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CONSUMER PRICE INDEX: FEBRUARY 1996

The Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers (CPI-U) increased 0.3 percent before seasonal adjustment in February to a level of 154.9 (1982-84=100), the Bureau of Labor Statistics of the U.S. Department of Labor reported today. For the 12-month period ended in February, the CPI-U increased 2.7 percent.

The Consumer Price Index for Urban Wage Earners and Clerical Workers (CPI-W) also rose 0.3 percent in February, prior to seasonal adjustment. The February 1996 CPI-W level of 152.2 was 2.6 percent higher than the index in February 1995.

CPI for All Urban Consumers (CPI-U)

On a seasonally adjusted basis, the CPI-U rose 0.2 percent in February, following an increase of 0.4 percent in January. The energy index continued to advance--up 0.4 percent in February--but by substantially less than in December and January. The index for petroleum-based energy, which rose 4.2 percent in January, fell 0.2 percent in February. The index for energy services increased 0.8 percent, following a 0.2 percent decline in January. The food index increased 0.1 percent, the same as in each of the 2 preceding months. Excluding food and energy, the CPI-U rose 0.2 percent after rising 0.3 percent in January. Within this index, a downturn in the index for apparel and upkeep, coupled with a smaller increase in shelter costs,

helped to offset a sharp upturn in the index for airline fares.

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

Expenditure Category	Seasonally adjusted							Compound annual rate 3-mos. ended Feb. '96	Un- adjusted 12-mos. ended Feb. '96
	Changes from preceding month								
	Aug.	Sep.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.		
All Items	.2	.1	.3	.1	.2	.4	.2	3.2	2.7
Food and beverages	.2	.3	.3	.0	.1	.1	.1	1.6	2.4
Housing	.3	.1	.3	.2	.3	.3	.2	3.2	2.9
Apparel and upkeep	.2	-.2	.3	.0	.1	.7	-.9	-.6	.1
Transportation	-.4	-.1	.1	-.4	.1	.7	.5	5.3	2.1
Medical care	.4	.4	.2	.3	.4	.4	.2	3.6	3.8
Entertainment	.4	.3	.3	.4	.4	.3	.8	5.8	3.8
Other goods and services	.5	.4	.4	.4	.2	.2	.4	3.6	4.2
Special Indexes:									
Energy	-.4	-1.3	.3	-.9	1.1	1.9	.4	14.3	1.2
Food	.2	.3	.3	.0	.1	.1	.1	1.3	2.3
All items less food and energy	.2	.2	.3	.1	.1	.3	.2	2.7	2.9

The food and beverage index rose 0.1 percent in February. The index for grocery store foods was unchanged for the second consecutive month in February. (Prior to seasonal adjustment, grocery store food prices fell 0.3 percent in February after advancing 1.1 percent in January.) In February, a 1.0 percent increase in the index for dairy products was offset by small declines in the indexes for cereal and bakery products, for fruits and vegetables, and for other food at home. The index for meats, poultry, fish, and eggs was unchanged in February. Within the latter group, the index for egg prices fell 1.1 percent after increasing 13.3 percent during the 4 preceding months and, coupled with price declines for beef and for fish and seafood, offset increases in pork and poultry prices. The other two components of the food and beverage index--restaurant meals and alcoholic beverages--increased 0.3 and 0.5 percent, respectively, in February.

The housing component rose 0.2 percent in February, following increases of 0.3 percent in both December and January. Shelter costs, which rose 0.4 percent in January, increased 0.2 percent in February. Within shelter, renters' costs and homeowners' costs each rose 0.2

percent, and maintenance and repair costs increased 0.5 percent. The index for fuel and utilities rose 0.6 percent in February, following a 0.5 percent increase in January. The index for household fuels rose 0.7 percent, largely as a result of a 2.1 percent increase in the index for natural gas. The index for electricity increased 0.2 percent, while the index for fuel oil, which rose 8.8 percent in January, fell 0.5 percent in February. The index for other utilities and public services rose 0.3 percent, primarily as a result of a 1.3 percent increase in the index for cable television. The index for household furnishings and operation fell 0.2 percent in February, reflecting price declines for furniture and bedding products.

The transportation index, which advanced 0.7 percent in January, increased 0.5 percent in February. Substantial deceleration in the index for motor fuels was partially offset by the sharp upturn in the index for airline fares. The index for gasoline, which rose 3.7 percent in January, fell 0.3 percent in February. The index for airline fares rose 5.9 percent in February, following declines of 5.5 and 0.9 percent in December and January, respectively. Automobile purchase costs continued its pattern of very little movement evident since the introduction of the 1996 models. The index for new car prices increased 0.3 percent in February, while the index for automobile finance charges fell for the fifth consecutive month--down 1.9 percent in February. (As of February, the proportion of 1996 models was about 80 percent of the new car sample.) The used car index rose 0.7 percent in February.

The index for apparel and upkeep declined 0.9 percent in February, following an increase of 0.7 percent in January. (Prior to seasonal adjustment, clothing prices rose 0.9 percent, reflecting the introduction of higher-priced spring-summer wear.)

Medical care costs rose 0.2 percent in February to a level 3.8 percent above a year ago. The index for medical care commodities--prescription drugs, nonprescription drugs, and medical supplies--increased 0.2 percent in February. The index for medical care services also rose 0.2 percent. Charges for professional services and hospital and related services each increased 0.2 percent in February.

Entertainment costs rose 0.8 percent in February. Increases in the indexes for toys, hobbies, and music equipment and for admissions to movies, theaters, concerts, and sporting events--up 2.3 and 1.4 percent, respectively--accounted for over half of the February advance in this major group.

The index for other goods and services advanced 0.4 percent in

February, following an increase of 0.2 percent in January. In February, the index for tobacco and smoking products turned up, increasing 0.4 percent after declining 0.3 percent in both December and January. The index for personal financial services rose 0.9 percent in February after advancing 1.6 percent in January.

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 0.2 percent in February.

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 Feb. '96	Un- adjusted 12-mos. ended Feb. '96
	Changes from preceding month								
	Aug.	Sep.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.		
All Items	.2	.1	.3	.1	.2	.4	.2	3.2	2.6
Food and beverages	.2	.4	.3	.1	.1	.1	.1	1.6	2.3
Housing	.3	.1	.3	.1	.3	.3	.1	3.0	2.8
Apparel and upkeep	.0	.0	.3	-.2	.2	.7	-.7	.6	.2
Transportation	-.3	-.1	.1	-.3	.4	.9	.3	6.2	2.1
Medical care	.4	.4	.2	.3	.4	.4	.2	3.6	3.8
Entertainment	.4	.3	.1	.4	.3	.4	.8	6.1	3.7
Other goods and services	.5	.5	.4	.4	.1	.2	.4	2.9	4.0
Special Indexes:									
Energy	-.4	-1.2	.2	-.8	1.0	2.1	.2	13.9	1.1
Food	.2	.4	.3	.0	.2	.1	.1	1.6	2.3
All items less food and energy	.2	.3	.3	.2	.2	.3	.2	2.8	2.8

Consumer Price Index data for March are scheduled for release on Friday, April 12, 1996, at 8:30 A.M. (EDT).

With the release of the Consumer Price Index data for February, the

Bureau of Labor Statistics has returned to the original schedule of 1996 release dates for the index that it had announced at the end of 1995. The scheduled collection of consumer price data for February was altered only slightly, with pricing beginning on February 2 rather than February 1. Collection of prices for March and for future months is not expected to deviate from the scheduled collection pattern.

The alteration in the collection schedule for January, as noted last month, increased the length of time between the December and January pricing periods by about one-third. This alteration, as we also noted last month, has the effect of reducing the interval between January and February by a corresponding amount, with the result that the interval between December and February pricing periods will be in line with the historical pattern. The Bureau of Labor Statistics assessed the impact of these changes on the January and February indexes, and found no conclusive evidence that the revised pricing schedule had affected either the January or February CPI changes.

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 Feb. 1996 from-		Seasonally adjusted percent change from-		
		Jan. 1996	Feb. 1996	Feb. 1995	Jan. 1996	Nov. to Dec.	Dec. to Jan.	Jan. to Feb.
All items .....	100.000	154.4	154.9	2.7	0.3	0.2	0.4	0.2
All items (1967=100) .....	-	462.5	464.2	-	-	-	-	-
Food and beverages .....	17.332	151.4	151.3	2.4	-.1	.1	.1	.1
Food .....	15.766	151.0	150.8	2.3	-.1	.1	.1	.1
Food at home .....	9.880	151.9	151.4	2.4	-.3	.1	.0	.0
Cereals and bakery products .....	1.473	171.5	172.1	3.8	.3	.2	.9	-.1
Meats, poultry, fish, and eggs .....	2.936	142.8	142.4	3.5	-.3	.4	.1	.0
Dairy products .....	1.169	136.3	137.2	3.9	.7	.7	.2	1.0
Fruits and vegetables .....	1.936	181.5	177.7	.3	-2.1	-.7	-1.0	-.1
Other food at home .....	2.365	141.8	141.9	.9	.1	.2	.1	-.2

Sugar and sweets .....	.327	141.4	141.6	4.3	.1	.3	1.4	.1
Fats and oils .....	.248	139.7	139.7	2.1	.0	.1	.3	-.2
Nonalcoholic beverages .....	.763	130.0	129.9	-2.8	-.1	-.2	-.8	-.7
Other prepared food .....	1.027	153.1	153.4	2.5	.2	.5	.3	.0
Food away from home .....	5.886	150.6	150.9	2.2	.2	.1	.1	.3
Alcoholic beverages .....	1.566	155.6	156.7	2.8	.7	.0	.4	.5
Housing .....	41.346	150.6	151.2	2.9	.4	.3	.3	.2
Shelter .....	28.289	168.6	169.4	3.4	.5	.2	.4	.2
Renters' costs 1/ .....	7.988	176.6	178.8	3.4	1.2	.1	.7	.2
Rent, residential .....	5.762	160.0	160.4	2.6	.3	.3	.3	.3
Other renters' costs .....	2.227	206.5	214.1	5.5	3.7	-.1	1.6	.2
Homeowners' costs 1/ .....	20.102	174.3	174.6	3.4	.2	.3	.2	.2
Owners' equivalent rent 1/ .....	19.716	174.7	175.0	3.5	.2	.3	.3	.2
Household insurance 1/ .....	.386	158.0	158.6	1.6	.4	.5	-.3	.4
Maintenance and repairs 2/ .....	.199	136.3	137.0	2.4	.5	.3	-.2	.5
Maintenance and repair services 2/ .	.122	142.1	143.0	3.7	.6	.2	.0	.6
Maintenance and repair								
commodities 2/ .....	.077	128.6	128.8	.5	.2	.3	-.4	.2
Fuel and other utilities .....	7.014	124.7	125.0	2.0	.2	.2	.5	.6
Fuels .....	3.792	112.2	112.5	1.9	.3	.1	.6	.7
Fuel oil and other household fuel								
commodities .....	.356	97.6	97.7	9.0	.1	1.1	7.5	.2
Gas (piped) and electricity (energy								
services).....	3.436	118.7	119.1	1.3	.3	.0	-.2	.8
Other utilities and public								
services 2/ .....	3.222	154.4	154.9	2.0	.3	.2	.3	.3
Household furnishings and operation ....	6.043	124.1	124.3	1.6	.2	.3	.2	-.2
Housefurnishings .....	3.445	111.4	111.4	.3	.0	.5	.3	-.4
Housekeeping supplies .....	1.116	140.4	140.4	4.3	.0	.2	.4	-.2
Housekeeping services .....	1.482	145.7	146.3	2.5	.4	.3	.0	.2
Apparel and upkeep .....	5.516	130.0	131.2	.1	.9	.1	.7	-.9
Apparel commodities .....	4.967	126.5	127.8	.1	1.0	.1	.7	-1.0
Men's and boys' apparel .....	1.303	124.7	126.4	.6	1.4	-.1	1.1	.2
Women's and girls' apparel.....	2.195	123.4	124.6	-1.0	1.0	.0	1.3	-2.5
Infants' and toddlers' apparel 2/ ....	.195	131.5	134.4	6.0	2.2	-.8	2.2	2.2
Footwear .....	.732	123.4	125.8	.8	1.9	-.4	-.6	1.4
Other apparel commodities .....	.542	151.7	149.7	-.5	-1.3	1.4	-.6	-2.1
Apparel services 2/ .....	.550	158.2	158.5	.8	.2	.3	.3	.2
Transportation .....	16.953	139.9	140.4	2.1	.4	.1	.7	.5
Private transportation .....	15.430	137.4	137.5	1.9	.1	.5	.8	.2
New vehicles .....	5.027	143.2	143.5	2.0	.2	.1	.1	.3
New cars .....	4.015	141.1	141.3	1.6	.1	.0	.1	.3

Used cars .....	1.342	157.9	157.5	2.7	-.3	.6	.8	.7	
Motor fuel .....	2.908	98.6	98.2	.2	-.4	2.2	3.8	-.2	
Gasoline .....	-	98.2	97.8	.1	-.4	2.2	3.7	-.3	
Maintenance and repairs .....	1.535	156.2	156.6	2.7	.3	.1	.4	.1	
Other private transportation .....	4.618	172.7	173.2	2.2	.3	-.2	-.1	.4	
Other private transportation commodities .....	.608	105.4	105.4	.8	.0	.0	.0	.1	
Other private transportation services .....	4.010	188.5	189.2	2.5	.4	-.2	-.1	.5	
Public transportation .....	1.523	171.6	177.4	4.4	3.4	-4.1	-.5	3.3	
Medical care .....	7.362	225.2	226.2	3.8	.4	.4	.4	.2	
Medical care commodities .....	1.282	207.7	208.5	2.5	.4	.2	.5	.2	
Medical care services .....	6.081	229.3	230.3	4.1	.4	.4	.4	.2	
Professional medical services .....	3.465	205.0	206.1	3.8	.5	.4	.3	.2	
Entertainment .....	4.367	157.0	158.3	3.8	.8	.4	.3	.8	
Entertainment commodities .....	1.975	141.4	142.5	3.7	.8	.4	.3	.8	
Entertainment services .....	2.392	175.5	177.0	4.0	.9	.4	.2	.7	
Other goods and services .....	7.123	212.0	212.6	4.2	.3	.2	.2	.4	
Tobacco and smoking products .....	1.610	229.3	229.8	3.2	.2	-.3	-.3	.4	
Personal care 2/ .....	1.170	149.1	149.3	2.1	.1	.0	.1	.1	
Toilet goods and personal care appliances 2/ .....	.613	143.7	144.1	1.1	.3	-.5	-.3	.3	
Personal care services 2/ .....	.557	155.0	155.2	3.4	.1	.5	.5	.1	
Personal and educational expenses .....	4.342	243.0	243.7	5.0	.3	.5	.5	.5	
School books and supplies .....	.258	223.8	224.7	5.7	.4	.4	1.0	.4	
Personal and educational services .....	4.084	244.7	245.4	5.1	.3	.5	.4	.5	
Commodity and service group									
All items .....	100.000	154.4	154.9	2.7	.3	.2	.4	.2	
Commodities .....	42.916	137.8	138.0	1.9	.1	.3	.5	.0	
Food and beverages .....	17.332	151.4	151.3	2.4	-.1	.1	.1	.1	
Commodities less food and beverages .....	25.584	129.5	129.9	1.6	.3	.4	.8	-.1	
Nondurables less food and beverages ..	15.075	129.8	130.3	1.7	.4	.5	1.4	-.1	
Apparel commodities .....	4.967	126.5	127.8	.1	1.0	.1	.7	-1.0	
Nondurables less food, beverages, and apparel .....	10.108	134.5	134.6	2.5	.1	.8	1.7	.4	
Durables .....	10.509	129.3	129.4	1.4	.1	.2	.2	.2	
Services .....	57.084	171.3	172.2	3.3	.5	.1	.3	.4	
Rent of shelter 1/ .....	27.671	175.5	176.3	3.5	.5	.2	.3	.2	
Household services less rent of shelter 1/ .....	8.681	139.0	139.5	1.8	.4	.2	-.1	.4	

Transportation services .....	7.068	176.8	178.5	2.9	1.0	-1.0	-.1	1.0
Medical care services .....	6.081	229.3	230.3	4.1	.4	.4	.4	.2
Other services .....	7.583	198.1	199.0	4.2	.5	.5	.4	.6

Special indexes

All items less food .....	84.234	155.0	155.7	2.8	.5	.2	.5	.3
All items less shelter .....	71.711	150.3	150.8	2.4	.3	.1	.4	.2
All items less homeowners' costs 1/ .....	79.898	155.3	155.9	2.5	.4	.1	.5	.2
All items less medical care .....	92.638	150.4	150.9	2.6	.3	.2	.4	.2
Commodities less food .....	27.150	130.6	131.0	1.7	.3	.3	.8	-.1
Nondurables less food .....	16.641	131.3	131.8	1.8	.4	.6	1.2	-.1
Nondurables less food and apparel .....	11.674	135.6	135.9	2.6	.2	.7	1.3	.1
Nondurables .....	32.407	140.7	141.0	2.1	.2	.2	.8	.1
Services less rent of shelter 1/ .....	29.414	179.2	180.2	3.1	.6	.0	.2	.6
Services less medical care services .....	51.004	165.9	166.8	3.2	.5	.1	.2	.4
Energy .....	6.700	105.0	104.9	1.2	-.1	1.1	1.9	.4
All items less energy .....	93.300	161.0	161.6	2.8	.4	.1	.3	.2
All items less food and energy .....	77.534	163.4	164.2	2.9	.5	.1	.3	.2
Commodities less food and energy commodities .....	23.885	140.3	140.8	1.7	.4	.1	.4	-.1
Energy commodities .....	3.264	98.7	98.3	1.1	-.4	2.0	4.2	-.2
Services less energy services .....	53.648	176.6	177.6	3.4	.6	.1	.3	.3
Purchasing power of the consumer dollar:								
1982-84=\$1.00 2/ .....	-	\$.648	\$.645	-2.7	-.5	.0	-.5	-.5
1967=\$1.00 2/ .....	-	.216	.215	-	-	-	-	-

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)

Seasonally adjusted indexes					Seasonally adjusted annual rate percent change for				
Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.	May	3 months ended- Aug.	Nov.	Feb.	6 months ended- Aug.	Feb.



	1995	1995	1996	1996	1995	1995	1995	1996	1995	1996
Expenditure category										
All items .....	-	-	-	-	3.5	2.1	2.1	3.2	2.8	2.6
Food and beverages .....	150.3	150.5	150.7	150.9	3.3	1.9	2.7	1.6	2.6	2.2
Food .....	150.0	150.2	150.3	150.5	3.3	1.9	2.7	1.3	2.6	2.0
Food at home .....	150.3	150.5	150.5	150.5	3.9	1.6	3.3	.5	2.7	1.9
Cereals and bakery products .....	169.9	170.2	171.8	171.7	2.9	3.4	4.4	4.3	3.2	4.3
Meats, poultry, fish, and eggs .....	141.5	142.0	142.1	142.1	.9	3.8	7.7	1.7	2.3	4.7
Dairy products .....	134.1	135.1	135.4	136.8	4.0	-.3	3.7	8.3	1.8	6.0
Fruits and vegetables .....	178.0	176.8	175.1	174.9	12.0	-2.0	-.4	-6.8	4.8	-3.7
Other food at home .....	141.1	141.4	141.5	141.2	1.7	2.0	-.3	.3	1.9	.0
Sugar and sweets .....	139.1	139.5	141.4	141.5	3.9	4.2	2.3	7.1	4.0	4.7
Fats and oils .....	138.8	138.9	139.3	139.0	2.1	2.4	3.5	.6	2.2	2.0
Nonalcoholic beverages .....	130.7	130.5	129.5	128.6	-2.4	.9	-3.6	-6.3	-.8	-4.9
Other prepared food .....	152.0	152.7	153.1	153.1	4.1	2.4	.5	2.9	3.2	1.7
Food away from home .....	150.2	150.4	150.6	151.1	2.5	2.2	2.2	2.4	2.3	2.3
Alcoholic beverages .....	155.3	155.3	155.9	156.7	2.9	2.4	2.1	3.7	2.6	2.9
Housing .....	149.9	150.3	150.8	151.1	2.8	3.0	2.7	3.2	2.9	3.0
Shelter .....	167.5	167.9	168.6	168.9	4.0	2.9	3.7	3.4	3.5	3.5
Renters' costs 1/ .....	175.3	175.5	176.7	177.1	4.3	2.1	3.0	4.2	3.2	3.6
Rent, residential .....	159.2	159.6	160.0	160.4	2.3	2.3	2.6	3.0	2.3	2.8
Other renters' costs .....	207.2	206.9	210.3	210.7	9.5	1.6	4.2	6.9	5.5	5.5
Homeowners' costs 1/ .....	173.4	173.9	174.3	174.6	3.8	3.3	4.0	2.8	3.6	3.4
Owners' equivalent rent 1/ .....	173.7	174.2	174.7	175.0	3.8	3.3	4.0	3.0	3.6	3.5
Household insurance 1/ .....	157.7	158.5	158.1	158.8	3.6	1.0	-1.0	2.8	2.3	.9
Maintenance and repairs 2/ .....	136.2	136.6	136.3	137.0	2.4	2.4	2.4	2.4	2.4	2.4
Maintenance and repair services 2/ ...	141.8	142.1	142.1	143.0	4.4	2.6	4.3	3.4	3.5	3.9
Maintenance and repair commodities 2/	128.7	129.1	128.6	128.8	-.3	2.2	-.3	.3	.9	.0
Fuel and other utilities .....	124.2	124.4	125.0	125.7	-.6	4.0	.0	4.9	1.6	2.4
Fuels .....	111.2	111.3	112.0	112.8	-2.2	5.6	-1.1	5.9	1.6	2.3
Fuel oil and other household fuel										
commodities .....	87.8	88.8	95.5	95.7	1.8	2.3	-3.6	41.1	2.1	16.7
Gas (piped) and electricity (energy										
services).....	119.1	119.1	118.9	119.9	-2.7	5.9	-.7	2.7	1.5	1.0
Other utilities and public services 2/ .	153.6	153.9	154.4	154.9	1.3	2.1	1.3	3.4	1.7	2.4
Household furnishings and operation .....	123.7	124.1	124.4	124.1	1.0	2.6	1.3	1.3	1.8	1.3
Housefurnishings .....	111.1	111.6	111.9	111.4	-1.1	2.2	-1.1	1.1	.5	.0
Housekeeping supplies .....	139.7	140.0	140.5	140.2	5.2	5.7	4.7	1.4	5.4	3.1
Housekeeping services .....	145.3	145.7	145.7	146.0	2.0	2.0	3.9	1.9	2.0	2.9
Apparel and upkeep .....	132.1	132.2	133.1	131.9	.3	.3	.3	-.6	.3	-.2

Apparel commodities .....	128.7	128.8	129.7	128.4	.0	.3	.3	-.9	.2	-.3
Men's and boys' apparel .....	126.0	125.9	127.3	127.6	.0	-2.5	.3	5.2	-1.3	2.7
Women's and girls' apparel .....	126.9	126.9	128.5	125.3	1.9	-2.2	1.0	-4.9	-.2	-2.0
Infants' and toddlers' apparel 2/ .....	129.7	128.7	131.5	134.4	-9.7	15.0	5.4	15.3	1.9	10.3
Footwear .....	125.9	125.4	124.6	126.4	-1.3	1.3	1.6	1.6	.0	1.6
Other apparel commodities .....	151.8	154.0	153.0	149.8	-2.1	12.6	-6.3	-5.2	5.0	-5.7
Apparel services 2/.....	157.2	157.7	158.2	158.5	1.0	-1.0	-.3	3.3	.0	1.5
Transportation .....	138.9	139.0	140.0	140.7	7.2	-2.0	-1.7	5.3	2.5	1.7
Private transportation .....	136.0	136.7	137.8	138.1	5.4	-2.3	-1.7	6.3	1.5	2.2
New vehicles .....	141.9	142.0	142.1	142.5	3.2	1.4	1.7	1.7	2.3	1.7
New cars .....	139.8	139.8	140.0	140.4	2.3	.9	1.7	1.7	1.6	1.7
Used cars .....	156.4	157.4	158.7	159.8	5.8	-4.2	1.0	9.0	.6	4.9
Motor fuel .....	95.4	97.5	101.2	101.0	11.2	-15.3	-14.8	25.6	-3.0	3.5
Gasoline .....	95.2	97.3	100.9	100.6	12.5	-16.6	-14.1	24.7	-3.2	3.5
Maintenance and repairs .....	155.6	155.8	156.5	156.6	3.2	2.4	2.6	2.6	2.8	2.6
Other private transportation .....	172.0	171.7	171.6	172.3	4.6	1.9	2.1	.7	3.2	1.4
Other private transportation commodities .....	105.0	105.0	105.0	105.1	1.5	1.9	-.8	.4	1.7	-.2
Other private transportation services .....	187.9	187.6	187.4	188.3	5.1	2.0	2.4	.9	3.5	1.6
Public transportation .....	177.8	170.5	169.6	175.2	24.6	4.1	-2.9	-5.7	13.9	-4.3
Medical care .....	223.8	224.6	225.4	225.8	3.9	4.1	3.7	3.6	4.0	3.6
Medical care commodities .....	206.3	206.7	207.7	208.1	.8	2.0	3.4	3.5	1.4	3.5
Medical care services .....	227.6	228.5	229.3	229.7	4.4	4.6	3.8	3.7	4.5	3.8
Professional medical services .....	203.8	204.6	205.2	205.6	3.5	4.1	3.8	3.6	3.8	3.7
Entertainment .....	155.9	156.5	156.9	158.1	3.5	2.6	3.7	5.8	3.0	4.7
Entertainment commodities .....	140.4	140.9	141.3	142.5	1.8	3.2	3.8	6.1	2.5	4.9
Entertainment services .....	174.2	174.9	175.3	176.6	4.8	1.9	3.8	5.6	3.3	4.7
Other goods and services .....	211.2	211.7	212.2	213.1	3.4	5.1	4.7	3.6	4.2	4.2
Tobacco and smoking products .....	229.7	229.0	228.4	229.4	3.5	5.1	4.8	-.5	4.3	2.1
Personal care 2/ .....	148.9	148.9	149.1	149.3	1.1	1.9	4.4	1.1	1.5	2.7
Toilet goods and personal care appliances 2/ .....	144.8	144.1	143.7	144.1	.8	.8	4.5	-1.9	.8	1.3
Personal care services 2/ .....	153.5	154.3	155.0	155.2	1.3	3.0	4.8	4.5	2.1	4.7
Personal and educational expenses .....	240.2	241.4	242.5	243.7	4.0	6.1	4.4	6.0	5.1	5.2
School books and supplies .....	219.0	219.8	222.1	222.9	3.8	2.8	8.9	7.3	3.3	8.1
Personal and educational services .....	241.7	242.9	243.9	245.1	4.0	6.3	4.2	5.7	5.1	5.0
Commodity and service group										
All items .....	-	-	-	-	3.5	2.1	2.1	3.2	2.8	2.6

Commodities .....	137.0	137.4	138.1	138.1	3.0	.3	.9	3.3	1.6	2.1
Food and beverages .....	150.3	150.5	150.7	150.9	3.3	1.9	2.7	1.6	2.6	2.2
Commodities less food and beverages .....	128.9	129.4	130.4	130.3	2.8	-.6	-.3	4.4	1.1	2.0
Nondurables less food and beverages .....	129.2	129.8	131.6	131.5	2.2	-1.2	-.9	7.3	.5	3.1
Apparel commodities .....	128.7	128.8	129.7	128.4	.0	.3	.3	-.9	.2	-.3
Nondurables less food, beverages, and apparel .....	132.0	133.1	135.3	135.8	3.7	-2.4	-2.7	12.0	.6	4.4
Durables .....	128.5	128.7	129.0	129.2	1.9	.3	1.3	2.2	1.1	1.7
Services .....	170.7	170.9	171.4	172.1	3.9	3.4	2.9	3.3	3.6	3.1
Rent of shelter 1/ .....	174.6	175.0	175.6	176.0	4.1	3.1	3.5	3.2	3.6	3.4
Household services less rent of shelter 1/ .....	139.2	139.5	139.4	140.0	.3	3.2	1.2	2.3	1.8	1.7
Transportation services .....	177.6	175.9	175.7	177.5	8.9	2.5	1.1	-.2	5.6	.5
Medical care services .....	227.6	228.5	229.3	229.7	4.4	4.6	3.8	3.7	4.5	3.8
Other services .....	196.7	197.6	198.3	199.4	4.0	4.0	3.7	5.6	4.0	4.7

Special indexes

All items less food .....	154.3	154.6	155.3	155.7	3.5	2.1	1.8	3.7	2.8	2.8
All items less shelter .....	149.7	149.9	150.5	150.8	3.3	1.6	1.6	3.0	2.5	2.3
All items less homeowners' costs 1/ .....	154.7	154.9	155.6	155.9	3.5	1.8	1.6	3.1	2.6	2.3
All items less medical care .....	149.6	149.9	150.5	150.8	3.6	1.9	1.9	3.2	2.7	2.6
Commodities less food .....	130.1	130.5	131.6	131.5	2.8	-.3	-.3	4.4	1.2	2.0
Nondurables less food .....	130.6	131.4	133.0	132.9	2.5	-1.2	-.9	7.2	.6	3.1
Nondurables less food and apparel .....	133.9	134.8	136.6	136.8	3.6	-1.2	-.9	8.9	1.2	3.9
Nondurables .....	139.9	140.2	141.3	141.4	2.3	.9	.9	4.4	1.6	2.6
Services less rent of shelter 1/ .....	178.8	178.8	179.2	180.2	3.7	3.4	2.5	3.2	3.6	2.8
Services less medical care services .....	165.3	165.5	165.9	166.6	3.8	3.0	2.7	3.2	3.4	2.9
Energy .....	103.0	104.1	106.1	106.5	3.5	-4.1	-7.4	14.3	-.4	2.9
All items less energy .....	160.5	160.7	161.2	161.5	3.4	2.5	2.8	2.5	2.9	2.7
All items less food and energy .....	163.1	163.3	163.8	164.2	3.6	2.8	2.7	2.7	3.2	2.7
Commodities less food and energy commodities .....	140.2	140.4	140.9	140.8	1.7	1.7	1.7	1.7	1.7	1.7
Energy commodities .....	94.7	96.6	100.7	100.5	10.4	-13.8	-13.5	26.8	-2.4	4.7
Services less energy services .....	176.0	176.2	176.7	177.3	4.3	3.3	3.2	3.0	3.8	3.1

1/ Indexes on a December 1982=100 base.

2/ Not seasonally adjusted.

- Data not available.

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

Table 4. Consumer Price Index for Urban Wage Earners and Clerical Workers (CPI-W): U.S. city average, by expenditure category and



commodities .....	.327	97.4	97.6	9.1	.2	1.1	7.4	.3
Gas (piped) and electricity (energy services).....	3.560	118.0	118.4	1.3	.3	-.2	.0	.8
Other utilities and public services 2/ .....	3.360	154.8	155.4	2.1	.4	.2	.3	.4
Household furnishings and operation ....	5.666	122.8	122.9	1.4	.1	.2	.2	-.2
Housefurnishings .....	3.367	110.0	110.0	.1	.0	.3	.2	-.3
Housekeeping supplies .....	1.149	140.6	140.7	4.4	.1	.2	.5	-.1
Housekeeping services .....	1.150	149.0	149.4	2.3	.3	.3	-.1	.1
Apparel and upkeep .....	5.533	129.1	130.2	.2	.9	.2	.7	-.7
Apparel commodities .....	5.017	125.8	127.0	.2	1.0	.1	.8	-.8
Men's and boys' apparel .....	1.310	124.8	126.3	.9	1.2	.2	1.0	.2
Women's and girls' apparel.....	2.148	122.3	123.3	-.8	.8	.2	1.5	-2.3
Infants' and toddlers' apparel 2/ ....	.251	132.3	135.3	6.5	2.3	-.8	1.9	2.3
Footwear .....	.812	123.9	126.3	.8	1.9	-.4	-.9	1.3
Other apparel commodities .....	.495	149.1	146.9	-1.9	-1.5	.7	-.7	-1.8
Apparel services 2/ .....	.516	157.6	157.9	.7	.2	.3	.3	.2
Transportation .....	19.020	139.7	140.0	2.1	.2	.4	.9	.3
Private transportation .....	17.847	138.0	138.0	1.9	.0	.5	.9	.1
New vehicles .....	4.958	144.2	144.5	2.2	.2	.1	.2	.2
New cars .....	3.591	140.8	141.0	1.7	.1	.1	.1	.3
Used cars .....	2.432	158.9	158.6	3.0	-.2	.6	.9	.8
Motor fuel .....	3.584	98.6	98.1	.3	-.5	2.2	3.7	-.5
Gasoline .....	-	98.2	97.8	.3	-.4	2.2	4.0	-.5
Maintenance and repairs .....	1.619	157.1	157.6	2.8	.3	.2	.4	.1
Other private transportation .....	5.255	168.5	168.8	2.1	.2	-.1	-.1	.2
Other private transportation commodities .....	.767	104.6	104.6	.8	.0	-.1	.0	.2
Other private transportation services .....	4.488	184.6	185.0	2.3	.2	-.1	-.1	.2
Public transportation .....	1.173	169.6	174.6	4.9	2.9	-2.2	-.4	2.4
Medical care .....	6.262	224.5	225.6	3.8	.5	.4	.4	.2
Medical care commodities .....	1.055	205.4	206.1	2.4	.3	.1	.6	.0
Medical care services .....	5.208	228.9	230.1	4.2	.5	.4	.3	.2
Professional medical services .....	2.965	206.0	207.2	3.9	.6	.4	.2	.4
Entertainment .....	4.029	154.7	156.0	3.7	.8	.3	.4	.8
Entertainment commodities .....	2.053	140.3	141.4	3.4	.8	.2	.4	.9
Entertainment services .....	1.976	175.5	176.9	4.0	.8	.5	.4	.6
Other goods and services .....	7.006	209.0	209.6	4.0	.3	.1	.2	.4
Tobacco and smoking products .....	2.135	229.3	229.8	3.1	.2	-.3	-.3	.4

Personal care 2/ .....	1.132	149.1	149.2	1.9	.1	-.1	.1	.1	
Toilet goods and personal care appliances 2/ .....	.635	144.4	144.6	.8	.1	-.5	-.2	.1	
Personal care services 2/ .....	.497	154.9	155.1	3.3	.1	.5	.5	.1	
Personal and educational expenses .....	3.739	238.5	239.3	5.2	.3	.5	.5	.5	
School books and supplies .....	.227	225.2	225.8	5.8	.3	.4	1.1	.3	
Personal and educational services .....	3.512	239.8	240.7	5.2	.4	.5	.4	.5	
Commodity and service group									
All items .....	100.000	151.7	152.2	2.6	.3	.2	.4	.2	
Commodities .....	47.052	137.7	137.9	1.9	.1	.3	.6	.0	
Food and beverages .....	19.262	150.8	150.7	2.3	-.1	.1	.1	.1	
Commodities less food and beverages .....	27.790	129.7	130.0	1.6	.2	.5	.9	.0	
Nondurables less food and beverages ..	16.074	129.3	129.7	1.6	.3	.8	1.4	.0	
Apparel commodities .....	5.017	125.8	127.0	.2	1.0	.1	.8	-.8	
Nondurables less food, beverages, and apparel .....	11.057	133.9	134.0	2.4	.1	.9	1.7	.4	
Durables .....	11.716	129.1	129.3	1.7	.2	.2	.3	.3	
Services .....	52.948	168.6	169.4	3.2	.5	.2	.2	.3	
Rent of shelter 1/ .....	25.430	157.7	158.4	3.3	.4	.3	.3	.2	
Household services less rent of shelter 1/ .....	8.531	127.6	128.0	1.7	.3	.2	-.1	.5	
Transportation services .....	7.279	175.2	176.3	2.8	.6	-.3	-.1	.5	
Medical care services .....	5.208	228.9	230.1	4.2	.5	.4	.3	.2	
Other services .....	6.501	194.9	195.8	4.3	.5	.5	.4	.5	
Special indexes									
All items less food .....	82.419	151.8	152.4	2.6	.4	.3	.5	.2	
All items less shelter .....	74.024	148.5	148.9	2.3	.3	.2	.4	.2	
All items less homeowners' costs 1/ .....	82.305	142.4	142.8	2.4	.3	.2	.4	.2	
All items less medical care .....	93.738	148.3	148.7	2.6	.3	.2	.4	.2	
Commodities less food .....	29.471	130.7	131.0	1.7	.2	.3	.9	.0	
Nondurables less food .....	17.756	130.8	131.3	1.8	.4	.7	1.3	.0	
Nondurables less food and apparel .....	12.739	135.1	135.3	2.5	.1	.8	1.4	.2	
Nondurables .....	35.336	140.4	140.5	2.0	.1	.3	.8	.1	
Services less rent of shelter 1/ .....	27.518	159.8	160.5	3.0	.4	.1	.2	.4	
Services less medical care services .....	47.740	163.5	164.2	3.1	.4	.2	.2	.3	
Energy .....	7.470	104.3	104.2	1.1	-.1	1.0	2.1	.2	
All items less energy .....	92.530	158.3	158.8	2.7	.3	.2	.3	.2	
All items less food and energy .....	74.949	160.3	161.0	2.8	.4	.2	.3	.2	
Commodities less food and energy commodities .....	25.560	139.9	140.4	1.8	.4	.1	.4	.1	
Energy commodities .....	3.911	98.8	98.4	1.1	-.4	2.1	4.0	-.4	

Services less energy services .....	49.388	174.2	175.0	3.4	.5	.2	.2	.3
Purchasing power of the consumer dollar:								
1982-84=\$1.00 2/ .....	-	\$.659	\$.657	-2.5	-.3	.0	-.6	-.3
1967=\$1.00 2/ .....	-	.221	.221	-	-	-	-	-

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				
	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.	May	3 months ended-		6 months ended-		
	1995	1995	1996	1996	1995	Aug. 1995	Nov. 1995	Feb. 1996	Aug. 1995	Feb. 1996
All items .....	-	-	-	-	3.6	1.6	2.1	3.2	2.6	2.7
Food and beverages .....	149.9	150.1	150.3	150.5	3.0	1.9	3.0	1.6	2.5	2.3
Food .....	149.4	149.7	149.8	150.0	3.0	1.9	3.0	1.6	2.5	2.3
Food at home .....	149.5	149.8	149.8	149.8	3.6	1.9	3.3	.8	2.8	2.0
Cereals and bakery products .....	169.6	169.9	171.6	171.4	2.7	3.4	4.4	4.3	3.0	4.3
Meats, poultry, fish, and eggs .....	141.1	141.7	141.8	141.7	.6	4.1	7.4	1.7	2.3	4.5
Dairy products .....	133.9	134.7	135.2	136.5	4.3	-.9	4.3	8.0	1.7	6.1
Fruits and vegetables .....	177.6	176.5	174.5	174.2	11.8	-1.1	-.2	-7.4	5.1	-3.9
Other food at home .....	140.7	141.0	141.0	140.8	1.7	2.0	.0	.3	1.9	.1
Sugar and sweets .....	139.0	139.4	141.2	141.3	3.9	4.2	2.0	6.8	4.0	4.4
Fats and oils .....	138.7	138.7	139.2	138.9	1.8	2.7	3.5	.6	2.2	2.0
Nonalcoholic beverages .....	130.3	129.9	129.0	128.0	-2.1	.9	-2.4	-6.9	-.6	-4.7
Other prepared food .....	151.6	152.5	152.8	153.0	3.5	2.4	.3	3.7	3.0	2.0
Food away from home .....	150.1	150.3	150.6	151.0	2.2	2.2	2.4	2.4	2.2	2.4
Alcoholic beverages .....	154.9	154.7	155.3	156.1	2.9	2.1	2.6	3.1	2.5	2.9
Housing .....	146.7	147.1	147.6	147.8	2.2	3.1	2.5	3.0	2.7	2.8

Shelter .....	163.0	163.5	164.0	164.2	3.8	2.8	3.5	3.0	3.3	3.2
Renters' costs 1/ .....	153.6	153.9	154.6	155.1	3.5	1.9	2.9	4.0	2.7	3.4
Rent, residential .....	158.8	159.3	159.7	160.1	2.3	2.1	2.6	3.3	2.2	2.9
Other renters' costs .....	207.1	206.5	209.2	210.8	9.7	1.0	3.8	7.3	5.3	5.5
Homeowners' costs 1/ .....	158.1	158.7	159.0	159.1	4.0	3.1	3.9	2.6	3.5	3.2
Owners' equivalent rent 1/ .....	158.4	159.0	159.3	159.4	4.0	3.1	4.1	2.5	3.5	3.3
Household insurance 1/ .....	145.0	145.6	145.2	145.9	3.4	.6	-.3	2.5	2.0	1.1
Maintenance and repairs 2/ .....	135.6	135.8	135.5	135.7	2.7	2.4	2.1	.3	2.6	1.2
Maintenance and repair services 2/ ...	144.5	144.7	144.6	145.0	4.3	2.0	4.3	1.4	3.1	2.8
Maintenance and repair commodities 2/	123.9	124.2	123.6	123.8	.7	3.0	-.6	-.3	1.8	-.5
Fuel and other utilities .....	123.8	123.9	124.4	125.1	-1.0	4.0	.3	4.3	1.5	2.3
Fuels .....	110.5	110.5	111.2	112.0	-3.2	6.0	-.7	5.5	1.3	2.4
Fuel oil and other household fuel										
commodities .....	87.7	88.7	95.3	95.6	1.4	2.3	-3.6	41.2	1.8	16.7
Gas (piped) and electricity (energy										
services).....	118.4	118.2	118.2	119.1	-3.4	6.3	-.3	2.4	1.4	1.0
Other utilities and public services 2/ .	154.0	154.3	154.8	155.4	1.6	1.8	1.3	3.7	1.7	2.5
Household furnishings and operation .....	122.4	122.7	122.9	122.7	.7	3.0	1.0	1.0	1.8	1.0
Housefurnishings .....	109.8	110.1	110.3	110.0	-1.1	1.8	-1.1	.7	.4	-.2
Housekeeping supplies .....	139.8	140.1	140.8	140.7	4.8	6.0	4.1	2.6	5.4	3.4
Housekeeping services .....	148.6	149.0	148.8	149.0	1.9	2.5	4.1	1.1	2.2	2.6
Apparel and upkeep .....	130.8	131.0	131.9	131.0	-.3	-.3	.6	.6	-.3	.6
Apparel commodities .....	127.8	127.9	128.9	127.9	-.6	.0	.6	.3	-.3	.5
Men's and boys' apparel .....	125.6	125.8	127.1	127.3	1.3	-3.4	.3	5.5	-1.1	2.9
Women's and girls' apparel .....	125.4	125.6	127.5	124.6	1.9	-3.4	1.0	-2.5	-.8	-.8
Infants' and toddlers' apparel 2/ .....	130.9	129.8	132.3	135.3	-9.4	17.9	5.7	14.1	3.3	9.8
Footwear .....	126.9	126.4	125.3	126.9	-.6	1.3	2.6	.0	.3	1.3
Other apparel commodities .....	150.4	151.4	150.3	147.6	-9.5	14.3	-3.6	-7.2	1.7	-5.5
Apparel services 2/.....	156.6	157.1	157.6	157.9	.8	-.5	-.8	3.4	.1	1.3
Transportation .....	138.4	138.9	140.1	140.5	6.6	-2.6	-1.4	6.2	1.9	2.3
Private transportation .....	136.4	137.1	138.4	138.6	6.0	-2.9	-1.7	6.6	1.5	2.3
New vehicles .....	142.8	142.9	143.2	143.5	3.5	1.7	1.7	2.0	2.6	1.8
New cars .....	139.4	139.6	139.7	140.1	2.3	1.2	1.4	2.0	1.8	1.7
Used cars .....	157.3	158.3	159.8	161.0	5.7	-4.2	1.0	9.7	.6	5.3
Motor fuel .....	95.5	97.6	101.2	100.7	12.1	-15.3	-14.1	23.6	-2.6	3.0
Gasoline .....	95.1	97.2	101.1	100.6	12.9	-16.0	-14.9	25.2	-2.6	3.3
Maintenance and repairs .....	156.5	156.8	157.4	157.6	3.4	2.4	2.9	2.8	2.9	2.9
Other private transportation .....	167.9	167.7	167.6	167.9	4.4	1.5	2.2	.0	2.9	1.1
Other private transportation										
commodities .....	104.3	104.2	104.2	104.4	1.6	1.9	-.4	.4	1.7	.0
Other private transportation										
services .....	183.9	183.7	183.5	183.9	5.0	1.3	2.7	.0	3.1	1.3
Public transportation .....	174.1	170.2	169.6	173.7	18.0	1.2	2.1	-.9	9.3	.6



Medical care .....	223.1	223.9	224.7	225.1	3.7	4.3	3.7	3.6	4.0	3.7
Medical care commodities .....	204.0	204.3	205.6	205.7	.2	2.8	3.0	3.4	1.5	3.2
Medical care services .....	227.3	228.2	228.9	229.4	4.4	4.8	3.8	3.7	4.6	3.8
Professional medical services .....	204.9	205.7	206.2	207.0	3.5	4.5	3.6	4.2	4.0	3.9
Entertainment .....	153.6	154.1	154.7	155.9	3.0	2.4	3.5	6.1	2.7	4.8
Entertainment commodities .....	139.4	139.7	140.3	141.6	1.5	2.3	3.5	6.5	1.9	5.0
Entertainment services .....	174.0	174.8	175.5	176.5	4.8	2.1	3.3	5.9	3.4	4.6
Other goods and services .....	208.2	208.5	208.9	209.7	3.4	4.6	5.2	2.9	4.0	4.0
Tobacco and smoking products .....	229.8	229.2	228.4	229.4	3.5	4.7	5.0	-.7	4.1	2.1
Personal care 2/ .....	149.0	148.9	149.1	149.2	1.1	1.6	4.4	.5	1.4	2.5
Toilet goods and personal care appliances 2/ .....	145.4	144.7	144.4	144.6	.8	.3	4.5	-2.2	.6	1.1
Personal care services 2/ .....	153.5	154.2	154.9	155.1	1.3	3.0	4.8	4.2	2.1	4.5
Personal and educational expenses .....	235.7	236.9	238.0	239.1	4.1	5.5	5.3	5.9	4.8	5.6
School books and supplies .....	220.3	221.2	223.6	224.2	3.8	2.6	9.6	7.3	3.2	8.4
Personal and educational services .....	237.1	238.3	239.3	240.4	4.1	5.7	5.0	5.7	4.9	5.4

Commodity and service group

All items .....	-	-	-	-	3.6	1.6	2.1	3.2	2.6	2.7
Commodities .....	136.9	137.3	138.1	138.1	3.0	.3	.9	3.6	1.6	2.2
Food and beverages .....	149.9	150.1	150.3	150.5	3.0	1.9	3.0	1.6	2.5	2.3
Commodities less food and beverages .....	128.8	129.4	130.5	130.5	3.2	-1.2	-.6	5.4	.9	2.3
Nondurables less food and beverages .....	128.3	129.3	131.1	131.1	1.9	-1.5	-2.2	9.0	.2	3.3
Apparel commodities .....	127.8	127.9	128.9	127.9	-.6	.0	.6	.3	-.3	.5
Nondurables less food, beverages, and apparel .....	131.5	132.7	134.9	135.5	4.3	-3.0	-3.3	12.7	.6	4.4
Durables .....	128.3	128.6	129.0	129.4	2.2	.3	.6	3.5	1.3	2.0
Services .....	168.0	168.3	168.7	169.2	3.5	3.2	3.2	2.9	3.3	3.0
Rent of shelter 1/ .....	156.9	157.4	157.9	158.2	3.7	2.9	3.4	3.4	3.3	3.4
Household services less rent of shelter 1/ .....	127.9	128.1	128.0	128.7	.3	3.2	1.3	2.5	1.7	1.9
Transportation services .....	175.3	174.7	174.6	175.5	6.7	1.4	2.5	.5	4.0	1.5
Medical care services .....	227.3	228.2	228.9	229.4	4.4	4.8	3.8	3.7	4.6	3.8
Other services .....	193.4	194.3	195.1	196.0	3.9	3.8	4.0	5.5	3.9	4.8

Special indexes

All items less food .....	151.0	151.4	152.1	152.4	3.6	1.6	1.9	3.8	2.6	2.8
All items less shelter .....	147.8	148.1	148.7	149.0	3.1	1.4	1.6	3.3	2.2	2.5
All items less homeowners' costs 1/ .....	141.7	142.0	142.6	142.9	3.2	1.4	1.7	3.4	2.3	2.6
All items less medical care .....	147.5	147.8	148.4	148.7	3.4	1.4	2.2	3.3	2.4	2.7

Commodities less food .....	130.1	130.5	131.7	131.7	3.1	-.9	-.3	5.0	1.1	2.3
Nondurables less food .....	129.9	130.8	132.5	132.5	2.5	-1.2	-1.8	8.2	.6	3.1
Nondurables less food and apparel .....	133.1	134.2	136.1	136.4	4.0	-1.8	-2.1	10.3	1.1	3.9
Nondurables .....	139.4	139.8	140.9	141.1	2.0	.6	.9	5.0	1.3	2.9
Services less rent of shelter 1/ .....	159.4	159.5	159.8	160.5	3.6	3.1	2.8	2.8	3.4	2.8
Services less medical care services .....	162.9	163.2	163.5	164.0	3.6	2.8	3.0	2.7	3.2	2.9
Energy .....	102.5	103.5	105.7	105.9	3.9	-5.2	-7.1	13.9	-.8	2.9
All items less energy .....	157.7	158.0	158.4	158.7	3.4	2.1	2.8	2.6	2.7	2.7
All items less food and energy .....	160.0	160.3	160.8	161.1	3.4	2.3	2.8	2.8	2.8	2.8
Commodities less food and energy										
commodities .....	139.8	140.0	140.5	140.6	1.7	1.4	1.7	2.3	1.6	2.0
Energy commodities .....	95.0	97.0	100.9	100.5	11.3	-14.1	-13.5	25.2	-2.2	4.1
Services less energy services .....	173.6	174.0	174.4	174.9	4.1	2.8	3.3	3.0	3.5	3.2

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 Feb. 1996 from-			Percent change to Jan. 1996 from-		
		Nov. 1995	Dec. 1995	Jan. 1996	Feb. 1996	Feb. 1995	Dec. 1995	Jan. 1996	Jan. 1995	Nov. 1995	Dec. 1995
U.S. city average .....	M	153.6	153.5	154.4	154.9	2.7	0.9	0.3	2.7	0.5	0.6
Region and area size 2/											
Northeast urban.....	M	160.5	160.5	161.4	162.2	2.9	1.1	.5	2.7	.6	.6
Size A - More than 1,200,000 .....	M	161.3	161.1	162.2	163.0	3.0	1.2	.5	2.9	.6	.7
Size B - 500,000 to 1,200,000 .....	M	158.3	158.6	158.7	159.2	2.2	.4	.3	2.1	.3	.1
Size C - 50,000 to 500,000 .....	M	158.5	158.6	159.8	160.6	2.9	1.3	.5	2.6	.8	.8
North Central urban .....	M	149.5	149.5	150.2	150.8	2.8	.9	.4	2.8	.5	.5
Size A - More than 1,200,000 .....	M	150.2	150.3	151.0	151.7	2.5	.9	.5	2.5	.5	.5

Size B - 360,000 to 1,200,000 .....	M	148.1	148.0	148.6	149.5	3.0	1.0	.6	2.9	.3	.4
Size C - 50,000 to 360,000 .....	M	151.5	151.5	152.2	152.4	3.2	.6	.1	3.3	.5	.5
Size D - Nonmetropolitan (less than 50,000) .....	M	146.0	145.8	146.5	146.9	3.2	.8	.3	3.5	.3	.5
South urban .....	M	150.4	150.3	151.1	151.5	2.8	.8	.3	3.0	.5	.5
Size A - More than 1,200,000 .....	M	149.7	149.5	150.4	150.6	2.2	.7	.1	2.6	.5	.6
Size B - 450,000 to 1,200,000 .....	M	152.6	152.4	153.2	154.1	3.0	1.1	.6	2.9	.4	.5
Size C - 50,000 to 450,000 .....	M	150.4	150.3	151.1	151.4	3.6	.7	.2	3.7	.5	.5
Size D - Nonmetropolitan (less than 50,000) .....	M	148.9	149.1	149.9	150.1	2.7	.7	.1	3.2	.7	.5
West urban .....	M	154.4	154.3	155.3	155.8	2.2	1.0	.3	2.2	.6	.6
Size A - More than 1,250,000 .....	M	154.4	154.4	155.4	155.9	1.8	1.0	.3	1.6	.6	.6
Size C - 50,000 to 330,000 .....	M	158.4	158.6	159.8	160.8	3.7	1.4	.6	3.7	.9	.8
Size classes											
A 3/ .....	M	138.7	138.6	139.5	140.0	2.4	1.0	.4	2.4	.6	.6
B .....	M	153.5	153.4	153.9	154.7	2.8	.8	.5	2.7	.3	.3
C .....	M	153.5	153.5	154.4	154.8	3.3	.8	.3	3.4	.6	.6
D .....	M	150.0	150.1	150.9	151.1	3.1	.7	.1	3.4	.6	.5
Selected local areas											
Chicago-Gary-Lake County, IL-IN-WI.....	M	154.0	153.8	154.6	155.2	1.9	.9	.4	1.8	.4	.5
Los Angeles-Anaheim-Riverside, CA .....	M	154.4	154.6	155.7	156.2	1.1	1.0	.3	.9	.8	.7
N.Y.-Northern N.J.-Long Island, NY-NJ-CT	M	163.8	163.7	164.8	165.7	3.4	1.2	.5	3.1	.6	.7
Phil.-Wilmington-Trenton, PA-NJ-DE-MD ..	M	159.6	159.1	160.3	161.2	2.2	1.3	.6	2.4	.4	.8
San Francisco-Oakland-San Jose, CA .....	M	152.4	152.1	152.9	153.2	1.8	.7	.2	1.7	.3	.5
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	-	145.5	-	146.2	2.0	.5	-	-	-	-
Detroit-Ann Arbor, MI .....	2	-	150.3	-	151.3	2.7	.7	-	-	-	-
Houston-Galveston-Brazoria, TX .....	2	-	140.9	-	141.5	1.6	.4	-	-	-	-
Pittsburgh-Beaver Valley, PA .....	2	-	150.0	-	151.1	2.6	.7	-	-	-	-

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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 Feb. 1996 from-			Percent change to Jan. 1996 from-		
		Nov. 1995	Dec. 1995	Jan. 1996	Feb. 1996	Feb. 1995	Dec. 1995	Jan. 1996	Jan. 1995	Nov. 1995	Dec. 1995
U.S. city average .....	M	150.9	150.9	151.7	152.2	2.6	0.9	0.3	2.6	0.5	0.5
Region and area size 2/											
Northeast urban.....	M	158.0	158.0	158.8	159.4	2.7	.9	.4	2.6	.5	.5
Size A - More than 1,200,000 .....	M	157.7	157.6	158.5	159.2	2.8	1.0	.4	2.7	.5	.6
Size B - 500,000 to 1,200,000 .....	M	156.2	156.5	156.5	156.9	2.1	.3	.3	2.1	.2	.0
Size C - 50,000 to 500,000 .....	M	160.1	160.4	161.4	162.0	2.8	1.0	.4	2.5	.8	.6
North Central urban .....	M	146.2	146.3	147.0	147.5	2.7	.8	.3	2.8	.5	.5
Size A - More than 1,200,000 .....	M	146.2	146.4	147.1	147.7	2.4	.9	.4	2.5	.6	.5
Size B - 360,000 to 1,200,000 .....	M	144.4	144.5	145.0	145.7	2.8	.8	.5	2.9	.4	.3
Size C - 50,000 to 360,000 .....	M	148.9	148.9	149.6	149.8	3.2	.6	.1	3.2	.5	.5
Size D - Nonmetropolitan (less than 50,000) .....	M	144.1	144.1	144.7	144.9	3.2	.6	.1	3.5	.4	.4
South urban .....	M	148.9	148.9	149.7	150.0	2.8	.7	.2	3.0	.5	.5
Size A - More than 1,200,000 .....	M	147.8	147.8	148.6	148.7	2.3	.6	.1	2.6	.5	.5
Size B - 450,000 to 1,200,000 .....	M	149.0	148.9	149.6	150.3	2.7	.9	.5	2.7	.4	.5

Size C - 50,000 to 450,000 .....	M	150.4	150.3	151.1	151.3	3.6	.7	.1	3.7	.5	.5
Size D - Nonmetropolitan (less than 50,000) .....	M	149.2	149.5	150.4	150.4	2.7	.6	.0	3.3	.8	.6
West urban .....	M	151.4	151.3	152.2	152.7	2.2	.9	.3	2.0	.5	.6
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Size C - 50,000 to 330,000 .....	M	155.4	155.5	156.6	157.6	3.5	1.4	.6	3.4	.8	.7
Size classes											
A 3/ .....	M	137.7	137.7	138.5	138.9	2.4	.9	.3	2.4	.6	.6
B .....	M	150.7	150.7	151.1	151.8	2.6	.7	.5	2.6	.3	.3
C .....	M	152.6	152.7	153.5	153.9	3.3	.8	.3	3.3	.6	.5
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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	-	145.4	-	145.9	2.2	.3	-	-	-	-
Detroit-Ann Arbor, MI .....	2	-	145.5	-	146.5	2.7	.7	-	-	-	-
Houston-Galveston-Brazoria, TX .....	2	-	140.5	-	140.8	1.4	.2	-	-	-	-
Pittsburgh-Beaver Valley, PA .....	2	-	143.7	-	144.7	2.6	.7	-	-	-	-

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