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Note: Beginning with this report, the Consumer Price Indexes are being calculated on a revised basis, using 1993-95 expenditure patterns and updated population weights. In addition, changes have been made to the item classification and structure and a number of technical improvements have been made. Over the next two years, additional improvements also will be introduced. See page 4 for more revision information.

CONSUMER PRICE INDEX: JANUARY 1998

The Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers (CPI-U) rose 0.2 percent in January before seasonal adjustment to a level of 161.6 (1982-84=100), the Bureau of Labor Statistics of the U.S. Department of Labor reported today. For the 12-month period ended in January, the CPI-U has increased 1.6 percent.

The Consumer Price Index for Urban Wage Earners and Clerical Workers (CPI-W) rose 0.1 percent in January, prior to seasonal adjustment. The January 1998 CPI-W level of 158.4 was 1.3 percent higher than the index in January 1997.

CPI for All Urban Consumers (CPI-U)

On a seasonally adjusted basis, the CPI-U was unchanged in January, following increases of 0.1 percent in each of the preceding two months. The food index advanced 0.3 percent in January. Grocery store food

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

Expenditure Category	Seasonally adjusted							Un- Compound adjusted	
	Changes from preceding month							annual rate	12-mos.
	1997						1998	3-mos. ended	ended
	July	Aug.	Sep.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	Jan.'98	Jan.'98
All Items	.1	.2	.2	.2	.1	.1	.0	.7	1.6
Food and beverages	.3	.3	.1	.2	.2	.1	.3	2.0	2.2

Housing	.2	.1	.3	.3	.3	.1	.1	1.8	2.1
Apparel	.2	-.5	.2	.1	.1	.2	-.5	-1.2	.2
Transportation	-.1	.6	.3	.0	-.6	-.3	-.3	-4.6	-1.6
Medical care	.1	.2	.2	.2	.3	.3	.1	3.3	2.7
Recreation	-	-	-	-	-	-	.3	-	1.5
Education and communication	-	-	-	-	-	-	.0	-	2.6
Other goods and services	.3	.5	.3	.7	.4	.4	.4	5.0	5.1
Special indexes:									
Energy	-.4	1.5	.9	-.2	.0	-1.8	-2.4	-15.5	-6.5
Food	.3	.3	.1	.3	.1	.0	.3	1.8	2.2
All items less food and energy	.2	.1	.2	.2	.1	.2	.2	2.1	2.2

Note: Seasonal factors have been recalculated to reflect developments during 1997. For this reason, some of the seasonally adjusted figures above and elsewhere in this report differ from those previously published.

prices rose 0.4 percent in January, resulting from a sharp increase in prices for fruits and vegetables. The energy index, which fell 1.8 percent in December, declined 2.4 percent in January. The index for petroleum-based energy decreased 3.5 percent, and the index for energy services declined 1.5 percent. Excluding food and energy, the CPI-U rose 0.2 percent, the same as in December. The index for commodities less food and energy commodities rose 0.1 percent, and the index for services less energy services increased 0.2 percent in January.

The food and beverages index rose 0.3 percent in January. The index for grocery store food prices, which decreased 0.1 percent in December, rose 0.4 percent in January, due to a sharp turnaround in the index for fruits and vegetables--up 2.9 percent in January after registering a 0.4 percent decrease in December. The index for fresh vegetables rose 7.9 percent, while the index for fresh fruits declined 1.0 percent in January. The index for processed fruits and vegetables rose 1.6 percent. The index for dairy and related products increased 0.3 percent and was the only other major grocery food group to register an advance in January. The indexes for cereal and bakery products, for nonalcoholic beverages, and for meats, poultry, fish, and eggs each declined--down 0.1, 0.2, and 0.3 percent, respectively--while the index for other food at home was unchanged in January. Within the index for meats, poultry, fish, and eggs, prices for beef, pork, poultry, and egg prices all declined. The other two components of the food and beverage index--food away from home and alcoholic beverages--

-rose 0.1 and 0.2 percent, respectively.

The housing component, which was unchanged in December, rose 0.1 percent in January. Shelter costs rose 0.2 percent. Within shelter, rent and owners' equivalent rent each rose 0.2 percent, while lodging away from home decreased 0.2 percent. The index for fuel and utilities, which decreased 1.1 percent in December, fell 1.2 percent in January. The index for household fuels declined 1.6 percent, reflecting decreases of 2.7 percent each in the indexes for fuel oil and for natural gas and 1.0 percent in the index for electricity. The index for household furnishings and operation increased 0.2 percent in January.

The transportation component declined for the third consecutive month, down 0.3 percent in January. A drop in the index for motor fuels offset upturns in the indexes for public transportation and for new vehicles. The index for gasoline, which declined 1.6 percent in December, fell 3.6 percent in January. Gasoline prices have fallen 9.9 percent over the last 12 months and as of January were 18.2 percent lower than their peak level of November 1990. The index for new vehicle prices increased 0.1 percent, following declines in each of the preceding five months. (As of January, about 80 percent of the new vehicle sample was represented by 1998 models.) The index for used cars and trucks increased 0.1 percent. Public transportation costs rose 1.6 percent in January. The index for airline fares, which declined 3.9 and 1.4 percent in November and December, respectively, increased 2.7 percent in January.

The index for apparel decreased 0.5 percent in January, following a 0.2 percent rise in December. (Prior to seasonal adjustment, apparel prices fell 1.4 percent.)

Medical care costs rose 0.1 percent in January to a level 2.7 percent above a year ago. The index for medical care commodities--prescription drugs, nonprescription drugs, and medical supplies--rose 0.2 percent. The index for medical care services rose 0.1 percent. Charges for professional services increased 0.3 percent, while those for hospital and related services declined 0.1 percent.

Recreation costs rose 0.3 percent in January, reflecting a 1.7 percent rise in the index for cable television.

The index for education and communication was unchanged in January. A 0.4 percent increase in education costs was offset by a 0.4 percent decrease in communication costs. Within the communication category, the indexes for telephone services and for other information and information processing services each declined; the cost of cellular telephone services

fell 1.0 percent.

The index for other goods and services rose 0.4 percent in January, the same as in each of the two preceding months. The index for tobacco and smoking products rose 0.7 percent, and prices for personal care products increased 0.6 percent.

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

On a seasonally adjusted basis, the CPI for Urban Wage Earners and Clerical Workers was unchanged in January.

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 Jan.'98	Un- adjusted 12-mos. ended Jan.'98
	Changes from preceding month								
	July	Aug.	Sep.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Jan. 1998		
All Items	.1	.3	.2	.2	.1	.1	.0	.5	1.3
Food and beverages	.3	.3	.1	.3	.1	.0	.3	1.8	2.0
Housing	.2	.1	.3	.3	.3	.0	.0	1.3	2.0
Apparel	.2	-.5	.2	.0	.0	.0	-.5	-2.1	.0
Transportation	-.1	.7	.2	-.1	-.6	-.3	-.5	-5.2	-2.0
Medical care	.1	.2	.2	.2	.3	.4	.2	3.3	2.7
Recreation	-	-	-	-	-	-	.3	-	1.6
Education and communication	-	-	-	-	-	-	-.1	-	2.6
Other goods and services	.3	.4	.5	.7	.4	.4	.5	5.4	5.3
Special indexes:									
Energy	-.4	1.7	.9	-.2	-.2	-1.9	-2.5	-16.8	-7.1
Food	.3	.3	.1	.2	.2	-.1	.4	2.0	2.0
All items less food and energy	.2	.0	.2	.2	.1	.2	.2	1.9	2.1

Consumer Price Index data for February are scheduled for release on Thursday, March 19, 1998, at 8:30 A.M. (EST).

CPI (Old Series)

For the first six months of 1998, BLS also will calculate Old

Series CPI-U and Old Series CPI-W based on the 1982-84 expenditure pattern used in the CPI from 1987 through 1997. These Old Series data are contained in tables 1(OS)-4(OS). From December 1997 to January 1998, the Old Series CPI-U rose 0.2 percent and the Old Series CPI-W rose 0.1 percent. Note these series are not seasonally adjusted.

Overview of Publication Changes

Beginning in 1998, the Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS) has introduced a new geographic area sample, a revised item structure and updated expenditure weights into the Consumer Price Index (CPI). Approximately every ten years the CPI undertakes this type of revision in order to keep the index up-to-date. Since World War II, revisions of the CPI have been introduced in 1953, 1964, 1978, and 1987.

Because the changes the CPI undergoes during each revision can have a major impact on our users, special steps are taken in order to ameliorate the effects of these changes. Beginning with the release of the January, 1997 index, data series that are changing or being dropped from publication have been footnoted in all BLS published tables. This provided an early warning to users to reconsider their use of those indexes and provided time for them to make changes in their use. The 1998 CPI Revision contains substantial changes in both the items being presented and the frequency of local area index publication.

Changes to the Item Structure

Effective in 1998, there are considerable changes to both the items being priced and the manner in which they are being aggregated in the CPI. The most notable change in presentation is a reconstruction of several major groups with a resulting change from the currently available seven major groups to the new total of eight.

Currently the major groups are: Food and Beverages, Housing, Apparel and Upkeep, Transportation, Medical Care, Entertainment and Other Goods and Services. Three of these groups-- Food and Beverages, Transportation,

and Medical care will remain the same. The Apparel group was modified to exclude apparel upkeep products and services. The Entertainment group has been slightly redefined into a major group called Recreation and a new major group, Education and Communication, has been formed from past subelements of the Housing, Entertainment and Other Goods and Services groups

Other important changes in our item structure at lower levels are an expansion of our Food Away from Home index, a reorientation of our car and truck indexes to a vehicle index, and the expansion of our information processing equipment index.

For a complete listing of the new CPI Publication Structure see Table X.

Changes to the Geographic Structure

In each revision, the CPI geographic sample is selected to be representative of the current demographics of the United States. The 1998 revision utilizes the 1990 Census of population. The CPI developed an updated area sample design, decided on new local area indexes and changed the frequency of publication for local area indexes in order to better reflect these new demographics.

In addition to the national index, the BLS formerly published indexes for 29 metropolitan areas. In 1998, it continues to publish indexes for all but two of these areas--Buffalo-Niagara Falls, NY, and New Orleans, LA. Due to the revised Metropolitan Area (MA) definitions issued by the Office of Management and Budget(OMB), two other areas, Washington, DC, and Baltimore, MD, which the BLS formerly published separately, constitute a new Consolidated Metropolitan Statistical Area. A single index will be published for this consolidated area.

The new publication plan for local area indexes, that began with the index for January, 1998, is summarized below:

* Monthly indexes are now published for the three

largest metropolitan areas. Because of sample design considerations, indexes for the Philadelphia and San Francisco areas, both formerly published monthly, are now published every other month following the release of the December 1997 index.

* Bimonthly indexes will be published for the next 11 largest areas, including Atlanta and Seattle, which used to have semiannual average indexes.

* Semiannual average indexes are now published for 12 additional areas, including Pittsburgh and St. Louis, which formerly had bimonthly indexes.

* The BLS continues to publish separate indexes for the four Census regions of the United States. However, beginning in 1998, there will only be two area size classes for metropolitan areas, instead of the current three: Size A - areas with a population greater than 1.5 million; and Size B/C - areas with less than 1.5 million population. This cutoff of 1.5 million in population reflects a rise from the current cutoff of 1.2 million and is important since cities in size class A are those for which the Bureau publishes city level indexes. The B/C size class is a combination of the old Size B and Size C metropolitan areas. In addition to the two metropolitan area size indexes for each region, separate Size D indexes for urban non-metropolitan areas continue to be published for both the Midwest and the South. Separate indexes for Northeast and West urban nonmetropolitan areas were discontinued in 1987.

The following is the full list of areas for which indexes are currently published, beginning in January, 1998:

1. Metropolitan Areas for which a local index is published monthly:

New York-Northern New Jersey-Long Island, NY-NJ-CT-PA
Chicago-Gary-Kenosha, IL-IN-WI
Los Angeles-Riverside-Orange County, CA

2. Metropolitan Areas for which a local index is published bimonthly:

In Odd Months (i.e. January,
March, etc.)

In Even Months (i.e.
February, April, etc.)

Boston-Brockton-Nashua, MA-NH-
ME-CT

Philadelphia-Wilmington-
Atlantic City, PA-NJ-DE-MD

Washington-Baltimore, DC-MD-
VA-WV

San Francisco-Oakland-San
Jose, CA

Cleveland-Akron, OH

Houston-Galveston-Brazoria, TX

Atlanta, GA

Detroit-Ann Arbor-Flint, MI

Dallas-Fort Worth, TX

Miami-Fort Lauderdale, FL

Seattle-Tacoma-Bremerton, WA

3. Metropolitan Areas for which a local index is published
semiannually (In January and July)

Pittsburgh, PA
Kansas City, MO-KS
Minneapolis-St. Paul, MN-WI
Tampa-St. Petersburg-Clearwater, FL
Denver-Boulder-Greeley, CO
Portland-Salem, OR-WA

Cincinnati-Hamilton, OH-KY-IN
Milwaukee-Racine, WI
St. Louis, MO-IL
Anchorage, AK
Honolulu, HI
San Diego, CA

A note on seasonally adjusted data

Beginning with release of seasonal adjustment factors for 1997 in February 1998, seasonal adjustment will be performed using X-12-ARIMA. X-12-ARIMA is a seasonal adjustment software package developed by the U.S. Department of Commerce, Bureau of the Census. The X-12-ARIMA seasonal adjustment program is an enhanced version of the X-11 Variant of the Census Method II seasonal adjustment program. The enhancements include a variety of new diagnostics and modeling tools to help the user detect and remedy any inadequacies in the seasonal adjustments obtained under the program options selected.

In addition, seasonally adjusted data for some index series have been affected by changes to the CPI publication structure introduced with data for January 1998. A detailed presentation of these impacts will be presented in the

January 1998 issue of the CPI Detailed Report.

BLS to Maintain Current Reference Base of 1982-84=100 for most CPI index series

The Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS) previously indicated its intention to change the numerical reference base for both the Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers (CPI-U) and the Consumer Price Index for Urban Wage Earners and Clerical Workers (CPI-W) from their present 1982-84=100 base to a 1993-95=100 base, effective with release of the January 1999 index in February 1999. BLS also indicated that the alternate, or 1967=100 base, would be discontinued in 1999 as well. This plan was initially described in the December 1996 Monthly Labor Review, a publication which contained several articles that dealt with the 1998 CPI Revision.

The BLS has now decided not to implement this rebasing plan. Instead, the BLS will maintain the reference base of 1982-84=100 used for most items. In addition, the 1967=100 reference base will continue to be the alternate base for the All Items indexes. This decision is based in part on the fact that historical data have less precision after rebasing. Rebasing is simply an arithmetic transformation that does not substantively impact the index. Because the rebased index values are smaller, however, the loss of precision due to rounding is more serious. In addition, retaining the old index reference bases would spare users the inconvenience associated with conversion.

Changes in the numerical reference base should not be confused with the plans by BLS to update the market basket of the CPI. With release of the January CPI in February 1998, the expenditure weights applied to CPI categories will be based on consumer spending patterns for 1993-95.

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) has introduced an improved quality adjustment technique in the new stratum of the

Consumer Price Index (CPI) called Personal Computers and Peripheral Equipment.

Formerly, personal computers were part of the Information Processing Equipment stratum. As previously announced, beginning with the CPI for January 1998, Information Processing Equipment became an expenditure class entitled Information and Information Processing Other Than Telephone Services. Personal Computers and Peripheral Equipment are 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 is made. The value of the improvement, as derived from the PPI regression estimates, is deducted from the observed price change for the product. (Conversely, if a model deteriorates, the value of the difference is added to the price.)

Additional information on these changes was 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)

CPI-U	Relative importance, December 1997	Unadjusted indexes		Unadjusted percent change to Jan. 1998 from		Seasonally adjusted percent change from-		
		Dec. 1997	Jan. 1998	Jan. 1997	Dec. 1997	Oct. to Nov.	Nov. to Dec.	Dec. to Jan.
Expenditure category								
All items	100.000	161.3	161.6	1.6	0.2	0.1	0.1	0.0
All items (1967=100)	-	483.2	484.2	-	-	-	-	-
Food and beverages	16.310	159.1	160.3	2.2	0.8	0.2	0.1	0.3
Food	15.326	158.7	159.9	2.2	0.8	0.1	0.0	0.3
Food at home	9.646	159.2	161.0	2.0	1.1	0.1	-0.1	0.4
Cereals and bakery products	1.536	178.4	179.0	1.4	0.3	0.1	0.2	-0.1
Meats, poultry, fish, and eggs	2.629	148.4	148.3	-0.9	-0.1	0.1	-0.6	-0.3
Dairy and related products (1).....	1.037	147.8	148.3	0.3	0.3	0.9	0.5	0.3
Fruits and vegetables	1.394	191.3	202.1	7.9	5.6	0.3	-0.4	2.9
Nonalcoholic beverages and beverage materials	1.077	133.1	134.1	4.5	0.8	-0.9	-0.7	-0.2
Other food at home	1.972	147.7	148.7	2.7	0.7	-0.3	0.1	0.0
Sugar and sweets .....	.377	147.9	150.3	2.3	1.6	0.3	0.4	0.5
Fats and oils .....	.291	140.3	140.5	-1.3	0.1	-0.2	0.1	-1.1
Other foods	1.305	162.8	163.6	2.6	0.5	0.1	0.6	0.1
Other miscellaneous foods (1) (2).....	.309	100.0	100.4	-	0.4	-	-	0.4
Food away from home (1).....	5.680	159.0	159.2	2.5	0.1	0.3	0.3	0.1
Other food away from home (1) (2).....	.172	100.0	100.1	-	0.1	-	-	0.1
Alcoholic beverages .....	.983	164.0	164.6	2.2	0.4	0.2	0.2	0.2
Housing	39.560	157.7	158.3	2.1	0.4	0.3	0.1	0.1
Shelter	29.788	178.1	179.2	3.2	0.6	0.2	0.4	0.2
Rent of primary residence	6.885	169.1	169.5	3.1	0.2	0.2	0.3	0.2
Lodging away from home (2).....	2.327	100.0	105.1	-	5.1	-	-	-0.2
Owners' equivalent rent of primary residence (3).....	20.199	184.7	185.1	3.1	0.2	0.3	0.3	0.2
Tenants' and household insurance (1) (2)..	.377	100.0	100.3	-	0.3	-	-	0.3
Fuels and utilities	4.942	130.0	128.8	-1.5	-0.9	0.8	-1.1	-1.2
Fuels	4.018	115.8	114.5	-3.9	-1.1	1.5	-2.0	-1.6
Fuel oil and other fuels .....	.261	97.2	96.4	-13.5	-0.8	0.1	-0.4	-2.1
Gas (piped) and electricity	3.757	123.0	121.6	-2.6	-1.1	1.6	-2.2	-1.5
Household furnishings and operations	4.831	125.1	125.6	0.6	0.4	0.1	0.0	0.2

Apparel	4.944	131.6	129.8	0.2	-1.4	0.1	0.2	-0.5
Men's and boys' apparel	1.390	131.2	129.8	2.2	-1.1	-0.2	0.6	0.2
Women's and girls' apparel	1.990	123.6	120.2	-1.1	-2.8	0.4	-0.4	-1.0
Infants' and toddlers' apparel (1).....	.268	125.8	124.8	-2.4	-0.8	-0.2	-0.2	-0.8
Footwear .....	.895	128.2	127.4	1.9	-0.6	-0.3	0.8	-0.5
Transportation	17.578	143.2	142.7	-1.6	-0.3	-0.6	-0.3	-0.3
Private transportation	16.240	140.0	139.3	-1.8	-0.5	-0.5	-0.3	-0.5
New and used motor vehicles (2).....	7.899	100.0	100.2	-1.5	0.2	-	-	0.1
New vehicles	5.063	144.1	144.4	-0.7	0.2	-0.2	-0.2	0.1
Used cars and trucks (1).....	1.880	147.9	148.1	-4.3	0.1	-0.2	0.2	0.1
Motor fuel	2.995	101.9	97.8	-9.9	-4.0	-1.8	-1.5	-3.7
Gasoline (all types)	2.976	101.3	97.2	-9.9	-4.0	-2.0	-1.6	-3.6
Motor vehicle parts and equipment .....	.560	101.4	101.3	-1.1	-0.1	0.0	-0.2	-0.3
Motor vehicle maintenance and repair	1.603	164.7	165.0	2.4	0.2	0.2	0.5	0.2
Public transportation	1.338	184.3	187.1	0.7	1.5	-1.8	-0.2	1.6
Medical care	5.614	237.1	238.1	2.7	0.4	0.3	0.3	0.1
Medical care commodities	1.222	216.8	217.6	2.3	0.4	0.2	0.5	0.2
Medical care services	4.392	241.8	242.9	2.8	0.5	0.3	0.3	0.1
Professional services	2.808	217.5	218.5	3.0	0.5	0.2	0.3	0.3
Hospital and related services	1.334	282.5	283.5	2.8	0.4	0.4	0.5	-0.1
Recreation (2).....	6.145	100.0	100.3	1.5	0.3	-	-	0.3
Video and audio (1) (2).....	1.763	100.0	100.6	2.5	0.6	0.4	-0.3	0.6
Education and communication (2).....	5.528	100.0	99.9	2.6	-0.1	-	-	0.0
Education (2).....	2.615	100.0	100.3	5.0	0.3	-	-	0.4
Educational books and supplies .....	.194	242.8	245.1	4.5	0.9	0.3	0.4	-0.2
Tuition, other school fees, and childcare	2.421	288.5	289.2	5.1	0.2	0.4	0.4	0.5
Communication (1) (2).....	2.913	100.0	99.6	-0.9	-0.4	0.1	-0.1	-0.4
Information and information processing (1) (2).....	2.706	100.0	99.6	-0.9	-0.4	0.1	-0.1	-0.4
Telephone services (1) (2).....	2.357	100.0	99.9	-	-0.1	-	-	-0.1
Information and information processing other than telephone services (1) (4) .....	.350	47.4	46.2	-13.6	-2.5	-2.7	-0.4	-2.5
Personal computers and peripheral equipment (1) (2).....	.234	100.0	96.9	-	-3.1	-	-	-3.1
Other goods and services	4.321	230.1	231.3	5.1	0.5	0.4	0.4	0.4
Tobacco and smoking products .....	.894	251.2	253.8	7.4	1.0	0.3	0.7	0.7
Personal care (1).....	3.427	154.0	154.6	2.0	0.4	0.7	-0.2	0.4
Personal care products (1).....	.737	145.3	146.1	1.7	0.6	1.1	-0.5	0.6
Personal care services (1).....	.963	163.9	164.3	2.2	0.2	0.1	0.2	0.2

Miscellaneous personal services	1.465	230.0	230.9	5.2	0.4	0.3	0.5	0.2
Commodity and service group								
Commodities	42.635	141.7	141.6	0.1	-0.1	0.0	-0.1	-0.1
Food and beverages	16.310	159.1	160.3	2.2	0.8	0.2	0.1	0.3
Commodities less food and beverages	26.326	131.2	130.5	-1.2	-0.5	-0.2	-0.2	-0.4
Nondurables less food and beverages	14.729	133.5	132.0	-1.3	-1.1	-0.2	-0.1	-1.1
Apparel	4.944	131.6	129.8	0.2	-1.4	0.1	0.2	-0.5
Nondurables less food, beverages, and apparel	9.785	139.5	138.1	-2.1	-1.0	-0.4	-0.4	-1.2
Durables	11.596	128.0	128.2	-1.2	0.2	-0.2	-0.2	0.2
Services	57.365	181.0	181.8	2.7	0.4	0.2	0.2	0.1
Rent of shelter (3).....	29.410	185.3	186.5	3.3	0.6	0.3	0.4	0.2
Transportation services	6.984	186.0	187.1	2.0	0.6	-0.4	0.1	0.6
Other services	10.625	213.1	213.7	3.8	0.3	0.1	0.4	0.2
Special indexes								
All items less food	84.674	161.8	161.9	1.4	0.1	0.1	0.1	-0.1
All items less shelter	70.212	156.4	156.4	0.9	0.0	0.1	-0.1	-0.1
All items less medical care	94.386	157.0	157.3	1.5	0.2	0.1	0.0	0.0
Commodities less food	27.309	132.6	131.9	-1.1	-0.5	-0.1	-0.1	-0.4
Nondurables less food	15.712	135.3	133.9	-1.1	-1.0	-0.2	-0.1	-0.9
Nondurables less food and apparel	10.768	141.0	139.8	-1.5	-0.9	-0.4	-0.3	-1.1
Nondurables	31.039	146.5	146.2	0.5	-0.2	0.1	-0.1	-0.2
Services less rent of shelter (3).....	27.955	189.5	189.9	2.2	0.2	0.2	0.0	-0.1
Services less medical care services	52.973	175.4	176.1	2.7	0.4	0.2	0.2	0.1
Energy	7.013	108.4	105.9	-6.5	-2.3	0.0	-1.8	-2.4
All items less energy	92.987	168.3	169.0	2.2	0.4	0.1	0.2	0.2
All items less food and energy	77.661	170.7	171.2	2.2	0.3	0.1	0.2	0.2
Commodities less food and energy commodities	24.053	142.1	142.0	0.4	-0.1	0.1	0.0	0.1
Energy commodities	3.256	101.6	97.8	-10.4	-3.7	-1.5	-1.4	-3.5
Services less energy services	53.608	186.9	187.9	3.0	0.5	0.2	0.3	0.2
Purchasing power of the consumer dollar	-	\$.620	\$.619	-	-	-	-	-
Purchasing power of the consumer dollar - old base	-	\$.207	\$.207	-	-	-	-	-

1 Not seasonally adjusted.

2 Indexes on a December 1997=100 base.

3 Indexes on a December 1982=100 base.

4 Indexes on a December 1988=100 base.

- 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)

CPI-U	Seasonally adjusted indexes				Seasonally adjusted annual rate percent change for					
					3 months ended--				6 months ended--	
	Oct. 1997	Nov. 1997	Dec. 1997	Jan. 1998	Apr. 1997	July 1997	Oct. 1997	Jan. 1998	July 1997	Jan. 1998
Expenditure category										
All items	161.6	161.8	161.9	161.9	1.5	1.5	2.5	0.7	1.5	1.6
Food and beverages	158.9	159.2	159.3	159.7	1.0	3.1	2.6	2.0	2.1	2.3
Food	158.7	158.9	158.9	159.4	1.0	3.1	2.8	1.8	2.1	2.3
Food at home	159.3	159.5	159.3	159.9	0.0	3.9	2.6	1.5	1.9	2.0
Cereals and bakery products	178.6	178.8	179.1	179.0	-0.5	3.0	2.0	0.9	1.2	1.5
Meats, poultry, fish, and eggs	148.5	148.6	147.7	147.3	-1.6	3.6	-2.1	-3.2	0.9	-2.7
Dairy and related products (1).....	145.7	147.0	147.8	148.3	-5.6	-6.4	6.9	7.3	-6.0	7.1
Fruits and vegetables	191.1	191.7	190.9	196.5	1.1	8.1	10.0	11.8	4.5	10.9
Nonalcoholic beverages and beverage materials	136.5	135.3	134.3	134.0	9.4	19.3	-1.5	-7.1	14.2	-4.3
Other food at home	148.9	148.5	148.7	148.7	4.5	6.7	0.8	-0.5	5.6	0.1
Sugar and sweets	148.2	148.7	149.3	150.0	2.2	3.6	-1.3	4.9	2.9	1.8
Fats and oils	141.6	141.3	141.5	140.0	0.6	-3.1	2.0	-4.4	-1.3	-1.3
Other foods	162.4	162.5	163.4	163.6	3.3	1.3	3.0	3.0	2.3	3.0
Other miscellaneous foods (1) (2).....	-	-	100.0	100.4	-	-	-	-	-	-
Food away from home (1).....	158.2	158.6	159.0	159.2	2.3	2.3	2.8	2.6	2.3	2.7
Other food away from home (1) (2).....	-	-	100.0	100.1	-	-	-	-	-	-
Alcoholic beverages	163.8	164.1	164.5	164.9	1.2	2.7	2.0	2.7	2.0	2.3
Housing	157.7	158.2	158.3	158.4	1.6	2.6	2.3	1.8	2.1	2.1
Shelter	177.6	178.0	178.7	179.0	3.0	3.2	3.2	3.2	3.1	3.2
Rent of primary residence	168.2	168.6	169.1	169.5	2.7	3.2	3.4	3.1	2.9	3.3
Lodging away from home (2).....	-	-	100.0	99.8	-	-	-	-	-	-

Owners' equivalent rent of primary residence (3).....	183.4	183.9	184.5	184.9	2.9	3.4	2.7	3.3	3.1	3.0
Tenants' and household insurance (1) (2) ..	-	-	100.0	100.3	-	-	-	-	-	-
Fuels and utilities	131.0	132.1	130.7	129.1	-3.0	1.5	1.2	-5.7	-0.8	-2.3
Fuels	116.7	118.4	116.0	114.2	-6.9	-0.7	1.0	-8.3	-3.8	-3.7
Fuel oil and other fuels	96.4	96.5	96.1	94.1	-26.3	-13.2	-4.0	-9.2	-20.0	-6.7
Gas (piped) and electricity	124.4	126.4	123.6	121.8	-4.4	1.0	1.6	-8.1	-1.8	-3.4
Household furnishings and operations	125.3	125.4	125.4	125.7	0.6	1.0	-0.6	1.3	0.8	0.3
Apparel	132.9	133.0	133.2	132.5	3.1	0.3	-1.2	-1.2	1.7	-1.2
Men's and boys' apparel	131.2	130.9	131.7	132.0	3.1	1.2	2.2	2.5	2.2	2.3
Women's and girls' apparel	125.6	126.1	125.6	124.4	2.9	0.3	-2.8	-3.8	1.6	-3.3
Infants' and toddlers' apparel (1).....	126.2	126.0	125.8	124.8	19.4	-7.0	-14.7	-4.4	5.4	-9.7
Footwear	128.9	128.5	129.5	128.8	2.9	0.3	4.8	-0.3	1.6	2.2
Transportation	144.7	143.9	143.5	143.0	-1.4	-3.3	3.4	-4.6	-2.3	-0.7
Private transportation	141.4	140.7	140.3	139.6	-1.7	-3.6	3.5	-5.0	-2.7	-0.9
New and used motor vehicles (2).....	-	-	100.0	100.1	-	-	-	-	-	-
New vehicles	144.0	143.7	143.4	143.6	0.6	-0.8	-1.1	-1.1	-0.1	-1.1
Used cars and trucks (1).....	147.9	147.6	147.9	148.1	-1.0	-10.9	-5.2	0.5	-6.1	-2.4
Motor fuel	107.0	105.1	103.5	99.7	-14.0	-15.8	20.6	-24.6	-14.9	-4.6
Gasoline (all types)	106.8	104.7	103.0	99.3	-14.4	-16.3	23.1	-25.3	-15.3	-4.1
Motor vehicle parts and equipment	101.5	101.5	101.3	101.0	-0.8	2.4	-3.8	-2.0	0.8	-2.9
Motor vehicle maintenance and repair	163.6	163.9	164.7	165.0	2.0	3.0	1.2	3.5	2.5	2.3
Public transportation	189.6	186.1	185.8	188.8	1.5	-1.1	4.3	-1.7	0.2	1.3
Medical care	236.3	237.1	237.9	238.2	3.0	2.2	2.2	3.3	2.6	2.7
Medical care commodities	215.9	216.4	217.4	217.8	3.4	1.9	0.4	3.6	2.6	2.0
Medical care services	240.8	241.6	242.4	242.6	2.9	2.4	2.7	3.0	2.6	2.9
Professional services	217.1	217.5	218.1	218.7	3.8	2.4	2.6	3.0	3.1	2.8
Hospital and related services	280.5	281.5	282.8	282.6	3.1	2.3	2.9	3.0	2.7	3.0
Recreation (2).....	-	-	100.0	100.3	-	-	-	-	-	-
Video and audio (1) (2).....	99.9	100.3	100.0	100.6	1.2	6.2	0.0	2.8	3.7	1.4
Education and communication (2).....	-	-	100.0	100.0	-	-	-	-	-	-
Education (2).....	-	-	100.0	100.4	-	-	-	-	-	-
Educational books and supplies	242.1	242.8	243.8	243.2	5.1	7.0	4.6	1.8	6.0	3.2
Tuition, other school fees, and childcare	284.4	285.6	286.8	288.1	4.9	5.4	4.9	5.3	5.2	5.1
Communication (1) (2).....	100.0	100.1	100.0	99.6	0.4	0.0	-2.4	-1.6	0.2	-2.0
Information and information processing (1) (2).....	100.0	100.1	100.0	99.6	0.4	0.4	-2.8	-1.6	0.4	-2.2
Telephone services (1) (2).....	-	-	100.0	99.9	-	-	-	-	-	-
Information and information processing other than telephone services (1) (4)	48.9	47.6	47.4	46.2	-14.8	-16.7	-1.6	-20.3	-15.8	-11.5

Personal computers and peripheral equipment (1) (2).....	-	-	100.0	96.9	-	-	-	-	-	-
Other goods and services	229.0	229.9	230.8	231.8	6.5	2.9	6.2	5.0	4.7	5.6
Tobacco and smoking products	249.5	250.3	252.1	253.8	12.7	-2.1	12.2	7.1	5.1	9.6
Personal care (1).....	153.3	154.3	154.0	154.6	2.9	-0.3	1.8	3.4	1.3	2.6
Personal care products (1).....	144.5	146.1	145.3	146.1	2.5	-2.2	2.2	4.5	0.1	3.4
Personal care services (1).....	163.4	163.5	163.9	164.3	3.3	1.2	2.2	2.2	2.3	2.2
Miscellaneous personal services	229.3	230.1	231.2	231.6	6.3	6.2	4.5	4.1	6.3	4.3
Commodity and service group										
Commodities	142.3	142.3	142.1	141.9	0.0	-0.6	2.3	-1.1	-0.3	0.6
Food and beverages	158.9	159.2	159.3	159.7	1.0	3.1	2.6	2.0	2.1	2.3
Commodities less food and beverages	132.3	132.0	131.8	131.3	-0.6	-3.0	2.1	-3.0	-1.8	-0.5
Nondurables less food and beverages	135.1	134.8	134.6	133.1	-1.8	-1.8	3.6	-5.8	-1.8	-1.2
Apparel	132.9	133.0	133.2	132.5	3.1	0.3	-1.2	-1.2	1.7	-1.2
Nondurables less food, beverages, and apparel	141.3	140.7	140.2	138.5	-2.8	-4.2	7.1	-7.7	-3.5	-0.6
Durables	128.1	127.9	127.7	128.0	-0.3	-2.1	-1.5	-0.3	-1.2	-0.9
Services	181.0	181.4	181.7	181.9	3.0	2.9	2.7	2.0	3.0	2.3
Rent of shelter (3).....	185.1	185.6	186.3	186.6	3.1	3.1	3.3	3.3	3.1	3.3
Transportation services	186.5	185.7	185.9	187.1	3.3	1.7	2.0	1.3	2.5	1.6
Other services	212.4	212.7	213.5	214.0	4.5	4.3	3.1	3.0	4.4	3.1
Special indexes										
All items less food	162.0	162.2	162.3	162.2	1.5	1.3	2.5	0.5	1.4	1.5
All items less shelter	156.8	156.9	156.8	156.7	1.0	0.8	2.3	-0.3	0.9	1.0
All items less medical care	157.2	157.4	157.4	157.4	1.3	1.6	2.6	0.5	1.4	1.5
Commodities less food	133.7	133.5	133.3	132.8	-0.6	-2.7	2.1	-2.7	-1.6	-0.3
Nondurables less food	136.8	136.5	136.3	135.1	-1.2	-1.5	3.3	-4.9	-1.3	-0.9
Nondurables less food and apparel	142.6	142.1	141.7	140.2	-2.5	-3.1	6.4	-6.6	-2.8	-0.3
Nondurables	147.0	147.2	147.1	146.8	-1.1	0.8	2.8	-0.5	-0.1	1.1
Services less rent of shelter (3).....	189.6	190.0	190.0	189.9	2.4	3.2	2.1	0.6	2.8	1.4
Services less medical care services	175.4	175.8	176.1	176.3	2.8	3.0	2.8	2.1	2.9	2.4
Energy	111.3	111.3	109.3	106.7	-10.4	-7.4	9.1	-15.5	-8.9	-4.0
All items less energy	168.4	168.6	168.9	169.2	2.4	2.2	2.2	1.9	2.3	2.0
All items less food and energy	170.8	171.0	171.4	171.7	2.9	1.9	1.9	2.1	2.4	2.0
Commodities less food and energy commodities	142.4	142.5	142.5	142.6	1.7	-0.6	0.0	0.6	0.6	0.3
Energy commodities	105.9	104.3	102.8	99.2	-15.6	-15.6	17.6	-23.0	-15.6	-4.9
Services less energy services	186.7	187.0	187.6	188.0	3.3	3.1	2.8	2.8	3.2	2.8

1 Not seasonally adjusted.

2 Indexes on a December 1997=100 base.

3 Indexes on a December 1982=100 base.

4 Indexes on a December 1988=100 base.

- Data not available.

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Table 3. Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers (CPI-U): Selected areas, all items index

(1982-84=100, unless otherwise noted)

CPI-U	Pricing sched- ule (1)	All items									
		Indexes				Percent change to Jan.1998 from--			Percent change to Dec.1997 from--		
		Oct. 1997	Nov. 1997	Dec. 1997	Jan. 1998	Jan. 1997	Nov. 1997	Dec. 1997	Dec. 1996	Oct. 1997	Nov. 1997
U.S. city average	M	161.6	161.5	161.3	161.6	1.6	0.1	0.2	1.7	-0.2	-0.1
Region and area size(2)											
Northeast urban	M	168.7	168.5	168.4	168.8	1.6	0.2	0.2	1.6	-0.2	-0.1
Size A - More than 1,500,000	M	169.5	169.3	169.1	169.5	1.6	0.1	0.2	1.7	-0.2	-0.1
Size B/C 50,000 to 1,500,000 (3).....	M	101.4	101.3	101.3	101.6	1.6	0.3	0.3	1.3	-0.1	0.0
Midwest urban (4).....	M	157.7	157.7	157.3	157.6	1.4	-0.1	0.2	1.3	-0.3	-0.3
Size A - More than 1,500,000	M	158.4	158.4	158.1	158.5	1.6	0.1	0.3	1.7	-0.2	-0.2
Size B/C - 50,000 to 1,500,000 (3).....	M	101.3	101.3	101.0	101.2	1.2	-0.1	0.2	1.0	-0.3	-0.3
Size D - Nonmetropolitan (less than 50,000)	M	153.2	153.7	153.0	152.9	0.5	-0.5	-0.1	0.7	-0.1	-0.5
South urban	M	157.8	157.8	157.3	157.6	1.2	-0.1	0.2	1.4	-0.3	-0.3
Size A - More than 1,500,000	M	156.7	156.4	156.3	156.6	1.1	0.1	0.2	1.5	-0.3	-0.1
Size B/C - 50,000 to 1,500,000 (3).....	M	101.8	101.9	101.3	101.5	1.2	-0.4	0.2	1.3	-0.5	-0.6
Size D - Nonmetropolitan (less than 50,000)	M	156.9	157.1	157.0	157.5	1.7	0.3	0.3	1.7	0.1	-0.1
West urban	M	162.8	162.8	162.8	163.0	2.1	0.1	0.1	2.6	0.0	0.0
Size A - More than 1,500,000	M	163.1	162.8	163.1	163.3	2.3	0.3	0.1	2.8	0.0	0.2
Size B/C - 50,000 to 1,500,000 (3).....	M	102.1	102.4	102.0	102.3	1.9	-0.1	0.3	2.0	-0.1	-0.4
Size classes											
A (5).....	M	146.0	145.8	145.7	146.0	1.7	0.1	0.2	2.0	-0.2	-0.1

B/C (3).....	M	101.7	101.7	101.4	101.6	1.4	-0.1	0.2	1.4	-0.3	-0.3
D	M	157.6	157.8	157.5	157.7	1.2	-0.1	0.1	1.3	-0.1	-0.2

Selected local areas(6)

Chicago-Gary-Kenosha, IL-IN-WI	M	162.5	162.9	162.8	162.8	1.5	-0.1	0.0	1.9	0.2	-0.1
Los Angeles-Riverside-Orange County, CA	M	161.1	160.7	161.2	161.0	1.2	0.2	-0.1	1.8	0.1	0.3
New York-Northern N.J.-Long Island, NY-NJ-CT-PA	M	172.3	172.0	171.9	172.1	1.8	0.1	0.1	2.0	-0.2	-0.1
Boston-Brockton-Nashua, MA-NH-ME-CT	1	-	169.4	-	171.2	2.1	1.1	-	-	-	-
Cleveland-Akron, OH	1	-	157.1	-	158.2	2.9	0.7	-	-	-	-
Dallas-Fort Worth, TX	1	152.8	-	152.5	152.1	-	-	-0.3	1.7	-0.2	-
Washington-Baltimore, DC-MD-VA-WV (7).....	1	-	100.5	-	101.0	0.6	0.5	-	-	-	-
Atlanta, GA	2	-	-	159.4	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Detroit-Ann Arbor-Flint, MI	2	157.9	-	157.1	-	-	-	-	1.8	-0.5	-
Houston-Galveston-Brazoria, TX	2	147.3	-	145.6	-	-	-	-	1.4	-1.2	-
Miami-Fort Lauderdale, FL	2	-	159.5	159.3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-0.1
Philadelphia-Wilmington-Atlantic City, PA-NJ-DE-MD	2	167.7	166.4	166.4	-	-	-	-	1.3	-0.8	0.0
San Francisco-Oakland-San Jose, CA	2	162.5	162.6	162.6	-	-	-	-	4.2	0.1	0.0
Seattle-Tacoma-Bremerton, WA	2	-	-	165.0	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

- 1 Areas on pricing schedule 2 (see Table 10) will appear next month.
- 2 Regions defined as the four Census regions. See map in technical notes.
- 3 Indexes on a December 1996=100 base.
- 4 The 'North Central' region has been renamed the 'Midwest' region by the Census Bureau. It is composed of the same geographic entities.
- 5 Indexes on a December 1986=100 base.
- 6 In addition, the following metropolitan areas are published semiannually and appear in Tables 34 and 39 of the January and July issues of the CPI Detailed Report: Anchorage, AK; Cincinnati-Hamilton, OH-KY-IN; Denver-Boulder-Greeley, CO; Honolulu, HI; Kansas City, MO-KS; Milwaukee-Racine, WI; Minneapolis-St. Paul, MN-WI; Pittsburgh, PA; Portland-Salem, OR-WA; St. Louis, MO-IL; San Diego, CA; Tampa-St. Petersburg-Clearwater, FL.
- 7 Indexes on a November 1996=100 base.
- Data not available.

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

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)

CPI-W	Relative importance, December 1997	Unadjusted indexes		Unadjusted percent change to Jan. 1998 from		Seasonally adjusted percent change from-		
		Dec. 1997	Jan. 1998	Jan. 1997	Dec. 1997	Oct. to Nov.	Nov. to Dec.	Dec. to Jan.
Expenditure category								
All items	100.000	158.2	158.4	1.3	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.0
All items (1967=100)	-	471.3	471.9	-	-	-	-	-
Food and beverages	17.903	158.5	159.6	2.0	0.7	0.1	0.0	0.3
Food	16.861	158.1	159.3	2.0	0.8	0.2	-0.1	0.4
Food at home	10.785	158.2	159.9	1.8	1.1	0.1	-0.2	0.4
Cereals and bakery products	1.678	178.1	178.8	1.5	0.4	0.2	0.2	-0.2
Meats, poultry, fish, and eggs	3.125	148.0	148.0	-0.9	0.0	0.1	-0.5	-0.3
Dairy and related products (1).....	1.135	147.5	147.9	0.2	0.3	0.9	0.5	0.3
Fruits and vegetables	1.447	190.0	200.9	8.0	5.7	0.2	-0.7	3.6
Nonalcoholic beverages and beverage materials	1.215	131.7	132.9	3.9	0.9	-0.9	-0.8	-0.2
Other food at home	2.185	147.1	148.1	2.6	0.7	-0.3	0.1	0.1
Sugar and sweets .....	.420	147.7	150.2	2.3	1.7	0.3	0.5	0.5
Fats and oils .....	.332	140.0	140.4	-1.1	0.3	-0.2	0.1	-0.9
Other foods	1.432	162.7	163.6	2.7	0.6	0.0	0.5	0.3
Other miscellaneous foods (1) (2).....	.344	100.0	100.5	-	0.5	-	-	0.5
Food away from home (1).....	6.076	159.0	159.3	2.5	0.2	0.3	0.3	0.2
Other food away from home (1) (2).....	.212	100.0	100.1	-	0.1	-	-	0.1
Alcoholic beverages	1.042	163.1	163.6	2.0	0.3	0.2	0.2	0.2
Housing	36.450	154.4	154.8	2.0	0.3	0.3	0.0	0.0
Shelter	27.033	173.1	173.9	3.1	0.5	0.2	0.3	0.3
Rent of primary residence	8.347	168.8	169.2	3.1	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.3
Lodging away from home (2).....	1.346	100.0	104.8	-	4.8	-	-	0.1
Owners' equivalent rent of primary residence (3).....	17.016	168.3	168.7	3.1	0.2	0.2	0.3	0.2

Tenants' and household insurance (1) (2) ..	.324	100.0	100.4	-	0.4	-	-	0.4
Fuels and utilities	5.053	129.7	128.6	-1.5	-0.8	0.8	-1.1	-1.2
Fuels	4.143	115.2	113.9	-3.9	-1.1	1.5	-2.1	-1.6
Fuel oil and other fuels .....	.229	97.0	96.2	-13.8	-0.8	0.2	-0.4	-2.1
Gas (piped) and electricity	3.914	122.4	121.0	-2.8	-1.1	1.6	-2.3	-1.5
Household furnishings and operations	4.365	123.6	124.1	0.6	0.4	0.1	0.0	0.2
Apparel	5.300	130.3	128.7	0.0	-1.2	0.0	0.0	-0.5
Men's and boys' apparel	1.503	130.7	129.4	1.9	-1.0	0.0	0.4	0.2
Women's and girls' apparel	1.985	121.5	118.5	-1.2	-2.5	0.3	-0.6	-0.9
Infants' and toddlers' apparel (1).....	.337	126.5	125.3	-2.5	-0.9	-0.5	-0.5	-0.9
Footwear	1.082	129.2	128.4	1.9	-0.6	-0.5	0.7	-0.5
Transportation	19.847	142.4	141.7	-2.0	-0.5	-0.6	-0.3	-0.5
Private transportation	18.790	140.1	139.3	-2.2	-0.6	-0.6	-0.3	-0.6
New and used motor vehicles (2).....	9.285	100.0	100.1	-1.9	0.1	-	-	0.1
New vehicles	5.304	145.3	145.6	-0.7	0.2	-0.3	-0.2	0.1
Used cars and trucks (1).....	3.162	149.5	149.7	-4.0	0.1	-0.1	0.2	0.1
Motor fuel	3.682	101.7	97.6	-10.3	-4.0	-2.0	-1.5	-3.6
Gasoline (all types)	3.658	101.2	97.1	-10.3	-4.1	-2.0	-1.6	-3.6
Motor vehicle parts and equipment .....	.694	100.8	100.7	-0.7	-0.1	0.0	-0.1	-0.1
Motor vehicle maintenance and repair	1.664	165.7	166.0	2.5	0.2	0.2	0.5	0.1
Public transportation	1.057	182.5	184.7	0.6	1.2	-1.4	0.0	0.9
Medical care	4.591	236.5	237.4	2.7	0.4	0.3	0.4	0.2
Medical care commodities .....	.906	214.1	214.7	2.2	0.3	0.2	0.4	0.2
Medical care services	3.684	241.6	242.5	2.8	0.4	0.2	0.4	0.1
Professional services	2.372	218.9	219.8	3.0	0.4	0.2	0.3	0.2
Hospital and related services	1.097	278.7	279.6	2.8	0.3	0.4	0.4	0.0
Recreation (2).....	5.969	100.0	100.3	1.6	0.3	-	-	0.3
Video and audio (1) (2).....	1.968	100.0	100.5	2.8	0.5	0.4	-0.3	0.5
Education and communication (2).....	5.396	100.0	100.0	2.6	0.0	-	-	-0.1
Education (2).....	2.402	100.0	100.3	5.2	0.3	-	-	0.3
Educational books and supplies .....	.192	245.2	247.5	4.8	0.9	0.3	0.4	-0.3
Tuition, other school fees, and childcare	2.211	282.7	283.5	5.3	0.3	0.4	0.5	0.3
Communication (1) (2).....	2.994	100.0	99.7	-0.6	-0.3	0.2	-0.1	-0.3
Information and information processing (1) (2).....	2.841	100.0	99.6	-0.7	-0.4	0.2	-0.1	-0.4
Telephone services (1) (2).....	2.547	100.0	99.9	-	-0.1	-	-	-0.1
Information and information processing other than telephone services (1) (4) .....	.294	48.9	47.7	-12.2	-2.5	-1.6	-0.8	-2.5
Personal computers and peripheral equipment (1) (2).....	.191	100.0	96.6	-	-3.4	-	-	-3.4

Other goods and services	4.544	226.9	228.2	5.3	0.6	0.4	0.4	0.5
Tobacco and smoking products	1.300	250.9	253.6	7.4	1.1	0.3	0.7	0.8
Personal care (1).....	3.244	153.9	154.5	1.9	0.4	0.7	-0.3	0.4
Personal care products (1).....	.832	146.1	147.0	1.8	0.6	1.2	-0.7	0.6
Personal care services (1).....	.964	164.1	164.5	2.3	0.2	0.1	0.2	0.2
Miscellaneous personal services	1.226	228.9	229.8	4.9	0.4	0.4	0.5	0.2

Commodity and service group

Commodities	47.234	141.6	141.4	-0.1	-0.1	-0.1	-0.1	-0.1
Food and beverages	17.903	158.5	159.6	2.0	0.7	0.1	0.0	0.3
Commodities less food and beverages	29.331	131.3	130.5	-1.4	-0.6	-0.3	-0.2	-0.4
Nondurables less food and beverages	15.928	133.1	131.5	-1.6	-1.2	-0.3	-0.3	-1.0
Apparel	5.300	130.3	128.7	0.0	-1.2	0.0	0.0	-0.5
Nondurables less food, beverages, and apparel	10.628	139.3	137.6	-2.3	-1.2	-0.4	-0.4	-1.4
Durables	13.403	127.5	127.7	-1.4	0.2	-0.2	0.0	0.2
Services	52.766	178.2	178.7	2.6	0.3	0.3	0.1	0.1
Rent of shelter (3).....	26.708	166.6	167.4	3.1	0.5	0.2	0.4	0.2
Transportation services	6.824	183.9	184.9	2.0	0.5	-0.2	0.2	0.5
Other services	10.006	209.9	210.5	3.8	0.3	0.2	0.3	0.2

Special indexes

All items less food	83.139	158.1	158.1	1.2	0.0	0.1	0.0	-0.1
All items less shelter	72.967	154.2	154.2	0.7	0.0	0.1	-0.1	-0.1
All items less medical care	95.409	154.5	154.7	1.2	0.1	0.1	0.0	-0.1
Commodities less food	30.373	132.5	131.8	-1.3	-0.5	-0.2	-0.1	-0.5
Nondurables less food	16.970	135.0	133.5	-1.3	-1.1	-0.3	-0.2	-1.0
Nondurables less food and apparel	11.670	140.7	139.2	-1.8	-1.1	-0.4	-0.4	-1.5
Nondurables	33.831	146.2	145.9	0.3	-0.2	0.0	-0.1	-0.1
Services less rent of shelter (3).....	26.057	168.8	169.1	2.1	0.2	0.2	0.0	-0.1
Services less medical care services	49.082	172.7	173.2	2.5	0.3	0.2	0.1	0.1
Energy	7.825	107.7	105.0	-7.1	-2.5	-0.2	-1.9	-2.5
All items less energy	92.175	165.2	165.8	2.0	0.4	0.1	0.2	0.2
All items less food and energy	75.315	167.1	167.5	2.1	0.2	0.1	0.2	0.2
Commodities less food and energy commodities	26.463	141.5	141.5	0.4	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.1
Energy commodities	3.910	101.6	97.7	-10.7	-3.8	-1.8	-1.4	-3.5
Services less energy services	48.852	184.3	185.1	2.9	0.4	0.2	0.3	0.3
Purchasing power of the consumer dollar	-	\$.632	\$.631	-	-	-	-	-
Purchasing power of the consumer dollar - old base	-	\$.212	\$.212	-	-	-	-	-

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- 4 Indexes on a December 1988=100 base.
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Table 5. Consumer Price Index for Urban Wage Earners and Clerical Workers (CPI-W): Seasonally adjusted U.S. city average, by expenditure category and commodity and service group

(1982-84=100, unless otherwise noted)

CPI-W	Seasonally adjusted indexes				Seasonally adjusted annual rate percent change for					
					3 months ended--				6 months ended--	
	Oct. 1997	Nov. 1997	Dec. 1997	Jan. 1998	Apr. 1997	July 1997	Oct. 1997	Jan. 1998	July 1997	Jan. 1998
Expenditure category										
All items	158.5	158.6	158.7	158.7	1.3	1.3	2.6	0.5	1.3	1.5
Food and beverages	158.5	158.7	158.7	159.2	0.8	3.1	2.6	1.8	1.9	2.2
Food	158.0	158.3	158.2	158.8	0.5	3.4	2.3	2.0	1.9	2.2
Food at home	158.4	158.6	158.3	158.9	-0.3	3.9	2.3	1.3	1.8	1.8
Cereals and bakery products	178.2	178.5	178.9	178.6	0.0	3.0	1.8	0.9	1.5	1.4
Meats, poultry, fish, and eggs	148.1	148.2	147.4	147.0	-1.6	3.6	-2.4	-2.9	0.9	-2.7
Dairy and related products (1).....	145.5	146.8	147.5	147.9	-5.8	-6.4	7.2	6.8	-6.1	7.0
Fruits and vegetables	190.7	191.1	189.7	196.5	0.4	8.6	10.0	12.7	4.4	11.4
Nonalcoholic beverages and beverage materials	135.2	134.0	132.9	132.7	8.4	17.3	-1.2	-7.2	12.8	-4.2
Other food at home	148.2	147.8	147.9	148.1	4.2	6.2	0.8	-0.3	5.2	0.3
Sugar and sweets	148.0	148.5	149.2	149.9	2.8	3.3	-1.9	5.2	3.0	1.6
Fats and oils	141.4	141.1	141.3	140.0	0.9	-3.1	2.3	-3.9	-1.1	-0.9
Other foods	162.3	162.3	163.1	163.6	3.0	1.8	2.8	3.2	2.4	3.0
Other miscellaneous foods (1) (2).....	-	-	100.0	100.5	-	-	-	-	-	-
Food away from home (1).....	158.2	158.6	159.0	159.3	2.1	2.3	2.8	2.8	2.2	2.8
Other food away from home (1) (2).....	-	-	100.0	100.1	-	-	-	-	-	-
Alcoholic beverages	162.9	163.2	163.6	164.0	1.3	2.8	1.5	2.7	2.0	2.1
Housing	154.3	154.8	154.8	154.8	1.6	2.4	2.4	1.3	2.0	1.8
Shelter	172.6	172.9	173.5	174.0	3.1	3.1	3.1	3.3	3.1	3.2
Rent of primary residence	167.9	168.3	168.7	169.2	2.7	3.4	3.2	3.1	3.1	3.1
Lodging away from home (2).....	-	-	100.0	100.1	-	-	-	-	-	-

Owners' equivalent rent of primary residence (3).....	167.2	167.6	168.1	168.5	3.0	3.2	2.7	3.1	3.1	2.9
Tenants' and household insurance (1) (2) ..	-	-	100.0	100.4	-	-	-	-	-	-
Fuels and utilities	130.7	131.8	130.4	128.8	-3.3	1.9	1.2	-5.7	-0.8	-2.3
Fuels	116.1	117.8	115.3	113.5	-7.2	-0.3	1.0	-8.7	-3.9	-3.9
Fuel oil and other fuels	96.1	96.3	95.9	93.9	-27.7	-12.5	-4.5	-8.8	-20.5	-6.7
Gas (piped) and electricity	123.9	125.9	123.0	121.1	-4.7	0.7	1.6	-8.7	-2.1	-3.7
Household furnishings and operations	123.8	123.9	123.9	124.2	0.3	1.0	-0.6	1.3	0.6	0.3
Apparel	132.0	132.0	132.0	131.3	3.4	0.3	-1.5	-2.1	1.8	-1.8
Men's and boys' apparel	130.7	130.7	131.2	131.4	3.1	1.2	0.9	2.2	2.2	1.5
Women's and girls' apparel	124.4	124.8	124.1	123.0	3.3	1.0	-4.1	-4.4	2.1	-4.2
Infants' and toddlers' apparel (1).....	127.7	127.1	126.5	125.3	21.5	-8.3	-12.4	-7.3	5.5	-9.9
Footwear	130.2	129.6	130.5	129.9	2.2	-0.3	6.4	-0.9	0.9	2.7
Transportation	143.8	143.0	142.6	141.9	-1.9	-4.1	3.4	-5.2	-3.0	-1.0
Private transportation	141.5	140.7	140.3	139.5	-2.2	-4.2	3.5	-5.5	-3.2	-1.1
New and used motor vehicles (2).....	-	-	100.0	100.1	-	-	-	-	-	-
New vehicles	145.4	144.9	144.6	144.7	0.6	-0.8	-0.5	-1.9	-0.1	-1.2
Used cars and trucks (1).....	149.4	149.2	149.5	149.7	-0.5	-10.6	-5.2	0.8	-5.7	-2.2
Motor fuel	106.9	104.8	103.2	99.5	-15.0	-15.5	20.2	-24.9	-15.2	-5.0
Gasoline (all types)	106.7	104.6	102.9	99.2	-15.3	-15.9	22.1	-25.3	-15.6	-4.5
Motor vehicle parts and equipment	100.7	100.7	100.6	100.5	-1.2	3.2	-3.9	-0.8	1.0	-2.3
Motor vehicle maintenance and repair	164.7	165.0	165.8	166.0	2.0	3.5	1.2	3.2	2.7	2.2
Public transportation	186.8	184.1	184.1	185.8	0.7	-0.6	4.4	-2.1	0.0	1.1
Medical care	235.7	236.3	237.2	237.6	3.2	2.1	2.6	3.3	2.6	2.9
Medical care commodities	213.3	213.7	214.6	215.0	3.1	1.9	0.8	3.2	2.5	2.0
Medical care services	240.6	241.2	242.2	242.5	3.1	2.2	2.9	3.2	2.6	3.0
Professional services	218.5	219.0	219.6	220.0	3.8	2.6	2.8	2.8	3.2	2.8
Hospital and related services	276.7	277.7	278.9	278.8	3.0	2.2	2.9	3.1	2.6	3.0
Recreation (2).....	-	-	100.0	100.3	-	-	-	-	-	-
Video and audio (1) (2).....	99.9	100.3	100.0	100.5	2.1	7.1	-0.4	2.4	4.5	1.0
Education and communication (2).....	-	-	100.0	99.9	-	-	-	-	-	-
Education (2).....	-	-	100.0	100.3	-	-	-	-	-	-
Educational books and supplies	244.3	245.1	246.1	245.3	5.0	8.5	4.0	1.6	6.8	2.8
Tuition, other school fees, and childcare	278.7	279.9	281.2	282.1	5.3	5.6	5.2	5.0	5.4	5.1
Communication (1) (2).....	99.9	100.1	100.0	99.7	0.8	0.4	-2.8	-0.8	0.6	-1.8
Information and information processing (1) (2).....	99.9	100.1	100.0	99.6	0.8	0.8	-3.1	-1.2	0.8	-2.2
Telephone services (1) (2).....	-	-	100.0	99.9	-	-	-	-	-	-
Information and information processing other than telephone services (1) (4)	50.1	49.3	48.9	47.7	-13.3	-16.4	0.0	-17.8	-14.9	-9.4

Personal computers and peripheral equipment (1) (2).....	-	-	100.0	96.6	-	-	-	-	-	-
Other goods and services	225.5	226.4	227.4	228.5	7.2	2.2	6.6	5.4	4.7	6.0
Tobacco and smoking products	249.2	249.9	251.6	253.6	12.8	-2.1	12.3	7.3	5.1	9.7
Personal care (1).....	153.3	154.3	153.9	154.5	2.7	-0.5	2.4	3.2	1.1	2.8
Personal care products (1).....	145.4	147.1	146.1	147.0	2.8	-2.2	2.2	4.5	0.3	3.3
Personal care services (1).....	163.5	163.7	164.1	164.5	3.3	1.2	2.2	2.5	2.3	2.4
Miscellaneous personal services	228.0	228.8	230.0	230.5	6.1	4.6	4.5	4.5	5.3	4.5
Commodity and service group										
Commodities	142.3	142.1	142.0	141.8	-0.3	-0.8	2.6	-1.4	-0.6	0.6
Food and beverages	158.5	158.7	158.7	159.2	0.8	3.1	2.6	1.8	1.9	2.2
Commodities less food and beverages	132.4	132.0	131.7	131.2	-1.2	-3.3	2.5	-3.6	-2.2	-0.6
Nondurables less food and beverages	135.0	134.6	134.2	132.9	-1.8	-2.1	3.6	-6.1	-1.9	-1.3
Apparel	132.0	132.0	132.0	131.3	3.4	0.3	-1.5	-2.1	1.8	-1.8
Nondurables less food, beverages, and apparel	141.2	140.6	140.1	138.1	-3.4	-4.5	7.7	-8.5	-3.9	-0.7
Durables	127.6	127.3	127.3	127.5	-0.9	-2.5	-1.9	-0.3	-1.7	-1.1
Services	177.9	178.4	178.6	178.8	2.5	3.0	2.5	2.0	2.8	2.3
Rent of shelter (3).....	166.2	166.6	167.2	167.6	3.2	3.2	2.9	3.4	3.2	3.2
Transportation services	183.9	183.5	183.8	184.7	3.1	2.2	1.3	1.8	2.7	1.5
Other services	209.1	209.5	210.2	210.7	5.0	3.7	3.3	3.1	4.4	3.2
Special indexes										
All items less food	158.3	158.4	158.4	158.3	1.5	0.8	2.6	0.0	1.2	1.3
All items less shelter	154.7	154.8	154.6	154.5	0.5	0.5	2.4	-0.5	0.5	0.9
All items less medical care	154.8	154.9	154.9	154.8	1.3	1.0	2.6	0.0	1.2	1.3
Commodities less food	133.8	133.5	133.3	132.7	-0.9	-3.2	2.4	-3.2	-2.1	-0.5
Nondurables less food	136.7	136.3	136.0	134.7	-1.5	-1.8	3.6	-5.7	-1.6	-1.2
Nondurables less food and apparel	142.8	142.3	141.8	139.7	-3.3	-4.5	9.5	-8.4	-3.9	0.1
Nondurables	146.8	146.8	146.7	146.5	-0.5	0.6	2.5	-0.8	0.0	0.8
Services less rent of shelter (3).....	168.9	169.3	169.3	169.1	2.4	2.9	2.4	0.5	2.7	1.4
Services less medical care services	172.6	173.0	173.2	173.4	2.6	3.1	2.6	1.9	2.9	2.2
Energy	111.0	110.8	108.7	106.0	-11.1	-8.1	9.9	-16.8	-9.6	-4.4
All items less energy	165.2	165.4	165.7	166.0	2.5	2.0	2.0	2.0	2.2	2.0
All items less food and energy	167.2	167.4	167.7	168.0	2.7	1.9	1.7	1.9	2.3	1.8
Commodities less food and energy commodities	142.0	142.0	142.0	142.1	2.0	-0.8	0.0	0.3	0.6	0.1
Energy commodities	106.2	104.3	102.8	99.2	-16.2	-15.2	18.0	-23.9	-15.7	-5.2
Services less energy services	184.1	184.4	184.9	185.4	3.4	3.1	2.7	2.9	3.2	2.8

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Table 6. Consumer Price Index for Urban Wage Earners and Clerical Workers (CPI-W): Selected areas, all items index

(1982-84=100, unless otherwise noted)

CPI-W	Pricing sched- ule (1)	All items									
		Indexes				Percent change to Jan.1998 from--			Percent change to Dec.1997 from--		
		Oct. 1997	Nov. 1997	Dec. 1997	Jan. 1998	Jan. 1997	Nov. 1997	Dec. 1997	Dec. 1996	Oct. 1997	Nov. 1997
U.S. city average	M	158.5	158.5	158.2	158.4	1.3	-0.1	0.1	1.5	-0.2	-0.2
Region and area size(2)											
Northeast urban	M	165.8	165.7	165.5	165.7	1.3	0.0	0.1	1.4	-0.2	-0.1
Size A - More than 1,500,000	M	165.5	165.5	165.2	165.4	1.4	-0.1	0.1	1.6	-0.2	-0.2
Size B/C 50,000 to 1,500,000 (3).....	M	101.2	101.1	101.1	101.3	1.3	0.2	0.2	1.1	-0.1	0.0
Midwest urban (4).....	M	154.0	154.0	153.7	153.9	1.2	-0.1	0.1	1.2	-0.2	-0.2
Size A - More than 1,500,000	M	153.9	153.8	153.6	153.9	1.3	0.1	0.2	1.4	-0.2	-0.1
Size B/C - 50,000 to 1,500,000 (3).....	M	101.2	101.2	101.0	101.1	1.1	-0.1	0.1	1.0	-0.2	-0.2
Size D - Nonmetropolitan (less than 50,000)	M	151.1	151.6	151.0	150.9	0.3	-0.5	-0.1	0.5	-0.1	-0.4
South urban	M	156.1	156.2	155.6	155.8	1.0	-0.3	0.1	1.2	-0.3	-0.4
Size A - More than 1,500,000	M	154.7	154.5	154.2	154.4	0.8	-0.1	0.1	1.2	-0.3	-0.2
Size B/C - 50,000 to 1,500,000 (3).....	M	101.5	101.7	101.1	101.2	1.0	-0.5	0.1	1.1	-0.4	-0.6
Size D - Nonmetropolitan (less than 50,000)	M	157.3	157.5	157.5	157.6	1.5	0.1	0.1	1.6	0.1	0.0
West urban	M	159.3	159.2	159.2	159.4	2.0	0.1	0.1	2.4	-0.1	0.0
Size A - More than 1,500,000	M	157.9	157.7	157.9	158.0	2.1	0.2	0.1	2.7	0.0	0.1
Size B/C - 50,000 to 1,500,000 (3).....	M	102.1	102.3	101.9	102.2	1.7	-0.1	0.3	1.9	-0.2	-0.4
Size classes											
A (5).....	M	144.7	144.6	144.4	144.6	1.5	0.0	0.1	1.8	-0.2	-0.1

B/C (3).....	M	101.5	101.5	101.2	101.3	1.2	-0.2	0.1	1.2	-0.3	-0.3
D	M	156.7	156.9	156.7	156.7	0.9	-0.1	0.0	1.2	0.0	-0.1

Selected local areas(6)

Chicago-Gary-Kenosha, IL-IN-WI	M	156.9	157.2	157.3	157.3	1.3	0.1	0.0	1.7	0.3	0.1
Los Angeles-Riverside-Orange County, CA	M	155.4	154.9	155.3	155.1	1.0	0.1	-0.1	1.7	-0.1	0.3
New York-Northern N.J.-Long Island, NY-NJ-CT-PA	M	168.1	168.0	167.7	167.7	1.6	-0.2	0.0	1.8	-0.2	-0.2
Boston-Brockton-Nashua, MA-NH-ME-CT	1	-	167.8	-	169.3	1.6	0.9	-	-	-	-
Cleveland-Akron, OH	1	-	149.1	-	150.0	2.6	0.6	-	-	-	-
Dallas-Fort Worth, TX	1	152.8	-	152.7	152.2	-	-	-0.3	1.7	-0.1	-
Washington-Baltimore, DC-MD-VA-WV (7).....	1	-	100.4	-	100.8	0.4	0.4	-	-	-	-
Atlanta, GA	2	-	-	156.8	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Detroit-Ann Arbor-Flint, MI	2	152.4	-	151.7	-	-	-	-	1.5	-0.5	-
Houston-Galveston-Brazoria, TX	2	146.3	-	144.5	-	-	-	-	1.0	-1.2	-
Miami-Fort Lauderdale, FL	2	-	157.0	156.8	-	-	-	-	-	-	-0.1
Philadelphia-Wilmington-Atlantic City, PA-NJ-DE-MD	2	166.8	165.9	165.7	-	-	-	-	1.3	-0.7	-0.1
San Francisco-Oakland-San Jose, CA	2	159.5	159.5	159.4	-	-	-	-	4.1	-0.1	-0.1
Seattle-Tacoma-Bremerton, WA	2	-	-	160.6	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

1 Areas on pricing schedule 2 (see Table 10) will appear next month.
2 Regions defined as the four Census regions. See map in technical notes.
3 Indexes on a December 1996=100 base.
4 The 'North Central' region has been renamed the 'Midwest' region by the Census Bureau. It is composed of the same geographic entities.
5 Indexes on a December 1986=100 base.
6 In addition, the following metropolitan areas are published semiannually and appear in Tables 34 and 39 of the January and July issues of the CPI Detailed Report: Anchorage, AK; Cincinnati-Hamilton, OH-KY-IN; Denver-Boulder-Greeley, CO; Honolulu, HI; Kansas City, MO-KS; Milwaukee-Racine, WI; Minneapolis-St. Paul, MN-WI; Pittsburgh, PA; Portland-Salem, OR-WA; St. Louis, MO-IL; San Diego, CA; Tampa-St. Petersburg-Clearwater, FL.
7 Indexes on a November 1996=100 base.
- Data not available.
NOTE: Index applies to a month as a whole, not to any specific date.

Table 1(OS). Old Series 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)

Item and group	Relative importance, December 1997	Unadjusted indexes		Unadjusted percent change to Jan. 1998 from-	
		Dec. 1997	Jan. 1998	Jan. 1997	Dec. 1997
Expenditure category					
All items	100.000	161.3	161.6	1.6	0.2
All items (1967=100)	-	483.2	484.2	1.6	.2
Food and beverages	17.465	159.1	160.3	2.2	.8
Food	15.886	158.7	159.9	2.2	.8
Food at home	9.964	159.2	161.1	2.0	1.2
Cereals and bakery products	1.476	178.4	179.0	1.4	.3
Meats, poultry, fish, and eggs	2.921	148.4	148.1	-1.0	-.2
Dairy products	1.218	147.8	148.1	.2	.2
Fruits and vegetables	1.982	191.3	200.5	7.0	4.8
Other food at home	2.366	147.7	148.9	2.8	.8
Sugar and sweets .....	.332	147.9	150.3	2.3	1.6
Fats and oils .....	.241	140.3	140.6	-1.2	.2
Nonalcoholic beverages .....	.747	133.1	134.4	4.8	1.0
Other prepared food	1.046	162.8	163.7	2.7	.6
Food away from home	5.923	159.0	159.2	2.5	.1
Alcoholic beverages	1.578	164.0	164.5	2.1	.3
Housing	41.469	157.7	158.2	2.0	.3
Shelter	28.640	178.1	179.1	3.2	.6
Renters' costs (1).....	8.169	186.1	188.9	3.4	1.5
Rent, residential	5.810	169.1	169.5	3.1	.2
Other renters' costs	2.359	216.1	225.9	4.0	4.5
Homeowners' costs (1).....	20.269	184.3	184.7	3.1	.2
Owners' equivalent rent (1).....	19.881	184.7	185.1	3.1	.2

Household insurance (1).....	.388	167.1	167.7	3.1	.4
Maintenance and repairs .....	.202	145.6	146.0	3.2	.3
Maintenance and repair services .....	.126	154.1	154.4	4.2	.2
Maintenance and repair commodities ..	.076	133.9	134.4	1.4	.4
Fuel and other utilities	7.015	130.0	129.3	-1.1	-.5
Fuels	3.769	115.8	114.4	-3.9	-1.2
Fuel oil and other household fuel					
commodities .....	.368	97.2	96.4	-13.5	-.8
Gas (piped) and electricity (energy					
services).....	3.401	123.0	121.5	-2.7	-1.2
Other utilities and public services ...	3.246	162.9	163.4	2.3	.3
Household furnishings and operation	5.814	125.1	125.3	.3	.2
Housefurnishings	3.232	109.5	109.8	-.9	.3
Housekeeping supplies	1.090	143.4	143.2	.6	-.1
Housekeeping services	1.492	153.7	154.0	2.9	.2
Apparel and upkeep	5.291	131.6	129.7	.1	-1.4
Apparel commodities	4.748	127.7	125.6	-.2	-1.6
Men's and boys' apparel	1.292	131.2	129.4	1.9	-1.4
Women's and girls' apparel.....	2.072	123.6	119.6	-1.6	-3.2
Infants' and toddlers' apparel .....	.182	125.8	124.4	-2.7	-1.1
Footwear .....	.719	128.2	127.3	1.8	-.7
Other apparel commodities .....	.484	139.6	144.3	-.9	3.4
Apparel services .....	.543	163.8	164.3	1.6	.3
Transportation	16.620	143.2	142.7	-1.6	-.3
Private transportation	15.054	140.0	139.3	-1.8	-.5
New vehicles	4.829	144.1	144.4	-.7	.2
New cars	3.842	141.5	141.8	-.8	.2
Used cars	1.195	147.9	148.1	-4.3	.1
Motor fuel	2.925	101.9	97.8	-9.9	-4.0
Gasoline	-	101.3	97.2	-9.9	-4.0
Maintenance and repairs	1.546	164.7	164.9	2.4	.1
Other private transportation	4.560	178.9	180.0	2.2	.6
Other private transportation					
commodities .....	.574	104.4	104.2	-1.0	-.2
Other private transportation services					
.....	3.986	196.6	198.0	2.6	.7
Public transportation	1.566	184.3	187.0	.6	1.5
Medical care	7.426	237.1	238.0	2.7	.4
Medical care commodities	1.280	216.8	217.4	2.2	.3
Medical care services	6.145	241.8	242.8	2.8	.4
Professional medical services	3.518	217.5	218.4	2.9	.4

Entertainment	4.339	163.1	163.4	1.3	0.2
Entertainment commodities	1.924	144.0	144.3	.1	.2
Entertainment services	2.415	185.1	185.4	2.3	.2
Other goods and services	7.390	230.1	231.2	5.1	.5
Tobacco and smoking products	1.688	251.2	253.8	7.4	1.0
Personal care	1.152	154.0	154.7	2.0	.5
Toilet goods and personal care appliances .....	.589	145.3	146.2	1.8	.6
Personal care services .....	.564	163.9	164.3	2.2	.2
Personal and educational expenses	4.550	266.1	267.0	5.1	.3
School books and supplies .....	.273	242.8	244.9	4.4	.9
Personal and educational services	4.277	268.1	268.9	5.1	.3

Commodity and service group

All items	100.000	161.3	161.6	1.6	.2
Commodities	42.255	141.7	141.7	.1	.0
Food and beverages	17.465	159.1	160.3	2.2	.8
Commodities less food and beverages	24.791	131.2	130.4	-1.3	-.6
Nondurables less food and beverages ...	14.865	133.5	132.0	-1.3	-1.1
Apparel commodities	4.748	127.7	125.6	-.2	-1.6
Nondurables less food, beverages, and apparel	10.117	139.5	138.2	-2.0	-.9
Durables	9.926	128.0	128.2	-1.2	.2
Services	57.745	181.0	181.8	2.7	.4
Rent of shelter (1).....	28.016	185.3	186.4	3.2	.6
Household services less rent of shelter (1).....	8.687	145.7	145.2	.4	-.3
Transportation services	7.097	186.0	187.4	2.1	.8
Medical care services	6.145	241.8	242.8	2.8	.4
Other services	7.799	213.1	213.7	3.8	.3

Special indexes

All items less food	84.114	161.8	161.9	1.4	.1
All items less shelter	71.360	156.4	156.5	1.0	.1
All items less homeowners' costs (1).....	79.731	161.8	162.1	1.2	.2
All items less medical care	92.574	157.0	157.3	1.5	.2
Commodities less food	26.369	132.6	131.8	-1.1	-.6
Nondurables less food	16.443	135.3	134.0	-1.0	-1.0
Nondurables less food and apparel	11.695	141.0	140.0	-1.4	-.7
Nondurables	32.329	146.5	146.3	.5	-.1

Services less rent of shelter (1).....	29.728	189.5	190.0	2.2	.3
Services less medical care services	51.599	175.4	176.1	2.7	.4
Energy	6.695	108.4	105.8	-6.6	-2.4
All items less energy	93.305	168.3	169.0	2.2	.4
All items less food and energy	77.419	170.7	171.2	2.2	.3
Commodities less food and energy					
commodities	23.076	142.1	142.0	.4	-.1
Energy commodities	3.293	101.6	97.8	-10.4	-3.7
Services less energy services	54.343	186.9	187.9	3.0	.5
Purchasing power of the consumer dollar:					
1982-84=\$1.00	-	\$.620	\$.619	-	-
1967=\$1.00	-	\$.207	\$.207	-	-

1 Indexes on a December 1982=100 base.

- Data not available.

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

Table 2(OS). Old Series 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)

Item and group	Relative import- ance, Decemb- er 1997	Unadjusted indexes		Unadjusted percent change to Jan. 1998 from-	
		Dec. 1997	Jan. 1998	Jan. 1997	Dec. 1997
Expenditure category					
All items	100.000	158.2	158.4	1.3	0.1
All items (1967=100)	-	471.3	472.0	1.4	.1
Food and beverages	19.434	158.5	159.6	2.0	.7
Food	17.739	158.1	159.3	2.0	.8
Food at home	11.309	158.2	159.9	1.8	1.1
Cereals and bakery products	1.689	178.1	178.7	1.4	.3

Meats, poultry, fish, and eggs	3.441	148.0	147.8	-1.0	-.1
Dairy products	1.358	147.5	147.8	.1	.2
Fruits and vegetables	2.100	190.0	198.9	6.9	4.7
Other food at home	2.722	147.1	148.3	2.7	.8
Sugar and sweets .....	.376	147.7	150.2	2.3	1.7
Fats and oils .....	.277	140.0	140.3	-1.1	.2
Nonalcoholic beverages .....	.863	131.7	133.1	4.1	1.1
Other prepared food	1.206	162.7	163.5	2.6	.5
Food away from home	6.430	159.0	159.2	2.4	.1
Alcoholic beverages	1.695	163.1	163.5	1.9	.2
Housing	39.037	154.4	154.8	2.0	.3
Shelter	26.305	173.1	173.9	3.1	.5
Renters' costs (1).....	8.250	163.1	164.7	3.3	1.0
Rent, residential	6.686	168.8	169.2	3.1	.2
Other renters' costs	1.564	215.8	225.2	4.1	4.4
Homeowners' costs (1).....	17.864	168.0	168.4	3.1	.2
Owners' equivalent rent (1).....	17.538	168.3	168.7	3.1	.2
Household insurance (1).....	.327	151.6	152.1	3.2	.3
Maintenance and repairs .....	.191	143.4	143.7	2.6	.2
Maintenance and repair services .....	.107	155.2	155.3	3.5	.1
Maintenance and repair commodities ..	.084	128.6	129.0	1.3	.3
Fuel and other utilities	7.274	129.7	129.1	-1.1	-.5
Fuels	3.875	115.2	113.9	-3.9	-1.1
Fuel oil and other household fuel					
commodities .....	.338	97.0	96.3	-13.7	-.7
Gas (piped) and electricity (energy					
services).....	3.537	122.4	121.0	-2.8	-1.1
Other utilities and public services ...	3.399	163.7	164.3	2.5	.4
Household furnishings and operation	5.458	123.6	123.7	.2	.1
Housefurnishings	3.171	108.3	108.5	-.9	.2
Housekeeping supplies	1.130	144.3	144.0	.8	-.2
Housekeeping services	1.157	156.7	157.1	2.9	.3
Apparel and upkeep	5.311	130.3	128.5	-.2	-1.4
Apparel commodities	4.801	126.6	124.6	-0.4	-1.6
Men's and boys' apparel	1.298	130.7	129.1	1.7	-1.2
Women's and girls' apparel.....	2.019	121.5	117.8	-1.8	-3.0
Infants' and toddlers' apparel .....	.233	126.5	125.0	-2.7	-1.2
Footwear .....	.800	129.2	128.3	1.8	-.7
Other apparel commodities .....	.450	138.5	141.1	-2.4	1.9
Apparel services .....	.510	162.9	163.5	1.7	.4
Transportation	18.597	142.4	141.7	-2.0	-.5
Private transportation	17.389	140.1	139.3	-2.2	-.6

New vehicles	4.781	145.3	145.6	-.7	.2
New cars	3.439	140.9	141.3	-1.0	.3
Used cars	2.179	149.5	149.7	-4.0	.1
Motor fuel	3.608	101.7	97.6	-10.3	-4.0
Gasoline	-	101.2	97.0	-10.4	-4.2
Maintenance and repairs	1.634	165.7	166.0	2.5	.2
Other private transportation	5.188	174.3	175.2	1.9	.5
Other private transportation					
commodities .....	.727	103.7	103.6	-.6	-.1
Other private transportation services					
.....	4.460	192.3	193.5	2.4	.6
Public transportation	1.208	182.5	184.6	.5	1.2
Medical care	6.331	236.5	237.4	2.7	.4
Medical care commodities	1.054	214.1	214.7	2.2	.3
Medical care services	5.276	241.6	242.6	2.8	.4
Professional medical services	3.020	218.9	219.8	3.0	.4
Entertainment	4.006	160.4	160.7	1.2	0.2
Entertainment commodities	2.005	142.8	143.0	.1	.1
Entertainment services	2.001	185.4	185.8	2.4	.2
Other goods and services	7.285	226.9	228.2	5.3	.6
Tobacco and smoking products	2.237	250.9	253.6	7.4	1.1
Personal care	1.116	153.9	154.5	1.9	.4
Toilet goods and personal care					
appliances .....	.612	146.1	146.9	1.7	.5
Personal care services .....	.504	164.1	164.5	2.3	.2
Personal and educational expenses	3.932	261.6	262.4	5.1	.3
School books and supplies .....	.241	245.2	247.0	4.6	.7
Personal and educational services	3.692	263.2	263.9	5.1	.3
Commodity and service group					
All items	100.000	158.2	158.4	1.3	.1
Commodities	46.401	141.6	141.4	-.1	-.1
Food and beverages	19.434	158.5	159.6	2.0	.7
Commodities less food and beverages	26.967	131.3	130.4	-1.5	-.7
Nondurables less food and beverages ...	15.915	133.1	131.5	-1.6	-1.2
Apparel commodities	4.801	126.6	124.6	-.4	-1.6
Nondurables less food, beverages, and					
apparel	11.114	139.3	137.8	-2.2	-1.1
Durables	11.052	127.5	127.7	-1.4	.2
Services	53.599	178.2	178.8	2.6	.3

Rent of shelter (1).....	25.761	166.6	167.4	3.1	.5
Household services less rent of shelter (1).....	8.554	133.7	133.3	.3	-.3
Transportation services	7.302	183.9	185.0	2.0	.6
Medical care services	5.276	241.6	242.6	2.8	.4
Other services	6.706	209.9	210.4	3.8	.2

Special indexes

All items less food	82.261	158.1	158.2	1.2	.1
All items less shelter	73.695	154.2	154.3	.7	.1
All items less homeowners' costs (1).....	82.136	148.1	148.3	1.0	.1
All items less medical care	93.669	154.5	154.7	1.2	.1
Commodities less food	28.662	132.5	131.7	-1.3	-.6
Nondurables less food	17.610	135.0	133.5	-1.3	-1.1
Nondurables less food and apparel	12.809	140.7	139.4	-1.7	-.9
Nondurables	35.349	146.2	145.9	.3	-.2
Services less rent of shelter (1).....	27.838	168.8	169.2	2.1	.2
Services less medical care services	48.322	172.7	173.3	2.5	0.3
Energy	7.483	107.7	105.0	-7.1	-2.5
All items less energy	92.517	165.2	165.8	2.0	.4
All items less food and energy	74.778	167.1	167.6	2.1	.3
Commodities less food and energy commodities	24.717	141.5	141.4	.3	-.1
Energy commodities	3.946	101.6	97.7	-10.7	-3.8
Services less energy services	50.062	184.3	185.1	2.9	.4
Purchasing power of the consumer dollar:					
1982-84=\$1.00	-	\$.632	\$.631	-	-
1967=\$1.00	-	\$.212	\$.212	-	-

1 Indexes on a December 1984=100 base.

- Data not available.

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

Table 3(OS) Old Series Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers (CPI-U): Selected areas, all items index

(1982-84=100, unless otherwise noted)

Area	Pricing schedule	Indexes	Percent change to Jan.1998 from--
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50,000) M 156.9 157.1 157.0 157.7 .5 .4 .4

- 1 The 'All items' index size B/C is on a December 1996=100 base.
 - 2 The 'North Central' region has been renamed the 'Midwest' region by the Census Bureau. It is composed of the same geographic entities.
 - 3 Indexes on a December 1986=100 base.
 - Data not available.
- NOTE: Index applies to a month as a whole, not to any specific date.

Table 4(OS) Old Series Consumer Price Index for Urban Wage Earners and Clerical Workers (CPI-W):
Selected areas, all items index

(1982-84=100, unless otherwise noted)

Area	Pricing sched- ule (1)	Indexes				Percent change to Jan.1998 from--		
		Oct. 1997	Nov. 1997	Dec. 1997	Jan. 1998	Oct. 1997	Nov. 1997	Dec. 1997
U.S. city average	M	158.5	158.5	158.2	158.4	-0.1	-0.1	0.1
Selected local areas								
Chicago-Gary-Lake County, IL-IN-WI	M	156.9	157.2	157.3	156.8	-.1	-.3	-.3
Los Angeles-Anaheim-Riverside, CA	M	155.4	154.9	155.3	155.1	-.2	.1	-.1
New York-Northern N.J.-Long Island, NY-NJ-CT	M	168.1	168.0	167.7	167.7	-.2	-.2	.0
Boston-Lawrence-Salem, MA-NH.....	1	-	167.8	-	169.5	-	1.0	-
Cleveland-Akron-Lorain, OH	1	-	149.1	-	149.9	-	.5	-
Dallas-Fort Worth, TX	1	152.8	-	152.7	152.2	-.4	-	-.3
Detroit-Ann Arbor, MI	2	152.4	-	151.7	-	-	-	-
Houston-Galveston-Brazoria, TX	2	146.3	-	144.5	-	-	-	-
Miami-Fort Lauderdale, FL	2	-	157.0	-	-	-	-	-
Philadelphia-Wilmington-Trenton, PA-NJ-DE-MD	2	166.8	165.9	165.7	-	-	-	-
San Francisco-Oakland-San Jose, CA	2	159.5	159.5	159.4	-	-	-	-
Region and area size								
Northeast urban	M	165.8	165.7	165.5	165.8	.0	.1	.2

Midwest urban (2).....	M	154.0	154.0	153.7	153.9	-.1	-.1	.1
South urban	M	156.1	156.2	155.6	155.8	-.2	-.3	.1
West urban	M	159.3	159.2	159.2	159.3	.0	.1	.1

Population size classes

A (3).....	M	144.7	144.6	144.4	144.6	-.1	.0	.1
D	M	156.7	156.9	156.7	156.8	.1	-.1	.1

Region/Population size class cross
classifications

Northeast Size A - More than 1,500,000	M	165.5	165.5	165.2	165.4	-.1	-.1	.1
Midwest Size A - More than 1,500,000	M	153.9	153.8	153.6	153.7	-.1	-.1	.1
South Size A - More than 1,500,000	M	154.7	154.5	154.2	154.4	-.2	-.1	.1
West Size A - More than 1,500,000	M	157.9	157.7	157.9	157.9	.0	.1	.0
Midwest Size D - Nonmetropolitan (less than 50,000)	M	151.1	151.6	151.0	151.0	-.1	-.4	.0
South Size D - Nonmetropolitan (less than 50,000)	M	157.3	157.5	157.5	157.7	.3	.1	.1

1 The 'All items' index size B/C is on a December 1996=100 base.

2 The 'North Central' region has been renamed the 'Midwest' region by the Census Bureau. It is composed of the same geographic entities.

3 Indexes on a December 1986=100 base.

- Data not available.

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