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All Items	.2	.2	.2	.1	.1	.0	.1	.5	1.4
Food and beverages	.3	.1	.2	.2	.1	.3	.0	1.3	1.8
Housing	.1	.3	.3	.3	.1	.1	.1	1.0	1.9
Apparel	-.5	.2	.1	.1	.2	-.5	.2	-.9	.0
Transportation	.6	.3	.0	-.6	-.3	-.3	-.4	-4.1	-1.9
Medical care	.2	.2	.2	.3	.3	.1	.3	3.1	2.8
Recreation	-	-	-	-	-	.3	.3	-	1.5
Education and communication	-	-	-	-	-	.0	-.1	-	2.4
Other goods and services	.5	.3	.7	.4	.4	.4	.8	6.8	5.6
Special Indexes									
Energy	1.5	.9	-.2	.0	-1.8	-2.4	-2.2	-22.9	-8.8
Food	.3	.1	.3	.1	.0	.3	.0	1.3	1.9
All Items less food and energy	.1	.2	.2	.1	.2	.2	.3	2.8	2.3

The food and beverages index was unchanged in February. The index for grocery store food prices, which rose 0.4 percent in January, declined 0.1 percent in February, due to a sharp turnaround in the index for fruits and vegetables--down 0.8 percent in February after registering a 2.9 percent increase in January. The index for fresh vegetables fell 7.2 percent, more than offsetting a 5.8 percent rise in the index for fresh fruits. (Prior to seasonal adjustment, fresh vegetable prices declined 10.0 percent, while fresh fruit prices were virtually unchanged.) The index for processed fruits and vegetables fell 0.7 percent. Among the other major grocery store food groups, the indexes for dairy and related products and for meats, poultry, fish, and eggs also declined--down 0.4 and 0.1 percent, respectively. Within the latter group, prices for beef declined 0.6 percent, while the indexes for pork and poultry each increased 0.1 percent. The other three major groups--cereal and bakery products, nonalcoholic beverages, and other food at home--each registered a small increase. The other two components of the food and beverage index--food away from home and alcoholic beverages--rose 0.3 and declined 0.1 percent, respectively.

The housing component rose 0.1 percent in February, the same as in January. Shelter costs rose 0.3 percent. Within shelter, the index for rent rose 0.1 percent, owners' equivalent rent increased 0.3 percent, and the cost of lodging away from home increased 0.5 percent. The index for fuels and utilities, which decreased 1.2 percent in January, fell 0.9 percent in February. The index for household fuels declined 1.3 percent, reflecting decreases in the indexes for fuel oil (3.0 percent), natural gas

(1.5 percent), and electricity (1.2 percent). The index for household furnishings and operation increased 0.3 percent in February.

The transportation component declined for the fourth consecutive month, down 0.4 percent in February. For the second consecutive month, a sharp drop in the index for motor fuels more than offset a large increase in the index for public transportation. The index for gasoline fell 3.4 percent in February and has declined 10.8 percent in the last five months. As of February, gasoline prices were 21.3 percent lower than their peak level of November 1990. The index for new and used vehicle prices was unchanged; the index for new vehicles declined 0.1 percent, and used car and truck prices rose 0.2 percent. (As of February, about 85 percent of the new vehicle sample was represented by 1998 models.) Public transportation costs rose 1.4 percent in February. The index for airline fares increased substantially for the second consecutive month, up 3.2 percent in February, following a 2.7 percent rise in January. The index for other intercity transportation also rose substantially in February--up 1.5 percent.

The index for apparel increased 0.2 percent in February, following a 0.5 percent decline in January. (Prior to seasonal adjustment, apparel prices rose 1.6 percent, reflecting the introduction of higher priced spring-summer wear.)

Medical care costs rose 0.3 percent in February to a level 2.8 percent above a year ago. The index for medical care commodities--prescription drugs, nonprescription drugs, and medical supplies--rose 0.1 percent. The index for medical care services rose 0.4 percent. Charges for professional services and for hospital and related services increased 0.2 and 0.5 percent, respectively.

Recreation costs rose 0.3 percent in February, the same as in January. Increases in the indexes for admissions to movies, theaters, concerts, and sporting events, for newspapers and magazines, and for cable television accounted for about three-fourths of the February advance.

The index for education and communication declined 0.1 percent in February. A 0.3 percent increase in education costs was more than offset by a 0.4 percent decrease in communication costs. Within the communication category, declines in the indexes for personal computers and peripheral equipment and for cellular telephone services--down 5.8 and 0.9 percent, respectively--were responsible for the decrease.

The index for other goods and services rose 0.8 percent in February. About three-fourths of the advance was accounted for by a 2.9 percent

increase in the index for tobacco and smoking products. Several cigarette companies raised their wholesale prices in late January.

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 February.

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 Feb. '98	Un- adjust ed 12- mos. ended Feb. '98
	Changes from preceding month								
	1997		1998						
	Aug.	Sep.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.		
All Items	.3	.2	.2	.1	.1	.0	.0	.3	1.1
Food and beverages	.3	.1	.3	.1	.0	.3	.0	1.3	1.8
Housing	.1	.3	.3	.3	.0	.0	.1	.5	1.8
Apparel	-.5	.2	.0	.0	.0	-.5	-.2	-2.7	-.5
Transportation	.7	.2	-.1	-.6	-.3	-.5	-.4	-4.7	-2.4
Medical care	.2	.2	.2	.3	.4	.2	.2	3.1	2.8
Recreation	-	-	-	-	-	.3	.3	-	1.5
Education and communication	-	-	-	-	-	-.1	.0	-	2.4
Other goods and services	.4	.5	.7	.4	.4	.5	1.1	8.2	6.1
Special Indexes									
Energy	1.7	.9	-.2	-.2	-1.9	-2.5	-2.1	-23.0	-9.1
Food	.3	.1	.2	.2	-.1	.4	-.1	1.0	1.8
All Items less food and energy	.0	.2	.2	.1	.2	.2	.2	2.4	2.1

Consumer Price Index data for March are scheduled for release on Tuesday April 14, 1998, at 8:30 A.M. (EDT).

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 January to February, the Old Series CPI-U and the Old Series CPI-W each rose 0.2 percent. Note these series are not seasonally adjusted.

Overview of Publication Changes

Beginning in 1998, the Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS) 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.

Formerly the major groups were: 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 is now 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 are 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 are only 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

Atlanta, GA

Dallas-Fort Worth, TX

Houston-Galveston-Brazoria, TX

Detroit-Ann Arbor-Flint, MI

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

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 substantially 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.

A Note on Seasonally Adjusted and Unadjusted Data

Because price data are used for different purposes by different groups, the Bureau of Labor Statistics publishes seasonally adjusted as well as unadjusted changes each month.

For analyzing general price trends in the economy, seasonally adjusted changes are usually preferred since they eliminate the effect of changes that normally occur at the same time and in about the same magnitude every year--such as price movements resulting from changing climatic conditions, production cycles, model changeovers, holidays, and sales.

The unadjusted data are of primary interest to consumers concerned about the prices they actually pay. Unadjusted data also are used extensively for escalation purposes. Many collective bargaining contract agreements and pension plans, for example, tie compensation changes to the Consumer Price Index unadjusted for seasonal variation.

Seasonal factors used in computing the seasonally adjusted indexes are derived by the X-12-ARIMA Seasonal Adjustment Method. The updated seasonal data at the end of 1977 replaced data from 1967 through 1977. Subsequent annual updates have replaced 5 years of seasonal data, e.g., data from 1993 through 1997 were replaced at the end of 1997. The seasonal movement of all items and 54 other aggregations is derived by combining the seasonal movement of 73 selected components. Each year the seasonal status of every series is reevaluated based upon certain statistical criteria. If any of the 73 components change their seasonal adjustment status from seasonally adjusted to not seasonally adjusted, not seasonally adjusted data will be used for the last 5 years, but the seasonally adjusted indexes will be used before that period.

Seasonally adjusted data, including 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.

Effective with the calculation of the seasonal factors for 1990, the Bureau of Labor Statistics has used an enhanced seasonal adjustment procedure called Intervention Analysis Seasonal Adjustment for some CPI series. Intervention Analysis Seasonal Adjustment allows for better estimates of seasonally adjusted data. Extreme values and/or sharp movements which might distort the seasonal pattern are estimated and removed from the data prior to calculation of seasonal factors. Beginning with the calculation of seasonal factors for 1996, X-12-ARIMA software was used for Intervention Analysis Seasonal Adjustment.

For the fuel oil and the motor fuels indexes, this procedure was used to offset the effects that extreme price volatility would otherwise have had on the estimates of seasonally adjusted data for those series. For some women's apparel indexes and the girls' apparel index, the procedure was used to offset the effects of changes in pricing methodology. For the tobacco and smoking products index, this procedure was used to offset the effects of increases in excise taxes and wholesale tobacco prices. For some alcoholic beverage series, Intervention Analysis Seasonal Adjustment was used to offset the effects of excise tax

increases. For the Nonalcoholic beverages index, the procedure was used to offset the effects of a large increase in coffee prices due to adverse weather. For the Water and sewerage maintenance index, the procedure was used to account for a data collection anomaly.

A description of Intervention Analysis Seasonal Adjustment, as well as a list of unusual events modeled and seasonal factors for these items may be obtained by writing the Bureau of Labor Statistics, Division of Consumer Prices and Price Indexes, Washington, DC 20212 or by calling Claire McAnaw Gallagher on (202) 606-6968.

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

(1982-84=100, unless otherwise noted)

CPI-U	Relative importance, December 1997	Unadjusted indexes		Unadjusted percent change to Feb. 1998 from-		Seasonally adjusted percent change from-		
		Jan. 1998	Feb. 1998	Feb. 1997	Jan. 1998	Nov. to Dec.	Dec. to Jan.	Jan. to Feb.
Expenditure category								
All items	100.000	161.6	161.9	1.4	0.2	0.1	0.0	0.1
All items (1967=100)	-	484.2	484.9	-	-	-	-	-
Food and beverages	16.310	160.3	159.8	1.8	-0.3	0.1	0.3	0.0
Food	15.326	159.9	159.4	1.9	-0.3	0.0	0.3	0.0
Food at home	9.646	161.0	160.0	1.5	-0.6	-0.1	0.4	-0.1
Cereals and bakery products	1.536	179.0	179.7	1.7	0.4	0.2	-0.1	0.2
Meats, poultry, fish, and eggs	2.629	148.3	147.5	-0.9	-0.5	-0.6	-0.3	-0.1
Dairy and related products (1).....	1.037	148.3	147.7	1.0	-0.4	0.5	0.3	-0.4
Fruits and vegetables	1.394	202.1	193.8	3.4	-4.1	-0.4	2.9	-0.8
Nonalcoholic beverages and beverage materials	1.077	134.1	134.8	4.9	0.5	-0.7	-0.2	0.1
Other food at home	1.972	148.7	149.1	2.5	0.3	0.1	0.0	0.1

Sugar and sweets .....	.377	150.3	149.6	1.6	-0.5	0.4	0.5	-0.4
Fats and oils .....	.291	140.5	141.5	-0.8	0.7	0.1	-1.1	0.7
Other foods	1.305	163.6	164.2	2.2	0.4	0.6	0.1	0.1
Other miscellaneous foods (1) (2).....	.309	100.4	100.4	-	0.0	-	0.4	0.0
Food away from home (1).....	5.680	159.2	159.6	2.6	0.3	0.3	0.1	0.3
Other food away from home (1) (2).....	.172	100.1	100.4	-	0.3	-	0.1	0.3
Alcoholic beverages .....	.983	164.6	165.0	2.0	0.2	0.2	0.2	-0.1
Housing	39.560	158.3	158.8	1.9	0.3	0.1	0.1	0.1
Shelter	29.788	179.2	180.1	3.2	0.5	0.4	0.2	0.3
Rent of primary residence	6.885	169.5	169.9	3.1	0.2	0.3	0.2	0.1
Lodging away from home (2).....	2.327	105.1	109.3	-	4.0	-	-0.2	0.5
Owners' equivalent rent of primary residence (3).....	20.199	185.1	185.5	3.1	0.2	0.3	0.2	0.3
Tenants' and household insurance (1) (2)..	.377	100.3	100.2	-	-0.1	-	0.3	-0.1
Fuels and utilities	4.942	128.8	127.4	-2.7	-1.1	-1.1	-1.2	-0.9
Fuels	4.018	114.5	112.8	-5.4	-1.5	-2.0	-1.6	-1.3
Fuel oil and other fuels .....	.261	96.4	95.2	-13.1	-1.2	-0.4	-2.1	-2.3
Gas (piped) and electricity	3.757	121.6	119.7	-4.5	-1.6	-2.2	-1.5	-1.2
Household furnishings and operations	4.831	125.6	126.1	0.7	0.4	0.0	0.2	0.3
Apparel	4.944	129.8	131.9	0.0	1.6	0.2	-0.5	0.2
Men's and boys' apparel	1.390	129.8	130.8	2.7	0.8	0.6	0.2	0.0
Women's and girls' apparel	1.990	120.2	124.3	-1.4	3.4	-0.4	-1.0	0.7
Infants' and toddlers' apparel (1).....	.268	124.8	123.1	-3.2	-1.4	-0.2	-0.8	-1.4
Footwear .....	.895	127.4	126.6	0.2	-0.6	0.8	-0.5	-1.3
Transportation	17.578	142.7	142.1	-1.9	-0.4	-0.3	-0.3	-0.4
Private transportation	16.240	139.3	138.4	-2.5	-0.6	-0.3	-0.5	-0.6
New and used motor vehicles (2).....	7.899	100.2	100.2	-1.4	0.0	-	0.1	0.0
New vehicles	5.063	144.4	144.4	-0.7	0.0	-0.2	0.1	-0.1
Used cars and trucks (1).....	1.880	148.1	148.4	-3.9	0.2	0.2	0.1	0.2
Motor fuel	2.995	97.8	94.1	-13.0	-3.8	-1.5	-3.7	-3.3
Gasoline (all types)	2.976	97.2	93.5	-12.9	-3.8	-1.6	-3.6	-3.4
Motor vehicle parts and equipment .....	.560	101.3	101.4	-1.2	0.1	-0.2	-0.3	0.1
Motor vehicle maintenance and repair	1.603	165.0	165.5	2.7	0.3	0.5	0.2	0.3
Public transportation	1.338	187.1	191.2	4.8	2.2	-0.2	1.6	1.4
Medical care	5.614	238.1	239.3	2.8	0.5	0.3	0.1	0.3
Medical care commodities	1.222	217.6	218.4	2.1	0.4	0.5	0.2	0.1
Medical care services	4.392	242.9	244.2	3.0	0.5	0.3	0.1	0.4
Professional services	2.808	218.5	219.7	3.0	0.5	0.3	0.3	0.2
Hospital and related services	1.334	283.5	285.2	3.1	0.6	0.5	-0.1	0.5
Recreation (2).....	6.145	100.3	100.7	1.5	0.4	-	0.3	0.3

Video and audio (1) (2).....	1.763	100.6	101.2	2.2	0.6	-0.3	0.6	0.6
Education and communication (2).....	5.528	99.9	99.8	2.4	-0.1	-	0.0	-0.1
Education (2).....	2.615	100.3	100.4	5.0	0.1	-	0.4	0.3
Educational books and supplies .....	.194	245.1	246.9	4.9	0.7	0.4	-0.2	0.7
Tuition, other school fees, and childcare	2.421	289.2	289.2	5.0	0.0	0.4	0.5	0.3
Communication (1) (2).....	2.913	99.6	99.2	-1.3	-0.4	-0.1	-0.4	-0.4
Information and information processing (1)								
(2).....	2.706	99.6	99.1	-1.5	-0.5	-0.1	-0.4	-0.5
Telephone services (1) (2).....	2.357	99.9	100.0	-	0.1	-	-0.1	0.1
Information and information processing								
other than telephone services (1) (4)	.350	46.2	44.3	-16.7	-4.1	-0.4	-2.5	-4.1
Personal computers and peripheral								
equipment (1) (2).....	.234	96.9	91.3	-	-5.8	-	-3.1	-5.8
Other goods and services	4.321	231.3	233.1	5.6	0.8	0.4	0.4	0.8
Tobacco and smoking products .....	.894	253.8	261.2	10.0	2.9	0.7	0.7	2.9
Personal care (1).....	3.427	154.6	155.0	2.3	0.3	-0.2	0.4	0.3
Personal care products (1).....	.737	146.1	146.7	2.4	0.4	-0.5	0.6	0.4
Personal care services (1).....	.963	164.3	164.3	2.2	0.0	0.2	0.2	0.0
Miscellaneous personal services	1.465	230.9	232.1	4.6	0.5	0.5	0.2	0.0
Commodity and service group								
Commodities	42.635	141.6	141.5	-0.2	-0.1	-0.1	-0.1	-0.1
Food and beverages	16.310	160.3	159.8	1.8	-0.3	0.1	0.3	0.0
Commodities less food and beverages	26.326	130.5	130.5	-1.6	0.0	-0.2	-0.4	-0.2
Nondurables less food and beverages	14.729	132.0	132.1	-1.9	0.1	-0.1	-1.1	-0.1
Apparel	4.944	129.8	131.9	0.0	1.6	0.2	-0.5	0.2
Nondurables less food, beverages, and								
apparel	9.785	138.1	137.2	-2.7	-0.7	-0.4	-1.2	-0.6
Durables	11.596	128.2	128.2	-1.2	0.0	-0.2	0.2	-0.2
Services	57.365	181.8	182.4	2.6	0.3	0.2	0.1	0.2
Rent of shelter (3).....	29.410	186.5	187.5	3.2	0.5	0.4	0.2	0.3
Transportation services	6.984	187.1	187.9	2.5	0.4	0.1	0.6	0.4
Other services	10.625	213.7	214.4	3.7	0.3	0.4	0.2	0.2
Special indexes								
All items less food	84.674	161.9	162.3	1.3	0.2	0.1	-0.1	0.1
All items less shelter	70.212	156.4	156.4	0.7	0.0	-0.1	-0.1	-0.1
All items less medical care	94.386	157.3	157.5	1.3	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.1
Commodities less food	27.309	131.9	131.9	-1.4	0.0	-0.1	-0.4	-0.2
Nondurables less food	15.712	133.9	134.1	-1.5	0.1	-0.1	-0.9	-0.1
Nondurables less food and apparel	10.768	139.8	138.9	-2.3	-0.6	-0.3	-1.1	-0.6

Nondurables	31.039	146.2	146.1	0.1	-0.1	-0.1	-0.2	-0.2
Services less rent of shelter (3).....	27.955	189.9	190.1	2.0	0.1	0.0	-0.1	0.0
Services less medical care services	52.973	176.1	176.6	2.6	0.3	0.2	0.1	0.1
Energy	7.013	105.9	103.2	-8.8	-2.5	-1.8	-2.4	-2.2
All items less energy	92.987	169.0	169.6	2.2	0.4	0.2	0.2	0.2
All items less food and energy	77.661	171.2	172.1	2.3	0.5	0.2	0.2	0.3
Commodities less food and energy								
commodities	24.053	142.0	142.7	0.4	0.5	0.0	0.1	0.2
Energy commodities	3.256	97.8	94.3	-13.2	-3.6	-1.4	-3.5	-3.3
Services less energy services	53.608	187.9	188.8	3.1	0.5	0.3	0.2	0.3
Purchasing power of the consumer dollar	-	\$.619	\$.618	-	-	-	-	-
Purchasing power of the consumer dollar - old								
base	-	\$.207	\$.206	-	-	-	-	-

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--		
	Nov. 1997	Dec. 1997	Jan. 1998	Feb. 1998	May 1997	Aug. 1997	Nov. 1997	Feb. 1998	Aug. 1997	Feb. 1998
Expenditure category										
All items	161.8	161.9	161.9	162.0	1.0	2.0	2.3	0.5	1.5	1.4
Food and beverages	159.2	159.3	159.7	159.7	1.0	3.1	2.0	1.3	2.1	1.6

Food	158.9	158.9	159.4	159.4	0.8	3.1	2.0	1.3	1.9	1.7
Food at home	159.5	159.3	159.9	159.7	0.3	3.6	1.3	0.5	1.9	0.9
Cereals and bakery products	178.8	179.1	179.0	179.4	1.4	2.3	1.8	1.3	1.8	1.6
Meats, poultry, fish, and eggs	148.6	147.7	147.3	147.2	0.5	1.4	-1.6	-3.7	0.9	-2.7
Dairy and related products (1).....	147.0	147.8	148.3	147.7	-2.2	-5.4	10.4	1.9	-3.8	6.1
Fruits and vegetables	191.7	190.9	196.5	194.9	-5.2	12.2	2.5	6.8	3.1	4.7
Nonalcoholic beverages and beverage materials	135.3	134.3	134.0	134.1	16.9	12.3	-4.6	-3.5	14.6	-4.0
Other food at home	148.5	148.7	148.7	148.8	5.1	5.3	-0.3	0.8	5.2	0.3
Sugar and sweets	148.7	149.3	150.0	149.4	1.4	1.1	2.5	1.9	1.2	2.2
Fats and oils	141.3	141.5	140.0	141.0	-0.6	-0.8	-0.8	-0.8	-0.7	-0.8
Other foods	162.5	163.4	163.6	163.8	-0.2	2.8	2.8	3.2	1.3	3.0
Other miscellaneous foods (1) (2).....	-	100.0	100.4	100.4	-	-	-	-	-	-
Food away from home (1).....	158.6	159.0	159.2	159.6	1.8	2.8	3.1	2.5	2.3	2.8
Other food away from home (1) (2).....	-	100.0	100.1	100.4	-	-	-	-	-	-
Alcoholic beverages	164.1	164.5	164.9	164.8	2.0	2.5	1.7	1.7	2.2	1.7
Housing	158.2	158.3	158.4	158.6	1.6	2.1	3.4	1.0	1.8	2.2
Shelter	178.0	178.7	179.0	179.5	3.3	3.2	3.0	3.4	3.2	3.2
Rent of primary residence	168.6	169.1	169.5	169.7	3.2	3.2	3.1	2.6	3.2	2.9
Lodging away from home (2).....	-	100.0	99.8	100.3	-	-	-	-	-	-
Owners' equivalent rent of primary residence (3).....	183.9	184.5	184.9	185.5	3.2	3.4	2.7	3.5	3.3	3.1
Tenants' and household insurance (1) (2)..	-	100.0	100.3	100.2	-	-	-	-	-	-
Fuels and utilities	132.1	130.7	129.1	127.9	-5.1	1.2	6.3	-12.1	-2.0	-3.4
Fuels	118.4	116.0	114.2	112.7	-10.6	0.0	9.7	-17.9	-5.5	-5.1
Fuel oil and other fuels	96.5	96.1	94.1	91.9	-19.2	-14.0	-0.4	-17.7	-16.6	-9.5
Gas (piped) and electricity	126.4	123.6	121.8	120.3	-9.5	1.6	10.8	-18.0	-4.1	-4.7
Household furnishings and operations	125.4	125.4	125.7	126.1	1.6	-1.3	0.6	2.3	0.2	1.4
Apparel	133.0	133.2	132.5	132.7	2.4	-2.1	1.2	-0.9	0.2	0.2
Men's and boys' apparel	130.9	131.7	132.0	132.0	5.1	1.9	0.9	3.4	3.5	2.2
Women's and girls' apparel	126.1	125.6	124.4	125.3	1.9	-5.6	3.2	-2.5	-1.9	0.3
Infants' and toddlers' apparel (1).....	126.0	125.8	124.8	123.1	22.4	-18.1	-4.0	-8.9	0.2	-6.5
Footwear	128.5	129.5	128.8	127.1	1.9	2.2	1.6	-4.3	2.1	-1.4
Transportation	143.9	143.5	143.0	142.4	-3.3	1.1	-1.1	-4.1	-1.1	-2.6
Private transportation	140.7	140.3	139.6	138.8	-4.7	1.7	-1.4	-5.3	-1.5	-3.4
New and used motor vehicles (2).....	-	100.0	100.1	100.1	-	-	-	-	-	-
New vehicles	143.7	143.4	143.6	143.5	-0.3	-0.6	-1.4	-0.6	-0.4	-1.0
Used cars and trucks (1).....	147.6	147.9	148.1	148.4	-1.3	-13.3	-2.4	2.2	-7.5	-0.1
Motor fuel	105.1	103.5	99.7	96.4	-23.0	10.8	-4.8	-29.2	-7.6	-17.9
Gasoline (all types)	104.7	103.0	99.3	95.9	-23.1	11.7	-5.2	-29.6	-7.3	-18.3
Motor vehicle parts and equipment	101.5	101.3	101.0	101.1	-1.9	0.4	-1.6	-1.6	-0.8	-1.6
Motor vehicle maintenance and repair	163.9	164.7	165.0	165.5	2.8	2.5	1.5	4.0	2.6	2.7

Public transportation	186.1	185.8	188.8	191.4	12.1	-5.4	1.7	11.9	3.0	6.7
Medical care	237.1	237.9	238.2	238.9	3.3	2.1	2.7	3.1	2.7	2.9
Medical care commodities	216.4	217.4	217.8	218.0	3.4	0.4	1.5	3.0	1.9	2.2
Medical care services	241.6	242.4	242.6	243.5	3.3	2.4	3.0	3.2	2.8	3.1
Professional services	217.5	218.1	218.7	219.2	4.0	2.6	2.2	3.2	3.3	2.7
Hospital and related services	281.5	282.8	282.6	284.0	3.2	2.0	3.6	3.6	2.6	3.6
Recreation (2).....	-	100.0	100.3	100.6	-	-	-	-	-	-
Video and audio (1) (2).....	100.3	100.0	100.6	101.2	-0.4	4.5	1.2	3.6	2.0	2.4
Education and communication (2).....	-	100.0	100.0	99.9	-	-	-	-	-	-
Education (2).....	-	100.0	100.4	100.7	-	-	-	-	-	-
Educational books and supplies	242.8	243.8	243.2	244.9	6.0	7.1	3.2	3.5	6.5	3.3
Tuition, other school fees, and childcare	285.6	286.8	288.1	289.0	5.5	5.6	4.5	4.8	5.5	4.7
Communication (1) (2).....	100.1	100.0	99.6	99.2	0.4	-3.1	1.2	-3.5	-1.4	-1.2
Information and information processing (1) (2).....	100.1	100.0	99.6	99.1	0.0	-3.1	1.2	-3.9	-1.6	-1.4
Telephone services (1) (2).....	-	100.0	99.9	100.0	-	-	-	-	-	-
Information and information processing other than telephone services (1) (4)	47.6	47.4	46.2	44.3	-16.9	-19.0	-4.9	-25.0	-17.9	-15.5
Personal computers and peripheral equipment (1) (2).....	-	100.0	96.9	91.3	-	-	-	-	-	-
Other goods and services	229.9	230.8	231.8	233.7	5.7	4.3	5.6	6.8	5.0	6.2
Tobacco and smoking products	250.3	252.1	253.8	261.2	8.2	2.8	10.9	18.6	5.5	14.7
Personal care (1).....	154.3	154.0	154.6	155.0	2.9	-0.3	4.8	1.8	1.3	3.3
Personal care products (1).....	146.1	145.3	146.1	146.7	2.3	-1.7	7.4	1.7	0.3	4.5
Personal care services (1).....	163.5	163.9	164.3	164.3	4.0	1.0	2.0	2.0	2.5	2.0
Miscellaneous personal services	230.1	231.2	231.6	231.6	5.3	7.5	2.8	2.6	6.4	2.7
Commodity and service group										
Commodities	142.3	142.1	141.9	141.8	-0.8	0.9	1.1	-1.4	0.0	-0.1
Food and beverages	159.2	159.3	159.7	159.7	1.0	3.1	2.0	1.3	2.1	1.6
Commodities less food and beverages	132.0	131.8	131.3	131.0	-2.4	-0.3	0.0	-3.0	-1.3	-1.5
Nondurables less food and beverages	134.8	134.6	133.1	133.0	-4.4	1.5	0.9	-5.2	-1.5	-2.2
Apparel	133.0	133.2	132.5	132.7	2.4	-2.1	1.2	-0.9	0.2	0.2
Nondurables less food, beverages, and apparel	140.7	140.2	138.5	137.7	-6.1	4.1	-0.3	-8.3	-1.1	-4.4
Durables	127.9	127.7	128.0	127.8	-0.9	-2.8	-1.2	-0.3	-1.8	-0.8
Services	181.4	181.7	181.9	182.3	2.7	2.7	3.1	2.0	2.7	2.6
Rent of shelter (3).....	185.6	186.3	186.6	187.1	3.1	3.1	3.3	3.3	3.1	3.3
Transportation services	185.7	185.9	187.1	187.8	4.7	0.7	1.1	4.6	2.6	2.8
Other services	212.7	213.5	214.0	214.4	4.3	4.1	2.5	3.2	4.2	2.9

Special indexes

All items less food	162.2	162.3	162.2	162.3	1.3	1.8	2.3	0.2	1.5	1.2
All items less shelter	156.9	156.8	156.7	156.6	0.3	1.8	1.8	-0.8	1.0	0.5
All items less medical care	157.4	157.4	157.4	157.5	0.8	2.1	2.3	0.3	1.4	1.3
Commodities less food	133.5	133.3	132.8	132.6	-2.1	-0.3	0.3	-2.7	-1.2	-1.2
Nondurables less food	136.5	136.3	135.1	135.0	-4.0	1.5	0.9	-4.3	-1.3	-1.8
Nondurables less food and apparel	142.1	141.7	140.2	139.4	-5.0	3.7	0.0	-7.4	-0.7	-3.8
Nondurables	147.2	147.1	146.8	146.5	-2.2	2.5	1.9	-1.9	0.1	0.0
Services less rent of shelter (3).....	190.0	190.0	189.9	189.9	2.4	1.9	3.7	-0.2	2.2	1.7
Services less medical care services	175.8	176.1	176.3	176.5	2.8	2.6	3.5	1.6	2.7	2.5
Energy	111.3	109.3	106.7	104.3	-16.1	4.5	2.9	-22.9	-6.4	-10.9
All items less energy	168.6	168.9	169.2	169.6	2.4	1.9	2.2	2.4	2.2	2.3
All items less food and energy	171.0	171.4	171.7	172.2	2.6	1.7	2.1	2.8	2.2	2.5
Commodities less food and energy										
commodities	142.5	142.5	142.6	142.9	1.1	-1.4	1.1	1.1	-0.1	1.1
Energy commodities	104.3	102.8	99.2	95.9	-22.5	7.5	-4.1	-28.5	-8.7	-17.2
Services less energy services	187.0	187.6	188.0	188.6	3.3	2.8	2.8	3.5	3.1	3.1

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

(1982-84=100, unless otherwise noted)

CPI-U	Pricing schedule (1)	All items									
		Indexes				Percent change to Feb.1998 from--			Percent change to Jan.1998 from--		
		Nov. 1997	Dec. 1997	Jan. 1998	Feb. 1998	Feb. 1997	Dec. 1997	Jan. 1998	Jan. 1997	Nov. 1997	Dec. 1997
U.S. city average	M	161.5	161.3	161.6	161.9	1.4	0.4	0.2	1.6	0.1	0.2

Region and area size(2)

Northeast urban	M	168.5	168.4	168.8	169.1	1.3	0.4	0.2	1.6	0.2	0.2
Size A - More than 1,500,000	M	169.3	169.1	169.5	170.1	1.4	0.6	0.4	1.6	0.1	0.2
Size B/C 50,000 to 1,500,000 (3).....	M	101.3	101.3	101.6	101.4	1.2	0.1	-0.2	1.6	0.3	0.3
Midwest urban (4).....	M	157.7	157.3	157.6	158.0	1.3	0.4	0.3	1.4	-0.1	0.2
Size A - More than 1,500,000	M	158.4	158.1	158.5	158.9	1.5	0.5	0.3	1.6	0.1	0.3
Size B/C - 50,000 to 1,500,000 (3).....	M	101.3	101.0	101.2	101.6	1.4	0.6	0.4	1.2	-0.1	0.2
Size D - Nonmetropolitan (less than 50,000)	M	153.7	153.0	152.9	152.7	0.4	-0.2	-0.1	0.5	-0.5	-0.1
South urban	M	157.8	157.3	157.6	157.8	1.1	0.3	0.1	1.2	-0.1	0.2
Size A - More than 1,500,000	M	156.4	156.3	156.6	156.7	1.0	0.3	0.1	1.1	0.1	0.2
Size B/C - 50,000 to 1,500,000 (3).....	M	101.9	101.3	101.5	101.6	1.0	0.3	0.1	1.2	-0.4	0.2
Size D - Nonmetropolitan (less than 50,000)	M	157.1	157.0	157.5	157.9	1.5	0.6	0.3	1.7	0.3	0.3
West urban	M	162.8	162.8	163.0	163.2	1.9	0.2	0.1	2.1	0.1	0.1
Size A - More than 1,500,000	M	162.8	163.1	163.3	163.6	2.2	0.3	0.2	2.3	0.3	0.1
Size B/C - 50,000 to 1,500,000 (3).....	M	102.4	102.0	102.3	102.3	1.5	0.3	0.0	1.9	-0.1	0.3

Size classes

A (5).....	M	145.8	145.7	146.0	146.4	1.6	0.5	0.3	1.7	0.1	0.2
B/C (3).....	M	101.7	101.4	101.6	101.7	1.2	0.3	0.1	1.4	-0.1	0.2
D	M	157.8	157.5	157.7	157.8	1.0	0.2	0.1	1.2	-0.1	0.1

Selected local areas(6)

Chicago-Gary-Kenosha, IL-IN-WI	M	162.9	162.8	162.8	163.1	1.2	0.2	0.2	1.5	-0.1	0.0
Los Angeles-Riverside-Orange County, CA	M	160.7	161.2	161.0	161.1	1.2	-0.1	0.1	1.2	0.2	-0.1
New York-Northern N.J.-Long Island, NY-NJ-CT-PA	M	172.0	171.9	172.1	172.7	1.5	0.5	0.3	1.8	0.1	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	-	152.5	152.1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-0.3
Washington-Baltimore, DC-MD-VA-WV (7).....	1	100.5	-	101.0	-	-	-	-	0.6	0.5	-
Atlanta, GA	2	-	159.4	-	159.5	-	0.1	-	-	-	-
Detroit-Ann Arbor-Flint, MI	2	-	157.1	-	158.5	2.0	0.9	-	-	-	-

Houston-Galveston-Brazoria, TX	2	-	145.6	-	146.1	1.1	0.3	-	-	-	-
Miami-Fort Lauderdale, FL	2	159.5	159.3	-	160.2	-	0.6	-	-	-	-
Philadelphia-Wilmington-Atlantic City, PA-NJ-DE-MD	2	166.4	166.4	-	167.0	0.7	0.4	-	-	-	-
San Francisco-Oakland-San Jose, CA	2	162.6	162.6	-	163.2	3.4	0.4	-	-	-	-
Seattle-Tacoma-Bremerton, WA	2	-	165.0	-	166.5	-	0.9	-	-	-	-

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 Feb. 1998 from-		Seasonally adjusted percent change from-		
		Jan. 1998	Feb. 1998	Feb. 1997	Jan. 1998	Nov. to Dec. Dec.	Dec. to Jan. Jan.	Jan. to Feb. Feb.
Expenditure category								
All items	100.000	158.4	158.5	1.1	0.1	0.1	0.0	0.0
All items (1967=100)	-	471.9	472.2	-	-	-	-	-
Food and beverages	17.903	159.6	159.2	1.8	-0.3	0.0	0.3	0.0
Food	16.861	159.3	158.8	1.8	-0.3	-0.1	0.4	-0.1
Food at home	10.785	159.9	158.9	1.3	-0.6	-0.2	0.4	-0.1

Cereals and bakery products	1.678	178.8	179.4	1.7	0.3	0.2	-0.2	0.3
Meats, poultry, fish, and eggs	3.125	148.0	147.2	-0.8	-0.5	-0.5	-0.3	-0.1
Dairy and related products (1).....	1.135	147.9	147.4	1.0	-0.3	0.5	0.3	-0.3
Fruits and vegetables	1.447	200.9	192.4	3.4	-4.2	-0.7	3.6	-1.1
Nonalcoholic beverages and beverage materials	1.215	132.9	133.6	4.4	0.5	-0.8	-0.2	0.1
Other food at home	2.185	148.1	148.5	2.4	0.3	0.1	0.1	0.1
Sugar and sweets .....	.420	150.2	149.5	1.6	-0.5	0.5	0.5	-0.5
Fats and oils .....	.332	140.4	141.4	-0.6	0.7	0.1	-0.9	0.6
Other foods	1.432	163.6	164.1	2.3	0.3	0.5	0.3	0.1
Other miscellaneous foods (1) (2).....	.344	100.5	100.5	-	0.0	-	0.5	0.0
Food away from home (1).....	6.076	159.3	159.6	2.5	0.2	0.3	0.2	0.2
Other food away from home (1) (2).....	.212	100.1	100.3	-	0.2	-	0.1	0.2
Alcoholic beverages	1.042	163.6	163.9	1.7	0.2	0.2	0.2	-0.1
Housing	36.450	154.8	155.1	1.8	0.2	0.0	0.0	0.1
Shelter	27.033	173.9	174.6	3.1	0.4	0.3	0.3	0.2
Rent of primary residence	8.347	169.2	169.6	3.2	0.2	0.2	0.3	0.1
Lodging away from home (2).....	1.346	104.8	108.6	-	3.6	-	0.1	0.0
Owners' equivalent rent of primary residence (3).....	17.016	168.7	169.1	3.1	0.2	0.3	0.2	0.4
Tenants' and household insurance (1) (2)..	.324	100.4	100.2	-	-0.2	-	0.4	-0.2
Fuels and utilities	5.053	128.6	127.1	-2.8	-1.2	-1.1	-1.2	-0.9
Fuels	4.143	113.9	112.2	-5.3	-1.5	-2.1	-1.6	-1.2
Fuel oil and other fuels .....	.229	96.2	95.1	-13.1	-1.1	-0.4	-2.1	-2.2
Gas (piped) and electricity	3.914	121.0	119.2	-4.5	-1.5	-2.3	-1.5	-1.2
Household furnishings and operations	4.365	124.1	124.7	0.8	0.5	0.0	0.2	0.4
Apparel	5.300	128.7	130.4	-0.5	1.3	0.0	-0.5	-0.2
Men's and boys' apparel	1.503	129.4	130.1	2.3	0.5	0.4	0.2	-0.2
Women's and girls' apparel	1.985	118.5	122.3	-2.0	3.2	-0.6	-0.9	0.3
Infants' and toddlers' apparel (1).....	.337	125.3	123.1	-3.9	-1.8	-0.5	-0.9	-1.8
Footwear	1.082	128.4	127.4	0.2	-0.8	0.7	-0.5	-1.5
Transportation	19.847	141.7	140.9	-2.4	-0.6	-0.3	-0.5	-0.4
Private transportation	18.790	139.3	138.4	-2.8	-0.6	-0.3	-0.6	-0.6
New and used motor vehicles (2).....	9.285	100.1	100.2	-1.7	0.1	-	0.1	0.0
New vehicles	5.304	145.6	145.5	-0.8	-0.1	-0.2	0.1	-0.1
Used cars and trucks (1).....	3.162	149.7	149.9	-3.7	0.1	0.2	0.1	0.1
Motor fuel	3.682	97.6	94.1	-13.0	-3.6	-1.5	-3.6	-3.1
Gasoline (all types)	3.658	97.1	93.6	-12.9	-3.6	-1.6	-3.6	-3.2
Motor vehicle parts and equipment .....	.694	100.7	100.9	-0.7	0.2	-0.1	-0.1	0.1
Motor vehicle maintenance and repair	1.664	166.0	166.5	2.7	0.3	0.5	0.1	0.3
Public transportation	1.057	184.7	187.9	4.2	1.7	0.0	0.9	1.2

Medical care	4.591	237.4	238.7	2.8	0.5	0.4	0.2	0.2
Medical care commodities .....	.906	214.7	215.4	1.9	0.3	0.4	0.2	0.0
Medical care services	3.684	242.5	244.0	3.0	0.6	0.4	0.1	0.3
Professional services	2.372	219.8	221.0	3.1	0.5	0.3	0.2	0.4
Hospital and related services	1.097	279.6	281.4	3.2	0.6	0.4	0.0	0.5
Recreation (2).....	5.969	100.3	100.7	1.5	0.4	-	0.3	0.3
Video and audio (1) (2).....	1.968	100.5	101.2	2.4	0.7	-0.3	0.5	0.7
Education and communication (2).....	5.396	100.0	99.8	2.4	-0.2	-	-0.1	0.0
Education (2).....	2.402	100.3	100.4	5.1	0.1	-	0.3	0.4
Educational books and supplies .....	.192	247.5	249.4	5.3	0.8	0.4	-0.3	0.9
Tuition, other school fees, and childcare	2.211	283.5	283.5	5.2	0.0	0.5	0.3	0.4
Communication (1) (2).....	2.994	99.7	99.3	-1.0	-0.4	-0.1	-0.3	-0.4
Information and information processing (1) (2).....	2.841	99.6	99.3	-1.1	-0.3	-0.1	-0.4	-0.3
Telephone services (1) (2).....	2.547	99.9	100.0	-	0.1	-	-0.1	0.1
Information and information processing other than telephone services (1) (4) .....	.294	47.7	45.8	-15.2	-4.0	-0.8	-2.5	-4.0
Personal computers and peripheral equipment (1) (2).....	.191	96.6	91.1	-	-5.7	-	-3.4	-5.7
Other goods and services	4.544	228.2	230.6	6.1	1.1	0.4	0.5	1.1
Tobacco and smoking products	1.300	253.6	261.1	10.2	3.0	0.7	0.8	3.0
Personal care (1).....	3.244	154.5	155.0	2.4	0.3	-0.3	0.4	0.3
Personal care products (1).....	.832	147.0	147.6	2.4	0.4	-0.7	0.6	0.4
Personal care services (1).....	.964	164.5	164.5	2.3	0.0	0.2	0.2	0.0
Miscellaneous personal services	1.226	229.8	231.1	4.3	0.6	0.5	0.2	0.0
Commodity and service group								
Commodities	47.234	141.4	141.3	-0.4	-0.1	-0.1	-0.1	-0.1
Food and beverages	17.903	159.6	159.2	1.8	-0.3	0.0	0.3	0.0
Commodities less food and beverages	29.331	130.5	130.5	-1.8	0.0	-0.2	-0.4	-0.2
Nondurables less food and beverages	15.928	131.5	131.5	-2.2	0.0	-0.3	-1.0	-0.2
Apparel	5.300	128.7	130.4	-0.5	1.3	0.0	-0.5	-0.2
Nondurables less food, beverages, and apparel	10.628	137.6	136.7	-2.9	-0.7	-0.4	-1.4	-0.4
Durables	13.403	127.7	127.7	-1.4	0.0	0.0	0.2	-0.1
Services	52.766	178.7	179.1	2.4	0.2	0.1	0.1	0.2
Rent of shelter (3).....	26.708	167.4	168.1	3.1	0.4	0.4	0.2	0.2
Transportation services	6.824	184.9	185.3	2.2	0.2	0.2	0.5	0.3
Other services	10.006	210.5	211.2	3.8	0.3	0.3	0.2	0.2

Special indexes

Expenditure category

All items	158.6	158.7	158.7	158.7	0.8	2.1	1.8	0.3	1.4	1.0
Food and beverages	158.7	158.7	159.2	159.2	1.0	3.1	1.8	1.3	2.1	1.5
Food	158.3	158.2	158.8	158.7	0.8	3.1	2.0	1.0	1.9	1.5
Food at home	158.6	158.3	158.9	158.7	0.3	3.4	1.3	0.3	1.8	0.8
Cereals and bakery products	178.5	178.9	178.6	179.1	1.6	1.8	2.0	1.4	1.7	1.7
Meats, poultry, fish, and eggs	148.2	147.4	147.0	146.8	0.5	1.4	-1.9	-3.7	0.9	-2.8
Dairy and related products (1).....	146.8	147.5	147.9	147.4	-2.4	-5.7	11.1	1.6	-4.1	6.2
Fruits and vegetables	191.1	189.7	196.5	194.4	-5.2	12.5	2.1	7.1	3.2	4.6
Nonalcoholic beverages and beverage materials	134.0	132.9	132.7	132.8	16.0	10.7	-4.1	-3.5	13.3	-3.8
Other food at home	147.8	147.9	148.1	148.2	5.1	4.7	-0.3	1.1	4.9	0.4
Sugar and sweets	148.5	149.2	149.9	149.2	1.6	1.1	1.9	1.9	1.4	1.9
Fats and oils	141.1	141.3	140.0	140.8	-0.3	-0.6	-0.8	-0.8	-0.4	-0.8
Other foods	162.3	163.1	163.6	163.8	0.3	3.0	2.2	3.7	1.6	3.0
Other miscellaneous foods (1) (2).....	-	100.0	100.5	100.5	-	-	-	-	-	-
Food away from home (1).....	158.6	159.0	159.3	159.6	1.3	3.1	3.1	2.5	2.2	2.8
Other food away from home (1) (2).....	-	100.0	100.1	100.3	-	-	-	-	-	-
Alcoholic beverages	163.2	163.6	164.0	163.8	2.0	2.5	1.2	1.5	2.2	1.4
Housing	154.8	154.8	154.8	155.0	1.3	2.1	3.4	0.5	1.7	2.0
Shelter	172.9	173.5	174.0	174.4	3.1	3.1	2.8	3.5	3.1	3.2
Rent of primary residence	168.3	168.7	169.2	169.4	3.5	3.2	3.2	2.6	3.3	2.9
Lodging away from home (2).....	-	100.0	100.1	100.1	-	-	-	-	-	-
Owners' equivalent rent of primary residence (3).....	167.6	168.1	168.5	169.1	3.0	3.2	2.7	3.6	3.1	3.1
Tenants' and household insurance (1) (2)..	-	100.0	100.4	100.2	-	-	-	-	-	-
Fuels and utilities	131.8	130.4	128.8	127.6	-5.4	1.6	6.6	-12.2	-2.0	-3.2
Fuels	117.8	115.3	113.5	112.1	-11.0	0.0	10.1	-18.0	-5.7	-5.0
Fuel oil and other fuels	96.3	95.9	93.9	91.8	-19.9	-13.3	-0.4	-17.4	-16.7	-9.3
Gas (piped) and electricity	125.9	123.0	121.1	119.7	-10.1	1.3	11.6	-18.3	-4.6	-4.5
Household furnishings and operations	123.9	123.9	124.2	124.7	1.6	-1.3	0.6	2.6	0.2	1.6
Apparel	132.0	132.0	131.3	131.1	2.8	-2.1	0.6	-2.7	0.3	-1.1
Men's and boys' apparel	130.7	131.2	131.4	131.1	4.8	1.9	0.9	1.2	3.3	1.1
Women's and girls' apparel	124.8	124.1	123.0	123.4	1.6	-5.3	1.6	-4.4	-1.9	-1.4
Infants' and toddlers' apparel (1).....	127.1	126.5	125.3	123.1	23.0	-17.9	-4.0	-12.0	0.5	-8.1
Footwear	129.6	130.5	129.9	128.0	1.3	2.2	2.2	-4.8	1.7	-1.4
Transportation	143.0	142.6	141.9	141.3	-4.3	1.1	-1.7	-4.7	-1.7	-3.2

Private transportation	140.7	140.3	139.5	138.7	-5.2	1.4	-2.0	-5.6	-2.0	-3.8
New and used motor vehicles (2).....	-	100.0	100.1	100.1	-	-	-	-	-	-
New vehicles	144.9	144.6	144.7	144.6	-0.3	-0.5	-1.6	-0.8	-0.4	-1.2
Used cars and trucks (1).....	149.2	149.5	149.7	149.9	-1.0	-13.2	-1.9	1.9	-7.3	0.0
Motor fuel	104.8	103.2	99.5	96.4	-23.5	11.2	-6.2	-28.4	-7.8	-18.1
Gasoline (all types)	104.6	102.9	99.2	96.0	-24.2	13.0	-5.9	-29.0	-7.5	-18.3
Motor vehicle parts and equipment	100.7	100.6	100.5	100.6	-2.0	1.2	-1.6	-0.4	-0.4	-1.0
Motor vehicle maintenance and repair	165.0	165.8	166.0	166.5	2.7	2.7	1.7	3.7	2.7	2.7
Public transportation	184.1	184.1	185.8	188.1	9.9	-3.2	1.8	9.0	3.1	5.3
Medical care	236.3	237.2	237.6	238.1	3.3	2.1	2.8	3.1	2.7	2.9
Medical care commodities	213.7	214.6	215.0	214.9	3.3	-0.4	2.3	2.3	1.4	2.3
Medical care services	241.2	242.2	242.5	243.2	3.4	2.4	2.9	3.4	2.9	3.1
Professional services	219.0	219.6	220.0	220.8	4.0	2.8	2.6	3.3	3.4	3.0
Hospital and related services	277.7	278.9	278.8	280.3	3.1	2.2	3.5	3.8	2.7	3.7
Recreation (2).....	-	100.0	100.3	100.6	-	-	-	-	-	-
Video and audio (1) (2).....	100.3	100.0	100.5	101.2	0.4	4.5	1.2	3.6	2.4	2.4
Education and communication (2).....	-	100.0	99.9	99.9	-	-	-	-	-	-
Education (2).....	-	100.0	100.3	100.7	-	-	-	-	-	-
Educational books and supplies	245.1	246.1	245.3	247.4	6.3	7.4	3.7	3.8	6.8	3.7
Tuition, other school fees, and childcare	279.9	281.2	282.1	283.2	5.6	5.1	5.3	4.8	5.3	5.1
Communication (1) (2).....	100.1	100.0	99.7	99.3	0.8	-3.1	1.6	-3.2	-1.2	-0.8
Information and information processing (1) (2).....	100.1	100.0	99.6	99.3	0.4	-3.1	1.6	-3.2	-1.4	-0.8
Telephone services (1) (2).....	-	100.0	99.9	100.0	-	-	-	-	-	-
Information and information processing other than telephone services (1) (4)	49.3	48.9	47.7	45.8	-15.3	-18.0	0.0	-25.5	-16.6	-13.7
Personal computers and peripheral equipment (1) (2).....	-	100.0	96.6	91.1	-	-	-	-	-	-
Other goods and services	226.4	227.4	228.5	230.9	5.8	3.7	6.6	8.2	4.7	7.4
Tobacco and smoking products	249.9	251.6	253.6	261.1	8.2	3.0	10.8	19.2	5.6	14.9
Personal care (1).....	154.3	153.9	154.5	155.0	3.2	-0.5	5.1	1.8	1.3	3.4
Personal care products (1).....	147.1	146.1	147.0	147.6	2.2	-1.6	7.7	1.4	0.3	4.5
Personal care services (1).....	163.7	164.1	164.5	164.5	4.0	1.0	2.2	2.0	2.5	2.1
Miscellaneous personal services	228.8	230.0	230.5	230.6	5.4	5.7	3.0	3.2	5.5	3.1
Commodity and service group										
Commodities	142.1	142.0	141.8	141.6	-1.1	0.9	0.6	-1.4	-0.1	-0.4
Food and beverages	158.7	158.7	159.2	159.2	1.0	3.1	1.8	1.3	2.1	1.5
Commodities less food and beverages	132.0	131.7	131.2	130.9	-2.7	-0.3	-0.3	-3.3	-1.5	-1.8
Nondurables less food and beverages	134.6	134.2	132.9	132.6	-4.6	1.5	0.6	-5.8	-1.6	-2.7

Apparel	132.0	132.0	131.3	131.1	2.8	-2.1	0.6	-2.7	0.3	-1.1
Nondurables less food, beverages, and apparel	140.6	140.1	138.1	137.5	-6.9	4.4	-0.3	-8.5	-1.4	-4.5
Durables	127.3	127.3	127.5	127.4	-0.9	-3.4	-1.9	0.3	-2.2	-0.8
Services	178.4	178.6	178.8	179.1	2.5	2.8	3.2	1.6	2.7	2.4
Rent of shelter (3).....	166.6	167.2	167.6	167.9	3.2	3.2	2.9	3.2	3.2	3.0
Transportation services	183.5	183.8	184.7	185.2	3.6	1.5	0.9	3.8	2.6	2.3
Other services	209.5	210.2	210.7	211.2	4.4	3.7	2.9	3.3	4.1	3.1

Special indexes

All items less food	158.4	158.4	158.3	158.3	0.5	1.8	2.0	-0.3	1.2	0.9
All items less shelter	154.8	154.6	154.5	154.4	-0.3	1.6	1.8	-1.0	0.7	0.4
All items less medical care	154.9	154.9	154.8	154.9	0.5	1.8	2.1	0.0	1.2	1.0
Commodities less food	133.5	133.3	132.7	132.4	-2.6	-0.3	0.0	-3.3	-1.5	-1.6
Nondurables less food	136.3	136.0	134.7	134.3	-3.7	1.5	0.6	-5.7	-1.2	-2.6
Nondurables less food and apparel	142.3	141.8	139.7	139.2	-6.3	4.3	1.4	-8.4	-1.1	-3.6
Nondurables	146.8	146.7	146.5	145.9	-1.4	2.8	0.8	-2.4	0.7	-0.8
Services less rent of shelter (3).....	169.3	169.3	169.1	169.0	1.9	2.4	3.4	-0.7	2.2	1.3
Services less medical care services	173.0	173.2	173.4	173.4	2.4	2.6	3.3	0.9	2.5	2.1
Energy	110.8	108.7	106.0	103.8	-17.3	5.2	2.2	-23.0	-6.7	-11.3
All items less energy	165.4	165.7	166.0	166.3	2.5	1.7	2.0	2.2	2.1	2.1
All items less food and energy	167.4	167.7	168.0	168.4	2.7	1.2	2.2	2.4	1.9	2.3
Commodities less food and energy commodities	142.0	142.0	142.1	142.4	1.4	-1.7	0.8	1.1	-0.1	1.0
Energy commodities	104.3	102.8	99.2	96.2	-23.3	8.8	-5.6	-27.6	-8.7	-17.3
Services less energy services	184.4	184.9	185.4	185.9	3.4	2.9	2.6	3.3	3.1	3.0

1 Not seasonally adjusted.

2 Indexes on a December 1997=100 base.

3 Indexes on a December 1984=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 6. Consumer Price Index for Urban Wage Earners and Clerical Workers (CPI-W): Selected areas, all items index

(1982-84=100, unless otherwise noted)

All items

CPI-W	Pricing	Indexes	Percent change to Feb.1998 from--	Percent change to Jan.1998 from--
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	sched- ule (1)	Nov. 1997	Dec. 1997	Jan. 1998	Feb. 1998	Feb. 1997	Dec. 1997	Jan. 1998	Jan. 1997	Nov. 1997	Dec. 1997
U.S. city average	M	158.5	158.2	158.4	158.5	1.1	0.2	0.1	1.3	-0.1	0.1
Region and area size(2)											
Northeast urban	M	165.7	165.5	165.7	165.9	1.0	0.2	0.1	1.3	0.0	0.1
Size A - More than 1,500,000	M	165.5	165.2	165.4	165.8	1.2	0.4	0.2	1.4	-0.1	0.1
Size B/C 50,000 to 1,500,000 (3).....	M	101.1	101.1	101.3	101.1	1.0	0.0	-0.2	1.3	0.2	0.2
Midwest urban (4).....	M	154.0	153.7	153.9	154.2	1.2	0.3	0.2	1.2	-0.1	0.1
Size A - More than 1,500,000	M	153.8	153.6	153.9	154.2	1.2	0.4	0.2	1.3	0.1	0.2
Size B/C - 50,000 to 1,500,000 (3).....	M	101.2	101.0	101.1	101.4	1.3	0.4	0.3	1.1	-0.1	0.1
Size D - Nonmetropolitan (less than 50,000)	M	151.6	151.0	150.9	150.8	0.3	-0.1	-0.1	0.3	-0.5	-0.1
South urban	M	156.2	155.6	155.8	155.7	0.8	0.1	-0.1	1.0	-0.3	0.1
Size A - More than 1,500,000	M	154.5	154.2	154.4	154.3	0.7	0.1	-0.1	0.8	-0.1	0.1
Size B/C - 50,000 to 1,500,000 (3).....	M	101.7	101.1	101.2	101.1	0.6	0.0	-0.1	1.0	-0.5	0.1
Size D - Nonmetropolitan (less than 50,000)	M	157.5	157.5	157.6	158.0	1.4	0.3	0.3	1.5	0.1	0.1
West urban	M	159.2	159.2	159.4	159.4	1.7	0.1	0.0	2.0	0.1	0.1
Size A - More than 1,500,000	M	157.7	157.9	158.0	158.0	1.8	0.1	0.0	2.1	0.2	0.1
Size B/C - 50,000 to 1,500,000 (3).....	M	102.3	101.9	102.2	102.2	1.3	0.3	0.0	1.7	-0.1	0.3
Size classes											
A (5).....	M	144.6	144.4	144.6	144.8	1.3	0.3	0.1	1.5	0.0	0.1
B/C (3).....	M	101.5	101.2	101.3	101.3	0.9	0.1	0.0	1.2	-0.2	0.1
D	M	156.9	156.7	156.7	156.8	0.9	0.1	0.1	0.9	-0.1	0.0
Selected local areas(6)											
Chicago-Gary-Kenosha, IL-IN-WI	M	157.2	157.3	157.3	157.4	1.0	0.1	0.1	1.3	0.1	0.0
Los Angeles-Riverside-Orange County, CA	M	154.9	155.3	155.1	155.0	0.9	-0.2	-0.1	1.0	0.1	-0.1
New York-Northern N.J.-Long Island, NY-NJ-CT-PA	M	168.0	167.7	167.7	168.2	1.2	0.3	0.3	1.6	-0.2	0.0

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	-	152.7	152.2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-0.3
Washington-Baltimore, DC-MD-VA-WV (7).....	1	100.4	-	100.8	-	-	-	-	0.4	0.4	-
Atlanta, GA	2	-	156.8	-	156.6	-	-0.1	-	-	-	-
Detroit-Ann Arbor-Flint, MI	2	-	151.7	-	152.9	1.7	0.8	-	-	-	-
Houston-Galveston-Brazoria, TX	2	-	144.5	-	144.7	0.8	0.1	-	-	-	-
Miami-Fort Lauderdale, FL	2	157.0	156.8	-	157.3	-	0.3	-	-	-	-
Philadelphia-Wilmington-Atlantic City, PA-NJ-DE-MD	2	165.9	165.7	-	166.1	0.7	0.2	-	-	-	-
San Francisco-Oakland-San Jose, CA	2	159.5	159.4	-	159.6	3.0	0.1	-	-	-	-
Seattle-Tacoma-Bremerton, WA	2	-	160.6	-	162.2	-	1.0	-	-	-	-

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 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 importan- ce, December 1997	Unadjusted indexes		Unadjusted percent change to Feb. 1998 from-	
		Jan. 1998	Feb. 1998	Feb. 1997	Jan. 1998

Expenditure category

All items	100.000	161.6	162.0	1.5	0.2
All items (1967=100)	-	484.2	485.2	-	-
Food and beverages	17.465	160.3	159.8	1.8	-.3
Food	15.886	159.9	159.3	1.8	-.4
Food at home	9.964	161.1	159.9	1.4	-.7
Cereals and bakery products	1.476	179.0	179.5	1.6	.3
Meats, poultry, fish, and eggs	2.921	148.1	147.2	-1.1	-.6
Dairy products	1.218	148.1	147.9	1.2	-.1
Fruits and vegetables	1.982	200.5	193.8	3.4	-3.3
Other food at home	2.366	148.9	149.5	2.8	.4
Sugar and sweets .....	.332	150.3	149.5	1.6	-.5
Fats and oils .....	.241	140.6	141.8	-.6	.9
Nonalcoholic beverages .....	.747	134.4	135.1	5.1	.5
Other prepared food	1.046	163.7	164.4	2.4	.4
Food away from home	5.923	159.2	159.6	2.6	.3
Alcoholic beverages	1.578	164.5	164.9	1.9	.2
Housing	41.469	158.2	158.8	1.9	.4
Shelter	28.640	179.1	180.1	3.2	.6
Renters' costs (1).....	8.169	188.9	191.5	3.3	1.4
Rent, residential	5.810	169.5	169.9	3.1	.2
Other renters' costs	2.359	225.9	235.2	3.9	4.1
Homeowners' costs (1).....	20.269	184.7	185.1	3.1	.2
Owners' equivalent rent (1).....	19.881	185.1	185.4	3.1	.2
Household insurance (1).....	.388	167.7	167.3	2.1	-.2
Maintenance and repairs .....	.202	146.0	146.0	2.6	.0
Maintenance and repair services .....	.126	154.4	154.7	4.2	.2
Maintenance and repair commodities ..	.076	134.4	134.0	.1	-.3
Fuel and other utilities	7.015	129.3	128.5	-1.9	-.6
Fuels	3.769	114.4	112.7	-5.5	-1.5
Fuel oil and other household fuel					
commodities .....	.368	96.4	95.3	-13.0	-1.1
Gas (piped) and electricity (energy					
services).....	3.401	121.5	119.5	-4.6	-1.6
Other utilities and public services ...	3.246	163.4	164.1	2.4	.4
Household furnishings and operation	5.814	125.3	125.9	.6	.5
Housefurnishings	3.232	109.8	110.1	-1.0	.3
Housekeeping supplies	1.090	143.2	145.3	2.0	1.5
Housekeeping services	1.492	154.0	154.3	2.9	.2

Apparel and upkeep	5.291	129.7	131.6	-.2	1.5
Apparel commodities	4.748	125.6	127.6	-.5	1.6
Men's and boys' apparel	1.292	129.4	130.7	2.7	1.0
Women's and girls' apparel.....	2.072	119.6	123.0	-2.5	2.8
Infants' and toddlers' apparel .....	.182	124.4	122.8	-3.5	-1.3
Footwear .....	.719	127.3	126.9	.5	-.3
Other apparel commodities .....	.484	144.3	146.4	-.3	1.5
Apparel services .....	.543	164.3	164.8	1.6	.3
Transportation	16.620	142.7	142.1	-1.9	-.4
Private transportation	15.054	139.3	138.3	-2.5	-.7
New vehicles	4.829	144.4	144.3	-.8	-.1
New cars	3.842	141.8	141.6	-.9	-.1
Used cars	1.195	148.1	148.3	-4.0	.1
Motor fuel	2.925	97.8	94.1	-13.0	-3.8
Gasoline	-	97.2	93.5	-12.9	-3.8
Maintenance and repairs	1.546	164.9	165.5	2.7	.4
Other private transportation	4.560	180.0	179.6	1.4	-.2
Other private transportation					
commodities .....	.574	104.2	104.3	-1.0	.1
Other private transportation services					
.....	3.986	198.0	197.4	1.7	-.3
Public transportation	1.566	187.0	191.1	4.8	2.2
Medical care	7.426	238.0	239.4	2.9	.6
Medical care commodities	1.280	217.4	218.4	2.1	.5
Medical care services	6.145	242.8	244.3	3.0	.6
Professional medical services	3.518	218.4	219.7	3.0	.6
Entertainment	4.339	163.4	164.0	1.4	0.4
Entertainment commodities	1.924	144.3	144.6	.2	.2
Entertainment services	2.415	185.4	186.4	2.4	.5
Other goods and services	7.390	231.2	233.2	5.7	.9
Tobacco and smoking products	1.688	253.8	261.3	10.1	3.0
Personal care	1.152	154.7	155.0	2.3	.2
Toilet goods and personal care					
appliances .....	.589	146.2	147.0	2.6	.5
Personal care services .....	.564	164.3	164.1	2.1	-.1
Personal and educational expenses	4.550	267.0	267.6	4.9	.2
School books and supplies .....	.273	244.9	247.1	5.0	.9
Personal and educational services	4.277	268.9	269.4	4.9	.2

Commodity and service group

All items	100.000	161.6	162.0	1.5	.2
Commodities	42.255	141.7	141.6	-.1	-.1
Food and beverages	17.465	160.3	159.8	1.8	-.3
Commodities less food and beverages	24.791	130.4	130.7	-1.4	.2
Nondurables less food and beverages ...	14.865	132.0	132.4	-1.6	.3
Apparel commodities	4.748	125.6	127.6	-.5	1.6
Nondurables less food, beverages, and apparel	10.117	138.2	138.0	-2.1	-.1
Durables	9.926	128.2	128.3	-1.2	.1
Services	57.745	181.8	182.4	2.6	.3
Rent of shelter (1).....	28.016	186.4	187.4	3.2	.5
Household services less rent of shelter (1).....	8.687	145.2	144.6	-.3	-.4
Transportation services	7.097	187.4	188.1	2.6	.4
Medical care services	6.145	242.8	244.3	3.0	.6
Other services	7.799	213.7	214.2	3.6	.2

Special indexes

All items less food	84.114	161.9	162.4	1.4	.3
All items less shelter	71.360	156.5	156.6	.8	.1
All items less homeowners' costs (1).....	79.731	162.1	162.4	1.0	.2
All items less medical care	92.574	157.3	157.6	1.4	.2
Commodities less food	26.369	131.8	132.1	-1.3	.2
Nondurables less food	16.443	134.0	134.5	-1.2	.4
Nondurables less food and apparel	11.695	140.0	139.8	-1.6	-.1
Nondurables	32.329	146.3	146.3	.3	.0
Services less rent of shelter (1).....	29.728	190.0	190.3	2.1	.2
Services less medical care services	51.599	176.1	176.7	2.6	.3
Energy	6.695	105.8	103.1	-8.8	-2.6
All items less energy	93.305	169.0	169.6	2.2	.4
All items less food and energy	77.419	171.2	172.2	2.3	.6
Commodities less food and energy commodities	23.076	142.0	143.0	.6	.7
Energy commodities	3.293	97.8	94.5	-13.0	-3.4
Services less energy services	54.343	187.9	188.8	3.1	.5
Purchasing power of the consumer dollar:					
1982-84=\$1.00	-	\$.619	\$.617	-	-
1967=\$1.00	-	\$.207	\$.206	-	-

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 importance, December 1997	Unadjusted indexes		Unadjusted percent change to Feb. 1998 from-	
		Jan. 1998	Feb. 1998	Feb. 1997	Jan. 1998
Expenditure category					
All items	100.000	158.4	158.7	1.2	0.2
All items (1967=100)	-	472.0	472.6	-	-
Food and beverages	19.434	159.6	159.1	1.7	-.3
Food	17.739	159.3	158.7	1.7	-.4
Food at home	11.309	159.9	158.7	1.2	-.8
Cereals and bakery products	1.689	178.7	179.2	1.6	.3
Meats, poultry, fish, and eggs	3.441	147.8	146.9	-1.0	-.6
Dairy products	1.358	147.8	147.6	1.1	-.1
Fruits and vegetables	2.100	198.9	192.0	3.2	-3.5
Other food at home	2.722	148.3	148.8	2.6	.3
Sugar and sweets .....	.376	150.2	149.4	1.5	-.5
Fats and oils .....	.277	140.3	141.4	-.6	.8
Nonalcoholic beverages .....	.863	133.1	133.9	4.6	.6
Other prepared food	1.206	163.5	164.2	2.4	.4
Food away from home	6.430	159.2	159.6	2.5	.3
Alcoholic beverages	1.695	163.5	163.8	1.7	.2
Housing	39.037	154.8	155.2	1.8	.3
Shelter	26.305	173.9	174.7	3.1	.5
Renters' costs (1)	8.250	164.7	166.3	3.4	1.0
Rent, residential	6.686	169.2	169.6	3.2	.2
Other renters' costs	1.564	225.2	234.2	4.1	4.0

Homeowners' costs (1).....	17.864	168.4	168.7	3.1	.2
Owners' equivalent rent (1).....	17.538	168.7	169.0	3.0	.2
Household insurance (1).....	.327	152.1	151.8	2.2	-.2
Maintenance and repairs .....	.191	143.7	143.8	2.2	.1
Maintenance and repair services .....	.107	155.3	155.8	3.7	.3
Maintenance and repair commodities ..	.084	129.0	128.7	.3	-.2
Fuel and other utilities	7.274	129.1	128.4	-1.8	-.5
Fuels	3.875	113.9	112.1	-5.4	-1.6
Fuel oil and other household fuel					
commodities .....	.338	96.3	95.2	-13.0	-1.1
Gas (piped) and electricity (energy					
services).....	3.537	121.0	119.1	-4.6	-1.6
Other utilities and public services ...	3.399	164.3	165.1	2.6	.5
Household furnishings and operation	5.458	123.7	124.5	.6	.6
Housefurnishings	3.171	108.5	108.9	-.8	.4
Housekeeping supplies	1.130	144.0	146.1	2.1	1.5
Housekeeping services	1.157	157.1	157.3	2.9	.1
Apparel and upkeep	5.311	128.5	130.1	-.8	1.2
Apparel commodities	4.801	124.6	126.4	-0.9	1.4
Men's and boys' apparel	1.298	129.1	130.4	2.5	1.0
Women's and girls' apparel.....	2.019	117.8	121.1	-3.0	2.8
Infants' and toddlers' apparel .....	.233	125.0	123.3	-3.7	-1.4
Footwear .....	.800	128.3	127.3	.1	-.8
Other apparel commodities .....	.450	141.1	143.4	-1.6	1.6
Apparel services .....	.510	163.5	163.9	1.6	.2
Transportation	18.597	141.7	140.9	-2.4	-.6
Private transportation	17.389	139.3	138.2	-2.9	-.8
New vehicles	4.781	145.6	145.5	-.8	-.1
New cars	3.439	141.3	141.2	-.9	-.1
Used cars	2.179	149.7	149.9	-3.7	.1
Motor fuel	3.608	97.6	94.0	-13.1	-3.7
Gasoline	-	97.0	93.5	-13.0	-3.6
Maintenance and repairs	1.634	166.0	166.5	2.7	.3
Other private transportation	5.188	175.2	174.7	1.2	-.3
Other private transportation					
commodities .....	.727	103.6	103.6	-.7	.0
Other private transportation services					
.....	4.460	193.5	192.9	1.5	-.3
Public transportation	1.208	184.6	188.2	4.4	2.0
Medical care	6.331	237.4	238.8	2.9	.6
Medical care commodities	1.054	214.7	215.6	2.0	.4
Medical care services	5.276	242.6	244.0	3.0	.6

Professional medical services	3.020	219.8	221.1	3.2	.6
Entertainment	4.006	160.7	161.2	1.3	0.3
Entertainment commodities	2.005	143.0	143.1	.0	.1
Entertainment services	2.001	185.8	186.8	2.5	.5
Other goods and services	7.285	228.2	230.8	6.2	1.1
Tobacco and smoking products	2.237	253.6	261.3	10.3	3.0
Personal care	1.116	154.5	155.0	2.4	.3
Toilet goods and personal care appliances .....	.612	146.9	147.8	2.5	.6
Personal care services .....	.504	164.5	164.4	2.2	-.1
Personal and educational expenses	3.932	262.4	263.1	4.9	.3
School books and supplies .....	.241	247.0	249.4	5.3	1.0
Personal and educational services	3.692	263.9	264.6	4.9	.3
Commodity and service group					
All items	100.000	158.4	158.7	1.2	.2
Commodities	46.401	141.4	141.4	-.3	.0
Food and beverages	19.434	159.6	159.1	1.7	-.3
Commodities less food and beverages	26.967	130.4	130.6	-1.7	.2
Nondurables less food and beverages ...	15.915	131.5	131.9	-1.9	.3
Apparel commodities	4.801	124.6	126.4	-.9	1.4
Nondurables less food, beverages, and apparel	11.114	137.8	137.5	-2.3	-.2
Durables	11.052	127.7	127.8	-1.3	.1
Services	53.599	178.8	179.3	2.5	.3
Rent of shelter (1).....	25.761	167.4	168.2	3.2	.5
Household services less rent of shelter (1).....	8.554	133.3	132.8	-.4	-.4
Transportation services	7.302	185.0	185.4	2.3	.2
Medical care services	5.276	242.6	244.0	3.0	.6
Other services	6.706	210.4	211.1	3.7	.3
Special indexes					
All items less food	82.261	158.2	158.5	1.1	.2
All items less shelter	73.695	154.3	154.3	.5	.0
All items less homeowners' costs (1).....	82.136	148.3	148.4	.7	.1
All items less medical care	93.669	154.7	154.9	1.1	.1
Commodities less food	28.662	131.7	132.0	-1.5	.2
Nondurables less food	17.610	133.5	133.9	-1.5	.3

Nondurables less food and apparel	12.809	139.4	139.2	-1.8	-.1
Nondurables	35.349	145.9	145.8	.1	-.1
Services less rent of shelter (1).....	27.838	169.2	169.4	1.9	.1
Services less medical care services	48.322	173.3	173.7	2.4	0.2
Energy	7.483	105.0	102.3	-9.2	-2.6
All items less energy	92.517	165.8	166.4	2.1	.4
All items less food and energy	74.778	167.6	168.4	2.2	.5
Commodities less food and energy					
commodities	24.717	141.4	142.4	.5	.7
Energy commodities	3.946	97.7	94.4	-13.1	-3.4
Services less energy services	50.062	185.1	185.9	3.0	.4
Purchasing power of the consumer dollar:					
1982-84=\$1.00	-	\$.631	\$.630	-	-
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 (1)	Indexes				Percent change to Feb.1998 from--		
		Nov. 1997	Dec. 1997	Jan. 1998	Feb. 1998	Nov. 1997	Dec. 1997	Jan. 1998
U.S. city average	M	161.5	161.3	161.6	162.0	0.3	0.4	0.2
Selected local areas								
Chicago-Gary-Lake County, IL-IN-WI	M	162.9	162.8	162.5	163.0	.1	.1	.3
Los Angeles-Anaheim-Riverside, CA	M	160.7	161.2	161.0	161.2	.3	.0	.1
New York-Northern N.J.-Long Island, NY-NJ-CT	M	172.0	171.9	172.1	172.8	.5	.5	.4
Boston-Lawrence-Salem, MA-NH.....	1	169.4	-	171.0	-	-	-	-
Cleveland-Akron-Lorain, OH	1	157.1	-	158.0	-	-	-	-
Dallas-Fort Worth, TX	1	-	152.5	152.2	-	-	-	-

Area	ng sched- ule (1)	Feb.1998 from--						
		Nov. 1997	Dec. 1997	Jan. 1998	Feb. 1998	Nov. 1997	Dec. 1997	Jan. 1998
U.S. city average	M	158.5	158.2	158.4	158.7	0.1	0.3	0.2
Selected local areas								
Chicago-Gary-Lake County, IL-IN-WI	M	157.2	157.3	156.8	157.2	.0	-.1	.3
Los Angeles-Anaheim-Riverside, CA	M	154.9	155.3	155.1	155.2	.2	-.1	.1
New York-Northern N.J.-Long Island, NY-NJ-CT	M	168.0	167.7	167.7	168.3	.2	.4	.4
Boston-Lawrence-Salem, MA-NH.....	1	167.8	-	169.5	-	-	-	-
Cleveland-Akron-Lorain, OH	1	149.1	-	149.9	-	-	-	-
Dallas-Fort Worth, TX	1	-	152.7	152.2	-	-	-	-
Detroit-Ann Arbor, MI	2	-	151.7	-	153.0	-	.9	-
Houston-Galveston-Brazoria, TX	2	-	144.5	-	145.1	-	.4	-
Miami-Fort Lauderdale, FL	2	157.0	156.8	-	157.8	.5	.6	-
Philadelphia-Wilmington-Trenton, PA-NJ-DE-MD	2	165.9	165.7	-	166.3	.2	.4	-
San Francisco-Oakland-San Jose, CA	2	159.5	159.4	-	160.1	.4	.4	-
Region and area size								
Northeast urban	M	165.7	165.5	165.8	166.1	.2	.4	.2
Midwest urban (2).....	M	154.0	153.7	153.9	154.3	.2	.4	.3
South urban	M	156.2	155.6	155.8	155.8	-.3	.1	.0
West urban	M	159.2	159.2	159.3	159.4	.1	.1	.1
Population size classes								
A (3).....	M	144.6	144.4	144.6	144.8	.1	.3	.1
D	M	156.9	156.7	156.8	156.8	-.1	.1	.0
Region/Population size class cross classifications								
Northeast Size A - More than 1,500,000	M	165.5	165.2	165.4	165.9	.2	.4	.3
Midwest Size A - More than 1,500,000	M	153.8	153.6	153.7	154.2	.3	.4	.3
South Size A - More than 1,500,000	M	154.5	154.2	154.4	154.3	-.1	.1	-.1
West Size A - More than 1,500,000	M	157.7	157.9	157.9	158.1	.3	.1	.1

Midwest Size D - Nonmetropolitan (less than 50,000)	M	151.6	151.0	151.0	151.0	-.4	.0	.0
South Size D - Nonmetropolitan (less than 50,000)	M	157.5	157.5	157.7	158.0	.3	.3	.2

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

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- Data not available.

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