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CONSUMER PRICE INDEX--OCTOBER 1994

The Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers (CPI-U) rose 0.1 percent before seasonal adjustment in October to a level of 149.5 (1982-84=100), the Bureau of Labor Statistics of the U.S. Department of Labor reported today. For the 12-month period ended in October, the CPI-U increased 2.6 percent.

The Consumer Price Index for Urban Wage Earners and Clerical Workers (CPI-W) increased 0.1 percent in October, prior to seasonal adjustment. The October 1994 CPI-W level of 147.0 was 2.6 percent higher than the index in October 1993.

CPI for All Urban Consumers (CPI-U)

On a seasonally adjusted basis, the CPI-U rose 0.1 percent in October. This compares with an increase of 0.2 percent in September and was the smallest monthly advance since a similar rise in April. The food index was unchanged in October after advancing 0.3 percent or more in each of the 5 preceding months. The energy index declined 0.7 percent in October, the same as in September. The CPI-U excluding food and energy increased 0.2 percent in October, the same as 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
	3-mos	ended	ended	ended	ended	ended	ended	ended	
	Apr.	May	June	July	Aug.	Sep.	Oct.	Oct. 94	Oct94
All items	.1	.2	.3	.3	.3	.2	.1	2.4	2.6
Food and beverages	.1	.3	.3	.5	.3	.3	.1	2.8	2.3
Housing	.0	.2	.1	.2	.3	.1	.1	2.5	2.5
Apparel and upkeep	-.3	.4	.6	-.4	-1.0	-.1	-.5	-5.8	-.7
Transportation	.3	-.4	.6	1.0	1.0	.1	-.2	3.9	3.3
Medical care	.6	.4	.4	.4	.4	.4	.6	5.6	4.7
Entertainment	-.1	.3	-.1	.3	.0	.1	.1	.8	2.5
Other goods & serv	.7	.6	.4	.4	.2	.1	.4	2.8	4.4
Special indexes:									
Energy	-.4	-1.0	.1	1.8	1.4	-.7	-.7	.4	.4
Food	.1	.3	.3	.5	.4	.3	.0	3.1	2.4
AI - food & energy	.2	.3	.3	.2	.3	.2	.2	2.6	2.9

During the first 10 months of 1994, the CPI-U rose at a 2.6 percent seasonally adjusted annual rate (SAAR). This compares with an increase of 2.7 percent in all of 1993. Thus far in 1994, the food index has increased at an annual rate of 2.0 percent and energy costs at a 2.2 percent rate. The year-to-date annual rate for the index for all items less food and energy in 1994 was 2.8 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 beverages index rose 0.1 percent in October. Grocery store food prices, which rose at a 7.2 percent seasonally adjusted annual rate in the third quarter, declined 0.1 percent. Of the five major grocery store food groups, only the index for fruits and vegetables registered an increase in October, advancing 0.4 percent. Increases in the indexes for fresh vegetables and processed fruits and vegetables--up 2.1 and 0.5 percent, respectively--more than offset a 1.3 percent decline in the index for fresh fruits. The index for meats, poultry, fish, and eggs declined 0.3 percent to a level only 0.1 percent higher than a year ago. Meat prices rose 0.1 percent, but were more than offset by declines in prices for poultry, eggs, and fish and seafood. A 0.2

percent decline in the pork index was more than offset by increases in prices for beef and other meats--up 0.1 and 0.5 percent, respectively. Poultry prices fell 1.3 percent after increasing 1.1 percent in September. The index for cereal and bakery products declined 0.1 percent, while the index for dairy products was unchanged. The index for other food at home, which had increased 5.3 percent in the third quarter, largely due to the run-up in coffee prices, fell 0.3 percent in October. Coffee prices, which had risen 22.4 and 22.0 percent in July and August, respectively, before stabilizing in September, advanced 0.9 percent in October. This increase, however, was more than offset by decreases in prices for carbonated drinks and prepared foods. The other two components of the food and beverages index--restaurant meals and alcoholic beverages--rose 0.1 percent and 0.2 percent, respectively.

The housing component rose 0.1 percent in October, the same as in September. Shelter costs increased 0.2 percent, following a 0.3 percent rise in September. Within shelter, renters' costs and homeowners' costs rose 0.5 and 0.2 percent, respectively, while maintenance and repair costs fell 0.6 percent. The increase in renters' costs reflects a 1.5 percent rise in other renters' costs; residential rents advanced 0.1 percent. The index for fuel and other utilities--down 0.2 percent--declined for the second consecutive month, but by less than in September. The index for household fuels fell 0.4 percent, reflecting declines in the indexes for fuel oil and natural gas--down 2.3 and 1.2 percent, respectively. The index for electricity rose 0.3 percent. (Prior to seasonal adjustment, charges for electricity fell 4.1 percent, reflecting the shift to off-season rates.) The index for other utilities and public services rose 0.1 percent in October, as increases in the indexes for water and sewerage maintenance and for refuse collection were partially offset by small declines in the indexes for telephone services and for cable television. The index for household furnishings and operation was unchanged in October, following a decrease of 0.1 percent in September.

The transportation index, which increased slightly in September, decreased 0.2 percent in October, reflecting larger declines than in September in the indexes for both motor fuels and for public transportation costs. The index for gasoline declined 1.1 percent in October, following a 0.6 percent drop in September, and is now 14.8 percent lower than its peak level recorded in December 1990. The index for public transportation, which declined 0.7 percent in September, fell 2.1 percent in October, reflecting a 2.6 percent decrease in airline fares. Automobile purchase costs

decelerated in October. The index for new vehicles, which rose 0.5 percent in September, was unchanged in October. (Prior to seasonal adjustment, prices for new vehicles rose 0.7 percent. As of October, the proportion of 1995 models in the index was about one-third of the new car sample. They will continue to be phased in over the next several months as new models replace the old at dealerships. For a report on quality changes for the 1995 cars, see news release USDL-94-553, dated November 10, 1994.) Automobile finance charges continued to increase, but by less than in September, advancing 1.0 percent in October and 16.8 percent thus far in 1994. The index for used cars rose 1.4 percent.

The index for apparel and upkeep declined for the fourth consecutive month, down 0.5 percent in October. (Prior to seasonal adjustment, clothing prices rose 0.8 percent.) Price increases associated with the introduction of fall-winter wear in 1994 have been smaller than in recent years.

Medical care costs rose 0.6 percent in October, following increases of 0.4 percent in each of the 5 preceding months, and are 4.7 percent higher than a year earlier. The index for medical care commodities--prescription drugs, nonprescription drugs, and medical supplies--rose 0.4 percent in October. The index for medical care services rose 0.6 percent. Charges for professional services and hospital and related services increased 0.6 and 0.3 percent, respectively.

The entertainment index increased 0.1 percent in October, the same as in September. A 1.7 percent increase in the October index for fees for participant sports, reflecting a return to regular prices after substantial discounting in the 2 preceding months, offset price declines in the indexes for reading materials and for admissions to movies, theaters, concerts, and sporting events.

The index for other goods and services rose 0.4 percent in October after advancing 0.1 percent in September. Increases in the indexes for tobacco and smoking products and for personal expenses--up 0.8 and 0.7 percent, respectively--accounted for over three-fourths of the October rise in the other goods and services index.

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 0.1 percent in October.

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

Expenditure category	Seasonally adjusted							Unadj	
	Changes from preceding month							Compnd	12-mo
	1994							ann rte	
	Apr.	May	June	July	Aug.	Sep.	Oct.	ended	ended
All items	.1	.1	.3	.4	.4	.1	.1	2.5	2.6
Food and beverages	.1	.3	.2	.5	.4	.3	.0	2.8	2.2
Housing	.0	.1	.1	.1	.4	.1	.1	2.6	2.3
Apparel and upkeep	-.4	.5	.5	-.2	-.9	-.2	-.6	-6.4	-.9
Transportation	.3	-.2	.6	1.1	1.0	.2	-.1	4.6	3.5
Medical care	.6	.3	.4	.4	.4	.3	.6	5.2	4.7
Entertainment	-.1	.4	.1	.2	.0	.0	.1	.3	2.4
Other goods & serv	.7	.5	.4	.4	.4	.1	.4	3.3	4.3
Special indexes:									
Energy	-.5	-1.1	.4	1.9	1.6	-.8	-.9	.0	.4
Food	.1	.3	.2	.5	.5	.3	.0	3.1	2.3
AI - food & energy	.2	.3	.3	.2	.3	.2	.2	2.9	2.9

Consumer Price Index data for November will be released on Wednesday, December 14, 1994, 8:30 A.M. (EST).

CPI ANNOUNCEMENT

Effective with the release of data for January 1995, on February 15, the Bureau of Labor Statistics will introduce several technical improvements in the calculation of the Consumer Price Index designed to make the index a more accurate measure of price change. These improvements, which stem from findings of research conducted by BLS staff, will affect the food at home, shelter, and prescription drug components of the CPI.

The change to the food at home component improves the outlet sample rotation process. (Approximately 20 percent of CPI outlet samples are updated annually.) Empirical evidence has established that current procedures for the routine introduction of new samples tend to overstate price change for the newly sampled items immediately following their introduction. Since the food at home component of the index is particularly sensitive to this effect, new measures designed to lessen its impact will be used in the calculation of the food at home component beginning with January 1995 data.

In addition, two changes are being made in the way in which the shelter component of the CPI is calculated. First, the imputation formula for estimating owners' equivalent rent, which relies upon a matching of a sample of residential rental units to a sample of homeowner units, will be improved. Second, additional BLS research has indicated that current procedures, both for residential rent and for owners' implicit rent, tend to understate the short-term rent change. Beginning with data for January 1995, BLS will incorporate an improved estimate. Research on this issue will continue during the course of the upcoming CPI revision, and, if this research yields further improvements in the estimates of rent changes, they will be incorporated into the index as part of the revision effort.

Finally, the procedure for handling the introduction into the index of generic versions of formerly patented drugs into the index will be changed. The current practice of directly comparing the prices of patented and generic drugs only when the patented drug is no longer available in the sampled outlet will be changed. A new procedure, which will reflect the rate at which consumers switch their purchases from patented to generic versions of a drug, will be employed beginning with CPI data for January 1995.

The basic research papers on these topics are available from the BLS by calling 202-606-7000. These changes will be explained more fully in the CPI Detailed Report for October 1994.

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)

services 2/	3.279	150.3	150.4	1.3	.1	.1	-.2	.1
Household furnishings and operation	6.183	121.4	121.4	1.2	.0	.2	-.1	.0
Housefurnishings	3.601	111.2	110.9	.8	-.3	.0	-.3	-.4
Housekeeping supplies	1.109	132.6	133.7	1.4	.8	.2	.3	1.0
Housekeeping services	1.473	139.3	139.4	1.8	.1	.2	.1	.2
Apparel and upkeep	5.897	134.2	135.2	-.7	.7	-1.0	-.1	-.5
Apparel commodities	5.333	131.2	132.3	-.9	.8	-1.1	-.1	-.5
Men's and boys' apparel	1.389	128.4	128.9	-.4	.4	.2	.7	-.9
Women's and girls' apparel.....	2.421	131.1	133.4	-1.9	1.8	-2.8	.1	.0
Infants' and toddlers' apparel .....	.203	129.5	128.6	1.8	-.7	-.3	.2	-.7
Footwear .....	.781	125.1	125.5	-1.4	.3	-.2	-1.3	-.4
Other apparel commodities .....	.539	152.3	151.4	1.6	-.6	1.1	-.6	-1.9
Apparel services 2/ .....	.564	156.3	156.4	2.3	.1	.1	.3	.1
Transportation	16.954	135.9	136.1	3.3	.1	1.0	.1	-.2
Private transportation	15.295	133.1	133.6	3.6	.4	.9	.2	.0
New vehicles	5.025	137.5	138.4	3.7	.7	.3	.5	.0
New cars	4.031	135.7	136.6	3.6	.7	.2	.5	.1
Used cars	1.245	145.4	147.7	5.7	1.6	.8	1.0	1.4
Motor fuel	3.010	103.7	101.8	2.1	-1.8	3.1	-.9	-1.1
Gasoline	-	103.6	101.7	2.5	-1.8	3.7	-.6	-1.1
Maintenance and repairs	1.533	151.2	151.7	3.1	.3	.5	.1	.3
Other private transportation	4.483	162.1	164.1	4.0	1.2	.3	.4	.4
Other private transportation commodities .....	.629	103.2	103.1	.3	-.1	-.3	-.2	.2
Other private transportation services	3.854	175.8	178.4	4.6	1.5	.3	.6	.5
Public transportation	1.659	171.7	168.4	.1	-1.9	1.8	-.7	-2.1
Medical care	7.108	212.8	214.0	4.7	.6	.4	.4	.6
Medical care commodities	1.287	201.7	202.2	2.8	.2	.3	.0	.4
Medical care services	5.821	215.4	216.8	5.1	.6	.4	.4	.6
Professional medical services	3.353	194.0	195.1	4.4	.6	.4	.4	.6
Entertainment	4.351	150.7	151.0	2.5	.2	.0	.1	.1
Entertainment commodities	1.986	137.0	136.9	1.9	-.1	.1	.5	-.4
Entertainment services	2.365	167.1	167.7	2.9	.4	-.1	-.2	.4
Other goods and services	6.897	201.4	201.9	4.4	.2	.2	.1	.4
Tobacco and smoking products	1.601	220.8	221.3	3.4	.2	.1	.3	.8
Personal care 2/	1.184	145.1	145.3	2.0	.1	.0	.1	.1
Toilet goods and personal care appliances 2/ .....	.628	141.8	142.0	1.6	.1	.0	-.1	.1
Personal care services 2/ .....	.556	148.7	148.7	2.3	.0	.0	.3	.0

Personal and educational expenses	4.112	228.0	228.8	5.5	.4	.3	.0	.3	
School books and supplies .....	.249	208.4	207.7	3.9	-.3	.3	.0	-.2
Personal and educational services	3.863	229.7	230.6	5.6	.4	.3	.1	.4	
Commodity and service group									
All items	100.000	149.4	149.5	2.6	.1	.3	.2	.1	
Commodities	43.547	134.8	134.9	2.0	.1	.3	.1	-.1	
Food and beverages	17.398	145.6	145.6	2.3	.0	.3	.3	.1	
Commodities less food and beverages	26.149	128.1	128.3	1.7	.2	.2	.1	-.2	
Nondurables less food and beverages ..	15.579	130.3	130.2	1.1	-.1	.5	-.5	-.4	
Apparel commodities	5.333	131.2	132.3	-.9	.8	-1.1	-.1	-.5	
Nondurables less food, beverages, and apparel 2/	10.245	132.8	132.2	2.2	-.5	1.1	.0	-.5	
Durables	10.570	125.1	125.7	2.8	.5	.2	.2	.0	
Services	56.453	164.4	164.6	3.2	.1	.4	.2	.2	
Rent of shelter 2/ 1/	27.337	168.2	168.6	3.4	.2	.5	.0	.2	
Household services less rent of									
shelter 1/	8.900	137.9	136.3	.5	-1.2	.2	-.3	.1	
Transportation services	7.046	168.8	169.5	3.2	.4	.7	.2	-.2	
Medical care services	5.821	215.4	216.8	5.1	.6	.4	.4	.6	
Other services	7.349	187.8	188.5	4.3	.4	.1	.1	.3	
Special indexes									
All items less food	84.201	150.2	150.4	2.7	.1	.3	.1	.1	
All items less shelter	72.052	146.0	146.1	2.5	.1	.3	.1	.0	
All items less homeowners' costs 1/	80.232	150.6	150.7	2.4	.1	.3	.1	.1	
All items less medical care	92.892	145.8	145.9	2.5	.1	.3	.2	.0	
Commodities less food	27.749	129.0	129.3	1.7	.2	.2	.1	-.2	
Nondurables less food	17.178	131.4	131.4	1.2	.0	.5	-.4	-.3	
Nondurables less food and apparel 2/	11.845	133.7	133.2	2.1	-.4	1.0	.0	-.4	
Nondurables 2/	32.977	138.1	138.1	1.7	.0	.6	.5	.0	
Services less rent of shelter 1/	29.116	172.2	172.2	3.1	.0	.4	.1	.2	
Services less medical care services	50.632	159.6	159.7	3.0	.1	.4	.1	.3	
Energy	6.993	108.2	105.8	.4	-2.2	1.4	-.7	-.7	
All items less energy	93.007	155.0	155.5	2.8	.3	.3	.2	.2	
All items less food and energy	77.208	157.5	158.0	2.9	.3	.3	.2	.2	
Commodities less food and energy commodities	24.369	137.7	138.3	1.7	.4	-.1	.1	.0	
Energy commodities	3.380	102.0	100.4	1.7	-1.6	2.7	-.8	-1.2	
Services less energy services	52.839	168.8	169.3	3.5	.3	.4	.2	.2	
Purchasing power of the consumer dollar: 1982-84=\$1.00 2/	-	\$.669	\$.669	-2.5	.0	-.4	-.3	.0	

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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					
	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Jan.	3 months ended-		6 months ended-		
	1994	1994	1994	1994	1994	Apr.	July	Oct.	Apr.	Oct.
	1994	1994	1994	1994	1994	1994	1994	1994	1994	1994
All items	-	-	-	-	1.9	3.0	3.3	2.4	2.5	2.9
Food and beverages	145.1	145.6	146.0	146.1	2.5	-.3	4.2	2.8	1.1	3.5
Food	144.6	145.2	145.7	145.7	2.3	-.3	4.6	3.1	1.0	3.8
Food at home	144.5	145.3	145.8	145.6	2.6	-1.1	6.9	3.1	.7	5.0
Cereals and bakery products	163.6	164.2	164.8	164.7	4.6	5.9	3.0	2.7	5.2	2.9
Meats, poultry, fish, and eggs	136.8	136.9	137.0	136.6	2.1	1.5	-2.6	-.6	1.8	-1.6
Dairy products	132.7	131.7	131.0	131.0	5.1	6.6	.3	-5.0	5.8	-2.4
Fruits and vegetables	166.3	166.8	167.8	168.4	1.5	-18.7	28.8	5.1	-9.2	16.4
Other food at home	135.8	138.8	139.8	139.4	1.5	2.8	9.7	11.0	2.1	10.4
Sugar and sweets	135.1	134.7	135.4	135.4	3.0	3.0	-2.3	.9	3.0	-.7
Fats and oils	134.9	133.9	134.3	135.0	1.9	6.9	6.5	.3	4.4	3.3
Nonalcoholic beverages	123.1	131.9	133.1	132.6	1.4	-1.4	29.9	34.6	.0	32.3
Other prepared food	147.9	148.1	149.1	148.5	1.4	4.5	1.9	1.6	2.9	1.8
Food away from home	145.5	145.7	146.2	146.4	1.7	1.4	1.1	2.5	1.5	1.8
Alcoholic beverages	151.4	151.1	151.3	151.6	3.5	-.8	.8	.5	1.3	.7
Housing	144.7	145.2	145.4	145.6	2.0	3.1	2.0	2.5	2.5	2.2
Shelter	160.2	160.9	161.4	161.8	3.1	3.9	2.3	4.1	3.5	3.2
Renters' costs 1/	168.4	169.2	169.1	169.9	1.7	3.4	1.7	3.6	2.6	2.6
Rent, residential	153.9	154.5	155.0	155.1	2.4	2.9	1.6	3.2	2.7	2.4

Other renters' costs	195.9	197.4	195.5	198.4	.2	4.4	1.9	5.2	2.3	3.5
Homeowners' costs 1/	165.4	166.1	166.9	167.2	3.8	4.0	2.5	4.4	3.9	3.4
Owners' equivalent rent 1/	165.7	166.4	167.2	167.5	3.8	4.0	2.5	4.4	3.9	3.4
Household insurance 2/ 1/	153.2	154.0	154.3	154.5	.8	2.4	8.5	3.4	1.6	5.9
Maintenance and repairs 2/	131.3	131.2	131.6	130.8	-5.7	4.1	3.4	-1.5	-.9	.9
Maintenance and repair services	135.4	135.4	135.8	135.9	-14.1	6.2	6.5	1.5	-4.5	3.9
Maintenance and repair commodities 2/	125.9	125.6	126.0	123.8	9.4	1.3	-1.3	-6.5	5.3	-3.9
Fuel and other utilities	122.9	123.1	122.6	122.4	-2.3	3.7	.0	-1.6	.7	-.8
Fuels	111.0	111.2	110.6	110.2	-5.3	4.4	-.7	-2.9	-.5	-1.8
Fuel oil and other household fuel commodities	89.2	89.3	88.9	87.2	-12.8	16.7	-2.2	-8.7	.9	-5.5
Gas (piped) and electricity (energy services).....	118.7	118.9	118.2	118.0	-4.3	3.1	-.3	-2.3	-.7	-1.3
Other utilities and public services 2/	150.4	150.6	150.3	150.4	1.4	3.0	1.1	.0	2.2	.5
Household furnishings and operation	121.3	121.5	121.4	121.4	2.4	-1.0	3.0	.3	.7	1.7
Housefurnishings	111.6	111.6	111.3	110.9	4.1	-1.8	3.7	-2.5	1.1	.5
Housekeeping supplies	132.1	132.4	132.8	134.1	-1.8	.0	1.8	6.2	-.9	4.0
Housekeeping services	138.6	138.9	139.1	139.4	2.1	-.3	2.9	2.3	.9	2.6
Apparel and upkeep	134.4	133.1	133.0	132.4	1.8	-.6	2.4	-5.8	.6	-1.8
Apparel commodities	131.4	129.9	129.8	129.1	1.9	-1.2	2.8	-6.8	.3	-2.1
Men's and boys' apparel	127.0	127.3	128.2	127.0	-2.5	-4.0	5.2	.0	-3.3	2.6
Women's and girls' apparel	132.3	128.6	128.7	128.7	5.0	-.6	-.6	-10.4	2.1	-5.7
Infants' and toddlers' apparel	129.6	129.2	129.4	128.5	5.2	-6.4	13.0	-3.4	-.8	4.5
Footwear	126.4	126.1	124.5	124.0	7.2	-4.6	-.3	-7.4	1.1	-3.9
Other apparel commodities	150.9	152.6	151.7	148.8	-9.5	12.0	10.7	-5.5	.7	2.3
Apparel services 2/.....	155.7	155.9	156.3	156.4	2.4	2.6	2.3	1.8	2.5	2.1
Transportation	134.8	136.2	136.4	136.1	-1.5	5.6	4.9	3.9	2.0	4.4
Private transportation	132.0	133.2	133.5	133.5	-1.5	5.1	6.3	4.6	1.7	5.5
New vehicles	138.3	138.7	139.4	139.4	1.2	5.1	5.4	3.2	3.1	4.3
New cars	136.6	136.9	137.6	137.7	1.2	5.2	4.8	3.3	3.2	4.0
Used cars	141.5	142.6	144.0	146.0	-1.7	.6	11.5	13.3	-.6	12.4
Motor fuel	99.2	102.3	101.4	100.3	-13.5	8.7	10.3	4.5	-3.0	7.4
Gasoline	98.5	102.1	101.5	100.4	-12.8	7.8	9.0	7.9	-3.0	8.5
Maintenance and repairs	150.0	150.8	151.0	151.5	3.9	2.2	2.2	4.1	3.0	3.1
Other private transportation	162.0	162.5	163.2	163.9	2.0	5.1	4.1	4.8	3.6	4.4
Other private transportation commodities	103.7	103.4	103.2	103.4	-.8	2.4	.8	-1.2	.8	-.2
Other private transportation services	175.8	176.4	177.4	178.2	2.6	5.5	4.9	5.6	4.0	5.2
Public transportation	173.2	176.4	175.1	171.5	.9	9.4	-5.4	-3.9	5.1	-4.6
Medical care	211.6	212.4	213.2	214.5	3.8	4.7	4.9	5.6	4.2	5.2

Medical care commodities	201.1	201.7	201.7	202.6	2.7	1.8	3.7	3.0	2.2	3.3
Medical care services	213.8	214.7	215.6	217.0	3.9	5.5	5.0	6.1	4.7	5.6
Professional medical services	192.6	193.3	194.0	195.2	3.2	5.9	3.0	5.5	4.5	4.2
Entertainment 2/	150.3	150.3	150.5	150.6	4.7	2.4	2.2	.8	3.6	1.5
Entertainment commodities	136.5	136.6	137.3	136.8	1.5	1.8	3.6	.9	1.6	2.2
Entertainment services	166.8	166.7	166.4	167.1	7.6	2.7	1.2	.7	5.1	1.0
Other goods and services	200.2	200.6	200.8	201.6	3.6	5.4	5.6	2.8	4.5	4.2
Tobacco and smoking products	221.0	221.3	221.9	223.7	-1.7	3.6	6.8	5.0	.9	5.9
Personal care 2/	145.0	145.0	145.1	145.3	2.6	2.5	2.2	.8	2.5	1.5
Toilet goods and personal care appliances 2/	141.9	141.9	141.8	142.0	2.3	2.6	1.4	.3	2.4	.9
Personal care services 2/	148.3	148.3	148.7	148.7	2.8	2.2	3.3	1.1	2.5	2.2
Personal and educational expenses	224.7	225.4	225.5	226.2	6.1	7.2	5.9	2.7	6.6	4.3
School books and supplies	206.5	207.1	207.1	206.7	7.0	3.6	4.6	.4	5.3	2.5
Personal and educational services	226.0	226.6	226.8	227.6	6.1	7.3	6.1	2.9	6.7	4.4
Commodity and service group										
All items	-	-	-	-	1.9	3.0	3.3	2.4	2.5	2.9
Commodities	134.2	134.6	134.8	134.7	.6	1.2	4.6	1.5	.9	3.0
Food and beverages	145.1	145.6	146.0	146.1	2.5	-.3	4.2	2.8	1.1	3.5
Commodities less food and beverages	127.6	127.9	128.0	127.8	-.6	2.3	4.8	.6	.8	2.7
Nondurables less food and beverages	129.1	129.8	129.2	128.7	-1.6	3.5	3.8	-1.2	.9	1.3
Apparel commodities	131.4	129.9	129.8	129.1	1.9	-1.2	2.8	-6.8	.3	-2.1
Nondurables less food, beverages, and apparel 2/	131.3	132.8	132.8	132.2	-6.0	3.8	9.0	2.8	-1.2	5.8
Durables	125.3	125.6	125.9	125.9	1.3	2.0	5.6	1.9	1.6	3.8
Services	163.3	163.9	164.2	164.6	2.8	4.3	2.5	3.2	3.5	2.9
Rent of shelter 2/ 1/	167.3	168.2	168.2	168.6	3.5	3.9	2.9	3.1	3.7	3.0
Household services less rent of shelter 1/	136.5	136.8	136.4	136.5	-1.5	2.4	1.2	.0	.4	.6
Transportation services	168.8	170.0	170.3	170.0	2.5	5.7	1.9	2.9	4.0	2.4
Medical care services	213.8	214.7	215.6	217.0	3.9	5.5	5.0	6.1	4.7	5.6
Other services	186.6	186.8	186.9	187.5	6.1	4.9	4.2	1.9	5.5	3.1
Special indexes										
All items less food	149.2	149.7	149.9	150.1	1.9	3.3	3.3	2.4	2.6	2.9
All items less shelter	145.2	145.7	145.9	145.9	1.4	2.5	3.7	1.9	2.0	2.8
All items less homeowners' costs 1/	149.9	150.4	150.6	150.7	1.4	2.7	3.5	2.2	2.0	2.8
All items less medical care	144.8	145.3	145.6	145.6	1.7	2.8	3.1	2.2	2.3	2.7
Commodities less food	128.6	128.9	129.0	128.8	-.6	2.2	4.5	.6	.8	2.5

Nondurables less food	130.3	131.0	130.5	130.1	-1.5	3.2	3.4	-.6	.8	1.4
Nondurables less food and apparel 2/	132.4	133.7	133.7	133.2	-5.1	3.8	7.6	2.4	-.8	5.0
Nondurables 2/	136.6	137.4	138.1	138.1	-2.3	4.2	.6	4.5	.9	2.5
Services less rent of shelter 1/	170.9	171.5	171.7	172.0	2.9	4.4	2.4	2.6	3.6	2.5
Services less medical care services	158.4	159.1	159.3	159.7	2.3	4.4	1.8	3.3	3.4	2.6
Energy	104.7	106.2	105.5	104.8	-8.9	6.4	3.9	.4	-1.5	2.1
All items less energy	154.5	155.0	155.3	155.6	2.7	2.7	3.2	2.9	2.7	3.0
All items less food and energy	157.0	157.4	157.7	158.0	2.9	3.1	3.1	2.6	3.0	2.8
Commodities less food and energy										
commodities	137.7	137.6	137.8	137.8	1.5	1.2	3.9	.3	1.3	2.1
Energy commodities	98.2	100.9	100.1	98.9	-13.2	9.7	8.6	2.9	-2.4	5.7
Services less energy services	167.8	168.5	168.9	169.3	3.5	4.2	2.7	3.6	3.8	3.1

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		Seasonally adjusted percent change from-		
		Sept. 1994	Oct. 1994	Oct. 1993	Sept. 1994	July to Aug.	Aug. to Sept.	Sept. to Oct.
All items	100.000	146.9	147.0	2.6	0.1	0.4	0.1	0.1
All items (1967=100)	-	437.5	437.8	-	-	-	-	-
Food and beverages	19.344	145.1	145.1	2.2	.0	.4	.3	.0
Food	17.622	144.6	144.6	2.3	.0	.5	.3	.0
Food at home	11.187	144.4	144.1	2.6	-.2	.6	.3	-.1
Cereals and bakery products	1.660	164.6	164.3	4.2	-.2	.2	.4	-.1
Meats, poultry, fish, and eggs	3.513	137.2	136.6	.1	-.4	.1	.2	-.3
Dairy products	1.321	131.0	131.2	1.5	.2	-.8	-.5	-.2
Fruits and vegetables	2.019	162.6	162.0	2.2	-.4	.5	.5	.4
Other food at home	2.674	138.8	139.0	5.9	.1	2.0	.7	-.2

Sugar and sweets .....	.374	135.4	135.7	1.4	.2	-.1	.5	.1
Fats and oils .....	.283	134.2	135.0	3.9	.6	-.8	.3	.5
Nonalcoholic beverages .....	.833	130.9	131.5	13.5	.5	6.5	.8	-.5
Other prepared food	1.184	148.5	148.2	2.3	-.2	.1	.6	-.2
Food away from home	6.435	146.1	146.3	1.7	.1	.3	.2	.1
Alcoholic beverages	1.722	150.9	151.1	.9	.1	-.1	.1	.2
Housing	39.004	143.0	142.8	2.3	-.1	.4	.1	.1
Shelter	25.682	157.4	157.7	3.3	.2	.5	.3	.3
Renters' costs 1/	8.095	148.9	149.2	2.7	.2	.5	-.1	.5
Rent, residential	6.628	154.7	154.9	2.5	.1	.4	.2	.2
Other renters' costs	1.467	194.1	194.4	3.0	.2	.6	-1.1	1.6
Homeowners' costs 1/	17.399	152.3	152.8	3.7	.3	.5	.5	.3
Owners' equivalent rent 1/	17.074	152.6	153.0	3.7	.3	.5	.5	.3
Household insurance 2/ 1/ .....	.324	141.7	141.9	4.1	.1	.6	.2	.1
Maintenance and repairs 2/ .....	.188	131.8	131.0	-.1	-.6	-.1	.4	-.6
Maintenance and repair services 2/ .	.102	139.4	139.5	-.6	.1	.0	.2	.1
Maintenance and repair								
commodities 2/ .....	.085	121.6	120.0	.8	-1.3	-.2	.6	-1.3
Fuel and other utilities	7.523	123.9	122.0	-.2	-1.5	.2	-.4	-.2
Fuels	4.093	113.3	110.2	-1.3	-2.7	.2	-.5	-.5
Fuel oil and other household fuel								
commodities .....	.339	86.7	86.9	-2.5	.2	.2	-.4	-2.0
Gas (piped) and electricity (energy								
services).....	3.754	121.5	117.8	-1.2	-3.0	.2	-.5	-.3
Other utilities and public								
services 2/	3.429	150.9	150.9	1.2	.0	.1	-.1	.0
Household furnishings and operation	5.800	120.0	120.1	1.2	.1	.2	-.2	.0
Housefurnishings	3.525	109.8	109.5	.6	-.3	.1	-.4	-.4
Housekeeping supplies	1.141	132.9	133.9	1.7	.8	.2	.3	.9
Housekeeping services	1.134	141.5	141.7	2.2	.1	.3	.0	.2
Apparel and upkeep	5.909	133.1	133.9	-.9	.6	-.9	-.2	-.6
Apparel commodities	5.379	130.2	131.1	-1.1	.7	-1.0	-.2	-.8
Men's and boys' apparel	1.393	127.8	128.1	-.5	.2	-.2	.5	-1.1
Women's and girls' apparel.....	2.356	129.4	131.7	-2.0	1.8	-2.6	-.1	-.3
Infants' and toddlers' apparel .....	.261	131.1	130.3	2.1	-.6	-.7	.5	-.6
Footwear .....	.866	126.0	126.3	-1.5	.2	-.2	-1.1	-.7
Other apparel commodities .....	.502	151.3	149.9	.1	-.9	2.3	-.5	-2.0
Apparel services 2/ .....	.530	155.9	156.0	2.4	.1	.2	.3	.1
Transportation	18.863	135.3	135.6	3.5	.2	1.0	.2	-.1
Private transportation	17.613	133.5	133.9	3.7	.3	1.1	.2	.0
New vehicles	4.948	138.4	139.2	3.8	.6	.4	.4	-.1

New cars	3.606	135.4	136.3	3.4	.7	.4	.4	.0	
Used cars	2.256	146.1	148.4	5.5	1.6	.8	1.0	1.4	
Motor fuel	3.705	103.7	101.7	2.1	-1.9	3.2	-1.0	-1.2	
Gasoline	-	103.7	101.5	2.4	-2.1	3.6	-.9	-1.3	
Maintenance and repairs	1.615	151.9	152.4	3.1	.3	.5	.1	.3	
Other private transportation	5.089	158.0	160.0	4.1	1.3	.3	.6	.3	
Other private transportation commodities .....	.795	102.4	102.4	.1	.0	-.2	-.3	.1
Other private transportation services	4.295	171.8	174.3	4.9	1.5	.4	.6	.4	
Public transportation	1.251	167.6	164.8	.4	-1.7	1.3	-.5	-1.6	
Medical care	6.044	212.0	213.4	4.7	.7	.4	.3	.6	
Medical care commodities	1.061	199.3	199.9	2.6	.3	.4	-.1	.5	
Medical care services	4.983	214.9	216.4	5.2	.7	.4	.4	.6	
Professional medical services	2.865	194.9	196.0	4.6	.6	.3	.4	.7	
Entertainment	4.028	148.6	149.0	2.4	.3	.0	.0	.1	
Entertainment commodities	2.077	136.0	136.2	1.9	.1	.1	.3	-.1	
Entertainment services	1.951	167.0	167.5	3.0	.3	.0	-.3	.4	
Other goods and services	6.807	198.9	199.4	4.3	.3	.4	.1	.4	
Tobacco and smoking products	2.121	221.1	221.6	3.5	.2	.6	.0	.6	
Personal care 2/	1.146	145.4	145.5	2.0	.1	.1	.1	.1	
Toilet goods and personal care appliances 2/ .....	.650	142.6	142.8	1.8	.1	.1	.0	.1
Personal care services 2/ .....	.496	148.6	148.6	2.3	.0	.0	.3	.0
Personal and educational expenses	3.540	223.6	224.4	5.6	.4	.3	.2	.3	
School books and supplies .....	.219	209.8	208.8	3.5	-.5	.2	-.3	-.4
Personal and educational services	3.321	225.0	225.9	5.7	.4	.3	.2	.4	
Commodity and service group									
All items	100.000	146.9	147.0	2.6	.1	.4	.1	.1	
Commodities	47.644	134.6	134.7	2.0	.1	.4	.1	-.1	
Food and beverages	19.344	145.1	145.1	2.2	.0	.4	.3	.0	
Commodities less food and beverages	28.300	128.1	128.2	1.8	.1	.5	-.1	-.2	
Nondurables less food and beverages ..	16.590	129.9	129.7	1.1	-.2	.9	-.5	-.5	
Apparel commodities	5.379	130.2	131.1	-1.1	.7	-1.0	-.2	-.8	
Nondurables less food, beverages, and apparel 2/	11.211	132.8	132.0	2.2	-.6	1.4	-.2	-.6	
Durables	11.710	124.4	125.1	2.9	.6	.2	.2	.1	
Services	52.356	161.9	162.1	3.2	.1	.4	.2	.2	
Rent of shelter 2/ 1/	25.143	151.4	151.8	3.3	.3	.5	.1	.3	

Household services less rent of									
shelter 1/	8.771	126.9	125.2	.3	-1.3	.2	-.2	.2	
Transportation services	7.160	166.0	167.2	3.7	.7	.5	.3	.1	
Medical care services	4.983	214.9	216.4	5.2	.7	.4	.4	.6	
Other services	6.299	184.7	185.3	4.3	.3	.2	.1	.3	
Special indexes									
All items less food	82.378	147.2	147.4	2.6	.1	.4	.1	.1	
All items less shelter	74.318	144.2	144.3	2.4	.1	.3	.1	-.1	
All items less homeowners' costs 1/	82.601	138.1	138.2	2.4	.1	.4	.1	.0	
All items less medical care	93.956	143.8	143.8	2.4	.0	.4	.1	.1	
Commodities less food	30.022	128.9	129.1	1.8	.2	.4	.0	-.2	
Nondurables less food	18.312	131.1	130.9	1.2	-.2	.8	-.5	-.5	
Nondurables less food and apparel 2/	12.933	133.6	133.0	2.2	-.4	1.1	-.1	-.4	
Nondurables 2/	35.934	137.8	137.7	1.7	-.1	.7	.4	-.1	
Services less rent of shelter 1/	27.213	153.5	153.4	3.0	-.1	.4	-.1	.3	
Services less medical care services	47.373	157.3	157.4	2.9	.1	.4	.2	.3	
Energy	7.798	107.8	105.3	.4	-2.3	1.6	-.8	-.9	
All items less energy	92.202	152.4	152.9	2.8	.3	.3	.2	.2	
All items less food and energy	74.580	154.4	155.0	2.9	.4	.3	.2	.2	
Commodities less food and									
energy commodities	25.978	136.9	137.5	1.8	.4	.1	.1	.1	
Energy commodities	4.044	102.4	100.6	1.7	-1.8	2.9	-.9	-1.3	
Services less energy services	48.602	166.4	167.0	3.5	.4	.4	.3	.2	
Purchasing power of the consumer dollar:									
1982-84=\$1.00 2/	-	\$.681	\$.680	-2.6	-.1	-.4	-.3	-.1	
1967=\$1.00 2/	-	.229	.228	-	-	-	-	-	

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)

Seasonally adjusted indexes

Seasonally adjusted annual rate
percent change for

Expenditure category	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Jan.	3 months ended-		6 months ended-		
	1994	1994	1994	1994	1994	Apr.	July	Oct.	Apr.	Oct.
						1994	1994	1994	1994	1994
All items	-	-	-	-	1.7	2.8	3.4	2.5	2.2	2.9
Food and beverages	144.7	145.3	145.7	145.7	2.6	-.3	4.0	2.8	1.1	3.4
Food	144.1	144.8	145.2	145.2	2.3	.0	4.0	3.1	1.1	3.5
Food at home	143.8	144.6	145.1	144.9	2.6	-.8	5.8	3.1	.9	4.4
Cereals and bakery products	163.5	163.9	164.6	164.5	4.9	5.4	4.0	2.5	5.1	3.2
Meats, poultry, fish, and eggs	136.4	136.6	136.9	136.5	2.4	.9	-3.2	.3	1.6	-1.4
Dairy products	132.5	131.4	130.7	130.5	5.4	6.6	.3	-5.9	6.0	-2.8
Fruits and vegetables	165.7	166.5	167.4	168.0	.7	-17.7	26.0	5.7	-8.9	15.4
Other food at home	135.5	138.2	139.2	138.9	1.5	2.8	9.0	10.4	2.1	9.7
Sugar and sweets	134.8	134.7	135.4	135.5	3.9	2.7	-2.9	2.1	3.3	-.4
Fats and oils	135.0	133.9	134.3	135.0	1.9	7.2	6.5	.0	4.5	3.2
Nonalcoholic beverages	122.9	130.9	132.0	131.3	1.0	-1.4	27.3	30.3	-.2	28.8
Other prepared food	147.7	147.8	148.7	148.4	1.1	4.8	1.9	1.9	2.9	1.9
Food away from home	145.4	145.8	146.1	146.3	2.0	1.1	1.4	2.5	1.5	1.9
Alcoholic beverages	150.8	150.6	150.8	151.1	3.5	-1.3	.5	.8	1.1	.7
Housing	141.8	142.3	142.5	142.7	1.7	3.2	1.7	2.6	2.5	2.1
Shelter	155.9	156.7	157.2	157.7	2.9	4.0	1.8	4.7	3.4	3.2
Renters' costs 1/	148.0	148.7	148.6	149.3	2.2	3.3	1.6	3.6	2.8	2.6
Rent, residential	153.6	154.2	154.5	154.8	2.7	2.9	1.6	3.2	2.8	2.4
Other renters' costs	196.6	197.8	195.7	198.8	-.2	5.1	2.7	4.6	2.4	3.6
Homeowners' costs 1/	150.7	151.5	152.2	152.6	3.3	4.1	2.2	5.1	3.7	3.6
Owners' equivalent rent 1/	150.9	151.7	152.4	152.8	3.6	4.1	1.9	5.1	3.8	3.5
Household insurance 2/ 1/	140.5	141.4	141.7	141.9	.6	2.4	9.7	4.0	1.5	6.8
Maintenance and repairs 2/	131.4	131.3	131.8	131.0	-4.5	1.2	4.4	-1.2	-1.7	1.5
Maintenance and repair services	139.1	139.1	139.4	139.5	-14.8	5.1	7.5	1.2	-5.3	4.3
Maintenance and repair commodities 2/	121.1	120.9	121.6	120.0	9.4	-2.9	.7	-3.6	3.0	-1.5
Fuel and other utilities	122.5	122.7	122.2	121.9	-2.0	3.3	.0	-1.9	.7	-1.0
Fuels	110.3	110.5	109.9	109.4	-5.0	4.1	-.7	-3.2	-.5	-2.0
Fuel oil and other household fuel										
commodities	89.0	89.2	88.8	87.0	-13.6	17.8	-2.7	-8.7	.9	-5.7
Gas (piped) and electricity (energy										
services).....	118.0	118.2	117.6	117.2	-4.3	3.1	-.7	-2.7	-.7	-1.7
Other utilities and public services 2/ ..	150.9	151.1	150.9	150.9	1.3	3.0	.5	.0	2.2	.3
Household furnishings and operation	120.0	120.2	120.0	120.0	2.0	-1.0	3.4	.0	.5	1.7
Housefurnishings	110.2	110.3	109.9	109.5	3.0	-1.8	4.1	-2.5	.6	.7
Housekeeping supplies	132.3	132.6	133.0	134.2	-.9	.0	1.8	5.9	-.5	3.8

Housekeeping services	140.8	141.2	141.2	141.5	2.9	.0	3.5	2.0	1.4	2.7
Apparel and upkeep	133.3	132.1	131.9	131.1	1.5	-1.5	3.4	-6.4	.0	-1.7
Apparel commodities	130.6	129.3	129.1	128.1	1.6	-1.8	3.4	-7.4	-.2	-2.2
Men's and boys' apparel	127.2	127.0	127.6	126.2	-1.3	-5.6	8.6	-3.1	-3.4	2.6
Women's and girls' apparel	131.0	127.6	127.5	127.1	4.1	-1.8	1.5	-11.4	1.1	-5.1
Infants' and toddlers' apparel	131.3	130.4	131.0	130.2	2.5	-4.9	15.7	-3.3	-1.3	5.8
Footwear	127.2	126.9	125.5	124.6	6.8	-3.4	-1.2	-7.9	1.6	-4.6
Other apparel commodities	148.2	151.6	150.8	147.8	-11.4	14.7	-.3	-1.1	.8	-.7
Apparel services 2/.....	155.1	155.4	155.9	156.0	2.7	2.1	2.4	2.3	2.4	2.3
Transportation	133.8	135.2	135.5	135.3	-1.8	5.0	6.2	4.6	1.5	5.4
Private transportation	131.9	133.3	133.5	133.5	-2.2	5.1	7.0	4.9	1.4	5.9
New vehicles	139.1	139.7	140.3	140.2	1.2	5.4	5.7	3.2	3.3	4.4
New cars	136.2	136.8	137.3	137.3	.6	5.2	4.5	3.3	2.9	3.9
Used cars	142.0	143.2	144.6	146.6	-2.0	-.3	11.5	13.6	-1.1	12.5
Motor fuel	99.2	102.4	101.4	100.2	-13.5	9.6	10.3	4.1	-2.6	7.1
Gasoline	98.7	102.3	101.4	100.1	-12.5	7.8	10.3	5.8	-2.8	8.0
Maintenance and repairs	150.8	151.5	151.7	152.2	3.8	2.4	2.2	3.8	3.1	3.0
Other private transportation	158.1	158.5	159.4	159.9	1.8	4.7	5.2	4.6	3.3	4.9
Other private transportation commodities	102.9	102.7	102.4	102.5	-.4	2.8	-.4	-1.5	1.2	-1.0
Other private transportation services	171.7	172.4	173.5	174.2	2.2	5.4	6.0	6.0	3.8	6.0
Public transportation	168.9	171.1	170.2	167.5	1.9	7.6	-4.2	-3.3	4.7	-3.7
Medical care	210.8	211.6	212.3	213.5	4.0	4.7	4.7	5.2	4.4	5.0
Medical care commodities	198.8	199.5	199.3	200.3	2.3	2.3	2.9	3.1	2.3	3.0
Medical care services	213.4	214.2	215.1	216.4	4.1	5.5	5.0	5.7	4.8	5.4
Professional medical services	193.7	194.2	194.9	196.2	3.5	6.3	3.6	5.3	4.9	4.4
Entertainment 2/	148.5	148.5	148.5	148.6	4.5	2.2	2.7	.3	3.3	1.5
Entertainment commodities	135.8	135.9	136.3	136.1	1.8	1.8	3.0	.9	1.8	1.9
Entertainment services	166.8	166.8	166.3	166.9	7.6	2.7	1.7	.2	5.1	1.0
Other goods and services	197.6	198.3	198.5	199.2	3.2	5.5	5.2	3.3	4.3	4.2
Tobacco and smoking products	221.0	222.3	222.3	223.6	-1.3	3.8	6.8	4.8	1.2	5.8
Personal care 2/	145.1	145.2	145.4	145.5	2.5	2.8	1.7	1.1	2.7	1.4
Toilet goods and personal care appliances 2/	142.5	142.6	142.6	142.8	2.0	3.4	.8	.8	2.7	.8
Personal care services 2/	148.2	148.2	148.6	148.6	3.3	2.2	2.7	1.1	2.8	1.9
Personal and educational expenses	220.3	221.0	221.4	222.1	6.4	7.3	5.4	3.3	6.9	4.4
School books and supplies	208.6	209.0	208.3	207.4	7.0	4.2	5.1	-2.3	5.6	1.4
Personal and educational services	221.5	222.2	222.6	223.4	6.2	7.7	5.6	3.5	6.9	4.5

Commodity and service group

All items	-	-	-	-	1.7	2.8	3.4	2.5	2.2	2.9
Commodities	133.9	134.5	134.6	134.4	.3	1.2	4.9	1.5	.8	3.2
Food and beverages	144.7	145.3	145.7	145.7	2.6	-.3	4.0	2.8	1.1	3.4
Commodities less food and beverages	127.2	127.8	127.7	127.5	-1.3	2.3	5.5	.9	.5	3.2
Nondurables less food and beverages	128.4	129.6	128.9	128.2	-2.2	3.9	3.5	-.6	.8	1.4
Apparel commodities	130.6	129.3	129.1	128.1	1.6	-1.8	3.4	-7.4	-.2	-2.2
Nondurables less food, beverages, and apparel 2/	131.2	133.0	132.8	132.0	-7.2	4.2	10.4	2.5	-1.7	6.3
Durables	124.3	124.5	124.8	124.9	1.3	2.0	6.0	1.9	1.7	4.0
Services	160.7	161.3	161.6	162.0	2.8	4.1	2.5	3.3	3.5	2.9
Rent of shelter 2/ 1/	150.5	151.3	151.4	151.8	3.3	3.6	3.0	3.5	3.4	3.2
Household services less rent of shelter 1/	125.3	125.5	125.2	125.4	-.6	1.9	.0	.3	.6	.2
Transportation services	166.0	166.9	167.4	167.5	2.5	5.3	3.4	3.7	3.9	3.6
Medical care services	213.4	214.2	215.1	216.4	4.1	5.5	5.0	5.7	4.8	5.4
Other services	183.4	183.8	183.9	184.4	6.0	5.2	3.8	2.2	5.6	3.0

Special indexes

All items less food	146.0	146.6	146.8	146.9	1.4	3.4	3.4	2.5	2.4	2.9
All items less shelter	143.4	143.9	144.1	144.0	1.1	2.3	4.3	1.7	1.7	3.0
All items less homeowners' costs 1/	137.4	137.9	138.0	138.0	1.2	2.7	3.9	1.8	1.9	2.8
All items less medical care	142.7	143.3	143.5	143.6	1.4	2.6	3.4	2.5	2.0	3.0
Commodities less food	128.3	128.8	128.8	128.6	-.9	2.2	5.1	.9	.6	3.0
Nondurables less food	129.8	130.8	130.2	129.6	-1.9	3.8	3.5	-.6	.9	1.4
Nondurables less food and apparel 2/	132.2	133.7	133.6	133.0	-6.0	4.1	8.6	2.4	-1.1	5.5
Nondurables 2/	136.4	137.3	137.8	137.7	-2.3	3.6	1.8	3.9	.6	2.8
Services less rent of shelter 1/	152.3	152.9	152.8	153.3	2.4	4.3	2.7	2.7	3.4	2.7
Services less medical care services	156.1	156.7	157.0	157.4	2.6	4.0	2.1	3.4	3.3	2.7
Energy	104.3	106.0	105.2	104.3	-9.3	6.5	4.7	.0	-1.7	2.3
All items less energy	151.8	152.3	152.6	152.9	2.4	2.4	3.5	2.9	2.4	3.2
All items less food and energy	153.9	154.4	154.7	155.0	2.4	3.2	3.2	2.9	2.8	3.0
Commodities less food and energy commodities	136.8	136.9	137.0	137.1	1.2	1.2	4.2	.9	1.2	2.5
Energy commodities	98.5	101.4	100.5	99.2	-13.2	10.1	9.0	2.9	-2.2	5.9
Services less energy services	165.6	166.2	166.7	167.1	3.3	4.2	2.7	3.7	3.7	3.2

1/ Indexes on a December 1984=100 base.

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

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

(1982-84=100, unless otherwise noted)

Area	Pricing schedule 1/	Indexes				Percent change to Oct. 1994 from-			Percent change to Sept. 1994 from-		
		July 1994	Aug. 1994	Sept. 1994	Oct. 1994	Oct. 1993	Aug. 1994	Sept. 1994	Sept. 1993	July 1994	Aug. 1994
U.S. city average	M	148.4	149.0	149.4	149.5	2.6	0.3	0.1	3.0	0.7	0.3
Region and area size 2/											
Northeast urban.....	M	155.2	155.9	156.1	156.4	2.6	.3	.2	2.8	.6	.1
Size A - More than 1,200,000	M	155.7	156.6	156.7	157.2	2.7	.4	.3	2.7	.6	.1
Size B - 500,000 to 1,200,000	M	154.3	154.8	154.8	154.6	2.4	-.1	-.1	3.1	.3	.0
Size C - 50,000 to 500,000	M	152.9	153.8	154.4	154.3	2.1	.3	-.1	2.9	1.0	.4
North Central urban	M	144.3	145.2	145.6	145.3	2.7	.1	-.2	3.3	.9	.3
Size A - More than 1,200,000	M	145.4	146.3	146.7	146.2	2.4	-.1	-.3	3.0	.9	.3
Size B - 360,000 to 1,200,000	M	143.6	144.4	144.0	144.4	3.2	.0	.3	3.3	.3	-.3
Size C - 50,000 to 360,000	M	145.0	145.9	146.8	146.9	3.5	.7	.1	4.0	1.2	.6
Size D - Nonmetropolitan (less than 50,000)	M	140.2	140.8	141.5	140.9	2.7	.1	-.4	3.8	.9	.5
South urban	M	145.0	145.5	145.8	145.9	2.6	.3	.1	3.0	.6	.2
Size A - More than 1,200,000	M	145.3	145.7	145.9	145.9	2.4	.1	.0	2.8	.4	.1
Size B - 450,000 to 1,200,000	M	147.1	147.9	148.3	148.2	3.1	.2	-.1	3.3	.8	.3
Size C - 50,000 to 450,000	M	143.8	144.3	144.7	145.0	2.5	.5	.2	2.6	.6	.3
Size D - Nonmetropolitan (less than 50,000)	M	142.7	142.9	143.3	144.1	2.9	.8	.6	3.0	.4	.3
West urban	M	149.5	150.1	150.6	151.0	2.7	.6	.3	2.7	.7	.3
Size A - More than 1,250,000	M	150.9	151.3	151.7	152.1	2.3	.5	.3	2.4	.5	.3
Size C - 50,000 to 330,000	M	150.0	151.1	152.2	152.7	4.2	1.1	.3	4.5	1.5	.7
Size classes											
A 3/	M	134.6	135.2	135.4	135.5	2.4	.2	.1	2.7	.6	.1
B	M	148.1	148.8	149.0	149.2	3.0	.3	.1	3.3	.6	.1

C	M	146.8	147.5	148.2	148.4	2.9	.6	.1	3.3	1.0	.5
D	M	143.8	144.0	144.7	145.0	2.9	.7	.2	3.3	.6	.5
Selected local areas											
Chicago-Gary-Lake County, IL-IN-WI.....	M	148.3	149.8	150.2	149.4	1.5	-.3	-.5	2.4	1.3	.3
Los Angeles-Anaheim-Riverside, CA	M	151.7	152.0	152.7	153.4	1.7	.9	.5	1.7	.7	.5
N.Y.-Northern N.J.-Long Island, NY-NJ-CT	M	158.2	159.1	159.0	159.5	2.6	.3	.3	2.4	.5	-.1
Phil.-Wilmington-Trenton, PA-NJ-DE-MD ..	M	155.3	155.7	156.2	156.9	3.1	.8	.4	3.4	.6	.3
San Francisco-Oakland-San Jose, CA	M	148.9	149.4	149.4	149.4	1.6	.0	.0	2.0	.3	.0
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	-	142.2	-	142.8	2.3	.4	-	-	-	-
Detroit-Ann Arbor, MI	2	-	145.3	-	145.7	2.7	.3	-	-	-	-
Houston-Galveston-Brazoria, TX	2	-	139.2	-	139.3	2.0	.1	-	-	-	-
Pittsburgh-Beaver Valley, PA	2	-	145.7	-	146.4	4.1	.5	-	-	-	-

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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 Oct. 1994 from-			Percent change to Sept. 1994 from-		
		July 1994	Aug. 1994	Sept. 1994	Oct. 1994	Oct. 1993	Aug. 1994	Sept. 1994	Sept. 1993	July 1994	Aug. 1994
U.S. city average	M	145.8	146.5	146.9	147.0	2.6	0.3	0.1	3.0	0.8	0.3
Region and area size 2/											
Northeast urban.....	M	152.7	153.4	153.7	154.1	2.6	.5	.3	2.8	.7	.2
Size A - More than 1,200,000	M	152.2	153.1	153.3	153.8	2.7	.5	.3	2.7	.7	.1
Size B - 500,000 to 1,200,000	M	152.3	152.8	152.7	152.6	2.5	-.1	-.1	3.2	.3	-.1
Size C - 50,000 to 500,000	M	154.4	155.2	156.0	156.0	2.2	.5	.0	3.0	1.0	.5
North Central urban	M	141.3	142.2	142.5	142.2	2.7	.0	-.2	3.3	.8	.2
Size A - More than 1,200,000	M	141.6	142.6	142.9	142.4	2.4	-.1	-.3	3.0	.9	.2
Size B - 360,000 to 1,200,000	M	140.1	141.0	140.6	140.9	3.3	-.1	.2	3.5	.4	-.3
Size C - 50,000 to 360,000	M	142.6	143.6	144.3	144.4	3.4	.6	.1	4.1	1.2	.5
Size D - Nonmetropolitan (less than 50,000)	M	138.9	139.5	140.0	139.4	2.3	-.1	-.4	3.5	.8	.4
South urban	M	143.6	144.1	144.5	144.6	2.6	.3	.1	3.0	.6	.3
Size A - More than 1,200,000	M	143.6	144.1	144.3	144.3	2.3	.1	.0	3.0	.5	.1
Size B - 450,000 to 1,200,000	M	143.7	144.5	144.9	144.9	3.0	.3	.0	3.4	.8	.3
Size C - 50,000 to 450,000	M	143.7	144.2	144.7	145.0	2.5	.6	.2	2.6	.7	.3
Size D - Nonmetropolitan (less than 50,000)	M	142.9	143.2	143.7	144.4	2.9	.8	.5	3.1	.6	.3
West urban	M	146.7	147.2	147.7	148.1	2.5	.6	.3	2.6	.7	.3
Size A - More than 1,250,000	M	146.5	146.9	147.2	147.6	2.1	.5	.3	2.3	.5	.2
Size C - 50,000 to 330,000	M	147.7	148.6	149.6	150.0	4.0	.9	.3	4.3	1.3	.7
Size classes											
A 3/	M	133.6	134.3	134.5	134.6	2.4	.2	.1	2.7	.7	.1
B	M	145.5	146.3	146.5	146.6	2.9	.2	.1	3.3	.7	.1
C	M	146.1	146.8	147.5	147.7	2.9	.6	.1	3.3	1.0	.5
D	M	143.2	143.4	144.1	144.3	2.8	.6	.1	3.2	.6	.5
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Phil.-Wilmington-Trenton, PA-NJ-DE-MD ..	M	154.9	155.3	155.9	156.5	3.0	.8	.4	3.3	.6	.4
San Francisco-Oakland-San Jose, CA	M	146.6	147.1	147.1	147.0	1.4	-.1	-.1	1.9	.3	.0
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	-	141.6	-	142.4	2.4	.6	-	-	-	-
Detroit-Ann Arbor, MI	2	-	141.0	-	141.1	2.6	.1	-	-	-	-
Houston-Galveston-Brazoria, TX	2	-	138.8	-	139.0	2.1	.1	-	-	-	-
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