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The Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers (CPI-U) increased 0.2 percent before seasonal adjustment in May to a level of 156.6 (1982-84=100), the Bureau of Labor Statistics of the U.S. Department of Labor reported today. For the 12-month period ended in May, the CPI-U increased 2.9 percent.

The Consumer Price Index for Urban Wage Earners and Clerical Workers (CPI-W) rose 0.3 percent in May, prior to seasonal adjustment. The May 1996 CPI-W level of 154.0 was 2.9 percent higher than the index in May 1995.

CPI for All Urban Consumers (CPI-U)

On a seasonally adjusted basis, the CPI-U rose 0.3 percent in May, following increases of 0.4 percent in each of the 2 preceding months. The energy index registered its sixth consecutive increase--up 1.1 percent in May--after declining throughout most of 1995, and accounted for about one-fourth of the May advance in the overall CPI-U. The index for petroleum-based energy increased 1.8 percent in May and the index for energy services rose 0.1 percent. The food index rose 0.1 percent in May. The index for fruits and vegetables, which rose sharply in March and April, declined 0.8 percent in May, offsetting increases in the other major grocery store food groups. Excluding food and energy, the CPI-U rose 0.2 percent after increasing 0.1 percent in April,

reflecting increases in the indexes for apparel and upkeep, entertainment, telephone services, and tobacco products, each of which had declined in April.

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

Expenditure Category	Changes from preceding month							Compound	Un-
	1995		1996					annual rate 3-mos. ended May '96	adjusted 12-mos. ended May '96
	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May		
All Items	.1	.2	.4	.2	.4	.4	.3	4.5	2.9
Food and beverages	.0	.1	.1	.1	.5	.3	.1	4.0	2.6
Housing	.2	.3	.3	.2	.3	.3	.2	2.9	3.0
Apparel and upkeep	.0	.1	.7	-.9	.6	-.4	.1	1.2	.2
Transportation	-.4	.1	.7	.5	.7	1.1	.7	10.6	2.9
Medical care	.3	.4	.4	.2	.3	.3	.3	3.4	3.7
Entertainment	.4	.4	.3	.8	.1	-.1	.4	1.8	3.4
Other goods and services	.4	.2	.2	.4	.4	.3	.4	4.6	4.5
Special Indexes:									
Energy	-.9	1.1	1.9	.4	1.4	3.2	1.1	25.4	6.2
Food	.0	.1	.1	.1	.6	.3	.1	4.0	2.5
All items less food and energy	.1	.1	.3	.2	.3	.1	.2	2.7	2.7

During the first 5 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 21.0 percent rate, with petroleum-based energy advancing at a 40.8 SAAR. The food index has risen at a 2.9 percent annual rate in the first 5 months. Excluding food and energy, the CPI-U advanced at a 3.0 percent annual rate in the first 5 months of 1996, the same rate as the increase for all of 1995.

The food and beverage index rose 0.1 percent in May. The index for grocery store foods, which increased 0.3 percent in April, was unchanged in May. A decline in the index for fruit and vegetable prices--down 0.8 percent--offset increases in the other major grocery store food groups. The index for fresh fruits decreased 1.6 percent, and the index for fresh vegetables declined 2.6 percent. (Prior to seasonal adjustment, fresh fruit prices rose 0.8 percent, while fresh vegetable prices fell 9.2 percent.) Partially offsetting these declines, the index for processed fruits and vegetables rose 1.9 percent. Among the other major grocery store foods, the indexes for cereal and bakery products and for

dairy products rose 0.6 and 0.5 percent, respectively; the indexes for other food at home and for meats, poultry, fish, and eggs each increased 0.1 percent. Within the latter group, the index for beef declined for the sixth consecutive month--down 1.7 percent in May--and, coupled with a 1.8 percent decline in the index for eggs, largely offset increases in the indexes for pork, poultry, and for fish and seafood. The other two components of the food and beverage index--restaurant meals and alcoholic beverages--each increased 0.3 percent in May.

The housing component rose 0.2 percent in May, following increases of 0.3 percent in each of the 2 preceding months. Declines in the indexes for household fuels and household furnishings and operation were responsible for the slightly smaller increase. The index for household fuels, which rose 1.6 percent in April, declined 0.1 percent in May. The index for electricity decreased 1.2 percent and the index for fuel oil fell 2.1 percent, more than offsetting a 3.1 percent rise in the index for natural gas. The index for household furnishings and operation fell 0.2 percent in May, following a 0.1 percent rise in April. Shelter costs advanced 0.2 percent in May, the same as in each of the three preceding months. Within shelter, renters' costs rose 0.2 percent, homeowners' costs increased 0.3 percent, and maintenance and repair costs rose 0.6 percent. The index for other utilities and public services, which declined 0.6 percent in April, rose 1.0 percent in May, reflecting an increase in the index for telephone services. Charges for local telephone calls increased 2.2 percent in May, following a 2.4 percent drop in April; these movements were largely attributable to a one-time refund in the New York area in April and the subsequent return to the regular rate in May.

The transportation index advanced 0.7 percent in May. The index for motor fuels increased 2.3 percent and accounted for about two-thirds of the overall transportation increase. (Prior to seasonal adjustment, prices for gasoline rose 4.7 percent in May, including the quality adjustment to account for the mandated changes to gasoline in California. For more details of this change, see the note on page 4.) Since beginning its upward movement in December, the index for gasoline has risen 18.2 percent. Despite the sharp increases since November, gasoline prices as of May were still 4.3 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 increased 0.1 and 0.2 percent, respectively, in May. The index for used cars declined 0.9 percent. The index for public transportation increased 2.0 percent, reflecting a 2.3 percent increase in airline fares.

The index for apparel and upkeep, which declined 0.4 percent in April, increased 0.1 percent in May. (Prior to seasonal adjustment, clothing prices fell 0.9 percent, largely reflecting declines in women's and girls' clothing.)

Medical care costs rose 0.3 percent in May 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 0.2 percent in May. The index for medical care services rose 0.3 percent in May. Charges for professional services and hospital and related services increased 0.3 and 0.4 percent, respectively.

Entertainment costs, which fell 0.1 percent in April, increased 0.4 percent in May. The index for admissions to movies, theaters, concerts, and sporting events rose 1.0 percent, more than offsetting a decline in the index for sporting goods and equipment.

The index for other goods and services advanced 0.4 percent in May, following an increase of 0.3 percent in April. The index for tobacco and smoking products, which fell 0.2 percent in April, increased 0.5 percent in May, accounting for the slightly larger 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 0.3 percent in May.

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 May '96	Un- adjusted 12-mos. ended May '96
	Changes from preceding month								
	1995	1996							
	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May		
All Items	.1	.2	.4	.2	.5	.4	.3	4.8	2.9
Food and beverages	.1	.1	.1	.1	.5	.3	.1	3.8	2.6
Housing	.1	.3	.3	.1	.3	.3	.2	3.3	3.0
Apparel and upkeep	-.2	.2	.7	-.7	.6	-.2	.2	2.5	.8
Transportation	-.3	.4	.9	.3	.9	1.1	.6	10.6	3.1
Medical care	.3	.4	.4	.2	.2	.3	.3	3.4	3.7
Entertainment	.4	.3	.4	.8	.0	-.1	.4	1.3	3.3
Other goods and services	.4	.1	.2	.4	.3	.3	.4	4.3	4.3

Special Indexes:										
Energy	-.8	1.0	2.1	.2	1.8	3.3	1.1	27.8		6.4
Food	.0	.2	.1	.1	.6	.3	.1	3.8		2.6
All items less food and energy	.2	.2	.3	.2	.3	.1	.2	2.8		2.7

Consumer Price Index data for June are scheduled for release on Tuesday, July 16, 1996, at 8:30 A.M. (EDT).

#### Quality Adjustment for Gasoline

An adjustment for a change in the quality of gasoline has been made in the May CPI to account for the effects of the mandated changes to gasoline in California associated with the requirements established by the California Air Resources Board. This adjustment affects about 90 percent of the gasoline price quotations collected for the month of May in the State of California. The remainder of these price quotations will reflect the quality adjustment in the June CPI. Without quality adjustment, the May CPI-U gasoline component would have risen approximately 0.9 percentage point more than the published increase of 2.5 percent. (Prior to seasonal adjustment, the increase would have been 0.9 percentage point higher than the 4.7 percent rise.) For more details, see "Gasoline Quality Adjustments Resulting from New California Requirements" in the May 1996 issue of the CPI Detailed Report.

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,	Unadjusted indexes		Unadjusted percent change to		Seasonally adjusted percent change from-		
	December 1995	Apr. 1996	May 1996	May 1995	Apr. 1996	Feb. to Mar.	Mar. to Apr.	Apr. to May

All items .....	100.000	156.3	156.6	2.9	0.2	0.4	0.4	0.3
All items (1967=100) .....	-	468.2	469.0	-	-	-	-	-
Food and beverages .....	17.332	152.7	152.5	2.6	-.1	.5	.3	.1
Food .....	15.766	152.3	152.0	2.5	-.2	.6	.3	.1
Food at home .....	9.880	153.3	152.6	2.6	-.5	.9	.3	.0
Cereals and bakery products .....	1.473	173.3	173.6	4.2	.2	.5	.2	.6
Meats, poultry, fish, and eggs .....	2.936	141.8	141.2	2.8	-.4	-.2	-.2	.1
Dairy products .....	1.169	137.0	137.6	3.6	.4	-.2	.4	.5
Fruits and vegetables .....	1.936	188.4	184.1	1.7	-2.3	4.0	1.0	-.8
Other food at home .....	2.365	142.8	142.9	1.5	.1	.5	.4	.1
Sugar and sweets .....	.327	142.2	143.5	4.5	.9	.4	-.1	.8
Fats and oils .....	.248	139.9	140.0	2.1	.1	.5	-.2	.3
Nonalcoholic beverages .....	.763	129.9	129.3	-1.8	-.5	.3	.5	-.4
Other prepared food .....	1.027	155.3	155.6	2.8	.2	.7	.6	.1
Food away from home .....	5.886	151.6	152.0	2.3	.3	.1	.3	.3
Alcoholic beverages .....	1.566	157.9	158.3	2.9	.3	.3	.3	.3
Housing .....	41.346	151.8	152.0	3.0	.1	.3	.3	.2
Shelter .....	28.289	170.1	170.1	3.2	.0	.2	.2	.2
Renters' costs 1/ .....	7.988	179.7	178.9	3.0	-.4	.3	.2	.2
Rent, residential .....	5.762	160.9	161.2	2.5	.2	.1	.2	.3
Other renters' costs .....	2.227	216.1	211.8	4.1	-2.0	.9	.4	-.3
Homeowners' costs 1/ .....	20.102	175.3	175.6	3.3	.2	.2	.2	.3
Owners' equivalent rent 1/ .....	19.716	175.6	175.9	3.3	.2	.2	.3	.3
Household insurance 1/ .....	.386	159.4	159.5	1.3	.1	.3	.3	.1
Maintenance and repairs 2/ .....	.199	138.0	138.8	3.1	.6	.4	.4	.6
Maintenance and repair services 2/ ..	.122	143.8	144.7	3.8	.6	.6	.0	.6
Maintenance and repair commodities 2/ .....	.077	130.0	130.9	2.2	.7	.2	.8	.7
Fuel and other utilities .....	7.014	125.4	126.7	3.4	1.0	.2	.6	.3
Fuels .....	3.792	112.9	114.0	3.8	1.0	-.3	1.6	-.1
Fuel oil and other household fuel commodities .....	.356	102.1	99.6	12.8	-2.4	2.2	3.5	-1.8
Gas (piped) and electricity (energy services).....	3.436	118.9	120.6	2.9	1.4	-.6	1.4	.1
Other utilities and public services 2/ .....	3.222	155.4	156.9	3.0	1.0	1.0	-.6	1.0
Household furnishings and operation ....	6.043	124.8	124.4	1.4	-.3	.2	.1	-.2
Housefurnishings .....	3.445	111.9	111.2	.2	-.6	.0	.3	-.5
Housekeeping supplies .....	1.116	141.4	141.0	3.4	-.3	.9	.0	-.4
Housekeeping services .....	1.482	146.6	147.3	2.8	.5	.2	.1	.5
Apparel and upkeep .....	5.516	134.9	133.7	.2	-.9	.6	-.4	.1

Apparel commodities .....	4.967	131.7	130.4	.2	-1.0	.6	-.4	.0
Men's and boys' apparel .....	1.303	129.0	129.5	1.3	.4	.8	-.4	.1
Women's and girls' apparel.....	2.195	130.2	127.7	-1.5	-1.9	.2	-.3	.2
Infants' and toddlers' apparel 2/ ....	.195	133.7	130.4	5.5	-2.5	-.8	.3	-2.5
Footwear .....	.732	128.2	128.3	1.3	.1	.8	-.7	.2
Other apparel commodities .....	.542	153.5	151.7	.9	-1.2	2.1	-.8	-.3
Apparel services 2/ .....	.550	158.8	159.4	1.1	.4	.3	-.1	.4
Transportation .....	16.953	143.1	144.4	2.9	.9	.7	1.1	.7
Private transportation .....	15.430	140.3	141.7	3.1	1.0	.8	1.1	.6
New vehicles .....	5.027	143.5	143.4	1.6	-.1	.1	.1	.2
New cars .....	4.015	141.3	141.2	1.4	-.1	.1	.1	.1
Used cars .....	1.342	157.4	157.6	-.1	.1	.8	-1.3	-.9
Motor fuel .....	2.908	108.6	113.6	9.0	4.6	3.6	5.4	2.3
Gasoline .....	-	108.2	113.3	8.7	4.7	3.7	5.3	2.5
Maintenance and repairs .....	1.535	157.2	157.5	2.4	.2	.2	.1	.3
Other private transportation .....	4.618	173.0	173.1	1.5	.1	-.3	.5	.2
Other private transportation								
commodities .....	.608	105.1	104.9	.2	-.2	.1	-.1	-.2
services .....	4.010	189.0	189.1	1.7	.1	-.4	.5	.3
Public transportation .....	1.523	179.3	180.2	2.0	.5	.2	1.0	2.0
Medical care .....	7.362	227.0	227.4	3.7	.2	.3	.3	.3
Medical care commodities .....	1.282	209.6	209.7	3.1	.0	.2	.4	.2
Medical care services .....	6.081	231.1	231.6	3.9	.2	.3	.2	.3
Professional medical services .....	3.465	207.0	207.7	3.7	.3	.2	.3	.3
Entertainment .....	4.367	158.6	158.8	3.4	.1	.1	-.1	.4
Entertainment commodities .....	1.975	142.8	142.8	3.4	.0	.1	-.1	.2
Entertainment services .....	2.392	177.2	177.6	3.4	.2	.0	.0	.6
Other goods and services .....	7.123	213.3	214.1	4.5	.4	.4	.3	.4
Tobacco and smoking products .....	1.610	230.5	233.1	3.5	1.1	.7	-.2	.5
Personal care 2/ .....	1.170	149.7	150.3	2.5	.4	.1	.2	.4
Toilet goods and personal care								
appliances 2/ .....	.613	144.2	145.3	1.7	.8	-.1	.1	.8
Personal care services 2/ .....	.557	155.7	155.8	3.5	.1	.1	.3	.1
Personal and educational expenses .....	4.342	244.6	244.8	5.4	.1	.5	.4	.4
School books and supplies .....	.258	225.5	224.7	5.9	-.4	.6	.4	.1
Personal and educational services ....	4.084	246.3	246.6	5.4	.1	.4	.4	.4
Commodity and service group								
All items .....	100.000	156.3	156.6	2.9	.2	.4	.4	.3

Commodities .....	42.916	140.2	140.4	2.6	.1	.7	.5	.1
Food and beverages .....	17.332	152.7	152.5	2.6	-.1	.5	.3	.1
Commodities less food and beverages ....	25.584	132.5	133.0	2.5	.4	.8	.7	.2
Nondurables less food and beverages ..	15.075	134.7	135.6	3.7	.7	1.1	.9	.4
Apparel commodities .....	4.967	131.7	130.4	.2	-1.0	.6	-.4	.0
Nondurables less food, beverages, and apparel .....	10.108	139.3	141.4	5.4	1.5	1.6	1.6	.6
Durables .....	10.509	129.5	129.3	.9	-.2	.2	-.1	-.2
Services .....	57.084	172.7	173.1	3.2	.2	.2	.3	.3
Rent of shelter 1/ .....	27.671	177.0	177.0	3.2	.0	.3	.2	.3
Household services less rent of shelter 1/ .....	8.681	139.6	141.0	2.8	1.0	.2	.4	.7
Transportation services .....	7.068	179.0	179.3	1.9	.2	-.1	.6	.6
Medical care services .....	6.081	231.1	231.6	3.9	.2	.3	.2	.3
Other services .....	7.583	199.5	199.9	4.3	.2	.3	.3	.4

Special indexes

All items less food .....	84.234	157.0	157.4	2.9	.3	.4	.4	.3
All items less shelter .....	71.711	152.4	152.8	2.8	.3	.5	.5	.3
All items less homeowners' costs 1/ .....	79.898	157.5	157.8	2.9	.2	.4	.4	.3
All items less medical care .....	92.638	152.3	152.6	2.8	.2	.4	.4	.3
Commodities less food .....	27.150	133.5	134.0	2.6	.4	.8	.6	.2
Nondurables less food .....	16.641	136.0	136.8	3.6	.6	1.0	.9	.4
Nondurables less food and apparel .....	11.674	140.1	142.0	5.0	1.4	1.3	1.4	.5
Nondurables .....	32.407	143.9	144.2	3.1	.2	.8	.6	.3
Services less rent of shelter 1/ .....	29.414	180.6	181.4	3.2	.4	.1	.3	.4
Services less medical care services .....	51.004	167.3	167.7	3.1	.2	.2	.3	.3
Energy .....	6.700	110.0	112.9	6.2	2.6	1.4	3.2	1.1
All items less energy .....	93.300	162.5	162.5	2.7	.0	.3	.2	.2
All items less food and energy .....	77.534	165.0	165.1	2.7	.1	.3	.1	.2
Commodities less food and energy commodities .....	23.885	142.0	141.7	1.5	-.2	.4	-.1	.0
Energy commodities .....	3.264	108.1	112.3	9.5	3.9	3.5	5.2	1.8
Services less energy services .....	53.648	178.2	178.4	3.2	.1	.2	.3	.3
Purchasing power of the consumer dollar:								
1982-84=\$1.00 2/ .....	-	\$.640	\$.639	-2.7	-.2	-.5	-.3	-.2
1967=\$1.00 2/ .....	-	.214	.213	-	-	-	-	-

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				
	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	Aug.	3 months ended-		6 months ended-		
	1996	1996	1996	1996	1995	Nov. 1995	Feb. 1996	May 1996	Nov. 1995	May 1996
All items .....	-	-	-	-	2.1	2.1	3.2	4.5	2.1	3.8
Food and beverages .....	150.9	151.7	152.2	152.4	1.9	2.7	1.6	4.0	2.3	2.8
Food .....	150.5	151.4	151.9	152.0	1.9	2.7	1.3	4.0	2.3	2.7
Food at home .....	150.5	151.9	152.4	152.4	1.6	3.3	.5	5.1	2.4	2.8
Cereals and bakery products .....	171.7	172.5	172.8	173.8	3.4	4.4	4.3	5.0	3.9	4.6
Meats, poultry, fish, and eggs .....	142.1	141.8	141.5	141.6	3.8	7.7	1.7	-1.4	5.7	.1
Dairy products .....	136.8	136.5	137.1	137.8	-.3	3.7	8.3	3.0	1.7	5.6
Fruits and vegetables .....	174.9	181.9	183.7	182.2	-2.0	-.4	-6.8	17.8	-1.2	4.8
Other food at home .....	141.2	141.9	142.5	142.6	2.0	-.3	.3	4.0	.9	2.1
Sugar and sweets .....	141.5	142.1	142.0	143.1	4.2	2.3	7.1	4.6	3.2	5.8
Fats and oils .....	139.0	139.7	139.4	139.8	2.4	3.5	.6	2.3	2.9	1.4
Nonalcoholic beverages .....	128.6	129.0	129.7	129.2	.9	-3.6	-6.3	1.9	-1.4	-2.3
Other prepared food .....	153.1	154.2	155.2	155.3	2.4	.5	2.9	5.9	1.5	4.4
Food away from home .....	151.1	151.2	151.6	152.0	2.2	2.2	2.4	2.4	2.2	2.4
Alcoholic beverages .....	156.7	157.1	157.5	158.0	2.4	2.1	3.7	3.4	2.2	3.5
Housing .....	151.1	151.5	151.9	152.2	3.0	2.7	3.2	2.9	2.9	3.1
Shelter .....	168.9	169.3	169.7	170.1	2.9	3.7	3.4	2.9	3.3	3.1
Renters' costs 1/ .....	177.1	177.7	178.1	178.4	2.1	3.0	4.2	3.0	2.6	3.6
Rent, residential .....	160.4	160.6	160.9	161.4	2.3	2.6	3.0	2.5	2.4	2.8
Other renters' costs .....	210.7	212.5	213.3	212.7	1.6	4.2	6.9	3.9	2.9	5.4
Homeowners' costs 1/ .....	174.6	175.0	175.4	175.9	3.3	4.0	2.8	3.0	3.7	2.9
Owners' equivalent rent 1/ .....	175.0	175.3	175.8	176.3	3.3	4.0	3.0	3.0	3.7	3.0
Household insurance 1/ .....	158.8	159.3	159.7	159.8	1.0	-1.0	2.8	2.5	.0	2.7
Maintenance and repairs 2/ .....	137.0	137.5	138.0	138.8	2.4	2.4	2.4	5.4	2.4	3.9
Maintenance and repair services 2/ ...	143.0	143.8	143.8	144.7	2.6	4.3	3.4	4.8	3.5	4.1
Maintenance and repair commodities 2/	128.8	129.0	130.0	130.9	2.2	-.3	.3	6.7	.9	3.4
Fuel and other utilities .....	125.7	126.0	126.8	127.2	4.0	.0	4.9	4.9	2.0	4.9

Fuels .....	112.8	112.5	114.3	114.2	5.6	-1.1	5.9	5.1	2.2	5.5
Fuel oil and other household fuel commodities .....	95.7	97.8	101.2	99.4	2.3	-3.6	41.1	16.4	-.7	28.2
Gas (piped) and electricity (energy services).....	119.9	119.2	120.9	121.0	5.9	-.7	2.7	3.7	2.6	3.2
Other utilities and public services 2/ .	154.9	156.4	155.4	156.9	2.1	1.3	3.4	5.3	1.7	4.3
Household furnishings and operation .....	124.1	124.4	124.5	124.3	2.6	1.3	1.3	.6	2.0	1.0
Housefurnishings .....	111.4	111.4	111.7	111.1	2.2	-1.1	1.1	-1.1	.5	.0
Housekeeping supplies .....	140.2	141.4	141.4	140.8	5.7	4.7	1.4	1.7	5.2	1.6
Housekeeping services .....	146.0	146.3	146.5	147.3	2.0	3.9	1.9	3.6	3.0	2.8
Apparel and upkeep .....	131.9	132.7	132.2	132.3	.3	.3	-.6	1.2	.3	.3
Apparel commodities .....	128.4	129.2	128.7	128.7	.3	.3	-.9	.9	.3	.0
Men's and boys' apparel .....	127.6	128.6	128.1	128.2	-2.5	.3	5.2	1.9	-1.1	3.5
Women's and girls' apparel .....	125.3	125.6	125.2	125.5	-2.2	1.0	-4.9	.6	-.6	-2.2
Infants' and toddlers' apparel 2/ .....	134.4	133.3	133.7	130.4	15.0	5.4	15.3	-11.4	10.1	1.1
Footwear .....	126.4	127.4	126.5	126.7	1.3	1.6	1.6	1.0	1.4	1.3
Other apparel commodities .....	149.8	153.0	151.8	151.3	12.6	-6.3	-5.2	4.1	2.7	-.7
Apparel services 2/.....	158.5	158.9	158.8	159.4	-1.0	-.3	3.3	2.3	-.6	2.8
Transportation .....	140.7	141.7	143.3	144.3	-2.0	-1.7	5.3	10.6	-1.8	7.9
Private transportation .....	138.1	139.2	140.8	141.6	-2.3	-1.7	6.3	10.5	-2.0	8.4
New vehicles .....	142.5	142.7	142.9	143.2	1.4	1.7	1.7	2.0	1.6	1.8
New cars .....	140.4	140.6	140.7	140.8	.9	1.7	1.7	1.1	1.3	1.4
Used cars .....	159.8	161.1	159.0	157.6	-4.2	1.0	9.0	-5.4	-1.6	1.5
Motor fuel .....	101.0	104.6	110.3	112.8	-15.3	-14.8	25.6	55.6	-15.0	39.8
Gasoline .....	100.6	104.3	109.8	112.5	-16.6	-14.1	24.7	56.4	-15.4	39.6
Maintenance and repairs .....	156.6	156.9	157.1	157.5	2.4	2.6	2.6	2.3	2.5	2.5
Other private transportation .....	172.3	171.7	172.5	172.9	1.9	2.1	.7	1.4	2.0	1.0
Other private transportation commodities .....	105.1	105.2	105.1	104.9	1.9	-.8	.4	-.8	.6	-.2
Other private transportation services .....	188.3	187.6	188.6	189.1	2.0	2.4	.9	1.7	2.2	1.3
Public transportation .....	175.2	175.6	177.3	180.8	4.1	-2.9	-5.7	13.4	.6	3.4
Medical care .....	225.8	226.4	227.0	227.7	4.1	3.7	3.6	3.4	3.9	3.5
Medical care commodities .....	208.1	208.5	209.4	209.9	2.0	3.4	3.5	3.5	2.7	3.5
Medical care services .....	229.7	230.3	230.8	231.6	4.6	3.8	3.7	3.3	4.2	3.5
Professional medical services .....	205.6	206.1	206.8	207.5	4.1	3.8	3.6	3.7	3.9	3.7
Entertainment .....	158.1	158.3	158.2	158.8	2.6	3.7	5.8	1.8	3.2	3.8
Entertainment commodities .....	142.5	142.7	142.5	142.8	3.2	3.8	6.1	.8	3.5	3.4
Entertainment services .....	176.6	176.6	176.6	177.6	1.9	3.8	5.6	2.3	2.8	3.9
Other goods and services .....	213.1	214.0	214.6	215.5	5.1	4.7	3.6	4.6	4.9	4.1

Tobacco and smoking products .....	229.4	231.1	230.7	231.9	5.1	4.8	-.5	4.4	5.0	1.9
Personal care 2/ .....	149.3	149.4	149.7	150.3	1.9	4.4	1.1	2.7	3.2	1.9
Toilet goods and personal care appliances 2/ .....	144.1	144.0	144.2	145.3	.8	4.5	-1.9	3.4	2.7	.7
Personal care services 2/ .....	155.2	155.3	155.7	155.8	3.0	4.8	4.5	1.6	3.9	3.0
Personal and educational expenses .....	243.7	244.8	245.8	246.8	6.1	4.4	6.0	5.2	5.3	5.6
School books and supplies .....	222.9	224.3	225.2	225.4	2.8	8.9	7.3	4.6	5.8	5.9
Personal and educational services .....	245.1	246.2	247.3	248.3	6.3	4.2	5.7	5.3	5.2	5.5

Commodity and service group

All items .....	-	-	-	-	2.1	2.1	3.2	4.5	2.1	3.8
Commodities .....	138.1	139.1	139.8	140.0	.3	.9	3.3	5.6	.6	4.4
Food and beverages .....	150.9	151.7	152.2	152.4	1.9	2.7	1.6	4.0	2.3	2.8
Commodities less food and beverages .....	130.3	131.3	132.2	132.5	-.6	-.3	4.4	6.9	-.5	5.7
Nondurables less food and beverages .....	131.5	132.9	134.1	134.7	-1.2	-.9	7.3	10.1	-1.1	8.7
Apparel commodities .....	128.4	129.2	128.7	128.7	.3	.3	-.9	.9	.3	.0
Nondurables less food, beverages, and apparel .....	135.8	138.0	140.2	141.0	-2.4	-2.7	12.0	16.2	-2.5	14.1
Durables .....	129.2	129.5	129.4	129.2	.3	1.3	2.2	.0	.8	1.1
Services .....	172.1	172.4	172.9	173.5	3.4	2.9	3.3	3.3	3.1	3.3
Rent of shelter 1/ .....	176.0	176.5	176.8	177.3	3.1	3.5	3.2	3.0	3.3	3.1
Household services less rent of shelter 1/ .....	140.0	140.3	140.8	141.8	3.2	1.2	2.3	5.2	2.2	3.8
Transportation services .....	177.5	177.3	178.3	179.4	2.5	1.1	-.2	4.4	1.8	2.0
Medical care services .....	229.7	230.3	230.8	231.6	4.6	3.8	3.7	3.3	4.2	3.5
Other services .....	199.4	199.9	200.4	201.2	4.0	3.7	5.6	3.7	3.9	4.6

Special indexes

All items less food .....	155.7	156.3	156.9	157.4	2.1	1.8	3.7	4.4	2.0	4.1
All items less shelter .....	150.8	151.5	152.2	152.7	1.6	1.6	3.0	5.1	1.6	4.0
All items less homeowners' costs 1/ .....	155.9	156.6	157.3	157.7	1.8	1.6	3.1	4.7	1.7	3.9
All items less medical care .....	150.8	151.4	152.0	152.5	1.9	1.9	3.2	4.6	1.9	3.9
Commodities less food .....	131.5	132.5	133.3	133.6	-.3	-.3	4.4	6.5	-.3	5.5
Nondurables less food .....	132.9	134.2	135.4	136.0	-1.2	-.9	7.2	9.7	-1.1	8.4
Nondurables less food and apparel .....	136.8	138.6	140.6	141.3	-1.2	-.9	8.9	13.8	-1.0	11.4
Nondurables .....	141.4	142.5	143.3	143.7	.9	.9	4.4	6.7	.9	5.5
Services less rent of shelter 1/ .....	180.2	180.4	181.0	181.8	3.4	2.5	3.2	3.6	3.0	3.4
Services less medical care services .....	166.6	167.0	167.5	168.0	3.0	2.7	3.2	3.4	2.8	3.3
Energy .....	106.5	108.0	111.5	112.7	-4.1	-7.4	14.3	25.4	-5.8	19.7
All items less energy .....	161.5	162.0	162.3	162.7	2.5	2.8	2.5	3.0	2.7	2.8
All items less food and energy .....	164.2	164.7	164.9	165.3	2.8	2.7	2.7	2.7	2.8	2.7
Commodities less food and energy commodities .....	140.8	141.3	141.2	141.2	1.7	1.7	1.7	1.1	1.7	1.4

Energy commodities .....	100.5	104.0	109.4	111.4	-13.8	-13.5	26.8	51.0	-13.6	38.4
Services less energy services .....	177.3	177.7	178.2	178.8	3.3	3.2	3.0	3.4	3.3	3.2

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		Seasonally adjusted percent change from-		
		Apr. 1996	May 1996	May 1996 from- May 1995	Apr. 1996	Feb. to Mar.	Mar. to Apr.	Apr. to May
All items .....	100.000	153.6	154.0	2.9	0.3	0.5	0.4	0.3
All items (1967=100) .....	-	457.6	458.7	-	-	-	-	-
Food and beverages .....	19.262	152.2	151.9	2.6	-.2	.5	.3	.1
Food .....	17.581	151.7	151.5	2.6	-.1	.6	.3	.1
Food at home .....	11.206	152.4	151.7	2.6	-.5	.9	.3	.0
Cereals and bakery products .....	1.682	173.0	173.3	4.2	.2	.4	.2	.6
Meats, poultry, fish, and eggs .....	3.453	141.5	140.8	2.8	-.5	-.2	-.1	.0
Dairy products .....	1.300	136.8	137.4	3.7	.4	-.1	.4	.6
Fruits and vegetables .....	2.052	187.7	183.5	2.1	-2.2	4.5	.8	-1.0
Other food at home .....	2.719	142.4	142.5	1.5	.1	.5	.4	.0
Sugar and sweets .....	.369	142.2	143.5	4.5	.9	.6	-.1	.7
Fats and oils .....	.285	139.7	139.7	2.0	.0	.4	-.2	.1
Nonalcoholic beverages .....	.885	129.4	128.8	-1.7	-.5	.3	.6	-.4
Other prepared food .....	1.180	155.1	155.4	2.9	.2	.6	.6	.0
Food away from home .....	6.374	151.6	152.0	2.4	.3	.1	.3	.3
Alcoholic beverages .....	1.681	157.3	157.6	2.7	.2	.3	.2	.3
Housing .....	38.888	148.6	148.9	3.0	.2	.3	.3	.2
Shelter .....	25.976	165.2	165.3	3.1	.1	.3	.2	.2
Renters' costs 1/ .....	8.091	156.6	156.4	2.9	-.1	.3	.2	.2

Rent, residential .....	6.616	160.6	160.9	2.5	.2	.1	.2	.3
Other renters' costs .....	1.475	215.6	212.0	4.0	-1.7	.9	.1	-.1
Homeowners' costs 1/ .....	17.695	159.8	160.1	3.2	.2	.3	.3	.3
Owners' equivalent rent 1/ .....	17.366	160.1	160.4	3.3	.2	.3	.3	.2
Household insurance 1/ .....	.329	146.0	146.1	1.0	.1	.1	.2	.1
Maintenance and repairs 2/ .....	.189	136.8	137.5	2.5	.5	.4	.4	.5
Maintenance and repair services 2/ .	.105	145.9	146.8	3.2	.6	.6	.1	.6
Maintenance and repair								
commodities 2/ .....	.085	125.0	125.5	1.9	.4	.2	.7	.4
Fuel and other utilities .....	7.247	125.2	126.3	3.5	.9	.5	.6	.2
Fuels .....	3.887	112.3	113.4	3.9	1.0	.0	1.5	-.3
Fuel oil and other household fuel								
commodities .....	.327	101.6	99.1	12.4	-2.5	2.1	3.2	-1.8
Gas (piped) and electricity (energy								
services).....	3.560	118.5	120.0	3.2	1.3	-.2	1.4	-.2
Other utilities and public								
services 2/ .....	3.360	156.1	157.5	3.1	.9	1.0	-.6	.9
Household furnishings and operation ....	5.666	123.4	123.0	1.2	-.3	.2	.1	-.2
Housefurnishings .....	3.367	110.5	109.8	.0	-.6	.1	.1	-.5
Housekeeping supplies .....	1.149	141.7	141.3	3.4	-.3	.7	.0	-.4
Housekeeping services .....	1.150	149.7	150.1	2.7	.3	.1	.3	.4
Apparel and upkeep .....	5.533	134.2	133.2	.8	-.7	.6	-.2	.2
Apparel commodities .....	5.017	131.2	130.1	.8	-.8	.6	-.1	.1
Men's and boys' apparel .....	1.310	128.6	129.2	1.1	.5	.9	-.4	.0
Women's and girls' apparel.....	2.148	129.5	127.1	-.8	-1.9	.1	.2	.3
Infants' and toddlers' apparel 2/ ....	.251	134.8	131.5	6.1	-2.4	-.4	.1	-2.4
Footwear .....	.812	129.0	129.3	1.5	.2	1.0	-.5	.0
Other apparel commodities .....	.495	153.0	151.5	3.1	-1.0	2.4	-.3	.5
Apparel services 2/ .....	.516	158.2	158.8	1.1	.4	.2	.0	.4
Transportation .....	19.020	143.0	144.4	3.1	1.0	.9	1.1	.6
Private transportation .....	17.847	141.0	142.5	3.0	1.1	.9	1.1	.6
New vehicles .....	4.958	144.5	144.5	1.8	.0	.2	.1	.2
New cars .....	3.591	140.9	140.8	1.4	-.1	.1	.1	.1
Used cars .....	2.432	158.5	158.7	.2	.1	.6	-1.0	-.9
Motor fuel .....	3.584	108.6	113.5	8.9	4.5	3.9	5.1	2.5
Gasoline .....	-	108.3	113.3	8.6	4.6	3.9	5.0	2.3
Maintenance and repairs .....	1.619	158.2	158.4	2.5	.1	.2	.1	.2
Other private transportation .....	5.255	168.6	168.7	1.3	.1	-.2	.6	.1
Other private transportation								
commodities .....	.767	104.2	104.0	.1	-.2	-.1	-.1	-.2
Other private transportation								
services .....	4.488	184.8	185.1	1.6	.2	-.3	.7	.2
Public transportation .....	1.173	177.5	178.6	3.5	.6	.8	.7	1.4

Medical care .....	6.262	226.4	226.8	3.7	.2	.2	.3	.3
Medical care commodities .....	1.055	207.0	207.1	3.0	.0	.1	.4	.1
Medical care services .....	5.208	230.7	231.3	3.9	.3	.2	.3	.3
Professional medical services .....	2.965	208.1	208.8	3.8	.3	.1	.3	.3
Entertainment .....	4.029	156.3	156.5	3.3	.1	.0	-.1	.4
Entertainment commodities .....	2.053	141.8	141.9	3.2	.1	.0	-.1	.2
Entertainment services .....	1.976	177.1	177.7	3.4	.3	.1	.0	.6
Other goods and services .....	7.006	210.1	211.2	4.3	.5	.3	.3	.4
Tobacco and smoking products .....	2.135	230.3	233.1	3.4	1.2	.7	.0	.5
Personal care 2/ .....	1.132	149.6	150.3	2.4	.5	.1	.2	.5
Toilet goods and personal care appliances 2/ .....	.635	144.7	146.0	1.6	.9	.0	.1	.9
Personal care services 2/ .....	.497	155.7	155.8	3.5	.1	.1	.3	.1
Personal and educational expenses .....	3.739	240.1	240.3	5.4	.1	.3	.5	.3
School books and supplies .....	.227	226.5	225.6	5.8	-.4	.5	.4	.0
Personal and educational services .....	3.512	241.5	241.7	5.3	.1	.3	.6	.3
Commodity and service group								
All items .....	100.000	153.6	154.0	2.9	.3	.5	.4	.3
Commodities .....	47.052	140.2	140.5	2.6	.2	.7	.5	.2
Food and beverages .....	19.262	152.2	151.9	2.6	-.2	.5	.3	.1
Commodities less food and beverages .....	27.790	132.8	133.5	2.7	.5	.8	.6	.3
Nondurables less food and beverages ..	16.074	134.5	135.7	4.0	.9	1.1	1.1	.5
Apparel commodities .....	5.017	131.2	130.1	.8	-.8	.6	-.1	.1
Nondurables less food, beverages, and apparel .....	11.057	139.1	141.5	5.4	1.7	1.6	1.7	.5
Durables .....	11.716	129.4	129.2	.9	-.2	.0	-.1	-.2
Services .....	52.948	170.0	170.4	3.2	.2	.2	.4	.3
Rent of shelter 1/ .....	25.430	159.0	159.1	3.2	.1	.3	.3	.3
Household services less rent of shelter 1/ .....	8.531	128.4	129.6	2.9	.9	.4	.3	.5
Transportation services .....	7.279	176.9	177.3	2.1	.2	.1	.5	.5
Medical care services .....	5.208	230.7	231.3	3.9	.3	.2	.3	.3
Other services .....	6.501	196.3	196.6	4.2	.2	.2	.3	.4
Special indexes								
All items less food .....	82.419	153.9	154.4	3.0	.3	.4	.5	.3
All items less shelter .....	74.024	150.6	151.1	2.9	.3	.5	.5	.3
All items less homeowners' costs 1/ .....	82.305	144.4	144.8	2.9	.3	.5	.5	.3
All items less medical care .....	93.738	150.2	150.5	2.9	.2	.5	.4	.3

Commodities less food .....	29.471	133.8	134.4	2.7	.4	.8	.6	.3
Nondurables less food .....	17.756	135.8	136.9	3.9	.8	1.1	1.0	.4
Nondurables less food and apparel .....	12.739	139.9	142.0	5.1	1.5	1.5	1.4	.6
Nondurables .....	35.336	143.6	144.1	3.2	.3	.9	.6	.1
Services less rent of shelter 1/ .....	27.518	161.0	161.7	3.2	.4	.1	.4	.4
Services less medical care services .....	47.740	164.8	165.2	3.1	.2	.2	.3	.4
Energy .....	7.470	109.8	112.8	6.4	2.7	1.8	3.3	1.1
All items less energy .....	92.530	159.8	159.8	2.6	.0	.4	.2	.2
All items less food and energy .....	74.949	161.9	162.0	2.7	.1	.3	.1	.2
Commodities less food and energy commodities .....	25.560	141.6	141.4	1.7	-.1	.4	-.1	.0
Energy commodities .....	3.911	108.3	112.5	9.1	3.9	3.7	4.9	2.1
Services less energy services .....	49.388	175.6	176.0	3.2	.2	.3	.2	.4
Purchasing power of the consumer dollar:								
1982-84=\$1.00 2/ .....	-	\$.651	\$.649	-2.8	-.3	-.5	-.5	-.3
1967=\$1.00 2/ .....	-	.219	.218	-	-	-	-	-

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				
	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	Aug.	3 months ended-		6 months ended-		
	1996	1996	1996	1996	1995	Nov. 1995	Feb. 1996	May 1996	Nov. 1995	May 1996
All items .....	-	-	-	-	1.6	2.1	3.2	4.8	1.9	4.0
Food and beverages .....	150.5	151.3	151.8	151.9	1.9	3.0	1.6	3.8	2.4	2.7
Food .....	150.0	150.9	151.3	151.4	1.9	3.0	1.6	3.8	2.5	2.7
Food at home .....	149.8	151.1	151.6	151.6	1.9	3.3	.8	4.9	2.6	2.8
Cereals and bakery products .....	171.4	172.1	172.5	173.5	3.4	4.4	4.3	5.0	3.9	4.7

Meats, poultry, fish, and eggs .....	141.7	141.4	141.2	141.2	4.1	7.4	1.7	-1.4	5.8	.1
Dairy products .....	136.5	136.3	136.9	137.7	-.9	4.3	8.0	3.6	1.7	5.8
Fruits and vegetables .....	174.2	182.1	183.6	181.8	-1.1	-.2	-7.4	18.6	-.7	4.8
Other food at home .....	140.8	141.5	142.1	142.1	2.0	.0	.3	3.7	1.0	2.0
Sugar and sweets .....	141.3	142.2	142.1	143.1	4.2	2.0	6.8	5.2	3.1	6.0
Fats and oils .....	138.9	139.5	139.2	139.4	2.7	3.5	.6	1.4	3.1	1.0
Nonalcoholic beverages .....	128.0	128.4	129.2	128.7	.9	-2.4	-6.9	2.2	-.8	-2.4
Other prepared food .....	153.0	153.9	154.9	154.9	2.4	.3	3.7	5.1	1.3	4.4
Food away from home .....	151.0	151.1	151.6	152.0	2.2	2.4	2.4	2.7	2.3	2.5
Alcoholic beverages .....	156.1	156.5	156.8	157.3	2.1	2.6	3.1	3.1	2.4	3.1
Housing .....	147.8	148.3	148.7	149.0	3.1	2.5	3.0	3.3	2.8	3.2
Shelter .....	164.2	164.7	165.1	165.5	2.8	3.5	3.0	3.2	3.1	3.1
Renters' costs 1/ .....	155.1	155.6	155.9	156.2	1.9	2.9	4.0	2.9	2.4	3.4
Rent, residential .....	160.1	160.3	160.6	161.1	2.1	2.6	3.3	2.5	2.3	2.9
Other renters' costs .....	210.8	212.8	213.1	212.9	1.0	3.8	7.3	4.0	2.4	5.7
Homeowners' costs 1/ .....	159.1	159.6	160.0	160.4	3.1	3.9	2.6	3.3	3.5	2.9
Owners' equivalent rent 1/ .....	159.4	159.8	160.3	160.7	3.1	4.1	2.5	3.3	3.6	2.9
Household insurance 1/ .....	145.9	146.0	146.3	146.4	.6	-.3	2.5	1.4	.1	1.9
Maintenance and repairs 2/ .....	135.7	136.3	136.8	137.5	2.4	2.1	.3	5.4	2.2	2.8
Maintenance and repair services 2/ ...	145.0	145.8	145.9	146.8	2.0	4.3	1.4	5.1	3.1	3.2
Maintenance and repair commodities 2/	123.8	124.1	125.0	125.5	3.0	-.6	-.3	5.6	1.1	2.6
Fuel and other utilities .....	125.1	125.7	126.5	126.8	4.0	.3	4.3	5.5	2.1	4.9
Fuels .....	112.0	112.0	113.7	113.4	6.0	-.7	5.5	5.1	2.6	5.3
Fuel oil and other household fuel										
commodities .....	95.6	97.6	100.7	98.9	2.3	-3.6	41.2	14.5	-.7	27.2
Gas (piped) and electricity (energy										
services).....	119.1	118.9	120.6	120.4	6.3	-.3	2.4	4.4	2.9	3.4
Other utilities and public services 2/ .	155.4	157.0	156.1	157.5	1.8	1.3	3.7	5.5	1.6	4.6
Household furnishings and operation .....	122.7	123.0	123.1	122.8	3.0	1.0	1.0	.3	2.0	.7
Housefurnishings .....	110.0	110.1	110.2	109.7	1.8	-1.1	.7	-1.1	.4	-.2
Housekeeping supplies .....	140.7	141.7	141.7	141.2	6.0	4.1	2.6	1.4	5.0	2.0
Housekeeping services .....	149.0	149.1	149.5	150.1	2.5	4.1	1.1	3.0	3.3	2.0
Apparel and upkeep .....	131.0	131.8	131.6	131.8	-.3	.6	.6	2.5	.2	1.5
Apparel commodities .....	127.9	128.7	128.6	128.7	.0	.6	.3	2.5	.3	1.4
Men's and boys' apparel .....	127.3	128.5	128.0	128.0	-3.4	.3	5.5	2.2	-1.6	3.9
Women's and girls' apparel .....	124.6	124.7	124.9	125.3	-3.4	1.0	-2.5	2.3	-1.3	-.2
Infants' and toddlers' apparel 2/ .....	135.3	134.7	134.8	131.5	17.9	5.7	14.1	-10.8	11.6	.9
Footwear .....	126.9	128.2	127.5	127.5	1.3	2.6	.0	1.9	1.9	.9
Other apparel commodities .....	147.6	151.1	150.7	151.4	14.3	-3.6	-7.2	10.7	5.0	1.3
Apparel services 2/.....	157.9	158.2	158.2	158.8	-.5	-.8	3.4	2.3	-.6	2.8
Transportation .....	140.5	141.7	143.3	144.1	-2.6	-1.4	6.2	10.6	-2.0	8.4
Private transportation .....	138.6	139.8	141.4	142.2	-2.9	-1.7	6.6	10.8	-2.3	8.7



New vehicles .....	143.5	143.8	143.9	144.2	1.7	1.7	2.0	2.0	1.7	2.0
New cars .....	140.1	140.2	140.3	140.4	1.2	1.4	2.0	.9	1.3	1.4
Used cars .....	161.0	161.9	160.3	158.9	-4.2	1.0	9.7	-5.1	-1.6	2.0
Motor fuel .....	100.7	104.6	109.9	112.6	-15.3	-14.1	23.6	56.3	-14.7	39.0
Gasoline .....	100.6	104.5	109.7	112.2	-16.0	-14.9	25.2	54.7	-15.4	39.2
Maintenance and repairs .....	157.6	157.9	158.0	158.3	2.4	2.9	2.8	1.8	2.6	2.3
Other private transportation .....	167.9	167.5	168.5	168.7	1.5	2.2	.0	1.9	1.8	1.0
Other private transportation commodities .....	104.4	104.3	104.2	104.0	1.9	-.4	.4	-1.5	.8	-.6
Other private transportation services .....	183.9	183.4	184.7	185.1	1.3	2.7	.0	2.6	2.0	1.3
Public transportation .....	173.7	175.1	176.3	178.8	1.2	2.1	-.9	12.3	1.6	5.5
Medical care .....	225.1	225.6	226.3	227.0	4.3	3.7	3.6	3.4	4.0	3.5
Medical care commodities .....	205.7	206.0	206.8	207.1	2.8	3.0	3.4	2.8	2.9	3.1
Medical care services .....	229.4	229.9	230.5	231.3	4.8	3.8	3.7	3.4	4.3	3.6
Professional medical services .....	207.0	207.2	207.9	208.6	4.5	3.6	4.2	3.1	4.0	3.6
Entertainment .....	155.9	155.9	155.8	156.4	2.4	3.5	6.1	1.3	2.9	3.7
Entertainment commodities .....	141.6	141.6	141.4	141.7	2.3	3.5	6.5	.3	2.9	3.3
Entertainment services .....	176.5	176.6	176.6	177.7	2.1	3.3	5.9	2.7	2.7	4.3
Other goods and services .....	209.7	210.4	211.1	211.9	4.6	5.2	2.9	4.3	4.9	3.6
Tobacco and smoking products .....	229.4	230.9	230.8	231.9	4.7	5.0	-.7	4.4	4.9	1.8
Personal care 2/ .....	149.2	149.3	149.6	150.3	1.6	4.4	.5	3.0	3.0	1.8
Toilet goods and personal care appliances 2/ .....	144.6	144.6	144.7	146.0	.3	4.5	-2.2	3.9	2.4	.8
Personal care services 2/ .....	155.1	155.2	155.7	155.8	3.0	4.8	4.2	1.8	3.9	3.0
Personal and educational expenses .....	239.1	239.8	241.1	241.8	5.5	5.3	5.9	4.6	5.4	5.2
School books and supplies .....	224.2	225.4	226.3	226.2	2.6	9.6	7.3	3.6	6.1	5.4
Personal and educational services .....	240.4	241.1	242.5	243.2	5.7	5.0	5.7	4.7	5.4	5.2
Commodity and service group										
All items .....	-	-	-	-	1.6	2.1	3.2	4.8	1.9	4.0
Commodities .....	138.1	139.1	139.8	140.1	.3	.9	3.6	5.9	.6	4.7
Food and beverages .....	150.5	151.3	151.8	151.9	1.9	3.0	1.6	3.8	2.4	2.7
Commodities less food and beverages .....	130.5	131.6	132.4	132.8	-1.2	-.6	5.4	7.2	-.9	6.3
Nondurables less food and beverages .....	131.1	132.6	134.1	134.8	-1.5	-2.2	9.0	11.8	-1.8	10.4
Apparel commodities .....	127.9	128.7	128.6	128.7	.0	.6	.3	2.5	.3	1.4
Nondurables less food, beverages, and apparel .....	135.5	137.7	140.1	140.8	-3.0	-3.3	12.7	16.6	-3.1	14.6
Durables .....	129.4	129.4	129.3	129.1	.3	.6	3.5	-.9	.5	1.3
Services .....	169.2	169.6	170.2	170.7	3.2	3.2	2.9	3.6	3.2	3.2
Rent of shelter 1/ .....	158.2	158.6	159.0	159.4	2.9	3.4	3.4	3.1	3.1	3.2



U.S. city average .....	M	154.9	155.7	156.3	156.6	2.9	0.6	0.2	2.9	0.9	0.4
Region and area size 2/											
Northeast urban.....	M	162.2	162.8	162.9	163.0	2.8	.1	.1	2.9	.4	.1
Size A - More than 1,200,000 .....	M	163.0	163.7	163.6	163.6	2.8	-.1	.0	2.9	.4	-.1
Size B - 500,000 to 1,200,000 .....	M	159.2	160.2	160.6	161.0	2.9	.5	.2	2.8	.9	.2
Size C - 50,000 to 500,000 .....	M	160.6	160.8	161.3	160.9	2.4	.1	-.2	2.7	.4	.3
North Central urban .....	M	150.8	151.7	152.3	152.7	3.0	.7	.3	2.8	1.0	.4
Size A - More than 1,200,000 .....	M	151.7	152.6	152.9	153.2	2.8	.4	.2	2.6	.8	.2
Size B - 360,000 to 1,200,000 .....	M	149.5	150.4	151.2	151.6	2.9	.8	.3	2.9	1.1	.5
Size C - 50,000 to 360,000 .....	M	152.4	153.1	153.9	154.7	3.1	1.0	.5	2.9	1.0	.5
Size D - Nonmetropolitan (less than 50,000) .....	M	146.9	147.7	149.0	149.2	3.2	1.0	.1	3.5	1.4	.9
South urban .....	M	151.5	152.4	153.2	153.5	3.2	.7	.2	3.2	1.1	.5
Size A - More than 1,200,000 .....	M	150.6	151.5	152.4	152.7	2.7	.8	.2	2.8	1.2	.6
Size B - 450,000 to 1,200,000 .....	M	154.1	155.0	155.6	155.9	3.4	.6	.2	3.1	1.0	.4
Size C - 50,000 to 450,000 .....	M	151.4	152.2	153.1	153.2	3.8	.7	.1	3.9	1.1	.6
Size D - Nonmetropolitan (less than 50,000) .....	M	150.1	151.6	152.4	152.9	3.3	.9	.3	3.6	1.5	.5
West urban .....	M	155.8	156.4	157.1	157.6	2.7	.8	.3	2.5	.8	.4
Size A - More than 1,250,000 .....	M	155.9	156.6	157.3	157.6	2.2	.6	.2	2.1	.9	.4
Size C - 50,000 to 330,000 .....	M	160.8	161.4	162.2	162.4	3.8	.6	.1	4.0	.9	.5
Size classes											
A 3/ .....	M	140.0	140.7	141.1	141.3	2.6	.4	.1	2.6	.8	.3
B .....	M	154.7	155.5	156.1	156.6	3.2	.7	.3	3.0	.9	.4
C .....	M	154.8	155.5	156.3	156.4	3.3	.6	.1	3.5	1.0	.5
D .....	M	151.1	152.1	153.0	153.5	3.4	.9	.3	3.6	1.3	.6
Selected local areas											
Chicago-Gary-Lake County, IL-IN-WI.....	M	155.2	156.3	156.4	156.9	2.5	.4	.3	2.2	.8	.1
Los Angeles-Anaheim-Riverside, CA .....	M	156.2	157.3	157.7	157.5	1.5	.1	-.1	1.9	1.0	.3
N.Y.-Northern N.J.-Long Island, NY-NJ-CT	M	165.7	166.5	166.0	166.4	2.8	-.1	.2	2.9	.2	-.3
Phil.-Wilmington-Trenton, PA-NJ-DE-MD ..	M	161.2	162.0	162.1	161.8	2.5	-.1	-.2	2.7	.6	.1
San Francisco-Oakland-San Jose, CA .....	M	153.2	152.9	153.9	155.1	2.5	1.4	.8	1.6	.5	.7
Baltimore, MD .....	1	-	153.0	-	153.9	2.3	.6	-	-	-	-
Boston-Lawrence-Salem, MA-NH .....	1	-	162.8	-	161.8	2.6	-.6	-	-	-	-
Cleveland-Akron-Lorain, OH .....	1	-	150.9	-	151.8	3.0	.6	-	-	-	-

Miami-Fort Lauderdale, FL .....	1	-	152.4	-	152.6	2.7	.1	-	-	-	-
St. Louis-East St. Louis, MO-IL .....	1	-	148.9	-	148.1	2.4	-.5	-	-	-	-
Washington, DC-MD-VA .....	1	-	158.4	-	159.0	2.8	.4	-	-	-	-
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 May 1996 from-			Percent change to Apr. 1996 from-		
		Feb. 1996	Mar. 1996	Apr. 1996	May 1996	May 1995	Mar. 1996	Apr. 1996	Apr. 1995	Feb. 1996	Mar. 1996
U.S. city average .....	M	152.2	152.9	153.6	154.0	2.9	0.7	0.3	2.9	0.9	0.5
Region and area size 2/											
Northeast urban.....	M	159.4	160.1	160.3	160.6	2.9	.3	.2	2.9	.6	.1
Size A - More than 1,200,000 .....	M	159.2	160.0	160.0	160.2	2.9	.1	.1	3.0	.5	.0
Size B - 500,000 to 1,200,000 .....	M	156.9	158.1	158.5	158.9	3.0	.5	.3	2.8	1.0	.3

Size C - 50,000 to 500,000 .....	M	162.0	162.1	162.9	162.7	2.5	.4	-.1	2.7	.6	.5
North Central urban .....	M	147.5	148.3	149.0	149.4	2.9	.7	.3	2.8	1.0	.5
Size A - More than 1,200,000 .....	M	147.7	148.6	149.0	149.3	2.8	.5	.2	2.5	.9	.3
Size B - 360,000 to 1,200,000 .....	M	145.7	146.6	147.3	147.8	2.7	.8	.3	2.7	1.1	.5
Size C - 50,000 to 360,000 .....	M	149.8	150.4	151.3	152.1	3.1	1.1	.5	3.0	1.0	.6
Size D - Nonmetropolitan (less than 50,000) .....	M	144.9	145.7	147.1	147.3	3.1	1.1	.1	3.4	1.5	1.0
South urban .....	M	150.0	150.8	151.8	152.1	3.2	.9	.2	3.3	1.2	.7
Size A - More than 1,200,000 .....	M	148.7	149.5	150.6	151.0	2.7	1.0	.3	2.9	1.3	.7
Size B - 450,000 to 1,200,000 .....	M	150.3	151.1	151.9	152.3	3.3	.8	.3	3.1	1.1	.5
Size C - 50,000 to 450,000 .....	M	151.3	152.0	153.0	153.1	3.6	.7	.1	3.9	1.1	.7
Size D - Nonmetropolitan (less than 50,000) .....	M	150.4	152.1	152.9	153.5	3.6	.9	.4	3.8	1.7	.5
West urban .....	M	152.7	153.4	154.2	154.7	2.7	.8	.3	2.6	1.0	.5
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Size classes											
A 3/ .....	M	138.9	139.7	140.2	140.4	2.6	.5	.1	2.6	.9	.4
B .....	M	151.8	152.6	153.3	153.8	3.2	.8	.3	3.0	1.0	.5
C .....	M	153.9	154.4	155.4	155.7	3.3	.8	.2	3.5	1.0	.6
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Boston-Lawrence-Salem, MA-NH .....	1	-	161.7	-	160.8	2.7	-.6	-	-	-	-
Cleveland-Akron-Lorain, OH .....	1	-	143.1	-	144.0	2.9	.6	-	-	-	-
Miami-Fort Lauderdale, FL .....	1	-	150.3	-	151.0	2.9	.5	-	-	-	-
St. Louis-East St. Louis, MO-IL .....	1	-	148.0	-	147.4	2.2	-.4	-	-	-	-
Washington, DC-MD-VA .....	1	-	155.4	-	156.7	2.9	.8	-	-	-	-
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	-
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