



All Items	.2	.1	.1	.0	.1	.0	.2	1.2	1.4
Food and beverages	.2	.2	.1	.3	.0	.0	.1	.3	2.0
Housing	.3	.3	.1	.1	.1	.2	.4	2.8	2.4
Apparel	.1	.1	.2	-.5	.2	-.2	-.1	-.3	-.2
Transportation	.0	-.6	-.3	-.3	-.4	-.5*	-.1	-4.1	-2.3
Medical care	.2	.3	.3	.1	.3	.3	.4	4.1	3.0
Recreation	-	-	-	.3	.3	.4	.0	2.8	1.8
Education and Communication	-	-	-	.0	-.1	.3	.3	2.0	2.5
Other goods and Services	.7	.4	.4	.4	.8	-.3	1.0	6.4	5.4
Special Indexes									
Energy	-.2	.0	-1.8	-2.4	-2.2	-1.2	-.1	-13.5	-7.4
Food	.3	.1	.0	.3	.0	.0	.1	.3	2.0
All Items less Food and energy	.2	.1	.2	.2	.3	.1	.3	2.8	2.1

\*Revised, see note on page 3.

Beginning with release of the data for January 1999, the BLS will introduce a new formula for calculating the basic components of the CPI. See page 4 for more details.

The food and beverages index, which was unchanged in each of the two preceding months, rose 0.1 percent in April. The index for grocery store food prices declined 0.1 percent, the same as in February and March, reflecting decreases in the indexes for cereal and bakery products, for meats, poultry, fish, and eggs, and for nonalcoholic beverages. The index for meats, poultry, fish, and eggs declined for the fifth consecutive month--down 0.1 percent in April. The index for beef increased 0.2 percent in April, but was more than offset by price declines for pork and for poultry--down 1.3 and 0.5 percent, respectively. (Prior to seasonal adjustment, beef prices fell 0.2 percent in April.) The index for nonalcoholic beverages registered its second consecutive decrease--down 0.4 percent in April--reflecting declines in prices for coffee and carbonated drinks. The index for cereal and bakery products declined 0.2 percent. On the other hand, the indexes for fruits and vegetables and for dairy and related products increased 0.2 and 0.1 percent, respectively, while the index for other food at home was unchanged. The other two components of the food and beverage index--food away from home and alcoholic beverages--rose 0.2 percent and remained unchanged, respectively.

The housing component rose 0.4 percent in April. Shelter costs rose

0.4 percent, following an increase of 0.2 percent in March. Within shelter, the index for rent rose 0.2 percent, owners' equivalent rent, 0.4 percent, and the cost of lodging away from home, 1.2 percent. (Prior to seasonal adjustment, the latter index declined 0.9 percent.) The index for fuels and utilities increased 0.3 percent in April, the same as in March. The index for household fuels rose 0.4 percent; the index for electricity rose 0.6 percent, the index for natural gas was unchanged, and the index for fuel oil declined 0.8 percent. The index for household furnishings and operation increased 0.4 percent in April.

The transportation component declined for the sixth consecutive month, down 0.1 percent in April. The index for gasoline continued to fall--down 1.0 percent in April--but by substantially less than in recent months. (Prior to seasonal adjustment, gasoline prices rose 0.9 percent, their first increase since September 1997.) As of April, gasoline prices were 23.3 percent lower than their peak level of November 1990. The index for new and used vehicle prices increased 0.1 percent; the index for new vehicles was unchanged and the index for used car and truck prices advanced 0.6 percent. (See the note on page 4 for details on a correction to the March used car and truck index.) Public transportation costs declined 0.2 percent in April, reflecting a downturn in the index for airline fares. The index for airline fares, which increased 8.2 percent during the first three months of 1998, declined 0.3 percent in April.

The index for apparel declined for the second consecutive month, down 0.1 percent in April. (Prior to seasonal adjustment, apparel prices rose 0.7 percent.)

Medical care costs rose 0.4 percent in April to a level 3.0 percent above a year ago. The index for medical care commodities--prescription drugs, nonprescription drugs, and medical supplies--increased 0.7 percent. The index for medical care services rose 0.4 percent. Charges for professional services and for hospital and related services each increased 0.4 percent.

The index for recreation costs, which increased 0.4 percent in March, was unchanged in April. Recreational services costs rose 0.4 percent, and the index for reading material increased 0.5 percent. Declines in the indexes for sporting goods, for photography, and for toys largely offset these advances.

The index for education and communication increased 0.3 percent in April, the same as in March. In April, education costs rose 0.6 percent, reflecting increases in the indexes for educational books and for child care and nursery school. The index for communication costs was unchanged.

Within the communication category, an increase in long distance telephone charges--up 1.3 percent--largely offset declines in the indexes for personal computers and peripheral equipment and for cellular telephone services--down 2.4 and 1.0 percent, respectively.

The index for other goods and services rose 1.0 percent in April. Three-fourths of the increase was attributable to a 3.8-percent increase in the index for tobacco and smoking products.

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

On a seasonally adjusted basis, the CPI for Urban Wage Earners and Clerical Workers increased 0.3 percent in April.

Table B. Percent changes in CPI for Urban Wage Earners and Clerical Workers (CPI-W)

Expenditure Category	Seasonally adjusted							Un- Compound annual rate 3-mos. ended Apr. '98	Un- adjusted 12-mos. ended Apr. '98
	Changes from preceding month								
	1997			1998					
	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.		
All Items	.2	.1	.1	.0	.0	-.1	.3	.8	1.2
Food and beverages	.3	.1	.0	.3	.0	.0	.0	.0	1.9
Housing	.3	.3	.0	.0	.1	.3	.3	2.9	2.2
Apparel	.0	.0	.0	-.5	-.2	-.5	.2	-1.8	-1.1
Transportation	-.1	-.6	-.3	-.5	-.4	-.6*	.0	-4.2	-2.7
Medical care	.2	.3	.4	.2	.2	.3	.4	3.8	2.9
Recreation	-	-	-	.3	.3	.3	.1	2.8	1.7
Education and communication	-	-	-	-.1	.0	.4	.2	2.4	2.6
Other goods and services	.7	.4	.4	.5	1.1	-.6	1.4	7.7	5.7
Special Indexes									
Energy	-.2	-.2	-1.9	-2.5	-2.1	-1.3	-.2	-13.6	-7.8
Food	.2	.2	-.1	.4	-.1	.0	.1	.0	1.9
All Items less food and energy	.2	.1	.2	.2	.2	.1	.4	2.6	1.9

\* Revised, see note below.

Note: selected component indexes in the March Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers (CPI-U) and for Urban Wage earners and Clerical Workers (CPI-W) have been revised to take account of an error in the used

car and truck component of the index. These indexes include the transportation index and all lower-level indexes that include the used car and truck index; the All Items indexes did not require revision. Used car and truck prices in the CPI are based on secondary data published by the National Automobile Dealer Association (NADA). The error was a result of a change in the reporting of used car and truck prices by NADA that was not accounted for in the March CPI.

Consumer Price Index data for May are scheduled for release on Tuesday, June 16, 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 March to April, the Old Series CPI-U and the Old Series CPI-W rose 0.2 and 0.3 percent, respectively. Note these series are not seasonally adjusted.

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Planned change in the Consumer Price Index Formula

On April 16, the Bureau of Labor Statistics announced its decision to use a new formula for calculating the basic components of the Consumer Price Index for all Urban Consumers (CPI-U) and the Consumer Price Index for Urban Wage Earners and Clerical Workers (CPI-W). This change will become effective with data for January 1999.

The new formula, the geometric mean estimator, will be used in index categories that comprise approximately 61 percent of total consumer spending represented by the CPI-U. The remaining index categories, which are shown in the table below, will continue to be calculated as they are currently. Based upon BLS research, it is expected that planned use of the new formula will reduce the annual rate of increase in the CPI by approximately 0.2 percentage point per year.

The geometric mean estimator will be introduced in both the CPI-U and the CPI-W effective with data for January 1999, in accord with the past practice of introducing methodological changes at the beginning of a calendar year. BLS will continue to publish "overlap" CPI-U and CPI-W series using the current calculation method for the first six months of 1999. These indexes will not be published regularly for months subsequent to June 1999, but will be available upon request.

Additional information on this change will be published in the April 1998 CPI Detailed Report and is available on the Internet

(<http://stats.bls.gov/cpihome.htm>). This information may also be obtained by writing to the Bureau of Labor Statistics, Division of Consumer Prices and Price Indexes, 2 Massachusetts Ave. N.E., Room 3615 Washington, D.C. 20212 or by calling (202) 606-7000.

#### Arithmetic Mean (Laspeyres) Formula

##### 1. Selected shelter services:

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|------------------------------|---|---------------------------------------|
| A) Rent of primary residence | B) Owners' equivalent rent of primary residence | C) Housing at school, excluding board |
|------------------------------|---|---------------------------------------|

##### 2. Selected utilities and government charges:

- |                                |  |                                      |
|--------------------------------|--|--------------------------------------|
| A) Electricity                 | C) Residential water and sewerage maintenance                            | E) Telephone services, local charges |
| B) Utility natural gas service | D) State and local registration, license, and motor vehicle property tax | F) Cable television                  |

##### 3. Selected medical care services:

- |                         |  |                                    |
|-------------------------|--|------------------------------------|
| A) Physicians' services | C) Eyeglasses and eye care                 | E) Hospital services               |
| B) Dental services      | D) Services by other medical professionals | F) Nursing homes and adult daycare |

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#### 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 were taken in order to ameliorate the effects of these changes. Beginning with the release of the January 1997 index, data series that were to be changed or dropped from publication have been footnoted in all BLS published tables. This provided an early warning for 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 formerly 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 remained 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 former 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 former 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.)

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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

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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.

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#### 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



materials .....	1.077	134.2	133.9	1.5	-0.2	0.1	-0.3	-0.4
Other food at home .....	1.972	149.5	149.6	1.8	0.1	0.1	0.3	0.0
Sugar and sweets .....	.377	150.8	150.1	1.5	-0.5	-0.4	0.9	-0.7
Fats and oils .....	.291	142.2	140.7	-1.2	-1.1	0.7	0.6	-1.1
Other foods .....	1.305	164.3	165.0	2.4	0.4	0.1	0.1	0.4
Other miscellaneous foods (1) (2).....	.309	101.5	101.7	-	0.2	0.0	1.1	0.2
Food away from home (1).....	5.680	159.9	160.2	2.6	0.2	0.3	0.2	0.2
Other food away from home (1) (2).....	.172	100.3	100.6	-	0.3	0.3	-0.1	0.3
Alcoholic beverages .....	.983	165.1	165.2	1.8	0.1	-0.1	-0.1	0.0
Housing .....	39.560	159.2	159.5	2.4	0.2	0.1	0.2	0.4
Shelter .....	29.788	180.8	181.0	3.3	0.1	0.3	0.2	0.4
Rent of primary residence .....	6.885	170.3	170.7	3.1	0.2	0.1	0.4	0.2
Lodging away from home (2).....	2.327	111.2	110.2	-	-0.9	0.5	-0.4	1.2
Owners' equivalent rent of primary residence (3).....	20.199	185.9	186.4	3.3	0.3	0.3	0.2	0.4
Tenants' and household insurance (1) (2)..	.377	100.3	100.4	-	0.1	-0.1	0.1	0.1
Fuels and utilities .....	4.942	127.1	127.0	-1.5	-0.1	-0.9	0.3	0.3
Fuels .....	4.018	112.5	112.3	-2.6	-0.2	-1.3	0.4	0.4
Fuel oil and other fuels .....	.261	94.4	92.8	-9.1	-1.7	-2.3	0.4	-0.7
Gas (piped) and electricity .....	3.757	119.4	119.4	-1.9	0.0	-1.2	0.2	0.4
Household furnishings and operations .....	4.831	126.3	127.0	1.2	0.6	0.3	0.1	0.4
Apparel .....	4.944	134.9	135.8	-0.2	0.7	0.2	-0.2	-0.1
Men's and boys' apparel .....	1.390	133.6	133.4	1.5	-0.1	0.0	0.6	-0.6
Women's and girls' apparel .....	1.990	129.9	130.9	-0.8	0.8	0.7	0.1	-0.1
Infants' and toddlers' apparel (1).....	.268	124.4	126.6	-5.3	1.8	-1.4	1.1	1.8
Footwear .....	.895	126.5	127.9	-1.1	1.1	-1.3	-0.8	-0.2
Transportation .....	17.578	R141.4	141.5	-2.3	0.1	-0.4	-0.5	-0.1
Private transportation .....	16.240	R137.5	137.7	-2.5	0.1	-0.6	-0.6	-0.1
New and used motor vehicles (2).....	7.899	R100.1	100.1	-1.4	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.1
New vehicles .....	5.063	144.4	144.3	-0.6	-0.1	-0.1	0.1	0.0
Used cars and trucks (1).....	1.880	R147.3	148.2	-4.0	0.6	0.2	-0.7	0.6
Motor fuel .....	2.995	90.9	91.7	-13.5	0.9	-3.3	-3.5	-0.9
Gasoline (all types) .....	2.976	90.3	91.1	-13.6	0.9	-3.4	-3.5	-1.0
Motor vehicle parts and equipment .....	.560	101.2	100.5	-1.3	-0.7	0.1	0.0	-0.5
Motor vehicle maintenance and repair .....	1.603	165.7	165.7	2.3	0.0	0.3	0.1	0.0
Public transportation .....	1.338	193.7	193.4	1.9	-0.2	1.4	0.4	-0.2
Medical care .....	5.614	239.8	240.7	3.0	0.4	0.3	0.3	0.4
Medical care commodities .....	1.222	218.5	220.2	2.3	0.8	0.1	0.0	0.7
Medical care services .....	4.392	244.8	245.4	3.1	0.2	0.4	0.3	0.4
Professional services .....	2.808	220.4	221.1	3.0	0.3	0.2	0.4	0.4
Hospital and related services .....	1.334	285.2	285.6	3.1	0.1	0.5	0.2	0.4

Recreation (2).....	6.145	101.0	101.1	1.8	0.1	0.3	0.4	0.0
Video and audio (1) (2).....	1.763	101.4	101.4	3.0	0.0	0.6	0.2	0.0
Education and communication (2).....	5.528	99.9	99.9	2.5	0.0	-0.1	0.3	0.3
Education (2).....	2.615	100.5	100.7	5.3	0.2	0.3	0.5	0.6
Educational books and supplies .....	.194	247.5	248.8	5.5	0.5	0.7	0.6	0.8
Tuition, other school fees, and childcare	2.421	289.5	290.0	5.3	0.2	0.3	0.4	0.6
Communication (1) (2).....	2.913	99.3	99.3	-1.3	0.0	-0.4	0.1	0.0
Information and information processing (1)								
(2).....	2.706	99.3	99.2	-1.4	-0.1	-0.5	0.2	-0.1
Telephone services (1) (2).....	2.357	100.4	100.5	-	0.1	0.1	0.4	0.1
Information and information processing								
other than telephone services (1) (4)	.350	43.4	42.8	-16.7	-1.4	-4.1	-2.0	-1.4
Personal computers and peripheral								
equipment (1) (2).....	.234	88.7	86.6	-	-2.4	-5.8	-2.8	-2.4
Other goods and services .....	4.321	232.4	234.7	5.4	1.0	0.8	-0.3	1.0
Tobacco and smoking products .....	.894	254.1	263.5	8.3	3.7	2.9	-2.6	3.8
Personal care (1).....	3.427	155.5	155.9	2.1	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.3
Personal care products (1).....	.737	147.3	147.3	1.9	0.0	0.4	0.4	0.0
Personal care services (1).....	.963	164.7	165.2	2.0	0.3	0.0	0.2	0.3
Miscellaneous personal services .....	1.465	232.8	233.5	4.2	0.3	0.0	0.3	0.2

#### Commodity and service group

Commodities .....	42.635	141.5	142.0	-0.2	0.4	-0.1	-0.4	0.1
Food and beverages .....	16.310	160.1	160.2	2.0	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.1
Commodities less food and beverages .....	26.326	130.4	131.0	-1.7	0.5	-0.2	-0.5	0.2
Nondurables less food and beverages .....	14.729	132.1	133.0	-2.1	0.7	-0.1	-1.0	0.1
Apparel .....	4.944	134.9	135.8	-0.2	0.7	0.2	-0.2	-0.1
Nondurables less food, beverages, and								
apparel .....	9.785	135.6	136.6	-2.8	0.7	-0.6	-1.0	0.0
Durables .....	11.596	R128.0	128.1	-1.2	0.1	-0.2	0.0	-0.1
Services .....	57.365	182.9	183.2	2.7	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.4
Rent of shelter (3).....	29.410	188.1	188.4	3.3	0.2	0.3	0.3	0.3
Transportation services .....	6.984	188.4	188.3	1.6	-0.1	0.4	0.2	-0.1
Other services .....	10.625	215.1	215.6	3.8	0.2	0.2	0.4	0.4

#### Special indexes

All items less food .....	84.674	162.6	163.0	1.4	0.2	0.1	0.1	0.2
All items less shelter .....	70.212	156.5	156.9	0.7	0.3	-0.1	-0.1	0.2
All items less medical care .....	94.386	157.8	158.1	1.3	0.2	0.1	0.0	0.2
Commodities less food .....	27.309	131.8	132.4	-1.5	0.5	-0.2	-0.5	0.1



All items .....	161.9	162.0	162.0	162.4	1.5	2.5	0.7	1.2	2.0	1.0
Food and beverages .....	159.7	159.7	159.7	159.8	3.1	2.6	2.0	0.3	2.8	1.1
Food .....	159.4	159.4	159.4	159.5	3.1	2.8	1.8	0.3	3.0	1.0
Food at home .....	159.9	159.7	159.5	159.4	3.9	2.6	1.5	-1.2	3.2	0.1
Cereals and bakery products .....	179.0	179.4	180.1	179.7	3.0	2.0	0.9	1.6	2.5	1.2
Meats, poultry, fish, and eggs .....	147.3	147.2	146.6	146.5	3.6	-2.1	-3.2	-2.2	0.7	-2.7
Dairy and related products (1).....	148.3	147.7	148.4	148.5	-6.4	6.9	7.3	0.5	0.0	3.9
Fruits and vegetables .....	196.5	194.9	193.0	193.3	8.1	10.0	11.8	-6.4	9.0	2.3
Nonalcoholic beverages and beverage materials .....	134.0	134.1	133.7	133.1	19.3	-1.5	-7.1	-2.7	8.4	-4.9
Other food at home .....	148.7	148.8	149.3	149.3	6.7	0.8	-0.5	1.6	3.7	0.5
Sugar and sweets .....	150.0	149.4	150.7	149.6	3.6	-1.3	4.9	-1.1	1.1	1.9
Fats and oils .....	140.0	141.0	141.8	140.3	-3.1	2.0	-4.4	0.9	-0.6	-1.8
Other foods .....	163.6	163.8	164.0	164.7	1.3	3.0	3.0	2.7	2.1	2.9
Other miscellaneous foods (1) (2).....	100.4	100.4	101.5	101.7	-	-	-	5.3	-	-
Food away from home (1).....	159.2	159.6	159.9	160.2	2.3	2.8	2.6	2.5	2.6	2.5
Other food away from home (1) (2).....	100.1	100.4	100.3	100.6	-	-	-	2.0	-	-
Alcoholic beverages .....	164.9	164.8	164.7	164.7	2.7	2.0	2.7	-0.5	2.4	1.1
Housing .....	158.4	158.6	158.9	159.5	2.6	2.3	1.8	2.8	2.5	2.3
Shelter .....	179.0	179.5	179.9	180.6	3.2	3.2	3.2	3.6	3.2	3.4
Rent of primary residence .....	169.5	169.7	170.3	170.7	3.2	3.4	3.1	2.9	3.3	3.0
Lodging away from home (2).....	99.8	100.3	99.9	101.1	-	-	-	5.3	-	-
Owners' equivalent rent of primary residence (3).....	184.9	185.5	185.9	186.6	3.4	2.7	3.3	3.7	3.0	3.5
Tenants' and household insurance (1) (2)..	100.3	100.2	100.3	100.4	-	-	-	0.4	-	-
Fuels and utilities .....	129.1	127.9	128.3	128.7	1.5	1.2	-5.7	-1.2	1.4	-3.5
Fuels .....	114.2	112.7	113.1	113.5	-0.7	1.0	-8.3	-2.4	0.2	-5.4
Fuel oil and other fuels .....	94.1	91.9	92.3	91.7	-13.2	-4.0	-9.2	-9.8	-8.7	-9.5
Gas (piped) and electricity .....	121.8	120.3	120.6	121.1	1.0	1.6	-8.1	-2.3	1.3	-5.2
Household furnishings and operations .....	125.7	126.1	126.2	126.7	1.0	-0.6	1.3	3.2	0.2	2.2
Apparel .....	132.5	132.7	132.5	132.4	0.3	-1.2	-1.2	-0.3	-0.4	-0.8
Men's and boys' apparel .....	132.0	132.0	132.8	132.0	1.2	2.2	2.5	0.0	1.7	1.2
Women's and girls' apparel .....	124.4	125.3	125.4	125.3	0.3	-2.8	-3.8	2.9	-1.3	-0.5
Infants' and toddlers' apparel (1).....	124.8	123.1	124.4	126.6	-7.0	-14.7	-4.4	5.9	-10.9	0.6
Footwear .....	128.8	127.1	126.1	125.8	0.3	4.8	-0.3	-9.0	2.5	-4.8
Transportation .....	143.0	142.4	R141.7	141.5	-3.3	3.4	-4.6	-4.1	0.0	-4.4
Private transportation .....	139.6	138.8	R138.0	137.9	-3.6	3.5	-5.0	-4.8	-0.1	-4.9
New and used motor vehicles (2).....	100.1	100.1	R100.1	100.2	-	-	-	0.4	-	-
New vehicles .....	143.6	143.5	143.7	143.7	-0.8	-1.1	-1.1	0.3	-1.0	-0.4
Used cars and trucks (1).....	148.1	148.4	R147.3	148.2	-10.9	-5.2	0.5	0.3	-8.1	0.4
Motor fuel .....	99.7	96.4	93.0	92.2	-15.8	20.6	-24.6	-26.9	0.8	-25.8



Gasoline (all types) .....	99.3	95.9	92.5	91.6	-16.3	23.1	-25.3	-27.6	1.5	-26.4
Motor vehicle parts and equipment .....	101.0	101.1	101.1	100.6	2.4	-3.8	-2.0	-1.6	-0.8	-1.8
Motor vehicle maintenance and repair .....	165.0	165.5	165.7	165.7	3.0	1.2	3.5	1.7	2.1	2.6
Public transportation .....	188.8	191.4	192.1	191.7	-1.1	4.3	-1.7	6.3	1.6	2.2
Medical care .....	238.2	238.9	239.6	240.6	2.2	2.2	3.3	4.1	2.2	3.7
Medical care commodities .....	217.8	218.0	218.1	219.7	1.9	0.4	3.6	3.5	1.1	3.6
Medical care services .....	242.6	243.5	244.3	245.2	2.4	2.7	3.0	4.4	2.5	3.7
Professional services .....	218.7	219.2	220.0	220.8	2.4	2.6	3.0	3.9	2.5	3.4
Hospital and related services .....	282.6	284.0	284.6	285.6	2.3	2.9	3.0	4.3	2.6	3.7
Recreation (2).....	100.3	100.6	101.0	101.0	-	-	-	2.8	-	-
Video and audio (1) (2).....	100.6	101.2	101.4	101.4	6.2	0.0	2.8	3.2	3.1	3.0
Education and communication (2).....	100.0	99.9	100.2	100.5	-	-	-	2.0	-	-
Education (2).....	100.4	100.7	101.2	101.8	-	-	-	5.7	-	-
Educational books and supplies .....	243.2	244.9	246.3	248.3	7.0	4.6	1.8	8.7	5.8	5.2
Tuition, other school fees, and childcare .....	288.1	289.0	290.3	292.0	5.4	4.9	5.3	5.5	5.2	5.4
Communication (1) (2).....	99.6	99.2	99.3	99.3	0.0	-2.4	-1.6	-1.2	-1.2	-1.4
Information and information processing (1) (2).....	99.6	99.1	99.3	99.2	0.4	-2.8	-1.6	-1.6	-1.2	-1.6
Telephone services (1) (2).....	99.9	100.0	100.4	100.5	-	-	-	2.4	-	-
Information and information processing other than telephone services (1) (4) .....	46.2	44.3	43.4	42.8	-16.7	-1.6	-20.3	-26.3	-9.5	-23.4
Personal computers and peripheral equipment (1) (2).....	96.9	91.3	88.7	86.6	-	-	-	-36.2	-	-
Other goods and services .....	231.8	233.7	233.0	235.4	2.9	6.2	5.0	6.4	4.5	5.7
Tobacco and smoking products .....	253.8	261.2	254.3	264.0	-2.1	12.2	7.1	17.1	4.8	12.0
Personal care (1).....	154.6	155.0	155.5	155.9	-0.3	1.8	3.4	3.4	0.8	3.4
Personal care products (1).....	146.1	146.7	147.3	147.3	-2.2	2.2	4.5	3.3	0.0	3.9
Personal care services (1).....	164.3	164.3	164.7	165.2	1.2	2.2	2.2	2.2	1.7	2.2
Miscellaneous personal services .....	231.6	231.6	232.4	232.8	6.2	4.5	4.1	2.1	5.4	3.1
Commodity and service group										
Commodities .....	141.9	141.8	141.3	141.4	-0.6	2.3	-1.1	-1.4	0.8	-1.3
Food and beverages .....	159.7	159.7	159.7	159.8	3.1	2.6	2.0	0.3	2.8	1.1
Commodities less food and beverages .....	131.3	131.0	130.3	130.5	-3.0	2.1	-3.0	-2.4	-0.5	-2.7
Nondurables less food and beverages .....	133.1	133.0	131.7	131.8	-1.8	3.6	-5.8	-3.8	0.9	-4.8
Apparel .....	132.5	132.7	132.5	132.4	0.3	-1.2	-1.2	-0.3	-0.4	-0.8
Nondurables less food, beverages, and apparel .....	138.5	137.7	136.3	136.3	-4.2	7.1	-7.7	-6.2	1.3	-7.0
Durables .....	128.0	127.8	R127.8	127.7	-2.1	-1.5	-0.3	-0.9	-1.8	-0.6
Services .....	181.9	182.3	182.7	183.4	2.9	2.7	2.0	3.3	2.8	2.7

Rent of shelter (3).....	186.6	187.1	187.6	188.2	3.1	3.3	3.3	3.5	3.2	3.4
Transportation services .....	187.1	187.8	188.2	188.1	1.7	2.0	1.3	2.2	1.8	1.7
Other services .....	214.0	214.4	215.2	216.1	4.3	3.1	3.0	4.0	3.7	3.5

Special indexes

All items less food .....	162.2	162.3	162.4	162.8	1.3	2.5	0.5	1.5	1.9	1.0
All items less shelter .....	156.7	156.6	156.5	156.8	0.8	2.3	-0.3	0.3	1.5	0.0
All items less medical care .....	157.4	157.5	157.5	157.8	1.6	2.6	0.5	1.0	2.1	0.8
Commodities less food .....	132.8	132.6	131.9	132.0	-2.7	2.1	-2.7	-2.4	-0.3	-2.5
Nondurables less food .....	135.1	135.0	133.8	133.8	-1.5	3.3	-4.9	-3.8	0.9	-4.3
Nondurables less food and apparel .....	140.2	139.4	138.0	138.1	-3.1	6.4	-6.6	-5.9	1.6	-6.2
Nondurables .....	146.8	146.5	145.9	145.9	0.8	2.8	-0.5	-2.4	1.8	-1.5
Services less rent of shelter (3).....	189.9	189.9	190.6	191.2	3.2	2.1	0.6	2.8	2.7	1.7
Services less medical care services .....	176.3	176.5	177.0	177.6	3.0	2.8	2.1	3.0	2.9	2.5
Energy .....	106.7	104.3	103.0	102.9	-7.4	9.1	-15.5	-13.5	0.5	-14.5
All items less energy .....	169.2	169.6	169.8	170.2	2.2	2.2	1.9	2.4	2.2	2.1
All items less food and energy .....	171.7	172.2	172.4	172.9	1.9	1.9	2.1	2.8	1.9	2.5
Commodities less food and energy										
commodities .....	142.6	142.9	142.8	143.0	-0.6	0.0	0.6	1.1	-0.3	0.8
Energy commodities .....	99.2	95.9	92.9	92.1	-15.6	17.6	-23.0	-25.7	-0.4	-24.4
Services less energy services .....	188.0	188.6	189.0	189.7	3.1	2.8	2.8	3.7	3.0	3.2

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.

R Revised.

- 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)

All items

CPI-U	Pricing schedule (1)	Indexes				Percent change to Apr.1998 from--			Percent change to Mar.1998 from--		
		Jan. 1998	Feb. 1998	Mar. 1998	Apr. 1998	Apr. 1997	Feb. 1998	Mar. 1998	Mar. 1997	Jan. 1998	Feb. 1998

U.S. city average .....	M	161.6	161.9	162.2	162.5	1.4	0.4	0.2	1.4	0.4	0.2
Region and area size(2)											
Northeast urban .....	M	168.8	169.1	169.3	169.5	1.4	0.2	0.1	1.2	0.3	0.1
Size A - More than 1,500,000 .....	M	169.5	170.1	170.2	170.2	1.5	0.1	0.0	1.2	0.4	0.1
Size B/C 50,000 to 1,500,000 (3).....	M	101.6	101.4	101.7	102.1	1.4	0.7	0.4	1.2	0.1	0.3
Midwest urban (4).....	M	157.6	158.0	158.4	159.0	1.9	0.6	0.4	1.6	0.5	0.3
Size A - More than 1,500,000 .....	M	158.5	158.9	159.5	160.1	2.0	0.8	0.4	1.9	0.6	0.4
Size B/C - 50,000 to 1,500,000 (3).....	M	101.2	101.6	101.6	101.9	1.6	0.3	0.3	1.4	0.4	0.0
Size D - Nonmetropolitan (less than 50,000) .....	M	152.9	152.7	152.9	153.2	0.7	0.3	0.2	0.5	0.0	0.1
South urban .....	M	157.6	157.8	158.2	158.5	1.1	0.4	0.2	1.1	0.4	0.3
Size A - More than 1,500,000 .....	M	156.6	156.7	157.2	157.6	1.2	0.6	0.3	1.2	0.4	0.3
Size B/C - 50,000 to 1,500,000 (3).....	M	101.5	101.6	101.8	102.0	0.9	0.4	0.2	0.9	0.3	0.2
Size D - Nonmetropolitan (less than 50,000) .....	M	157.5	157.9	158.4	159.1	1.9	0.8	0.4	1.5	0.6	0.3
West urban .....	M	163.0	163.2	163.3	163.6	1.6	0.2	0.2	1.6	0.2	0.1
Size A - More than 1,500,000 .....	M	163.3	163.6	163.8	164.2	1.9	0.4	0.2	1.8	0.3	0.1
Size B/C - 50,000 to 1,500,000 (3).....	M	102.3	102.3	102.3	102.2	0.8	-0.1	-0.1	1.1	0.0	0.0
Size classes											
A (5).....	M	146.0	146.4	146.6	147.0	1.7	0.4	0.3	1.5	0.4	0.1
B/C (3).....	M	101.6	101.7	101.8	102.0	1.1	0.3	0.2	1.1	0.2	0.1
D .....	M	157.7	157.8	158.1	158.5	1.3	0.4	0.3	1.1	0.3	0.2
Selected local areas(6)											
Chicago-Gary-Kenosha, IL-IN-WI .....	M	162.8	163.1	164.1	164.8	2.4	1.0	0.4	1.9	0.8	0.6
Los Angeles-Riverside-Orange County, CA .....	M	161.0	161.1	161.4	161.8	1.2	0.4	0.2	1.0	0.2	0.2
New York-Northern N.J.-Long Island, NY-NJ-CT-PA .....	M	172.1	172.7	173.0	173.0	1.6	0.2	0.0	1.3	0.5	0.2
Boston-Brockton-Nashua, MA-NH-ME-CT .....	1	171.2	-	171.3	-	-	-	-	1.9	0.1	-
Cleveland-Akron, OH .....	1	158.2	-	158.6	-	-	-	-	2.1	0.3	-
Dallas-Fort Worth, TX .....	1	152.1	-	153.0	-	-	-	-	-	0.6	-

Washington-Baltimore, DC-MD-VA-WV (7).....	1	101.0	-	101.6	-	-	-	-	0.8	0.6	-
Atlanta, GA .....	2	-	159.5	-	160.8	-	0.8	-	-	-	-
Detroit-Ann Arbor-Flint, MI .....	2	-	158.5	-	159.1	2.0	0.4	-	-	-	-
Houston-Galveston-Brazoria, TX .....	2	-	146.1	-	146.3	0.8	0.1	-	-	-	-
Miami-Fort Lauderdale, FL .....	2	-	160.2	-	160.2	-	0.0	-	-	-	-
Philadelphia-Wilmington-Atlantic City, PA-NJ-DE-MD .....	2	-	167.0	-	167.1	0.7	0.1	-	-	-	-
San Francisco-Oakland-San Jose, CA .....	2	-	163.2	-	164.6	3.1	0.9	-	-	-	-
Seattle-Tacoma-Bremerton, WA .....	2	-	166.5	-	166.4	-	-0.1	-	-	-	-

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 Apr. 1998 from-		Seasonally adjusted percent change from-		
		Mar. 1998	Apr. 1998	Apr. 1997	Mar. 1998	Jan. to Feb. Feb.	Feb. to Mar. Mar.	Mar. to Apr. Apr.
Expenditure category								
All items .....	100.000	158.7	159.1	1.2	0.3	0.0	-0.1	0.3
All items (1967=100) .....	-	472.7	473.9	-	-	-	-	-

Food and beverages .....	17.903	159.4	159.5	1.9	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.0
Food .....	16.861	159.1	159.1	1.9	0.0	-0.1	0.0	0.1
Food at home .....	10.785	159.2	159.1	1.6	-0.1	-0.1	-0.1	-0.1
Cereals and bakery products .....	1.678	179.3	179.9	1.9	0.3	0.3	0.4	-0.2
Meats, poultry, fish, and eggs .....	3.125	146.9	146.0	-0.9	-0.6	-0.1	-0.3	-0.1
Dairy and related products (1).....	1.135	148.1	148.2	1.9	0.1	-0.3	0.5	0.1
Fruits and vegetables .....	1.447	194.8	196.3	6.0	0.8	-1.1	-0.9	0.2
Nonalcoholic beverages and beverage materials .....	1.215	133.1	132.7	1.2	-0.3	0.1	-0.3	-0.4
Other food at home .....	2.185	148.9	148.9	1.7	0.0	0.1	0.3	-0.1
Sugar and sweets .....	.420	151.0	150.0	1.4	-0.7	-0.5	1.0	-0.7
Fats and oils .....	.332	141.9	140.4	-1.2	-1.1	0.6	0.4	-1.0
Other foods .....	1.432	164.3	165.0	2.5	0.4	0.1	0.1	0.4
Other miscellaneous foods (1) (2).....	.344	101.8	101.7	-	-0.1	0.0	1.3	-0.1
Food away from home (1).....	6.076	159.9	160.2	2.6	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2
Other food away from home (1) (2).....	.212	100.3	100.6	-	0.3	0.2	0.0	0.3
Alcoholic beverages .....	1.042	164.0	164.2	1.5	0.1	-0.1	-0.1	0.1
Housing .....	36.450	155.5	155.8	2.2	0.2	0.1	0.3	0.3
Shelter .....	27.033	175.2	175.5	3.2	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.3
Rent of primary residence .....	8.347	170.0	170.3	3.1	0.2	0.1	0.4	0.2
Lodging away from home (2).....	1.346	110.8	110.3	-	-0.5	0.0	0.0	1.5
Owners' equivalent rent of primary residence (3).....	17.016	169.5	169.9	3.2	0.2	0.4	0.2	0.3
Tenants' and household insurance (1) (2)..	.324	100.5	100.5	-	0.0	-0.2	0.3	0.0
Fuels and utilities .....	5.053	126.9	126.9	-1.3	0.0	-0.9	0.3	0.4
Fuels .....	4.143	111.9	111.8	-2.5	-0.1	-1.2	0.4	0.4
Fuel oil and other fuels .....	.229	94.5	93.1	-8.5	-1.5	-2.2	0.8	-0.5
Gas (piped) and electricity .....	3.914	118.9	118.9	-1.9	0.0	-1.2	0.3	0.5
Household furnishings and operations .....	4.365	125.0	125.6	1.3	0.5	0.4	0.1	0.4
Apparel .....	5.300	133.0	134.0	-1.1	0.8	-0.2	-0.5	0.2
Men's and boys' apparel .....	1.503	132.8	132.9	1.4	0.1	-0.2	0.6	-0.2
Women's and girls' apparel .....	1.985	127.3	128.3	-1.8	0.8	0.3	-0.3	-0.1
Infants' and toddlers' apparel (1).....	.337	124.5	126.9	-5.9	1.9	-1.8	1.1	1.9
Footwear .....	1.082	127.1	128.4	-1.5	1.0	-1.5	-1.1	-0.1
Transportation .....	19.847	R140.1	140.3	-2.7	0.1	-0.4	-0.6	0.0
Private transportation .....	18.790	R137.4	137.7	-2.9	0.2	-0.6	-0.6	-0.1
New and used motor vehicles (2).....	9.285	R100.0	100.1	-1.7	0.1	0.0	-0.1	0.2
New vehicles .....	5.304	145.6	145.5	-0.6	-0.1	-0.1	0.2	0.1
Used cars and trucks (1).....	3.162	R148.8	149.5	-4.0	0.5	0.1	-0.7	0.5
Motor fuel .....	3.682	91.0	91.9	-13.2	1.0	-3.1	-3.2	-1.0
Gasoline (all types) .....	3.658	90.5	91.3	-13.4	0.9	-3.2	-3.4	-0.9

Motor vehicle parts and equipment .....	.694	100.7	99.9	-0.9	-0.8	0.1	-0.1	-0.5
Motor vehicle maintenance and repair .....	1.664	166.7	166.8	2.4	0.1	0.3	0.1	0.1
Public transportation .....	1.057	190.2	190.1	1.8	-0.1	1.2	0.3	-0.2
Medical care .....	4.591	239.1	239.9	2.9	0.3	0.2	0.3	0.4
Medical care commodities .....	.906	215.5	217.0	2.2	0.7	0.0	0.1	0.7
Medical care services .....	3.684	244.5	245.1	3.0	0.2	0.3	0.3	0.4
Professional services .....	2.372	221.8	222.5	3.0	0.3	0.4	0.2	0.3
Hospital and related services .....	1.097	281.4	281.7	3.0	0.1	0.5	0.2	0.2
Recreation (2).....	5.969	101.0	101.0	1.7	0.0	0.3	0.3	0.1
Video and audio (1) (2).....	1.968	101.4	101.4	3.2	0.0	0.7	0.2	0.0
Education and communication (2).....	5.396	100.0	100.1	2.6	0.1	0.0	0.4	0.2
Education (2).....	2.402	100.5	100.7	5.4	0.2	0.4	0.5	0.6
Educational books and supplies .....	.192	250.0	251.2	5.8	0.5	0.9	0.5	0.8
Tuition, other school fees, and childcare	2.211	283.9	284.4	5.5	0.2	0.4	0.5	0.6
Communication (1) (2).....	2.994	99.5	99.5	-1.0	0.0	-0.4	0.2	0.0
Information and information processing (1)								
(2).....	2.841	99.5	99.5	-1.0	0.0	-0.3	0.2	0.0
Telephone services (1) (2).....	2.547	100.4	100.5	-	0.1	0.1	0.4	0.1
Information and information processing								
other than telephone services (1) (4)	.294	44.8	44.1	-15.8	-1.6	-4.0	-2.2	-1.6
Personal computers and peripheral								
equipment (1) (2).....	.191	88.3	86.0	-	-2.6	-5.7	-3.1	-2.6
Other goods and services .....	4.544	229.3	232.3	5.7	1.3	1.1	-0.6	1.4
Tobacco and smoking products .....	1.300	253.7	263.6	8.6	3.9	3.0	-2.8	4.1
Personal care (1).....	3.244	155.5	155.9	2.2	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.3
Personal care products (1).....	.832	148.2	148.4	2.1	0.1	0.4	0.4	0.1
Personal care services (1).....	.964	164.9	165.5	2.1	0.4	0.0	0.2	0.4
Miscellaneous personal services .....	1.226	231.7	232.5	3.9	0.3	0.0	0.3	0.2
Commodity and service group								
Commodities .....	47.234	141.1	141.6	-0.4	0.4	-0.1	-0.5	0.2
Food and beverages .....	17.903	159.4	159.5	1.9	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.0
Commodities less food and beverages .....	29.331	130.1	130.9	-1.9	0.6	-0.2	-0.7	0.2
Nondurables less food and beverages .....	15.928	131.2	132.3	-2.4	0.8	-0.2	-1.1	0.2
Apparel .....	5.300	133.0	134.0	-1.1	0.8	-0.2	-0.5	0.2
Nondurables less food, beverages, and								
apparel .....	10.628	134.8	136.0	-3.1	0.9	-0.4	-1.2	0.1
Durables .....	13.403	R127.5	127.6	-1.3	0.1	-0.1	-0.1	0.1
Services .....	52.766	179.6	179.9	2.6	0.2	0.2	0.3	0.3
Rent of shelter (3).....	26.708	168.6	169.0	3.2	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.4

Transportation services .....	6.824	185.8	185.7	1.6	-0.1	0.3	0.2	0.1
Other services .....	10.006	211.9	212.4	3.8	0.2	0.2	0.4	0.4
Special indexes								
All items less food .....	83.139	158.5	159.0	1.1	0.3	0.0	-0.1	0.3
All items less shelter .....	72.967	154.2	154.6	0.5	0.3	-0.1	-0.2	0.2
All items less medical care .....	95.409	154.9	155.3	1.1	0.3	0.1	-0.1	0.3
Commodities less food .....	30.373	131.5	132.2	-1.8	0.5	-0.2	-0.7	0.2
Nondurables less food .....	16.970	133.2	134.2	-2.1	0.8	-0.3	-0.9	0.2
Nondurables less food and apparel .....	11.670	136.6	137.8	-2.5	0.9	-0.4	-1.4	0.2
Nondurables .....	33.831	145.6	146.2	-0.1	0.4	-0.4	-0.3	0.0
Services less rent of shelter (3).....	26.057	169.6	169.8	2.0	0.1	-0.1	0.4	0.2
Services less medical care services .....	49.082	174.1	174.4	2.6	0.2	0.0	0.4	0.2
Energy .....	7.825	100.8	101.1	-7.8	0.3	-2.1	-1.3	-0.2
All items less energy .....	92.175	166.7	167.1	2.0	0.2	0.2	0.1	0.3
All items less food and energy .....	75.315	168.6	169.1	1.9	0.3	0.2	0.1	0.4
Commodities less food and energy								
commodities .....	26.463	142.3	143.1	0.0	0.6	0.2	-0.3	0.4
Energy commodities .....	3.910	91.4	92.1	-12.9	0.8	-3.0	-3.0	-1.0
Services less energy services .....	48.852	186.4	186.7	3.0	0.2	0.3	0.3	0.3
Purchasing power of the consumer dollar .....	-	\$ .630	\$ .629	-	-	-	-	-
Purchasing power of the consumer dollar - old								
base .....	-	\$ .212	\$ .211	-	-	-	-	-

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2 Indexes on a December 1997=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--

Expenditure category	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	July	Oct.	Jan.	Apr.	Oct.	Apr.
	1998	1998	1998	1998	1997	1997	1998	1998	1997	1998
All items .....	158.7	158.7	158.6	159.0	1.3	2.6	0.5	0.8	1.9	0.6
Food and beverages .....	159.2	159.2	159.2	159.2	3.1	2.6	1.8	0.0	2.8	0.9
Food .....	158.8	158.7	158.7	158.8	3.4	2.3	2.0	0.0	2.8	1.0
Food at home .....	158.9	158.7	158.6	158.4	3.9	2.3	1.3	-1.3	3.1	0.0
Cereals and bakery products .....	178.6	179.1	179.8	179.4	3.0	1.8	0.9	1.8	2.4	1.4
Meats, poultry, fish, and eggs .....	147.0	146.8	146.3	146.1	3.6	-2.4	-2.9	-2.4	0.5	-2.7
Dairy and related products (1).....	147.9	147.4	148.1	148.2	-6.4	7.2	6.8	0.8	0.1	3.7
Fruits and vegetables .....	196.5	194.4	192.6	193.0	8.6	10.0	12.7	-6.9	9.3	2.4
Nonalcoholic beverages and beverage materials .....	132.7	132.8	132.4	131.9	17.3	-1.2	-7.2	-2.4	7.7	-4.8
Other food at home .....	148.1	148.2	148.7	148.6	6.2	0.8	-0.3	1.4	3.5	0.5
Sugar and sweets .....	149.9	149.2	150.7	149.6	3.3	-1.9	5.2	-0.8	0.7	2.2
Fats and oils .....	140.0	140.8	141.4	140.0	-3.1	2.3	-3.9	0.0	-0.4	-2.0
Other foods .....	163.6	163.8	163.9	164.5	1.8	2.8	3.2	2.2	2.3	2.7
Other miscellaneous foods (1) (2).....	100.5	100.5	101.8	101.7	-	-	-	4.9	-	-
Food away from home (1).....	159.3	159.6	159.9	160.2	2.3	2.8	2.8	2.3	2.6	2.5
Other food away from home (1) (2).....	100.1	100.3	100.3	100.6	-	-	-	2.0	-	-
Alcoholic beverages .....	164.0	163.8	163.6	163.7	2.8	1.5	2.7	-0.7	2.1	1.0
Housing .....	154.8	155.0	155.4	155.9	2.4	2.4	1.3	2.9	2.4	2.1
Shelter .....	174.0	174.4	174.8	175.4	3.1	3.1	3.3	3.3	3.1	3.3
Rent of primary residence .....	169.2	169.4	170.0	170.3	3.4	3.2	3.1	2.6	3.3	2.9
Lodging away from home (2).....	100.1	100.1	100.1	101.6	-	-	-	6.1	-	-
Owners' equivalent rent of primary residence (3).....	168.5	169.1	169.5	170.0	3.2	2.7	3.1	3.6	2.9	3.4
Tenants' and household insurance (1) (2)..	100.4	100.2	100.5	100.5	-	-	-	0.4	-	-
Fuels and utilities .....	128.8	127.6	128.0	128.5	1.9	1.2	-5.7	-0.9	1.5	-3.3
Fuels .....	113.5	112.1	112.5	112.9	-0.3	1.0	-8.7	-2.1	0.3	-5.4
Fuel oil and other fuels .....	93.9	91.8	92.5	92.0	-12.5	-4.5	-8.8	-7.9	-8.6	-8.4
Gas (piped) and electricity .....	121.1	119.7	120.0	120.6	0.7	1.6	-8.7	-1.6	1.1	-5.3
Household furnishings and operations .....	124.2	124.7	124.8	125.3	1.0	-0.6	1.3	3.6	0.2	2.4
Apparel .....	131.3	131.1	130.5	130.7	0.3	-1.5	-2.1	-1.8	-0.6	-2.0
Men's and boys' apparel .....	131.4	131.1	131.9	131.7	1.2	0.9	2.2	0.9	1.1	1.5
Women's and girls' apparel .....	123.0	123.4	123.0	122.9	1.0	-4.1	-4.4	-0.3	-1.6	-2.4



Infants' and toddlers' apparel (1).....	125.3	123.1	124.5	126.9	-8.3	-12.4	-7.3	5.2	-10.4	-1.2
Footwear .....	129.9	128.0	126.6	126.5	-0.3	6.4	-0.9	-10.1	3.0	-5.6
Transportation .....	141.9	141.3	R140.4	140.4	-4.1	3.4	-5.2	-4.2	-0.4	-4.7
Private transportation .....	139.5	138.7	R137.9	137.8	-4.2	3.5	-5.5	-4.8	-0.4	-5.2
New and used motor vehicles (2).....	100.1	100.1	R100.0	100.2	-	-	-	0.4	-	-
New vehicles .....	144.7	144.6	144.9	145.0	-0.8	-0.5	-1.9	0.8	-0.7	-0.5
Used cars and trucks (1).....	149.7	149.9	R148.8	149.5	-10.6	-5.2	0.8	-0.5	-7.9	0.1
Motor fuel .....	99.5	96.4	93.3	92.4	-15.5	20.2	-24.9	-25.6	0.8	-25.3
Gasoline (all types) .....	99.2	96.0	92.7	91.9	-15.9	22.1	-25.3	-26.3	1.3	-25.8
Motor vehicle parts and equipment .....	100.5	100.6	100.5	100.0	3.2	-3.9	-0.8	-2.0	-0.4	-1.4
Motor vehicle maintenance and repair .....	166.0	166.5	166.7	166.8	3.5	1.2	3.2	1.9	2.3	2.6
Public transportation .....	185.8	188.1	188.7	188.4	-0.6	4.4	-2.1	5.7	1.8	1.7
Medical care .....	237.6	238.1	238.8	239.8	2.1	2.6	3.3	3.8	2.3	3.5
Medical care commodities .....	215.0	214.9	215.1	216.6	1.9	0.8	3.2	3.0	1.3	3.1
Medical care services .....	242.5	243.2	244.0	244.9	2.2	2.9	3.2	4.0	2.5	3.6
Professional services .....	220.0	220.8	221.3	222.0	2.6	2.8	2.8	3.7	2.7	3.2
Hospital and related services .....	278.8	280.3	280.8	281.4	2.2	2.9	3.1	3.8	2.6	3.4
Recreation (2).....	100.3	100.6	100.9	101.0	-	-	-	2.8	-	-
Video and audio (1) (2).....	100.5	101.2	101.4	101.4	7.1	-0.4	2.4	3.6	3.3	3.0
Education and communication (2).....	99.9	99.9	100.3	100.5	-	-	-	2.4	-	-
Education (2).....	100.3	100.7	101.2	101.8	-	-	-	6.1	-	-
Educational books and supplies .....	245.3	247.4	248.7	250.7	8.5	4.0	1.6	9.1	6.3	5.3
Tuition, other school fees, and childcare .....	282.1	283.2	284.7	286.4	5.6	5.2	5.0	6.2	5.4	5.6
Communication (1) (2).....	99.7	99.3	99.5	99.5	0.4	-2.8	-0.8	-0.8	-1.2	-0.8
Information and information processing (1) (2).....	99.6	99.3	99.5	99.5	0.8	-3.1	-1.2	-0.4	-1.2	-0.8
Telephone services (1) (2).....	99.9	100.0	100.4	100.5	-	-	-	2.4	-	-
Information and information processing other than telephone services (1) (4) .....	47.7	45.8	44.8	44.1	-16.4	0.0	-17.8	-26.9	-8.6	-22.5
Personal computers and peripheral equipment (1) (2).....	96.6	91.1	88.3	86.0	-	-	-	-37.2	-	-
Other goods and services .....	228.5	230.9	229.6	232.8	2.2	6.6	5.4	7.7	4.4	6.6
Tobacco and smoking products .....	253.6	261.1	253.9	264.4	-2.1	12.3	7.3	18.2	4.8	12.6
Personal care (1).....	154.5	155.0	155.5	155.9	-0.5	2.4	3.2	3.7	0.9	3.4
Personal care products (1).....	147.0	147.6	148.2	148.4	-2.2	2.2	4.5	3.9	0.0	4.2
Personal care services (1).....	164.5	164.5	164.9	165.5	1.2	2.2	2.5	2.5	1.7	2.5
Miscellaneous personal services .....	230.5	230.6	231.3	231.8	4.6	4.5	4.5	2.3	4.5	3.4

Commodity and service group

Commodities .....	141.8	141.6	140.9	141.2	-0.8	2.6	-1.4	-1.7	0.8	-1.5
Food and beverages .....	159.2	159.2	159.2	159.2	3.1	2.6	1.8	0.0	2.8	0.9
Commodities less food and beverages .....	131.2	130.9	130.0	130.3	-3.3	2.5	-3.6	-2.7	-0.5	-3.1
Nondurables less food and beverages .....	132.9	132.6	131.1	131.3	-2.1	3.6	-6.1	-4.7	0.7	-5.4
Apparel .....	131.3	131.1	130.5	130.7	0.3	-1.5	-2.1	-1.8	-0.6	-2.0
Nondurables less food, beverages, and apparel .....	138.1	137.5	135.8	135.9	-4.5	7.7	-8.5	-6.2	1.4	-7.4
Durables .....	127.5	127.4	R127.3	127.4	-2.5	-1.9	-0.3	-0.3	-2.2	-0.3
Services .....	178.8	179.1	179.6	180.2	3.0	2.5	2.0	3.2	2.8	2.6
Rent of shelter (3).....	167.6	167.9	168.3	169.0	3.2	2.9	3.4	3.4	3.1	3.4
Transportation services .....	184.7	185.2	185.5	185.6	2.2	1.3	1.8	2.0	1.8	1.9
Other services .....	210.7	211.2	212.0	212.9	3.7	3.3	3.1	4.2	3.5	3.7

Special indexes

All items less food .....	158.3	158.3	158.2	158.7	0.8	2.6	0.0	1.0	1.7	0.5
All items less shelter .....	154.5	154.4	154.1	154.4	0.5	2.4	-0.5	-0.3	1.4	-0.4
All items less medical care .....	154.8	154.9	154.7	155.1	1.0	2.6	0.0	0.8	1.8	0.4
Commodities less food .....	132.7	132.4	131.5	131.8	-3.2	2.4	-3.2	-2.7	-0.4	-3.0
Nondurables less food .....	134.7	134.3	133.1	133.3	-1.8	3.6	-5.7	-4.1	0.9	-4.9
Nondurables less food and apparel .....	139.7	139.2	137.3	137.6	-4.5	9.5	-8.4	-5.9	2.3	-7.2
Nondurables .....	146.5	145.9	145.5	145.5	0.6	2.5	-0.8	-2.7	1.5	-1.8
Services less rent of shelter (3).....	169.1	169.0	169.7	170.1	2.9	2.4	0.5	2.4	2.7	1.4
Services less medical care services .....	173.4	173.4	174.1	174.5	3.1	2.6	1.9	2.6	2.8	2.2
Energy .....	106.0	103.8	102.4	102.2	-8.1	9.9	-16.8	-13.6	0.5	-15.2
All items less energy .....	166.0	166.3	166.4	166.9	2.0	2.0	2.0	2.2	2.0	2.1
All items less food and energy .....	168.0	168.4	168.5	169.1	1.9	1.7	1.9	2.6	1.8	2.3
Commodities less food and energy commodities .....	142.1	142.4	142.0	142.5	-0.8	0.0	0.3	1.1	-0.4	0.7
Energy commodities .....	99.2	96.2	93.3	92.4	-15.2	18.0	-23.9	-24.7	0.0	-24.3
Services less energy services .....	185.4	185.9	186.4	187.0	3.1	2.7	2.9	3.5	2.9	3.2

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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)

All items

CPI-W	Pricing sched- ule (1)	Indexes				Percent change to Apr.1998 from--			Percent change to Mar.1998 from--		
		Jan. 1998	Feb. 1998	Mar. 1998	Apr. 1998	Apr. 1997	Feb. 1998	Mar. 1998	Mar. 1997	Jan. 1998	Feb. 1998
U.S. city average .....	M	158.4	158.5	158.7	159.1	1.2	0.4	0.3	1.1	0.2	0.1
Region and area size(2)											
Northeast urban .....	M	165.7	165.9	166.0	166.3	1.2	0.2	0.2	0.9	0.2	0.1
Size A - More than 1,500,000 .....	M	165.4	165.8	165.8	166.0	1.3	0.1	0.1	1.0	0.2	0.0
Size B/C 50,000 to 1,500,000 (3).....	M	101.3	101.1	101.3	101.5	0.9	0.4	0.2	0.9	0.0	0.2
Midwest urban (4).....	M	153.9	154.2	154.4	155.0	1.6	0.5	0.4	1.3	0.3	0.1
Size A - More than 1,500,000 .....	M	153.9	154.2	154.7	155.4	1.8	0.8	0.5	1.6	0.5	0.3
Size B/C - 50,000 to 1,500,000 (3).....	M	101.1	101.4	101.3	101.7	1.6	0.3	0.4	1.3	0.2	-0.1
Size D - Nonmetropolitan (less than 50,000) .....	M	150.9	150.8	150.7	150.9	0.6	0.1	0.1	0.4	-0.1	-0.1
South urban .....	M	155.8	155.7	156.0	156.4	0.8	0.4	0.3	0.8	0.1	0.2
Size A - More than 1,500,000 .....	M	154.4	154.3	154.7	155.1	1.0	0.5	0.3	0.8	0.2	0.3
Size B/C - 50,000 to 1,500,000 (3).....	M	101.2	101.1	101.3	101.5	0.6	0.4	0.2	0.6	0.1	0.2
Size D - Nonmetropolitan (less than 50,000) .....	M	157.6	158.0	158.2	159.1	1.8	0.7	0.6	1.3	0.4	0.1
West urban .....	M	159.4	159.4	159.4	159.6	1.1	0.1	0.1	1.3	0.0	0.0
Size A - More than 1,500,000 .....	M	158.0	158.0	158.1	158.5	1.5	0.3	0.3	1.4	0.1	0.1
Size B/C - 50,000 to 1,500,000 (3).....	M	102.2	102.2	102.1	102.0	0.6	-0.2	-0.1	0.8	-0.1	-0.1
Size classes											
A (5).....	M	144.6	144.8	145.0	145.4	1.4	0.4	0.3	1.3	0.3	0.1
B/C (3).....	M	101.3	101.3	101.4	101.6	0.9	0.3	0.2	0.8	0.1	0.1
D .....	M	156.7	156.8	156.8	157.3	1.1	0.3	0.3	0.9	0.1	0.0
Selected local areas(6)											

Chicago-Gary-Kenosha, IL-IN-WI .....	M	157.3	157.4	158.3	159.0	2.4	1.0	0.4	1.7	0.6	0.6
Los Angeles-Riverside-Orange County, CA .....	M	155.1	155.0	155.1	155.6	0.8	0.4	0.3	0.6	0.0	0.1
New York-Northern N.J.-Long Island, NY-NJ-CT-PA .....	M	167.7	168.2	168.2	168.5	1.4	0.2	0.2	1.0	0.3	0.0
Boston-Brockton-Nashua, MA-NH-ME-CT .....	1	169.3	-	169.3	-	-	-	-	1.5	0.0	-
Cleveland-Akron, OH .....	1	150.0	-	150.1	-	-	-	-	1.8	0.1	-
Dallas-Fort Worth, TX .....	1	152.2	-	152.8	-	-	-	-	-	0.4	-
Washington-Baltimore, DC-MD-VA-WV (7).....	1	100.8	-	101.3	-	-	-	-	0.5	0.5	-
Atlanta, GA .....	2	-	156.6	-	157.7	-	0.7	-	-	-	-
Detroit-Ann Arbor-Flint, MI .....	2	-	152.9	-	153.5	1.7	0.4	-	-	-	-
Houston-Galveston-Brazoria, TX .....	2	-	144.7	-	144.8	0.5	0.1	-	-	-	-
Miami-Fort Lauderdale, FL .....	2	-	157.3	-	157.4	-	0.1	-	-	-	-
Philadelphia-Wilmington-Atlantic City, PA-NJ-DE-MD .....	2	-	166.1	-	166.5	0.8	0.2	-	-	-	-
San Francisco-Oakland-San Jose, CA .....	2	-	159.6	-	160.8	2.6	0.8	-	-	-	-
Seattle-Tacoma-Bremerton, WA .....	2	-	162.2	-	161.9	-	-0.2	-	-	-	-

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	Unadjusted indexes	Unadjusted percent change to Apr. 1998 from-
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	1997	Mar. 1998	Apr. 1998	Apr. 1997	Mar. 1998
Expenditure category					
All items .....	100.000	162.2	162.6	1.5	0.2
All items (1967=100) .....	-	486.0	487.1	-	-
Food and beverages .....	17.465	160.0	160.1	1.9	.1
Food .....	15.886	159.6	159.6	1.9	.0
Food at home .....	9.964	160.1	160.0	1.6	-.1
Cereals and bakery products .....	1.476	179.5	180.1	1.8	.3
Meats, poultry, fish, and eggs .....	2.921	147.0	146.4	-.9	-.4
Dairy products .....	1.218	148.8	148.6	2.0	-.1
Fruits and vegetables .....	1.982	194.9	194.9	4.6	.0
Other food at home .....	2.366	149.7	149.6	1.8	-.1
Sugar and sweets .....	.332	150.6	150.0	1.4	-.4
Fats and oils .....	.241	142.2	140.8	-1.1	-1.0
Nonalcoholic beverages .....	.747	134.9	134.7	2.1	-.1
Other prepared food .....	1.046	164.5	165.2	2.5	.4
Food away from home .....	5.923	159.8	160.1	2.5	.2
Alcoholic beverages .....	1.578	164.8	164.9	1.6	.1
Housing .....	41.469	159.2	159.5	2.4	.2
Shelter .....	28.640	180.7	181.0	3.3	.2
Renters' costs (1).....	8.169	192.7	192.7	3.4	.0
Rent, residential .....	5.810	170.3	170.7	3.1	.2
Other renters' costs .....	2.359	239.1	237.9	4.3	-.5
Homeowners' costs (1).....	20.269	185.5	185.9	3.2	.2
Owners' equivalent rent (1).....	19.881	185.8	186.3	3.2	.3
Household insurance (1).....	.388	167.5	167.6	2.3	.1
Maintenance and repairs .....	.202	146.3	146.5	2.8	.1
Maintenance and repair services .....	.126	154.5	156.0	4.8	1.0
Maintenance and repair commodities ..	.076	135.0	133.4	-.1	-1.2
Fuel and other utilities .....	7.015	128.6	128.6	-.2	.0
Fuels .....	3.769	112.4	112.3	-2.6	-.1
Fuel oil and other household fuel					
commodities .....	.368	94.6	93.1	-8.8	-1.6
Gas (piped) and electricity (energy					
services).....	3.401	119.3	119.4	-1.9	.1
Other utilities and public services ...	3.246	164.8	165.0	2.6	.1

Household furnishings and operation .....	5.814	126.1	126.7	1.0	.5
Housefurnishings .....	3.232	110.3	111.1	.0	.7
Housekeeping supplies .....	1.090	145.6	145.4	1.5	-.1
Housekeeping services .....	1.492	154.3	154.9	2.5	.4
Apparel and upkeep .....	5.291	134.6	135.4	-.5	.6
Apparel commodities .....	4.748	130.8	131.6	-.8	.6
Men's and boys' apparel .....	1.292	133.2	133.2	1.4	0.0
Women's and girls' apparel.....	2.072	128.5	129.4	-1.9	.7
Infants' and toddlers' apparel .....	.182	124.2	126.9	-5.1	2.2
Footwear .....	.719	127.2	128.3	-.8	.9
Other apparel commodities .....	.484	145.9	147.8	-.2	1.3
Apparel services .....	.543	165.3	165.6	1.8	.2
Transportation .....	16.620	R141.4	141.6	-2.2	.1
Private transportation .....	15.054	R137.4	137.5	-2.7	.1
New vehicles .....	4.829	144.4	144.3	-.6	-.1
New cars .....	3.842	141.7	141.6	-.7	-.1
Used cars .....	1.195	R147.2	148.0	-4.1	.5
Motor fuel .....	2.925	90.8	91.6	-13.6	.9
Gasoline .....	-	90.3	91.1	-13.6	.9
Maintenance and repairs .....	1.546	165.7	165.7	2.3	.0
Other private transportation .....	4.560	179.5	179.2	1.1	-.2
Other private transportation					
commodities .....	.574	104.0	103.3	-1.3	-.7
Other private transportation services					
.....	3.986	197.4	197.3	1.4	-.1
Public transportation .....	1.566	193.8	193.3	1.8	-.3
Medical care .....	7.426	239.9	240.6	2.9	.3
Medical care commodities .....	1.280	218.5	220.0	2.2	.7
Medical care services .....	6.145	244.8	245.4	3.1	.2
Professional medical services .....	3.518	220.4	221.1	3.0	.3
Entertainment .....	4.339	164.6	164.7	1.5	0.1
Entertainment commodities .....	1.924	144.5	144.3	.1	-.1
Entertainment services .....	2.415	187.8	188.1	2.6	.2
Other goods and services .....	7.390	232.0	234.4	5.3	1.0
Tobacco and smoking products .....	1.688	254.1	263.7	8.4	3.8
Personal care .....	1.152	155.6	155.8	2.0	.1
Toilet goods and personal care					
appliances .....	.589	147.6	147.6	2.1	.0
Personal care services .....	.564	164.6	165.1	1.9	.3
Personal and educational expenses .....	4.550	268.0	268.5	4.9	.2

School books and supplies .....	.273	247.8	248.2	5.3	.2
Personal and educational services .....	4.277	269.7	270.3	4.9	.2

Commodity and service group

All items .....	100.000	162.2	162.6	1.5	.2
Commodities .....	42.255	141.6	142.1	-.1	.4
Food and beverages .....	17.465	160.0	160.1	1.9	.1
Commodities less food and beverages .....	24.791	130.5	131.3	-1.4	.6
Nondurables less food and beverages ...	14.865	132.2	133.4	-1.8	.9
Apparel commodities .....	4.748	130.8	131.6	-.8	.6
Nondurables less food, beverages, and apparel .....	10.117	136.0	137.4	-2.3	1.0
Durables .....	9.926	R128.3	128.4	-.9	.1
Services .....	57.745	183.0	183.2	2.7	.1
Rent of shelter (1).....	28.016	188.1	188.4	3.3	.2
Household services less rent of shelter (1).....	8.687	144.7	145.0	.9	.2
Transportation services .....	7.097	188.8	188.6	1.7	-.1
Medical care services .....	6.145	244.8	245.4	3.1	.2
Other services .....	7.799	215.0	215.4	3.7	.2

Special indexes

All items less food .....	84.114	162.7	163.2	1.5	.3
All items less shelter .....	71.360	156.7	157.1	.8	.3
All items less homeowners' costs (1).....	79.731	162.7	163.1	1.2	.2
All items less medical care .....	92.574	157.9	158.2	1.4	.2
Commodities less food .....	26.369	132.0	132.7	-1.3	.5
Nondurables less food .....	16.443	134.3	135.3	-1.5	.7
Nondurables less food and apparel .....	11.695	138.1	139.2	-1.8	.8
Nondurables .....	32.329	146.3	146.9	.2	.4
Services less rent of shelter (1).....	29.728	190.8	191.0	2.2	.1
Services less medical care services .....	51.599	177.2	177.4	2.7	.1
Energy .....	6.695	101.5	101.8	-7.5	0.3
All items less energy .....	93.305	170.1	170.5	2.2	.2
All items less food and energy .....	77.419	172.7	173.2	2.2	.3
Commodities less food and energy commodities .....	23.076	143.4	144.2	.5	.6
Energy commodities .....	3.293	91.5	92.0	-13.0	.5
Services less energy services .....	54.343	189.4	189.7	3.0	.2
Purchasing power of the consumer dollar: 1982-84=\$1.00 .....	-	\$ .616	\$ .615	-	-

1967=\$1.00 ..... - \$ .206 \$ .205 - -

1 Indexes on a December 1982=100 base.

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- 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 Apr. 1998 from-	
		Mar. 1998	Apr. 1998	Apr. 1997	Mar. 1998
Expenditure category					
All items .....	100.000	158.8	159.2	1.3	0.3
All items (1967=100) .....	-	473.0	474.3	-	-
Food and beverages .....	19.434	159.3	159.3	1.8	.0
Food .....	17.739	158.9	159.0	1.9	.1
Food at home .....	11.309	159.0	158.9	1.5	-.1
Cereals and bakery products .....	1.689	179.1	179.7	1.8	.3
Meats, poultry, fish, and eggs .....	3.441	146.7	146.0	-.9	-.5
Dairy products .....	1.358	148.4	148.2	1.9	-.1
Fruits and vegetables .....	2.100	193.4	193.4	4.4	.0
Other food at home .....	2.722	149.0	149.0	1.8	.0
Sugar and sweets .....	.376	150.6	149.9	1.4	-.5
Fats and oils .....	.277	141.7	140.4	-1.2	-.9
Nonalcoholic beverages .....	.863	133.7	133.4	1.8	-.2
Other prepared food .....	1.206	164.4	165.2	2.6	.5
Food away from home .....	6.430	159.9	160.2	2.6	.2
Alcoholic beverages .....	1.695	163.8	163.9	1.4	.1



Housing .....	39.037	155.6	155.9	2.3	.2
Shelter .....	26.305	175.2	175.6	3.2	.2
Renters' costs (1).....	8.250	167.1	167.4	3.5	.2
Rent, residential .....	6.686	169.9	170.4	3.1	.3
Other renters' costs .....	1.564	237.7	237.8	4.8	.0
Homeowners' costs (1).....	17.864	169.1	169.4	3.1	.2
Owners' equivalent rent (1).....	17.538	169.4	169.8	3.2	.2
Household insurance (1).....	.327	152.0	152.1	2.4	.1
Maintenance and repairs .....	.191	144.1	144.2	2.3	.1
Maintenance and repair services .....	.107	155.5	156.9	4.0	.9
Maintenance and repair commodities ..	.084	129.7	128.4	.2	-1.0
Fuel and other utilities .....	7.274	128.5	128.5	-.1	.0
Fuels .....	3.875	111.8	111.7	-2.6	-.1
Fuel oil and other household fuel					
commodities .....	.338	94.5	93.1	-8.5	-1.5
Gas (piped) and electricity (energy					
services).....	3.537	118.8	118.8	-2.0	.0
Other utilities and public services ...	3.399	165.8	166.0	2.8	.1
Household furnishings and operation .....	5.458	124.5	125.1	.9	.5
Housefurnishings .....	3.171	109.0	109.8	.1	.7
Housekeeping supplies .....	1.130	146.4	146.1	1.5	-.2
Housekeeping services .....	1.157	157.3	157.9	2.7	.4
Apparel and upkeep .....	5.311	132.8	133.8	-1.3	.8
Apparel commodities .....	4.801	129.2	130.3	-1.5	0.9
Men's and boys' apparel .....	1.298	132.7	132.4	1.0	-.2
Women's and girls' apparel.....	2.019	126.0	127.4	-2.5	1.1
Infants' and toddlers' apparel .....	.233	124.9	127.9	-5.2	2.4
Footwear .....	.800	127.7	129.1	-.9	1.1
Other apparel commodities .....	.450	142.7	144.8	-3.0	1.5
Apparel services .....	.510	164.4	164.6	1.8	.1
Transportation .....	18.597	R140.0	140.3	-2.7	.2
Private transportation .....	17.389	R137.2	137.5	-3.0	.2
New vehicles .....	4.781	145.6	145.5	-.6	-.1
New cars .....	3.439	141.2	141.1	-.8	-.1
Used cars .....	2.179	R148.8	149.6	-3.9	.5
Motor fuel .....	3.608	90.9	91.8	-13.3	1.0
Gasoline .....	-	90.4	91.3	-13.4	1.0
Maintenance and repairs .....	1.634	166.7	166.8	2.4	.1
Other private transportation .....	5.188	174.7	174.4	.9	-.2
Other private transportation					
commodities .....	.727	103.3	102.6	-1.1	-.7
Other private transportation services					

.....	4.460	192.9	192.8	1.3	-.1
Public transportation .....	1.208	190.3	190.1	1.8	-.1
Medical care .....	6.331	239.3	239.9	2.9	.3
Medical care commodities .....	1.054	215.8	217.3	2.4	.7
Medical care services .....	5.276	244.5	245.0	3.0	.2
Professional medical services .....	3.020	221.9	222.5	3.0	.3
Entertainment .....	4.006	161.8	161.9	1.4	0.1
Entertainment commodities .....	2.005	143.0	142.9	-.1	-.1
Entertainment services .....	2.001	188.3	188.7	2.8	.2
Other goods and services .....	7.285	229.1	232.1	5.6	1.3
Tobacco and smoking products .....	2.237	254.0	263.6	8.6	3.8
Personal care .....	1.116	155.6	155.7	2.0	.1
Toilet goods and personal care appliances .....	.612	148.4	148.4	2.1	.0
Personal care services .....	.504	164.9	165.3	2.0	.2
Personal and educational expenses .....	3.932	263.6	264.2	4.9	.2
School books and supplies .....	.241	250.0	250.4	5.5	.2
Personal and educational services .....	3.692	265.0	265.6	4.9	.2
Commodity and service group					
All items .....	100.000	158.8	159.2	1.3	.3
Commodities .....	46.401	141.2	141.8	-.3	.4
Food and beverages .....	19.434	159.3	159.3	1.8	.0
Commodities less food and beverages .....	26.967	130.2	131.1	-1.7	.7
Nondurables less food and beverages ...	15.915	131.3	132.7	-2.1	1.1
Apparel commodities .....	4.801	129.2	130.3	-1.5	.9
Nondurables less food, beverages, and apparel .....	11.114	135.3	136.8	-2.5	1.1
Durables .....	11.052	R127.6	127.9	-1.1	.2
Services .....	53.599	179.7	180.0	2.7	.2
Rent of shelter (1).....	25.761	168.7	169.1	3.3	.2
Household services less rent of shelter (1).....	8.554	132.9	133.0	.8	.1
Transportation services .....	7.302	185.9	185.8	1.6	-.1
Medical care services .....	5.276	244.5	245.0	3.0	.2
Other services .....	6.706	211.9	212.4	3.8	.2

Special indexes

All items less food .....	82.261	158.6	159.2	1.2	.4
All items less shelter .....	73.695	154.3	154.8	.7	.3
All items less homeowners' costs (1).....	82.136	148.5	149.0	.9	.3
All items less medical care .....	93.669	155.0	155.4	1.2	.3
Commodities less food .....	28.662	131.5	132.5	-1.6	.8
Nondurables less food .....	17.610	133.3	134.6	-1.8	1.0
Nondurables less food and apparel .....	12.809	137.3	138.6	-2.0	.9
Nondurables .....	35.349	145.7	146.3	-.1	.4
Services less rent of shelter (1).....	27.838	169.8	169.9	2.1	.1
Services less medical care services .....	48.322	174.2	174.5	2.6	0.2
Energy .....	7.483	100.6	101.0	-7.8	.4
All items less energy .....	92.517	166.7	167.2	2.0	.3
All items less food and energy .....	74.778	168.8	169.4	2.1	.4
Commodities less food and energy					
commodities .....	24.717	142.5	143.5	.3	.7
Energy commodities .....	3.946	91.5	92.2	-12.9	.8
Services less energy services .....	50.062	186.4	186.8	3.0	.2
Purchasing power of the consumer dollar:					
1982-84=\$1.00 .....	-	\$ .630	\$ .628	-	-
1967=\$1.00 .....	-	\$ .211	\$ .211	-	-

1 Indexes on a December 1984=100 base.

R Revised.

- 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 sched- ule (1)	Indexes				Percent change to Apr.1998 from--		
		Jan. 1998	Feb. 1998	Mar. 1998	Apr. 1998	Jan. 1998	Feb. 1998	Mar. 1998
U.S. city average .....	M	161.6	162.0	162.2	162.6	0.6	0.4	0.2

Selected local areas

Chicago-Gary-Lake County, IL-IN-WI .....	M	162.5	163.0	163.8	164.7	1.4	1.0	.5
Los Angeles-Anaheim-Riverside, CA .....	M	161.0	161.2	161.3	161.7	.4	.3	.2
New York-Northern N.J.-Long Island, NY-NJ-CT	M	172.1	172.8	173.1	173.1	.6	.2	.0
Boston-Lawrence-Salem, MA-NH.....	1	171.0	-	171.2	-	-	-	-
Cleveland-Akron-Lorain, OH .....	1	158.0	-	157.9	-	-	-	-
Dallas-Fort Worth, TX .....	1	152.2	-	153.3	-	-	-	-
Detroit-Ann Arbor, MI .....	2	-	158.7	-	159.3	-	.4	-
Houston-Galveston-Brazoria, TX .....	2	-	146.5	-	146.4	-	-.1	-
Miami-Fort Lauderdale, FL .....	2	-	160.6	-	160.1	-	-.3	-
Philadelphia-Wilmington-Trenton, PA-NJ-DE-MD	2	-	167.4	-	167.1	-	-.2	-
San Francisco-Oakland-San Jose, CA .....	2	-	163.5	-	164.8	-	.8	-

#### Region and area size

Northeast urban .....	M	168.8	169.2	169.3	169.5	.4	.2	.1
Midwest urban (2).....	M	157.6	158.1	158.4	159.1	1.0	.6	.4
South urban .....	M	157.7	157.9	158.5	158.9	.8	.6	.3
West urban .....	M	163.0	163.3	163.3	163.6	.4	.2	.2

#### Population size classes

A (3).....	M	146.0	146.4	146.6	147.0	.7	.4	.3
D .....	M	157.9	158.0	158.2	158.7	.5	.4	.3

#### Region/Population size class cross classifications

Northeast Size A - More than 1,500,000 .....	M	169.5	170.1	170.2	170.2	.4	.1	.0
Midwest Size A - More than 1,500,000 .....	M	158.3	158.8	159.3	160.0	1.1	.8	.4
South Size A - More than 1,500,000 .....	M	156.7	156.8	157.6	157.8	.7	.6	.1
West Size A - More than 1,500,000 .....	M	163.2	163.6	163.7	164.2	.6	.4	.3
Midwest Size D - Nonmetropolitan (less than 50,000) .....	M	153.0	153.1	153.3	153.5	.3	.3	.1
South Size D - Nonmetropolitan (less than 50,000) .....	M	157.7	158.0	158.4	159.1	.9	.7	.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 Apr.1998 from--		
		Jan. 1998	Feb. 1998	Mar. 1998	Apr. 1998	Jan. 1998	Feb. 1998	Mar. 1998
U.S. city average .....	M	158.4	158.7	158.8	159.2	0.5	0.3	0.3
Selected local areas								
Chicago-Gary-Lake County, IL-IN-WI .....	M	156.8	157.2	157.9	158.7	1.2	1.0	.5
Los Angeles-Anaheim-Riverside, CA .....	M	155.1	155.2	155.1	155.6	.3	.3	.3
New York-Northern N.J.-Long Island, NY-NJ-CT	M	167.7	168.3	168.5	168.6	.5	.2	.1
Boston-Lawrence-Salem, MA-NH.....	1	169.5	-	169.5	-	-	-	-
Cleveland-Akron-Lorain, OH .....	1	149.9	-	149.7	-	-	-	-
Dallas-Fort Worth, TX .....	1	152.2	-	152.5	-	-	-	-
Detroit-Ann Arbor, MI .....	2	-	153.0	-	153.8	-	.5	-
Houston-Galveston-Brazoria, TX .....	2	-	145.1	-	145.0	-	-.1	-
Miami-Fort Lauderdale, FL .....	2	-	157.8	-	157.3	-	-.3	-
Philadelphia-Wilmington-Trenton, PA-NJ-DE-MD	2	-	166.3	-	166.0	-	-.2	-
San Francisco-Oakland-San Jose, CA .....	2	-	160.1	-	161.2	-	.7	-
Region and area size								
Northeast urban .....	M	165.8	166.1	166.1	166.3	.3	.1	.1
Midwest urban (2).....	M	153.9	154.3	154.5	155.2	.8	.6	.5
South urban .....	M	155.8	155.8	156.2	156.6	.5	.5	.3
West urban .....	M	159.3	159.4	159.3	159.7	.3	.2	.3
Population size classes								
A (3).....	M	144.6	144.8	145.0	145.4	.6	.4	.3
D .....	M	156.8	156.8	156.9	157.4	.4	.4	.3

Region/Population size class cross  
classifications

Northeast Size A - More than 1,500,000 .....	M	165.4	165.9	165.8	166.0	.4	.1	.1
Midwest Size A - More than 1,500,000 .....	M	153.7	154.2	154.5	155.3	1.0	.7	.5
South Size A - More than 1,500,000 .....	M	154.4	154.3	154.8	155.1	.5	.5	.2
West Size A - More than 1,500,000 .....	M	157.9	158.1	158.0	158.5	.4	.3	.3
Midwest Size D - Nonmetropolitan (less than 50,000) .....	M	151.0	151.0	151.0	151.1	.1	.1	.1
South Size D - Nonmetropolitan (less than 50,000) .....	M	157.7	158.0	158.3	159.2	1.0	.8	.6

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