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CONSUMER PRICE INDEX: OCTOBER 1996

The Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers (CPI-U) increased 0.3 percent before seasonal adjustment in October to a level of 158.3 (1982-84=100), the Bureau of Labor Statistics of the U.S. Department of Labor reported today. For the 12-month period ended in October, the CPI-U increased 3.0 percent.

The Consumer Price Index for Urban Wage Earners and Clerical Workers (CPI-W) also rose 0.3 percent in October, prior to seasonal adjustment. The October 1996 CPI-W level of 155.5 was 3.0 percent higher than the index in October 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 October, the same as in September. The food index rose 0.6 percent in September, reflecting sharp increases in prices for dairy products and for fresh fruits and vegetables. The energy index registered its first increase since May, advancing 0.7 percent in October. The index for petroleum-based energy increased 1.4 percent, while the index for energy services was unchanged. Excluding food and energy, the CPI-U rose 0.2 percent, following a 0.3 percent increase in September. Declines in vehicle purchase costs and in the index for household furnishings and operation and a smaller increase in the index for airline fares more than offset a larger increase in shelter costs.

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

Expenditure Category	Seasonally adjusted	Un- Compound adjusted
	Changes from preceding month 1996	annual rate 12-mos. 3-mos. Ended ended

	Apr.	May	June	July	Aug.	Sep.	Oct.	Oct.'96	Oct.'96
All Items	.4	.3	.1	.3	.1	.3	.3	2.8	3.0
Food and beverages	.3	.1	.7	.5	.3	.5	.6	5.8	4.0
Housing	.3	.2	.1	.4	.2	.2	.3	2.9	2.9
Apparel and upkeep	-.4	.1	-.4	-.1	-1.4	.5	.5	-1.8	-.8
Transportation	1.1	.7	-.4	-.2	-.2	.5	.1	1.7	3.2
Medical care	.3	.3	.3	.3	.2	.2	.2	2.5	3.2
Entertainment	-.1	.4	.3	.1	.2	.1	.1	1.3	3.0
Other goods and services	.3	.4	.2	.4	.3	.0	.4	3.2	3.8
Special Indexes:									
Energy	3.2	1.1	-2.2	-.4	-.6	.0	.7	.4	5.7
Food	.3	.1	.7	.5	.4	.5	.6	6.1	4.0
All items less food and energy	.1	.2	.2	.3	.1	.3	.2	2.4	2.6

During the first 10 months of 1996, the CPI-U rose at a 3.3 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 6.7 percent rate, with petroleum-based energy advancing at a 10.5 percent SAAR. The food index has risen at a 4.7 percent annual rate in the first 10 months after increasing 2.1 percent in all of 1995. Excluding food and energy, the CPI-U advanced at a 2.8 percent rate in the first 10 months of 1996. This compares with a 3.0 percent increase for all of 1995.

The food and beverage index rose 0.6 percent in October. The recent surge in grocery store food prices continued in October with an advance of 0.7 percent, bringing the increase over the past 5 months to 3.4 percent. Increases in the indexes for dairy products and for fresh fruits and vegetables--up 1.7 and 2.4 percent, respectively--accounted for over three-fourths of the October advance. The index for dairy products has risen 8.6 percent in the past 5 months and 12.1 percent since October 1995. Prior to the October advance, the index for fresh fruits and vegetables had declined 0.5 percent in each of the 2 preceding months. Among the other major grocery store food groups, the index for meats, poultry, fish, and eggs increased 0.5 percent in October, following advances totaling 4.1 percent in the 4 months ended in September. The index for pork, which had increased 9.6 percent in the previous 5-month period, rose 0.1 percent in October. The indexes for beef and for poultry increased 0.6 and 0.8 percent, respectively. The index for cereal and bakery products rose 0.2 percent, the same as

in September. The index for other food at home increased 0.1 percent in October. The other two components of the food and beverage index--restaurant meals and alcoholic beverages--increased 0.5 and 0.4 percent, respectively.

The housing component rose 0.3 percent in October. Shelter costs increased 0.3 percent, following a rise of 0.2 percent in September. Within shelter, renters' costs and homeowners' costs each rose 0.3 percent, and maintenance and repair costs increased 0.2 percent. The index for fuel and other utilities rose 0.5 percent. Household fuels increased 0.7 percent, reflecting a 7.0 percent rise in the index for fuel oil. A 0.7 percent increase in charges for natural gas was offset by a 0.2 percent decline in the index for electricity. Among other utilities and public services, the index for cable television rose 0.5 percent in October to a level 7.7 percent higher than a year ago. The index for household furnishings and operation declined 0.1 percent in October, following increases of 0.2 percent in each of the preceding 2 months.

The transportation index increased 0.1 percent in October, following a rise of 0.5 percent in September. The index for gasoline registered its first increase since May, advancing 0.7 percent in October after declining 8.0 percent in the preceding 4-month period. (Prior to seasonal adjustment, gasoline prices continued to fall--down 0.5 percent.) As of October, the gasoline index was 11.4 percent below its peak level of December 1990. Automobile purchase costs, which had risen substantially in September, declined in October. The index for new vehicles, which increased 0.6 percent in September, fell 0.2 percent in October. (Prior to seasonal adjustment, new vehicle prices rose 0.4 percent. As of October, nearly 30 percent of the new vehicle sample was represented by 1997 models. The 1997 models will continue to be phased in over the next several months as they replace old models at dealerships. For a report on quality changes for the 1997 vehicles, see news release USDL-96-472, dated November 13, 1996.) The index for automobile finance charges declined 0.3 percent in October, its first decrease since February. The index for used cars also turned down in October, declining 0.3 percent after increasing 0.3 percent in September. The index for airline fares, which increased 2.9 percent in September, rose 1.9 percent in October.

The index for apparel and upkeep rose 0.5 percent in October, the same as in September after declining 1.4 percent in August. The proportion of higher priced fall-winter wear in the sample in September and October was about normal in contrast to August, which was characterized by the slower than usual introduction of the seasonal

clothing. (Prior to seasonal adjustment, clothing prices rose 1.7 percent in October.)

Medical care costs rose 0.2 percent in October to a level 3.2 percent above a year ago. The index for medical care commodities--prescription drugs, nonprescription drugs, and medical supplies--increased 0.5 percent in October. The index for medical care services rose 0.2 percent. Charges for professional services and hospital and related services increased 0.3 and 0.1 percent, respectively.

Entertainment costs rose 0.1 percent in October, the same as in September. Declines in the index for admissions (to movies, theaters, concerts, etc.), for fees for participant sports, and for sporting goods partially offset small to moderate increases in most other entertainment components.

The index for other goods and services, which was virtually unchanged in September, increased 0.4 percent in October. The index for personal and educational expenses, which declined 0.2 percent in September, rose 0.4 percent in October. The index for tobacco products increased 0.7 percent for the second consecutive month in October.

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 October.

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 Oct. '96	Un-adjusted 12-mos. ended Oct. '96
	Changes from preceding month 1996								
	Apr.	May	June	July	Aug.	Sep.	Oct.		
All Items	.4	.3	.1	.2	.1	.3	.3	2.6	3.0
Food and beverages	.3	.1	.7	.4	.4	.5	.5	5.9	4.0
Housing	.3	.2	.1	.4	.2	.1	.2	2.2	2.8
Apparel and upkeep	-.2	.2	-.6	.0	-1.5	.5	.4	-2.7	-.7
Transportation	1.1	.6	-.6	-.4	-.1	.4	.2	2.0	3.2
Medical care	.3	.3	.3	.3	.1	.2	.2	2.3	3.2
Entertainment	-.1	.4	.3	.0	.3	.1	.1	1.5	3.0
Other goods and services	.3	.4	.1	.4	.2	.2	.5	3.6	3.6
Special Indexes:									
Energy	3.3	1.1	-2.0	-.9	-.5	.0	.8	1.1	6.1
Food	.3	.1	.8	.5	.3	.5	.6	5.9	4.0

All items less										
food and energy	.1	.2	.1	.2	.1	.3	.2	2.2		2.5

Consumer Price Index data for November are scheduled for release on Thursday, December 12, 1996, at 8:30 A.M. (EST).

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 and access [/pub/special.requests/cpi/hospital.txt](mailto: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 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 pricing 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.

New Seasonal Adjustment Method to be Implemented

Effective with the release of revised seasonally adjusted data for 1992-1996 on February 14, 1997, the Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS) will begin using X-12-ARIMA seasonal adjustment software (developed by the Bureau of the Census) for performing Intervention Analysis Seasonal Adjustment (IASA) for selected CPI series. The X-12 ARIMA methodology incorporates a number of technical enhancements that improve the estimation of seasonal factors. This change will affect 20 CPI series. In addition, all remaining Consumer Price Index series requiring seasonal adjustment will be processed using X-12-ARIMA software beginning in February 1998. Seasonal adjustment methods in the Producer Price Index will change in similar fashion.

For more information, please contact Claire Gallagher on (202) 606-6968.

Recalculated Seasonally Adjusted Indexes to be Available on February 14, 1997

Each year with the release of the January CPI, seasonal adjustment factors are recalculated to reflect price movements from the just-completed calendar year. This routine annual recalculation may result in revisions to seasonally adjusted indexes for the previous 5 years. BLS will make available recalculated seasonally adjusted indexes, as well as recalculated seasonal adjustment factors, for the period January

1992 through December 1996, at 8:30 a.m. on Friday, February 14, 1997. Seasonal factors for 1997 for directly adjusted series will also be available. This date is two working days before the scheduled release of the January 1997 CPI on Wednesday, February 19, 1997.

The revised indexes and seasonal factors will be available on the internet at gopher://stats.bls.gov. Choose the "special requests" directory, and then the "cpi" directory. The revised seasonal data will be in the file revseas.cpi.

For further information please contact Claire McAnaw Gallagher or Richard Kerr on (202) 606-6968.

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)

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Expenditure category	Relative importance, December 1995	Unadjusted indexes		Unadjusted percent change to Oct. 1996 from-		Seasonally adjusted percent change from-		
		Sept. 1996	Oct. 1996	Oct. 1995	Sept. 1996	July to Aug.	Aug. to Sept.	Sept. to Oct.
All items	100.000	157.8	158.3	3.0	0.3	0.1	0.3	0.3
All items (1967=100)	-	472.7	474.1	-	-	-	-	-
Food and beverages	17.332	155.0	155.8	4.0	.5	.3	.5	.6
Food	15.766	154.6	155.4	4.0	.5	.4	.5	.6
Food at home	9.880	155.9	156.8	4.7	.6	.5	.6	.7
Cereals and bakery products	1.473	174.7	175.1	3.6	.2	.0	.2	.2
Meats, poultry, fish, and eggs	2.936	147.2	147.9	5.0	.5	.9	1.1	.5
Dairy products	1.169	146.7	149.3	12.1	1.8	2.0	1.7	1.7
Fruits and vegetables	1.936	183.6	185.1	4.5	.8	-.3	-.1	1.5
Other food at home	2.365	143.6	143.9	1.9	.2	-.1	.5	.1
Sugar and sweets .....	.327	145.4	145.7	4.7	.2	-.2	1.0	-.1
Fats and oils .....	.248	141.5	141.6	2.4	.1	.8	.6	-.2
Nonalcoholic beverages .....	.763	127.9	127.6	-2.5	-.2	.5	-.6	-.5
Other prepared food	1.027	157.5	158.5	4.2	.6	-.5	1.0	.6
Food away from home	5.886	153.5	154.2	2.8	.5	.2	.3	.5
Alcoholic beverages	1.566	159.5	160.1	3.4	.4	.3	.5	.4

Transportation	16.953	143.2	143.9	3.2	.5	-.2	.5	.1
Private transportation	15.430	140.0	140.5	3.1	.4	-.2	.3	.1
New vehicles	5.027	143.2	143.8	2.1	.4	.1	.6	-.2
New cars	4.015	141.0	141.5	2.1	.4	.3	.5	-.2
Used cars	1.342	157.0	157.0	-.1	.0	.0	.3	-.3
Motor fuel	2.908	106.2	105.9	7.7	-.3	-2.0	-.3	.8
Gasoline	-	105.7	105.2	7.3	-.5	-2.0	-.4	.7
Maintenance and repairs	1.535	160.0	160.5	3.3	.3	.3	.8	.4
Other private transportation	4.618	174.1	175.4	2.0	.7	.5	.3	-.1
Other private transportation commodities .....	.608	105.0	105.0	.0	.0	.1	.2	.0
Other private transportation services	4.010	190.3	192.0	2.3	.9	.5	.4	-.2
Public transportation	1.523	184.6	187.2	4.8	1.4	-.1	2.0	1.2
Medical care	7.362	229.4	230.1	3.2	.3	.2	.2	.2
Medical care commodities	1.282	211.2	212.4	3.3	.6	.2	.1	.5
Medical care services	6.081	233.6	234.2	3.2	.3	.2	.2	.2
Professional medical services	3.465	209.6	210.2	3.6	.3	.3	.3	.3
Entertainment	4.367	159.8	159.8	3.0	.0	.2	.1	.1
Entertainment commodities	1.975	143.3	143.6	2.9	.2	.1	.0	.3
Entertainment services	2.392	179.1	178.9	3.1	-.1	.1	.1	.0
Other goods and services	7.123	218.3	218.8	3.8	.2	.3	.0	.4
Tobacco and smoking products	1.610	234.1	235.3	3.2	.5	.0	.7	.7
Personal care 2/	1.170	150.8	150.9	1.6	.1	.3	.2	.1
+ Toilet goods and personal care appliances 2/ .....	.613	145.1	144.6	.1	-.3	.4	.1	-.3
+ Personal care services 2/ .....	.557	157.2	157.9	3.2	.4	.1	.4	.4
+ Personal and educational expenses	4.342	252.1	252.5	4.6	.2	.5	-.2	.4
School books and supplies .....	.258	229.9	230.5	5.9	.3	1.2	.0	.7
Personal and educational services	4.084	254.0	254.3	4.6	.1	.5	-.3	.4
Commodity and service group								
All items	100.000	157.8	158.3	3.0	.3	.1	.3	.3
Commodities	42.916	140.3	141.0	2.8	.5	-.1	.4	.4
Food and beverages	17.332	155.0	155.8	4.0	.5	.3	.5	.6
Commodities less food and beverages	25.584	131.4	132.1	2.0	.5	-.4	.3	.2
Nondurables less food and beverages ..	15.075	133.0	134.0	2.7	.8	-.8	.2	.5
Apparel commodities	4.967	127.8	130.0	-1.1	1.7	-1.5	.5	.5

Nondurables less food, beverages, and apparel	10.108	138.7	139.2	4.6	.4	-.4	-.1	.7
Durables	10.509	129.2	129.3	.9	.1	.1	.3	-.1
Services	57.084	175.6	175.8	3.2	.1	.2	.2	.3
Rent of shelter 1/	27.671	179.0	179.4	3.0	.2	.3	.1	.2
+ Household services less rent of shelter 1/	8.681	144.6	143.2	3.2	-1.0	.3	.3	.1
+ Transportation services	7.068	181.6	183.2	3.1	.9	.3	.8	.3
Medical care services	6.081	233.6	234.2	3.2	.3	.2	.2	.2
Other services	7.583	203.9	204.0	3.8	.0	.3	.0	.2

Special indexes

All items less food	84.234	158.4	158.8	2.8	.3	.1	.2	.3
All items less shelter	71.711	153.8	154.2	2.9	.3	.0	.4	.3
All items less homeowners' costs 1/	79.898	158.9	159.4	3.0	.3	.0	.3	.4
+ All items less medical care	92.638	153.8	154.2	2.9	.3	.1	.3	.3
Commodities less food	27.150	132.5	133.2	2.1	.5	-.4	.4	.2
Nondurables less food	16.641	134.5	135.5	2.7	.7	-.7	.2	.6
Nondurables less food and apparel	11.674	139.8	140.3	4.5	.4	-.3	.2	.6
Nondurables	32.407	144.1	145.1	3.3	.7	-.2	.3	.5
Services less rent of shelter 1/	29.414	184.6	184.6	3.4	.0	.3	.4	.1
+ Services less medical care services	51.004	170.2	170.4	3.2	.1	.2	.4	.2
Energy	6.700	111.7	110.5	5.7	-1.1	-.6	.0	.7
All items less energy	93.300	164.0	164.7	2.8	.4	.1	.3	.3
All items less food and energy	77.534	166.4	167.0	2.6	.4	.1	.3	.2
Commodities less food and energy commodities	23.885	141.4	142.0	1.1	.4	-.1	.4	.1
Energy commodities	3.264	105.2	105.8	8.8	.6	-1.6	.1	1.4
Services less energy services	53.648	180.7	181.2	3.2	.3	.2	.2	.3
Purchasing power of the consumer dollar:								
1982-84=\$1.00 2/	-	\$.634	\$.632	-2.9	-.3	-.2	-.3	-.3
+ 1967=\$1.00 2/	-	.212	.211	-	-	-	-	-
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1/ Indexes on a December 1982=100 base.

2/ Not seasonally adjusted.

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 - 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				
	July 1996	Aug. 1996	Sept. 1996	Oct. 1996	Jan. 1996	3 months ended-		6 months ended-		
						Apr. 1996	July 1996	Oct. 1996	Apr. 1996	Oct. 1996
All items	-	-	-	-	2.6	3.9	2.6	2.8	3.3	2.7
Food and beverages	154.1	154.6	155.3	156.3	1.1	4.0	5.1	5.8	2.5	5.5
Food	153.8	154.4	155.1	156.1	.8	4.3	5.1	6.1	2.5	5.6
Food at home	154.8	155.5	156.5	157.6	.3	5.1	6.4	7.4	2.7	6.9
Cereals and bakery products	174.3	174.3	174.7	175.1	6.5	2.3	3.5	1.8	4.4	2.7
Meats, poultry, fish, and eggs	144.5	145.8	147.4	148.1	3.5	-1.7	8.8	10.3	.9	9.5
Dairy products	142.0	144.8	147.2	149.7	5.5	5.1	15.1	23.5	5.3	19.2
Fruits and vegetables	186.9	186.3	186.1	188.9	-12.2	21.1	7.2	4.3	3.1	5.7
Other food at home	143.1	143.0	143.7	143.8	1.1	2.9	1.7	2.0	2.0	1.8
Sugar and sweets	144.5	144.2	145.6	145.4	7.4	1.7	7.2	2.5	4.5	4.8
Fats and oils	139.9	141.0	141.9	141.6	2.9	.3	1.4	4.9	1.6	3.2
Nonalcoholic beverages	128.3	129.0	128.2	127.5	-3.9	.6	-4.2	-2.5	-1.7	-3.4
Other prepared food	156.8	156.0	157.6	158.5	2.7	5.6	4.2	4.4	4.1	4.3
Food away from home	152.8	153.1	153.5	154.2	1.6	2.7	3.2	3.7	2.1	3.5
Alcoholic beverages	158.5	158.9	159.7	160.3	2.3	4.2	2.6	4.6	3.3	3.6
Housing	152.9	153.2	153.5	154.0	3.2	2.9	2.7	2.9	3.1	2.8
Shelter	171.2	171.4	171.7	172.3	3.6	2.6	3.6	2.6	3.1	3.1
Renters' costs 1/	180.2	180.3	180.5	181.1	3.5	3.2	4.8	2.0	3.3	3.4
Rent, residential	162.3	162.5	162.9	163.3	3.1	2.3	3.5	2.5	2.7	3.0
Other renters' costs	217.1	216.8	216.5	218.0	4.5	5.8	7.3	1.7	5.2	4.5
Homeowners' costs 1/	176.7	177.0	177.4	177.9	3.5	2.5	3.0	2.7	3.0	2.9
Owners' equivalent rent 1/	177.1	177.3	177.7	178.2	3.7	2.5	3.0	2.5	3.1	2.7

services	190.6	191.5	192.3	192.0	-.6	2.6	4.3	3.0	1.0	3.6
Public transportation	183.5	183.4	187.1	189.3	-22.4	19.4	14.7	13.3	-3.7	14.0
Medical care	228.9	229.4	229.8	230.3	4.2	2.9	3.4	2.5	3.5	2.9
Medical care commodities	210.7	211.1	211.4	212.4	3.9	3.3	2.5	3.3	3.6	2.9
Medical care services	232.9	233.4	233.8	234.2	4.3	2.6	3.7	2.3	3.5	3.0
Professional medical services	208.5	209.2	209.8	210.4	4.2	3.2	3.3	3.7	3.7	3.5
Entertainment	159.3	159.6	159.7	159.8	4.2	3.4	2.8	1.3	3.8	2.0
Entertainment commodities	143.1	143.3	143.3	143.7	4.7	3.4	1.7	1.7	4.0	1.7
Entertainment services	178.5	178.7	178.9	178.9	3.7	3.0	4.4	.9	3.4	2.6
Other goods and services	216.8	217.5	217.6	218.5	3.5	4.6	4.2	3.2	4.0	3.7
Tobacco and smoking products	233.1	233.0	234.6	236.2	-.9	4.1	4.2	5.4	1.6	4.8
Personal care 2/	150.0	150.5	150.8	150.9	1.6	1.6	.8	2.4	1.6	1.6
+ Toilet goods and personal care appliances 2/	144.4	145.0	145.1	144.6	-1.9	1.4	.6	.6	-.3	.6
+ Personal care services 2/	156.3	156.5	157.2	157.9	5.3	1.8	1.6	4.2	3.6	2.8
+ Personal and educational expenses	248.8	250.1	249.5	250.4	5.6	5.6	5.0	2.6	5.6	3.8
School books and supplies	226.2	229.0	229.0	230.5	8.5	5.7	1.8	7.8	7.1	4.8
Personal and educational services	250.4	251.6	250.9	251.8	5.4	5.7	5.1	2.3	5.6	3.7
Commodity and service group										
All items	-	-	-	-	2.6	3.9	2.6	2.8	3.3	2.7
Commodities	140.0	139.8	140.4	140.9	2.9	5.0	.6	2.6	4.0	1.6
Food and beverages	154.1	154.6	155.3	156.3	1.1	4.0	5.1	5.8	2.5	5.5
Commodities less food and beverages	131.4	130.9	131.3	131.6	4.1	5.6	-2.4	.6	4.9	-.9
Nondurables less food and beverages	132.8	131.8	132.0	132.7	7.3	7.8	-3.8	-.3	7.6	-2.1
Apparel commodities	128.0	126.1	126.7	127.3	2.8	-3.0	-2.2	-2.2	-.2	-2.2
Nondurables less food, beverages, and apparel	138.4	137.8	137.7	138.7	8.4	15.3	-5.0	.9	11.8	-2.1
Durables	129.2	129.3	129.7	129.6	1.9	1.2	-.6	1.2	1.6	.3
Services	174.7	175.0	175.4	175.9	2.4	3.5	4.2	2.8	3.0	3.5
Rent of shelter 1/	178.3	178.8	179.0	179.4	3.5	2.8	3.4	2.5	3.1	3.0
+ Household services less rent of shelter 1/	142.4	142.8	143.2	143.4	1.2	4.1	4.6	2.8	2.6	3.7
+ Transportation services	181.0	181.6	183.0	183.5	-5.3	6.1	6.2	5.6	.2	5.9
Medical care services	232.9	233.4	233.8	234.2	4.3	2.6	3.7	2.3	3.5	3.0
Other services	202.5	203.2	203.1	203.5	4.8	4.3	4.3	2.0	4.5	3.1

U.S. city average	M	157.0	157.3	157.8	158.3	3.0	0.6	0.3	3.0	0.5	0.3
Region and area size 2/ + - Northeast urban.....	M	163.4	164.0	164.6	165.1	3.0	.7	.3	2.9	.7	.4
Size A - More than 1,200,000	M	164.1	164.7	165.4	165.7	2.9	.6	.2	2.9	.8	.4
Size B - 500,000 to 1,200,000	M	161.8	162.2	162.2	162.4	2.5	.1	.1	2.7	.2	.0
Size C - 50,000 to 500,000	M	161.5	161.8	162.2	163.8	3.5	1.2	1.0	2.3	.4	.2
North Central urban	M	153.2	153.4	154.0	154.4	3.2	.7	.3	3.1	.5	.4
Size A - More than 1,200,000	M	153.7	154.0	154.5	154.8	3.0	.5	.2	2.8	.5	.3
Size B - 360,000 to 1,200,000	M	152.4	152.8	153.3	154.0	3.8	.8	.5	3.7	.6	.3
Size C - 50,000 to 360,000	M	154.6	154.7	155.4	156.5	3.3	1.2	.7	3.2	.5	.5
Size D - Nonmetropolitan (less than 50,000)	M	150.4	150.4	151.0	151.1	3.5	.5	.1	3.2	.4	.4
South urban	M	154.0	154.1	154.5	154.9	2.9	.5	.3	3.1	.3	.3
Size A - More than 1,200,000	M	153.2	153.1	153.5	153.7	2.5	.4	.1	2.9	.2	.3
Size B - 450,000 to 1,200,000	M	156.7	156.9	157.3	157.7	3.3	.5	.3	3.3	.4	.3
Size C - 50,000 to 450,000	M	153.7	154.0	154.4	154.8	2.9	.5	.3	3.3	.5	.3
Size D - Nonmetropolitan (less than 50,000)	M	152.5	152.6	153.2	154.3	3.6	1.1	.7	3.2	.5	.4
West urban	M	157.9	158.0	158.6	159.1	2.9	.7	.3	2.9	.4	.4
Size A - More than 1,250,000	M	158.0	158.1	158.7	159.2	2.8	.7	.3	2.7	.4	.4
Size C - 50,000 to 330,000	M	162.4	162.6	163.0	163.2	3.4	.4	.1	3.4	.4	.2
Size classes											
A 3/	M	141.7	141.9	142.4	142.7	2.8	.6	.2	2.8	.5	.4
+ - B	M	157.4	157.6	157.9	158.4	3.2	.5	.3	3.1	.3	.2
C	M	156.8	157.0	157.4	158.2	3.2	.8	.5	3.1	.4	.3
D	M	153.7	154.0	154.7	155.5	3.7	1.0	.5	3.4	.7	.5
Selected local areas											
Chicago-Gary-Lake County, IL-IN-WI.....	M	157.7	158.1	158.3	158.8	2.9	.4	.3	2.8	.4	.1
Los Angeles-Anaheim-Riverside, CA	M	157.6	157.3	158.2	158.8	2.3	1.0	.4	2.3	.4	.6
N.Y.-Northern N.J.-Long Island, NY-NJ-CT	M	166.7	167.2	168.2	168.2	2.8	.6	.0	3.1	.9	.6
Phil.-Wilmington-Trenton, PA-NJ-DE-MD ..	M	162.8	163.6	164.5	164.9	2.8	.8	.2	2.6	1.0	.6
San Francisco-Oakland-San Jose, CA	M	155.9	155.6	156.3	156.6	2.6	.6	.2	2.6	.3	.4
Baltimore, MD	1	155.7	-	155.4	-	-	-	-	2.4	-.2	-

Boston-Lawrence-Salem, MA-NH	1	162.0	-	163.5	-	-	-	-	3.1	.9	-
Cleveland-Akron-Lorain, OH	1	152.1	-	153.5	-	-	-	-	3.0	.9	-
Miami-Fort Lauderdale, FL	1	152.4	-	154.6	-	-	-	-	3.8	1.4	-
St. Louis-East St. Louis, MO-IL	1	149.9	-	151.0	-	-	-	-	2.7	.7	-
Washington, DC-MD-VA	1	160.1	-	160.8	-	-	-	-	2.9	.4	-
Dallas-Fort Worth, TX	2	-	149.5	-	150.7	2.7	.8	-	-	-	-
Detroit-Ann Arbor, MI	2	-	152.7	-	153.8	2.7	.7	-	-	-	-
Houston-Galveston-Brazoria, TX	2	-	142.8	-	143.2	1.1	.3	-	-	-	-
Pittsburgh-Beaver Valley, PA	2	-	153.6	-	154.5	2.7	.6	-	-	-	-

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1/ Foods, fuels, and several other items priced every month in all areas; most other goods and services priced as

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- indicated:

M - Every month.

1 - January, March, May, July, September, and November.

2 - February, April, June, August, October, and December.

2/ Regions defined as the four Census regions. See map in technical notes.

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3/ Indexes on a December 1986=100 base.

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- Data not available.

NOTE: Local area CPI indexes are byproducts of the national CPI program. Each local index has a smaller sample size than the national index and is, therefore, subject to substantially more sampling and other measurement error. As a result, local area indexes show greater volatility than the national index, although their long-term trends are similar. Therefore, the Bureau of Labor Statistics strongly urges users to consider adopting the national average CPI for use in their escalator clauses.

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)

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Expenditure category	Relative importance, December 1995	Unadjusted indexes		Unadjusted percent change to Oct. 1996 from-		Seasonally adjusted percent change from-		
		Sept. 1996	Oct. 1996	Oct. 1995	Sept. 1996	July to Aug.	Aug. to Sept.	Sept. to Oct.
All items	100.000	155.1	155.5	3.0	0.3	0.1	0.3	0.3

All items (1967=100)	-	461.9	463.2	-	-	-	-	-
Food and beverages	19.262	154.5	155.2	4.0	.5	.4	.5	.5
Food	17.581	154.1	154.9	4.0	.5	.3	.5	.6
Food at home	11.206	155.1	155.9	4.7	.5	.5	.6	.6
Cereals and bakery products	1.682	174.3	174.7	3.5	.2	.1	.1	.2
Meats, poultry, fish, and eggs	3.453	146.8	147.5	5.0	.5	.9	1.0	.5
Dairy products	1.300	146.4	148.9	12.1	1.7	1.7	1.9	1.6
Fruits and vegetables	2.052	183.2	184.1	4.4	.5	-.2	-.2	1.3
Other food at home	2.719	143.2	143.5	1.9	.2	.0	.5	-.1
Sugar and sweets .....	.369	145.3	145.6	4.7	.2	-.1	.9	-.1
Fats and oils .....	.285	141.2	141.3	2.4	.1	.8	.6	-.1
Nonalcoholic beverages .....	.885	127.4	127.1	-2.4	-.2	.5	-.5	-.6
Other prepared food	1.180	157.2	158.2	4.2	.6	-.4	1.0	.4
Food away from home	6.374	153.4	154.2	2.9	.5	.3	.2	.5
Alcoholic beverages	1.681	158.9	159.5	3.4	.4	.3	.6	.4
Housing	38.888	150.8	150.7	2.8	-.1	.2	.1	.2
Shelter	25.976	167.2	167.6	2.9	.2	.1	.2	.2
Renters' costs 1/	8.091	158.1	158.3	3.1	.1	.1	.1	.2
+ Rent, residential	6.616	162.6	162.9	2.7	.2	.1	.2	.1
Other renters' costs	1.475	215.0	214.6	4.5	-.2	-.1	-.2	.4
Homeowners' costs 1/	17.695	161.9	162.4	2.9	.3	.1	.2	.2
+ Owners' equivalent rent 1/	17.366	162.2	162.7	2.9	.3	.2	.2	.2
+ Household insurance 1/ .....	.329	148.0	148.7	3.0	.5	.0	.3	.5
+ Maintenance and repairs 2/ .....	.189	138.0	138.5	2.1	.4	.1	.0	.4
+ Maintenance and repair services 2/ ..	.105	149.4	149.5	3.5	.1	.5	.3	.1
+ Maintenance and repair commodities 2/ .....	.085	123.6	124.8	.4	1.0	-.6	-.4	1.0
+ Fuel and other utilities	7.247	129.5	128.3	3.9	-.9	.5	.2	.5
Fuels	3.887	117.9	115.6	4.3	-2.0	.5	.2	.7
Fuel oil and other household fuel commodities .....	.327	95.4	102.6	18.2	7.5	.5	3.5	6.5
Gas (piped) and electricity (energy services)	3.560	125.7	122.2	3.1	-2.8	.6	-.2	.2
Other utilities and public services 2/	3.360	158.8	159.2	3.4	.3	.3	.2	.3
+	-							

	appliances 2/ .....	.635	145.7	145.4	.2	-.2	.4	.1	-.2
+	Personal care services 2/ .....	.497	157.2	158.0	3.1	.5	.2	.4	.5
+	Personal and educational expenses	3.739	247.3	247.7	4.6	.2	.5	-.1	.4	
	School books and supplies .....	.227	231.5	232.4	6.1	.4	1.5	.2	.7
	Personal and educational services	3.512	248.8	249.2	4.5	.2	.4	-.1	.4	
	Commodity and service group									
	All items	100.000	155.1	155.5	3.0	.3	.1	.3	.3	
	Commodities	47.052	140.4	141.0	2.8	.4	-.1	.4	.4	
	Food and beverages	19.262	154.5	155.2	4.0	.5	.4	.5	.5	
	Commodities less food and beverages	27.790	131.7	132.3	2.0	.5	-.5	.3	.3	
	Nondurables less food and beverages ..	16.074	132.8	133.8	2.9	.8	-.8	.1	.5	
	Apparel commodities	5.017	127.2	129.2	-1.0	1.6	-1.6	.4	.5	
	Nondurables less food, beverages, and apparel	11.057	138.4	139.0	4.7	.4	-.5	-.1	.8	
	Durables	11.716	129.2	129.2	.8	.0	.0	.5	-.2	
	Services	52.948	172.8	173.0	3.2	.1	.2	.2	.2	
	Rent of shelter 1/	25.430	160.9	161.3	3.0	.2	.2	.1	.2	
+	Household services less rent of shelter 1/	8.531	133.0	131.5	3.2	-1.1	.4	.1	.3	
+	Transportation services	7.279	179.2	180.8	3.1	.9	.4	.7	.2	
	Medical care services	5.208	233.3	233.9	3.2	.3	.2	.2	.1	
	Other services	6.501	200.5	200.7	3.8	.1	.3	.0	.2	
	Special indexes									
	All items less food	82.419	155.2	155.5	2.8	.2	.0	.3	.2	
	All items less shelter	74.024	151.9	152.4	3.0	.3	.1	.3	.3	
	All items less homeowners' costs 1/	82.305	145.7	146.1	3.0	.3	.1	.3	.3	
+	All items less medical care	93.738	151.6	152.0	3.0	.3	.1	.3	.3	
	Commodities less food	29.471	132.8	133.4	2.1	.5	-.5	.4	.3	
	Nondurables less food	17.756	134.3	135.3	3.0	.7	-.6	.1	.6	
	Nondurables less food and apparel	12.739	139.5	140.0	4.6	.4	-.3	.1	.7	
	Nondurables	35.336	143.9	144.8	3.5	.6	-.1	.2	.6	
	Services less rent of shelter 1/	27.518	164.5	164.4	3.3	-.1	.2	.4	.1	
+	Services less medical care services	47.740	167.6	167.8	3.2	.1	.2	.2	.3	
	Energy	7.470	111.3	110.1	6.1	-1.1	-.5	.0	.8	
	All items less energy	92.530	161.2	161.9	2.8	.4	.1	.4	.2	

All items less food and energy	74.949	163.1	163.7	2.5	.4	.1	.3	.2
Commodities less food and energy commodities	25.560	141.0	141.6	1.1	.4	-.2	.4	.1
Energy commodities	3.911	105.5	106.0	8.7	.5	-1.5	.2	1.4
Services less energy services	49.388	178.0	178.6	3.2	.3	.2	.2	.2
Purchasing power of the consumer dollar:								
1982-84=\$1.00 2/	-	\$.645	\$.643	-2.9	-.3	-.2	-.3	-.3
+ 1967=\$1.00 2/	-	.216	.216	-	-	-	-	-
+ -								
+ -								

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				
	July		Aug.		Sept.		Oct.		Jan.	
	1996	1996	1996	1996	1996	1996	1996	1996	1996	1996
All items	-	-	-	-	2.7	4.3	2.4	2.6	3.5	2.5
Food and beverages	153.6	154.2	155.0	155.8	1.3	4.1	4.8	5.9	2.7	5.3
Food	153.3	153.8	154.6	155.5	1.1	4.1	5.4	5.9	2.6	5.6
Food at home	154.0	154.7	155.7	156.6	.5	4.9	6.5	6.9	2.7	6.7
Cereals and bakery products	174.0	174.1	174.3	174.7	6.5	2.1	3.5	1.6	4.3	2.6
Meats, poultry, fish, and eggs	144.2	145.5	147.0	147.7	3.5	-1.7	8.8	10.1	.9	9.4
Dairy products	141.9	144.3	147.0	149.4	6.1	5.1	15.4	22.9	5.6	19.1
Fruits and vegetables	186.3	186.0	185.7	188.1	-12.3	22.5	6.0	3.9	3.7	5.0
Other food at home	142.7	142.7	143.4	143.3	1.1	3.2	1.7	1.7	2.1	1.7

	Sugar and sweets	144.4	144.2	145.5	145.3	7.1	2.6	6.6	2.5	4.8	4.6
	Fats and oils	139.6	140.7	141.5	141.4	3.2	.0	1.2	5.3	1.6	3.2
	Nonalcoholic beverages	127.8	128.5	127.8	127.0	-3.3	.6	-4.3	-2.5	-1.4	-3.4
	Other prepared food	156.6	155.9	157.5	158.2	2.7	5.6	4.5	4.1	4.1	4.3
	Food away from home	152.7	153.1	153.4	154.2	1.9	2.7	2.9	4.0	2.3	3.5
	Alcoholic beverages	157.8	158.2	159.1	159.7	2.6	3.9	2.6	4.9	3.3	3.7
	Housing	149.7	150.0	150.2	150.5	3.0	3.0	2.7	2.2	3.0	2.4
	Shelter	166.5	166.7	167.0	167.3	3.5	2.7	3.4	1.9	3.1	2.7
	Renters' costs 1/	157.6	157.7	157.9	158.2	2.9	3.4	4.4	1.5	3.2	3.0
+											
	Rent, residential	162.0	162.2	162.6	162.8	3.1	2.3	3.5	2.0	2.7	2.8
	Other renters' costs	217.3	217.0	216.6	217.4	2.1	7.7	8.1	.2	4.9	4.1
	Homeowners' costs 1/	161.2	161.4	161.7	162.1	3.6	2.5	3.0	2.3	3.1	2.6
+											
	Owners' equivalent rent 1/	161.4	161.7	162.0	162.3	3.6	2.5	2.8	2.2	3.1	2.5
+											
	Household insurance 1/	147.4	147.4	147.9	148.7	2.5	3.1	3.0	3.6	2.8	3.3
+											
	Maintenance and repairs 2/	137.9	138.0	138.0	138.5	-.6	3.9	3.3	1.8	1.6	2.5
+											
	Maintenance and repair services 2/ ...	148.2	149.0	149.4	149.5	.6	3.6	6.5	3.6	2.1	5.0
+											
	Maintenance and repair commodities 2/	124.8	124.1	123.6	124.8	-2.2	4.6	-.6	.0	1.1	-.3
+											
	Fuel and other utilities	127.0	127.6	127.8	128.5	2.6	6.9	1.6	4.8	4.7	3.2
	Fuels	113.5	114.1	114.3	115.1	3.3	9.3	-.7	5.8	6.3	2.5
	Fuel oil and other household fuel										
	commodities	93.6	94.1	97.4	103.7	39.4	24.7	-25.4	50.7	31.8	6.0
	Gas (piped) and electricity (energy										
	services).....	121.1	121.8	121.6	121.8	.3	8.4	1.7	2.3	4.3	2.0
	Other utilities and public services 2/ .	158.0	158.5	158.8	159.2	2.4	3.4	5.0	3.1	2.9	4.0
+											
	Household furnishings and operation	123.1	123.3	123.6	123.3	1.3	.7	.0	.7	1.0	.3
	Housefurnishings	109.7	109.9	110.1	109.6	.0	-.4	-1.8	-.4	-.2	-1.1
	Housekeeping supplies	141.6	141.9	142.0	141.8	4.7	2.6	-.3	.6	3.6	.1
	Housekeeping services	151.4	151.5	152.1	152.6	1.6	1.9	5.2	3.2	1.8	4.2
	Apparel and upkeep	131.0	129.0	129.6	130.1	2.8	-.9	-1.8	-2.7	.9	-2.3
	Apparel commodities	127.8	125.7	126.2	126.8	2.8	-.9	-2.5	-3.1	.9	-2.8
	Men's and boys' apparel	127.0	127.1	126.1	126.8	4.2	2.9	-3.1	-.6	3.5	-1.9
	Women's and girls' apparel	124.1	120.5	121.3	121.9	6.5	-7.9	-2.5	-6.9	-1.0	-4.7
	Infants' and toddlers' apparel 2/	126.8	126.7	132.4	128.9	-1.5	7.8	-21.7	6.8	3.0	-8.6
+											
	Footwear	128.4	127.9	127.3	127.9	-5.5	7.2	2.9	-1.5	.6	.6

	Other apparel commodities	151.5	145.9	149.2	151.3	.5	1.1	2.1	-.5	.8	.8
	Apparel services 2/.....	159.3	159.6	159.7	159.7	3.4	1.5	2.8	1.0	2.4	1.9
+	-										
	Transportation	142.7	142.5	143.1	143.4	3.8	9.5	-1.7	2.0	6.6	.1
	Private transportation	140.7	140.5	140.9	141.2	4.8	9.0	-2.0	1.4	6.8	-.3
	New vehicles	145.0	145.3	145.9	145.8	1.4	2.0	3.1	2.2	1.7	2.7
	New cars	141.3	141.7	142.4	142.1	1.4	1.7	2.9	2.3	1.6	2.6
	Used cars	156.8	156.7	157.4	157.0	7.6	1.3	-8.5	.5	4.4	-4.1
	Motor fuel	106.1	104.3	104.2	105.2	16.5	39.1	-13.1	-3.4	27.3	-8.4
	Gasoline	105.9	103.9	103.6	104.5	17.0	38.6	-13.2	-5.2	27.4	-9.3
	Maintenance and repairs	159.1	159.7	160.7	161.2	3.6	1.5	2.8	5.4	2.6	4.1
	Other private transportation	170.0	170.8	171.5	171.4	-.7	2.2	3.6	3.3	.7	3.5
	Other private transportation commodities	104.0	104.2	104.4	104.3	-.8	.0	-.8	1.2	-.4	.2
	Other private transportation services	186.6	187.6	188.4	188.4	-.7	2.6	4.2	3.9	1.0	4.0
	Public transportation	180.0	180.0	182.9	184.8	-12.4	16.8	8.7	11.1	1.1	9.9
	Medical care	228.3	228.6	229.1	229.6	4.2	2.9	3.6	2.3	3.5	2.9
	Medical care commodities	208.5	208.3	208.9	210.0	4.4	2.4	3.3	2.9	3.4	3.1
	Medical care services	232.6	233.1	233.6	233.9	4.1	2.8	3.7	2.3	3.5	3.0
	Professional medical services	209.7	210.1	211.0	211.6	4.0	3.3	3.5	3.7	3.7	3.6
	Entertainment	156.9	157.3	157.4	157.5	4.5	2.9	2.9	1.5	3.7	2.2
	Entertainment commodities	141.8	142.2	142.4	142.5	4.7	3.2	1.1	2.0	3.9	1.6
	Entertainment services	178.7	179.0	179.1	179.1	4.5	2.5	4.8	.9	3.5	2.9
	Other goods and services	213.1	213.6	214.0	215.0	2.9	4.3	3.8	3.6	3.6	3.7
	Tobacco and smoking products	233.0	232.5	234.2	235.8	-1.0	4.3	3.9	4.9	1.6	4.4
	Personal care 2/	150.0	150.4	150.8	150.9	1.1	1.3	1.1	2.4	1.2	1.7
+	-										
	Toilet goods and personal care appliances 2/	145.0	145.6	145.7	145.4	-1.9	.8	.8	1.1	-.6	1.0
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	Personal care services 2/	156.2	156.5	157.2	158.0	4.5	2.1	1.3	4.7	3.3	3.0
+	-										
	Personal and educational expenses	243.9	245.0	244.8	245.7	5.6	5.3	4.7	3.0	5.4	3.9
	School books and supplies	226.8	230.2	230.6	232.2	9.1	4.9	.9	9.9	7.0	5.3
	Personal and educational services	245.4	246.4	246.1	247.0	5.4	5.5	4.9	2.6	5.4	3.7
	Commodity and service group										
	All items	-	-	-	-	2.7	4.3	2.4	2.6	3.5	2.5
	Commodities	140.0	139.8	140.4	140.9	3.3	5.0	.6	2.6	4.1	1.6

Food and beverages	153.6	154.2	155.0	155.8	1.3	4.1	4.8	5.9	2.7	5.3
Commodities less food and beverages	131.6	131.0	131.4	131.8	4.4	6.0	-2.4	.6	5.2	-.9
Nondurables less food and beverages	132.8	131.7	131.8	132.4	7.3	9.5	-3.8	-1.2	8.4	-2.5
Apparel commodities	127.8	125.7	126.2	126.8	2.8	-.9	-2.5	-3.1	.9	-2.8
Nondurables less food, beverages, and apparel	138.1	137.4	137.3	138.4	8.4	16.3	-5.6	.9	12.3	-2.4
Durables	129.1	129.1	129.7	129.4	2.2	.9	-.6	.9	1.6	.2
Services	171.8	172.2	172.5	172.9	2.7	3.6	3.8	2.6	3.1	3.2
Rent of shelter 1/	160.4	160.7	160.9	161.3	3.6	2.8	3.6	2.3	3.2	2.9
+ Household services less rent of shelter 1/	130.8	131.3	131.4	131.8	1.3	5.1	3.8	3.1	3.2	3.4
+ Transportation services	178.6	179.3	180.5	180.9	-1.8	4.4	4.8	5.3	1.3	5.0
Medical care services	232.6	233.1	233.6	233.9	4.1	2.8	3.7	2.3	3.5	3.0
Other services	199.2	199.8	199.8	200.2	4.9	4.0	4.5	2.0	4.4	3.3
Special indexes										
All items less food	154.3	154.3	154.7	155.0	3.2	4.3	1.6	1.8	3.7	1.7
All items less shelter	151.2	151.3	151.8	152.3	2.5	4.9	1.9	2.9	3.7	2.4
All items less homeowners' costs 1/	145.0	145.1	145.5	146.0	2.6	4.9	2.0	2.8	3.7	2.4
+ All items less medical care	150.8	150.9	151.3	151.8	2.7	4.4	2.2	2.7	3.6	2.4
Commodities less food	132.8	132.2	132.7	133.1	4.4	5.9	-2.4	.9	5.1	-.7
Nondurables less food	134.1	133.3	133.4	134.2	6.9	8.7	-3.5	.3	7.8	-1.6
Nondurables less food and apparel	138.9	138.5	138.6	139.6	7.7	13.2	-4.2	2.0	10.4	-1.1
Nondurables	143.3	143.2	143.5	144.4	4.4	6.7	.3	3.1	5.5	1.7
Services less rent of shelter 1/	163.1	163.5	164.2	164.4	1.8	3.8	4.5	3.2	2.8	3.9
+ Services less medical care services	166.6	167.0	167.3	167.8	2.2	3.5	4.2	2.9	2.8	3.5
Energy	109.3	108.7	108.7	109.6	9.6	23.4	-7.3	1.1	16.3	-3.2
All items less energy	160.7	160.9	161.5	161.9	2.3	3.1	2.8	3.0	2.7	2.9
All items less food and energy	162.8	162.9	163.4	163.7	2.8	2.5	2.5	2.2	2.6	2.4
Commodities less food and energy commodities	140.9	140.6	141.1	141.3	2.3	1.4	-.3	1.1	1.9	.4
Energy commodities	105.2	103.6	103.8	105.3	18.0	37.7	-14.2	.4	27.5	-7.2
Services less energy services	177.5	177.9	178.3	178.7	2.6	3.2	3.9	2.7	2.9	3.3

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1/ Indexes on a December 1984=100 base.

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2/ Not seasonally adjusted.

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- Data not available.

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

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 Oct. 1996 from-			Percent change to Sept. 1996 from-		
		July 1996	Aug. 1996	Sept. 1996	Oct. 1996	Oct. 1995	Aug. 1996	Sept. 1996	Sept. 1995	July 1996	Aug. 1996
U.S. city average	M	154.3	154.5	155.1	155.5	3.0	0.6	0.3	3.0	0.5	0.4
Region and area size 2/											
Northeast urban.....	M	160.9	161.4	162.0	162.4	2.9	.6	.2	2.8	.7	.4
Size A - More than 1,200,000	M	160.5	161.0	161.8	162.1	2.9	.7	.2	2.9	.8	.5
Size B - 500,000 to 1,200,000	M	159.7	160.0	159.8	160.1	2.4	.1	.2	2.5	.1	-.1
Size C - 50,000 to 500,000	M	162.9	163.2	163.7	165.3	3.3	1.3	1.0	2.2	.5	.3
North Central urban	M	149.8	149.9	150.6	151.0	3.2	.7	.3	3.1	.5	.5
Size A - More than 1,200,000	M	149.7	149.9	150.4	150.7	3.0	.5	.2	2.8	.5	.3
Size B - 360,000 to 1,200,000	M	148.3	148.7	149.5	150.2	3.9	1.0	.5	3.7	.8	.5
Size C - 50,000 to 360,000	M	151.9	151.9	152.6	153.7	3.3	1.2	.7	3.2	.5	.5
Size D - Nonmetropolitan (less than 50,000)	M	148.5	148.5	149.1	149.2	3.5	.5	.1	3.2	.4	.4
South urban	M	152.6	152.7	153.1	153.5	3.0	.5	.3	3.2	.3	.3
Size A - More than 1,200,000	M	151.6	151.4	151.7	151.9	2.6	.3	.1	3.0	.1	.2
Size B - 450,000 to 1,200,000	M	152.9	153.1	153.6	153.9	3.3	.5	.2	3.3	.5	.3
Size C - 50,000 to 450,000	M	153.6	153.9	154.4	154.8	2.9	.6	.3	3.3	.5	.3
Size D - Nonmetropolitan (less than 50,000)	M	152.8	153.1	153.9	154.8	3.7	1.1	.6	3.4	.7	.5
West urban	M	154.9	154.9	155.5	155.9	2.8	.6	.3	3.0	.4	.4
Size A - More than 1,250,000	M	153.4	153.4	154.0	154.4	2.7	.7	.3	2.7	.4	.4
Size C - 50,000 to 330,000	M	159.3	159.5	159.9	160.2	3.5	.4	.2	3.5	.4	.3

Size classes												
A 3/	M	140.8	140.9	141.4	141.7	2.8	.6	.2	2.8	.4	.4	
B	M	154.4	154.6	155.0	155.4	3.1	.5	.3	3.1	.4	.3	
C	M	155.8	156.0	156.6	157.4	3.2	.9	.5	3.1	.5	.4	
D	M	153.0	153.3	154.0	154.7	3.7	.9	.5	3.4	.7	.5	

Selected local areas

Chicago-Gary-Lake County, IL-IN-WI.....	M	152.7	152.9	153.2	153.7	3.0	.5	.3	2.8	.3	.2
Los Angeles-Anaheim-Riverside, CA	M	152.3	151.9	152.7	153.2	2.2	.9	.3	2.3	.3	.5
N.Y.-Northern N.J.-Long Island, NY-NJ-CT	M	162.8	163.3	164.4	164.4	2.9	.7	.0	3.1	1.0	.7
Phil.-Wilmington-Trenton, PA-NJ-DE-MD ..	M	162.1	163.0	163.7	164.2	2.8	.7	.3	2.4	1.0	.4
San Francisco-Oakland-San Jose, CA	M	153.4	153.0	153.8	154.0	2.5	.7	.1	2.5	.3	.5
Baltimore, MD	1	154.6	-	154.4	-	-	-	-	2.4	-.1	-
Boston-Lawrence-Salem, MA-NH	1	160.9	-	162.1	-	-	-	-	3.0	.7	-
Cleveland-Akron-Lorain, OH	1	144.3	-	145.8	-	-	-	-	3.2	1.0	-
Miami-Fort Lauderdale, FL	1	150.8	-	152.6	-	-	-	-	3.9	1.2	-
St. Louis-East St. Louis, MO-IL	1	149.0	-	150.1	-	-	-	-	2.5	.7	-
Washington, DC-MD-VA	1	157.6	-	158.2	-	-	-	-	3.1	.4	-
Dallas-Fort Worth, TX	2	-	149.5	-	150.7	2.9	.8	-	-	-	-
Detroit-Ann Arbor, MI	2	-	148.0	-	148.8	2.6	.5	-	-	-	-
Houston-Galveston-Brazoria, TX	2	-	142.2	-	142.5	1.1	.2	-	-	-	-
Pittsburgh-Beaver Valley, PA	2	-	147.2	-	148.0	2.6	.5	-	-	-	-

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1/ Foods, fuels, and several other items priced every month in all areas; most other goods and services priced as

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- indicated:

M - Every month.

1 - January, March, May, July, September, and November.

2 - February, April, June, August, October, and December.

2/ Regions defined as the four Census regions. See map in technical notes.

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3/ Indexes on a December 1986=100 base.

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- Data not available.

NOTE: Local area CPI indexes are byproducts of the national CPI program. Each local index has a smaller sample size than the national index and is, therefore, subject to substantially more sampling and other measurement error. As a result, local area indexes show greater volatility than the national index, although their long-term trends are similar. Therefore, the Bureau of Labor Statistics strongly urges users to consider adopting the national average CPI for use in their escalator clauses.