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CONSUMER PRICE INDEX--NOVEMBER 1994

The Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers (CPI-U) rose 0.1 percent before seasonal adjustment in November to a level of 149.7 (1982-84=100), the Bureau of Labor Statistics of the U.S. Department of Labor reported today. For the 12-month period ended in November, the CPI-U increased 2.7 percent.

The Consumer Price Index for Urban Wage Earners and Clerical Workers (CPI-W) increased 0.2 percent in November, prior to seasonal adjustment. The November 1994 CPI-W level of 147.3 was 2.7 percent higher than the index in November 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 November, following an increase of 0.1 percent in October. The larger advance in November was primarily the result of an upturn in the energy index, which rose 0.7 percent after declining 0.7 percent in each of the 2 preceding months. The food index also contributed to the larger advance in the overall CPI-U, increasing 0.2 percent in November after registering no change in October. The CPI-U excluding food and energy increased 0.2 percent in November, the same as in each of the 2 preceding months.

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	
	May	June	July	Aug.	Sep.	Oct.	Nov.	ended	ended
All items	.2	.3	.3	.3	.2	.1	.3	2.2	2.7
Food and beverages	.3	.3	.5	.3	.3	.1	.2	2.2	2.3
Housing	.2	.1	.2	.3	.1	.1	.3	2.2	2.5
Apparel and upkeep	.4	.6	-.4	-1.0	-.1	-.5	-.2	-2.7	-1.5
Transportation	-.4	.6	1.0	1.0	.1	-.2	.1	.3	3.4
Medical care	.4	.4	.4	.4	.4	.6	.3	5.4	4.8
Entertainment	.3	-.1	.3	.0	.1	.1	.7	3.5	2.6
Other goods & serv	.6	.4	.4	.2	.1	.4	.4	3.8	4.4
Special indexes:									
Energy	-1.0	.1	1.8	1.4	-.7	-.7	.7	-2.6	1.9
Food	.3	.3	.5	.4	.3	.0	.2	2.2	2.4
AI - food & energy	.3	.3	.2	.3	.2	.2	.2	2.3	2.8

During the first 11 months of 1994, the CPI-U rose at a 2.7 percent seasonally adjusted annual rate (SAAR), the same as the increase for all of 1993. The food index has increased at a annual rate of 2.1 percent and energy costs at a 2.8 percent rate. The year-to-date annual rate for the index for all items less food and energy thus far in 1994 was 2.8 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 beverage index rose 0.2 percent in November. Grocery store food prices, which declined 0.1 percent in October, increased 0.1 percent in November. The indexes for meats, poultry, fish, and eggs and for other food at home, which fell in October, increased 0.1 and 0.3 percent, respectively, in November and accounted for the upturn in the grocery store food index. Price declines for beef and poultry were more than offset by increases in the indexes for pork, eggs, and fish and seafood. The indexes for dairy products and for fruits and vegetables also registered small increases in November, advancing 0.2 and 0.3 percent, respectively. A substantial rise in fresh vegetable prices was largely offset by

a decline in the indexes for processed fruits and vegetables. The index for fresh fruits was unchanged. The index for cereal and bakery products declined for the second consecutive month--down 0.2 percent in November. The other two components of the food and beverage index--restaurant meals and alcoholic beverages--rose 0.3 percent and 0.5 percent, respectively.

The housing component rose 0.3 percent in November, following increases of 0.1 percent in each of the 2 preceding months. Shelter costs, which increased 0.2 percent in October, rose 0.3 percent in November. Within shelter, renters' costs rose 0.3 percent; homeowners' costs, 0.4 percent; and maintenance and repair costs, 0.3 percent. The index for fuel and other utilities turned up in November, advancing 0.5 percent after registering declines in each of the 2 preceding months. The index for household fuels rose 0.8 percent, reflecting increases in the indexes for each of the three major fuels. The index for fuel oil, which had declined 3.3 percent during the 2 preceding months, increased 0.2 percent in November. The indexes for natural gas and electricity rose 0.8 and 0.9 percent, respectively. (Prior to seasonal adjustment, charges for electricity fell 1.7 percent, reflecting the change to off-season rates in some areas.) The index for other utilities and public services rose 0.1 percent in November, as increases in the indexes for water and sewerage maintenance, refuse collection, and cable television more than offset a 0.1 percent decline in the index for telephone services. The 0.4 percent increase in charges for cable television was its first advance in 8 months. During the 11-month period ended in November, these charges have fallen 3.0 percent. The index for household furnishings and operation fell 0.2 percent as a slight increase in the index for housefurnishings was more than offset by price declines for most housekeeping supplies and services.

The transportation index, which decreased slightly in October, increased 0.1 percent in November, largely as a result of an upturn in the index for motor fuels. The index for gasoline, which had declined in each of the 2 preceding months, rose 0.6 percent in November. Thus far in 1994, gasoline prices have increased 6.3 percent. Despite this advance, gasoline prices are 14.3 percent lower than their peak level in December 1990. Also contributing to the November transportation advance were increases in the indexes for automobile finance charges, automobile insurance, and used cars. Automobile finance charges continued to increase, advancing 1.5 percent in November and 18.5 percent thus far in 1994. Used car prices rose 1.4 percent in November, the same as in October, and

have increased 6.7 percent in the past 11 months. The index for automobile insurance costs increased 0.7 percent in November. Partially offsetting the above mentioned increases were decreases in the indexes for public transportation and new vehicles. The index for public transportation declined for the third consecutive month--down 2.1 percent in November--reflecting another drop in airline fares. The index for airline fares fell 4.2 percent in November and have declined 7.7 percent since August. The index for new vehicles, which was unchanged in October, declined 0.3 percent in November. (Prior to seasonal adjustment, prices for new vehicles rose 0.7 percent in both October and November. As of November, the proportion of 1995 models in the index was about 55 percent of the new car sample.)

The index for apparel and upkeep declined for the fifth consecutive month, down 0.2 percent in November. (Prior to seasonal adjustment, clothing prices fell 0.9 percent.)

Medical care costs, which rose 0.6 percent in October, increased 0.3 percent in November and are 4.8 percent higher than a year earlier. The index for medical care commodities--prescription drugs, non-prescription drugs, and medical supplies--rose 0.4 percent in November. The index for medical care services rose 0.3 percent, with charges for professional services and hospital and related services up 0.4 percent and 0.3 percent, respectively.

The entertainment index advanced 0.7 percent in November, following increases of 0.1 percent in each of the 2 preceding months. Substantial increases were recorded in the indexes for sporting goods and equipment and for fees for participant sports.

The index for other goods and services rose 0.4 percent in November, the same as in October. The index for personal expenses--which includes charges for legal and financial services and funeral expenses--rose 0.5 percent. The index for tobacco and smoking products increased 0.1 percent in November.

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

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On a seasonally adjusted basis, the CPI for Urban Wage Earners and Clerical Workers rose 0.3 percent in November.

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 ended
	1994							ann rte	
	May	June	July	Aug.	Sep.	Oct.	Nov.	Nov. 94	Nov94
All items	.1	.3	.4	.4	.1	.1	.3	1.9	2.7
Food and beverages	.3	.2	.5	.4	.3	.0	.2	1.9	2.2
Housing	.1	.1	.1	.4	.1	.1	.2	2.0	2.4
Apparel and upkeep	.5	.5	-.2	-.9	-.2	-.6	-.3	-4.2	-1.5
Transportation	-.2	.6	1.1	1.0	.2	-.1	.3	1.5	3.9
Medical care	.3	.4	.4	.4	.3	.6	.4	5.4	4.8
Entertainment	.4	.1	.2	.0	.0	.1	.7	3.3	2.6
Other goods & serv	.5	.4	.4	.4	.1	.4	.5	3.7	4.3
Special indexes:									
Energy	-1.1	.4	1.9	1.6	-.8	-.9	.7	-3.7	2.0
Food	.3	.2	.5	.5	.3	.0	.1	1.7	2.3
AI - food & energy	.3	.3	.2	.3	.2	.2	.2	2.4	2.8

Consumer Price Index data for December will be released on Wednesday, January 11, 1995, 8:30 A.M. (EST). Releases for the remainder of 1995:

	Feb. 15
Aug. 11	
	Mar. 16
Sep. 13	
	Apr. 12
Oct. 13	
	May 12
Nov. 15	
	June 13
Dec. 13	
	July 14
Jan. 12, 1996	

## 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 are 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)

Expenditure category	Relative importance, December 1993	Unadjusted indexes		Unadjusted percent change to Nov. 1994 from-		Seasonally adjusted percent change from-		
		Oct. 1994	Nov. 1994	Nov. 1993	Oct. 1994	Aug. to Sept.	Sept. to Oct.	Oct. to Nov.
All items .....	100.000	149.5	149.7	2.7	0.1	0.2	0.1	0.3
All items (1967=100) .....	-	448.0	448.6	-	-	-	-	-
Food and beverages .....	17.398	145.6	145.9	2.3	.2	.3	.1	.2
Food .....	15.799	145.0	145.3	2.4	.2	.3	.0	.2
Food at home .....	9.853	144.8	145.1	2.8	.2	.3	-.1	.1
Cereals and bakery products .....	1.454	164.6	163.7	3.7	-.5	.4	-.1	-.2
Meats, poultry, fish, and eggs .....	2.984	136.8	136.9	-.3	.1	.1	-.3	.1
Dairy products .....	1.186	131.5	131.7	1.7	.2	-.5	.0	.2
Fruits and vegetables .....	1.909	162.9	165.7	3.3	1.7	.6	.4	.3
Other food at home .....	2.320	139.5	139.0	6.1	-.4	.7	-.3	.3
Sugar and sweets .....	.331	135.6	134.5	.6	-.8	.5	.0	-.4
Fats and oils .....	.246	135.0	134.3	3.9	-.5	.3	.5	.4
Nonalcoholic beverages .....	.712	132.7	132.4	14.7	-.2	.9	-.4	.3
Other prepared food .....	1.030	148.5	148.1	2.6	-.3	.7	-.4	.3
Food away from home .....	5.946	146.4	146.8	1.8	.3	.3	.1	.3
Alcoholic beverages .....	1.600	151.6	151.9	1.3	.2	.1	.2	.5
Housing .....	41.394	145.7	145.5	2.5	-.1	.1	.1	.3
Shelter .....	27.948	162.0	162.1	3.4	.1	.3	.2	.3
Renters' costs 1/ .....	7.984	169.8	168.9	2.7	-.5	-.1	.5	.3
Rent, residential .....	5.771	155.2	155.6	2.6	.3	.3	.1	.3
Other renters' costs .....	2.213	194.0	189.2	2.9	-2.5	-1.0	1.5	.5
Homeowners' costs 1/ .....	19.768	167.5	167.9	3.6	.2	.5	.2	.4
Owners' equivalent rent 1/ .....	19.386	167.8	168.2	3.6	.2	.5	.2	.3
Household insurance 2/ 1/ .....	.382	154.5	155.0	3.9	.3	.2	.1	.3
Maintenance and repairs 2/ .....	.196	130.8	131.2	2.6	.3	.3	-.6	.3

Maintenance and repair services 2/ .	.118	135.9	136.4	4.8	.4	.3	.1	.4
Maintenance and repair								
commodities 2/ .....	.078	123.8	124.3	-.5	.4	.3	-1.7	.4
Fuel and other utilities .....	7.262	122.4	121.8	.5	-.5	-.4	-.2	.5
Fuels .....	3.983	110.8	109.9	-.2	-.8	-.5	-.4	.8
Fuel oil and other household fuel								
commodities .....	.369	87.0	87.7	-1.9	.8	-.4	-1.9	-.1
Gas (piped) and electricity (energy								
services).....	3.614	118.5	117.3	.0	-1.0	-.6	-.2	.8
Other utilities and public								
services 2/ .....	3.279	150.4	150.5	1.3	.1	-.2	.1	.1
Household furnishings and operation ....	6.183	121.4	121.1	.7	-.2	-.1	.0	-.2
Housefurnishings .....	3.601	110.9	110.8	.4	-.1	-.3	-.4	.1
Housekeeping supplies .....	1.109	133.7	132.6	.5	-.8	.3	1.0	-1.2
Housekeeping services .....	1.473	139.4	139.1	1.5	-.2	.1	.2	-.1
Apparel and upkeep .....	5.897	135.2	134.2	-1.5	-.7	-.1	-.5	-.2
Apparel commodities .....	5.333	132.3	131.1	-1.8	-.9	-.1	-.5	-.2
Men's and boys' apparel .....	1.389	128.9	129.2	-1.2	.2	.7	-.9	.0
Women's and girls' apparel.....	2.421	133.4	130.5	-3.7	-2.2	.1	.0	-1.0
Infants' and toddlers' apparel .....	.203	128.6	131.2	2.9	2.0	.2	-.7	1.3
Footwear .....	.781	125.5	125.7	-1.3	.2	-1.3	-.4	.4
Other apparel commodities .....	.539	151.4	150.8	2.9	-.4	-.6	-1.9	1.2
Apparel services 2/ .....	.564	156.4	156.3	1.8	-.1	.3	.1	-.1
Transportation .....	16.954	136.1	137.1	3.4	.7	.1	-.2	.1
Private transportation .....	15.295	133.6	134.8	4.1	.9	.2	.0	.4
New vehicles .....	5.025	138.4	139.4	3.4	.7	.5	.0	-.3
New cars .....	4.031	136.6	137.7	3.2	.8	.5	.1	-.2
Used cars .....	1.245	147.7	150.1	6.7	1.6	1.0	1.4	1.4
Motor fuel .....	3.010	101.8	102.7	4.4	.9	-.9	-1.1	.5
Gasoline .....	-	101.7	102.6	4.9	.9	-.6	-1.1	.6
Maintenance and repairs .....	1.533	151.7	151.8	3.0	.1	.1	.3	.2
Other private transportation .....	4.483	164.1	166.2	4.5	1.3	.4	.4	.7
Other private transportation								
commodities .....	.629	103.1	104.0	1.3	.9	-.2	.2	.5
Other private transportation								
services .....	3.854	178.4	180.7	5.0	1.3	.6	.5	.8
Public transportation .....	1.659	168.4	167.2	-3.4	-.7	-.7	-2.1	-2.1
Medical care .....	7.108	214.0	214.7	4.8	.3	.4	.6	.3
Medical care commodities .....	1.287	202.2	202.7	3.1	.2	.0	.4	.4
Medical care services .....	5.821	216.8	217.5	5.2	.3	.4	.6	.3
Professional medical services .....	3.353	195.1	195.5	4.5	.2	.4	.6	.4



Entertainment .....	4.351	151.0	151.6	2.6	.4	.1	.1	.7
Entertainment commodities .....	1.986	136.9	137.3	2.2	.3	.5	-.4	.4
Entertainment services .....	2.365	167.7	168.6	3.0	.5	-.2	.4	.9
Other goods and services .....	6.897	201.9	202.3	4.4	.2	.1	.4	.4
Tobacco and smoking products .....	1.601	221.3	221.4	3.2	.0	.3	.8	.1
Personal care 2/ .....	1.184	145.3	145.7	2.0	.3	.1	.1	.3
Toilet goods and personal care appliances 2/ .....	.628	142.0	142.3	1.5	.2	-.1	.1	.2
Personal care services 2/ .....	.556	148.7	149.2	2.4	.3	.3	.0	.3
Personal and educational expenses .....	4.112	228.8	229.2	5.5	.2	.0	.3	.6
School books and supplies .....	.249	207.7	207.7	3.9	.0	.0	-.2	.3
Personal and educational services .....	3.863	230.6	231.1	5.7	.2	.1	.4	.6
Commodity and service group								
All items .....	100.000	149.5	149.7	2.7	.1	.2	.1	.3
Commodities .....	43.547	134.9	135.2	2.0	.2	.1	-.1	.1
Food and beverages .....	17.398	145.6	145.9	2.3	.2	.3	.1	.2
Commodities less food and beverages .....	26.149	128.3	128.6	1.8	.2	.1	-.2	.0
Nondurables less food and beverages ..	15.579	130.2	130.1	1.2	-.1	-.5	-.4	.0
Apparel commodities .....	5.333	132.3	131.1	-1.8	-.9	-.1	-.5	-.2
Nondurables less food, beverages, and apparel 2/ .....	10.245	132.2	132.5	2.7	.2	.0	-.5	.2
Durables .....	10.570	125.7	126.5	2.8	.6	.2	.0	.2
Services .....	56.453	164.6	164.7	3.2	.1	.2	.2	.3
Rent of shelter 2/ 1/ .....	27.337	168.6	168.6	3.4	.0	.0	.2	.0
Household services less rent of shelter 1/ .....	8.900	136.3	135.8	1.0	-.4	-.3	.1	.4
Transportation services .....	7.046	169.5	170.5	2.6	.6	.2	-.2	.0
Medical care services .....	5.821	216.8	217.5	5.2	.3	.4	.6	.3
Other services .....	7.349	188.5	189.0	4.2	.3	.1	.3	.6
Special indexes								
All items less food .....	84.201	150.4	150.6	2.7	.1	.1	.1	.3
All items less shelter .....	72.052	146.1	146.3	2.4	.1	.1	.0	.2
All items less homeowners' costs 1/ .....	80.232	150.7	150.9	2.4	.1	.1	.1	.2
All items less medical care .....	92.892	145.9	146.1	2.5	.1	.2	.0	.3
Commodities less food .....	27.749	129.3	129.5	1.7	.2	.1	-.2	.1
Nondurables less food .....	17.178	131.4	131.2	1.1	-.2	-.4	-.3	-.2
Nondurables less food and apparel 2/ .....	11.845	133.2	133.5	2.5	.2	.0	-.4	.2
Nondurables 2/ .....	32.977	138.1	138.2	1.8	.1	.5	.0	.1
Services less rent of shelter 1/ .....	29.116	172.2	172.4	3.0	.1	.1	.2	.2

Services less medical care services .....	50.632	159.7	159.8	3.0	.1	.1	.3	.3
Energy .....	6.993	105.8	105.7	1.9	-.1	-.7	-.7	.7
All items less energy .....	93.007	155.5	155.7	2.8	.1	.2	.2	.2
All items less food and energy .....	77.208	158.0	158.2	2.8	.1	.2	.2	.2
Commodities less food and energy commodities .....	24.369	138.3	138.4	1.5	.1	.1	.0	.1
Energy commodities .....	3.380	100.4	101.2	3.7	.8	-.8	-1.2	.5
Services less energy services .....	52.839	169.3	169.6	3.5	.2	.2	.2	.3
Purchasing power of the consumer dollar:								
1982-84=\$1.00 2/ .....	-	\$.669	\$.668	-2.6	-.1	-.3	.0	-.1
1967=\$1.00 2/ .....	-	.223	.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)

Expenditure category	Seasonally adjusted indexes					Seasonally adjusted annual rate percent change for				
	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Feb.	3 months ended-		6 months ended-		
	1994	1994	1994	1994	1994	May 1994	Aug. 1994	Nov. 1994	May 1994	Nov. 1994
All items .....	-	-	-	-	1.9	2.8	3.8	2.2	2.3	3.0
Food and beverages .....	145.6	146.0	146.1	146.4	.6	2.0	4.5	2.2	1.3	3.4
Food .....	145.2	145.7	145.7	146.0	.3	2.3	4.8	2.2	1.3	3.5
Food at home .....	145.3	145.8	145.6	145.8	.0	2.3	7.5	1.4	1.1	4.4
Cereals and bakery products .....	164.2	164.8	164.7	164.4	6.7	3.0	4.8	.5	4.9	2.6
Meats, poultry, fish, and eggs .....	136.9	137.0	136.6	136.8	.9	.9	-2.6	-.3	.9	-1.4
Dairy products .....	131.7	131.0	131.0	131.3	7.6	5.6	-4.7	-1.2	6.6	-3.0
Fruits and vegetables .....	166.8	167.8	168.4	168.9	-11.0	2.8	18.4	5.1	-4.4	11.6
Other food at home .....	138.8	139.8	139.4	139.8	.3	2.1	20.8	2.9	1.2	11.5
Sugar and sweets .....	134.7	135.4	135.4	134.9	3.9	-.6	-1.5	.6	1.6	-.4

Fats and oils .....	133.9	134.3	135.0	135.5	.9	7.9	2.4	4.9	4.3	3.6
Nonalcoholic beverages .....	131.9	133.1	132.6	133.0	-5.1	2.5	71.9	3.4	-1.4	33.3
Other prepared food .....	148.1	149.1	148.5	149.0	2.8	1.4	3.9	2.5	2.1	3.2
Food away from home .....	145.7	146.2	146.4	146.8	1.4	1.7	1.1	3.1	1.5	2.1
Alcoholic beverages .....	151.1	151.3	151.6	152.3	2.4	-.3	-.3	3.2	1.1	1.5
Housing .....	145.2	145.4	145.6	146.0	2.8	2.2	2.5	2.2	2.5	2.4
Shelter .....	160.9	161.4	161.8	162.3	3.9	2.8	3.0	3.5	3.3	3.3
Renters' costs 1/ .....	169.2	169.1	169.9	170.4	2.9	3.4	1.9	2.9	3.2	2.4
Rent, residential .....	154.5	155.0	155.1	155.5	4.0	1.6	2.6	2.6	2.8	2.6
Other renters' costs .....	197.4	195.5	198.4	199.3	-.2	7.9	.4	3.9	3.8	2.1
Homeowners' costs 1/ .....	166.1	166.9	167.2	167.8	4.3	3.0	3.2	4.2	3.6	3.7
Owners' equivalent rent 1/ .....	166.4	167.2	167.5	168.0	4.5	2.7	3.2	3.9	3.6	3.5
Household insurance 2/ 1/ .....	154.0	154.3	154.5	155.0	.5	3.8	8.8	2.6	2.2	5.6
Maintenance and repairs 2/ .....	131.2	131.6	130.8	131.2	4.8	5.0	.6	.0	4.9	.3
Maintenance and repair services .....	135.4	135.8	135.9	136.4	3.1	12.1	1.2	3.0	7.5	2.1
Maintenance and repair commodities 2/ .....	125.6	126.0	123.8	124.3	7.2	-4.3	-.3	-4.1	1.3	-2.2
Fuel and other utilities .....	123.1	122.6	122.4	123.0	1.6	-.3	1.0	-.3	.7	.3
Fuels .....	111.2	110.6	110.2	111.1	.0	-1.4	1.5	-.4	-.7	.5
Fuel oil and other household fuel commodities .....	89.3	88.9	87.2	87.1	12.7	-11.7	2.7	-9.5	-.2	-3.6
Gas (piped) and electricity (energy services).....	118.9	118.2	118.0	119.0	-1.3	-.7	1.7	.3	-1.0	1.0
Other utilities and public services 2/ .....	150.6	150.3	150.4	150.5	3.8	1.1	.5	-.3	2.4	.1
Household furnishings and operation .....	121.5	121.4	121.4	121.1	-.3	2.3	2.0	-1.3	1.0	.3
Housefurnishings .....	111.6	111.3	110.9	111.0	-.7	2.9	1.8	-2.1	1.1	-.2
Housekeeping supplies .....	132.4	132.8	134.1	132.5	-.3	.0	2.5	.3	-.2	1.4
Housekeeping services .....	138.9	139.1	139.4	139.2	.9	2.1	1.7	.9	1.5	1.3
Apparel and upkeep .....	133.1	133.0	132.4	132.2	-2.1	2.4	-3.2	-2.7	.1	-3.0
Apparel commodities .....	129.9	129.8	129.1	128.9	-2.4	2.5	-3.9	-3.0	.0	-3.5
Men's and boys' apparel .....	127.3	128.2	127.0	127.0	-10.2	3.2	3.5	-.9	-3.7	1.3
Women's and girls' apparel .....	128.6	128.7	128.7	127.4	.3	2.1	-12.9	-3.7	1.2	-8.4
Infants' and toddlers' apparel .....	129.2	129.4	128.5	130.2	2.9	-9.4	17.1	3.1	-3.5	9.9
Footwear .....	126.1	124.5	124.0	124.5	2.2	.3	-3.1	-5.0	1.3	-4.0
Other apparel commodities .....	152.6	151.7	148.8	150.6	-2.7	11.2	9.1	-5.1	4.0	1.7
Apparel services 2/.....	155.9	156.3	156.4	156.3	1.0	2.6	2.3	1.0	1.8	1.7
Transportation .....	136.2	136.4	136.1	136.3	.3	2.1	11.0	.3	1.2	5.5
Private transportation .....	133.2	133.5	133.5	134.0	.9	3.1	10.2	2.4	2.0	6.2
New vehicles .....	138.7	139.4	139.4	139.0	2.4	4.8	5.4	.9	3.6	3.1
New cars .....	136.9	137.6	137.7	137.4	2.4	4.6	4.5	1.5	3.5	3.0
Used cars .....	142.6	144.0	146.0	148.0	-7.6	7.9	12.1	16.0	-.1	14.0
Motor fuel .....	102.3	101.4	100.3	100.8	.8	-6.1	32.8	-5.7	-2.7	11.9

Gasoline .....	102.1	101.5	100.4	101.0	.4	-6.5	35.1	-4.2	-3.1	13.7
Maintenance and repairs .....	150.8	151.0	151.5	151.8	3.3	3.0	3.0	2.7	3.1	2.8
Other private transportation .....	162.5	163.2	163.9	165.1	1.3	6.2	3.8	6.6	3.7	5.2
Other private transportation commodities .....	103.4	103.2	103.4	103.9	2.0	1.6	-.4	1.9	1.8	.8
Other private transportation services .....	176.4	177.4	178.2	179.6	1.2	6.9	4.4	7.5	4.0	5.9
Public transportation .....	176.4	175.1	171.5	167.9	-3.0	-7.0	17.9	-17.9	-5.0	-1.6
Medical care .....	212.4	213.2	214.5	215.2	3.8	5.1	4.8	5.4	4.4	5.1
Medical care commodities .....	201.7	201.7	202.6	203.4	2.0	2.9	4.1	3.4	2.4	3.7
Medical care services .....	214.7	215.6	217.0	217.7	4.1	5.7	5.2	5.7	4.9	5.4
Professional medical services .....	193.3	194.0	195.2	195.9	3.7	5.0	3.8	5.5	4.3	4.6
Entertainment 2/ .....	150.3	150.5	150.6	151.6	4.1	2.2	.8	3.5	3.1	2.1
Entertainment commodities .....	136.6	137.3	136.8	137.4	.3	5.2	1.2	2.4	2.7	1.8
Entertainment services .....	166.7	166.4	167.1	168.6	7.0	-.2	.7	4.6	3.3	2.7
Other goods and services .....	200.6	200.8	201.6	202.5	2.9	6.9	3.9	3.8	4.9	3.9
Tobacco and smoking products .....	221.3	221.9	223.7	223.9	-2.4	8.8	2.0	4.8	3.1	3.4
Personal care 2/ .....	145.0	145.1	145.3	145.7	.3	4.0	1.7	1.9	2.1	1.8
Toilet goods and personal care appliances 2/ .....	141.9	141.8	142.0	142.3	-.6	4.9	.6	1.1	2.2	.8
Personal care services 2/ .....	148.3	148.7	148.7	149.2	1.4	2.8	3.0	2.4	2.1	2.7
Personal and educational expenses .....	225.4	225.5	226.2	227.6	5.7	6.9	5.5	4.0	6.3	4.7
School books and supplies .....	207.1	207.1	206.7	207.4	6.4	4.8	3.8	.6	5.6	2.2
Personal and educational services .....	226.6	226.8	227.6	229.0	5.8	7.1	5.3	4.3	6.5	4.8
Commodity and service group										
All items .....	-	-	-	-	1.9	2.8	3.8	2.2	2.3	3.0
Commodities .....	134.6	134.8	134.7	134.9	.0	2.4	4.6	.9	1.2	2.7
Food and beverages .....	145.6	146.0	146.1	146.4	.6	2.0	4.5	2.2	1.3	3.4
Commodities less food and beverages .....	127.9	128.0	127.8	127.8	.0	2.6	4.8	-.3	1.3	2.2
Nondurables less food and beverages .....	129.8	129.2	128.7	128.7	.9	1.6	5.7	-3.3	1.3	1.1
Apparel commodities .....	129.9	129.8	129.1	128.9	-2.4	2.5	-3.9	-3.0	.0	-3.5
Nondurables less food, beverages, and apparel 2/ .....	132.8	132.8	132.2	132.5	-3.7	4.8	11.3	-.9	.5	5.0
Durables .....	125.6	125.9	125.9	126.2	.7	4.3	4.2	1.9	2.5	3.1
Services .....	163.9	164.2	164.6	165.1	3.3	3.0	3.5	3.0	3.1	3.2
Rent of shelter 2/ 1/ .....	168.2	168.2	168.6	168.6	6.3	1.0	5.4	1.0	3.6	3.2
Household services less rent of shelter 1/ .....	136.8	136.4	136.5	137.0	.6	.6	2.1	.6	.6	1.3
Transportation services .....	170.0	170.3	170.0	170.0	.5	2.9	6.9	.0	1.7	3.4

Medical care services .....	214.7	215.6	217.0	217.7	4.1	5.7	5.2	5.7	4.9	5.4
Other services .....	186.8	186.9	187.5	188.7	5.4	4.0	3.5	4.1	4.7	3.8

Special indexes

All items less food .....	149.7	149.9	150.1	150.5	2.2	2.7	3.8	2.2	2.5	3.0
All items less shelter .....	145.7	145.9	145.9	146.2	1.1	2.5	4.5	1.4	1.8	2.9
All items less homeowners' costs 1/ .....	150.4	150.6	150.7	151.0	1.4	2.7	4.1	1.6	2.0	2.8
All items less medical care .....	145.3	145.6	145.6	146.0	2.0	2.3	3.9	1.9	2.1	2.9
Commodities less food .....	128.9	129.0	128.8	128.9	.0	2.5	4.5	.0	1.3	2.2
Nondurables less food .....	131.0	130.5	130.1	129.9	.6	1.6	5.4	-3.3	1.1	.9
Nondurables less food and apparel 2/ .....	133.7	133.7	133.2	133.5	-2.7	4.1	9.8	-.6	.6	4.5
Nondurables 2/ .....	137.4	138.1	138.1	138.2	-1.8	3.9	2.7	2.3	1.0	2.5
Services less rent of shelter 1/ .....	171.5	171.7	172.0	172.4	3.4	2.6	3.6	2.1	3.0	2.8
Services less medical care services .....	159.1	159.3	159.7	160.1	3.9	2.1	3.3	2.5	3.0	2.9
Energy .....	106.2	105.5	104.8	105.5	.4	-3.8	14.3	-2.6	-1.7	5.5
All items less energy .....	155.0	155.3	155.6	155.9	1.9	3.2	3.4	2.3	2.5	2.9
All items less food and energy .....	157.4	157.7	158.0	158.3	2.4	3.4	2.8	2.3	2.9	2.6
Commodities less food and energy										
commodities .....	137.6	137.8	137.8	137.9	-.3	3.6	1.8	.9	1.6	1.3
Energy commodities .....	100.9	100.1	98.9	99.4	2.1	-6.9	29.4	-5.8	-2.5	10.4
Services less energy services .....	168.5	168.9	169.3	169.8	3.7	3.2	3.6	3.1	3.4	3.4

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 Nov. 1993 from-		Seasonally adjusted percent change from-		
		Oct. 1994	Nov. 1994	Nov. 1993	Oct. 1994	Aug. to Sept.	Sept. to Oct.	Oct. to Nov.
All items .....	100.000	147.0	147.3	2.7	0.2	0.1	0.1	0.3

All items (1967=100) .....	-	437.8	438.6	-	-	-	-	-
Food and beverages .....	19.344	145.1	145.3	2.2	.1	.3	.0	.2
Food .....	17.622	144.6	144.8	2.3	.1	.3	.0	.1
Food at home .....	11.187	144.1	144.3	2.6	.1	.3	-.1	.1
Cereals and bakery products .....	1.660	164.3	163.5	3.7	-.5	.4	-.1	-.2
Meats, poultry, fish, and eggs .....	3.513	136.6	136.7	-.4	.1	.2	-.3	.1
Dairy products .....	1.321	131.2	131.4	1.6	.2	-.5	-.2	.3
Fruits and vegetables .....	2.019	162.0	164.5	3.1	1.5	.5	.4	.3
Other food at home .....	2.674	139.0	138.5	5.7	-.4	.7	-.2	.2
Sugar and sweets .....	.374	135.7	134.5	.7	-.9	.5	.1	-.4
Fats and oils .....	.283	135.0	134.1	3.8	-.7	.3	.5	.2
Nonalcoholic beverages .....	.833	131.5	131.1	13.0	-.3	.8	-.5	.6
Other prepared food .....	1.184	148.2	147.8	2.5	-.3	.6	-.2	.1
Food away from home .....	6.435	146.3	146.7	1.9	.3	.2	.1	.3
Alcoholic beverages .....	1.722	151.1	151.3	1.1	.1	.1	.2	.5
Housing .....	39.004	142.8	142.7	2.4	-.1	.1	.1	.2
Shelter .....	25.682	157.7	157.9	3.4	.1	.3	.3	.3
Renters' costs 1/ .....	8.095	149.2	148.8	2.8	-.3	-.1	.5	.2
Rent, residential .....	6.628	154.9	155.4	2.7	.3	.2	.2	.2
Other renters' costs .....	1.467	194.4	189.6	3.2	-2.5	-1.1	1.6	.5
Homeowners' costs 1/ .....	17.399	152.8	153.1	3.7	.2	.5	.3	.3
Owners' equivalent rent 1/ .....	17.074	153.0	153.3	3.7	.2	.5	.3	.3
Household insurance 2/ 1/ .....	.324	141.9	142.4	4.3	.4	.2	.1	.4
Maintenance and repairs 2/ .....	.188	131.0	131.4	2.2	.3	.4	-.6	.3
Maintenance and repair services 2/ ..	.102	139.5	140.0	4.9	.4	.2	.1	.4
Maintenance and repair commodities 2/ .....	.085	120.0	120.2	-1.0	.2	.6	-1.3	.2
Fuel and other utilities .....	7.523	122.0	121.5	.4	-.4	-.4	-.2	.5
Fuels .....	4.093	110.2	109.3	-.2	-.8	-.5	-.5	.9
Fuel oil and other household fuel commodities .....	.339	86.9	87.6	-1.9	.8	-.4	-2.0	.1
Gas (piped) and electricity (energy services).....	3.754	117.8	116.7	.0	-.9	-.5	-.3	.9
Other utilities and public services 2/ .....	3.429	150.9	150.9	1.1	.0	-.1	.0	.0
Household furnishings and operation ....	5.800	120.1	119.8	.7	-.2	-.2	.0	-.2
Housefurnishings .....	3.525	109.5	109.5	.4	.0	-.4	-.4	.1
Housekeeping supplies .....	1.141	133.9	133.0	.8	-.7	.3	.9	-1.0
Housekeeping services .....	1.134	141.7	141.4	1.8	-.2	.0	.2	.0
Apparel and upkeep .....	5.909	133.9	133.0	-1.5	-.7	-.2	-.6	-.3
Apparel commodities .....	5.379	131.1	130.1	-1.8	-.8	-.2	-.8	-.2

Men's and boys' apparel .....	1.393	128.1	128.4	-1.3	.2	.5	-1.1	-.2	
Women's and girls' apparel.....	2.356	131.7	129.1	-3.6	-2.0	-.1	-.3	-.8	
Infants' and toddlers' apparel .....	.261	130.3	133.2	3.6	2.2	.5	-.6	1.3	
Footwear .....	.866	126.3	126.1	-1.7	-.2	-1.1	-.7	.2	
Other apparel commodities .....	.502	149.9	149.1	2.5	-.5	-.5	-2.0	.7	
Apparel services 2/ .....	.530	156.0	155.8	1.7	-.1	.3	.1	-.1	
Transportation .....	18.863	135.6	136.7	3.9	.8	.2	-.1	.3	
Private transportation .....	17.613	133.9	135.1	4.3	.9	.2	.0	.4	
New vehicles .....	4.948	139.2	140.1	3.5	.6	.4	-.1	-.3	
New cars .....	3.606	136.3	137.3	3.1	.7	.4	.0	-.1	
Used cars .....	2.256	148.4	150.8	6.5	1.6	1.0	1.4	1.4	
Motor fuel .....	3.705	101.7	102.6	4.5	.9	-1.0	-1.2	.5	
Gasoline .....	-	101.5	102.5	4.9	1.0	-.9	-1.3	.6	
Maintenance and repairs .....	1.615	152.4	152.5	3.0	.1	.1	.3	.2	
Other private transportation .....	5.089	160.0	162.0	4.6	1.3	.6	.3	.8	
Other private transportation commodities .....	.795	102.4	103.2	1.0	.8	-.3	.1	.6	
Other private transportation services .....	4.295	174.3	176.6	5.2	1.3	.6	.4	.7	
Public transportation .....	1.251	164.8	163.8	-2.4	-.6	-.5	-1.6	-1.6	
Medical care .....	6.044	213.4	214.0	4.8	.3	.3	.6	.4	
Medical care commodities .....	1.061	199.9	200.6	3.0	.4	-.1	.5	.4	
Medical care services .....	4.983	216.4	217.1	5.2	.3	.4	.6	.4	
Professional medical services .....	2.865	196.0	196.5	4.7	.3	.4	.7	.4	
Entertainment .....	4.028	149.0	149.6	2.6	.4	.0	.1	.7	
Entertainment commodities .....	2.077	136.2	136.6	2.2	.3	.3	-.1	.4	
Entertainment services .....	1.951	167.5	168.5	3.1	.6	-.3	.4	1.0	
Other goods and services .....	6.807	199.4	199.8	4.3	.2	.1	.4	.5	
Tobacco and smoking products .....	2.121	221.6	221.7	3.4	.0	.0	.6	.3	
Personal care 2/ .....	1.146	145.5	145.9	2.0	.3	.1	.1	.3	
Toilet goods and personal care appliances 2/ .....	.650	142.8	143.1	1.7	.2	.0	.1	.2	
Personal care services 2/ .....	.496	148.6	149.1	2.4	.3	.3	.0	.3	
Personal and educational expenses .....	3.540	224.4	224.9	5.6	.2	.2	.3	.5	
School books and supplies .....	.219	208.8	208.8	3.4	.0	-.3	-.4	.5	
Personal and educational services ....	3.321	225.9	226.5	5.7	.3	.2	.4	.6	
Commodity and service group									
All items .....	100.000	147.0	147.3	2.7	.2	.1	.1	.3	
Commodities .....	47.644	134.7	135.0	2.1	.2	.1	-.1	.2	

Food and beverages .....	19.344	145.1	145.3	2.2	.1	.3	.0	.2	
Commodities less food and beverages ....	28.300	128.2	128.6	2.1	.3	-.1	-.2	.2	
Nondurables less food and beverages ..	16.590	129.7	129.7	1.4	.0	-.5	-.5	.1	
Apparel commodities .....	5.379	131.1	130.1	-1.8	-.8	-.2	-.8	-.2	
Nondurables less food, beverages, and apparel 2/ .....	11.211	132.0	132.4	2.9	.3	-.2	-.6	.3	
Durables .....	11.710	125.1	126.0	3.0	.7	.2	.1	.3	
Services .....	52.356	162.1	162.3	3.2	.1	.2	.2	.4	
Rent of shelter 2/ 1/ .....	25.143	151.8	151.9	3.4	.1	.1	.3	.1	
Household services less rent of shelter 1/ .....	8.771	125.2	124.7	.8	-.4	-.2	.2	.2	
Transportation services .....	7.160	167.2	168.4	3.4	.7	.3	.1	.2	
Medical care services .....	4.983	216.4	217.1	5.2	.3	.4	.6	.4	
Other services .....	6.299	185.3	185.9	4.3	.3	.1	.3	.7	
Special indexes									
All items less food .....	82.378	147.4	147.7	2.8	.2	.1	.1	.3	
All items less shelter .....	74.318	144.3	144.6	2.5	.2	.1	-.1	.3	
All items less homeowners' costs 1/ .....	82.601	138.2	138.4	2.4	.1	.1	.0	.3	
All items less medical care .....	93.956	143.8	144.1	2.6	.2	.1	.1	.3	
Commodities less food .....	30.022	129.1	129.4	2.0	.2	.0	-.2	.2	
Nondurables less food .....	18.312	130.9	130.8	1.3	-.1	-.5	-.5	.1	
Nondurables less food and apparel 2/ .....	12.933	133.0	133.3	2.6	.2	-.1	-.4	.2	
Nondurables 2/ .....	35.934	137.7	137.8	1.8	.1	.4	-.1	.1	
Services less rent of shelter 1/ .....	27.213	153.4	153.7	3.2	.2	-.1	.3	.4	
Services less medical care services .....	47.373	157.4	157.6	3.1	.1	.2	.3	.3	
Energy .....	7.798	105.3	105.3	2.0	.0	-.8	-.9	.7	
All items less energy .....	92.202	152.9	153.2	2.7	.2	.2	.2	.2	
All items less food and energy .....	74.580	155.0	155.3	2.8	.2	.2	.2	.2	
Commodities less food and energy commodities .....	25.978	137.5	137.7	1.6	.1	.1	.1	.1	
Energy commodities .....	4.044	100.6	101.5	3.9	.9	-.9	-1.3	.5	
Services less energy services .....	48.602	167.0	167.4	3.5	.2	.3	.2	.3	
Purchasing power of the consumer dollar:									
1982-84=\$1.00 2/ .....	-	\$.680	\$.679	-2.6	-.1	-.3	-.1	-.1	
1967=\$1.00 2/ .....	-	.228	.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)

Expenditure category	Seasonally adjusted indexes					Seasonally adjusted annual rate percent change for				
	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Feb.	3 months ended-		6 months ended-		
	1994	1994	1994	1994	1994	May 1994	Aug. 1994	Nov. 1994	May 1994	Nov. 1994
All items .....	-	-	-	-	1.7	2.5	4.5	1.9	2.1	3.2
Food and beverages .....	145.3	145.7	145.7	146.0	.6	2.0	4.5	1.9	1.3	3.2
Food .....	144.8	145.2	145.2	145.4	.0	2.6	4.8	1.7	1.3	3.2
Food at home .....	144.6	145.1	144.9	145.1	-.3	2.6	6.6	1.4	1.1	4.0
Cereals and bakery products .....	163.9	164.6	164.5	164.1	6.2	3.3	4.8	.5	4.7	2.6
Meats, poultry, fish, and eggs .....	136.6	136.9	136.5	136.6	.9	.9	-2.9	.0	.9	-1.4
Dairy products .....	131.4	130.7	130.5	130.9	7.3	6.6	-5.3	-1.5	6.9	-3.4
Fruits and vegetables .....	166.5	167.4	168.0	168.5	-11.7	1.8	19.6	4.9	-5.2	12.0
Other food at home .....	138.2	139.2	138.9	139.2	-.6	2.5	19.1	2.9	.9	10.7
Sugar and sweets .....	134.7	135.4	135.5	135.0	4.6	-1.2	-1.2	.9	1.6	-.1
Fats and oils .....	133.9	134.3	135.0	135.3	1.2	7.5	2.4	4.2	4.3	3.3
Nonalcoholic beverages .....	130.9	132.0	131.3	132.1	-7.0	3.2	64.4	3.7	-2.0	30.6
Other prepared food .....	147.8	148.7	148.4	148.6	2.5	1.4	3.9	2.2	1.9	3.0
Food away from home .....	145.8	146.1	146.3	146.7	1.1	2.2	1.7	2.5	1.7	2.1
Alcoholic beverages .....	150.6	150.8	151.1	151.8	1.3	-.5	.3	3.2	.4	1.7
Housing .....	142.3	142.5	142.7	143.0	3.2	1.7	2.6	2.0	2.4	2.3
Shelter .....	156.7	157.2	157.7	158.1	4.5	2.6	2.9	3.6	3.6	3.2
Renters' costs 1/ .....	148.7	148.6	149.3	149.6	3.1	2.8	2.5	2.4	2.9	2.5
Rent, residential .....	154.2	154.5	154.8	155.1	4.0	1.6	2.6	2.4	2.8	2.5
Other renters' costs .....	197.8	195.7	198.8	199.8	-.2	7.9	1.2	4.1	3.8	2.7
Homeowners' costs 1/ .....	151.5	152.2	152.6	153.0	5.0	2.4	3.2	4.0	3.7	3.6
Owners' equivalent rent 1/ .....	151.7	152.4	152.8	153.2	5.0	2.4	3.2	4.0	3.7	3.6
Household insurance 2/ 1/ .....	141.4	141.7	141.9	142.4	.6	4.2	9.9	2.9	2.4	6.3
Maintenance and repairs 2/ .....	131.3	131.8	131.0	131.4	2.5	4.7	1.2	.3	3.6	.8
Maintenance and repair services .....	139.1	139.4	139.5	140.0	4.0	12.4	.9	2.6	8.1	1.7
Maintenance and repair commodities 2/ .....	120.9	121.6	120.0	120.2	1.0	-3.6	1.0	-2.3	-1.3	-.7

Fuel and other utilities .....	122.7	122.2	121.9	122.5	1.6	-1.0	1.3	-.7	.3	.3
Fuels .....	110.5	109.9	109.4	110.4	-.4	-1.8	1.8	-.4	-1.1	.7
Fuel oil and other household fuel commodities .....	89.2	88.8	87.0	87.1	13.2	-12.9	3.2	-9.1	-.7	-3.1
Gas (piped) and electricity (energy services).....	118.2	117.6	117.2	118.3	-1.7	-.7	1.7	.3	-1.2	1.0
Other utilities and public services 2/ .	151.1	150.9	150.9	150.9	3.8	.8	.3	-.5	2.3	-.1
Household furnishings and operation .....	120.2	120.0	120.0	119.8	-.7	2.7	2.4	-1.3	1.0	.5
Housefurnishings .....	110.3	109.9	109.5	109.6	-1.5	3.0	2.6	-2.5	.7	.0
Housekeeping supplies .....	132.6	133.0	134.2	132.8	-.9	1.5	2.1	.6	.3	1.4
Housekeeping services .....	141.2	141.2	141.5	141.5	1.4	2.3	2.6	.9	1.9	1.7
Apparel and upkeep .....	132.1	131.9	131.1	130.7	-.9	1.5	-2.4	-4.2	.3	-3.3
Apparel commodities .....	129.3	129.1	128.1	127.8	-.9	1.2	-2.7	-4.6	.2	-3.7
Men's and boys' apparel .....	127.0	127.6	126.2	126.0	-8.5	1.6	5.2	-3.1	-3.6	1.0
Women's and girls' apparel .....	127.6	127.5	127.1	126.1	.9	.3	-10.5	-4.6	.6	-7.6
Infants' and toddlers' apparel .....	130.4	131.0	130.2	131.9	2.9	-8.7	16.9	4.7	-3.1	10.6
Footwear .....	126.9	125.5	124.6	124.8	4.2	-1.2	-3.1	-6.5	1.4	-4.8
Other apparel commodities .....	151.6	150.8	147.8	148.8	-1.4	18.3	2.1	-7.2	8.0	-2.6
Apparel services 2/.....	155.4	155.9	156.0	155.8	.8	2.6	2.4	1.0	1.7	1.7
Transportation .....	135.2	135.5	135.3	135.7	.6	2.5	11.4	1.5	1.5	6.3
Private transportation .....	133.3	133.5	133.5	134.1	.9	2.8	11.6	2.4	1.9	6.9
New vehicles .....	139.7	140.3	140.2	139.8	2.4	5.7	5.6	.3	4.0	2.9
New cars .....	136.8	137.3	137.3	137.1	2.4	4.3	5.1	.9	3.3	3.0
Used cars .....	143.2	144.6	146.6	148.7	-6.7	6.3	11.7	16.3	-.4	14.0
Motor fuel .....	102.4	101.4	100.2	100.7	1.7	-7.2	35.0	-6.5	-2.9	12.4
Gasoline .....	102.3	101.4	100.1	100.7	1.7	-7.7	37.3	-6.1	-3.1	13.6
Maintenance and repairs .....	151.5	151.7	152.2	152.5	3.3	3.5	2.7	2.7	3.4	2.7
Other private transportation .....	158.5	159.4	159.9	161.1	1.3	6.6	3.9	6.7	3.9	5.3
Other private transportation commodities .....	102.7	102.4	102.5	103.1	1.6	2.0	-1.2	1.6	1.8	.2
Other private transportation services .....	172.4	173.5	174.2	175.5	1.2	7.6	5.0	7.4	4.4	6.2
Public transportation .....	171.1	170.2	167.5	164.8	-3.7	-2.4	12.3	-13.9	-3.1	-1.7
Medical care .....	211.6	212.3	213.5	214.4	3.8	5.1	4.9	5.4	4.4	5.1
Medical care commodities .....	199.5	199.3	200.3	201.2	3.1	2.0	3.5	3.5	2.6	3.5
Medical care services .....	214.2	215.1	216.4	217.3	3.7	5.9	5.2	5.9	4.8	5.6
Professional medical services .....	194.2	194.9	196.2	196.9	4.1	5.2	4.0	5.7	4.6	4.8
Entertainment 2/ .....	148.5	148.5	148.6	149.7	3.6	2.5	1.1	3.3	3.0	2.2
Entertainment commodities .....	135.9	136.3	136.1	136.7	.6	5.2	.6	2.4	2.9	1.5
Entertainment services .....	166.8	166.3	166.9	168.5	6.8	.0	1.5	4.1	3.3	2.8

Other goods and services .....	198.3	198.5	199.2	200.1	2.1	6.8	4.6	3.7	4.4	4.1
Tobacco and smoking products .....	222.3	222.3	223.6	224.2	-2.6	8.4	4.4	3.5	2.8	3.9
Personal care 2/ .....	145.2	145.4	145.5	145.9	.3	4.5	1.4	1.9	2.4	1.7
Toilet goods and personal care appliances 2/ .....	142.6	142.6	142.8	143.1	-.6	5.5	.6	1.4	2.4	1.0
Personal care services 2/ .....	148.2	148.6	148.6	149.1	1.9	2.8	2.5	2.5	2.3	2.5
Personal and educational expenses .....	221.0	221.4	222.1	223.3	5.8	6.7	5.6	4.2	6.2	4.9
School books and supplies .....	209.0	208.3	207.4	208.4	6.3	4.8	3.9	-1.1	5.5	1.4
Personal and educational services .....	222.2	222.6	223.4	224.7	5.8	6.9	5.8	4.6	6.3	5.2
Commodity and service group										
All items .....	-	-	-	-	1.7	2.5	4.5	1.9	2.1	3.2
Commodities .....	134.5	134.6	134.4	134.7	.0	2.1	5.9	.6	1.1	3.2
Food and beverages .....	145.3	145.7	145.7	146.0	.6	2.0	4.5	1.9	1.3	3.2
Commodities less food and beverages .....	127.8	127.7	127.5	127.7	.0	2.3	6.5	-.3	1.1	3.0
Nondurables less food and beverages .....	129.6	128.9	128.2	128.3	1.6	1.6	6.8	-4.0	1.6	1.3
Apparel commodities .....	129.3	129.1	128.1	127.8	-.9	1.2	-2.7	-4.6	.2	-3.7
Nondurables less food, beverages, and apparel 2/ .....	133.0	132.8	132.0	132.4	-4.6	5.8	13.0	-1.8	.5	5.3
Durables .....	124.5	124.8	124.9	125.3	1.0	3.7	4.6	2.6	2.3	3.6
Services .....	161.3	161.6	162.0	162.6	3.3	3.1	3.3	3.3	3.2	3.3
Rent of shelter 2/ 1/ .....	151.3	151.4	151.8	151.9	5.6	1.3	5.2	1.6	3.4	3.4
Household services less rent										
of shelter 1/ .....	125.5	125.2	125.4	125.7	2.3	-.3	.6	.6	1.0	.6
Transportation services .....	166.9	167.4	167.5	167.9	.7	5.0	5.7	2.4	2.9	4.0
Medical care services .....	214.2	215.1	216.4	217.3	3.7	5.9	5.2	5.9	4.8	5.6
Other services .....	183.8	183.9	184.4	185.6	5.5	3.8	4.0	4.0	4.7	4.0
Special indexes										
All items less food .....	146.6	146.8	146.9	147.3	2.3	2.8	4.2	1.9	2.5	3.1
All items less shelter .....	143.9	144.1	144.0	144.4	.9	2.6	4.9	1.4	1.7	3.1
All items less homeowners' costs 1/ .....	137.9	138.0	138.0	138.4	.9	2.7	4.8	1.5	1.8	3.1
All items less medical care .....	143.3	143.5	143.6	144.0	1.7	2.3	4.3	2.0	2.0	3.1
Commodities less food .....	128.8	128.8	128.6	128.8	.0	2.2	5.8	.0	1.1	2.9
Nondurables less food .....	130.8	130.2	129.6	129.7	1.3	.6	7.4	-3.3	.9	1.9
Nondurables less food and apparel 2/ .....	133.7	133.6	133.0	133.3	-3.6	5.1	10.9	-1.2	.6	4.7
Nondurables 2/ .....	137.3	137.8	137.7	137.8	-1.8	4.2	3.6	1.5	1.2	2.5
Services less rent of shelter 1/ .....	152.9	152.8	153.3	153.9	3.3	2.4	4.3	2.6	2.8	3.5
Services less medical care services .....	156.7	157.0	157.4	157.9	4.0	2.6	2.9	3.1	3.3	3.0
Energy .....	106.0	105.2	104.3	105.0	.4	-4.2	16.6	-3.7	-1.9	6.0
All items less energy .....	152.3	152.6	152.9	153.2	1.9	3.2	3.5	2.4	2.6	2.9
All items less food and energy .....	154.4	154.7	155.0	155.3	2.4	3.5	3.2	2.4	2.9	2.8

Commodities less food and energy											
commodities .....	136.9	137.0	137.1	137.2	-.6	3.9	2.4	.9	1.6	1.6	
Energy commodities .....	101.4	100.5	99.2	99.7	3.0	-7.6	31.4	-6.5	-2.5	10.8	
Services less energy services .....	166.2	166.7	167.1	167.6	3.8	3.2	3.4	3.4	3.5	3.4	

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 Nov. 1994 from-			Percent change to Oct. 1994 from-		
		Aug. 1994	Sept. 1994	Oct. 1994	Nov. 1994	Nov. 1993	Sept. 1994	Oct. 1994	Oct. 1993	Aug. 1994	Sept. 1994
U.S. city average .....	M	149.0	149.4	149.5	149.7	2.7	0.2	0.1	2.6	0.3	0.1
Region and area size 2/											
Northeast urban.....	M	155.9	156.1	156.4	156.7	2.6	.4	.2	2.6	.3	.2
Size A - More than 1,200,000 .....	M	156.6	156.7	157.2	157.2	2.5	.3	.0	2.7	.4	.3
Size B - 500,000 to 1,200,000 .....	M	154.8	154.8	154.6	154.8	2.2	.0	.1	2.4	-.1	-.1
Size C - 50,000 to 500,000 .....	M	153.8	154.4	154.3	155.4	2.8	.6	.7	2.1	.3	-.1
North Central urban .....	M	145.2	145.6	145.3	145.8	3.1	.1	.3	2.7	.1	-.2
Size A - More than 1,200,000 .....	M	146.3	146.7	146.2	146.8	3.0	.1	.4	2.4	-.1	-.3
Size B - 360,000 to 1,200,000 .....	M	144.4	144.0	144.4	144.5	3.1	.3	.1	3.2	.0	.3
Size C - 50,000 to 360,000 .....	M	145.9	146.8	146.9	147.4	3.4	.4	.3	3.5	.7	.1
Size D - Nonmetropolitan (less than 50,000) .....	M	140.8	141.5	140.9	141.3	3.1	-.1	.3	2.7	.1	-.4
South urban .....	M	145.5	145.8	145.9	146.0	2.6	.1	.1	2.6	.3	.1
Size A - More than 1,200,000 .....	M	145.7	145.9	145.9	145.9	2.3	.0	.0	2.4	.1	.0
Size B - 450,000 to 1,200,000 .....	M	147.9	148.3	148.2	148.4	3.1	.1	.1	3.1	.2	-.1
Size C - 50,000 to 450,000 .....	M	144.3	144.7	145.0	145.0	2.8	.2	.0	2.5	.5	.2

Size D - Nonmetropolitan (less than 50,000) .....	M	142.9	143.3	144.1	144.3	2.3	.7	.1	2.9	.8	.6
West urban .....	M	150.1	150.6	151.0	151.1	2.4	.3	.1	2.7	.6	.3
Size A - More than 1,250,000 .....	M	151.3	151.7	152.1	151.9	1.7	.1	-.1	2.3	.5	.3
Size C - 50,000 to 330,000 .....	M	151.1	152.2	152.7	153.8	4.6	1.1	.7	4.2	1.1	.3
Size classes											
A 3/ .....	M	135.2	135.4	135.5	135.6	2.3	.1	.1	2.4	.2	.1
B .....	M	148.8	149.0	149.2	149.4	3.1	.3	.1	3.0	.3	.1
C .....	M	147.5	148.2	148.4	148.9	3.2	.5	.3	2.9	.6	.1
D .....	M	144.0	144.7	145.0	145.3	2.8	.4	.2	2.9	.7	.2
Selected local areas											
Chicago-Gary-Lake County, IL-IN-WI.....	M	149.8	150.2	149.4	150.4	2.7	.1	.7	1.5	-.3	-.5
Los Angeles-Anaheim-Riverside, CA .....	M	152.0	152.7	153.4	152.9	.9	.1	-.3	1.7	.9	.5
N.Y.-Northern N.J.-Long Island, NY-NJ-CT	M	159.1	159.0	159.5	159.4	2.6	.3	-.1	2.6	.3	.3
Phil.-Wilmington-Trenton, PA-NJ-DE-MD ..	M	155.7	156.2	R/156.6	156.7	3.0	.3	.1	2.9	.6	.3
San Francisco-Oakland-San Jose, CA .....	M	149.4	149.4	149.4	149.8	1.8	.3	.3	1.6	.0	.0
Baltimore, MD .....	1	-	148.6	-	148.6	3.6	.0	-	-	-	-
Boston-Lawrence-Salem, MA-NH .....	1	-	155.7	-	156.7	1.4	.6	-	-	-	-
Cleveland-Akron-Lorain, OH .....	1	-	146.3	-	146.0	2.7	-.2	-	-	-	-
Miami-Fort Lauderdale, FL .....	1	-	144.5	-	144.5	3.4	.0	-	-	-	-
St. Louis-East St. Louis, MO-IL .....	1	-	143.4	-	143.3	3.8	-.1	-	-	-	-
Washington, DC-MD-VA .....	1	-	153.7	-	153.0	1.4	-.5	-	-	-	-
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	-

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.

R/ Revised.

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 Nov. 1994 from-			Percent change to Oct. 1994 from-		
		Aug. 1994	Sept. 1994	Oct. 1994	Nov. 1994	Nov. 1993	Sept. 1994	Oct. 1994	Oct. 1993	Aug. 1994	Sept. 1994
U.S. city average .....	M	146.5	146.9	147.0	147.3	2.7	0.3	0.2	2.6	0.3	0.1
Region and area size 2/											
Northeast urban.....	M	153.4	153.7	154.1	154.3	2.6	.4	.1	2.6	.5	.3
Size A - More than 1,200,000 .....	M	153.1	153.3	153.8	153.8	2.5	.3	.0	2.7	.5	.3
Size B - 500,000 to 1,200,000 .....	M	152.8	152.7	152.6	152.6	2.3	-.1	.0	2.5	-.1	-.1
Size C - 50,000 to 500,000 .....	M	155.2	156.0	156.0	157.1	2.8	.7	.7	2.2	.5	.0
North Central urban .....	M	142.2	142.5	142.2	142.8	3.1	.2	.4	2.7	.0	-.2
Size A - More than 1,200,000 .....	M	142.6	142.9	142.4	143.1	3.1	.1	.5	2.4	-.1	-.3
Size B - 360,000 to 1,200,000 .....	M	141.0	140.6	140.9	141.0	3.4	.3	.1	3.3	-.1	.2
Size C - 50,000 to 360,000 .....	M	143.6	144.3	144.4	144.8	3.3	.3	.3	3.4	.6	.1
Size D - Nonmetropolitan (less than 50,000) .....	M	139.5	140.0	139.4	139.9	2.9	-.1	.4	2.3	-.1	-.4
South urban .....	M	144.1	144.5	144.6	144.8	2.7	.2	.1	2.6	.3	.1
Size A - More than 1,200,000 .....	M	144.1	144.3	144.3	144.3	2.3	.0	.0	2.3	.1	.0
Size B - 450,000 to 1,200,000 .....	M	144.5	144.9	144.9	145.2	3.1	.2	.2	3.0	.3	.0
Size C - 50,000 to 450,000 .....	M	144.2	144.7	145.0	145.1	2.9	.3	.1	2.5	.6	.2
Size D - Nonmetropolitan (less than 50,000) .....	M	143.2	143.7	144.4	144.7	2.3	.7	.2	2.9	.8	.5
West urban .....	M	147.2	147.7	148.1	148.2	2.3	.3	.1	2.5	.6	.3
Size A - More than 1,250,000 .....	M	146.9	147.2	147.6	147.6	1.8	.3	.0	2.1	.5	.3
Size C - 50,000 to 330,000 .....	M	148.6	149.6	150.0	151.1	4.4	1.0	.7	4.0	.9	.3

Size classes

A 3/	M	134.3	134.5	134.6	134.8	2.4	.2	.1	2.4	.2	.1
B	M	146.3	146.5	146.6	146.8	2.9	.2	.1	2.9	.2	.1
C	M	146.8	147.5	147.7	148.2	3.2	.5	.3	2.9	.6	.1
D	M	143.4	144.1	144.3	144.8	2.8	.5	.3	2.8	.6	.1

Selected local areas

Chicago-Gary-Lake County, IL-IN-WI.....	M	145.1	145.4	144.6	145.7	2.8	.2	.8	1.4	-.3	-.6
Los Angeles-Anaheim-Riverside, CA .....	M	146.8	147.3	148.0	147.7	.9	.3	-.2	1.6	.8	.5
N.Y.-Northern N.J.-Long Island, NY-NJ-CT	M	155.3	155.5	156.0	155.9	2.6	.3	-.1	2.6	.5	.3
Phil.-Wilmington-Trenton, PA-NJ-DE-MD ..	M	155.3	155.9	R/156.1	156.1	2.8	.1	.0	2.8	.5	.1
San Francisco-Oakland-San Jose, CA .....	M	147.1	147.1	147.0	147.6	1.8	.3	.4	1.4	-.1	-.1
Baltimore, MD .....	1	-	147.8	-	147.6	3.6	-.1	-	-	-	-
Boston-Lawrence-Salem, MA-NH .....	1	-	154.7	-	155.8	1.6	.7	-	-	-	-
Cleveland-Akron-Lorain, OH .....	1	-	138.9	-	138.8	2.7	-.1	-	-	-	-
Miami-Fort Lauderdale, FL .....	1	-	142.5	-	142.7	3.4	.1	-	-	-	-
St. Louis-East St. Louis, MO-IL .....	1	-	143.0	-	142.9	3.9	-.1	-	-	-	-
Washington, DC-MD-VA .....	1	-	151.5	-	150.6	1.4	-.6	-	-	-	-
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	-
Pittsburgh-Beaver Valley, PA .....	2	139.4	-	140.1	-	-	-	-	4.2	.5	-

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.

R/ Revised.

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