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The Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers (CPI-U) increased 0.6 percent before seasonal adjustment in January to a level of 154.4 (1982-84=100), the Bureau of Labor Statistics of the U.S. Department of Labor reported today. For the 12-month period ended in January, the CPI-U increased 2.7 percent.

The Consumer Price Index for Urban Wage Earners and Clerical Workers (CPI-W) rose 0.5 percent in January, prior to seasonal adjustment. The January 1996 CPI-W level of 151.7 was 2.6 percent higher than the index in January 1995.

CPI for All Urban Consumers (CPI-U)

On a seasonally adjusted basis, the CPI-U rose 0.4 percent in January, following an increase of 0.2 percent in December. The energy index registered its second consecutive large increase, advancing 1.9 percent in January after increasing 1.1 percent in December. The index for petroleum-based energy rose 4.2 percent in January, following an increase of 2.0 percent in December. The food index increased 0.1 percent, the same as in December. Excluding food and energy, the CPI-U rose 0.3 percent, following increases of 0.1 percent in each of the 2 preceding months. Larger increases in the indexes for apparel and upkeep and for shelter, coupled with the substantially smaller decline in the index for airline fares, were responsible for the acceleration in

this index from December to January.

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

Expenditure Category	Changes from preceding month							Compound	Un-
	1995							annual rate	adjusted
	July	Aug.	Sep.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	1996	3-mos. ended	12-mos. ended
							Jan.	Jan. '96	Jan. '96
All Items	.1	.2	.1	.3	.1	.2	.4	2.6	2.7
Food and beverages	.1	.2	.3	.3	.0	.1	.1	1.1	2.4
Housing	.3	.3	.1	.3	.2	.3	.3	3.2	2.9
Apparel and upkeep	.3	.2	-.2	.3	.0	.1	.7	3.1	.5
Transportation	-.6	-.4	-.1	.1	-.4	.1	.7	1.4	1.9
Medical care	.3	.4	.4	.2	.3	.4	.4	4.2	4.0
Entertainment	.3	.4	.3	.3	.4	.4	.3	4.2	3.2
Other goods and services	.3	.5	.4	.4	.4	.2	.2	3.5	4.4
Special Indexes:									
Energy	-1.0	-.4	-1.3	.3	-.9	1.1	1.9	8.7	.8
Food	.1	.2	.3	.3	.0	.1	.1	.8	2.4
All items less food and energy	.2	.2	.2	.3	.1	.1	.3	2.2	3.0

NOTE: Seasonal factors have been recalculated to reflect developments in 1995. For this reason, some of the seasonally adjusted figures shown above and elsewhere differ from those previously published. See technical note on page 7 of this release for details.

The food and beverages index rose 0.1 percent in January. The grocery store food index, which increased 0.1 percent in December, was unchanged in January. (Prior to seasonal adjustment, grocery store food prices rose 1.1 percent in January.) Smaller than seasonal increases in prices for fruits and vegetables--down 1.0 percent after seasonal adjustment--offset generally small increases in most other major grocery store food groups. The index for meats, poultry, fish, and eggs rose 0.1 percent in January, as increases in prices for poultry and eggs offset declines in the indexes for beef, pork, and for fish and seafood. The indexes for dairy products and other food at home increased 0.2 and 0.1 percent, respectively. The index for cereal and bakery products rose 0.9 percent in January, its largest advance since a similar increase in January 1991. Prices for bakery products rose 1.4 percent, reflecting a jump in flour prices. The other two components of the food and beverage index--restaurant meals and alcoholic beverages--increased

0.1 and 0.4 percent, respectively, in January. A jump in wine prices--up 1.8 percent--reflecting a return to regular prices after late year inventory clearance was largely responsible for the advance in the alcoholic beverage index.

The housing component rose 0.3 percent in January, the same as in December. Shelter costs rose 0.4 percent in January after increasing 0.2 percent in December. Within shelter, renters' costs and homeowners' costs rose 0.7 and 0.2 percent, respectively, while maintenance and repair costs decreased 0.2 percent. The rise in renters' costs reflects a 1.8 percent increase in the index for lodging while out of town; residential rents rose 0.3 percent. The index for fuel and utilities rose 0.5 percent in January, following a 0.2 percent increase in December. The index for household fuels rose 0.6 percent as increases of 8.8 percent in the index for fuel oil and 0.6 percent in the index for natural gas more than offset a 0.4 percent decline in the index for electricity. The index for other utilities and public services rose 0.3 percent, largely as a result of increases of 0.6 percent in the indexes for water and sewerage treatment and for cable television. The index for household furnishings and operation rose 0.2 percent in January as price declines for appliances partially offset increases in other housefurnishings.

The transportation index, which turned up in slightly in December after declining throughout most of the second half of 1995, advanced 0.7 percent in January. A larger increase in the index for motor fuels and a smaller decline in airline fares were largely responsible for the acceleration in the transportation component. The index for motor fuels rose 3.8 percent as gasoline prices registered their first increase in 7 months. (Prior to seasonal adjustment, gasoline prices rose 2.3 percent in January.) The index for airline fares, which fell 5.5 percent in December, declined 0.9 percent in January. The increase of 0.1 percent in the index for new vehicle prices continues its pattern of very little movement evident since the introduction of the 1996 models. (As of January, the proportion of 1996 models was about 70 percent of the new car sample.) Automobile finance charges declined for the fourth consecutive month--down 2.5 percent in January. The index for used cars rose 0.8 percent in January and has increased twice as much as the new car index during the past 12 months--up 3.6 percent.

The index for apparel and upkeep increased 0.7 percent in January. (Prior to seasonal adjustment, clothing prices fell 0.5 percent, reflecting post-holiday discounting.)

Medical care costs rose 0.4 percent in January to a level 4.0

percent above a year ago. The index for medical care commodities-- prescription drugs, non-prescription drugs, and medical supplies-- increased 0.5 percent in January. The index for medical care services rose 0.4 percent. Charges for professional services and hospital and related services increased 0.3 and 0.5 percent, respectively, in January.

Entertainment costs rose 0.3 percent in January. Increases in the indexes for reading materials and for fees for participant sports--up 0.9 and 1.3 percent, respectively--accounted for virtually all of the January advance.

The index for other goods and services increased 0.2 percent in January, the same as in December. In January, the indexes for school books and supplies and personal financial services rose 1.0 and 1.6 percent, respectively, while the index for tobacco and smoking products declined 0.3 percent. (Prior to seasonal adjustment, the index for tobacco rose 0.5 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 also rose 0.4 percent in January.

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 Jan. '96	Un- adjusted 12-mos. ended Jan. '96
	Changes from preceding month								
	July	Aug.	Sep.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.		
All Items	.0	.2	.1	.3	.1	.2	.4	2.7	2.6
Food and beverages	.2	.2	.4	.3	.1	.1	.1	1.3	2.4
Housing	.2	.3	.1	.3	.1	.3	.3	3.0	2.8
Apparel and upkeep	.2	.0	.0	.3	-.2	.2	.7	2.8	.6
Transportation	-.7	-.3	-.1	.1	-.3	.4	.9	3.8	2.0
Medical care	.3	.4	.4	.2	.3	.4	.4	4.2	4.0
Entertainment	.2	.4	.3	.1	.4	.3	.4	4.5	3.1
Other goods and services	.2	.5	.5	.4	.4	.1	.2	2.9	4.2
Special Indexes:									
Energy	-1.6	-.4	-1.2	.2	-.8	1.0	2.1	9.6	.7
Food	.1	.2	.4	.3	.0	.2	.1	1.1	2.5

All items less										
food and energy	.2	.2	.3	.3	.2	.2	.3	2.8		2.9

Consumer Price Index data for February are scheduled for release on Friday, March 15, 1996, at 8:30 A.M. (EST).

As previously announced, the release of the Consumer Price Index for January, originally scheduled for February 14, was rescheduled for February 28. The scheduled collection of consumer price data, which generally consists of 3 consecutive 6-day pricing periods excluding weekends and holidays starting at the beginning of each month, was substantially altered for January. No collection of prices was possible until the end of the federal government shutdown on January 8. From that date through January 14, only the samples for housing and bimonthly collected commodity and services were available for pricing, and collection was further limited by the blizzard that closed many retail outlets and Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS) offices during the week of January 8. The monthly pricing schedule was modified such that pricing period 1 (PP-1) was rescheduled from January 2-9 to January 15-19. PP-2 was rescheduled from January 10-18 to January 19-25 and PP-3 was rescheduled from January 19-26 to January 23-31. This resulted in virtually complete pricing for the January index; the number of price quotes collected and used in January 1996 was approximately 98 percent of the corresponding number for January 1995.

This alteration in the collection schedule for January increased the length of time between the December and January pricing periods by about one-third. This alteration of the January schedule will also have an effect of reducing the interval between the January and February pricing periods by a corresponding amount, with the result that the interval between December and February pricing periods will be in line with the historical pattern.

In view of the modified price collection schedule for the January CPI and the extended interval between the December and January indexes induced by it, the BLS attempted to assess the impact of these changes on the January numbers. This analysis entailed the generation and comparison of January pricing relatives for each major group by individual pricing period for the preceding 3 years as well as the investigation of the impact of the modified pricing schedule on specific groups, such as apparel, which are known to have substantial seasonal

movement between December and January. No conclusive evidence, however, could be found that the revised price collection schedule affected the January CPI change.

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 1995	Unadjusted indexes		Unadjusted percent change to Jan. 1996 from-		Seasonally adjusted percent change from-		
		Dec. 1995	Jan. 1996	Jan. 1995	Dec. 1995	Oct. to Nov.	Nov. to Dec.	Dec. to Jan.
All items .....	100.000	153.5	154.4	2.7	0.6	0.1	0.2	0.4
All items (1967=100) .....	-	459.9	462.5	-	-	-	-	-
Food and beverages .....	17.332	150.3	151.4	2.4	.7	.0	.1	.1
Food .....	15.766	149.9	151.0	2.4	.7	.0	.1	.1
Food at home .....	9.880	150.3	151.9	2.5	1.1	-.1	.1	.0
Cereals and bakery products .....	1.473	169.5	171.5	4.2	1.2	.5	.2	.9
Meats, poultry, fish, and eggs .....	2.936	142.0	142.8	4.0	.6	.4	.4	.1
Dairy products .....	1.169	135.0	136.3	2.7	1.0	.4	.7	.2
Fruits and vegetables .....	1.936	177.9	181.5	.6	2.0	-1.6	-.7	-1.0
Other food at home .....	2.365	140.5	141.8	1.1	.9	.0	.2	.1
Sugar and sweets .....	.327	138.5	141.4	4.4	2.1	.1	.3	1.4
Fats and oils .....	.248	137.5	139.7	2.4	1.6	.4	.1	.3
Nonalcoholic beverages .....	.763	129.5	130.0	-2.5	.4	-.1	-.2	-.8
Other prepared food .....	1.027	152.1	153.1	2.5	.7	-.1	.5	.3
Food away from home .....	5.886	150.4	150.6	2.2	.1	.1	.1	.1
Alcoholic beverages .....	1.566	154.9	155.6	2.4	.5	.2	.0	.4
Housing .....	41.346	149.7	150.6	2.9	.6	.2	.3	.3
Shelter .....	28.289	167.4	168.6	3.5	.7	.2	.2	.4
Renters' costs 1/ .....	7.988	173.2	176.6	3.5	2.0	.1	.1	.7
Rent, residential .....	5.762	159.6	160.0	2.5	.3	.3	.3	.3
Other renters' costs .....	2.227	194.2	206.5	5.9	6.3	-.4	-.1	1.6
Homeowners' costs 1/ .....	20.102	174.0	174.3	3.5	.2	.3	.3	.2
Owners' equivalent rent 1/ .....	19.716	174.3	174.7	3.6	.2	.3	.3	.3

Household insurance 1/ .....	.386	158.3	158.0	1.3	-.2	.4	.5	-.3
Maintenance and repairs 2/ .....	.199	136.6	136.3	2.4	-.2	-.1	.3	-.2
Maintenance and repair services 2/ .	.122	142.1	142.1	3.5	.0	.0	.2	.0
Maintenance and repair								
commodities 2/ .....	.077	129.1	128.6	.9	-.4	-.2	.3	-.4
Fuel and other utilities .....	7.014	123.7	124.7	1.5	.8	.1	.2	.5
Fuels .....	3.792	110.9	112.2	1.4	1.2	.1	.1	.6
Fuel oil and other household fuel								
commodities .....	.356	89.6	97.6	9.2	8.9	.0	1.1	7.5
Gas (piped) and electricity (energy								
services).....	3.436	118.3	118.7	.6	.3	.2	.0	-.2
Other utilities and public								
services 2/ .....	3.222	153.9	154.4	1.5	.3	.1	.2	.3
Household furnishings and operation ....	6.043	123.8	124.1	1.9	.2	-.1	.3	.2
Housefurnishings .....	3.445	111.1	111.4	.8	.3	-.5	.5	.3
Housekeeping supplies .....	1.116	139.8	140.4	4.9	.4	.4	.2	.4
Housekeeping services .....	1.482	145.3	145.7	2.3	.3	.3	.3	.0
Apparel and upkeep .....	5.516	130.6	130.0	.5	-.5	.0	.1	.7
Apparel commodities .....	4.967	127.1	126.5	.4	-.5	-.1	.1	.7
Men's and boys' apparel .....	1.303	126.0	124.7	.6	-1.0	-.2	-.1	1.1
Women's and girls' apparel.....	2.195	124.7	123.4	.3	-1.0	.2	.0	1.3
Infants' and toddlers' apparel 2/ ....	.195	128.7	131.5	1.9	2.2	-1.0	-.8	2.2
Footwear .....	.732	124.1	123.4	-.5	-.6	-.2	-.4	-.6
Other apparel commodities .....	.542	148.6	151.7	1.1	2.1	.0	1.4	-.6
Apparel services 2/ .....	.550	157.7	158.2	.8	.3	.1	.3	.3
Transportation .....	16.953	139.1	139.9	1.9	.6	-.4	.1	.7
Private transportation .....	15.430	136.6	137.4	1.9	.6	-.4	.5	.8
New vehicles .....	5.027	142.8	143.2	1.8	.3	.1	.1	.1
New cars .....	4.015	140.7	141.1	1.5	.3	.1	.0	.1
Used cars .....	1.342	158.2	157.9	3.6	-.2	.3	.6	.8
Motor fuel .....	2.908	96.4	98.6	-.1	2.3	-2.1	2.2	3.8
Gasoline .....	-	96.0	98.2	-.2	2.3	-2.0	2.2	3.7
Maintenance and repairs .....	1.535	155.7	156.2	2.8	.3	.3	.1	.4
Other private transportation .....	4.618	172.4	172.7	2.3	.2	.1	-.2	-.1
Other private transportation								
commodities .....	.608	105.2	105.4	1.2	.2	-.2	.0	.0
Other private transportation								
services .....	4.010	188.3	188.5	2.4	.1	.1	-.2	-.1
Public transportation .....	1.523	170.7	171.6	1.9	.5	-1.6	-4.1	-.5
Medical care .....	7.362	223.8	225.2	4.0	.6	.3	.4	.4
Medical care commodities .....	1.282	206.6	207.7	2.3	.5	.3	.2	.5
Medical care services .....	6.081	227.8	229.3	4.3	.7	.3	.4	.4

Professional medical services .....	3.465	203.9	205.0	4.0	.5	.3	.4	.3
Entertainment .....	4.367	156.2	157.0	3.2	.5	.4	.4	.3
Entertainment commodities .....	1.975	140.7	141.4	2.8	.5	.5	.4	.3
Entertainment services .....	2.392	174.6	175.5	3.6	.5	.3	.4	.2
Other goods and services .....	7.123	211.1	212.0	4.4	.4	.4	.2	.2
Tobacco and smoking products .....	1.610	228.1	229.3	3.2	.5	.3	-.3	-.3
Personal care 2/ .....	1.170	148.9	149.1	2.3	.1	.3	.0	.1
Toilet goods and personal care appliances 2/ .....	.613	144.1	143.7	1.1	-.3	.3	-.5	-.3
Personal care services 2/ .....	.557	154.3	155.0	3.7	.5	.3	.5	.5
Personal and educational expenses .....	4.342	241.8	243.0	5.6	.5	.4	.5	.5
School books and supplies .....	.258	219.0	223.8	5.6	2.2	.6	.4	1.0
Personal and educational services .....	4.084	243.7	244.7	5.6	.4	.4	.5	.4
Commodity and service group								
All items .....	100.000	153.5	154.4	2.7	.6	.1	.2	.4
Commodities .....	42.916	137.0	137.8	2.0	.6	-.1	.3	.5
Food and beverages .....	17.332	150.3	151.4	2.4	.7	.0	.1	.1
Commodities less food and beverages .....	25.584	128.9	129.5	1.6	.5	-.2	.4	.8
Nondurables less food and beverages ..	15.075	128.8	129.8	1.8	.8	-.1	.5	1.4
Apparel commodities .....	4.967	127.1	126.5	.4	-.5	-.1	.1	.7
Nondurables less food, beverages, and apparel .....	10.108	132.7	134.5	2.5	1.4	-.5	.8	1.7
Durables .....	10.509	129.0	129.3	1.7	.2	.1	.2	.2
Services .....	57.084	170.4	171.3	3.3	.5	.2	.1	.3
Rent of shelter 1/ .....	27.671	174.2	175.5	3.6	.7	.3	.2	.3
Household services less rent of shelter 1/ .....	8.681	138.6	139.0	1.3	.3	.1	.2	-.1
Transportation services .....	7.068	176.3	176.8	2.4	.3	-.3	-1.0	-.1
Medical care services .....	6.081	227.8	229.3	4.3	.7	.3	.4	.4
Other services .....	7.583	197.3	198.1	4.4	.4	.4	.5	.4
Special indexes								
All items less food .....	84.234	154.2	155.0	2.8	.5	.1	.2	.5
All items less shelter .....	71.711	149.6	150.3	2.4	.5	.0	.1	.4
All items less homeowners' costs 1/ .....	79.898	154.3	155.3	2.5	.6	.0	.1	.5
All items less medical care .....	92.638	149.6	150.4	2.6	.5	.1	.2	.4
Commodities less food .....	27.150	129.9	130.6	1.8	.5	-.2	.3	.8
Nondurables less food .....	16.641	130.4	131.3	1.9	.7	-.2	.6	1.2
Nondurables less food and apparel .....	11.674	134.0	135.6	2.4	1.2	-.1	.7	1.3
Nondurables .....	32.407	139.7	140.7	2.1	.7	.1	.2	.8



Services less rent of shelter 1/ .....	29.414	178.5	179.2	3.0	.4	.2	.0	.2
Services less medical care services .....	51.004	165.0	165.9	3.1	.5	.1	.1	.2
Energy .....	6.700	103.3	105.0	.8	1.6	-.9	1.1	1.9
All items less energy .....	93.300	160.2	161.0	2.9	.5	.1	.1	.3
All items less food and energy .....	77.534	162.7	163.4	3.0	.4	.1	.1	.3
Commodities less food and energy commodities .....	23.885	140.0	140.3	1.9	.2	.1	.1	.4
Energy commodities .....	3.264	95.9	98.7	.8	2.9	-1.8	2.0	4.2
Services less energy services .....	53.648	175.7	176.6	3.4	.5	.2	.1	.3
Purchasing power of the consumer dollar:								
1982-84=\$1.00 2/ .....	-	\$.651	\$.648	-2.6	-.5	.0	.0	-.5
1967=\$1.00 2/ .....	-	.217	.216	-	-	-	-	-

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				
	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	Apr.	3 months ended-		6 months ended-		
	1995	1995	1995	1996	1995	July 1995	Oct. 1995	Jan. 1996	July 1995	Jan. 1996
All items .....	-	-	-	-	3.2	2.4	2.6	2.6	2.8	2.6
Food and beverages .....	150.3	150.3	150.5	150.7	3.3	1.9	3.5	1.1	2.6	2.3
Food .....	150.0	150.0	150.2	150.3	3.3	1.9	3.5	.8	2.6	2.2
Food at home .....	150.4	150.3	150.5	150.5	3.9	1.9	4.1	.3	2.9	2.2
Cereals and bakery products .....	169.1	169.9	170.2	171.8	3.7	3.2	3.4	6.5	3.4	4.9
Meats, poultry, fish, and eggs .....	140.9	141.5	142.0	142.1	2.1	1.5	9.0	3.5	1.8	6.2
Dairy products .....	133.6	134.1	135.1	135.4	1.2	2.1	2.1	5.5	1.7	3.8
Fruits and vegetables .....	180.9	178.0	176.8	175.1	10.5	3.0	3.2	-12.2	6.7	-4.8
Other food at home .....	141.1	141.1	141.4	141.5	1.7	.9	.6	1.1	1.3	.9

Sugar and sweets .....	138.9	139.1	139.5	141.4	3.0	4.2	2.9	7.4	3.6	5.1
Fats and oils .....	138.3	138.8	138.9	139.3	1.8	2.7	2.3	2.9	2.2	2.6
Nonalcoholic beverages .....	130.8	130.7	130.5	129.5	.0	-3.3	-2.4	-3.9	-1.7	-3.2
Other prepared food .....	152.1	152.0	152.7	153.1	3.0	2.4	1.9	2.7	2.7	2.3
Food away from home .....	150.0	150.2	150.4	150.6	2.5	2.2	2.4	1.6	2.3	2.0
Alcoholic beverages .....	155.0	155.3	155.3	155.9	2.4	1.6	3.2	2.3	2.0	2.7
Housing .....	149.6	149.9	150.3	150.8	2.8	2.7	3.0	3.2	2.7	3.1
Shelter .....	167.1	167.5	167.9	168.6	3.7	3.7	3.2	3.6	3.7	3.4
Renters' costs 1/ .....	175.2	175.3	175.5	176.7	4.5	3.3	2.8	3.5	3.9	3.1
Rent, residential .....	158.8	159.2	159.6	160.0	2.3	2.6	2.0	3.1	2.4	2.5
Other renters' costs .....	208.0	207.2	206.9	210.3	9.8	4.8	4.5	4.5	7.3	4.5
Homeowners' costs 1/ .....	172.8	173.4	173.9	174.3	3.4	3.8	3.5	3.5	3.6	3.5
Owners' equivalent rent 1/ .....	173.1	173.7	174.2	174.7	3.4	3.8	3.5	3.7	3.6	3.6
Household insurance 1/ .....	157.1	157.7	158.5	158.1	3.6	.5	-1.5	2.6	2.1	.5
Maintenance and repairs 2/ .....	136.3	136.2	136.6	136.3	3.3	2.7	3.6	.0	3.0	1.8
Maintenance and repair services 2/ ...	141.8	141.8	142.1	142.1	5.0	2.3	5.8	.8	3.7	3.3
Maintenance and repair commodities 2/	128.9	128.7	129.1	128.6	.3	3.5	.6	-.9	1.9	-.2
Fuel and other utilities .....	124.1	124.2	124.4	125.0	.7	.6	1.6	2.9	.7	2.3
Fuels .....	111.1	111.2	111.3	112.0	.7	-.7	2.2	3.3	.0	2.7
Fuel oil and other household fuel										
commodities .....	87.8	87.8	88.8	95.5	.5	4.6	-3.6	40.0	2.5	16.2
Gas (piped) and electricity (energy										
services).....	118.9	119.1	119.1	118.9	.7	-1.3	2.7	.0	-.3	1.4
Other utilities and public services 2/ .	153.5	153.6	153.9	154.4	.3	2.1	1.3	2.4	1.2	1.8
Household furnishings and operation .....	123.8	123.7	124.1	124.4	1.3	1.3	3.3	2.0	1.3	2.6
Housefurnishings .....	111.7	111.1	111.6	111.9	.0	.0	2.9	.7	.0	1.8
Housekeeping supplies .....	139.1	139.7	140.0	140.5	6.1	4.5	5.0	4.1	5.3	4.6
Housekeeping services .....	144.8	145.3	145.7	145.7	1.1	2.5	3.1	2.5	1.8	2.8
Apparel and upkeep .....	132.1	132.1	132.2	133.1	-1.2	-.9	.9	3.1	-1.1	2.0
Apparel commodities .....	128.8	128.7	128.8	129.7	-1.5	-.9	1.3	2.8	-1.2	2.0
Men's and boys' apparel .....	126.2	126.0	125.9	127.3	-.9	-1.6	1.6	3.5	-1.3	2.6
Women's and girls' apparel .....	126.7	126.9	126.9	128.5	-3.7	.6	-1.6	5.8	-1.6	2.1
Infants' and toddlers' apparel 2/ .....	131.0	129.7	128.7	131.5	-5.8	-12.3	28.7	1.5	-9.1	14.3
Footwear .....	126.2	125.9	125.4	124.6	1.3	-2.2	4.2	-5.0	-.5	-.5
Other apparel commodities .....	151.8	151.8	154.0	153.0	3.2	-1.6	-.8	3.2	.8	1.2
Apparel services 2/.....	157.0	157.2	157.7	158.2	1.8	-1.3	-.5	3.1	.3	1.3
Transportation .....	139.5	138.9	139.0	140.0	5.6	2.0	-1.4	1.4	3.8	.0
Private transportation .....	136.5	136.0	136.7	137.8	4.2	.3	-.9	3.9	2.2	1.5
New vehicles .....	141.8	141.9	142.0	142.1	3.2	1.4	2.0	.8	2.3	1.4
New cars .....	139.6	139.8	139.8	140.0	2.6	.9	1.4	1.2	1.7	1.3
Used cars .....	156.0	156.4	157.4	158.7	14.0	-5.0	-.8	7.1	4.1	3.1
Motor fuel .....	97.4	95.4	97.5	101.2	-1.2	1.2	-14.5	16.5	.0	-.2

Gasoline .....	97.1	95.2	97.3	100.9	-1.6	1.2	-14.6	16.6	-.2	-.2
Maintenance and repairs .....	155.2	155.6	155.8	156.5	2.4	2.6	2.9	3.4	2.5	3.1
Other private transportation .....	171.8	172.0	171.7	171.6	6.6	-.5	3.8	-.5	3.0	1.7
Other private transportation commodities .....	105.2	105.0	105.0	105.0	2.7	1.9	.8	-.8	2.3	.0
Other private transportation services .....	187.7	187.9	187.6	187.4	7.2	-.9	4.4	-.6	3.1	1.8
Public transportation .....	180.7	177.8	170.5	169.6	22.1	18.5	-3.9	-22.4	20.3	-13.6
Medical care .....	223.1	223.8	224.6	225.4	3.7	3.9	3.9	4.2	3.8	4.0
Medical care commodities .....	205.7	206.3	206.7	207.7	.8	1.6	2.8	3.9	1.2	3.4
Medical care services .....	226.9	227.6	228.5	229.3	4.4	4.4	4.2	4.3	4.4	4.2
Professional medical services .....	203.1	203.8	204.6	205.2	3.7	4.3	3.6	4.2	4.0	3.9
Entertainment .....	155.3	155.9	156.5	156.9	2.7	2.6	3.7	4.2	2.7	3.9
Entertainment commodities .....	139.7	140.4	140.9	141.3	1.2	2.3	3.2	4.7	1.8	3.9
Entertainment services .....	173.7	174.2	174.9	175.3	3.6	3.1	4.0	3.7	3.3	3.9
Other goods and services .....	210.4	211.2	211.7	212.2	4.8	4.6	5.1	3.5	4.7	4.3
Tobacco and smoking products .....	228.9	229.7	229.0	228.4	3.7	4.7	5.4	-.9	4.2	2.2
Personal care 2/ .....	148.5	148.9	148.9	149.1	1.7	1.7	4.4	1.6	1.7	3.0
Toilet goods and personal care appliances 2/ .....	144.4	144.8	144.1	143.7	.0	1.4	4.9	-1.9	.7	1.4
Personal care services 2/ .....	153.0	153.5	154.3	155.0	3.5	1.9	4.3	5.3	2.7	4.8
Personal and educational expenses .....	239.2	240.2	241.4	242.5	6.2	5.4	5.0	5.6	5.8	5.3
School books and supplies .....	217.6	219.0	219.8	222.1	4.4	3.4	6.3	8.5	3.9	7.4
Personal and educational services .....	240.7	241.7	242.9	243.9	6.4	5.4	5.0	5.4	5.9	5.2
Commodity and service group										
All items .....	-	-	-	-	3.2	2.4	2.6	2.6	2.8	2.6
Commodities .....	137.1	137.0	137.4	138.1	2.4	1.2	1.5	2.9	1.8	2.2
Food and beverages .....	150.3	150.3	150.5	150.7	3.3	1.9	3.5	1.1	2.6	2.3
Commodities less food and beverages .....	129.1	128.9	129.4	130.4	1.6	.6	.3	4.1	1.1	2.2
Nondurables less food and beverages .....	129.3	129.2	129.8	131.6	.3	.9	-1.2	7.3	.6	3.0
Apparel commodities .....	128.8	128.7	128.8	129.7	-1.5	-.9	1.3	2.8	-1.2	2.0
Nondurables less food, beverages, and apparel .....	132.6	132.0	133.1	135.3	2.8	1.5	-2.4	8.4	2.1	2.9
Durables .....	128.4	128.5	128.7	129.0	2.9	.3	1.3	1.9	1.6	1.6
Services .....	170.4	170.7	170.9	171.4	4.2	3.4	3.1	2.4	3.8	2.7
Rent of shelter 1/ .....	174.1	174.6	175.0	175.6	3.8	3.6	3.3	3.5	3.7	3.4
Household services less rent of shelter 1/ .....	139.0	139.2	139.5	139.4	.6	1.2	2.3	1.2	.9	1.7
Transportation services .....	178.1	177.6	175.9	175.7	9.2	3.9	2.3	-5.3	6.5	-1.6
Medical care services .....	226.9	227.6	228.5	229.3	4.4	4.4	4.2	4.3	4.4	4.2

Other services .....	196.0	196.7	197.6	198.3	4.9	3.8	4.2	4.8	4.4	4.5
Special indexes										
All items less food .....	154.2	154.3	154.6	155.3	3.5	2.4	2.4	2.9	2.9	2.6
All items less shelter .....	149.7	149.7	149.9	150.5	3.0	2.2	2.2	2.2	2.6	2.2
All items less homeowners' costs 1/ .....	154.7	154.7	154.9	155.6	3.2	2.1	2.4	2.3	2.7	2.4
All items less medical care .....	149.5	149.6	149.9	150.5	3.3	2.5	2.2	2.7	2.9	2.4
Commodities less food .....	130.3	130.1	130.5	131.6	1.9	.9	.3	4.1	1.4	2.2
Nondurables less food .....	130.8	130.6	131.4	133.0	.3	1.2	-.9	6.9	.8	2.9
Nondurables less food and apparel .....	134.0	133.9	134.8	136.6	1.2	2.1	-1.2	8.0	1.7	3.3
Nondurables .....	139.8	139.9	140.2	141.3	2.0	1.2	.9	4.4	1.6	2.6
Services less rent of shelter 1/ .....	178.5	178.8	178.8	179.2	4.4	3.0	3.2	1.6	3.7	2.4
Services less medical care services .....	165.1	165.3	165.5	165.9	3.8	3.2	3.2	2.0	3.5	2.6
Energy .....	103.9	103.0	104.1	106.1	.0	.0	-5.6	8.7	.0	1.3
All items less energy .....	160.3	160.5	160.7	161.2	3.6	2.6	3.1	2.3	3.1	2.7
All items less food and energy .....	162.9	163.1	163.3	163.8	3.8	2.8	3.0	2.2	3.3	2.6
Commodities less food and energy										
commodities .....	140.1	140.2	140.4	140.9	2.0	.9	2.3	2.3	1.5	2.3
Energy commodities .....	96.4	94.7	96.6	100.7	-.8	1.6	-13.6	19.1	.4	1.4
Services less energy services .....	175.6	176.0	176.2	176.7	4.5	3.5	3.3	2.5	4.0	2.9

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 1995	Unadjusted indexes		Unadjusted percent change to Jan. 1996 from-		Seasonally adjusted percent change from-		
		Dec. 1995	Jan. 1996	Jan. 1995	Dec. 1995	Oct. to Nov.	Nov. to Dec.	Dec. to Jan.
All items .....	100.000	150.9	151.7	2.6	0.5	0.1	0.2	0.4
All items (1967=100) .....	-	449.5	451.9	-	-	-	-	-

Food and beverages .....	19.262	149.8	150.8	2.4	.7	.1	.1	.1
Food .....	17.581	149.4	150.5	2.5	.7	.0	.2	.1
Food at home .....	11.206	149.5	151.0	2.6	1.0	-.1	.2	.0
Cereals and bakery products .....	1.682	169.2	171.2	4.2	1.2	.4	.2	1.0
Meats, poultry, fish, and eggs .....	3.453	141.7	142.5	3.9	.6	.4	.4	.1
Dairy products .....	1.300	134.7	136.1	2.8	1.0	.5	.6	.4
Fruits and vegetables .....	2.052	177.0	180.0	.7	1.7	-1.5	-.6	-1.1
Other food at home .....	2.719	140.1	141.4	1.2	.9	.1	.2	.0
Sugar and sweets .....	.369	138.4	141.3	4.3	2.1	.1	.3	1.3
Fats and oils .....	.285	137.3	139.6	2.4	1.7	.4	.0	.4
Nonalcoholic beverages .....	.885	128.8	129.5	-2.0	.5	.2	-.3	-.7
Other prepared food .....	1.180	151.9	152.9	2.5	.7	-.1	.6	.2
Food away from home .....	6.374	150.3	150.6	2.2	.2	.1	.1	.2
Alcoholic beverages .....	1.681	154.3	155.0	2.2	.5	.4	-.1	.4
Housing .....	38.888	146.7	147.5	2.8	.5	.1	.3	.3
Shelter .....	25.976	163.1	163.9	3.3	.5	.2	.3	.3
Renters' costs 1/ .....	8.091	152.5	154.4	3.0	1.2	.1	.2	.5
Rent, residential .....	6.616	159.3	159.7	2.6	.3	.2	.3	.3
Other renters' costs .....	1.475	194.1	205.5	5.2	5.9	-.5	-.3	1.3
Homeowners' costs 1/ .....	17.695	158.7	159.0	3.5	.2	.3	.4	.2
Owners' equivalent rent 1/ .....	17.366	159.0	159.3	3.6	.2	.3	.4	.2
Household insurance 1/ .....	.329	145.6	145.0	1.3	-.4	.5	.4	-.3
Maintenance and repairs 2/ .....	.189	135.8	135.5	2.0	-.2	-.1	.1	-.2
Maintenance and repair services 2/ ..	.105	144.7	144.6	2.9	-.1	.1	.1	-.1
Maintenance and repair commodities 2/ .....	.085	124.2	123.6	.9	-.5	-.3	.2	-.5
Fuel and other utilities .....	7.247	123.3	124.2	1.4	.7	.2	.1	.4
Fuels .....	3.887	110.2	111.4	1.2	1.1	.2	.0	.6
Fuel oil and other household fuel commodities .....	.327	89.5	97.4	9.1	8.8	.0	1.1	7.4
Gas (piped) and electricity (energy services).....	3.560	117.5	118.0	.5	.4	.3	-.2	.0
Other utilities and public services 2/ .....	3.360	154.3	154.8	1.6	.3	.1	.2	.3
Household furnishings and operation ....	5.666	122.4	122.8	1.9	.3	-.1	.2	.2
Housefurnishings .....	3.367	109.7	110.0	.7	.3	-.5	.3	.2
Housekeeping supplies .....	1.149	139.9	140.6	4.8	.5	.4	.2	.5
Housekeeping services .....	1.150	148.6	149.0	2.3	.3	.3	.3	-.1
Apparel and upkeep .....	5.533	129.5	129.1	.6	-.3	-.2	.2	.7
Apparel commodities .....	5.017	126.2	125.8	.6	-.3	-.2	.1	.8
Men's and boys' apparel .....	1.310	125.8	124.8	1.1	-.8	-.2	.2	1.0
Women's and girls' apparel.....	2.148	123.3	122.3	.9	-.8	-.1	.2	1.5

Infants' and toddlers' apparel 2/ ....	.251	129.8	132.3	1.5	1.9	-1.4	-.8	1.9
Footwear .....	.812	125.0	123.9	-.4	-.9	-.2	-.4	-.9
Other apparel commodities .....	.495	145.3	149.1	.0	2.6	.2	.7	-.7
Apparel services 2/ .....	.516	157.1	157.6	.7	.3	.2	.3	.3
Transportation .....	19.020	138.9	139.7	2.0	.6	-.3	.4	.9
Private transportation .....	17.847	137.2	138.0	2.1	.6	-.3	.5	.9
New vehicles .....	4.958	143.7	144.2	2.1	.3	.1	.1	.2
New cars .....	3.591	140.4	140.8	1.6	.3	.1	.1	.1
Used cars .....	2.432	159.1	158.9	3.9	-.1	.3	.6	.9
Motor fuel .....	3.584	96.4	98.6	.1	2.3	-2.0	2.2	3.7
Gasoline .....	-	95.9	98.2	-.1	2.4	-2.2	2.2	4.0
Maintenance and repairs .....	1.619	156.6	157.1	2.9	.3	.3	.2	.4
Other private transportation .....	5.255	168.4	168.5	2.3	.1	.0	-.1	-.1
Other private transportation								
commodities .....	.767	104.4	104.6	1.2	.2	-.1	-.1	.0
Other private transportation								
services .....	4.488	184.5	184.6	2.6	.1	.1	-.1	-.1
Public transportation .....	1.173	169.0	169.6	2.9	.4	-.7	-2.2	-.4
Medical care .....	6.262	223.1	224.5	4.0	.6	.3	.4	.4
Medical care commodities .....	1.055	204.2	205.4	2.2	.6	.3	.1	.6
Medical care services .....	5.208	227.4	228.9	4.4	.7	.3	.4	.3
Professional medical services .....	2.965	204.9	206.0	4.0	.5	.3	.4	.2
Entertainment .....	4.029	153.8	154.7	3.1	.6	.4	.3	.4
Entertainment commodities .....	2.053	139.4	140.3	2.6	.6	.5	.2	.4
Entertainment services .....	1.976	174.6	175.5	3.7	.5	.2	.5	.4
Other goods and services .....	7.006	208.1	209.0	4.2	.4	.4	.1	.2
Tobacco and smoking products .....	2.135	228.4	229.3	3.1	.4	.3	-.3	-.3
Personal care 2/ .....	1.132	148.9	149.1	2.1	.1	.2	-.1	.1
Toilet goods and personal care								
appliances 2/ .....	.635	144.7	144.4	.9	-.2	.2	-.5	-.2
Personal care services 2/ .....	.497	154.2	154.9	3.6	.5	.2	.5	.5
Personal and educational expenses .....	3.739	237.3	238.5	5.5	.5	.4	.5	.5
School books and supplies .....	.227	220.3	225.2	5.5	2.2	.7	.4	1.1
Personal and educational services .....	3.512	238.9	239.8	5.5	.4	.4	.5	.4
Commodity and service group								
All items .....	100.000	150.9	151.7	2.6	.5	.1	.2	.4
Commodities .....	47.052	136.9	137.7	2.1	.6	-.1	.3	.6
Food and beverages .....	19.262	149.8	150.8	2.4	.7	.1	.1	.1
Commodities less food and beverages .....	27.790	129.0	129.7	1.8	.5	-.2	.5	.9

Nondurables less food and beverages ..	16.074	128.3	129.3	1.8	.8	-.4	.8	1.4	
Apparel commodities .....	5.017	126.2	125.8	.6	-.3	-.2	.1	.8	
Nondurables less food, beverages, and apparel .....	11.057	132.1	133.9	2.3	1.4	-.5	.9	1.7	
Durables .....	11.716	128.9	129.1	1.8	.2	.0	.2	.3	
Services .....	52.948	167.9	168.6	3.2	.4	.2	.2	.2	
Rent of shelter 1/ .....	25.430	156.9	157.7	3.4	.5	.3	.3	.3	
Household services less rent of shelter 1/ .....	8.531	127.2	127.6	1.2	.3	.2	.2	-.1	
Transportation services .....	7.279	174.9	175.2	2.7	.2	-.1	-.3	-.1	
Medical care services .....	5.208	227.4	228.9	4.4	.7	.3	.4	.3	
Other services .....	6.501	194.0	194.9	4.4	.5	.3	.5	.4	
Special indexes									
All items less food .....	82.419	151.1	151.8	2.6	.5	.1	.3	.5	
All items less shelter .....	74.024	147.8	148.5	2.4	.5	.0	.2	.4	
All items less homeowners' costs 1/ .....	82.305	141.5	142.4	2.4	.6	.0	.2	.4	
All items less medical care .....	93.738	147.5	148.3	2.6	.5	.1	.2	.4	
Commodities less food .....	29.471	130.0	130.7	1.9	.5	-.2	.3	.9	
Nondurables less food .....	17.756	129.8	130.8	1.9	.8	-.3	.7	1.3	
Nondurables less food and apparel .....	12.739	133.4	135.1	2.3	1.3	-.4	.8	1.4	
Nondurables .....	35.336	139.3	140.4	2.2	.8	.0	.3	.8	
Services less rent of shelter 1/ .....	27.518	159.2	159.8	3.0	.4	.2	.1	.2	
Services less medical care services .....	47.740	162.8	163.5	3.1	.4	.2	.2	.2	
Energy .....	7.470	102.6	104.3	.7	1.7	-.8	1.0	2.1	
All items less energy .....	92.530	157.6	158.3	2.8	.4	.1	.2	.3	
All items less food and energy .....	74.949	159.7	160.3	2.9	.4	.2	.2	.3	
Commodities less food and energy commodities .....	25.560	139.6	139.9	2.0	.2	.1	.1	.4	
Energy commodities .....	3.911	96.0	98.8	.8	2.9	-1.9	2.1	4.0	
Services less energy services .....	49.388	173.4	174.2	3.4	.5	.2	.2	.2	
Purchasing power of the consumer dollar:									
1982-84=\$1.00 2/ .....	-	\$.663	\$.659	-2.7	-.6	.2	.0	-.6	
1967=\$1.00 2/ .....	-	.222	.221	-	-	-	-	-	

1/ Indexes on a December 1984=100 base.

2/ Not seasonally adjusted.

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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				
	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	Apr.	3 months ended-		6 months ended-		
	1995	1995	1995	1996	1995	July 1995	Oct. 1995	Jan. 1996	July 1995	Jan. 1996
All items .....	-	-	-	-	3.3	1.9	2.7	2.7	2.6	2.7
Food and beverages .....	149.8	149.9	150.1	150.3	3.0	1.9	3.5	1.3	2.5	2.4
Food .....	149.4	149.4	149.7	149.8	3.3	1.6	3.8	1.1	2.5	2.4
Food at home .....	149.6	149.5	149.8	149.8	3.6	1.9	4.4	.5	2.8	2.4
Cereals and bakery products .....	168.9	169.6	169.9	171.6	3.9	2.9	3.6	6.5	3.4	5.1
Meats, poultry, fish, and eggs .....	140.6	141.1	141.7	141.8	1.5	1.5	9.3	3.5	1.5	6.4
Dairy products .....	133.2	133.9	134.7	135.2	1.2	1.8	2.1	6.1	1.5	4.1
Fruits and vegetables .....	180.3	177.6	176.5	174.5	11.1	2.7	3.2	-12.3	6.8	-4.9
Other food at home .....	140.6	140.7	141.0	141.0	2.0	.9	.9	1.1	1.4	1.0
Sugar and sweets .....	138.8	139.0	139.4	141.2	3.0	4.2	2.9	7.1	3.6	5.0
Fats and oils .....	138.1	138.7	138.7	139.2	1.8	2.4	2.4	3.2	2.1	2.8
Nonalcoholic beverages .....	130.1	130.3	129.9	129.0	.3	-3.3	-1.8	-3.3	-1.5	-2.6
Other prepared food .....	151.8	151.6	152.5	152.8	3.0	2.7	1.9	2.7	2.8	2.3
Food away from home .....	149.9	150.1	150.3	150.6	2.5	1.9	2.7	1.9	2.2	2.3
Alcoholic beverages .....	154.3	154.9	154.7	155.3	2.1	1.1	3.2	2.6	1.6	2.9
Housing .....	146.5	146.7	147.1	147.6	2.8	2.5	3.1	3.0	2.7	3.0
Shelter .....	162.6	163.0	163.5	164.0	3.6	3.3	3.3	3.5	3.4	3.4
Renters' costs 1/ .....	153.5	153.6	153.9	154.6	3.8	2.7	2.9	2.9	3.2	2.9
Rent, residential .....	158.5	158.8	159.3	159.7	2.6	2.3	2.3	3.1	2.5	2.7
Other renters' costs .....	208.1	207.1	206.5	209.2	9.6	4.2	5.2	2.1	6.9	3.6
Homeowners' costs 1/ .....	157.6	158.1	158.7	159.0	3.4	3.9	3.4	3.6	3.7	3.5
Owners' equivalent rent 1/ .....	157.9	158.4	159.0	159.3	3.4	3.9	3.6	3.6	3.7	3.6
Household insurance 1/ .....	144.3	145.0	145.6	145.2	4.0	.3	-1.6	2.5	2.1	.4
Maintenance and repairs 2/ .....	135.7	135.6	135.8	135.5	2.7	3.0	3.0	-.6	2.9	1.2
Maintenance and repair services 2/ ...	144.4	144.5	144.7	144.6	4.0	2.8	4.3	.6	3.4	2.4
Maintenance and repair commodities 2/	124.3	123.9	124.2	123.6	1.3	3.6	1.0	-2.2	2.5	-.6
Fuel and other utilities .....	123.6	123.8	123.9	124.4	.3	.7	2.0	2.6	.5	2.3
Fuels .....	110.3	110.5	110.5	111.2	.4	-.7	2.6	3.3	-.2	2.9
Fuel oil and other household fuel commodities .....	87.7	87.7	88.7	95.3	.5	4.2	-3.1	39.4	2.3	16.2





appliances 2/ .....	145.1	145.4	144.7	144.4	.0	.6	5.1	-1.9	.3	1.5
Personal care services 2/ .....	153.2	153.5	154.2	154.9	3.2	1.6	5.1	4.5	2.4	4.8
Personal and educational expenses .....	234.8	235.7	236.9	238.0	5.8	5.0	5.8	5.6	5.4	5.7
School books and supplies .....	218.8	220.3	221.2	223.6	3.1	3.2	6.9	9.1	3.1	8.0
Personal and educational services .....	236.2	237.1	238.3	239.3	6.1	5.0	5.8	5.4	5.5	5.6

Commodity and service group

All items .....	-	-	-	-	3.3	1.9	2.7	2.7	2.6	2.7
Commodities .....	137.0	136.9	137.3	138.1	2.4	1.2	1.5	3.3	1.8	2.4
Food and beverages .....	149.8	149.9	150.1	150.3	3.0	1.9	3.5	1.3	2.5	2.4
Commodities less food and beverages .....	129.1	128.8	129.4	130.5	2.2	.6	.0	4.4	1.4	2.2
Nondurables less food and beverages .....	128.8	128.3	129.3	131.1	.6	.6	-1.2	7.3	.6	3.0
Apparel commodities .....	128.0	127.8	127.9	128.9	-.3	-1.6	1.6	2.8	-.9	2.2
Nondurables less food, beverages, and apparel .....	132.2	131.5	132.7	134.9	2.1	1.8	-3.0	8.4	2.0	2.6
Durables .....	128.3	128.3	128.6	129.0	3.8	.3	.9	2.2	2.1	1.6
Services .....	167.6	168.0	168.3	168.7	4.0	2.9	3.2	2.7	3.5	2.9
Rent of shelter 1/ .....	156.5	156.9	157.4	157.9	3.7	3.4	3.1	3.6	3.6	3.4
Household services less rent of shelter 1/ .....	127.6	127.9	128.1	128.0	.3	1.0	2.2	1.3	.6	1.7
Transportation services .....	175.4	175.3	174.7	174.6	8.2	1.9	2.8	-1.8	5.0	.5
Medical care services .....	226.6	227.3	228.2	228.9	4.6	4.4	4.4	4.1	4.5	4.2
Other services .....	192.8	193.4	194.3	195.1	4.8	3.6	4.5	4.9	4.2	4.7

Special indexes

All items less food .....	150.9	151.0	151.4	152.1	3.3	1.9	2.4	3.2	2.6	2.8
All items less shelter .....	147.8	147.8	148.1	148.7	3.1	1.6	2.2	2.5	2.4	2.3
All items less homeowners' costs 1/ .....	141.7	141.7	142.0	142.6	3.2	1.7	2.3	2.6	2.5	2.4
All items less medical care .....	147.4	147.5	147.8	148.4	3.1	1.9	2.5	2.7	2.5	2.6
Commodities less food .....	130.3	130.1	130.5	131.7	2.2	.6	.3	4.4	1.4	2.3
Nondurables less food .....	130.3	129.9	130.8	132.5	.6	.9	-.9	6.9	.8	2.9
Nondurables less food and apparel .....	133.6	133.1	134.2	136.1	1.2	2.1	-1.5	7.7	1.7	3.0
Nondurables .....	139.4	139.4	139.8	140.9	2.0	1.2	.9	4.4	1.6	2.6
Services less rent of shelter 1/ .....	159.1	159.4	159.5	159.8	4.2	2.6	3.6	1.8	3.4	2.7
Services less medical care services .....	162.6	162.9	163.2	163.5	4.1	2.8	3.3	2.2	3.4	2.7
Energy .....	103.3	102.5	103.5	105.7	-.8	.0	-5.6	9.6	-.4	1.7
All items less energy .....	157.5	157.7	158.0	158.4	3.7	2.1	3.1	2.3	2.9	2.7
All items less food and energy .....	159.7	160.0	160.3	160.8	3.9	2.3	2.8	2.8	3.1	2.8
Commodities less food and energy commodities .....	139.7	139.8	140.0	140.5	2.9	.6	2.3	2.3	1.8	2.3
Energy commodities .....	96.8	95.0	97.0	100.9	-1.6	1.2	-12.5	18.0	-.2	1.6
Services less energy services .....	173.3	173.6	174.0	174.4	4.3	3.3	3.3	2.6	3.8	2.9

1/ Indexes on a December 1984=100 base.  
 2/ Not seasonally adjusted.  
 - Data not available.  
 NOTE: Index applies to a month as a whole, not to any specific date.

Table 3. Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers: Selected areas, all items index  
 (1982-84=100, unless otherwise noted)

Area	Pricing schedule 1/	Indexes				Percent change to Jan. 1996 from-			Percent change to Dec. 1995 from-		
		Oct. 1995	Nov. 1995	Dec. 1995	Jan. 1996	Jan. 1995	Nov. 1995	Dec. 1995	Dec. 1994	Oct. 1995	Nov. 1995
U.S. city average .....	M	153.7	153.6	153.5	154.4	2.7	0.5	0.6	2.5	-0.1	-0.1
Region and area size 2/											
Northeast urban.....	M	160.3	160.5	160.5	161.4	2.7	.6	.6	2.7	.1	.0
Size A - More than 1,200,000 .....	M	161.1	161.3	161.1	162.2	2.9	.6	.7	2.9	.0	-.1
Size B - 500,000 to 1,200,000 .....	M	158.5	158.3	158.6	158.7	2.1	.3	.1	2.1	.1	.2
Size C - 50,000 to 500,000 .....	M	158.3	158.5	158.6	159.8	2.6	.8	.8	2.3	.2	.1
North Central urban .....	M	149.6	149.5	149.5	150.2	2.8	.5	.5	2.6	-.1	.0
Size A - More than 1,200,000 .....	M	150.3	150.2	150.3	151.0	2.5	.5	.5	2.4	.0	.1
Size B - 360,000 to 1,200,000 .....	M	148.4	148.1	148.0	148.6	2.9	.3	.4	2.7	-.3	-.1
Size C - 50,000 to 360,000 .....	M	151.5	151.5	151.5	152.2	3.3	.5	.5	3.0	.0	.0
Size D - Nonmetropolitan (less than 50,000) .....	M	146.0	146.0	145.8	146.5	3.5	.3	.5	3.3	-.1	-.1
South urban .....	M	150.5	150.4	150.3	151.1	3.0	.5	.5	2.9	-.1	-.1
Size A - More than 1,200,000 .....	M	149.9	149.7	149.5	150.4	2.6	.5	.6	2.4	-.3	-.1
Size B - 450,000 to 1,200,000 .....	M	152.6	152.6	152.4	153.2	2.9	.4	.5	2.7	-.1	-.1
Size C - 50,000 to 450,000 .....	M	150.4	150.4	150.3	151.1	3.7	.5	.5	3.4	-.1	-.1
Size D - Nonmetropolitan (less than 50,000) .....	M	149.0	148.9	149.1	149.9	3.2	.7	.5	3.3	.1	.1
West urban .....	M	154.6	154.4	154.3	155.3	2.2	.6	.6	2.1	-.2	-.1
Size A - More than 1,250,000 .....	M	154.9	154.4	154.4	155.4	1.6	.6	.6	1.4	-.3	.0

Size C - 50,000 to 330,000 .....	M	157.9	158.4	158.6	159.8	3.7	.9	.8	3.5	.4	.1
Size classes											
A 3/ .....	M	138.8	138.7	138.6	139.5	2.4	.6	.6	2.2	-.1	-.1
B .....	M	153.5	153.5	153.4	153.9	2.7	.3	.3	2.7	-.1	-.1
C .....	M	153.3	153.5	153.5	154.4	3.4	.6	.6	3.2	.1	.0
D .....	M	150.0	150.0	150.1	150.9	3.4	.6	.5	3.3	.1	.1
Selected local areas											
Chicago-Gary-Lake County, IL-IN-WI.....	M	154.3	154.0	153.8	154.6	1.8	.4	.5	2.2	-.3	-.1
Los Angeles-Anaheim-Riverside, CA .....	M	155.2	154.4	154.6	155.7	.9	.8	.7	.8	-.4	.1
N.Y.-Northern N.J.-Long Island, NY-NJ-CT	M	163.6	163.8	163.7	164.8	3.1	.6	.7	3.0	.1	-.1
Phil.-Wilmington-Trenton, PA-NJ-DE-MD ..	M	160.4	159.6	159.1	160.3	2.4	.4	.8	2.4	-.8	-.3
San Francisco-Oakland-San Jose, CA .....	M	152.6	152.4	152.1	152.9	1.7	.3	.5	1.8	-.3	-.2
Baltimore, MD .....	1	-	151.1	-	151.6	2.0	.3	-	-	-	-
Boston-Lawrence-Salem, MA-NH .....	1	-	160.3	-	162.2	2.7	1.2	-	-	-	-
Cleveland-Akron-Lorain, OH .....	1	-	148.2	-	149.0	1.6	.5	-	-	-	-
Miami-Fort Lauderdale, FL .....	1	-	150.2	-	152.0	3.2	1.2	-	-	-	-
St. Louis-East St. Louis, MO-IL .....	1	-	145.7	-	147.2	3.0	1.0	-	-	-	-
Washington, DC-MD-VA .....	1	-	155.2	-	156.8	2.0	1.0	-	-	-	-
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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Size C - 50,000 to 360,000 .....	M	148.8	148.9	148.9	149.6	3.2	.5	.5	3.0	.1	.0
Size D - Nonmetropolitan (less than 50,000) .....	M	144.2	144.1	144.1	144.7	3.5	.4	.4	3.1	-.1	.0
South urban .....	M	149.0	148.9	148.9	149.7	3.0	.5	.5	2.8	-.1	.0
Size A - More than 1,200,000 .....	M	148.0	147.8	147.8	148.6	2.6	.5	.5	2.4	-.1	.0
Size B - 450,000 to 1,200,000 .....	M	149.0	149.0	148.9	149.6	2.7	.4	.5	2.5	-.1	-.1
Size C - 50,000 to 450,000 .....	M	150.4	150.4	150.3	151.1	3.7	.5	.5	3.4	-.1	-.1
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B .....	M	150.7	150.7	150.7	151.1	2.6	.3	.3	2.6	.0	.0
C .....	M	152.5	152.6	152.7	153.5	3.3	.6	.5	3.1	.1	.1
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Selected local areas

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N.Y.-Northern N.J.-Long Island, NY-NJ-CT	M	159.7	159.9	159.9	160.9	2.9	.6	.6	2.9	.1	.0
Phil.-Wilmington-Trenton, PA-NJ-DE-MD ..	M	159.7	159.2	158.7	159.7	2.1	.3	.6	2.3	-.6	-.3
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Baltimore, MD .....	1	-	149.9	-	150.3	1.8	.3	-	-	-	-
Boston-Lawrence-Salem, MA-NH .....	1	-	159.3	-	161.1	2.6	1.1	-	-	-	-
Cleveland-Akron-Lorain, OH .....	1	-	140.6	-	141.5	1.8	.6	-	-	-	-
Miami-Fort Lauderdale, FL .....	1	-	148.2	-	150.0	3.2	1.2	-	-	-	-
St. Louis-East St. Louis, MO-IL .....	1	-	145.0	-	146.5	3.0	1.0	-	-	-	-
Washington, DC-MD-VA .....	1	-	152.5	-	153.9	1.8	.9	-	-	-	-
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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