

All Items	.3	.1	.1	.1	.1	.2	.2	2.0	2.2
Food and beverages	.3	.0	-.2	.4	.2	.3	.4	3.9	2.5
Housing	.3	.0	.2	.1	.3	.2	.1	2.1	2.3
Apparel and upkeep	.2	-.3	.9	.1	-.2	.2	-1.0	-4.1	1.5
Transportation	-.1	.1	-.4	-.8	-.3	.1	.6	1.7	.7
Medical care	.2	.4	.3	.3	.2	.0	.2	1.7	2.6
Entertainment	.2	.2	.1	.2	.5	.1	.2	3.2	2.4
Other goods and services	.5	.5	.8	.2	.2	.3	.6	4.3	4.3
Special Indexes:									
Energy	.3	-1.7	-1.5	-2.4	.0	-.1	1.7	6.4	.8
Food	.3	.0	-.2	.4	.2	.3	.4	3.9	2.5
All items less food and energy	.2	.2	.3	.2	.1	.2	.1	1.4	2.3

For the first eight months of 1997, the CPI-U advanced at a 1.6 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. The energy index has declined at a 4.6 percent SAAR, while food prices have risen at a 1.8 percent annual rate. Excluding food and energy, the CPI-U has risen at a 2.2 percent SAAR in the first eight months of 1997, following a 2.6 percent increase in all of 1996.

The food and beverage index rose 0.4 percent in August. The index for grocery store food prices, which rose 0.3 percent in July, increased 0.6 percent in August. The index for fresh fruits and vegetables rose 4.0 percent in August, following an increase of 0.9 percent in July. The index for processed fruits and vegetables rose 0.3 percent in August. Advances in the indexes for dairy products and for cereal and bakery products also contributed to the larger increase in August. The 0.1 percent rise in the index for dairy products followed a 0.6 percent decrease in July and was the first advance in this component since October 1996. During this nine-month period, dairy product prices fell 4.0 percent. The index for cereal and bakery products, which rose 0.1 percent in July, increased 0.2 percent in August. Acceleration in these grocery store food groups was partially offset by the deceleration in the indexes for meats, poultry, fish, and eggs and for other food at home, both of which rose 0.1 percent in August. Within the former group, poultry prices fell 1.5 percent, and the indexes for beef and for pork were virtually unchanged. The moderation in the index for other food at home reflects a decline in prices for sugar and sweets and a notably smaller increase in coffee prices, which rose 0.6 percent in August following increases totaling 23.5 percent in the preceding five months. The other two components of the food and beverage index--restaurant meals and alcoholic

beverages--increased 0.2 and 0.3 percent, respectively.

The housing component rose 0.1 percent in August after increasing 0.2 percent in July. Shelter costs rose 0.2 percent. Within shelter, renters' costs increased 0.2 percent; homeowners' costs, 0.3 percent; and maintenance and repair costs, 0.1 percent. The index for fuel and other utilities, which rose 0.2 percent in July, declined 0.5 percent in August. The index for household fuels declined 0.8 percent, reflecting price decreases for fuel oil, natural gas, and electricity. A 0.2 percent decline in the index for other utilities and public services was attributable to a decline in the index for telephone services; charges for interstate toll calls fell 5.0 percent in August. The index for household furnishings and operation, which declined 0.2 percent in July, fell 0.3 percent in August.

The transportation component, which rose 0.1 percent in July, increased 0.6 percent in August. A sharp upturn in gasoline prices more than offset declines in the costs of public transportation and of new vehicle purchase. The index for gasoline, which had declined in each of the preceding five months, rose 5.4 percent in August. New vehicle purchase costs declined in August; the index for new vehicle prices decreased 0.1 percent and automobile finance charges dropped 1.0 percent. (Prior to seasonal adjustment, new vehicle prices declined 0.5 percent.) The index for used cars declined 0.8 percent. Public transportation costs turned down in August. The index for airline fares, which rose 2.3 percent in July, declined 4.7 percent in August.

The index for apparel and upkeep declined 1.0 percent in August, reflecting the somewhat slower introduction of higher-priced fall-winter wear this August than in recent years. (Prior to seasonal adjustment, apparel commodity prices fell 0.2 percent, reflecting seasonal price declines for spring-summer wear.)

Medical care costs rose 0.2 percent in August to a level 2.6 percent above a year ago. The index for medical care commodities--prescription drugs, nonprescription drugs, and medical supplies--decreased 0.1 percent. The index for medical care services rose 0.3 percent. Charges for professional services and for hospital and related services increased 0.3 and 0.2 percent, respectively.

Entertainment costs, which increased 0.1 percent in July, rose 0.2 percent in August. Increases in the indexes for reading materials and for admissions to movies, theaters, concerts, and sporting events--up 0.9 and 1.3 percent, respectively--more than offset declines in the indexes for club memberships and for fees for participant sports.

The index for other goods and services rose 0.6 percent in August, following an increase of 0.3 percent in July. Advances of 0.7 percent each in the indexes for tuition and other school fees, for school books and supplies, and for tobacco and smoking products, coupled with a 1.6 percent rise in legal fees, accounted for the August rise.

CPI for Urban Wage Earners and Clerical Workers (CPI-W)

On a seasonally adjusted basis, the CPI for Urban Wage Earners and Clerical Workers rose 0.2 percent in August.

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 Aug. '97	Un-adjusted 12-mos. ended Aug. '97
	Changes from preceding month 1997								
	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	June	July	Aug.		
All Items	.2	.1	.0	.0	.1	.2	.2	2.1	2.1
Food and beverages	.2	.1	-.2	.4	.2	.3	.4	3.6	2.5
Housing	.2	.1	.1	.1	.3	.2	.0	1.8	2.3
Apparel and upkeep	.4	-.3	1.0	.2	-.3	.2	-1.0	-4.1	1.5
Transportation	.0	-.1	-.6	-1.0	-.4	.1	.7	1.7	.5
Medical care	.2	.3	.3	.3	.2	.1	.2	1.7	2.7
Entertainment	.1	.1	.1	.1	.5	.1	.4	4.1	2.3
Other goods and services	.4	.5	1.0	.1	.0	.3	.5	2.9	4.3
Special Indexes:									
Energy	.3	-1.8	-1.9	-2.4	0	-.2	2.0	7.6	1.0
Food	.3	.1	-.2	.3	.3	.3	.3	3.6	2.4
All items less food and energy	.2	.2	.3	.2	.1	.2	.0	1.0	2.2

After seasonal adjustment, the level of the CPI-U for All Items was 160.9 in August; the seasonally adjusted CPI-W for All Items was 157.8.

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 September are scheduled for release on Thursday, October 16, 1997, at 8:30 A.M. (EDT).

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)

Expenditure category	Relative importance, December 1996	Unadjusted indexes		Unadjusted percent change to Aug. 1997 from-		Seasonally adjusted percent change from-		
		July 1997	Aug. 1997	Aug. 1996	July 1997	May to June	June to July	July to Aug.
All items	100.000	160.5	160.8	2.2	0.2	0.1	0.2	0.2
All items (1967=100)	-	480.7	481.6	-	-	-	-	-
Food and beverages	17.484	157.5	158.1	2.5	.4	.2	.3	.4
Food	15.913	157.0	157.6	2.5	.4	.2	.3	.4
Food at home	10.040	157.7	158.5	2.4	.5	.2	.3	.6
Cereals and bakery products	1.479	178.3	178.6	2.1	.2	.4	.1	.2
Meats, poultry, fish, and eggs	3.002	148.2	149.1	2.4	.6	.1	.5	.1
Dairy products 1/	1.245	143.3	143.4	-.8	.1	-.9	-.6	.1
+ Fruits and vegetables 2/	1.974	184.6	187.3	2.9	1.5	.3	.5	2.8
+ Other food at home	2.340	148.6	148.7	3.8	.1	.7	.6	.1
Sugar and sweets .....	.331	149.2	147.8	2.2	-.9	.5	.5	-.8
Fats and oils .....	.246	141.4	141.4	.4	.0	-.3	-.3	.4
Nonalcoholic beverages .....	.724	136.3	136.7	6.4	.3	1.2	1.6	.0
Other prepared food	1.039	161.3	161.8	3.5	.3	.6	.1	.2
Food away from home	5.873	157.1	157.4	2.8	.2	.2	.3	.2
Alcoholic beverages	1.571	162.9	163.2	2.7	.2	.1	.3	.3
Housing 2/	41.203	157.5	157.6	2.3	.1	.3	.2	.1
+ Shelter	28.194	177.0	177.5	3.0	.3	.2	.2	.2
Renters' costs 3/ 4/	7.994	188.4	189.1	3.1	.4	.3	-.1	.2
+ Rent, residential	5.731	166.8	167.3	3.0	.3	.2	.2	.3
+ Other renters' costs 4/	2.263	232.6	233.9	3.5	.6	.5	-.7	.0
+ Homeowners' costs 3/ 4/	20.000	181.7	182.2	2.9	.3	.2	.4	.3
+ Owners' equivalent rent 3/	19.616	182.1	182.6	3.0	.3	.2	.4	.3

	Household insurance 3/ 4/ .....	.383	165.7	166.3	2.5	.4	.1	.0	.4
+	Maintenance and repairs 1/ 4/ .....	.200	145.4	145.5	4.2	.1	.1	1.5	.1
+	Maintenance and repair services 1/ 4/ .....	.123	153.8	154.4	5.0	.4	.1	2.5	.4
+	Maintenance and repair commodities 1/ 4/ .....	.077	133.7	133.1	2.7	-.4	.0	-.3	-.4
+	Fuel and other utilities 2/	7.102	132.1	131.4	1.5	-.5	.6	.2	-.5
+	Fuels	3.878	119.6	118.6	.6	-.8	.8	.0	-.8
	Fuel oil and other household fuel commodities .....	.424	94.7	93.5	1.4	-1.3	-.7	-1.9	-.7
	Gas (piped) and electricity (energy services).....	3.453	127.8	126.7	.5	-.9	1.0	.2	-.8
	Other utilities and public services 4/	3.224	162.4	162.1	2.6	-.2	.4	.5	-.2
+	Household furnishings and operation 2/ .	5.908	125.6	125.2	.3	-.3	.0	-.2	-.3
+	Housefurnishings 4/	3.332	110.7	110.2	-1.0	-.5	-.2	-.6	-.5
+	Housekeeping supplies	1.093	144.0	142.9	1.3	-.8	.1	.7	-.6
+	Housekeeping services 4/	1.482	152.1	152.6	2.7	.3	.3	.2	.4
+	Apparel and upkeep	5.330	130.2	130.0	1.5	-.2	-.2	.2	-1.0
	Apparel commodities 4/	4.786	126.2	125.9	1.4	-.2	-.3	.1	-1.0
+	Men's and boys' apparel	1.280	128.0	128.9	2.1	.7	-.6	.5	.1
	Women's and girls' apparel.....	2.102	121.1	120.3	1.9	-.7	-.1	-.5	-2.0
	Infants' and toddlers' apparel 1/ ....	.186	131.3	127.3	1.8	-3.0	-.7	-1.2	-3.0
+	Footwear .....	.718	125.9	126.3	1.3	.3	-1.0	1.0	.6
	Other apparel commodities 4/.....	.500	146.9	145.8	-2.3	-.7	.5	.4	-1.2
+	Apparel services 1/ 4/ .....	.545	163.5	163.6	2.1	.1	.2	.2	.1
+	Transportation	17.140	143.7	143.8	.7	.1	-.3	.1	.6
	Private transportation	15.499	140.1	140.8	.6	.5	-.3	.1	.9
	New vehicles	4.955	143.7	143.0	.1	-.5	.0	.1	-.1
	New cars	3.952	141.1	140.4	-.2	-.5	-.1	.1	-.1

	Used cars	1.278	149.9	148.5	-5.2	-.9	-1.8	-1.1	-.8
	Motor fuel	3.171	103.9	107.6	1.1	3.6	-1.1	-.2	4.9
	Gasoline	-	103.5	107.4	1.2	3.8	-.9	-.4	5.4
	Maintenance and repairs	1.533	162.9	163.3	3.0	.2	.4	.2	.1
	Other private transportation 4/.....	4.562	177.5	177.4	1.9	-.1	.1	.5	-.1
+									
	Other private transportation commodities 4/.....	.589	105.3	104.8	.0	-.5	.1	.7	-.6
+									
	Other private transportation services 4/	3.973	194.5	194.5	2.2	.0	.1	.5	.0
+									
	Public transportation	1.642	189.4	183.4	1.1	-3.2	-.6	.5	-1.9
	Medical care	7.346	234.8	235.2	2.6	.2	.2	.0	.2
	Medical care commodities	1.273	216.0	215.5	2.1	-.2	.1	-.1	-.1
	Medical care services	6.073	239.2	239.8	2.7	.3	.2	.1	.3
	Professional medical services	3.472	215.9	216.3	3.4	.2	.2	.1	.3
	Entertainment 4/	4.352	162.6	163.0	2.4	.2	.5	.1	.2
+									
	Entertainment commodities 4/	1.957	143.8	144.6	1.0	.6	.2	-.1	.6
+									
	Entertainment services 4/	2.395	184.5	184.3	3.5	-.1	.8	.2	.1
+									
	-								
+									
	Other goods and services 2/	7.145	223.5	225.7	4.3	1.0	.2	.3	.6
+									
	Tobacco and smoking products	1.601	242.0	243.4	4.3	.6	-.9	.4	.7
	Personal care 1/	1.145	152.6	152.5	1.3	-.1	.1	-.1	-.1
+									
	Toilet goods and personal care appliances 1/ .....	.588	143.7	143.5	-1.0	-.1	.1	-.3	-.1
+									
	Personal care services 1/ .....	.557	162.5	162.7	4.0	.1	.2	-.1	.1
+									
	Personal and educational expenses 4/ ...	4.398	258.0	261.6	5.2	1.4	.6	.3	.7
+									
	School books and supplies .....	.264	237.7	240.0	5.4	1.0	.9	.4	.7
	Personal and educational services 4/ .	4.134	259.8	263.5	5.2	1.4	.6	.4	.7
+									
	-								
	Commodity and service group								
	All items	100.000	160.5	160.8	2.2	.2	.1	.2	.2

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- 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				
	May	June	July	Aug.	Nov.	3 months ended-		6 months ended-		
	1997	1997	1997	1997	1996	Feb. 1997	May 1997	Aug. 1997	Feb. 1997	Aug. 1997
All items	-	-	-	-	3.6	2.5	0.8	2.0	3.1	1.4
Food and beverages	157.1	157.4	157.9	158.6	5.3	.5	.8	3.9	2.9	2.3
Food	156.8	157.1	157.6	158.3	5.3	.3	.8	3.9	2.7	2.3
Food at home	157.4	157.7	158.2	159.2	6.0	-.8	-.3	4.7	2.6	2.2
Cereals and bakery products	176.9	177.6	177.7	178.0	4.4	.2	1.1	2.5	2.3	1.8
Meats, poultry, fish, and eggs	148.5	148.6	149.3	149.4	7.0	.0	.3	2.4	3.5	1.4
Dairy products 1/	145.4	144.1	143.3	143.4	13.6	-8.1	-2.2	-5.4	2.2	-3.8
Fruits and vegetables 2/	184.7	185.3	186.2	191.4	6.4	-2.1	-6.2	15.3	2.1	4.0
Other food at home	146.7	147.7	148.6	148.7	2.5	2.2	5.4	5.6	2.4	5.5
Sugar and sweets	147.4	148.1	148.8	147.6	2.2	4.8	1.4	.5	3.5	1.0
Fats and oils	141.8	141.4	141.0	141.5	2.3	.8	-.8	-.8	1.6	-.8
Nonalcoholic beverages	133.3	134.9	137.1	137.1	-4.3	-.6	20.2	11.9	-2.5	16.0

	Other prepared food	160.1	161.0	161.2	161.5	7.6	3.8	-1.2	3.5	5.7	1.1
	Food away from home	156.3	156.6	157.1	157.4	4.0	2.6	1.8	2.8	3.3	2.3
	Alcoholic beverages	162.3	162.4	162.9	163.4	3.8	3.0	1.2	2.7	3.4	2.0
	Housing 2/	156.1	156.5	156.8	156.9	3.2	3.1	1.3	2.1	3.2	1.7
+	Shelter	175.4	175.8	176.2	176.6	2.8	3.3	3.3	2.8	3.1	3.0
	Renters' costs 3/ 4/.....	184.8	185.4	185.3	185.7	3.1	4.3	3.1	2.0	3.7	2.5
+	Rent, residential	166.1	166.5	166.8	167.3	2.7	2.5	3.7	2.9	2.6	3.3
	Other renters' costs 4/	224.0	225.2	223.7	223.8	3.9	8.9	1.6	-.4	6.4	.6
+	Homeowners' costs 3/ 4/.....	180.9	181.2	181.9	182.4	2.7	2.7	3.2	3.4	2.7	3.3
+	Owners' equivalent rent 3/	181.3	181.6	182.3	182.8	2.7	2.9	3.1	3.4	2.8	3.2
+	Household insurance 3/ 4/	165.0	165.1	165.1	165.7	7.1	-.5	1.7	1.7	3.2	1.7
+	Maintenance and repairs 1/ 4/	143.2	143.3	145.4	145.5	4.1	3.4	2.6	6.6	3.8	4.5
+	Maintenance and repair services 1/ 4/	149.9	150.0	153.8	154.4	1.4	2.2	4.1	12.6	1.8	8.2
+	Maintenance and repair commodities 1/ 4/	134.1	134.1	133.7	133.1	8.6	4.9	.6	-2.9	6.7	-1.2
+	Fuel and other utilities 2/.....	129.4	130.2	130.5	129.9	5.1	6.3	-6.5	1.6	5.7	-2.6
+	Fuels	115.4	116.3	116.3	115.4	7.2	9.6	-12.7	.0	8.4	-6.6
	Fuel oil and other household fuel commodities	100.0	99.3	97.4	96.7	54.7	-1.1	-21.1	-12.6	23.7	-16.9
	Gas (piped) and electricity (energy services).....	122.3	123.5	123.8	122.8	3.0	10.5	-11.8	1.6	6.7	-5.3
	Other utilities and public services 4/	160.8	161.5	162.3	162.0	3.3	2.0	2.0	3.0	2.7	2.5
+	Household furnishings and operation 2/.....	125.7	125.7	125.5	125.1	1.0	.3	1.9	-1.9	.6	.0
+	Housefurnishings 4/	111.5	111.3	110.6	110.1	.0	.0	1.1	-4.9	.0	-2.0
+	Housekeeping supplies	142.9	143.0	144.0	143.1	1.4	2.3	1.1	.6	1.8	.8
	Housekeeping services 4/	151.3	151.8	152.1	152.7	3.3	-.5	4.3	3.8	1.3	4.0
+	Apparel and upkeep	133.6	133.3	133.5	132.2	4.4	2.8	3.1	-4.1	3.6	-.6
	Apparel commodities 4/	129.9	129.5	129.6	128.3	4.8	2.5	3.5	-4.8	3.7	-.8

Services less medical care services	173.1	173.6	174.2	174.3	3.3	2.8	2.6	2.8	3.1	2.7
Energy	108.5	108.5	108.4	110.2	10.3	10.8	-20.5	6.4	10.5	-8.0
All items less energy	167.0	167.2	167.5	167.7	3.5	1.7	2.7	1.7	2.6	2.2
All items less food and energy	169.5	169.7	170.0	170.1	2.9	2.2	2.9	1.4	2.5	2.2
Commodities less food and energy commodities	142.8	142.5	142.4	142.0	2.0	1.1	1.7	-2.2	1.6	-.3
Energy commodities	102.4	101.3	100.9	105.2	17.6	11.5	-28.3	11.4	14.5	-10.7
Services less energy services	184.5	185.0	185.5	185.8	3.1	2.7	3.5	2.8	2.9	3.2

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Table 3. Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers: Selected areas, all items index

(1982-84=100, unless otherwise noted)

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Area	Pricing schedule 1/	Indexes				Percent change to Aug. 1997 from-			Percent change to July 1997 from-		
		May 1997	June 1997	July 1997	Aug. 1997	Aug. 1996	June 1997	July 1997	July 1996	May 1997	June 1997
U.S. city average	M	160.1	160.3	160.5	160.8	2.2	0.3	0.2	2.2	0.2	0.1
Region and area size 2/ -											
Northeast urban.....	M	166.8	167.0	167.6	167.8	2.3	.5	.1	2.6	.5	.4
Size A - More than 1,200,000	M	167.5	167.7	168.2	168.4	2.2	.4	.1	2.5	.4	.3
Size B - 500,000 to 1,200,000 3/.....	M	164.7	165.2	165.9	166.2	2.5	.6	.2	2.5	.7	.4

+

+	Size C - 50,000 to 500,000 3/.....	M	165.2	165.6	166.4	166.8	3.1	.7	.2	3.0	.7	.5
+	North Central urban	M	156.3	156.7	156.6	157.2	2.5	.3	.4	2.2	.2	-.1
	Size A - More than 1,200,000	M	157.0	157.3	157.3	158.0	2.6	.4	.4	2.3	.2	.0
	Size B - 360,000 to 1,200,000 3/.....	M	155.4	155.7	155.8	156.3	2.3	.4	.3	2.2	.3	.1
+	Size C - 50,000 to 360,000 3/.....	M	158.3	158.7	158.5	158.8	2.7	.1	.2	2.5	.1	-.1
+	Size D - Nonmetropolitan (less than 50,000)	M	152.2	152.6	152.6	152.6	1.5	.0	.0	1.5	.3	.0
	South urban	M	156.6	157.0	157.0	157.1	1.9	.1	.1	1.9	.3	.0
	Size A - More than 1,200,000	M	155.5	155.8	155.8	155.9	1.8	.1	.1	1.7	.2	.0
	Size B - 450,000 to 1,200,000 3/.....	M	159.7	160.4	160.5	160.8	2.5	.2	.2	2.4	.5	.1
+	Size C - 50,000 to 450,000 3/.....	M	156.1	156.4	156.0	156.1	1.4	-.2	.1	1.5	-.1	-.3
+	Size D - Nonmetropolitan (less than 50,000)	M	156.0	156.3	156.4	156.4	2.5	.1	.0	2.6	.3	.1
	West urban	M	161.1	161.0	161.1	161.5	2.2	.3	.2	2.0	.0	.1
	Size A - More than 1,250,000	M	161.1	161.1	161.3	161.7	2.3	.4	.2	2.1	.1	.1
	Size C - 50,000 to 330,000 3/.....	M	166.5	166.0	166.1	166.8	2.6	.5	.4	2.3	-.2	.1
+	Size classes											
	A 4/	M	144.5	144.6	144.8	145.1	2.3	.3	.2	2.2	.2	.1
+	B 3/	M	160.4	160.7	160.9	161.2	2.3	.3	.2	2.2	.3	.1
+	C 3/	M	160.0	160.2	160.1	160.5	2.2	.2	.2	2.1	.1	-.1
+	D	M	156.4	156.6	156.7	156.8	1.8	.1	.1	2.0	.2	.1
	Selected local areas											
	Chicago-Gary-Lake County, IL-IN-WI.....	M	161.1	161.7	161.7	162.5	2.8	.5	.5	2.5	.4	.0
	Los Angeles-Anaheim-Riverside, CA	M	159.5	159.4	159.5	159.7	1.5	.2	.1	1.2	.0	.1
	N.Y.-Northern N.J.-Long Island, NY-NJ-CT Phil.-Wilmington-Trenton,	M	169.9	170.3	170.8	170.8	2.2	.3	.0	2.5	.5	.3
	PA-NJ-DE-MD 5/	M	166.0	166.1	166.4	166.8	2.0	.4	.2	2.2	.2	.2
+	San Francisco-Oakland-San Jose, CA 5/ ..	M	159.8	160.0	160.6	161.2	3.6	.8	.4	3.0	.5	.4

+		-										
	Baltimore, MD 6/	1	155.5	-	156.9	-	-	-	-	.8	.9	-
+		-										
	Boston-Lawrence-Salem, MA-NH	1	166.7	-	167.1	-	-	-	-	3.1	.2	-
	Cleveland-Akron-Lorain, OH	1	155.6	-	156.3	-	-	-	-	2.8	.4	-
	Miami-Fort Lauderdale, FL	1	157.9	-	157.9	-	-	-	-	3.6	.0	-
	St. Louis-East St. Louis, MO-IL 7/	1	152.1	-	153.3	-	-	-	-	2.3	.8	-
+		-										
	Washington, DC-MD-VA 6/	1	162.1	-	162.9	-	-	-	-	1.7	.5	-
+		-										
	Dallas-Fort Worth, TX	2	-	151.4	-	151.2	1.1	-.1	-	-	-	-
	Detroit-Ann Arbor, MI	2	-	155.0	-	156.9	2.8	1.2	-	-	-	-
	Houston-Galveston-Brazoria, TX	2	-	144.8	-	145.4	1.8	.4	-	-	-	-
	Pittsburgh-Beaver Valley, PA 7/	2	-	157.4	-	157.5	2.5	.1	-	-	-	-

- 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. Indexes on a December 1986=100 base.
- 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 Aug. 1997 from-		Seasonally adjusted percent change from-		
		July 1997	Aug. 1997	Aug. 1996	July 1997	May to June	June to July	July to Aug.
All items	100.000	157.5	157.8	2.1	0.2	0.1	0.2	0.2
All items (1967=100)	-	469.0	470.0	-	-	-	-	-
Food and beverages	19.436	157.0	157.6	2.5	.4	.2	.3	.4
Food	17.749	156.6	157.1	2.4	.3	.3	.3	.3
Food at home	11.387	156.9	157.6	2.3	.4	.3	.3	.4
Cereals and bakery products	1.688	177.9	178.2	1.9	.2	.4	.0	.1
Meats, poultry, fish, and eggs	3.535	148.0	148.8	2.4	.5	.1	.5	.0
Dairy products 1/	1.387	143.0	143.0	-.9	.0	-.9	-.6	.0
+ Fruits and vegetables 2/	2.086	184.0	186.9	2.8	1.6	.5	.5	2.6
+ Other food at home	2.691	147.9	148.0	3.6	.1	.5	.6	.0
Sugar and sweets .....	.373	149.2	147.8	2.3	-.9	.3	.5	-.8
Fats and oils .....	.282	141.1	141.2	.4	.1	-.2	-.6	.6
Nonalcoholic beverages .....	.841	134.9	135.2	5.6	.2	1.1	1.5	-.1
Other prepared food	1.194	161.2	161.6	3.4	.2	.4	.2	.2
Food away from home	6.362	157.1	157.4	2.8	.2	.3	.3	.2
Alcoholic beverages	1.687	162.2	162.5	2.7	.2	.1	.2	.4
+ Housing 2/	38.747	154.1	154.2	2.3	.1	.3	.2	.0
+ Shelter	25.867	171.7	172.3	3.0	.3	.2	.2	.2
Renters' costs 3/ 4/	8.079	163.7	164.3	3.1	.4	.3	-.1	.3

+	Rent, residential	6.580	166.5	167.0	3.0	.3	.3	.2	.3
	Other renters' costs 4/	1.499	232.9	234.2	3.4	.6	.6	-1.1	.3
+	Homeowners' costs 3/ 4/	17.599	165.7	166.2	3.0	.3	.2	.4	.1
+	Owners' equivalent rent 3/	17.277	166.0	166.5	3.0	.3	.2	.4	.2
+	Household insurance 3/ 4/	.322	150.3	150.9	2.0	.4	.1	.1	.4
+	Maintenance and repairs 1/ 4/	.189	143.6	143.8	4.2	.1	.0	1.3	.1
+	Maintenance and repair services 1/ 4/	.105	155.9	156.5	5.0	.4	.1	2.6	.4
+	Maintenance and repair commodities 1/ 4/	.084	128.3	128.0	3.1	-.2	.0	-.2	-.2
+	Fuel and other utilities 2/	7.344	131.9	131.2	1.5	-.5	.6	.2	-.5
+	Fuels	3.979	119.1	118.1	.5	-.8	.9	.0	-.8
	Fuel oil and other household fuel commodities	.391	94.5	93.2	1.2	-1.4	-.7	-1.8	-.6
	Gas (piped) and electricity (energy services)	3.588	127.3	126.2	.4	-.9	1.0	.2	-.7
	Other utilities and public services 4/	3.365	163.2	162.9	2.8	-.2	.4	.6	-.1
+	Household furnishings and operation 2/	5.536	124.1	123.7	.3	-.3	-.1	-.1	-.3
+	Housefurnishings 4/	3.261	109.5	109.1	-.8	-.4	-.2	-.5	-.5
+	Housekeeping supplies	1.129	144.4	143.4	1.1	-.7	-.1	.6	-.7
+	Housekeeping services 4/	1.145	154.7	155.2	2.6	.3	.5	.2	.4
+	Apparel and upkeep	5.348	129.8	129.4	1.5	-.3	-.3	.2	-1.0
	Apparel commodities 4/	4.838	126.1	125.7	1.5	-.3	-.3	.2	-1.1
+	Men's and boys' apparel	1.286	128.0	128.8	2.5	.6	-.5	.8	.0
	Women's and girls' apparel	2.053	120.6	119.6	1.9	-.8	.0	-.4	-2.1
	Infants' and toddlers' apparel 1/	.240	132.0	128.4	1.3	-2.7	-.8	-1.3	-2.7
+	Footwear	.799	126.8	127.3	1.0	.4	-.9	.9	.7
	Other apparel commodities 4/	.461	146.8	145.7	-1.4	-.7	.3	.6	-1.7

+	Apparel services 1/ 4/ .....	.510	162.6	162.7	1.9	.1	.2	.2	.1
+	- -								
	Transportation	19.190	142.9	143.3	.5	.3	-.4	.1	.7
	Private transportation	17.934	140.4	141.1	.4	.5	-.3	-.1	.9
	New vehicles	4.893	144.9	144.3	.2	-.4	.0	.1	-.2
	New cars	3.533	140.7	140.0	-.2	-.5	-.1	.1	-.1
	Used cars	2.320	151.4	149.9	-5.0	-1.0	-1.7	-1.2	-.7
	Motor fuel	3.921	104.0	107.7	1.3	3.6	-.9	-.4	5.0
	Gasoline	-	103.6	107.6	1.5	3.9	-.8	-.4	5.5
	Maintenance and repairs	1.616	164.0	164.2	2.9	.1	.4	.3	.1
	Other private transportation 4/.....	5.185	172.8	172.7	1.8	-.1	.2	.5	.0
+	Other private transportation								
	commodities 4/.....	.742	104.4	104.0	.0	-.4	.1	.6	-.5
+	Other private transportation								
	services 4/	4.442	190.2	190.1	2.0	-.1	.2	.5	.1
+	Public transportation	1.256	186.2	181.6	1.2	-2.5	-.7	.9	-1.6
	Medical care	6.251	234.2	234.6	2.7	.2	.2	.1	.2
	Medical care commodities	1.047	213.3	212.5	1.9	-.4	.0	.0	-.2
	Medical care services	5.204	238.9	239.5	2.7	.3	.2	.1	.3
	Professional medical services	2.973	217.2	217.7	3.5	.2	.2	.1	.3
	Entertainment 4/	4.015	160.1	160.6	2.3	.3	.5	.1	.4
+	Entertainment commodities 4/	2.036	142.7	143.5	.9	.6	.1	.0	.6
+	Entertainment services 4/	1.979	184.8	184.9	3.7	.1	.8	.2	.1
+	-								
	Other goods and services 2/	7.012	220.3	222.1	4.3	.8	.0	.3	.5
+	Tobacco and smoking products	2.117	241.7	243.0	4.3	.5	-.9	.5	.6
	Personal care 1/	1.107	152.4	152.4	1.3	.0	.1	-.2	.0
+	Toilet goods and personal care								
	appliances 1/ .....	.610	144.6	144.4	-.8	-.1	.0	-.3	-.1
+	Personal care services 1/ .....	.497	162.6	162.8	4.0	.1	.2	-.1	.1
+	Personal and educational expenses 4/ ...	3.788	253.6	256.8	5.2	1.3	.4	.3	.6

energy commodities	24.996	141.1	140.8	.6	-.2	-.3	.0	-.4
Energy commodities	4.312	103.4	106.7	1.3	3.2	-.9	-.5	4.5
Services less energy services	49.354	182.6	183.0	3.0	.2	.3	.3	.2
Purchasing power of the consumer dollar:								
1982-84=\$1.00 1/	-	\$.635	\$.634	-2.0	-.2	-.2	.0	-.2
+ 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				
	May 1997	June 1997	July 1997	Aug. 1997	Nov. 1996	3 months ended-			6 months ended-	
						Feb. 1997	May 1997	Aug. 1997	Feb. 1997	Aug. 1997
All items	-	-	-	-	3.9	2.3	0.3	2.1	3.1	1.2
Food and beverages	156.7	157.0	157.5	158.1	5.3	.3	1.0	3.6	2.7	2.3
Food	156.2	156.6	157.1	157.6	5.3	.3	.8	3.6	2.7	2.2
Food at home	156.6	157.0	157.5	158.2	6.4	-1.3	.3	4.1	2.5	2.2
Cereals and bakery products	176.7	177.4	177.4	177.5	4.2	.0	1.6	1.8	2.1	1.7
Meats, poultry, fish, and eggs	148.2	148.3	149.1	149.1	6.8	-.3	.8	2.5	3.2	1.6

	Dairy products 1/	145.1	143.8	143.0	143.0	14.3	-8.3	-2.4	-5.7	2.4	-4.1
+											
	Fruits and vegetables 2/.....	184.1	185.0	186.0	190.9	6.0	-2.7	-5.5	15.6	1.5	4.5
+											
	Other food at home	146.2	147.0	147.9	147.9	2.3	2.2	5.1	4.7	2.3	4.9
	Sugar and sweets	147.5	147.9	148.7	147.5	2.0	5.3	1.6	.0	3.6	.8
	Fats and oils	141.6	141.3	140.5	141.3	2.3	.3	.0	-.8	1.3	-.4
	Nonalcoholic beverages	132.2	133.7	135.7	135.6	-4.0	-.6	17.8	10.7	-2.3	14.2
	Other prepared food	160.0	160.7	161.0	161.4	7.6	3.6	-1.0	3.5	5.6	1.3
	Food away from home	156.2	156.6	157.1	157.4	3.7	2.9	1.3	3.1	3.3	2.2
	Alcoholic beverages	161.7	161.8	162.2	162.8	4.1	2.3	2.0	2.7	3.2	2.4
	Housing 2/	152.7	153.1	153.4	153.4	3.0	2.9	1.3	1.8	3.0	1.6
+											
	Shelter	170.5	170.9	171.3	171.6	2.7	3.1	3.4	2.6	2.9	3.0
	Renters' costs 3/ 4/.....	161.5	162.0	161.9	162.4	2.8	3.3	3.8	2.2	3.1	3.0
+											
	Rent, residential	165.7	166.2	166.5	167.0	2.7	2.5	3.5	3.2	2.6	3.3
	Other renters' costs 4/	224.3	225.7	223.3	223.9	2.4	7.4	4.6	-.7	4.9	1.9
+											
	Homeowners' costs 3/ 4/.....	164.9	165.3	165.9	166.1	2.5	3.0	3.0	2.9	2.7	3.0
+											
	Owners' equivalent rent 3/	165.3	165.6	166.2	166.5	2.5	3.0	3.2	2.9	2.7	3.1
+											
	Household insurance 3/ 4/	149.4	149.6	149.7	150.3	6.7	-2.4	1.3	2.4	2.0	1.9
+											
	Maintenance and repairs 1/ 4/	141.7	141.7	143.6	143.8	5.6	2.3	2.9	6.1	4.0	4.5
+											
	Maintenance and repair services 1/ 4/	151.9	152.0	155.9	156.5	2.4	1.1	4.3	12.7	1.8	8.4
+											
	Maintenance and repair commodities 1/ 4/	128.6	128.6	128.3	128.0	10.0	3.8	.9	-1.9	6.9	-.5
+											
	Fuel and other utilities 2/.....	129.0	129.8	130.1	129.5	5.4	6.0	-6.5	1.6	5.7	-2.6
+											
	Fuels	114.6	115.6	115.6	114.7	7.2	9.3	-13.1	.3	8.2	-6.6
	Fuel oil and other household fuel commodities	99.6	98.9	97.1	96.5	54.2	-.8	-22.1	-11.9	23.7	-17.1
	Gas (piped) and electricity (energy services).....	121.7	122.9	123.1	122.2	3.3	10.1	-12.1	1.7	6.7	-5.5
	Other utilities and public services 4/ ..	161.5	162.1	163.0	162.8	3.8	2.0	2.0	3.3	2.9	2.6
+											
	Household furnishings and operation 2/.....	124.2	124.1	124.0	123.6	.7	.3	2.0	-1.9	.5	.0
+											
	Housefurnishings 4/	110.2	110.0	109.5	109.0	-.4	.0	1.5	-4.3	-.2	-1.5

+	Housekeeping supplies	143.7	143.6	144.4	143.4	1.1	2.3	1.7	-.8	1.7	.4
	Housekeeping services 4/	153.9	154.6	154.9	155.5	2.9	.0	3.5	4.2	1.5	3.8
+	-										
	Apparel and upkeep	132.9	132.5	132.8	131.5	4.1	3.4	3.4	-4.1	3.7	-.5
	Apparel commodities 4/	129.6	129.2	129.4	128.0	4.2	3.5	3.5	-4.8	3.8	-.8
+	Men's and boys' apparel	130.1	129.4	130.4	130.4	4.2	-1.2	6.4	.9	1.4	3.6
	Women's and girls' apparel	126.7	126.7	126.2	123.6	4.7	10.8	2.6	-9.4	7.7	-3.6
	Infants' and toddlers' apparel 1/	134.9	133.8	132.0	128.4	3.2	1.3	23.0	-17.9	2.2	.5
+	Footwear	128.2	127.0	128.1	129.0	1.3	-1.6	1.6	2.5	-.2	2.0
	Other apparel commodities 4/.....	145.8	146.2	147.1	144.6	8.1	-5.0	-5.0	-3.3	1.4	-4.2
+	Apparel services 1/ 4/	161.9	162.2	162.6	162.7	1.0	3.3	1.5	2.0	2.1	1.7
+	- -										
	Transportation	142.8	142.3	142.4	143.4	4.6	2.5	-6.4	1.7	3.5	-2.5
	Private transportation	140.5	140.1	140.0	141.3	4.0	3.4	-7.3	2.3	3.7	-2.6
	New vehicles	145.6	145.6	145.7	145.4	1.7	-.5	.0	-.5	.6	-.3
	New cars	141.5	141.3	141.4	141.3	.3	-.6	.0	-.6	-.1	-.3
	Used cars	155.1	152.5	150.6	149.5	-1.5	1.0	-5.0	-13.7	-.3	-9.4
	Motor fuel	102.5	101.6	101.2	106.3	14.9	13.1	-29.9	15.7	14.0	-9.9
	Gasoline	101.8	101.0	100.6	106.1	14.1	13.2	-30.3	18.0	13.6	-9.3
	Maintenance and repairs	163.2	163.8	164.3	164.4	4.1	1.5	3.3	3.0	2.8	3.1
	Other private transportation 4/.....	172.5	172.8	173.6	173.6	1.4	1.4	1.6	2.6	1.4	2.1
+	Other private transportation										
	commodities 4/.....	103.9	104.0	104.6	104.1	.0	-.8	-.4	.8	-.4	.2
+	Other private transportation										
	services 4/	189.9	190.2	191.1	191.2	1.5	1.9	1.9	2.8	1.7	2.3
+	Public transportation	184.9	183.6	185.3	182.3	13.0	-12.1	11.6	-5.5	-.3	2.7
	Medical care	233.7	234.1	234.3	234.7	3.0	2.3	3.7	1.7	2.6	2.7
	Medical care commodities	213.1	213.1	213.0	212.5	2.1	2.9	4.0	-1.1	2.5	1.4
	Medical care services	238.2	238.7	238.9	239.5	3.1	2.1	3.8	2.2	2.6	3.0
	Professional medical services	216.3	216.8	217.0	217.7	4.1	2.9	4.6	2.6	3.5	3.6
	Entertainment 4/	159.4	160.2	160.3	161.0	2.3	1.8	1.0	4.1	2.0	2.5
+	Entertainment commodities 4/	142.5	142.7	142.7	143.6	1.7	.6	-1.7	3.1	1.1	.7
+	Entertainment services 4/	183.6	185.1	185.4	185.6	3.2	2.7	4.5	4.4	2.9	4.5

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	Other goods and services 2/.....	221.1	221.0	221.6	222.7	3.6	4.1	6.4	2.9	3.9	4.6
+	Tobacco and smoking products	242.4	240.1	241.2	242.7	4.9	2.9	9.1	.5	3.9	4.7
	Personal care 1/	152.6	152.7	152.4	152.4	2.4	.3	3.2	-1.5	1.3	1.3
+	Toilet goods and personal care appliances 1/	145.0	145.0	144.6	144.4	-1.5	-3.3	2.2	-1.6	-1.9	.3
+	Personal care services 1/	162.4	162.7	162.6	162.8	5.7	5.4	4.0	1.0	5.6	2.5
+	Personal and educational expenses 4/	254.1	255.2	256.0	257.5	3.5	6.1	5.7	5.5	4.8	5.6
+	School books and supplies	238.5	241.1	242.1	243.1	5.7	2.9	6.5	7.9	4.3	7.2
+	Personal and educational services 4/ ...	255.5	256.6	257.3	258.8	3.3	6.3	5.7	5.3	4.8	5.5
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	Commodity and service group										
	All items	-	-	-	-	3.9	2.3	.3	2.1	3.1	1.2
	Commodities	141.4	141.2	141.3	141.9	4.4	2.0	-2.2	1.4	3.2	-1.4
	Food and beverages	156.7	157.0	157.5	158.1	5.3	.3	1.0	3.6	2.7	2.3
	Commodities less food and beverages	132.1	131.6	131.4	131.9	4.0	3.1	-4.1	-1.6	3.5	-2.4
	Nondurables less food and beverages	133.7	133.2	133.3	134.3	7.2	4.2	-5.8	1.8	5.7	-2.1
	Apparel commodities 4/	129.6	129.2	129.4	128.0	4.2	3.5	3.5	-4.8	3.8	-1.8
+	Nondurables less food, beverages, and apparel	138.9	138.0	137.7	140.2	7.5	6.7	-9.5	3.8	7.1	-3.1
	Durables	129.1	128.5	128.1	127.7	.6	.0	-1.9	-4.3	.3	-2.6
	Services	175.8	176.3	176.8	176.9	3.1	3.0	2.5	2.5	3.0	2.5
	Rent of shelter 3/	164.2	164.7	165.0	165.3	2.5	3.3	3.2	2.7	2.9	3.0
+	Household services less rent of shelter 3/ 4/.....	132.8	133.6	134.0	133.4	3.4	5.2	-3.5	1.8	4.3	-1.9
+	Transportation services	182.3	182.4	183.4	183.0	3.8	-1.7	3.8	1.5	1.6	2.7
	Medical care services	238.2	238.7	238.9	239.5	3.1	2.1	3.8	2.2	2.6	3.0
	Other services	206.1	207.2	207.6	208.4	3.2	4.9	4.8	4.5	4.0	4.7
	Special indexes										
	All items less food	156.9	157.0	157.2	157.5	3.4	2.9	.3	1.5	3.1	.9
	All items less shelter	153.4	153.5	153.7	154.1	4.3	2.1	-1.8	1.8	3.2	.5
	All items less homeowners' costs 3/ 4/.....	147.3	147.4	147.6	147.9	3.9	2.5	-1.3	1.6	3.2	.7

+	All items less medical care	153.3	153.5	153.7	154.1	3.8	2.4	.0	2.1	3.1	1.0
	Commodities less food	133.5	133.0	132.9	133.4	4.0	3.0	-3.8	-.3	3.5	-2.1
	Nondurables less food	135.1	134.7	134.9	135.9	7.4	4.5	-6.3	2.4	5.9	-2.0
	Nondurables less food and apparel	139.6	139.2	139.3	141.8	7.4	4.6	-9.4	6.5	6.0	-1.8
	Nondurables	145.2	145.2	145.6	146.5	5.4	2.5	-3.0	3.6	3.9	.3
	Services less rent of shelter 3/	166.8	167.3	167.8	167.8	4.0	2.9	1.5	2.4	3.5	1.9
+	Services less medical care services	170.4	171.0	171.6	171.5	3.2	2.9	2.4	2.6	3.0	2.5
	Energy	108.0	108.0	107.8	110.0	11.1	11.2	-21.9	7.6	11.1	-8.3
	All items less energy	163.9	164.1	164.4	164.6	3.3	1.5	2.5	1.7	2.4	2.1
	All items less food and energy	166.1	166.2	166.5	166.5	2.5	2.2	2.9	1.0	2.3	1.9
	Commodities less food and energy										
	commodities	142.4	142.0	142.0	141.5	2.0	1.1	1.4	-2.5	1.6	-.6
	Energy commodities	102.5	101.6	101.1	105.7	17.5	11.9	-29.1	13.1	14.7	-10.5
	Services less energy services	181.9	182.4	182.9	183.2	3.0	2.5	3.6	2.9	2.7	3.2

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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 1984=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.

- 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)

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Area	Pricing schedule	Indexes				Percent change to Aug. 1997 from-			Percent change to July 1997 from-		
		May 1997	June 1997	July 1997	Aug. 1997	Aug. 1996	June 1997	July 1997	July 1996	May 1997	June 1997
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Chicago-Gary-Lake County, IL-IN-WI.....	M	155.5	156.0	156.0	156.7	2.5	.4	.4	2.2	.3	.0
Los Angeles-Anaheim-Riverside, CA	M	154.0	153.8	153.8	154.0	1.4	.1	.1	1.0	-.1	.0
N.Y.-Northern N.J.-Long Island, NY-NJ-CT	M	166.0	166.2	166.6	166.7	2.1	.3	.1	2.3	.4	.2
Phil.-Wilmington-Trenton, PA-NJ-DE-MD 5/	M	165.2	165.3	165.5	165.9	1.8	.4	.2	2.1	.2	.1
+ San Francisco-Oakland-San Jose, CA 5/ ..	M	156.8	157.0	157.5	158.1	3.3	.7	.4	2.7	.4	.3
+ -											
Baltimore, MD 6/	1	154.3	-	155.6	-	-	-	-	.6	.8	-
+ Boston-Lawrence-Salem, MA-NH	1	165.6	-	165.8	-	-	-	-	3.0	.1	-
Cleveland-Akron-Lorain, OH	1	147.8	-	148.2	-	-	-	-	2.7	.3	-
Miami-Fort Lauderdale, FL	1	155.6	-	155.5	-	-	-	-	3.1	-.1	-
St. Louis-East St. Louis, MO-IL 7/	1	151.2	-	152.5	-	-	-	-	2.3	.9	-
+ Washington, DC-MD-VA 6/	1	159.7	-	160.2	-	-	-	-	1.6	.3	-
+ -											
Dallas-Fort Worth, TX	2	-	151.4	-	151.1	1.1	-.2	-	-	-	-
Detroit-Ann Arbor, MI	2	-	149.8	-	151.6	2.4	1.2	-	-	-	-
Houston-Galveston-Brazoria, TX	2	-	144.1	-	144.9	1.9	.6	-	-	-	-
Pittsburgh-Beaver Valley, PA 7/	2	-	150.8	-	151.0	2.6	.1	-	-	-	-

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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.

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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.