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CONSUMER PRICE INDEX: APRIL 1996

The Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers (CPI-U) increased 0.4 percent before seasonal adjustment in April to a level of 156.3 (1982-84=100), the Bureau of Labor Statistics of the U.S. Department of Labor reported today. For the 12-month period ended in April, the CPI-U increased 2.9 percent.

The Consumer Price Index for Urban Wage Earners and Clerical Workers (CPI-W) rose 0.5 percent in April, prior to seasonal adjustment. The April 1996 CPI-W level of 153.6 was 2.9 percent higher than the index in April 1995.

CPI for All Urban Consumers (CPI-U)

On a seasonally adjusted basis, the CPI-U rose 0.4 percent in April, the same as in March. The energy index registered its fifth consecutive increase--up 3.2 percent in April--after declining throughout most of 1995, and accounted for about three-fifths of the April advance in the overall CPI-U. The index for petroleum-based energy increased 5.2 percent in April, its largest advance since a 7.5 percent increase in October 1990, and the index for energy services rose 1.4 percent. The food index rose 0.3 percent in April, following an increase of 0.6 percent in March. The index for fruits and vegetables--up 1.0 percent in April--continued to advance, but by substantially less than in March. Excluding food and energy, the CPI-U rose 0.1 percent

after increasing 0.3 percent in March, reflecting downturns in the indexes for apparel and upkeep, entertainment, telephone services, and tobacco products.

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

Expenditure Category	Seasonally adjusted							Compound annual rate 3-mos. ended Apr. '96	Un- adjusted 12-mos. ended Apr. '96
	Changes from preceding month								
	1995			1996					
	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.		
All Items	.3	.1	.2	.4	.2	.4	.4	3.9	2.9
Food and beverages	.3	.0	.1	.1	.1	.5	.3	4.0	2.6
Housing	.3	.2	.3	.3	.2	.3	.3	2.9	3.0
Apparel and upkeep	.3	.0	.1	.7	-.9	.6	-.4	-2.7	.1
Transportation	.1	-.4	.1	.7	.5	.7	1.1	9.8	2.9
Medical care	.2	.3	.4	.4	.2	.3	.3	2.9	3.7
Entertainment	.3	.4	.4	.3	.8	.1	-.1	3.4	3.5
Other goods and services	.4	.4	.2	.2	.4	.4	.3	4.6	4.4
Special Indexes:									
Energy	.3	-.9	1.1	1.9	.4	1.4	3.2	22.0	5.9
Food	.3	.0	.1	.1	.1	.6	.3	4.3	2.6
All items less food and energy	.3	.1	.1	.3	.2	.3	.1	2.7	2.7

During the first 4 months of 1996, the CPI-U rose at a 4.1 percent seasonally adjusted annual rate (SAAR). This compares with a 2.5 percent increase for all of 1995. Energy costs, which declined last year, have increased at a 22.9 percent rate, with petroleum-based energy advancing at a 45.3 SAAR. The food index has risen at a 3.4 percent annual rate in the first 4 months. Excluding food and energy, the CPI-U advanced at a 3.0 percent rate in the first 4 months of 1996, the same rate as the increase for all of 1995.

The food and beverage index rose 0.3 percent in April. The index for grocery store foods, which increased 0.9 percent in March, rose 0.3 percent in April. Fruit and vegetable prices continued to advance, but by substantially less than in March. A 1.0 percent increase in the index for fruits and vegetables accounted for about three-fifths of the increase in the April grocery store food index. The index for fresh fruits rose 5.1 percent, while that for fresh vegetables declined 3.3 percent. (Prior to seasonal adjustment, fresh vegetable prices rose 1.6

percent.) Among the other major grocery store foods, the index for dairy products increased 0.4 percent, and the index for cereal and bakery products rose 0.2 percent. The index for meats, poultry, fish, and eggs declined 0.2 percent for the second consecutive month. Within the latter group, the index for beef declined for the fifth consecutive month--down 0.2 percent in April--and, coupled with declines in the indexes for poultry and for fish and seafood, more than offset increases in the indexes for pork and for eggs. The other two components of the food and beverage index--restaurant meals and alcoholic beverages--each increased 0.3 percent in April.

The housing component rose 0.3 percent in April, the same as in March. Shelter costs increased 0.2 percent for the third consecutive month. Within shelter, renters' costs and homeowners' costs each increased 0.2 percent, and maintenance and repair costs rose 0.4 percent. The index for fuel and utilities, which increased 0.2 percent in March, rose 0.6 percent in April. The index for household fuels rose 1.6 percent in April, following a 0.3 percent decline in March. The index for natural gas turned back up in April, increasing 2.1 percent. The index for electricity increased 1.1 percent, and the index for fuel oil rose 5.1 percent. The index for other utilities and public services declined 0.6 percent, reflecting a decrease in the index for telephone services--charges for local telephone calls declined 2.4 percent. The index for household furnishings and operation rose 0.1 percent in April, following a 0.2 percent rise in March.

The transportation index advanced 1.1 percent in April. The index for motor fuels increased 5.4 percent and accounted for about 85 percent of the overall transportation increase. Since beginning its upward trek in December, the index for gasoline has risen 15.3 percent. Despite the sharp increases since November, gasoline prices as of April were still 6.6 percent below their peak level of December 1990. Automobile purchase costs continued their pattern of very little movement, evident since the introduction of the 1996 models. The indexes for new car prices and for automobile finance charges each increased 0.1 percent in April. The index for used cars declined 1.3 percent. The index for public transportation increased 1.0 percent.

The index for apparel and upkeep, which increased 0.6 percent in March, declined 0.4 percent in April. (Prior to seasonal adjustment, clothing prices rose 0.1 percent.)

Medical care costs rose 0.3 percent in April to a level 3.7 percent above a year ago. The index for medical care commodities--prescription drugs, non-prescription drugs, and medical supplies--increased 0.4

percent in April. The index for medical care services rose 0.2 percent in April. Charges for professional services and hospital and related services increased 0.3 and 0.2 percent, respectively.

Entertainment costs fell 0.1 percent in April. The indexes for sporting goods and equipment and for fees for participant sports declined 0.6 and 1.0 percent, respectively, more than offsetting a 0.7 percent increase in the index for admissions to movies, theaters, concerts, and sporting events.

The index for other goods and services advanced 0.3 percent in April, following an increase of 0.4 percent in March. The index for tobacco and smoking products, which rose 0.7 percent in March, fell 0.2 percent in April, accounting for the slightly smaller rise in this major group.

#### 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 0.4 percent in April.

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 Apr. '96	Un- adjusted 12-mos. ended Apr. '96
	Changes from preceding month								
	1995			1996					
	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.		
All Items	.3	.1	.2	.4	.2	.5	.4	4.3	2.9
Food and beverages	.3	.1	.1	.1	.1	.5	.3	4.1	2.6
Housing	.3	.1	.3	.3	.1	.3	.3	3.0	2.9
Apparel and upkeep	.3	-.2	.2	.7	-.7	.6	-.2	-.9	.4
Transportation	.1	-.3	.4	.9	.3	.9	1.1	9.5	3.1
Medical care	.2	.3	.4	.4	.2	.2	.3	2.9	3.8
Entertainment	.1	.4	.3	.4	.8	.0	-.1	2.9	3.3
Other goods and services	.4	.4	.1	.2	.4	.3	.3	4.3	4.2
Special Indexes:									
Energy	.2	-.8	1.0	2.1	.2	1.8	3.3	23.4	6.3
Food	.3	.0	.2	.1	.1	.6	.3	4.1	2.6
All items less food and energy	.3	.2	.2	.3	.2	.3	.1	2.5	2.7

Consumer Price Index data for May are scheduled for release on Wednesday, June 12, 1996, at 8:30 A.M. (EDT).

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

(1982-84=100, unless otherwise noted)

Expenditure category	Relative importance, December 1995	Unadjusted indexes		Unadjusted percent change to		Seasonally adjusted percent change from-		
		Mar. 1996	Apr. 1996	Apr. 1996 from- Apr. 1995	Mar. 1996	Jan. to Feb.	Feb. to Mar.	Mar. to Apr.
All items .....	100.000	155.7	156.3	2.9	0.4	0.2	0.4	0.4
All items (1967=100) .....	-	466.5	468.2	-	-	-	-	-
Food and beverages .....	17.332	152.1	152.7	2.6	.4	.1	.5	.3
Food .....	15.766	151.6	152.3	2.6	.5	.1	.6	.3
Food at home .....	9.880	152.5	153.3	2.7	.5	.0	.9	.3
Cereals and bakery products .....	1.473	172.0	173.3	3.8	.8	-.1	.5	.2
Meats, poultry, fish, and eggs .....	2.936	142.6	141.8	3.0	-.6	.0	-.2	-.2
Dairy products .....	1.169	136.7	137.0	3.7	.2	1.0	-.2	.4
Fruits and vegetables .....	1.936	183.7	188.4	2.9	2.6	-.1	4.0	1.0
Other food at home .....	2.365	142.4	142.8	1.3	.3	-.2	.5	.4
Sugar and sweets .....	.327	142.3	142.2	4.0	-.1	.1	.4	-.1
Fats and oils .....	.248	140.1	139.9	2.0	-.1	-.2	.5	-.2
Nonalcoholic beverages .....	.763	129.7	129.9	-2.3	.2	-.7	.3	.5
Other prepared food .....	1.027	154.6	155.3	3.1	.5	.0	.7	.6
Food away from home .....	5.886	151.2	151.6	2.2	.3	.3	.1	.3
Alcoholic beverages .....	1.566	157.4	157.9	2.8	.3	.5	.3	.3
Housing .....	41.346	151.7	151.8	3.0	.1	.2	.3	.3
Shelter .....	28.289	170.1	170.1	3.3	.0	.2	.2	.2
Renters' costs 1/ .....	7.988	180.4	179.7	3.2	-.4	.2	.3	.2
Rent, residential .....	5.762	160.6	160.9	2.5	.2	.3	.1	.2
Other renters' costs .....	2.227	219.7	216.1	4.9	-1.6	.2	.9	.4
Homeowners' costs 1/ .....	20.102	175.0	175.3	3.4	.2	.2	.2	.2
Owners' equivalent rent 1/ .....	19.716	175.3	175.6	3.4	.2	.2	.2	.3
Household insurance 1/ .....	.386	159.1	159.4	1.4	.2	.4	.3	.3

Maintenance and repairs 2/ .....	.199	137.5	138.0	2.8	.4	.5	.4	.4
Maintenance and repair services 2/ .	.122	143.8	143.8	3.5	.0	.6	.6	.0
Maintenance and repair								
commodities 2/ .....	.077	129.0	130.0	1.9	.8	.2	.2	.8
Fuel and other utilities .....	7.014	125.2	125.4	2.7	.2	.6	.2	.6
Fuels .....	3.792	111.9	112.9	3.3	.9	.7	-.3	1.6
Fuel oil and other household fuel								
commodities .....	.356	99.3	102.1	15.5	2.8	.2	2.2	3.5
Gas (piped) and electricity (energy								
services).....	3.436	118.2	118.9	2.0	.6	.8	-.6	1.4
Other utilities and public								
services 2/ .....	3.222	156.4	155.4	2.1	-.6	.3	1.0	-.6
Household furnishings and operation ....	6.043	124.6	124.8	1.8	.2	-.2	.2	.1
Housefurnishings .....	3.445	111.7	111.9	.6	.2	-.4	.0	.3
Housekeeping supplies .....	1.116	140.9	141.4	4.0	.4	-.2	.9	.0
Housekeeping services .....	1.482	146.6	146.6	2.6	.0	.2	.2	.1
Apparel and upkeep .....	5.516	134.8	134.9	.1	.1	-.9	.6	-.4
Apparel commodities .....	4.967	131.6	131.7	.0	.1	-1.0	.6	-.4
Men's and boys' apparel .....	1.303	129.1	129.0	1.6	-.1	.2	.8	-.4
Women's and girls' apparel.....	2.195	129.9	130.2	-1.5	.2	-2.5	.2	-.3
Infants' and toddlers' apparel 2/ ....	.195	133.3	133.7	5.2	.3	2.2	-.8	.3
Footwear .....	.732	128.1	128.2	.8	.1	1.4	.8	-.7
Other apparel commodities .....	.542	154.7	153.5	-.6	-.8	-2.1	2.1	-.8
Apparel services 2/ .....	.550	158.9	158.8	.7	-.1	.2	.3	-.1
Transportation .....	16.953	141.2	143.1	2.9	1.3	.5	.7	1.1
Private transportation .....	15.430	138.3	140.3	3.0	1.4	.2	.8	1.1
New vehicles .....	5.027	143.6	143.5	1.7	-.1	.3	.1	.1
New cars .....	4.015	141.5	141.3	1.4	-.1	.3	.1	.1
Used cars .....	1.342	157.3	157.4	.4	.1	.7	.8	-1.3
Motor fuel .....	2.908	101.4	108.6	9.1	7.1	-.2	3.6	5.4
Gasoline .....	-	101.1	108.2	9.0	7.0	-.3	3.7	5.3
Maintenance and repairs .....	1.535	156.9	157.2	2.6	.2	.1	.2	.1
Other private transportation .....	4.618	172.5	173.0	1.2	.3	.4	-.3	.5
Other private transportation								
commodities .....	.608	105.3	105.1	.6	-.2	.1	.1	-.1
Other private transportation								
services .....	4.010	188.3	189.0	1.3	.4	.5	-.4	.5
Public transportation .....	1.523	178.9	179.3	1.5	.2	3.3	.2	1.0
Medical care .....	7.362	226.6	227.0	3.7	.2	.2	.3	.3
Medical care commodities .....	1.282	208.9	209.6	2.9	.3	.2	.2	.4
Medical care services .....	6.081	230.7	231.1	3.9	.2	.2	.3	.2
Professional medical services .....	3.465	206.5	207.0	3.8	.2	.2	.2	.3

Entertainment .....	4.367	158.4	158.6	3.5	.1	.8	.1	-.1	
Entertainment commodities .....	1.975	142.7	142.8	3.4	.1	.8	.1	-.1	
Entertainment services .....	2.392	177.0	177.2	3.4	.1	.7	.0	.0	
Other goods and services .....	7.123	213.0	213.3	4.4	.1	.4	.4	.3	
Tobacco and smoking products .....	1.610	230.8	230.5	3.4	-.1	.4	.7	-.2	
Personal care 2/ .....	1.170	149.4	149.7	2.3	.2	.1	.1	.2	
Toilet goods and personal care appliances 2/ .....	.613	144.0	144.2	1.4	.1	.3	-.1	.1	
Personal care services 2/ .....	.557	155.3	155.7	3.3	.3	.1	.1	.3	
Personal and educational expenses .....	4.342	244.1	244.6	5.4	.2	.5	.5	.4	
School books and supplies .....	.258	225.2	225.5	6.0	.1	.4	.6	.4	
Personal and educational services ....	4.084	245.7	246.3	5.3	.2	.5	.4	.4	
Commodity and service group									
All items .....	100.000	155.7	156.3	2.9	.4	.2	.4	.4	
Commodities .....	42.916	139.2	140.2	2.6	.7	.0	.7	.5	
Food and beverages .....	17.332	152.1	152.7	2.6	.4	.1	.5	.3	
Commodities less food and beverages ....	25.584	131.3	132.5	2.6	.9	-.1	.8	.7	
Nondurables less food and beverages ..	15.075	132.6	134.7	3.7	1.6	-.1	1.1	.9	
Apparel commodities .....	4.967	131.6	131.7	.0	.1	-1.0	.6	-.4	
Nondurables less food, beverages, and apparel .....	10.108	136.2	139.3	5.5	2.3	.4	1.6	1.6	
Durables .....	10.509	129.5	129.5	1.1	.0	.2	.2	-.1	
Services .....	57.084	172.6	172.7	3.1	.1	.4	.2	.3	
Rent of shelter 1/ .....	27.671	177.0	177.0	3.3	.0	.2	.3	.2	
Household services less rent of shelter 1/ .....	8.681	139.6	139.6	2.1	.0	.4	.2	.4	
Transportation services .....	7.068	178.5	179.0	1.6	.3	1.0	-.1	.6	
Medical care services .....	6.081	230.7	231.1	3.9	.2	.2	.3	.2	
Other services .....	7.583	199.2	199.5	4.2	.2	.6	.3	.3	
Special indexes									
All items less food .....	84.234	156.5	157.0	3.0	.3	.3	.4	.4	
All items less shelter .....	71.711	151.6	152.4	2.8	.5	.2	.5	.5	
All items less homeowners' costs 1/ .....	79.898	156.9	157.5	2.8	.4	.2	.4	.4	
All items less medical care .....	92.638	151.7	152.3	2.8	.4	.2	.4	.4	
Commodities less food .....	27.150	132.4	133.5	2.6	.8	-.1	.8	.6	
Nondurables less food .....	16.641	134.0	136.0	3.6	1.5	-.1	1.0	.9	
Nondurables less food and apparel .....	11.674	137.3	140.1	5.1	2.0	.1	1.3	1.4	
Nondurables .....	32.407	142.5	143.9	3.1	1.0	.1	.8	.6	
Services less rent of shelter 1/ .....	29.414	180.4	180.6	2.9	.1	.6	.1	.3	

Services less medical care services .....	51.004	167.2	167.3	3.0	.1	.4	.2	.3
Energy .....	6.700	106.1	110.0	5.9	3.7	.4	1.4	3.2
All items less energy .....	93.300	162.3	162.5	2.7	.1	.2	.3	.2
All items less food and energy .....	77.534	164.9	165.0	2.7	.1	.2	.3	.1
Commodities less food and energy commodities .....	23.885	141.9	142.0	1.6	.1	-.1	.4	-.1
Energy commodities .....	3.264	101.4	108.1	9.9	6.6	-.2	3.5	5.2
Services less energy services .....	53.648	178.1	178.2	3.2	.1	.3	.2	.3
Purchasing power of the consumer dollar:								
1982-84=\$1.00 2/ .....	-	\$.642	\$.640	-2.7	-.3	-.5	-.5	-.3
1967=\$1.00 2/ .....	-	.214	.214	-	-	-	-	-

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				
	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	July	3 months ended-		6 months ended-		
	1996	1996	1996	1996	1995	Oct. 1995	Jan. 1996	Apr. 1996	Oct. 1995	Apr. 1996
All items .....	-	-	-	-	2.4	2.6	2.6	3.9	2.5	3.3
Food and beverages .....	150.7	150.9	151.7	152.2	1.9	3.5	1.1	4.0	2.7	2.5
Food .....	150.3	150.5	151.4	151.9	1.9	3.5	.8	4.3	2.7	2.5
Food at home .....	150.5	150.5	151.9	152.4	1.9	4.1	.3	5.1	3.0	2.7
Cereals and bakery products .....	171.8	171.7	172.5	172.8	3.2	3.4	6.5	2.3	3.3	4.4
Meats, poultry, fish, and eggs .....	142.1	142.1	141.8	141.5	1.5	9.0	3.5	-1.7	5.2	.9
Dairy products .....	135.4	136.8	136.5	137.1	2.1	2.1	5.5	5.1	2.1	5.3
Fruits and vegetables .....	175.1	174.9	181.9	183.7	3.0	3.2	-12.2	21.1	3.1	3.1
Other food at home .....	141.5	141.2	141.9	142.5	.9	.6	1.1	2.9	.7	2.0
Sugar and sweets .....	141.4	141.5	142.1	142.0	4.2	2.9	7.4	1.7	3.5	4.5



Fats and oils .....	139.3	139.0	139.7	139.4	2.7	2.3	2.9	.3	2.5	1.6
Nonalcoholic beverages .....	129.5	128.6	129.0	129.7	-3.3	-2.4	-3.9	.6	-2.8	-1.7
Other prepared food .....	153.1	153.1	154.2	155.2	2.4	1.9	2.7	5.6	2.1	4.1
Food away from home .....	150.6	151.1	151.2	151.6	2.2	2.4	1.6	2.7	2.3	2.1
Alcoholic beverages .....	155.9	156.7	157.1	157.5	1.6	3.2	2.3	4.2	2.4	3.3
Housing .....	150.8	151.1	151.5	151.9	2.7	3.0	3.2	2.9	2.9	3.1
Shelter .....	168.6	168.9	169.3	169.7	3.7	3.2	3.6	2.6	3.4	3.1
Renters' costs 1/ .....	176.7	177.1	177.7	178.1	3.3	2.8	3.5	3.2	3.0	3.3
Rent, residential .....	160.0	160.4	160.6	160.9	2.6	2.0	3.1	2.3	2.3	2.7
Other renters' costs .....	210.3	210.7	212.5	213.3	4.8	4.5	4.5	5.8	4.7	5.2
Homeowners' costs 1/ .....	174.3	174.6	175.0	175.4	3.8	3.5	3.5	2.5	3.7	3.0
Owners' equivalent rent 1/ .....	174.7	175.0	175.3	175.8	3.8	3.5	3.7	2.5	3.7	3.1
Household insurance 1/ .....	158.1	158.8	159.3	159.7	.5	-1.5	2.6	4.1	-.5	3.3
Maintenance and repairs 2/ .....	136.3	137.0	137.5	138.0	2.7	3.6	.0	5.1	3.2	2.5
Maintenance and repair services 2/ ...	142.1	143.0	143.8	143.8	2.3	5.8	.8	4.9	4.1	2.8
Maintenance and repair commodities 2/	128.6	128.8	129.0	130.0	3.5	.6	-.9	4.4	2.0	1.7
Fuel and other utilities .....	125.0	125.7	126.0	126.8	.6	1.6	2.9	5.9	1.1	4.4
Fuels .....	112.0	112.8	112.5	114.3	-.7	2.2	3.3	8.5	.7	5.8
Fuel oil and other household fuel commodities .....	95.5	95.7	97.8	101.2	4.6	-3.6	40.0	26.1	.5	32.9
Gas (piped) and electricity (energy services).....	118.9	119.9	119.2	120.9	-1.3	2.7	.0	6.9	.7	3.4
Other utilities and public services 2/ .	154.4	154.9	156.4	155.4	2.1	1.3	2.4	2.6	1.7	2.5
Household furnishings and operation .....	124.4	124.1	124.4	124.5	1.3	3.3	2.0	.3	2.3	1.1
Housefurnishings .....	111.9	111.4	111.4	111.7	.0	2.9	.7	-.7	1.4	.0
Housekeeping supplies .....	140.5	140.2	141.4	141.4	4.5	5.0	4.1	2.6	4.8	3.3
Housekeeping services .....	145.7	146.0	146.3	146.5	2.5	3.1	2.5	2.2	2.8	2.4
Apparel and upkeep .....	133.1	131.9	132.7	132.2	-.9	.9	3.1	-2.7	.0	.2
Apparel commodities .....	129.7	128.4	129.2	128.7	-.9	1.3	2.8	-3.0	.2	-.2
Men's and boys' apparel .....	127.3	127.6	128.6	128.1	-1.6	1.6	3.5	2.5	.0	3.0
Women's and girls' apparel .....	128.5	125.3	125.6	125.2	.6	-1.6	5.8	-9.9	-.5	-2.4
Infants' and toddlers' apparel 2/ .....	131.5	134.4	133.3	133.7	-12.3	28.7	1.5	6.9	6.2	4.2
Footwear .....	124.6	126.4	127.4	126.5	-2.2	4.2	-5.0	6.2	1.0	.5
Other apparel commodities .....	153.0	149.8	153.0	151.8	-1.6	-.8	3.2	-3.1	-1.2	.0
Apparel services 2/.....	158.2	158.5	158.9	158.8	-1.3	-.5	3.1	1.5	-.9	2.3
Transportation .....	140.0	140.7	141.7	143.3	2.0	-1.4	1.4	9.8	.3	5.5
Private transportation .....	137.8	138.1	139.2	140.8	.3	-.9	3.9	9.0	-.3	6.4
New vehicles .....	142.1	142.5	142.7	142.9	1.4	2.0	.8	2.3	1.7	1.6
New cars .....	140.0	140.4	140.6	140.7	.9	1.4	1.2	2.0	1.2	1.6
Used cars .....	158.7	159.8	161.1	159.0	-5.0	-.8	7.1	.8	-2.9	3.9
Motor fuel .....	101.2	101.0	104.6	110.3	1.2	-14.5	16.5	41.1	-7.0	28.2
Gasoline .....	100.9	100.6	104.3	109.8	1.2	-14.6	16.6	40.2	-7.0	27.9

Maintenance and repairs .....	156.5	156.6	156.9	157.1	2.6	2.9	3.4	1.5	2.8	2.5
Other private transportation .....	171.6	172.3	171.7	172.5	-.5	3.8	-.5	2.1	1.6	.8
Other private transportation commodities .....	105.0	105.1	105.2	105.1	1.9	.8	-.8	.4	1.3	-.2
Other private transportation services .....	187.4	188.3	187.6	188.6	-.9	4.4	-.6	2.6	1.7	1.0
Public transportation .....	169.6	175.2	175.6	177.3	18.5	-3.9	-22.4	19.4	6.7	-3.7
Medical care .....	225.4	225.8	226.4	227.0	3.9	3.9	4.2	2.9	3.9	3.5
Medical care commodities .....	207.7	208.1	208.5	209.4	1.6	2.8	3.9	3.3	2.2	3.6
Medical care services .....	229.3	229.7	230.3	230.8	4.4	4.2	4.3	2.6	4.3	3.5
Professional medical services .....	205.2	205.6	206.1	206.8	4.3	3.6	4.2	3.2	4.0	3.7
Entertainment .....	156.9	158.1	158.3	158.2	2.6	3.7	4.2	3.4	3.2	3.8
Entertainment commodities .....	141.3	142.5	142.7	142.5	2.3	3.2	4.7	3.4	2.8	4.0
Entertainment services .....	175.3	176.6	176.6	176.6	3.1	4.0	3.7	3.0	3.5	3.4
Other goods and services .....	212.2	213.1	214.0	214.6	4.6	5.1	3.5	4.6	4.8	4.0
Tobacco and smoking products .....	228.4	229.4	231.1	230.7	4.7	5.4	-.9	4.1	5.1	1.6
Personal care 2/ .....	149.1	149.3	149.4	149.7	1.7	4.4	1.6	1.6	3.0	1.6
Toilet goods and personal care appliances 2/ .....	143.7	144.1	144.0	144.2	1.4	4.9	-1.9	1.4	3.1	-.3
Personal care services 2/ .....	155.0	155.2	155.3	155.7	1.9	4.3	5.3	1.8	3.1	3.6
Personal and educational expenses .....	242.5	243.7	244.8	245.8	5.4	5.0	5.6	5.6	5.2	5.6
School books and supplies .....	222.1	222.9	224.3	225.2	3.4	6.3	8.5	5.7	4.9	7.1
Personal and educational services .....	243.9	245.1	246.2	247.3	5.4	5.0	5.4	5.7	5.2	5.6
Commodity and service group										
All items .....	-	-	-	-	2.4	2.6	2.6	3.9	2.5	3.3
Commodities .....	138.1	138.1	139.1	139.8	1.2	1.5	2.9	5.0	1.3	4.0
Food and beverages .....	150.7	150.9	151.7	152.2	1.9	3.5	1.1	4.0	2.7	2.5
Commodities less food and beverages .....	130.4	130.3	131.3	132.2	.6	.3	4.1	5.6	.5	4.9
Nondurables less food and beverages .....	131.6	131.5	132.9	134.1	.9	-1.2	7.3	7.8	-.2	7.6
Apparel commodities .....	129.7	128.4	129.2	128.7	-.9	1.3	2.8	-3.0	.2	-.2
Nondurables less food, beverages, and apparel .....	135.3	135.8	138.0	140.2	1.5	-2.4	8.4	15.3	-.5	11.8
Durables .....	129.0	129.2	129.5	129.4	.3	1.3	1.9	1.2	.8	1.6
Services .....	171.4	172.1	172.4	172.9	3.4	3.1	2.4	3.5	3.2	3.0
Rent of shelter 1/ .....	175.6	176.0	176.5	176.8	3.6	3.3	3.5	2.8	3.4	3.1
Household services less rent of shelter 1/ .....	139.4	140.0	140.3	140.8	1.2	2.3	1.2	4.1	1.7	2.6
Transportation services .....	175.7	177.5	177.3	178.3	3.9	2.3	-5.3	6.1	3.1	.2
Medical care services .....	229.3	229.7	230.3	230.8	4.4	4.2	4.3	2.6	4.3	3.5
Other services .....	198.3	199.4	199.9	200.4	3.8	4.2	4.8	4.3	4.0	4.5

Special indexes

All items less food .....	155.3	155.7	156.3	156.9	2.4	2.4	2.9	4.2	2.4	3.5
All items less shelter .....	150.5	150.8	151.5	152.2	2.2	2.2	2.2	4.6	2.2	3.4
All items less homeowners' costs 1/ .....	155.6	155.9	156.6	157.3	2.1	2.4	2.3	4.4	2.2	3.4
All items less medical care .....	150.5	150.8	151.4	152.0	2.5	2.2	2.7	4.0	2.3	3.4
Commodities less food .....	131.6	131.5	132.5	133.3	.9	.3	4.1	5.3	.6	4.7
Nondurables less food .....	133.0	132.9	134.2	135.4	1.2	-.9	6.9	7.4	.2	7.2
Nondurables less food and apparel .....	136.6	136.8	138.6	140.6	2.1	-1.2	8.0	12.2	.4	10.1
Nondurables .....	141.3	141.4	142.5	143.3	1.2	.9	4.4	5.8	1.0	5.1
Services less rent of shelter 1/ .....	179.2	180.2	180.4	181.0	3.0	3.2	1.6	4.1	3.1	2.8
Services less medical care services .....	165.9	166.6	167.0	167.5	3.2	3.2	2.0	3.9	3.2	2.9
Energy .....	106.1	106.5	108.0	111.5	.0	-5.6	8.7	22.0	-2.8	15.2
All items less energy .....	161.2	161.5	162.0	162.3	2.6	3.1	2.3	2.8	2.8	2.5
All items less food and energy .....	163.8	164.2	164.7	164.9	2.8	3.0	2.2	2.7	2.9	2.5
Commodities less food and energy										
commodities .....	140.9	140.8	141.3	141.2	.9	2.3	2.3	.9	1.6	1.6
Energy commodities .....	100.7	100.5	104.0	109.4	1.6	-13.6	19.1	39.3	-6.3	28.8
Services less energy services .....	176.7	177.3	177.7	178.2	3.5	3.3	2.5	3.4	3.4	3.0

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 Apr. 1996 from-		Seasonally adjusted percent change from-		
		Mar. 1996	Apr. 1996	Apr. 1995	Mar. 1996	Jan. to Feb.	Feb. to Mar.	Mar. to Apr.
All items .....	100.000	152.9	153.6	2.9	0.5	0.2	0.5	0.4
All items (1967=100) .....	-	455.6	457.6	-	-	-	-	-

Food and beverages .....	19.262	151.5	152.2	2.6	.5	.1	.5	.3
Food .....	17.581	151.1	151.7	2.6	.4	.1	.6	.3
Food at home .....	11.206	151.6	152.4	2.8	.5	.0	.9	.3
Cereals and bakery products .....	1.682	171.6	173.0	3.8	.8	-.1	.4	.2
Meats, poultry, fish, and eggs .....	3.453	142.3	141.5	3.1	-.6	-.1	-.2	-.1
Dairy products .....	1.300	136.6	136.8	3.8	.1	1.0	-.1	.4
Fruits and vegetables .....	2.052	182.7	187.7	3.1	2.7	-.2	4.5	.8
Other food at home .....	2.719	142.1	142.4	1.4	.2	-.1	.5	.4
Sugar and sweets .....	.369	142.3	142.2	4.1	-.1	.1	.6	-.1
Fats and oils .....	.285	139.9	139.7	1.9	-.1	-.2	.4	-.2
Nonalcoholic beverages .....	.885	129.2	129.4	-2.0	.2	-.8	.3	.6
Other prepared food .....	1.180	154.4	155.1	3.2	.5	.1	.6	.6
Food away from home .....	6.374	151.1	151.6	2.3	.3	.3	.1	.3
Alcoholic beverages .....	1.681	156.8	157.3	2.7	.3	.5	.3	.2
Housing .....	38.888	148.5	148.6	2.9	.1	.1	.3	.3
Shelter .....	25.976	165.1	165.2	3.2	.1	.1	.3	.2
Renters' costs 1/ .....	8.091	157.0	156.6	3.0	-.3	.3	.3	.2
Rent, residential .....	6.616	160.3	160.6	2.5	.2	.3	.1	.2
Other renters' costs .....	1.475	219.6	215.6	4.8	-1.8	.8	.9	.1
Homeowners' costs 1/ .....	17.695	159.6	159.8	3.3	.1	.1	.3	.3
Owners' equivalent rent 1/ .....	17.366	159.8	160.1	3.4	.2	.1	.3	.3
Household insurance 1/ .....	.329	145.9	146.0	1.0	.1	.5	.1	.2
Maintenance and repairs 2/ .....	.189	136.3	136.8	2.3	.4	.1	.4	.4
Maintenance and repair services 2/ ..	.105	145.8	145.9	2.8	.1	.3	.6	.1
Maintenance and repair								
commodities 2/ .....	.085	124.1	125.0	1.7	.7	.2	.2	.7
Fuel and other utilities .....	7.247	125.0	125.2	3.0	.2	.6	.5	.6
Fuels .....	3.887	111.5	112.3	3.6	.7	.7	.0	1.5
Fuel oil and other household fuel								
commodities .....	.327	99.1	101.6	15.1	2.5	.3	2.1	3.2
Gas (piped) and electricity (energy								
services).....	3.560	117.9	118.5	2.5	.5	.8	-.2	1.4
Other utilities and public								
services 2/ .....	3.360	157.0	156.1	2.2	-.6	.4	1.0	-.6
Household furnishings and operation ....	5.666	123.2	123.4	1.6	.2	-.2	.2	.1
Housefurnishings .....	3.367	110.2	110.5	.5	.3	-.3	.1	.1
Housekeeping supplies .....	1.149	141.3	141.7	4.0	.3	-.1	.7	.0
Housekeeping services .....	1.150	149.6	149.7	2.6	.1	.1	.1	.3
Apparel and upkeep .....	5.533	133.9	134.2	.4	.2	-.7	.6	-.2
Apparel commodities .....	5.017	130.9	131.2	.4	.2	-.8	.6	-.1
Men's and boys' apparel .....	1.310	128.9	128.6	1.7	-.2	.2	.9	-.4
Women's and girls' apparel.....	2.148	128.6	129.5	-.8	.7	-2.3	.1	.2
Infants' and toddlers' apparel 2/ ....	.251	134.7	134.8	5.6	.1	2.3	-.4	.1

Footwear .....	.812	128.8	129.0	.9	.2	1.3	1.0	-.5	
Other apparel commodities .....	.495	153.7	153.0	-.3	-.5	-1.8	2.4	-.3	
Apparel services 2/ .....	.516	158.2	158.2	.6	.0	.2	.2	.0	
Transportation .....	19.020	140.9	143.0	3.1	1.5	.3	.9	1.1	
Private transportation .....	17.847	138.8	141.0	3.1	1.6	.1	.9	1.1	
New vehicles .....	4.958	144.5	144.5	1.8	.0	.2	.2	.1	
New cars .....	3.591	141.0	140.9	1.4	-.1	.3	.1	.1	
Used cars .....	2.432	158.3	158.5	.7	.1	.8	.6	-1.0	
Motor fuel .....	3.584	101.4	108.6	9.1	7.1	-.5	3.9	5.1	
Gasoline .....	-	101.2	108.3	9.1	7.0	-.5	3.9	5.0	
Maintenance and repairs .....	1.619	157.9	158.2	2.7	.2	.1	.2	.1	
Other private transportation .....	5.255	168.1	168.6	1.0	.3	.2	-.2	.6	
Other private transportation commodities .....	.767	104.4	104.2	.5	-.2	.2	-.1	-.1	
Other private transportation services .....	4.488	184.1	184.8	1.1	.4	.2	-.3	.7	
Public transportation .....	1.173	177.2	177.5	3.0	.2	2.4	.8	.7	
Medical care .....	6.262	226.0	226.4	3.8	.2	.2	.2	.3	
Medical care commodities .....	1.055	206.5	207.0	2.8	.2	.0	.1	.4	
Medical care services .....	5.208	230.4	230.7	3.9	.1	.2	.2	.3	
Professional medical services .....	2.965	207.6	208.1	3.8	.2	.4	.1	.3	
Entertainment .....	4.029	156.1	156.3	3.3	.1	.8	.0	-.1	
Entertainment commodities .....	2.053	141.7	141.8	3.1	.1	.9	.0	-.1	
Entertainment services .....	1.976	176.9	177.1	3.4	.1	.6	.1	.0	
Other goods and services .....	7.006	209.9	210.1	4.2	.1	.4	.3	.3	
Tobacco and smoking products .....	2.135	230.7	230.3	3.2	-.2	.4	.7	.0	
Personal care 2/ .....	1.132	149.3	149.6	2.1	.2	.1	.1	.2	
Toilet goods and personal care appliances 2/ .....	.635	144.6	144.7	1.1	.1	.1	.0	.1	
Personal care services 2/ .....	.497	155.2	155.7	3.3	.3	.1	.1	.3	
Personal and educational expenses .....	3.739	239.5	240.1	5.4	.3	.5	.3	.5	
School books and supplies .....	.227	226.3	226.5	6.0	.1	.3	.5	.4	
Personal and educational services .....	3.512	240.9	241.5	5.4	.2	.5	.3	.6	
Commodity and service group									
All items .....	100.000	152.9	153.6	2.9	.5	.2	.5	.4	
Commodities .....	47.052	139.1	140.2	2.7	.8	.0	.7	.5	
Food and beverages .....	19.262	151.5	152.2	2.6	.5	.1	.5	.3	
Commodities less food and beverages .....	27.790	131.4	132.8	2.7	1.1	.0	.8	.6	
Nondurables less food and beverages .....	16.074	132.2	134.5	3.9	1.7	.0	1.1	1.1	

Apparel commodities .....	5.017	130.9	131.2	.4	.2	-.8	.6	-.1
Nondurables less food, beverages, and apparel .....	11.057	135.7	139.1	5.6	2.5	.4	1.6	1.7
Durables .....	11.716	129.3	129.4	1.1	.1	.3	.0	-.1
Services .....	52.948	169.8	170.0	3.2	.1	.3	.2	.4
Rent of shelter 1/ .....	25.430	158.9	159.0	3.2	.1	.2	.3	.3
Household services less rent of shelter 1/ .....	8.531	128.4	128.4	2.4	.0	.5	.4	.3
Transportation services .....	7.279	176.4	176.9	1.8	.3	.5	.1	.5
Medical care services .....	5.208	230.4	230.7	3.9	.1	.2	.2	.3
Other services .....	6.501	195.9	196.3	4.2	.2	.5	.2	.3

Special indexes

All items less food .....	82.419	153.2	153.9	2.9	.5	.2	.4	.5
All items less shelter .....	74.024	149.8	150.6	2.8	.5	.2	.5	.5
All items less homeowners' costs 1/ .....	82.305	143.7	144.4	2.8	.5	.2	.5	.5
All items less medical care .....	93.738	149.5	150.2	2.9	.5	.2	.5	.4
Commodities less food .....	29.471	132.4	133.8	2.8	1.1	.0	.8	.6
Nondurables less food .....	17.756	133.6	135.8	3.9	1.6	.0	1.1	1.0
Nondurables less food and apparel .....	12.739	136.9	139.9	5.3	2.2	.2	1.5	1.4
Nondurables .....	35.336	142.1	143.6	3.2	1.1	.1	.9	.6
Services less rent of shelter 1/ .....	27.518	160.7	161.0	2.9	.2	.4	.1	.4
Services less medical care services .....	47.740	164.6	164.8	3.0	.1	.3	.2	.3
Energy .....	7.470	105.8	109.8	6.3	3.8	.2	1.8	3.3
All items less energy .....	92.530	159.5	159.8	2.6	.2	.2	.4	.2
All items less food and energy .....	74.949	161.7	161.9	2.7	.1	.2	.3	.1
Commodities less food and energy commodities .....	25.560	141.4	141.6	1.7	.1	.1	.4	-.1
Energy commodities .....	3.911	101.5	108.3	9.7	6.7	-.4	3.7	4.9
Services less energy services .....	49.388	175.5	175.6	3.1	.1	.3	.3	.2
Purchasing power of the consumer dollar:								
1982-84=\$1.00 2/ .....	-	\$.654	\$.651	-2.8	-.5	-.3	-.5	-.5
1967=\$1.00 2/ .....	-	.219	.219	-	-	-	-	-

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



services).....	118.2	119.1	118.9	120.6	-1.4	3.1	.3	8.4	.9	4.3
Other utilities and public services 2/ .	154.8	155.4	157.0	156.1	1.8	1.3	2.4	3.4	1.6	2.9
Household furnishings and operation .....	122.9	122.7	123.0	123.1	2.0	2.7	1.3	.7	2.3	1.0
Housefurnishings .....	110.3	110.0	110.1	110.2	.7	1.8	.0	-.4	1.3	-.2
Housekeeping supplies .....	140.8	140.7	141.7	141.7	4.2	4.7	4.7	2.6	4.5	3.6
Housekeeping services .....	148.8	149.0	149.1	149.5	3.1	3.9	1.6	1.9	3.5	1.8
Apparel and upkeep .....	131.9	131.0	131.8	131.6	-1.2	1.2	2.8	-.9	.0	.9
Apparel commodities .....	128.9	127.9	128.7	128.6	-1.6	1.6	2.8	-.9	.0	.9
Men's and boys' apparel .....	127.1	127.3	128.5	128.0	-1.6	1.3	4.2	2.9	-.2	3.5
Women's and girls' apparel .....	127.5	124.6	124.7	124.9	1.0	-2.2	6.5	-7.9	-.6	-1.0
Infants' and toddlers' apparel 2/ .....	132.3	135.3	134.7	134.8	-12.5	33.7	-1.5	7.8	8.1	3.0
Footwear .....	125.3	126.9	128.2	127.5	-1.9	4.5	-5.5	7.2	1.3	.6
Other apparel commodities .....	150.3	147.6	151.1	150.7	-3.4	.5	.5	1.1	-1.4	.8
Apparel services 2/.....	157.6	157.9	158.2	158.2	-1.0	-1.3	3.4	1.5	-1.1	2.4
Transportation .....	140.1	140.5	141.7	143.3	.6	-1.4	3.8	9.5	-.4	6.6
Private transportation .....	138.4	138.6	139.8	141.4	.0	-1.4	4.8	9.0	-.7	6.8
New vehicles .....	143.2	143.5	143.8	143.9	1.7	2.0	1.4	2.0	1.8	1.7
New cars .....	139.7	140.1	140.2	140.3	.9	1.2	1.4	1.7	1.0	1.6
Used cars .....	159.8	161.0	161.9	160.3	-4.7	-.8	7.6	1.3	-2.7	4.4
Motor fuel .....	101.2	100.7	104.6	109.9	.8	-13.5	16.5	39.1	-6.6	27.3
Gasoline .....	101.1	100.6	104.5	109.7	1.6	-14.2	17.0	38.6	-6.6	27.4
Maintenance and repairs .....	157.4	157.6	157.9	158.0	2.9	2.6	3.6	1.5	2.7	2.6
Other private transportation .....	167.6	167.9	167.5	168.5	-1.0	3.7	-.7	2.2	1.3	.7
Other private transportation commodities .....	104.2	104.4	104.3	104.2	1.9	.8	-.8	.0	1.4	-.4
Other private transportation services .....	183.5	183.9	183.4	184.7	-1.3	4.0	-.7	2.6	1.3	1.0
Public transportation .....	169.6	173.7	175.1	176.3	12.5	-1.8	-12.4	16.8	5.1	1.1
Medical care .....	224.7	225.1	225.6	226.3	3.9	4.1	4.2	2.9	4.0	3.5
Medical care commodities .....	205.6	205.7	206.0	206.8	1.8	2.6	4.4	2.4	2.2	3.4
Medical care services .....	228.9	229.4	229.9	230.5	4.4	4.4	4.1	2.8	4.4	3.5
Professional medical services .....	206.2	207.0	207.2	207.9	4.3	3.6	4.0	3.3	3.9	3.7
Entertainment .....	154.7	155.9	155.9	155.8	2.1	3.5	4.5	2.9	2.8	3.7
Entertainment commodities .....	140.3	141.6	141.6	141.4	1.5	2.9	4.7	3.2	2.2	3.9
Entertainment services .....	175.5	176.5	176.6	176.6	3.1	3.8	4.5	2.5	3.4	3.5
Other goods and services .....	208.9	209.7	210.4	211.1	4.0	5.6	2.9	4.3	4.8	3.6
Tobacco and smoking products .....	228.4	229.4	230.9	230.8	4.5	5.4	-1.0	4.3	5.0	1.6
Personal care 2/ .....	149.1	149.2	149.3	149.6	1.1	5.0	1.1	1.3	3.0	1.2
Toilet goods and personal care appliances 2/ .....	144.4	144.6	144.6	144.7	.6	5.1	-1.9	.8	2.8	-.6



Personal care services 2/ .....	154.9	155.1	155.2	155.7	1.6	5.1	4.5	2.1	3.3	3.3
Personal and educational expenses .....	238.0	239.1	239.8	241.1	5.0	5.8	5.6	5.3	5.4	5.4
School books and supplies .....	223.6	224.2	225.4	226.3	3.2	6.9	9.1	4.9	5.0	7.0
Personal and educational services .....	239.3	240.4	241.1	242.5	5.0	5.8	5.4	5.5	5.4	5.4

Commodity and service group

All items .....	-	-	-	-	1.9	2.7	2.7	4.3	2.3	3.5
Commodities .....	138.1	138.1	139.1	139.8	1.2	1.5	3.3	5.0	1.3	4.1
Food and beverages .....	150.3	150.5	151.3	151.8	1.9	3.5	1.3	4.1	2.7	2.7
Commodities less food and beverages .....	130.5	130.5	131.6	132.4	.6	.0	4.4	6.0	.3	5.2
Nondurables less food and beverages .....	131.1	131.1	132.6	134.1	.6	-1.2	7.3	9.5	-.3	8.4
Apparel commodities .....	128.9	127.9	128.7	128.6	-1.6	1.6	2.8	-.9	.0	.9
Nondurables less food, beverages, and apparel .....	134.9	135.5	137.7	140.1	1.8	-3.0	8.4	16.3	-.6	12.3
Durables .....	129.0	129.4	129.4	129.3	.3	.9	2.2	.9	.6	1.6
Services .....	168.7	169.2	169.6	170.2	2.9	3.2	2.7	3.6	3.1	3.1
Rent of shelter 1/ .....	157.9	158.2	158.6	159.0	3.4	3.1	3.6	2.8	3.3	3.2
Household services less rent of shelter 1/ .....	128.0	128.7	129.2	129.6	1.0	2.2	1.3	5.1	1.6	3.2
Transportation services .....	174.6	175.5	175.6	176.5	1.9	2.8	-1.8	4.4	2.3	1.3
Medical care services .....	228.9	229.4	229.9	230.5	4.4	4.4	4.1	2.8	4.4	3.5
Other services .....	195.1	196.0	196.4	197.0	3.6	4.5	4.9	4.0	4.1	4.4

Special indexes

All items less food .....	152.1	152.4	153.0	153.7	1.9	2.4	3.2	4.3	2.2	3.7
All items less shelter .....	148.7	149.0	149.8	150.5	1.6	2.2	2.5	4.9	1.9	3.7
All items less homeowners' costs 1/ .....	142.6	142.9	143.6	144.3	1.7	2.3	2.6	4.9	2.0	3.7
All items less medical care .....	148.4	148.7	149.4	150.0	1.9	2.5	2.7	4.4	2.2	3.6
Commodities less food .....	131.7	131.7	132.8	133.6	.6	.3	4.4	5.9	.5	5.1
Nondurables less food .....	132.5	132.5	134.0	135.3	.9	-.9	6.9	8.7	.0	7.8
Nondurables less food and apparel .....	136.1	136.4	138.4	140.4	2.1	-1.5	7.7	13.2	.3	10.4
Nondurables .....	140.9	141.1	142.3	143.2	1.2	.9	4.4	6.7	1.0	5.5
Services less rent of shelter 1/ .....	159.8	160.5	160.7	161.3	2.6	3.6	1.8	3.8	3.1	2.8
Services less medical care services .....	163.5	164.0	164.4	164.9	2.8	3.3	2.2	3.5	3.0	2.8
Energy .....	105.7	105.9	107.8	111.4	.0	-5.6	9.6	23.4	-2.8	16.3
All items less energy .....	158.4	158.7	159.3	159.6	2.1	3.1	2.3	3.1	2.6	2.7
All items less food and energy .....	160.8	161.1	161.6	161.8	2.3	2.8	2.8	2.5	2.6	2.6
Commodities less food and energy commodities .....	140.5	140.6	141.1	141.0	.6	2.3	2.3	1.4	1.4	1.9
Energy commodities .....	100.9	100.5	104.2	109.3	1.2	-12.5	18.0	37.7	-5.9	27.5
Services less energy services .....	174.4	174.9	175.4	175.8	3.3	3.3	2.6	3.2	3.3	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 Apr. 1996 from-			Percent change to Mar. 1996 from-		
		Jan. 1996	Feb. 1996	Mar. 1996	Apr. 1996	Apr. 1995	Feb. 1996	Mar. 1996	Mar. 1995	Jan. 1996	Feb. 1996
U.S. city average .....	M	154.4	154.9	155.7	156.3	2.9	0.9	0.4	2.8	0.8	0.5
Region and area size 2/											
Northeast urban.....	M	161.4	162.2	162.8	162.9	2.9	.4	.1	3.0	.9	.4
Size A - More than 1,200,000 .....	M	162.2	163.0	163.7	163.6	2.9	.4	-.1	3.2	.9	.4
Size B - 500,000 to 1,200,000 .....	M	158.7	159.2	160.2	160.6	2.8	.9	.2	2.8	.9	.6
Size C - 50,000 to 500,000 .....	M	159.8	160.6	160.8	161.3	2.7	.4	.3	2.7	.6	.1
North Central urban .....	M	150.2	150.8	151.7	152.3	2.8	1.0	.4	3.0	1.0	.6
Size A - More than 1,200,000 .....	M	151.0	151.7	152.6	152.9	2.6	.8	.2	2.8	1.1	.6
Size B - 360,000 to 1,200,000 .....	M	148.6	149.5	150.4	151.2	2.9	1.1	.5	2.9	1.2	.6
Size C - 50,000 to 360,000 .....	M	152.2	152.4	153.1	153.9	2.9	1.0	.5	3.2	.6	.5
Size D - Nonmetropolitan (less than 50,000) .....	M	146.5	146.9	147.7	149.0	3.5	1.4	.9	3.5	.8	.5
South urban .....	M	151.1	151.5	152.4	153.2	3.2	1.1	.5	3.0	.9	.6
Size A - More than 1,200,000 .....	M	150.4	150.6	151.5	152.4	2.8	1.2	.6	2.4	.7	.6
Size B - 450,000 to 1,200,000 .....	M	153.2	154.1	155.0	155.6	3.1	1.0	.4	3.1	1.2	.6
Size C - 50,000 to 450,000 .....	M	151.1	151.4	152.2	153.1	3.9	1.1	.6	3.8	.7	.5
Size D - Nonmetropolitan (less than 50,000) .....	M	149.9	150.1	151.6	152.4	3.6	1.5	.5	3.4	1.1	1.0
West urban .....	M	155.3	155.8	156.4	157.1	2.5	.8	.4	2.4	.7	.4
Size A - More than 1,250,000 .....	M	155.4	155.9	156.6	157.3	2.1	.9	.4	2.0	.8	.4
Size C - 50,000 to 330,000 .....	M	159.8	160.8	161.4	162.2	4.0	.9	.5	4.0	1.0	.4

Size classes

A 3/	M	139.5	140.0	140.7	141.1	2.6	.8	.3	2.6	.9	.5
B	M	153.9	154.7	155.5	156.1	3.0	.9	.4	2.9	1.0	.5
C	M	154.4	154.8	155.5	156.3	3.5	1.0	.5	3.5	.7	.5
D	M	150.9	151.1	152.1	153.0	3.6	1.3	.6	3.4	.8	.7

Selected local areas

Chicago-Gary-Lake County, IL-IN-WI.....	M	154.6	155.2	156.3	156.4	2.2	.8	.1	2.4	1.1	.7
Los Angeles-Anaheim-Riverside, CA .....	M	155.7	156.2	157.3	157.7	1.9	1.0	.3	1.7	1.0	.7
N.Y.-Northern N.J.-Long Island, NY-NJ-CT	M	164.8	165.7	166.5	166.0	2.9	.2	-.3	3.5	1.0	.5
Phil.-Wilmington-Trenton, PA-NJ-DE-MD ..	M	160.3	161.2	162.0	162.1	2.7	.6	.1	2.5	1.1	.5
San Francisco-Oakland-San Jose, CA .....	M	152.9	153.2	152.9	153.9	1.6	.5	.7	1.2	.0	-.2
Baltimore, MD .....	1	151.6	-	153.0	-	-	-	-	1.8	.9	-
Boston-Lawrence-Salem, MA-NH .....	1	162.2	-	162.8	-	-	-	-	2.8	.4	-
Cleveland-Akron-Lorain, OH .....	1	149.0	-	150.9	-	-	-	-	2.4	1.3	-
Miami-Fort Lauderdale, FL .....	1	152.0	-	152.4	-	-	-	-	2.5	.3	-
St. Louis-East St. Louis, MO-IL .....	1	147.2	-	148.9	-	-	-	-	3.0	1.2	-
Washington, DC-MD-VA .....	1	156.8	-	158.4	-	-	-	-	2.1	1.0	-
Dallas-Fort Worth, TX .....	2	-	146.2	-	148.5	2.4	1.6	-	-	-	-
Detroit-Ann Arbor, MI .....	2	-	151.3	-	152.3	2.8	.7	-	-	-	-
Houston-Galveston-Brazoria, TX .....	2	-	141.5	-	143.1	3.7	1.1	-	-	-	-
Pittsburgh-Beaver Valley, PA .....	2	-	151.1	-	152.8	2.6	1.1	-	-	-	-

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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 Apr. 1996 from-			Percent change to Mar. 1996 from-		
		Jan. 1996	Feb. 1996	Mar. 1996	Apr. 1996	Apr. 1995	Feb. 1996	Mar. 1996	Mar. 1995	Jan. 1996	Feb. 1996
U.S. city average .....	M	151.7	152.2	152.9	153.6	2.9	0.9	0.5	2.8	0.8	0.5
Region and area size 2/											
Northeast urban.....	M	158.8	159.4	160.1	160.3	2.9	.6	.1	3.0	.8	.4
Size A - More than 1,200,000 .....	M	158.5	159.2	160.0	160.0	3.0	.5	.0	3.2	.9	.5
Size B - 500,000 to 1,200,000 .....	M	156.5	156.9	158.1	158.5	2.8	1.0	.3	2.7	1.0	.8
Size C - 50,000 to 500,000 .....	M	161.4	162.0	162.1	162.9	2.7	.6	.5	2.5	.4	.1
North Central urban .....	M	147.0	147.5	148.3	149.0	2.8	1.0	.5	2.8	.9	.5
Size A - More than 1,200,000 .....	M	147.1	147.7	148.6	149.0	2.5	.9	.3	2.7	1.0	.6
Size B - 360,000 to 1,200,000 .....	M	145.0	145.7	146.6	147.3	2.7	1.1	.5	2.8	1.1	.6
Size C - 50,000 to 360,000 .....	M	149.6	149.8	150.4	151.3	3.0	1.0	.6	3.3	.5	.4
Size D - Nonmetropolitan (less than 50,000) .....	M	144.7	144.9	145.7	147.1	3.4	1.5	1.0	3.3	.7	.6
South urban .....	M	149.7	150.0	150.8	151.8	3.3	1.2	.7	2.9	.7	.5
Size A - More than 1,200,000 .....	M	148.6	148.7	149.5	150.6	2.9	1.3	.7	2.3	.6	.5
Size B - 450,000 to 1,200,000 .....	M	149.6	150.3	151.1	151.9	3.1	1.1	.5	2.9	1.0	.5
Size C - 50,000 to 450,000 .....	M	151.1	151.3	152.0	153.0	3.9	1.1	.7	3.8	.6	.5
Size D - Nonmetropolitan (less than 50,000) .....	M	150.4	150.4	152.1	152.9	3.8	1.7	.5	3.7	1.1	1.1
West urban .....	M	152.2	152.7	153.4	154.2	2.6	1.0	.5	2.4	.8	.5
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Size C - 50,000 to 330,000 .....	M	156.6	157.6	158.2	159.1	4.1	1.0	.6	3.9	1.0	.4
Size classes											
A 3/ .....	M	138.5	138.9	139.7	140.2	2.6	.9	.4	2.6	.9	.6
B .....	M	151.1	151.8	152.6	153.3	3.0	1.0	.5	2.8	1.0	.5
C .....	M	153.5	153.9	154.4	155.4	3.5	1.0	.6	3.4	.6	.3
D .....	M	150.2	150.3	151.4	152.4	3.7	1.4	.7	3.5	.8	.7

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San Francisco-Oakland-San Jose, CA .....	M	150.5	150.5	150.7	151.9	1.7	.9	.8	1.2	.1	.1
Baltimore, MD .....	1	150.3	-	151.8	-	-	-	-	1.8	1.0	-
Boston-Lawrence-Salem, MA-NH .....	1	161.1	-	161.7	-	-	-	-	3.1	.4	-
Cleveland-Akron-Lorain, OH .....	1	141.5	-	143.1	-	-	-	-	2.4	1.1	-
Miami-Fort Lauderdale, FL .....	1	150.0	-	150.3	-	-	-	-	2.5	.2	-
St. Louis-East St. Louis, MO-IL .....	1	146.5	-	148.0	-	-	-	-	2.8	1.0	-
Washington, DC-MD-VA .....	1	153.9	-	155.4	-	-	-	-	2.0	1.0	-
Dallas-Fort Worth, TX .....	2	-	145.9	-	148.6	2.8	1.9	-	-	-	-
Detroit-Ann Arbor, MI .....	2	-	146.5	-	147.6	2.8	.8	-	-	-	-
Houston-Galveston-Brazoria, TX .....	2	-	140.8	-	142.3	3.4	1.1	-	-	-	-
Pittsburgh-Beaver Valley, PA .....	2	-	144.7	-	146.5	2.7	1.2	-	-	-	-

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