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CONSUMER PRICE INDEX--AUGUST 1994

The Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers (CPI-U) rose 0.4 percent before seasonal adjustment in August to a level of 149.0 (1982-84=100), the Bureau of Labor Statistics of the U.S. Department of Labor reported today. For the 12-month period ended in August, the CPI-U increased 2.9 percent.

The Consumer Price Index for Urban Wage Earners and Clerical Workers (CPI-W) increased 0.5 percent in August, prior to seasonal adjustment. The August 1994 CPI-W level of 146.5 was 2.9 percent higher than the index in August 1993.

CPI for All Urban Consumers (CPI-U)

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On a seasonally adjusted basis, the CPI-U rose 0.3 percent in August, the same as in each of the 2 preceding months. The food and energy indexes rose again in August, but by less than in July. Coffee prices advanced sharply for the second consecutive month--up 22 percent in August--and accounted for over four-fifths of the 0.4 percent rise in the food index. The 1.4 percent rise in energy costs was due almost entirely to a sharp rise in gasoline prices. The CPI-U excluding food and energy rose 0.3 percent in August, following a 0.2 percent increase in July.

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

Expenditure category	Seasonally adjusted							Unadj	
	Changes from preceding month							Compnd	12-mo
	1994							ann rte	
	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	June	July	Aug.	ended	ended
All items	.3	.3	.1	.2	.3	.3	.3	3.8	2.9
Food and beverages	-.3	.1	.1	.3	.3	.5	.3	4.5	2.7
Housing	.4	.3	.0	.2	.1	.2	.3	2.5	2.5
Apparel and upkeep	-.3	.4	-.3	.4	.6	-.4	-1.0	-3.2	-.6
Transportation	.5	.6	.3	-.4	.6	1.0	1.0	11.0	4.4
Medical care	.3	.2	.6	.4	.4	.4	.4	4.8	4.6
Entertainment	.4	.3	-.1	.3	-.1	.3	.0	.8	3.0
Other goods & serv	.3	.4	.7	.6	.4	.4	.2	3.9	3.1
Special indexes:									
Energy	1.6	.4	-.4	-1.0	.1	1.8	1.4	14.3	3.1
Food	-.3	.1	.1	.3	.3	.5	.4	4.8	2.8
AI - food & energy	.3	.3	.2	.3	.3	.2	.3	2.8	2.9

During the first 8 months of 1994, the CPI-U rose at a 2.9 seasonally adjusted annual rate (SAAR). This compares with an increase of 2.7 percent in all of 1993. The food index increased at an annual rate of 2.0 percent and energy costs at a 4.8 percent rate. The year-to-date annual rate for the index for all items less food and energy thus far in 1994 was 2.9 percent. This follows a 3.2 percent increase in all of 1993 and continues the moderating pattern evident in this component since 1990.

The food and beverage index rose 0.3 percent in August. Grocery store food prices increased 0.6 percent, following a 0.8 percent advance in July. Over 90 percent of the August advance was the result of another sharp increase in coffee prices, which rose 22.0 percent in August after increasing a record 22.4 percent in July. The index for fruits and vegetables continued to advance, but by substantially less than in recent months. This index rose 0.3 percent in August, following an increase of 6.5 percent in the preceding 3-month period. The index for fresh fruits rose 3.4 percent, more than offsetting declines in the indexes for fresh vegetables and for processed fruits and vegetables. Partially

offsetting the moderation in the fruit and vegetable index was an upturn in the index for meats, poultry, fish, and eggs. Meat prices, which had declined in each of the 3 preceding months, rose 0.4 percent in August. The indexes for beef and pork each rose 0.4 percent, while poultry prices fell 1.7 percent. The index for cereal and bakery products increased 0.4 percent, while the index for dairy products declined for the third consecutive month--down 0.8 percent in August. The other two components of the food and beverage index--restaurant meals and alcoholic beverages--rose 0.1 percent and fell 0.2 percent, respectively.

The housing component, which rose 0.2 percent in July, increased 0.3 percent in August. Shelter costs increased 0.4 percent, following a 0.3 percent rise in July. Within shelter, renters' costs increased 0.5 percent and homeowners' costs, 0.4 percent, while maintenance and repair costs fell 0.1 percent. The index for fuel and other utilities rose 0.2 percent in August, the same as in July. The index for household fuels rose 0.2 percent, as increases in the indexes for fuel oil and electricity--up 0.1 and 0.3 percent, respectively, more than offset a 0.1 percent decline in the index for natural gas. The index for other utilities and public services increased 0.1 percent in August. Within that group, small increases in charges for telephone services, water and sewerage maintenance, and refuse collection were partially offset by a decline in charges for cable television. The latter index fell 0.6 percent in August and last registered a monthly increase in February. The index for household furnishings and operation increased 0.2 percent in August, following no change in July.

Transportation costs rose 1.0 percent in August, the same as in July, largely as a result of another sharp increase in the index for motor fuels. The index for gasoline rose 3.7 percent in August and has increased 7.8 percent in the past 3 months. Increases in automobile purchase costs and public transportation costs also contributed to the August transportation advance. The index for new vehicles rose 0.3 percent in August and has advanced at a 4.6 percent seasonally adjusted annual rate thus far in 1994. Automobile finance charges continued to increase, albeit by substantially less than in recent months. This index rose 0.5 percent in August after advancing 11.7 percent in the preceding 4 months. The index for used cars rose 0.8 percent. The index for public transportation increased 1.8 percent, principally reflecting a 2.3 percent rise in airline fares.

The index for apparel and upkeep declined for the second consecutive month, down 1.0 percent in August after falling 0.4 percent in July. The August decline reflects end-of-season sales of spring-summer wear, coupled with smaller than usual price increases on newly introduced fall-winter wear. (Prior to seasonal adjustment, prices for apparel and upkeep rose 0.2 percent in August, following declines in each of the 3 preceding months.)

Medical care costs rose 0.4 percent in August, the same as in each of the 3 preceding months, to a level 4.6 percent above a year earlier. The index for medical care commodities--prescription drugs, nonprescription drugs, and medical supplies--rose 0.3 percent in August. The index for medical care services rose 0.4 percent in August. Charges for professional services and hospital and related services each increased 0.4 percent.

The entertainment index was unchanged in August, following a 0.3 percent increase in July. Declines in fees for participant sports and club memberships and in prices for sporting goods and equipment offset small price increases in the indexes for reading materials, for admissions to movies, theaters, concerts, and sporting events, and for fees for lessons or instructions.

The index for other goods and services rose 0.2 percent in August after advancing 0.4 percent in July. Smaller increases in the indexes for tobacco and smoking products and for personal and educational expenses--up 0.1 and 0.3 percent, respectively, in August--were responsible for the moderation.

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 0.4 percent in August.

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	
	1994	3-mos ended	12-mo ended

	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	June	July	Aug.	Aug. 94	Aug94
All items	.2	.3	.1	.1	.3	.4	.4	4.5	2.9
Food and beverages	-.3	.1	.1	.3	.2	.5	.4	4.5	2.6
Housing	.5	.3	.0	.1	.1	.1	.4	2.6	2.5
Apparel and upkeep	-.2	.2	-.4	.5	.5	-.2	-.9	-2.4	-.2
Transportation	.5	.5	.3	-.2	.6	1.1	1.0	11.4	4.5
Medical care	.2	.3	.6	.3	.4	.4	.4	4.9	4.5
Entertainment	.3	.3	-.1	.4	.1	.2	.0	1.1	2.9
Other goods & serv	.2	.5	.7	.5	.4	.4	.4	4.6	2.5
Special indexes:									
Energy	1.6	.5	-.5	-1.1	.4	1.9	1.6	16.6	3.4
Food	-.4	.3	.1	.3	.2	.5	.5	4.8	2.8
AI - food & energy	.3	.3	.2	.3	.3	.2	.3	3.2	2.8

Consumer Price Index data for September will be released on Friday, October 14, 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 Aug. 1994 from-		Seasonally adjusted percent change from-		
		July 1994	Aug. 1994	Aug. 1993	July 1994	May to June	June to July	July to Aug.
All items .....	100.000	148.4	149.0	2.9	0.4	0.3	0.3	0.3
All items (1967=100) .....	-	444.4	446.4	-	-	-	-	-
Food and beverages .....	17.398	144.8	145.3	2.7	.3	.3	.5	.3
Food .....	15.799	144.2	144.8	2.8	.4	.3	.5	.4
Food at home .....	9.853	144.0	144.7	3.6	.5	.4	.8	.6
Cereals and bakery products .....	1.454	163.9	164.7	4.6	.5	.6	.2	.4
Meats, poultry, fish, and eggs .....	2.984	136.7	137.1	.8	.3	-.1	-.7	.1
Dairy products .....	1.186	131.8	131.8	1.0	.0	-.2	-.3	-.8

Fruits and vegetables .....	1.909	164.4	162.8	5.6	-1.0	1.4	2.5	.3
Other food at home .....	2.320	135.7	138.9	6.4	2.4	.3	2.3	2.2
Sugar and sweets .....	.331	135.2	135.1	1.0	-.1	-.2	.1	-.3
Fats and oils .....	.246	135.1	134.1	3.1	-.7	.5	.9	-.7
Nonalcoholic beverages .....	.712	122.8	131.3	15.1	6.9	.4	6.4	7.1
Other prepared food .....	1.030	147.6	148.4	2.8	.5	.3	.5	.1
Food away from home .....	5.946	145.6	145.9	1.6	.2	.0	.1	.1
Alcoholic beverages .....	1.600	151.6	151.3	1.1	-.2	.3	-.1	-.2
Housing .....	41.394	145.4	145.9	2.5	.3	.1	.2	.3
Shelter .....	27.948	160.8	161.7	3.1	.6	.1	.3	.4
Renters' costs 1/ .....	7.984	171.0	172.1	2.9	.6	.1	-.1	.5
Rent, residential .....	5.771	153.9	154.5	2.5	.4	-.1	.3	.4
Other renters' costs .....	2.213	203.2	205.9	4.0	1.3	.4	-1.0	.8
Homeowners' costs 1/ .....	19.768	165.3	166.1	3.3	.5	.0	.4	.4
Owners' equivalent rent 1/ .....	19.386	165.5	166.4	3.3	.5	.0	.4	.4
Household insurance 2/ 1/ .....	.382	153.2	154.0	4.1	.5	.7	.9	.5
Maintenance and repairs 2/ .....	.196	131.3	131.2	-.3	-.1	.4	-.2	-.1
Maintenance and repair services 2/ ..	.118	135.4	135.4	-.8	.0	.3	.0	.0
Maintenance and repair								
commodities 2/ .....	.078	125.9	125.6	.6	-.2	.4	-.2	-.2
Fuel and other utilities .....	7.262	124.3	124.3	.8	.0	-.1	.2	.2
Fuels .....	3.983	114.1	114.0	-.1	-.1	-.2	.4	.2
Fuel oil and other household fuel								
commodities .....	.369	87.1	86.8	-1.1	-.3	.0	.6	.1
Gas (piped) and electricity (energy								
services).....	3.614	122.3	122.2	.0	-.1	-.1	.3	.2
Other utilities and public								
services 2/ .....	3.279	150.4	150.6	1.9	.1	.0	.0	.1
Household furnishings and operation ....	6.183	121.5	121.4	1.8	-.1	.3	.0	.2
Housefurnishings .....	3.601	111.8	111.5	1.8	-.3	.5	-.1	.0
Housekeeping supplies .....	1.109	132.2	132.2	2.3	.0	.4	.0	.2
Housekeeping services .....	1.473	138.6	138.9	1.8	.2	-.1	.3	.2
Apparel and upkeep .....	5.897	130.9	131.1	-.6	.2	.6	-.4	-1.0
Apparel commodities .....	5.333	127.6	127.8	-.9	.2	.6	-.5	-1.1
Men's and boys' apparel .....	1.389	124.9	125.7	-.2	.6	.2	.5	.2
Women's and girls' apparel.....	2.421	125.7	125.5	-3.5	-.2	.8	-1.4	-2.8
Infants' and toddlers' apparel .....	.203	129.2	128.6	.2	-.5	2.5	1.8	-.3
Footwear .....	.781	125.0	124.5	.8	-.4	.2	-.7	-.2
Other apparel commodities .....	.539	150.6	152.4	5.5	1.2	.6	.5	1.1
Apparel services 2/ .....	.564	155.7	155.9	2.6	.1	.3	.1	.1
Transportation .....	16.954	134.6	135.9	4.4	1.0	.6	1.0	1.0

Private transportation .....	15.295	131.8	133.0	4.5	.9	.5	1.0	.9	
New vehicles .....	5.025	137.4	137.3	3.9	-.1	.6	.4	.3	
New cars .....	4.031	135.8	135.6	3.7	-.1	.4	.5	.2	
Used cars .....	1.245	142.6	144.0	4.7	1.0	1.2	.9	.8	
Motor fuel .....	3.010	100.5	104.1	7.3	3.6	.3	3.8	3.1	
Gasoline .....	-	100.4	104.1	7.4	3.7	.5	3.5	3.7	
Maintenance and repairs .....	1.533	150.0	150.7	3.1	.5	.1	.1	.5	
Other private transportation .....	4.483	161.5	162.0	3.6	.3	.6	.0	.3	
Other private transportation commodities .....	.629	103.3	103.3	.6	.0	.4	-.2	-.3	
Other private transportation services .....	3.854	175.1	175.7	4.1	.3	.6	.1	.3	
Public transportation .....	1.659	171.4	173.2	3.0	1.1	1.4	.9	1.8	
Medical care .....	7.108	211.5	212.2	4.6	.3	.4	.4	.4	
Medical care commodities .....	1.287	201.3	201.7	2.9	.2	.3	.4	.3	
Medical care services .....	5.821	213.8	214.7	5.0	.4	.4	.4	.4	
Professional medical services .....	3.353	193.0	193.5	4.1	.3	.3	.3	.4	
Entertainment .....	4.351	150.2	150.2	3.0	.0	-.1	.3	.0	
Entertainment commodities .....	1.986	136.5	136.5	2.4	.0	-.1	.3	.1	
Entertainment services .....	2.365	166.7	166.6	3.5	-.1	.0	.2	-.1	
Other goods and services .....	6.897	198.0	199.4	3.1	.7	.4	.4	.2	
Tobacco and smoking products .....	1.601	221.3	221.7	-2.7	.2	-.1	.5	.1	
Personal care 2/ .....	1.184	145.0	145.0	2.1	.0	.6	-.1	.0	
Toilet goods and personal care appliances 2/ .....	.628	141.9	141.9	1.5	.0	.1	.1	.0	
Personal care services 2/ .....	.556	148.3	148.3	2.8	.0	1.1	-.3	.0	
Personal and educational expenses .....	4.112	221.6	223.9	5.8	1.0	.5	.5	.3	
School books and supplies .....	.249	205.1	205.8	3.0	.3	.2	.4	.3	
Personal and educational services .....	3.863	223.0	225.5	6.0	1.1	.5	.5	.3	
Commodity and service group									
All items .....	100.000	148.4	149.0	2.9	.4	.3	.3	.3	
Commodities .....	43.547	133.7	134.3	2.4	.4	.3	.5	.3	
Food and beverages .....	17.398	144.8	145.3	2.7	.3	.3	.5	.3	
Commodities less food and beverages .....	26.149	126.8	127.5	2.2	.6	.4	.6	.2	
Nondurables less food and beverages ..	15.579	128.1	129.2	1.7	.9	.3	.5	.5	
Apparel commodities .....	5.333	127.6	127.8	-.9	.2	.6	-.5	-1.1	
Nondurables less food, beverages, and apparel 2/ .....	10.245	131.3	132.8	2.9	1.1	.7	.8	1.1	
Durables .....	10.570	125.1	125.1	3.1	.0	.5	.3	.2	
Services .....	56.453	163.4	164.2	3.3	.5	.2	.3	.4	

Rent of shelter 2/ 1/ .....	27.337	167.3	168.2	3.1	.5	.4	.4	.5
Household services less rent of shelter 1/ .....	8.900	137.9	138.0	1.2	.1	.1	.2	.2
Transportation services .....	7.046	168.1	168.9	3.6	.5	.7	.3	.7
Medical care services .....	5.821	213.8	214.7	5.0	.4	.4	.4	.4
Other services .....	7.349	184.7	185.8	4.7	.6	.4	.3	.1
Special indexes								
All items less food .....	84.201	149.1	149.8	2.9	.5	.3	.3	.3
All items less shelter .....	72.052	144.9	145.5	2.8	.4	.3	.4	.3
All items less homeowners' costs 1/ .....	80.232	149.8	150.4	2.8	.4	.3	.3	.3
All items less medical care .....	92.892	144.8	145.5	2.8	.5	.3	.3	.3
Commodities less food .....	27.749	127.8	128.4	2.1	.5	.4	.5	.2
Nondurables less food .....	17.178	129.4	130.4	1.6	.8	.3	.5	.5
Nondurables less food and apparel 2/ .....	11.845	132.4	133.7	2.6	1.0	.6	.8	1.0
Nondurables 2/ .....	32.977	136.6	137.4	2.2	.6	.0	.1	.6
Services less rent of shelter 1/ .....	29.116	171.0	171.7	3.4	.4	.3	.2	.4
Services less medical care services .....	50.632	158.7	159.4	3.0	.4	.3	.1	.4
Energy .....	6.993	106.8	108.5	3.1	1.6	.1	1.8	1.4
All items less energy .....	93.007	154.0	154.6	2.9	.4	.3	.3	.3
All items less food and energy .....	77.208	156.4	157.0	2.9	.4	.3	.2	.3
Commodities less food and energy commodities .....	24.369	136.8	136.8	1.5	.0	.4	.1	-.1
Energy commodities .....	3.380	99.2	102.4	6.4	3.2	.4	3.4	2.7
Services less energy services .....	52.839	167.7	168.5	3.5	.5	.2	.2	.4
Purchasing power of the consumer dollar:								
1982-84=\$1.00 2/ .....	-	\$.674	\$.671	-2.8	-.4	-.3	-.3	-.4
1967=\$1.00 2/ .....	-	.225	.224	-	-	-	-	-

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				
	May	June	July	Aug.	Nov.	3 months ended-		6 months ended-		
	1994	1994	1994	1994	1993	Feb. 1994	May 1994	Aug. 1994	Feb. 1994	Aug. 1994
All items .....	-	-	-	-	2.8	1.9	2.8	3.8	2.4	3.3
Food and beverages .....	144.0	144.4	145.1	145.6	3.7	.6	2.0	4.5	2.1	3.2
Food .....	143.5	143.9	144.6	145.2	4.0	.3	2.3	4.8	2.1	3.5
Food at home .....	142.7	143.3	144.5	145.3	4.9	.0	2.3	7.5	2.4	4.8
Cereals and bakery products .....	162.3	163.2	163.6	164.2	3.9	6.7	3.0	4.8	5.3	3.9
Meats, poultry, fish, and eggs .....	137.8	137.7	136.8	136.9	4.5	.9	.9	-2.6	2.7	-.9
Dairy products .....	133.3	133.1	132.7	131.7	-3.6	7.6	5.6	-4.7	1.9	.3
Fruits and vegetables .....	159.9	162.2	166.3	166.8	15.5	-11.0	2.8	18.4	1.4	10.3
Other food at home .....	132.4	132.8	135.8	138.8	3.1	.3	2.1	20.8	1.7	11.1
Sugar and sweets .....	135.2	134.9	135.1	134.7	2.1	3.9	-.6	-1.5	3.0	-1.0
Fats and oils .....	133.1	133.7	134.9	133.9	.9	.9	7.9	2.4	.9	5.1
Nonalcoholic beverages .....	115.2	115.7	123.1	131.9	5.0	-5.1	2.5	71.9	-.2	32.7
Other prepared food .....	146.7	147.2	147.9	148.1	3.1	2.8	1.4	3.9	2.9	2.6
Food away from home .....	145.3	145.3	145.5	145.7	2.0	1.4	1.7	1.1	1.7	1.4
Alcoholic beverages .....	151.2	151.6	151.4	151.1	2.4	2.4	-.3	-.3	2.4	-.3
Housing .....	144.3	144.4	144.7	145.2	2.6	2.8	2.2	2.5	2.7	2.4
Shelter .....	159.7	159.8	160.2	160.9	2.9	3.9	2.8	3.0	3.4	2.9
Renters' costs 1/ .....	168.4	168.5	168.4	169.2	3.2	2.9	3.4	1.9	3.1	2.7
Rent, residential .....	153.5	153.4	153.9	154.5	1.3	4.0	1.6	2.6	2.7	2.1
Other renters' costs .....	197.2	197.9	195.9	197.4	8.3	-.2	7.9	.4	3.9	4.1
Homeowners' costs 1/ .....	164.8	164.8	165.4	166.1	2.8	4.3	3.0	3.2	3.5	3.1
Owners' equivalent rent 1/ .....	165.1	165.1	165.7	166.4	2.8	4.5	2.7	3.2	3.6	2.9
Household insurance 2/ 1/ .....	150.8	151.9	153.2	154.0	3.3	.5	3.8	8.8	1.9	6.3
Maintenance and repairs 2/ .....	131.0	131.5	131.3	131.2	-10.8	4.8	5.0	.6	-3.3	2.8
Maintenance and repair services .....	135.0	135.4	135.4	135.4	-17.2	3.1	12.1	1.2	-7.6	6.5
Maintenance and repair commodities 2/ .....	125.7	126.2	125.9	125.6	.0	7.2	-4.3	-.3	3.6	-2.3
Fuel and other utilities .....	122.8	122.7	122.9	123.1	.7	1.6	-.3	1.0	1.1	.3
Fuels .....	110.8	110.6	111.0	111.2	-.4	.0	-1.4	1.5	-.2	.0
Fuel oil and other household fuel commodities .....	88.7	88.7	89.2	89.3	-6.5	12.7	-11.7	2.7	2.7	-4.8
Gas (piped) and electricity (energy services) .....	118.4	118.3	118.7	118.9	.3	-1.3	-.7	1.7	-.5	.5
Other utilities and public services 2/ .....	150.4	150.4	150.4	150.6	2.2	3.8	1.1	.5	3.0	.8
Household furnishings and operation .....	120.9	121.3	121.3	121.5	3.7	-.3	2.3	2.0	1.7	2.2

Housefurnishings .....	111.1	111.7	111.6	111.6	3.3	-.7	2.9	1.8	1.3	2.4
Housekeeping supplies .....	131.6	132.1	132.1	132.4	7.3	-.3	.0	2.5	3.4	1.2
Housekeeping services .....	138.3	138.2	138.6	138.9	2.1	.9	2.1	1.7	1.5	1.9
Apparel and upkeep .....	134.2	135.0	134.4	133.1	.6	-2.1	2.4	-3.2	-.7	-.4
Apparel commodities .....	131.2	132.0	131.4	129.9	.3	-2.4	2.5	-3.9	-1.1	-.8
Men's and boys' apparel .....	126.2	126.4	127.0	127.3	2.8	-10.2	3.2	3.5	-3.9	3.4
Women's and girls' apparel .....	133.1	134.2	132.3	128.6	-2.7	.3	2.1	-12.9	-1.2	-5.7
Infants' and toddlers' apparel .....	124.2	127.3	129.6	129.2	-8.1	2.9	-9.4	17.1	-2.8	3.0
Footwear .....	127.1	127.3	126.4	126.1	3.9	2.2	.3	-3.1	3.1	-1.4
Other apparel commodities .....	149.3	150.2	150.9	152.6	5.4	-2.7	11.2	9.1	1.2	10.1
Apparel services 2/.....	155.0	155.5	155.7	155.9	4.3	1.0	2.6	2.3	2.6	2.5
Transportation .....	132.7	133.5	134.8	136.2	4.0	.3	2.1	11.0	2.2	6.5
Private transportation .....	130.0	130.7	132.0	133.2	3.8	.9	3.1	10.2	2.4	6.6
New vehicles .....	136.9	137.7	138.3	138.7	2.7	2.4	4.8	5.4	2.6	5.1
New cars .....	135.4	135.9	136.6	136.9	2.8	2.4	4.6	4.5	2.6	4.5
Used cars .....	138.6	140.2	141.5	142.6	7.5	-7.6	7.9	12.1	-.3	9.9
Motor fuel .....	95.3	95.6	99.2	102.3	5.6	.8	-6.1	32.8	3.2	11.7
Gasoline .....	94.7	95.2	98.5	102.1	5.1	.4	-6.5	35.1	2.8	12.4
Maintenance and repairs .....	149.7	149.8	150.0	150.8	2.8	3.3	3.0	3.0	3.0	3.0
Other private transportation .....	161.0	162.0	162.0	162.5	3.1	1.3	6.2	3.8	2.2	5.0
Other private transportation commodities .....	103.5	103.9	103.7	103.4	-.8	2.0	1.6	-.4	.6	.6
Other private transportation services .....	174.5	175.6	175.8	176.4	3.8	1.2	6.9	4.4	2.5	5.7
Public transportation .....	169.3	171.6	173.2	176.4	6.2	-3.0	-7.0	17.9	1.5	4.7
Medical care .....	209.9	210.7	211.6	212.4	4.8	3.8	5.1	4.8	4.3	5.0
Medical care commodities .....	199.7	200.3	201.1	201.7	2.5	2.0	2.9	4.1	2.3	3.5
Medical care services .....	212.0	212.9	213.8	214.7	5.2	4.1	5.7	5.2	4.7	5.4
Professional medical services .....	191.5	192.1	192.6	193.3	3.9	3.7	5.0	3.8	3.8	4.4
Entertainment 2/ .....	150.0	149.9	150.3	150.3	4.7	4.1	2.2	.8	4.4	1.5
Entertainment commodities .....	136.2	136.1	136.5	136.6	3.0	.3	5.2	1.2	1.7	3.1
Entertainment services .....	166.4	166.4	166.8	166.7	6.6	7.0	-.2	.7	6.8	.2
Other goods and services .....	198.7	199.4	200.2	200.6	-1.2	2.9	6.9	3.9	.8	5.4
Tobacco and smoking products .....	220.2	219.9	221.0	221.3	-17.4	-2.4	8.8	2.0	-10.2	5.4
Personal care 2/ .....	144.4	145.2	145.0	145.0	2.6	.3	4.0	1.7	1.4	2.8
Toilet goods and personal care appliances 2/ .....	141.7	141.8	141.9	141.9	1.1	-.6	4.9	.6	.3	2.7
Personal care services 2/ .....	147.2	148.8	148.3	148.3	3.9	1.4	2.8	3.0	2.7	2.9
Personal and educational expenses .....	222.4	223.6	224.7	225.4	5.2	5.7	6.9	5.5	5.4	6.2
School books and supplies .....	205.2	205.6	206.5	207.1	-2.8	6.4	4.8	3.8	1.7	4.3

Personal and educational services .....	223.7	224.9	226.0	226.6	5.7	5.8	7.1	5.3	5.8	6.2
Commodity and service group										
All items .....	-	-	-	-	2.8	1.9	2.8	3.8	2.4	3.3
Commodities .....	133.1	133.5	134.2	134.6	2.5	.0	2.4	4.6	1.2	3.5
Food and beverages .....	144.0	144.4	145.1	145.6	3.7	.6	2.0	4.5	2.1	3.2
Commodities less food and beverages .....	126.4	126.9	127.6	127.9	1.3	.0	2.6	4.8	.6	3.7
Nondurables less food and beverages ....	128.0	128.4	129.1	129.8	-1.9	.9	1.6	5.7	-.5	3.6
Apparel commodities .....	131.2	132.0	131.4	129.9	.3	-2.4	2.5	-3.9	-1.1	-.8
Nondurables less food, beverages, and apparel 2/ .....	129.3	130.2	131.3	132.8	-.3	-3.7	4.8	11.3	-2.0	8.0
Durables .....	124.3	124.9	125.3	125.6	3.3	.7	4.3	4.2	2.0	4.3
Services .....	162.5	162.8	163.3	163.9	3.3	3.3	3.0	3.5	3.3	3.2
Rent of shelter 2/ 1/ .....	166.0	166.6	167.3	168.2	.0	6.3	1.0	5.4	3.1	3.2
Household services less rent										
of shelter 1/ .....	136.1	136.2	136.5	136.8	1.5	.6	.6	2.1	1.0	1.3
Transportation services .....	167.2	168.3	168.8	170.0	4.2	.5	2.9	6.9	2.3	4.9
Medical care services .....	212.0	212.9	213.8	214.7	5.2	4.1	5.7	5.2	4.7	5.4
Other services .....	185.2	186.0	186.6	186.8	5.7	5.4	4.0	3.5	5.6	3.7
Special indexes										
All items less food .....	148.3	148.7	149.2	149.7	2.8	2.2	2.7	3.8	2.5	3.3
All items less shelter .....	144.1	144.6	145.2	145.7	2.9	1.1	2.5	4.5	2.0	3.5
All items less homeowners' costs 1/ .....	148.9	149.4	149.9	150.4	2.8	1.4	2.7	4.1	2.1	3.4
All items less medical care .....	143.9	144.3	144.8	145.3	2.6	2.0	2.3	3.9	2.3	3.1
Commodities less food .....	127.5	128.0	128.6	128.9	1.3	.0	2.5	4.5	.6	3.5
Nondurables less food .....	129.3	129.7	130.3	131.0	-1.5	.6	1.6	5.4	-.5	3.4
Nondurables less food and apparel 2/ .....	130.6	131.4	132.4	133.7	-.3	-2.7	4.1	9.8	-1.5	6.9
Nondurables 2/ .....	136.5	136.5	136.6	137.4	3.9	-1.8	3.9	2.7	1.0	3.3
Services less rent of shelter 1/ .....	170.0	170.5	170.9	171.5	3.9	3.4	2.6	3.6	3.6	3.1
Services less medical care services .....	157.8	158.2	158.4	159.1	3.1	3.9	2.1	3.3	3.5	2.7
Energy .....	102.7	102.8	104.7	106.2	2.4	.4	-3.8	14.3	1.4	4.9
All items less energy .....	153.7	154.1	154.5	155.0	3.0	1.9	3.2	3.4	2.4	3.3
All items less food and energy .....	156.3	156.7	157.0	157.4	2.9	2.4	3.4	2.8	2.6	3.1
Commodities less food and energy										
commodities .....	137.0	137.6	137.7	137.6	.9	-.3	3.6	1.8	.3	2.7
Energy commodities .....	94.6	95.0	98.2	100.9	3.8	2.1	-6.9	29.4	3.0	9.8
Services less energy services .....	167.0	167.4	167.8	168.5	3.5	3.7	3.2	3.6	3.6	3.4

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 Aug. 1994 from-		Seasonally adjusted percent change from-		
		July 1994	Aug. 1994	Aug. 1993	July 1994	May to June	June to July	July to Aug.
All items .....	100.000	145.8	146.5	2.9	0.5	0.3	0.4	0.4
All items (1967=100) .....	-	434.3	436.4	-	-	-	-	-
Food and beverages .....	19.344	144.4	144.9	2.6	.3	.2	.5	.4
Food .....	17.622	143.8	144.4	2.8	.4	.2	.5	.5
Food at home .....	11.187	143.4	144.1	3.4	.5	.3	.8	.6
Cereals and bakery products .....	1.660	163.6	164.4	4.6	.5	.5	.4	.2
Meats, poultry, fish, and eggs .....	3.513	136.4	136.9	.7	.4	-.1	-.7	.1
Dairy products .....	1.321	131.6	131.6	1.0	.0	-.1	-.5	-.8
Fruits and vegetables .....	2.019	163.8	162.3	5.6	-.9	1.4	2.7	.5
Other food at home .....	2.674	135.4	138.3	5.9	2.1	.2	2.2	2.0
Sugar and sweets .....	.374	135.1	135.1	1.2	.0	-.4	.2	-.1
Fats and oils .....	.283	135.1	134.0	3.0	-.8	.4	1.0	-.8
Nonalcoholic beverages .....	.833	122.4	130.2	13.6	6.4	.4	5.9	6.5
Other prepared food .....	1.184	147.4	148.1	2.8	.5	.3	.5	.1
Food away from home .....	6.435	145.5	145.8	1.7	.2	.1	.1	.3
Alcoholic beverages .....	1.722	151.1	150.7	.9	-.3	.3	-.1	-.1
Housing .....	39.004	142.5	143.0	2.5	.4	.1	.1	.4
Shelter .....	25.682	156.4	157.2	3.1	.5	.1	.1	.5
Renters' costs 1/ .....	8.095	149.5	150.3	2.8	.5	.2	-.1	.5
Rent, residential .....	6.628	153.6	154.2	2.5	.4	.1	.2	.4
Other renters' costs .....	1.467	204.2	206.7	4.3	1.2	.8	-1.1	.6
Homeowners' costs 1/ .....	17.399	150.7	151.5	3.3	.5	.0	.3	.5
Owners' equivalent rent 1/ .....	17.074	150.9	151.7	3.3	.5	.0	.3	.5
Household insurance 2/ 1/ .....	.324	140.5	141.4	4.4	.6	.7	1.0	.6

Maintenance and repairs 2/ .....	.188	131.4	131.3	-.6	-.1	.5	-.1	-.1
Maintenance and repair services 2/ .	.102	139.1	139.1	-.7	.0	.2	.0	.0
Maintenance and repair								
commodities 2/ .....	.085	121.1	120.9	-.6	-.2	.7	-.2	-.2
Fuel and other utilities .....	7.523	124.0	124.0	.6	.0	.1	.1	.2
Fuels .....	4.093	113.6	113.5	-.2	-.1	.1	.2	.2
Fuel oil and other household fuel								
commodities .....	.339	87.0	86.6	-1.4	-.5	.1	.5	.2
Gas (piped) and electricity (energy								
services).....	3.754	121.7	121.6	-.2	-.1	.1	.2	.2
Other utilities and public								
services 2/ .....	3.429	150.9	151.1	1.8	.1	.1	-.1	.1
Household furnishings and operation ....	5.800	120.1	120.0	2.0	-.1	.3	.1	.2
Housefurnishings .....	3.525	110.3	110.1	1.9	-.2	.5	.1	.1
Housekeeping supplies .....	1.141	132.5	132.5	2.2	.0	.4	-.1	.2
Housekeeping services .....	1.134	140.6	140.9	2.1	.2	-.2	.6	.3
Apparel and upkeep .....	5.909	129.8	130.2	-.2	.3	.5	-.2	-.9
Apparel commodities .....	5.379	126.7	127.2	-.5	.4	.6	-.3	-1.0
Men's and boys' apparel .....	1.393	124.6	125.3	.1	.6	.4	1.0	-.2
Women's and girls' apparel.....	2.356	124.2	124.5	-2.4	.2	1.1	-1.2	-2.6
Infants' and toddlers' apparel .....	.261	130.8	129.9	.1	-.7	2.7	1.9	-.7
Footwear .....	.866	125.8	125.3	.8	-.4	.3	-.9	-.2
Other apparel commodities .....	.502	148.3	151.5	4.2	2.2	-1.7	.0	2.3
Apparel services 2/ .....	.530	155.1	155.4	2.6	.2	.3	.1	.2
Transportation .....	18.863	133.9	135.2	4.5	1.0	.6	1.1	1.0
Private transportation .....	17.613	132.0	133.3	4.6	1.0	.6	1.1	1.1
New vehicles .....	4.948	138.3	138.2	4.1	-.1	.5	.4	.4
New cars .....	3.606	135.6	135.3	3.6	-.2	.4	.4	.4
Used cars .....	2.256	143.3	144.7	4.6	1.0	1.1	.9	.8
Motor fuel .....	3.705	100.5	104.2	7.5	3.7	.7	3.7	3.2
Gasoline .....	-	100.4	104.3	7.7	3.9	.7	3.7	3.6
Maintenance and repairs .....	1.615	150.8	151.4	3.1	.4	.0	.2	.5
Other private transportation .....	5.089	157.5	157.8	3.6	.2	.6	.1	.3
Other private transportation								
commodities .....	.795	102.6	102.6	.4	.0	.2	-.3	-.2
Other private transportation								
services .....	4.295	171.0	171.5	4.2	.3	.6	.2	.4
Public transportation .....	1.251	167.1	168.7	2.9	1.0	.6	1.0	1.3
Medical care .....	6.044	210.8	211.5	4.5	.3	.4	.4	.4
Medical care commodities .....	1.061	199.0	199.5	2.7	.3	.4	.2	.4
Medical care services .....	4.983	213.4	214.2	4.9	.4	.5	.4	.4
Professional medical services .....	2.865	193.9	194.4	4.3	.3	.3	.4	.3

Entertainment .....	4.028	148.4	148.3	2.9	-.1	.1	.2	.0	
Entertainment commodities .....	2.077	136.0	135.9	2.3	-.1	-.1	.1	.1	
Entertainment services .....	1.951	166.5	166.5	3.6	.0	.2	.2	.0	
Other goods and services .....	6.807	196.3	197.5	2.5	.6	.4	.4	.4	
Tobacco and smoking products .....	2.121	221.4	222.1	-2.5	.3	.0	.5	.6	
Personal care 2/ .....	1.146	145.1	145.2	2.1	.1	.4	-.1	.1	
Toilet goods and personal care appliances 2/ .....	.650	142.5	142.6	1.6	.1	-.1	.1	.1	
Personal care services 2/ .....	.496	148.2	148.2	2.7	.0	1.2	-.5	.0	
Personal and educational expenses .....	3.540	217.9	220.2	5.9	1.1	.6	.5	.3	
School books and supplies .....	.219	206.9	207.5	3.1	.3	.3	.4	.2	
Personal and educational services .....	3.321	219.0	221.5	6.0	1.1	.6	.5	.3	
Commodity and service group									
All items .....	100.000	145.8	146.5	2.9	.5	.3	.4	.4	
Commodities .....	47.644	133.4	134.1	2.4	.5	.4	.6	.4	
Food and beverages .....	19.344	144.4	144.9	2.6	.3	.2	.5	.4	
Commodities less food and beverages .....	28.300	126.7	127.5	2.4	.6	.5	.6	.5	
Nondurables less food and beverages ..	16.590	127.8	129.1	1.9	1.0	.2	.5	.9	
Apparel commodities .....	5.379	126.7	127.2	-.5	.4	.6	-.3	-1.0	
Nondurables less food, beverages, and apparel 2/ .....	11.211	131.2	133.0	3.0	1.4	.8	.9	1.4	
Durables .....	11.710	124.2	124.3	3.2	.1	.6	.4	.2	
Services .....	52.356	160.9	161.6	3.3	.4	.2	.2	.4	
Rent of shelter 2/ 1/ .....	25.143	150.5	151.3	3.2	.5	.3	.4	.5	
Household services less rent of shelter 1/ .....	8.771	126.8	126.9	1.0	.1	.0	.0	.2	
Transportation services .....	7.160	165.2	165.9	3.7	.4	.5	.4	.5	
Medical care services .....	4.983	213.4	214.2	4.9	.4	.5	.4	.4	
Other services .....	6.299	181.8	182.9	4.7	.6	.5	.3	.2	
Special indexes									
All items less food .....	82.378	146.1	146.8	2.9	.5	.3	.3	.4	
All items less shelter .....	74.318	143.1	143.8	2.8	.5	.4	.5	.3	
All items less homeowners' costs 1/ .....	82.601	137.3	137.9	2.8	.4	.4	.4	.4	
All items less medical care .....	93.956	142.7	143.4	2.8	.5	.3	.4	.4	
Commodities less food .....	30.022	127.7	128.4	2.3	.5	.4	.6	.4	
Nondurables less food .....	18.312	129.1	130.3	1.8	.9	.5	.5	.8	
Nondurables less food and apparel 2/ .....	12.933	132.2	133.7	2.7	1.1	.7	.8	1.1	
Nondurables 2/ .....	35.934	136.4	137.3	2.3	.7	.0	.2	.7	

Services less rent of shelter 1/ .....	27.213	152.5	153.0	3.3	.3	.5	.2	.4
Services less medical care services .....	47.373	156.4	157.1	3.1	.4	.2	.1	.4
Energy .....	7.798	106.3	108.2	3.4	1.8	.4	1.9	1.6
All items less energy .....	92.202	151.4	151.9	2.8	.3	.3	.3	.3
All items less food and energy .....	74.580	153.4	153.9	2.8	.3	.3	.2	.3
Commodities less food and energy commodities .....	25.978	135.9	136.1	1.6	.1	.4	.1	.1
Energy commodities .....	4.044	99.6	102.9	6.7	3.3	.6	3.4	2.9
Services less energy services .....	48.602	165.3	166.0	3.5	.4	.2	.2	.4
Purchasing power of the consumer dollar:								
1982-84=\$1.00 2/ .....	-	\$.686	\$.683	-2.7	-.4	-.3	-.3	-.4
1967=\$1.00 2/ .....	-	.230	.229	-	-	-	-	-

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				
	May	June	July	Aug.	Nov.	3 months ended-		6 months ended-		
	1994	1994	1994	1994	1993	Feb.	May	Aug.	Feb.	Aug.
All items .....	-	-	-	-	2.8	1.7	2.5	4.5	2.3	3.5
Food and beverages .....	143.7	144.0	144.7	145.3	3.7	.6	2.0	4.5	2.1	3.2
Food .....	143.1	143.4	144.1	144.8	4.0	.0	2.6	4.8	2.0	3.7
Food at home .....	142.3	142.7	143.8	144.6	5.0	-.3	2.6	6.6	2.3	4.6
Cereals and bakery products .....	162.0	162.8	163.5	163.9	4.1	6.2	3.3	4.8	5.2	4.0
Meats, poultry, fish, and eggs .....	137.6	137.4	136.4	136.6	3.9	.9	.9	-2.9	2.4	-1.0
Dairy products .....	133.2	133.1	132.5	131.4	-3.9	7.3	6.6	-5.3	1.5	.5
Fruits and vegetables .....	159.2	161.4	165.7	166.5	16.7	-11.7	1.8	19.6	1.5	10.3
Other food at home .....	132.3	132.6	135.5	138.2	3.7	-.6	2.5	19.1	1.5	10.4

Sugar and sweets .....	135.1	134.5	134.8	134.7	2.7	4.6	-1.2	-1.2	3.6	-1.2
Fats and oils .....	133.1	133.6	135.0	133.9	.9	1.2	7.5	2.4	1.1	5.0
Nonalcoholic beverages .....	115.6	116.1	122.9	130.9	6.0	-7.0	3.2	64.4	-.7	30.2
Other prepared food .....	146.4	146.9	147.7	147.8	3.1	2.5	1.4	3.9	2.8	2.6
Food away from home .....	145.2	145.3	145.4	145.8	1.7	1.1	2.2	1.7	1.4	1.9
Alcoholic beverages .....	150.5	151.0	150.8	150.6	2.4	1.3	-.5	.3	1.9	-.1
Housing .....	141.4	141.6	141.8	142.3	2.3	3.2	1.7	2.6	2.8	2.1
Shelter .....	155.6	155.7	155.9	156.7	2.7	4.5	2.6	2.9	3.6	2.7
Renters' costs 1/ .....	147.8	148.1	148.0	148.7	3.1	3.1	2.8	2.5	3.1	2.6
Rent, residential .....	153.2	153.3	153.6	154.2	1.9	4.0	1.6	2.6	2.9	2.1
Other renters' costs .....	197.2	198.7	196.6	197.8	8.5	-.2	7.9	1.2	4.0	4.5
Homeowners' costs 1/ .....	150.3	150.3	150.7	151.5	2.8	5.0	2.4	3.2	3.9	2.8
Owners' equivalent rent 1/ .....	150.5	150.5	150.9	151.7	2.8	5.0	2.4	3.2	3.9	2.8
Household insurance 2/ 1/ .....	138.1	139.1	140.5	141.4	3.0	.6	4.2	9.9	1.8	7.0
Maintenance and repairs 2/ .....	130.9	131.5	131.4	131.3	-10.2	2.5	4.7	1.2	-4.0	3.0
Maintenance and repair services .....	138.8	139.1	139.1	139.1	-17.6	4.0	12.4	.9	-7.4	6.5
Maintenance and repair commodities 2/ .....	120.6	121.4	121.1	120.9	-.7	1.0	-3.6	1.0	.2	-1.3
Fuel and other utilities .....	122.3	122.4	122.5	122.7	.7	1.6	-1.0	1.3	1.2	.2
Fuels .....	110.0	110.1	110.3	110.5	-.7	-.4	-1.8	1.8	-.5	.0
Fuel oil and other household fuel commodities .....	88.5	88.6	89.0	89.2	-7.3	13.2	-12.9	3.2	2.4	-5.2
Gas (piped) and electricity (energy services).....	117.7	117.8	118.0	118.2	.0	-1.7	-.7	1.7	-.8	.5
Other utilities and public services 2/ .....	151.0	151.1	150.9	151.1	2.2	3.8	.8	.3	3.0	.5
Household furnishings and operation .....	119.5	119.9	120.0	120.2	3.8	-.7	2.7	2.4	1.5	2.5
Housefurnishings .....	109.6	110.1	110.2	110.3	3.7	-1.5	3.0	2.6	1.1	2.8
Housekeeping supplies .....	131.9	132.4	132.3	132.6	5.7	-.9	1.5	2.1	2.3	1.8
Housekeeping services .....	140.3	140.0	140.8	141.2	2.0	1.4	2.3	2.6	1.7	2.5
Apparel and upkeep .....	132.9	133.6	133.3	132.1	.9	-.9	1.5	-2.4	.0	-.5
Apparel commodities .....	130.2	131.0	130.6	129.3	.6	-.9	1.2	-2.7	-.2	-.8
Men's and boys' apparel .....	125.4	125.9	127.2	127.0	2.2	-8.5	1.6	5.2	-3.3	3.4
Women's and girls' apparel .....	131.2	132.6	131.0	127.6	.3	.9	.3	-10.5	.6	-5.3
Infants' and toddlers' apparel .....	125.4	128.8	131.3	130.4	-8.9	2.9	-8.7	16.9	-3.2	3.3
Footwear .....	127.9	128.3	127.2	126.9	3.5	4.2	-1.2	-3.1	3.8	-2.2
Other apparel commodities .....	150.8	148.2	148.2	151.6	-1.4	-1.4	18.3	2.1	-1.4	9.9
Apparel services 2/.....	154.5	155.0	155.1	155.4	4.8	.8	2.6	2.4	2.8	2.5
Transportation .....	131.6	132.4	133.8	135.2	3.8	.6	2.5	11.4	2.2	6.8
Private transportation .....	129.7	130.5	131.9	133.3	3.8	.9	2.8	11.6	2.4	7.1
New vehicles .....	137.8	138.5	139.1	139.7	2.7	2.4	5.7	5.6	2.5	5.7
New cars .....	135.1	135.7	136.2	136.8	2.8	2.4	4.3	5.1	2.6	4.7
Used cars .....	139.3	140.8	142.0	143.2	8.1	-6.7	6.3	11.7	.4	8.9



Motor fuel .....	95.0	95.7	99.2	102.4	5.1	1.7	-7.2	35.0	3.4	11.9
Gasoline .....	94.5	95.2	98.7	102.3	4.3	1.7	-7.7	37.3	3.0	12.6
Maintenance and repairs .....	150.5	150.5	150.8	151.5	2.5	3.3	3.5	2.7	2.9	3.1
Other private transportation .....	157.0	157.9	158.1	158.5	2.4	1.3	6.6	3.9	1.8	5.2
Other private transportation commodities .....	103.0	103.2	102.9	102.7	-.8	1.6	2.0	-1.2	.4	.4
Other private transportation services .....	170.3	171.4	171.7	172.4	2.9	1.2	7.6	5.0	2.1	6.3
Public transportation .....	166.2	167.2	168.9	171.1	6.4	-3.7	-2.4	12.3	1.2	4.7
Medical care .....	209.1	210.0	210.8	211.6	4.4	3.8	5.1	4.9	4.1	5.0
Medical care commodities .....	197.8	198.5	198.8	199.5	2.3	3.1	2.0	3.5	2.7	2.8
Medical care services .....	211.5	212.5	213.4	214.2	5.0	3.7	5.9	5.2	4.4	5.5
Professional medical services .....	192.3	192.9	193.7	194.2	3.9	4.1	5.2	4.0	4.0	4.6
Entertainment 2/ .....	148.1	148.2	148.5	148.5	4.5	3.6	2.5	1.1	4.1	1.8
Entertainment commodities .....	135.7	135.6	135.8	135.9	2.7	.6	5.2	.6	1.7	2.9
Entertainment services .....	166.2	166.5	166.8	166.8	6.4	6.8	.0	1.5	6.6	.7
Other goods and services .....	196.1	196.9	197.6	198.3	-3.3	2.1	6.8	4.6	-.6	5.7
Tobacco and smoking products .....	219.9	220.0	221.0	222.3	-17.8	-2.6	8.4	4.4	-10.5	6.4
Personal care 2/ .....	144.7	145.3	145.1	145.2	2.3	.3	4.5	1.4	1.3	3.0
Toilet goods and personal care appliances 2/ .....	142.4	142.3	142.5	142.6	1.1	-.6	5.5	.6	.3	3.0
Personal care services 2/ .....	147.3	149.0	148.2	148.2	3.7	1.9	2.8	2.5	2.8	2.6
Personal and educational expenses .....	218.0	219.3	220.3	221.0	5.1	5.8	6.7	5.6	5.4	6.2
School books and supplies .....	207.0	207.7	208.6	209.0	-2.3	6.3	4.8	3.9	1.9	4.3
Personal and educational services .....	219.1	220.4	221.5	222.2	5.7	5.8	6.9	5.8	5.7	6.3
Commodity and service group										
All items .....	-	-	-	-	2.8	1.7	2.5	4.5	2.3	3.5
Commodities .....	132.6	133.1	133.9	134.5	2.2	.0	2.1	5.9	1.1	4.0
Food and beverages .....	143.7	144.0	144.7	145.3	3.7	.6	2.0	4.5	2.1	3.2
Commodities less food and beverages .....	125.8	126.4	127.2	127.8	1.3	.0	2.3	6.5	.6	4.4
Nondurables less food and beverages ....	127.5	127.8	128.4	129.6	-2.2	1.6	1.6	6.8	-.3	4.1
Apparel commodities .....	130.2	131.0	130.6	129.3	.6	-.9	1.2	-2.7	-.2	-.8
Nondurables less food, beverages, and apparel 2/ .....	129.0	130.0	131.2	133.0	-1.2	-4.6	5.8	13.0	-2.9	9.3
Durables .....	123.1	123.8	124.3	124.5	3.4	1.0	3.7	4.6	2.2	4.1
Services .....	160.0	160.3	160.7	161.3	3.4	3.3	3.1	3.3	3.4	3.2
Rent of shelter 2/ 1/ .....	149.4	149.9	150.5	151.3	.8	5.6	1.3	5.2	3.2	3.2
Household services less rent of shelter 1/ .....	125.3	125.3	125.3	125.5	1.3	2.3	-.3	.6	1.8	.2

Transportation services .....	164.6	165.4	166.0	166.9	3.5	.7	5.0	5.7	2.1	5.4
Medical care services .....	211.5	212.5	213.4	214.2	5.0	3.7	5.9	5.2	4.4	5.5
Other services .....	182.0	182.9	183.4	183.8	5.6	5.5	3.8	4.0	5.5	3.9

Special indexes

All items less food .....	145.1	145.5	146.0	146.6	2.3	2.3	2.8	4.2	2.3	3.5
All items less shelter .....	142.2	142.7	143.4	143.9	2.9	.9	2.6	4.9	1.9	3.7
All items less homeowners' costs 1/ .....	136.3	136.8	137.4	137.9	2.7	.9	2.7	4.8	1.8	3.7
All items less medical care .....	141.8	142.2	142.7	143.3	2.6	1.7	2.3	4.3	2.2	3.3
Commodities less food .....	127.0	127.5	128.3	128.8	1.3	.0	2.2	5.8	.6	4.0
Nondurables less food .....	128.5	129.1	129.8	130.8	-1.9	1.3	.6	7.4	-.3	3.9
Nondurables less food and apparel 2/ .....	130.3	131.2	132.2	133.7	-.9	-3.6	5.1	10.9	-2.3	7.9
Nondurables 2/ .....	136.1	136.1	136.4	137.3	3.3	-1.8	4.2	3.6	.7	3.9
Services less rent of shelter 1/ .....	151.3	152.0	152.3	152.9	3.6	3.3	2.4	4.3	3.4	3.4
Services less medical care services .....	155.6	155.9	156.1	156.7	2.7	4.0	2.6	2.9	3.3	2.7
Energy .....	102.0	102.4	104.3	106.0	2.0	.4	-4.2	16.6	1.2	5.7
All items less energy .....	151.0	151.4	151.8	152.3	2.7	1.9	3.2	3.5	2.3	3.4
All items less food and energy .....	153.2	153.6	153.9	154.4	2.4	2.4	3.5	3.2	2.4	3.3
Commodities less food and energy										
commodities .....	136.1	136.6	136.8	136.9	.9	-.6	3.9	2.4	.1	3.1
Energy commodities .....	94.7	95.3	98.5	101.4	3.8	3.0	-7.6	31.4	3.4	10.2
Services less energy services .....	164.8	165.2	165.6	166.2	3.5	3.8	3.2	3.4	3.6	3.3

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 Aug. 1994 from-			Percent change to July 1994 from-		
		May 1994	June 1994	July 1994	Aug. 1994	Aug. 1993	June 1994	July 1994	July 1993	May 1994	June 1994
U.S. city average .....	M	147.5	148.0	148.4	149.0	2.9	0.7	0.4	2.8	0.6	0.3

Region and area size 2/

Northeast urban.....	M	154.2	154.8	155.2	155.9	2.8	.7	.5	2.5	.6	.3
Size A - More than 1,200,000 .....	M	154.7	155.4	155.7	156.6	2.7	.8	.6	2.5	.6	.2
Size B - 500,000 to 1,200,000 .....	M	152.8	153.5	154.3	154.8	3.0	.8	.3	2.6	1.0	.5
Size C - 50,000 to 500,000 .....	M	152.7	153.2	152.9	153.8	2.7	.4	.6	2.1	.1	-.2
North Central urban .....	M	143.3	144.0	144.3	145.2	3.4	.8	.6	3.1	.7	.2
Size A - More than 1,200,000 .....	M	144.5	145.1	145.4	146.3	3.2	.8	.6	2.9	.6	.2
Size B - 360,000 to 1,200,000 .....	M	142.0	143.0	143.6	144.4	3.8	1.0	.6	3.9	1.1	.4
Size C - 50,000 to 360,000 .....	M	144.4	144.7	145.0	145.9	3.4	.8	.6	2.8	.4	.2
Size D - Nonmetropolitan (less than 50,000) .....	M	138.8	139.8	140.2	140.8	4.1	.7	.4	3.9	1.0	.3
South urban .....	M	144.3	144.7	145.0	145.5	2.8	.6	.3	2.9	.5	.2
Size A - More than 1,200,000 .....	M	144.7	145.3	145.3	145.7	2.6	.3	.3	3.0	.4	.0
Size B - 450,000 to 1,200,000 .....	M	146.3	146.6	147.1	147.9	3.4	.9	.5	3.1	.5	.3
Size C - 50,000 to 450,000 .....	M	143.1	143.5	143.8	144.3	2.6	.6	.3	2.6	.5	.2
Size D - Nonmetropolitan (less than 50,000) .....	M	142.3	142.5	142.7	142.9	2.5	.3	.1	2.7	.3	.1
West urban .....	M	148.8	148.9	149.5	150.1	2.7	.8	.4	2.4	.5	.4
Size A - More than 1,250,000 .....	M	150.4	150.4	150.9	151.3	2.4	.6	.3	2.2	.3	.3
Size C - 50,000 to 330,000 .....	M	147.8	148.6	150.0	151.1	4.0	1.7	.7	3.5	1.5	.9
Size classes											
A 3/ .....	M	133.9	134.3	134.6	135.2	2.7	.7	.4	2.6	.5	.2
B .....	M	147.0	147.5	148.1	148.8	3.3	.9	.5	3.1	.7	.4
C .....	M	146.0	146.4	146.8	147.5	3.0	.8	.5	2.7	.5	.3
D .....	M	143.0	143.4	143.8	144.0	2.9	.4	.1	3.1	.6	.3
Selected local areas											
Chicago-Gary-Lake County, IL-IN-WI.....	M	147.6	148.1	148.3	149.8	2.5	1.1	1.0	1.9	.5	.1
Los Angeles-Anaheim-Riverside, CA .....	M	151.4	151.3	151.7	152.0	1.4	.5	.2	1.3	.2	.3
N.Y.-Northern N.J.-Long Island, NY-NJ-CT	M	157.3	157.8	158.2	159.1	2.4	.8	.6	2.5	.6	.3
Phil.-Wilmington-Trenton, PA-NJ-DE-MD ..	M	153.2	154.6	155.3	155.7	3.4	.7	.3	3.1	1.4	.5
San Francisco-Oakland-San Jose, CA .....	M	148.3	148.1	148.9	149.4	2.2	.9	.3	1.9	.4	.5
Baltimore, MD .....	1	145.8	-	148.2	-	-	-	-	3.1	1.6	-
Boston-Lawrence-Salem, MA-NH .....	1	153.6	-	153.9	-	-	-	-	.9	.2	-
Cleveland-Akron-Lorain, OH .....	1	143.7	-	143.7	-	-	-	-	2.0	.0	-
Miami-Fort Lauderdale, FL .....	1	143.3	-	143.4	-	-	-	-	3.2	.1	-
St. Louis-East St. Louis, MO-IL .....	1	140.0	-	141.9	-	-	-	-	2.2	1.4	-

Washington, DC-MD-VA .....	1	151.4	-	151.8	-	-	-	-	1.7	.3	-
Dallas-Fort Worth, TX .....	2	-	141.4	-	142.2	3.0	.6	-	-	-	-
Detroit-Ann Arbor, MI .....	2	-	144.8	-	145.3	3.9	.3	-	-	-	-
Houston-Galveston-Brazoria, TX .....	2	-	137.4	-	139.2	4.7	1.3	-	-	-	-
Pittsburgh-Beaver Valley, PA .....	2	-	144.0	-	145.7	3.8	1.2	-	-	-	-

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 1986=100 base.

- Data not available.

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

Table 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 Aug. 1994 from-			Percent change to July 1994 from-		
		May 1994	June 1994	July 1994	Aug. 1994	Aug. 1993	June 1994	July 1994	July 1993	May 1994	June 1994
U.S. city average .....	M	144.9	145.4	145.8	146.5	2.9	0.8	0.5	2.6	0.6	0.3
Region and area size 2/											
Northeast urban.....	M	151.7	152.3	152.7	153.4	2.7	.7	.5	2.4	.7	.3
Size A - More than 1,200,000 .....	M	151.1	151.9	152.2	153.1	2.7	.8	.6	2.4	.7	.2
Size B - 500,000 to 1,200,000 .....	M	150.8	151.4	152.3	152.8	3.0	.9	.3	2.6	1.0	.6
Size C - 50,000 to 500,000 .....	M	154.2	154.6	154.4	155.2	2.6	.4	.5	2.1	.1	-.1

North Central urban .....	M	140.2	140.9	141.3	142.2	3.3	.9	.6	3.0	.8	.3
Size A - More than 1,200,000 .....	M	140.7	141.4	141.6	142.6	3.2	.8	.7	2.8	.6	.1
Size B - 360,000 to 1,200,000 .....	M	138.4	139.5	140.1	141.0	4.0	1.1	.6	3.8	1.2	.4
Size C - 50,000 to 360,000 .....	M	141.9	142.2	142.6	143.6	3.5	1.0	.7	2.7	.5	.3
Size D - Nonmetropolitan (less than 50,000) .....	M	137.3	138.4	138.9	139.5	3.9	.8	.4	3.7	1.2	.4
South urban .....	M	142.8	143.2	143.6	144.1	2.8	.6	.3	2.9	.6	.3
Size A - More than 1,200,000 .....	M	142.8	143.4	143.6	144.1	2.6	.5	.3	2.9	.6	.1
Size B - 450,000 to 1,200,000 .....	M	142.8	143.2	143.7	144.5	3.4	.9	.6	3.0	.6	.3
Size C - 50,000 to 450,000 .....	M	142.8	143.3	143.7	144.2	2.6	.6	.3	2.5	.6	.3
Size D - Nonmetropolitan (less than 50,000) .....	M	142.5	142.7	142.9	143.2	2.6	.4	.2	2.7	.3	.1
West urban .....	M	146.0	146.1	146.7	147.2	2.5	.8	.3	2.3	.5	.4
Size A - More than 1,250,000 .....	M	146.0	146.0	146.5	146.9	2.2	.6	.3	2.0	.3	.3
Size C - 50,000 to 330,000 .....	M	145.7	146.4	147.7	148.6	3.8	1.5	.6	3.4	1.4	.9
Size classes											
A 3/ .....	M	132.9	133.3	133.6	134.3	2.7	.8	.5	2.5	.5	.2
B .....	M	144.4	145.0	145.5	146.3	3.3	.9	.5	3.0	.8	.3
C .....	M	145.2	145.6	146.1	146.8	3.0	.8	.5	2.6	.6	.3
D .....	M	142.3	142.8	143.2	143.4	2.9	.4	.1	3.0	.6	.3
Selected local areas											
Chicago-Gary-Lake County, IL-IN-WI.....	M	143.1	143.6	143.7	145.1	2.5	1.0	1.0	1.8	.4	.1
Los Angeles-Anaheim-Riverside, CA .....	M	146.2	146.1	146.5	146.8	1.3	.5	.2	1.2	.2	.3
N.Y.-Northern N.J.-Long Island, NY-NJ-CT	M	153.6	154.2	154.4	155.3	2.4	.7	.6	2.5	.5	.1
Phil.-Wilmington-Trenton, PA-NJ-DE-MD ..	M	152.7	154.2	154.9	155.3	3.3	.7	.3	2.9	1.4	.5
San Francisco-Oakland-San Jose, CA .....	M	146.1	145.7	146.6	147.1	2.2	1.0	.3	1.7	.3	.6
Baltimore, MD .....	1	144.9	-	147.3	-	-	-	-	3.0	1.7	-
Boston-Lawrence-Salem, MA-NH .....	1	152.2	-	152.9	-	-	-	-	.9	.5	-
Cleveland-Akron-Lorain, OH .....	1	136.1	-	136.3	-	-	-	-	1.8	.1	-
Miami-Fort Lauderdale, FL .....	1	141.2	-	141.4	-	-	-	-	3.1	.1	-
St. Louis-East St. Louis, MO-IL .....	1	139.2	-	141.4	-	-	-	-	2.2	1.6	-
Washington, DC-MD-VA .....	1	149.2	-	149.4	-	-	-	-	1.6	.1	-
Dallas-Fort Worth, TX .....	2	-	140.6	-	141.6	2.6	.7	-	-	-	-
Detroit-Ann Arbor, MI .....	2	-	140.2	-	141.0	3.9	.6	-	-	-	-
Houston-Galveston-Brazoria, TX .....	2	-	137.0	-	138.8	4.6	1.3	-	-	-	-
Pittsburgh-Beaver Valley, PA .....	2	-	137.8	-	139.4	3.9	1.2	-	-	-	-

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 1986=100 base.

- Data not available.

NOTE: Local area CPI 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.