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CONSUMER PRICE INDEX: DECEMBER 1995

The Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers (CPI-U) declined 0.1 percent before seasonal adjustment in December to a level of 153.5 (1982-84=100), the Bureau of Labor Statistics of the U.S. Department of Labor reported today. For the 12-month period ended in December, the CPI-U increased 2.5 percent.

The Consumer Price Index for Urban Wage Earners and Clerical Workers (CPI-W) was unchanged in December, prior to seasonal adjustment. The December 1995 CPI-W level of 150.9 was 2.5 percent higher than the index in December 1994.

CPI for All Urban Consumers (CPI-U)

On a seasonally adjusted basis, the CPI-U rose 0.2 percent in December. The energy index, which declined 0.9 percent in November, increased 1.2 percent in December and accounted for over 80 percent of the acceleration in the overall CPI-U. The index for motor fuels rose 2.5 percent in December, following a 2.2 percent drop in November. The food index also turned up in December, increasing 0.1 percent after declining 0.1 percent in November. Excluding food and energy, the CPI-U registered its second consecutive monthly increase of 0.1 percent. Within this group, the indexes for commodities less food and energy and

for services less energy each increased 0.1 percent in December.

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
	June	July	Aug.	Sep.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Dec. '95	Dec. '95
All Items	.1	.2	.1	.1	.3	.0	.2	2.1	2.5
Food and beverages	.1	.2	.2	.4	.3	-.1	.1	1.6	2.1
Housing	.2	.3	.3	.1	.4	.1	.3	3.0	3.0
Apparel and upkeep	-.3	.2	.3	-.2	.3	-.1	.1	1.2	.1
Transportation	.4	-.4	-.6	-.1	.1	-.6	.0	-1.7	1.5
Medical care	.3	.4	.4	.3	.3	.4	.3	4.0	3.9
Entertainment	-.2	.3	.4	.3	.1	.5	.4	4.2	3.3
Other goods and services	.4	.4	.5	.3	.3	.5	.2	4.1	4.3
Special Indexes:									
Energy	.5	-.8	-.8	-1.4	.4	-.9	1.2	2.7	-1.3
Food	.1	.2	.2	.5	.3	-.1	.1	1.3	2.1
All items less food and energy	.2	.2	.2	.2	.3	.1	.1	2.0	3.0

For the 12-month period ended in December 1995, the CPI-U advanced 2.5 percent. This compares with an increase of 2.7 percent in 1994 and was the fourth consecutive year in which the rise has been less than 3.0 percent. In 1995, as throughout most of this 4-year period, the food and energy components have acted as moderating influences on consumer price movements. The food index rose 2.1 percent in 1995, with a downturn in prices for fresh fruits and vegetables partially offsetting an upturn in the index for meats, poultry, fish, and eggs. Fresh fruit and vegetable prices fell 3.1 percent in 1995, following a 11.9 percent increase in 1994. The index for meats, poultry, fish, and eggs, which declined slightly in 1994, rose 4.1 percent in 1995. The energy index turned down in 1995, declining 1.3 percent. Petroleum-based energy costs fell 3.3 percent, more than offsetting a 0.8 percent rise in charges for energy services.

The CPI-U excluding food and energy, which had decelerated each year from 1991 through 1994, advanced slightly more in 1995 than in the preceding year. The 3.0 percent rise in 1995 followed an increase of 2.6 percent in 1994. Nevertheless, the 1995 advance was only the third time in the last 30 years in which this index rose 3.0 percent or less. The slightly larger increase in 1995 reflects a somewhat larger advance in shelter costs, coupled with upturns in the indexes for public

transportation and for apparel and upkeep. The rates for selected groups during the past 9 years are shown below.

	Percent change 12 months ended in December								
	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	2.5
Food and beverages	3.5	5.1	5.5	5.3	2.5	1.6	2.7	2.7	2.1
Housing	3.7	4.0	3.9	4.5	3.4	2.6	2.7	2.2	3.0
Apparel and upkeep	4.8	4.7	1.0	5.1	3.4	1.4	.9	-1.6	.1
Transportation	6.1	3.0	4.0	10.4	-1.5	3.0	2.4	3.8	1.5
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	3.3
Other goods and services	6.1	7.0	8.2	7.6	8.0	6.5	2.7	4.2	4.3
Special Indexes:									
Energy	8.2	.5	5.1	18.1	-7.4	2.0	-1.4	2.2	-1.3
Food	3.5	5.2	5.6	5.3	1.9	1.5	2.9	2.9	2.1
All items less food and energy	4.2	4.7	4.4	5.2	4.4	3.3	3.2	2.6	3.0

The food and beverages index rose 0.1 percent in December. Grocery store food prices also increased 0.1 percent in December, bringing their level to a point 2.0 percent above a year ago. In December, increases in most major grocery store food groups were largely offset by a 1.5 percent decline in the index for fruits and vegetables. The index for fresh fruits and vegetables fell 2.1 percent in December and was 3.1 percent lower than in December 1994. The index for meats, poultry, fish, and eggs rose 0.4 percent in December, largely as a result of a sharp increase in egg prices. The index for egg prices increased 7.4 percent in December and has risen 25.0 percent in the last 12 months. Beef prices fell 0.4 percent in December and are at virtually the same level as a year earlier. The index for pork increased 1.1 percent in December to a level 7.3 percent above a year ago. Poultry prices were unchanged in December, but have risen 4.2 percent during the last 12 months. The indexes for cereal and bakery products and dairy products increased 0.2 and 1.1 percent, respectively, in December and 3.2 and 2.6, during 1995. The other two components of the food and beverage index--restaurant meals and alcoholic beverages--increased 0.1 and declined 0.1 percent, respectively, in December. During the last 12 months, these groups rose 2.2 and 2.0 percent, respectively.

The housing component rose 0.3 percent in December, following a 0.1 percent increase in November. Shelter costs rose 0.2 percent in December, the same as in November. Within shelter, renters' costs rose 0.1 percent and homeowners' costs and maintenance and repair costs each increased 0.3 percent. Shelter costs advanced 3.5 percent in the 12 months ended in December 1995, following a 3.0 percent increase in 1994. The index for fuel and utilities rose 0.2 percent in December, the same as in November. The index for household fuels rose 0.1 percent as increases of 1.8 percent each in the indexes for fuel oil and natural gas more than offset a 0.7 percent decline in the index for electricity. For the 12 months ended in December, charges for natural gas fell 3.6 percent, while those for electricity rose 2.7 percent. In December, the index for other utilities and public services rose 0.2 percent, primarily as a result of a 1.9 percent increase in interstate telephone toll calls. The index for household furnishings and operation rose 0.4 percent in December, reflecting, in part, a 1.1 percent increase in the index for furniture and bedding.

The transportation index, which had declined in 4 of the 5 preceding months, was unchanged in December. The index for gasoline advanced for the first time in 6 months--up 2.4 percent in December--after decreasing 9.0 percent during the 5 preceding months. (Prior to seasonal adjustment, gasoline prices were unchanged in December.) The sharp upturn in the gasoline index was partially offset by a record decline in airline fares--down 8.5 percent in December. Decreases in airline fares during the second half of 1995 largely offset the substantial increases recorded during the first half of the year, resulting in a 1.8 percent increase during the 12 months ended in December. New vehicle purchase costs also decreased in December as the index for new vehicle prices declined 0.1 percent and automobile finance charges fell 1.0 percent. In all of 1995, new vehicle prices increased 1.9 percent and automobile finance charges rose 2.0 percent. The index for used cars rose 1.4 percent in December and 4.4 percent during the past year.

The index for apparel and upkeep increased 0.1 percent in December. (Prior to seasonal adjustment, clothing prices fell 2.7 percent, reflecting pre-holiday discounting.)

Medical care costs rose 0.3 percent in December and have risen 3.9 percent in the past 12 months. This compares with a 4.9 percent rise in 1994 and represents the smallest annual advance since a 3.3 percent increase in 1972. The index for medical care commodities--prescription drugs, nonprescription drugs, and medical supplies--increased 0.2

percent in December. The index for medical care services rose 0.4 percent. Charges for professional services and hospital and related services increased 0.4 and 0.6 percent, respectively, in December, and 4.0 and 4.6 percent, respectively, during 1995.

Entertainment costs rose 0.4 percent in December, largely reflecting a 1.1 percent increase in the index for admissions to movies, theaters, concerts, and sporting events. During the 12 months ended in December, the entertainment index advanced 3.3 percent, with the largest increase among the components being a 7.6 percent rise in the index for newspapers.

The index for other goods and services increased 0.2 percent in December to a level 4.3 percent above a year ago. In 1995, the cost of personal financial services rose 7.1 percent; college tuition costs, 5.7 percent; and prices for tobacco and smoking products, 2.7 percent.

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 December.

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 Dec. '95	Un-adjusted 12-mos. ended Dec. '95
	Changes from preceding month 1995								
	June	July	Aug.	Sep.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.		
All Items	.1	.1	.1	.2	.3	.0	.3	2.1	2.5
Food and beverages	.0	.2	.3	.5	.3	-.1	.1	1.6	2.2
Housing	.1	.3	.3	.1	.4	.1	.3	3.3	2.8
Apparel and upkeep	-.1	-.1	.3	-.2	.4	-.4	.3	1.2	.2
Transportation	.2	-.6	-.6	-.2	.1	-.4	.4	.3	1.6
Medical care	.3	.3	.5	.3	.3	.4	.4	4.2	4.0
Entertainment	-.1	.1	.4	.3	.1	.5	.3	3.7	3.1
Other goods and services	.4	.3	.5	.6	.3	.4	.0	3.3	4.1
Special Indexes:									
Energy	.4	-1.0	-.9	-1.4	.4	-.9	1.3	3.2	-1.5
Food	.1	.2	.2	.5	.4	-.1	.1	1.9	2.2
All items less food and energy	.1	.1	.3	.2	.3	.1	.2	2.5	3.0

As previously announced, the Consumer Price Index for December 1995, originally scheduled for release on Jan. 12, was rescheduled for release on Feb. 1. Price data collection in December, which was originally scheduled to conclude on Dec. 21, was suspended on Dec. 18, 1995 as a result of the federal government shutdown. In anticipation of a possible shutdown, BLS had modified the December pricing schedule to allow for somewhat earlier collection than normal. This resulted in virtually complete pricing for the December index; the number of price quotes collected and used in the CPI for December 1995 was approximately 98 percent of the corresponding number for December 1994.

The shutdown also affected the collection and release of the January 1996 CPI. The January index, originally scheduled for release on Feb. 14, will now be released on Feb. 28. In January, the scheduled collection of consumer price data would have begun on Jan. 2 and concluded on Jan. 26. The revised schedule allowed for pricing through Jan. 31. No data were collected prior to the reopening of the government on Jan. 8, and much collection could not begin until January pricing schedules were transmitted from Washington, D.C., to BLS field offices. Additional delays were caused by the blizzard that forced the closing of many retail outlets and BLS offices during the week of Jan. 8. Therefore, most January price collection took place between Jan. 15 and Jan. 31.

The shutdown will have a relatively minor effect on the collection of consumer price data in February, and the CPI for February is expected to be released as originally scheduled on March 15.

Consumer Price Index data for January have been rescheduled for release on Wednesday, February 28, 1996, 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 Dec. 1994 from-		Seasonally adjusted percent change from-		
		Nov. 1995	Dec. 1995	Dec. 1994	Nov. 1995	Sept. to Oct.	Oct. to Nov.	Nov. to Dec.
All items	100.000	153.6	153.5	2.5	-0.1	0.3	0.0	0.2

All items (1967=100)	-	460.1	459.9	-	-	-	-	-
Food and beverages	17.412	149.8	150.3	2.1	.3	.3	-.1	.1
Food	15.838	149.4	149.9	2.1	.3	.3	-.1	.1
Food at home	9.934	149.5	150.3	2.0	.5	.4	-.2	.1
Cereals and bakery products	1.464	169.0	169.5	3.2	.3	.5	.5	.2
Meats, poultry, fish, and eggs	2.892	141.7	142.0	4.1	.2	1.0	.6	.4
Dairy products	1.169	133.7	135.0	2.6	1.0	.7	.5	1.1
Fruits and vegetables	2.013	175.2	177.9	-1.3	1.5	-.2	-2.5	-1.5
Other food at home	2.396	140.5	140.5	1.2	.0	-.1	.0	.2
Sugar and sweets .....	.326	138.4	138.5	3.0	.1	.4	-.1	.5
Fats and oils .....	.249	137.8	137.5	2.5	-.2	.5	.5	.1
Nonalcoholic beverages .....	.796	130.5	129.5	-1.7	-.8	-1.1	.2	-.2
Other prepared food	1.026	151.1	152.1	2.7	.7	.3	-.1	.5
Food away from home	5.904	150.2	150.4	2.2	.1	.3	.1	.1
Alcoholic beverages	1.574	155.2	154.9	2.0	-.2	.2	.3	-.1
Housing	41.187	149.4	149.7	3.0	.2	.4	.1	.3
Shelter	28.042	167.3	167.4	3.5	.1	.4	.2	.2
Renters' costs 1/	7.955	173.8	173.2	3.0	-.3	.3	-.1	.1
Rent, residential	5.765	159.3	159.6	2.5	.2	.2	.3	.3
Other renters' costs	2.190	197.5	194.2	4.3	-1.7	.5	-.8	-.6
Homeowners' costs 1/	19.889	173.5	174.0	3.7	.3	.3	.3	.3
Owners' equivalent rent 1/	19.501	173.9	174.3	3.7	.2	.4	.3	.3
Household insurance 1/ .....	.389	157.6	158.3	1.9	.4	.1	.4	.6
Maintenance and repairs 2/ .....	.198	136.2	136.6	2.9	.3	.7	-.1	.3
Maintenance and repair services 2/ ..	.120	141.8	142.1	3.7	.2	1.1	.0	.2
Maintenance and repair commodities 2/ .....	.078	128.7	129.1	1.8	.3	.0	-.2	.3
Fuel and other utilities	7.093	123.1	123.7	1.4	.5	.6	.2	.2
Fuels	3.859	110.1	110.9	.7	.7	1.1	.1	.1
Fuel oil and other household fuel commodities .....	.360	87.7	89.6	1.4	2.2	-1.0	-.1	1.3
Gas (piped) and electricity (energy services).....	3.499	117.6	118.3	.8	.6	1.2	.2	.0
Other utilities and public services 2/	3.234	153.6	153.9	2.2	.2	.2	.1	.2
Household furnishings and operation	6.052	123.6	123.8	2.5	.2	.1	-.2	.4
Housefurnishings	3.508	111.0	111.1	.7	.1	-.1	-.7	.5
Housekeeping supplies	1.088	139.8	139.8	5.2	.0	.6	.2	.1
Housekeeping services	1.455	144.9	145.3	4.5	.3	.2	.3	.3
Apparel and upkeep	5.656	133.7	130.6	.1	-2.3	.3	-.1	.1
Apparel commodities	5.097	130.6	127.1	-.1	-2.7	.3	-.1	.1
Men's and boys' apparel	1.329	128.4	126.0	.6	-1.9	.1	-.2	.0

Women's and girls' apparel.....	2.269	129.5	124.7	-.8	-3.7	1.3	.3	-.1	
Infants' and toddlers' apparel .....	.204	129.7	128.7	-2.0	-.8	.2	-2.4	-.3
Footwear .....	.747	126.7	124.1	.4	-2.1	-.1	-.6	-.5
Other apparel commodities .....	.548	151.3	148.6	1.4	-1.8	-1.9	-.1	1.9
Apparel services 2/ .....	.559	157.2	157.7	.8	.3	-.3	.1	.3
Transportation	17.139	139.4	139.1	1.5	-.2	.1	-.6	.0	
Private transportation	15.623	136.5	136.6	1.3	.1	.0	-.4	.5	
New vehicles	5.059	142.2	142.8	1.9	.4	-.1	.1	-.1	
New cars	4.052	140.1	140.7	1.6	.4	.0	.1	-.1	
Used cars	1.318	157.8	158.2	4.4	.3	.0	-.1	1.4	
Motor fuel	3.106	96.4	96.4	-4.0	.0	-.3	-2.2	2.5	
Gasoline	-	96.0	96.0	-4.2	.0	-.5	-2.2	2.4	
Maintenance and repairs	1.536	155.7	155.7	2.5	.0	.2	.3	.1	
Other private transportation	4.604	172.7	172.4	2.9	-.2	.2	.0	-.2	
Other private transportation commodities .....	.618	105.1	105.2	.9	.1	.2	-.3	-.2
Other private transportation services	3.986	188.6	188.3	3.2	-.2	.2	.0	-.2	
Public transportation	1.516	177.5	170.7	3.1	-3.8	1.6	-2.3	-5.2	
Medical care	7.266	223.5	223.8	3.9	.1	.3	.4	.3	
Medical care commodities	1.291	206.3	206.6	1.8	.1	.5	.3	.2	
Medical care services	5.974	227.4	227.8	4.4	.2	.3	.4	.4	
Professional medical services	3.416	203.4	203.9	4.0	.2	.1	.5	.4	
Entertainment	4.335	156.0	156.2	3.3	.1	.1	.5	.4	
Entertainment commodities	1.968	140.6	140.7	2.9	.1	.1	.6	.5	
Entertainment services	2.366	174.3	174.6	3.7	.2	.1	.5	.3	
Other goods and services	7.005	211.2	211.1	4.3	.0	.3	.5	.2	
Tobacco and smoking products	1.607	228.9	228.1	2.7	-.3	.3	.5	-.6	
Personal care 2/	1.175	148.9	148.9	2.1	.0	.7	.3	.0	
Toilet goods and personal care appliances 2/ .....	.622	144.8	144.1	1.1	-.5	1.0	.3	-.5
Personal care services 2/ .....	.553	153.5	154.3	3.4	.5	.4	.3	.5
Personal and educational expenses	4.223	241.6	241.8	5.5	.1	.3	.5	.5	
School books and supplies .....	.251	218.6	219.0	5.6	.2	.7	.8	.5
Personal and educational services	3.972	243.5	243.7	5.5	.1	.3	.5	.5	
Commodity and service group									
All items	100.000	153.6	153.5	2.5	-.1	.3	.0	.2	
Commodities	43.386	137.2	137.0	1.4	-.1	.2	-.1	.3	
Food and beverages	17.412	149.8	150.3	2.1	.3	.3	-.1	.1	

Commodities less food and beverages	25.974	129.4	128.9	1.0	-.4	.1	-.2	.5
Nondurables less food and beverages ..	15.375	130.0	128.8	.5	-.9	.1	-.2	.6
Apparel commodities	5.097	130.6	127.1	-.1	-2.7	.3	-.1	.1
Nondurables less food, beverages, and apparel 2/	10.278	132.6	132.7	.9	.1	-.2	-.4	.1
Durables	10.599	128.7	129.0	1.7	.2	.0	-.2	.3
Services	56.614	170.3	170.4	3.5	.1	.4	.2	.1
Rent of shelter 1/	27.422	174.1	174.2	3.5	.1	.3	.3	.3
Household services less rent of shelter 1/	8.731	138.1	138.6	2.0	.4	.5	.1	.3
Transportation services	7.038	178.0	176.3	3.0	-1.0	.5	-.4	-1.2
Medical care services	5.974	227.4	227.8	4.4	.2	.3	.4	.4
Other services	7.450	197.0	197.3	4.4	.2	.2	.5	.4

Special indexes

All items less food	84.162	154.4	154.2	2.7	-.1	.3	.0	.3
All items less shelter	71.958	149.7	149.6	2.3	-.1	.3	.0	.1
All items less homeowners' costs 1/	80.111	154.5	154.3	2.3	-.1	.3	-.1	.1
All items less medical care	92.734	149.7	149.6	2.5	-.1	.3	.0	.2
Commodities less food	27.548	130.4	129.9	1.1	-.4	.2	-.2	.5
Nondurables less food	16.950	131.4	130.4	.7	-.8	.2	-.2	.6
Nondurables less food and apparel 2/	11.852	134.0	134.0	1.1	.0	-.1	-.2	.0
Nondurables	32.788	140.1	139.7	1.4	-.3	.2	-.1	.4
Services less rent of shelter 1/	29.192	178.6	178.5	3.4	-.1	.3	.1	.1
Services less medical care services	50.640	165.0	165.0	3.3	.0	.4	.1	.1
Energy	6.965	102.8	103.3	-1.3	.5	.4	-.9	1.2
All items less energy	93.035	160.3	160.2	2.9	-.1	.3	.1	.1
All items less food and energy	77.197	163.0	162.7	3.0	-.2	.3	.1	.1
Commodities less food and energy commodities	24.082	140.7	140.0	1.7	-.5	.2	.0	.1
Energy commodities	3.466	95.6	95.9	-3.3	.3	-.5	-1.9	2.4
Services less energy services	53.115	175.7	175.7	3.6	.0	.3	.2	.1
Purchasing power of the consumer dollar:								
1982-84=\$1.00 2/	-	\$.651	\$.651	-2.5	.0	-.3	.0	.0
1967=\$1.00 2/	-	.217	.217	-	-	-	-	-

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.

commodities	88.7	87.8	87.7	88.8	-1.4	5.6	.5	.5	2.1	.5
Gas (piped) and electricity (energy services).....	117.6	119.0	119.2	119.2	.0	-.7	-1.3	5.6	-.3	2.0
Other utilities and public services 2/ .	153.2	153.5	153.6	153.9	3.5	2.1	1.3	1.8	2.8	1.6
Household furnishings and operation	123.7	123.8	123.5	124.0	5.4	-1.0	4.7	1.0	2.2	2.8
Housefurnishings	111.9	111.8	111.0	111.6	1.1	-1.4	4.8	-1.1	-.2	1.8
Housekeeping supplies	138.4	139.2	139.5	139.7	11.3	-.9	7.2	3.8	5.0	5.5
Housekeeping services	144.1	144.4	144.9	145.3	12.0	.0	2.8	3.4	5.8	3.1
Apparel and upkeep	131.7	132.1	132.0	132.1	.3	-2.7	1.2	1.2	-1.2	1.2
Apparel commodities	128.3	128.7	128.6	128.7	.0	-2.5	.9	1.3	-1.2	1.1
Men's and boys' apparel	125.9	126.0	125.7	125.7	6.5	-3.4	-.3	-.6	1.4	-.5
Women's and girls' apparel	125.2	126.8	127.2	127.1	-4.9	-1.3	-2.8	6.2	-3.1	1.6
Infants' and toddlers' apparel	131.0	131.3	128.2	127.8	-6.3	-20.9	37.4	-9.4	-13.9	11.6
Footwear	126.6	126.5	125.8	125.2	2.9	-3.2	7.3	-4.4	-.2	1.3
Other apparel commodities	154.2	151.2	151.1	154.0	5.4	-.3	1.0	-.5	2.5	.3
Apparel services 2/.....	157.4	157.0	157.2	157.7	3.1	-1.8	1.3	.8	.6	1.0
Transportation	139.2	139.4	138.6	138.6	6.3	6.5	-4.7	-1.7	6.4	-3.2
Private transportation	136.2	136.2	135.7	136.4	4.8	3.9	-4.0	.6	4.4	-1.7
New vehicles	141.9	141.8	141.9	141.8	2.0	3.5	2.3	-.3	2.7	1.0
New cars	139.6	139.6	139.8	139.7	1.5	3.2	1.2	.3	2.3	.7
Used cars	154.0	154.0	153.8	156.0	31.5	-5.4	-9.3	5.3	11.6	-2.3
Motor fuel	97.3	97.0	94.9	97.3	-1.6	12.0	-22.8	.0	5.0	-12.1
Gasoline	97.1	96.6	94.5	96.8	-1.2	12.9	-23.7	-1.2	5.6	-13.2
Maintenance and repairs	155.0	155.3	155.7	155.9	1.3	2.6	3.7	2.3	2.0	3.0
Other private transportation	171.5	171.8	171.8	171.4	7.4	1.9	2.6	-.2	4.6	1.2
Other private transportation commodities	105.1	105.3	105.0	104.8	2.3	1.5	.8	-1.1	1.9	-.2
Other private transportation services	187.3	187.7	187.7	187.3	7.9	2.0	3.0	.0	4.9	1.5
Public transportation	179.0	181.8	177.7	168.5	19.4	38.5	-13.1	-21.5	28.6	-17.4
Medical care	222.5	223.2	224.0	224.7	3.8	3.7	4.2	4.0	3.7	4.1
Medical care commodities	205.0	206.1	206.8	207.2	-.6	1.4	2.4	4.4	.4	3.4
Medical care services	226.3	226.9	227.7	228.5	4.6	4.2	4.7	3.9	4.4	4.3
Professional medical services	202.6	202.9	203.9	204.7	3.9	3.9	4.0	4.2	3.9	4.1
Entertainment	154.9	155.1	155.9	156.5	2.4	2.4	4.2	4.2	2.4	4.2
Entertainment commodities	139.4	139.6	140.4	141.1	-.3	2.9	3.8	5.0	1.3	4.4
Entertainment services	173.2	173.4	174.2	174.7	4.8	2.1	4.3	3.5	3.5	3.9
Other goods and services	209.7	210.4	211.4	211.8	3.6	4.4	5.1	4.1	4.0	4.6
Tobacco and smoking products	229.3	229.9	231.0	229.7	-3.0	7.4	6.3	.7	2.1	3.5
Personal care 2/	147.5	148.5	148.9	148.9	.5	1.9	2.2	3.9	1.2	3.0

Toilet goods and personal care										
appliances 2/	143.0	144.4	144.8	144.1	-1.1	1.7	.6	3.1	.3	1.8
Personal care services 2/	152.4	153.0	153.5	154.3	2.7	2.1	3.8	5.1	2.4	4.4
Personal and educational expenses	238.2	238.8	240.1	241.2	7.4	3.7	5.6	5.1	5.5	5.3
School books and supplies	215.6	217.1	218.8	219.9	7.9	2.7	3.8	8.2	5.3	6.0
Personal and educational services	239.8	240.4	241.6	242.7	7.3	3.8	5.7	4.9	5.5	5.3
Commodity and service group										
All items	-	-	-	-	3.2	3.2	1.8	2.1	3.2	2.0
Commodities	136.8	137.1	136.9	137.3	1.5	2.4	.6	1.5	1.9	1.0
Food and beverages	149.9	150.4	150.3	150.5	.3	3.6	3.3	1.6	1.9	2.4
Commodities less food and beverages	128.9	129.0	128.7	129.3	1.9	1.9	-.9	1.2	1.9	.2
Nondurables less food and beverages	129.0	129.1	128.8	129.6	1.2	3.1	-3.9	1.9	2.2	-1.1
Apparel commodities	128.3	128.7	128.6	128.7	.0	-2.5	.9	1.3	-1.2	1.1
Nondurables less food, beverages, and apparel 2/	133.3	133.1	132.6	132.7	-1.2	12.8	-5.2	-1.8	5.6	-3.5
Durables	128.3	128.3	128.1	128.5	3.8	.9	.9	.6	2.4	.8
Services	169.8	170.4	170.7	170.9	4.7	3.9	2.6	2.6	4.3	2.6
Rent of shelter 1/	173.6	174.1	174.6	175.1	3.8	4.0	2.8	3.5	3.9	3.2
Household services less rent of shelter 1/	138.2	138.9	139.0	139.4	2.7	.6	.9	3.5	1.6	2.2
Transportation services	177.4	178.3	177.5	175.3	8.7	9.5	-.9	-4.7	9.1	-2.8
Medical care services	226.3	226.9	227.7	228.5	4.6	4.2	4.7	3.9	4.4	4.3
Other services	195.4	195.8	196.7	197.5	5.8	2.7	4.6	4.4	4.3	4.5
Special indexes										
All items less food	153.7	154.2	154.2	154.6	3.8	3.2	1.3	2.4	3.5	1.8
All items less shelter	149.2	149.6	149.6	149.8	3.0	3.3	1.1	1.6	3.2	1.3
All items less homeowners' costs 1/	154.2	154.7	154.6	154.8	3.2	3.2	1.3	1.6	3.2	1.4
All items less medical care	149.1	149.5	149.5	149.8	3.0	3.3	1.6	1.9	3.2	1.8
Commodities less food	130.0	130.2	129.9	130.5	1.9	1.9	-.9	1.5	1.9	.3
Nondurables less food	130.5	130.7	130.4	131.2	1.2	2.8	-3.3	2.2	2.0	-.6
Nondurables less food and apparel 2/	134.5	134.3	134.0	134.0	-.6	11.3	-4.3	-1.5	5.2	-2.9
Nondurables	139.5	139.8	139.6	140.2	1.2	2.9	-.3	2.0	2.0	.9
Services less rent of shelter 1/	177.8	178.4	178.6	178.7	5.2	4.2	2.1	2.0	4.7	2.0
Services less medical care services	164.4	165.1	165.2	165.3	4.8	3.8	2.2	2.2	4.3	2.2
Energy	103.3	103.7	102.8	104.0	-1.1	5.4	-11.5	2.7	2.1	-4.6
All items less energy	159.9	160.3	160.5	160.6	3.4	3.3	2.8	1.8	3.4	2.3
All items less food and energy	162.4	162.9	163.0	163.2	4.1	3.0	2.8	2.0	3.6	2.4
Commodities less food and energy commodities	139.8	140.1	140.1	140.3	2.6	.6	2.3	1.4	1.6	1.9
Energy commodities	96.5	96.0	94.2	96.5	-1.6	11.3	-20.5	.0	4.7	-10.8
Services less energy services	175.1	175.6	175.9	176.1	4.8	4.3	3.0	2.3	4.5	2.7

- 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 Dec. 1995 from-		Seasonally adjusted percent change from-		
		Nov. 1995	Dec. 1995	Dec. 1994	Nov. 1995	Sept. to Oct.	Oct. to Nov.	Nov. to Dec.
All items	100.000	150.9	150.9	2.5	0.0	0.3	0.0	0.3
All items (1967=100)	-	449.5	449.5	-	-	-	-	-
Food and beverages	19.320	149.3	149.8	2.2	.3	.3	-.1	.1
Food	17.629	148.9	149.4	2.2	.3	.4	-.1	.1
Food at home	11.243	148.7	149.5	2.2	.5	.4	-.1	.1
Cereals and bakery products	1.670	168.8	169.2	3.2	.2	.4	.5	.2
Meats, poultry, fish, and eggs	3.398	141.3	141.7	4.2	.3	1.1	.4	.5
Dairy products	1.299	133.5	134.7	2.5	.9	.5	.6	1.0
Fruits and vegetables	2.124	174.4	177.0	-1.0	1.5	-.1	-2.4	-1.4
Other food at home	2.751	140.1	140.1	1.3	.0	-.2	.1	.1
Sugar and sweets .....	.367	138.4	138.4	3.0	.0	.4	.0	.4
Fats and oils .....	.286	137.7	137.3	2.4	-.3	.4	.7	-.1
Nonalcoholic beverages .....	.920	129.8	128.8	-1.4	-.8	-1.3	.4	-.4
Other prepared food	1.179	150.8	151.9	2.6	.7	.3	-.1	.6
Food away from home	6.387	150.1	150.3	2.2	.1	.3	.1	.1
Alcoholic beverages	1.690	154.6	154.3	1.9	-.2	.3	.3	-.1
Housing	38.759	146.4	146.7	2.8	.2	.4	.1	.3
Shelter	25.753	162.8	163.1	3.4	.2	.4	.2	.3
Renters' costs 1/	8.073	152.7	152.5	2.7	-.1	.3	.1	.1
Rent, residential	6.615	158.9	159.3	2.5	.3	.3	.3	.3
Other renters' costs	1.458	197.5	194.1	3.7	-1.7	.3	-.9	-.7

Homeowners' costs 1/	17.491	158.3	158.7	3.7	.3	.4	.3	.4
Owners' equivalent rent 1/	17.161	158.6	159.0	3.7	.3	.4	.3	.4
Household insurance 1/ .....	.331	144.9	145.6	1.9	.5	.6	.4	.6
Maintenance and repairs 2/ .....	.189	135.6	135.8	2.6	.1	.5	-.1	.1
Maintenance and repair services 2/ .	.104	144.5	144.7	3.1	.1	1.0	.1	.1
Maintenance and repair								
commodities 2/ .....	.085	123.9	124.2	1.9	.2	.0	-.3	.2
Fuel and other utilities	7.329	122.7	123.3	1.4	.5	.7	.1	.1
Fuels	3.958	109.5	110.2	.6	.6	1.3	.1	-.1
Fuel oil and other household fuel								
commodities .....	.331	87.6	89.5	1.4	2.2	-1.1	.0	1.4
Gas (piped) and electricity (energy								
services).....	3.627	116.9	117.5	.6	.5	1.5	.1	-.1
Other utilities and public								
services 2/	3.372	154.0	154.3	2.1	.2	.2	.1	.2
Household furnishings and operation	5.676	122.3	122.4	2.3	.1	.0	-.2	.2
Housefurnishings	3.432	109.7	109.7	.5	.0	-.2	-.6	.2
Housekeeping supplies	1.122	139.9	139.9	5.0	.0	.4	.4	.0
Housekeeping services	1.122	148.2	148.6	5.0	.3	.2	.3	.3
Apparel and upkeep	5.661	132.5	129.5	.2	-2.3	.4	-.4	.3
Apparel commodities	5.136	129.5	126.2	.1	-2.5	.4	-.4	.2
Men's and boys' apparel	1.329	127.9	125.8	1.0	-1.6	.1	-.5	.6
Women's and girls' apparel.....	2.214	127.7	123.3	-.6	-3.4	1.4	-.2	.3
Infants' and toddlers' apparel .....	.263	130.9	129.8	-2.3	-.8	.3	-2.7	-.3
Footwear .....	.827	127.6	125.0	.6	-2.0	.1	-.5	-.6
Other apparel commodities .....	.503	149.1	145.3	.8	-2.5	-1.8	-.3	1.1
Apparel services 2/ .....	.524	156.6	157.1	.8	.3	-.3	.2	.3
Transportation	19.183	139.0	138.9	1.6	-.1	.1	-.4	.4
Private transportation	18.027	136.9	137.2	1.5	.2	.0	-.4	.7
New vehicles	4.982	143.0	143.7	2.0	.5	.1	.1	-.1
New cars	3.622	139.6	140.4	1.7	.6	.1	.0	.1
Used cars	2.382	158.8	159.1	4.6	.2	-.1	-.1	1.4
Motor fuel	3.819	96.3	96.4	-3.8	.1	-.5	-2.1	2.7
Gasoline	-	95.9	95.9	-4.1	.0	-.4	-2.3	2.6
Maintenance and repairs	1.617	156.5	156.6	2.6	.1	.1	.3	.3
Other private transportation	5.227	168.5	168.4	3.1	-.1	.2	-.1	-.1
Other private transportation								
commodities .....	.780	104.3	104.4	.9	.1	.2	-.3	-.1
Other private transportation								
services	4.447	184.6	184.5	3.4	-.1	.2	.0	-.2
Public transportation	1.156	174.1	169.0	4.0	-2.9	1.7	-1.3	-3.7
Medical care	6.173	222.8	223.1	4.0	.1	.3	.4	.4

Medical care commodities	1.063	203.9	204.2	1.7	.1	.5	.4	.2
Medical care services	5.110	227.1	227.4	4.5	.1	.3	.3	.4
Professional medical services	2.920	204.5	204.9	4.1	.2	.1	.4	.4
Entertainment	4.005	153.6	153.8	3.1	.1	.1	.5	.3
Entertainment commodities	2.054	139.4	139.4	2.4	.0	.1	.5	.2
Entertainment services	1.951	174.1	174.6	3.7	.3	.2	.4	.5
Other goods and services	6.900	208.3	208.1	4.1	-.1	.3	.4	.0
Tobacco and smoking products	2.128	229.1	228.4	2.8	-.3	.3	.6	-.6
Personal care 2/	1.139	149.0	148.9	1.9	-.1	.7	.2	-.1
Toilet goods and personal care appliances 2/ .....	.646	145.4	144.7	.8	-.5	1.0	.2	-.5
Personal care services 2/ .....	.493	153.5	154.2	3.4	.5	.5	.2	.5
Personal and educational expenses	3.633	237.1	237.3	5.5	.1	.3	.4	.5
School books and supplies .....	.220	219.9	220.3	5.7	.2	.6	1.0	.5
Personal and educational services	3.413	238.7	238.9	5.5	.1	.3	.4	.5
Commodity and service group								
All items	100.000	150.9	150.9	2.5	.0	.3	.0	.3
Commodities	47.499	137.0	136.9	1.6	-.1	.1	-.1	.3
Food and beverages	19.320	149.3	149.8	2.2	.3	.3	-.1	.1
Commodities less food and beverages	28.180	129.5	129.0	1.1	-.4	.1	-.3	.5
Nondurables less food and beverages ..	16.400	129.2	128.3	.5	-.7	.0	-.4	.7
Apparel commodities	5.136	129.5	126.2	.1	-2.5	.4	-.4	.2
Nondurables less food, beverages, and apparel 2/	11.263	132.1	132.1	.6	.0	-.3	-.5	.0
Durables	11.780	128.6	128.9	1.9	.2	.0	.0	.2
Services	52.501	167.7	167.9	3.4	.1	.4	.2	.1
Rent of shelter 1/	25.206	156.7	156.9	3.4	.1	.3	.3	.3
Household services less rent of shelter 1/	8.584	126.8	127.2	1.8	.3	.6	.2	.2
Transportation services	7.220	175.8	174.9	3.4	-.5	.4	-.2	-.6
Medical care services	5.110	227.1	227.4	4.5	.1	.3	.3	.4
Other services	6.381	193.7	194.0	4.4	.2	.2	.4	.5
Special indexes								
All items less food	82.371	151.2	151.1	2.5	-.1	.3	.0	.3
All items less shelter	74.247	147.8	147.8	2.2	.0	.3	-.1	.3
All items less homeowners' costs 1/	82.509	141.6	141.5	2.2	-.1	.3	-.1	.3
All items less medical care	93.827	147.5	147.5	2.4	.0	.3	-.1	.3
Commodities less food	29.870	130.4	130.0	1.2	-.3	.1	-.2	.5
Nondurables less food	18.090	130.7	129.8	.6	-.7	.2	-.4	.7

Nondurables less food and apparel 2/	12.954	133.4	133.4	.8	.0	-.2	-.4	.0
Nondurables	35.719	139.6	139.3	1.4	-.2	.2	-.1	.4
Services less rent of shelter 1/	27.295	159.1	159.2	3.4	.1	.4	.1	.0
Services less medical care services	47.390	162.6	162.8	3.3	.1	.4	.1	.2
Energy	7.777	102.2	102.6	-1.5	.4	.4	-.9	1.3
All items less energy	92.223	157.7	157.6	2.8	-.1	.3	.1	.1
All items less food and energy	74.594	159.9	159.7	3.0	-.1	.3	.1	.2
Commodities less food and energy commodities	25.720	140.2	139.6	1.8	-.4	.2	.0	.1
Energy commodities	4.150	95.8	96.0	-3.4	.2	-.5	-1.9	2.6
Services less energy services	48.874	173.3	173.4	3.5	.1	.3	.2	.2
Purchasing power of the consumer dollar:								
1982-84=\$1.00 2/	-	\$.663	\$.663	-2.4	.0	-.3	.2	.0
1967=\$1.00 2/	-	.222	.222	-	-	-	-	-

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-		
	1995	1995	1995	1995	1995	June 1995	Sept. 1995	Dec. 1995	June 1995	Dec. 1995
All items	-	-	-	-	3.6	2.7	1.6	2.1	3.1	1.9
Food and beverages	149.5	150.0	149.9	150.1	.3	3.0	3.8	1.6	1.6	2.7
Food	149.0	149.6	149.5	149.7	.3	3.3	3.6	1.9	1.8	2.7
Food at home	149.2	149.8	149.6	149.7	-1.1	4.2	4.4	1.3	1.5	2.9
Cereals and bakery products	168.2	168.9	169.8	170.1	1.7	3.7	3.2	4.6	2.7	3.9
Meats, poultry, fish, and eggs	139.2	140.7	141.3	142.0	3.6	-2.3	7.5	8.3	.6	7.9
Dairy products	132.1	132.8	133.6	134.9	.6	.3	.6	8.8	.5	4.6

Fruits and vegetables	182.1	182.0	177.7	175.3	-14.1	23.7	6.2	-14.1	3.1	-4.5
Other food at home	140.9	140.6	140.8	141.0	1.4	1.2	2.3	.3	1.3	1.3
Sugar and sweets	138.3	138.9	138.9	139.5	2.4	3.0	2.9	3.5	2.7	3.2
Fats and oils	137.5	138.0	138.9	138.7	2.7	-.9	4.2	3.5	.9	3.9
Nonalcoholic beverages	131.7	130.0	130.5	130.0	-1.8	-2.1	3.7	-5.1	-2.0	-.8
Other prepared food	151.4	151.8	151.6	152.5	3.3	3.5	.8	2.9	3.4	1.9
Food away from home	149.5	149.9	150.1	150.3	3.0	1.4	2.4	2.2	2.2	2.3
Alcoholic beverages	153.9	154.4	154.9	154.8	1.3	1.8	2.1	2.4	1.6	2.2
Housing	145.9	146.5	146.7	147.1	3.4	2.2	2.5	3.3	2.8	2.9
Shelter	162.0	162.7	163.0	163.5	3.3	3.6	2.8	3.8	3.4	3.3
Renters' costs 1/	153.1	153.5	153.6	153.8	3.2	3.5	2.4	1.8	3.4	2.1
Rent, residential	158.0	158.4	158.8	159.3	2.6	2.8	1.3	3.3	2.7	2.3
Other renters' costs	208.1	208.8	207.0	205.6	7.2	5.7	7.0	-4.7	6.5	1.0
Homeowners' costs 1/	156.9	157.6	158.1	158.7	3.2	3.7	3.1	4.7	3.4	3.9
Owners' equivalent rent 1/	157.2	157.9	158.4	159.0	3.2	3.7	3.4	4.7	3.4	4.0
Household insurance 1/	143.1	144.0	144.6	145.4	5.1	1.7	-5.7	6.6	3.4	.3
Maintenance and repairs 2/	135.0	135.7	135.6	135.8	4.0	2.1	1.8	2.4	3.0	2.1
Maintenance and repair services 2/ ...	143.0	144.4	144.5	144.7	4.1	2.0	1.7	4.8	3.0	3.3
Maintenance and repair commodities 2/	124.3	124.3	123.9	124.2	4.0	2.3	1.6	-.3	3.1	.6
Fuel and other utilities	122.8	123.7	123.8	123.9	1.3	.7	.0	3.6	1.0	1.8
Fuels	109.1	110.5	110.6	110.5	-.7	-.4	-1.5	5.2	-.5	1.8
Fuel oil and other household fuel										
commodities	88.6	87.6	87.6	88.8	-.9	5.1	.5	.9	2.1	.7
Gas (piped) and electricity (energy										
services).....	116.6	118.3	118.4	118.3	-.7	-.7	-1.7	6.0	-.7	2.1
Other utilities and public services 2/ .	153.6	153.9	154.0	154.3	3.2	2.4	1.0	1.8	2.8	1.4
Household furnishings and operation	122.5	122.5	122.2	122.4	5.5	-.7	4.7	-.3	2.4	2.2
Housefurnishings	110.6	110.4	109.7	109.9	1.8	-1.4	4.5	-2.5	.2	.9
Housekeeping supplies	138.7	139.2	139.8	139.8	9.6	.3	6.9	3.2	4.9	5.0
Housekeeping services	147.4	147.7	148.1	148.5	14.3	.3	3.0	3.0	7.1	3.0
Apparel and upkeep	130.5	131.0	130.5	130.9	1.9	-2.4	.3	1.2	-.3	.8
Apparel commodities	127.5	128.0	127.5	127.8	1.6	-2.8	.6	.9	-.6	.8
Men's and boys' apparel	125.4	125.5	124.9	125.6	9.3	-2.8	-2.5	.6	3.1	-.9
Women's and girls' apparel	124.0	125.7	125.5	125.9	-4.4	.6	-4.1	6.3	-1.9	1.0
Infants' and toddlers' apparel	132.4	132.8	129.2	128.8	-9.6	-19.3	39.2	-10.4	-14.6	11.6
Footwear	127.2	127.3	126.7	125.9	3.9	-3.7	6.9	-4.0	.0	1.3
Other apparel commodities	152.3	149.6	149.2	150.9	12.3	-6.3	2.1	-3.6	2.6	-.8
Apparel services 2/.....	156.8	156.3	156.6	157.1	3.1	-1.5	.8	.8	.8	.8
Transportation	138.4	138.5	137.9	138.5	7.2	5.0	-5.6	.3	6.1	-2.7
Private transportation	136.4	136.4	135.9	136.8	6.7	3.2	-5.1	1.2	5.0	-2.0
New vehicles	142.6	142.7	142.8	142.7	2.3	3.2	2.0	.3	2.7	1.1
New cars	139.2	139.3	139.3	139.5	2.1	2.9	.9	.9	2.5	.9

Used cars	155.0	154.9	154.7	156.8	32.8	-4.9	-9.2	4.7	12.4	-2.5
Motor fuel	97.3	96.8	94.8	97.4	-1.6	12.0	-22.8	.4	5.0	-12.0
Gasoline	97.0	96.6	94.4	96.9	-.8	12.9	-24.0	-.4	5.8	-13.0
Maintenance and repairs	155.9	156.1	156.5	156.9	1.3	2.9	3.7	2.6	2.1	3.1
Other private transportation	167.5	167.8	167.7	167.5	8.9	1.2	2.4	.0	5.0	1.2
Other private transportation commodities	104.3	104.5	104.2	104.1	2.0	1.6	.8	-.8	1.8	.0
Other private transportation services	183.3	183.7	183.7	183.4	9.8	1.3	2.7	.2	5.5	1.4
Public transportation	174.0	176.9	174.6	168.2	14.3	32.3	-11.1	-12.7	23.0	-11.9
Medical care	221.8	222.4	223.2	224.1	3.6	3.7	4.4	4.2	3.7	4.3
Medical care commodities	202.5	203.6	204.5	204.9	-.6	.4	2.4	4.8	-.1	3.6
Medical care services	226.0	226.6	227.3	228.3	4.7	4.4	4.7	4.1	4.5	4.4
Professional medical services	203.7	204.0	204.9	205.7	3.9	4.3	4.0	4.0	4.1	4.0
Entertainment	152.7	152.8	153.6	154.1	2.4	2.7	3.5	3.7	2.6	3.6
Entertainment commodities	138.5	138.7	139.4	139.7	.3	2.7	3.2	3.5	1.5	3.4
Entertainment services	173.0	173.3	174.0	174.8	5.1	2.4	3.5	4.2	3.7	3.9
Other goods and services	206.9	207.6	208.5	208.6	2.8	4.2	5.8	3.3	3.5	4.6
Tobacco and smoking products	229.2	229.8	231.1	229.8	-2.5	6.6	6.2	1.1	2.0	3.6
Personal care 2/	147.6	148.7	149.0	148.9	.0	1.9	2.2	3.6	1.0	2.9
Toilet goods and personal care appliances 2/	143.7	145.1	145.4	144.7	-1.7	1.7	.6	2.8	.0	1.7
Personal care services 2/	152.5	153.2	153.5	154.2	2.7	1.9	4.3	4.5	2.3	4.4
Personal and educational expenses	234.0	234.6	235.6	236.7	6.9	3.6	6.8	4.7	5.2	5.7
School books and supplies	216.6	218.0	220.1	221.2	7.5	2.5	4.2	8.8	4.9	6.4
Personal and educational services	235.5	236.1	237.0	238.1	6.7	3.9	6.7	4.5	5.3	5.6
Commodity and service group										
All items	-	-	-	-	3.6	2.7	1.6	2.1	3.1	1.9
Commodities	136.7	136.9	136.7	137.1	2.1	2.4	.3	1.2	2.2	.7
Food and beverages	149.5	150.0	149.9	150.1	.3	3.0	3.8	1.6	1.6	2.7
Commodities less food and beverages	128.8	128.9	128.5	129.2	3.5	1.9	-2.1	1.2	2.7	-.5
Nondurables less food and beverages	128.6	128.6	128.1	129.0	1.3	3.8	-4.5	1.2	2.5	-1.7
Apparel commodities	127.5	128.0	127.5	127.8	1.6	-2.8	.6	.9	-.6	.8
Nondurables less food, beverages, and apparel 2/	133.1	132.7	132.1	132.1	-2.1	14.9	-6.1	-3.0	6.0	-4.5
Durables	128.0	128.0	128.0	128.3	6.8	.3	-.3	.9	3.5	.3
Services	167.0	167.7	168.0	168.2	4.2	3.4	2.7	2.9	3.8	2.8
Rent of shelter 1/	156.1	156.6	157.0	157.4	3.5	3.4	3.4	3.4	3.4	3.4
Household services less rent of shelter 1/	126.8	127.5	127.8	128.0	2.2	1.3	.0	3.8	1.8	1.9

Transportation services	174.9	175.6	175.3	174.2	8.6	6.4	.5	-1.6	7.5	-.6
Medical care services	226.0	226.6	227.3	228.3	4.7	4.4	4.7	4.1	4.5	4.4
Other services	192.3	192.7	193.4	194.3	5.5	2.8	5.2	4.2	4.1	4.7

Special indexes

All items less food	150.3	150.8	150.8	151.2	3.9	3.0	.8	2.4	3.4	1.6
All items less shelter	147.3	147.7	147.6	148.0	3.4	2.8	.8	1.9	3.1	1.4
All items less homeowners' costs 1/	141.2	141.6	141.5	141.9	3.2	2.9	.9	2.0	3.0	1.4
All items less medical care	146.9	147.4	147.3	147.7	3.4	3.1	1.1	2.2	3.2	1.6
Commodities less food	130.0	130.1	129.8	130.4	3.1	1.9	-1.8	1.2	2.5	-.3
Nondurables less food	129.9	130.2	129.7	130.6	1.2	3.7	-4.5	2.2	2.5	-1.2
Nondurables less food and apparel 2/	134.2	133.9	133.4	133.4	-1.5	13.0	-5.2	-2.4	5.5	-3.8
Nondurables	139.1	139.4	139.3	139.8	.9	3.5	-.9	2.0	2.2	.6
Services less rent of shelter 1/	158.4	159.1	159.3	159.3	5.6	3.4	2.0	2.3	4.5	2.2
Services less medical care services	162.0	162.6	162.8	163.1	4.4	3.8	2.3	2.7	4.1	2.5
Energy	102.7	103.1	102.2	103.5	-1.1	5.5	-12.5	3.2	2.1	-5.0
All items less energy	157.1	157.5	157.7	157.9	3.7	2.6	2.9	2.1	3.1	2.5
All items less food and energy	159.2	159.7	159.9	160.2	4.4	2.6	2.3	2.5	3.5	2.4
Commodities less food and energy										
commodities	139.3	139.6	139.6	139.8	4.1	.3	1.4	1.4	2.2	1.4
Energy commodities	96.7	96.2	94.4	96.9	-1.6	11.3	-21.1	.8	4.6	-10.8
Services less energy services	172.7	173.3	173.6	173.9	4.9	3.8	2.8	2.8	4.3	2.8

1/ Indexes on a December 1984=100 base.

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

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

(1982-84=100, unless otherwise noted)

Area	Pricing schedule	Indexes				Percent change to Dec. 1995 from-			Percent change to Nov. 1995 from-		
		Sept. 1995	Oct. 1995	Nov. 1995	Dec. 1995	Dec. 1994	Oct. 1995	Nov. 1995	Nov. 1994	Sept. 1995	Oct. 1995
U.S. city average	M	153.2	153.7	153.6	153.5	2.5	-0.1	-0.1	2.6	0.3	-0.1

Region and area size 2/

Northeast urban.....	M	160.0	160.3	160.5	160.5	2.7	.1	.0	2.4	.3	.1
Size A - More than 1,200,000	M	160.7	161.1	161.3	161.1	2.9	.0	-.1	2.6	.4	.1
Size B - 500,000 to 1,200,000	M	158.0	158.5	158.3	158.6	2.1	.1	.2	2.3	.2	-.1
Size C - 50,000 to 500,000	M	158.5	158.3	158.5	158.6	2.3	.2	.1	2.0	.0	.1
North Central urban	M	149.4	149.6	149.5	149.5	2.6	-.1	.0	2.5	.1	-.1
Size A - More than 1,200,000	M	150.3	150.3	150.2	150.3	2.4	.0	.1	2.3	-.1	-.1
Size B - 360,000 to 1,200,000	M	147.9	148.4	148.1	148.0	2.7	-.3	-.1	2.5	.1	-.2
Size C - 50,000 to 360,000	M	150.6	151.5	151.5	151.5	3.0	.0	.0	2.8	.6	.0
Size D - Nonmetropolitan (less than 50,000)	M	146.3	146.0	146.0	145.8	3.3	-.1	-.1	3.3	-.2	.0
South urban	M	149.8	150.5	150.4	150.3	2.9	-.1	-.1	3.0	.4	-.1
Size A - More than 1,200,000	M	149.2	149.9	149.7	149.5	2.4	-.3	-.1	2.6	.3	-.1
Size B - 450,000 to 1,200,000	M	152.3	152.6	152.6	152.4	2.7	-.1	-.1	2.8	.2	.0
Size C - 50,000 to 450,000	M	149.5	150.4	150.4	150.3	3.4	-.1	-.1	3.7	.6	.0
Size D - Nonmetropolitan (less than 50,000)	M	148.4	149.0	148.9	149.1	3.3	.1	.1	3.2	.3	-.1
West urban	M	154.1	154.6	154.4	154.3	2.1	-.2	-.1	2.2	.2	-.1
Size A - More than 1,250,000	M	154.5	154.9	154.4	154.4	1.4	-.3	.0	1.6	-.1	-.3
Size C - 50,000 to 330,000	M	157.6	157.9	158.4	158.6	3.5	.4	.1	3.0	.5	.3
Size classes											
A 3/	M	138.5	138.8	138.7	138.6	2.2	-.1	-.1	2.3	.1	-.1
B	M	153.1	153.5	153.5	153.4	2.7	-.1	-.1	2.7	.3	.0
C	M	152.7	153.3	153.5	153.5	3.2	.1	.0	3.1	.5	.1
D	M	149.6	150.0	150.0	150.1	3.3	.1	.1	3.2	.3	.0
Selected local areas											
Chicago-Gary-Lake County, IL-IN-WI.....	M	154.0	154.3	154.0	153.8	2.2	-.3	-.1	2.4	.0	-.2
Los Angeles-Anaheim-Riverside, CA	M	154.6	155.2	154.4	154.6	.8	-.4	.1	1.0	-.1	-.5
N.Y.-Northern N.J.-Long Island, NY-NJ-CT	M	163.2	163.6	163.8	163.7	3.0	.1	-.1	2.8	.4	.1
Phil.-Wilmington-Trenton, PA-NJ-DE-MD ..	M	160.3	160.4	159.6	159.1	2.4	-.8	-.3	1.9	-.4	-.5
San Francisco-Oakland-San Jose, CA	M	152.3	152.6	152.4	152.1	1.8	-.3	-.2	1.7	.1	-.1
Baltimore, MD	1	151.8	-	151.1	-	-	-	-	1.7	-.5	-
Boston-Lawrence-Salem, MA-NH	1	158.6	-	160.3	-	-	-	-	2.3	1.1	-
Cleveland-Akron-Lorain, OH	1	149.0	-	148.2	-	-	-	-	1.5	-.5	-
Miami-Fort Lauderdale, FL	1	148.9	-	150.2	-	-	-	-	3.9	.9	-
St. Louis-East St. Louis, MO-IL	1	147.1	-	145.7	-	-	-	-	1.7	-1.0	-

Washington, DC-MD-VA	1	156.2	-	155.2	-	-	-	-	1.4	-.6	-
Dallas-Fort Worth, TX	2	-	146.8	-	145.5	2.5	-.9	-	-	-	-
Detroit-Ann Arbor, MI	2	-	149.8	-	150.3	3.3	.3	-	-	-	-
Houston-Galveston-Brazoria, TX	2	-	141.6	-	140.9	2.2	-.5	-	-	-	-
Pittsburgh-Beaver Valley, PA	2	-	150.5	-	150.0	2.4	-.3	-	-	-	-

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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. 1995 from-			Percent change to Nov. 1995 from-		
		Sept. 1995	Oct. 1995	Nov. 1995	Dec. 1995	Dec. 1994	Oct. 1995	Nov. 1995	Nov. 1994	Sept. 1995	Oct. 1995
U.S. city average	M	150.6	151.0	150.9	150.9	2.5	-0.1	0.0	2.4	0.2	-0.1
Region and area size 2/											
Northeast urban.....	M	157.6	157.8	158.0	158.0	2.6	.1	.0	2.4	.3	.1
Size A - More than 1,200,000	M	157.2	157.5	157.7	157.6	2.8	.1	-.1	2.5	.3	.1
Size B - 500,000 to 1,200,000	M	155.9	156.4	156.2	156.5	2.2	.1	.2	2.4	.2	-.1
Size C - 50,000 to 500,000	M	160.1	160.0	160.1	160.4	2.4	.3	.2	1.9	.0	.1

North Central urban	M	146.1	146.3	146.2	146.3	2.5	.0	.1	2.4	.1	-.1
Size A - More than 1,200,000	M	146.3	146.3	146.2	146.4	2.3	.1	.1	2.2	-.1	-.1
Size B - 360,000 to 1,200,000	M	144.2	144.6	144.4	144.5	2.8	-.1	.1	2.4	.1	-.1
Size C - 50,000 to 360,000	M	147.9	148.8	148.9	148.9	3.0	.1	.0	2.8	.7	.1
Size D - Nonmetropolitan (less than 50,000)	M	144.5	144.2	144.1	144.1	3.1	-.1	.0	3.0	-.3	-.1
South urban	M	148.4	149.0	148.9	148.9	2.8	-.1	.0	2.8	.3	-.1
Size A - More than 1,200,000	M	147.3	148.0	147.8	147.8	2.4	-.1	.0	2.4	.3	-.1
Size B - 450,000 to 1,200,000	M	148.7	149.0	149.0	148.9	2.5	-.1	-.1	2.6	.2	.0
Size C - 50,000 to 450,000	M	149.5	150.4	150.4	150.3	3.4	-.1	-.1	3.7	.6	.0
Size D - Nonmetropolitan (less than 50,000)	M	148.9	149.3	149.2	149.5	3.3	.1	.2	3.1	.2	-.1
West urban	M	151.0	151.6	151.4	151.3	1.9	-.2	-.1	2.2	.3	-.1
Size A - More than 1,250,000	M	149.9	150.4	150.0	150.0	1.4	-.3	.0	1.6	.1	-.3
Size C - 50,000 to 330,000	M	154.5	154.8	155.4	155.5	3.2	.5	.1	2.8	.6	.4
Size classes											
A 3/	M	137.5	137.8	137.7	137.7	2.2	-.1	.0	2.2	.1	-.1
B	M	150.3	150.7	150.7	150.7	2.6	.0	.0	2.7	.3	.0
C	M	151.9	152.5	152.6	152.7	3.1	.1	.1	3.0	.5	.1
D	M	148.9	149.2	149.3	149.4	3.2	.1	.1	3.1	.3	.1
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N.Y.-Northern N.J.-Long Island, NY-NJ-CT	M	159.5	159.7	159.9	159.9	2.9	.1	.0	2.6	.3	.1
Phil.-Wilmington-Trenton, PA-NJ-DE-MD ..	M	159.8	159.7	159.2	158.7	2.3	-.6	-.3	2.0	-.4	-.3
San Francisco-Oakland-San Jose, CA	M	150.0	150.2	149.9	149.6	1.5	-.4	-.2	1.6	-.1	-.2
Baltimore, MD	1	150.8	-	149.9	-	-	-	-	1.6	-.6	-
Boston-Lawrence-Salem, MA-NH	1	157.4	-	159.3	-	-	-	-	2.2	1.2	-
Cleveland-Akron-Lorain, OH	1	141.3	-	140.6	-	-	-	-	1.3	-.5	-
Miami-Fort Lauderdale, FL	1	146.9	-	148.2	-	-	-	-	3.9	.9	-
St. Louis-East St. Louis, MO-IL	1	146.5	-	145.0	-	-	-	-	1.5	-1.0	-
Washington, DC-MD-VA	1	153.5	-	152.5	-	-	-	-	1.3	-.7	-
Dallas-Fort Worth, TX	2	-	146.5	-	145.4	2.6	-.8	-	-	-	-
Detroit-Ann Arbor, MI	2	-	145.0	-	145.5	3.2	.3	-	-	-	-
Houston-Galveston-Brazoria, TX	2	-	140.9	-	140.5	2.0	-.3	-	-	-	-
Pittsburgh-Beaver Valley, PA	2	-	144.2	-	143.7	2.4	-.3	-	-	-	-

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(1982-84=100, unless otherwise noted)

Expenditure category	Annual average 1994	Annual average 1995	Percent change from 1994 to 1995
All items	148.2	152.4	2.8
All items (1967=100)	444.0	456.5	-
Food and beverages	144.9	148.9	2.8
Food	144.3	148.4	2.8
Food at home	144.1	148.8	3.3
Cereals and bakery products	163.0	167.5	2.8
Meats, poultry, fish, and eggs	137.2	138.8	1.2
Dairy products	131.7	132.8	.8
Fruits and vegetables	165.0	177.7	7.7
Other food at home	135.6	140.8	3.8
Sugar and sweets	135.2	137.5	1.7
Fats and oils	133.5	137.3	2.8
Nonalcoholic beverages	123.2	131.7	6.9
Other prepared food	147.5	151.1	2.4

Food away from home	145.7	149.0	2.3
Alcoholic beverages	151.5	153.9	1.6
Housing	144.8	148.5	2.6
Shelter	160.5	165.7	3.2
Renters' costs 1/	169.4	174.3	2.9
Rent, residential	154.0	157.8	2.5
Other renters' costs	196.3	204.3	4.1
Homeowners' costs 1/	165.5	171.0	3.3
Owners' equivalent rent 1/	165.8	171.3	3.3
Household insurance 1/	152.3	157.4	3.3
Maintenance and repairs	130.8	135.0	3.2
Maintenance and repair services	134.5	139.8	3.9
Maintenance and repair commodities	125.8	128.5	2.1
Fuel and other utilities	122.8	123.7	.7
Fuels	111.7	111.5	-.2
Fuel oil and other household fuel			
commodities	88.8	88.1	-.8
Gas (piped) and electricity (energy services) ...	119.2	119.2	.0
Other utilities and public services	150.2	152.8	1.7
Household furnishings and operation	121.0	123.0	1.7
Housefurnishings	111.0	111.2	.2
Housekeeping supplies	132.3	137.1	3.6
Housekeeping services	138.5	143.7	3.8
Apparel and upkeep	133.4	132.0	-1.0
Apparel commodities	130.4	128.7	-1.3
Men's and boys' apparel	126.4	126.2	-.2
Women's and girls' apparel.....	130.9	126.9	-3.1
Infants' and toddlers' apparel	128.1	127.2	-.7
Footwear	126.0	125.4	-.5
Other apparel commodities	149.5	152.4	1.9
Apparel services	155.4	157.3	1.2
Transportation	134.3	139.1	3.6
Private transportation	131.4	136.3	3.7
New vehicles	137.6	141.0	2.5
New cars	136.0	139.0	2.2
Used cars	141.7	156.5	10.4
Motor fuel	98.5	100.0	1.5
Gasoline	98.2	99.8	1.6
Maintenance and repairs	150.2	154.0	2.5
Other private transportation	162.1	170.6	5.2
Other private transportation commodities	103.5	104.8	1.3
Other private transportation services	175.8	186.0	5.8
Public transportation	172.0	175.9	2.3

Medical care	211.0	220.5	4.5
Medical care commodities	200.7	204.5	1.9
Medical care services	213.4	224.2	5.1
Professional medical services	192.5	201.0	4.4
Entertainment	150.1	153.9	2.5
Entertainment commodities	136.1	138.7	1.9
Entertainment services	166.8	172.0	3.1
Other goods and services	198.5	206.9	4.2
Tobacco and smoking products	220.0	225.7	2.6
Personal care	144.6	147.1	1.7
Toilet goods and personal care appliances	141.5	143.1	1.1
Personal care services	147.9	151.5	2.4
Personal and educational expenses	223.2	235.5	5.5
School books and supplies	205.5	214.4	4.3
Personal and educational services	224.8	237.3	5.6
Commodity and service group			
All items	148.2	152.4	2.8
Commodities	133.8	136.4	1.9
Food and beverages	144.9	148.9	2.8
Commodities less food and beverages	126.9	128.9	1.6
Nondurables less food and beverages	128.4	129.5	.9
Apparel commodities	130.4	128.7	-1.3
Nondurables less food, beverages, and apparel	130.3	132.9	2.0
Durables	124.8	128.0	2.6
Services	163.1	168.7	3.4
Rent of shelter 1/	167.0	172.4	3.2
Household services less rent of shelter 1/	136.3	138.3	1.5
Transportation services	168.6	175.9	4.3
Medical care services	213.4	224.2	5.1
Other services	185.4	193.3	4.3
Special indexes			
All items less food	149.0	153.1	2.8
All items less shelter	144.8	148.6	2.6
All items less homeowners' costs 1/	149.5	153.5	2.7
All items less medical care	144.7	148.6	2.7
Commodities less food	127.9	129.8	1.5
Nondurables less food	129.7	130.9	.9

Nondurables less food and apparel	131.6	134.1	1.9
Nondurables	136.8	139.3	1.8
Services less rent of shelter 1/	170.7	176.8	3.6
Services less medical care services	158.4	163.5	3.2
Energy	104.6	105.2	.6
All items less energy	154.1	158.7	3.0
All items less food and energy	156.5	161.2	3.0
Commodities less food and energy commodities	137.1	139.3	1.6
Energy commodities	97.6	98.8	1.2
Services less energy services	167.6	173.7	3.6
Purchasing power of the consumer dollar:			
1982-84=\$1.00	\$.675	\$.656	-2.8
1967=\$1.00 .....	.225	.219	-

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)

	Annual average 1994	Annual average 1995	Percent change from 1994 to 1995
Expenditure category			
Expenditure category			
Expenditure category			
All items	145.6	149.8	2.9
All items (1967=100)	433.8	446.1	-
Food and beverages	144.4	148.3	2.7
Food	143.9	147.9	2.8
Food at home	143.4	147.9	3.1
Cereals and bakery products	162.7	167.2	2.8
Meats, poultry, fish, and eggs	137.0	138.5	1.1
Dairy products	131.5	132.5	.8
Fruits and vegetables	164.2	176.7	7.6
Other food at home	135.3	140.3	3.7

Sugar and sweets	135.2	137.5	1.7
Fats and oils	133.5	137.1	2.7
Nonalcoholic beverages	122.9	131.0	6.6
Other prepared food	147.2	150.8	2.4
Food away from home	145.5	148.8	2.3
Alcoholic beverages	151.0	153.3	1.5
Housing	142.0	145.4	2.4
Shelter	156.2	161.2	3.2
Renters' costs 1/	148.5	152.5	2.7
Rent, residential	153.7	157.4	2.4
Other renters' costs	196.6	204.4	4.0
Homeowners' costs 1/	150.9	156.0	3.4
Owners' equivalent rent 1/	151.1	156.2	3.4
Household insurance 1/	139.7	144.6	3.5
Maintenance and repairs	130.8	134.5	2.8
Maintenance and repair services	138.1	142.7	3.3
Maintenance and repair commodities	121.1	123.6	2.1
Fuel and other utilities	122.5	123.2	.6
Fuels	111.1	110.8	-.3
Fuel oil and other household fuel			
commodities	88.7	88.0	-.8
Gas (piped) and electricity (energy services) ...	118.7	118.4	-.3
Other utilities and public services	150.8	153.2	1.6
Household furnishings and operation	119.7	121.8	1.8
Housefurnishings	109.6	109.9	.3
Housekeeping supplies	132.5	137.3	3.6
Housekeeping services	140.6	146.8	4.4
Apparel and upkeep	132.2	130.9	-1.0
Apparel commodities	129.4	127.7	-1.3
Men's and boys' apparel	125.8	125.9	.1
Women's and girls' apparel.....	129.2	125.4	-2.9
Infants' and toddlers' apparel	129.3	128.1	-.9
Footwear	126.9	126.2	-.6
Other apparel commodities	148.7	150.6	1.3
Apparel services	154.9	156.8	1.2
Transportation	133.4	138.8	4.0
Private transportation	131.4	136.9	4.2
New vehicles	138.3	141.8	2.5
New cars	135.7	138.7	2.2
Used cars	142.4	157.3	10.5
Motor fuel	98.4	99.9	1.5
Gasoline	98.2	99.7	1.5
Maintenance and repairs	150.9	154.8	2.6

Other private transportation	157.9	166.5	5.4
Other private transportation commodities	102.8	104.0	1.2
Other private transportation services	171.5	182.2	6.2
Public transportation	167.7	171.9	2.5
Medical care	210.4	219.8	4.5
Medical care commodities	198.6	202.2	1.8
Medical care services	213.0	223.8	5.1
Professional medical services	193.4	202.0	4.4
Entertainment	148.2	151.8	2.4
Entertainment commodities	135.5	137.9	1.8
Entertainment services	166.7	171.9	3.1
Other goods and services	196.4	204.2	4.0
Tobacco and smoking products	220.1	225.9	2.6
Personal care	144.8	147.3	1.7
Toilet goods and personal care appliances	142.2	143.8	1.1
Personal care services	147.9	151.5	2.4
Personal and educational expenses	219.2	231.2	5.5
School books and supplies	207.1	215.5	4.1
Personal and educational services	220.4	232.6	5.5
Commodity and service group			
All items	145.6	149.8	2.9
Commodities	133.4	136.4	2.2
Food and beverages	144.4	148.3	2.7
Commodities less food and beverages	126.6	129.0	1.9
Nondurables less food and beverages	127.9	129.0	.9
Apparel commodities	129.4	127.7	-1.3
Nondurables less food, beverages, and apparel	130.1	132.6	1.9
Durables	123.8	127.9	3.3
Services	160.6	166.0	3.4
Rent of shelter 1/	150.3	155.0	3.1
Household services less rent of shelter 1/	125.4	127.0	1.3
Transportation services	165.7	173.6	4.8
Medical care services	213.0	223.8	5.1
Other services	182.4	190.1	4.2
Special indexes			
All items less food	145.9	150.0	2.8
All items less shelter	143.0	146.8	2.7

All items less homeowners' costs 1/	137.0	140.7	2.7
All items less medical care	142.6	146.4	2.7
Commodities less food	127.6	130.0	1.9
Nondurables less food	129.2	130.4	.9
Nondurables less food and apparel	131.2	133.7	1.9
Nondurables	136.4	139.0	1.9
Services less rent of shelter 1/	152.1	157.6	3.6
Services less medical care services	156.1	161.1	3.2
Energy	104.1	104.7	.6
All items less energy	151.5	156.1	3.0
All items less food and energy	153.5	158.2	3.1
Commodities less food and energy commodities	136.2	138.9	2.0
Energy commodities	97.8	99.1	1.3
Services less energy services	165.3	171.3	3.6
Purchasing power of the consumer dollar:			
1982-84=\$1.00	\$.687	\$.668	-2.8
1967=\$1.00 .....	.231	.224	-

1/ Indexes on a December 1984=100 base.

- Data not available.