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CONSUMER PRICE INDEX--MARCH 1995

The Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers (CPI-U) rose 0.3 percent before seasonal adjustment in March to a level of 151.4 (1982-84=100), the Bureau of Labor Statistics of the U.S. Department of Labor reported today. For the 12-month period ended in March, the CPI-U increased 2.9 percent.

The Consumer Price Index for Urban Wage Earners and Clerical Workers (CPI-W) increased 0.3 percent in March, prior to seasonal adjustment. The March 1995 CPI-W level of 148.7 was 3.0 percent higher than the index in March 1994.

CPI for All Urban Consumers (CPI-U)

On a seasonally adjusted basis, the CPI-U rose 0.2 percent in March, following increases of 0.3 percent in both January and February. In March, the index for food was unchanged, following an increase of 0.3 percent in February. The moderation reflected a sharp drop in fresh fruit and vegetable prices. Energy costs fell for the second consecutive month, down 0.5 percent in March after declining 0.1 percent in February. The larger decrease in March resulted from a downturn in the index for household fuels; the index for motor fuels registered a 0.4 percent decline, the same as in February. Excluding food and energy, the CPI-U increased 0.3 percent for the second consecutive month.

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

Expenditure category	Seasonally adjusted								Unadj
	Changes from preceding month							Compnd	12-mo ended
	1994				1995			ann rte ended	
	Sep.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.		Mar.95
All items	.2	.1	.1	.2	.3	.3	.2	3.2	2.9
Food and beverages	.3	.0	.2	.6	-.2	.3	.0	.3	2.8
Housing	.2	.2	.1	.0	.4	.3	.2	3.6	2.3
Apparel and upkeep	.1	-.2	-.3	-.2	.7	-.6	.0	.3	-1.2
Transportation	.1	-.1	.1	.2	.6	.4	.6	6.3	4.4
Medical care	.4	.5	.4	.5	.3	.3	.3	3.8	4.8
Entertainment	.1	.1	.4	.1	.4	.2	.0	2.4	2.0
Other goods & serv	.1	.4	.4	.3	.0	.8	.1	3.6	4.3
Special indexes:									
Energy	-.6	-.3	.5	-.1	.3	-.1	-.5	-1.1	1.3
Food	.2	.1	.1	.8	-.3	.3	.0	.0	2.9
AI - food & energy	.2	.2	.2	.1	.4	.3	.3	4.1	3.0

During the first 3 months of 1995, the CPI-U rose at a 3.2 percent seasonally adjusted annual rate (SAAR). This compares with a 2.7 percent increase for all of 1994. The food index was unchanged during the first 3 months, while energy costs declined at a 1.1 percent rate.

Excluding food and energy, the CPI-U increased at a 4.1 percent rate in the first 3 months of 1995. This compares with a 2.6 percent increase in all of 1994. Upturns in the indexes for apparel and upkeep, public transportation, and household furnishings and operations were largely responsible for the first-quarter acceleration. The rates for selected groups during the past 8 and 1/4 years are shown below.

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Percent change 12 months
ended in December

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	1989	1990	1991	1992	1993	1994	1995
All Items	4.6	6.1	3.1	2.9	2.7	2.7	3.2
Food and beverages	5.5	5.3	2.5	1.6	2.7	2.7	.3
Housing	3.9	4.5	3.4	2.6	2.7	2.2	3.6
Apparel and upkeep	1.0	5.1	3.4	1.4	.9	-1.6	.3
Transportation	4.0	10.4	-1.5	3.0	2.4	3.8	6.3
Medical care	8.5	9.6	7.9	6.6	5.4	4.9	3.8
Entertainment	5.1	4.3	3.9	2.8	2.8	2.3	2.4
Other goods & services	8.2	7.6	8.0	6.5	2.7	4.2	3.6
Special indexes:							
Energy	5.1	18.1	-7.4	2.0	-1.4	2.2	-1.1
Food	5.6	5.3	1.9	1.5	2.9	2.9	.0
All Items less food and energy	4.4	5.2	4.4	3.3	3.2	2.6	4.1

The food and beverage index was unchanged in March. Grocery store food prices declined 0.2 percent, following an increase of 0.3 percent in February. The moderation in March largely reflects a downturn in the index for fruits and vegetables, which declined 1.8 percent in March after increasing 0.7 percent in February. The index for fresh fruits and vegetables fell 2.8 percent, while that for processed fruits and vegetables rose 0.4 percent. Among other major grocery store food groups, the indexes for cereal and bakery products and meats, poultry, fish, and eggs also contributed to the deceleration in March, each advancing 0.1 percent following a 0.5 percent increase in February. The indexes for dairy products and for other food at home each turned up in March, increasing 0.2 and 0.3 percent, respectively. The other two components of the food and beverage index--restaurant meals and alcoholic beverages--each rose 0.3 percent.

The housing component increased 0.2 percent in March, following a 0.3 percent rise in February. Shelter costs rose 0.3 percent for the third consecutive month. Within shelter, renters' costs advanced 0.6 percent; homeowners' costs, 0.2 percent; and maintenance and repair costs, 0.3 percent. The index for fuel and other utilities, which was unchanged in February, declined 0.2 percent in March. The index for household fuels fell 0.4 percent, as decreases in the indexes for natural gas and electricity--down 1.4 and 0.1 percent, respectively--more than offset a 0.4 percent increase in the index for fuel oil. The index for other utilities and public services rose 0.1 percent, as a decrease in charges for

telephone services was more than offset by increases in the indexes for water and sewerage maintenance, refuse collection, and cable television. The index for household furnishings and operation rose 0.2 percent in March.

The transportation index continued its relatively rapid advance in March--up 0.6 percent--despite declining gasoline prices and little change in new vehicle prices. The index for motor fuels declined 0.4 percent in March, the same as in February. The increase of 0.2 percent in the index for new vehicles continues a pattern of very little movement evident since the introduction of the 1995 models. On the other hand, automobile finance charges continued to increase sharply, advancing 3.5 percent in March and 32.8 percent in the last 12 months. The used car index also continued to rise sharply, advancing 1.7 percent in March and 15.9 percent in the past 12 months. The index for public transportation, which declined 6.2 percent in 1994, increased 4.5 percent in the first quarter of 1995. Airline fares rose 3.4 percent in March and 6.9 percent in the first 3 months of 1995, following a decline of 9.5 percent in 1994.

The index for apparel and upkeep was unchanged in March. (Prior to seasonal adjustment, clothing prices rose 2.8 percent in March, reflecting seasonal price increases associated with the continued introduction of the 1995 spring-summer wear.)

Medical care costs rose 0.3 percent in March to a level 4.8 percent higher than a year earlier. The index for medical care commodities--prescription drugs, nonprescription drugs, and medical supplies--declined 0.1 percent for the second consecutive month, reflecting another decrease in prescription drug prices. The index for medical care services rose 0.4 percent in March. Charges for professional services and hospital and related services increased 0.2 and 0.4 percent, respectively.

Entertainment costs were unchanged in March. A decrease in the index for entertainment commodities, largely resulting from price declines in the indexes for toys, hobbies, and other entertainment commodities and for sporting goods and equipment, offset an increase in the index for entertainment services.

The index for other goods and services increased 0.1 percent in March, following a 0.8 percent rise in February. Charges for legal fees and personal financial services, each of which rose sharply in February, turned down in March.

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

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

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		1995			ann rte	ended	ended	
	Sep.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.				Feb.	Mar.	Mar.95	Mar95
All items	.2	.1	.2	.2	.3	.3	.3	3.6	3.0
Food and beverages	.3	.0	.2	.6	-.2	.3	.0	.3	2.7
Housing	.1	.1	.2	.0	.4	.2	.2	3.4	2.1
Apparel and upkeep	.1	-.4	-.4	-.3	.7	-.3	.1	1.9	-1.1
Transportation	.1	.0	.4	.4	.7	.4	.7	7.2	5.4
Medical care	.4	.6	.4	.5	.3	.3	.3	3.6	4.8
Entertainment	.0	.2	.4	.0	.4	.2	.0	2.4	2.0
Other goods & serv	.3	.3	.4	.3	-.1	.7	.1	2.8	4.1
Special indexes:									
Energy	-.6	-.4	.6	-.1	.2	-.1	-.4	-1.1	1.4
Food	.3	.0	.1	.7	-.1	.2	.0	.3	2.8
AI - food & energy	.3	.2	.2	.2	.4	.3	.4	4.4	3.1

Consumer Price Index data for April will be released on Friday, May 12, 1995, 8:30 A.M. (EDT).

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

(1982-84=100, unless otherwise noted)

services 2/	3.234	151.8	151.9	1.2	.1	1.0	-.2	.1
Household furnishings and operation	6.052	122.4	122.6	1.7	.2	.8	.3	.2
Housefurnishings	3.508	111.1	111.2	.6	.1	.2	.4	-.3
Housekeeping supplies	1.088	134.6	135.7	2.6	.8	.8	.5	1.3
Housekeeping services	1.455	142.8	142.9	3.7	.1	2.5	.1	.2
Apparel and upkeep	5.656	131.1	134.4	-1.2	2.5	.7	-.6	.0
Apparel commodities	5.097	127.7	131.3	-1.6	2.8	.7	-.7	.0
Men's and boys' apparel	1.329	125.6	127.2	1.3	1.3	1.2	.5	-.1
Women's and girls' apparel.....	2.269	125.9	131.5	-4.2	4.4	.5	-1.3	-.5
Infants' and toddlers' apparel .....	.204	126.8	127.1	1.0	.2	.0	-1.6	.0
Footwear .....	.747	124.8	125.9	-.9	.9	.9	.1	-.2
Other apparel commodities .....	.548	150.4	155.0	1.4	3.1	.0	-1.3	2.7
Apparel services 2/ .....	.559	157.3	157.6	2.2	.2	.4	.2	.2
Transportation	17.139	137.5	138.0	4.4	.4	.6	.4	.6
Private transportation	15.623	135.0	135.2	5.1	.1	.5	.4	.3
New vehicles	5.059	140.7	140.7	2.9	.0	.2	.1	.2
New cars	4.052	139.1	139.0	2.7	-.1	.1	.3	.0
Used cars	1.318	153.3	154.8	15.9	1.0	2.6	2.7	1.7
Motor fuel	3.106	98.0	97.5	4.5	-.5	.4	-.4	-.4
Gasoline	-	97.7	97.2	4.9	-.5	.4	-.4	-.3
Maintenance and repairs	1.536	152.5	152.7	2.5	.1	.1	.2	.1
Other private transportation	4.604	169.4	170.2	6.2	.5	.7	.4	.8
Other private transportation commodities .....	.618	104.6	104.6	1.1	.0	-.2	.6	.2
Other private transportation services	3.986	184.6	185.6	7.1	.5	.8	.3	.8
Public transportation	1.516	169.9	174.5	-2.2	2.7	1.2	.8	2.5
Medical care	7.266	217.9	218.4	4.8	.2	.3	.3	.3
Medical care commodities	1.291	203.5	203.7	2.3	.1	.0	-.1	-.1
Medical care services	5.974	221.3	221.8	5.4	.2	.4	.4	.4
Professional medical services	3.416	198.5	199.1	4.6	.3	.3	.5	.2
Entertainment	4.335	152.5	152.6	2.0	.1	.4	.2	.0
Entertainment commodities	1.968	137.4	137.3	1.6	-.1	.2	.1	-.4
Entertainment services	2.366	170.2	170.7	2.5	.3	.5	.4	.2
Other goods and services	7.005	204.1	204.0	4.3	.0	.0	.8	.1
Tobacco and smoking products	1.607	222.7	222.5	2.2	-.1	-1.3	.4	.1
Personal care 2/	1.175	146.2	146.0	2.1	-.1	-.1	.3	-.1
Toilet goods and personal care appliances 2/ .....	.622	142.6	142.2	1.8	-.3	-.3	.3	-.3
Personal care services 2/ .....	.553	150.1	150.2	2.5	.1	.1	.5	.1

Personal and educational expenses	4.223	232.0	232.0	5.9	.0	.4	1.0	.3	
School books and supplies .....	.251	212.5	212.6	4.2	.0	1.2	.3	.5
Personal and educational services	3.972	233.6	233.6	6.0	.0	.4	1.1	.3	
Commodity and service group									
All items	100.000	150.9	151.4	2.9	.3	.3	.3	.2	
Commodities	43.386	135.4	135.9	2.3	.4	.1	.1	.1	
Food and beverages	17.412	147.8	147.9	2.8	.1	-.2	.3	.0	
Commodities less food and beverages	25.974	127.9	128.6	2.1	.5	.3	.1	.1	
Nondurables less food and beverages ..	15.375	128.1	129.2	1.1	.9	.3	.0	.0	
Apparel commodities	5.097	127.7	131.3	-1.6	2.8	.7	-.7	.0	
Nondurables less food, beverages, and apparel 2/	10.278	131.3	131.1	2.5	-.2	-.2	.1	-.2	
Durables	10.599	127.6	127.7	3.5	.1	.4	.5	.1	
Services	56.614	166.7	167.3	3.2	.4	.5	.3	.4	
Rent of shelter 1/	27.422	170.4	171.2	2.9	.5	.3	.3	.4	
Household services less rent of shelter 1/	8.731	137.0	136.9	1.0	-.1	.7	-.1	.0	
Transportation services	7.038	173.4	175.0	3.9	.9	.6	.5	1.0	
Medical care services	5.974	221.3	221.8	5.4	.2	.4	.4	.4	
Other services	7.450	190.9	191.1	4.3	.1	.4	.8	.3	
Special indexes									
All items less food	84.162	151.5	152.1	2.8	.4	.4	.3	.3	
All items less shelter	71.958	147.2	147.7	2.8	.3	.3	.3	.1	
All items less homeowners' costs 1/	80.111	152.1	152.7	2.8	.4	.3	.3	.2	
All items less medical care	92.734	147.1	147.6	2.6	.3	.3	.3	.2	
Commodities less food	27.548	128.8	129.5	2.0	.5	.3	.1	.1	
Nondurables less food	16.950	129.5	130.5	1.1	.8	.2	-.1	.2	
Nondurables less food and apparel 2/	11.852	132.5	132.4	2.3	-.1	-.2	.1	-.1	
Nondurables	32.788	138.1	138.7	2.0	.4	.1	.1	.1	
Services less rent of shelter 1/	29.192	174.7	175.1	3.4	.2	.6	.4	.2	
Services less medical care services	50.640	161.6	162.2	3.0	.4	.5	.3	.4	
Energy	6.965	103.7	103.2	1.3	-.5	.3	-.1	-.5	
All items less energy	93.035	157.2	157.8	2.9	.4	.3	.3	.3	
All items less food and energy	77.197	159.6	160.4	3.0	.5	.4	.3	.3	
Commodities less food and energy commodities	24.082	138.4	139.4	1.8	.7	.4	.1	.1	
Energy commodities	3.466	97.2	96.7	3.5	-.5	.3	-.4	-.3	
Services less energy services	53.115	171.7	172.4	3.5	.4	.5	.4	.4	
Purchasing power of the consumer dollar:									
1982-84=\$1.00 2/	-	\$.663	\$.660	-2.8	-.5	-.4	-.3	-.5	
1967=\$1.00 2/	-	.221	.220	-	-	-	-	-	

- 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				
	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	June	3 months ended-		6 months ended-		
	1994	1995	1995	1995	1994	Sept. 1994	Dec. 1994	Mar. 1995	Sept. 1994	Mar. 1995
All items	-	-	-	-	2.7	3.6	1.9	3.2	3.2	2.6
Food and beverages	147.3	147.0	147.4	147.4	2.8	4.8	3.3	.3	3.8	1.8
Food	147.1	146.7	147.1	147.1	2.8	5.1	3.9	.0	4.0	1.9
Food at home	147.3	146.6	147.1	146.8	4.0	6.9	4.2	-1.4	5.4	1.4
Cereals and bakery products	165.0	164.6	165.4	165.6	5.8	4.5	.5	1.5	5.2	1.0
Meats, poultry, fish, and eggs	136.6	136.9	137.6	137.8	.3	.3	-2.3	3.6	.3	.6
Dairy products	131.8	132.0	131.7	132.0	1.8	-3.0	1.5	.6	-.6	1.1
Fruits and vegetables	177.4	172.7	173.9	170.7	11.2	9.3	25.2	-14.3	10.3	3.6
Other food at home	139.7	139.9	139.8	140.2	2.4	21.8	.6	1.4	11.7	1.0
Sugar and sweets	135.5	135.4	135.4	136.3	-.3	1.2	.3	2.4	.4	1.3
Fats and oils	135.7	136.1	136.1	136.4	3.4	3.3	3.9	2.1	3.4	3.0
Nonalcoholic beverages	132.9	132.8	132.4	132.1	1.4	72.0	1.2	-2.4	32.1	-.6
Other prepared food	148.7	149.2	149.3	150.2	3.6	4.4	-.5	4.1	4.0	1.8
Food away from home	147.2	147.4	147.6	148.1	1.7	2.2	2.8	2.5	1.9	2.6
Alcoholic beverages	152.2	152.3	152.3	152.8	1.3	.0	1.9	1.6	.7	1.7
Housing	145.9	146.5	146.9	147.2	1.4	2.8	1.4	3.6	2.1	2.5
Shelter	162.3	162.8	163.3	163.8	2.0	3.8	2.5	3.7	2.9	3.1
Renters' costs 1/	170.1	170.5	171.0	172.0	2.2	1.4	2.4	4.5	1.8	3.5
Rent, residential	155.7	156.1	156.4	156.7	1.0	3.4	2.1	2.6	2.2	2.3
Other renters' costs	197.3	197.6	198.7	201.7	4.6	-2.6	2.9	9.2	.9	6.0

Homeowners' costs 1/	167.8	168.4	168.9	169.2	2.0	4.7	2.4	3.4	3.3	2.9
Owners' equivalent rent 1/	168.1	168.7	169.1	169.5	2.0	4.7	2.4	3.4	3.3	2.9
Household insurance 1/	155.4	156.1	156.3	157.4	4.3	5.1	4.2	5.2	4.7	4.7
Maintenance and repairs 2/	132.7	133.1	133.8	134.2	7.0	.3	3.4	4.6	3.6	4.0
Maintenance and repair services 2/ ...	137.0	137.3	137.9	138.8	11.4	1.2	3.6	5.4	6.2	4.5
Maintenance and repair commodities 2/	126.8	127.5	128.2	128.2	.3	-.6	2.6	4.5	-.2	3.5
Fuel and other utilities	122.7	123.3	123.3	123.1	-1.9	.0	.3	1.3	-1.0	.8
Fuels	110.5	110.7	110.8	110.4	-3.9	.4	-.4	-.4	-1.8	-.4
Fuel oil and other household fuel										
commodities	87.7	87.6	87.3	87.4	-10.6	2.3	-5.3	-1.4	-4.4	-3.3
Gas (piped) and electricity (energy										
services).....	118.2	118.5	118.7	118.2	-3.0	.0	.0	.0	-1.5	.0
Other utilities and public services 2/ .	150.6	152.1	151.8	151.9	.8	-.3	.8	3.5	.3	2.1
Household furnishings and operation	121.0	122.0	122.4	122.6	2.7	.3	-1.0	5.4	1.5	2.2
Housefurnishings	110.7	110.9	111.3	111.0	4.8	-.7	-2.1	1.1	2.0	-.5
Housekeeping supplies	132.7	133.8	134.5	136.3	-2.4	2.1	.0	11.3	-.2	5.5
Housekeeping services	139.1	142.6	142.8	143.1	1.5	1.5	.6	12.0	1.5	6.1
Apparel and upkeep	132.1	133.0	132.2	132.2	3.0	-4.7	-3.0	.3	-.9	-1.3
Apparel commodities	128.8	129.7	128.8	128.8	3.1	-5.4	-3.3	.0	-1.2	-1.7
Men's and boys' apparel	125.1	126.6	127.2	127.1	3.2	3.5	-7.3	6.5	3.4	-.6
Women's and girls' apparel	128.1	128.8	127.1	126.5	4.9	-12.0	-3.7	-4.9	-3.9	-4.3
Infants' and toddlers' apparel	130.4	130.4	128.3	128.3	2.5	5.1	3.4	-6.3	3.8	-1.5
Footwear	124.5	125.6	125.7	125.4	1.9	-6.5	-1.3	2.9	-2.4	.8
Other apparel commodities	151.9	151.9	149.9	153.9	-4.9	3.8	1.6	5.4	-.7	3.5
Apparel services 2/.....	156.4	157.0	157.3	157.6	3.4	2.1	.3	3.1	2.7	1.7
Transportation	136.6	137.4	137.9	138.7	2.7	7.7	1.2	6.3	5.2	3.7
Private transportation	134.7	135.4	135.9	136.3	3.8	7.9	4.3	4.8	5.8	4.6
New vehicles	139.2	139.5	139.6	139.9	4.8	5.0	-.3	2.0	4.9	.9
New cars	137.6	137.7	138.1	138.1	4.2	4.8	.3	1.5	4.5	.9
Used cars	149.4	153.3	157.4	160.0	7.4	7.6	18.8	31.5	7.5	25.0
Motor fuel	101.3	101.7	101.3	100.9	-2.1	22.5	.8	-1.6	9.5	-.4
Gasoline	101.1	101.5	101.1	100.8	-2.1	23.6	.8	-1.2	10.0	-.2
Maintenance and repairs	152.1	152.2	152.5	152.6	2.4	3.5	2.7	1.3	3.0	2.0
Other private transportation	166.6	167.7	168.3	169.6	5.4	4.3	8.1	7.4	4.8	7.7
Other private transportation										
commodities	103.9	103.7	104.3	104.5	1.2	-1.2	1.9	2.3	.0	2.1
Other private transportation										
services	181.5	182.9	183.5	185.0	6.2	5.1	9.1	7.9	5.6	8.5
Public transportation	163.5	165.4	166.8	170.9	-4.9	4.2	-22.9	19.4	-.5	-4.1
Medical care	216.2	216.9	217.6	218.2	5.1	5.0	5.6	3.8	5.1	4.6
Medical care commodities	203.4	203.5	203.3	203.1	3.7	2.8	3.2	-.6	3.2	1.3
Medical care services	218.9	219.8	220.6	221.4	5.4	5.6	6.1	4.6	5.5	5.4

Professional medical services	196.8	197.3	198.3	198.7	4.5	4.2	5.7	3.9	4.4	4.8
Entertainment	151.5	152.1	152.4	152.4	1.6	1.9	2.1	2.4	1.7	2.3
Entertainment commodities	137.2	137.5	137.6	137.1	3.0	3.0	.3	-.3	3.0	.0
Entertainment services	168.5	169.4	170.1	170.5	.2	1.2	3.6	4.8	.7	4.2
Other goods and services	203.1	203.0	204.6	204.9	6.3	3.3	4.5	3.6	4.7	4.0
Tobacco and smoking products	223.5	220.7	221.6	221.8	5.5	3.9	2.7	-3.0	4.7	-.2
Personal care 2/	145.8	145.7	146.2	146.0	6.3	-.3	1.9	.5	3.0	1.2
Toilet goods and personal care appliances 2/	142.6	142.2	142.6	142.2	6.1	.0	2.3	-1.1	3.0	.6
Personal care services 2/	149.2	149.4	150.1	150.2	6.1	-.3	1.4	2.7	2.9	2.0
Personal and educational expenses	228.8	229.8	232.2	232.9	6.5	4.0	5.8	7.4	5.3	6.6
School books and supplies	208.2	210.6	211.2	212.2	3.8	3.2	2.1	7.9	3.5	5.0
Personal and educational services	230.2	231.1	233.6	234.3	6.7	4.2	5.9	7.3	5.4	6.6
Commodity and service group										
All items	-	-	-	-	2.7	3.6	1.9	3.2	3.2	2.6
Commodities	135.3	135.5	135.7	135.8	2.7	4.0	1.5	1.5	3.3	1.5
Food and beverages	147.3	147.0	147.4	147.4	2.8	4.8	3.3	.3	3.8	1.8
Commodities less food and beverages	128.0	128.4	128.5	128.6	2.9	3.5	.3	1.9	3.2	1.1
Nondurables less food and beverages	128.9	129.3	129.3	129.3	1.3	2.8	-.9	1.2	2.0	.2
Apparel commodities	128.8	129.7	128.8	128.8	3.1	-5.4	-3.3	.0	-1.2	-1.7
Nondurables less food, beverages, and apparel 2/	131.5	131.2	131.3	131.1	7.4	8.2	-3.9	-1.2	7.8	-2.5
Durables	126.5	127.0	127.6	127.7	4.6	2.6	2.9	3.8	3.6	3.4
Services	165.2	166.0	166.5	167.1	2.5	3.2	2.5	4.7	2.9	3.6
Rent of shelter 1/	169.1	169.6	170.1	170.7	2.2	3.6	2.2	3.8	2.9	3.0
Household services less rent of shelter 1/	136.8	137.8	137.7	137.7	.0	.3	1.2	2.7	.1	1.9
Transportation services	170.2	171.3	172.1	173.8	2.7	4.6	-.2	8.7	3.6	4.2
Medical care services	218.9	219.8	220.6	221.4	5.4	5.6	6.1	4.6	5.5	5.4
Other services	189.2	189.9	191.4	191.9	4.4	2.6	4.6	5.8	3.5	5.2
Special indexes										
All items less food	150.6	151.2	151.6	152.0	2.5	3.3	1.9	3.8	2.9	2.8
All items less shelter	146.5	147.0	147.4	147.6	2.8	3.6	1.7	3.0	3.2	2.3
All items less homeowners' costs 1/	151.3	151.8	152.2	152.5	2.7	3.3	1.9	3.2	3.0	2.5
All items less medical care	146.2	146.6	147.0	147.3	2.2	3.4	1.9	3.0	2.8	2.5
Commodities less food	129.1	129.5	129.6	129.7	2.9	2.8	.6	1.9	2.9	1.2
Nondurables less food	130.3	130.6	130.5	130.7	1.2	2.8	-.6	1.2	2.0	.3
Nondurables less food and apparel 2/	132.6	132.4	132.5	132.4	6.3	7.2	-3.3	-.6	6.8	-1.9
Nondurables	138.2	138.4	138.5	138.6	2.1	3.6	1.5	1.2	2.8	1.3

Services less rent of shelter 1/	172.9	174.0	174.7	175.1	2.6	2.8	2.8	5.2	2.7	4.0
Services less medical care services	160.1	160.9	161.4	162.0	2.3	2.8	2.0	4.8	2.6	3.4
Energy	105.4	105.7	105.6	105.1	-3.0	9.2	.4	-1.1	2.9	-.4
All items less energy	156.2	156.7	157.1	157.5	2.9	3.2	2.3	3.4	3.0	2.9
All items less food and energy	158.5	159.2	159.6	160.1	3.1	2.6	2.0	4.1	2.8	3.1
Commodities less food and energy commodities	137.9	138.4	138.6	138.8	3.9	.9	.3	2.6	2.4	1.5
Energy commodities	99.9	100.2	99.8	99.5	-3.3	20.3	.4	-1.6	7.8	-.6
Services less energy services	170.0	170.8	171.4	172.0	2.7	3.6	2.6	4.8	3.2	3.7

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 1994	Unadjusted indexes		Unadjusted percent change to Mar. 1995 from-		Seasonally adjusted percent change from-		
		Feb. 1995	Mar. 1995	Mar. 1994	Feb. 1995	Dec. to Jan.	Jan. to Feb.	Feb. to Mar.
All items	100.000	148.3	148.7	3.0	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.3
All items (1967=100)	-	441.7	443.0	-	-	-	-	-
Food and beverages	19.320	147.3	147.3	2.7	.0	-.2	.3	.0
Food	17.629	146.9	146.8	2.8	-.1	-.1	.2	.0
Food at home	11.243	147.1	146.8	3.2	-.2	-.4	.3	-.2
Cereals and bakery products	1.670	165.6	165.1	3.1	-.3	-.2	.7	.0
Meats, poultry, fish, and eggs	3.398	137.4	138.1	.2	.5	.3	.5	.1
Dairy products	1.299	131.8	131.9	.2	.1	.1	-.2	.2
Fruits and vegetables	2.124	175.8	172.7	6.8	-1.8	-2.6	.6	-1.7
Other food at home	2.751	140.2	140.3	5.9	.1	.1	.0	.3
Sugar and sweets .....	.367	135.8	136.4	.9	.4	-.1	.1	.7
Fats and oils .....	.286	136.7	136.7	3.2	.0	.2	.1	.3
Nonalcoholic beverages .....	.920	132.9	132.2	13.6	-.5	-.1	-.2	-.2

Other prepared food	1.179	149.5	150.2	2.8	.5	.1	.3	.4
Food away from home	6.387	147.5	147.9	2.3	.3	.3	.1	.4
Alcoholic beverages	1.690	152.0	152.7	1.2	.5	.0	.1	.3
Housing	38.759	144.0	144.3	2.1	.2	.4	.2	.2
Shelter	25.753	159.3	159.9	3.0	.4	.3	.2	.4
Renters' costs 1/	8.073	151.3	152.3	2.6	.7	.1	.3	.4
Rent, residential	6.615	156.1	156.4	2.4	.2	.2	.3	.2
Other renters' costs	1.458	202.9	208.5	3.5	2.8	-.3	.7	1.4
Homeowners' costs 1/	17.491	154.0	154.3	3.1	.2	.3	.1	.3
Owners' equivalent rent 1/	17.161	154.2	154.5	3.1	.2	.3	.1	.3
Household insurance 1/ .....	.331	143.4	144.2	5.0	.6	.4	.2	.6
Maintenance and repairs 2/ .....	.189	133.2	133.7	3.3	.4	.3	.3	.4
Maintenance and repair services 2/ .	.104	140.8	141.7	4.7	.6	.1	.2	.6
Maintenance and repair								
commodities 2/ .....	.085	123.0	123.1	1.7	.1	.5	.4	.1
Fuel and other utilities	7.329	122.2	121.9	-.2	-.2	.5	.1	-.2
Fuels	3.958	109.7	109.1	-1.3	-.5	.2	.2	-.5
Fuel oil and other household fuel								
commodities .....	.331	89.5	88.9	-3.7	-.7	-.1	-.2	.1
Gas (piped) and electricity (energy								
services).....	3.627	116.9	116.3	-1.0	-.5	.3	.3	-.7
Other utilities and public								
services 2/	3.372	152.2	152.3	1.1	.1	.9	-.1	.1
Household furnishings and operation	5.676	121.2	121.4	1.8	.2	.8	.4	.1
Housefurnishings	3.432	109.9	109.9	.6	.0	.2	.5	-.2
Housekeeping supplies	1.122	134.8	135.9	2.6	.8	.8	.4	1.1
Housekeeping services	1.122	146.0	146.1	4.5	.1	3.0	.2	.1
Apparel and upkeep	5.661	130.0	133.2	-1.1	2.5	.7	-.3	.1
Apparel commodities	5.136	126.8	130.3	-1.4	2.8	.7	-.3	.0
Men's and boys' apparel	1.329	125.2	126.7	1.4	1.2	1.2	1.0	.1
Women's and girls' apparel.....	2.214	124.3	129.8	-4.0	4.4	.6	-1.1	-.6
Infants' and toddlers' apparel .....	.263	127.0	127.4	.6	.3	-.1	-2.7	.2
Footwear .....	.827	125.3	126.8	-1.0	1.2	.8	.2	.0
Other apparel commodities .....	.503	149.7	154.6	1.6	3.3	.3	-.1	2.7
Apparel services 2/ .....	.524	156.8	157.1	2.2	.2	.4	.2	.2
Transportation	19.183	137.1	137.6	5.4	.4	.7	.4	.7
Private transportation	18.027	135.4	135.7	5.9	.2	.6	.5	.5
New vehicles	4.982	141.4	141.5	3.0	.1	.1	.1	.4
New cars	3.622	138.7	138.7	2.7	.0	.2	.2	.1
Used cars	2.382	154.0	155.5	15.8	1.0	2.8	2.5	1.8
Motor fuel	3.819	97.8	97.3	4.5	-.5	.3	-.4	-.3
Gasoline	-	97.5	97.0	4.8	-.5	.4	-.3	-.3

Maintenance and repairs	1.617	153.3	153.5	2.5	.1	.0	.1	.2
Other private transportation	5.227	165.4	166.3	6.8	.5	.7	.6	.9
Other private transportation commodities .....	.780	103.8	103.8	.9	.0	-.3	.7	.1
Other private transportation services	4.447	180.9	181.9	7.8	.6	.8	.6	.9
Public transportation	1.156	166.5	170.1	-1.8	2.2	.7	.7	2.0
Medical care	6.173	217.3	217.7	4.8	.2	.3	.3	.3
Medical care commodities	1.063	201.3	201.5	2.2	.1	.0	-.1	.0
Medical care services	5.110	220.9	221.4	5.4	.2	.4	.4	.4
Professional medical services	2.920	199.4	200.0	4.7	.3	.3	.5	.2
Entertainment	4.005	150.4	150.6	2.0	.1	.4	.2	.0
Entertainment commodities	2.054	136.8	136.7	1.4	-.1	.3	.1	-.3
Entertainment services	1.951	170.1	170.6	2.6	.3	.5	.4	.4
Other goods and services	6.900	201.5	201.4	4.1	.0	-.1	.7	.1
Tobacco and smoking products	2.128	222.9	222.6	2.3	-.1	-1.2	.5	.1
Personal care 2/	1.139	146.4	146.1	2.0	-.2	-.1	.3	-.2
Toilet goods and personal care appliances 2/ .....	.646	143.4	142.9	1.9	-.3	-.3	.2	-.3
Personal care services 2/ .....	.493	150.1	150.2	2.4	.1	.2	.4	.1
Personal and educational expenses	3.633	227.5	227.7	5.9	.1	.5	.8	.3
School books and supplies .....	.220	213.4	213.6	3.8	.1	1.4	-.1	.5
Personal and educational services	3.413	228.9	229.0	6.0	.0	.4	.9	.3
Commodity and service group								
All items	100.000	148.3	148.7	3.0	.3	.3	.3	.3
Commodities	47.499	135.3	135.7	2.6	.3	.1	.3	.1
Food and beverages	19.320	147.3	147.3	2.7	.0	-.2	.3	.0
Commodities less food and beverages	28.180	127.9	128.6	2.6	.5	.4	.2	.2
Nondurables less food and beverages ..	16.400	127.6	128.5	1.3	.7	.2	.0	.1
Apparel commodities	5.136	126.8	130.3	-1.4	2.8	.7	-.3	.0
Nondurables less food, beverages, and apparel 2/	11.263	130.8	130.6	2.6	-.2	-.3	-.1	-.2
Durables	11.780	127.2	127.5	4.6	.2	.6	.6	.4
Services	52.501	164.1	164.6	3.3	.3	.4	.3	.3
Rent of shelter 1/	25.206	153.3	153.8	2.9	.3	.2	.4	.3
Household services less rent of shelter 1/	8.584	125.8	125.6	.8	-.2	.7	.0	-.2
Transportation services	7.220	171.5	172.8	5.0	.8	.7	.5	.9
Medical care services	5.110	220.9	221.4	5.4	.2	.4	.4	.4
Other services	6.381	187.7	188.0	4.3	.2	.4	.6	.3

Special indexes

All items less food	82.371	148.5	149.0	3.0	.3	.4	.3	.3
All items less shelter	74.247	145.5	145.9	3.0	.3	.3	.3	.2
All items less homeowners' costs 1/	82.509	139.4	139.9	2.9	.4	.3	.3	.2
All items less medical care	93.827	145.0	145.5	2.9	.3	.3	.3	.2
Commodities less food	29.870	128.8	129.5	2.5	.5	.3	.3	.2
Nondurables less food	18.090	129.0	129.9	1.2	.7	.2	.0	.1
Nondurables less food and apparel 2/	12.954	132.0	131.9	2.4	-.1	-.3	.0	-.1
Nondurables	35.719	137.7	138.2	2.1	.4	.1	.2	-.1
Services less rent of shelter 1/	27.295	155.8	156.1	3.6	.2	.6	.4	.3
Services less medical care services	47.390	159.3	159.7	3.0	.3	.4	.4	.2
Energy	7.777	103.1	102.5	1.4	-.6	.2	-.1	-.4
All items less energy	92.223	154.6	155.2	3.1	.4	.3	.3	.3
All items less food and energy	74.594	156.6	157.3	3.1	.4	.4	.3	.4
Commodities less food and energy commodities	25.720	137.9	138.8	2.4	.7	.4	.4	.3
Energy commodities	4.150	97.3	96.8	3.8	-.5	.3	-.5	-.2
Services less energy services	48.874	169.3	169.9	3.5	.4	.5	.3	.4
Purchasing power of the consumer dollar:								
1982-84=\$1.00 2/	-	\$.674	\$.672	-2.9	-.3	-.3	-.4	-.3
1967=\$1.00 2/	-	.226	.226	-	-	-	-	-

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				
	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	June	3 months ended-		6 months ended-		
	1994	1995	1995	1995	1994	Sept. 1994	Dec. 1994	Mar. 1995	Sept. 1994	Mar. 1995

All items	-	-	-	-	2.5	3.9	2.2	3.6	3.2	2.9
Food and beverages	146.9	146.6	147.0	147.0	2.8	4.5	3.3	.3	3.7	1.8
Food	146.4	146.2	146.5	146.5	2.6	5.1	3.3	.3	3.8	1.8
Food at home	146.5	145.9	146.4	146.1	3.4	6.6	3.9	-1.1	5.0	1.4
Cereals and bakery products	164.7	164.3	165.4	165.4	5.6	4.5	.5	1.7	5.0	1.1
Meats, poultry, fish, and eggs	136.3	136.7	137.4	137.5	.0	.3	-2.6	3.6	.1	.4
Dairy products	131.6	131.7	131.5	131.8	1.8	-3.3	1.8	.6	-.8	1.2
Fruits and vegetables	176.7	172.1	173.1	170.1	10.7	8.8	25.3	-14.1	9.8	3.7
Other food at home	139.2	139.3	139.3	139.7	2.4	20.0	.9	1.4	10.9	1.2
Sugar and sweets	135.5	135.3	135.4	136.3	-1.2	2.1	.3	2.4	.4	1.3
Fats and oils	135.5	135.8	136.0	136.4	3.4	3.0	3.6	2.7	3.2	3.2
Nonalcoholic beverages	131.8	131.7	131.4	131.2	1.7	64.1	1.2	-1.8	29.2	-.3
Other prepared food	148.6	148.8	149.2	149.8	3.6	4.4	.0	3.3	4.0	1.6
Food away from home	147.0	147.4	147.5	148.1	1.7	2.2	2.5	3.0	1.9	2.8
Alcoholic beverages	151.9	151.9	152.0	152.4	1.1	.5	2.1	1.3	.8	1.7
Housing	143.0	143.6	143.9	144.2	1.4	2.6	1.4	3.4	2.0	2.4
Shelter	158.2	158.6	158.9	159.5	2.1	3.9	2.6	3.3	3.0	2.9
Renters' costs 1/	149.7	149.9	150.3	150.9	2.5	2.2	2.4	3.2	2.3	2.8
Rent, residential	155.4	155.7	156.1	156.4	1.8	3.2	2.1	2.6	2.5	2.3
Other renters' costs	198.3	197.8	199.1	201.8	5.7	-2.4	3.9	7.2	1.5	5.6
Homeowners' costs 1/	153.1	153.6	153.8	154.3	1.9	4.9	2.4	3.2	3.4	2.8
Owners' equivalent rent 1/	153.3	153.8	154.0	154.5	1.9	4.9	2.4	3.2	3.4	2.8
Household insurance 1/	142.8	143.4	143.7	144.6	4.4	6.2	4.6	5.1	5.3	4.9
Maintenance and repairs 2/	132.4	132.8	133.2	133.7	6.7	.9	1.8	4.0	3.7	2.9
Maintenance and repair services 2/ ...	140.3	140.5	140.8	141.7	11.7	.9	2.6	4.1	6.2	3.3
Maintenance and repair commodities 2/	121.9	122.5	123.0	123.1	1.3	.7	1.0	4.0	1.0	2.5
Fuel and other utilities	122.2	122.8	122.9	122.6	-1.6	-.3	.0	1.3	-1.0	.7
Fuels	109.8	110.0	110.2	109.6	-4.3	.0	.0	-.7	-2.2	-.4
Fuel oil and other household fuel										
commodities	87.6	87.5	87.3	87.4	-10.2	2.3	-5.3	-.9	-4.1	-3.1
Gas (piped) and electricity (energy										
services).....	117.5	117.8	118.1	117.3	-3.3	.0	.0	-.7	-1.7	-.3
Other utilities and public services 2/ .	151.1	152.4	152.2	152.3	1.1	-.5	.5	3.2	.3	1.9
Household furnishings and operation	119.7	120.7	121.2	121.3	2.0	.7	-1.0	5.5	1.3	2.2
Housefurnishings	109.3	109.5	110.0	109.8	3.3	-.4	-2.2	1.8	1.5	-.2
Housekeeping supplies	133.2	134.2	134.8	136.3	-1.2	1.8	.6	9.6	.3	5.0
Housekeeping services	141.4	145.7	146.0	146.2	1.4	2.0	.9	14.3	1.7	7.4
Apparel and upkeep	130.6	131.5	131.1	131.2	2.4	-3.8	-4.2	1.9	-.8	-1.2
Apparel commodities	127.7	128.6	128.2	128.2	2.5	-4.5	-4.3	1.6	-1.1	-1.4
Men's and boys' apparel	124.3	125.8	127.0	127.1	2.3	2.9	-7.7	9.3	2.6	.5
Women's and girls' apparel	126.5	127.3	125.9	125.1	5.7	-11.0	-4.6	-4.4	-3.1	-4.5

Infants' and toddlers' apparel	131.9	131.8	128.3	128.6	3.5	5.4	3.4	-9.6	4.4	-3.3
Footwear	125.1	126.1	126.3	126.3	.6	-6.1	-2.2	3.9	-2.8	.8
Other apparel commodities	149.6	150.1	150.0	154.0	-8.2	5.8	-2.1	12.3	-1.4	4.8
Apparel services 2/.....	155.9	156.5	156.8	157.1	3.4	2.3	.0	3.1	2.9	1.5
Transportation	136.3	137.2	137.8	138.7	3.1	8.4	3.3	7.2	5.7	5.2
Private transportation	134.9	135.7	136.4	137.1	3.8	8.5	4.9	6.7	6.1	5.8
New vehicles	140.0	140.1	140.3	140.8	5.1	5.0	-.3	2.3	5.0	1.0
New cars	137.2	137.5	137.8	137.9	4.5	4.5	.0	2.1	4.5	1.0
Used cars	149.8	154.0	157.9	160.8	7.1	7.6	17.8	32.8	7.3	25.0
Motor fuel	101.3	101.6	101.2	100.9	-2.1	23.0	.8	-1.6	9.8	-.4
Gasoline	101.0	101.4	101.1	100.8	-2.5	24.6	.0	-.8	10.2	-.4
Maintenance and repairs	152.9	152.9	153.1	153.4	2.7	3.5	2.9	1.3	3.1	2.1
Other private transportation	162.5	163.6	164.5	166.0	5.8	4.6	7.7	8.9	5.2	8.3
Other private transportation commodities	103.2	102.9	103.6	103.7	1.2	-1.9	2.4	2.0	-.4	2.2
Other private transportation services	177.3	178.8	179.8	181.5	6.8	5.7	8.8	9.8	6.3	9.3
Public transportation	161.6	162.8	163.9	167.1	-5.7	3.6	-16.8	14.3	-1.2	-2.5
Medical care	215.5	216.1	216.8	217.4	5.3	4.7	6.0	3.6	5.0	4.8
Medical care commodities	201.4	201.3	201.1	201.1	3.7	1.8	4.1	-.6	2.8	1.7
Medical care services	218.5	219.3	220.2	221.0	5.7	5.4	6.3	4.7	5.5	5.5
Professional medical services	197.7	198.3	199.2	199.6	4.7	4.4	5.7	3.9	4.6	4.8
Entertainment	149.5	150.1	150.4	150.4	1.9	1.1	2.4	2.4	1.5	2.4
Entertainment commodities	136.4	136.8	136.9	136.5	2.7	1.8	.6	.3	2.2	.4
Entertainment services	168.4	169.2	169.9	170.5	1.0	.5	4.1	5.1	.7	4.6
Other goods and services	200.5	200.2	201.6	201.9	6.3	3.7	3.9	2.8	5.0	3.4
Tobacco and smoking products	223.6	220.9	222.0	222.2	5.8	4.1	2.4	-2.5	4.9	-.1
Personal care 2/	146.1	146.0	146.4	146.1	6.0	.3	1.9	.0	3.1	1.0
Toilet goods and personal care appliances 2/	143.5	143.1	143.4	142.9	5.8	.8	2.5	-1.7	3.3	.4
Personal care services 2/	149.2	149.5	150.1	150.2	6.4	-1.1	1.6	2.7	2.6	2.2
Personal and educational expenses	224.4	225.6	227.5	228.2	6.9	4.5	5.3	6.9	5.6	6.1
School books and supplies	209.3	212.3	212.1	213.1	3.8	2.1	1.7	7.5	2.9	4.6
Personal and educational services	225.8	226.8	228.9	229.5	7.0	4.6	5.7	6.7	5.8	6.2
Commodity and service group										
All items	-	-	-	-	2.5	3.9	2.2	3.6	3.2	2.9
Commodities	135.1	135.3	135.7	135.8	2.8	4.3	1.8	2.1	3.5	1.9
Food and beverages	146.9	146.6	147.0	147.0	2.8	4.5	3.3	.3	3.7	1.8
Commodities less food and beverages	127.8	128.3	128.6	128.9	2.6	4.2	.6	3.5	3.4	2.0

Nondurables less food and beverages	128.5	128.8	128.8	128.9	1.3	3.5	-.9	1.3	2.4	.2
Apparel commodities	127.7	128.6	128.2	128.2	2.5	-4.5	-4.3	1.6	-1.1	-1.4
Nondurables less food, beverages, and apparel 2/	131.3	130.9	130.8	130.6	8.8	8.9	-4.4	-2.1	8.8	-3.3
Durables	125.9	126.7	127.5	128.0	4.7	3.3	3.9	6.8	4.0	5.4
Services	162.8	163.5	164.0	164.5	2.5	3.3	3.0	4.2	2.9	3.6
Rent of shelter 1/	152.2	152.5	153.1	153.5	2.2	3.8	2.1	3.5	3.0	2.8
Household services less rent of shelter 1/	125.7	126.6	126.6	126.4	-.3	.0	1.3	2.2	-.2	1.8
Transportation services	168.5	169.6	170.4	172.0	3.7	4.7	2.9	8.6	4.2	5.7
Medical care services	218.5	219.3	220.2	221.0	5.7	5.4	6.3	4.7	5.5	5.5
Other services	186.1	186.9	188.1	188.6	4.7	2.9	4.4	5.5	3.8	4.9

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All items less food	147.5	148.1	148.5	148.9	2.8	3.3	2.2	3.9	3.1	3.0
All items less shelter	144.8	145.3	145.7	146.0	2.9	3.7	2.2	3.4	3.3	2.8
All items less homeowners' costs 1/	138.8	139.2	139.6	139.9	3.0	3.6	2.3	3.2	3.3	2.8
All items less medical care	144.2	144.7	145.1	145.4	2.6	3.7	2.0	3.4	3.1	2.7
Commodities less food	129.0	129.4	129.8	130.0	2.5	3.8	.9	3.1	3.2	2.0
Nondurables less food	129.8	130.1	130.1	130.2	1.2	3.5	-.9	1.2	2.3	.2
Nondurables less food and apparel 2/	132.4	132.0	132.0	131.9	7.7	7.5	-3.5	-1.5	7.6	-2.5
Nondurables	137.9	138.0	138.3	138.2	1.8	3.9	1.8	.9	2.8	1.3
Services less rent of shelter 1/	154.2	155.2	155.8	156.3	2.9	2.9	3.2	5.6	2.9	4.4
Services less medical care services	157.9	158.6	159.3	159.6	2.6	2.9	2.3	4.4	2.7	3.3
Energy	105.1	105.3	105.2	104.8	-3.1	10.5	.4	-1.1	3.5	-.4
All items less energy	153.6	154.1	154.5	155.0	3.0	3.2	2.6	3.7	3.1	3.2
All items less food and energy	155.6	156.2	156.7	157.3	3.2	2.9	2.3	4.4	3.0	3.4
Commodities less food and energy commodities	137.3	137.8	138.3	138.7	3.6	1.5	.9	4.1	2.5	2.5
Energy commodities	100.3	100.6	100.1	99.9	-2.9	21.2	.4	-1.6	8.5	-.6
Services less energy services	167.9	168.7	169.2	169.9	3.0	3.7	2.9	4.9	3.3	3.9

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 Mar. 1995 from-			Percent change to Feb. 1995 from-		
		Dec. 1994	Jan. 1995	Feb. 1995	Mar. 1995	Mar. 1994	Jan. 1995	Feb. 1995	Feb. 1994	Dec. 1994	Jan. 1995
U.S. city average	M	149.7	150.3	150.9	151.4	2.9	0.7	0.3	2.9	0.8	0.4
Region and area size 2/											
Northeast urban.....	M	156.3	157.1	157.6	158.0	2.4	.6	.3	2.3	.8	.3
Size A - More than 1,200,000	M	156.6	157.7	158.3	158.7	2.3	.6	.3	2.4	1.1	.4
Size B - 500,000 to 1,200,000	M	155.3	155.4	155.7	155.9	2.1	.3	.1	1.8	.3	.2
Size C - 50,000 to 500,000	M	155.0	155.7	156.0	156.6	2.9	.6	.4	2.7	.6	.2
North Central urban	M	145.7	146.1	146.7	147.3	3.3	.8	.4	3.2	.7	.4
Size A - More than 1,200,000	M	146.8	147.3	148.0	148.5	3.2	.8	.3	3.4	.8	.5
Size B - 360,000 to 1,200,000	M	144.1	144.4	145.2	146.1	3.0	1.2	.6	2.8	.8	.6
Size C - 50,000 to 360,000	M	147.1	147.4	147.7	148.3	3.6	.6	.4	3.3	.4	.2
Size D - Nonmetropolitan (less than 50,000)	M	141.2	141.5	142.3	142.7	3.6	.8	.3	3.7	.8	.6
South urban	M	146.1	146.7	147.4	148.0	3.1	.9	.4	3.1	.9	.5
Size A - More than 1,200,000	M	146.0	146.6	147.3	148.0	2.5	1.0	.5	2.7	.9	.5
Size B - 450,000 to 1,200,000	M	148.4	148.9	149.6	150.4	3.4	1.0	.5	3.5	.8	.5
Size C - 50,000 to 450,000	M	145.3	145.7	146.2	146.6	3.2	.6	.3	3.2	.6	.3
Size D - Nonmetropolitan (less than 50,000)	M	144.3	145.2	146.1	146.6	3.8	1.0	.3	3.8	1.2	.6
West urban	M	151.2	152.0	152.4	152.8	2.6	.5	.3	2.8	.8	.3
Size A - More than 1,250,000	M	152.2	152.9	153.1	153.6	2.1	.5	.3	2.1	.6	.1
Size C - 50,000 to 330,000	M	153.3	154.1	155.1	155.2	4.4	.7	.1	4.6	1.2	.6
Size classes											
A 3/	M	135.6	136.2	136.7	137.2	2.5	.7	.4	2.6	.8	.4
B	M	149.4	149.9	150.5	151.1	3.1	.8	.4	3.0	.7	.4
C	M	148.8	149.3	149.8	150.2	3.4	.6	.3	3.4	.7	.3
D	M	145.3	145.9	146.6	147.1	3.6	.8	.3	3.6	.9	.5
Selected local areas											
Chicago-Gary-Lake County, IL-IN-WI.....	M	150.5	151.8	152.3	152.6	3.4	.5	.2	3.7	1.2	.3
Los Angeles-Anaheim-Riverside, CA	M	153.4	154.3	154.5	154.6	1.4	.2	.1	1.5	.7	.1

U.S. city average	M	147.2	147.8	148.3	148.7	3.0	0.6	0.3	3.0	0.7	0.3
Region and area size 2/											
Northeast urban.....	M	154.0	154.8	155.2	155.5	2.5	.5	.2	2.5	.8	.3
Size A - More than 1,200,000	M	153.3	154.3	154.8	155.1	2.4	.5	.2	2.6	1.0	.3
Size B - 500,000 to 1,200,000	M	153.1	153.3	153.7	153.9	2.2	.4	.1	2.0	.4	.3
Size C - 50,000 to 500,000	M	156.7	157.4	157.6	158.1	3.1	.4	.3	2.9	.6	.1
North Central urban	M	142.7	143.0	143.6	144.2	3.4	.8	.4	3.3	.6	.4
Size A - More than 1,200,000	M	143.1	143.5	144.2	144.7	3.4	.8	.3	3.4	.8	.5
Size B - 360,000 to 1,200,000	M	140.6	140.9	141.8	142.6	3.4	1.2	.6	3.1	.9	.6
Size C - 50,000 to 360,000	M	144.6	144.9	145.2	145.6	3.6	.5	.3	3.3	.4	.2
Size D - Nonmetropolitan (less than 50,000)	M	139.7	139.8	140.4	141.0	3.4	.9	.4	3.4	.5	.4
South urban	M	144.9	145.3	145.9	146.5	3.2	.8	.4	3.3	.7	.4
Size A - More than 1,200,000	M	144.3	144.8	145.4	146.1	2.7	.9	.5	2.9	.8	.4
Size B - 450,000 to 1,200,000	M	145.3	145.6	146.3	146.9	3.6	.9	.4	3.6	.7	.5
Size C - 50,000 to 450,000	M	145.3	145.7	146.1	146.5	3.5	.5	.3	3.4	.6	.3
Size D - Nonmetropolitan (less than 50,000)	M	144.7	145.6	146.4	146.7	3.7	.8	.2	3.8	1.2	.5
West urban	M	148.5	149.2	149.4	149.8	2.7	.4	.3	2.8	.6	.1
Size A - More than 1,250,000	M	147.9	148.5	148.7	149.1	2.2	.4	.3	2.3	.5	.1
Size C - 50,000 to 330,000	M	150.7	151.4	152.2	152.2	4.0	.5	.0	4.2	1.0	.5
Size classes											
A 3/	M	134.7	135.3	135.7	136.2	2.6	.7	.4	2.7	.7	.3
B	M	146.9	147.3	147.9	148.5	3.3	.8	.4	3.1	.7	.4
C	M	148.1	148.6	149.0	149.3	3.5	.5	.2	3.4	.6	.3
D	M	144.8	145.2	145.8	146.3	3.6	.8	.3	3.6	.7	.4
Selected local areas											
Chicago-Gary-Lake County, IL-IN-WI.....	M	145.8	147.1	147.5	147.8	3.4	.5	.2	3.7	1.2	.3
Los Angeles-Anaheim-Riverside, CA	M	148.1	149.0	149.2	149.3	1.6	.2	.1	1.6	.7	.1
N.Y.-Northern N.J.-Long Island, NY-NJ-CT	M	155.4	156.3	156.6	157.1	2.0	.5	.3	2.0	.8	.2
Phil.-Wilmington-Trenton, PA-NJ-DE-MD ..	M	155.1	156.4	157.5	157.5	3.1	.7	.0	3.5	1.5	.7
San Francisco-Oakland-San Jose, CA	M	147.4	148.2	148.3	148.9	2.3	.5	.4	2.3	.6	.1
Baltimore, MD	1	-	147.7	-	149.1	3.4	.9	-	-	-	-
Boston-Lawrence-Salem, MA-NH	1	-	157.0	-	156.9	2.2	-.1	-	-	-	-
Cleveland-Akron-Lorain, OH	1	-	139.0	-	139.7	2.9	.5	-	-	-	-
Miami-Fort Lauderdale, FL	1	-	145.3	-	146.6	3.9	.9	-	-	-	-

St. Louis-East St. Louis, MO-IL	1	-	142.3	-	143.9	3.7	1.1	-	-	-	-
Washington, DC-MD-VA	1	-	151.2	-	152.4	2.4	.8	-	-	-	-
Dallas-Fort Worth, TX	2	141.7	-	142.7	-	-	-	-	3.3	.7	-
Detroit-Ann Arbor, MI	2	141.0	-	142.7	-	-	-	-	4.2	1.2	-
Houston-Galveston-Brazoria, TX	2	137.8	-	138.9	-	-	-	-	1.9	.8	-
Pittsburgh-Beaver Valley, PA	2	140.3	-	141.1	-	-	-	-	3.5	.6	-

1/ Foods, fuels, and several other items priced every month in all areas; most other goods and services priced as indicated:

M - Every month.

1 - January, March, May, July, September, and November.

2 - February, April, June, August, October, and December.

2/ Regions defined as the four Census regions. See map in technical notes.

3/ Indexes on a December 1986=100 base.

- Data not available.

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