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CONSUMER PRICE INDEX--DECEMBER 1994

The Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers (CPI-U) was unchanged prior to seasonal adjustment in December, remaining at 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 December, the CPI-U increased 2.7 percent.

The Consumer Price Index for Urban Wage Earners and Clerical Workers (CPI-W) declined 0.1 percent in December, prior to seasonal adjustment. The December 1994 CPI-W level of 147.2 was 2.7 percent higher than the index in December 1993.

CPI for All Urban Consumers (CPI-U)

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On a seasonally adjusted basis, the CPI-U rose 0.2 percent in December, following increases of 0.1 and 0.3 percent in the 2 preceding months. In December, the index for food advanced 1.0 percent, largely as a result of a sharp rise in prices for fresh fruits and vegetables. The energy index continued to exhibit the volatility which has characterized its behavior in 1994, declining 0.3 percent in December after increasing 0.7 percent in November. The CPI-U excluding food and energy increased 0.1 percent in December, its smallest advance since a similar rise in January

1994.

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	
	June	July	Aug.	Sep.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Dec.94	ended	ended
All items	.3	.3	.3	.2	.1	.3	.2	2.2	2.7	
Food and beverages	.3	.5	.3	.3	.1	.2	.9	4.7	2.7	
Housing	.1	.2	.3	.1	.1	.3	-.1	1.4	2.2	
Apparel and upkeep	.6	-.4	-1.0	-.1	-.5	-.2	-.2	-3.3	-1.6	
Transportation	.6	1.0	1.0	.1	-.2	.1	.3	.9	3.8	
Medical care	.4	.4	.4	.4	.6	.3	.6	6.1	4.9	
Entertainment	-.1	.3	.0	.1	.1	.7	-.1	2.7	2.3	
Other goods & serv	.4	.4	.2	.1	.4	.4	.2	4.2	4.2	
Special indexes:										
Energy	.1	1.8	1.4	-.7	-.7	.7	-.3	-1.1	2.2	
Food	.3	.5	.4	.3	.0	.2	1.0	5.0	2.9	
AI - food & energy	.3	.2	.3	.2	.2	.2	.1	2.0	2.6	

For the 12-month period ended in December 1994, the CPI-U advanced 2.7 percent, the same as in 1993 and the fourth consecutive year in which the rise has been close to 3.0 percent. The food index rose 2.9 percent for the second consecutive year, with sharp increases in prices for coffee and fresh fruits and vegetables partially offset by a decline in meat prices. The energy index turned up in 1994, advancing 2.2 percent, following a 1.4 percent drop in 1993. Petroleum-based energy costs rose 5.2 percent, more than offsetting a 0.6 percent decline in charges for energy services.

The CPI-U excluding food and energy continued the deceleration evident in this index since 1990. The 2.6 percent rise in 1994 followed an increase of 3.2 percent in 1993 and was the smallest advance in the index since a 1.5 percent increase in 1965. The further deceleration in 1994 reflects a decline in the index for apparel and upkeep and continued moderation in the index for

medical care. The rates for selected groups during the past 9 years are shown below.

	Percent change, 12 months ended in December						
	1988	1989	1990	1991	1992	1993	1994
All Items	4.4	4.6	6.1	3.1	2.9	2.7	2.7
Food and beverages	5.1	5.5	5.3	2.5	1.6	2.7	2.7
Housing	4.0	3.9	4.5	3.4	2.6	2.7	2.2
Apparel and upkeep	4.7	1.0	5.1	3.4	1.4	.9	-1.6
Transportation	3.0	4.0	10.4	-1.5	3.0	2.4	3.8
Medical care	6.9	8.5	9.6	7.9	6.6	5.4	4.9
Entertainment	4.6	5.1	4.3	3.9	2.8	2.8	2.3
Other goods & services	7.0	8.2	7.6	8.0	6.5	2.7	4.2
Energy	.5	5.1	18.1	-7.4	2.0	-1.4	2.2
Food	5.2	5.6	5.3	1.9	1.5	2.9	2.9
All Items less food and energy	4.7	4.4	5.2	4.4	3.3	3.2	2.6

The food and beverage index rose 0.9 percent in December to a level 2.7 percent above a year ago. Grocery store food prices increased 3.5 percent in 1994, the same as in 1993. The 1.5 percent increase in December reflects a sharp increase in fruit and vegetable prices, which more than offset an aggregate decline in other grocery store food prices. The index for fresh fruits and vegetables, reflecting in part the effects of tropical storm Gordon on the Southeastern United States, rose 11.6 percent in December. Over the past 12 months, those prices rose 11.9 percent and accounted for about 45 percent of the increase in the grocery store food index. Prices for processed fruits and vegetables increased 0.6 percent in December and 0.5 percent during the past 12 months. In December, the index for cereal and bakery products rose 0.2 percent, while the indexes for meats, poultry, fish, and eggs, for dairy products, and for other food at home each declined. The index for meats, poultry, fish, and eggs, which increased 3.8 percent in 1993, declined 0.5 percent in 1994. During the past 12 months, prices for beef, pork, and poultry declined 2.2, 2.3, and 0.5 percent, respectively. The indexes for cereal and bakery products and dairy products rose 3.3 and 1.1 percent, respectively, in 1994. The index for other food at home, which fell slightly in December, increased 6.0 percent in 1994, largely as a result of the sharp rise in coffee prices earlier this year. Coffee prices

jumped up 55.4 percent during the 12 months ended in December and accounted for almost one-third of the overall grocery store food increase in 1994. The other two components of the food and beverage index--restaurant meals and alcoholic beverages--rose 0.3 percent and 0.2 percent, respectively, in December. The 1.9 percent advance in prices for restaurant meals in the past 12 months was the same as in 1993. The 1.0 percent rise in prices for alcoholic beverages was the smallest annual increase in this component since a 0.5 percent rise in 1964.

The housing component declined 0.1 percent in December, following an increase of 0.3 percent in November. Shelter costs, which increased 0.3 percent in November, were unchanged in December. Within shelter, renters' costs declined 0.2 percent, homeowners' costs were unchanged, and maintenance and repair costs rose 1.1 percent. The decrease in renters' costs reflects a 1.0 percent drop in the index for lodging while out of town; residential rents rose 0.1 percent. Shelter costs rose 3.0 percent in 1994, with renters' costs up 2.3 percent and homeowners' costs increasing 3.3 percent. The index for fuel and other utilities turned back down in December, declining 0.3 percent after registering a 0.5 percent increase in November. The index for household fuels fell 0.6 percent, reflecting decreases in the indexes for each of the three major fuels. The index for fuel oil declined 0.1 percent in December to a level unchanged from a year earlier. The indexes for natural gas and electricity fell 1.5 and 0.3 percent, respectively. (Prior to seasonal adjustment, charges for natural gas rose 0.7 percent.) For the 12 months ended in December, charges for natural gas fell 3.2 percent, while those for electricity rose 0.6 percent. The index for other utilities and public services rose 0.1 percent in December, reflecting increases in the indexes for water and sewerage maintenance, refuse collection, and cable television. Despite increases of 0.4 percent in both November and December, the index for cable television declined 2.6 percent in 1994. The index for household furnishings and operation, which fell 0.1 percent in December, increased 0.4 percent in 1994.

The transportation index increased 0.3 percent in December. The index for gasoline was unchanged in December. (See the note on page 6, which explains the quality adjustment made to gasoline prices in the December CPI.) In the 12 months ended in December 1994, gasoline prices have increased 6.4 percent. Despite this advance, gasoline prices are 14.4 percent lower than their peak level in December 1990. The index for new vehicles was unchanged.

(Prior to seasonal adjustment, new vehicle prices rose 0.5 percent in December. As of December, the proportion of 1995 models in the index was about 70 percent of the new car sample.) Automobile finance charges continued to increase in December, advancing 3.8 percent last month and 23.0 percent in all of 1994. Used car prices also continued to rise sharply, advancing 2.0 percent in December and 8.8 percent in 1994. The index for public transportation registered its fourth consecutive monthly decline in December--reflecting another drop in airline fares. The index for airline fares fell 3.8 percent in December and has declined 9.5 percent in 1994 after advancing 17.0 percent in 1993.

The index for apparel and upkeep, which fell 0.2 percent in December, declined for the sixth consecutive month. Holiday discounting was prevalent in December, and indeed throughout the past 6 months the proportion of clothing items with discounts has been markedly greater than in preceding years. (Prior to seasonal adjustment, clothing prices fell 3.0 percent in December.)

Medical care costs rose 0.6 percent in December to a level 4.9 percent higher than a year earlier. This continues the moderation in this index since 1990 and was the smallest advance in this component since a 3.3 percent rise in 1972, when price controls were in effect. The index for medical care commodities--prescription drugs, nonprescription drugs, and medical supplies--was unchanged in December, but increased 3.0 percent during the past 12 months. The index for medical care services rose 0.6 percent in December and 5.4 percent over the year. Charges for professional services and hospital and related services increased 4.6 and 5.5 percent, respectively, in 1994.

Entertainment costs declined 0.1 percent in December, but advanced 2.3 percent during the past 12 months. In December, small increases in the indexes for reading materials and admissions to movies, theaters, concerts, and sporting events were more than offset by price declines for toys and sporting goods and equipment, and for fees for club memberships and for lessons and instructions.

The index for other goods and services rose 0.2 percent in December to a level 4.2 percent above a year ago. In 1994, the costs for personal financial services rose 7.8 percent, college tuition costs, 6.3 percent, and prices for tobacco and smoking products, 3.0 percent.

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On a seasonally adjusted basis, the CPI for Urban Wage Earners and Clerical Workers also rose 0.2 percent in December.

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	
	June	July	Aug.	Sep.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	ended	ended
All items	.3	.4	.4	.1	.1	.3	.2	2.2	2.7
Food and beverages	.2	.5	.4	.3	.0	.2	.8	3.9	2.6
Housing	.1	.1	.4	.1	.1	.2	-.1	1.1	2.1
Apparel and upkeep	.5	-.2	-.9	-.2	-.6	-.3	-.3	-4.8	-1.5
Transportation	.6	1.1	1.0	.2	-.1	.3	.4	2.4	4.5
Medical care	.4	.4	.4	.3	.6	.4	.5	6.2	4.9
Entertainment	.1	.2	.0	.0	.1	.7	-.1	2.7	2.1
Other goods & serv	.4	.4	.4	.1	.4	.5	.1	3.9	4.2
Special indexes:									
Energy	.4	1.9	1.6	-.8	-.9	.7	-.2	-1.5	2.5
Food	.2	.5	.5	.3	.0	.1	.8	3.9	2.8
AI - food & energy	.3	.2	.3	.2	.2	.2	.1	2.1	2.8

Consumer Price Index data for January will be released on Wednesday, February 15, 1995, 8:30 A.M. (EST).

QUALITY ADJUSTMENT FOR GASOLINE

A quality adjustment has been made to gasoline prices used in

the December CPI to account for the effects of the mandated introduction of reformulated gasoline in selected areas of the United States. The gasoline index was unchanged in December, following seasonal adjustment. Without the quality adjustment, it is estimated that this index would have increased 0.9 percent. In those area required to sell the reformulated gasoline, approximately 55 percent of the December price quotes were for reformulated gasoline.

#### 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 Dec. 1994 from-		Seasonally adjusted percent change from-		
		Nov. 1994	Dec. 1994	Dec. 1993	Nov. 1994	Sept. to Oct.	Oct. to Nov.	Nov. to Dec.
All items .....	100.000	149.7	149.7	2.7	0.0	0.1	0.3	0.2
All items (1967=100) .....	-	448.6	448.4	-	-	-	-	-
Food and beverages .....	17.398	145.9	147.2	2.7	.9	.1	.2	.9
Food .....	15.799	145.3	146.8	2.9	1.0	.0	.2	1.0
Food at home .....	9.853	145.1	147.3	3.5	1.5	-.1	.1	1.5
Cereals and bakery products .....	1.454	163.7	164.2	3.3	.3	-.1	-.2	.2
Meats, poultry, fish, and eggs .....	2.984	136.9	136.4	-.5	-.4	-.3	.1	-.3
Dairy products .....	1.186	131.7	131.6	1.1	-.1	.0	.2	-.3
Fruits and vegetables .....	1.909	165.7	180.3	8.3	8.8	.4	.3	8.1
Other food at home .....	2.320	139.0	138.8	6.0	-.1	-.3	.3	-.1
Sugar and sweets .....	.331	134.5	134.5	.9	.0	.0	-.4	.3
Fats and oils .....	.246	134.3	134.2	3.7	-.1	.5	.4	-.1
Nonalcoholic beverages .....	.712	132.4	131.7	14.7	-.5	-.4	.3	.2
Other prepared food .....	1.030	148.1	148.1	2.2	.0	-.4	.3	-.3
Food away from home .....	5.946	146.8	147.1	1.9	.2	.1	.3	.3
Alcoholic beverages .....	1.600	151.9	151.8	1.0	-.1	.2	.5	.2



Housing .....	41.394	145.5	145.4	2.2	-.1	.1	.3	-.1
Shelter .....	27.948	162.1	161.8	3.0	-.2	.2	.3	.0
Renters' costs 1/ .....	7.984	168.9	168.2	2.3	-.4	.5	.3	-.2
Rent, residential .....	5.771	155.6	155.7	2.5	.1	.1	.3	.1
Other renters' costs .....	2.213	189.2	186.2	1.6	-1.6	1.5	.5	-1.1
Homeowners' costs 1/ .....	19.768	167.9	167.8	3.3	-.1	.2	.4	.0
Owners' equivalent rent 1/ .....	19.386	168.2	168.1	3.3	-.1	.2	.3	.1
Household insurance 2/ 1/ .....	.382	155.0	155.4	4.3	.3	.1	.3	.3
Maintenance and repairs 2/ .....	.196	131.2	132.7	4.0	1.1	-.6	.3	1.1
Maintenance and repair services 2/ .	.118	136.4	137.0	4.7	.4	.1	.4	.4
Maintenance and repair								
commodities 2/ .....	.078	124.3	126.8	2.7	2.0	-1.7	.4	2.0
Fuel and other utilities .....	7.262	121.8	122.0	.2	.2	-.2	.5	-.3
Fuels .....	3.983	109.9	110.1	-.5	.2	-.4	.8	-.6
Fuel oil and other household fuel								
commodities .....	.369	87.7	88.4	.1	.8	-1.9	-.1	.3
Gas (piped) and electricity (energy								
services).....	3.614	117.3	117.4	-.6	.1	-.2	.8	-.7
Other utilities and public								
services 2/ .....	3.279	150.5	150.6	1.2	.1	.1	.1	.1
Household furnishings and operation ....	6.183	121.1	120.8	.4	-.2	.0	-.2	-.1
Housefurnishings .....	3.601	110.8	110.3	.0	-.5	-.4	.1	-.2
Housekeeping supplies .....	1.109	132.6	132.9	.8	.2	1.0	-1.2	.2
Housekeeping services .....	1.473	139.1	139.1	1.4	.0	.2	-.1	-.1
Apparel and upkeep .....	5.897	134.2	130.5	-1.6	-2.8	-.5	-.2	-.2
Apparel commodities .....	5.333	131.1	127.2	-1.9	-3.0	-.5	-.2	-.3
Men's and boys' apparel .....	1.389	129.2	125.3	-1.7	-3.0	-.9	.0	-1.3
Women's and girls' apparel.....	2.421	130.5	125.7	-3.8	-3.7	.0	-1.0	-.1
Infants' and toddlers' apparel .....	.203	131.2	131.3	3.3	.1	-.7	1.3	.5
Footwear .....	.781	125.7	123.6	-1.7	-1.7	-.4	.4	.0
Other apparel commodities .....	.539	150.8	146.5	4.3	-2.9	-1.9	1.2	1.1
Apparel services 2/ .....	.564	156.3	156.4	1.7	.1	.1	-.1	.1
Transportation .....	16.954	137.1	137.1	3.8	.0	-.2	.1	.3
Private transportation .....	15.295	134.8	134.9	4.9	.1	.0	.4	.5
New vehicles .....	5.025	139.4	140.1	3.3	.5	.0	-.3	.0
New cars .....	4.031	137.7	138.5	3.2	.6	.1	-.2	.0
Used cars .....	1.245	150.1	151.5	8.8	.9	1.4	1.4	2.0
Motor fuel .....	3.010	102.7	100.4	5.9	-2.2	-1.1	.5	.2
Gasoline .....	-	102.6	100.2	6.4	-2.3	-1.1	.6	.0
Maintenance and repairs .....	1.533	151.8	151.9	2.8	.1	.3	.2	.1
Other private transportation .....	4.483	166.2	167.6	5.4	.8	.4	.7	1.0

Other private transportation commodities .....	.629	104.0	104.3	1.0	.3	.2	.5	.0	
Other private transportation services .....	3.854	180.7	182.4	6.2	.9	.5	.8	1.2	
Public transportation .....	1.659	167.2	165.6	-6.2	-1.0	-2.1	-2.1	-2.4	
Medical care .....	7.108	214.7	215.3	4.9	.3	.6	.3	.6	
Medical care commodities .....	1.287	202.7	202.9	3.0	.1	.4	.4	.0	
Medical care services .....	5.821	217.5	218.2	5.4	.3	.6	.3	.6	
Professional medical services .....	3.353	195.5	196.0	4.6	.3	.6	.4	.5	
Entertainment .....	4.351	151.6	151.2	2.3	-.3	.1	.7	-.1	
Entertainment commodities .....	1.986	137.3	136.8	1.8	-.4	-.4	.4	-.1	
Entertainment services .....	2.365	168.6	168.3	2.7	-.2	.4	.9	-.1	
Other goods and services .....	6.897	202.3	202.4	4.2	.0	.4	.4	.2	
Tobacco and smoking products .....	1.601	221.4	222.0	3.0	.3	.8	.1	-.4	
Personal care 2/ .....	1.184	145.7	145.8	1.9	.1	.1	.3	.1	
Toilet goods and personal care appliances 2/ .....	.628	142.3	142.6	1.8	.2	.1	.2	.2	
Personal care services 2/ .....	.556	149.2	149.2	2.1	.0	.0	.3	.0	
Personal and educational expenses .....	4.112	229.2	229.2	5.4	.0	.3	.6	.5	
School books and supplies .....	.249	207.7	207.4	3.5	-.1	-.2	.3	.1	
Personal and educational services .....	3.863	231.1	231.1	5.5	.0	.4	.6	.5	
Commodity and service group									
All items .....	100.000	149.7	149.7	2.7	.0	.1	.3	.2	
Commodities .....	43.547	135.2	135.1	2.3	-.1	-.1	.1	.4	
Food and beverages .....	17.398	145.9	147.2	2.7	.9	.1	.2	.9	
Commodities less food and beverages .....	26.149	128.6	127.6	2.0	-.8	-.2	.0	.1	
Nondurables less food and beverages ..	15.579	130.1	128.1	1.3	-1.5	-.4	.0	-.2	
Apparel commodities .....	5.333	131.1	127.2	-1.9	-3.0	-.5	-.2	-.3	
Nondurables less food, beverages, and apparel 2/ .....	10.245	132.5	131.5	3.0	-.8	-.5	.2	-.8	
Durables .....	10.570	126.5	126.9	2.9	.3	.0	.2	.3	
Services .....	56.453	164.7	164.7	2.9	.0	.2	.3	.1	
Rent of shelter 2/ 1/ .....	27.337	168.6	168.3	2.9	-.2	.2	.0	-.2	
Household services less rent of shelter 1/ .....	8.900	135.8	135.9	.7	.1	.1	.4	-.1	
Transportation services .....	7.046	170.5	171.1	2.5	.4	-.2	.0	.2	
Medical care services .....	5.821	217.5	218.2	5.4	.3	.6	.3	.6	
Other services .....	7.349	189.0	188.9	4.0	-.1	.3	.6	.2	

Special indexes

All items less food .....	84.201	150.6	150.2	2.6	-.3	.1	.3	.0
All items less shelter .....	72.052	146.3	146.3	2.5	.0	.0	.2	.3
All items less homeowners' costs 1/ .....	80.232	150.9	150.8	2.4	-.1	.1	.2	.3
All items less medical care .....	92.892	146.1	146.0	2.5	-.1	.0	.3	.1
Commodities less food .....	27.749	129.5	128.5	1.9	-.8	-.2	.1	.1
Nondurables less food .....	17.178	131.2	129.5	1.3	-1.3	-.3	-.2	.1
Nondurables less food and apparel 2/ .....	11.845	133.5	132.6	2.7	-.7	-.4	.2	-.7
Nondurables 2/ .....	32.977	138.2	137.8	2.0	-.3	.0	.1	-.3
Services less rent of shelter 1/ .....	29.116	172.4	172.7	2.9	.2	.2	.2	.3
Services less medical care services .....	50.632	159.8	159.7	2.6	-.1	.3	.3	.0
Energy .....	6.993	105.7	104.7	2.2	-.9	-.7	.7	-.3
All items less energy .....	93.007	155.7	155.7	2.6	.0	.2	.2	.3
All items less food and energy .....	77.208	158.2	157.9	2.6	-.2	.2	.2	.1
Commodities less food and energy commodities .....	24.369	138.4	137.6	1.4	-.6	.0	.1	.0
Energy commodities .....	3.380	101.2	99.2	5.2	-2.0	-1.2	.5	.2
Services less energy services .....	52.839	169.6	169.6	3.2	.0	.2	.3	.1
Purchasing power of the consumer dollar:								
1982-84=\$1.00 2/ .....	-	\$.668	\$.668	-2.6	.0	.0	-.1	.0
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				
	3 months ended-		6 months ended-			3 months ended-		6 months ended-		
	Sept. 1994	Oct. 1994	Nov. 1994	Dec. 1994	Mar. 1994	June 1994	Sept. 1994	Dec. 1994	June 1994	Dec. 1994

All items .....	-	-	-	-	2.5	2.5	3.6	2.2	2.5	2.9
Food and beverages .....	146.0	146.1	146.4	147.7	-.8	2.5	4.5	4.7	.8	4.6
Food .....	145.7	145.7	146.0	147.5	-1.1	2.8	5.1	5.0	.8	5.1
Food at home .....	145.8	145.6	145.8	148.0	-2.2	3.4	7.2	6.2	.6	6.7
Cereals and bakery products .....	164.8	164.7	164.4	164.7	3.0	6.6	4.0	-.2	4.8	1.8
Meats, poultry, fish, and eggs .....	137.0	136.6	136.8	136.4	1.5	.3	-2.0	-1.7	.9	-1.9
Dairy products .....	131.0	131.0	131.3	130.9	6.7	5.0	-6.2	-.3	5.8	-3.3
Fruits and vegetables .....	167.8	168.4	168.9	182.6	-19.5	6.1	14.5	40.2	-7.6	26.7
Other food at home .....	139.8	139.4	139.8	139.7	.6	2.4	22.8	-.3	1.5	10.7
Sugar and sweets .....	135.4	135.4	134.9	135.3	3.3	-.9	1.5	-.3	1.2	.6
Fats and oils .....	134.3	135.0	135.5	135.4	5.6	4.3	1.8	3.3	5.0	2.6
Nonalcoholic beverages .....	133.1	132.6	133.0	133.3	-3.7	2.1	75.1	.6	-.9	32.7
Other prepared food .....	149.1	148.5	149.0	148.6	1.4	3.6	5.3	-1.3	2.5	1.9
Food away from home .....	146.2	146.4	146.8	147.2	1.1	1.4	2.5	2.8	1.3	2.6
Alcoholic beverages .....	151.3	151.6	152.3	152.6	.0	1.3	-.8	3.5	.7	1.3
Housing .....	145.4	145.6	146.0	145.9	3.4	1.1	2.8	1.4	2.3	2.1
Shelter .....	161.4	161.8	162.3	162.3	4.4	1.5	4.1	2.2	2.9	3.2
Renters' costs 1/ .....	169.1	169.9	170.4	170.0	3.4	1.9	1.4	2.1	2.7	1.8
Rent, residential .....	155.0	155.1	155.5	155.6	4.0	.3	4.2	1.6	2.1	2.9
Other renters' costs .....	195.5	198.4	199.3	197.2	1.9	6.1	-4.8	3.5	4.0	-.7
Homeowners' costs 1/ .....	166.9	167.2	167.8	167.8	4.8	1.2	5.2	2.2	3.0	3.7
Owners' equivalent rent 1/ .....	167.2	167.5	168.0	168.1	4.8	1.2	5.2	2.2	3.0	3.7
Household insurance 2/ 1/ .....	154.3	154.5	155.0	155.4	2.7	5.2	6.5	2.9	3.9	4.7
Maintenance and repairs 2/ .....	131.6	130.8	131.2	132.7	5.4	7.0	.3	3.4	6.2	1.8
Maintenance and repair services .....	135.8	135.9	136.4	137.0	3.1	11.4	1.2	3.6	7.2	2.4
Maintenance and repair commodities 2/ .....	126.0	123.8	124.3	126.8	8.7	.3	-.6	2.6	4.4	1.0
Fuel and other utilities .....	122.6	122.4	123.0	122.6	3.3	-1.9	-.3	.0	.7	-.2
Fuels .....	110.6	110.2	111.1	110.4	2.9	-4.2	.0	-.7	-.7	-.4
Fuel oil and other household fuel										
commodities .....	88.9	87.2	87.1	87.4	20.2	-11.3	.9	-6.6	3.2	-2.9
Gas (piped) and electricity (energy										
services).....	118.2	118.0	119.0	118.2	1.4	-3.3	-.3	.0	-1.0	-.2
Other utilities and public services 2/ .....	150.3	150.4	150.5	150.6	3.5	.8	-.3	.8	2.2	.3
Household furnishings and operation .....	121.4	121.4	121.1	121.0	-.3	3.4	.3	-1.3	1.5	-.5
Housefurnishings .....	111.3	110.9	111.0	110.8	-2.2	5.9	-1.4	-1.8	1.8	-1.6
Housekeeping supplies .....	132.8	134.1	132.5	132.8	3.7	-2.4	2.1	.0	.6	1.1
Housekeeping services .....	139.1	139.4	139.2	139.1	1.8	1.2	2.6	.0	1.5	1.3
Apparel and upkeep .....	133.0	132.4	132.2	131.9	.3	3.0	-5.8	-3.3	1.6	-4.5
Apparel commodities .....	129.8	129.1	128.9	128.5	.3	2.8	-6.5	-3.9	1.5	-5.2
Men's and boys' apparel .....	128.2	127.0	127.0	125.3	-7.9	4.9	5.8	-8.7	-1.7	-1.7
Women's and girls' apparel .....	128.7	128.7	127.4	127.3	1.8	4.0	-15.4	-4.3	2.9	-10.0

Infants' and toddlers' apparel .....	129.4	128.5	130.2	130.9	-.9	2.9	6.8	4.7	.9	5.7
Footwear .....	124.5	124.0	124.5	124.5	-1.6	3.5	-8.5	.0	.9	-4.4
Other apparel commodities .....	151.7	148.8	150.6	152.3	20.0	-6.6	4.1	1.6	5.8	2.8
Apparel services 2/.....	156.3	156.4	156.3	156.4	1.0	3.4	2.1	.3	2.2	1.2
Transportation .....	136.4	136.1	136.3	136.7	3.4	2.1	9.0	.9	2.8	4.9
Private transportation .....	133.5	133.5	134.0	134.7	3.8	3.1	8.8	3.6	3.5	6.2
New vehicles .....	139.4	139.4	139.0	139.0	4.2	5.1	5.0	-1.1	4.7	1.9
New cars .....	137.6	137.7	137.4	137.4	4.0	4.2	5.1	-.6	4.1	2.2
Used cars .....	144.0	146.0	148.0	150.9	-5.9	11.0	11.3	20.6	2.2	15.8
Motor fuel .....	101.4	100.3	100.8	101.0	7.3	-5.6	26.6	-1.6	.6	11.6
Gasoline .....	101.5	100.4	101.0	101.0	6.0	-4.9	29.2	-2.0	.4	12.6
Maintenance and repairs .....	151.0	151.5	151.8	152.0	2.7	2.4	3.2	2.7	2.6	3.0
Other private transportation .....	163.2	163.9	165.1	166.8	4.4	5.6	3.0	9.1	5.0	6.0
Other private transportation commodities .....	103.2	103.4	103.9	103.9	2.4	1.6	-2.7	2.7	2.0	.0
Other private transportation services .....	177.4	178.2	179.6	181.7	4.5	6.1	4.2	10.1	5.3	7.1
Public transportation .....	175.1	171.5	167.9	163.9	.9	-8.0	8.4	-23.2	-3.6	-8.8
Medical care .....	213.2	214.5	215.2	216.4	3.3	5.7	4.8	6.1	4.5	5.5
Medical care commodities .....	201.7	202.6	203.4	203.5	1.4	4.1	2.8	3.6	2.8	3.2
Medical care services .....	215.6	217.0	217.7	219.1	3.9	6.0	5.2	6.7	5.0	5.9
Professional medical services .....	194.0	195.2	195.9	196.8	3.7	4.7	4.0	5.9	4.2	5.0
Entertainment 2/ .....	150.5	150.6	151.6	151.5	4.1	.8	1.6	2.7	2.4	2.1
Entertainment commodities .....	137.3	136.8	137.4	137.2	.3	3.6	3.6	-.3	1.9	1.6
Entertainment services .....	166.4	167.1	168.6	168.5	7.3	-1.4	.0	5.1	2.8	2.5
Other goods and services .....	200.8	201.6	202.5	202.9	3.1	6.7	2.8	4.2	4.9	3.5
Tobacco and smoking products .....	221.9	223.7	223.9	223.1	.9	5.5	3.7	2.2	3.2	2.9
Personal care 2/ .....	145.1	145.3	145.7	145.8	-.3	6.3	-.3	1.9	3.0	.8
Toilet goods and personal care appliances 2/ .....	141.8	142.0	142.3	142.6	-1.1	6.1	.0	2.3	2.4	1.1
Personal care services 2/ .....	148.7	148.7	149.2	149.2	1.4	6.1	-.3	1.4	3.7	.5
Personal and educational expenses .....	225.5	226.2	227.6	228.7	5.1	7.3	3.4	5.8	6.2	4.6
School books and supplies .....	207.1	206.7	207.4	207.7	5.9	4.0	3.0	1.2	4.9	2.1
Personal and educational services .....	226.8	227.6	229.0	230.1	5.2	7.4	3.4	5.9	6.3	4.7
Commodity and service group										
All items .....	-	-	-	-	2.5	2.5	3.6	2.2	2.5	2.9
Commodities .....	134.8	134.7	134.9	135.4	.6	2.7	4.0	1.8	1.7	2.9
Food and beverages .....	146.0	146.1	146.4	147.7	-.8	2.5	4.5	4.7	.8	4.6
Commodities less food and beverages .....	128.0	127.8	127.8	127.9	1.9	2.9	3.5	-.3	2.4	1.6

Nondurables less food and beverages ....	129.2	128.7	128.7	128.5	3.5	1.3	2.5	-2.1	2.4	.2
Apparel commodities .....	129.8	129.1	128.9	128.5	.3	2.8	-6.5	-3.9	1.5	-5.2
Nondurables less food, beverages, and apparel 2/ .....	132.8	132.2	132.5	131.5	.6	7.4	8.2	-3.9	4.0	2.0
Durables .....	125.9	125.9	126.2	126.6	.7	5.6	3.2	2.2	3.1	2.7
Services .....	164.2	164.6	165.1	165.2	3.8	2.0	3.5	2.5	2.9	3.0
Rent of shelter 2/ 1/ .....	168.2	168.6	168.6	168.3	7.0	.7	3.9	.2	3.8	2.1
Household services less rent										
of shelter 1/ .....	136.4	136.5	137.0	136.8	1.2	-.3	.6	1.2	.4	.9
Transportation services .....	170.3	170.0	170.0	170.4	3.4	1.9	4.8	.2	2.7	2.5
Medical care services .....	215.6	217.0	217.7	219.1	3.9	6.0	5.2	6.7	5.0	5.9
Other services .....	186.9	187.5	188.7	189.1	5.2	4.2	1.9	4.8	4.7	3.4
Special indexes										
All items less food .....	149.9	150.1	150.5	150.5	3.3	2.2	3.3	1.6	2.7	2.4
All items less shelter .....	145.9	145.9	146.2	146.6	2.0	2.5	3.6	1.9	2.3	2.8
All items less homeowners' costs 1/ .....	150.6	150.7	151.0	151.4	1.9	2.7	3.3	2.1	2.3	2.7
All items less medical care .....	145.6	145.6	146.0	146.2	2.3	2.2	3.7	1.7	2.3	2.7
Commodities less food .....	129.0	128.8	128.9	129.0	1.6	2.9	3.2	.0	2.2	1.6
Nondurables less food .....	130.5	130.1	129.9	130.0	3.5	.9	2.5	-1.5	2.2	.5
Nondurables less food and apparel 2/ .....	133.7	133.2	133.5	132.6	.9	6.3	7.2	-3.3	3.6	1.8
Nondurables 2/ .....	138.1	138.1	138.2	137.8	2.7	1.5	4.8	-.9	2.1	1.9
Services less rent of shelter 1/ .....	171.7	172.0	172.4	172.9	3.1	2.9	2.8	2.8	3.0	2.8
Services less medical care services .....	159.3	159.7	160.1	160.1	3.6	2.0	2.8	2.0	2.8	2.4
Energy .....	105.5	104.8	105.5	105.2	4.7	-4.9	10.9	-1.1	-.2	4.7
All items less energy .....	155.3	155.6	155.9	156.3	2.1	2.9	3.2	2.6	2.5	2.9
All items less food and energy .....	157.7	158.0	158.3	158.5	2.9	3.1	2.6	2.0	3.0	2.3
Commodities less food and energy commodities .....	137.8	137.8	137.9	137.9	.6	4.2	.6	.3	2.4	.4
Energy commodities .....	100.1	98.9	99.4	99.6	8.7	-6.1	23.3	-2.0	1.1	9.9
Services less energy services .....	168.9	169.3	169.8	170.0	4.2	2.4	3.6	2.6	3.3	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 Dec. 1993 from-		Seasonally adjusted percent change from-		
		Nov. 1994	Dec. 1994	Dec. 1993	Nov. 1994	Sept. to Oct.	Oct. to Nov.	Nov. to Dec.
All items .....	100.000	147.3	147.2	2.7	-0.1	0.1	0.3	0.2
All items (1967=100) .....	-	438.6	438.6	-	-	-	-	-
Food and beverages .....	19.344	145.3	146.6	2.6	.9	.0	.2	.8
Food .....	17.622	144.8	146.2	2.8	1.0	.0	.1	.8
Food at home .....	11.187	144.3	146.3	3.2	1.4	-.1	.1	1.2
Cereals and bakery products .....	1.660	163.5	163.9	3.3	.2	-.1	-.2	.2
Meats, poultry, fish, and eggs .....	3.513	136.7	136.0	-.7	-.5	-.3	.1	-.4
Dairy products .....	1.321	131.4	131.4	1.1	.0	-.2	.3	-.3
Fruits and vegetables .....	2.019	164.5	178.8	8.1	8.7	.4	.3	7.4
Other food at home .....	2.674	138.5	138.3	5.7	-.1	-.2	.2	.0
Sugar and sweets .....	.374	134.5	134.4	1.0	-.1	.1	-.4	.1
Fats and oils .....	.283	134.1	134.1	3.7	.0	.5	.2	.1
Nonalcoholic beverages .....	.833	131.1	130.6	13.5	-.4	-.5	.6	.1
Other prepared food .....	1.184	147.8	148.0	2.3	.1	-.2	.1	-.1
Food away from home .....	6.435	146.7	147.0	2.0	.2	.1	.3	.2
Alcoholic beverages .....	1.722	151.3	151.4	.9	.1	.2	.5	.3
Housing .....	39.004	142.7	142.7	2.1	.0	.1	.2	-.1
Shelter .....	25.682	157.9	157.7	3.0	-.1	.3	.3	-.1
Renters' costs 1/ .....	8.095	148.8	148.5	2.5	-.2	.5	.2	.0
Rent, residential .....	6.628	155.4	155.4	2.5	.0	.2	.2	.1
Other renters' costs .....	1.467	189.6	187.2	2.1	-1.3	1.6	.5	-.7
Homeowners' costs 1/ .....	17.399	153.1	153.1	3.3	.0	.3	.3	-.1
Owners' equivalent rent 1/ .....	17.074	153.3	153.3	3.3	.0	.3	.3	-.1
Household insurance 2/ 1/ .....	.324	142.4	142.9	4.8	.4	.1	.4	.4
Maintenance and repairs 2/ .....	.188	131.4	132.4	3.7	.8	-.6	.3	.8
Maintenance and repair services 2/ ..	.102	140.0	140.3	4.7	.2	.1	.4	.2
Maintenance and repair commodities 2/ .....	.085	120.2	121.9	2.4	1.4	-1.3	.2	1.4
Fuel and other utilities .....	7.523	121.5	121.6	.1	.1	-.2	.5	-.2
Fuels .....	4.093	109.3	109.5	-.6	.2	-.5	.9	-.6
Fuel oil and other household fuel commodities .....	.339	87.6	88.3	.1	.8	-2.0	.1	.3

Gas (piped) and electricity (energy services).....	3.754	116.7	116.8	-.8	.1	-.3	.9	-.7
Other utilities and public services 2/ .....	3.429	150.9	151.1	1.0	.1	.0	.0	.1
Household furnishings and operation ....	5.800	119.8	119.7	.6	-.1	.0	-.2	-.1
Housefurnishings .....	3.525	109.5	109.1	.0	-.4	-.4	.1	-.2
Housekeeping supplies .....	1.141	133.0	133.3	1.1	.2	.9	-1.0	.2
Housekeeping services .....	1.134	141.4	141.5	1.7	.1	.2	.0	-.1
Apparel and upkeep .....	5.909	133.0	129.3	-1.5	-2.8	-.6	-.3	-.3
Apparel commodities .....	5.379	130.1	126.1	-1.9	-3.1	-.8	-.2	-.4
Men's and boys' apparel .....	1.393	128.4	124.5	-2.0	-3.0	-1.1	-.2	-1.3
Women's and girls' apparel.....	2.356	129.1	124.0	-3.4	-4.0	-.3	-.8	-.4
Infants' and toddlers' apparel .....	.261	133.2	132.9	3.7	-.2	-.6	1.3	.3
Footwear .....	.866	126.1	124.2	-1.9	-1.5	-.7	.2	-.1
Other apparel commodities .....	.502	149.1	144.1	2.9	-3.4	-2.0	.7	.5
Apparel services 2/ .....	.530	155.8	155.9	1.6	.1	.1	-.1	.1
Transportation .....	18.863	136.7	136.7	4.5	.0	-.1	.3	.4
Private transportation .....	17.613	135.1	135.2	5.2	.1	.0	.4	.6
New vehicles .....	4.948	140.1	140.9	3.5	.6	-.1	-.3	.0
New cars .....	3.606	137.3	138.1	3.1	.6	.0	-.1	.1
Used cars .....	2.256	150.8	152.1	8.5	.9	1.4	1.4	1.7
Motor fuel .....	3.705	102.6	100.2	5.9	-2.3	-1.2	.5	.1
Gasoline .....	-	102.5	100.0	6.4	-2.4	-1.3	.6	.1
Maintenance and repairs .....	1.615	152.5	152.6	2.9	.1	.3	.2	.3
Other private transportation .....	5.089	162.0	163.4	5.5	.9	.3	.8	.9
Other private transportation commodities .....	.795	103.2	103.5	.9	.3	.1	.6	.0
Other private transportation services .....	4.295	176.6	178.4	6.4	1.0	.4	.7	1.1
Public transportation .....	1.251	163.8	162.5	-5.0	-.8	-1.6	-1.6	-2.1
Medical care .....	6.044	214.0	214.6	4.9	.3	.6	.4	.5
Medical care commodities .....	1.061	200.6	200.8	2.9	.1	.5	.4	.1
Medical care services .....	4.983	217.1	217.7	5.4	.3	.6	.4	.6
Professional medical services .....	2.865	196.5	196.9	4.7	.2	.7	.4	.4
Entertainment .....	4.028	149.6	149.2	2.1	-.3	.1	.7	-.1
Entertainment commodities .....	2.077	136.6	136.1	1.6	-.4	-.1	.4	-.1
Entertainment services .....	1.951	168.5	168.3	2.7	-.1	.4	1.0	-.1
Other goods and services .....	6.807	199.8	200.0	4.2	.1	.4	.5	.1
Tobacco and smoking products .....	2.121	221.7	222.2	3.2	.2	.6	.3	-.4
Personal care 2/ .....	1.146	145.9	146.1	2.0	.1	.1	.3	.1



Toilet goods and personal care									
appliances 2/ .....	.650	143.1	143.5	2.0	.3	.1	.2	.3	
Personal care services 2/ .....	.496	149.1	149.2	2.1	.1	.0	.3	.1	
Personal and educational expenses .....	3.540	224.9	224.9	5.4	.0	.3	.5	.5	
School books and supplies .....	.219	208.8	208.5	3.1	-.1	-.4	.5	.2	
Personal and educational services .....	3.321	226.5	226.5	5.6	.0	.4	.6	.5	
Commodity and service group									
All items .....	100.000	147.3	147.2	2.7	-.1	.1	.3	.2	
Commodities .....	47.644	135.0	134.8	2.4	-.1	-.1	.2	.3	
Food and beverages .....	19.344	145.3	146.6	2.6	.9	.0	.2	.8	
Commodities less food and beverages .....	28.300	128.6	127.6	2.3	-.8	-.2	.2	.0	
Nondurables less food and beverages ..	16.590	129.7	127.7	1.6	-1.5	-.5	.1	-.2	
Apparel commodities .....	5.379	130.1	126.1	-1.9	-3.1	-.8	-.2	-.4	
Nondurables less food, beverages, and apparel 2/ .....	11.211	132.4	131.3	3.2	-.8	-.6	.3	-.8	
Durables .....	11.710	126.0	126.5	3.4	.4	.1	.3	.6	
Services .....	52.356	162.3	162.4	3.0	.1	.2	.4	.1	
Rent of shelter 2/ 1/ .....	25.143	151.9	151.7	3.0	-.1	.3	.1	-.1	
Household services less rent of									
shelter 1/ .....	8.771	124.7	124.9	.6	.2	.2	.2	-.1	
Transportation services .....	7.160	168.4	169.2	3.6	.5	.1	.2	.4	
Medical care services .....	4.983	217.1	217.7	5.4	.3	.6	.4	.6	
Other services .....	6.299	185.9	185.9	4.1	.0	.3	.7	.3	
Special indexes									
All items less food .....	82.378	147.7	147.4	2.8	-.2	.1	.3	.1	
All items less shelter .....	74.318	144.6	144.6	2.7	.0	-.1	.3	.3	
All items less homeowners' costs 1/ .....	82.601	138.4	138.4	2.6	.0	.0	.3	.3	
All items less medical care .....	93.956	144.1	144.0	2.6	-.1	.1	.3	.1	
Commodities less food .....	30.022	129.4	128.5	2.2	-.7	-.2	.2	.1	
Nondurables less food .....	18.312	130.8	129.0	1.5	-1.4	-.5	.1	-.2	
Nondurables less food and apparel 2/ .....	12.933	133.3	132.4	3.0	-.7	-.4	.2	-.7	
Nondurables 2/ .....	35.934	137.8	137.4	2.2	-.3	-.1	.1	-.3	
Services less rent of shelter 1/ .....	27.213	153.7	154.0	3.0	.2	.3	.4	.3	
Services less medical care services .....	47.373	157.6	157.6	2.7	.0	.3	.3	.1	
Energy .....	7.798	105.3	104.2	2.5	-1.0	-.9	.7	-.2	
All items less energy .....	92.202	153.2	153.3	2.8	.1	.2	.2	.3	
All items less food and energy .....	74.580	155.3	155.1	2.8	-.1	.2	.2	.1	
Commodities less food and energy commodities .....	25.978	137.7	137.1	1.8	-.4	.1	.1	.1	
Energy commodities .....	4.044	101.5	99.4	5.4	-2.1	-1.3	.5	.1	

Services less energy services .....	48.602	167.4	167.5	3.3	.1	.2	.3	.2
Purchasing power of the consumer dollar:								
1982-84=\$1.00 2/ .....	-	\$.679	\$.679	-2.7	.0	-.1	-.1	.0
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				
	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Mar.	3 months ended-		6 months ended-		
	1994	1994	1994	1994	1994	June	Sept.	Dec.	June	Dec.
						1994	1994	1994	1994	1994
All items .....	-	-	-	-	2.5	2.2	3.9	2.2	2.4	3.1
Food and beverages .....	145.7	145.7	146.0	147.1	-.3	2.3	4.8	3.9	1.0	4.4
Food .....	145.2	145.2	145.4	146.6	.0	2.3	5.1	3.9	1.1	4.5
Food at home .....	145.1	144.9	145.1	146.9	-1.4	2.9	6.9	5.1	.7	6.0
Cereals and bakery products .....	164.6	164.5	164.1	164.4	3.3	6.1	4.5	-.5	4.7	2.0
Meats, poultry, fish, and eggs .....	136.9	136.5	136.6	136.1	1.8	-.3	-1.4	-2.3	.7	-1.9
Dairy products .....	130.7	130.5	130.9	130.5	7.3	5.3	-7.0	-.6	6.3	-3.9
Fruits and vegetables .....	167.4	168.0	168.5	180.9	-18.2	5.4	15.7	36.4	-7.2	25.6
Other food at home .....	139.2	138.9	139.2	139.2	.3	2.5	21.4	.0	1.4	10.2
Sugar and sweets .....	135.4	135.5	135.0	135.2	3.6	-1.8	2.7	-.6	.9	1.0
Fats and oils .....	134.3	135.0	135.3	135.4	6.0	3.7	2.1	3.3	4.8	2.7
Nonalcoholic beverages .....	132.0	131.3	132.1	132.2	-4.1	2.4	67.1	.6	-.9	29.7
Other prepared food .....	148.7	148.4	148.6	148.5	1.4	3.3	5.0	-.5	2.4	2.2
Food away from home .....	146.1	146.3	146.7	147.0	2.0	1.4	2.2	2.5	1.7	2.4
Alcoholic beverages .....	150.8	151.1	151.8	152.3	-.8	1.1	-.5	4.0	.1	1.7
Housing .....	142.5	142.7	143.0	142.9	3.5	1.1	2.6	1.1	2.3	1.8

Shelter .....	157.2	157.7	158.1	158.0	4.2	1.8	3.9	2.1	3.0	3.0
Renters' costs 1/ .....	148.6	149.3	149.6	149.6	3.3	2.2	1.4	2.7	2.8	2.0
Rent, residential .....	154.5	154.8	155.1	155.3	4.0	.8	3.2	2.1	2.4	2.6
Other renters' costs .....	195.7	198.8	199.8	198.5	.8	8.3	-5.9	5.8	4.5	-.2
Homeowners' costs 1/ .....	152.2	152.6	153.0	152.9	4.7	1.3	5.2	1.9	3.0	3.5
Owners' equivalent rent 1/ .....	152.4	152.8	153.2	153.1	4.7	1.3	5.1	1.8	3.0	3.5
Household insurance 2/ 1/ .....	141.7	141.9	142.4	142.9	2.7	5.3	7.7	3.4	4.0	5.5
Maintenance and repairs 2/ .....	131.8	131.0	131.4	132.4	5.4	6.7	.9	1.8	6.0	1.4
Maintenance and repair services .....	139.4	139.5	140.0	140.3	3.9	11.7	.9	2.6	7.8	1.7
Maintenance and repair commodities 2/ .....	121.6	120.0	120.2	121.9	6.9	1.3	.7	1.0	4.1	.8
Fuel and other utilities .....	122.2	121.9	122.5	122.2	3.3	-1.9	-.7	.0	.7	-.3
Fuels .....	109.9	109.4	110.4	109.7	3.3	-4.2	-.7	-.7	-.5	-.7
Fuel oil and other household fuel										
commodities .....	88.8	87.0	87.1	87.4	19.6	-11.3	.9	-6.2	3.0	-2.7
Gas (piped) and electricity (energy										
services).....	117.6	117.2	118.3	117.5	1.7	-3.3	-.7	-.3	-.8	-.5
Other utilities and public services 2/ .....	150.9	150.9	150.9	151.1	3.0	1.1	-.5	.5	2.0	.0
Household furnishings and operation .....	120.0	120.0	119.8	119.7	-.3	3.1	.3	-1.0	1.3	-.3
Housefurnishings .....	109.9	109.5	109.6	109.4	-2.5	4.9	-.7	-1.8	1.1	-1.3
Housekeeping supplies .....	133.0	134.2	132.8	133.1	4.3	-2.1	1.8	.3	1.1	1.1
Housekeeping services .....	141.2	141.5	141.5	141.4	2.0	.9	3.5	.6	1.4	2.0
Apparel and upkeep .....	131.9	131.1	130.7	130.3	1.2	2.7	-5.0	-4.8	2.0	-4.9
Apparel commodities .....	129.1	128.1	127.8	127.3	1.2	2.8	-5.7	-5.5	2.0	-5.6
Men's and boys' apparel .....	127.6	126.2	126.0	124.4	-8.5	5.9	5.5	-9.7	-1.6	-2.4
Women's and girls' apparel .....	127.5	127.1	126.1	125.6	3.4	4.0	-14.5	-5.8	3.7	-10.3
Infants' and toddlers' apparel .....	131.0	130.2	131.9	132.3	-1.2	5.1	7.0	4.0	1.9	5.5
Footwear .....	125.5	124.6	124.8	124.7	1.6	2.2	-8.4	-2.5	1.9	-5.5
Other apparel commodities .....	150.8	147.8	148.8	149.6	18.8	-9.4	7.2	-3.1	3.7	1.9
Apparel services 2/.....	155.9	156.0	155.8	155.9	.8	3.4	2.3	.0	2.1	1.2
Transportation .....	135.5	135.3	135.7	136.3	3.1	3.1	9.7	2.4	3.1	6.0
Private transportation .....	133.5	133.5	134.1	134.9	3.2	3.8	9.5	4.3	3.5	6.9
New vehicles .....	140.3	140.2	139.8	139.8	4.2	5.7	5.3	-1.4	4.9	1.9
New cars .....	137.3	137.3	137.1	137.2	4.0	4.5	4.8	-.3	4.3	2.2
Used cars .....	144.6	146.6	148.7	151.3	-6.7	11.2	11.2	19.9	1.9	15.5
Motor fuel .....	101.4	100.2	100.7	100.8	7.3	-4.9	26.0	-2.3	1.1	10.9
Gasoline .....	101.4	100.1	100.7	100.8	6.9	-4.5	28.7	-2.3	1.1	12.1
Maintenance and repairs .....	151.7	152.2	152.5	152.9	2.7	2.4	3.2	3.2	2.6	3.2
Other private transportation .....	159.4	159.9	161.1	162.6	3.7	6.3	3.9	8.3	5.0	6.0
Other private transportation										
commodities .....	102.4	102.5	103.1	103.1	2.8	1.2	-3.1	2.8	2.0	-.2
Other private transportation										
services .....	173.5	174.2	175.5	177.5	3.9	7.3	5.0	9.5	5.6	7.2

Public transportation .....	170.2	167.5	164.8	161.3	.9	-6.9	7.4	-19.3	-3.0	-6.9
Medical care .....	212.3	213.5	214.4	215.5	3.4	5.7	4.5	6.2	4.5	5.3
Medical care commodities .....	199.3	200.3	201.2	201.4	1.2	4.3	1.6	4.3	2.8	2.9
Medical care services .....	215.1	216.4	217.3	218.6	3.9	6.1	5.0	6.7	5.0	5.8
Professional medical services .....	194.9	196.2	196.9	197.7	3.4	5.4	4.2	5.9	4.4	5.0
Entertainment 2/ .....	148.5	148.6	149.7	149.5	3.9	1.4	.8	2.7	2.6	1.8
Entertainment commodities .....	136.3	136.1	136.7	136.5	1.2	3.0	2.1	.6	2.1	1.3
Entertainment services .....	166.3	166.9	168.5	168.4	6.2	.0	-.5	5.1	3.1	2.3
Other goods and services .....	198.5	199.2	200.1	200.4	2.9	6.6	3.3	3.9	4.7	3.6
Tobacco and smoking products .....	222.3	223.6	224.2	223.3	.6	6.0	4.2	1.8	3.3	3.0
Personal care 2/ .....	145.4	145.5	145.9	146.1	.0	6.0	.3	1.9	3.0	1.1
Toilet goods and personal care appliances 2/ .....	142.6	142.8	143.1	143.5	-1.1	5.8	.8	2.5	2.3	1.7
Personal care services 2/ .....	148.6	148.6	149.1	149.2	1.4	6.4	-1.1	1.6	3.9	.3
Personal and educational expenses .....	221.4	222.1	223.3	224.4	5.2	7.2	3.9	5.5	6.2	4.7
School books and supplies .....	208.3	207.4	208.4	208.9	5.6	4.6	1.2	1.2	5.1	1.2
Personal and educational services .....	222.6	223.4	224.7	225.8	5.1	7.4	4.1	5.9	6.3	5.0
Commodity and service group										
All items .....	-	-	-	-	2.5	2.2	3.9	2.2	2.4	3.1
Commodities .....	134.6	134.4	134.7	135.1	.9	2.8	4.6	1.5	1.8	3.0
Food and beverages .....	145.7	145.7	146.0	147.1	-.3	2.3	4.8	3.9	1.0	4.4
Commodities less food and beverages .....	127.7	127.5	127.7	127.7	1.6	3.2	4.2	.0	2.4	2.1
Nondurables less food and beverages .....	128.9	128.2	128.3	128.1	4.2	1.3	3.5	-2.5	2.7	.5
Apparel commodities .....	129.1	128.1	127.8	127.3	1.2	2.8	-5.7	-5.5	2.0	-5.6
Nondurables less food, beverages, and apparel 2/ .....	132.8	132.0	132.4	131.3	.3	8.8	8.9	-4.4	4.5	2.0
Durables .....	124.8	124.9	125.3	126.0	1.0	5.3	3.3	3.9	3.1	3.6
Services .....	161.6	162.0	162.6	162.7	3.9	2.3	3.3	2.8	3.1	3.0
Rent of shelter 2/ 1/ .....	151.4	151.8	151.9	151.7	6.1	1.1	4.1	.8	3.6	2.4
Household services less rent of shelter 1/ .....	125.2	125.4	125.7	125.6	1.9	-.6	-.3	1.3	.6	.5
Transportation services .....	167.4	167.5	167.9	168.6	3.0	3.7	4.9	2.9	3.3	3.9
Medical care services .....	215.1	216.4	217.3	218.6	3.9	6.1	5.0	6.7	5.0	5.8
Other services .....	183.9	184.4	185.6	186.1	5.0	4.5	2.2	4.9	4.8	3.5
Special indexes										
All items less food .....	146.8	146.9	147.3	147.4	3.1	2.5	3.6	1.6	2.8	2.6
All items less shelter .....	144.1	144.0	144.4	144.8	1.7	2.9	4.0	2.0	2.3	3.0

All items less homeowners' costs 1/ .....	138.0	138.0	138.4	138.8	2.1	2.7	3.6	2.3	2.4	2.9
All items less medical care .....	143.5	143.6	144.0	144.2	2.3	2.3	3.7	2.0	2.3	2.8
Commodities less food .....	128.8	128.6	128.8	128.9	1.6	2.9	4.1	.3	2.2	2.2
Nondurables less food .....	130.2	129.6	129.7	129.5	3.8	.9	3.5	-2.1	2.4	.6
Nondurables less food and apparel 2/ .....	133.6	133.0	133.3	132.4	.6	7.7	7.5	-3.5	4.1	1.8
Nondurables 2/ .....	137.8	137.7	137.8	137.4	2.7	2.1	5.1	-1.2	2.4	1.9
Services less rent of shelter 1/ .....	152.8	153.3	153.9	154.4	3.2	2.9	2.1	4.3	3.1	3.2
Services less medical care services .....	157.0	157.4	157.9	158.0	3.4	2.3	2.9	2.6	2.9	2.7
Energy .....	105.2	104.3	105.0	104.8	5.2	-4.6	11.4	-1.5	.2	4.7
All items less energy .....	152.6	152.9	153.2	153.6	2.2	3.0	3.2	2.6	2.6	2.9
All items less food and energy .....	154.7	155.0	155.3	155.5	2.7	3.2	2.9	2.1	2.9	2.5
Commodities less food and energy										
commodities .....	137.0	137.1	137.2	137.3	.6	4.2	1.2	.9	2.4	1.0
Energy commodities .....	100.5	99.2	99.7	99.8	8.3	-5.3	23.7	-2.8	1.3	9.7
Services less energy services .....	166.7	167.1	167.6	167.9	4.0	2.7	3.7	2.9	3.4	3.3

1/ Indexes on a December 1984=100 base.

2/ Not seasonally adjusted.

- Data not available.

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

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

(1982-84=100, unless otherwise noted)

Area	Pricing schedule 1/	Indexes				Percent change to Dec. 1994 from-			Percent change to Nov. 1994 from-		
		Sept. 1994	Oct. 1994	Nov. 1994	Dec. 1994	Dec. 1993	Oct. 1994	Nov. 1994	Nov. 1993	Sept. 1994	Oct. 1994
U.S. city average .....	M	149.4	149.5	149.7	149.7	2.7	0.1	0.0	2.7	0.2	0.1
Region and area size 2/											
Northeast urban.....	M	156.1	156.4	156.7	156.3	2.4	-.1	-.3	2.6	.4	.2
Size A - More than 1,200,000 .....	M	156.7	157.2	157.2	156.6	2.2	-.4	-.4	2.5	.3	.0
Size B - 500,000 to 1,200,000 .....	M	154.8	154.6	154.8	155.3	2.4	.5	.3	2.2	.0	.1
Size C - 50,000 to 500,000 .....	M	154.4	154.3	155.4	155.0	2.6	.5	-.3	2.8	.6	.7

North Central urban .....	M	145.6	145.3	145.8	145.7	3.2	.3	-.1	3.1	.1	.3
Size A - More than 1,200,000 .....	M	146.7	146.2	146.8	146.8	3.2	.4	.0	3.0	.1	.4
Size B - 360,000 to 1,200,000 .....	M	144.0	144.4	144.5	144.1	2.9	-.2	-.3	3.1	.3	.1
Size C - 50,000 to 360,000 .....	M	146.8	146.9	147.4	147.1	3.3	.1	-.2	3.4	.4	.3
Size D - Nonmetropolitan (less than 50,000) .....	M	141.5	140.9	141.3	141.2	3.2	.2	-.1	3.1	-.1	.3
South urban .....	M	145.8	145.9	146.0	146.1	2.7	.1	.1	2.6	.1	.1
Size A - More than 1,200,000 .....	M	145.9	145.9	145.9	146.0	2.3	.1	.1	2.3	.0	.0
Size B - 450,000 to 1,200,000 .....	M	148.3	148.2	148.4	148.4	3.2	.1	.0	3.1	.1	.1
Size C - 50,000 to 450,000 .....	M	144.7	145.0	145.0	145.3	3.1	.2	.2	2.8	.2	.0
Size D - Nonmetropolitan (less than 50,000) .....	M	143.3	144.1	144.3	144.3	2.6	.1	.0	2.3	.7	.1
West urban .....	M	150.6	151.0	151.1	151.2	2.3	.1	.1	2.4	.3	.1
Size A - More than 1,250,000 .....	M	151.7	152.1	151.9	152.2	1.8	.1	.2	1.7	.1	-.1
Size C - 50,000 to 330,000 .....	M	152.2	152.7	153.8	153.3	4.5	.4	-.3	4.6	1.1	.7
Size classes											
A 3/ .....	M	135.4	135.5	135.6	135.6	2.3	.1	.0	2.3	.1	.1
B .....	M	149.0	149.2	149.4	149.4	3.0	.1	.0	3.1	.3	.1
C .....	M	148.2	148.4	148.9	148.8	3.3	.3	-.1	3.2	.5	.3
D .....	M	144.7	145.0	145.3	145.3	2.8	.2	.0	2.8	.4	.2
Selected local areas											
Chicago-Gary-Lake County, IL-IN-WI.....	M	150.2	149.4	150.4	150.5	3.0	.7	.1	2.7	.1	.7
Los Angeles-Anaheim-Riverside, CA .....	M	152.7	153.4	152.9	153.4	1.0	.0	.3	.9	.1	-.3
N.Y.-Northern N.J.-Long Island, NY-NJ-CT	M	159.0	159.5	159.4	158.9	2.1	-.4	-.3	2.6	.3	-.1
Phil.-Wilmington-Trenton, PA-NJ-DE-MD ..	M	156.2	156.6	156.7	155.4	2.7	-.8	-.8	3.0	.3	.1
San Francisco-Oakland-San Jose, CA .....	M	149.4	149.4	149.8	149.4	1.6	.0	-.3	1.8	.3	.3
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	-	142.8	-	141.9	2.2	-.6	-	-	-	-
Detroit-Ann Arbor, MI .....	2	-	145.7	-	145.5	3.8	-.1	-	-	-	-
Houston-Galveston-Brazoria, TX .....	2	-	139.3	-	137.8	1.0	-1.1	-	-	-	-
Pittsburgh-Beaver Valley, PA .....	2	-	146.4	-	146.5	3.8	.1	-	-	-	-

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Table 6. Consumer Price Index for Urban Wage Earners and Clerical Workers: Selected areas, all items index  
(1982-84=100, unless otherwise noted)

Area	Pricing schedule 1/	Indexes				Percent change to Dec. 1994 from-			Percent change to Nov. 1994 from-		
		Sept. 1994	Oct. 1994	Nov. 1994	Dec. 1994	Dec. 1993	Oct. 1994	Nov. 1994	Nov. 1993	Sept. 1994	Oct. 1994
U.S. city average .....	M	146.9	147.0	147.3	147.2	2.7	0.1	-0.1	2.7	0.3	0.2
Region and area size 2/											
Northeast urban.....	M	153.7	154.1	154.3	154.0	2.4	-.1	-.2	2.6	.4	.1
Size A - More than 1,200,000 .....	M	153.3	153.8	153.8	153.3	2.3	-.3	-.3	2.5	.3	.0
Size B - 500,000 to 1,200,000 .....	M	152.7	152.6	152.6	153.1	2.5	.3	.3	2.3	-.1	.0
Size C - 50,000 to 500,000 .....	M	156.0	156.0	157.1	156.7	2.7	.4	-.3	2.8	.7	.7
North Central urban .....	M	142.5	142.2	142.8	142.7	3.3	.4	-.1	3.1	.2	.4
Size A - More than 1,200,000 .....	M	142.9	142.4	143.1	143.1	3.3	.5	.0	3.1	.1	.5
Size B - 360,000 to 1,200,000 .....	M	140.6	140.9	141.0	140.6	3.0	-.2	-.3	3.4	.3	.1
Size C - 50,000 to 360,000 .....	M	144.3	144.4	144.8	144.6	3.3	.1	-.1	3.3	.3	.3
Size D - Nonmetropolitan (less than 50,000) .....	M	140.0	139.4	139.9	139.7	3.0	.2	-.1	2.9	-.1	.4
South urban .....	M	144.5	144.6	144.8	144.9	2.9	.2	.1	2.7	.2	.1

Size A - More than 1,200,000 .....	M	144.3	144.3	144.3	144.3	2.3	.0	.0	2.3	.0	.0
Size B - 450,000 to 1,200,000 .....	M	144.9	144.9	145.2	145.3	3.3	.3	.1	3.1	.2	.2
Size C - 50,000 to 450,000 .....	M	144.7	145.0	145.1	145.3	3.2	.2	.1	2.9	.3	.1
Size D - Nonmetropolitan (less than 50,000) .....	M	143.7	144.4	144.7	144.7	2.7	.2	.0	2.3	.7	.2
West urban .....	M	147.7	148.1	148.2	148.5	2.4	.3	.2	2.3	.3	.1
Size A - More than 1,250,000 .....	M	147.2	147.6	147.6	147.9	1.9	.2	.2	1.8	.3	.0
Size C - 50,000 to 330,000 .....	M	149.6	150.0	151.1	150.7	4.3	.5	-.3	4.4	1.0	.7
Size classes											
A 3/ .....	M	134.5	134.6	134.8	134.7	2.4	.1	-.1	2.4	.2	.1
B .....	M	146.5	146.6	146.8	146.9	3.0	.2	.1	2.9	.2	.1
C .....	M	147.5	147.7	148.2	148.1	3.3	.3	-.1	3.2	.5	.3
D .....	M	144.1	144.3	144.8	144.8	2.9	.3	.0	2.8	.5	.3
Selected local areas											
Chicago-Gary-Lake County, IL-IN-WI.....	M	145.4	144.6	145.7	145.8	2.9	.8	.1	2.8	.2	.8
Los Angeles-Anaheim-Riverside, CA .....	M	147.3	148.0	147.7	148.1	1.0	.1	.3	.9	.3	-.2
N.Y.-Northern N.J.-Long Island, NY-NJ-CT	M	155.5	156.0	155.9	155.4	2.2	-.4	-.3	2.6	.3	-.1
Phil.-Wilmington-Trenton, PA-NJ-DE-MD ..	M	155.9	156.1	156.1	155.1	2.6	-.6	-.6	2.8	.1	.0
San Francisco-Oakland-San Jose, CA .....	M	147.1	147.0	147.6	147.4	1.9	.3	-.1	1.8	.3	.4
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	-	142.4	-	141.7	2.2	-.5	-	-	-	-
Detroit-Ann Arbor, MI .....	2	-	141.1	-	141.0	3.9	-.1	-	-	-	-
Houston-Galveston-Brazoria, TX .....	2	-	139.0	-	137.8	1.3	-.9	-	-	-	-
Pittsburgh-Beaver Valley, PA .....	2	-	140.1	-	140.3	3.8	.1	-	-	-	-

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Table 1A. Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers: U.S. city average, by expenditure category and commodity and service group

(1982-84=100, unless otherwise noted)

Expenditure category	Annual average 1993	Annual average 1994	Percent change from 1993 to 1994
All items .....	144.5	148.2	2.6
All items (1967=100) .....	432.7	444.0	-
Food and beverages .....	141.6	144.9	2.3
Food .....	140.9	144.3	2.4
Food at home .....	140.1	144.1	2.9
Cereals and bakery products .....	156.6	163.0	4.1
Meats, poultry, fish, and eggs .....	135.5	137.2	1.3
Dairy products .....	129.4	131.7	1.8
Fruits and vegetables .....	159.0	165.0	3.8
Other food at home .....	130.5	135.6	3.9
Sugar and sweets .....	133.4	135.2	1.3
Fats and oils .....	130.0	133.5	2.7
Nonalcoholic beverages .....	114.6	123.2	7.5
Other prepared food .....	143.7	147.5	2.6
Food away from home .....	143.2	145.7	1.7
Alcoholic beverages .....	149.6	151.5	1.3
Housing .....	141.2	144.8	2.5
Shelter .....	155.7	160.5	3.1
Renters' costs 1/ .....	165.0	169.4	2.7
Rent, residential .....	150.3	154.0	2.5
Other renters' costs .....	190.3	196.3	3.2

Homeowners' costs 1/ .....	160.2	165.5	3.3
Owners' equivalent rent 1/ .....	160.5	165.8	3.3
Household insurance 1/ .....	146.9	152.3	3.7
Maintenance and repairs .....	130.6	130.8	.2
Maintenance and repair services .....	135.0	134.5	-.4
Maintenance and repair commodities .....	124.6	125.8	1.0
Fuel and other utilities .....	121.3	122.8	1.2
Fuels .....	111.2	111.7	.4
Fuel oil and other household fuel commodities .....	90.3	88.8	-1.7
Gas (piped) and electricity (energy services) ...	118.5	119.2	.6
Other utilities and public services .....	147.0	150.2	2.2
Household furnishings and operation .....	119.3	121.0	1.4
Housefurnishings .....	109.5	111.0	1.4
Housekeeping supplies .....	130.7	132.3	1.2
Housekeeping services .....	135.8	138.5	2.0
Apparel and upkeep .....	133.7	133.4	-.2
Apparel commodities .....	131.0	130.4	-.5
Men's and boys' apparel .....	127.5	126.4	-.9
Women's and girls' apparel.....	132.6	130.9	-1.3
Infants' and toddlers' apparel .....	127.1	128.1	.8
Footwear .....	125.9	126.0	.1
Other apparel commodities .....	145.6	149.5	2.7
Apparel services .....	151.7	155.4	2.4
Transportation .....	130.4	134.3	3.0
Private transportation .....	127.5	131.4	3.1
New vehicles .....	132.7	137.6	3.7
New cars .....	131.5	136.0	3.4
Used cars .....	133.9	141.7	5.8
Motor fuel .....	98.0	98.5	.5
Gasoline .....	97.7	98.2	.5
Maintenance and repairs .....	145.9	150.2	2.9
Other private transportation .....	156.8	162.1	3.4
Other private transportation commodities .....	103.4	103.5	.1
Other private transportation services .....	169.1	175.8	4.0
Public transportation .....	167.0	172.0	3.0
Medical care .....	201.4	211.0	4.8
Medical care commodities .....	195.0	200.7	2.9
Medical care services .....	202.9	213.4	5.2
Professional medical services .....	184.7	192.5	4.2
Entertainment .....	145.8	150.1	2.9
Entertainment commodities .....	133.4	136.1	2.0

Entertainment services .....	160.8	166.8	3.7
Other goods and services .....	192.9	198.5	2.9
Tobacco and smoking products .....	228.4	220.0	-3.7
Personal care .....	141.5	144.6	2.2
Toilet goods and personal care appliances .....	139.0	141.5	1.8
Personal care services .....	144.0	147.9	2.7
Personal and educational expenses .....	210.7	223.2	5.9
School books and supplies .....	197.6	205.5	4.0
Personal and educational services .....	211.9	224.8	6.1
Commodity and service group			
All items .....	144.5	148.2	2.6
Commodities .....	131.5	133.8	1.7
Food and beverages .....	141.6	144.9	2.3
Commodities less food and beverages .....	125.3	126.9	1.3
Nondurables less food and beverages .....	128.1	128.4	.2
Apparel commodities .....	131.0	130.4	-.5
Nondurables less food, beverages, and apparel .....	129.6	130.3	.5
Durables .....	121.3	124.8	2.9
Services .....	157.9	163.1	3.3
Rent of shelter 1/ .....	162.0	167.0	3.1
Household services less rent of shelter 1/ .....	134.2	136.3	1.6
Transportation services .....	162.9	168.6	3.5
Medical care services .....	202.9	213.4	5.2
Other services .....	177.0	185.4	4.7
Special indexes			
All items less food .....	145.1	149.0	2.7
All items less shelter .....	141.4	144.8	2.4
All items less homeowners' costs 1/ .....	146.0	149.5	2.4
All items less medical care .....	141.2	144.7	2.5
Commodities less food .....	126.3	127.9	1.3
Nondurables less food .....	129.3	129.7	.3
Nondurables less food and apparel .....	130.7	131.6	.7
Nondurables .....	135.1	136.8	1.3
Services less rent of shelter 1/ .....	164.8	170.7	3.6
Services less medical care services .....	153.6	158.4	3.1
Energy .....	104.2	104.6	.4
All items less energy .....	150.0	154.1	2.7
All items less food and energy .....	152.2	156.5	2.8
Commodities less food and energy commodities .....	135.2	137.1	1.4

Energy commodities .....	97.3	97.6	.3
Services less energy services .....	161.9	167.6	3.5
Purchasing power of the consumer dollar:			
1982-84=\$1.00 .....	\$.692	\$.675	-2.5
1967=\$1.00 .....	.231	.225	-

1/ Indexes on a December 1982=100 base.  
- Data not available.

Table 4A. Consumer Price Index for Urban Wage Earners and Clerical Workers: U.S. city average, by expenditure category and commodity and service group

(1982-84=100, unless otherwise noted)

Expenditure category	Annual average 1993	Annual average 1994	Percent change from 1993 to 1994
All items .....	142.1	145.6	2.5
All items (1967=100) .....	423.1	433.8	-
Food and beverages .....	141.2	144.4	2.3
Food .....	140.5	143.9	2.4
Food at home .....	139.6	143.4	2.7
Cereals and bakery products .....	156.3	162.7	4.1
Meats, poultry, fish, and eggs .....	135.4	137.0	1.2
Dairy products .....	129.1	131.5	1.9
Fruits and vegetables .....	158.2	164.2	3.8
Other food at home .....	130.4	135.3	3.8
Sugar and sweets .....	133.1	135.2	1.6
Fats and oils .....	129.9	133.5	2.8
Nonalcoholic beverages .....	115.1	122.9	6.8
Other prepared food .....	143.5	147.2	2.6
Food away from home .....	143.1	145.5	1.7
Alcoholic beverages .....	149.3	151.0	1.1
Housing .....	138.5	142.0	2.5

Shelter .....	151.6	156.2	3.0
Renters' costs 1/ .....	144.7	148.5	2.6
Rent, residential .....	150.0	153.7	2.5
Other renters' costs .....	190.2	196.6	3.4
Homeowners' costs 1/ .....	146.1	150.9	3.3
Owners' equivalent rent 1/ .....	146.3	151.1	3.3
Household insurance 1/ .....	134.4	139.7	3.9
Maintenance and repairs .....	130.9	130.8	-.1
Maintenance and repair services .....	138.6	138.1	-.4
Maintenance and repair commodities .....	120.7	121.1	.3
Fuel and other utilities .....	121.1	122.5	1.2
Fuels .....	110.7	111.1	.4
Fuel oil and other household fuel			
commodities .....	90.2	88.7	-1.7
Gas (piped) and electricity (energy services) ...	118.0	118.7	.6
Other utilities and public services .....	147.7	150.8	2.1
Household furnishings and operation .....	118.0	119.7	1.4
Housefurnishings .....	108.3	109.6	1.2
Housekeeping supplies .....	131.1	132.5	1.1
Housekeeping services .....	137.4	140.6	2.3
Apparel and upkeep .....	132.4	132.2	-.2
Apparel commodities .....	129.8	129.4	-.3
Men's and boys' apparel .....	126.8	125.8	-.8
Women's and girls' apparel.....	130.4	129.2	-.9
Infants' and toddlers' apparel .....	128.9	129.3	.3
Footwear .....	126.5	126.9	.3
Other apparel commodities .....	145.4	148.7	2.3
Apparel services .....	151.2	154.9	2.4
Transportation .....	129.4	133.4	3.1
Private transportation .....	127.4	131.4	3.1
New vehicles .....	133.3	138.3	3.8
New cars .....	131.2	135.7	3.4
Used cars .....	134.6	142.4	5.8
Motor fuel .....	97.9	98.4	.5
Gasoline .....	97.6	98.2	.6
Maintenance and repairs .....	146.5	150.9	3.0
Other private transportation .....	152.9	157.9	3.3
Other private transportation commodities .....	102.8	102.8	.0
Other private transportation services .....	165.0	171.5	3.9
Public transportation .....	163.0	167.7	2.9
Medical care .....	200.9	210.4	4.7
Medical care commodities .....	193.2	198.6	2.8
Medical care services .....	202.7	213.0	5.1

Professional medical services .....	185.2	193.4	4.4
Entertainment .....	144.1	148.2	2.8
Entertainment commodities .....	132.9	135.5	2.0
Entertainment services .....	160.5	166.7	3.9
Other goods and services .....	192.2	196.4	2.2
Tobacco and smoking products .....	228.3	220.1	-3.6
Personal care .....	141.6	144.8	2.3
Toilet goods and personal care appliances .....	139.6	142.2	1.9
Personal care services .....	143.9	147.9	2.8
Personal and educational expenses .....	206.9	219.2	5.9
School books and supplies .....	199.2	207.1	4.0
Personal and educational services .....	207.8	220.4	6.1
Commodity and service group			
All items .....	142.1	145.6	2.5
Commodities .....	131.2	133.4	1.7
Food and beverages .....	141.2	144.4	2.3
Commodities less food and beverages .....	125.0	126.6	1.3
Nondurables less food and beverages .....	127.7	127.9	.2
Apparel commodities .....	129.8	129.4	-.3
Nondurables less food, beverages, and apparel .....	129.7	130.1	.3
Durables .....	120.1	123.8	3.1
Services .....	155.5	160.6	3.3
Rent of shelter 1/ .....	145.8	150.3	3.1
Household services less rent of shelter 1/ .....	123.5	125.4	1.5
Transportation services .....	160.0	165.7	3.6
Medical care services .....	202.7	213.0	5.1
Other services .....	174.1	182.4	4.8
Special indexes			
All items less food .....	142.3	145.9	2.5
All items less shelter .....	139.7	143.0	2.4
All items less homeowners' costs 1/ .....	133.9	137.0	2.3
All items less medical care .....	139.2	142.6	2.4
Commodities less food .....	125.9	127.6	1.4
Nondurables less food .....	128.9	129.2	.2
Nondurables less food and apparel .....	130.7	131.2	.4
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Services less rent of shelter 1/ .....	147.0	152.1	3.5
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Energy .....	103.6	104.1	.5
All items less energy .....	147.5	151.5	2.7
All items less food and energy .....	149.3	153.5	2.8
Commodities less food and energy commodities .....	134.3	136.2	1.4
Energy commodities .....	97.5	97.8	.3
Services less energy services .....	159.7	165.3	3.5
Purchasing power of the consumer dollar:			
1982-84=\$1.00 .....	\$.704	\$.687	-2.4
1967=\$1.00 .....	.236	.231	-

1/ Indexes on a December 1984=100 base.  
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