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CONSUMER PRICE INDEX--SEPTEMBER 1994

The Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers (CPI-U) rose 0.3 percent before seasonal adjustment in September to a level of 149.4 (1982-84=100), the Bureau of Labor Statistics of the U.S. Department of Labor reported today. For the 12-month period ended in September, the CPI-U increased 3.0 percent.

The Consumer Price Index for Urban Wage Earners and Clerical Workers (CPI-W) also increased 0.3 percent in September, prior to seasonal adjustment. The September 1994 CPI-W level of 146.9 was 3.0 percent higher than the index in September 1993.

CPI for All Urban Consumers (CPI-U)

On a seasonally adjusted basis, the CPI-U rose 0.2 percent in September, following increases of 0.3 percent in each of the 3 preceding months. A downturn in the energy index was largely responsible for the smaller advance in the overall CPI-U. The food index rose slightly less than in August, largely as a result of the stabilization of coffee prices. The CPI-U excluding food and energy, which increased 0.3 percent in August, rose 0.2 percent in September.

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	ended
	Mar.	Apr.	May	June	July	Aug.	Sep.	Sep. 94	Sep94	
All items	.3	.1	.2	.3	.3	.3	.2	3.6	3.0	
Food and beverages	.1	.1	.3	.3	.5	.3	.3	4.5	2.7	
Housing	.3	.0	.2	.1	.2	.3	.1	2.8	2.5	
Apparel and upkeep	.4	-.3	.4	.6	-.4	-1.0	-.1	-5.8	-.3	
Transportation	.6	.3	-.4	.6	1.0	1.0	.1	9.0	4.5	
Medical care	.2	.6	.4	.4	.4	.4	.4	4.8	4.7	
Entertainment	.3	-.1	.3	-.1	.3	.0	.1	1.6	2.8	
Other goods & serv	.4	.7	.6	.4	.4	.2	.1	2.8	4.3	
Special indexes:										
Energy	.4	-.4	-1.0	.1	1.8	1.4	-.7	10.9	2.9	
Food	.1	.1	.3	.3	.5	.4	.3	5.1	2.8	
AI - food & energy	.3	.2	.3	.3	.2	.3	.2	2.6	3.0	

Consumer prices rose at a seasonally adjusted annual rate (SAAR) of 3.6 percent in the third quarter. This follows annual rates of 2.5 percent in each of the first two quarters of 1994 and brings the year-to-date annual rate to 2.8 percent. The larger increase in the third quarter reflects an acceleration in the food and energy indexes. These components, which acted as a moderating influence on consumer price movements during the first half of 1994, as throughout the preceding 3 years, increased in the third quarter at annual rates of 5.1 and 10.9 percent, respectively. Through the first 9 months of 1994, the food index has increased at a 2.2 percent annual rate, and energy costs have risen at a 3.4 percent rate.

Excluding food and energy, the CPI-U rose at a 2.6 percent rate in the third quarter and has advanced at a 2.9 annual rate thus far in 1994. This follows a 3.2 percent increase in all of 1993 and continues the moderation in this index since 1990. The deceleration in 1994 thus far reflects a decline in the index for apparel and upkeep and further moderation in the index for medical care. The rates for selected groups thus far in 1994 and during the past 8 years are shown below.

	Percent change 12 months ended in December					SAAR 9 Mos end in Sep.	
	1988	1989	1990	1991	1992	1993	1994
All Items	4.4	4.6	6.1	3.1	2.9	2.7	2.8
Food and beverages	5.1	5.5	5.3	2.5	1.6	2.7	2.0
Housing	4.0	3.9	4.5	3.4	2.6	2.7	2.4
Apparel and upkeep	4.7	1.0	5.1	3.4	1.4	.9	-.9
Transportation	3.0	4.0	10.4	-1.5	3.0	2.4	4.8
Medical care	6.9	8.5	9.6	7.9	6.6	5.4	4.6
Entertainment	4.6	5.1	4.3	3.9	2.8	2.8	2.2
Other goods & services	7.0	8.2	7.6	8.0	6.5	2.7	4.2
Special indexes:							
Energy	.5	5.1	18.1	-7.4	2.0	-1.4	3.4
Food	5.2	5.6	5.3	1.9	1.5	2.9	2.2
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 rose 0.3 percent in September. Grocery store food prices also increased 0.3 percent, following increases of 0.8 and 0.6 percent in July and August, respectively. The moderation in September was largely the result of the stabilization of coffee prices, which were unchanged after increasing 22.4 and 22.0 percent in the 2 preceding months. Despite stable coffee prices, the index for nonalcoholic beverages rose 0.9 percent in September and the other food at home index again registered the largest increase among the major grocery store food groups, advancing 0.7 percent. The index for fruits and vegetables advanced 0.6 percent, reflecting a 2.0 percent rise in the index for fresh vegetables. The indexes for fresh fruits declined slightly, while that for processed fruits and vegetables rose 0.1 percent. The index for meats, poultry, fish, and eggs rose 0.1 percent, the same as in August. Meat prices, which had increased slightly in August, following declines in each of the 3 preceding months, fell 0.1 percent in September. Prices for beef and pork rose slightly, but were more than offset by a 0.6 percent decline in prices for other meats. Poultry prices rose 1.1 percent after declining 1.7 percent in August. The index for cereal and bakery products increased 0.4 percent, while the index for dairy products declined for the fourth consecutive month--down 0.5

percent in September. The other two components of the food and beverage index--restaurant meals and alcoholic beverages--rose 0.3 percent and 0.1 percent, respectively.

The housing component, which rose 0.3 percent in August, increased 0.1 percent in September. Each of the major groups contributed to the moderation. Shelter costs increased 0.3 percent, following a 0.4 percent rise in August. Within shelter, renters' costs declined 0.1 percent, while homeowners' costs and maintenance and repair costs rose 0.5 and 0.3 percent, respectively. The decrease in renters' costs reflects a 1.0 percent decline in other renters' costs; residential rents advanced 0.3 percent. The index for fuel and other utilities, which increased 0.2 percent in August, decreased 0.4 percent in September. The index for household fuels fell 0.5 percent, reflecting declines in the indexes for each of the three major fuels. Charges for natural gas and electricity fell 1.0 and 0.5 percent, respectively. The index for fuel oil declined 1.0 percent. The index for other utilities and public services decreased 0.2 percent in September, largely as a result of a 1.0 percent drop in the index for cable television. These charges have declined 3.5 percent since their last monthly increase in March. The index for household furnishings and operation decreased 0.1 percent in September after increasing 0.2 percent in August.

Transportation costs, which rose 1.0 percent in each of the 2 preceding months, increased 0.1 percent in September. This deceleration was largely a result of downturns in the indexes for motor fuels and public transportation. The index for gasoline, which rose 7.8 percent in the preceding 3-month period, fell 0.6 percent in September. The index for public transportation, largely reflecting a decrease in airline fares, fell 0.7 percent in September. These declines, however, were more than offset by increases in automobile purchase costs. The index for new vehicles rose 0.5 percent in September and has advanced at a 4.8 percent seasonally adjusted annual rate thus far in 1994. (Prior to seasonal adjustment, prices for new vehicles rose 0.1 percent on average, reflecting the introduction of a larger than usual proportion of new models.) Automobile finance charges continued to increase, advancing 2.2 percent in September and 15.6 percent thus far in 1994. The index for used cars rose 1.0 percent.

The index for apparel and upkeep declined for the third consecutive month, down 0.1 percent in September. (Prior to seasonal adjustment, clothing prices rose 2.7 percent.)

All items	.3	.1	.1	.3	.4	.4	.1	3.9	3.0
Food and beverages	.1	.1	.3	.2	.5	.4	.3	4.8	2.5
Housing	.3	.0	.1	.1	.1	.4	.1	2.6	2.4
Apparel and upkeep	.2	-.4	.5	.5	-.2	-.9	-.2	-5.0	-.2
Transportation	.5	.3	-.2	.6	1.1	1.0	.2	9.7	4.7
Medical care	.3	.6	.3	.4	.4	.4	.3	4.5	4.5
Entertainment	.3	-.1	.4	.1	.2	.0	.0	.8	2.6
Other goods & serv	.5	.7	.5	.4	.4	.4	.1	3.3	4.2
Special indexes:									
Energy	.5	-.5	-1.1	.4	1.9	1.6	-.8	11.4	3.2
Food	.3	.1	.3	.2	.5	.5	.3	5.1	2.7
AI - food & energy	.3	.2	.3	.3	.2	.3	.2	2.9	3.0

Consumer Price Index data for October will be released on Wednesday, November 16, 1994, 8:30 A.M. (EST).

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 Sept. 1994		Seasonally adjusted percent change from-		
		Aug. 1994	Sept. 1994	Sept. 1993	Aug. 1994	June to July	July to Aug.	Aug. to Sept.
All items	100.000	149.0	149.4	3.0	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.2
All items (1967=100)	-	446.4	447.5	-	-	-	-	-
Food and beverages	17.398	145.3	145.6	2.7	.2	.5	.3	.3
Food	15.799	144.8	145.0	2.8	.1	.5	.4	.3
Food at home	9.853	144.7	145.0	3.6	.2	.8	.6	.3
Cereals and bakery products	1.454	164.7	164.8	4.5	.1	.2	.4	.4
Meats, poultry, fish, and eggs	2.984	137.1	137.3	1.1	.1	-.7	.1	.1
Dairy products	1.186	131.8	131.3	1.3	-.4	-.3	-.8	-.5
Fruits and vegetables	1.909	162.8	163.2	3.9	.2	2.5	.3	.6
Other food at home	2.320	138.9	139.4	6.9	.4	2.3	2.2	.7
Sugar and sweets .....	.331	135.1	135.4	1.6	.2	.1	-.3	.5
Fats and oils .....	.246	134.1	134.2	3.2	.1	.9	-.7	.3
Nonalcoholic beverages .....	.712	131.3	132.1	16.1	.6	6.4	7.1	.9

Other prepared food	1.030	148.4	148.8	3.2	.3	.5	.1	.7
Food away from home	5.946	145.9	146.2	1.7	.2	.1	.1	.3
Alcoholic beverages	1.600	151.3	151.4	1.0	.1	-.1	-.2	.1
Housing	41.394	145.9	145.8	2.5	-.1	.2	.3	.1
Shelter	27.948	161.7	161.6	3.2	-.1	.3	.4	.3
Renters' costs 1/	7.984	172.1	169.4	2.5	-1.6	-.1	.5	-.1
Rent, residential	5.771	154.5	155.0	2.6	.3	.3	.4	.3
Other renters' costs	2.213	205.9	193.5	2.3	-6.0	-1.0	.8	-1.0
Homeowners' costs 1/	19.768	166.1	167.1	3.5	.6	.4	.4	.5
Owners' equivalent rent 1/	19.386	166.4	167.3	3.5	.5	.4	.4	.5
Household insurance 2/ 1/ .....	.382	154.0	154.3	3.8	.2	.9	.5	.2
Maintenance and repairs 2/ .....	.196	131.2	131.6	.2	.3	-.2	-.1	.3
Maintenance and repair services 2/ .	.118	135.4	135.8	-1.2	.3	.0	.0	.3
Maintenance and repair								
commodities 2/ .....	.078	125.6	126.0	2.6	.3	-.2	-.2	.3
Fuel and other utilities	7.262	124.3	124.2	.2	-.1	.2	.2	-.4
Fuels	3.983	114.0	113.8	-.9	-.2	.4	.2	-.5
Fuel oil and other household fuel								
commodities .....	.369	86.8	86.8	-1.3	.0	.6	.1	-.4
Gas (piped) and electricity (energy								
services).....	3.614	122.2	122.1	-.8	-.1	.3	.2	-.6
Other utilities and public								
services 2/	3.279	150.6	150.3	1.5	-.2	.0	.1	-.2
Household furnishings and operation	6.183	121.4	121.4	1.5	.0	.0	.2	-.1
Housefurnishings	3.601	111.5	111.2	1.4	-.3	-.1	.0	-.3
Housekeeping supplies	1.109	132.2	132.6	1.5	.3	.0	.2	.3
Housekeeping services	1.473	138.9	139.3	1.8	.3	.3	.2	.1
Apparel and upkeep	5.897	131.1	134.2	-.3	2.4	-.4	-1.0	-.1
Apparel commodities	5.333	127.8	131.2	-.6	2.7	-.5	-1.1	-.1
Men's and boys' apparel	1.389	125.7	128.4	.5	2.1	.5	.2	.7
Women's and girls' apparel.....	2.421	125.5	131.1	-2.3	4.5	-1.4	-2.8	.1
Infants' and toddlers' apparel .....	.203	128.6	129.5	2.4	.7	1.8	-.3	.2
Footwear .....	.781	124.5	125.1	-.9	.5	-.7	-.2	-1.3
Other apparel commodities .....	.539	152.4	152.3	3.4	-.1	.5	1.1	-.6
Apparel services 2/ .....	.564	155.9	156.3	2.6	.3	.1	.1	.3
Transportation	16.954	135.9	135.9	4.5	.0	1.0	1.0	.1
Private transportation	15.295	133.0	133.1	4.7	.1	1.0	.9	.2
New vehicles	5.025	137.3	137.5	4.1	.1	.4	.3	.5
New cars	4.031	135.6	135.7	3.9	.1	.5	.2	.5
Used cars	1.245	144.0	145.4	4.8	1.0	.9	.8	1.0
Motor fuel	3.010	104.1	103.7	7.9	-.4	3.8	3.1	-.9

Gasoline	-	104.1	103.6	8.0	- .5	3.5	3.7	-.6	
Maintenance and repairs	1.533	150.7	151.2	3.0	.3	.1	.5	.1	
Other private transportation	4.483	162.0	162.1	3.8	.1	.0	.3	.4	
Other private transportation commodities .....	.629	103.3	103.2	.2	-.1	-.2	-.3	-.2
Other private transportation services	3.854	175.7	175.8	4.5	.1	.1	.3	.6	
Public transportation	1.659	173.2	171.7	2.0	-.9	.9	1.8	-.7	
Medical care	7.108	212.2	212.8	4.7	.3	.4	.4	.4	
Medical care commodities	1.287	201.7	201.7	2.8	.0	.4	.3	.0	
Medical care services	5.821	214.7	215.4	5.1	.3	.4	.4	.4	
Professional medical services	3.353	193.5	194.0	4.1	.3	.3	.4	.4	
Entertainment	4.351	150.2	150.7	2.8	.3	.3	.0	.1	
Entertainment commodities	1.986	136.5	137.0	2.5	.4	.3	.1	.5	
Entertainment services	2.365	166.6	167.1	3.1	.3	.2	-.1	-.2	
Other goods and services	6.897	199.4	201.4	4.3	1.0	.4	.2	.1	
Tobacco and smoking products	1.601	221.7	220.8	2.6	-.4	.5	.1	.3	
Personal care 2/	1.184	145.0	145.1	1.9	.1	-.1	.0	.1	
Toilet goods and personal care appliances 2/ .....	.628	141.9	141.8	1.5	-.1	.1	.0	-.1
Personal care services 2/ .....	.556	148.3	148.7	2.3	.3	-.3	.0	.3
Personal and educational expenses	4.112	223.9	228.0	5.7	1.8	.5	.3	.0	
School books and supplies .....	.249	205.8	208.4	4.6	1.3	.4	.3	.0
Personal and educational services	3.863	225.5	229.7	5.7	1.9	.5	.3	.1	
Commodity and service group									
All items	100.000	149.0	149.4	3.0	.3	.3	.3	.2	
Commodities	43.547	134.3	134.8	2.7	.4	.5	.3	.1	
Food and beverages	17.398	145.3	145.6	2.7	.2	.5	.3	.3	
Commodities less food and beverages	26.149	127.5	128.1	2.6	.5	.6	.2	.1	
Nondurables less food and beverages ..	15.579	129.2	130.3	2.4	.9	.5	.5	-.5	
Apparel commodities	5.333	127.8	131.2	-.6	2.7	-.5	-1.1	-.1	
Nondurables less food, beverages, and apparel 2/	10.245	132.8	132.8	3.9	.0	.8	1.1	.0	
Durables	10.570	125.1	125.1	3.0	.0	.3	.2	.2	
Services	56.453	164.2	164.4	3.2	.1	.3	.4	.2	
Rent of shelter 2/ 1/	27.337	168.2	168.2	3.3	.0	.4	.5	.0	
Household services less rent of shelter 1/	8.900	138.0	137.9	.7	-.1	.2	.2	-.3	
Transportation services	7.046	168.9	168.8	3.6	-.1	.3	.7	.2	

Medical care services	5.821	214.7	215.4	5.1	.3	.4	.4	.4
Other services	7.349	185.8	187.8	4.3	1.1	.3	.1	.1
Special indexes								
All items less food	84.201	149.8	150.2	2.9	.3	.3	.3	.1
All items less shelter	72.052	145.5	146.0	2.8	.3	.4	.3	.1
All items less homeowners' costs 1/	80.232	150.4	150.6	2.8	.1	.3	.3	.1
All items less medical care	92.892	145.5	145.8	2.8	.2	.3	.3	.2
Commodities less food	27.749	128.4	129.0	2.5	.5	.5	.2	.1
Nondurables less food	17.178	130.4	131.4	2.2	.8	.5	.5	-.4
Nondurables less food and apparel 2/	11.845	133.7	133.7	3.5	.0	.8	1.0	.0
Nondurables 2/	32.977	137.4	138.1	2.5	.5	.1	.6	.5
Services less rent of shelter 1/	29.116	171.7	172.2	3.1	.3	.2	.4	.1
Services less medical care services	50.632	159.4	159.6	3.0	.1	.1	.4	.1
Energy	6.993	108.5	108.2	2.9	-.3	1.8	1.4	-.7
All items less energy	93.007	154.6	155.0	2.9	.3	.3	.3	.2
All items less food and energy	77.208	157.0	157.5	3.0	.3	.2	.3	.2
Commodities less food and energy commodities	24.369	136.8	137.7	1.9	.7	.1	-.1	.1
Energy commodities	3.380	102.4	102.0	6.9	-.4	3.4	2.7	-.8
Services less energy services	52.839	168.5	168.8	3.5	.2	.2	.4	.2
Purchasing power of the consumer dollar:								
1982-84=\$1.00 2/	-	\$.671	\$.669	-2.9	-.3	-.3	-.4	-.3
1967=\$1.00 2/	-	.224	.223	-	-	-	-	-

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)

Seasonally adjusted indexes					Seasonally adjusted annual rate percent change for				
June	July	Aug.	Sept.	Dec.	3 months ended-		6 months ended-		
1994	1994	1994	1994	1993	Mar.	June	Sept.	Mar.	Sept.
					1994	1994	1994	1994	1994

Expenditure category

All items	-	-	-	-	3.3	2.5	2.5	3.6	2.9	3.0
Food and beverages	144.4	145.1	145.6	146.0	4.6	-.8	2.5	4.5	1.8	3.5
Food	143.9	144.6	145.2	145.7	4.9	-1.1	2.8	5.1	1.8	4.0
Food at home	143.3	144.5	145.3	145.8	6.4	-2.2	3.4	7.2	2.0	5.3
Cereals and bakery products	163.2	163.6	164.2	164.8	4.4	3.0	6.6	4.0	3.7	5.3
Meats, poultry, fish, and eggs	137.7	136.8	136.9	137.0	4.8	1.5	.3	-2.0	3.1	-.9
Dairy products	133.1	132.7	131.7	131.0	.0	6.7	5.0	-6.2	3.3	-.8
Fruits and vegetables	162.2	166.3	166.8	167.8	20.8	-19.5	6.1	14.5	-1.4	10.3
Other food at home	132.8	135.8	138.8	139.8	3.1	.6	2.4	22.8	1.8	12.2
Sugar and sweets	134.9	135.1	134.7	135.4	2.4	3.3	-.9	1.5	2.9	.3
Fats and oils	133.7	134.9	133.9	134.3	.9	5.6	4.3	1.8	3.3	3.0
Nonalcoholic beverages	115.7	123.1	131.9	133.1	5.0	-3.7	2.1	75.1	.5	33.7
Other prepared food	147.2	147.9	148.1	149.1	2.8	1.4	3.6	5.3	2.1	4.4
Food away from home	145.3	145.5	145.7	146.2	2.0	1.1	1.4	2.5	1.5	1.9
Alcoholic beverages	151.6	151.4	151.1	151.3	3.5	.0	1.3	-.8	1.7	.3
Housing	144.4	144.7	145.2	145.4	2.6	3.4	1.1	2.8	3.0	2.0
Shelter	159.8	160.2	160.9	161.4	3.1	4.4	1.5	4.1	3.7	2.8
Renters' costs 1/	168.5	168.4	169.2	169.1	3.7	3.4	1.9	1.4	3.6	1.7
Rent, residential	153.4	153.9	154.5	155.0	2.4	4.0	.3	4.2	3.2	2.2
Other renters' costs	197.9	195.9	197.4	195.5	6.9	1.9	6.1	-4.8	4.3	.5
Homeowners' costs 1/	164.8	165.4	166.1	166.9	3.3	4.8	1.2	5.2	4.0	3.2
Owners' equivalent rent 1/	165.1	165.7	166.4	167.2	3.3	4.8	1.2	5.2	4.0	3.2
Household insurance 2/ 1/	151.9	153.2	154.0	154.3	.8	2.7	5.2	6.5	1.8	5.8
Maintenance and repairs 2/	131.5	131.3	131.2	131.6	-10.8	5.4	7.0	.3	-3.0	3.6
Maintenance and repair services	135.4	135.4	135.4	135.8	-17.9	3.1	11.4	1.2	-8.0	6.2
Maintenance and repair commodities 2/	126.2	125.9	125.6	126.0	2.3	8.7	.3	-.6	5.4	-.2
Fuel and other utilities	122.7	122.9	123.1	122.6	-.3	3.3	-1.9	-.3	1.5	-1.1
Fuels	110.6	111.0	111.2	110.6	-2.1	2.9	-4.2	.0	.4	-2.1
Fuel oil and other household fuel commodities	88.7	89.2	89.3	88.9	-11.5	20.2	-11.3	.9	3.1	-5.4
Gas (piped) and electricity (energy services)	118.3	118.7	118.9	118.2	-1.0	1.4	-3.3	-.3	.2	-1.8
Other utilities and public services 2/	150.4	150.4	150.6	150.3	1.9	3.5	.8	-.3	2.7	.3
Household furnishings and operation	121.3	121.3	121.5	121.4	2.7	-.3	3.4	.3	1.2	1.8
Housefurnishings	111.7	111.6	111.6	111.3	3.3	-2.2	5.9	-1.4	.5	2.2
Housekeeping supplies	132.1	132.1	132.4	132.8	2.8	3.7	-2.4	2.1	3.2	-.2
Housekeeping services	138.2	138.6	138.9	139.1	1.5	1.8	1.2	2.6	1.6	1.9
Apparel and upkeep	135.0	134.4	133.1	133.0	1.5	.3	3.0	-5.8	.9	-1.5

Apparel commodities	132.0	131.4	129.9	129.8	1.2	.3	2.8	-6.5	.8	-2.0
Men's and boys' apparel	126.4	127.0	127.3	128.2	-.3	-7.9	4.9	5.8	-4.2	5.4
Women's and girls' apparel	134.2	132.3	128.6	128.7	1.8	1.8	4.0	-15.4	1.8	-6.2
Infants' and toddlers' apparel	127.3	129.6	129.2	129.4	1.0	-.9	2.9	6.8	.0	4.8
Footwear	127.3	126.4	126.1	124.5	3.5	-1.6	3.5	-8.5	1.0	-2.7
Other apparel commodities	150.2	150.9	152.6	151.7	-1.9	20.0	-6.6	4.1	8.5	-1.4
Apparel services 2/.....	155.5	155.7	155.9	156.3	3.7	1.0	3.4	2.1	2.4	2.7
Transportation	133.5	134.8	136.2	136.4	3.4	3.4	2.1	9.0	3.4	5.5
Private transportation	130.7	132.0	133.2	133.5	3.2	3.8	3.1	8.8	3.5	5.9
New vehicles	137.7	138.3	138.7	139.4	1.8	4.2	5.1	5.0	3.0	5.1
New cars	135.9	136.6	136.9	137.6	2.1	4.0	4.2	5.1	3.0	4.7
Used cars	140.2	141.5	142.6	144.0	4.1	-5.9	11.0	11.3	-1.0	11.1
Motor fuel	95.6	99.2	102.3	101.4	5.2	7.3	-5.6	26.6	6.3	9.3
Gasoline	95.2	98.5	102.1	101.5	4.8	6.0	-4.9	29.2	5.4	10.9
Maintenance and repairs	149.8	150.0	150.8	151.0	3.3	2.7	2.4	3.2	3.0	2.8
Other private transportation	162.0	162.0	162.5	163.2	2.6	4.4	5.6	3.0	3.5	4.3
Other private transportation										
commodities	103.9	103.7	103.4	103.2	-.4	2.4	1.6	-2.7	1.0	-.6
services	175.6	175.8	176.4	177.4	3.1	4.5	6.1	4.2	3.8	5.2
Public transportation	171.6	173.2	176.4	175.1	7.4	.9	-8.0	8.4	4.1	-.1
Medical care	210.7	211.6	212.4	213.2	4.6	3.3	5.7	4.8	4.0	5.3
Medical care commodities	200.3	201.1	201.7	201.7	2.7	1.4	4.1	2.8	2.0	3.5
Medical care services	212.9	213.8	214.7	215.6	5.0	3.9	6.0	5.2	4.4	5.6
Professional medical services	192.1	192.6	193.3	194.0	3.9	3.7	4.7	4.0	3.8	4.4
Entertainment 2/	149.9	150.3	150.3	150.5	5.0	4.1	.8	1.6	4.6	1.2
Entertainment commodities	136.1	136.5	136.6	137.3	3.0	.3	3.6	3.6	1.7	3.6
Entertainment services	166.4	166.8	166.7	166.4	6.9	7.3	-1.4	.0	7.1	-.7
Other goods and services	199.4	200.2	200.6	200.8	4.4	3.1	6.7	2.8	3.8	4.7
Tobacco and smoking products	219.9	221.0	221.3	221.9	.6	.9	5.5	3.7	.7	4.6
Personal care 2/	145.2	145.0	145.0	145.1	2.0	-.3	6.3	-.3	.8	3.0
Toilet goods and personal care										
appliances 2/	141.8	141.9	141.9	141.8	1.2	-1.1	6.1	.0	.0	3.0
Personal care services 2/	148.8	148.3	148.3	148.7	2.2	1.4	6.1	-.3	1.8	2.9
Personal and educational expenses	223.6	224.7	225.4	225.5	6.9	5.1	7.3	3.4	6.0	5.3
School books and supplies	205.6	206.5	207.1	207.1	5.4	5.9	4.0	3.0	5.6	3.5
Personal and educational services	224.9	226.0	226.6	226.8	6.9	5.2	7.4	3.4	6.1	5.4
Commodity and service group										
All items	-	-	-	-	3.3	2.5	2.5	3.6	2.9	3.0

Commodities	133.5	134.2	134.6	134.8	3.1	.6	2.7	4.0	1.8	3.3
Food and beverages	144.4	145.1	145.6	146.0	4.6	-.8	2.5	4.5	1.8	3.5
Commodities less food and beverages	126.9	127.6	127.9	128.0	2.3	1.9	2.9	3.5	2.1	3.2
Nondurables less food and beverages	128.4	129.1	129.8	129.2	1.9	3.5	1.3	2.5	2.7	1.9
Apparel commodities	132.0	131.4	129.9	129.8	1.2	.3	2.8	-6.5	.8	-2.0
Nondurables less food, beverages, and apparel 2/	130.2	131.3	132.8	132.8	-.3	.6	7.4	8.2	.2	7.8
Durables	124.9	125.3	125.6	125.9	2.6	.7	5.6	3.2	1.6	4.4
Services	162.8	163.3	163.9	164.2	3.6	3.8	2.0	3.5	3.7	2.7
Rent of shelter 2/ 1/	166.6	167.3	168.2	168.2	1.5	7.0	.7	3.9	4.2	2.3
Household services less rent of shelter 1/	136.2	136.5	136.8	136.4	1.2	1.2	-.3	.6	1.2	.1
Transportation services	168.3	168.8	170.0	170.3	3.9	3.4	1.9	4.8	3.7	3.4
Medical care services	212.9	213.8	214.7	215.6	5.0	3.9	6.0	5.2	4.4	5.6
Other services	186.0	186.6	186.8	186.9	6.4	5.2	4.2	1.9	5.8	3.1
Special indexes										
All items less food	148.7	149.2	149.7	149.9	3.1	3.3	2.2	3.3	3.2	2.7
All items less shelter	144.6	145.2	145.7	145.9	3.4	2.0	2.5	3.6	2.7	3.1
All items less homeowners' costs 1/	149.4	149.9	150.4	150.6	3.3	1.9	2.7	3.3	2.6	3.0
All items less medical care	144.3	144.8	145.3	145.6	3.4	2.3	2.2	3.7	2.8	2.9
Commodities less food	128.0	128.6	128.9	129.0	2.2	1.6	2.9	3.2	1.9	3.0
Nondurables less food	129.7	130.3	131.0	130.5	1.9	3.5	.9	2.5	2.7	1.7
Nondurables less food and apparel 2/	131.4	132.4	133.7	133.7	-.3	.9	6.3	7.2	.3	6.8
Nondurables 2/	136.5	136.6	137.4	138.1	1.2	2.7	1.5	4.8	1.9	3.1
Services less rent of shelter 1/	170.5	170.9	171.5	171.7	3.9	3.1	2.9	2.8	3.5	2.9
Services less medical care services	158.2	158.4	159.1	159.3	3.4	3.6	2.0	2.8	3.5	2.4
Energy	102.8	104.7	106.2	105.5	1.2	4.7	-4.9	10.9	2.9	2.7
All items less energy	154.1	154.5	155.0	155.3	3.8	2.1	2.9	3.2	2.9	3.0
All items less food and energy	156.7	157.0	157.4	157.7	3.4	2.9	3.1	2.6	3.2	2.8
Commodities less food and energy commodities	137.6	137.7	137.6	137.8	2.4	.6	4.2	.6	1.5	2.4
Energy commodities	95.0	98.2	100.9	100.1	3.0	8.7	-6.1	23.3	5.8	7.6
Services less energy services	167.4	167.8	168.5	168.9	3.7	4.2	2.4	3.6	4.0	3.0

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

(1982-84=100, unless otherwise noted)

Expenditure category	Relative importance, December 1993	Unadjusted indexes		Unadjusted percent change to Sept. 1994 from-		Seasonally adjusted percent change from-		
		Aug. 1994	Sept. 1994	Sept. 1993	Aug. 1994	June to July	July to Aug.	Aug. to Sept.
All items	100.000	146.5	146.9	3.0	0.3	0.4	0.4	0.1
All items (1967=100)	-	436.4	437.5	-	-	-	-	-
Food and beverages	19.344	144.9	145.1	2.5	.1	.5	.4	.3
Food	17.622	144.4	144.6	2.7	.1	.5	.5	.3
Food at home	11.187	144.1	144.4	3.4	.2	.8	.6	.3
Cereals and bakery products	1.660	164.4	164.6	4.6	.1	.4	.2	.4
Meats, poultry, fish, and eggs	3.513	136.9	137.2	1.0	.2	-.7	.1	.2
Dairy products	1.321	131.6	131.0	1.2	-.5	-.5	-.8	-.5
Fruits and vegetables	2.019	162.3	162.6	3.6	.2	2.7	.5	.5
Other food at home	2.674	138.3	138.8	6.5	.4	2.2	2.0	.7
Sugar and sweets .....	.374	135.1	135.4	1.7	.2	.2	-.1	.5
Fats and oils .....	.283	134.0	134.2	3.2	.1	1.0	-.8	.3
Nonalcoholic beverages .....	.833	130.2	130.9	14.6	.5	5.9	6.5	.8
Other prepared food	1.184	148.1	148.5	3.1	.3	.5	.1	.6
Food away from home	6.435	145.8	146.1	1.7	.2	.1	.3	.2
Alcoholic beverages	1.722	150.7	150.9	.9	.1	-.1	-.1	.1
Housing	39.004	143.0	143.0	2.4	.0	.1	.4	.1
Shelter	25.682	157.2	157.4	3.3	.1	.1	.5	.3
Renters' costs 1/	8.095	150.3	148.9	2.6	-.9	-.1	.5	-.1
Rent, residential	6.628	154.2	154.7	2.7	.3	.2	.4	.2
Other renters' costs	1.467	206.7	194.1	2.6	-6.1	-1.1	.6	-1.1
Homeowners' costs 1/	17.399	151.5	152.3	3.5	.5	.3	.5	.5
Owners' equivalent rent 1/	17.074	151.7	152.6	3.6	.6	.3	.5	.5
Household insurance 2/ 1/ .....	.324	141.4	141.7	4.1	.2	1.0	.6	.2
Maintenance and repairs 2/ .....	.188	131.3	131.8	.4	.4	-.1	-.1	.4
Maintenance and repair services 2/ .....	.102	139.1	139.4	-1.4	.2	.0	.0	.2
Maintenance and repair commodities 2/ .....	.085	120.9	121.6	2.7	.6	-.2	-.2	.6
Fuel and other utilities	7.523	124.0	123.9	.1	-.1	.1	.2	-.4

Fuels	4.093	113.5	113.3	-1.0	-.2	.2	.2	-.5
Fuel oil and other household fuel commodities .....	.339	86.6	86.7	-1.3	.1	.5	.2	-.4
Gas (piped) and electricity (energy services).....	3.754	121.6	121.5	-1.0	-.1	.2	.2	-.5
Other utilities and public services 2/	3.429	151.1	150.9	1.4	-.1	-.1	.1	-.1
Household furnishings and operation	5.800	120.0	120.0	1.5	.0	.1	.2	-.2
Housefurnishings	3.525	110.1	109.8	1.4	-.3	.1	.1	-.4
Housekeeping supplies	1.141	132.5	132.9	1.6	.3	-.1	.2	.3
Housekeeping services	1.134	140.9	141.5	2.1	.4	.6	.3	.0
Apparel and upkeep	5.909	130.2	133.1	-.2	2.2	-.2	-.9	-.2
Apparel commodities	5.379	127.2	130.2	-.4	2.4	-.3	-1.0	-.2
Men's and boys' apparel	1.393	125.3	127.8	.5	2.0	1.0	-.2	.5
Women's and girls' apparel.....	2.356	124.5	129.4	-1.4	3.9	-1.2	-2.6	-.1
Infants' and toddlers' apparel .....	.261	129.9	131.1	2.6	.9	1.9	-.7	.5
Footwear .....	.866	125.3	126.0	-.9	.6	-.9	-.2	-1.1
Other apparel commodities .....	.502	151.5	151.3	1.0	-.1	.0	2.3	-.5
Apparel services 2/ .....	.530	155.4	155.9	2.6	.3	.1	.2	.3
Transportation	18.863	135.2	135.3	4.7	.1	1.1	1.0	.2
Private transportation	17.613	133.3	133.5	4.9	.2	1.1	1.1	.2
New vehicles	4.948	138.2	138.4	4.1	.1	.4	.4	.4
New cars	3.606	135.3	135.4	3.8	.1	.4	.4	.4
Used cars	2.256	144.7	146.1	4.7	1.0	.9	.8	1.0
Motor fuel	3.705	104.2	103.7	8.0	-.5	3.7	3.2	-1.0
Gasoline	-	104.3	103.7	8.2	-.6	3.7	3.6	-.9
Maintenance and repairs	1.615	151.4	151.9	3.1	.3	.2	.5	.1
Other private transportation	5.089	157.8	158.0	3.9	.1	.1	.3	.6
Other private transportation commodities .....	.795	102.6	102.4	-.1	-.2	-.3	-.2	-.3
Other private transportation services	4.295	171.5	171.8	4.6	.2	.2	.4	.6
Public transportation	1.251	168.7	167.6	2.3	-.7	1.0	1.3	-.5
Medical care	6.044	211.5	212.0	4.5	.2	.4	.4	.3
Medical care commodities	1.061	199.5	199.3	2.5	-.1	.2	.4	-.1
Medical care services	4.983	214.2	214.9	5.0	.3	.4	.4	.4
Professional medical services	2.865	194.4	194.9	4.3	.3	.4	.3	.4
Entertainment	4.028	148.3	148.6	2.6	.2	.2	.0	.0
Entertainment commodities	2.077	135.9	136.0	2.2	.1	.1	.1	.3
Entertainment services	1.951	166.5	167.0	3.2	.3	.2	.0	-.3

Other goods and services	6.807	197.5	198.9	4.2	.7	.4	.4	.1	
Tobacco and smoking products	2.121	222.1	221.1	2.9	-.5	.5	.6	.0	
Personal care 2/	1.146	145.2	145.4	2.0	.1	-.1	.1	.1	
Toilet goods and personal care appliances 2/ .....	.650	142.6	142.6	1.7	.0	.1	.1	.0
Personal care services 2/ .....	.496	148.2	148.6	2.3	.3	-.5	.0	.3
Personal and educational expenses	3.540	220.2	223.6	5.7	1.5	.5	.3	.2	
School books and supplies .....	.219	207.5	209.8	4.3	1.1	.4	.2	-.3
Personal and educational services	3.321	221.5	225.0	5.8	1.6	.5	.3	.2	
Commodity and service group									
All items	100.000	146.5	146.9	3.0	.3	.4	.4	.1	
Commodities	47.644	134.1	134.6	2.7	.4	.6	.4	.1	
Food and beverages	19.344	144.9	145.1	2.5	.1	.5	.4	.3	
Commodities less food and beverages	28.300	127.5	128.1	2.9	.5	.6	.5	-.1	
Nondurables less food and beverages ..	16.590	129.1	129.9	2.7	.6	.5	.9	-.5	
Apparel commodities	5.379	127.2	130.2	-.4	2.4	-.3	-1.0	-.2	
Nondurables less food, beverages, and apparel 2/	11.211	133.0	132.8	4.2	-.2	.9	1.4	-.2	
Durables	11.710	124.3	124.4	3.1	.1	.4	.2	.2	
Services	52.356	161.6	161.9	3.2	.2	.2	.4	.2	
Rent of shelter 2/ 1/	25.143	151.3	151.4	3.3	.1	.4	.5	.1	
Household services less rent of shelter 1/	8.771	126.9	126.9	.5	.0	.0	.2	-.2	
Transportation services	7.160	165.9	166.0	3.8	.1	.4	.5	.3	
Medical care services	4.983	214.2	214.9	5.0	.3	.4	.4	.4	
Other services	6.299	182.9	184.7	4.5	1.0	.3	.2	.1	
Special indexes									
All items less food	82.378	146.8	147.2	3.0	.3	.3	.4	.1	
All items less shelter	74.318	143.8	144.2	2.9	.3	.5	.3	.1	
All items less homeowners' costs 1/	82.601	137.9	138.1	2.8	.1	.4	.4	.1	
All items less medical care	93.956	143.4	143.8	2.9	.3	.4	.4	.1	
Commodities less food	30.022	128.4	128.9	2.7	.4	.6	.4	.0	
Nondurables less food	18.312	130.3	131.1	2.6	.6	.5	.8	-.5	
Nondurables less food and apparel 2/	12.933	133.7	133.6	3.8	-.1	.8	1.1	-.1	
Nondurables 2/	35.934	137.3	137.8	2.6	.4	.2	.7	.4	
Services less rent of shelter 1/	27.213	153.0	153.5	3.1	.3	.2	.4	-.1	
Services less medical care services	47.373	157.1	157.3	2.9	.1	.1	.4	.2	
Energy	7.798	108.2	107.8	3.2	-.4	1.9	1.6	-.8	
All items less energy	92.202	151.9	152.4	3.0	.3	.3	.3	.2	
All items less food and energy	74.580	153.9	154.4	3.0	.3	.2	.3	.2	

Commodities less food and energy commodities	25.978	136.1	136.9	2.0	.6	.1	.1	.1
Energy commodities	4.044	102.9	102.4	7.2	-.5	3.4	2.9	-.9
Services less energy services	48.602	166.0	166.4	3.5	.2	.2	.4	.3
Purchasing power of the consumer dollar:								
1982-84=\$1.00 2/	-	\$.683	\$.681	-2.9	-.3	-.3	-.4	-.3
1967=\$1.00 2/	-	.229	.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				
	June	July	Aug.	Sept.	Dec.	3 months ended-		6 months ended-		
	1994	1994	1994	1994	1993	Mar.	June	Sept.	Mar.	Sept.
						1994	1994	1994	1994	1994
All items	-	-	-	-	3.1	2.5	2.2	3.9	2.8	3.1
Food and beverages	144.0	144.7	145.3	145.7	4.0	-.3	2.3	4.8	1.8	3.5
Food	143.4	144.1	144.8	145.2	4.0	.0	2.3	5.1	2.0	3.7
Food at home	142.7	143.8	144.6	145.1	5.5	-1.4	2.9	6.9	2.0	4.9
Cereals and bakery products	162.8	163.5	163.9	164.6	4.4	3.3	6.1	4.5	3.8	5.3
Meats, poultry, fish, and eggs	137.4	136.4	136.6	136.9	4.5	1.8	-.3	-1.4	3.1	-.9
Dairy products	133.1	132.5	131.4	130.7	.0	7.3	5.3	-7.0	3.6	-1.1
Fruits and vegetables	161.4	165.7	166.5	167.4	16.9	-18.2	5.4	15.7	-2.2	10.4
Other food at home	132.6	135.5	138.2	139.2	3.4	.3	2.5	21.4	1.8	11.5
Sugar and sweets	134.5	134.8	134.7	135.4	2.4	3.6	-1.8	2.7	3.0	.4
Fats and oils	133.6	135.0	133.9	134.3	.9	6.0	3.7	2.1	3.4	2.9
Nonalcoholic beverages	116.1	122.9	130.9	132.0	5.3	-4.1	2.4	67.1	.5	30.8
Other prepared food	146.9	147.7	147.8	148.7	2.8	1.4	3.3	5.0	2.1	4.2
Food away from home	145.3	145.4	145.8	146.1	1.7	2.0	1.4	2.2	1.8	1.8

commodities	103.2	102.9	102.7	102.4	-1.2	2.8	1.2	-3.1	.8	-1.0
Other private transportation services	171.4	171.7	172.4	173.5	2.4	3.9	7.3	5.0	3.2	6.1
Public transportation	167.2	168.9	171.1	170.2	8.4	.9	-6.9	7.4	4.6	.0
Medical care	210.0	210.8	211.6	212.3	4.4	3.4	5.7	4.5	3.9	5.1
Medical care commodities	198.5	198.8	199.5	199.3	2.9	1.2	4.3	1.6	2.1	3.0
Medical care services	212.5	213.4	214.2	215.1	4.8	3.9	6.1	5.0	4.3	5.5
Professional medical services	192.9	193.7	194.2	194.9	4.1	3.4	5.4	4.2	3.8	4.8
Entertainment 2/	148.2	148.5	148.5	148.5	4.8	3.9	1.4	.8	4.3	1.1
Entertainment commodities	135.6	135.8	135.9	136.3	2.7	1.2	3.0	2.1	2.0	2.5
Entertainment services	166.5	166.8	166.8	166.3	7.1	6.2	.0	- .5	6.7	- .2
Other goods and services	196.9	197.6	198.3	198.5	4.3	2.9	6.6	3.3	3.6	4.9
Tobacco and smoking products	220.0	221.0	222.3	222.3	1.3	.6	6.0	4.2	.9	5.1
Personal care 2/	145.3	145.1	145.2	145.4	2.0	.0	6.0	.3	1.0	3.1
Toilet goods and personal care appliances 2/	142.3	142.5	142.6	142.6	1.4	-1.1	5.8	.8	.1	3.3
Personal care services 2/	149.0	148.2	148.2	148.6	2.8	1.4	6.4	-1.1	2.1	2.6
Personal and educational expenses	219.3	220.3	221.0	221.4	6.9	5.2	7.2	3.9	6.0	5.6
School books and supplies	207.7	208.6	209.0	208.3	6.1	5.6	4.6	1.2	5.9	2.8
Personal and educational services	220.4	221.5	222.2	222.6	6.8	5.1	7.4	4.1	6.0	5.7
Commodity and service group										
All items	-	-	-	-	3.1	2.5	2.2	3.9	2.8	3.1
Commodities	133.1	133.9	134.5	134.6	2.8	.9	2.8	4.6	1.8	3.7
Food and beverages	144.0	144.7	145.3	145.7	4.0	- .3	2.3	4.8	1.8	3.5
Commodities less food and beverages	126.4	127.2	127.8	127.7	2.3	1.6	3.2	4.2	1.9	3.7
Nondurables less food and beverages	127.8	128.4	129.6	128.9	1.9	4.2	1.3	3.5	3.1	2.4
Apparel commodities	131.0	130.6	129.3	129.1	.3	1.2	2.8	-5.7	.8	-1.5
Nondurables less food, beverages, and apparel 2/	130.0	131.2	133.0	132.8	- .6	.3	8.8	8.9	- .2	8.8
Durables	123.8	124.3	124.5	124.8	2.7	1.0	5.3	3.3	1.8	4.3
Services	160.3	160.7	161.3	161.6	3.4	3.9	2.3	3.3	3.6	2.8
Rent of shelter 2/ 1/	149.9	150.5	151.3	151.4	1.9	6.1	1.1	4.1	4.0	2.6
Household services less rent of shelter 1/	125.3	125.3	125.5	125.2	.6	1.9	- .6	- .3	1.3	- .5
Transportation services	165.4	166.0	166.9	167.4	3.8	3.0	3.7	4.9	3.4	4.3
Medical care services	212.5	213.4	214.2	215.1	4.8	3.9	6.1	5.0	4.3	5.5
Other services	182.9	183.4	183.8	183.9	6.3	5.0	4.5	2.2	5.6	3.3

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All items less food	145.5	146.0	146.6	146.8	2.8	3.1	2.5	3.6	3.0	3.1
All items less shelter	142.7	143.4	143.9	144.1	3.2	1.7	2.9	4.0	2.4	3.4
All items less homeowners' costs 1/	136.8	137.4	137.9	138.0	3.0	2.1	2.7	3.6	2.5	3.1
All items less medical care	142.2	142.7	143.3	143.5	3.2	2.3	2.3	3.7	2.7	3.0
Commodities less food	127.5	128.3	128.8	128.8	2.3	1.6	2.9	4.1	1.9	3.5
Nondurables less food	129.1	129.8	130.8	130.2	2.2	3.8	.9	3.5	3.0	2.2
Nondurables less food and apparel 2/	131.2	132.2	133.7	133.6	-.3	.6	7.7	7.5	.2	7.6
Nondurables 2/	136.1	136.4	137.3	137.8	.6	2.7	2.1	5.1	1.6	3.6
Services less rent of shelter 1/	152.0	152.3	152.9	152.8	3.6	3.2	2.9	2.1	3.4	2.5
Services less medical care services	155.9	156.1	156.7	157.0	3.5	3.4	2.3	2.9	3.4	2.6
Energy	102.4	104.3	106.0	105.2	1.2	5.2	-4.6	11.4	3.2	3.1
All items less energy	151.4	151.8	152.3	152.6	3.3	2.2	3.0	3.2	2.7	3.1
All items less food and energy	153.6	153.9	154.4	154.7	3.2	2.7	3.2	2.9	3.0	3.0
Commodities less food and energy										
commodities	136.6	136.8	136.9	137.0	2.1	.6	4.2	1.2	1.3	2.7
Energy commodities	95.3	98.5	101.4	100.5	3.9	8.3	-5.3	23.7	6.1	8.2
Services less energy services	165.2	165.6	166.2	166.7	3.8	4.0	2.7	3.7	3.9	3.2

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 Sept. 1994 from-			Percent change to Aug. 1994 from-		
		June 1994	July 1994	Aug. 1994	Sept. 1994	Sept. 1993	July 1994	Aug. 1994	Aug. 1993	June 1994	July 1994
U.S. city average	M	148.0	148.4	149.0	149.4	3.0	0.7	0.3	2.9	0.7	0.4
Region and area size 2/											
Northeast urban.....	M	154.8	155.2	155.9	156.1	2.8	.6	.1	2.8	.7	.5
Size A - More than 1,200,000	M	155.4	155.7	156.6	156.7	2.7	.6	.1	2.7	.8	.6

Size B - 500,000 to 1,200,000	M	153.5	154.3	154.8	154.8	3.1	.3	.0	3.0	.8	.3
Size C - 50,000 to 500,000	M	153.2	152.9	153.8	154.4	2.9	1.0	.4	2.7	.4	.6
North Central urban	M	144.0	144.3	145.2	145.6	3.3	.9	.3	3.4	.8	.6
Size A - More than 1,200,000	M	145.1	145.4	146.3	146.7	3.0	.9	.3	3.2	.8	.6
Size B - 360,000 to 1,200,000	M	143.0	143.6	144.4	144.0	3.3	.3	-.3	3.8	1.0	.6
Size C - 50,000 to 360,000	M	144.7	145.0	145.9	146.8	4.0	1.2	.6	3.4	.8	.6
Size D - Nonmetropolitan (less than 50,000)	M	139.8	140.2	140.8	141.5	3.8	.9	.5	4.1	.7	.4
South urban	M	144.7	145.0	145.5	145.8	3.0	.6	.2	2.8	.6	.3
Size A - More than 1,200,000	M	145.3	145.3	145.7	145.9	2.8	.4	.1	2.6	.3	.3
Size B - 450,000 to 1,200,000	M	146.6	147.1	147.9	148.3	3.3	.8	.3	3.4	.9	.5
Size C - 50,000 to 450,000	M	143.5	143.8	144.3	144.7	2.6	.6	.3	2.6	.6	.3
Size D - Nonmetropolitan (less than 50,000)	M	142.5	142.7	142.9	143.3	3.0	.4	.3	2.5	.3	.1
West urban	M	148.9	149.5	150.1	150.6	2.7	.7	.3	2.7	.8	.4
Size A - More than 1,250,000	M	150.4	150.9	151.3	151.7	2.4	.5	.3	2.4	.6	.3
Size C - 50,000 to 330,000	M	148.6	150.0	151.1	152.2	4.5	1.5	.7	4.0	1.7	.7
Size classes											
A 3/	M	134.3	134.6	135.2	135.4	2.7	.6	.1	2.7	.7	.4
B	M	147.5	148.1	148.8	149.0	3.3	.6	.1	3.3	.9	.5
C	M	146.4	146.8	147.5	148.2	3.3	1.0	.5	3.0	.8	.5
D	M	143.4	143.8	144.0	144.7	3.3	.6	.5	2.9	.4	.1
Selected local areas											
Chicago-Gary-Lake County, IL-IN-WI.....	M	148.1	148.3	149.8	150.2	2.4	1.3	.3	2.5	1.1	1.0
Los Angeles-Anaheim-Riverside, CA	M	151.3	151.7	152.0	152.7	1.7	.7	.5	1.4	.5	.2
N.Y.-Northern N.J.-Long Island, NY-NJ-CT	M	157.8	158.2	159.1	159.0	2.4	.5	-.1	2.4	.8	.6
Phil.-Wilmington-Trenton, PA-NJ-DE-MD ..	M	154.6	155.3	155.7	156.2	3.4	.6	.3	3.4	.7	.3
San Francisco-Oakland-San Jose, CA	M	148.1	148.9	149.4	149.4	2.0	.3	.0	2.2	.9	.3
Baltimore, MD	1	-	148.2	-	148.6	3.5	.3	-	-	-	-
Boston-Lawrence-Salem, MA-NH	1	-	153.9	-	155.7	2.4	1.2	-	-	-	-
Cleveland-Akron-Lorain, OH	1	-	143.7	-	146.3	3.2	1.8	-	-	-	-
Miami-Fort Lauderdale, FL	1	-	143.4	-	144.5	3.8	.8	-	-	-	-
St. Louis-East St. Louis, MO-IL	1	-	141.9	-	143.4	3.6	1.1	-	-	-	-
Washington, DC-MD-VA	1	-	151.8	-	153.7	2.7	1.3	-	-	-	-
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	-

(less than 50,000)	M	138.4	138.9	139.5	140.0	3.5	.8	.4	3.9	.8	.4
South urban	M	143.2	143.6	144.1	144.5	3.0	.6	.3	2.8	.6	.3
Size A - More than 1,200,000	M	143.4	143.6	144.1	144.3	3.0	.5	.1	2.6	.5	.3
Size B - 450,000 to 1,200,000	M	143.2	143.7	144.5	144.9	3.4	.8	.3	3.4	.9	.6
Size C - 50,000 to 450,000	M	143.3	143.7	144.2	144.7	2.6	.7	.3	2.6	.6	.3
Size D - Nonmetropolitan (less than 50,000)	M	142.7	142.9	143.2	143.7	3.1	.6	.3	2.6	.4	.2
West urban	M	146.1	146.7	147.2	147.7	2.6	.7	.3	2.5	.8	.3
Size A - More than 1,250,000	M	146.0	146.5	146.9	147.2	2.3	.5	.2	2.2	.6	.3
Size C - 50,000 to 330,000	M	146.4	147.7	148.6	149.6	4.3	1.3	.7	3.8	1.5	.6
Size classes											
A 3/	M	133.3	133.6	134.3	134.5	2.7	.7	.1	2.7	.8	.5
B	M	145.0	145.5	146.3	146.5	3.3	.7	.1	3.3	.9	.5
C	M	145.6	146.1	146.8	147.5	3.3	1.0	.5	3.0	.8	.5
D	M	142.8	143.2	143.4	144.1	3.2	.6	.5	2.9	.4	.1
Selected local areas											
Chicago-Gary-Lake County, IL-IN-WI.....	M	143.6	143.7	145.1	145.4	2.3	1.2	.2	2.5	1.0	1.0
Los Angeles-Anaheim-Riverside, CA	M	146.1	146.5	146.8	147.3	1.6	.5	.3	1.3	.5	.2
N.Y.-Northern N.J.-Long Island, NY-NJ-CT	M	154.2	154.4	155.3	155.5	2.4	.7	.1	2.4	.7	.6
Phil.-Wilmington-Trenton, PA-NJ-DE-MD ..	M	154.2	154.9	155.3	155.9	3.3	.6	.4	3.3	.7	.3
San Francisco-Oakland-San Jose, CA	M	145.7	146.6	147.1	147.1	1.9	.3	.0	2.2	1.0	.3
Baltimore, MD	1	-	147.3	-	147.8	3.5	.3	-	-	-	-
Boston-Lawrence-Salem, MA-NH	1	-	152.9	-	154.7	2.5	1.2	-	-	-	-
Cleveland-Akron-Lorain, OH	1	-	136.3	-	138.9	3.2	1.9	-	-	-	-
Miami-Fort Lauderdale, FL	1	-	141.4	-	142.5	3.6	.8	-	-	-	-
St. Louis-East St. Louis, MO-IL	1	-	141.4	-	143.0	3.9	1.1	-	-	-	-
Washington, DC-MD-VA	1	-	149.4	-	151.5	2.7	1.4	-	-	-	-
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.

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