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CONSUMER PRICE INDEX: SEPTEMBER 1995

The Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers (CPI-U) rose 0.2 percent before seasonal adjustment in September to a level of 153.2 (1982-84=100), the Bureau of Labor Statistics of the U.S. Department of Labor reported today. For the 12-month period ended in September, the CPI-U increased 2.5 percent.

The Consumer Price Index for Urban Wage Earners and Clerical Workers (CPI-W) rose 0.3 percent in September, prior to seasonal adjustment. The September 1995 CPI-W level of 150.6 was 2.5 percent higher than the index in September 1994.

CPI for All Urban Consumers (CPI-U)

On a seasonally adjusted basis, the CPI-U advanced 0.1 percent in September, continuing the moderate rate of advance in evidence in recent months. The food index rose 0.5 percent in September after registering small increases in each of the 4 preceding months, largely as a result of a sharp upturn in the prices for fresh fruits and vegetables. Energy costs declined for the third consecutive month--down 1.4 percent in September. The indexes for motor fuels and for household fuels fell 1.5 and 1.3 percent, respectively. Excluding food and energy, the CPI-U advanced 0.2 percent for the fifth consecutive month

after registering larger increases earlier this year.

Table A. Percent changes in CPI for Urban Consumers (CPI-U)  
Seasonally adjusted

Expenditure Category	Changes from preceding month 1995							Compound annual rate 3-mos. ended	Un- adjusted 12-mos. ended
	Mar.	Apr.	May	June	July	Aug.	Sep.	Sep. '95	Sep. '95
All Items	.2	.4	.3	.1	.2	.1	.1	1.8	2.5
Food and beverages	.0	.7	.1	.1	.2	.2	.4	3.3	2.6
Housing	.2	.3	.1	.2	.3	.3	.1	2.7	2.5
Apparel and upkeep	.0	-.1	-.3	-.3	.2	.3	-.2	1.2	-1.1
Transportation	.6	.7	.4	.4	-.4	-.6	-.1	-4.7	2.1
Medical care	.3	.3	.3	.3	.4	.4	.3	4.2	4.4
Entertainment	.0	.3	.5	-.2	.3	.4	.3	4.2	2.8
Other goods and services	.1	.2	.4	.4	.4	.5	.3	5.1	4.4
Special Indexes:									
Energy	-.5	.4	.5	.5	-.8	-.8	-1.4	-11.5	-1.8
Food	.0	.7	.1	.1	.2	.2	.5	3.6	2.7
All items less food and energy	.3	.4	.2	.2	.2	.2	.2	2.8	2.9

Consumer prices rose at a seasonally adjusted annual rate (SAAR) of 1.8 percent in the third quarter. This follows increases of 3.2 percent in each of the first 2 quarters of 1995 and brings the year-to-date annual rate to 2.8 percent. Thus far in 1995, as throughout most of the preceding 4 years, the food and energy components have continued to act as moderating influences on consumer price movements. Through the first 9 months of 1995, the food index increased at a 2.4 percent annual rate, while energy costs have declined at a 2.6 percent rate. The index for petroleum-based energy goods declined at an annual rate of 4.5 percent and the index for energy services, at a 0.7 percent annual rate.

Excluding food and energy, the CPI-U advanced at a 2.8 percent rate in the third quarter and has advanced at a 3.3 percent annual rate thus far in 1995. This follows a 2.6 percent increase in all of 1994. The acceleration in 1995, thus far, largely reflects an increase in charges for services, particularly those for shelter and transportation. The index for transportation services, which increased 2.5 percent in 1994, has risen at a 5.7 percent rate thus far in 1995. The index for rent of shelter (both renters' and homeowners' costs) has advanced at a 3.6 percent rate in 1995, following a 2.9 percent rise in all of 1994. The

index for commodities less food and energy has risen at a 1.8 percent annual rate, following a 1.4 percent increase in all of 1994. The rates for selected groups during the past 8-3/4 years are shown below.

	Percent change								SAAR
	12 months ended in December								9 months ended in September
	1987	1988	1989	1990	1991	1992	1993	1994	1995
All Items	4.4	4.4	4.6	6.1	3.1	2.9	2.7	2.7	2.8
Food and beverages	3.5	5.1	5.5	5.3	2.5	1.6	2.7	2.7	2.4
Housing	3.7	4.0	3.9	4.5	3.4	2.6	2.7	2.2	2.9
Apparel and upkeep	4.8	4.7	1.0	5.1	3.4	1.4	.9	-1.6	-.4
Transportation	6.1	3.0	4.0	10.4	-1.5	3.0	2.4	3.8	2.5
Medical care	5.8	6.9	8.5	9.6	7.9	6.6	5.4	4.9	3.9
Entertainment	4.0	4.6	5.1	4.3	3.9	2.8	2.8	2.3	3.0
Other goods and services	6.1	7.0	8.2	7.6	8.0	6.5	2.7	4.2	4.4
Special Indexes:									
Energy	8.2	.5	5.1	18.1	-7.4	2.0	-1.4	2.2	-2.6
Food	3.5	5.2	5.6	5.3	1.9	1.5	2.9	2.9	2.4
All items less food and energy	4.2	4.7	4.4	5.2	4.4	3.3	3.2	2.6	3.3

The food and beverage index rose 0.4 percent in September. Grocery store food prices, which rose 0.2 percent in August, advanced 0.6 percent, their largest increase since a 1.1 percent rise in April. A sharp upturn in the index for fruits and vegetables was responsible for the acceleration and accounted for nearly three-fourths of the September advance in the grocery store food index. The indexes for fresh fruits and for fresh vegetables, which had shown disparate movements through the first 8 months--advancing at a 12.2 percent annual rate and declining at a 13.5 percent rate, respectively--increased 2.5 and 5.3 percent, respectively, in September. In particular, lettuce prices, which, following a record 113.1 percent rise in April, had decelerated to their pre-record level, rose 25.1 percent in September. The index for meats, poultry, fish, and eggs rose 0.6 percent in September, following a 0.8 percent increase in August. Large increases in the indexes for pork, poultry, and fish and seafood more than offset a downturn in egg prices. The index for beef and veal increased 0.3 percent in September. The other three major grocery store food groups--cereal and bakery products, dairy products, and other food at home--each

registered little movement in September, increasing 0.2 percent and declining 0.2 and 0.1 percent, respectively. The other two components of the food and beverage index--restaurant meals and alcoholic beverages--showed little change in September, advancing 0.1 percent and declining 0.1 percent, respectively.

The housing component increased 0.1 percent in September, following a 0.3 percent rise in August. A sharp downturn in the index for fuel and utilities and a smaller increase in the index for household furnishing and operations more than offset a larger advance in shelter costs. Shelter costs, which rose 0.1 percent in August, advanced 0.4 percent in September. Within shelter, renters' costs increased 0.5 percent, homeowners' costs rose 0.3 percent, and maintenance and repair costs were unchanged. The rise in renters' costs reflected a 1.8 percent increase in the index for lodging while out of town; residential rents rose 0.1 percent. The index for fuel and utilities, which increased 0.6 percent in August, declined 0.6 percent in September, largely as a result of a downturn in the index for household fuels. Each of the major fuel indexes declined in September; charges for electricity and natural gas fell 1.9 and 0.3 percent, respectively, and the index for fuel oil declined 0.7 percent. The index for other utilities and public services rose 0.1 percent, reflecting small increases in the indexes for telephone services and for water and sewer services. The index for household furnishings and operation advanced 0.3 percent in September, following an increase of 0.5 percent in August.

The transportation index declined for the third consecutive month--down 0.1 percent in September--after advancing at a 6.4 percent annual rate during the first 6 months of 1995. The downturn in the third quarter reflects a sharp drop in the index for motor fuels as well as declines in the indexes for airline fares, used cars, and automobile finance charges, each of which rose sharply in the first 6 months of the year. The 1.6 percent drop in the gasoline index for September brought the total decline over the last 3 months to 6.5 percent. With a 1.1 percent decrease in September, the index for airline fares, which had increased 20.4 percent in the first half of 1995, has fallen 5.9 percent in the last 3 months. Used car prices--down 0.6 percent in September--have declined 2.4 percent in the last 3 months after advancing 5.6 percent in the first half of 1995. Automobile finance charges, despite an increase of 0.3 percent in September, declined 2.4 percent in the 3 months ended in September after advancing 7.3 percent in the first 6 months of the year. The index for new vehicles rose 0.5 percent in September, reflecting price increases for trucks; the new car index increased 0.2 percent.

The index for apparel and upkeep declined 0.2 percent in September, following small increases in each of the preceding 2 months. (Prior to seasonal adjustment, clothing prices rose 2.2 percent, reflecting the continued introduction of fall-winter wear.)

Medical care costs rose 0.3 percent in September and have risen 4.4 percent in the past 12 months. The index for medical care commodities--prescription drugs, non-prescription drugs, and medical supplies--increased 0.2 percent in September. The index for medical care services rose 0.3 percent. Charges for professional services and hospital and related services increased 0.4 and 0.5 percent, respectively.

Entertainment costs, which rose 0.4 percent in August, advanced 0.3 percent in September. Fees for participant sports rose 1.7 percent and accounted for nearly half of the September entertainment advance.

The index for other goods and services increased 0.3 percent in September, following an increase of 0.5 percent in August. The index for tuition and other school fees, which increased 0.8 percent in August, declined 0.4 percent in September. (Prior to seasonal adjustment, the index for tuition and other school fees increased 2.3 percent in September and 4.7 percent in the past 3 months.) Over three-fifths of the September advance in the other goods and services index was accounted for by a 0.9 percent rise in the index for tobacco and smoking products.

#### 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 0.2 percent in September.

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

Expenditure Category	Seasonally adjusted							Compound annual rate 3-mos. ended Sep. '95	Un-adjusted 12-mos. ended Sep. '95
	Changes from preceding month 1995								
	Mar.	Apr.	May	June	July	Aug.	Sep.		
All Items	.3	.3	.2	.1	.1	.1	.2	1.6	2.5
Food and beverages	.0	.7	.1	.0	.2	.3	.5	3.8	2.6
Housing	.2	.2	.2	.1	.3	.3	.1	2.5	2.4
Apparel and upkeep	.1	-.1	-.5	-.1	-.1	.3	-.2	.3	-1.1
Transportation	.7	.6	.4	.2	-.6	-.6	-.2	-5.6	2.4

Medical care	.3	.3	.3	.3	.3	.5	.3	4.4	4.5
Entertainment	.0	.3	.4	-.1	.1	.4	.3	3.5	2.8
Other goods and services	.1	.1	.4	.4	.3	.5	.6	5.8	4.2
Special Indexes:									
Energy	-.4	.3	.7	.4	-1.0	-.9	-1.4	-12.5	-2.1
Food	.0	.8	.0	.1	.2	.2	.5	3.6	2.7
All items less food and energy	.4	.3	.2	.1	.1	.3	.2	2.3	3.0

Consumer Price Index data for October are scheduled for release on Wednesday, November 15, 1995, at 8:30 A.M. (EST).

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

(1982-84=100, unless otherwise noted)

Expenditure category	Relative importance, December 1994	Unadjusted indexes		Unadjusted percent change to Sept. 1995 from-		Seasonally adjusted percent change from-		
		Aug. 1995	Sept. 1995	Sept. 1994	Aug. 1995	June to July	July to Aug.	Aug. to Sept.
All items .....	100.000	152.9	153.2	2.5	0.2	0.2	0.1	0.1
All items (1967=100) .....	-	458.0	459.0	-	-	-	-	-
Food and beverages .....	17.412	148.9	149.4	2.6	.3	.2	.2	.4
Food .....	15.838	148.4	148.9	2.7	.3	.2	.2	.5
Food at home .....	9.934	148.4	149.2	2.9	.5	.2	.2	.6
Cereals and bakery products .....	1.464	168.8	168.4	2.2	-.2	.4	.2	.2
Meats, poultry, fish, and eggs .....	2.892	138.7	139.5	1.6	.6	.3	.8	.6
Dairy products .....	1.169	132.8	132.3	.8	-.4	.6	-.3	-.2
Fruits and vegetables .....	2.013	174.0	178.1	9.1	2.4	-.3	-.6	2.4
Other food at home .....	2.396	141.3	141.1	1.2	-.1	.3	.3	-.1
Sugar and sweets .....	.326	138.7	138.4	2.2	-.2	.4	.5	-.1
Fats and oils .....	.249	137.5	137.4	2.4	-.1	.9	.0	.1
Nonalcoholic beverages .....	.796	131.3	131.7	-.3	.3	.1	.5	.1

Other prepared food .....	1.026	152.2	151.5	1.8	-.5	.1	.3	-.2
Food away from home .....	5.904	149.4	149.6	2.3	.1	.3	.2	.1
Alcoholic beverages .....	1.574	154.5	154.5	2.0	.0	.0	.7	-.1
Housing .....	41.187	149.6	149.5	2.5	-.1	.3	.3	.1
Shelter .....	28.042	166.8	166.8	3.2	.0	.3	.1	.4
Renters' costs 1/ .....	7.955	176.9	175.1	3.4	-1.0	.3	-.1	.5
Rent, residential .....	5.765	158.2	158.5	2.3	.2	.2	.1	.1
Other renters' costs .....	2.190	213.7	205.1	6.0	-4.0	.8	-.8	1.4
Homeowners' costs 1/ .....	19.889	171.6	172.4	3.2	.5	.3	.2	.3
Owners' equivalent rent 1/ .....	19.501	171.9	172.7	3.2	.5	.3	.2	.3
Household insurance 1/ .....	.389	158.7	157.0	1.7	-1.1	-.2	.3	-1.0
Maintenance and repairs 2/ .....	.198	135.4	135.4	2.9	.0	.1	.2	.0
Maintenance and repair services 2/ .	.120	140.3	140.3	3.3	.0	.3	.4	.0
Maintenance and repair								
commodities 2/ .....	.078	128.8	128.9	2.3	.1	-.2	.1	.1
Fuel and other utilities .....	7.093	125.7	124.9	.6	-.6	.1	.6	-.6
Fuels .....	3.859	114.6	113.4	-.4	-1.0	.0	1.0	-1.3
Fuel oil and other household fuel								
commodities .....	.360	86.6	86.6	-.2	.0	.2	.2	-.3
Gas (piped) and electricity (energy								
services).....	3.499	123.0	121.6	-.4	-1.1	-.1	1.2	-1.4
Other utilities and public								
services 2/ .....	3.234	153.1	153.2	1.9	.1	.2	.1	.1
Household furnishings and operation ....	6.052	123.4	123.8	2.0	.3	.3	.5	.3
Housefurnishings .....	3.508	111.5	111.7	.4	.2	.2	.6	.4
Housekeeping supplies .....	1.088	138.0	138.3	4.3	.2	1.0	.7	.1
Housekeeping services .....	1.455	143.9	144.6	3.8	.5	.3	.1	.3
Apparel and upkeep .....	5.656	130.1	132.7	-1.1	2.0	.2	.3	-.2
Apparel commodities .....	5.097	126.7	129.5	-1.3	2.2	.2	.3	-.2
Men's and boys' apparel .....	1.329	124.5	126.8	-1.2	1.8	-.5	.5	-.1
Women's and girls' apparel.....	2.269	123.5	126.9	-3.2	2.8	.7	-.3	-1.1
Infants' and toddlers' apparel .....	.204	128.0	131.2	1.3	2.5	1.9	4.1	2.1
Footwear .....	.747	123.6	126.8	1.4	2.6	.2	.2	1.3
Other apparel commodities .....	.548	155.4	155.3	2.0	-.1	-1.2	2.0	-.5
Apparel services 2/ .....	.559	157.3	157.4	.7	.1	.2	.1	.1
Transportation .....	17.139	139.2	138.8	2.1	-.3	-.4	-.6	-.1
Private transportation .....	15.623	136.3	135.9	2.1	-.3	-.4	-.5	-.1
New vehicles .....	5.059	140.0	140.0	1.8	.0	-.1	.1	.5
New cars .....	4.052	137.9	137.8	1.5	-.1	-.1	.2	.2
Used cars .....	1.318	157.0	156.5	7.6	-.3	-1.1	-.7	-.6
Motor fuel .....	3.106	101.1	99.8	-3.8	-1.3	-1.8	-3.0	-1.5
Gasoline .....	-	101.0	99.7	-3.8	-1.3	-2.1	-2.9	-1.6

Maintenance and repairs .....	1.536	154.5	155.1	2.6	.4	.3	.4	.3	
Other private transportation .....	4.604	170.3	170.1	4.9	-.1	-.1	.4	.3	
Other private transportation commodities .....	.618	105.0	104.9	1.6	-.1	.2	.2	-.2	
Other private transportation services .....	3.986	185.7	185.4	5.5	-.2	-.1	.5	.4	
Public transportation .....	1.516	177.1	176.1	2.6	-.6	-.5	-2.4	-.5	
Medical care .....	7.266	221.6	222.1	4.4	.2	.4	.4	.3	
Medical care commodities .....	1.291	204.7	204.8	1.5	.0	.1	.2	.2	
Medical care services .....	5.974	225.6	226.1	5.0	.2	.4	.4	.3	
Professional medical services .....	3.416	202.0	202.4	4.3	.2	.4	.2	.4	
Entertainment .....	4.335	154.1	154.9	2.8	.5	.3	.4	.3	
Entertainment commodities .....	1.968	139.0	139.3	1.7	.2	.3	.4	.2	
Entertainment services .....	2.366	172.0	173.4	3.8	.8	.3	.3	.4	
Other goods and services .....	7.005	207.7	210.2	4.4	1.2	.4	.5	.3	
Tobacco and smoking products .....	1.607	227.4	228.2	3.4	.4	.0	.6	.9	
Personal care 2/ .....	1.175	147.3	147.5	1.7	.1	.1	.3	.1	
Toilet goods and personal care appliances 2/ .....	.622	143.2	143.0	.8	-.1	-.1	.4	-.1	
Personal care services 2/ .....	.553	151.7	152.4	2.5	.5	.3	.2	.5	
Personal and educational expenses .....	4.223	236.3	240.7	5.6	1.9	.6	.6	.2	
School books and supplies .....	.251	213.1	216.9	4.1	1.8	.3	.0	.7	
Personal and educational services ....	3.972	238.2	242.7	5.7	1.9	.6	.6	.2	
Commodity and service group									
All items .....	100.000	152.9	153.2	2.5	.2	.2	.1	.1	
Commodities .....	43.386	136.3	136.8	1.5	.4	.0	.0	.1	
Food and beverages .....	17.412	148.9	149.4	2.6	.3	.2	.2	.4	
Commodities less food and beverages ....	25.974	128.6	129.1	.8	.4	-.2	-.1	.0	
Nondurables less food and beverages ..	15.375	129.3	130.0	-.2	.5	-.3	-.4	-.3	
Apparel commodities .....	5.097	126.7	129.5	-1.3	2.2	.2	.3	-.2	
Nondurables less food, beverages, and apparel 2/ .....	10.278	133.6	133.3	.4	-.2	-.6	-.5	-.2	
Durables .....	10.599	127.7	127.8	2.2	.1	-.1	.2	.2	
Services .....	56.614	169.8	170.0	3.4	.1	.2	.2	.2	
Rent of shelter 1/ .....	27.422	173.6	173.6	3.2	.0	.2	.2	.3	
Household services less rent of shelter 1/ .....	8.731	140.3	139.7	1.3	-.4	.2	.4	-.4	
Transportation services .....	7.038	176.0	175.9	4.2	-.1	-.2	-.2	.1	
Medical care services .....	5.974	225.6	226.1	5.0	.2	.4	.4	.3	
Other services .....	7.450	193.7	196.2	4.5	1.3	.5	.4	.3	



Special indexes

All items less food .....	84.162	153.7	154.0	2.5	.2	.1	.1	.1
All items less shelter .....	71.958	148.9	149.4	2.3	.3	.1	.1	.1
All items less homeowners' costs 1/ .....	80.111	154.0	154.3	2.5	.2	.1	.1	.1
All items less medical care .....	92.734	149.0	149.4	2.5	.3	.1	.1	.1
Commodities less food .....	27.548	129.7	130.1	.9	.3	-.1	-.1	-.1
Nondurables less food .....	16.950	130.8	131.4	.0	.5	-.3	-.2	-.3
Nondurables less food and apparel 2/ .....	11.852	134.8	134.5	.6	-.2	-.5	-.4	-.2
Nondurables .....	32.788	139.3	139.9	1.3	.4	.0	-.1	.0
Services less rent of shelter 1/ .....	29.192	177.9	178.3	3.5	.2	.1	.3	.1
Services less medical care services .....	50.640	164.6	164.7	3.2	.1	.2	.1	.2
Energy .....	6.965	107.4	106.2	-1.8	-1.1	-.8	-.8	-1.4
All items less energy .....	93.035	159.0	159.5	2.9	.3	.2	.2	.3
All items less food and energy .....	77.197	161.6	162.1	2.9	.3	.2	.2	.2
Commodities less food and energy commodities .....	24.082	138.9	139.7	1.5	.6	.1	.4	.1
Energy commodities .....	3.466	99.7	98.5	-3.4	-1.2	-1.7	-2.7	-1.3
Services less energy services .....	53.115	174.6	174.9	3.6	.2	.3	.1	.3
Purchasing power of the consumer dollar:								
1982-84=\$1.00 2/ .....	-	\$.654	\$.653	-2.4	-.2	.0	-.3	-.2
1967=\$1.00 2/ .....	-	.218	.218	-	-	-	-	-

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-		
	June 1995	July 1995	Aug. 1995	Sept. 1995	Dec. 1994	Mar. 1995	June 1995	Sept. 1995	Mar. 1995	Sept. 1995

All items .....	-	-	-	-	1.9	3.2	3.2	1.8	2.6	2.5
Food and beverages .....	148.7	149.0	149.3	149.9	3.3	.3	3.6	3.3	1.8	3.4
Food .....	148.4	148.7	149.0	149.7	3.9	.0	3.6	3.6	1.9	3.6
Food at home .....	148.5	148.8	149.1	150.0	4.2	-1.4	4.7	4.1	1.4	4.4
Cereals and bakery products .....	167.0	167.7	168.1	168.4	.5	1.5	3.4	3.4	1.0	3.4
Meats, poultry, fish, and eggs .....	137.2	137.6	138.7	139.5	-2.3	3.6	-1.7	6.9	.6	2.5
Dairy products .....	132.2	133.0	132.6	132.3	1.5	.6	.6	.3	1.1	.5
Fruits and vegetables .....	180.3	179.7	178.6	182.8	25.2	-14.3	24.5	5.7	3.6	14.7
Other food at home .....	140.5	140.9	141.3	141.2	.6	1.4	.9	2.0	1.0	1.4
Sugar and sweets .....	137.3	137.9	138.6	138.4	.3	2.4	3.0	3.2	1.3	3.1
Fats and oils .....	136.3	137.5	137.5	137.6	3.9	2.1	-.3	3.9	3.0	1.8
Nonalcoholic beverages .....	131.3	131.4	132.0	132.1	1.2	-2.4	-2.4	2.5	-.6	.0
Other prepared food .....	151.3	151.5	151.9	151.6	-.5	4.1	3.0	.8	1.8	1.9
Food away from home .....	148.7	149.1	149.4	149.6	2.8	2.5	1.6	2.4	2.6	2.0
Alcoholic beverages .....	153.8	153.8	154.8	154.7	1.9	1.6	2.6	2.4	1.7	2.5
Housing .....	148.1	148.5	148.9	149.1	1.4	3.6	2.5	2.7	2.5	2.6
Shelter .....	165.3	165.8	165.9	166.6	2.5	3.7	3.7	3.2	3.1	3.4
Renters' costs 1/ .....	173.5	174.1	173.9	174.7	2.4	4.5	3.5	2.8	3.5	3.2
Rent, residential .....	157.7	158.0	158.2	158.4	2.1	2.6	2.6	1.8	2.3	2.2
Other renters' costs .....	204.7	206.3	204.7	207.6	2.9	9.2	6.1	5.8	6.0	5.9
Homeowners' costs 1/ .....	170.8	171.3	171.6	172.2	2.4	3.4	3.8	3.3	2.9	3.6
Owners' equivalent rent 1/ .....	171.1	171.6	171.9	172.5	2.4	3.4	3.8	3.3	2.9	3.6
Household insurance 1/ .....	158.1	157.8	158.2	156.6	4.2	5.2	1.8	-3.7	4.7	-1.0
Maintenance and repairs 2/ .....	135.0	135.1	135.4	135.4	3.4	4.6	2.4	1.2	4.0	1.8
Maintenance and repair services 2/ ...	139.4	139.8	140.3	140.3	3.6	5.4	1.7	2.6	4.5	2.2
Maintenance and repair commodities 2/	129.0	128.7	128.8	128.9	2.6	4.5	2.5	-.3	3.5	1.1
Fuel and other utilities .....	123.4	123.5	124.2	123.4	.3	1.3	1.0	.0	.8	.5
Fuels .....	110.4	110.4	111.5	110.0	-.4	-.4	.0	-1.4	-.4	-.7
Fuel oil and other household fuel										
commodities .....	88.6	88.8	89.0	88.7	-5.3	-1.4	5.6	.5	-3.3	3.0
Gas (piped) and electricity (energy										
services).....	118.0	117.9	119.3	117.6	.0	.0	-.7	-1.3	.0	-1.0
Other utilities and public services 2/ .	152.7	153.0	153.1	153.2	.8	3.5	2.1	1.3	2.1	1.7
Household furnishings and operation .....	122.3	122.7	123.3	123.7	-1.0	5.4	-1.0	4.7	2.2	1.8
Housefurnishings .....	110.6	110.8	111.5	111.9	-2.1	1.1	-1.4	4.8	-.5	1.6
Housekeeping supplies .....	136.0	137.4	138.3	138.4	.0	11.3	-.9	7.2	5.5	3.1
Housekeeping services .....	143.1	143.6	143.7	144.1	.6	12.0	.0	2.8	6.1	1.4
Apparel and upkeep .....	131.3	131.6	132.0	131.7	-3.0	.3	-2.7	1.2	-1.3	-.8
Apparel commodities .....	128.0	128.2	128.6	128.3	-3.3	.0	-2.5	.9	-1.7	-.8
Men's and boys' apparel .....	126.0	125.4	126.0	125.9	-7.3	6.5	-3.4	-.3	-.6	-1.9
Women's and girls' apparel .....	126.1	127.0	126.6	125.2	-3.7	-4.9	-1.3	-2.8	-4.3	-2.0

Infants' and toddlers' apparel .....	121.0	123.3	128.3	131.0	3.4	-6.3	-20.9	37.4	-1.5	4.3
Footwear .....	124.4	124.7	125.0	126.6	-1.3	2.9	-3.2	7.3	.8	1.9
Other apparel commodities .....	153.8	152.0	155.0	154.2	1.6	5.4	-.3	1.0	3.5	.4
Apparel services 2/.....	156.9	157.2	157.3	157.4	.3	3.1	-1.8	1.3	1.7	-.3
Transportation .....	140.9	140.3	139.4	139.2	1.2	6.3	6.5	-4.7	3.7	.7
Private transportation .....	137.6	137.0	136.3	136.2	4.3	4.8	3.9	-4.0	4.6	-.1
New vehicles .....	141.1	141.0	141.2	141.9	-.3	2.0	3.5	2.3	.9	2.9
New cars .....	139.2	139.0	139.3	139.6	.3	1.5	3.2	1.2	.9	2.2
Used cars .....	157.8	156.1	155.0	154.0	18.8	31.5	-5.4	-9.3	25.0	-7.4
Motor fuel .....	103.8	101.9	98.8	97.3	.8	-1.6	12.0	-22.8	-.4	-7.0
Gasoline .....	103.9	101.7	98.7	97.1	.8	-1.2	12.9	-23.7	-.2	-7.2
Maintenance and repairs .....	153.6	154.0	154.6	155.0	2.7	1.3	2.6	3.7	2.0	3.2
Other private transportation .....	170.4	170.3	171.0	171.5	8.1	7.4	1.9	2.6	7.7	2.3
Other private transportation commodities .....	104.9	105.1	105.3	105.1	1.9	2.3	1.5	.8	2.1	1.2
Other private transportation services .....	185.9	185.7	186.6	187.3	9.1	7.9	2.0	3.0	8.5	2.5
Public transportation .....	185.4	184.4	179.9	179.0	-22.9	19.4	38.5	-13.1	-4.1	9.7
Medical care .....	220.2	221.0	221.8	222.5	5.6	3.8	3.7	4.2	4.6	4.0
Medical care commodities .....	203.8	204.1	204.5	205.0	3.2	-.6	1.4	2.4	1.3	1.9
Medical care services .....	223.7	224.6	225.6	226.3	6.1	4.6	4.2	4.7	5.4	4.5
Professional medical services .....	200.6	201.4	201.8	202.6	5.7	3.9	3.9	4.0	4.8	4.0
Entertainment .....	153.3	153.8	154.4	154.9	2.1	2.4	2.4	4.2	2.3	3.3
Entertainment commodities .....	138.1	138.5	139.1	139.4	.3	-.3	2.9	3.8	.0	3.4
Entertainment services .....	171.4	171.9	172.5	173.2	3.6	4.8	2.1	4.3	4.2	3.2
Other goods and services .....	207.1	207.9	209.0	209.7	4.5	3.6	4.4	5.1	4.0	4.7
Tobacco and smoking products .....	225.8	225.8	227.2	229.3	2.7	-3.0	7.4	6.3	-.2	6.9
Personal care 2/ .....	146.7	146.9	147.3	147.5	1.9	.5	1.9	2.2	1.2	2.1
Toilet goods and personal care appliances 2/ .....	142.8	142.7	143.2	143.0	2.3	-1.1	1.7	.6	.6	1.1
Personal care services 2/ .....	151.0	151.4	151.7	152.4	1.4	2.7	2.1	3.8	2.0	3.0
Personal and educational expenses .....	235.0	236.4	237.8	238.2	5.8	7.4	3.7	5.6	6.6	4.6
School books and supplies .....	213.6	214.2	214.2	215.6	2.1	7.9	2.7	3.8	5.0	3.2
Personal and educational services .....	236.5	237.9	239.4	239.8	5.9	7.3	3.8	5.7	6.6	4.7
Commodity and service group										
All items .....	-	-	-	-	1.9	3.2	3.2	1.8	2.6	2.5
Commodities .....	136.6	136.6	136.6	136.8	1.5	1.5	2.4	.6	1.5	1.5
Food and beverages .....	148.7	149.0	149.3	149.9	3.3	.3	3.6	3.3	1.8	3.4
Commodities less food and beverages .....	129.2	129.0	128.9	128.9	.3	1.9	1.9	-.9	1.1	.5

Nondurables less food and beverages ....	130.3	129.9	129.4	129.0	-.9	1.2	3.1	-3.9	.2	-.5
Apparel commodities .....	128.0	128.2	128.6	128.3	-3.3	.0	-2.5	.9	-1.7	-.8
Nondurables less food, beverages, and apparel 2/ .....	135.1	134.3	133.6	133.3	-3.9	-1.2	12.8	-5.2	-2.5	3.4
Durables .....	128.0	127.9	128.1	128.3	2.9	3.8	.9	.9	3.4	.9
Services .....	168.7	169.1	169.5	169.8	2.5	4.7	3.9	2.6	3.6	3.3
Rent of shelter 1/ .....	172.4	172.8	173.1	173.6	2.2	3.8	4.0	2.8	3.0	3.4
Household services less rent of shelter 1/ .....	137.9	138.2	138.8	138.2	1.2	2.7	.6	.9	1.9	.7
Transportation services .....	177.8	177.5	177.2	177.4	-.2	8.7	9.5	-.9	4.2	4.2
Medical care services .....	223.7	224.6	225.6	226.3	6.1	4.6	4.2	4.7	5.4	4.5
Other services .....	193.2	194.1	194.9	195.4	4.6	5.8	2.7	4.6	5.2	3.7
Special indexes										
All items less food .....	153.2	153.4	153.6	153.7	1.9	3.8	3.2	1.3	2.8	2.2
All items less shelter .....	148.8	148.9	149.1	149.2	1.7	3.0	3.3	1.1	2.3	2.2
All items less homeowners' costs 1/ .....	153.7	153.8	154.0	154.2	1.9	3.2	3.2	1.3	2.5	2.2
All items less medical care .....	148.5	148.7	148.9	149.1	1.9	3.0	3.3	1.6	2.5	2.5
Commodities less food .....	130.3	130.2	130.1	130.0	.6	1.9	1.9	-.9	1.2	.5
Nondurables less food .....	131.6	131.2	130.9	130.5	-.6	1.2	2.8	-3.3	.3	-.3
Nondurables less food and apparel 2/ .....	136.0	135.3	134.8	134.5	-3.3	-.6	11.3	-4.3	-1.9	3.2
Nondurables .....	139.6	139.6	139.5	139.5	1.5	1.2	2.9	-.3	1.3	1.3
Services less rent of shelter 1/ .....	176.9	177.1	177.7	177.8	2.8	5.2	4.2	2.1	4.0	3.1
Services less medical care services .....	163.5	163.9	164.1	164.4	2.0	4.8	3.8	2.2	3.4	3.0
Energy .....	106.5	105.6	104.8	103.3	.4	-1.1	5.4	-11.5	-.4	-3.4
All items less energy .....	158.8	159.1	159.4	159.9	2.3	3.4	3.3	2.8	2.9	3.1
All items less food and energy .....	161.3	161.7	162.0	162.4	2.0	4.1	3.0	2.8	3.1	2.9
Commodities less food and energy commodities .....	139.0	139.1	139.6	139.8	.3	2.6	.6	2.3	1.5	1.4
Energy commodities .....	102.2	100.5	97.8	96.5	.4	-1.6	11.3	-20.5	-.6	-5.9
Services less energy services .....	173.8	174.3	174.5	175.1	2.6	4.8	4.3	3.0	3.7	3.6

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,	Unadjusted indexes		Unadjusted percent change to		Seasonally adjusted percent change from-		
	December 1994	Aug. 1995	Sept. 1995	Sept. 1994	Aug. 1995	June to July	July to Aug.	Aug. to Sept.
All items .....	100.000	150.2	150.6	2.5	0.3	0.1	0.1	0.2
All items (1967=100) .....	-	447.4	448.5	-	-	-	-	-
Food and beverages .....	19.320	148.3	148.9	2.6	.4	.2	.3	.5
Food .....	17.629	147.9	148.5	2.7	.4	.2	.2	.5
Food at home .....	11.243	147.7	148.4	2.8	.5	.2	.3	.6
Cereals and bakery products .....	1.670	168.5	168.2	2.2	-.2	.3	.2	.2
Meats, poultry, fish, and eggs .....	3.398	138.3	139.2	1.5	.7	.4	.8	.7
Dairy products .....	1.299	132.5	132.1	.8	-.3	.6	-.3	-.2
Fruits and vegetables .....	2.124	173.5	177.5	9.2	2.3	-.2	-.6	2.3
Other food at home .....	2.751	140.8	140.7	1.4	-.1	.2	.3	.1
Sugar and sweets .....	.367	138.6	138.3	2.1	-.2	.4	.5	-.1
Fats and oils .....	.286	137.4	137.4	2.4	.0	1.0	-.1	.1
Nonalcoholic beverages .....	.920	130.6	131.1	.2	.4	.2	.4	.4
Other prepared food .....	1.179	151.9	151.2	1.8	-.5	.1	.2	-.1
Food away from home .....	6.387	149.2	149.5	2.3	.2	.1	.3	.2
Alcoholic beverages .....	1.690	153.8	153.8	1.9	.0	-.1	.7	-.1
Housing .....	38.759	146.5	146.5	2.4	.0	.3	.3	.1
Shelter .....	25.753	162.1	162.3	3.1	.1	.2	.1	.3
Renters' costs 1/ .....	8.073	154.2	153.3	3.0	-.6	.3	-.1	.4
Rent, residential .....	6.615	157.8	158.2	2.3	.3	.1	.1	.1
Other renters' costs .....	1.458	214.2	205.6	5.9	-4.0	.7	-.7	1.7
Homeowners' costs 1/ .....	17.491	156.5	157.2	3.2	.4	.3	.2	.3
Owners' equivalent rent 1/ .....	17.161	156.8	157.5	3.2	.4	.3	.3	.3
Household insurance 1/ .....	.331	145.7	143.7	1.4	-1.4	-.1	.1	-1.5
Maintenance and repairs 2/ .....	.189	134.9	135.0	2.4	.1	.2	.1	.1
Maintenance and repair services 2/ ..	.104	143.0	143.0	2.6	.0	.4	.1	.0
Maintenance and repair commodities 2/ .....	.085	124.1	124.3	2.2	.2	.2	.1	.2
Fuel and other utilities .....	7.329	125.3	124.5	.5	-.6	.1	.7	-.7
Fuels .....	3.958	114.0	112.7	-.5	-1.1	.0	1.1	-1.4
Fuel oil and other household fuel commodities .....	.331	86.5	86.5	-.2	.0	.2	.1	-.2
Gas (piped) and electricity (energy services).....	3.627	122.4	120.8	-.6	-1.3	.0	1.1	-1.5

Other utilities and public services 2/ .....	3.372	153.5	153.6	1.8	.1	.1	.1	.1
Household furnishings and operation ....	5.676	122.2	122.5	2.1	.2	.4	.4	.3
Housefurnishings .....	3.432	110.2	110.5	.6	.3	.3	.5	.4
Housekeeping supplies .....	1.122	138.3	138.6	4.3	.2	.9	.7	.1
Housekeeping services .....	1.122	146.9	147.8	4.5	.6	.4	.0	.3
Apparel and upkeep .....	5.661	129.1	131.6	-1.1	1.9	-.1	.3	-.2
Apparel commodities .....	5.136	125.8	128.5	-1.3	2.1	.0	.3	-.2
Men's and boys' apparel .....	1.329	124.2	126.4	-1.1	1.8	-.9	.4	-.2
Women's and girls' apparel.....	2.214	121.9	125.4	-3.1	2.9	.6	-.8	-.9
Infants' and toddlers' apparel .....	.263	129.1	132.6	1.1	2.7	1.5	4.7	2.2
Footwear .....	.827	124.4	127.5	1.2	2.5	.2	.3	1.1
Other apparel commodities .....	.503	153.7	153.2	1.3	-.3	-1.7	2.7	-.5
Apparel services 2/ .....	.524	156.9	156.8	.6	-.1	.2	.1	-.1
Transportation .....	19.183	138.9	138.5	2.4	-.3	-.6	-.6	-.2
Private transportation .....	18.027	136.9	136.6	2.3	-.2	-.6	-.5	-.2
New vehicles .....	4.982	140.9	140.9	1.8	.0	.1	.1	.3
New cars .....	3.622	137.6	137.4	1.5	-.1	-.1	.1	.1
Used cars .....	2.382	157.9	157.4	7.7	-.3	-1.1	-.7	-.6
Motor fuel .....	3.819	101.0	99.8	-3.8	-1.2	-2.1	-2.9	-1.4
Gasoline .....	-	101.0	99.7	-3.9	-1.3	-2.1	-3.0	-1.6
Maintenance and repairs .....	1.617	155.3	155.9	2.6	.4	.4	.3	.3
Other private transportation .....	5.227	166.1	166.0	5.1	-.1	-.1	.4	.3
Other private transportation commodities .....	.780	104.2	104.1	1.7	-.1	.2	.2	-.2
Other private transportation services .....	4.447	181.5	181.5	5.6	.0	-.2	.4	.4
Public transportation .....	1.156	172.6	172.2	2.7	-.2	-.6	-2.2	-.1
Medical care .....	6.173	221.1	221.5	4.5	.2	.3	.5	.3
Medical care commodities .....	1.063	202.6	202.5	1.6	.0	.3	.1	.1
Medical care services .....	5.110	225.3	225.8	5.1	.2	.3	.5	.3
Professional medical services .....	2.920	203.2	203.5	4.4	.1	.4	.2	.3
Entertainment .....	4.005	152.0	152.7	2.8	.5	.1	.4	.3
Entertainment commodities .....	2.054	138.2	138.4	1.8	.1	.1	.4	.2
Entertainment services .....	1.951	172.0	173.4	3.8	.8	.2	.3	.3
Other goods and services .....	6.900	205.0	207.2	4.2	1.1	.3	.5	.6
Tobacco and smoking products .....	2.128	227.4	228.1	3.2	.3	.0	.6	.9
Personal care 2/ .....	1.139	147.4	147.6	1.5	.1	.1	.3	.1
Toilet goods and personal care appliances 2/ .....	.646	143.8	143.7	.8	-.1	-.1	.3	-.1

Personal care services 2/ .....	.493	151.7	152.5	2.6	.5	.3	.3	.5
Personal and educational expenses .....	3.633	231.9	236.1	5.6	1.8	.6	.5	.6
School books and supplies .....	.220	214.1	218.1	4.0	1.9	.4	-.1	.7
Personal and educational services .....	3.413	233.6	237.8	5.7	1.8	.6	.6	.5

Commodity and service group

All items .....	100.000	150.2	150.6	2.5	.3	.1	.1	.2
Commodities .....	47.499	136.3	136.7	1.6	.3	-.1	.0	.1
Food and beverages .....	19.320	148.3	148.9	2.6	.4	.2	.3	.5
Commodities less food and beverages .....	28.180	128.9	129.3	.9	.3	-.3	-.2	-.1
Nondurables less food and beverages ..	16.400	128.9	129.6	-.2	.5	-.5	-.4	-.2
Apparel commodities .....	5.136	125.8	128.5	-1.3	2.1	.0	.3	-.2
Nondurables less food, beverages, and apparel 2/ .....	11.263	133.4	133.1	.2	-.2	-.7	-.6	-.2
Durables .....	11.780	127.8	127.7	2.7	-.1	-.2	.0	.1
Services .....	52.501	167.0	167.3	3.3	.2	.2	.2	.2
Rent of shelter 1/ .....	25.206	156.0	156.1	3.1	.1	.3	.3	.3
Household services less rent of shelter 1/ .....	8.584	128.9	128.3	1.1	-.5	.1	.5	-.5
Transportation services .....	7.220	173.4	173.5	4.5	.1	-.2	.0	.3
Medical care services .....	5.110	225.3	225.8	5.1	.2	.3	.5	.3
Other services .....	6.381	190.6	193.0	4.5	1.3	.4	.4	.4

Special indexes

All items less food .....	82.371	150.6	150.9	2.5	.2	.1	.1	.1
All items less shelter .....	74.247	147.1	147.5	2.3	.3	.0	.1	.1
All items less homeowners' costs 1/ .....	82.509	141.2	141.4	2.4	.1	.0	.1	.1
All items less medical care .....	93.827	146.9	147.2	2.4	.2	.0	.1	.1
Commodities less food .....	29.870	129.9	130.2	1.0	.2	-.2	-.2	-.1
Nondurables less food .....	18.090	130.4	131.0	-.1	.5	-.5	-.3	-.4
Nondurables less food and apparel 2/ .....	12.954	134.5	134.2	.4	-.2	-.7	-.4	-.2
Nondurables .....	35.719	138.9	139.5	1.2	.4	-.1	-.1	.0
Services less rent of shelter 1/ .....	27.295	158.6	158.8	3.5	.1	.1	.3	.1
Services less medical care services .....	47.390	162.1	162.3	3.2	.1	.2	.1	.2
Energy .....	7.777	106.8	105.5	-2.1	-1.2	-1.0	-.9	-1.4
All items less energy .....	92.223	156.3	156.8	2.9	.3	.2	.2	.3
All items less food and energy .....	74.594	158.5	159.0	3.0	.3	.1	.3	.2
Commodities less food and energy commodities .....	25.720	138.6	139.3	1.8	.5	.0	.3	.1
Energy commodities .....	4.150	100.0	98.9	-3.4	-1.1	-1.9	-2.6	-1.4
Services less energy services .....	48.874	172.0	172.5	3.7	.3	.2	.2	.3
Purchasing power of the consumer dollar: 1982-84=\$1.00 2/ .....	-	\$.666	\$.664	-2.5	-.3	.0	-.1	-.3

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1/ Indexes on a December 1984=100 base.

2/ Not seasonally adjusted.

- Data not available.

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

Table 5. Consumer Price Index for Urban Wage Earners and Clerical Workers (CPI-W): U.S. city average, by expenditure category and commodity and service group

(1982-84=100, unless otherwise noted)

Expenditure category	Seasonally adjusted indexes					Seasonally adjusted annual rate percent change for				
	June	July	Aug.	Sept.	Dec.	3 months ended-		6 months ended-		
	1995	1995	1995	1995	1994	Mar.	June	Sept.	Mar.	Sept.
						1995	1995	1995	1995	1995
All items .....	-	-	-	-	2.2	3.6	2.7	1.6	2.9	2.2
Food and beverages .....	148.1	148.4	148.8	149.5	3.3	.3	3.0	3.8	1.8	3.4
Food .....	147.7	148.0	148.3	149.0	3.3	.3	3.3	3.6	1.8	3.4
Food at home .....	147.6	147.9	148.3	149.2	3.9	-1.1	4.2	4.4	1.4	4.3
Cereals and bakery products .....	166.9	167.4	167.8	168.2	.5	1.7	3.7	3.2	1.1	3.4
Meats, poultry, fish, and eggs .....	136.7	137.2	138.3	139.2	-2.6	3.6	-2.3	7.5	.4	2.5
Dairy products .....	131.9	132.7	132.3	132.1	1.8	.6	.3	.6	1.2	.5
Fruits and vegetables .....	179.4	179.0	178.0	182.1	25.3	-14.1	23.7	6.2	3.7	14.6
Other food at home .....	140.1	140.4	140.8	140.9	.9	1.4	1.2	2.3	1.2	1.7
Sugar and sweets .....	137.3	137.8	138.5	138.3	.3	2.4	3.0	2.9	1.3	3.0
Fats and oils .....	136.1	137.5	137.4	137.5	3.6	2.7	-.9	4.2	3.2	1.6
Nonalcoholic beverages .....	130.5	130.7	131.2	131.7	1.2	-1.8	-2.1	3.7	-.3	.8
Other prepared food .....	151.1	151.3	151.6	151.4	.0	3.3	3.5	.8	1.6	2.1
Food away from home .....	148.6	148.8	149.2	149.5	2.5	3.0	1.4	2.4	2.8	1.9
Alcoholic beverages .....	153.1	153.0	154.1	153.9	2.1	1.3	1.8	2.1	1.7	2.0
Housing .....	145.0	145.4	145.8	145.9	1.4	3.4	2.2	2.5	2.4	2.4
Shelter .....	160.9	161.3	161.5	162.0	2.6	3.3	3.6	2.8	2.9	3.2
Renters' costs 1/ .....	152.2	152.6	152.5	153.1	2.4	3.2	3.5	2.4	2.8	2.9
Rent, residential .....	157.5	157.7	157.8	158.0	2.1	2.6	2.8	1.3	2.3	2.1



Other renters' costs .....	204.6	206.1	204.7	208.1	3.9	7.2	5.7	7.0	5.6	6.3
Homeowners' costs 1/ .....	155.7	156.2	156.5	156.9	2.4	3.2	3.7	3.1	2.8	3.4
Owners' equivalent rent 1/ .....	155.9	156.4	156.8	157.2	2.4	3.2	3.7	3.4	2.8	3.5
Household insurance 1/ .....	145.2	145.1	145.3	143.1	4.6	5.1	1.7	-5.7	4.9	-2.1
Maintenance and repairs 2/ .....	134.4	134.7	134.9	135.0	1.8	4.0	2.1	1.8	2.9	2.0
Maintenance and repair services 2/ ...	142.4	142.9	143.0	143.0	2.6	4.1	2.0	1.7	3.3	1.8
Maintenance and repair commodities 2/	123.8	124.0	124.1	124.3	1.0	4.0	2.3	1.6	2.5	2.0
Fuel and other utilities .....	122.8	122.9	123.7	122.8	.0	1.3	.7	.0	.7	.3
Fuels .....	109.5	109.5	110.7	109.1	.0	-.7	-.4	-1.5	-.4	-.9
Fuel oil and other household fuel										
commodities .....	88.5	88.7	88.8	88.6	-5.3	-.9	5.1	.5	-3.1	2.8
Gas (piped) and electricity (energy										
services).....	117.1	117.1	118.4	116.6	.0	-.7	-.7	-1.7	-.3	-1.2
Other utilities and public services 2/ .	153.2	153.4	153.5	153.6	.5	3.2	2.4	1.0	1.9	1.7
Household furnishings and operation .....	121.1	121.6	122.1	122.5	-1.0	5.5	-.7	4.7	2.2	2.0
Housefurnishings .....	109.4	109.7	110.2	110.6	-2.2	1.8	-1.4	4.5	-.2	1.5
Housekeeping supplies .....	136.4	137.6	138.5	138.7	.6	9.6	.3	6.9	5.0	3.6
Housekeeping services .....	146.3	146.9	146.9	147.4	.9	14.3	.3	3.0	7.4	1.6
Apparel and upkeep .....	130.4	130.3	130.7	130.5	-4.2	1.9	-2.4	.3	-1.2	-1.1
Apparel commodities .....	127.3	127.3	127.7	127.5	-4.3	1.6	-2.8	.6	-1.4	-1.1
Men's and boys' apparel .....	126.2	125.1	125.6	125.4	-7.7	9.3	-2.8	-2.5	.5	-2.7
Women's and girls' apparel .....	125.3	126.1	125.1	124.0	-4.6	-4.4	.6	-4.1	-4.5	-1.8
Infants' and toddlers' apparel .....	121.9	123.7	129.5	132.4	3.4	-9.6	-19.3	39.2	-3.3	6.0
Footwear .....	125.1	125.4	125.8	127.2	-2.2	3.9	-3.7	6.9	.8	1.4
Other apparel commodities .....	151.5	149.0	153.0	152.3	-2.1	12.3	-6.3	2.1	4.8	-2.2
Apparel services 2/.....	156.5	156.8	156.9	156.8	.0	3.1	-1.5	.8	1.5	-.4
Transportation .....	140.4	139.5	138.7	138.4	3.3	7.2	5.0	-5.6	5.2	-.4
Private transportation .....	138.2	137.4	136.7	136.4	4.9	6.7	3.2	-5.1	5.8	-1.0
New vehicles .....	141.9	142.0	142.2	142.6	-.3	2.3	3.2	2.0	1.0	2.6
New cars .....	138.9	138.8	139.0	139.2	.0	2.1	2.9	.9	1.0	1.9
Used cars .....	158.8	157.0	155.9	155.0	17.8	32.8	-4.9	-9.2	25.0	-7.1
Motor fuel .....	103.8	101.6	98.7	97.3	.8	-1.6	12.0	-22.8	-.4	-7.0
Gasoline .....	103.9	101.7	98.6	97.0	.0	-.8	12.9	-24.0	-.4	-7.4
Maintenance and repairs .....	154.5	155.1	155.5	155.9	2.9	1.3	2.9	3.7	2.1	3.3
Other private transportation .....	166.5	166.3	167.0	167.5	7.7	8.9	1.2	2.4	8.3	1.8
Other private transportation										
commodities .....	104.1	104.3	104.5	104.3	2.4	2.0	1.6	.8	2.2	1.2
Other private transportation										
services .....	182.1	181.8	182.6	183.3	8.8	9.8	1.3	2.7	9.3	2.0
Public transportation .....	179.2	178.2	174.2	174.0	-16.8	14.3	32.3	-11.1	-2.5	8.4
Medical care .....	219.4	220.1	221.2	221.8	6.0	3.6	3.7	4.4	4.8	4.1
Medical care commodities .....	201.3	202.0	202.3	202.5	4.1	-.6	.4	2.4	1.7	1.4

Medical care services .....	223.4	224.1	225.3	226.0	6.3	4.7	4.4	4.7	5.5	4.6
Professional medical services .....	201.7	202.5	203.0	203.7	5.7	3.9	4.3	4.0	4.8	4.2
Entertainment .....	151.4	151.6	152.2	152.7	2.4	2.4	2.7	3.5	2.4	3.1
Entertainment commodities .....	137.4	137.6	138.2	138.5	.6	.3	2.7	3.2	.4	3.0
Entertainment services .....	171.5	171.9	172.5	173.0	4.1	5.1	2.4	3.5	4.6	3.0
Other goods and services .....	204.0	204.6	205.7	206.9	3.9	2.8	4.2	5.8	3.4	5.0
Tobacco and smoking products .....	225.8	225.8	227.2	229.2	2.4	-2.5	6.6	6.2	-.1	6.4
Personal care 2/ .....	146.8	146.9	147.4	147.6	1.9	.0	1.9	2.2	1.0	2.1
Toilet goods and personal care appliances 2/ .....	143.5	143.3	143.8	143.7	2.5	-1.7	1.7	.6	.4	1.1
Personal care services 2/ .....	150.9	151.3	151.7	152.5	1.6	2.7	1.9	4.3	2.2	3.1
Personal and educational expenses .....	230.2	231.5	232.7	234.0	5.3	6.9	3.6	6.8	6.1	5.1
School books and supplies .....	214.4	215.3	215.0	216.6	1.7	7.5	2.5	4.2	4.6	3.3
Personal and educational services .....	231.7	233.0	234.3	235.5	5.7	6.7	3.9	6.7	6.2	5.3
Commodity and service group										
All items .....	-	-	-	-	2.2	3.6	2.7	1.6	2.9	2.2
Commodities .....	136.6	136.5	136.5	136.7	1.8	2.1	2.4	.3	1.9	1.3
Food and beverages .....	148.1	148.4	148.8	149.5	3.3	.3	3.0	3.8	1.8	3.4
Commodities less food and beverages .....	129.5	129.1	128.9	128.8	.6	3.5	1.9	-2.1	2.0	-.2
Nondurables less food and beverages .....	130.1	129.4	128.9	128.6	-.9	1.3	3.8	-4.5	.2	-.5
Apparel commodities .....	127.3	127.3	127.7	127.5	-4.3	1.6	-2.8	.6	-1.4	-1.1
Nondurables less food, beverages, and apparel 2/ .....	135.2	134.2	133.4	133.1	-4.4	-2.1	14.9	-6.1	-3.3	3.9
Durables .....	128.1	127.9	127.9	128.0	3.9	6.8	.3	-.3	5.4	.0
Services .....	165.9	166.3	166.7	167.0	3.0	4.2	3.4	2.7	3.6	3.1
Rent of shelter 1/ .....	154.8	155.2	155.7	156.1	2.1	3.5	3.4	3.4	2.8	3.4
Household services less rent of shelter 1/ .....	126.8	126.9	127.5	126.8	1.3	2.2	1.3	.0	1.8	.6
Transportation services .....	174.7	174.4	174.4	174.9	2.9	8.6	6.4	.5	5.7	3.4
Medical care services .....	223.4	224.1	225.3	226.0	6.3	4.7	4.4	4.7	5.5	4.6
Other services .....	189.9	190.7	191.5	192.3	4.4	5.5	2.8	5.2	4.9	4.0
Special indexes										
All items less food .....	150.0	150.1	150.2	150.3	2.2	3.9	3.0	.8	3.0	1.9
All items less shelter .....	147.0	147.0	147.2	147.3	2.2	3.4	2.8	.8	2.8	1.8
All items less homeowners' costs 1/ .....	140.9	140.9	141.1	141.2	2.3	3.2	2.9	.9	2.8	1.9
All items less medical care .....	146.5	146.5	146.7	146.9	2.0	3.4	3.1	1.1	2.7	2.1
Commodities less food .....	130.6	130.3	130.1	130.0	.9	3.1	1.9	-1.8	2.0	.0
Nondurables less food .....	131.4	130.8	130.4	129.9	-.9	1.2	3.7	-4.5	.2	-.5
Nondurables less food and apparel 2/ .....	136.0	135.1	134.5	134.2	-3.5	-1.5	13.0	-5.2	-2.5	3.5



(less than 50,000) .....	M	145.4	146.0	145.7	146.3	3.4	.2	.4	3.5	.2	-.2
South urban .....	M	149.1	149.2	149.7	149.8	2.7	.4	.1	2.9	.4	.3
Size A - More than 1,200,000 .....	M	148.8	148.8	149.4	149.2	2.3	.3	-.1	2.5	.4	.4
Size B - 450,000 to 1,200,000 .....	M	151.3	151.5	152.0	152.3	2.7	.5	.2	2.8	.5	.3
Size C - 50,000 to 450,000 .....	M	148.5	148.4	149.4	149.5	3.3	.7	.1	3.5	.6	.7
Size D - Nonmetropolitan (less than 50,000) .....	M	147.8	148.1	147.8	148.4	3.6	.2	.4	3.4	.0	-.2
West urban .....	M	153.6	153.5	153.7	154.1	2.3	.4	.3	2.4	.1	.1
Size A - More than 1,250,000 .....	M	154.1	154.0	154.1	154.5	1.8	.3	.3	1.9	.0	.1
Size C - 50,000 to 330,000 .....	M	156.6	156.7	157.0	157.6	3.5	.6	.4	3.9	.3	.2
Size classes											
A 3/ .....	M	137.9	137.9	138.2	138.5	2.3	.4	.2	2.2	.2	.2
B .....	M	152.1	152.6	152.8	153.1	2.8	.3	.2	2.7	.5	.1
C .....	M	151.8	151.8	152.4	152.7	3.0	.6	.2	3.3	.4	.4
D .....	M	148.9	149.1	148.8	149.6	3.4	.3	.5	3.3	-.1	-.2
Selected local areas											
Chicago-Gary-Lake County, IL-IN-WI.....	M	153.5	153.6	153.8	154.0	2.5	.3	.1	2.7	.2	.1
Los Angeles-Anaheim-Riverside, CA .....	M	154.8	154.5	154.4	154.6	1.2	.1	.1	1.6	-.3	-.1
N.Y.-Northern N.J.-Long Island, NY-NJ-CT	M	162.2	162.3	162.8	163.2	2.6	.6	.2	2.3	.4	.3
Phil.-Wilmington-Trenton, PA-NJ-DE-MD ..	M	158.4	158.9	159.6	160.3	2.6	.9	.4	2.5	.8	.4
San Francisco-Oakland-San Jose, CA .....	M	151.7	151.5	151.5	152.3	1.9	.5	.5	1.4	-.1	.0
Baltimore, MD .....	1	-	151.5	-	151.8	2.2	.2	-	-	-	-
Boston-Lawrence-Salem, MA-NH .....	1	-	157.8	-	158.6	1.9	.5	-	-	-	-
Cleveland-Akron-Lorain, OH .....	1	-	148.1	-	149.0	1.8	.6	-	-	-	-
Miami-Fort Lauderdale, FL .....	1	-	148.3	-	148.9	3.0	.4	-	-	-	-
St. Louis-East St. Louis, MO-IL .....	1	-	145.6	-	147.1	2.6	1.0	-	-	-	-
Washington, DC-MD-VA .....	1	-	156.1	-	156.2	1.6	.1	-	-	-	-
Dallas-Fort Worth, TX .....	2	144.4	-	145.1	-	-	-	-	2.0	.5	-
Detroit-Ann Arbor, MI .....	2	148.3	-	148.8	-	-	-	-	2.4	.3	-
Houston-Galveston-Brazoria, TX .....	2	139.9	-	140.1	-	-	-	-	.6	.1	-
Pittsburgh-Beaver Valley, PA .....	2	149.2	-	150.1	-	-	-	-	3.0	.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.

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 Sept. 1995 from-			Percent change to Aug. 1995 from-		
		June 1995	July 1995	Aug. 1995	Sept. 1995	Sept. 1994	July 1995	Aug. 1995	Aug. 1994	June 1995	July 1995
U.S. city average .....	M	149.9	149.9	150.2	150.6	2.5	0.5	0.3	2.5	0.2	0.2
Region and area size 2/											
Northeast urban.....	M	156.4	156.6	157.1	157.6	2.5	.6	.3	2.4	.4	.3
Size A - More than 1,200,000 .....	M	156.1	156.1	156.7	157.2	2.5	.7	.3	2.4	.4	.4
Size B - 500,000 to 1,200,000 .....	M	154.5	155.3	155.7	155.9	2.1	.4	.1	1.9	.8	.3
Size C - 50,000 to 500,000 .....	M	158.9	159.2	159.8	160.1	2.6	.6	.2	3.0	.6	.4
North Central urban .....	M	145.6	145.5	145.6	146.1	2.5	.4	.3	2.4	.0	.1
Size A - More than 1,200,000 .....	M	145.7	145.6	145.8	146.3	2.4	.5	.3	2.2	.1	.1
Size B - 360,000 to 1,200,000 .....	M	144.2	144.1	144.0	144.2	2.6	.1	.1	2.1	-.1	-.1
Size C - 50,000 to 360,000 .....	M	147.4	147.1	147.3	147.9	2.5	.5	.4	2.6	-.1	.1
Size D - Nonmetropolitan (less than 50,000) .....	M	143.7	144.2	144.0	144.5	3.2	.2	.3	3.2	.2	-.1
South urban .....	M	147.8	147.8	148.3	148.4	2.7	.4	.1	2.9	.3	.3
Size A - More than 1,200,000 .....	M	147.2	147.2	147.6	147.3	2.1	.1	-.2	2.4	.3	.3
Size B - 450,000 to 1,200,000 .....	M	147.8	147.9	148.3	148.7	2.6	.5	.3	2.6	.3	.3
Size C - 50,000 to 450,000 .....	M	148.6	148.5	149.4	149.5	3.3	.7	.1	3.6	.5	.6
Size D - Nonmetropolitan (less than 50,000) .....	M	148.1	148.3	148.3	148.9	3.6	.4	.4	3.6	.1	.0

West urban .....	M	150.7	150.5	150.7	151.0	2.2	.3	.2	2.4	.0	.1
Size A - More than 1,250,000 .....	M	149.8	149.5	149.6	149.9	1.8	.3	.2	1.8	-.1	.1
Size C - 50,000 to 330,000 .....	M	153.8	153.7	153.9	154.5	3.3	.5	.4	3.6	.1	.1
Size classes											
A 3/ .....	M	137.0	136.9	137.2	137.5	2.2	.4	.2	2.2	.1	.2
B .....	M	149.4	149.7	150.0	150.3	2.6	.4	.2	2.5	.4	.2
C .....	M	151.1	150.9	151.5	151.9	3.0	.7	.3	3.2	.3	.4
D .....	M	148.2	148.4	148.2	148.9	3.3	.3	.5	3.3	.0	-.1
Selected local areas											
Chicago-Gary-Lake County, IL-IN-WI.....	M	148.5	148.7	148.8	149.0	2.5	.2	.1	2.5	.2	.1
Los Angeles-Anaheim-Riverside, CA .....	M	149.7	149.3	149.2	149.3	1.4	.0	.1	1.6	-.3	-.1
N.Y.-Northern N.J.-Long Island, NY-NJ-CT	M	158.4	158.3	158.9	159.5	2.6	.8	.4	2.3	.3	.4
Phil.-Wilmington-Trenton, PA-NJ-DE-MD ..	M	158.1	158.5	159.2	159.8	2.5	.8	.4	2.5	.7	.4
San Francisco-Oakland-San Jose, CA .....	M	149.6	149.3	149.3	150.0	2.0	.5	.5	1.5	-.2	.0
Baltimore, MD .....	1	-	150.5	-	150.8	2.0	.2	-	-	-	-
Boston-Lawrence-Salem, MA-NH .....	1	-	156.6	-	157.4	1.7	.5	-	-	-	-
Cleveland-Akron-Lorain, OH .....	1	-	140.3	-	141.3	1.7	.7	-	-	-	-
Miami-Fort Lauderdale, FL .....	1	-	146.5	-	146.9	3.1	.3	-	-	-	-
St. Louis-East St. Louis, MO-IL .....	1	-	145.2	-	146.5	2.4	.9	-	-	-	-
Washington, DC-MD-VA .....	1	-	153.5	-	153.5	1.3	.0	-	-	-	-
Dallas-Fort Worth, TX .....	2	144.4	-	144.8	-	-	-	-	2.3	.3	-
Detroit-Ann Arbor, MI .....	2	143.7	-	144.0	-	-	-	-	2.1	.2	-
Houston-Galveston-Brazoria, TX .....	2	139.5	-	139.8	-	-	-	-	.7	.2	-
Pittsburgh-Beaver Valley, PA .....	2	143.0	-	143.7	-	-	-	-	3.1	.5	-

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

M - Every month.

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

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

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

3/ Indexes on a December 1986=100 base.

- Data not available.

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.