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CONSUMER PRICE INDEX: NOVEMBER 1996

The Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers (CPI-U) increased 0.2 percent before seasonal adjustment in November to a level of 158.6 (1982-84=100), the Bureau of Labor Statistics of the U.S. Department of Labor reported today. For the 12-month period ended in November, the CPI-U increased 3.3 percent.

The Consumer Price Index for Urban Wage Earners and Clerical Workers (CPI-W) rose 0.3 percent in November, prior to seasonal adjustment. The November 1996 CPI-W level of 155.9 was 3.3 percent higher than the index in November 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 November, the same as in each of the two preceding months. The food index increased 0.3 percent in November after advancing 0.6 percent in October. Substantially smaller increases in the indexes for dairy products and for fruits and vegetables were responsible for the moderation. The energy index increased for the second consecutive month, advancing 1.2 percent in November. The index for petroleum-based energy increased 1.7 percent, and the index for energy services rose 0.7 percent. Excluding food and energy, the CPI-U rose 0.2 percent, the same as in October.

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

Expenditure Category	Seasonally adjusted							Un- adjusted	
	Changes from preceding month							Compound	12-mos.
	1996							annual rate	ended
	May	June	July	Aug.	Sep.	Oct.	Nov.	Nov.'96	Nov.'96
All Items	.3	.1	.3	.1	.3	.3	.3	3.3	3.3

Food and beverages	.1	.7	.5	.3	.5	.6	.3	5.5	4.3
Housing	.2	.1	.4	.2	.2	.3	.2	2.9	3.0
Apparel and upkeep	.1	-.4	-.1	-1.4	.5	.5	.5	5.7	-.2
Transportation	.7	-.4	-.2	-.2	.5	.1	.2	3.4	3.9
Medical care	.3	.3	.3	.2	.2	.2	.3	2.6	3.1
Entertainment	.4	.3	.1	.2	.1	.3	.1	2.0	3.0
Other goods and services	.4	.2	.4	.3	.0	.4	.4	3.4	3.8
Special Indexes:									
Energy	1.1	-2.2	-.4	-.6	.0	.7	1.2	7.9	8.1
Food	.1	.7	.5	.4	.5	.6	.3	5.6	4.4
All items less food and energy	.2	.2	.3	.1	.3	.2	.2	2.9	2.6

During the first 11 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 throughout most of the past five years, have been responsible for the acceleration thus far in 1996. Energy costs, which declined last year, have increased at a 7.5 percent rate, with petroleum-based energy advancing at an 11.6 percent SAAR. The food index has risen at a 4.6 percent annual rate in the first 11 months after increasing 2.1 percent in all of 1995. Excluding food and energy, the CPI-U advanced at a 2.7 percent rate in the first 11 months of 1996. This compares with a 3.0 percent increase for all of 1995.

The food and beverage index rose 0.3 percent in November. The index for grocery store food prices, which increased 3.4 percent over the preceding five months, rose 0.3 percent in November. Substantially smaller increases in the indexes for dairy products and for fruits and vegetables--up 0.1 and 0.2 percent, following increases of 1.7 and 1.5 percent, respectively, in October--were responsible for the moderation in November. Prior to November, the index for dairy products had risen 8.6 percent in the preceding five-month period. Among the other major grocery store food groups, the index for meats, poultry, fish, and eggs increased 0.3 percent in November. The index for pork, which had risen 9.6 percent in the five-month period ended in September, slowed substantially in October and November. (Prior to seasonal adjustment, pork prices declined 0.2 percent in October and were unchanged in November.) The indexes for beef and for poultry increased 0.7 and 0.1 percent, respectively. The index for cereal and bakery products rose 0.6 percent, reflecting a 1.9 percent increase in the price of white bread. The index for other food at home increased 0.1 percent, the same as in October. The other two components of the food and beverage

index--restaurant meals and alcoholic beverages--increased 0.3 and declined 0.1 percent, respectively, in November.

The housing component rose 0.2 percent in November. Shelter costs increased 0.2 percent in November, following a rise of 0.3 percent in October. Within shelter, renters' costs rose 0.2 percent; homeowners' costs, 0.3 percent; and maintenance and repair costs, 0.6 percent. The index for fuel and other utilities rose 0.5 percent. Household fuels increased 0.9 percent, reflecting increases of 3.4 percent in the index for natural gas and 1.9 percent in the index for fuel oil. The index for electricity declined 0.5 percent. (Prior to seasonal adjustment, charges for electricity fell 2.7 percent.) The index for other utilities and public services rose 0.2 percent, the same as in each of the preceding two months. The index for household furnishings and operation declined 0.1 percent in November, the same as in October.

The transportation index increased 0.2 percent in November, following a rise of 0.1 percent in October. A sharp increase in the index for motor fuel was partially offset by another drop in automobile purchase costs and a downturn in the index for airline fares. The index for gasoline, which in October registered its first increase since May, advanced 1.8 percent in November. (Prior to seasonal adjustment, gasoline prices registered their first increase since May--up 1.8 percent, following a 0.5 percent decline in October.) As of November, the gasoline index was 9.8 percent below its peak level of December 1990. Automobile purchase costs declined for the second consecutive month in November. The index for new vehicles, which declined 0.2 percent in October, fell 0.1 percent in November. (Prior to seasonal adjustment, new vehicle prices rose 0.7 percent.) As of November, nearly 50 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. The index for automobile finance charges declined 1.2 percent in November, following a 0.3 percent drop in October. The index for used cars also declined for the second consecutive month--down 0.4 percent in November. The index for airline fares, which increased 2.9 and 1.9 percent in September and October, respectively, declined 0.7 percent in November. (Prior to seasonal adjustment, airline fares were unchanged in November.)

The index for apparel and upkeep rose 0.5 percent in November, the same as in each of the two preceding months. (Prior to seasonal adjustment, clothing prices fell 0.1 percent in November.)

Medical care costs rose 0.3 percent in November to a level 3.1 percent above a year ago. The index for medical care commodities--

prescription drugs, nonprescription drugs, and medical supplies--declined 0.2 percent in November. The index for medical care services rose 0.4 percent. Charges for professional services and hospital and related services increased 0.5 and 0.3 percent, respectively.

Entertainment costs rose 0.1 percent in November, following an increase of 0.3 percent in October. In November the index for entertainment commodities was unchanged, while the index for entertainment services rose 0.3 percent.

The index for other goods and services increased 0.4 percent in November, the same as in October. The index for tobacco products increased 0.4 percent in November and has risen 1.8 percent in the past three months.

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 November.

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 Nov. '96	Un- adjusted 12-mos. ended Nov. '96
	Changes from preceding month								
	May	June	July	Aug.	Sep.	Oct.	Nov.		
All Items	.3	.1	.2	.1	.3	.3	.3	3.7	3.3
Food and beverages	.1	.7	.4	.4	.5	.5	.3	5.6	4.3
Housing	.2	.1	.4	.2	.1	.2	.3	2.7	2.9
Apparel and upkeep	.2	-.6	.0	-1.5	.5	.4	.5	5.4	-.1
Transportation	.6	-.6	-.4	-.1	.4	.2	.3	3.7	4.0
Medical care	.3	.3	.3	.1	.2	.2	.3	2.8	3.2
Entertainment	.4	.3	.0	.3	.1	.3	.3	2.3	3.1
Other goods and services	.4	.1	.4	.2	.2	.5	.3	4.0	3.6
Special Indexes:									
Energy	1.1	-2.0	-.9	-.5	.0	.8	1.4	9.1	8.5
Food	.1	.8	.5	.3	.5	.6	.3	5.8	4.4
All items less food and energy	.2	.1	.2	.1	.3	.2	.2	2.7	2.5

Consumer Price Index data for December are scheduled for release on Tuesday, January 14, 1997, at 8:30 A.M. (EST). Releases for the remainder of 1997:

Aug. 14	Feb. 19
Sep. 16	Mar. 19
Oct. 16	Apr. 15
Nov. 18	May 15
Dec. 16	June 17
Jan. 13, 1998	July 16

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 Nov. 1996 from-		Seasonally adjusted percent change from-		
		Oct. 1996	Nov. 1996	Nov. 1995	Oct. 1996	Aug. to Sept.	Sept. to Oct.	Oct. to Nov.
All items	100.000	158.3	158.6	3.3	0.2	0.3	0.3	0.3
All items (1967=100)	-	474.1	475.0	-	-	-	-	-
Food and beverages	17.332	155.8	156.2	4.3	.3	.5	.6	.3
Food	15.766	155.4	155.9	4.4	.3	.5	.6	.3
Food at home	9.880	156.8	157.2	5.2	.3	.6	.7	.3
Cereals and bakery products	1.473	175.1	175.4	3.8	.2	.2	.2	.6
Meats, poultry, fish, and eggs	2.936	147.9	148.9	5.1	.7	1.1	.5	.3
Dairy products	1.169	149.3	149.3	11.7	.0	1.7	1.7	.1
Fruits and vegetables	1.936	185.1	186.3	6.3	.6	-.1	1.5	.2
Other food at home	2.365	143.9	143.4	2.1	-.3	.5	.1	.1
Sugar and sweets .....	.327	145.7	144.2	4.2	-1.0	1.0	-.1	-.3
Fats and oils .....	.248	141.6	140.8	2.2	-.6	.6	-.2	.2
Nonalcoholic beverages .....	.763	127.6	127.2	-2.5	-.3	-.6	-.5	.0
Other prepared food	1.027	158.5	158.3	4.8	-.1	1.0	.6	.4

	Food away from home	5.886	154.2	154.7	3.0	.3	.3	.5	.3
	Alcoholic beverages	1.566	160.1	160.2	3.2	.1	.5	.4	-.1
	Housing	41.346	154.0	153.9	3.0	-.1	.2	.3	.2
	Shelter	28.289	172.5	172.4	3.0	-.1	.2	.3	.2
	Renters' costs 1/	7.988	181.3	179.9	3.5	-.8	.1	.3	.2
+									
	Rent, residential	5.762	163.3	163.7	2.8	.2	.2	.2	.2
	Other renters' costs	2.227	214.9	207.9	5.3	-3.3	-.1	.7	.1
	Homeowners' costs 1/	20.102	178.1	178.6	2.9	.3	.2	.3	.3
+									
	Owners' equivalent rent 1/	19.716	178.4	178.9	2.9	.3	.2	.3	.3
+									
	Household insurance 1/ .....	.386	163.4	164.6	4.4	.7	.3	.8	.9
+									
	Maintenance and repairs 2/ .....	.199	140.2	141.1	3.6	.6	.1	.2	.6
+									
	Maintenance and repair services 2/ ..	.122	147.3	147.6	4.1	.2	.2	-.1	.2
+									
	Maintenance and repair commodities 2/ .....	.077	130.5	132.3	2.8	1.4	-.1	.8	1.4
+									
	Fuel and other utilities	7.014	128.7	128.4	4.3	-.2	.2	.5	.5
	Fuels	3.792	116.2	115.7	5.1	-.4	.2	.7	.9
	Fuel oil and other household fuel commodities .....	.356	102.9	105.9	20.8	2.9	3.6	6.3	2.0
	Gas (piped) and electricity (energy services).....	3.436	122.7	121.7	3.5	-.8	-.1	.0	.7
	Other utilities and public services 2/	3.222	158.6	158.9	3.5	.2	.2	.2	.2
+									
	Household furnishings and operation	6.043	125.0	124.8	1.0	-.2	.2	-.1	-.1
	Housefurnishings	3.445	111.1	110.8	-.2	-.3	.2	-.3	-.2
	Housekeeping supplies	1.116	141.6	141.8	1.4	.1	.1	.0	.1
	Housekeeping services	1.482	149.9	149.6	3.2	-.2	.5	.5	-.1
+									
	Apparel and upkeep	5.516	133.4	133.4	-.2	.0	.5	.5	.5
	Apparel commodities	4.967	130.0	129.9	-.5	-.1	.5	.5	.5
	Men's and boys' apparel	1.303	129.2	131.2	2.2	1.5	-.8	.3	1.3
	Women's and girls' apparel.....	2.195	127.1	126.7	-2.2	-.3	1.0	.9	.6
	Infants' and toddlers' apparel 2/ ....	.195	128.5	126.7	-2.3	-1.4	5.0	-2.2	-1.4
+									
	Footwear .....	.732	128.0	127.7	.8	-.2	-.2	.6	.2
	Other apparel commodities .....	.542	152.0	149.0	-1.5	-2.0	1.5	.1	-.8
	Apparel services 2/ .....	.550	160.6	160.9	2.4	.2	.1	.1	.2

+	-								
	Transportation	16.953	143.9	144.8	3.9	.6	.5	.1	.2
	Private transportation	15.430	140.5	141.5	3.7	.7	.3	.1	.3
	New vehicles	5.027	143.8	144.8	1.8	.7	.6	-.2	-.1
	New cars	4.015	141.5	142.3	1.6	.6	.5	-.2	-.4
	Used cars	1.342	157.0	156.5	-.8	-.3	.3	-.3	-.4
	Motor fuel	2.908	105.9	107.8	11.8	1.8	-.3	.8	1.7
	Gasoline	-	105.2	107.1	11.6	1.8	-.4	.7	1.8
	Maintenance and repairs	1.535	160.5	160.5	3.1	.0	.8	.4	.1
	Other private transportation	4.618	175.4	176.2	2.0	.5	.3	-.1	.1
	Other private transportation								
	commodities .....	.608	105.0	105.1	.0	.1	.2	.0	-.2
	services	4.010	192.0	193.0	2.3	.5	.4	-.2	.1
	Public transportation	1.523	187.2	187.3	5.5	.1	2.0	1.2	-.9
	Medical care	7.362	230.1	230.5	3.1	.2	.2	.2	.3
	Medical care commodities	1.282	212.4	211.9	2.7	-.2	.1	.5	-.2
	Medical care services	6.081	234.2	234.9	3.3	.3	.2	.2	.4
	Professional medical services	3.465	210.2	210.9	3.7	.3	.3	.3	.5
	Entertainment	4.367	R/160.1	160.7	3.0	.4	.1	.3	.1
+	Entertainment commodities	1.975	- 143.6	144.0	2.4	.3	.0	.3	.0
	Entertainment services	2.392	R/179.5	180.3	3.4	.4	.1	.3	.3
+			-						
	Other goods and services	7.123	218.8	219.2	3.8	.2	.0	.4	.4
	Tobacco and smoking products	1.610	235.3	236.2	3.2	.4	.7	.7	.4
	Personal care 2/	1.170	150.9	151.2	1.5	.2	.2	.1	.2
+	Toilet goods and personal care								
	appliances 2/ .....	.613	144.6	144.7	-.1	.1	.1	-.3	.1
+	Personal care services 2/ .....	.557	157.9	158.6	3.3	.4	.4	.4	.4
+	Personal and educational expenses	4.342	252.5	252.8	4.6	.1	-.2	.4	.4
	School books and supplies .....	.258	230.5	230.7	5.5	.1	.0	.7	.3
	Personal and educational services	4.084	254.3	254.7	4.6	.2	-.3	.4	.4
	Commodity and service group								
	All items	100.000	158.3	158.6	3.3	.2	.3	.3	.3
	Commodities	42.916	141.0	141.5	3.1	.4	.4	.4	.3

- + 1/ Indexes on a December 1982=100 base.
- + 2/ Not seasonally adjusted.
- + - Data not available.
- + R/ Revised.
- + 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				
	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Feb.	3 months ended-		6 months ended-		
	1996	1996	1996	1996	1996	May	Aug.	Nov.	May	Nov.
	1996	1996	1996	1996	1996	1996	1996	1996	1996	1996
All items	-	-	-	-	3.2	4.5	1.8	3.3	3.8	2.6
Food and beverages	154.6	155.3	156.3	156.7	1.6	4.0	5.9	5.5	2.8	5.7
Food	154.4	155.1	156.1	156.5	1.3	4.0	6.5	5.6	2.7	6.0
Food at home	155.5	156.5	157.6	158.0	.5	5.1	8.4	6.6	2.8	7.5
Cereals and bakery products	174.3	174.7	175.1	176.2	4.3	5.0	1.2	4.4	4.6	2.8
Meats, poultry, fish, and eggs	145.8	147.4	148.1	148.6	1.7	-1.4	12.4	7.9	.1	10.1
Dairy products	144.8	147.2	149.7	149.8	8.3	3.0	21.9	14.5	5.6	18.2
Fruits and vegetables	186.3	186.1	188.9	189.2	-6.8	17.8	9.3	6.4	4.8	7.8
Other food at home	143.0	143.7	143.8	144.0	.3	4.0	1.1	2.8	2.1	2.0
Sugar and sweets	144.2	145.6	145.4	144.9	7.1	4.6	3.1	2.0	5.8	2.5
Fats and oils	141.0	141.9	141.6	141.9	.6	2.3	3.5	2.6	1.4	3.0
Nonalcoholic beverages	129.0	128.2	127.5	127.5	-6.3	1.9	-.6	-4.6	-2.3	-2.6
Other prepared food	156.0	157.6	158.5	159.2	2.9	5.9	1.8	8.5	4.4	5.1
Food away from home	153.1	153.5	154.2	154.7	2.4	2.4	2.9	4.2	2.4	3.6
Alcoholic beverages	158.9	159.7	160.3	160.2	3.7	3.4	2.3	3.3	3.5	2.8
Housing	153.2	153.5	154.0	154.3	3.2	2.9	2.7	2.9	3.1	2.8
Shelter	171.4	171.7	172.3	172.7	3.4	2.9	3.1	3.1	3.1	3.1

	Renters' costs 1/	180.3	180.5	181.1	181.4	4.2	3.0	4.3	2.5	3.6	3.4
+	Rent, residential	162.5	162.9	163.3	163.6	3.0	2.5	2.8	2.7	2.8	2.7
	Other renters' costs	216.8	216.5	218.0	218.2	6.9	3.9	7.9	2.6	5.4	5.2
	Homeowners' costs 1/	177.0	177.4	177.9	178.4	2.8	3.0	2.5	3.2	2.9	2.9
+	Owners' equivalent rent 1/	177.3	177.7	178.2	178.7	3.0	3.0	2.3	3.2	3.0	2.7
+	Household insurance 1/	161.6	162.1	163.4	164.8	2.8	2.5	4.6	8.2	2.7	6.4
+	Maintenance and repairs 2/	139.7	139.9	140.2	141.1	2.4	5.4	2.6	4.1	3.9	3.3
+	Maintenance and repair services 2/ ...	147.1	147.4	147.3	147.6	3.4	4.8	6.8	1.4	4.1	4.0
+	Maintenance and repair commodities 2/	129.6	129.5	130.5	132.3	.3	6.7	-3.9	8.6	3.4	2.2
+	Fuel and other utilities	128.0	128.3	128.9	129.6	4.9	4.9	2.5	5.1	4.9	3.8
	Fuels	114.8	115.0	115.8	116.8	5.9	5.1	2.1	7.2	5.5	4.6
	Fuel oil and other household fuel										
	commodities	94.3	97.7	103.9	106.0	41.1	16.4	-19.0	59.7	28.2	13.7
	Gas (piped) and electricity (energy										
	services).....	122.4	122.3	122.3	123.2	2.7	3.7	4.7	2.6	3.2	3.7
	Other utilities and public services 2/ .	158.0	158.3	158.6	158.9	3.4	5.3	2.8	2.3	4.3	2.6
+	Household furnishings and operation	124.7	125.0	124.9	124.8	1.3	.6	1.3	.3	1.0	.8
	Housefurnishings	111.2	111.4	111.1	110.9	1.1	-1.1	.4	-1.1	.0	-.4
	Housekeeping supplies	141.3	141.4	141.4	141.6	1.4	1.7	1.4	.9	1.6	1.1
	Housekeeping services	148.6	149.3	150.1	150.0	1.9	3.6	3.6	3.8	2.8	3.7
	Apparel and upkeep	129.9	130.5	131.1	131.7	-.6	1.2	-7.1	5.7	.3	-.9
	Apparel commodities	126.1	126.7	127.3	128.0	-.9	.9	-7.8	6.2	.0	-1.1
	Men's and boys' apparel	127.6	126.6	127.0	128.7	5.2	1.9	-1.9	3.5	3.5	.8
	Women's and girls' apparel	121.1	122.3	123.4	124.2	-4.9	.6	-13.3	10.6	-2.2	-2.1
	Infants' and toddlers' apparel 2/	125.1	131.4	128.5	126.7	15.3	-11.4	-15.3	5.2	1.1	-5.6
+	Footwear	126.4	126.1	126.8	127.0	1.6	1.0	-.9	1.9	1.3	.5
	Other apparel commodities	148.3	150.5	150.6	149.4	-5.2	4.1	-7.7	3.0	-.7	-2.5
	Apparel services 2/.....	160.3	160.4	160.6	160.9	3.3	2.3	2.3	1.5	2.8	1.9
+	Transportation	143.1	143.8	144.0	144.3	5.3	10.6	-3.3	3.4	7.9	.0
	Private transportation	140.1	140.5	140.7	141.1	6.3	10.5	-4.2	2.9	8.4	-.7
	New vehicles	144.2	145.0	144.7	144.5	1.7	2.0	2.8	.8	1.8	1.8
	New cars	142.1	142.8	142.5	142.0	1.7	1.1	3.7	-.3	1.4	1.7
	Used cars	155.7	156.2	155.8	155.1	9.0	-5.4	-4.7	-1.5	1.5	-3.1

Motor fuel	104.5	104.2	105.0	106.8	25.6	55.6	-26.3	9.1	39.8	-10.4
Gasoline	103.9	103.5	104.2	106.1	24.7	56.4	-27.2	8.7	39.6	-11.1
Maintenance and repairs	158.6	159.8	160.4	160.5	2.6	2.3	2.8	4.9	2.5	3.8
Other private transportation	174.9	175.5	175.3	175.4	.7	1.4	4.7	1.1	1.0	2.9
Other private transportation commodities	105.0	105.2	105.2	105.0	.4	-.8	.4	.0	-.2	.2
Other private transportation services	191.5	192.3	192.0	192.2	.9	1.7	5.2	1.5	1.3	3.3
Public transportation	183.4	187.1	189.3	187.6	-5.7	13.4	5.9	9.5	3.4	7.7
Medical care	229.4	229.8	230.3	230.9	3.6	3.4	3.0	2.6	3.5	2.8
Medical care commodities	211.1	211.4	212.4	211.9	3.5	3.5	2.3	1.5	3.5	1.9
Medical care services	233.4	233.8	234.2	235.1	3.7	3.3	3.1	2.9	3.5	3.0
Professional medical services	209.2	209.8	210.4	211.4	3.6	3.7	3.3	4.3	3.7	3.8
Entertainment	159.6	159.7	R/160.2	160.4	5.8	1.8	2.0	2.0	3.8	2.0
+										
Entertainment commodities	143.3	143.3	- 143.7	143.7	6.1	.8	1.4	1.1	3.4	1.3
Entertainment services	178.7	178.9	R/179.5	180.1	5.6	2.3	2.5	3.2	3.9	2.8
+										
			-							
Other goods and services	217.5	217.6	218.5	219.3	3.6	4.6	3.8	3.4	4.1	3.6
Tobacco and smoking products	233.0	234.6	236.2	237.2	-.5	4.4	1.9	7.4	1.9	4.6
Personal care 2/	150.5	150.8	150.9	151.2	1.1	2.7	.5	1.9	1.9	1.2
+										
Toilet goods and personal care appliances 2/	145.0	145.1	144.6	144.7	-1.9	3.4	-.8	-.8	.7	-.8
+										
Personal care services 2/	156.5	157.2	157.9	158.6	4.5	1.6	1.8	5.5	3.0	3.6
+										
Personal and educational expenses	250.1	249.5	250.4	251.5	6.0	5.2	5.5	2.3	5.6	3.8
School books and supplies	229.0	229.0	230.5	231.1	7.3	4.6	6.5	3.7	5.9	5.1
Personal and educational services	251.6	250.9	251.8	252.9	5.7	5.3	5.4	2.1	5.5	3.7
Commodity and service group										
All items	-	-	-	-	3.2	4.5	1.8	3.3	3.8	2.6
Commodities	139.8	140.4	140.9	141.3	3.3	5.6	-.6	4.4	4.4	1.9
Food and beverages	154.6	155.3	156.3	156.7	1.6	4.0	5.9	5.5	2.8	5.7
Commodities less food and beverages	130.9	131.3	131.6	132.0	4.4	6.9	-4.7	3.4	5.7	-.8
Nondurables less food and beverages	131.8	132.0	132.7	133.9	7.3	10.1	-8.3	6.5	8.7	-1.2
Apparel commodities	126.1	126.7	127.3	128.0	-.9	.9	-7.8	6.2	.0	-1.1
Nondurables less food, beverages, and apparel	137.8	137.7	138.7	139.7	12.0	16.2	-8.8	5.6	14.1	-1.8
Durables	129.3	129.7	129.6	129.3	2.2	.0	.3	.0	1.1	.2

	Services	175.0	175.4	175.9	176.3	3.3	3.3	3.5	3.0	3.3	3.3
	Rent of shelter 1/	178.8	179.0	179.4	179.9	3.2	3.0	3.4	2.5	3.1	3.0
+											
	Household services less rent of shelter 1/	142.8	143.2	143.4	144.0	2.3	5.2	2.9	3.4	3.8	3.1
+											
	Transportation services	181.6	183.0	183.5	183.3	- .2	4.4	5.0	3.8	2.0	4.4
	Medical care services	233.4	233.8	234.2	235.1	3.7	3.3	3.1	2.9	3.5	3.0
	Other services	203.2	203.1	R/203.8	204.5	5.6	3.7	4.0	2.6	4.6	3.3
+											
	Special indexes										
	All items less food	157.8	158.1	158.6	159.0	3.7	4.4	1.0	3.1	4.1	2.0
	All items less shelter	153.1	153.7	154.2	154.6	3.0	5.1	1.1	4.0	4.0	2.5
	All items less homeowners' costs 1/	158.3	158.8	159.4	159.8	3.1	4.7	1.5	3.8	3.9	2.7
+											
	All items less medical care	153.1	153.5	154.0	154.5	3.2	4.6	1.6	3.7	3.9	2.6
	Commodities less food	132.1	132.6	132.9	133.3	4.4	6.5	-4.4	3.7	5.5	- .4
	Nondurables less food	133.4	133.7	134.5	135.3	7.2	9.7	-7.4	5.8	8.4	-1.0
	Nondurables less food and apparel	138.8	139.1	140.0	141.1	8.9	13.8	-6.9	6.8	11.4	- .3
	Nondurables	143.4	143.8	144.5	145.3	4.4	6.7	- .8	5.4	5.5	2.2
	Services less rent of shelter 1/	183.5	184.2	184.4	185.0	3.2	3.6	3.8	3.3	3.4	3.6
+											
	Services less medical care services	169.4	170.0	170.4	170.8	3.2	3.4	3.4	3.3	3.3	3.4
	Energy	109.1	109.1	109.9	111.2	14.3	25.4	-12.2	7.9	19.7	-2.6
	All items less energy	163.8	164.3	164.8	165.2	2.5	3.0	2.7	3.5	2.8	3.1
	All items less food and energy	166.2	166.7	167.1	167.4	2.7	2.7	2.2	2.9	2.7	2.6
	Commodities less food and energy commodities	141.0	141.5	141.6	141.7	1.7	1.1	- .6	2.0	1.4	.7
	Energy commodities	103.5	103.6	105.0	106.8	26.8	51.0	-25.5	13.4	38.4	-8.1
	Services less energy services	180.4	180.8	181.3	181.7	3.0	3.4	3.6	2.9	3.2	3.3

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1/ Indexes on a December 1982=100 base.

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2/ Not seasonally adjusted.

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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 Nov. 1996 from-			Percent change to Oct. 1996 from-		
		Aug. 1996	Sept. 1996	Oct. 1996	Nov. 1996	Nov. 1995	Sept. 1996	Oct. 1996	Oct. 1995	Aug. 1996	Sept. 1996
U.S. city average	M	157.3	157.8	158.3	158.6	3.3	0.5	0.2	3.0	0.6	0.3
Region and area size 2/	-										
Northeast urban.....	M	164.0	164.6	165.1	165.4	3.1	.5	.2	3.0	.7	.3
Size A - More than 1,200,000	M	164.7	165.4	165.7	166.0	2.9	.4	.2	2.9	.6	.2
Size B - 500,000 to 1,200,000	M	162.2	162.2	162.4	163.1	3.0	.6	.4	2.5	.1	.1
Size C - 50,000 to 500,000	M	161.8	162.2	163.8	164.3	3.7	1.3	.3	3.5	1.2	1.0
North Central urban	M	153.4	154.0	154.4	155.0	3.7	.6	.4	3.2	.7	.3
Size A - More than 1,200,000	M	154.0	154.5	154.8	155.3	3.4	.5	.3	3.0	.5	.2
Size B - 360,000 to 1,200,000	M	152.8	153.3	154.0	154.5	4.3	.8	.3	3.8	.8	.5
Size C - 50,000 to 360,000	M	154.7	155.4	156.5	157.1	3.7	1.1	.4	3.3	1.2	.7
Size D - Nonmetropolitan (less than 50,000)	M	150.4	151.0	151.1	151.9	4.0	.6	.5	3.5	.5	.1
South urban	M	154.1	154.5	154.9	155.1	3.1	.4	.1	2.9	.5	.3
Size A - More than 1,200,000	M	153.1	153.5	153.7	153.8	2.7	.2	.1	2.5	.4	.1
Size B - 450,000 to 1,200,000	M	156.9	157.3	157.7	158.2	3.7	.6	.3	3.3	.5	.3
Size C - 50,000 to 450,000	M	154.0	154.4	154.8	154.7	2.9	.2	-.1	2.9	.5	.3
Size D - Nonmetropolitan (less than 50,000)	M	152.6	153.2	154.3	154.6	3.8	.9	.2	3.6	1.1	.7
West urban	M	158.0	158.6	159.1	159.2	3.1	.4	.1	2.9	.7	.3
Size A - More than 1,250,000	M	158.1	158.7	159.2	159.1	3.0	.3	-.1	2.8	.7	.3
Size C - 50,000 to 330,000	M	162.6	163.0	163.2	163.9	3.5	.6	.4	3.4	.4	.1
Size classes											
A 3/	M	141.9	142.4	142.7	142.9	3.0	.4	.1	2.8	.6	.2
B	M	157.6	157.9	158.4	158.9	3.5	.6	.3	3.2	.5	.3

C	M	157.0	157.4	158.2	158.5	3.3	.7	.2	3.2	.8	.5
D	M	154.0	154.7	155.5	155.8	3.9	.7	.2	3.7	1.0	.5

Selected local areas

Chicago-Gary-Lake County, IL-IN-WI.....	M	158.1	158.3	158.8	159.4	3.5	.7	.4	2.9	.4	.3
Los Angeles-Anaheim-Riverside, CA	M	157.3	158.2	158.8	158.4	2.6	.1	-.3	2.3	1.0	.4
N.Y.-Northern N.J.-Long Island, NY-NJ-CT	M	167.2	168.2	168.2	168.4	2.8	.1	.1	2.8	.6	.0
Phil.-Wilmington-Trenton, PA-NJ-DE-MD ..	M	163.6	164.5	164.9	164.3	2.9	-.1	-.4	2.8	.8	.2
San Francisco-Oakland-San Jose, CA	M	155.6	156.3	R/156.9	156.9	3.0	.4	.0	2.8	.8	.4

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Baltimore, MD	1	-	155.4	-	154.8	2.4	-.4	-	-	-	-
Boston-Lawrence-Salem, MA-NH	1	-	163.5	-	166.3	3.7	1.7	-	-	-	-
Cleveland-Akron-Lorain, OH	1	-	153.5	-	153.8	3.8	.2	-	-	-	-
Miami-Fort Lauderdale, FL	1	-	154.6	-	156.4	4.1	1.2	-	-	-	-
St. Louis-East St. Louis, MO-IL	1	-	151.0	-	151.4	3.9	.3	-	-	-	-
Washington, DC-MD-VA	1	-	160.8	-	161.2	3.9	.2	-	-	-	-

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.

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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)

Expenditure category	Relative importance, December 1995	Unadjusted indexes		Unadjusted percent change to Nov. 1996 from-		Seasonally adjusted percent change from-		
		Oct. 1996	Nov. 1996	Nov. 1995	Oct. 1996	Aug. to Sept.	Sept. to Oct.	Oct. to Nov.
All items	100.000	155.5	155.9	3.3	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.3
All items (1967=100)	-	463.2	464.2	-	-	-	-	-
Food and beverages	19.262	155.2	155.7	4.3	.3	.5	.5	.3
Food	17.581	154.9	155.4	4.4	.3	.5	.6	.3
Food at home	11.206	155.9	156.4	5.2	.3	.6	.6	.4
Cereals and bakery products	1.682	174.7	175.1	3.7	.2	.1	.2	.7
Meats, poultry, fish, and eggs	3.453	147.5	148.6	5.2	.7	1.0	.5	.4
Dairy products	1.300	148.9	149.2	11.8	.2	1.9	1.6	.2
Fruits and vegetables	2.052	184.1	185.2	6.2	.6	-.2	1.3	.3
Other food at home	2.719	143.5	143.0	2.1	-.3	.5	-.1	.2
Sugar and sweets .....	.369	145.6	144.0	4.0	-1.1	.9	-.1	-.4
Fats and oils .....	.285	141.3	140.5	2.0	-.6	.6	-.1	.2
Nonalcoholic beverages .....	.885	127.1	126.7	-2.4	-.3	-.5	-.6	.2
Other prepared food	1.180	158.2	158.2	4.9	.0	1.0	.4	.5
Food away from home	6.374	154.2	154.7	3.1	.3	.2	.5	.3
Alcoholic beverages	1.681	159.5	159.6	3.2	.1	.6	.4	.1
Housing	38.888	150.7	150.7	2.9	.0	.1	.2	.3
Shelter	25.976	167.6	167.7	3.0	.1	.2	.2	.4
Renters' costs 1/	8.091	158.3	157.6	3.2	-.4	.1	.2	.2
Rent, residential	6.616	162.9	163.4	2.8	.3	.2	.1	.2
Other renters' costs	1.475	214.6	207.4	5.0	-3.4	-.2	.4	.0
Homeowners' costs 1/	17.695	162.4	162.8	2.8	.2	.2	.2	.4
Owners' equivalent rent 1/	17.366	162.7	163.1	2.8	.2	.2	.2	.4
Household insurance 1/ .....	.329	148.7	150.0	3.5	.9	.3	.5	.9
Maintenance and repairs 2/ .....	.189	138.5	139.9	3.2	1.0	.0	.4	1.0

+	Maintenance and repair services 2/	.105	149.5	149.9	3.7	.3	.3	.1	.3
+	Maintenance and repair commodities 2/	.085	124.8	127.1	2.6	1.8	-.4	1.0	1.8
+	Fuel and other utilities	7.247	128.3	128.1	4.4	-.2	.2	.5	.5
	Fuels	3.887	115.6	115.1	5.1	-.4	.2	.7	.9
	Fuel oil and other household fuel commodities	.327	102.6	105.7	20.7	3.0	3.5	6.5	2.0
	Gas (piped) and electricity (energy services)	3.560	122.2	121.2	3.7	-.8	-.2	.2	.7
	Other utilities and public services 2/	3.360	159.2	159.5	3.6	.2	.2	.3	.2
+	Household furnishings and operation	5.666	123.4	123.3	.8	-.1	.2	-.2	.1
	Housefurnishings	3.367	109.7	109.5	-.2	-.2	.2	-.5	.0
	Housekeeping supplies	1.149	142.1	142.4	1.8	.2	.1	-.1	.3
	Housekeeping services	1.150	152.5	152.4	2.8	-.1	.4	.3	.1
	Apparel and upkeep	5.533	132.4	132.4	-.1	.0	.5	.4	.5
	Apparel commodities	5.017	129.2	129.1	-.3	-.1	.4	.5	.6
	Men's and boys' apparel	1.310	129.0	130.9	2.3	1.5	-.8	.6	1.4
	Women's and girls' apparel	2.148	125.4	125.0	-2.1	-.3	.7	.5	.7
	Infants' and toddlers' apparel 2/	.251	128.9	127.7	-2.4	-.9	4.5	-2.6	-.9
+	Footwear	.812	129.2	128.9	1.0	-.2	-.5	.5	.2
	Other apparel commodities	.495	151.9	148.7	-.3	-2.1	2.3	1.4	-.9
	Apparel services 2/	.516	159.7	160.0	2.2	.2	.1	.0	.2
+	Transportation	19.020	143.5	144.5	4.0	.7	.4	.2	.3
	Private transportation	17.847	141.2	142.2	3.9	.7	.3	.2	.3
	New vehicles	4.958	145.0	146.0	2.1	.7	.4	-.1	-.1
	New cars	3.591	141.1	141.9	1.6	.6	.5	-.2	-.3
	Used cars	2.432	158.3	157.7	-.7	-.4	.4	-.3	-.5
	Motor fuel	3.584	106.0	108.1	12.3	2.0	-.1	1.0	1.9
	Gasoline	-	105.3	107.4	12.0	2.0	-.3	.9	2.0
	Maintenance and repairs	1.619	161.4	161.4	3.1	.0	.6	.3	.1
	Other private transportation	5.255	171.2	171.9	2.0	.4	.4	-.1	-.1
	Other private transportation commodities	.767	104.1	104.2	-.1	.1	.2	-.1	-.1
	Other private transportation services	4.488	188.2	189.1	2.4	.5	.4	.0	-.1
	Public transportation	1.173	184.3	184.5	6.0	.1	1.6	1.0	-.2

Medical care	6.262	229.4	229.9	3.2	.2	.2	.2	.3
Medical care commodities	1.055	209.8	209.1	2.6	-.3	.3	.5	-.4
Medical care services	5.208	233.9	234.6	3.3	.3	.2	.1	.4
Professional medical services	2.965	211.4	212.1	3.7	.3	.4	.3	.5
Entertainment	4.029	R/157.8	158.3	3.1	.3	.1	.3	.3
+ Entertainment commodities	2.053	- 142.5	142.8	2.4	.2	.1	.1	.2
+ Entertainment services	1.976	R/179.7	180.4	3.6	.4	.1	.3	.3
		-						
Other goods and services	7.006	215.3	215.8	3.6	.2	.2	.5	.3
Tobacco and smoking products	2.135	234.8	235.8	2.9	.4	.7	.7	.3
Personal care 2/	1.132	150.9	151.3	1.5	.3	.3	.1	.3
+ Toilet goods and personal care appliances 2/ .....	.635	145.4	145.4	.0	.0	.1	-.2	.0
+ Personal care services 2/ .....	.497	158.0	158.7	3.4	.4	.4	.5	.4
+ Personal and educational expenses	3.739	247.7	248.1	4.6	.2	-.1	.4	.4
School books and supplies .....	.227	232.4	232.6	5.8	.1	.2	.7	.3
Personal and educational services	3.512	249.2	249.7	4.6	.2	-.1	.4	.4
Commodity and service group								
All items	100.000	155.5	155.9	3.3	.3	.3	.3	.3
Commodities	47.052	141.0	141.6	3.4	.4	.4	.4	.4
Food and beverages	19.262	155.2	155.7	4.3	.3	.5	.5	.3
Commodities less food and beverages	27.790	132.3	132.9	2.6	.5	.3	.3	.3
Nondurables less food and beverages ..	16.074	133.8	134.6	4.2	.6	.1	.5	.9
Apparel commodities	5.017	129.2	129.1	-.3	-.1	.4	.5	.6
Nondurables less food, beverages, and apparel	11.057	139.0	140.2	6.1	.9	-.1	.8	.9
Durables	11.716	129.2	129.5	.7	.2	.5	-.2	-.2
Services	52.948	173.0	173.2	3.3	.1	.2	.2	.3
Rent of shelter 1/	25.430	161.3	161.3	2.9	.0	.1	.2	.2
+ Household services less rent of shelter 1/	8.531	131.5	131.2	3.5	-.2	.1	.3	.4
+ Transportation services	7.279	180.8	181.3	3.1	.3	.7	.2	.0
Medical care services	5.208	233.9	234.6	3.3	.3	.2	.1	.4
Other services	6.501	R/200.9	201.5	4.0	.3	.0	.3	.3

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Seasonally adjusted indexes

Seasonally adjusted annual rate
percent change for
3 months ended-
6 months ended-

	Aug. 1996	Sept. 1996	Oct. 1996	Nov. 1996	Feb. 1996	May 1996	Aug. 1996	Nov. 1996	May 1996	Nov. 1996
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Expenditure category

All items	-	-	-	-	3.2	4.8	1.3	3.7	4.0	2.5
Food and beverages	154.2	155.0	155.8	156.3	1.6	3.8	6.2	5.6	2.7	5.9
Food	153.8	154.6	155.5	156.0	1.6	3.8	6.5	5.8	2.7	6.2
Food at home	154.7	155.7	156.6	157.2	.8	4.9	8.4	6.6	2.8	7.5
Cereals and bakery products	174.1	174.3	174.7	175.9	4.3	5.0	1.4	4.2	4.7	2.8
Meats, poultry, fish, and eggs	145.5	147.0	147.7	148.3	1.7	-1.4	12.7	7.9	.1	10.3
Dairy products	144.3	147.0	149.4	149.7	8.0	3.6	20.6	15.8	5.8	18.2
Fruits and vegetables	186.0	185.7	188.1	188.6	-7.4	18.6	9.6	5.7	4.8	7.6
Other food at home	142.7	143.4	143.3	143.6	.3	3.7	1.7	2.5	2.0	2.1
Sugar and sweets	144.2	145.5	145.3	144.7	6.8	5.2	3.1	1.4	6.0	2.2
Fats and oils	140.7	141.5	141.4	141.7	.6	1.4	3.8	2.9	1.0	3.3
Nonalcoholic beverages	128.5	127.8	127.0	127.2	-6.9	2.2	-.6	-4.0	-2.4	-2.3
Other prepared food	155.9	157.5	158.2	159.0	3.7	5.1	2.6	8.2	4.4	5.4
Food away from home	153.1	153.4	154.2	154.7	2.4	2.7	2.9	4.2	2.5	3.6
Alcoholic beverages	158.2	159.1	159.7	159.9	3.1	3.1	2.3	4.4	3.1	3.3
Housing	150.0	150.2	150.5	151.0	3.0	3.3	2.7	2.7	3.2	2.7
Shelter	166.7	167.0	167.3	167.9	3.0	3.2	2.9	2.9	3.1	2.9
Renters' costs 1/	157.7	157.9	158.2	158.5	4.0	2.9	3.9	2.0	3.4	3.0
Rent, residential	162.2	162.6	162.8	163.2	3.3	2.5	2.8	2.5	2.9	2.6
Other renters' costs	217.0	216.6	217.4	217.4	7.3	4.0	7.9	.7	5.7	4.3
Homeowners' costs 1/	161.4	161.7	162.1	162.7	2.6	3.3	2.5	3.3	2.9	2.9
Owners' equivalent rent 1/	161.7	162.0	162.3	162.9	2.5	3.3	2.5	3.0	2.9	2.8
Household insurance 1/	147.4	147.9	148.7	150.0	2.5	1.4	2.8	7.2	1.9	5.0
Maintenance and repairs 2/	138.0	138.0	138.5	139.9	.3	5.4	1.5	5.6	2.8	3.5
Maintenance and repair services 2/ ...	149.0	149.4	149.5	149.9	1.4	5.1	6.1	2.4	3.2	4.3
Maintenance and repair commodities 2/	124.1	123.6	124.8	127.1	-.3	5.6	-4.4	10.0	2.6	2.6

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Fuel and other utilities	127.6	127.8	128.5	129.1	4.3	5.5	2.5	4.8	4.9	3.7
Fuels	114.1	114.3	115.1	116.1	5.5	5.1	2.5	7.2	5.3	4.8
Fuel oil and other household fuel commodities	94.1	97.4	103.7	105.8	41.2	14.5	-18.0	59.8	27.2	14.4
Gas (piped) and electricity (energy services).....	121.8	121.6	121.8	122.7	2.4	4.4	4.7	3.0	3.4	3.9
Other utilities and public services 2/ .	158.5	158.8	159.2	159.5	3.7	5.5	2.6	2.5	4.6	2.6
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Household furnishings and operation	123.3	123.6	123.3	123.4	1.0	.3	1.6	.3	.7	1.0
Housefurnishings	109.9	110.1	109.6	109.6	.7	-1.1	.7	-1.1	-.2	-.2
Housekeeping supplies	141.9	142.0	141.8	142.2	2.6	1.4	2.0	.8	2.0	1.4
Housekeeping services	151.5	152.1	152.6	152.7	1.1	3.0	3.8	3.2	2.0	3.5
Apparel and upkeep	129.0	129.6	130.1	130.7	.6	2.5	-8.2	5.4	1.5	-1.7
Apparel commodities	125.7	126.2	126.8	127.5	.3	2.5	-9.0	5.9	1.4	-1.9
Men's and boys' apparel	127.1	126.1	126.8	128.6	5.5	2.2	-2.8	4.8	3.9	.9
Women's and girls' apparel	120.5	121.3	121.9	122.7	-2.5	2.3	-14.5	7.5	-.2	-4.1
Infants' and toddlers' apparel 2/	126.7	132.4	128.9	127.7	14.1	-10.8	-13.8	3.2	.9	-5.7
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Footwear	127.9	127.3	127.9	128.1	.0	1.9	1.3	.6	.9	.9
Other apparel commodities	145.9	149.2	151.3	149.9	-7.2	10.7	-13.8	11.4	1.3	-2.0
Apparel services 2/.....	159.6	159.7	159.7	160.0	3.4	2.3	2.0	1.0	2.8	1.5
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Transportation	142.5	143.1	143.4	143.8	6.2	10.6	-4.4	3.7	8.4	-.4
Private transportation	140.5	140.9	141.2	141.6	6.6	10.8	-4.7	3.2	8.7	-.8
New vehicles	145.3	145.9	145.8	145.7	2.0	2.0	3.1	1.1	2.0	2.1
New cars	141.7	142.4	142.1	141.7	2.0	.9	3.8	.0	1.4	1.9
Used cars	156.7	157.4	157.0	156.2	9.7	-5.1	-5.4	-1.3	2.0	-3.4
Motor fuel	104.3	104.2	105.2	107.2	23.6	56.3	-26.4	11.6	39.0	-9.4
Gasoline	103.9	103.6	104.5	106.6	25.2	54.7	-26.5	10.8	39.2	-9.7
Maintenance and repairs	159.7	160.7	161.2	161.4	2.8	1.8	3.6	4.3	2.3	4.0
Other private transportation	170.8	171.5	171.4	171.3	.0	1.9	5.1	1.2	1.0	3.1
Other private transportation commodities	104.2	104.4	104.3	104.2	.4	-1.5	.8	.0	-.6	.4
Other private transportation services	187.6	188.4	188.4	188.3	.0	2.6	5.5	1.5	1.3	3.5
Public transportation	180.0	182.9	184.8	184.5	-.9	12.3	2.7	10.4	5.5	6.5
Medical care	228.6	229.1	229.6	230.2	3.6	3.4	2.8	2.8	3.5	2.8
Medical care commodities	208.3	208.9	210.0	209.1	3.4	2.8	2.3	1.5	3.1	1.9
Medical care services	233.1	233.6	233.9	234.8	3.7	3.4	3.1	2.9	3.6	3.0
Professional medical services	210.1	211.0	211.6	212.6	4.2	3.1	2.9	4.8	3.6	3.9
Entertainment	157.3	157.4	R/157.8	158.2	6.1	1.3	2.3	2.3	3.7	2.3

+	Entertainment commodities	142.2	142.4	142.5	142.8	6.5	.3	1.4	1.7	3.3	1.6
	Entertainment services	179.0	179.1	R/179.7	180.3	5.9	2.7	3.0	2.9	4.3	2.9
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	Other goods and services	213.6	214.0	215.0	215.7	2.9	4.3	3.2	4.0	3.6	3.6
	Tobacco and smoking products	232.5	234.2	235.8	236.5	-.7	4.4	1.0	7.1	1.8	4.0
	Personal care 2/	150.4	150.8	150.9	151.3	.5	3.0	.3	2.4	1.8	1.3
+	Toilet goods and personal care appliances 2/	145.6	145.7	145.4	145.4	-2.2	3.9	-1.1	-.5	.8	-.8
+	Personal care services 2/	156.5	157.2	158.0	158.7	4.2	1.8	1.8	5.7	3.0	3.8
+	Personal and educational expenses	245.0	244.8	245.7	246.6	5.9	4.6	5.4	2.6	5.2	4.0
	School books and supplies	230.2	230.6	232.2	233.0	7.3	3.6	7.3	5.0	5.4	6.1
	Personal and educational services	246.4	246.1	247.0	247.9	5.7	4.7	5.4	2.5	5.2	3.9
	Commodity and service group										
	All items	-	-	-	-	3.2	4.8	1.3	3.7	4.0	2.5
	Commodities	139.8	140.4	140.9	141.4	3.6	5.9	-.9	4.7	4.7	1.9
	Food and beverages	154.2	155.0	155.8	156.3	1.6	3.8	6.2	5.6	2.7	5.9
	Commodities less food and beverages	131.0	131.4	131.8	132.2	5.4	7.2	-5.3	3.7	6.3	-.9
	Nondurables less food and beverages	131.7	131.8	132.4	133.6	9.0	11.8	-8.9	5.9	10.4	-1.8
	Apparel commodities	125.7	126.2	126.8	127.5	.3	2.5	-9.0	5.9	1.4	-1.9
	Nondurables less food, beverages, and apparel	137.4	137.3	138.4	139.7	12.7	16.6	-9.3	6.9	14.6	-1.6
	Durables	129.1	129.7	129.4	129.2	3.5	-.9	.0	.3	1.3	.2
	Services	172.2	172.5	172.9	173.4	2.9	3.6	3.6	2.8	3.2	3.2
	Rent of shelter 1/	160.7	160.9	161.3	161.7	3.4	3.1	3.3	2.5	3.2	2.9
+	Household services less rent of shelter 1/	131.3	131.4	131.8	132.3	2.5	5.1	3.1	3.1	3.8	3.1
+	Transportation services	179.3	180.5	180.9	180.9	.5	4.2	4.6	3.6	2.3	4.1
	Medical care services	233.1	233.6	233.9	234.8	3.7	3.4	3.1	2.9	3.6	3.0
	Other services	199.8	199.8	R/200.4	201.1	5.5	3.7	4.1	2.6	4.6	3.4
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	Special indexes										
	All items less food	154.3	154.7	155.0	155.5	3.8	4.8	.3	3.1	4.3	1.7
	All items less shelter	151.3	151.8	152.3	152.8	3.3	5.2	1.1	4.0	4.2	2.5
	All items less homeowners' costs 1/	145.1	145.5	146.0	146.4	3.4	5.1	1.1	3.6	4.3	2.4

+	All items less medical care	150.9	151.3	151.8	152.3	3.3	4.7	1.3	3.8	4.0	2.5
	Commodities less food	132.2	132.7	133.1	133.5	5.0	7.2	-5.3	4.0	6.1	-.7
	Nondurables less food	133.3	133.4	134.2	135.2	8.2	10.7	-7.4	5.8	9.5	-1.0
	Nondurables less food and apparel	138.5	138.6	139.6	140.8	10.3	15.2	-7.7	6.8	12.7	-.7
	Nondurables	143.2	143.5	144.4	145.3	5.0	6.7	-.6	6.0	5.8	2.7
	Services less rent of shelter 1/	163.5	164.2	164.4	165.0	2.8	3.8	3.8	3.7	3.3	3.7
+	Services less medical care services	167.0	167.3	167.8	168.2	2.7	3.7	3.7	2.9	3.2	3.3
	Energy	108.7	108.7	109.6	111.1	13.9	27.8	-13.2	9.1	20.7	-2.6
	All items less energy	160.9	161.5	161.9	162.3	2.6	3.1	2.5	3.5	2.8	3.0
	All items less food and energy	162.9	163.4	163.7	164.0	2.8	2.8	1.7	2.7	2.8	2.2
	Commodities less food and energy										
	commodities	140.6	141.1	141.3	141.4	2.3	1.1	-1.1	2.3	1.7	.6
	Energy commodities	103.6	103.8	105.3	107.3	25.2	52.1	-25.7	15.1	38.0	-7.6
	Services less energy services	177.9	178.3	178.7	179.2	3.0	3.7	3.2	3.0	3.4	3.1

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1/ Indexes on a December 1984=100 base.

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2/ Not seasonally adjusted.

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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)

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Area	Pricing schedule 1/	Indexes				Percent change to Nov. 1996 from-			Percent change to Oct. 1996 from-		
		Aug. 1996	Sept. 1996	Oct. 1996	Nov. 1996	Nov. 1995	Sept. 1996	Oct. 1996	Oct. 1995	Aug. 1996	Sept. 1996
U.S. city average	M	154.5	155.1	155.5	155.9	3.3	0.5	0.3	3.0	0.6	0.3

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Northeast urban.....	M	161.4	162.0	162.4	163.0	3.2	.6	.4	2.9	.6	.2
Size A - More than 1,200,000	M	161.0	161.8	162.1	162.6	3.1	.5	.3	2.9	.7	.2
Size B - 500,000 to 1,200,000	M	160.0	159.8	160.1	160.7	2.9	.6	.4	2.4	.1	.2
Size C - 50,000 to 500,000	M	163.2	163.7	165.3	166.0	3.7	1.4	.4	3.3	1.3	1.0
North Central urban	M	149.9	150.6	151.0	151.7	3.8	.7	.5	3.2	.7	.3
Size A - More than 1,200,000	M	149.9	150.4	150.7	151.3	3.5	.6	.4	3.0	.5	.2
Size B - 360,000 to 1,200,000	M	148.7	149.5	150.2	150.8	4.4	.9	.4	3.9	1.0	.5
Size C - 50,000 to 360,000	M	151.9	152.6	153.7	154.5	3.8	1.2	.5	3.3	1.2	.7
Size D - Nonmetropolitan (less than 50,000)	M	148.5	149.1	149.2	150.1	4.2	.7	.6	3.5	.5	.1
South urban	M	152.7	153.1	153.5	153.7	3.2	.4	.1	3.0	.5	.3
Size A - More than 1,200,000	M	151.4	151.7	151.9	152.0	2.8	.2	.1	2.6	.3	.1
Size B - 450,000 to 1,200,000	M	153.1	153.6	153.9	154.5	3.7	.6	.4	3.3	.5	.2
Size C - 50,000 to 450,000	M	153.9	154.4	154.8	154.7	2.9	.2	-.1	2.9	.6	.3
Size D - Nonmetropolitan (less than 50,000)	M	153.1	153.9	154.8	155.1	4.0	.8	.2	3.7	1.1	.6
West urban	M	154.9	155.5	155.9	155.9	3.0	.3	.0	2.8	.6	.3
Size A - More than 1,250,000	M	153.4	154.0	154.4	154.3	2.9	.2	-.1	2.7	.7	.3
Size C - 50,000 to 330,000	M	159.5	159.9	160.2	160.8	3.5	.6	.4	3.5	.4	.2

Size classes

A 3/	M	140.9	141.4	141.7	142.0	3.1	.4	.2	2.8	.6	.2
B	M	154.6	155.0	155.4	156.0	3.5	.6	.4	3.1	.5	.3
C	M	156.0	156.6	157.4	157.7	3.3	.7	.2	3.2	.9	.5
D	M	153.3	154.0	154.7	155.1	3.9	.7	.3	3.7	.9	.5

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Selected local areas

Chicago-Gary-Lake County, IL-IN-WI.....	M	152.9	153.2	153.7	154.4	3.6	.8	.5	3.0	.5	.3
Los Angeles-Anaheim-Riverside, CA	M	151.9	152.7	153.2	152.9	2.5	.1	-.2	2.2	.9	.3
N.Y.-Northern N.J.-Long Island, NY-NJ-CT	M	163.3	164.4	164.4	164.7	3.0	.2	.2	2.9	.7	.0
Phil.-Wilmington-Trenton, PA-NJ-DE-MD ..	M	163.0	163.7	164.2	164.0	3.0	.2	-.1	2.8	.7	.3
San Francisco-Oakland-San Jose, CA	M	153.0	153.8	R/154.3	154.2	2.9	.3	-.1	2.7	.8	.3

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Baltimore, MD	1	-	154.4	-	153.6	2.5	-.5	-	-	-	-
Boston-Lawrence-Salem, MA-NH	1	-	162.1	-	165.4	3.8	2.0	-	-	-	-
Cleveland-Akron-Lorain, OH	1	-	145.8	-	146.2	4.0	.3	-	-	-	-
Miami-Fort Lauderdale, FL	1	-	152.6	-	154.6	4.3	1.3	-	-	-	-

St. Louis-East St. Louis, MO-IL	1	-	150.1	-	150.5	3.8	.3	-	-	-	-
Washington, DC-MD-VA	1	-	158.2	-	158.7	4.1	.3	-	-	-	-
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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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.