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CONSUMER PRICE INDEX: SEPTEMBER 1997

The Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers (CPI-U) rose 0.2 percent before seasonal adjustment in September to a level of 161.2 (1982-84=100), the Bureau of Labor Statistics of the U.S. Department of Labor reported today. For the 12-month period ended in September, the CPI-U increased 2.2 percent.

The Consumer Price Index for Urban Wage Earners and Clerical Workers (CPI-W) rose 0.3 percent in September, prior to seasonal adjustment. The September 1997 CPI-W level of 158.3 was 2.1 percent higher than the index in September 1996.

CPI for All Urban Consumers (CPI-U)

On a seasonally adjusted basis, the CPI-U rose 0.2 percent in September, the same as in each of the preceding two months. The food index increased 0.1 percent in September. Grocery store food prices, which rose 0.6 percent in August, declined 0.1 percent in September, reflecting decreases in the indexes for fruits and vegetables and for meats, poultry, fish, and eggs. The energy index, which increased 1.7 percent in August, rose 1.3 percent in September. The index for petroleum-based energy rose 1.5 percent and the index for energy services, 1.1 percent. Excluding food and energy, the CPI-U rose 0.2 percent, following an increase of 0.1 percent in August. The larger advance in September reflects an upturn in the indexes for apparel and upkeep and for airline fares.

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

Expenditure	Seasonally adjusted Changes from preceding month	Un-	
		Compound annual rate	adjusted 12-mos.

Category	1997							3-mos. ended	ended
	Mar.	Apr.	May	June	July	Aug.	Sept.	Sept.'97	Sept.'97
All Items	.1	.1	.1	.1	.2	.2	.2	2.5	2.2
Food and beverages	.0	-.2	.4	.2	.3	.4	.1	3.3	2.2
Housing	.0	.2	.1	.3	.2	.1	.3	2.1	2.5
Apparel and upkeep	-.3	.9	.1	-.2	.2	-1.0	.3	-2.1	1.1
Transportation	.1	-.4	-.8	-.3	.1	.6	.4	4.5	.8
Medical care	.4	.3	.3	.2	.0	.2	.2	1.7	2.6
Entertainment	.2	.1	.2	.5	.1	.2	-.2	.2	2.0
Other goods and services	.5	.8	.2	.2	.3	.6	.3	4.7	4.5
Special Indexes:									
Energy	-1.7	-1.5	-2.4	.0	-.1	1.7	1.3	11.9	2.0
Food	.0	-.2	.4	.2	.3	.4	.1	3.4	2.1
All items less food and energy	.2	.3	.2	.1	.2	.1	.2	1.7	2.2

See page 5 for a note on the future use of a hedonic model to adjust personal computer prices in the CPI for changes in quality.

Consumer prices rose at a seasonally adjusted annual rate (SAAR) of 2.5 percent in the third quarter. This follows increases of 1.8 and 1.0 percent at annual rates in the first and second quarters, respectively, and brings the year-to-date annual rate to 1.8 percent. This compares with an increase of 3.3 percent for all of 1996. The food and energy components, which had accelerated in 1996 after acting as moderating influences throughout most of the preceding five years, were largely responsible for the deceleration thus far in 1997. The food index has risen at a 1.7 percent SAAR thus far in 1997, following a 4.3 percent increase in 1996. All major grocery store food categories have shown marked deceleration thus far in 1997, relative to 1996, except for the other food at home group. The larger advance in this latter group is entirely due to the sharp acceleration in coffee prices, which have increased at a 33.8 percent annual rate in the first nine months of 1997 after declining 6.7 percent in all of 1996. The energy index, which increased 8.6 percent in 1996, declined at a 2.5 percent SAAR in the first nine months of 1997. The index for petroleum-based energy fell at a 5.1 percent annual rate, while energy services rose at a 0.5 percent SAAR.

Excluding food and energy, the CPI-U advanced at a 1.7 percent SAAR in the third quarter, following increases of 2.4 percent in each of the first two quarters of 1997. The 2.2 percent SAAR in the first nine months of 1997 compares with a 2.6 percent rise for all of 1996. Within this category, both commodities and services have advanced at a somewhat slower rate thus far in 1997 than for all of 1996. The index for commodities

less food and energy has advanced at a 0.4 percent rate in 1997 compared with a 1.1 percent rise for all of 1996. The index for services less energy, which increased 3.3 percent in 1996, has risen at a 2.9 percent rate thus far in 1997.

	Percent change 12 months ended in December								SAAR 9 months ended in Sep.
	1989	1990	1991	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997
All Items	4.6	6.1	3.1	2.9	2.7	2.7	2.5	3.3	1.8
Food and beverages	5.5	5.3	2.5	1.6	2.7	2.7	2.1	4.2	1.8
Housing	3.9	4.5	3.4	2.6	2.7	2.2	3.0	2.9	2.2
Apparel and upkeep	1.0	5.1	3.4	1.4	.9	-1.6	.1	-.2	.8
Transport.	4.0	10.4	-1.5	3.0	2.4	3.8	1.5	4.4	-.8
Medical care	8.5	9.6	7.9	6.6	5.4	4.9	3.9	3.0	2.5
Entertain.	5.1	4.3	3.9	2.8	2.8	2.3	3.3	2.9	1.6
Other goods and serv.	8.2	7.6	8.0	6.5	2.7	4.2	4.3	3.6	5.0
Special Indexes									
Energy	5.1	18.1	-7.4	2.0	-1.4	2.2	-1.3	8.6	-2.5
Food	5.6	5.3	1.9	1.5	2.9	2.9	2.1	4.3	1.7
All items less food and energy	4.4	5.2	4.4	3.3	3.2	2.6	3.0	2.6	2.2

The food and beverage index rose 0.1 percent in September. The index for grocery store food prices, which rose 0.6 percent in August, declined 0.1 percent in September. The index for fruits and vegetables fell 0.3 percent, following a 2.8 percent increase in August. The indexes for fresh vegetables and for processed fruits and vegetables declined 0.9 and 0.3 percent, respectively, more than offsetting a 0.2 percent increase in the index for fresh fruits. The index for meats, poultry, fish, and eggs also turned down in September, declining 0.2 percent. Within this group, the index for pork fell 0.4 percent, the index for beef was unchanged, and poultry prices rose 0.8 percent. The indexes for dairy products and for cereal and bakery products each rose at the same rate in September as in

August--up 0.1 and 0.2 percent, respectively. The index for other food at home increased 0.2 percent in September. An upturn in prices for sugar and sweets was partially offset by a down-turn in coffee prices, which fell 0.5 percent, following increases totaling 24.2 percent in the preceding six months. The other two components of the food and beverage index--restaurant meals and alcoholic beverages--increased 0.3 and 0.2 percent, respectively.

The housing component rose 0.3 percent in September, after increasing 0.1 percent in August. Shelter costs rose 0.2 percent. Within shelter, renters' costs increased 0.4 percent and homeowners' costs, 0.1 percent. The index for fuel and other utilities, which declined 0.5 percent in August, rose 0.6 percent in September. The index for household fuels increased 1.0 percent, largely as a result of a 2.2 percent rise in the index for natural gas. Charges for electricity increased 0.5 percent, while fuel oil prices fell 0.1 percent. The index for other utilities and public services, which declined 0.2 percent in August, rose 0.3 percent in September, in part reflecting a 0.6 percent rise in cable television charges. The index for household furnishings and operation advanced 0.1 percent, its first increase since May.

The transportation component advanced 0.4 percent in September, following an increase of 0.6 percent in August. The index for gasoline, which increased 5.4 percent in August after declining in each of the preceding five months, continued to advance in September, rising 1.8 percent. New vehicle purchase costs continued to show little upward movement; the index for new vehicle prices increased 0.1 percent, while automobile finance charges dropped 1.3 percent. (Prior to seasonal adjustment, new vehicle prices declined 0.2 percent.) The index for used cars declined 0.1 percent. Public transportation costs turned back up in September, reflecting the behavior of airline fares. The movement in airline fares continued to vary between large declines and increases, reflecting the prevalence of "super-saver" discount fares. The advance of 2.1 percent in September follows a decline of 4.7 percent in August. During the past 12 months, airline fares have increased 1.0 percent.

The index for apparel and upkeep, which declined 1.0 percent in August, rose 0.3 percent in September. (Prior to seasonal adjustment, apparel commodity prices rose 2.6 percent, reflecting seasonal price increases for fall-winter wear.)

Medical care costs rose 0.2 percent in September to a level 2.6 percent above a year ago. The index for medical care commodities--prescription drugs, nonprescription drugs, and medical supplies--increased 0.1 percent. The index for medical care services rose 0.2 percent.

Energy	-1.8	-1.9	-2.4	.0	-.2	2.0	1.2	12.8	2.0
Food	.1	-.2	.3	.3	.3	.3	.1	3.1	2.1
All items less food and energy	.2	.3	.2	.1	.2	.0	.2	1.5	2.1

After seasonal adjustment, the level of the CPI-U for All Items was 161.3 in September; the seasonally adjusted CPI-W for All Items was 158.2.

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 October are scheduled for release on Tuesday, November 18, 1997, at 8:30 A.M. (EST).

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)

Expenditure category	Relative importance, December 1996	Unadjusted indexes		Unadjusted percent change to Sept. 1997 from-		Seasonally adjusted percent change from-		
		Aug. 1997	Sept. 1997	Sept. 1996	Aug. 1997	June to July	July to Aug.	Aug. to Sept.
All items	100.000	160.8	161.2	2.2	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2
All items (1967=100)	-	481.6	483.0	-	-	-	-	-
Food and beverages	17.484	158.1	158.4	2.2	.2	.3	.4	.1
Food	15.913	157.6	157.9	2.1	.2	.3	.4	.1
Food at home	10.040	158.5	158.6	1.7	.1	.3	.6	-.1
Cereals and bakery products	1.479	178.6	178.1	1.9	-.3	.1	.2	.2
Meats, poultry, fish, and eggs	3.002	149.1	149.1	1.3	.0	.5	.1	-.2
Dairy products 1/	1.245	143.4	143.5	-2.2	.1	-.6	.1	.1
Fruits and vegetables 2/	1.974	187.3	188.1	2.5	.4	.5	2.8	-.3
Other food at home	2.340	148.7	148.9	3.7	.1	.6	.1	.2
Sugar and sweets .....	.331	147.8	148.5	2.1	.5	.5	-.8	.5

Fats and oils .....	.246	141.4	142.0	.4	.4	-.3	.4	.7
Nonalcoholic beverages .....	.724	136.7	136.7	6.9	.0	1.6	.0	-.1
Other prepared food	1.039	161.8	161.9	2.8	.1	.1	.2	.4
Food away from home	5.873	157.4	157.8	2.8	.3	.3	.2	.3
Alcoholic beverages	1.571	163.2	163.5	2.5	.2	.3	.3	.2
Housing 2/	41.203	157.6	157.7	2.5	.1	.2	.1	.3
Shelter	28.194	177.5	177.2	3.0	-.2	.2	.2	.2
Renters' costs 3/ 4/.....	7.994	189.1	186.8	3.3	-1.2	-.1	.2	.4
Rent, residential	5.731	167.3	167.8	3.0	.3	.2	.3	.3
Other renters' costs 4/	2.263	233.9	222.8	3.7	-4.7	-.7	.0	.4
Homeowners' costs 3/ 4/.....	20.000	182.2	182.8	3.0	.3	.4	.3	.1
Owners' equivalent rent 3/	19.616	182.6	183.2	3.0	.3	.4	.3	.1
Household insurance 3/ 4/ .....	.383	166.3	166.8	2.8	.3	.0	.4	.7
Maintenance and repairs 1/ 4/ .....	.200	145.5	142.6	1.9	-2.0	1.5	.1	-2.0
Maintenance and repair services 1/ 4/ .....	.123	154.4	150.2	1.9	-2.7	2.5	.4	-2.7
Maintenance and repair commodities 1/ 4/ .....	.077	133.1	132.1	2.0	-.8	-.3	-.4	-.8
Fuel and other utilities 2/	7.102	131.4	132.1	1.8	.5	.2	-.5	.6
Fuels	3.878	118.6	119.7	1.1	.9	.0	-.8	1.0
Fuel oil and other household fuel commodities .....	.424	93.5	93.7	-2.0	.2	-1.9	-.7	.1
Gas (piped) and electricity (energy services).....	3.453	126.7	128.1	1.5	1.1	.2	-.8	1.1
Other utilities and public services 4/	3.224	162.1	162.3	2.5	.1	.5	-.2	.3
Household furnishings and operation 2/ .	5.908	125.2	125.4	.2	.2	-.2	-.3	.1
Housefurnishings 4/	3.332	110.2	110.2	-1.2	.0	-.6	-.5	-.1
Housekeeping supplies	1.093	142.9	143.2	1.4	.2	.7	-.6	.1
Housekeeping services 4/	1.482	152.6	153.2	2.5	.4	.2	.4	.3
Apparel and upkeep	5.330	130.0	133.0	1.1	2.3	.2	-1.0	.3
Apparel commodities 4/	4.786	125.9	129.2	1.1	2.6	.1	-1.0	.3
Men's and boys' apparel	1.280	128.9	131.4	3.1	1.9	.5	.1	.4
Women's and girls' apparel.....	2.102	120.3	126.0	1.9	4.7	-.5	-2.0	1.0
Infants' and toddlers' apparel 1/ ....	.186	127.3	126.7	-3.6	-.5	-1.2	-3.0	-.5
Footwear .....	.718	126.3	127.4	.6	.9	1.0	.6	-.5
Other apparel commodities 4/.....	.500	145.8	145.3	-4.3	-.3	.4	-1.2	-1.0
Apparel services 1/ 4/ .....	.545	163.6	163.7	2.1	.1	.2	.1	.1
Transportation	17.140	143.8	144.3	.8	.3	.1	.6	.4
Private transportation	15.499	140.8	141.0	.7	.1	.1	.9	.4
New vehicles	4.955	143.0	142.7	-.3	-.2	.1	-.1	.1
New cars	3.952	140.4	140.0	-.7	-.3	.1	-.1	.0

Used cars	1.278	148.5	148.2	-5.6	-.2	-1.1	-.8	-.1
Motor fuel	3.171	107.6	109.3	2.9	1.6	-.2	4.9	1.7
Gasoline	-	107.4	109.2	3.3	1.7	-.4	5.4	1.8
Maintenance and repairs	1.533	163.3	163.5	2.2	.1	.2	.1	-.1
Other private transportation 4/.....	4.562	177.4	176.9	1.6	-.3	.5	-.1	.1
Other private transportation commodities 4/.....	.589	104.8	104.6	-.4	-.2	.7	-.6	-.2
Other private transportation services 4/	3.973	194.5	194.0	1.9	-.3	.5	.0	.2
Public transportation	1.642	183.4	186.0	.8	1.4	.5	-1.9	1.2
Medical care	7.346	235.2	235.4	2.6	.1	.0	.2	.2
Medical care commodities	1.273	215.5	215.3	1.9	-.1	-.1	-.1	.1
Medical care services	6.073	239.8	240.0	2.7	.1	.1	.3	.2
Professional medical services	3.472	216.3	216.4	3.2	.0	.1	.3	.1
Entertainment 4/	4.352	163.0	163.0	2.0	.0	.1	.2	-.2
Entertainment commodities 4/	1.957	144.6	144.7	1.0	.1	-.1	.6	.1
Entertainment services 4/	2.395	184.3	184.2	2.8	-.1	.2	.1	-.5
Other goods and services 2/	7.145	225.7	228.1	4.5	1.1	.3	.6	.3
Tobacco and smoking products	1.601	243.4	246.5	5.3	1.3	.4	.7	1.4
Personal care 1/	1.145	152.5	152.7	1.3	.1	-.1	-.1	.1
Toilet goods and personal care appliances 1/ .....	.588	143.5	143.7	-1.0	.1	-.3	-.1	.1
Personal care services 1/ .....	.557	162.7	162.8	3.6	.1	-.1	.1	.1
Personal and educational expenses 4/ ...	4.398	261.6	264.9	5.1	1.3	.3	.7	-.1
School books and supplies .....	.264	240.0	241.5	5.0	.6	.4	.7	-.1
Personal and educational services 4/ .	4.134	263.5	266.9	5.1	1.3	.4	.7	-.1

Table 1. Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers (CPI-U): U.S. city average, by expenditure category and commodity and service group - Continued

(1982-84=100, unless otherwise noted)

Relative importance, December 1996	Unadjusted indexes		Unadjusted percent change to		Seasonally adjusted percent change from-		
	Aug. 1997	Sept. 1997	Sept. 1996	Aug. 1997	June to July	July to Aug.	Aug. to Sept.

Commodity and service group

All items	100.000	160.8	161.2	2.2	.2	.2	.2	.2
Commodities	42.873	141.4	142.1	1.3	.5	.1	.4	.3
Food and beverages	17.484	158.1	158.4	2.2	.2	.3	.4	.1
Commodities less food and beverages	25.389	131.3	132.2	.6	.7	-.2	.3	.4
Nondurables less food and beverages ..	15.147	133.8	135.5	1.9	1.3	.0	.6	.7
Apparel commodities 4/	4.786	125.9	129.2	1.1	2.6	.1	-1.0	.3
Nondurables less food, beverages, and apparel	10.362	140.8	141.9	2.3	.8	-.1	1.5	.8
Durables	10.242	127.7	127.6	-1.2	-.1	-.3	-.3	-.1
Services	57.127	180.3	180.6	2.8	.2	.3	.1	.2
Rent of shelter 3/	27.577	184.7	184.4	3.0	-.2	.2	.3	.2
Household services less rent of shelter 3/ 4/.....	8.698	146.9	147.7	2.1	.5	.3	-.5	.6
Transportation services	7.148	184.3	184.7	1.7	.2	.4	-.4	.3
Medical care services	6.073	239.8	240.0	2.7	.1	.1	.3	.2
Other services	7.631	210.7	212.2	4.1	.7	.3	.4	-.2

Special indexes

All items less food	84.087	161.3	161.8	2.1	.3	.2	.1	.3
All items less shelter	71.806	155.9	156.6	1.8	.4	.1	.2	.3
All items less homeowners' costs 3/ 4/.....	80.000	161.6	162.0	2.0	.2	.1	.2	.2
All items less medical care	92.654	156.6	157.1	2.1	.3	.2	.2	.3
Commodities less food	26.960	132.6	133.5	.8	.7	-.1	.3	.4
Nondurables less food	16.718	135.5	137.2	2.0	1.3	.0	.5	.7
Nondurables less food and apparel	11.932	142.1	143.0	2.3	.6	.1	1.6	.8
Nondurables	32.631	146.1	147.1	2.1	.7	.2	.5	.4
Services less rent of shelter 3/ 4/	29.550	188.7	189.5	2.7	.4	.3	-.2	.3
Services less medical care services	51.054	174.8	175.1	2.9	.2	.3	.1	.2
Energy	7.049	112.5	113.9	2.0	1.2	-.1	1.7	1.3
All items less energy	92.951	167.3	167.6	2.2	.2	.2	.1	.2
All items less food and energy	77.038	169.6	170.0	2.2	.2	.2	.1	.2
Commodities less food and energy commodities	23.364	141.2	142.0	.4	.6	-.1	-.3	.2
Energy commodities	3.596	106.2	107.7	2.4	1.4	-.4	4.3	1.5
Services less energy services	53.674	185.8	186.0	2.9	.1	.3	.2	.2
Purchasing power of the consumer dollar:								
1982-84=\$1.00 1/	-	\$.622	\$.620	-2.2	-.3	-.2	-.2	-.3
1967=\$1.00 1/	-	.208	.207	-	-	-	-	-

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)

Expenditure category	Seasonally adjusted indexes					Seasonally adjusted annual rate percent change for				
	June	July	Aug.	Sept.	Dec.	3 months ended-		6 months ended-		
	1997	1997	1997	1997	1996	Mar. 1997	June 1997	Sept. 1997	Mar. 1997	Sept. 1997
All items	-	-	-	-	3.3	1.8	1.0	2.5	2.5	1.8
Food and beverages	157.4	157.9	158.6	158.7	3.4	.5	1.5	3.3	1.9	2.4
Food	157.1	157.6	158.3	158.4	3.4	.3	1.5	3.4	1.8	2.4
Food at home	157.7	158.2	159.2	159.1	3.6	-1.3	1.3	3.6	1.2	2.4
Cereals and bakery products	177.6	177.7	178.0	178.3	3.9	.9	1.4	1.6	2.4	1.5
Meats, poultry, fish, and eggs	148.6	149.3	149.4	149.1	5.8	-5.8	4.1	1.4	-.1	2.7
Dairy products 1/	144.1	143.3	143.4	143.5	5.3	-6.6	-5.4	-1.7	-.8	-3.5
Fruits and vegetables 2/.....	185.3	186.2	191.4	190.8	.6	4.2	-5.2	12.4	2.4	3.2
Other food at home	147.7	148.6	148.7	149.0	2.2	1.7	7.7	3.6	2.0	5.6
Sugar and sweets	148.1	148.8	147.6	148.4	1.9	.0	5.9	.8	1.0	3.3
Fats and oils	141.4	141.0	141.5	142.5	.3	.0	-1.7	3.1	.1	.7
Nonalcoholic beverages	134.9	137.1	137.1	136.9	-.9	4.1	19.6	6.1	1.6	12.6
Other prepared food	161.0	161.2	161.5	162.1	4.9	1.0	2.5	2.8	2.9	2.6
Food away from home	156.6	157.1	157.4	157.8	3.4	2.9	1.5	3.1	3.1	2.3
Alcoholic beverages	162.4	162.9	163.4	163.7	3.6	1.2	2.0	3.2	2.4	2.6
Housing 2/	156.5	156.8	156.9	157.3	3.2	2.3	2.3	2.1	2.8	2.2
Shelter	175.8	176.2	176.6	177.0	2.8	3.3	3.5	2.8	3.1	3.1
Renters' costs 3/ 4/.....	185.4	185.3	185.7	186.4	2.7	4.9	3.3	2.2	3.8	2.7
Rent, residential	166.5	166.8	167.3	167.8	2.7	2.7	3.4	3.2	2.7	3.3
Other renters' costs 4/	225.2	223.7	223.8	224.8	2.2	10.9	2.7	-.7	6.5	1.0
Homeowners' costs 3/ 4/	181.2	181.9	182.4	182.6	2.7	2.7	3.2	3.1	2.7	3.1
Owners' equivalent rent 3/	181.6	182.3	182.8	183.0	3.0	2.5	3.4	3.1	2.7	3.2
Household insurance 3/ 4/	165.1	165.1	165.7	166.8	.7	2.5	4.0	4.2	1.6	4.1

Maintenance and repairs 1/ 4/	143.3	145.4	145.5	142.6	4.7	2.6	2.6	-1.9	3.6	.3
Maintenance and repair services 1/ 4/	150.0	153.8	154.4	150.2	1.6	1.1	4.4	.5	1.4	2.4
Maintenance and repair										
commodities 1/ 4/	134.1	133.7	133.1	132.1	9.9	5.2	-.6	-5.8	7.6	-3.2
Fuel and other utilities 2/.....	130.2	130.5	129.9	130.7	6.1	.6	-.9	1.5	3.3	.3
Fuels	116.3	116.3	115.4	116.5	9.0	.0	-4.3	.7	4.4	-1.9
Fuel oil and other household fuel										
commodities	99.3	97.4	96.7	96.8	50.9	-22.9	-12.3	-9.7	7.8	-11.0
Gas (piped) and electricity (energy										
services).....	123.5	123.8	122.8	124.1	4.7	3.3	-3.5	2.0	4.0	-.8
Other utilities and public services 4/ .	161.5	162.3	162.0	162.5	3.1	1.5	3.3	2.5	2.3	2.9
Household furnishings and operation 2/ ...	125.7	125.5	125.1	125.2	1.0	-.3	1.9	-1.6	.3	.2
Housefurnishings 4/	111.3	110.6	110.1	110.0	.4	-1.8	1.5	-4.6	-.7	-1.6
Housekeeping supplies	143.0	144.0	143.1	143.3	.9	2.3	1.4	.8	1.6	1.1
Housekeeping services 4/	151.8	152.1	152.7	153.1	3.0	.5	3.5	3.5	1.8	3.5
Apparel and upkeep	133.3	133.5	132.2	132.6	2.5	1.2	3.4	-2.1	1.8	.6
Apparel commodities 4/	129.5	129.6	128.3	128.7	2.2	.9	3.8	-2.4	1.6	.6
Men's and boys' apparel	129.7	130.4	130.5	131.0	3.8	-.6	5.4	4.1	1.6	4.7
Women's and girls' apparel	127.4	126.8	124.3	125.5	5.6	2.9	5.2	-5.8	4.3	-.5
Infants' and toddlers' apparel 1/	132.9	131.3	127.3	126.7	-13.0	9.1	10.2	-17.4	-2.6	-4.6
Footwear	126.0	127.3	128.1	127.4	2.2	-3.7	-.6	4.5	-.8	1.9
Other apparel commodities 4/.....	146.3	146.9	145.2	143.7	-9.0	2.2	-3.2	-6.9	-3.6	-5.1
Apparel services 1/ 4/	163.2	163.5	163.6	163.7	2.8	2.2	2.0	1.2	2.5	1.6
Transportation	143.2	143.3	144.2	144.8	5.4	-.8	-5.9	4.5	2.2	-.8
Private transportation	139.9	140.0	141.2	141.7	4.6	.3	-6.8	5.2	2.4	-1.0
New vehicles	144.3	144.4	144.3	144.4	-.6	-.3	-.8	.3	-.4	-.3
New cars	141.7	141.8	141.7	141.7	-1.4	-.6	-.8	.0	-1.0	-.4
Used cars	150.9	149.2	148.0	147.8	-3.8	7.2	-16.2	-8.0	1.5	-12.2
Motor fuel	101.4	101.2	106.2	108.0	25.8	-5.6	-26.5	28.7	9.0	-2.7
Gasoline	100.9	100.5	105.9	107.8	25.5	-5.3	-26.6	30.3	9.0	-2.2
Maintenance and repairs	162.8	163.2	163.4	163.2	2.5	2.0	3.3	1.0	2.3	2.1
Other private transportation 4/.....	177.2	178.1	178.0	178.2	.0	3.2	1.1	2.3	1.6	1.7
Other private transportation										
commodities 4/.....	104.9	105.6	105.0	104.8	-.8	-.8	.4	-.4	-.8	.0
Other private transportation										
services 4/	194.5	195.5	195.5	195.8	.2	3.8	1.2	2.7	2.0	2.0
Public transportation	187.2	188.1	184.5	186.7	13.1	-10.6	2.8	-1.1	.5	.9
Medical care	234.9	235.0	235.5	235.9	2.8	3.0	2.9	1.7	2.9	2.3
Medical care commodities	216.0	215.8	215.5	215.7	1.7	4.0	2.8	-.6	2.9	1.1
Medical care services	239.0	239.2	239.8	240.3	2.9	2.7	3.1	2.2	2.8	2.6
Professional medical services	215.5	215.7	216.3	216.6	3.5	4.0	3.4	2.1	3.8	2.7
Entertainment 4/	162.9	163.0	163.4	163.0	3.3	1.5	3.0	.2	2.4	1.6

Entertainment commodities 4/	144.1	143.9	144.7	144.9	2.5	-.6	-.3	2.2	1.0	1.0
Entertainment services 4/	184.7	185.0	185.1	184.2	3.9	2.9	5.8	-1.1	3.4	2.3
Other goods and services 2/.....	224.9	225.6	226.9	227.5	3.2	5.4	4.8	4.7	4.3	4.7
Tobacco and smoking products	240.6	241.5	243.2	246.5	1.9	5.6	3.6	10.2	3.7	6.8
Personal care 1/	152.8	152.6	152.5	152.7	-.8	3.5	2.7	-.3	1.3	1.2
Toilet goods and personal care appliances 1/	144.2	143.7	143.5	143.7	-6.2	2.3	1.7	-1.4	-2.1	.1
Personal care services 1/	162.6	162.5	162.7	162.8	5.2	5.1	3.5	.5	5.2	2.0
Personal and educational expenses 4/	260.0	260.9	262.8	262.5	4.6	5.8	5.9	3.9	5.2	4.9
School books and supplies	238.7	239.6	241.2	241.0	5.3	2.6	8.3	3.9	4.0	6.1
Personal and educational services 4/ ...	261.4	262.4	264.3	264.0	4.5	6.0	5.7	4.0	5.2	4.9

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 - Continued

(1982-84=100, unless otherwise noted)

Commodity and service group	Seasonally adjusted indexes					Seasonally adjusted annual rate percent change for				
	June	July	Aug.	Sept.	Dec.	3 months ended-		6 months ended-		
	1997	1997	1997	1997	1996	Mar.	June	Sept.	Mar.	Sept.
All items	-	-	-	-	3.3	1.8	1.0	2.5	2.5	1.8
Commodities	141.3	141.4	141.9	142.3	3.8	.0	-1.4	2.9	1.9	.7
Food and beverages	157.4	157.9	158.6	158.7	3.4	.5	1.5	3.3	1.9	2.4
Commodities less food and beverages	131.6	131.4	131.8	132.3	4.0	-.3	-3.3	2.1	1.8	-.6
Nondurables less food and beverages	133.5	133.5	134.3	135.2	7.8	-1.8	-3.2	5.2	2.9	.9
Apparel commodities 4/	129.5	129.6	128.3	128.7	2.2	.9	3.8	-2.4	1.6	.6
Nondurables less food, beverages, and apparel	138.4	138.2	140.3	141.4	10.8	-1.1	-8.2	9.0	4.7	.0
Durables	129.0	128.6	128.2	128.1	.0	-.3	-1.8	-2.8	-.2	-2.3
Services	179.3	179.8	180.0	180.4	3.2	2.7	3.0	2.5	3.0	2.7
Rent of shelter 3/	183.3	183.6	184.1	184.4	2.9	3.4	3.3	2.4	3.2	2.9

Household services less rent											
of shelter 3/ 4/.....	145.5	145.9	145.2	146.1	3.4	2.5	.8	1.7	3.0	1.2	
Transportation services	185.0	185.8	185.1	185.7	3.6	.0	2.0	1.5	1.8	1.7	
Medical care services	239.0	239.2	239.8	240.3	2.9	2.7	3.1	2.2	2.8	2.6	
Other services	210.5	211.1	211.9	211.5	4.2	4.8	5.3	1.9	4.5	3.6	
Special indexes											
All items less food	160.7	161.0	161.2	161.7	3.6	1.8	1.0	2.5	2.7	1.8	
All items less shelter	155.6	155.8	156.1	156.5	3.7	1.0	.3	2.3	2.4	1.3	
All items less homeowners' costs 3/ 4/.....	161.1	161.3	161.6	162.0	3.6	1.5	.5	2.3	2.5	1.4	
All items less medical care	155.9	156.2	156.5	156.9	3.4	1.6	1.0	2.6	2.5	1.8	
Commodities less food	133.0	132.9	133.3	133.8	4.0	.0	-3.2	2.4	2.0	-.4	
Nondurables less food	135.2	135.2	135.9	136.9	7.7	-1.5	-2.9	5.1	3.0	1.0	
Nondurables less food and apparel	139.7	139.8	142.0	143.2	8.6	-1.9	-6.6	10.4	3.2	1.6	
Nondurables	145.5	145.8	146.5	147.1	5.4	-.3	-1.1	4.5	2.5	1.7	
Services less rent of shelter 3/	188.0	188.6	188.3	188.9	3.7	2.2	2.8	1.9	3.0	2.4	
Services less medical care services	173.6	174.2	174.3	174.7	3.3	2.8	2.6	2.6	3.1	2.6	
Energy	108.5	108.4	110.2	111.6	16.2	-2.8	-14.7	11.9	6.3	-2.3	
All items less energy	167.2	167.5	167.7	168.0	2.5	1.9	2.4	1.9	2.2	2.2	
All items less food and energy	169.7	170.0	170.1	170.4	2.4	2.4	2.4	1.7	2.4	2.0	
Commodities less food and energy											
commodities	142.5	142.4	142.0	142.3	.9	1.1	.6	-.6	1.0	.0	
Energy commodities	101.3	100.9	105.2	106.8	28.7	-8.0	-24.9	23.6	8.8	-3.6	
Services less energy services	185.0	185.5	185.8	186.1	3.1	2.7	3.5	2.4	2.9	3.0	

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 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 Sept. 1997 from-			Percent change to Aug. 1997 from-		
		June	July	Aug.	Sept.	Sept.	July	Aug.	Aug.	June	July
		1997	1997	1997	1997	1996	1997	1997	1996	1997	1997

U.S. city average	M	160.3	160.5	160.8	161.2	2.2	0.4	0.2	2.2	0.3	0.2
Region and area size 2/											
Northeast urban.....	M	167.0	167.6	167.8	168.4	2.3	.5	.4	2.3	.5	.1
Size A - More than 1,200,000	M	167.7	168.2	168.4	169.2	2.3	.6	.5	2.2	.4	.1
Size B - 500,000 to 1,200,000 3/.....	M	165.2	165.9	166.2	166.0	2.3	.1	-.1	2.5	.6	.2
Size C - 50,000 to 500,000 3/.....	M	165.6	166.4	166.8	167.1	3.0	.4	.2	3.1	.7	.2
North Central urban	M	156.7	156.6	157.2	157.5	2.3	.6	.2	2.5	.3	.4
Size A - More than 1,200,000	M	157.3	157.3	158.0	158.3	2.5	.6	.2	2.6	.4	.4
Size B - 360,000 to 1,200,000 3/.....	M	155.7	155.8	156.3	156.2	1.9	.3	-.1	2.3	.4	.3
Size C - 50,000 to 360,000 3/.....	M	158.7	158.5	158.8	159.6	2.7	.7	.5	2.7	.1	.2
Size D - Nonmetropolitan (less than 50,000)	M	152.6	152.6	152.6	153.4	1.6	.5	.5	1.5	.0	.0
South urban	M	157.0	157.0	157.1	157.5	1.9	.3	.3	1.9	.1	.1
Size A - More than 1,200,000	M	155.8	155.8	155.9	156.4	1.9	.4	.3	1.8	.1	.1
Size B - 450,000 to 1,200,000 3/.....	M	160.4	160.5	160.8	160.6	2.1	.1	-.1	2.5	.2	.2
Size C - 50,000 to 450,000 3/.....	M	156.4	156.0	156.1	156.7	1.5	.4	.4	1.4	-.2	.1
Size D - Nonmetropolitan (less than 50,000)	M	156.3	156.4	156.4	157.1	2.5	.4	.4	2.5	.1	.0
West urban	M	161.0	161.1	161.5	162.1	2.2	.6	.4	2.2	.3	.2
Size A - More than 1,250,000	M	161.1	161.3	161.7	162.3	2.3	.6	.4	2.3	.4	.2
Size C - 50,000 to 330,000 3/.....	M	166.0	166.1	166.8	167.4	2.7	.8	.4	2.6	.5	.4
Size classes											
A 4/	M	144.6	144.8	145.1	145.6	2.2	.6	.3	2.3	.3	.2
B 3/	M	160.7	160.9	161.2	161.2	2.1	.2	.0	2.3	.3	.2
C 3/	M	160.2	160.1	160.5	161.0	2.3	.6	.3	2.2	.2	.2
D	M	156.6	156.7	156.8	157.4	1.7	.4	.4	1.8	.1	.1
Selected local areas											
Chicago-Gary-Lake County, IL-IN-WI.....	M	161.7	161.7	162.5	162.1	2.4	.2	-.2	2.8	.5	.5
Los Angeles-Anaheim-Riverside, CA	M	159.4	159.5	159.7	160.5	1.5	.6	.5	1.5	.2	.1
N.Y.-Northern N.J.-Long Island, NY-NJ-CT	M	170.3	170.8	170.8	171.7	2.1	.5	.5	2.2	.3	.0
Phil.-Wilmington-Trenton, PA-NJ-DE-MD 5/	M	166.1	166.4	166.8	168.6	2.5	1.3	1.1	2.0	.4	.2
San Francisco-Oakland-San Jose, CA 5/ ..	M	160.0	160.6	161.2	161.6	3.4	.6	.2	3.6	.8	.4
Baltimore, MD 6/	1	-	156.9	-	156.7	.8	-.1	-	-	-	-

Boston-Lawrence-Salem, MA-NH	1	-	167.1	-	167.8	2.6	.4	-	-	-	-
Cleveland-Akron-Lorain, OH	1	-	156.3	-	157.3	2.5	.6	-	-	-	-
Miami-Fort Lauderdale, FL	1	-	157.9	-	158.5	2.5	.4	-	-	-	-
St. Louis-East St. Louis, MO-IL 7/	1	-	153.3	-	155.1	2.7	1.2	-	-	-	-
Washington, DC-MD-VA 6/	1	-	162.9	-	163.6	1.7	.4	-	-	-	-
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.

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)

Relative importance,	Unadjusted indexes	Unadjusted percent change to	Seasonally adjusted percent change from-
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Expenditure category	December 1996	Aug. 1997	Sept. 1997	Sept. 1997 from- Sept. 1996	Aug. 1997	June to July	July to Aug.	Aug. to Sept.
All items	100.000	157.8	158.3	2.1	0.3	0.2	0.2	0.3
All items (1967=100)	-	470.0	471.5	-	-	-	-	-
Food and beverages	19.436	157.6	157.8	2.1	.1	.3	.4	.1
Food	17.749	157.1	157.4	2.1	.2	.3	.3	.1
Food at home	11.387	157.6	157.7	1.7	.1	.3	.4	.0
Cereals and bakery products	1.688	178.2	177.7	2.0	-.3	.0	.1	.2
Meats, poultry, fish, and eggs	3.535	148.8	148.7	1.3	-.1	.5	.0	-.3
Dairy products 1/	1.387	143.0	143.2	-2.2	.1	-.6	.0	.1
Fruits and vegetables 2/	2.086	186.9	187.5	2.3	.3	.5	2.6	-.4
Other food at home	2.691	148.0	148.2	3.5	.1	.6	.0	.3
Sugar and sweets .....	.373	147.8	148.4	2.1	.4	.5	-.8	.5
Fats and oils .....	.282	141.2	141.7	.4	.4	-.6	.6	.5
Nonalcoholic beverages .....	.841	135.2	135.2	6.1	.0	1.5	-.1	-.1
Other prepared food	1.194	161.6	161.8	2.9	.1	.2	.2	.4
Food away from home	6.362	157.4	157.8	2.9	.3	.3	.2	.3
Alcoholic beverages	1.687	162.5	162.6	2.3	.1	.2	.4	.0
Housing 2/	38.747	154.2	154.4	2.4	.1	.2	.0	.3
Shelter	25.867	172.3	172.2	3.0	-.1	.2	.2	.2
Renters' costs 3/ 4/	8.079	164.3	163.1	3.2	-.7	-.1	.3	.3
Rent, residential	6.580	167.0	167.5	3.0	.3	.2	.3	.3
Other renters' costs 4/	1.499	234.2	223.1	3.8	-4.7	-1.1	.3	.4
Homeowners' costs 3/ 4/	17.599	166.2	166.7	3.0	.3	.4	.1	.2
Owners' equivalent rent 3/	17.277	166.5	167.0	3.0	.3	.4	.2	.2
Household insurance 3/ 4/ .....	.322	150.9	151.2	2.2	.2	.1	.4	.5
Maintenance and repairs 1/ 4/ .....	.189	143.8	141.1	2.2	-1.9	1.3	.1	-1.9
Maintenance and repair services 1/ 4/ .....	.105	156.5	152.2	1.9	-2.7	2.6	.4	-2.7
Maintenance and repair commodities 1/ 4/ .....	.084	128.0	127.2	2.9	-.6	-.2	-.2	-.6
Fuel and other utilities 2/	7.344	131.2	131.9	1.9	.5	.2	-.5	.7
Fuels	3.979	118.1	119.3	1.2	1.0	.0	-.8	1.0
Fuel oil and other household fuel commodities .....	.391	93.2	93.4	-2.1	.2	-1.8	-.6	.1
Gas (piped) and electricity (energy services)	3.588	126.2	127.6	1.5	1.1	.2	-.7	1.1
Other utilities and public services 4/	3.365	162.9	163.1	2.7	.1	.6	-.1	.3
Household furnishings and operation 2/ .	5.536	123.7	123.9	.2	.2	-.1	-.3	.1

Housefurnishings 4/	3.261	109.1	109.1	-.9	.0	-.5	-.5	-.1
Housekeeping supplies	1.129	143.4	143.7	1.3	.2	.6	-.7	.3
Housekeeping services 4/	1.145	155.2	156.1	2.6	.6	.2	.4	.3
Apparel and upkeep	5.348	129.4	132.1	1.1	2.1	.2	-1.0	.2
Apparel commodities 4/	4.838	125.7	128.6	1.1	2.3	.2	-1.1	.2
Men's and boys' apparel	1.286	128.8	131.2	3.3	1.9	.8	.0	.3
Women's and girls' apparel.....	2.053	119.6	124.6	2.0	4.2	-.4	-2.1	.7
Infants' and toddlers' apparel 1/ ....	.240	128.4	128.3	-3.1	-.1	-1.3	-2.7	-.1
Footwear .....	.799	127.3	128.3	.4	.8	.9	.7	-.5
Other apparel commodities 4/.....	.461	145.7	144.8	-4.4	-.6	.6	-1.7	-1.2
Apparel services 1/ 4/ .....	.510	162.7	162.8	1.9	.1	.2	.1	.1
Transportation	19.190	143.3	143.6	.5	.2	.1	.7	.4
Private transportation	17.934	141.1	141.4	.5	.2	-.1	.9	.3
New vehicles	4.893	144.3	144.0	-.2	-.2	.1	-.2	.1
New cars	3.533	140.0	139.7	-.6	-.2	.1	-.1	.0
Used cars	2.320	149.9	149.7	-5.4	-.1	-1.2	-.7	-.2
Motor fuel	3.921	107.7	109.2	2.8	1.4	-.4	5.0	1.4
Gasoline	-	107.6	109.2	3.2	1.5	-.4	5.5	1.6
Maintenance and repairs	1.616	164.2	164.5	2.3	.2	.3	.1	.0
Other private transportation 4/.....	5.185	172.7	172.3	1.5	-.2	.5	.0	.1
Other private transportation commodities 4/.....	.742	104.0	103.8	-.3	-.2	.6	-.5	-.2
Other private transportation services 4/	4.442	190.1	189.7	1.8	-.2	.5	.1	.1
Public transportation	1.256	181.6	183.5	.9	1.0	.9	-1.6	1.2
Medical care	6.251	234.6	234.7	2.6	.0	.1	.2	.2
Medical care commodities	1.047	212.5	212.5	1.9	.0	.0	-.2	.2
Medical care services	5.204	239.5	239.7	2.7	.1	.1	.3	.2
Professional medical services	2.973	217.7	217.8	3.3	.0	.1	.3	.1
Entertainment 4/	4.015	160.6	160.5	2.0	-.1	.1	.4	-.2
Entertainment commodities 4/	2.036	143.5	143.4	.8	-.1	.0	.6	.1
Entertainment services 4/	1.979	184.9	184.8	3.1	-.1	.2	.1	-.4
Other goods and services 2/	7.012	222.1	224.6	4.6	1.1	.3	.5	.5
Tobacco and smoking products	2.117	243.0	246.1	5.3	1.3	.5	.6	1.4
Personal care 1/	1.107	152.4	152.6	1.2	.1	-.2	.0	.1
Toilet goods and personal care appliances 1/ .....	.610	144.4	144.7	-.7	.2	-.3	-.1	.2
Personal care services 1/ .....	.497	162.8	163.0	3.7	.1	-.1	.1	.1
Personal and educational expenses 4/ ...	3.788	256.8	260.2	5.2	1.3	.3	.6	.2
School books and supplies .....	.232	241.9	243.9	5.4	.8	.4	.4	.0

Personal and educational services 4/ . 3.556 258.3 261.8 5.2 1.4 .3 .6 .2

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)

Commodity and service group	Relative importance,	Unadjusted indexes		Unadjusted percent change to		Seasonally adjusted percent change from-			
	December 1996	Aug. 1997	Sept. 1997	Sept. 1997 from- Sept. 1996	Aug. 1997	June to July	July to Aug.	Aug. to Sept.	
All items	100.000	157.8	158.3	2.1	.3	.2	.2	.3	
Commodities	47.057	141.4	142.1	1.2	.5	.1	.4	.2	
Food and beverages	19.436	157.6	157.8	2.1	.1	.3	.4	.1	
Commodities less food and beverages	27.621	131.6	132.5	.6	.7	-.2	.4	.4	
Nondurables less food and beverages ..	16.215	133.9	135.5	2.0	1.2	.1	.8	.7	
Apparel commodities 4/	4.838	125.7	128.6	1.1	2.3	.2	-1.1	.2	
Nondurables less food, beverages, and apparel	11.377	140.8	141.9	2.5	.8	-.2	1.8	.8	
Durables	11.407	127.4	127.2	-1.5	-.2	-.3	-.3	.0	
Services	52.943	177.4	177.7	2.8	.2	.3	.1	.3	
Rent of shelter 3/	25.329	165.8	165.8	3.0	.0	.2	.2	.3	
Household services less rent of shelter 3/ 4/.....	8.553	135.0	135.8	2.1	.6	.3	-.4	.6	
Transportation services	7.314	182.1	182.3	1.7	.1	.5	-.2	.2	
Medical care services	5.204	239.5	239.7	2.7	.1	.1	.3	.2	
Other services	6.542	207.4	209.0	4.2	.8	.2	.4	.0	
Special indexes									
All items less food	82.251	157.8	158.4	2.1	.4	.1	.2	.3	
All items less shelter	74.133	153.9	154.6	1.8	.5	.1	.3	.3	
All items less homeowners' costs 3/ 4/.....	82.401	147.9	148.4	1.9	.3	.1	.2	.3	
All items less medical care	93.749	154.2	154.7	2.0	.3	.1	.3	.3	
Commodities less food	29.308	132.9	133.7	.7	.6	-.1	.4	.3	
Nondurables less food	17.901	135.6	137.1	2.1	1.1	.1	.7	.8	
Nondurables less food and apparel	13.064	141.9	142.9	2.4	.7	.1	1.8	.8	

Nondurables	35.651	146.0	147.0	2.2	.7	.3	.6	.3
Services less rent of shelter 3/ 4/	27.613	168.2	168.8	2.6	.4	.3	.0	.3
Services less medical care services	47.738	172.0	172.4	2.9	.2	.4	-.1	.3
Energy	7.901	112.2	113.5	2.0	1.2	-.2	2.0	1.2
All items less energy	92.099	164.2	164.6	2.1	.2	.2	.1	.1
All items less food and energy	74.350	166.0	166.5	2.1	.3	.2	.0	.2
Commodities less food and energy commodities	24.996	140.8	141.5	.4	.5	.0	-.4	.2
Energy commodities	4.312	106.7	108.1	2.5	1.3	-.5	4.5	1.2
Services less energy services	49.354	183.0	183.3	3.0	.2	.3	.2	.2
Purchasing power of the consumer dollar:								
1982-84=\$1.00 1/	-	\$.634	\$.632	-2.0	-.3	.0	-.2	-.3
1967=\$1.00 1/	-	.213	.212	-	-	-	-	-

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				
	June 1997	July 1997	Aug. 1997	Sept. 1997	Dec. 1996	3 months ended-			6 months ended-	
						Mar. 1997	June 1997	Sept. 1997	Mar. 1997	Sept. 1997
All items	-	-	-	-	3.9	1.5	0.5	2.6	2.7	1.5
Food and beverages	157.0	157.5	158.1	158.2	3.9	.3	1.5	3.1	2.1	2.3
Food	156.6	157.1	157.6	157.8	3.9	.3	1.5	3.1	2.1	2.3
Food at home	157.0	157.5	158.2	158.2	3.7	-1.5	1.8	3.1	1.0	2.4
Cereals and bakery products	177.4	177.4	177.5	177.9	4.2	.9	1.6	1.1	2.5	1.4
Meats, poultry, fish, and eggs	148.3	149.1	149.1	148.7	6.4	-6.3	4.4	1.1	-.1	2.7
Dairy products 1/	143.8	143.0	143.0	143.2	5.9	-7.1	-5.4	-1.7	-.8	-3.5

Fruits and vegetables 2/.....	185.0	186.0	190.9	190.2	-.4	4.8	-4.6	11.7	2.2	3.2
Other food at home	147.0	147.9	147.9	148.3	2.5	1.1	7.1	3.6	1.8	5.3
Sugar and sweets	147.9	148.7	147.5	148.2	1.9	.0	5.6	.8	1.0	3.2
Fats and oils	141.3	140.5	141.3	142.0	1.1	.0	-1.4	2.0	.6	.3
Nonalcoholic beverages	133.7	135.7	135.6	135.4	-.6	2.9	17.9	5.2	1.1	11.4
Other prepared food	160.7	161.0	161.4	162.1	5.4	.3	2.8	3.5	2.8	3.2
Food away from home	156.6	157.1	157.4	157.8	4.0	3.4	1.0	3.1	3.7	2.1
Alcoholic beverages	161.8	162.2	162.8	162.8	3.8	1.0	2.0	2.5	2.4	2.2
Housing 2/	153.1	153.4	153.4	153.9	3.2	2.4	2.1	2.1	2.8	2.1
Shelter	170.9	171.3	171.6	172.0	2.9	3.1	3.3	2.6	3.0	3.0
Renters' costs 3/ 4/.....	162.0	161.9	162.4	162.9	2.8	3.8	4.1	2.2	3.3	3.1
Rent, residential	166.2	166.5	167.0	167.5	3.0	2.5	3.7	3.2	2.7	3.4
Other renters' costs 4/	225.7	223.3	223.9	224.7	2.0	9.1	6.1	-1.8	5.5	2.1
Homeowners' costs 3/ 4/	165.3	165.9	166.1	166.5	3.0	3.0	3.0	2.9	3.0	2.9
Owners' equivalent rent 3/	165.6	166.2	166.5	166.8	3.0	3.0	3.0	2.9	3.0	2.9
Household insurance 3/ 4/	149.6	149.7	150.3	151.1	-1.3	3.0	3.3	4.1	.8	3.7
Maintenance and repairs 1/ 4/	141.7	143.6	143.8	141.1	6.2	2.3	2.3	-1.7	4.2	.3
Maintenance and repair services 1/ 4/	152.0	155.9	156.5	152.2	1.9	.5	4.6	.5	1.2	2.5
Maintenance and repair commodities 1/ 4/	128.6	128.3	128.0	127.2	11.8	5.1	-.3	-4.3	8.4	-2.3
Fuel and other utilities 2/.....	129.8	130.1	129.5	130.4	6.1	1.2	-1.2	1.9	3.6	.3
Fuels	115.6	115.6	114.7	115.8	8.7	.7	-4.7	.7	4.6	-2.0
Fuel oil and other household fuel commodities	98.9	97.1	96.5	96.6	52.1	-23.8	-12.6	-9.0	7.6	-10.8
Gas (piped) and electricity (energy services).....	122.9	123.1	122.2	123.5	5.0	3.6	-4.1	2.0	4.3	-1.1
Other utilities and public services 4/ ..	162.1	163.0	162.8	163.3	3.1	2.0	3.0	3.0	2.5	3.0
Household furnishings and operation 2/ ...	124.1	124.0	123.6	123.7	1.3	-.6	1.6	-1.3	.3	.2
Housefurnishings 4/	110.0	109.5	109.0	108.9	1.1	-1.8	1.1	-3.9	-.4	-1.5
Housekeeping supplies	143.6	144.4	143.4	143.8	1.1	2.6	1.1	.6	1.8	.8
Housekeeping services 4/	154.6	154.9	155.5	156.0	2.7	.0	4.2	3.7	1.3	4.0
Apparel and upkeep	132.5	132.8	131.5	131.7	2.2	1.8	3.4	-2.4	2.0	.5
Apparel commodities 4/	129.2	129.4	128.0	128.2	1.9	2.2	3.5	-3.1	2.1	.2
Men's and boys' apparel	129.4	130.4	130.4	130.8	4.5	-.6	5.1	4.4	1.9	4.7
Women's and girls' apparel	126.7	126.2	123.6	124.5	5.3	5.6	4.2	-6.8	5.5	-1.4
Infants' and toddlers' apparel 1/	133.8	132.0	128.4	128.3	-12.4	8.4	9.8	-15.5	-2.6	-3.6
Footwear	127.0	128.1	129.0	128.3	2.2	-4.6	.0	4.2	-1.2	2.1
Other apparel commodities 4/.....	146.2	147.1	144.6	142.8	-9.3	1.7	-.3	-9.0	-4.0	-4.7
Apparel services 1/ 4/	162.2	162.6	162.7	162.8	2.0	2.5	1.7	1.5	2.3	1.6
Transportation	142.3	142.4	143.4	144.0	5.7	-.3	-7.5	4.9	2.7	-1.5
Private transportation	140.1	140.0	141.3	141.7	5.2	.6	-7.9	4.6	2.9	-1.8
New vehicles	145.6	145.7	145.4	145.6	-.3	.3	-.8	.0	.0	-.4

New cars	141.3	141.4	141.3	141.3	-1.1	-.3	-1.4	.0	-.7	-.7
Used cars	152.5	150.6	149.5	149.2	-3.5	7.4	-15.6	-8.4	1.8	-12.1
Motor fuel	101.6	101.2	106.3	107.8	27.7	-6.6	-25.9	26.7	9.2	-3.1
Gasoline	101.0	100.6	106.1	107.8	27.8	-7.0	-26.3	29.8	9.0	-2.2
Maintenance and repairs	163.8	164.3	164.4	164.4	2.3	2.5	3.2	1.5	2.4	2.4
Other private transportation 4/.....	172.8	173.6	173.6	173.7	-.5	3.3	1.2	2.1	1.4	1.6
Other private transportation commodities 4/.....	104.0	104.6	104.1	103.9	-.4	-.4	.0	-.4	-.4	-.2
Other private transportation services 4/	190.2	191.1	191.2	191.4	-.4	3.9	1.3	2.5	1.7	1.9
Public transportation	183.6	185.3	182.3	184.4	15.0	-12.5	1.5	1.8	.3	1.6
Medical care	234.1	234.3	234.7	235.1	2.8	2.8	3.0	1.7	2.8	2.3
Medical care commodities	213.1	213.0	212.5	212.9	1.9	3.5	2.7	-.4	2.7	1.1
Medical care services	238.7	238.9	239.5	240.0	3.1	2.6	3.1	2.2	2.8	2.6
Professional medical services	216.8	217.0	217.7	218.0	3.8	3.8	3.4	2.2	3.8	2.8
Entertainment 4/	160.2	160.3	161.0	160.6	3.3	1.0	2.5	1.0	2.2	1.8
Entertainment commodities 4/	142.7	142.7	143.6	143.7	2.6	-.6	-1.1	2.8	1.0	.8
Entertainment services 4/	185.1	185.4	185.6	184.8	3.8	2.9	6.3	-.6	3.4	2.8
Other goods and services 2/.....	221.0	221.6	222.7	223.9	3.0	5.9	4.3	5.4	4.4	4.8
Tobacco and smoking products	240.1	241.2	242.7	246.1	1.9	5.9	3.2	10.4	3.9	6.7
Personal care 1/	152.7	152.4	152.4	152.6	-1.1	3.2	2.9	-.3	1.1	1.3
Toilet goods and personal care appliances 1/	145.0	144.6	144.4	144.7	-5.9	2.2	2.0	-.8	-1.9	.6
Personal care services 1/	162.7	162.6	162.8	163.0	5.7	4.6	3.8	.7	5.2	2.2
Personal and educational expenses 4/	255.2	256.0	257.5	257.9	4.6	6.4	5.5	4.3	5.5	4.9
School books and supplies	241.1	242.1	243.1	243.1	6.0	2.4	9.7	3.4	4.2	6.5
Personal and educational services 4/ ...	256.6	257.3	258.8	259.2	4.6	6.7	5.3	4.1	5.7	4.7

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 - Continued

(1982-84=100, unless otherwise noted)

Seasonally adjusted indexes

Seasonally adjusted annual rate
percent change for

Commodity and service group	June	July	Aug.	Sept.	Dec.	3 months ended-			6 months ended-	
	1997	1997	1997	1997	1996	Mar.	June	Sept.	Mar.	Sept.
						1997	1997	1997	1997	1997
All items	-	-	-	-	3.9	1.5	.5	2.6	2.7	1.5
Commodities	141.2	141.3	141.9	142.2	4.3	.3	-2.2	2.9	2.3	.3
Food and beverages	157.0	157.5	158.1	158.2	3.9	.3	1.5	3.1	2.1	2.3
Commodities less food and beverages	131.6	131.4	131.9	132.4	4.6	.0	-4.4	2.5	2.3	-1.0
Nondurables less food and beverages	133.2	133.3	134.3	135.2	8.4	-1.5	-4.4	6.1	3.3	.7
Apparel commodities 4/	129.2	129.4	128.0	128.2	1.9	2.2	3.5	-3.1	2.1	.2
Nondurables less food, beverages, and apparel	138.0	137.7	140.2	141.3	12.1	-1.7	-8.8	9.9	5.0	.1
Durables	128.5	128.1	127.7	127.7	-.9	.0	-2.8	-2.5	-.5	-2.6
Services	176.3	176.8	176.9	177.4	3.3	2.8	2.8	2.5	3.0	2.6
Rent of shelter 3/	164.7	165.0	165.3	165.8	2.5	3.3	3.7	2.7	2.9	3.2
Household services less rent of shelter 3/ 4/.....	133.6	134.0	133.4	134.2	3.4	2.4	.6	1.8	2.9	1.2
Transportation services	182.4	183.4	183.0	183.4	2.7	.4	1.8	2.2	1.6	2.0
Medical care services	238.7	238.9	239.5	240.0	3.1	2.6	3.1	2.2	2.8	2.6
Other services	207.2	207.6	208.4	208.3	4.3	5.0	5.2	2.1	4.7	3.6
Special indexes										
All items less food	157.0	157.2	157.5	158.0	3.9	1.8	.3	2.6	2.9	1.4
All items less shelter	153.5	153.7	154.1	154.5	4.0	1.0	-.5	2.6	2.5	1.0
All items less homeowners' costs 3/ 4/.....	147.4	147.6	147.9	148.3	3.9	1.4	.0	2.5	2.6	1.2
All items less medical care	153.5	153.7	154.1	154.5	3.8	1.3	.5	2.6	2.5	1.6
Commodities less food	133.0	132.9	133.4	133.8	4.6	.0	-4.1	2.4	2.3	-.9
Nondurables less food	134.7	134.9	135.9	137.0	7.7	-1.7	-4.1	7.0	2.9	1.3
Nondurables less food and apparel	139.2	139.3	141.8	142.9	9.2	-1.9	-7.4	11.1	3.5	1.4
Nondurables	145.2	145.6	146.5	147.0	6.0	-.3	-1.6	5.1	2.8	1.7
Services less rent of shelter 3/	167.3	167.8	167.8	168.3	3.5	2.7	1.9	2.4	3.1	2.2
Services less medical care services	171.0	171.6	171.5	172.0	3.1	2.6	3.1	2.4	2.9	2.7
Energy	108.0	107.8	110.0	111.3	17.5	-2.8	-16.0	12.8	6.9	-2.6
All items less energy	164.1	164.4	164.6	164.8	2.8	2.0	2.0	1.7	2.4	1.8
All items less food and energy	166.2	166.5	166.5	166.8	2.2	2.5	2.2	1.5	2.3	1.8
Commodities less food and energy commodities	142.0	142.0	141.5	141.8	.9	1.7	-.3	-.6	1.3	-.4
Energy commodities	101.6	101.1	105.7	107.0	29.6	-8.3	-24.8	23.0	9.0	-3.8
Services less energy services	182.4	182.9	183.2	183.6	2.9	2.9	3.4	2.7	2.9	3.0

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 Sept. 1997 from-			Percent change to Aug. 1997 from-		
		June 1997	July 1997	Aug. 1997	Sept. 1997	Sept. 1996	July 1997	Aug. 1997	Aug. 1996	June 1997	July 1997
U.S. city average	M	157.4	157.5	157.8	158.3	2.1	0.5	0.3	2.1	0.3	0.2
Region and area size 2/											
Northeast urban.....	M	164.3	164.7	164.9	165.6	2.2	.5	.4	2.2	.4	.1
Size A - More than 1,200,000	M	164.0	164.3	164.5	165.4	2.2	.7	.5	2.2	.3	.1
Size B - 500,000 to 1,200,000 3/.....	M	162.8	163.5	163.7	163.4	2.3	-.1	-.2	2.3	.6	.1
Size C - 50,000 to 500,000 3/.....	M	167.1	167.5	167.8	168.6	3.0	.7	.5	2.8	.4	.2
North Central urban	M	153.1	153.1	153.6	153.9	2.2	.5	.2	2.5	.3	.3
Size A - More than 1,200,000	M	152.9	152.9	153.6	153.9	2.3	.7	.2	2.5	.5	.5
Size B - 360,000 to 1,200,000 3/.....	M	151.7	151.9	152.3	152.3	1.9	.3	.0	2.4	.4	.3
Size C - 50,000 to 360,000 3/.....	M	156.0	155.7	156.1	156.9	2.8	.8	.5	2.8	.1	.3
Size D - Nonmetropolitan (less than 50,000)	M	150.8	150.7	150.9	151.5	1.6	.5	.4	1.6	.1	.1
South urban	M	155.4	155.3	155.5	155.9	1.8	.4	.3	1.8	.1	.1
Size A - More than 1,200,000	M	153.9	153.9	154.0	154.5	1.8	.4	.3	1.7	.1	.1
Size B - 450,000 to 1,200,000 3/.....	M	156.1	156.2	156.5	156.6	2.0	.3	.1	2.2	.3	.2
Size C - 50,000 to 450,000 3/.....	M	156.2	155.7	155.9	156.4	1.3	.4	.3	1.3	-.2	.1
Size D - Nonmetropolitan (less than 50,000)	M	156.5	156.6	157.0	157.7	2.5	.7	.4	2.5	.3	.3
West urban	M	157.5	157.6	158.0	158.6	2.0	.6	.4	2.0	.3	.3
Size A - More than 1,250,000	M	156.0	156.2	156.5	157.2	2.1	.6	.4	2.0	.3	.2
Size C - 50,000 to 330,000 3/.....	M	162.7	162.9	163.5	164.1	2.6	.7	.4	2.5	.5	.4

Size classes

A 4/	M	143.5	143.6	143.9	144.4	2.1	.6	.3	2.1	.3	.2
B 3/	M	157.6	157.8	158.0	158.0	1.9	.1	.0	2.2	.3	.1
C 3/	M	159.2	159.1	159.4	160.0	2.2	.6	.4	2.2	.1	.2
D	M	155.7	155.8	156.0	156.6	1.7	.5	.4	1.8	.2	.1

Selected local areas

Chicago-Gary-Lake County, IL-IN-WI.....	M	156.0	156.0	156.7	156.4	2.1	.3	-.2	2.5	.4	.4
Los Angeles-Anaheim-Riverside, CA	M	153.8	153.8	154.0	154.7	1.3	.6	.5	1.4	.1	.1
N.Y.-Northern N.J.-Long Island, NY-NJ-CT Phil.-Wilmington-Trenton,	M	166.2	166.6	166.7	167.7	2.0	.7	.6	2.1	.3	.1
PA-NJ-DE-MD 5/	M	165.3	165.5	165.9	167.9	2.6	1.5	1.2	1.8	.4	.2
San Francisco-Oakland-San Jose, CA 5/ ..	M	157.0	157.5	158.1	158.6	3.1	.7	.3	3.3	.7	.4
Baltimore, MD 6/	1	-	155.6	-	155.6	.8	.0	-	-	-	-
Boston-Lawrence-Salem, MA-NH	1	-	165.8	-	166.2	2.5	.2	-	-	-	-
Cleveland-Akron-Lorain, OH	1	-	148.2	-	149.2	2.3	.7	-	-	-	-
Miami-Fort Lauderdale, FL	1	-	155.5	-	156.1	2.3	.4	-	-	-	-
St. Louis-East St. Louis, MO-IL 7/	1	-	152.5	-	154.0	2.6	1.0	-	-	-	-
Washington, DC-MD-VA 6/	1	-	160.2	-	161.1	1.8	.6	-	-	-	-
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	-

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.

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