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CONSUMER PRICE INDEX: JULY 1997

The Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers (CPI-U) rose 0.1 percent before seasonal adjustment in July to a level of 160.5 (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 2.2 percent.

The Consumer Price Index for Urban Wage Earners and Clerical Workers (CPI-W) also rose 0.1 percent in July, prior to seasonal adjustment. The July 1997 CPI-W level of 157.5 was 2.1 percent higher than the index in July 1996.

CPI for All Urban Consumers (CPI-U)

On a seasonally adjusted basis, the CPI-U rose 0.2 percent in July, following increases of 0.1 percent in each of the preceding four months. The food index increased 0.3 percent in July. Grocery store food prices, which increased 0.2 percent in June, advanced 0.3 percent in July, reflecting larger increases in the indexes for meats, poultry, fish, and eggs and for fruits and vegetables. The energy index continued to exert a moderating effect on the CPI-U, declining 0.1 percent in July. The index for petroleum-based energy fell 0.4 percent, while the index for energy services rose 0.2 percent. Excluding food and energy, the CPI-U rose 0.2 percent, following an increase of 0.1 percent in June. The larger advance in July reflects upturns in the indexes for transportation (other than for motor fuel) and for apparel and upkeep.

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

Expenditure Category	Seasonally adjusted	Un- Compound adjusted
	Changes from preceding month 1997	annual rate 12-mos. 3-mos. ended ended

	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	June	July	July `97	July `97
All Items	.1	.3	.1	.1	.1	.1	.2	1.5	2.2
Food and beverages	-.2	.3	.0	-.2	.4	.2	.3	3.6	2.5
Housing	.3	.3	.0	.2	.1	.3	.2	2.3	2.5
Apparel and upkeep	.4	.2	-.3	.9	.1	-.2	.2	.3	1.5
Transportation	-.2	-.1	.1	-.4	-.8	-.3	.1	-4.1	.1
Medical care	.2	.2	.4	.3	.3	.2	.0	2.1	2.7
Entertainment	.0	.2	.2	.1	.2	.5	.1	3.0	2.3
Other goods and services	.4	.5	.5	.8	.2	.2	.3	2.7	4.1
Special Indexes:									
Energy	.8	.3	-1.7	-1.5	-2.4	.0	-.1	-9.7	-1.0
Food	-.3	.3	.0	-.2	.4	.2	.3	3.6	2.5
All items less food and energy	.1	.2	.2	.3	.2	.1	.2	1.9	2.4

See page 4 for a note on the future use of a hedonic model to adjust personal computer prices in the CPI for changes in quality.

For the first seven months of 1997, the CPI-U advanced at a 1.5 percent seasonally adjusted annual rate (SAAR). This compares with an increase of 3.3 percent in all of 1996. The energy and food components have been largely responsible for the moderation thus far in 1997. After advancing substantially in 1996, the energy index has declined at a 7.9 percent SAAR, while food prices have risen at a 1.3 percent annual rate. Excluding food and energy, the CPI-U has risen at a 2.4 percent SAAR in the first seven months of 1997, following a 2.6 percent increase in all of 1996.

The food and beverage index rose 0.3 percent in July. The index for grocery store food prices, which rose 0.2 percent in June, advanced 0.3 percent in July, reflecting larger increases in the indexes for meats, poultry, fish, and eggs and for fruits and vegetables. The index for meats, poultry, fish, and eggs rose 0.5 percent in July after increasing 0.1 percent in June, as a result of an upturn in egg prices and a larger increase in beef prices. Egg prices advanced 2.9 percent in July, following a 3.3 percent decline in June. The index for beef, which rose 0.2 percent in June, increased 0.7 percent in July. The index for fruits and vegetables rose 0.5 percent in July as an increase in the index for fresh vegetables more than offset declines in the indexes for fresh fruits and for processed fruits and vegetables. The index for dairy products decreased 0.6 percent in July, the ninth consecutive month that this component failed to increase. During this period, dairy product prices

have fallen 4.0 percent after registering increases totaling 8.5 percent in the preceding five-month period. The indexes for cereal and bakery products and for other food at home rose 0.1 and 0.6 percent, respectively. In the latter group, coffee prices continued to surge upwards--up 3.1 percent in July and 23.5 percent in the last five months. The other two components of the food and beverage index--restaurant meals and alcoholic beverages--each increased 0.3 percent.

The housing component rose 0.2 percent in July after increasing 0.3 percent in June. Shelter costs increased 0.2 percent. Within shelter, renters' costs declined 0.1 percent, while homeowners' costs and maintenance and repair costs increased 0.4 and 1.5 percent, respectively. The decline in renters' costs reflects a 0.7 percent decrease in the index for lodging while out of town; residential rents rose 0.2 percent. (Prior to seasonal adjustment, the index for lodging while out of town rose 2.8 percent.) The index for fuel and other utilities, which advanced 0.6 percent in June, rose 0.2 percent in July. The index for household fuels was unchanged, following a 0.8 percent increase in June. A 1.1 percent increase in the index for natural gas was largely offset by declines in the indexes for electricity and for fuel oil--down 0.2 and 2.9 percent, respectively. The index for other utilities and public services rose 0.5 percent in July, reflecting increases of 1.1 percent in the index for cable television and 0.9 percent in the index for water and sewerage treatment. The index for household furnishings and operation, which was unchanged in June, declined 0.2 percent in July.

The transportation component rose 0.1 percent in July, following declines in each of the three preceding months. The index for gasoline declined for the fifth consecutive month, down 0.4 percent in July. (Prior to seasonal adjustment, gasoline prices fell 1.8 percent.) New vehicle purchase costs advanced somewhat more in July than in recent months; the index for new vehicle prices rose 0.1 percent, and automobile finance charges increased 1.6 percent. (Prior to seasonal adjustment, new vehicle prices declined 0.3 percent.) The index for used cars declined 1.1 percent. Public transportation costs turned up in July. The index for airline fares, which had declined 1.3 and 1.2 percent, respectively, in the two preceding months, rose 2.3 percent in July.

The index for apparel and upkeep increased 0.2 percent in July. (Prior to seasonal adjustment, apparel commodity prices fell 1.9 percent, reflecting seasonal price declines for spring and summer wear.)

Medical care costs were virtually unchanged in July, and the July 1997 index was 2.7 percent above its level a year ago. The index for medical care commodities--prescription drugs, nonprescription drugs, and

and services	.6	.4	.5	1.0	.1	.0	.3	1.5	4.1
Special Indexes:									
Energy	.9	.3	-1.8	-1.9	-2.4	.0	-.2	-10.1	-1.2
Food	-.3	.3	.1	-.2	.3	.3	.3	3.6	2.5
All items less food and energy	.2	.2	.2	.3	.2	.1	.2	1.7	2.3

After seasonal adjustment, the level of the CPI-U for All Items was 160.6 in July; the seasonally adjusted CPI-W for All Items was 157.5.

Beginning with January 1997 data, BLS is reporting the level of the seasonally adjusted U.S. City Average All Items CPI-U and CPI-W in this monthly news release. Effective with the release of January 1998 data in February 1998, the seasonally adjusted All Items indexes will be fully integrated into the releases, appearing in tables 2 and 5 and in the text where relevant.

Like other seasonally adjusted CPI data, the All Items index levels are subject to revision for up to five years after their original release. For this reason, BLS advises against the use of these data in escalation agreements.

Consumer Price Index data for August are scheduled for release on Tuesday, September 16, 1997, at 8:30 A.M. (EDT).

Using a hedonic model to adjust prices of personal computers in the Consumer Price Index for changes in quality

Effective with the release of data for January 1998, the Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS) will introduce an improved quality adjustment technique in the new stratum of the Consumer Price Index (CPI) called Personal Computers and Peripheral Equipment.

Currently, personal computers are part of the Information Processing Equipment stratum. As previously announced, beginning with the CPI for January 1998, Information Processing Equipment will become an expenditure class entitled Information and Information Processing Other Than Telephone Services. Personal Computers and Peripheral Equipment will be one of four strata in that expenditure class.

Analysts in the Producer Price Index (PPI) program have developed and implemented a regression procedure, called a hedonic model, that decomposes the price of personal computers into implicit prices for each important feature and component of the computer. This model, which has been used in the PPI since 1991, provides a way to estimate the value of changes or improvements. The CPI has used similar hedonic methods to adjust apparel prices for many years.

Starting with the CPI for January 1998, when a personal computer or selected item of peripheral equipment, such as a modem, in the CPI sample improves in some way, a regression-based quality adjustment will be made. The value of the improvement, as derived from the PPI regression estimates, will be deducted from the observed price change for the product. (Conversely, if a model deteriorates, the value of the difference will be added to the price.)

Additional information on these changes will be published in the June 1997 CPI Detailed Report and is available on the Internet (at <http://stats.bls.gov/cpihome.htm>). This information can also be obtained by writing to Bureau of Labor Statistics, Division of Consumer Prices and Price Indexes, Room 3260, 2 Massachusetts Ave. NE, Washington, DC 20212 or by telephoning Joseph Chelena at (202) 606-6982 ext. 255.

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 1996	Unadjusted indexes		Unadjusted percent change to July 1997 from-		Seasonally adjusted percent change from-		
		June 1997	July 1997	July 1996	June 1997	Apr. to May	May to June	June to July
All items	100.000	160.3	160.5	2.2	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.2
All items (1967=100)	-	480.2	480.7	-	-	-	-	-
Food and beverages	17.484	157.1	157.5	2.5	.3	.4	.2	.3
Food	15.913	156.6	157.0	2.5	.3	.4	.2	.3
Food at home	10.040	157.3	157.7	2.3	.3	.6	.2	.3
Cereals and bakery products	1.479	178.2	178.3	2.0	.1	.3	.4	.1

	Meats, poultry, fish, and eggs	3.002	147.9	148.2	3.0	.2	.5	.1	.5
	Dairy products 1/	1.245	144.1	143.3	.9	-.6	-.2	-.9	-.6
+									
	Fruits and vegetables 2/	1.974	183.7	184.6	.3	.5	1.8	.3	.5
+									
	Other food at home	2.340	147.8	148.6	4.0	.5	.1	.7	.6
	Sugar and sweets .....	.331	148.1	149.2	3.2	.7	-.1	.5	.5
	Fats and oils .....	.246	141.6	141.4	.6	-.1	-.1	-.3	-.3
	Nonalcoholic beverages .....	.724	134.8	136.3	6.9	1.1	1.4	1.2	1.6
	Other prepared food	1.039	161.2	161.3	2.9	.1	-.4	.6	.1
	Food away from home	5.873	156.6	157.1	2.8	.3	.1	.2	.3
	Alcoholic beverages	1.571	162.7	162.9	2.8	.1	.3	.1	.3
	Housing 2/	41.203	156.9	157.5	2.5	.4	.1	.3	.2
+									
	Shelter	28.194	176.0	177.0	3.0	.6	.3	.2	.2
	Renters' costs 3/ 4/.....	7.994	186.6	188.4	3.0	1.0	.2	.3	-.1
+									
	Rent, residential	5.731	166.4	166.8	2.8	.2	.4	.2	.2
	Other renters' costs 4/	2.263	226.7	232.6	3.2	2.6	-.3	.5	-.7
+									
	Homeowners' costs 3/ 4/.....	20.000	181.1	181.7	2.9	.3	.3	.2	.4
+									
	Owners' equivalent rent 3/	19.616	181.4	182.1	2.9	.4	.3	.2	.4
+									
	Household insurance 3/ 4/ .....	.383	165.3	165.7	2.3	.2	.5	.1	.0
+									
	Maintenance and repairs 1/ 4/ .....	.200	143.3	145.4	4.3	1.5	.5	.1	1.5
+									
	Maintenance and repair								
	services 1/ 4/ .....	.123	150.0	153.8	5.1	2.5	.7	.1	2.5
+									
	Maintenance and repair								
	commodities 1/ 4/ .....	.077	134.1	133.7	2.8	-.3	.4	.0	-.3
+									
	Fuel and other utilities 2/	7.102	131.9	132.1	2.4	.2	-.6	.6	.2
+									
	Fuels	3.878	119.8	119.6	1.9	-.2	-1.1	.8	.0
	Fuel oil and other household fuel								
	commodities .....	.424	98.0	94.7	2.6	-3.4	-.4	-.7	-1.9
	Gas (piped) and electricity (energy	3.453	127.5	127.8	1.8	.2	-1.3	1.0	.2
	services).....								
	Other utilities and public	3.224	161.7	162.4	3.1	.4	.1	.4	.5
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	Household furnishings and operation 2/ .	5.908	125.7	125.6	.7	-.1	.4	.0	-.2
+	Housefurnishings 4/	3.332	111.2	110.7	-.4	-.4	.7	-.2	-.6
+	Housekeeping supplies	1.093	142.9	144.0	2.1	.8	-.1	.1	.7
	Housekeeping services 4/	1.482	151.8	152.1	2.4	.2	.1	.3	.2
+	-								
	Apparel and upkeep	5.330	132.4	130.2	1.5	-1.7	.1	-.2	.2
	Apparel commodities 4/	4.786	128.6	126.2	1.4	-1.9	.2	-.3	.1
+	Men's and boys' apparel	1.280	129.0	128.0	2.3	-.8	.2	-.6	.5
	Women's and girls' apparel.....	2.102	125.6	121.1	2.2	-3.6	.6	-.1	-.5
	Infants' and toddlers' apparel 1/ ....	.186	132.9	131.3	4.5	-1.2	.1	-.7	-1.2
+	Footwear .....	.718	126.3	125.9	.2	-.3	-.3	-1.0	1.0
	Other apparel commodities 4/.....	.500	146.4	146.9	-3.0	.3	-.6	.5	.4
+	Apparel services 1/ 4/ .....	.545	163.2	163.5	2.3	.2	.2	.2	.2
+	- -								
	Transportation	17.140	144.0	143.7	.1	-.2	-.8	-.3	.1
	Private transportation	15.499	140.7	140.1	-.3	-.4	-.9	-.3	.1
	New vehicles	4.955	144.2	143.7	.3	-.3	-.2	.0	.1
	New cars	3.952	141.7	141.1	.1	-.4	-.1	-.1	.1
	Used cars	1.278	151.8	149.9	-4.5	-1.3	-.9	-1.8	-1.1
	Motor fuel	3.171	105.9	103.9	-4.6	-1.9	-4.0	-1.1	-.2
	Gasoline	-	105.4	103.5	-4.9	-1.8	-4.1	-.9	-.4
	Maintenance and repairs	1.533	162.6	162.9	3.0	.2	.2	.4	.2
	Other private transportation 4/.....	4.562	176.7	177.5	2.3	.5	.0	.1	.5
+	Other private transportation								
	commodities 4/.....	.589	104.7	105.3	.6	.6	.1	.1	.7
+	Other private transportation								
	services 4/	3.973	193.8	194.5	2.5	.4	.1	.1	.5
+	Public transportation	1.642	186.6	189.4	3.7	1.5	.2	-.6	.5
	Medical care	7.346	234.4	234.8	2.7	.2	.3	.2	.0
	Medical care commodities	1.273	216.0	216.0	2.4	.0	.4	.1	-.1
	Medical care services	6.073	238.7	239.2	2.7	.2	.3	.2	.1
	Professional medical services	3.472	215.5	215.9	3.4	.2	.3	.2	.1
	Entertainment 4/	4.352	162.7	162.6	2.3	-.1	.2	.5	.1

+	Entertainment commodities 4/	1.957	143.9	143.8	.6	-.1	-.1	.2	-.1
+	Entertainment services 4/	2.395	184.5	184.5	3.7	.0	.3	.8	.2
+	-								
+	Other goods and services 2/	7.145	223.1	223.5	4.1	.2	.2	.2	.3
+	Tobacco and smoking products	1.601	241.3	242.0	3.7	.3	-.5	-.9	.4
+	Personal care 1/	1.145	152.8	152.6	1.7	-.1	-.1	.1	-.1
+	Toilet goods and personal care appliances 1/ .....	.588	144.2	143.7	-.5	-.3	-.3	.1	-.3
+	Personal care services 1/ .....	.557	162.6	162.5	4.0	-.1	.2	.2	-.1
+	Personal and educational expenses 4/ ...	4.398	257.3	258.0	5.0	.3	.5	.6	.3
+	School books and supplies .....	.264	237.2	237.7	5.8	.2	.6	.9	.4
+	Personal and educational services 4/ .	4.134	259.1	259.8	4.9	.3	.5	.6	.4
+	-								
	Commodity and service group								
	All items	100.000	160.3	160.5	2.2	.1	.1	.1	.2
	Commodities	42.873	141.5	141.0	1.1	-.4	-.1	-.1	.1
	Food and beverages	17.484	157.1	157.5	2.5	.3	.4	.2	.3
	Commodities less food and beverages	25.389	132.0	131.0	.1	-.8	-.5	-.3	-.2
	Nondurables less food and beverages ..	15.147	134.2	132.9	.5	-1.0	-.7	-.3	.0
	Apparel commodities 4/	4.786	128.6	126.2	1.4	-1.9	.2	-.3	.1
+	Nondurables less food, beverages, and apparel	10.362	140.1	139.3	.0	-.6	-1.1	-.6	-.1
	Durables	10.242	129.0	128.3	-.6	-.5	.0	-.2	-.3
	Services	57.127	179.3	180.1	3.0	.4	.2	.3	.3
	Rent of shelter 3/	27.577	183.1	184.1	2.9	.5	.3	.3	.2
+	Household services less rent of shelter 3/ 4/.....	8.698	147.0	147.5	2.5	.3	-.3	.6	.3
+	Transportation services	7.148	184.5	185.6	2.9	.6	.1	.0	.4
	Medical care services	6.073	238.7	239.2	2.7	.2	.3	.2	.1
	Other services	7.631	208.8	209.1	4.2	.1	.4	.6	.3

Special indexes

All items less food	84.087	161.0	161.1	2.2	.1	-.1	.1	.2
All items less shelter	71.806	155.7	155.6	1.8	-.1	.0	.1	.1
All items less homeowners' costs 3/ 4/.....	80.000	161.2	161.3	2.0	.1	-.1	.1	.1
+ All items less medical care	92.654	156.1	156.3	2.2	.1	.0	.1	.2
Commodities less food	26.960	133.3	132.3	.2	-.8	-.4	-.3	-.1
Nondurables less food	16.718	135.9	134.7	.7	-.9	-.4	-.4	.0
Nondurables less food and apparel	11.932	141.4	140.8	.4	-.4	-1.0	-.3	.1
Nondurables	32.631	145.8	145.4	1.6	-.3	-.2	.1	.2
Services less rent of shelter 3/ 4/	29.550	188.1	188.8	3.1	.4	.1	.4	.3
+ Services less medical care services	51.054	173.8	174.6	3.1	.5	.1	.3	.3
Energy	7.049	112.3	111.4	-1.0	-.8	-2.4	.0	-.1
All items less energy	92.951	166.7	167.0	2.4	.2	.2	.1	.2
All items less food and energy	77.038	169.2	169.5	2.4	.2	.2	.1	.2
Commodities less food and energy commodities	23.364	142.2	141.5	.9	-.5	.1	-.2	-.1
Energy commodities	3.596	105.2	103.1	-3.8	-2.0	-3.6	-1.1	-.4
Services less energy services	53.674	184.6	185.4	3.1	.4	.3	.3	.3
Purchasing power of the consumer dollar:								
1982-84=\$1.00 1/	-	\$.624	\$.623	-2.2	-.2	.2	-.2	-.2
+ 1967=\$1.00 1/	-	.208	.208	-	-	-	-	-

1/ Not seasonally adjusted.

2/ This index series will undergo a change in composition in January, 1998.

3/ Indexes on a December 1982=100 base.

4/ This index series will no longer appear in its present form after December, 1997.

- See Table X for a comparable index series.

- 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)

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Seasonally adjusted indexes

Seasonally adjusted annual rate
percent change for

Expenditure category	Seasonally adjusted indexes					Seasonally adjusted annual rate percent change for				
	Apr. 1997	May 1997	June 1997	July 1997	Oct. 1996	3 months ended-			6 months ended-	
						Jan. 1997	Apr. 1997	July 1997	Jan. 1997	July 1997

Expenditure category

All items	-	-	-	-	3.1	2.8	1.5	1.5	2.9	1.5
Food and beverages	156.5	157.1	157.4	157.9	5.3	.8	.5	3.6	3.0	2.1
Food	156.2	156.8	157.1	157.6	5.3	.5	.5	3.6	2.9	2.1
Food at home	156.5	157.4	157.7	158.2	6.6	-1.3	-.5	4.4	2.6	1.9
Cereals and bakery products	176.3	176.9	177.6	177.7	2.8	2.1	.0	3.2	2.4	1.6
Meats, poultry, fish, and eggs	147.7	148.5	148.6	149.3	8.2	2.5	-2.7	4.4	5.3	.8
Dairy products 1/	145.7	145.4	144.1	143.3	22.2	-4.0	-5.6	-6.4	8.3	-6.0
+ Fruits and vegetables 2/	181.5	184.7	185.3	186.2	4.4	-11.0	-1.5	10.8	-3.6	4.4
+ Other food at home	146.5	146.7	147.7	148.6	2.5	2.0	5.7	5.9	2.3	5.8
Sugar and sweets	147.6	147.4	148.1	148.8	3.4	4.2	1.9	3.3	3.8	2.6
Fats and oils	142.0	141.8	141.4	141.0	4.7	.9	.3	-2.8	2.7	-1.3
Nonalcoholic beverages	131.5	133.3	134.9	137.1	-2.2	.9	11.7	18.2	-.6	14.9
Other prepared food	160.8	160.1	161.0	161.2	4.7	2.5	3.6	1.0	3.6	2.3
Food away from home	156.2	156.3	156.6	157.1	3.4	3.2	2.3	2.3	3.3	2.3
Alcoholic beverages	161.8	162.3	162.4	162.9	4.4	3.0	1.0	2.7	3.7	1.9
+ Housing 2/	155.9	156.1	156.5	156.8	2.6	3.4	1.8	2.3	3.0	2.1
+ Shelter	174.9	175.4	175.8	176.2	2.4	2.8	3.5	3.0	2.6	3.3
Renters' costs 3/ 4/	184.5	184.8	185.4	185.3	2.5	3.8	3.8	1.7	3.1	2.8
+ Rent, residential	165.5	166.1	166.5	166.8	2.5	3.0	2.7	3.2	2.7	2.9
Other renters' costs 4/	224.6	224.0	225.2	223.7	2.2	6.0	6.5	-1.6	4.1	2.4
+ Homeowners' costs 3/ 4/	180.4	180.9	181.2	181.9	2.3	2.7	3.2	3.4	2.5	3.3
+ Owners' equivalent rent 3/	180.7	181.3	181.6	182.3	2.3	2.7	3.2	3.6	2.5	3.4
+ Household insurance 3/ 4/	164.2	165.0	165.1	165.1	5.1	-1.0	3.2	2.2	2.0	2.7
+ Maintenance and repairs 1/ 4/	142.5	143.2	143.3	145.4	2.3	3.8	2.9	8.4	3.0	5.6

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	Maintenance and repair services 1/ 4/	148.9	149.9	150.0	153.8	2.8	2.5	1.9	13.8	2.6	7.7
+	Maintenance and repair										
	commodities 1/ 4/	133.6	134.1	134.1	133.7	1.2	6.3	3.4	.3	3.7	1.8
+	Fuel and other utilities 2/.....	130.2	129.4	130.2	130.5	5.1	7.0	-3.0	.9	6.1	-1.1
+	Fuels	116.7	115.4	116.3	116.3	6.1	10.4	-6.9	-1.4	8.2	-4.2
	Fuel oil and other household fuel										
	commodities	100.4	100.0	99.3	97.4	45.9	15.8	-25.9	-11.4	30.0	-19.0
	Gas (piped) and electricity (energy										
	services).....	123.9	122.3	123.5	123.8	2.3	10.2	-4.4	-.3	6.2	-2.4
	Other utilities and public services 4/ .	160.6	160.8	161.5	162.3	3.6	3.1	1.5	4.3	3.3	2.9
+	Household furnishings and operation 2/.....	125.2	125.7	125.7	125.5	1.0	.0	1.0	1.0	.5	1.0
+	Housefurnishings 4/	110.7	111.5	111.3	110.6	.0	-.4	-1.1	-.4	-.2	-.7
+	Housekeeping supplies	143.0	142.9	143.0	144.0	1.1	2.3	2.0	2.8	1.7	2.4
+	Housekeeping services 4/	151.1	151.3	151.8	152.1	3.5	-.8	4.1	2.7	1.4	3.4
+	Apparel and upkeep	133.4	133.6	133.3	133.5	-.6	3.1	3.4	.3	1.2	1.8
	Apparel commodities 4/	129.7	129.9	129.5	129.6	-.6	3.2	3.5	-.3	1.3	1.6
+	Men's and boys' apparel	130.3	130.5	129.7	130.4	-.3	6.8	2.5	.3	3.2	1.4
	Women's and girls' apparel	126.8	127.5	127.4	126.8	-1.3	6.6	3.5	.0	2.6	1.8
	Infants' and toddlers' apparel 1/	133.7	133.8	132.9	131.3	9.2	-1.9	19.4	-7.0	3.5	5.4
+	Footwear	127.7	127.3	126.0	127.3	-.6	-1.3	4.2	-1.2	-.9	1.4
+	Other apparel commodities 4/.....	146.5	145.6	146.3	146.9	-2.6	-9.5	-.8	1.1	-6.1	.1
+	Apparel services 1/ 4/	162.6	162.9	163.2	163.5	1.8	2.8	2.2	2.2	2.3	2.2
+	Transportation	144.8	143.6	143.2	143.3	3.4	3.1	-1.6	-4.1	3.2	-2.9
	Private transportation	141.6	140.3	139.9	140.0	2.3	4.0	-2.2	-4.4	3.2	-3.3
	New vehicles	144.6	144.3	144.3	144.4	2.0	-.6	.6	-.6	.7	.0
	New cars	142.0	141.8	141.7	141.8	2.0	-1.4	.3	-.6	.3	-.1
	Used cars	155.1	153.7	150.9	149.2	-.3	-2.5	.0	-14.4	-1.4	-7.5
	Motor fuel	106.8	102.5	101.4	101.2	2.3	21.0	-16.7	-19.4	11.2	-18.1
	Gasoline	106.2	101.8	100.9	100.5	1.1	21.6	-17.1	-19.8	10.9	-18.5
	Maintenance and repairs	161.9	162.2	162.8	163.2	4.9	2.8	1.5	3.3	3.8	2.4
	Other private transportation 4/.....	177.0	177.0	177.2	178.1	2.3	.2	4.2	2.5	1.3	3.3

	and apparel	140.8	139.3	138.4	138.2	2.9	8.9	-3.9	-7.2	5.9	-5.5
	Durables	129.3	129.3	129.0	128.6	.9	-.3	-.6	-2.1	.3	-1.4
	Services	178.5	178.8	179.3	179.8	3.0	3.2	3.0	2.9	3.1	3.0
	Rent of shelter 3/	182.3	182.8	183.3	183.6	2.5	3.2	3.4	2.9	2.8	3.1
+											
	Household services less rent of shelter 3/ 4/.....	145.0	144.6	145.5	145.9	3.1	4.8	-.3	2.5	4.0	1.1
+											
	Transportation services	184.9	185.0	185.0	185.8	5.9	-.4	4.4	2.0	2.7	3.2
	Medical care services	237.9	238.5	239.0	239.2	2.6	2.9	3.3	2.2	2.8	2.7
	Other services	208.4	209.3	210.5	211.1	3.0	4.4	4.5	5.3	3.7	4.9
	Special indexes										
	All items less food	160.6	160.5	160.7	161.0	2.8	3.1	1.8	1.0	2.9	1.4
	All items less shelter	155.5	155.5	155.6	155.8	3.4	2.6	.8	.8	3.0	.8
	All items less homeowners' costs 3/ 4/.....	161.0	160.9	161.1	161.3	3.3	2.8	1.3	.7	3.1	1.0
+											
	All items less medical care	155.7	155.7	155.9	156.2	3.2	2.6	1.6	1.3	2.9	1.4
	Commodities less food	134.0	133.4	133.0	132.9	2.1	3.0	-.6	-3.2	2.6	-1.9
	Nondurables less food	136.3	135.7	135.2	135.2	1.8	5.4	-1.5	-3.2	3.6	-2.3
	Nondurables less food and apparel	141.5	140.1	139.7	139.8	4.4	6.1	-3.9	-4.7	5.2	-4.3
	Nondurables	145.7	145.4	145.5	145.8	3.4	3.6	-1.1	.3	3.5	-.4
	Services less rent of shelter 3/	187.2	187.3	188.0	188.6	3.5	3.1	2.8	3.0	3.3	2.9
+											
	Services less medical care services	172.9	173.1	173.6	174.2	3.1	3.3	2.8	3.0	3.2	2.9
	Energy	111.2	108.5	108.5	108.4	4.5	14.9	-11.3	-9.7	9.5	-10.5
	All items less energy	166.6	167.0	167.2	167.5	3.0	1.7	2.7	2.2	2.3	2.4
	All items less food and energy	169.2	169.5	169.7	170.0	2.4	2.2	3.1	1.9	2.3	2.5
	Commodities less food and energy commodities	142.7	142.8	142.5	142.4	1.4	.8	2.0	-.8	1.1	.6
	Energy commodities	106.2	102.4	101.3	100.9	6.2	20.1	-17.7	-18.5	13.0	-18.1
	Services less energy services	184.0	184.5	185.0	185.5	2.9	2.7	3.6	3.3	2.8	3.4

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1/ Not seasonally adjusted.

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2/ This index series will undergo a change in composition in January, 1998.

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3/ Indexes on a December 1982=100 base.

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4/ This index series will no longer appear in its present form after December, 1997.

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- See Table X for a comparable index series.

- 1/ Foods, fuels, and several other items priced every month in all areas; most other goods and services priced as 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.
- 3/ Starting in January, 1998, a new Size Class B/C will be introduced, composed of current
 - Size Class B and Size Class C cities. There will be no individual Size Class B or Size Class C.
 4/ Indexes on a December 1986=100 base.
- 5/ Indexes for the cities of Philadelphia and San Francisco will no longer be published on a monthly
 - basis starting in January, 1998. Beginning in February, 1998 they will be published on a bi-monthly basis.
- 6/ Indexes for the cities of Washington and Baltimore will no longer be published separately after December, 1997.
 - Beginning in January, 1998 the two cities will be published as a Washington-Baltimore combined metropolitan area.
- 7/ Indexes for the cities of Pittsburgh and St. Louis will no longer be published on a bi-monthly
 - basis after December, 1997. Beginning in July, 1998 they will be published semi-annually, each January and July.
 - 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)

Expenditure category	Relative importance, December 1996	Unadjusted indexes		Unadjusted percent change to July 1997 from-		Seasonally adjusted percent change from-		
		June 1997	July 1997	July 1996	June 1997	Apr. to May	May to June	June to July

All items	100.000	157.4	157.5	2.1	0.1	0.0	0.1	0.2
All items (1967=100)	-	468.8	469.0	-	-	-	-	-
Food and beverages	19.436	156.6	157.0	2.5	.3	.4	.2	.3
Food	17.749	156.1	156.6	2.5	.3	.3	.3	.3
Food at home	11.387	156.5	156.9	2.3	.3	.5	.3	.3
Cereals and bakery products	1.688	177.9	177.9	1.9	.0	.4	.4	.0
Meats, poultry, fish, and eggs	3.535	147.5	148.0	3.1	.3	.5	.1	.5
Dairy products 1/	1.387	143.8	143.0	.8	-.6	-.2	-.9	-.6
+ Fruits and vegetables 2/	2.086	183.1	184.0	.3	.5	1.7	.5	.5
+ Other food at home	2.691	147.2	147.9	3.7	.5	.2	.5	.6
Sugar and sweets .....	.373	148.1	149.2	3.2	.7	-.1	.3	.5
Fats and oils .....	.282	141.3	141.1	.6	-.1	-.1	-.2	-.6
Nonalcoholic beverages .....	.841	133.6	134.9	6.1	1.0	1.2	1.1	1.5
Other prepared food	1.194	160.9	161.2	2.9	.2	-.4	.4	.2
Food away from home	6.362	156.6	157.1	2.9	.3	.0	.3	.3
Alcoholic beverages	1.687	162.1	162.2	2.8	.1	.4	.1	.2
+ Housing 2/	38.747	153.6	154.1	2.5	.3	.1	.3	.2
+ Shelter	25.867	170.9	171.7	2.9	.5	.3	.2	.2
Renters' costs 3/ 4/	8.079	162.6	163.7	2.9	.7	.3	.3	-.1
+ Rent, residential	6.580	166.0	166.5	2.8	.3	.3	.3	.2
+ Other renters' costs 4/	1.499	227.3	232.9	3.1	2.5	.2	.6	-1.1
+ Homeowners' costs 3/ 4/	17.599	165.1	165.7	2.9	.4	.2	.2	.4
+ Owners' equivalent rent 3/	17.277	165.4	166.0	2.9	.4	.3	.2	.4
+ Household insurance 3/ 4/ .....	.322	149.8	150.3	1.7	.3	.3	.1	.1
+ Maintenance and repairs 1/ 4/ .....	.189	141.7	143.6	4.1	1.3	.5	.0	1.3
+ Maintenance and repair .....	.105	152.0	155.9	5.2	2.6	.7	.1	2.6
services 1/ 4/ .....	.084	128.6	128.3	2.8	-.2	.3	.0	-.2
+ Maintenance and repair .....	.084	128.6	128.3	2.8	-.2	.3	.0	-.2
commodities 1/ 4/	7.344	131.7	131.9	2.5	.2	-.5	.6	.2
+ Fuel and other utilities 2/	7.344	131.7	131.9	2.5	.2	-.5	.6	.2

	Household services less rent of shelter 3/ 4/.....	8.553	135.1	135.5	2.4	.3	-.3	.6	.3
+	Transportation services	7.314	182.0	182.9	2.7	.5	-.1	.1	.5
	Medical care services	5.204	238.4	238.9	2.7	.2	.3	.2	.1
	Other services	6.542	205.7	205.9	4.3	.1	.4	.5	.2

Special indexes

	All items less food	82.251	157.5	157.5	1.9	.0	-.1	.1	.1
	All items less shelter	74.133	153.8	153.6	1.7	-.1	-.1	.1	.1
	All items less homeowners' costs 3/ 4/.....	82.401	147.7	147.6	1.8	-.1	-.1	.1	.1
+	All items less medical care	93.749	153.8	153.8	2.0	.0	-.1	.1	.1
	Commodities less food	29.308	133.5	132.5	.1	-.7	-.5	-.4	-.1
	Nondurables less food	17.901	135.8	134.7	.7	-.8	-.7	-.3	.1
	Nondurables less food and apparel	13.064	141.1	140.4	.3	-.5	-1.2	-.3	.1
	Nondurables	35.651	145.7	145.3	1.5	-.3	-.3	.0	.3
	Services less rent of shelter 3/ 4/	27.613	167.7	168.2	3.0	.3	.1	.3	.3
+	Services less medical care services	47.738	171.1	171.8	3.0	.4	.2	.4	.4
	Energy	7.901	111.8	110.8	-1.2	-.9	-2.4	.0	-.2
	All items less energy	92.099	163.8	164.0	2.3	.1	.2	.1	.2
	All items less food and energy	74.350	165.8	165.9	2.3	.1	.2	.1	.2
	Commodities less food and energy commodities	24.996	141.8	141.1	.7	-.5	.0	-.3	.0
	Energy commodities	4.312	105.5	103.4	-3.9	-2.0	-3.5	-.9	-.5
	Services less energy services	49.354	181.9	182.6	3.0	.4	.2	.3	.3
	Purchasing power of the consumer dollar:								
	1982-84=\$1.00 1/	-	\$.635	\$.635	-2.0	.0	.0	-.2	.0
+	1967=\$1.00 1/	-	.213	.213	-	-	-	-	-
+	-								
+									

1/ Not seasonally adjusted.

2/ This index series will undergo a change in composition in January, 1998.

3/ Indexes on a December 1984=100 base.

4/ This index series will no longer appear in its present form after December, 1997.

- See Table X for a comparable index series.

- 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-		
	1997	1997	1997	1997	1996	Jan. 1997	Apr. 1997	July 1997	Jan. 1997	July 1997
All items	-	-	-	-	3.1	2.9	1.0	1.3	3.0	1.2
Food and beverages	156.1	156.7	157.0	157.5	5.3	1.0	.3	3.6	3.1	1.9
Food	155.7	156.2	156.6	157.1	5.6	.5	.5	3.6	3.0	2.1
Food at home	155.8	156.6	157.0	157.5	6.7	-1.0	-.5	4.4	2.7	1.9
Cereals and bakery products	176.0	176.7	177.4	177.4	2.6	2.8	-.5	3.2	2.7	1.4
Meats, poultry, fish, and eggs	147.4	148.2	148.3	149.1	8.0	2.5	-2.4	4.7	5.2	1.1
Dairy products 1/	145.4	145.1	143.8	143.0	21.2	-3.4	-5.8	-6.4	8.2	-6.1
Fruits and vegetables 2/	181.0	184.1	185.0	186.0	3.7	-10.9	-1.7	11.5	-3.8	4.7
Other food at home	145.9	146.2	147.0	147.9	2.0	2.3	5.1	5.6	2.1	5.3
Sugar and sweets	147.7	147.5	147.9	148.7	3.1	3.6	3.0	2.7	3.4	2.9
Fats and oils	141.7	141.6	141.3	140.5	4.7	.3	.9	-3.3	2.4	-1.3
Nonalcoholic beverages	130.6	132.2	133.7	135.7	-2.5	.9	10.4	16.6	-.8	13.5
Other prepared food	160.7	160.0	160.7	161.0	4.7	2.8	3.6	.7	3.7	2.1
Food away from home	156.2	156.2	156.6	157.1	3.7	3.4	2.1	2.3	3.6	2.2
Alcoholic beverages	161.0	161.7	161.8	162.2	4.6	3.0	.5	3.0	3.8	1.7
Housing 2/	152.5	152.7	153.1	153.4	2.4	3.5	1.6	2.4	3.0	2.0
Shelter	170.0	170.5	170.9	171.3	2.2	2.9	3.4	3.1	2.5	3.2
Renters' costs 3/ 4/	161.0	161.5	162.0	161.9	2.0	3.3	3.6	2.3	2.7	2.9
Rent, residential	165.2	165.7	166.2	166.5	2.2	3.0	2.7	3.2	2.6	2.9
Other renters' costs 4/	223.9	224.3	225.7	223.3	1.3	5.8	6.3	-1.1	3.5	2.6

	Homeowners' costs 3/ 4/	164.5	164.9	165.3	165.9	2.3	2.7	3.2	3.4	2.5	3.3
+	Owners' equivalent rent 3/	164.8	165.3	165.6	166.2	2.2	2.7	3.2	3.4	2.5	3.3
+	Household insurance 3/ 4/	149.0	149.4	149.6	149.7	3.6	-1.6	3.0	1.9	1.0	2.4
+	Maintenance and repairs 1/ 4/	141.0	141.7	141.7	143.6	1.8	4.7	2.6	7.6	3.2	5.1
+	Maintenance and repair services 1/ 4/	150.9	151.9	152.0	155.9	3.6	1.3	2.4	13.9	2.4	8.0
+	Maintenance and repair commodities 1/ 4/	128.2	128.6	128.6	128.3	.0	8.3	2.9	.3	4.0	1.6
+	Fuel and other utilities 2/	129.7	129.0	129.8	130.1	4.8	7.4	-3.3	1.2	6.1	-1.1
+	Fuels	115.9	114.6	115.6	115.6	6.1	10.5	-7.2	-1.0	8.3	-4.2
	Fuel oil and other household fuel commodities	100.0	99.6	98.9	97.1	45.5	17.2	-27.0	-11.1	30.5	-19.5
	Gas (piped) and electricity (energy services)	123.2	121.7	122.9	123.1	2.7	10.2	-5.0	-.3	6.4	-2.7
	Other utilities and public services 4/	161.3	161.5	162.1	163.0	3.9	3.0	1.8	4.3	3.4	3.0
+	Household furnishings and operation 2/	123.6	124.2	124.1	124.0	1.0	.3	.3	1.3	.7	.8
+	Housefurnishings 4/	109.4	110.2	110.0	109.5	.4	-.4	-1.1	.4	.0	-.4
+	Housekeeping supplies	143.8	143.7	143.6	144.4	1.1	2.6	2.5	1.7	1.8	2.1
+	Housekeeping services 4/	153.7	153.9	154.6	154.9	3.2	.0	3.2	3.2	1.6	3.2
+	Apparel and upkeep	132.7	132.9	132.5	132.8	-1.2	3.1	4.3	.3	.9	2.3
	Apparel commodities 4/	129.4	129.6	129.2	129.4	-1.6	3.2	4.4	.0	.8	2.2
+	Men's and boys' apparel	130.1	130.1	129.4	130.4	.3	6.1	2.8	.9	3.2	1.9
	Women's and girls' apparel	125.9	126.7	126.7	126.2	-3.5	7.4	4.6	1.0	1.8	2.7
	Infants' and toddlers' apparel 1/	134.9	134.9	133.8	132.0	6.8	-1.2	21.5	-8.3	2.7	5.5
+	Footwear	128.6	128.2	127.0	128.1	-.6	-.9	3.2	-1.5	-.8	.8
	Other apparel commodities 4/	146.9	145.8	146.2	147.1	-1.3	-11.2	1.7	.5	-6.4	1.1
+	Apparel services 1/ 4/	161.7	161.9	162.2	162.6	1.0	2.8	2.3	2.2	1.9	2.3
+	Transportation	144.2	142.8	142.3	142.4	3.1	4.0	-2.7	-4.9	3.5	-3.8
	Private transportation	141.9	140.5	140.1	140.0	2.3	4.3	-3.0	-5.2	3.3	-4.2

New vehicles	146.0	145.6	145.6	145.7	1.9	.0	.8	-.8	1.0	.0
New cars	141.7	141.5	141.3	141.4	2.0	-.8	.3	-.8	.6	-.3
Used cars	156.5	155.1	152.5	150.6	.3	-2.5	.3	-14.2	-1.1	-7.3
Motor fuel	106.5	102.5	101.6	101.2	2.7	21.8	-18.5	-18.5	11.8	-18.5
Gasoline	106.1	101.8	101.0	100.6	2.3	21.9	-18.3	-19.2	11.7	-18.7
Maintenance and repairs	162.8	163.2	163.8	164.3	4.9	2.8	1.5	3.7	3.8	2.6
Other private transportation 4/.....	172.6	172.5	172.8	173.6	2.9	.0	3.6	2.3	1.4	2.9
+ Other private transportation										
commodities 4/.....	103.7	103.9	104.0	104.6	.4	-1.1	-.8	3.5	-.4	1.4
+ Other private transportation										
services 4/	190.1	189.9	190.2	191.1	3.3	.2	4.3	2.1	1.7	3.2
+ Public transportation	185.1	184.9	183.6	185.3	11.8	-1.7	2.4	.4	4.8	1.4
Medical care	233.0	233.7	234.1	234.3	2.7	2.6	3.2	2.3	2.6	2.7
Medical care commodities	212.1	213.1	213.1	213.0	3.1	.4	3.9	1.7	1.7	2.8
Medical care services	237.6	238.2	238.7	238.9	2.6	3.3	2.9	2.2	2.9	2.6
Professional medical services	215.7	216.3	216.8	217.0	3.9	3.6	4.2	2.4	3.8	3.3
Entertainment 4/	159.3	159.4	160.2	160.3	2.3	2.3	1.3	2.5	2.3	1.9
+ Entertainment commodities 4/	142.5	142.5	142.7	142.7	2.0	.8	-1.1	.6	1.4	-.3
+ Entertainment services 4/	183.3	183.6	185.1	185.4	2.7	3.4	4.3	4.7	3.0	4.5
+ -										
Other goods and services 2/.....	220.8	221.1	221.0	221.6	3.2	4.0	7.6	1.5	3.6	4.5
+ Tobacco and smoking products	243.7	242.4	240.1	241.2	3.5	2.2	13.5	-4.0	2.9	4.4
Personal care 1/	152.6	152.6	152.7	152.4	2.4	1.9	2.7	-.5	2.1	1.1
+ Toilet goods and personal care										
appliances 1/	145.4	145.0	145.0	144.6	1.1	-2.7	2.8	-2.2	-.8	.3
+ Personal care services 1/	162.1	162.4	162.7	162.6	4.7	7.3	3.3	1.2	6.0	2.3
+ Personal and educational expenses 4/	252.6	254.1	255.2	256.0	3.5	5.6	5.6	5.5	4.6	5.5
+ School books and supplies	236.9	238.5	241.1	242.1	8.7	3.1	5.1	9.1	5.9	7.0
Personal and educational services 4/ ...	254.1	255.5	256.6	257.3	3.1	5.8	5.7	5.1	4.5	5.4
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Commodity and service group

All items	-	-	-	-	3.1	2.9	1.0	1.3	3.0	1.2
Commodities	141.7	141.4	141.2	141.3	3.2	2.6	-.6	-1.1	2.9	-.8
Food and beverages	156.1	156.7	157.0	157.5	5.3	1.0	.3	3.6	3.1	1.9
Commodities less food and beverages	132.8	132.1	131.6	131.4	1.8	3.7	-1.5	-4.2	2.8	-2.8
Nondurables less food and beverages	134.7	133.7	133.2	133.3	1.8	6.1	-2.1	-4.1	4.0	-3.1
Apparel commodities 4/	129.4	129.6	129.2	129.4	-1.6	3.2	4.4	.0	.8	2.2
+ Nondurables less food, beverages, and apparel	140.7	138.9	138.0	137.7	3.5	9.5	-4.2	-8.3	6.5	-6.2
Durables	129.0	129.1	128.5	128.1	.9	-.3	-.9	-2.8	.3	-1.8
Services	175.5	175.8	176.3	176.8	2.8	3.3	2.8	3.0	3.1	2.9
Rent of shelter 3/	163.7	164.2	164.7	165.0	2.3	3.3	3.0	3.2	2.8	3.1
+ Household services less rent of shelter 3/ 4/.....	133.2	132.8	133.6	134.0	3.1	5.3	-.9	2.4	4.2	.8
+ Transportation services	182.4	182.3	182.4	183.4	5.0	.2	3.6	2.2	2.6	2.9
Medical care services	237.6	238.2	238.7	238.9	2.6	3.3	2.9	2.2	2.9	2.6
Other services	205.3	206.1	207.2	207.6	2.8	5.1	4.6	4.6	4.0	4.6
Special indexes										
All items less food	157.0	156.9	157.0	157.2	2.6	3.4	1.3	.5	3.0	.9
All items less shelter	153.6	153.4	153.5	153.7	3.5	2.9	.3	.3	3.2	.3
All items less homeowners' costs 3/ 4/.....	147.4	147.3	147.4	147.6	3.4	2.8	.8	.5	3.1	.7
+ All items less medical care	153.4	153.3	153.5	153.7	3.2	2.9	1.0	.8	3.1	.9
Commodities less food	134.2	133.5	133.0	132.9	1.8	3.6	-1.2	-3.8	2.7	-2.5
Nondurables less food	136.0	135.1	134.7	134.9	2.7	5.7	-2.6	-3.2	4.2	-2.9
Nondurables less food and apparel	141.3	139.6	139.2	139.3	4.4	6.7	-4.1	-5.5	5.5	-4.8
Nondurables	145.6	145.2	145.2	145.6	3.4	3.9	-1.1	.0	3.7	-.5
Services less rent of shelter 3/	166.7	166.8	167.3	167.8	3.5	3.2	2.4	2.7	3.3	2.6
+ Services less medical care services	170.1	170.4	171.0	171.6	2.7	3.4	2.4	3.6	3.0	3.0
Energy	110.7	108.0	108.0	107.8	4.1	16.1	-12.9	-10.1	9.9	-11.5
All items less energy	163.6	163.9	164.1	164.4	3.0	1.7	2.5	2.0	2.4	2.2
All items less food and energy	165.8	166.1	166.2	166.5	2.2	2.2	2.9	1.7	2.2	2.3
Commodities less food and energy commodities	142.4	142.4	142.0	142.0	1.1	.9	2.3	-1.1	1.0	.6
Energy commodities	106.2	102.5	101.6	101.1	5.8	21.4	-19.2	-17.9	13.3	-18.5
Services less energy services	181.5	181.9	182.4	182.9	3.0	2.7	3.4	3.1	2.8	3.2

1/ Not seasonally adjusted.

- + 2/ This index series will undergo a change in composition in January, 1998.
 - + 3/ Indexes on a December 1984=100 base.
 - + 4/ This index series will no longer appear in its present form after December, 1997.
 - + - See Table X for a comparable index series.
 - 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 July 1997 from-			Percent change to June 1997 from-		
		Apr. 1997	May 1997	June 1997	July 1997	July 1996	May 1997	June 1997	June 1996	Apr. 1997	May 1997
U.S. city average	M	157.2	157.2	157.4	157.5	2.1	0.2	0.1	2.1	0.1	0.1
Region and area size 2/											
Northeast urban.....	M	164.4	164.1	164.3	164.7	2.4	.4	.2	2.3	-.1	.1
Size A - More than 1,200,000	M	163.9	163.8	164.0	164.3	2.4	.3	.2	2.2	.1	.1
Size B - 500,000 to 1,200,000 3/.....	M	163.1	162.3	162.8	163.5	2.4	.7	.4	2.6	-.2	.3
Size C - 50,000 to 500,000 3/.....	M	167.0	166.9	167.1	167.5	2.8	.4	.2	2.8	.1	.1
North Central urban	M	152.6	152.8	153.1	153.1	2.2	.2	.0	2.4	.3	.2
Size A - More than 1,200,000	M	152.6	152.7	152.9	152.9	2.1	.1	.0	2.2	.2	.1
Size B - 360,000 to 1,200,000 3/.....	M	150.8	151.5	151.7	151.9	2.4	.3	.1	2.5	.6	.1
Size C - 50,000 to 360,000 3/.....	M	155.4	155.6	156.0	155.7	2.5	.1	-.2	3.0	.4	.3
Size D - Nonmetropolitan (less than 50,000)	M	150.0	150.2	150.8	150.7	1.5	.3	-.1	1.9	.5	.4

Dallas-Fort Worth, TX	2	150.4	-	151.4	-	-	-	-	1.2	.7	-
Detroit-Ann Arbor, MI	2	151.0	-	149.8	-	-	-	-	1.8	-.8	-
Houston-Galveston-Brazoria, TX	2	144.1	-	144.1	-	-	-	-	1.3	.0	-
Pittsburgh-Beaver Valley, PA 7/	2	150.1	-	150.8	-	-	-	-	2.7	.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/ Starting in January, 1998, a new Size Class B/C will be introduced, composed of current

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- Size Class B and Size Class C cities. There will be no individual Size Class B or Size Class C.

4/ Indexes on a December 1986=100 base.

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5/ Indexes for the cities of Philadelphia and San Francisco will no longer be published on a monthly

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- basis starting in January, 1998. Beginning in February, 1998 they will be published on a bi-monthly basis.

6/ Indexes for the cities of Washington and Baltimore will no longer be published separately after December, 1997.

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- Beginning in January, 1998 the two cities will be published as a Washington-Baltimore combined metropolitan area.

7/ Indexes for the cities of Pittsburgh and St. Louis will no longer be published on a bi-monthly

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- basis after December, 1997. Beginning in July, 1998 they will be published semi-annually, each January and July.

- 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.