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CONSUMER PRICE INDEX: JULY 1996

The Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers (CPI-U) increased 0.2 percent before seasonal adjustment in July to a level of 157.0 (1982-84=100), the Bureau of Labor Statistics of the U.S. Department of Labor reported today. For the 12-month period ended in July, the CPI-U increased 3.0 percent.

The Consumer Price Index for Urban Wage Earners and Clerical Workers (CPI-W) rose 0.1 percent in July, prior to seasonal adjustment. The July 1996 CPI-W level of 154.3 was 2.9 percent higher than the index in July 1995.

CPI for All Urban Consumers (CPI-U)

On a seasonally adjusted basis, the Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers (CPI-U) rose 0.3 percent in July, following a 0.1 percent increase in June. The energy index, which turned down in June after increasing 9.4 percent in the preceding 6-month period, declined 0.4 percent in July. The index for petroleum-based energy declined 2.0 percent in July, while the index for energy services rose 1.1 percent. The food index rose 0.5 percent in July, reflecting, in part, another sharp increase in prices for dairy products. Excluding food and energy, the CPI-U rose 0.3 percent, following a 0.2 percent increase in June. The slightly larger advance in July was due to a jump in shelter costs,

which partially resulted from a 2.3 percent rise in the cost of lodging while out of town.

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

Expenditure Category	Changes from preceding month 1996							Compound annual rate 3-mos. ended	Un- adjusted 12-mos. ended
	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	June	July	July '96	July '96
All Items	.4	.2	.4	.4	.3	.1	.3	2.6	3.0
Food and beverages	.1	.1	.5	.3	.1	.7	.5	5.1	3.4
Housing	.3	.2	.3	.3	.2	.1	.4	2.7	2.9
Apparel and upkeep	.7	-.9	.6	-.4	.1	-.4	-.1	-1.5	.0
Transportation	.7	.5	.7	1.1	.7	-.4	-.2	.3	2.4
Medical care	.4	.2	.3	.3	.3	.3	.3	3.4	3.6
Entertainment	.3	.8	.1	-.1	.4	.3	.1	2.8	3.5
Other goods and services	.2	.4	.4	.3	.4	.2	.4	4.2	4.3
Special Indexes:									
Energy	1.9	.4	1.4	3.2	1.1	-2.2	-.4	-6.0	4.1
Food	.1	.1	.6	.3	.1	.7	.5	5.1	3.4
All items less food and energy	.3	.2	.3	.1	.2	.2	.3	2.9	2.7

See page 4 for a note on the implementation of improvements in CPI item substitution procedures and the announcement of a change in the hospital and related service component of the CPI.

During the first 7 months of 1996, consumer prices rose at a 3.5 percent seasonally adjusted annual rate (SAAR). This compares with an increase of 2.5 percent for all of 1995. Increases in the food and energy components, which acted as moderating influences on overall consumer price movements throughout most of the past 5 years, have been responsible for the acceleration thus far in 1996. Energy costs, which declined last year, have increased at a 9.6 percent rate, with petroleum-based energy advancing at a 15.7 SAAR. The food index has risen at a 4.1 percent annual rate in the first 7 months after increasing 2.1 percent in all of 1995. Excluding food and energy, the CPI-U advanced at a 3.0 percent rate in the first 7 months of 1996, the same rate as the increase for all of 1995.

The food and beverage index rose 0.5 percent in July. The index for grocery store foods, which increased 1.0 percent in June, advanced 0.5 percent in July. The index for dairy products increased 1.5

percent, the same as in June. The indexes for fruits and vegetables and for meats, poultry, fish, and eggs, which increased 2.0 and 1.5 percent, respectively, in June, each decelerated in July, advancing 0.5 and 0.6 percent, respectively. In the former group, the index for fresh fruit prices fell 1.3 percent, while the indexes for fresh vegetables and for processed fruits and vegetables increased 2.1 and 1.3 percent, respectively. Within the index for meats, poultry, fish, and eggs, price increases for beef, pork, and poultry each slowed in July, advancing 0.8, 0.3, and 0.9 percent, respectively. The other two major grocery store food indexes--cereal and bakery products and other food at home--each rose 0.2 percent in July. The other two components of the food and beverage index--restaurant meals and alcoholic beverages--increased 0.3 and 0.1 percent, respectively, in July.

The housing component rose 0.4 percent in July after advancing 0.1 percent in June, reflecting a jump in shelter costs and an upturn in the index for fuel and other utilities. Shelter costs advanced 0.5 percent in July, following increases of 0.2 percent in each of the 5 preceding months. Within shelter, renters' costs rose 0.8 percent, homeowners' costs rose 0.3 percent, and maintenance and repair costs increased 0.4 percent. The rise in renters' costs reflects a 2.3 percent increase in the index for lodging while out of town; residential rents rose 0.3 percent. The index for fuel and other utilities, which declined 0.2 percent in June, increased 0.5 percent in July. The index for household fuels increased 0.9 percent in July, while the index for other utilities and public services fell 0.1 percent. Among household fuels, the index for electricity increased 1.5 percent after declining 1.1 percent in June. The index for natural gas rose 0.4 percent, while the index for fuel oil fell 2.0 percent. The index for household furnishings and operation rose 0.1 percent in July, the same as in June.

The transportation index declined for the second consecutive month--down 0.2 percent in July--primarily as a result of a second consecutive decrease in the index for motor fuels. The index for gasoline, which increased 18.2 percent in the period from November 1995 through May 1996, prior to a 3.2 percent drop in June, fell 2.7 percent in July. As of July, the gasoline index was 9.9 percent below its peak level of December 1990. The indexes for new car prices and for automobile finance charges increased 0.2 and 0.9 percent, respectively. (Prior to seasonal adjustment, new car prices fell 0.2 percent.) The index for used cars declined for the fourth consecutive month--down 0.1 percent. Public transportation costs declined 0.5 percent, largely as a result of a 1.3 percent decrease in airline fares.

The index for apparel and upkeep, which declined 0.4 percent in

June, decreased 0.1 percent in July. (Prior to seasonal adjustment, clothing prices fell 2.1 percent, reflecting large seasonal price declines for spring and summer wear.)

Medical care costs rose 0.3 percent in July to a level 3.6 percent above a year ago. The index for medical care commodities--prescription drugs, nonprescription drugs, and medical supplies--was unchanged in July. The index for medical care services rose 0.3 percent in July. Charges for professional services and hospital and related services increased 0.4 and 0.2 percent, respectively.

Entertainment costs increased 0.1 percent in July. Increases in the indexes for fees for participant sports and for club memberships--up 1.3 and 0.7 percent, respectively--were largely offset by declines in prices for sporting goods and equipment and in charges for admissions to movies, theaters, concerts, and sporting events--down 1.1 and 0.4 percent, respectively.

The index for other goods and services increased 0.4 percent in July, following a 0.2 percent rise in June. An upturn in the index for personal care--toilet goods, personal care appliances, and personal care services--coupled with a larger increase in the index for tobacco and smoking products, was primarily responsible for the larger advance of this major group in July.

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 0.2 percent in July.

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 July '96	Un-adjusted 12-mos. ended July '96
	Changes from preceding month 1996								
	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	June	July		
All Items	.4	.2	.5	.4	.3	.1	.2	2.4	2.9
Food and beverages	.1	.1	.5	.3	.1	.7	.4	4.8	3.4
Housing	.3	.1	.3	.3	.2	.1	.4	2.7	2.9
Apparel and upkeep	.7	-.7	.6	-.2	.2	-.6	.0	-1.8	.4
Transportation	.9	.3	.9	1.1	.6	-.6	-.4	-1.7	2.5
Medical care	.4	.2	.2	.3	.3	.3	.3	3.6	3.6
Entertainment	.4	.8	.0	-.1	.4	.3	.0	2.9	3.4

Other goods									
and services	.2	.4	.3	.3	.4	.1	.4	3.8	4.1
Special Indexes:									
Energy	2.1	.2	1.8	3.3	1.1	-2.0	-.9	-7.3	4.3
Food	.1	.1	.6	.3	.1	.8	.5	5.4	3.5
All items less									
food and energy	.3	.2	.3	.1	.2	.1	.2	2.5	2.7

Consumer Price Index data for August are scheduled for release on Friday, September 13, 1996, at 8:30 A.M. (EDT).
Changing the Hospital and Related Services Component of the Consumer Price Index

Effective with the release of data for January 1997, the Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS) will introduce improvements in the way in which the Hospital and related services component of the Consumer Price Index (CPI) is calculated. Two complementary changes will be made:

Items within the hospital and related services component will be reclassified into two main groups, or item strata--Hospital services and Nursing home services, instead of the current three--Hospital rooms, Other inpatient services, and Hospital outpatient services.

The definition of the specific items selected for pricing within individual hospitals will be broadened substantially. These newly defined items will be reselected using new procedures in the majority of the hospitals from which price data currently are collected for the CPI.

Additional information on these changes will be published in the June 1996 CPI Detailed Report and is available on the Internet. (Go to [gopher://stats.bls.gov](http://stats.bls.gov) and access [/pub/special.requests/cpi/hospital.txt](http://pub/special.requests/cpi/hospital.txt).) This information may also be obtained by writing to the Bureau of Labor Statistics, Division of Consumer Prices and Price Indexes, 2 Massachusetts Ave. NE, Room 3260, Washington, DC 20212, or by telephoning Elaine Cardenas at (202) 606-6985 ext. 251

Improving the Procedures for Substitute Items

Effective with the Consumer Price Index for July 1996, the Bureau of

Labor Statistics has changed the way it determines the weight of replacement items that enter the sample during certain types of item substitutions. Along with earlier improvements in CPI sample rotation procedures, these changes will complete the process of correcting a technical problem that ties an item's weight to its expected price change.

When an outlet stops selling a CPI sample item, or other circumstances make it necessary or desirable for the CPI to replace an item it has been pricing, the CPI field agent finds a replacement item. The object of the substitution process is to find the item in the outlet that is most similar to the one the CPI had been following. About 3.5 percent of all pricings result in substitutions. Whenever there is a substitution, a CPI analyst determines if the new item is comparable to, that is, not significantly different from, the item it replaces. If the item is judged comparable, there is no break in the series or change in the item's weight. About 55 percent of substitutions are comparable. If the substitute is not comparable to the previous item, the analyst may be able to determine the value of the difference and make a quality adjustment to keep the series continuous. CPI analysts adjust for quality in about 15 percent of the substitutions. However, about 30 percent of the substitutes are neither comparable nor adjustable. In this case, the CPI had started the item's series anew and recalculated its base period price, and hence the implicit quantity weight, using the price of the substitute item. This created a situation in which the item's weight was not independent of its probability of price change.

Effective with the CPI for July 1996, the CPI will--except in rare and extreme cases--no longer recalculate the base period price of a noncomparable substitute item. Instead, the CPI will use the originally calculated weight for the item throughout the life of that item series. For more details, see "Improving CPI Item Substitution Procedures" in the July 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)

Relative importance, December 1995	Unadjusted indexes		Unadjusted percent change to July 1996 from- July 1995		Seasonally adjusted percent change from-		
	June 1996	July 1996	July 1995	June 1996	Apr. to May	May to June	June to July

Expenditure category

All items	100.000	156.7	157.0	3.0	0.2	0.3	0.1	0.3
All items (1967=100)	-	469.5	470.4	-	-	-	-	-
Food and beverages	17.332	153.1	153.6	3.4	.3	.1	.7	.5
Food	15.766	152.6	153.2	3.4	.4	.1	.7	.5
Food at home	9.880	153.4	154.1	4.0	.5	.0	1.0	.5
Cereals and bakery products	1.473	174.2	174.8	3.9	.3	.6	.1	.2
Meats, poultry, fish, and eggs	2.936	143.1	143.9	4.8	.6	.1	1.5	.6
Dairy products	1.169	139.8	142.0	6.8	1.6	.5	1.5	1.5
Fruits and vegetables	1.936	183.4	184.0	4.1	.3	-.8	2.0	.5
Other food at home	2.365	142.9	142.9	1.6	.0	.1	.1	.2
Sugar and sweets .....	.327	143.7	144.6	4.7	.6	.8	.5	.5
Fats and oils .....	.248	140.8	140.5	1.8	-.2	.3	.7	-.6
Nonalcoholic beverages .....	.763	128.4	127.5	-2.5	-.7	-.4	-.6	-.1
Other prepared food	1.027	156.2	156.8	3.6	.4	.1	.6	.4
Food away from home	5.886	152.3	152.8	2.5	.3	.3	.2	.3
Alcoholic beverages	1.566	158.6	158.5	3.1	-.1	.3	.2	.1
Housing	41.346	152.7	153.6	2.9	.6	.2	.1	.4
Shelter	28.289	170.7	171.9	3.3	.7	.2	.2	.5
Renters' costs 1/	7.988	180.0	183.0	3.6	1.7	.2	.2	.8
Rent, residential	5.762	161.7	162.2	2.7	.3	.3	.2	.3
Other renters' costs	2.227	214.9	225.4	5.6	4.9	-.3	.0	2.1
Homeowners' costs 1/	20.102	176.0	176.6	3.2	.3	.3	.2	.3
Owners' equivalent rent 1/	19.716	176.3	176.9	3.2	.3	.3	.1	.3
Household insurance 1/ .....	.386	160.7	162.0	2.3	.8	.1	.5	.5
Maintenance and repairs 2/ .....	.199	138.8	139.4	3.2	.4	.6	.0	.4
Maintenance and repair services 2/ ..	.122	144.6	146.3	4.6	1.2	.6	-.1	1.2
Maintenance and repair commodities 2/ .....	.077	130.9	130.1	1.1	-.6	.7	.0	-.6
Fuel and other utilities	7.014	128.4	129.0	3.1	.5	.3	-.2	.5
Fuels	3.792	116.5	117.4	3.3	.8	-.1	-.9	.9
Fuel oil and other household fuel commodities .....	.356	94.6	92.3	6.0	-2.4	-1.8	-4.1	-1.6
Gas (piped) and electricity (energy services).....	3.436	124.1	125.6	3.0	1.2	.1	-.5	1.1
Other utilities and public services 2/	3.222	157.6	157.5	2.9	-.1	1.0	.4	-.1
Household furnishings and operation	6.043	124.5	124.7	1.4	.2	-.2	.1	.1
Housefurnishings	3.445	111.2	111.2	.1	.0	-.5	.1	-.3
Housekeeping supplies	1.116	140.8	141.1	2.7	.2	-.4	-.2	.4
Housekeeping services	1.482	147.8	148.6	3.5	.5	.5	.3	.5

Apparel and upkeep	5.516	130.8	128.3	.0	-1.9	.1	-.4	-.1
Apparel commodities	4.967	127.2	124.5	-.2	-2.1	.0	-.5	-.1
Men's and boys' apparel	1.303	127.1	125.1	1.4	-1.6	.1	-.4	-.2
Women's and girls' apparel.....	2.195	122.8	118.5	-2.1	-3.5	.2	-.8	.0
Infants' and toddlers' apparel 2/ .....	.195	129.1	125.7	2.2	-2.6	-2.5	-1.0	-2.6
Footwear .....	.732	127.1	125.6	1.9	-1.2	.2	.5	-.1
Other apparel commodities .....	.542	150.8	151.5	-.2	.5	-.3	-.4	.7
Apparel services 2/ .....	.550	159.7	159.9	1.7	.1	.4	.2	.1
Transportation	16.953	144.0	143.5	2.4	-.3	.7	-.4	-.2
Private transportation	15.430	141.0	140.5	2.6	-.4	.6	-.6	-.2
New vehicles	5.027	143.5	143.2	2.1	-.2	.2	.3	.2
New cars	4.015	141.3	141.0	2.0	-.2	.1	.4	.2
Used cars	1.342	157.2	156.9	-.4	-.2	-.9	-1.1	-.1
Motor fuel	2.908	111.2	108.9	5.1	-2.1	2.3	-3.6	-1.9
Gasoline	-	111.0	108.8	4.9	-2.0	2.5	-3.2	-2.7
Maintenance and repairs	1.535	157.7	158.1	2.7	.3	.3	.2	.3
Other private transportation	4.618	173.1	173.5	2.3	.2	.2	.4	.3
Other private transportation commodities .....	.608	105.2	104.7	-.1	-.5	-.2	.5	-.5
Other private transportation services	4.010	189.1	189.7	2.7	.3	.3	.4	.4
Public transportation	1.523	182.2	182.7	.5	.3	2.0	2.0	-.5
Medical care	7.362	227.8	228.7	3.6	.4	.3	.3	.3
Medical care commodities	1.282	210.5	211.0	3.2	.2	.2	.4	.0
Medical care services	6.081	231.9	232.9	3.7	.4	.3	.2	.3
Professional medical services	3.465	207.9	208.7	3.5	.4	.3	.1	.4
Entertainment	4.367	159.0	159.0	3.5	.0	.4	.3	.1
Entertainment commodities	1.975	142.9	142.9	3.2	.0	.2	.2	.0
Entertainment services	2.392	177.9	178.0	3.9	.1	.6	.3	.2
Other goods and services	7.123	214.0	214.6	4.3	.3	.4	.2	.4
Tobacco and smoking products	1.610	232.9	233.3	3.1	.2	.5	.1	.4
Personal care 2/	1.170	149.6	150.0	2.1	.3	.4	-.5	.3
Toilet goods and personal care appliances 2/ .....	.613	143.9	144.4	1.2	.3	.8	-1.0	.3
Personal care services 2/ .....	.557	155.9	156.3	3.2	.3	.1	.1	.3
Personal and educational expenses	4.342	245.1	245.8	5.4	.3	.4	.4	.4
School books and supplies .....	.258	224.7	224.7	5.5	.0	.1	.1	.3
Personal and educational services	4.084	246.8	247.6	5.3	.3	.4	.4	.4

Commodity and service group

All items	100.000	156.7	157.0	3.0	.2	.3	.1	.3
Commodities	42.916	139.9	139.5	2.4	-.3	.1	-.1	.1
Food and beverages	17.332	153.1	153.6	3.4	.3	.1	.7	.5
Commodities less food and beverages	25.584	131.9	130.9	1.9	-.8	.2	-.6	-.2
Nondurables less food and beverages ..	15.075	133.7	132.3	2.5	-1.0	.4	-1.0	-.4
Apparel commodities	4.967	127.2	124.5	-.2	-2.1	.0	-.5	-.1
Nondurables less food, beverages, and apparel	10.108	140.1	139.3	3.7	-.6	.6	-1.2	-.6
Durables	10.509	129.3	129.1	1.0	-.2	-.2	.1	-.1
Services	57.084	173.9	174.8	3.3	.5	.3	.2	.5
Rent of shelter 1/	27.671	177.6	178.9	3.3	.7	.3	.2	.4
Household services less rent of shelter 1/	8.681	143.1	143.9	3.0	.6	.7	-.1	.5
Transportation services	7.068	179.8	180.3	2.2	.3	.6	.7	.2
Medical care services	6.081	231.9	232.9	3.7	.4	.3	.2	.3
Other services	7.583	200.1	200.6	4.4	.2	.4	.3	.3

Special indexes

All items less food	84.234	157.5	157.7	2.8	.1	.3	.0	.2
All items less shelter	71.711	152.8	152.8	2.8	.0	.3	.1	.2
All items less homeowners' costs 1/	79.898	157.9	158.1	2.9	.1	.3	.1	.3
All items less medical care	92.638	152.7	153.0	2.9	.2	.3	.1	.3
Commodities less food	27.150	133.0	132.0	1.9	-.8	.2	-.5	-.2
Nondurables less food	16.641	135.1	133.8	2.5	-1.0	.4	-.9	-.4
Nondurables less food and apparel	11.674	140.9	140.2	3.6	-.5	.5	-.8	-.6
Nondurables	32.407	143.6	143.1	2.9	-.3	.3	-.1	.1
Services less rent of shelter 1/	29.414	182.4	183.1	3.3	.4	.4	.2	.4
Services less medical care services	51.004	168.5	169.4	3.2	.5	.3	.2	.5
Energy	6.700	113.1	112.5	4.1	-.5	1.1	-2.2	-.4
All items less energy	93.300	162.7	163.1	2.9	.2	.2	.2	.3
All items less food and energy	77.534	165.2	165.5	2.7	.2	.2	.2	.3
Commodities less food and energy commodities	23.885	141.0	140.3	1.4	-.5	.0	.0	.0
Energy commodities	3.264	109.5	107.2	5.2	-2.1	1.8	-3.7	-2.0
Services less energy services	53.648	179.0	179.9	3.3	.5	.3	.3	.3
Purchasing power of the consumer dollar:								
1982-84=\$1.00 2/	-	\$.638	\$.637	-2.9	-.2	-.2	-.2	-.2
1967=\$1.00 2/	-	.213	.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				
	Apr.	May	June	July	Oct.	3 months ended-		6 months ended-		
	1996	1996	1996	1996	1995	Jan. 1996	Apr. 1996	July 1996	Jan. 1996	July 1996
All items	-	-	-	-	2.6	2.6	3.9	2.6	2.6	3.3
Food and beverages	152.2	152.4	153.4	154.1	3.5	1.1	4.0	5.1	2.3	4.6
Food	151.9	152.0	153.1	153.8	3.5	.8	4.3	5.1	2.2	4.7
Food at home	152.4	152.4	154.0	154.8	4.1	.3	5.1	6.4	2.2	5.8
Cereals and bakery products	172.8	173.8	173.9	174.3	3.4	6.5	2.3	3.5	4.9	2.9
Meats, poultry, fish, and eggs	141.5	141.6	143.7	144.5	9.0	3.5	-1.7	8.8	6.2	3.4
Dairy products	137.1	137.8	139.9	142.0	2.1	5.5	5.1	15.1	3.8	10.0
Fruits and vegetables	183.7	182.2	185.9	186.9	3.2	-12.2	21.1	7.2	-4.8	13.9
Other food at home	142.5	142.6	142.8	143.1	.6	1.1	2.9	1.7	.9	2.3
Sugar and sweets	142.0	143.1	143.8	144.5	2.9	7.4	1.7	7.2	5.1	4.4
Fats and oils	139.4	139.8	140.8	139.9	2.3	2.9	.3	1.4	2.6	.9
Nonalcoholic beverages	129.7	129.2	128.4	128.3	-2.4	-3.9	.6	-4.2	-3.2	-1.8
Other prepared food	155.2	155.3	156.2	156.8	1.9	2.7	5.6	4.2	2.3	4.9
Food away from home	151.6	152.0	152.3	152.8	2.4	1.6	2.7	3.2	2.0	2.9
Alcoholic beverages	157.5	158.0	158.3	158.5	3.2	2.3	4.2	2.6	2.7	3.4
Housing	151.9	152.2	152.3	152.9	3.0	3.2	2.9	2.7	3.1	2.8
Shelter	169.7	170.1	170.4	171.2	3.2	3.6	2.6	3.6	3.4	3.1
Renters' costs 1/	178.1	178.4	178.7	180.2	2.8	3.5	3.2	4.8	3.1	4.0
Rent, residential	160.9	161.4	161.8	162.3	2.0	3.1	2.3	3.5	2.5	2.9
Other renters' costs	213.3	212.7	212.6	217.1	4.5	4.5	5.8	7.3	4.5	6.6
Homeowners' costs 1/	175.4	175.9	176.2	176.7	3.5	3.5	2.5	3.0	3.5	2.8
Owners' equivalent rent 1/	175.8	176.3	176.5	177.1	3.5	3.7	2.5	3.0	3.6	2.8
Household insurance 1/	159.7	159.8	160.6	161.4	-1.5	2.6	4.1	4.3	.5	4.2
Maintenance and repairs 2/	138.0	138.8	138.8	139.4	3.6	.0	5.1	4.1	1.8	4.6
Maintenance and repair services 2/ ...	143.8	144.7	144.6	146.3	5.8	.8	4.9	7.1	3.3	6.0
Maintenance and repair commodities 2/	130.0	130.9	130.9	130.1	.6	-.9	4.4	.3	-.2	2.3

Fuel and other utilities	126.8	127.2	126.9	127.5	1.6	2.9	5.9	2.2	2.3	4.0
Fuels	114.3	114.2	113.2	114.2	2.2	3.3	8.5	-.3	2.7	4.0
Fuel oil and other household fuel commodities	101.2	99.4	95.3	93.8	-3.6	40.0	26.1	-26.2	16.2	-3.5
Gas (piped) and electricity (energy services).....	120.9	121.0	120.4	121.7	2.7	.0	6.9	2.7	1.4	4.8
Other utilities and public services 2/ .	155.4	156.9	157.6	157.5	1.3	2.4	2.6	5.5	1.8	4.1
Household furnishings and operation	124.5	124.3	124.4	124.5	3.3	2.0	.3	.0	2.6	.2
Housefurnishings	111.7	111.1	111.2	110.9	2.9	.7	-.7	-2.8	1.8	-1.8
Housekeeping supplies	141.4	140.8	140.5	141.1	5.0	4.1	2.6	-.8	4.6	.9
Housekeeping services	146.5	147.3	147.8	148.6	3.1	2.5	2.2	5.9	2.8	4.0
Apparel and upkeep	132.2	132.3	131.8	131.7	.9	3.1	-2.7	-1.5	2.0	-2.1
Apparel commodities	128.7	128.7	128.1	128.0	1.3	2.8	-3.0	-2.2	2.0	-2.6
Men's and boys' apparel	128.1	128.2	127.7	127.4	1.6	3.5	2.5	-2.2	2.6	.2
Women's and girls' apparel	125.2	125.5	124.5	124.5	-1.6	5.8	-9.9	-2.2	2.1	-6.1
Infants' and toddlers' apparel 2/	133.7	130.4	129.1	125.7	28.7	1.5	6.9	-21.9	14.3	-8.6
Footwear	126.5	126.7	127.3	127.2	4.2	-5.0	6.2	2.2	-.5	4.2
Other apparel commodities	151.8	151.3	150.7	151.8	-.8	3.2	-3.1	.0	1.2	-1.6
Apparel services 2/.....	158.8	159.4	159.7	159.9	-.5	3.1	1.5	2.8	1.3	2.2
Transportation	143.3	144.3	143.7	143.4	-1.4	1.4	9.8	.3	.0	4.9
Private transportation	140.8	141.6	140.7	140.4	-.9	3.9	9.0	-1.1	1.5	3.8
New vehicles	142.9	143.2	143.7	144.0	2.0	.8	2.3	3.1	1.4	2.7
New cars	140.7	140.8	141.4	141.7	1.4	1.2	2.0	2.9	1.3	2.4
Used cars	159.0	157.6	155.9	155.7	-.8	7.1	.8	-8.0	3.1	-3.7
Motor fuel	110.3	112.8	108.7	106.6	-14.5	16.5	41.1	-12.8	-.2	11.0
Gasoline	109.8	112.5	108.9	106.0	-14.6	16.6	40.2	-13.1	-.2	10.4
Maintenance and repairs	157.1	157.5	157.8	158.2	2.9	3.4	1.5	2.8	3.1	2.2
Other private transportation	172.5	172.9	173.6	174.1	3.8	-.5	2.1	3.8	1.7	2.9
Other private transportation commodities	105.1	104.9	105.4	104.9	.8	-.8	.4	-.8	.0	-.2
Other private transportation services	188.6	189.1	189.9	190.6	4.4	-.6	2.6	4.3	1.8	3.4
Public transportation	177.3	180.8	184.4	183.5	-3.9	-22.4	19.4	14.7	-13.6	17.1
Medical care	227.0	227.7	228.3	228.9	3.9	4.2	2.9	3.4	4.0	3.1
Medical care commodities	209.4	209.9	210.7	210.7	2.8	3.9	3.3	2.5	3.4	2.9
Medical care services	230.8	231.6	232.1	232.9	4.2	4.3	2.6	3.7	4.2	3.2
Professional medical services	206.8	207.5	207.7	208.5	3.6	4.2	3.2	3.3	3.9	3.2
Entertainment	158.2	158.8	159.2	159.3	3.7	4.2	3.4	2.8	3.9	3.1
Entertainment commodities	142.5	142.8	143.1	143.1	3.2	4.7	3.4	1.7	3.9	2.6
Entertainment services	176.6	177.6	178.2	178.5	4.0	3.7	3.0	4.4	3.9	3.7

commodities	141.2	141.2	141.2	141.2	2.3	2.3	.9	.0	2.3	.4
Energy commodities	109.4	111.4	107.3	105.2	-13.6	19.1	39.3	-14.5	1.4	9.1
Services less energy services	178.2	178.8	179.4	180.0	3.3	2.5	3.4	4.1	2.9	3.8

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 July 1996 from-		Seasonally adjusted percent change from-		
		June 1996	July 1996	July 1995	June 1996	Apr. to May	May to June	June to July
All items	100.000	154.1	154.3	2.9	0.1	0.3	0.1	0.2
All items (1967=100)	-	459.1	459.7	-	-	-	-	-
Food and beverages	19.262	152.6	153.1	3.4	.3	.1	.7	.4
Food	17.581	152.1	152.8	3.5	.5	.1	.8	.5
Food at home	11.206	152.6	153.3	4.0	.5	.0	1.0	.6
Cereals and bakery products	1.682	174.0	174.5	3.9	.3	.6	.1	.2
Meats, poultry, fish, and eggs	3.453	142.7	143.6	4.8	.6	.0	1.4	.7
Dairy products	1.300	139.7	141.9	7.1	1.6	.6	1.5	1.5
Fruits and vegetables	2.052	182.6	183.4	4.1	.4	-1.0	1.9	.6
Other food at home	2.719	142.5	142.6	1.6	.1	.0	.2	.2
Sugar and sweets .....	.369	143.7	144.6	4.8	.6	.7	.4	.5
Fats and oils .....	.285	140.6	140.2	1.7	-.3	.1	.9	-.8
Nonalcoholic beverages .....	.885	127.9	127.1	-2.2	-.6	-.4	-.6	-.1
Other prepared food	1.180	155.9	156.6	3.6	.4	.0	.6	.4
Food away from home	6.374	152.3	152.7	2.5	.3	.3	.2	.3
Alcoholic beverages	1.681	157.9	157.8	3.1	-.1	.3	.2	.1
Housing	38.888	149.6	150.4	2.9	.5	.2	.1	.4
Shelter	25.976	165.9	166.9	3.2	.6	.2	.2	.4

Renters' costs 1/	8.091	157.2	159.1	3.4	1.2	.2	.3	.6
Rent, residential	6.616	161.3	161.9	2.8	.4	.3	.2	.3
Other renters' costs	1.475	215.3	226.0	5.8	5.0	-.1	.3	1.7
Homeowners' costs 1/	17.695	160.5	161.0	3.1	.3	.3	.2	.3
Owners' equivalent rent 1/	17.366	160.8	161.3	3.2	.3	.2	.1	.3
Household insurance 1/ .....	.329	146.9	147.8	1.7	.6	.1	.2	.5
Maintenance and repairs 2/ .....	.189	137.5	137.9	2.4	.3	.5	.0	.3
Maintenance and repair services 2/ .	.105	146.7	148.2	3.7	1.0	.6	-.1	1.0
Maintenance and repair								
commodities 2/ .....	.085	125.6	124.8	.6	-.6	.4	.1	-.6
Fuel and other utilities	7.247	128.2	128.7	3.3	.4	.2	-.2	.4
Fuels	3.887	116.1	117.0	3.4	.8	-.3	-.8	.9
Fuel oil and other household fuel								
commodities .....	.327	94.3	92.1	5.9	-2.3	-1.8	-3.9	-1.5
Gas (piped) and electricity (energy								
services).....	3.560	123.8	125.1	3.2	1.1	-.2	-.5	1.1
Other utilities and public								
services 2/	3.360	158.2	158.0	3.0	-.1	.9	.4	-.1
Household furnishings and operation	5.666	123.1	123.2	1.1	.1	-.2	.2	.1
Housefurnishings	3.367	109.9	109.8	-.1	-.1	-.5	.2	-.2
Housekeeping supplies	1.149	141.2	141.6	2.9	.3	-.4	-.2	.5
Housekeeping services	1.150	150.5	151.1	3.1	.4	.4	.3	.5
Apparel and upkeep	5.533	130.2	127.9	.4	-1.8	.2	-.6	.0
Apparel commodities	5.017	126.9	124.3	.2	-2.0	.1	-.7	.0
Men's and boys' apparel	1.310	126.7	124.7	1.3	-1.6	.0	-.6	-.2
Women's and girls' apparel.....	2.148	122.1	118.1	-1.6	-3.3	.3	-1.0	.1
Infants' and toddlers' apparel 2/ ....	.251	130.1	126.8	2.7	-2.5	-2.4	-1.1	-2.5
Footwear .....	.812	128.1	126.8	2.1	-1.0	.0	.5	.2
Other apparel commodities .....	.495	150.5	150.9	1.1	.3	.5	-.8	.9
Apparel services 2/ .....	.516	159.0	159.3	1.6	.2	.4	.1	.2
Transportation	19.020	143.8	143.3	2.5	-.3	.6	-.6	-.4
Private transportation	17.847	141.8	141.1	2.5	-.5	.6	-.6	-.4
New vehicles	4.958	144.5	144.3	2.1	-.1	.2	.3	.2
New cars	3.591	140.9	140.6	1.8	-.2	.1	.4	.3
Used cars	2.432	158.3	158.1	-.2	-.1	-.9	-1.1	-.3
Motor fuel	3.584	111.0	108.8	5.1	-2.0	2.5	-3.2	-2.7
Gasoline	-	110.9	108.7	4.9	-2.0	2.3	-3.2	-2.5
Maintenance and repairs	1.619	158.6	158.9	2.6	.2	.2	.3	.2
Other private transportation	5.255	168.8	169.2	2.2	.2	.1	.4	.4
Other private transportation								
commodities .....	.767	104.3	103.8	-.2	-.5	-.2	.5	-.5
Other private transportation								
services	4.488	185.1	185.7	2.5	.3	.2	.3	.5

Public transportation	1.173	180.1	180.6	2.3	.3	1.4	1.2	-.6	
Medical care	6.262	227.3	228.2	3.6	.4	.3	.3	.3	
Medical care commodities	1.055	208.0	208.5	3.1	.2	.1	.4	.2	
Medical care services	5.208	231.6	232.6	3.7	.4	.3	.3	.3	
Professional medical services	2.965	209.0	209.9	3.6	.4	.3	.1	.4	
Entertainment	4.029	156.7	156.7	3.4	.0	.4	.3	.0	
Entertainment commodities	2.053	141.9	141.8	3.0	-.1	.2	.1	-.1	
Entertainment services	1.976	178.0	178.2	4.0	.1	.6	.4	.2	
Other goods and services	7.006	211.0	211.6	4.1	.3	.4	.1	.4	
Tobacco and smoking products	2.135	232.8	233.2	3.0	.2	.5	.1	.4	
Personal care 2/	1.132	149.6	150.0	2.1	.3	.5	-.5	.3	
Toilet goods and personal care appliances 2/ .....	.635	144.6	145.0	1.2	.3	.9	-1.0	.3
Personal care services 2/ .....	.497	156.0	156.2	3.2	.1	.1	.1	.1
Personal and educational expenses	3.739	240.6	241.4	5.3	.3	.3	.4	.5	
School books and supplies .....	.227	225.5	225.5	5.5	.0	.0	.1	.2
Personal and educational services	3.512	242.0	242.9	5.3	.4	.3	.4	.5	
Commodity and service group									
All items	100.000	154.1	154.3	2.9	.1	.3	.1	.2	
Commodities	47.052	140.0	139.7	2.6	-.2	.2	-.1	.0	
Food and beverages	19.262	152.6	153.1	3.4	.3	.1	.7	.4	
Commodities less food and beverages	27.790	132.4	131.4	1.9	-.8	.3	-.6	-.3	
Nondurables less food and beverages ..	16.074	133.8	132.4	2.7	-1.0	.5	-1.0	-.4	
Apparel commodities	5.017	126.9	124.3	.2	-2.0	.1	-.7	.0	
Nondurables less food, beverages, and apparel	11.057	140.1	139.2	3.7	-.6	.5	-1.2	-.7	
Durables	11.716	129.2	129.0	.9	-.2	-.2	.0	.0	
Services	52.948	171.2	172.0	3.3	.5	.3	.2	.4	
Rent of shelter 1/	25.430	159.6	160.6	3.3	.6	.3	.3	.4	
Household services less rent of shelter 1/	8.531	131.6	132.3	3.1	.5	.5	-.1	.5	
Transportation services	7.279	177.6	178.1	2.5	.3	.5	.5	.3	
Medical care services	5.208	231.6	232.6	3.7	.4	.3	.3	.3	
Other services	6.501	196.9	197.4	4.4	.3	.4	.4	.4	
Special indexes									
All items less food	82.419	154.4	154.5	2.8	.1	.3	-.1	.1	
All items less shelter	74.024	151.1	151.0	2.9	-.1	.3	.1	.1	
All items less homeowners' costs 1/	82.305	144.8	145.0	2.9	.1	.3	.0	.2	

All items less medical care	93.738	150.6	150.8	2.9	.1	.3	.1	.2
Commodities less food	29.471	133.3	132.4	1.9	-.7	.3	-.6	-.3
Nondurables less food	17.756	135.1	133.8	2.7	-1.0	.4	-.9	-.4
Nondurables less food and apparel	12.739	140.8	140.0	3.6	-.6	.6	-1.0	-.7
Nondurables	35.336	143.5	143.1	3.1	-.3	.1	-.1	.0
Services less rent of shelter 1/	27.518	162.6	163.3	3.4	.4	.4	.2	.5
Services less medical care services	47.740	166.0	166.8	3.3	.5	.4	.2	.5
Energy	7.470	112.9	112.2	4.3	-.6	1.1	-2.0	-.9
All items less energy	92.530	160.0	160.3	2.9	.2	.2	.3	.2
All items less food and energy	74.949	162.0	162.2	2.7	.1	.2	.1	.2
Commodities less food and energy commodities	25.560	140.7	140.1	1.4	-.4	.0	-.1	.1
Energy commodities	3.911	109.8	107.6	5.2	-2.0	2.1	-3.2	-2.6
Services less energy services	49.388	176.4	177.2	3.3	.5	.4	.2	.3
Purchasing power of the consumer dollar:								
1982-84=\$1.00 2/	-	\$.649	\$.648	-2.8	-.2	-.3	.0	-.2
1967=\$1.00 2/	-	.218	.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				
	Apr.	May	June	July	Oct.	3 months ended-		6 months ended-		
	1996	1996	1996	1996	1995	Jan. 1996	Apr. 1996	July 1996	Jan. 1996	July 1996
All items	-	-	-	-	2.7	2.7	4.3	2.4	2.7	3.3
Food and beverages	151.8	151.9	153.0	153.6	3.5	1.3	4.1	4.8	2.4	4.4
Food	151.3	151.4	152.6	153.3	3.8	1.1	4.1	5.4	2.4	4.7
Food at home	151.6	151.6	153.1	154.0	4.4	.5	4.9	6.5	2.4	5.7

Cereals and bakery products	172.5	173.5	173.7	174.0	3.6	6.5	2.1	3.5	5.1	2.8
Meats, poultry, fish, and eggs	141.2	141.2	143.2	144.2	9.3	3.5	-1.7	8.8	6.4	3.4
Dairy products	136.9	137.7	139.8	141.9	2.1	6.1	5.1	15.4	4.1	10.2
Fruits and vegetables	183.6	181.8	185.2	186.3	3.2	-12.3	22.5	6.0	-4.9	14.0
Other food at home	142.1	142.1	142.4	142.7	.9	1.1	3.2	1.7	1.0	2.4
Sugar and sweets	142.1	143.1	143.7	144.4	2.9	7.1	2.6	6.6	5.0	4.6
Fats and oils	139.2	139.4	140.7	139.6	2.4	3.2	.0	1.2	2.8	.6
Nonalcoholic beverages	129.2	128.7	127.9	127.8	-1.8	-3.3	.6	-4.3	-2.6	-1.9
Other prepared food	154.9	154.9	155.9	156.6	1.9	2.7	5.6	4.5	2.3	5.0
Food away from home	151.6	152.0	152.3	152.7	2.7	1.9	2.7	2.9	2.3	2.8
Alcoholic beverages	156.8	157.3	157.6	157.8	3.2	2.6	3.9	2.6	2.9	3.2
Housing	148.7	149.0	149.1	149.7	3.1	3.0	3.0	2.7	3.0	2.9
Shelter	165.1	165.5	165.8	166.5	3.3	3.5	2.7	3.4	3.4	3.1
Renters' costs 1/	155.9	156.2	156.6	157.6	2.9	2.9	3.4	4.4	2.9	3.9
Rent, residential	160.6	161.1	161.5	162.0	2.3	3.1	2.3	3.5	2.7	2.9
Other renters' costs	213.1	212.9	213.6	217.3	5.2	2.1	7.7	8.1	3.6	7.9
Homeowners' costs 1/	160.0	160.4	160.7	161.2	3.4	3.6	2.5	3.0	3.5	2.8
Owners' equivalent rent 1/	160.3	160.7	160.9	161.4	3.6	3.6	2.5	2.8	3.6	2.7
Household insurance 1/	146.3	146.4	146.7	147.4	-1.6	2.5	3.1	3.0	.4	3.1
Maintenance and repairs 2/	136.8	137.5	137.5	137.9	3.0	-.6	3.9	3.3	1.2	3.6
Maintenance and repair services 2/ ...	145.9	146.8	146.7	148.2	4.3	.6	3.6	6.5	2.4	5.0
Maintenance and repair commodities 2/	125.0	125.5	125.6	124.8	1.0	-2.2	4.6	-.6	-.6	2.0
Fuel and other utilities	126.5	126.8	126.5	127.0	2.0	2.6	6.9	1.6	2.3	4.2
Fuels	113.7	113.4	112.5	113.5	2.6	3.3	9.3	-.7	2.9	4.2
Fuel oil and other household fuel										
commodities	100.7	98.9	95.0	93.6	-3.1	39.4	24.7	-25.4	16.2	-3.5
Gas (piped) and electricity (energy										
services).....	120.6	120.4	119.8	121.1	3.1	.3	8.4	1.7	1.7	5.0
Other utilities and public services 2/ .	156.1	157.5	158.2	158.0	1.3	2.4	3.4	5.0	1.8	4.2
Household furnishings and operation	123.1	122.8	123.0	123.1	2.7	1.3	.7	.0	2.0	.3
Housefurnishings	110.2	109.7	109.9	109.7	1.8	.0	-.4	-1.8	.9	-1.1
Housekeeping supplies	141.7	141.2	140.9	141.6	4.7	4.7	2.6	-.3	4.7	1.1
Housekeeping services	149.5	150.1	150.6	151.4	3.9	1.6	1.9	5.2	2.7	3.5
Apparel and upkeep	131.6	131.8	131.0	131.0	1.2	2.8	-.9	-1.8	2.0	-1.4
Apparel commodities	128.6	128.7	127.8	127.8	1.6	2.8	-.9	-2.5	2.2	-1.7
Men's and boys' apparel	128.0	128.0	127.2	127.0	1.3	4.2	2.9	-3.1	2.7	-.2
Women's and girls' apparel	124.9	125.3	124.0	124.1	-2.2	6.5	-7.9	-2.5	2.1	-5.3
Infants' and toddlers' apparel 2/	134.8	131.5	130.1	126.8	33.7	-1.5	7.8	-21.7	14.8	-8.1
Footwear	127.5	127.5	128.1	128.4	4.5	-5.5	7.2	2.9	-.6	5.0
Other apparel commodities	150.7	151.4	150.2	151.5	.5	.5	1.1	2.1	.5	1.6
Apparel services 2/.....	158.2	158.8	159.0	159.3	-1.3	3.4	1.5	2.8	1.0	2.2
Transportation	143.3	144.1	143.3	142.7	-1.4	3.8	9.5	-1.7	1.2	3.7

Private transportation	141.4	142.2	141.3	140.7	-1.4	4.8	9.0	-2.0	1.6	3.4
New vehicles	143.9	144.2	144.7	145.0	2.0	1.4	2.0	3.1	1.7	2.5
New cars	140.3	140.4	140.9	141.3	1.2	1.4	1.7	2.9	1.3	2.3
Used cars	160.3	158.9	157.2	156.8	-.8	7.6	1.3	-8.5	3.3	-3.7
Motor fuel	109.9	112.6	109.0	106.1	-13.5	16.5	39.1	-13.1	.4	9.9
Gasoline	109.7	112.2	108.6	105.9	-14.2	17.0	38.6	-13.2	.2	9.7
Maintenance and repairs	158.0	158.3	158.8	159.1	2.6	3.6	1.5	2.8	3.1	2.2
Other private transportation	168.5	168.7	169.3	170.0	3.7	-.7	2.2	3.6	1.4	2.9
Other private transportation commodities	104.2	104.0	104.5	104.0	.8	-.8	.0	-.8	.0	-.4
Other private transportation services	184.7	185.1	185.6	186.6	4.0	-.7	2.6	4.2	1.7	3.4
Public transportation	176.3	178.8	181.0	180.0	-1.8	-12.4	16.8	8.7	-7.2	12.6
Medical care	226.3	227.0	227.6	228.3	4.1	4.2	2.9	3.6	4.1	3.2
Medical care commodities	206.8	207.1	208.0	208.5	2.6	4.4	2.4	3.3	3.5	2.8
Medical care services	230.5	231.3	231.9	232.6	4.4	4.1	2.8	3.7	4.2	3.3
Professional medical services	207.9	208.6	208.8	209.7	3.6	4.0	3.3	3.5	3.8	3.4
Entertainment	155.8	156.4	156.9	156.9	3.5	4.5	2.9	2.9	4.0	2.9
Entertainment commodities	141.4	141.7	141.9	141.8	2.9	4.7	3.2	1.1	3.8	2.1
Entertainment services	176.6	177.7	178.4	178.7	3.8	4.5	2.5	4.8	4.1	3.7
Other goods and services	211.1	211.9	212.2	213.1	5.6	2.9	4.3	3.8	4.2	4.1
Tobacco and smoking products	230.8	231.9	232.1	233.0	5.4	-1.0	4.3	3.9	2.1	4.1
Personal care 2/	149.6	150.3	149.6	150.0	5.0	1.1	1.3	1.1	3.0	1.2
Toilet goods and personal care appliances 2/	144.7	146.0	144.6	145.0	5.1	-1.9	.8	.8	1.5	.8
Personal care services 2/	155.7	155.8	156.0	156.2	5.1	4.5	2.1	1.3	4.8	1.7
Personal and educational expenses	241.1	241.8	242.8	243.9	5.8	5.6	5.3	4.7	5.7	5.0
School books and supplies	226.3	226.2	226.4	226.8	6.9	9.1	4.9	.9	8.0	2.9
Personal and educational services	242.5	243.2	244.2	245.4	5.8	5.4	5.5	4.9	5.6	5.2
Commodity and service group										
All items	-	-	-	-	2.7	2.7	4.3	2.4	2.7	3.3
Commodities	139.8	140.1	140.0	140.0	1.5	3.3	5.0	.6	2.4	2.8
Food and beverages	151.8	151.9	153.0	153.6	3.5	1.3	4.1	4.8	2.4	4.4
Commodities less food and beverages	132.4	132.8	132.0	131.6	.0	4.4	6.0	-2.4	2.2	1.7
Nondurables less food and beverages	134.1	134.8	133.4	132.8	-1.2	7.3	9.5	-3.8	3.0	2.6
Apparel commodities	128.6	128.7	127.8	127.8	1.6	2.8	-.9	-2.5	2.2	-1.7
Nondurables less food, beverages, and apparel	140.1	140.8	139.1	138.1	-3.0	8.4	16.3	-5.6	2.6	4.8
Durables	129.3	129.1	129.1	129.1	.9	2.2	.9	-.6	1.6	.2
Services	170.2	170.7	171.1	171.8	3.2	2.7	3.6	3.8	2.9	3.7

Rent of shelter 1/	159.0	159.4	159.8	160.4	3.1	3.6	2.8	3.6	3.4	3.2
Household services less rent of shelter 1/	129.6	130.3	130.2	130.8	2.2	1.3	5.1	3.8	1.7	4.4
Transportation services	176.5	177.3	178.1	178.6	2.8	-1.8	4.4	4.8	.5	4.6
Medical care services	230.5	231.3	231.9	232.6	4.4	4.1	2.8	3.7	4.2	3.3
Other services	197.0	197.8	198.5	199.2	4.5	4.9	4.0	4.5	4.7	4.2

Special indexes

All items less food	153.7	154.2	154.1	154.3	2.4	3.2	4.3	1.6	2.8	2.9
All items less shelter	150.5	150.9	151.0	151.2	2.2	2.5	4.9	1.9	2.3	3.4
All items less homeowners' costs 1/	144.3	144.7	144.7	145.0	2.3	2.6	4.9	2.0	2.4	3.4
All items less medical care	150.0	150.4	150.5	150.8	2.5	2.7	4.4	2.2	2.6	3.3
Commodities less food	133.6	134.0	133.2	132.8	.3	4.4	5.9	-2.4	2.3	1.7
Nondurables less food	135.3	135.9	134.7	134.1	-.9	6.9	8.7	-3.5	2.9	2.4
Nondurables less food and apparel	140.4	141.3	139.9	138.9	-1.5	7.7	13.2	-4.2	3.0	4.2
Nondurables	143.2	143.4	143.3	143.3	.9	4.4	6.7	.3	2.6	3.4
Services less rent of shelter 1/	161.3	162.0	162.3	163.1	3.6	1.8	3.8	4.5	2.7	4.2
Services less medical care services	164.9	165.5	165.8	166.6	3.3	2.2	3.5	4.2	2.7	3.8
Energy	111.4	112.6	110.3	109.3	-5.6	9.6	23.4	-7.3	1.7	6.9
All items less energy	159.6	159.9	160.3	160.7	3.1	2.3	3.1	2.8	2.7	2.9
All items less food and energy	161.8	162.2	162.4	162.8	2.8	2.8	2.5	2.5	2.8	2.5
Commodities less food and energy commodities	141.0	141.0	140.8	140.9	2.3	2.3	1.4	-.3	2.3	.6
Energy commodities	109.3	111.6	108.0	105.2	-12.5	18.0	37.7	-14.2	1.6	8.7
Services less energy services	175.8	176.5	176.9	177.5	3.3	2.6	3.2	3.9	2.9	3.6

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 July 1996 from-			Percent change to June 1996 from-		
		Apr.	May	June	July	July	May	June	June	Apr.	May
		1996	1996	1996	1996	1995	1996	1996	1995	1996	1996

U.S. city average	M	156.3	156.6	156.7	157.0	3.0	0.3	0.2	2.8	0.3	0.1
Region and area size 2/											
Northeast urban.....	M	162.9	163.0	163.1	163.4	2.6	.2	.2	2.6	.1	.1
Size A - More than 1,200,000	M	163.6	163.6	163.8	164.1	2.7	.3	.2	2.6	.1	.1
Size B - 500,000 to 1,200,000	M	160.6	161.0	160.9	161.8	2.7	.5	.6	2.8	.2	-.1
Size C - 50,000 to 500,000	M	161.3	160.9	161.0	161.5	2.3	.4	.3	2.4	-.2	.1
North Central urban	M	152.3	152.7	152.9	153.2	3.0	.3	.2	2.8	.4	.1
Size A - More than 1,200,000	M	152.9	153.2	153.5	153.7	2.8	.3	.1	2.7	.4	.2
Size B - 360,000 to 1,200,000	M	151.2	151.6	152.0	152.4	3.0	.5	.3	2.9	.5	.3
Size C - 50,000 to 360,000	M	153.9	154.7	154.1	154.6	3.3	-.1	.3	2.8	.1	-.4
Size D - Nonmetropolitan (less than 50,000)	M	149.0	149.2	149.8	150.4	3.0	.8	.4	3.0	.5	.4
South urban	M	153.2	153.5	154.0	154.0	3.2	.3	.0	3.3	.5	.3
Size A - More than 1,200,000	M	152.4	152.7	153.2	153.2	3.0	.3	.0	3.0	.5	.3
Size B - 450,000 to 1,200,000	M	155.6	155.9	156.3	156.7	3.4	.5	.3	3.3	.4	.3
Size C - 50,000 to 450,000	M	153.1	153.2	153.8	153.7	3.6	.3	-.1	3.6	.5	.4
Size D - Nonmetropolitan (less than 50,000)	M	152.4	152.9	153.0	152.5	3.0	-.3	-.3	3.5	.4	.1
West urban	M	157.1	157.6	157.5	157.9	2.9	.2	.3	2.5	.3	-.1
Size A - More than 1,250,000	M	157.3	157.6	157.3	158.0	2.6	.3	.4	2.1	.0	-.2
Size C - 50,000 to 330,000	M	162.2	162.4	162.4	162.4	3.6	.0	.0	3.7	.1	.0
Size classes											
A 3/	M	141.1	141.3	141.4	141.7	2.8	.3	.2	2.5	.2	.1
B	M	156.1	156.6	156.9	157.4	3.1	.5	.3	3.2	.5	.2
C	M	156.3	156.4	156.5	156.8	3.3	.3	.2	3.1	.1	.1
D	M	153.0	153.5	153.7	153.7	3.1	.1	.0	3.2	.5	.1
Selected local areas											
Chicago-Gary-Lake County, IL-IN-WI.....	M	156.4	156.9	157.6	157.7	2.7	.5	.1	2.7	.8	.4
Los Angeles-Anaheim-Riverside, CA	M	157.7	157.5	156.7	157.6	2.0	.1	.6	1.2	-.6	-.5
N.Y.-Northern N.J.-Long Island, NY-NJ-CT	M	166.0	166.4	166.5	166.7	2.7	.2	.1	2.7	.3	.1
Phil.-Wilmington-Trenton, PA-NJ-DE-MD ..	M	162.1	161.8	162.3	162.8	2.5	.6	.3	2.5	.1	.3
San Francisco-Oakland-San Jose, CA	M	153.9	155.1	155.2	155.9	2.9	.5	.5	2.3	.8	.1
Baltimore, MD	1	-	153.9	-	155.7	2.8	1.2	-	-	-	-
Boston-Lawrence-Salem, MA-NH	1	-	161.8	-	162.0	2.7	.1	-	-	-	-

Cleveland-Akron-Lorain, OH	1	-	151.8	-	152.1	2.7	.2	-	-	-	-
Miami-Fort Lauderdale, FL	1	-	152.6	-	152.4	2.8	-.1	-	-	-	-
St. Louis-East St. Louis, MO-IL	1	-	148.1	-	149.9	3.0	1.2	-	-	-	-
Washington, DC-MD-VA	1	-	159.0	-	160.1	2.6	.7	-	-	-	-
Dallas-Fort Worth, TX	2	148.5	-	149.4	-	-	-	-	3.5	.6	-
Detroit-Ann Arbor, MI	2	152.3	-	151.9	-	-	-	-	2.4	-.3	-
Houston-Galveston-Brazoria, TX	2	143.1	-	142.8	-	-	-	-	2.1	-.2	-
Pittsburgh-Beaver Valley, PA	2	152.8	-	153.2	-	-	-	-	2.7	.3	-

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Table 6. Consumer Price Index for Urban Wage Earners and Clerical Workers: Selected areas, all items index

(1982-84=100, unless otherwise noted)

Area	Pricing schedule 1/	Indexes				Percent change to July 1996 from-			Percent change to June 1996 from-		
		Apr. 1996	May 1996	June 1996	July 1996	July 1995	May 1996	June 1996	June 1995	Apr. 1996	May 1996
U.S. city average	M	153.6	154.0	154.1	154.3	2.9	0.2	0.1	2.8	0.3	0.1
Region and area size 2/											
Northeast urban.....	M	160.3	160.6	160.6	160.9	2.7	.2	.2	2.7	.2	.0
Size A - More than 1,200,000	M	160.0	160.2	160.4	160.5	2.8	.2	.1	2.8	.3	.1

Size B - 500,000 to 1,200,000	M	158.5	158.9	158.7	159.7	2.8	.5	.6	2.7	.1	-.1
Size C - 50,000 to 500,000	M	162.9	162.7	162.5	162.9	2.3	.1	.2	2.3	-.2	-.1
North Central urban	M	149.0	149.4	149.5	149.8	3.0	.3	.2	2.7	.3	.1
Size A - More than 1,200,000	M	149.0	149.3	149.6	149.7	2.8	.3	.1	2.7	.4	.2
Size B - 360,000 to 1,200,000	M	147.3	147.8	148.0	148.3	2.9	.3	.2	2.6	.5	.1
Size C - 50,000 to 360,000	M	151.3	152.1	151.5	151.9	3.3	-.1	.3	2.8	.1	-.4
Size D - Nonmetropolitan (less than 50,000)	M	147.1	147.3	148.0	148.5	3.0	.8	.3	3.0	.6	.5
South urban	M	151.8	152.1	152.6	152.6	3.2	.3	.0	3.2	.5	.3
Size A - More than 1,200,000	M	150.6	151.0	151.6	151.6	3.0	.4	.0	3.0	.7	.4
Size B - 450,000 to 1,200,000	M	151.9	152.3	152.6	152.9	3.4	.4	.2	3.2	.5	.2
Size C - 50,000 to 450,000	M	153.0	153.1	153.7	153.6	3.4	.3	-.1	3.4	.5	.4
Size D - Nonmetropolitan (less than 50,000)	M	152.9	153.5	153.6	152.8	3.0	-.5	-.5	3.7	.5	.1
West urban	M	154.2	154.7	154.5	154.9	2.9	.1	.3	2.5	.2	-.1
Size A - More than 1,250,000	M	152.9	153.2	152.9	153.4	2.6	.1	.3	2.1	.0	-.2
Size C - 50,000 to 330,000	M	159.1	159.4	159.2	159.3	3.6	-.1	.1	3.5	.1	-.1
Size classes											
A 3/	M	140.2	140.4	140.6	140.8	2.8	.3	.1	2.6	.3	.1
B	M	153.3	153.8	154.0	154.4	3.1	.4	.3	3.1	.5	.1
C	M	155.4	155.7	155.7	155.8	3.2	.1	.1	3.0	.2	.0
D	M	152.4	152.8	153.1	153.0	3.1	.1	-.1	3.3	.5	.2
Selected local areas											
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Los Angeles-Anaheim-Riverside, CA	M	152.4	152.3	151.5	152.3	2.0	.0	.5	1.2	-.6	-.5
N.Y.-Northern N.J.-Long Island, NY-NJ-CT	M	162.2	162.8	162.8	162.8	2.8	.0	.0	2.8	.4	.0
Phil.-Wilmington-Trenton, PA-NJ-DE-MD ..	M	161.3	161.3	161.7	162.1	2.3	.5	.2	2.3	.2	.2
San Francisco-Oakland-San Jose, CA	M	151.9	153.0	152.9	153.4	2.7	.3	.3	2.2	.7	-.1
Baltimore, MD	1	-	152.8	-	154.6	2.7	1.2	-	-	-	-
Boston-Lawrence-Salem, MA-NH	1	-	160.8	-	160.9	2.7	.1	-	-	-	-
Cleveland-Akron-Lorain, OH	1	-	144.0	-	144.3	2.9	.2	-	-	-	-
Miami-Fort Lauderdale, FL	1	-	151.0	-	150.8	2.9	-.1	-	-	-	-
St. Louis-East St. Louis, MO-IL	1	-	147.4	-	149.0	2.6	1.1	-	-	-	-
Washington, DC-MD-VA	1	-	156.7	-	157.6	2.7	.6	-	-	-	-
Dallas-Fort Worth, TX	2	148.6	-	149.6	-	-	-	-	3.6	.7	-
Detroit-Ann Arbor, MI	2	147.6	-	147.1	-	-	-	-	2.4	-.3	-
Houston-Galveston-Brazoria, TX	2	142.3	-	142.2	-	-	-	-	1.9	-.1	-

Pittsburgh-Beaver Valley, PA	2	146.5	-	146.9	-	-	-	-	2.7	.3	-
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