other intercity transportation, was responsible for the larger advance. The index for gasoline, which rose 1.8 percent in February, increased 0.1 percent in March. (Prior to seasonal adjustment, gasoline prices fell 0.3 percent.) As of March, the gasoline index was 4.5 percent lower than a year earlier and 18.2 percent below its peak level of December 1990. Automobile purchase costs advanced substantially for the second consecutive month. The index for new vehicles rose 0.5 percent, reflecting increases in prices for new cars, trucks, and motorcycles. Automobile finance charges, which increased sharply in February, were unchanged in March. The index for used cars rose 0.4 percent, its first increase since November. Among other transportation costs, the index for automobile fees rose 2.3 percent, reflecting sharp increases in charges for rental vehicles.

The index for apparel and upkeep turned up in March, advancing 0.4 percent after registering declines in each of the 3 preceding

months. (Prior to seasonal adjustment, the index advanced 2.8 percent.) The somewhat slower introduction of spring and summer merchandise into the market place than in recent years had resulted in seasonally adjusted declines during the first two months of 1994.

Medical care costs rose 0.2 percent in March, 4.9 percent above its level a year earlier. The index for medical care commodities-- prescription drugs, nonprescription drugs, and medical supplies-- was unchanged in March. The index for medical care services rose 0.3 percent in March. Charges for professional services and hospital and related services increased 0.4 and 0.5 percent, respectively.

Entertainment costs increased 0.3 percent in March, with similar advances in the indexes for both entertainment commodities and for entertainment services.

The index for other goods and services rose 0.4 percent in March. A 0.6 percent increase in the index for tobacco and smoking products, coupled with moderate increases in most personal expenses, such as legal and financial services, accounted for over half of the March advance.

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 0.3 percent in March.

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 ann rte	12-mo ended
	1993			1994						3-mos ended	Mar 94 Mar94
	Sep.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.		
All items	.1	.4	.2	.1	.1	.2	.3	2.5	2.3
Food and beverages	.3	.4	.2	.4	.1	-.3	.1	-.3	2.1

Housing	.1	.3	.1	.2	.1	.5	.3	3.5	2.8
Apparel and upkeep	-.2	.1	.4	-.3	.3	-.2	.2	1.2	-.1
Transportation	.0	1.1	-.2	-.2	-.2	.5	.5	3.1	2.1
Medical care	.4	.4	.3	.4	.3	.2	.3	3.4	4.8
Entertainment	.2	.3	.6	.3	.3	.3	.3	3.9	3.2
Other goods & serv	-1.6	.3	.5	.3	.1	.2	.5	2.9	.6
Special indexes:									
Energy	-.5	2.0	-1.0	-.7	-.8	1.6	.5	5.2	-.8
Food	.3	.5	.2	.3	.1	-.4	.3	.0	2.2
AI - food & energy	.1	.3	.3	.3	.1	.3	.3	2.7	2.7

Consumer Price Index data for April will be released on Friday, May 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		Seasonally adjusted percent change from-		
		Feb. 1994	Mar. 1994	Mar. 1993	Feb. 1994	Dec. to Jan.	Jan. to Feb.	Feb. to Mar.
All items	100.000	146.7	147.2	2.5	0.3	0.0	0.3	0.3
All items (1967=100)	-	439.3	441.1	-	-	-	-	-
Food and beverages	17.398	143.6	143.9	2.1	.2	-.1	-.3	.1
Food	15.799	142.9	143.2	2.2	.2	-.1	-.3	.1
Food at home	9.853	142.6	142.8	2.4	.1	-.3	-.4	.1
Cereals and bakery products	1.454	161.3	160.4	3.8	-.6	.4	.6	-.3
Meats, poultry, fish, and eggs	2.984	137.4	137.9	2.5	.4	.1	.2	.1
Dairy products	1.186	131.8	131.8	2.3	.0	.9	.8	.0
Fruits and vegetables	1.909	161.7	162.7	2.3	.6	-2.5	-3.4	.6
Other food at home	2.320	132.5	132.6	1.8	.1	.0	-.1	.2
Sugar and sweets .....	.331	135.6	135.3	1.9	-.2	.6	.4	-.1
Fats and oils .....	.246	131.5	132.6	1.8	.8	.1	.0	1.3
Nonalcoholic beverages .....	.712	116.0	116.0	1.0	.0	-.4	-1.0	.5
Other prepared food	1.030	146.5	146.4	2.4	-.1	.1	.4	-.2
Food away from home	5.946	144.6	144.8	1.7	.1	.1	.1	.1

Alcoholic beverages	1.600	151.1	151.4	1.3	.2	.2	-.1	-.1
Housing	41.394	143.7	144.1	2.8	.3	.1	.4	.3
Shelter	27.948	159.1	159.8	3.2	.4	.2	.5	.4
Renters' costs 1/	7.984	168.9	170.1	3.0	.7	.0	.4	.4
Rent, residential	5.771	152.8	153.2	2.7	.3	.3	.5	.3
Other renters' costs	2.213	198.4	201.9	3.5	1.8	-.6	.3	.8
Homeowners' costs 1/	19.768	163.7	164.1	3.4	.2	.2	.5	.4
Owners' equivalent rent 1/	19.386	164.0	164.4	3.4	.2	.2	.6	.4
Household insurance 2/ 1/ .....	.382	149.4	150.0	3.5	.4	.1	.1	.4
Maintenance and repairs 2/ .....	.196	129.4	129.3	-1.7	-.1	1.0	.4	-.1
Maintenance and repair services 2/ ..	.118	131.2	131.8	-2.9	.5	.4	-.1	.5
Maintenance and repair								
commodities 2/ .....	.078	127.1	126.1	.2	-.8	1.9	1.0	-.8
Fuel and other utilities	7.262	122.4	122.4	2.4	.0	-.4	.9	.3
Fuels	3.983	111.1	111.1	2.3	.0	-.9	1.1	.5
Fuel oil and other household fuel								
commodities .....	.369	93.6	92.5	-.3	-1.2	-1.1	6.0	-.1
Gas (piped) and electricity (energy								
services).....	3.614	117.9	118.1	2.6	.2	-.8	.6	.6
Other utilities and public								
services 2/	3.279	150.0	150.1	2.6	.1	.1	.7	.1
Household furnishings and operation	6.183	120.4	120.6	1.6	.2	.2	-.4	.1
Housefurnishings	3.601	110.5	110.5	1.1	.0	.4	-.7	-.2
Housekeeping supplies	1.109	131.7	132.3	2.1	.5	-.2	.1	1.0
Housekeeping services	1.473	137.6	137.8	2.4	.1	.4	-.1	.1
Apparel and upkeep	5.897	132.4	136.1	-.1	2.8	-.1	-.3	.4
Apparel commodities	5.333	129.5	133.4	-.4	3.0	-.1	-.4	.5
Men's and boys' apparel	1.389	124.1	125.6	-2.4	1.2	-.6	-1.2	-.2
Women's and girls' apparel.....	2.421	131.1	137.2	-.9	4.7	.3	-.2	.4
Infants' and toddlers' apparel .....	.203	125.5	125.8	-.1	.2	.9	-.4	-.7
Footwear .....	.781	125.9	127.0	.6	.9	1.0	-.8	-.6
Other apparel commodities .....	.539	146.4	152.9	5.7	4.4	-2.1	1.7	5.1
Apparel services 2/ .....	.564	154.0	154.2	2.4	.1	.0	.1	.1
Transportation	16.954	131.9	132.2	2.5	.2	-.2	.5	.6
Private transportation	15.295	128.5	128.6	1.8	.1	-.1	.5	.5
New vehicles	5.025	136.5	136.8	3.6	.2	.1	.4	.5
New cars	4.031	135.0	135.3	3.4	.2	.1	.5	.4
Used cars	1.245	134.1	133.6	5.5	-.4	-.9	-1.1	.4
Motor fuel	3.010	93.6	93.3	-4.1	-.3	-.5	2.1	.2
Gasoline	-	93.0	92.7	-4.5	-.3	-.4	1.8	.1
Maintenance and repairs	1.533	148.6	149.0	3.0	.3	.3	.1	.2

Other private transportation	4.483	159.7	160.2	2.5	.3	.2	.1	.8
Other private transportation commodities .....	.629	103.4	103.5	-.4	.1	.0	.2	.4
Other private transportation services	3.854	172.8	173.3	3.0	.3	.2	.1	.8
Public transportation	1.659	175.9	178.5	9.2	1.5	-1.8	.4	1.6
Medical care	7.108	207.7	208.3	4.9	.3	.3	.3	.2
Medical care commodities	1.287	198.7	199.1	2.7	.2	.4	-.1	.0
Medical care services	5.821	209.8	210.4	5.4	.3	.3	.3	.3
Professional medical services	3.353	189.4	190.3	4.4	.5	.2	.4	.4
Entertainment	4.351	149.1	149.6	3.3	.3	.3	.4	.3
Entertainment commodities	1.986	134.5	135.2	1.6	.5	-.1	-.1	.3
Entertainment services	2.365	166.4	166.6	4.8	.1	.7	.8	.3
Other goods and services	6.897	195.2	195.5	1.8	.2	.1	.3	.4
Tobacco and smoking products	1.601	217.4	217.7	-7.9	.1	-.5	.0	.6
Personal care 2/	1.184	143.0	143.0	1.6	.0	.1	-.2	.0
Toilet goods and personal care appliances 2/ .....	.628	140.0	139.7	.9	-.2	.3	-.4	-.2
Personal care services 2/ .....	.556	146.2	146.6	2.6	.3	.1	-.1	.3
Personal and educational expenses	4.112	218.8	219.1	6.2	.1	.3	.5	.5
School books and supplies .....	.249	204.0	204.0	4.2	.0	.8	.2	.4
Personal and educational services	3.863	220.1	220.4	6.3	.1	.3	.5	.5
Commodity and service group								
All items	100.000	146.7	147.2	2.5	.3	.0	.3	.3
Commodities	43.547	132.2	132.8	1.1	.5	-.1	.0	.2
Food and beverages	17.398	143.6	143.9	2.1	.2	-.1	-.3	.1
Commodities less food and beverages	26.149	125.1	126.0	.4	.7	.0	.2	.3
Nondurables less food and beverages ..	15.579	126.5	127.8	-1.1	1.0	-.1	.6	.4
Apparel commodities	5.333	129.5	133.4	-.4	3.0	-.1	-.4	.5
Nondurables less food, beverages, and apparel 2/	10.245	127.8	127.9	-1.5	.1	-.3	.4	.1
Durables	10.570	123.3	123.4	2.7	.1	.0	.0	.2
Services	56.453	161.5	162.1	3.8	.4	.1	.4	.4
Rent of shelter 2/ 1/	27.337	165.6	166.3	3.3	.4	.6	.7	.4
Household services less rent of shelter 1/	8.900	135.3	135.5	2.5	.1	-.4	.4	.3
Transportation services	7.046	167.5	168.5	4.4	.6	-.2	.2	.9
Medical care services	5.821	209.8	210.4	5.4	.3	.3	.3	.3
Other services	7.349	182.9	183.2	5.2	.2	.4	.5	.4

Special indexes

All items less food	84.201	147.3	148.0	2.6	.5	.1	.3	.4
All items less shelter	72.052	143.2	143.7	2.3	.3	.0	.1	.3
All items less homeowners' costs 1/	80.232	148.0	148.6	2.3	.4	-.1	.2	.3
All items less medical care	92.892	143.2	143.8	2.4	.4	.0	.3	.3
Commodities less food	27.749	126.2	127.0	.5	.6	-.1	.2	.3
Nondurables less food	17.178	127.9	129.1	-.9	.9	-.1	.5	.5
Nondurables less food and apparel 2/	11.845	129.3	129.4	-1.1	.1	-.2	.4	.1
Nondurables 2/	32.977	135.2	136.0	.5	.6	-.1	.1	.6
Services less rent of shelter 1/	29.116	168.9	169.3	4.2	.2	.1	.5	.2
Services less medical care services	50.632	157.0	157.5	3.6	.3	.0	.6	.3
Energy	6.993	102.0	101.9	-.6	-.1	-.8	1.6	.4
All items less energy	93.007	152.6	153.3	2.8	.5	.1	.1	.3
All items less food and energy	77.208	155.0	155.8	2.9	.5	.1	.3	.3
Commodities less food and energy commodities	24.369	135.8	136.9	1.0	.8	.0	-.1	.3
Energy commodities	3.380	93.8	93.4	-3.7	-.4	-.5	2.4	.2
Services less energy services	52.839	166.0	166.6	3.8	.4	.2	.4	.4
Purchasing power of the consumer dollar:								
1982-84=\$1.00 2/	-	\$.682	\$.679	-2.6	-.4	-.3	-.3	-.4
1967=\$1.00 2/	-	.228	.227	-	-	-	-	-

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				
	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	June	3 months ended-		6 months ended-		
	1993	1994	1994	1994	1993	Sept. 1993	Dec. 1993	Mar. 1994	Sept. 1993	Mar. 1994

All items	-	-	-	-	2.5	2.0	3.3	2.5	2.2	2.9
Food and beverages	143.8	143.7	143.3	143.5	2.3	2.6	4.6	- .8	2.4	1.8
Food	143.3	143.1	142.7	142.9	2.3	2.6	4.9	-1.1	2.4	1.8
Food at home	142.9	142.5	141.9	142.1	2.6	3.2	6.4	-2.2	2.9	2.0
Cereals and bakery products	159.4	160.1	161.1	160.6	4.5	3.1	4.4	3.0	3.8	3.7
Meats, poultry, fish, and eggs	137.1	137.2	137.5	137.6	4.5	- .9	4.8	1.5	1.8	3.1
Dairy products	129.4	130.5	131.5	131.5	6.7	-3.9	.0	6.7	1.2	3.3
Fruits and vegetables	168.7	164.4	158.8	159.8	-3.5	17.0	20.8	-19.5	6.2	-1.4
Other food at home	131.8	131.8	131.7	132.0	1.6	2.2	3.1	.6	1.9	1.8
Sugar and sweets	134.1	134.9	135.4	135.2	1.2	.6	2.4	3.3	.9	2.9
Fats and oils	130.5	130.6	130.6	132.3	.6	.0	.9	5.6	.3	3.3
Nonalcoholic beverages	116.2	115.7	114.5	115.1	1.8	1.4	5.0	-3.7	1.6	.5
Other prepared food	145.4	145.6	146.2	145.9	1.7	3.4	2.8	1.4	2.5	2.1
Food away from home	144.4	144.6	144.7	144.8	2.0	1.7	2.0	1.1	1.8	1.5
Alcoholic beverages	151.1	151.4	151.3	151.1	.8	1.1	3.5	.0	.9	1.7
Housing	142.8	142.9	143.5	144.0	3.2	2.3	2.6	3.4	2.7	3.0
Shelter	157.5	157.8	158.6	159.2	3.1	2.3	3.1	4.4	2.7	3.7
Renters' costs 1/	166.3	166.3	167.0	167.7	3.2	1.5	3.7	3.4	2.3	3.6
Rent, residential	151.8	152.2	152.9	153.3	3.0	1.3	2.4	4.0	2.2	3.2
Other renters' costs	194.1	192.9	193.5	195.0	4.1	1.5	6.9	1.9	2.8	4.3
Homeowners' costs 1/	162.4	162.8	163.6	164.3	3.1	2.5	3.3	4.8	2.8	4.0
Owners' equivalent rent 1/	162.7	163.1	164.0	164.6	3.0	2.5	3.3	4.8	2.8	4.0
Household insurance 2/ 1/	149.0	149.2	149.4	150.0	4.8	5.9	.8	2.7	5.3	1.8
Maintenance and repairs 2/	127.6	128.9	129.4	129.3	- .9	.3	-10.8	5.4	- .3	-3.0
Maintenance and repair services	130.8	131.3	131.2	131.8	.6	4.2	-17.9	3.1	2.4	-8.0
Maintenance and repair commodities 2/	123.5	125.9	127.1	126.1	-3.1	-6.3	2.3	8.7	-4.7	5.4
Fuel and other utilities	122.3	121.8	122.9	123.3	3.4	3.3	- .3	3.3	3.3	1.5
Fuels	111.0	110.0	111.2	111.8	5.6	2.9	-2.1	2.9	4.3	.4
Fuel oil and other household fuel										
commodities	87.3	86.3	91.5	91.4	-1.3	-6.0	-11.5	20.2	-3.7	3.1
Gas (piped) and electricity (energy										
services).....	118.9	117.9	118.6	119.3	6.3	3.8	-1.0	1.4	5.0	.2
Other utilities and public services 2/ ..	148.8	148.9	150.0	150.1	.5	4.4	1.9	3.5	2.5	2.7
Household furnishings and operation	120.4	120.7	120.2	120.3	1.7	2.0	2.7	- .3	1.9	1.2
Housefurnishings	110.7	111.1	110.3	110.1	1.1	2.2	3.3	-2.2	1.7	.5
Housekeeping supplies	131.7	131.5	131.6	132.9	2.5	- .6	2.8	3.7	.9	3.2
Housekeeping services	137.2	137.7	137.6	137.8	2.4	3.9	1.5	1.8	3.1	1.6
Apparel and upkeep	133.9	133.8	133.4	134.0	-3.2	.9	1.5	.3	-1.2	.9
Apparel commodities	131.0	130.9	130.4	131.1	-3.6	.6	1.2	.3	-1.5	.8
Men's and boys' apparel	127.5	126.7	125.2	124.9	-2.8	1.9	- .3	-7.9	- .5	-4.2

Women's and girls' apparel	132.3	132.7	132.4	132.9	-7.0	.0	1.8	1.8	-3.5	1.8
Infants' and toddlers' apparel	126.7	127.8	127.3	126.4	1.9	-2.2	1.0	-.9	-.2	.0
Footwear	126.7	128.0	127.0	126.2	.0	.0	3.5	-1.6	.0	1.0
Other apparel commodities	146.0	143.0	145.4	152.8	3.1	3.1	-1.9	20.0	3.1	8.5
Apparel services 2/.....	153.8	153.8	154.0	154.2	1.9	2.9	3.7	1.0	2.4	2.4
Transportation	131.7	131.4	132.0	132.8	.9	1.9	3.4	3.4	1.4	3.4
Private transportation	128.5	128.4	129.0	129.7	-.3	.6	3.2	3.8	.2	3.5
New vehicles	134.6	134.8	135.3	136.0	3.7	4.9	1.8	4.2	4.3	3.0
New cars	133.2	133.3	133.9	134.5	3.4	4.0	2.1	4.0	3.7	3.0
Used cars	138.7	137.5	136.0	136.6	13.3	11.5	4.1	-5.9	12.4	-1.0
Motor fuel	95.3	94.8	96.8	97.0	-14.6	-12.2	5.2	7.3	-13.4	6.3
Gasoline	95.0	94.6	96.3	96.4	-15.3	-11.5	4.8	6.0	-13.4	5.4
Maintenance and repairs	147.9	148.4	148.6	148.9	3.9	2.2	3.3	2.7	3.1	3.0
Other private transportation	158.1	158.4	158.6	159.8	1.0	2.1	2.6	4.4	1.5	3.5
Other private transportation commodities	102.9	102.9	103.1	103.5	-2.3	-1.2	-.4	2.4	-1.7	1.0
Other private transportation services	171.1	171.4	171.6	173.0	1.7	2.6	3.1	4.5	2.2	3.8
Public transportation	174.8	171.7	172.4	175.2	15.0	13.9	7.4	.9	14.4	4.1
Medical care	206.1	206.7	207.3	207.8	7.0	4.6	4.6	3.3	5.8	4.0
Medical care commodities	197.6	198.4	198.3	198.3	3.1	3.8	2.7	1.4	3.4	2.0
Medical care services	207.8	208.4	209.1	209.8	7.9	4.8	5.0	3.9	6.3	4.4
Professional medical services	188.2	188.5	189.2	189.9	6.1	4.0	3.9	3.7	5.0	3.8
Entertainment 2/	148.1	148.6	149.2	149.6	2.2	1.9	5.0	4.1	2.1	4.6
Entertainment commodities	134.8	134.7	134.5	134.9	.9	1.8	3.0	.3	1.4	1.7
Entertainment services	164.1	165.2	166.5	167.0	3.6	2.0	6.9	7.3	2.8	7.1
Other goods and services	194.7	194.9	195.4	196.2	4.6	-4.6	4.4	3.1	-.1	3.8
Tobacco and smoking products	216.5	215.5	215.6	217.0	.0	-29.0	.6	.9	-15.7	.7
Personal care 2/	143.1	143.3	143.0	143.0	1.1	3.7	2.0	-.3	2.4	.8
Toilet goods and personal care appliances 2/	140.1	140.5	140.0	139.7	1.7	2.0	1.2	-1.1	1.9	.0
Personal care services 2/	146.1	146.3	146.2	146.6	1.1	5.7	2.2	1.4	3.4	1.8
Personal and educational expenses	217.0	217.7	218.7	219.7	7.8	5.0	6.9	5.1	6.4	6.0
School books and supplies	200.7	202.4	202.8	203.6	4.4	1.4	5.4	5.9	2.9	5.6
Personal and educational services	218.1	218.8	219.9	220.9	7.9	5.4	6.9	5.2	6.7	6.1
Commodity and service group										
All items	-	-	-	-	2.5	2.0	3.3	2.5	2.2	2.9
Commodities	132.4	132.3	132.3	132.6	.3	.0	3.1	.6	.2	1.8
Food and beverages	143.8	143.7	143.3	143.5	2.3	2.6	4.6	-.8	2.4	1.8

Commodities less food and beverages	125.4	125.4	125.6	126.0	-1.0	-1.6	2.3	1.9	-1.3	2.1
Nondurables less food and beverages	126.9	126.8	127.5	128.0	-3.4	-6.4	1.9	3.5	-4.9	2.7
Apparel commodities	131.0	130.9	130.4	131.1	-3.6	.6	1.2	.3	-1.5	.8
Nondurables less food, beverages, and apparel 2/	127.7	127.3	127.8	127.9	3.7	-9.4	-.3	.6	-3.1	.2
Durables	123.0	123.0	123.0	123.2	3.4	4.0	2.6	.7	3.7	1.6
Services	160.5	160.6	161.3	162.0	4.2	3.3	3.6	3.8	3.7	3.7
Rent of shelter 2/ 1/	163.5	164.5	165.6	166.3	2.5	2.2	1.5	7.0	2.4	4.2
Household services less rent of shelter 1/	135.9	135.3	135.9	136.3	4.0	3.9	1.2	1.2	4.0	1.2
Transportation services	166.1	165.7	166.0	167.5	5.1	5.0	3.9	3.4	5.0	3.7
Medical care services	207.8	208.4	209.1	209.8	7.9	4.8	5.0	3.9	6.3	4.4
Other services	181.8	182.5	183.4	184.1	5.4	4.1	6.4	5.2	4.7	5.8
Special indexes										
All items less food	146.7	146.8	147.3	147.9	2.5	1.7	3.1	3.3	2.1	3.2
All items less shelter	143.0	143.0	143.2	143.7	2.3	1.7	3.4	2.0	2.0	2.7
All items less homeowners' costs 1/	147.7	147.6	147.9	148.4	2.2	1.9	3.3	1.9	2.1	2.6
All items less medical care	142.7	142.7	143.1	143.5	2.3	1.4	3.4	2.3	1.9	2.8
Commodities less food	126.6	126.5	126.7	127.1	-.9	-1.3	2.2	1.6	-1.1	1.9
Nondurables less food	128.3	128.2	128.8	129.4	-3.0	-5.4	1.9	3.5	-4.2	2.7
Nondurables less food and apparel 2/	129.1	128.8	129.3	129.4	3.1	-7.9	-.3	.9	-2.6	.3
Nondurables 2/	135.1	135.0	135.2	136.0	-.9	-.9	1.2	2.7	-.9	1.9
Services less rent of shelter 1/	168.0	168.1	168.9	169.3	5.3	4.2	3.9	3.1	4.7	3.5
Services less medical care services	156.0	156.0	157.0	157.4	4.0	3.2	3.4	3.6	3.6	3.5
Energy	102.9	102.1	103.7	104.1	-3.8	-4.2	1.2	4.7	-4.0	2.9
All items less energy	152.2	152.3	152.5	153.0	3.0	2.2	3.8	2.1	2.6	2.9
All items less food and energy	154.4	154.6	155.0	155.5	3.2	2.1	3.4	2.9	2.7	3.2
Commodities less food and energy commodities	136.0	136.0	135.8	136.2	.9	.0	2.4	.6	.4	1.5
Energy commodities	94.5	94.0	96.3	96.5	-13.3	-11.5	3.0	8.7	-12.4	5.8
Services less energy services	164.7	165.0	165.7	166.4	4.1	3.5	3.7	4.2	3.8	4.0

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

commodities .....	.339	93.6	92.3	-.4	-1.4	-1.5	6.5	-.3
Gas (piped) and electricity (energy services).....	3.754	117.4	117.5	2.5	.1	-.8	.5	.8
Other utilities and public services 2/	3.429	150.7	150.7	2.5	.0	.0	.7	.0
Household furnishings and operation	5.800	119.0	119.2	1.4	.2	.2	-.5	.3
Housefurnishings	3.525	109.1	109.2	1.0	.1	.1	-.7	.0
Housekeeping supplies	1.141	131.7	132.4	1.8	.5	.0	-.2	1.3
Housekeeping services	1.134	139.7	139.8	2.6	.1	.4	-.1	.1
Apparel and upkeep	5.909	131.4	134.7	-.1	2.5	.3	-.2	.2
Apparel commodities	5.379	128.6	132.1	-.3	2.7	.3	-.2	.2
Men's and boys' apparel	1.393	124.0	124.9	-2.2	.7	-.4	-1.2	-.6
Women's and girls' apparel.....	2.356	129.5	135.2	-1.0	4.4	.7	.0	.2
Infants' and toddlers' apparel .....	.261	126.6	126.7	-1.2	.1	.5	.1	-.9
Footwear .....	.866	127.0	128.1	1.3	.9	1.3	-.3	-.5
Other apparel commodities .....	.502	145.0	152.2	5.9	5.0	-1.5	.9	5.0
Apparel services 2/ .....	.530	153.5	153.7	2.3	.1	.0	.1	.1
Transportation	18.863	130.4	130.5	2.1	.1	-.2	.5	.5
Private transportation	17.613	128.1	128.1	1.7	.0	-.2	.5	.4
New vehicles	4.948	137.1	137.4	3.8	.2	.1	.4	.5
New cars	3.606	134.7	135.0	3.4	.2	.1	.5	.4
Used cars	2.256	134.8	134.3	5.6	-.4	-.9	-.8	-.1
Motor fuel	3.705	93.5	93.1	-4.1	-.4	-.6	2.3	.1
Gasoline	-	93.0	92.6	-4.4	-.4	-.2	2.0	-.1
Maintenance and repairs	1.615	149.3	149.7	3.0	.3	.3	.1	.3
Other private transportation	5.089	155.5	155.7	2.2	.1	.1	.1	.6
Other private transportation commodities .....	.795	102.8	102.9	-.3	.1	.1	.2	.4
Other private transportation services	4.295	168.4	168.7	2.7	.2	.1	.1	.7
Public transportation	1.251	170.9	173.2	7.8	1.3	-1.3	-.2	1.8
Medical care	6.044	207.0	207.7	4.8	.3	.3	.2	.3
Medical care commodities	1.061	196.8	197.2	2.7	.2	.3	.3	-.2
Medical care services	4.983	209.3	210.0	5.2	.3	.3	.2	.4
Professional medical services	2.865	190.1	191.0	4.4	.5	.2	.4	.3
Entertainment	4.028	147.1	147.7	3.2	.4	.3	.3	.3
Entertainment commodities	2.077	134.0	134.8	1.7	.6	.0	-.1	.4
Entertainment services	1.951	166.0	166.3	4.9	.2	.6	.7	.2
Other goods and services	6.807	193.2	193.4	.6	.1	.1	.2	.5
Tobacco and smoking products	2.121	217.2	217.5	-7.9	.1	-.5	.0	.6

Personal care 2/	1.146	143.1	143.2	1.7	.1	.2	-.3	.1	
Toilet goods and personal care appliances 2/ .....	.650	140.5	140.3	.9	-.1	.2	-.4	-.1
Personal care services 2/ .....	.496	146.3	146.7	2.7	.3	.1	-.1	.3
Personal and educational expenses	3.540	214.7	215.0	6.1	.1	.4	.4	.5	
School books and supplies .....	.219	205.8	205.8	4.5	.0	.6	.3	.4
Personal and educational services	3.321	215.7	216.0	6.2	.1	.3	.5	.5	
Commodity and service group									
All items	100.000	144.0	144.4	2.3	.3	.1	.2	.3	
Commodities	47.644	131.7	132.2	1.0	.4	.0	.0	.2	
Food and beverages	19.344	143.2	143.4	2.1	.1	.1	-.3	.1	
Commodities less food and beverages	28.300	124.6	125.3	.2	.6	-.1	.2	.2	
Nondurables less food and beverages ..	16.590	125.7	126.9	-1.5	1.0	.0	.7	.3	
Apparel commodities	5.379	128.6	132.1	-.3	2.7	.3	-.2	.2	
Nondurables less food, beverages, and apparel 2/	11.211	127.2	127.3	-2.1	.1	-.4	.4	.1	
Durables	11.710	121.9	121.9	2.9	.0	.0	.1	.2	
Services	52.356	159.0	159.4	3.6	.3	.1	.4	.4	
Rent of shelter 2/ 1/	25.143	148.9	149.5	3.2	.4	.5	.5	.4	
Household services less rent of shelter 1/	8.771	124.5	124.6	2.5	.1	-.2	.6	.1	
Transportation services	7.160	164.0	164.6	3.6	.4	-.1	.1	.8	
Medical care services	4.983	209.3	210.0	5.2	.3	.3	.2	.4	
Other services	6.299	179.9	180.2	5.2	.2	.4	.5	.3	
Special indexes									
All items less food	82.378	144.1	144.7	2.4	.4	.1	.3	.3	
All items less shelter	74.318	141.2	141.7	2.1	.4	.0	.1	.3	
All items less homeowners' costs 1/	82.601	135.4	135.9	2.1	.4	.0	.1	.4	
All items less medical care	93.956	140.9	141.4	2.2	.4	.0	.3	.3	
Commodities less food	30.022	125.6	126.3	.3	.6	-.1	.2	.2	
Nondurables less food	18.312	127.2	128.3	-1.2	.9	-.1	.6	.4	
Nondurables less food and apparel 2/	12.933	128.7	128.8	-1.6	.1	-.3	.4	.1	
Nondurables 2/	35.934	134.7	135.4	.4	.5	.1	.1	.5	
Services less rent of shelter 1/	27.213	150.4	150.7	3.9	.2	.0	.5	.3	
Services less medical care services	47.373	154.6	155.0	3.4	.3	.1	.5	.3	
Energy	7.798	101.2	101.1	-.8	-.1	-.8	1.6	.5	
All items less energy	92.202	149.9	150.5	2.6	.4	.1	.1	.3	
All items less food and energy	74.580	151.8	152.5	2.7	.5	.1	.3	.3	
Commodities less food and energy commodities	25.978	134.7	135.6	1.0	.7	.0	-.1	.3	

Energy commodities	4.044	93.8	93.3	-3.8	-.5	-.6	2.7	.0
Services less energy services	48.602	163.6	164.1	3.7	.3	.2	.4	.4
Purchasing power of the consumer dollar:								
1982-84=\$1.00 2/	-	\$.695	\$.692	-2.4	-.4	-.1	-.3	-.4
1967=\$1.00 2/	-	.233	.232	-	-	-	-	-

1/ Indexes on a December 1984=100 base.

2/ Not seasonally adjusted.

- Data not available.

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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				
	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	June	3 months ended-		6 months ended-		
	1993	1994	1994	1994	1993	Sept. 1993	Dec. 1993	Mar. 1994	Sept. 1993	Mar. 1994
All items	-	-	-	-	2.6	1.4	3.1	2.5	2.0	2.8
Food and beverages	143.3	143.4	143.0	143.2	2.3	2.6	4.0	-.3	2.4	1.8
Food	142.6	142.7	142.2	142.6	2.6	2.6	4.0	.0	2.6	2.0
Food at home	142.2	142.1	141.4	141.7	2.6	3.5	5.5	-1.4	3.1	2.0
Cereals and bakery products	159.1	159.8	160.7	160.4	4.2	3.4	4.4	3.3	3.8	3.8
Meats, poultry, fish, and eggs	136.9	137.2	137.3	137.5	4.5	-.9	4.5	1.8	1.8	3.1
Dairy products	129.1	130.3	131.1	131.4	7.0	-4.2	.0	7.3	1.3	3.6
Fruits and vegetables	167.5	164.2	158.5	159.3	-3.6	19.8	16.9	-18.2	7.5	-2.2
Other food at home	131.7	131.7	131.5	131.8	1.9	1.5	3.4	.3	1.7	1.8
Sugar and sweets	133.9	134.9	135.5	135.1	1.2	.9	2.4	3.6	1.1	3.0
Fats and oils	130.5	130.6	130.7	132.4	.6	.3	.9	6.0	.5	3.4
Nonalcoholic beverages	116.6	116.1	114.7	115.4	2.1	.7	5.3	-4.1	1.4	.5
Other prepared food	145.2	145.3	145.9	145.7	2.3	2.8	2.8	1.4	2.5	2.1
Food away from home	144.1	144.5	144.4	144.8	2.0	1.4	1.7	2.0	1.7	1.8
Alcoholic beverages	150.9	151.1	150.7	150.6	.8	1.1	3.8	-.8	.9	1.5

services	166.8	167.0	167.2	168.4	1.7	2.7	2.4	3.9	2.2	3.2
Public transportation	169.8	167.6	167.2	170.2	11.6	10.8	8.4	.9	11.2	4.6
Medical care	205.4	206.0	206.5	207.1	6.8	4.5	4.4	3.4	5.6	3.9
Medical care commodities	195.8	196.3	196.8	196.4	3.2	3.4	2.9	1.2	3.3	2.1
Medical care services	207.4	208.0	208.5	209.4	7.6	4.6	4.8	3.9	6.1	4.3
Professional medical services	188.8	189.1	189.9	190.4	6.1	3.7	4.1	3.4	4.9	3.8
Entertainment 2/	146.3	146.7	147.2	147.7	2.3	2.2	4.8	3.9	2.3	4.3
Entertainment commodities	134.2	134.2	134.0	134.6	1.2	1.8	2.7	1.2	1.5	2.0
Entertainment services	164.0	165.0	166.2	166.5	3.6	2.5	7.1	6.2	3.0	6.7
Other goods and services	192.4	192.5	192.9	193.8	4.0	-8.0	4.3	2.9	-2.2	3.6
Tobacco and smoking products	216.5	215.4	215.5	216.8	-.3	-29.1	1.3	.6	-16.0	.9
Personal care 2/	143.2	143.5	143.1	143.2	1.4	3.4	2.0	.0	2.4	1.0
Toilet goods and personal care appliances 2/	140.7	141.0	140.5	140.3	1.4	1.7	1.4	-1.1	1.6	.1
Personal care services 2/	146.2	146.4	146.3	146.7	1.1	5.7	2.8	1.4	3.4	2.1
Personal and educational expenses	212.8	213.6	214.5	215.5	7.7	4.9	6.9	5.2	6.3	6.0
School books and supplies	202.6	203.9	204.6	205.4	5.4	.8	6.1	5.6	3.1	5.9
Personal and educational services	213.8	214.5	215.5	216.5	7.9	5.3	6.8	5.1	6.6	6.0
Commodity and service group										
All items	-	-	-	-	2.6	1.4	3.1	2.5	2.0	2.8
Commodities	131.9	131.9	131.9	132.2	.6	-.3	2.8	.9	.2	1.8
Food and beverages	143.3	143.4	143.0	143.2	2.3	2.6	4.0	-.3	2.4	1.8
Commodities less food and beverages	124.9	124.8	125.1	125.4	-.6	-2.2	2.3	1.6	-1.4	1.9
Nondurables less food and beverages	126.1	126.1	127.0	127.4	-3.4	-8.2	1.9	4.2	-5.8	3.1
Apparel commodities	129.7	130.1	129.8	130.1	-3.3	.6	.3	1.2	-1.4	.8
Nondurables less food, beverages, and apparel 2/	127.2	126.7	127.2	127.3	4.1	-11.4	-.6	.3	-4.0	-.2
Durables	121.9	121.9	122.0	122.2	4.1	4.1	2.7	1.0	4.1	1.8
Services	157.9	158.1	158.8	159.4	4.2	3.1	3.4	3.9	3.7	3.6
Rent of shelter 2/ 1/	147.3	148.1	148.9	149.5	2.5	2.5	1.9	6.1	2.5	4.0
Household services less rent of shelter 1/	124.9	124.7	125.4	125.5	3.6	3.9	.6	1.9	3.8	1.3
Transportation services	162.7	162.5	162.6	163.9	3.8	3.8	3.8	3.0	3.8	3.4
Medical care services	207.4	208.0	208.5	209.4	7.6	4.6	4.8	3.9	6.1	4.3
Other services	178.7	179.4	180.3	180.9	5.5	4.2	6.3	5.0	4.8	5.6
Special indexes										
All items less food	143.5	143.6	144.1	144.6	2.6	1.1	2.8	3.1	1.8	3.0

All items less shelter	141.1	141.1	141.3	141.7	2.0	1.2	3.2	1.7	1.6	2.4
All items less homeowners' costs 1/	135.2	135.2	135.4	135.9	2.1	1.2	3.0	2.1	1.7	2.5
All items less medical care	140.6	140.6	141.0	141.4	2.0	1.2	3.2	2.3	1.6	2.7
Commodities less food	126.1	126.0	126.3	126.6	-.3	-2.2	2.3	1.6	-1.3	1.9
Nondurables less food	127.6	127.5	128.3	128.8	-3.3	-7.2	2.2	3.8	-5.3	3.0
Nondurables less food and apparel 2/	128.6	128.2	128.7	128.8	3.7	-9.9	-.3	.6	-3.3	.2
Nondurables 2/	134.5	134.6	134.7	135.4	-.3	-1.5	.6	2.7	-.9	1.6
Services less rent of shelter 1/	149.7	149.7	150.4	150.9	5.1	4.1	3.6	3.2	4.6	3.4
Services less medical care services	153.7	153.8	154.6	155.0	3.8	2.9	3.5	3.4	3.4	3.4
Energy	102.3	101.5	103.1	103.6	-4.5	-4.6	1.2	5.2	-4.5	3.2
All items less energy	149.5	149.6	149.8	150.3	3.0	2.2	3.3	2.2	2.6	2.7
All items less food and energy	151.4	151.5	151.9	152.4	3.3	1.9	3.2	2.7	2.6	3.0
Commodities less food and energy										
commodities	135.0	135.0	134.8	135.2	1.8	-.6	2.1	.6	.6	1.3
Energy commodities	94.7	94.1	96.6	96.6	-13.6	-11.8	3.9	8.3	-12.7	6.1
Services less energy services	162.5	162.8	163.5	164.1	4.1	3.0	3.8	4.0	3.6	3.9

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 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 Mar. 1994 from-			Percent change to Feb. 1994 from-		
		Dec. 1993	Jan. 1994	Feb. 1994	Mar. 1994	Mar. 1993	Jan. 1994	Feb. 1994	Feb. 1993	Dec. 1993	Jan. 1994
U.S. city average	M	145.8	146.2	146.7	147.2	2.5	0.7	0.3	2.5	0.6	0.3
Region and area size 2/											
Northeast urban.....	M	152.7	153.2	154.0	154.3	2.3	.7	.2	2.4	.9	.5
Size A - More than 1,200,000	M	153.2	153.7	154.6	155.1	2.3	.9	.3	2.5	.9	.6
Size B - 500,000 to 1,200,000	M	151.7	152.5	153.0	152.7	2.3	.1	-.2	2.8	.9	.3
Size C - 50,000 to 500,000	M	151.1	151.3	151.9	152.2	2.1	.6	.2	1.9	.5	.4

North Central urban	M	141.2	141.5	142.1	142.6	2.6	.8	.4	2.5	.6	.4
Size A - More than 1,200,000	M	142.2	142.5	143.2	143.9	2.7	1.0	.5	2.6	.7	.5
Size B - 360,000 to 1,200,000	M	140.1	141.1	141.3	141.8	3.3	.5	.4	2.9	.9	.1
Size C - 50,000 to 360,000	M	142.4	142.4	143.0	143.1	1.9	.5	.1	2.1	.4	.4
Size D - Nonmetropolitan (less than 50,000)	M	136.8	136.7	137.2	137.8	2.3	.8	.4	2.7	.3	.4
South urban	M	142.2	142.5	142.9	143.6	2.8	.8	.5	2.7	.5	.3
Size A - More than 1,200,000	M	142.7	142.9	143.4	144.4	2.8	1.0	.7	2.6	.5	.3
Size B - 450,000 to 1,200,000	M	143.8	144.4	144.6	145.4	2.7	.7	.6	3.1	.6	.1
Size C - 50,000 to 450,000	M	140.9	141.0	141.6	142.0	2.5	.7	.3	2.5	.5	.4
Size D - Nonmetropolitan (less than 50,000)	M	140.7	140.8	140.7	141.3	3.1	.4	.4	2.9	.0	-.1
West urban	M	147.8	148.1	148.3	149.0	2.6	.6	.5	2.1	.3	.1
Size A - More than 1,250,000	M	149.5	149.7	149.9	150.5	2.2	.5	.4	1.8	.3	.1
Size C - 50,000 to 330,000	M	146.7	147.8	148.3	148.7	3.4	.6	.3	3.6	1.1	.3
Size classes											
A 3/	M	132.5	132.7	133.3	133.9	2.5	.9	.5	2.3	.6	.5
B	M	145.0	145.8	146.1	146.5	2.8	.5	.3	3.0	.8	.2
C	M	144.1	144.3	144.9	145.2	2.4	.6	.2	2.4	.6	.4
D	M	141.3	141.2	141.5	142.0	2.7	.6	.4	2.8	.1	.2
Selected local areas											
Chicago-Gary-Lake County, IL-IN-WI.....	M	146.1	146.5	146.8	147.6	2.4	.8	.5	2.2	.5	.2
Los Angeles-Anaheim-Riverside, CA	M	151.9	152.2	152.2	152.5	1.8	.2	.2	1.5	.2	.0
N.Y.-Northern N.J.-Long Island, NY-NJ-CT	M	155.6	156.0	157.4	157.9	2.5	1.2	.3	2.5	1.2	.9
Phil.-Wilmington-Trenton, PA-NJ-DE-MD ..	M	151.3	152.5	152.9	153.5	2.8	.7	.4	3.0	1.1	.3
San Francisco-Oakland-San Jose, CA	M	147.0	147.5	147.4	148.2	1.7	.5	.5	1.3	.3	-.1
Baltimore, MD	1	-	143.8	-	145.0	1.7	.8	-	-	-	-
Boston-Lawrence-Salem, MA-NH	1	-	153.6	-	155.0	.6	.9	-	-	-	-
Cleveland-Akron-Lorain, OH	1	-	142.4	-	143.3	3.2	.6	-	-	-	-
Miami-Fort Lauderdale, FL	1	-	141.0	-	143.5	3.1	1.8	-	-	-	-
St. Louis-East St. Louis, MO-IL	1	-	138.6	-	139.7	2.6	.8	-	-	-	-
Washington, DC-MD-VA	1	-	150.9	-	151.5	2.0	.4	-	-	-	-
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 Mar. 1994 from-			Percent change to Feb. 1994 from-		
		Dec. 1993	Jan. 1994	Feb. 1994	Mar. 1994	Mar. 1993	Jan. 1994	Feb. 1994	Feb. 1993	Dec. 1993	Jan. 1994
U.S. city average	M	143.3	143.6	144.0	144.4	2.3	0.6	0.3	2.3	0.5	0.3
Region and area size 2/											
Northeast urban.....	M	150.4	150.8	151.4	151.7	2.0	.6	.2	2.2	.7	.4
Size A - More than 1,200,000	M	149.9	150.2	150.9	151.4	2.0	.8	.3	2.1	.7	.5
Size B - 500,000 to 1,200,000	M	149.4	150.3	150.7	150.6	2.2	.2	-.1	2.5	.9	.3
Size C - 50,000 to 500,000	M	152.6	152.7	153.2	153.4	1.8	.5	.1	1.7	.4	.3
North Central urban	M	138.2	138.5	139.0	139.4	2.3	.6	.3	2.4	.6	.4
Size A - More than 1,200,000	M	138.5	138.8	139.4	140.0	2.6	.9	.4	2.4	.6	.4
Size B - 360,000 to 1,200,000	M	136.5	137.4	137.6	137.9	2.8	.4	.2	2.7	.8	.1
Size C - 50,000 to 360,000	M	140.0	140.0	140.6	140.6	1.7	.4	.0	1.9	.4	.4
Size D - Nonmetropolitan (less than 50,000)	M	135.6	135.3	135.8	136.3	1.9	.7	.4	2.3	.1	.4

South urban	M	140.8	141.0	141.2	141.9	2.6	.6	.5	2.6	.3	.1
Size A - More than 1,200,000	M	141.0	141.0	141.3	142.3	2.7	.9	.7	2.4	.2	.2
Size B - 450,000 to 1,200,000	M	140.7	141.1	141.2	141.8	2.6	.5	.4	3.1	.4	.1
Size C - 50,000 to 450,000	M	140.8	140.8	141.3	141.6	2.2	.6	.2	2.3	.4	.4
Size D - Nonmetropolitan (less than 50,000)	M	140.9	141.1	141.0	141.4	3.2	.2	.3	3.1	.1	-.1
West urban	M	145.0	145.3	145.4	145.9	2.2	.4	.3	1.9	.3	.1
Size A - More than 1,250,000	M	145.2	145.3	145.4	145.9	2.0	.4	.3	1.6	.1	.1
Size C - 50,000 to 330,000	M	144.5	145.4	146.0	146.3	3.2	.6	.2	3.3	1.0	.4
Size classes											
A 3/	M	131.5	131.7	132.1	132.7	2.3	.8	.5	2.2	.5	.3
B	M	142.6	143.2	143.4	143.8	2.6	.4	.3	2.8	.6	.1
C	M	143.4	143.6	144.1	144.3	2.1	.5	.1	2.2	.5	.3
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Baltimore, MD	1	-	142.7	-	144.2	1.7	1.1	-	-	-	-
Boston-Lawrence-Salem, MA-NH	1	-	152.5	-	153.5	-.3	.7	-	-	-	-
Cleveland-Akron-Lorain, OH	1	-	135.1	-	135.7	3.0	.4	-	-	-	-
Miami-Fort Lauderdale, FL	1	-	138.7	-	141.1	2.9	1.7	-	-	-	-
St. Louis-East St. Louis, MO-IL	1	-	137.7	-	138.7	2.4	.7	-	-	-	-
Washington, DC-MD-VA	1	-	148.3	-	148.9	1.8	.4	-	-	-	-
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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