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CONSUMER PRICE INDEX: JANUARY 1999

The Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers (CPI-U) rose 0.2 percent in January, before seasonal adjustment, to a level of 164.3 (1982-84=100), the Bureau of Labor Statistics of the U.S. Department of Labor reported today. For the 12-month period ended in January, the CPI-U has increased 1.7 percent.

The Consumer Price Index for Urban Wage Earners and Clerical Workers (CPI-W) also rose 0.2 percent in January, prior to seasonal adjustment. The January level of 161.0 was 1.6 percent higher than the index in January 1998.

CPI for All Urban Consumers (CPI-U)

On a seasonally adjusted basis, the CPI-U rose 0.1 percent in January, the same as in December. The food index advanced 0.5 percent in January after increasing 0.1 percent in December. The index for food at home, which was unchanged in December, rose 0.5 percent in January, largely as a result of increases in the indexes for fruits and vegetables and for dairy products. The energy index, which declined 1.1 percent in December, fell 0.2 percent in January. The index for petroleum-based energy was unchanged, while the index for energy services decreased 0.4 percent. Excluding food and energy, the CPI-U increased 0.1 percent in January, following a 0.3 percent rise in December, as a result of deceleration in the indexes for shelter, cigarettes, and apparel.

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

Expenditure Category	Seasonally adjusted						Un- Compound adjusted		
	Changes from preceding month						annual rate 3-mos. ended	12-mos. ended	
	July	Aug.	Sep.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.			1998
All Items	.2	.1	.1	.2	.2	.1	.1	1.7	1.7

Food and beverages	.2	.3	.0	.5	.2	.1	.4	2.7	2.2
Housing	.2	.2	.2	.2	.3	.1	-.1	1.5	2.2
Apparel	-.3	1.0	-.6	.0	-.1	-.6	-1.1	-7.0	-1.5
Transportation	.3	-.1	-.4	.1	-.1	-.4	-.1	-2.5	-1.6
Medical care	.2	.4	.3	.2	.2	.3	.3	3.3	3.6
Recreation	-.1	.2	.1	-.2	.1	.1	.4	2.4	1.4
Education and communication	.1	-.5	.1	.1	.3	-.2	.3	1.6	1.0
Other goods and services	.5	.2	.9	.3	-.3	4.2	2.0	25.7	10.4
Special indexes:									
Energy	-.2	-1.0	-1.2	.1	-.3	-1.1	-.2	-6.2	-7.4
Food	.3	.2	.1	.5	.1	.1	.5	2.7	2.3
All items less food and energy	.2	.2	.2	.2	.1	.3	.1	2.1	2.4

Note: Seasonal factors have been recalculated to reflect developments during 1998. For this reason, some of the seasonally adjusted figures above and elsewhere in this report differ from those previously published.

As previously announced, effective with release of data for January 1999, the BLS has introduced a new formula for calculating the basic components of the CPI. See page 4 for more details. See pages 5-10 for announcements of other methodological changes introduced with data for January 1999.

The food and beverages index rose 0.4 percent in January. The index for food at home, which was unchanged in December, increased 0.5 percent in January, largely as a result of increases in the indexes for fruits and vegetables and for dairy products. The index for fruits and vegetables, which was unchanged in December, rose 2.2 percent in January. The index for fresh fruits increased 3.7 percent, reflecting a 13.6 percent increase in prices for citrus fruits. The index for fresh vegetables increased 0.8 percent. (Prior to seasonal adjustment, fresh vegetable prices increased 5.7 percent.) The index for processed fruits and vegetables rose 2.1 percent in January after registering declines in each of the preceding four months. The index for dairy products increased 2.3 percent in January and has risen 8.8 percent in the last six months. Partially offsetting these increases was a 0.8 percent decrease in the index for meats, poultry, fish, and eggs. Meat prices declined again in January; pork prices fell 1.5 percent, and the index for beef and veal dropped 1.0 percent. Poultry prices declined 0.5 percent in January. The indexes for fish and seafood and for eggs also declined, down 1.8 and 0.6 percent, respectively. Among the other major grocery store food groups, the indexes for cereal and bakery products and nonalcoholic beverages rose 0.8

and 0.5 percent, respectively, while the index for other food at home declined 0.2 percent. The other two components of the food and beverage index--food away from home and alcoholic beverages--rose 0.3 and 0.1 percent, respectively, in January.

The housing component declined 0.1 percent in January. Shelter costs, which increased 0.2 percent in December, were unchanged in January. Within shelter, the indexes for rent and for owners' equivalent rent rose 0.2 and 0.1 percent, respectively, while the cost of lodging away from home declined 1.8 percent. (Prior to seasonal adjustment, the cost of lodging while away from home increased 3.2 percent.) The index for fuels and utilities declined 0.2 percent in January, the same as in December. The index for household fuels fell 0.4 percent, reflecting small declines in each of the three major household fuel indexes. The index for natural gas fell 0.5 percent, and the indexes for fuel oil and for electricity each declined 0.3 percent. The index for household furnishings and operations was unchanged in January.

The transportation component declined for the third consecutive month, down 0.1 percent in January. The index for new and used vehicle prices declined 0.4 percent in January. The index for new vehicles rose 0.1 percent. (As of January, over 80 percent of the new vehicle sample was represented by 1999 models.) The index for used cars and trucks decreased 1.6 percent. The index for gasoline rose 0.1 percent in January. (Prior to seasonal adjustment, gasoline prices fell 1.4 percent; as of January, gasoline prices were 28.9 percent lower than their peak level in November 1990.) Public transportation costs increased 1.1 percent in January, reflecting a 1.8 percent rise in airline fares.

The index for apparel decreased 1.1 percent in January, following a 0.6 percent drop in December. (Prior to seasonal adjustment, apparel prices fell 2.1 percent, reflecting post-holiday discounting.)

Medical care costs rose 0.3 percent in January to a level 3.6 percent above a year ago. The index for medical care commodities--prescription drugs, nonprescription drugs, and medical supplies--was virtually unchanged. The index for medical care services rose 0.4 percent. Charges for professional services and for hospital and related services increased 0.3 and 0.6 percent, respectively. (Prior to seasonal adjustment, the indexes for professional services and hospital and related services rose 0.5 and 1.0 percent, respectively.)

The index for recreation costs increased 0.4 percent in January, following increases of 0.1 percent in each of the two preceding months. In January, the indexes for admissions to sporting events and for fees for

lessons or instructions rose 1.0 and 1.5 percent, respectively.

The index for education and communication, which declined 0.2 percent in December, increased 0.3 percent in January. Educational costs rose 0.3 percent, and the index for communication increased 0.2 percent. Within the latter group, increase in the indexes for postage and for telephone services--up 3.0 and 0.4 percent, respectively--were partially offset by a 2.9 percent decline in the index for information and information processing other than telephone services. The indexes for personal computers and peripheral equipment and for computer software and accessories fell 4.4 and 2.0 percent, respectively.

The index for other goods and services increased 2.0 percent in January, following a 4.2 percent rise in December. The index for tobacco and smoking products, which increased 18.5 percent in December, rose 6.6 percent in January, reflecting in part a 50 cent a pack tax increase on cigarettes in California. Tobacco accounted for 85 percent of the January advance in the other goods and services component.

#### 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 0.2 percent in January.

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

Expenditure Category	Seasonally adjusted							Compound annual rate 3-mos. ended Jan.'99	Un- adjusted 12-mos. ended Jan.'99
	Changes from preceding month								
	1998								
	July	Aug.	Sep.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.		
All Items	.2	.1	.1	.2	.2	.2	.2	2.3	1.6
Food and beverages	.3	.2	.1	.4	.2	.1	.4	2.7	2.2
Housing	.2	.1	.2	.2	.3	.2	.0	1.8	2.1
Apparel	-.3	.8	-.3	.4	-.1	-.5	-1.1	-6.5	-1.2
Transportation	.1	-.2	-.4	.2	-.1	-.5	-.1	-2.8	-1.8
Medical care	.2	.4	.3	.2	.2	.2	.3	3.2	3.5
Recreation	.0	.1	.1	-.3	.1	.1	.4	2.4	.9
Education and communication	.0	-.5	.2	.1	.3	-.2	.3	1.6	1.2
Other goods and services	.7	.2	1.3	.2	-.5	5.8	2.5	35.6	13.6
Special indexes									
Energy	-.2	-1.3	-1.1	.2	-.4	-1.3	-.1	-7.0	-7.6
Food	.3	.2	.1	.4	.2	.0	.5	2.8	2.2

All items less  
food and energy .2 .2 .2 .1 .2 .4 .1 2.8 2.4

Consumer Price Index data for February are scheduled for release on Thursday, March 18, 1999, at 8:30 A.M. (EST).

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#### CPI (Old Series)

For the first six months of 1999, BLS will also calculate Old Series CPI-U and Old Series CPI-W based on the former method of calculating the elementary aggregates, that is, employing an arithmetic mean in all index categories. These old series data are contained in tables 1 (LAS)-4 (LAS). From December 1998 to January 1999, the Old Series CPI-U and the Old Series CPI-W rose 0.3 and 0.2 percent, respectively. These series are not seasonally adjusted. (The unadjusted CPI-U and CPI-W using the new method of calculating the elementary aggregates each rose 0.2 percent in January.)

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#### Consumer Price Index Formula Changed

On April 16, 1998, 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 is 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 have been. 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 has been 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 former 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 was published in the April 1998 CPI Detailed Report and is available on the Internet (<http://stats.bls.gov/cpihome.htm>). This information also may 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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Revision of the CPI Housing Sample and Estimation Process

BLS has implemented the housing portion of the ongoing CPI revision process effective with the index for January 1999. This part of the CPI revision is directed at the major shelter indexes, "rent of primary residence" and "owners' equivalent rent of primary residence." The CPI has shifted to an improved estimation method for homeowner shelter costs and has introduced a new housing unit sample based on the 1990 decennial

census.

The new estimator for "owners' equivalent rent of primary residence" employs the same rental observations that form the basis of the revised "rent of primary residence" index. Those observations are weighted to reflect the total urban stock of owner-occupied and renter-occupied housing, respectively. The former CPI estimated the change in the implicit rents of a sample of owner-occupied units from the rent change of rental units matched specifically to them. Among other advantages, the new method does not require selection of an owner-occupied sample.

The new sample provides a current set of rental housing units that, as noted above, are the basis of both the "rent of primary residence" and "owners' equivalent rent of primary residence" indexes. The decennial census provided information that BLS has used to select small geographic areas (called segments) within the CPI's 87 pricing areas that represent the urban United States. The segment selection process utilizes random sampling so that the housing sample represents all varieties and locations of the housing stock throughout each CPI pricing area. Segments have been selected for the initial sample. Augmentation segments also will be supplied to replenish the current sample. The CPI will use another sample augmentation process to bring housing units constructed since the decennial census into the CPI housing sample.

Additional information on these and other changes to the housing component of the CPI can be found in the December 1996 Monthly Labor Review article, "Revision of the CPI Housing Sample and Estimators." For additional information, write to the Bureau of Labor Statistics, Division of Consumer Prices and Price Indexes, 2 Massachusetts Ave., NE, Room 3615, Washington, DC 20212-0001 or telephone Frank Ptacek at 202-606-6991 ext. 278, or send e-mail to Ptacek\_F@bls.gov

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#### Improvements to CPI Procedures for Handling Refunds for Utilities

Effective with the calculation of the index for January 1999, the Consumer Price Index (CPI) has changed its treatment of refunds for electricity, natural gas, or other utility services when the refunds are based on earlier periods' utility consumption amounts. The change affects both the price indexes and the average prices computed by the CPI program.

Prior to January 1999, the CPI utility indexes reflect refunds that appear on current period bills but that were based on past period utility consumption. Generally these refunds resulted from the rollback of temporary rate increases, lower than anticipated energy costs, or a reevaluation of rates with respect to actual costs. The former practice

made these indexes rather volatile and did not reflect the actual current price (for example, what a new customer would pay) for a utility service such as electricity.

Under the newly implemented procedure, the CPI will disregard any refund for past excess charges when it appears on residential customer bills as a separate refund credit that is subtracted from the charges for current billing period's usage. The movement of the CPI utility indexes will reflect all changes in rates-generally in the month they are effective. The CPI utility indexes will continue to reflect current period credits that are based on current period consumption, such as those associated with purchased gas or fuel adjustments.

For additional information on this change, write to the Bureau of Labor Statistics, Division of Consumer Prices and Price Indexes, 2 Massachusetts Ave., NE., Room 3615, Washington, DC 20212-0001; or telephone Bob Adkins at (202) 606-6985 ext. 264, or send e-mail to Adkins\_B@bls.gov

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Using a Hedonic Model to Adjust Television Prices in the Consumer Price Index for Changes in Quality

Effective with the release of the Consumer Price Index (CPI) for January 1999, the Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS) has introduced an improvement in the way in which it calculates the television stratum of the CPI.

As of December 1998, televisions constituted 0.201 percent in the Consumer Price Index for all Urban Consumers (the CPI-U) and 0.240 percent in the Consumer Price Index for Urban Wage Earners and Clerical Workers (the CPI-W).

Bureau of Labor Statistics researchers developed a regression procedure, called a hedonic model, that decomposes the price of television sets into implicit prices for each important feature and component 1/. This model uses television observations collected for the CPI and provides an estimate of the value of each of the significant features and components of the sets for which prices are collected. This yields a mechanism for replacing obsolete televisions in the CPI sample with current ones, allowing the CPI to capture the price change that may occur as new models replace old ones in the market place without counting the value of quality improvements as price increases.

The CPI has used similar hedonic methods to adjust apparel prices for many years. In January 1998, the CPI began using a similar approach for personal computers. In the coming years, BLS plans to extend the method to

additional CPI items.

Starting with the CPI for January 1999, when a television model in the CPI sample improves in some way, the value of that change, as derived from the regression estimates, will be deducted from the observed price change for that product. (Conversely, if a model deteriorates, the value of the difference will be added to the price.)

For additional information on these changes, write to  
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1/ Brent R. Moulton, Timothy J. LaFleur, and Karin E. Moses,  
"Research on Improved Quality Adjustment in the CPI: The Case  
of Televisions," presented to the Conference of the Ottawa  
Group, April 1998.

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Treatment of Mandated Pollution Control Measures in the  
Consumer Price Index Changed

Beginning in January 1999, modifications to goods and services made solely for purposes of meeting air pollution standards, and that do not otherwise provide direct value to consumers, will no longer be treated as quality improvements in the Consumer Price Index (CPI). Price increases associated with such modifications will be reflected as increases in the index.

The Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS) recently undertook to explain more precisely the relationship between the CPI and a complete measure of changes in consumers' living costs. As part of this activity, the BLS reviewed the treatment of pollution control measures in the CPI. The new policy for treating pollution control measures is a direct result of that review.

BLS has stated that the proper objective of the CPI is to approximate changes in the cost of living of U.S. consumers 1/. The CPI is intended to

approximate a particular subindex of a complete cost-of-living index, a subindex that is limited to prices of market goods and services and is conditional upon the levels of other determinants of changes in living costs, such as the environment, crime level, and numerous government-provided goods and services. The choice of this index definition recognizes that not all important living cost determinants can be reliably measured and also provides users of the CPI with a clear specification of its scope and limitations.

Given the current definition, changes in air quality, as well as in other important environmental factors, are beyond the scope of the CPI and thus properly cannot be included in its construction. A more complete explanation of the relationship between the CPI and a comprehensive measure of changes in living costs is contained in "The Treatment of Mandated Pollution Control Measures in the CPI" 2/.

The new policy for the treatment of air pollution measures has become effective with CPI data for January 1999. The new practice likely will have its most significant effect on the motor fuel and new and used motor vehicle components of the index. In the vehicle indexes, the policy will apply to all vehicle models introduced on or after January 1, 1999. Since most of the 1999 model-year vehicles will be introduced before that date, the old practice was used for the 1998-to-1999 model-year changeover in most cases.

Historically, quality adjustments for anti-pollution measures have been made to the new car (or new vehicle) component of the CPI since 1969 (automobile model year 1970), with their estimated dollar effect published annually. Since 1988, these data also have been utilized to make quality adjustments in the used car component. In addition, beginning in late 1994, quality adjustments were made for the introduction of reformulated gasoline, which was required in selected areas for compliance with the Clean Air Act Amendment of 1990. Available information is not sufficient to make possible a complete accounting of the impacts of this policy in all years. The estimates presented below should be viewed, therefore, as approximations rather than as precise values. In adherence with standard policy, the official CPI historical data will not be revised to be consistent with the new practice. For the period from December 1968 through December 1997, the new car component of the CPI-U rose 174.2 percent. BLS estimates that not adjusting for anti-pollution measures would have resulted in an increase of 230.2 percent over this period. Quality adjustments for light trucks have been made since they were introduced into the CPI in 1983. For the period from December 1983 through December 1997, this index rose 51.4 percent, but with the quality adjustments for anti-pollution measures factored back into the

index, it would have risen by an estimated 55.1 percent in this period. The CPI used car index rose 27.2 percent between December 1987 and December 1997; with the quality adjustments for anti-pollution measures factored back into the index, it would have risen approximately 28.8 percent in that 10-year period. The motor fuel component, whose index rose 7.5 percent between December 1993 and December 1997, would have increased by an estimated 15.4 percent over that period if adjustment for environmental quality change had not been made. BLS estimates that the aggregate effect of these component changes on the CPI-U All Items index would have increased the percentage change over the period from December 1968 to December 1997 from 354.4 percent to 357.7 percent. Past experience, however, is not necessarily an indicator of the future impact of this policy change.

For additional information on these changes, write to  
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<http://stats.bls.gov/cpihome.htm>.

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1/ "Measurement Issues in the Consumer Price Index," paper prepared in response to a letter from Representative Jim Saxton, Chairman of the Joint Economic Committee, June 1997. Paper available by contacting BLS or on the internet at: <http://stats.bls.gov/cpihome.htm>

2/ Paper available by contacting BLS or on the internet at:  
<http://stats.bls.gov/cpihome.htm>

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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.

In 1997, the BLS 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 was 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 will spare users the inconvenience associated with conversion.

Changes in the numerical reference base should not be confused with the updating of the CPI's market basket. Since release of the January 1999 CPI, the expenditure weights applied to CPI categories have been 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 1994 through 1998 were replaced at the end of 1998. 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 wholesale tobacco prices and legal fees passed on to consumers. 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. The procedure was used to account for unusual butter fat supply reductions affecting the Fats and oils series. 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 or sending e-mail to Gallagher\_C@BLS.GOV.

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 1998	Unadjusted indexes		Unadjusted percent change to Jan. 1999 from-		Seasonally adjusted percent change from-		
		Dec. 1998	Jan. 1999	Jan. 1998	Dec. 1998	Oct. to Nov.	Nov. to Dec.	Dec. to Jan.
Expenditure category								
All items .....	100.000	163.9	164.3	1.7	0.2	0.2	0.1	0.1
All items (1967=100) .....	-	491.0	492.3	-	-	-	-	-
Food and beverages .....	16.408	162.7	163.9	2.2	0.7	0.2	0.1	0.4

Food .....	15.422	162.3	163.6	2.3	0.8	0.1	0.1	0.5
Food at home .....	9.691	162.6	164.3	2.0	1.0	0.1	0.0	0.5
Cereals and bakery products .....	1.544	182.3	184.2	2.9	1.0	0.2	0.1	0.8
Meats, poultry, fish, and eggs .....	2.569	147.3	146.4	-1.3	-0.6	-0.2	-0.3	-0.8
Dairy and related products (1).....	1.088	157.6	161.2	8.7	2.3	0.6	1.1	2.3
Fruits and vegetables .....	1.440	200.7	208.6	3.2	3.9	-0.6	0.0	2.2
Nonalcoholic beverages and beverage materials .....	1.049	131.7	133.5	-0.4	1.4	0.4	-0.2	0.5
Other food at home .....	2.002	152.4	153.0	2.9	0.4	0.7	-0.4	-0.2
Sugar and sweets .....	.377	150.1	151.7	0.9	1.1	0.3	0.2	-0.1
Fats and oils .....	.309	151.9	150.5	7.1	-0.9	-0.2	-1.9	-2.0
Other foods .....	1.316	166.9	167.7	2.5	0.5	1.1	-0.2	0.1
Other miscellaneous foods (1) (2).....	.320	104.9	104.1	3.7	-0.8	1.3	0.1	-0.8
Food away from home (1).....	5.730	163.0	163.5	2.7	0.3	0.2	0.2	0.3
Other food away from home (1) (2).....	.175	103.3	103.5	3.4	0.2	0.6	0.0	0.2
Alcoholic beverages .....	.986	167.2	167.6	1.8	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.1
Housing .....	39.828	161.3	161.8	2.2	0.3	0.3	0.1	-0.1
Shelter .....	30.283	184.0	184.7	3.1	0.4	0.3	0.2	0.0
Rent of primary residence (3).....	7.007	174.9	175.3	3.4	0.2	0.3	0.3	0.2
Lodging away from home (2) (3).....	2.376	103.8	107.1	1.9	3.2	1.0	-1.0	-1.8
Owners' equivalent rent of primary residence (3) (4).....	20.529	190.7	191.0	3.2	0.2	0.2	0.3	0.1
Tenants' and household insurance (1) (2)..	.371	99.9	99.7	-0.6	-0.2	0.2	0.0	-0.2
Fuels and utilities .....	4.735	126.6	126.2	-2.0	-0.3	0.3	-0.2	-0.2
Fuels .....	3.801	111.4	110.9	-3.1	-0.4	0.3	-0.2	-0.4
Fuel oil and other fuels .....	.227	86.1	86.6	-10.2	0.6	-0.9	-2.0	-0.1
Gas (piped) and electricity (3).....	3.574	118.9	118.3	-2.7	-0.5	0.4	-0.1	-0.4
Household furnishings and operations .....	4.810	126.6	126.8	1.0	0.2	0.2	0.1	0.0
Apparel .....	4.831	130.7	127.9	-1.5	-2.1	-0.1	-0.6	-1.1
Men's and boys' apparel .....	1.358	130.3	128.1	-1.3	-1.7	-0.4	-0.5	-0.5
Women's and girls' apparel .....	1.939	122.4	117.7	-2.1	-3.8	-0.4	-0.6	-1.9
Infants' and toddlers' apparel (1).....	.272	129.6	130.0	4.2	0.3	0.8	-1.3	0.3
Footwear .....	.876	127.5	125.6	-1.4	-1.5	0.5	-0.6	-0.9
Transportation .....	16.999	140.7	140.4	-1.6	-0.2	-0.1	-0.4	-0.1
Private transportation .....	15.653	137.2	136.7	-1.9	-0.4	-0.1	-0.4	-0.2
New and used motor vehicles (2).....	7.843	100.9	100.6	0.4	-0.3	0.3	-0.1	-0.4
New vehicles .....	4.983	144.1	144.4	0.0	0.2	0.0	0.1	0.1
Used cars and trucks (1).....	1.914	153.1	150.6	1.7	-1.6	0.7	-0.6	-1.6
Motor fuel .....	2.493	86.2	85.0	-13.1	-1.4	-1.3	-2.5	0.0
Gasoline (all types) .....	2.476	85.7	84.5	-13.1	-1.4	-1.2	-2.6	0.1
Motor vehicle parts and equipment .....	.549	101.2	101.2	-0.1	0.0	-0.2	-0.1	-0.1
Motor vehicle maintenance and repair .....	1.624	169.6	169.8	2.9	0.1	0.4	0.2	0.1

Public transportation (1).....	1.346	188.4	190.4	1.8	1.1	-1.3	0.5	1.1
Medical care .....	5.713	245.2	246.6	3.6	0.6	0.2	0.3	0.3
Medical care commodities .....	1.252	225.6	225.9	3.8	0.1	0.3	0.4	0.0
Medical care services .....	4.461	249.6	251.3	3.5	0.7	0.2	0.2	0.4
Professional services (3).....	2.854	224.6	225.8	3.3	0.5	0.2	0.2	0.3
Hospital and related services (3).....	1.354	291.4	294.4	3.8	1.0	0.2	0.2	0.6
Recreation (2).....	6.120	101.2	101.7	1.4	0.5	0.1	0.1	0.4
Video and audio (1) (2).....	1.748	100.7	101.4	0.8	0.7	-0.3	0.2	0.4
Education and communication (2).....	5.478	100.7	100.9	1.0	0.2	0.3	-0.2	0.3
Education (2).....	2.694	104.7	105.0	4.7	0.3	0.5	0.4	0.3
Educational books and supplies .....	.203	257.3	258.4	5.4	0.4	0.2	0.4	-0.7
Tuition, other school fees, and childcare	2.492	301.7	302.4	4.6	0.2	0.4	0.4	0.4
Communication (1) (2).....	2.783	97.1	97.3	-2.3	0.2	0.0	-0.7	0.2
Information and information processing (1)								
(2).....	2.580	96.9	96.9	-2.7	0.0	0.0	-0.7	0.0
Telephone services (1) (2).....	2.327	100.3	100.7	0.8	0.4	0.4	-0.8	0.4
Information and information processing								
other than telephone services (1) (5)	.253	34.8	33.8	-26.8	-2.9	-2.2	-1.4	-2.9
Personal computers and peripheral								
equipment (1) (2).....	.148	64.2	61.4	-36.6	-4.4	-2.8	-2.1	-4.4
Other goods and services .....	4.624	250.3	255.4	10.4	2.0	-0.3	4.2	2.0
Tobacco and smoking products .....	1.159	331.2	354.2	39.6	6.9	-1.2	18.5	6.6
Personal care (1).....	3.465	158.3	158.9	2.8	0.4	-0.1	0.2	0.4
Personal care products (1).....	.742	148.7	149.9	2.6	0.8	-0.4	-0.1	0.8
Personal care services (1).....	.973	168.3	168.8	2.7	0.3	0.1	0.4	0.3
Miscellaneous personal services .....	1.491	237.8	238.9	3.5	0.5	0.3	0.4	0.3
Commodity and service group								
Commodities .....	42.109	142.2	142.5	0.6	0.2	-0.1	0.2	0.2
Food and beverages .....	16.408	162.7	163.9	2.2	0.7	0.2	0.1	0.4
Commodities less food and beverages .....	25.702	130.2	129.9	-0.5	-0.2	-0.2	0.2	0.1
Nondurables less food and beverages .....	14.345	132.1	131.8	-0.2	-0.2	-0.4	0.4	0.2
Apparel .....	4.831	130.7	127.9	-1.5	-2.1	-0.1	-0.6	-1.1
Nondurables less food, beverages, and								
apparel .....	9.514	137.8	138.8	0.5	0.7	-0.4	0.8	0.9
Durables .....	11.356	127.4	127.1	-0.9	-0.2	0.2	-0.2	-0.3
Services .....	57.891	185.7	186.3	2.5	0.3	0.3	0.2	0.1
Rent of shelter (4).....	29.912	191.5	192.3	3.1	0.4	0.3	0.2	0.0
Transportation services .....	6.963	188.4	188.8	0.9	0.2	-0.1	0.2	0.2
Other services .....	10.768	219.5	220.5	3.2	0.5	0.4	0.1	0.5

Special indexes

All items less food .....	84.578	164.2	164.5	1.6	0.2	0.1	0.2	0.1
All items less shelter .....	69.717	157.8	158.1	1.1	0.2	0.1	0.1	0.3
All items less medical care .....	94.287	159.4	159.8	1.6	0.3	0.1	0.2	0.1
Commodities less food .....	26.688	131.7	131.4	-0.4	-0.2	-0.2	0.3	0.0
Nondurables less food .....	15.331	134.2	133.9	0.0	-0.2	-0.2	0.3	0.1
Nondurables less food and apparel .....	10.500	139.7	140.7	0.6	0.7	-0.3	0.7	0.9
Nondurables .....	30.753	147.5	147.9	1.2	0.3	-0.1	0.2	0.3
Services less rent of shelter (4).....	27.979	192.8	193.3	1.8	0.3	0.2	0.3	0.1
Services less medical care services .....	53.429	179.8	180.3	2.4	0.3	0.2	0.3	0.0
Energy .....	6.294	98.9	98.1	-7.4	-0.8	-0.3	-1.1	-0.2
All items less energy .....	93.706	172.3	172.9	2.3	0.3	0.2	0.3	0.1
All items less food and energy .....	78.284	174.8	175.3	2.4	0.3	0.1	0.3	0.1
Commodities less food and energy								
commodities .....	23.967	143.9	143.7	1.2	-0.1	-0.1	0.6	0.0
Energy commodities .....	2.720	86.3	85.2	-12.9	-1.3	-1.2	-2.5	0.0
Services less energy services .....	54.316	192.5	193.2	2.8	0.4	0.3	0.2	0.2
Purchasing power of the consumer dollar .....	-	\$ .610	\$ .608	-	-	-	-	-
Purchasing power of the consumer dollar - old								
base .....	-	\$ .204	\$ .203	-	-	-	-	-

1 Not seasonally adjusted.

2 Indexes on a December 1997=100 base.

3 This index series was calculated using a Laspeyres estimator. All other item stratum index series converted to a geometric means estimator in January, 1999.

4 Indexes on a December 1982=100 base.

5 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	
	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	3 months ended--	6 months ended--

Expenditure category	1998	1998	1998	1999	Apr.	July	Oct.	Jan.	July	Jan.
					1998	1998	1998	1999	1998	1999
All items .....	163.9	164.2	164.4	164.6	1.2	2.0	1.5	1.7	1.6	1.6
Food and beverages .....	162.4	162.7	162.8	163.5	0.0	3.0	3.3	2.7	1.5	3.0
Food .....	162.2	162.4	162.5	163.3	0.0	3.3	3.3	2.7	1.6	3.0
Food at home .....	162.5	162.7	162.7	163.5	-1.0	3.6	3.5	2.5	1.3	3.0
Cereals and bakery products .....	182.4	182.7	182.9	184.4	2.3	2.5	2.7	4.5	2.4	3.6
Meats, poultry, fish, and eggs .....	147.4	147.1	146.7	145.5	-1.9	1.6	0.3	-5.1	-0.1	-2.4
Dairy and related products (1).....	155.0	155.9	157.6	161.2	0.5	-0.8	19.7	17.0	-0.1	18.3
Fruits and vegetables .....	201.7	200.4	200.4	204.8	-7.1	13.1	1.6	6.3	2.5	3.9
Nonalcoholic beverages and beverage materials .....	132.6	133.1	132.8	133.4	-2.7	-0.3	-1.2	2.4	-1.5	0.6
Other food at home .....	152.7	153.8	153.2	152.9	1.6	4.9	4.6	0.5	3.3	2.5
Sugar and sweets .....	150.6	151.0	151.3	151.1	0.0	-0.3	2.7	1.3	-0.1	2.0
Fats and oils .....	156.4	156.1	153.2	150.2	0.9	20.2	27.8	-14.9	10.1	4.3
Other foods .....	165.9	167.7	167.4	167.6	2.5	3.2	0.2	4.2	2.8	2.2
Other miscellaneous foods (1) (2).....	103.5	104.8	104.9	104.1	5.3	3.6	3.6	2.3	4.4	2.9
Food away from home (1).....	162.3	162.6	163.0	163.5	2.5	2.3	3.0	3.0	2.4	3.0
Other food away from home (1) (2).....	102.7	103.3	103.3	103.5	2.0	4.0	4.4	3.2	3.0	3.8
Alcoholic beverages .....	166.7	167.1	167.5	167.6	0.5	2.2	2.2	2.2	1.3	2.2
Housing .....	161.3	161.8	162.0	161.9	2.8	2.0	2.3	1.5	2.4	1.9
Shelter .....	183.7	184.3	184.6	184.6	3.4	2.9	4.0	2.0	3.2	3.0
Rent of primary residence (3).....	173.8	174.4	174.9	175.3	3.1	3.3	3.8	3.5	3.2	3.6
Lodging away from home (2) (3).....	103.8	104.8	103.8	101.9	4.5	-0.4	11.6	-7.1	2.0	1.8
Owners' equivalent rent of primary residence (3) (4).....	189.6	190.0	190.6	190.8	3.5	3.3	3.2	2.6	3.4	2.9
Tenants' and household insurance (1) (2)..	99.7	99.9	99.9	99.7	0.4	-4.3	1.6	0.0	-2.0	0.8
Fuels and utilities .....	126.8	127.2	127.0	126.8	-1.2	-2.2	-4.6	0.0	-1.7	-2.3
Fuels .....	111.1	111.4	111.2	110.8	-2.4	-2.8	-6.2	-1.1	-2.6	-3.7
Fuel oil and other fuels .....	87.4	86.6	84.9	84.8	-11.0	-6.0	-12.2	-11.4	-8.5	-11.8
Gas (piped) and electricity (3).....	118.7	119.2	119.1	118.6	-1.6	-2.9	-5.8	-0.3	-2.3	-3.1
Household furnishings and operations .....	126.7	126.9	127.0	127.0	2.9	1.0	-0.9	1.0	1.9	0.0
Apparel .....	133.2	133.1	132.3	130.8	0.0	0.0	1.5	-7.0	0.0	-2.8
Men's and boys' apparel .....	132.1	131.6	131.0	130.3	0.0	-0.3	0.3	-5.3	-0.2	-2.6
Women's and girls' apparel .....	125.8	125.3	124.6	122.2	2.9	0.3	0.3	-11.0	1.6	-5.5
Infants' and toddlers' apparel (1).....	130.2	131.3	129.6	130.0	5.9	-13.8	29.7	-0.6	-4.4	13.5

Footwear .....	128.4	129.0	128.2	127.1	-7.5	6.5	-0.3	-4.0	-0.8	-2.2
Transportation .....	141.3	141.1	140.6	140.4	-2.8	0.0	-1.4	-2.5	-1.4	-2.0
Private transportation .....	137.8	137.7	137.1	136.8	-4.0	0.3	-1.2	-2.9	-1.9	-2.0
New and used motor vehicles (2).....	100.7	101.0	100.9	100.5	0.4	1.2	0.8	-0.8	0.8	0.0
New vehicles .....	143.3	143.3	143.4	143.5	0.3	-0.8	-0.3	0.6	-0.3	0.1
Used cars and trucks (1).....	153.0	154.0	153.1	150.6	0.3	8.6	4.6	-6.1	4.4	-0.9
Motor fuel .....	89.8	88.6	86.4	86.4	-22.7	-4.2	-10.0	-14.3	-14.0	-12.2
Gasoline (all types) .....	89.3	88.2	85.9	86.0	-23.1	-4.7	-9.7	-14.0	-14.4	-11.9
Motor vehicle parts and equipment .....	101.4	101.2	101.1	101.0	-1.6	2.0	0.8	-1.6	0.2	-0.4
Motor vehicle maintenance and repair .....	168.7	169.3	169.6	169.8	2.2	2.9	4.1	2.6	2.6	3.4
Public transportation (1).....	189.9	187.4	188.4	190.4	14.2	-2.9	-4.3	1.1	5.3	-1.7
Medical care .....	244.9	245.4	246.1	246.9	3.7	3.7	3.7	3.3	3.7	3.5
Medical care commodities .....	224.6	225.3	226.1	226.2	3.5	3.9	5.1	2.9	3.7	4.0
Medical care services .....	249.2	249.7	250.3	251.3	3.8	3.6	3.1	3.4	3.7	3.3
Professional services (3).....	224.5	224.9	225.4	226.1	3.7	3.5	3.5	2.9	3.6	3.2
Hospital and related services (3).....	290.4	291.0	291.7	293.5	4.2	3.7	3.1	4.3	3.9	3.7
Recreation (2).....	101.0	101.1	101.2	101.6	2.4	0.4	0.4	2.4	1.4	1.4
Video and audio (1) (2).....	101.4	101.1	101.3	101.7	0.0	0.4	1.6	1.2	0.2	1.4
Education and communication (2).....	100.6	100.9	100.7	101.0	1.6	2.0	-1.2	1.6	1.8	0.2
Education (2).....	103.8	104.3	104.7	105.0	5.3	4.4	3.9	4.7	4.8	4.3
Educational books and supplies .....	256.6	257.2	258.2	256.4	8.7	4.3	9.4	-0.3	6.4	4.4
Tuition, other school fees, and childcare .....	297.6	298.8	300.0	301.2	5.1	4.6	3.6	4.9	4.8	4.2
Communication (1) (2).....	97.8	97.8	97.1	97.3	-1.2	-0.8	-5.1	-2.0	-1.0	-3.6
Information and information processing (1) (2).....	97.6	97.6	96.9	96.9	-1.6	-0.8	-5.5	-2.8	-1.2	-4.2
Telephone services (1) (2).....	100.7	101.1	100.3	100.7	2.4	4.0	-3.1	0.0	3.2	-1.6
Information and information processing other than telephone services (1) (5) .....	36.1	35.3	34.8	33.8	-26.3	-30.3	-27.3	-23.2	-28.4	-25.3
Personal computers and peripheral equipment (1) (2).....	67.5	65.6	64.2	61.4	-36.2	-43.1	-35.1	-31.5	-39.8	-33.3
Other goods and services .....	241.7	240.9	251.0	255.9	5.8	5.7	5.7	25.7	5.8	15.2
Tobacco and smoking products .....	283.7	280.2	331.9	353.9	15.2	17.7	15.8	142.2	16.4	67.4
Personal care (1).....	158.1	158.0	158.3	158.9	3.4	2.9	2.8	2.0	3.1	2.4
Personal care products (1).....	149.4	148.8	148.7	149.9	3.3	5.0	0.8	1.3	4.1	1.1
Personal care services (1).....	167.5	167.6	168.3	168.8	2.2	2.2	3.4	3.1	2.2	3.3
Miscellaneous personal services .....	237.2	237.8	238.8	239.4	2.8	3.7	3.8	3.8	3.2	3.8
Commodity and service group										
Commodities .....	142.3	142.2	142.5	142.8	-1.1	1.1	0.8	1.4	0.0	1.1

Food and beverages .....	162.4	162.7	162.8	163.5	0.0	3.0	3.3	2.7	1.5	3.0
Commodities less food and beverages .....	130.5	130.2	130.5	130.6	-1.5	0.0	-0.6	0.3	-0.8	-0.2
Nondurables less food and beverages .....	132.8	132.3	132.8	133.0	-3.6	2.1	0.3	0.6	-0.7	0.5
Apparel .....	133.2	133.1	132.3	130.8	0.0	0.0	1.5	-7.0	0.0	-2.8
Nondurables less food, beverages, and apparel .....	137.4	136.9	138.0	139.3	-4.8	1.8	0.0	5.6	-1.6	2.8
Durables .....	127.2	127.4	127.2	126.8	-0.3	-0.3	-1.6	-1.3	-0.3	-1.4
Services .....	185.5	186.0	186.3	186.5	3.1	2.4	2.2	2.2	2.8	2.2
Rent of shelter (4).....	191.6	192.1	192.5	192.5	3.3	3.0	4.3	1.9	3.1	3.1
Transportation services .....	187.9	187.8	188.1	188.4	3.5	-0.2	-0.6	1.1	1.6	0.2
Other services .....	218.8	219.6	219.8	220.8	4.2	3.2	1.8	3.7	3.7	2.8

Special indexes

All items less food .....	164.1	164.3	164.6	164.7	1.7	1.5	1.5	1.5	1.6	1.5
All items less shelter .....	157.7	157.8	158.0	158.4	0.5	1.3	0.8	1.8	0.9	1.3
All items less medical care .....	159.2	159.4	159.7	159.9	1.3	1.8	1.5	1.8	1.5	1.6
Commodities less food .....	132.1	131.8	132.2	132.2	-1.5	0.3	-0.6	0.3	-0.6	-0.2
Nondurables less food .....	134.8	134.5	134.9	135.1	-3.2	1.8	0.6	0.9	-0.7	0.7
Nondurables less food and apparel .....	139.3	138.9	139.9	141.1	-4.8	2.0	0.3	5.3	-1.4	2.7
Nondurables .....	147.6	147.5	147.8	148.3	-1.9	3.3	1.4	1.9	0.7	1.6
Services less rent of shelter (4).....	192.4	192.8	193.3	193.5	2.3	2.1	0.4	2.3	2.2	1.4
Services less medical care services .....	179.6	180.0	180.5	180.5	2.8	2.5	2.3	2.0	2.6	2.1
Energy .....	100.4	100.1	99.0	98.8	-11.5	-3.4	-7.9	-6.2	-7.5	-7.1
All items less energy .....	172.2	172.5	173.0	173.2	2.4	2.1	2.4	2.3	2.3	2.4
All items less food and energy .....	174.8	175.0	175.6	175.7	2.8	2.1	2.3	2.1	2.5	2.2
Commodities less food and energy commodities .....	143.6	143.5	144.4	144.4	1.1	0.8	0.8	2.2	1.0	1.5
Energy commodities .....	89.5	88.4	86.2	86.2	-21.8	-4.2	-10.4	-14.0	-13.5	-12.2
Services less energy services .....	192.3	192.8	193.1	193.4	3.7	2.6	3.0	2.3	3.1	2.6

1 Not seasonally adjusted.

2 Indexes on a December 1997=100 base.

3 This index series was calculated using a Laspeyres estimator. All other item stratum index series converted to a geometric means estimator in January, 1999.

4 Indexes on a December 1982=100 base.

5 Indexes on a December 1988=100 base.

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 sched- ule (1)	Indexes				Percent change to Jan.1999 from--			Percent change to Dec.1998 from--		
		Oct. 1998	Nov. 1998	Dec. 1998	Jan. 1999	Jan. 1998	Nov. 1998	Dec. 1998	Dec. 1997	Oct. 1998	Nov. 1998
U.S. city average .....	M	164.0	164.0	163.9	164.3	1.7	0.2	0.2	1.6	-0.1	-0.1
Region and area size(2)											
Northeast urban .....	M	171.3	171.2	171.2	171.4	1.5	0.1	0.1	1.7	-0.1	0.0
Size A - More than 1,500,000 .....	M	172.3	172.2	172.2	172.5	1.8	0.2	0.2	1.8	-0.1	0.0
Size B/C 50,000 to 1,500,000 (3).....	M	102.6	102.6	102.5	102.6	1.0	0.0	0.1	1.2	-0.1	-0.1
Midwest urban .....	M	160.1	160.1	159.8	160.4	1.8	0.2	0.4	1.6	-0.2	-0.2
Size A - More than 1,500,000 .....	M	161.4	161.3	161.0	161.6	2.0	0.2	0.4	1.8	-0.2	-0.2
Size B/C - 50,000 to 1,500,000 (3).....	M	102.4	102.4	102.3	102.6	1.4	0.2	0.3	1.3	-0.1	-0.1
Size D - Nonmetropolitan (less than 50,000) .....	M	154.3	154.7	155.0	155.5	1.7	0.5	0.3	1.3	0.5	0.2
South urban .....	M	159.8	159.6	159.6	159.9	1.5	0.2	0.2	1.5	-0.1	0.0
Size A - More than 1,500,000 .....	M	159.0	158.6	158.3	158.9	1.5	0.2	0.4	1.3	-0.4	-0.2
Size B/C - 50,000 to 1,500,000 (3).....	M	102.8	102.8	102.8	102.9	1.4	0.1	0.1	1.5	0.0	0.0
Size D - Nonmetropolitan (less than 50,000) .....	M	159.8	160.0	160.4	160.8	2.1	0.5	0.2	2.2	0.4	0.3
West urban .....	M	165.5	165.8	165.8	166.4	2.1	0.4	0.4	1.8	0.2	0.0
Size A - More than 1,500,000 .....	M	166.3	166.5	166.5	167.3	2.4	0.5	0.5	2.1	0.1	0.0
Size B/C - 50,000 to 1,500,000 (3).....	M	103.0	103.5	103.4	103.6	1.3	0.1	0.2	1.4	0.4	-0.1
Size classes											
A (4).....	M	148.5	148.5	148.4	148.9	2.0	0.3	0.3	1.9	-0.1	-0.1
B/C (3).....	M	102.7	102.8	102.7	102.9	1.3	0.1	0.2	1.3	0.0	-0.1
D .....	M	159.7	159.9	160.2	160.6	1.8	0.4	0.2	1.7	0.3	0.2
Selected local areas(5)											



Expenditure category

All items .....	100.000	160.7	161.0	1.6	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2
All items (1967=100) .....	-	478.6	479.7	-	-	-	-	-
Food and beverages .....	18.011	161.9	163.1	2.2	0.7	0.2	0.1	0.4
Food .....	16.966	161.5	162.8	2.2	0.8	0.2	0.0	0.5
Food at home .....	10.832	161.3	163.1	2.0	1.1	0.1	-0.1	0.6
Cereals and bakery products .....	1.689	182.0	184.0	2.9	1.1	0.2	0.1	0.8
Meats, poultry, fish, and eggs .....	3.055	146.9	146.0	-1.4	-0.6	-0.2	-0.3	-0.8
Dairy and related products (1).....	1.193	157.4	161.1	8.9	2.4	0.6	1.2	2.4
Fruits and vegetables .....	1.492	199.0	207.3	3.2	4.2	-0.6	-0.1	2.6
Nonalcoholic beverages and beverage materials .....	1.184	130.4	132.5	-0.3	1.6	0.4	-0.3	0.6
Other food at home .....	2.220	151.7	152.4	2.9	0.5	0.8	-0.4	-0.2
Sugar and sweets .....	.420	150.0	151.8	1.1	1.2	0.3	0.3	-0.1
Fats and oils .....	.354	151.2	150.1	6.9	-0.7	-0.2	-1.9	-1.8
Other foods .....	1.446	166.7	167.7	2.5	0.6	1.1	-0.2	0.2
Other miscellaneous foods (1) (2).....	.355	104.9	104.2	3.7	-0.7	1.5	0.0	-0.7
Food away from home (1).....	6.133	163.0	163.5	2.6	0.3	0.2	0.2	0.3
Other food away from home (1) (2).....	.216	103.4	103.6	3.5	0.2	0.6	0.0	0.2
Alcoholic beverages .....	1.045	166.2	166.5	1.8	0.2	0.3	0.3	0.1
Housing .....	36.685	157.8	158.1	2.1	0.2	0.3	0.2	0.0
Shelter .....	27.496	178.8	179.3	3.1	0.3	0.3	0.2	0.1
Rent of primary residence (3).....	8.500	174.6	174.9	3.4	0.2	0.3	0.3	0.2
Lodging away from home (2) (3).....	1.379	104.0	107.1	2.2	3.0	1.2	-0.7	-2.1
Owners' equivalent rent of primary residence (3) (4).....	17.296	173.7	173.9	3.1	0.1	0.2	0.2	0.2
Tenants' and household insurance (1) (2)..	.320	100.3	100.1	-0.3	-0.2	0.3	0.0	-0.2
Fuels and utilities .....	4.850	126.4	126.0	-2.0	-0.3	0.4	-0.2	-0.2
Fuels .....	3.928	110.9	110.4	-3.1	-0.5	0.4	-0.2	-0.3
Fuel oil and other fuels .....	.201	86.6	87.1	-9.5	0.6	-0.9	-2.1	0.0
Gas (piped) and electricity (3).....	3.727	118.4	117.7	-2.7	-0.6	0.4	-0.2	-0.3
Household furnishings and operations .....	4.339	124.8	125.0	0.7	0.2	0.2	0.1	-0.1
Apparel .....	5.199	129.8	127.1	-1.2	-2.1	-0.1	-0.5	-1.1
Men's and boys' apparel .....	1.474	130.2	128.1	-1.0	-1.6	-0.7	-0.5	-0.7
Women's and girls' apparel .....	1.948	121.0	116.4	-1.8	-3.8	-0.1	-0.4	-1.9
Infants' and toddlers' apparel (1).....	.344	130.9	130.8	4.4	-0.1	1.3	-1.4	-0.1
Footwear .....	1.057	128.2	126.1	-1.8	-1.6	0.4	-0.5	-0.9

Transportation .....	19.166	139.6	139.1	-1.8	-0.4	-0.1	-0.5	-0.1
Private transportation .....	18.109	137.1	136.5	-2.0	-0.4	0.0	-0.5	-0.2
New and used motor vehicles (2).....	9.250	101.1	100.6	0.5	-0.5	0.4	-0.2	-0.5
New vehicles .....	5.224	145.3	145.5	-0.1	0.1	0.2	0.1	0.1
Used cars and trucks (1).....	3.216	154.3	151.8	1.4	-1.6	0.6	-0.6	-1.6
Motor fuel .....	3.066	86.0	85.0	-12.9	-1.2	-1.3	-2.7	0.2
Gasoline (all types) .....	3.045	85.5	84.5	-13.0	-1.2	-1.5	-2.7	0.2
Motor vehicle parts and equipment .....	.682	100.5	100.6	-0.1	0.1	-0.2	-0.2	0.0
Motor vehicle maintenance and repair .....	1.690	170.9	171.2	3.1	0.2	0.4	0.2	0.2
Public transportation (1).....	1.056	185.1	186.8	1.1	0.9	-1.1	0.5	0.9
Medical care .....	4.672	244.4	245.8	3.5	0.6	0.2	0.2	0.3
Medical care commodities .....	.926	222.1	222.4	3.6	0.1	0.3	0.4	0.0
Medical care services .....	3.746	249.4	251.0	3.5	0.6	0.2	0.2	0.4
Professional services (3).....	2.415	226.2	227.3	3.4	0.5	0.1	0.3	0.3
Hospital and related services (3).....	1.114	287.4	290.4	3.9	1.0	0.2	0.2	0.8
Recreation (2).....	5.925	100.8	101.2	0.9	0.4	0.1	0.1	0.4
Video and audio (1) (2).....	1.951	100.7	101.3	0.8	0.6	-0.1	0.1	0.4
Education and communication (2).....	5.361	100.9	101.2	1.2	0.3	0.3	-0.2	0.3
Education (2).....	2.478	104.7	105.1	4.8	0.4	0.4	0.4	0.4
Educational books and supplies .....	.200	259.7	260.8	5.4	0.4	0.3	0.4	-0.6
Tuition, other school fees, and childcare .....	2.278	295.8	296.6	4.6	0.3	0.4	0.4	0.4
Communication (1) (2).....	2.883	97.8	98.1	-1.6	0.3	0.1	-0.7	0.3
Information and information processing (1) (2).....	2.733	97.7	97.8	-1.8	0.1	0.1	-0.7	0.1
Telephone services (1) (2).....	2.519	100.4	100.8	0.9	0.4	0.4	-0.8	0.4
Information and information processing other than telephone services (1) (5) .....	.213	36.0	35.0	-26.6	-2.8	-2.1	-1.6	-2.8
Personal computers and peripheral equipment (1) (2).....	.120	64.0	61.1	-36.7	-4.5	-3.3	-2.0	-4.5
Other goods and services .....	4.981	252.6	259.2	13.6	2.6	-0.5	5.8	2.5
Tobacco and smoking products .....	1.694	332.0	354.5	39.8	6.8	-1.3	18.7	6.4
Personal care (1).....	3.287	158.3	159.1	3.0	0.5	-0.1	0.1	0.5
Personal care products (1).....	.838	149.6	150.7	2.5	0.7	-0.4	-0.1	0.7
Personal care services (1).....	.975	168.6	169.1	2.8	0.3	0.1	0.4	0.3
Miscellaneous personal services .....	1.253	237.4	239.1	4.0	0.7	0.2	0.4	0.5
Commodity and service group								
Commodities .....	46.764	142.3	142.5	0.8	0.1	0.0	0.3	0.2
Food and beverages .....	18.011	161.9	163.1	2.2	0.7	0.2	0.1	0.4
Commodities less food and beverages .....	28.753	130.6	130.4	-0.1	-0.2	-0.2	0.5	0.1

Nondurables less food and beverages .....	15.564	132.1	132.0	0.4	-0.1	-0.4	0.7	0.4
Apparel .....	5.199	129.8	127.1	-1.2	-2.1	-0.1	-0.5	-1.1
Nondurables less food, beverages, and apparel .....	10.365	137.9	139.2	1.2	0.9	-0.5	1.4	1.2
Durables .....	13.189	127.4	126.9	-0.6	-0.4	0.1	-0.1	-0.4
Services .....	53.236	182.5	183.0	2.4	0.3	0.3	0.2	0.1
Rent of shelter (4).....	27.175	172.2	172.7	3.2	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.0
Transportation services .....	6.800	186.1	186.4	0.8	0.2	0.0	0.1	0.1
Other services .....	10.144	216.1	217.1	3.1	0.5	0.3	0.0	0.5

Special indexes

All items less food .....	83.034	160.4	160.5	1.5	0.1	0.1	0.2	0.1
All items less shelter .....	72.504	155.6	155.9	1.1	0.2	0.1	0.3	0.2
All items less medical care .....	95.328	156.8	157.1	1.6	0.2	0.1	0.2	0.2
Commodities less food .....	29.798	132.0	131.8	0.0	-0.2	-0.2	0.5	0.1
Nondurables less food .....	16.609	134.1	134.1	0.4	0.0	-0.3	0.5	0.4
Nondurables less food and apparel .....	11.410	139.7	140.9	1.2	0.9	-0.4	1.3	0.9
Nondurables .....	33.575	147.3	147.8	1.3	0.3	-0.1	0.3	0.3
Services less rent of shelter (4).....	26.061	171.5	171.9	1.7	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.1
Services less medical care services .....	49.490	176.9	177.3	2.4	0.2	0.3	0.2	0.1
Energy .....	6.994	97.8	97.0	-7.6	-0.8	-0.4	-1.3	-0.1
All items less energy .....	93.006	169.3	169.8	2.4	0.3	0.2	0.3	0.2
All items less food and energy .....	76.040	171.3	171.6	2.4	0.2	0.2	0.4	0.1
Commodities less food and energy commodities .....	26.531	144.1	144.0	1.8	-0.1	0.1	0.8	0.0
Energy commodities .....	3.267	86.2	85.2	-12.8	-1.2	-1.3	-2.6	0.2
Services less energy services .....	49.509	189.7	190.3	2.8	0.3	0.3	0.2	0.2
Purchasing power of the consumer dollar .....	-	\$ .622	\$ .621	-	-	-	-	-
Purchasing power of the consumer dollar - old base .....	-	\$ .209	\$ .208	-	-	-	-	-

1 Not seasonally adjusted.

2 Indexes on a December 1997=100 base.

3 This index series was calculated using a Laspeyres estimator. All other item stratum index series converted to a geometric means estimator in January, 1999.

4 Indexes on a December 1984=100 base

5 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 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)

Seasonally adjusted indexes      Seasonally adjusted annual rate percent  
change for

CPI-W

3 months ended--

6 months  
ended--

Oct.      Nov.      Dec.      Jan.  
1998      1998      1998      1999

Apr.      July      Oct.      Jan.      July      Jan.  
1998      1998      1998      1999      1998      1999

Expenditure category

All items .....	160.4	160.7	161.0	161.3	1.0	1.8	1.5	2.3	1.4	1.9
Food and beverages .....	161.8	162.1	162.2	162.9	0.0	3.0	3.0	2.7	1.5	2.9
Food .....	161.4	161.7	161.7	162.5	-0.3	3.3	3.0	2.8	1.5	2.9
Food at home .....	161.4	161.6	161.5	162.4	-1.3	3.6	3.3	2.5	1.1	2.9
Cereals and bakery products .....	182.1	182.5	182.6	184.0	2.3	2.9	2.2	4.2	2.6	3.2
Meats, poultry, fish, and eggs .....	147.0	146.7	146.2	145.1	-1.9	1.4	0.3	-5.1	-0.3	-2.4
Dairy and related products (1).....	154.6	155.5	157.4	161.1	0.8	-1.1	19.7	17.9	-0.1	18.8
Fruits and vegetables .....	201.3	200.1	199.9	205.0	-8.6	13.4	2.0	7.6	1.8	4.7
Nonalcoholic beverages and beverage materials .....	131.4	131.9	131.5	132.3	-2.7	0.3	-1.5	2.8	-1.2	0.6
Other food at home .....	151.9	153.1	152.5	152.2	1.6	4.9	4.0	0.8	3.3	2.4
Sugar and sweets .....	150.4	150.9	151.3	151.2	0.3	-0.3	2.2	2.1	0.0	2.2
Fats and oils .....	155.8	155.5	152.6	149.8	0.3	19.9	27.2	-14.5	9.6	4.3
Other foods .....	165.7	167.6	167.2	167.5	2.5	3.2	-0.2	4.4	2.8	2.1
Other miscellaneous foods (1) (2).....	103.3	104.9	104.9	104.2	4.9	4.4	2.0	3.5	4.6	2.7
Food away from home (1).....	162.3	162.6	163.0	163.5	2.3	2.3	3.0	3.0	2.3	3.0
Other food away from home (1) (2).....	102.8	103.4	103.4	103.6	2.0	3.6	5.2	3.1	2.8	4.2
Alcoholic beverages .....	165.5	166.0	166.5	166.7	0.2	2.2	2.0	2.9	1.2	2.4
Housing .....	157.5	157.9	158.2	158.2	2.6	2.1	2.1	1.8	2.3	1.9
Shelter .....	178.3	178.9	179.2	179.3	3.3	2.8	3.9	2.3	3.0	3.1
Rent of primary residence (3).....	173.4	174.0	174.5	174.9	2.6	3.8	3.5	3.5	3.2	3.5
Lodging away from home (2) (3).....	103.6	104.8	104.1	101.9	5.3	-2.0	12.9	-6.4	1.6	2.8
Owners' equivalent rent of primary residence (3) (4).....	172.7	173.1	173.5	173.8	3.6	2.9	3.3	2.6	3.2	2.9
Tenants' and household insurance (1) (2)..	100.0	100.3	100.3	100.1	0.4	-4.3	2.4	0.4	-2.0	1.4
Fuels and utilities .....	126.5	127.0	126.8	126.5	-1.5	-1.5	-4.9	0.0	-1.5	-2.5

Fuels .....	110.4	110.8	110.6	110.3	-2.8	-2.5	-6.6	-0.4	-2.6	-3.5
Fuel oil and other fuels .....	87.9	87.1	85.3	85.3	-9.0	-5.5	-11.8	-11.3	-7.3	-11.6
Gas (piped) and electricity (3).....	118.1	118.6	118.4	118.1	-2.6	-2.0	-6.2	0.0	-2.3	-3.1
Household furnishings and operations .....	125.0	125.2	125.3	125.2	3.3	0.3	-1.3	0.6	1.8	-0.3
Apparel .....	132.1	132.0	131.4	129.9	-1.5	0.0	3.4	-6.5	-0.8	-1.7
Men's and boys' apparel .....	132.4	131.5	130.9	130.0	0.9	-0.3	2.5	-7.1	0.3	-2.4
Women's and girls' apparel .....	124.1	124.0	123.5	121.1	-0.3	0.3	2.6	-9.3	0.0	-3.5
Infants' and toddlers' apparel (1).....	131.0	132.7	130.9	130.8	5.2	-12.6	29.9	-0.6	-4.1	13.6
Footwear .....	129.0	129.5	128.8	127.7	-8.6	5.8	0.3	-4.0	-1.7	-1.9
Transportation .....	140.2	140.1	139.4	139.2	-3.3	0.3	-1.4	-2.8	-1.5	-2.1
Private transportation .....	137.7	137.7	137.0	136.7	-4.2	0.6	-1.4	-2.9	-1.9	-2.2
New and used motor vehicles (2).....	100.9	101.3	101.1	100.6	0.0	2.0	1.2	-1.2	1.0	0.0
New vehicles .....	144.3	144.6	144.7	144.8	0.3	-1.1	-0.6	1.4	-0.4	0.4
Used cars and trucks (1).....	154.2	155.2	154.3	151.8	-0.5	8.8	4.0	-6.1	4.0	-1.2
Motor fuel .....	89.9	88.7	86.3	86.5	-22.0	-4.2	-10.4	-14.3	-13.6	-12.4
Gasoline (all types).....	89.5	88.2	85.8	86.0	-22.5	-4.2	-9.7	-14.7	-13.8	-12.2
Motor vehicle parts and equipment .....	100.8	100.6	100.4	100.4	-1.6	1.6	1.2	-1.6	0.0	-0.2
Motor vehicle maintenance and repair .....	170.0	170.6	170.9	171.2	1.9	3.4	4.3	2.9	2.7	3.6
Public transportation (1).....	186.3	184.2	185.1	186.8	12.2	-2.9	-5.0	1.1	4.4	-2.0
Medical care .....	244.0	244.6	245.2	245.9	3.8	3.7	3.3	3.2	3.7	3.2
Medical care commodities .....	221.2	221.8	222.6	222.6	3.4	3.6	4.8	2.6	3.5	3.7
Medical care services .....	249.0	249.5	250.1	251.0	3.8	3.8	3.1	3.3	3.8	3.2
Professional services (3).....	226.1	226.4	227.0	227.7	3.7	3.7	3.6	2.9	3.7	3.2
Hospital and related services (3).....	286.6	287.1	287.6	289.9	3.8	4.0	3.1	4.7	3.9	3.9
Recreation (2).....	100.6	100.7	100.8	101.2	2.0	0.0	-0.4	2.4	1.0	1.0
Video and audio (1) (2).....	101.2	101.1	101.2	101.6	0.8	-0.4	1.2	1.6	0.2	1.4
Education and communication (2).....	100.8	101.1	100.9	101.2	2.0	2.0	-0.8	1.6	2.0	0.4
Education (2).....	103.9	104.3	104.7	105.1	5.7	4.4	4.3	4.7	5.0	4.5
Educational books and supplies .....	258.7	259.4	260.5	259.0	8.6	3.9	9.0	0.5	6.2	4.6
Tuition, other school fees, and childcare .....	291.9	293.1	294.2	295.5	5.2	4.6	3.9	5.0	4.9	4.5
Communication (1) (2).....	98.4	98.5	97.8	98.1	-0.8	0.4	-4.7	-1.2	-0.2	-3.0
Information and information processing (1) (2).....	98.3	98.4	97.7	97.8	-0.4	0.0	-4.7	-2.0	-0.2	-3.4
Telephone services (1) (2).....	100.8	101.2	100.4	100.8	2.4	4.0	-2.7	0.0	3.2	-1.4
Information and information processing other than telephone services (1) (5) .....	37.4	36.6	36.0	35.0	-26.9	-31.0	-25.1	-23.3	-29.0	-24.2
Personal computers and peripheral equipment (1) (2).....	67.5	65.3	64.0	61.1	-37.2	-44.0	-32.2	-32.9	-40.7	-32.6
Other goods and services .....	240.3	239.2	253.0	259.3	7.4	6.7	6.9	35.6	7.0	20.4

Tobacco and smoking products .....	283.8	280.1	332.6	353.8	17.1	16.4	15.8	141.5	16.8	67.2
Personal care (1).....	158.3	158.1	158.3	159.1	3.7	2.9	3.4	2.0	3.3	2.7
Personal care products (1).....	150.4	149.8	149.6	150.7	3.9	4.7	0.8	0.8	4.3	0.8
Personal care services (1).....	167.8	168.0	168.6	169.1	2.5	2.2	3.4	3.1	2.3	3.3
Miscellaneous personal services .....	236.9	237.4	238.4	239.5	2.8	3.5	5.2	4.5	3.2	4.8

Commodity and service group

Commodities .....	142.2	142.2	142.6	142.9	-1.4	1.7	0.8	2.0	0.1	1.4
Food and beverages .....	161.8	162.1	162.2	162.9	0.0	3.0	3.0	2.7	1.5	2.9
Commodities less food and beverages .....	130.5	130.3	130.9	131.0	-1.8	0.3	-0.3	1.5	-0.8	0.6
Nondurables less food and beverages .....	132.4	131.9	132.8	133.3	-4.2	2.1	0.9	2.7	-1.1	1.8
Apparel .....	132.1	132.0	131.4	129.9	-1.5	0.0	3.4	-6.5	-0.8	-1.7
Nondurables less food, beverages, and apparel .....	137.0	136.3	138.2	139.8	-5.1	1.8	0.3	8.4	-1.7	4.3
Durables .....	127.2	127.3	127.2	126.7	-0.3	0.6	-0.9	-1.6	0.2	-1.3
Services .....	182.1	182.6	182.9	183.1	3.2	2.2	2.0	2.2	2.7	2.1
Rent of shelter (4).....	171.8	172.3	172.8	172.8	3.6	2.6	4.1	2.3	3.1	3.2
Transportation services .....	185.5	185.5	185.7	185.9	2.8	0.0	-0.4	0.9	1.4	0.2
Other services .....	215.6	216.3	216.4	217.4	4.0	3.2	2.1	3.4	3.6	2.7

Special indexes

All items less food .....	159.9	160.1	160.5	160.7	1.3	1.5	1.3	2.0	1.4	1.6
All items less shelter .....	155.4	155.5	155.9	156.2	0.0	1.6	0.8	2.1	0.8	1.4
All items less medical care .....	156.5	156.7	157.0	157.3	0.8	1.8	1.5	2.1	1.3	1.8
Commodities less food .....	132.1	131.9	132.5	132.6	-2.1	0.6	-0.3	1.5	-0.8	0.6
Nondurables less food .....	134.4	134.0	134.7	135.3	-3.8	2.1	0.9	2.7	-0.9	1.8
Nondurables less food and apparel .....	138.8	138.2	140.0	141.3	-4.8	1.8	0.6	7.4	-1.6	3.9
Nondurables .....	147.2	147.1	147.6	148.1	-1.6	3.1	1.4	2.5	0.7	1.9
Services less rent of shelter (4).....	171.3	171.6	171.9	172.1	2.1	1.9	0.7	1.9	2.0	1.3
Services less medical care services .....	176.5	177.0	177.4	177.5	2.8	2.3	2.1	2.3	2.6	2.2
Energy .....	99.7	99.3	98.0	97.9	-12.2	-3.1	-8.4	-7.0	-7.8	-7.7
All items less energy .....	168.9	169.2	169.7	170.1	1.9	2.4	2.4	2.9	2.2	2.6
All items less food and energy .....	170.9	171.3	171.9	172.1	2.6	2.1	2.1	2.8	2.4	2.5
Commodities less food and energy commodities .....	143.3	143.4	144.6	144.6	0.8	1.4	1.1	3.7	1.1	2.4
Energy commodities .....	89.8	88.6	86.3	86.5	-21.1	-4.6	-10.4	-13.9	-13.3	-12.2
Services less energy services .....	189.5	190.0	190.3	190.6	3.5	2.6	2.8	2.3	3.0	2.6

1 Not seasonally adjusted.

2 Indexes on a December 1997=100 base.

3 This index series was calculated using a Laspeyres estimator. All other item stratum index series converted to a geometric means estimator in January, 1999.

4 Indexes on a December 1984=100 base

5 Indexes on a December 1988=100 base.

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)

CPI-W	Pricing sched- ule (1)	Indexes				Percent change to Jan.1999 from--			Percent change to Dec.1998 from--		
		Oct. 1998	Nov. 1998	Dec. 1998	Jan. 1999	Jan. 1998	Nov. 1998	Dec. 1998	Dec. 1997	Oct. 1998	Nov. 1998
U.S. city average .....	M	160.6	160.7	160.7	161.0	1.6	0.2	0.2	1.6	0.1	0.0
Region and area size(2)											
Northeast urban .....	M	168.1	168.2	168.2	168.4	1.6	0.1	0.1	1.6	0.1	0.0
Size A - More than 1,500,000 .....	M	168.1	168.2	168.2	168.5	1.9	0.2	0.2	1.8	0.1	0.0
Size B/C 50,000 to 1,500,000 (3).....	M	102.2	102.2	102.3	102.4	1.1	0.2	0.1	1.2	0.1	0.1
Midwest urban .....	M	156.2	156.2	156.0	156.6	1.8	0.3	0.4	1.5	-0.1	-0.1
Size A - More than 1,500,000 .....	M	156.7	156.7	156.5	157.1	2.1	0.3	0.4	1.9	-0.1	-0.1
Size B/C - 50,000 to 1,500,000 (3).....	M	102.1	102.1	102.0	102.3	1.2	0.2	0.3	1.0	-0.1	-0.1
Size D - Nonmetropolitan (less than 50,000) .....	M	152.4	152.9	153.3	153.6	1.8	0.5	0.2	1.5	0.6	0.3
South urban .....	M	157.8	157.7	157.8	157.9	1.3	0.1	0.1	1.4	0.0	0.1
Size A - More than 1,500,000 .....	M	156.6	156.2	156.0	156.4	1.3	0.1	0.3	1.2	-0.4	-0.1
Size B/C - 50,000 to 1,500,000 (3).....	M	102.4	102.4	102.5	102.5	1.3	0.1	0.0	1.4	0.1	0.1
Size D - Nonmetropolitan (less than 50,000) .....	M	160.4	160.6	160.8	161.1	2.2	0.3	0.2	2.1	0.2	0.1
West urban .....	M	161.5	161.8	161.8	162.4	1.9	0.4	0.4	1.6	0.2	0.0
Size A - More than 1,500,000 .....	M	160.5	160.7	160.8	161.6	2.3	0.6	0.5	1.8	0.2	0.1
Size B/C - 50,000 to 1,500,000 (3).....	M	102.8	103.3	103.3	103.4	1.2	0.1	0.1	1.4	0.5	0.0

Size classes

A (4).....	M	147.0	147.0	146.9	147.4	1.9	0.3	0.3	1.7	-0.1	-0.1
B/C (3).....	M	102.4	102.4	102.5	102.6	1.3	0.2	0.1	1.3	0.1	0.1
D .....	M	158.9	159.1	159.2	159.6	1.9	0.3	0.3	1.6	0.2	0.1

Selected local areas(5)

Chicago-Gary-Kenosha, IL-IN-WI .....	M	160.0	159.9	159.6	160.5	2.0	0.4	0.6	1.5	-0.3	-0.2
Los Angeles-Riverside-Orange County, CA .....	M	156.8	157.0	157.2	157.8	1.7	0.5	0.4	1.2	0.3	0.1
New York-Northern N.J.-Long Island, NY-NJ-CT-PA .....	M	170.5	170.5	170.5	170.8	1.8	0.2	0.2	1.7	0.0	0.0
Boston-Brockton-Nashua, MA-NH-ME-CT .....	1	-	171.5	-	172.2	1.7	0.4	-	-	-	-
Cleveland-Akron, OH .....	1	-	152.8	-	152.7	1.8	-0.1	-	-	-	-
Dallas-Fort Worth, TX .....	1	-	153.8	-	154.6	1.6	0.5	-	-	-	-
Washington-Baltimore, DC-MD-VA-WV (6).....	1	-	102.2	-	102.7	1.9	0.5	-	-	-	-
Atlanta, GA .....	2	159.2	-	158.8	-	-	-	-	1.3	-0.3	-
Detroit-Ann Arbor-Flint, MI .....	2	155.7	-	155.9	-	-	-	-	2.8	0.1	-
Houston-Galveston-Brazoria, TX .....	2	146.9	-	144.8	-	-	-	-	0.2	-1.4	-
Miami-Fort Lauderdale, FL .....	2	158.6	-	158.7	-	-	-	-	1.2	0.1	-
Philadelphia-Wilmington-Atlantic City, PA-NJ-DE-MD .....	2	169.3	-	168.5	-	-	-	-	1.7	-0.5	-
San Francisco-Oakland-San Jose, CA .....	2	163.4	-	163.7	-	-	-	-	2.7	0.2	-
Seattle-Tacoma-Bremerton, WA .....	2	164.9	-	164.9	-	-	-	-	2.7	0.0	-

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 Indexes on a December 1986=100 base.

5 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.

6 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(LAS). Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers (CPI-U-XL): U.S. city average, by expenditure category and commodity and service group using a Laspeyres Estimator

(1982-84=100, unless otherwise noted)

CPI-U	Relative importance, December 1998	Unadjusted indexes		Unadjusted percent change to Jan. 1999 from-	
		Dec. 1998	Jan. 1999	Jan. 1998	Dec. 1998
Expenditure category					
All items .....	100.000	163.9	164.4	1.7	0.3
All items (1967=100) .....	-	491.0	492.5	-	-
Food and beverages .....	16.408	162.7	163.9	2.2	0.7
Food .....	15.422	162.3	163.6	2.3	0.8
Food at home .....	9.691	162.6	164.3	2.0	1.0
Cereals and bakery products .....	1.544	182.3	183.9	2.7	0.9
Meats, poultry, fish, and eggs .....	2.569	147.3	146.7	-1.1	-0.4
Dairy and related products .....	1.088	157.6	161.1	8.6	2.2
Fruits and vegetables .....	1.440	200.7	208.4	3.1	3.8
Nonalcoholic beverages and beverage materials .....	1.049	131.7	133.4	-0.5	1.3
Other food at home .....	2.002	152.4	152.9	2.8	0.3
Sugar and sweets .....	.377	150.1	151.6	0.9	1.0
Fats and oils .....	.309	151.9	150.4	7.0	-1.0
Other foods .....	1.316	166.9	167.6	2.4	0.4
Other miscellaneous foods (1).....	.320	104.9	104.2	3.8	-0.7
Food away from home .....	5.730	163.0	163.6	2.8	0.4
Other food away from home (1).....	.175	103.3	103.5	3.4	0.2
Alcoholic beverages .....	.986	167.2	167.6	1.8	0.2
Housing .....	39.828	161.3	161.9	2.3	0.4
Shelter .....	30.283	184.0	184.8	3.1	0.4
Rent of primary residence .....	7.007	174.9	175.3	3.4	0.2
Lodging away from home (1).....	2.376	103.8	107.7	2.5	3.8
Owners' equivalent rent of primary residence (2).....	20.529	190.7	191.0	3.2	0.2
Tenants' and household insurance (1).....	.371	99.9	99.7	-0.6	-0.2
Fuels and utilities .....	4.735	126.6	126.2	-2.0	-0.3
Fuels .....	3.801	111.4	110.9	-3.1	-0.4
Fuel oil and other fuels .....	.227	86.1	86.6	-10.2	0.6
Gas (piped) and electricity .....	3.574	118.9	118.3	-2.7	-0.5

Household furnishings and operations .....	4.810	126.6	126.9	1.0	0.2
Apparel .....	4.831	130.7	128.6	-0.9	-1.6
Men's and boys' apparel .....	1.358	130.3	128.5	-1.0	-1.4
Women's and girls' apparel .....	1.939	122.4	118.8	-1.2	-2.9
Infants' and toddlers' apparel .....	.272	129.6	130.7	4.7	0.8
Footwear .....	.876	127.5	125.8	-1.3	-1.3
Transportation .....	16.999	140.7	140.4	-1.6	-0.2
Private transportation .....	15.653	137.2	136.7	-1.9	-0.4
New and used motor vehicles (1).....	7.843	100.9	100.6	0.4	-0.3
New vehicles .....	4.983	144.1	144.4	0.0	0.2
Used cars and trucks .....	1.914	153.1	150.7	1.8	-1.6
Motor fuel .....	2.493	86.2	85.0	-13.1	-1.4
Gasoline (all types) .....	2.476	85.7	84.5	-13.1	-1.4
Motor vehicle parts and equipment .....	.549	101.2	101.2	-0.1	0.0
Motor vehicle maintenance and repair .....	1.624	169.6	169.8	2.9	0.1
Public transportation .....	1.346	188.4	189.9	1.5	0.8
Medical care .....	5.713	245.2	246.6	3.6	0.6
Medical care commodities .....	1.252	225.6	226.0	3.9	0.2
Medical care services .....	4.461	249.6	251.3	3.5	0.7
Professional services .....	2.854	224.6	225.8	3.3	0.5
Hospital and related services .....	1.354	291.4	294.4	3.8	1.0
Recreation (1).....	6.120	101.2	101.7	1.4	0.5
Video and audio (1).....	1.748	100.7	101.3	0.7	0.6
Education and communication (1).....	5.478	100.7	101.0	1.1	0.3
Education (1).....	2.694	104.7	105.0	4.7	0.3
Educational books and supplies .....	.203	257.3	258.4	5.4	0.4
Tuition, other school fees, and childcare .....	2.492	301.7	302.4	4.6	0.2
Communication (1).....	2.783	97.1	97.4	-2.2	0.3
Information and information processing (1).....	2.580	96.9	97.0	-2.6	0.1
Telephone services (1).....	2.327	100.3	100.7	0.8	0.4
Information and information processing other than telephone services (3)...	.253	34.8	33.9	-26.6	-2.6
Personal computers and peripheral equipment (1).....	.148	64.2	61.6	-36.4	-4.0
Other goods and services .....	4.624	250.3	255.1	10.3	1.9
Tobacco and smoking products .....	1.159	331.2	352.9	39.0	6.6
Personal care .....	3.465	158.3	158.9	2.8	0.4
Personal care products .....	.742	148.7	149.4	2.3	0.5

Personal care services .....	.973	168.3	168.8	2.7	0.3
Miscellaneous personal services .....	1.491	237.8	239.1	3.6	0.5
Commodity and service group					
Commodities .....	42.109	142.2	142.5	0.6	0.2
Food and beverages .....	16.408	162.7	163.9	2.2	0.7
Commodities less food and beverages .....	25.702	130.2	130.0	-0.4	-0.2
Nondurables less food and beverages .....	14.345	132.1	132.0	0.0	-0.1
Apparel .....	4.831	130.7	128.6	-0.9	-1.6
Nondurables less food, beverages, and apparel .....	9.514	137.8	138.8	0.5	0.7
Durables .....	11.356	127.4	127.1	-0.9	-0.2
Services .....	57.891	185.7	186.4	2.5	0.4
Rent of shelter (2).....	29.912	191.5	192.4	3.2	0.5
Transportation services .....	6.963	188.4	188.8	0.9	0.2
Other services .....	10.768	219.5	220.6	3.2	0.5
Special indexes					
All items less food .....	84.578	164.2	164.6	1.7	0.2
All items less shelter .....	69.717	157.8	158.2	1.2	0.3
All items less medical care .....	94.287	159.4	159.9	1.7	0.3
Commodities less food .....	26.688	131.7	131.5	-0.3	-0.2
Nondurables less food .....	15.331	134.2	134.1	0.1	-0.1
Nondurables less food and apparel .....	10.500	139.7	140.6	0.6	0.6
Nondurables .....	30.753	147.5	148.0	1.2	0.3
Services less rent of shelter (2).....	27.979	192.8	193.4	1.8	0.3
Services less medical care services .....	53.429	179.8	180.4	2.4	0.3
Energy .....	6.294	98.9	98.1	-7.4	-0.8
All items less energy .....	93.706	172.3	173.0	2.4	0.4
All items less food and energy .....	78.284	174.8	175.4	2.5	0.3
Commodities less food and energy commodities .....	23.967	143.9	143.9	1.3	0.0
Energy commodities .....	2.720	86.3	85.2	-12.9	-1.3
Services less energy services .....	54.316	192.5	193.3	2.9	0.4
Purchasing power of the consumer dollar (1982-84=\$1.00) .....	-	\$ .610	\$ .608	-	-
Purchasing power of the consumer dollar (1967=\$1.00) .....	-	\$ .204	\$ .203	-	-

1 Indexes on a December 1997=100 base.

2 Index is on a December 1982=100 base.

3 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 (IAS). Consumer Price Index for Urban Wage Earners and Clerical Workers (CPI-W-XL): U.S. city average, by expenditure category and commodity and service group using a Laspeyres Estimator

(1982-84=100, unless otherwise noted)

CPI-W	Relative importance, December 1998	Unadjusted indexes		Unadjusted percent change to Jan. 1999 from-	
		Dec. 1998	Jan. 1999	Jan. 1998	Dec. 1998
Expenditure category					
All items .....	100.000	160.7	161.1	1.7	0.2
All items (1967=100) .....	-	478.6	479.8	-	-
Food and beverages .....	18.011	161.9	163.1	2.2	0.7
Food .....	16.966	161.5	162.8	2.2	0.8
Food at home .....	10.832	161.3	163.1	2.0	1.1
Cereals and bakery products .....	1.689	182.0	183.7	2.7	0.9
Meats, poultry, fish, and eggs .....	3.055	146.9	146.3	-1.1	-0.4
Dairy and related products .....	1.193	157.4	161.0	8.9	2.3
Fruits and vegetables .....	1.492	199.0	207.2	3.1	4.1
Nonalcoholic beverages and beverage materials .....	1.184	130.4	132.3	-0.5	1.5
Other food at home .....	2.220	151.7	152.3	2.8	0.4
Sugar and sweets .....	.420	150.0	151.6	0.9	1.1
Fats and oils .....	.354	151.2	150.0	6.8	-0.8
Other foods .....	1.446	166.7	167.5	2.4	0.5
Other miscellaneous foods (1).....	.355	104.9	104.2	3.7	-0.7
Food away from home .....	6.133	163.0	163.5	2.6	0.3
Other food away from home (1).....	.216	103.4	103.6	3.5	0.2
Alcoholic beverages .....	1.045	166.2	166.5	1.8	0.2
Housing .....	36.685	157.8	158.1	2.1	0.2
Shelter .....	27.496	178.8	179.4	3.2	0.3
Rent of primary residence .....	8.500	174.6	174.9	3.4	0.2
Lodging away from home (1).....	1.379	104.0	107.7	2.8	3.6

Owners' equivalent rent of primary residence (2).....	17.296	173.7	173.9	3.1	0.1
Tenants' and household insurance (1).....	.320	100.3	100.1	-0.3	-0.2
Fuels and utilities .....	4.850	126.4	126.0	-2.0	-0.3
Fuels .....	3.928	110.9	110.4	-3.1	-0.5
Fuel oil and other fuels .....	.201	86.6	87.1	-9.5	0.6
Gas (piped) and electricity .....	3.727	118.4	117.7	-2.7	-0.6
Household furnishings and operations .....	4.339	124.8	125.0	0.7	0.2
Apparel .....	5.199	129.8	127.8	-0.7	-1.5
Men's and boys' apparel .....	1.474	130.2	128.4	-0.8	-1.4
Women's and girls' apparel .....	1.948	121.0	117.4	-0.9	-3.0
Infants' and toddlers' apparel .....	.344	130.9	131.5	4.9	0.5
Footwear .....	1.057	128.2	126.3	-1.6	-1.5
Transportation .....	19.166	139.6	139.1	-1.8	-0.4
Private transportation .....	18.109	137.1	136.6	-1.9	-0.4
New and used motor vehicles (1).....	9.250	101.1	100.6	0.5	-0.5
New vehicles .....	5.224	145.3	145.5	-0.1	0.1
Used cars and trucks .....	3.216	154.3	151.9	1.5	-1.6
Motor fuel .....	3.066	86.0	85.0	-12.9	-1.2
Gasoline (all types) .....	3.045	85.5	84.5	-13.0	-1.2
Motor vehicle parts and equipment .....	.682	100.5	100.6	-0.1	0.1
Motor vehicle maintenance and repair .....	1.690	170.9	171.1	3.1	0.1
Public transportation .....	1.056	185.1	186.3	0.9	0.6
Medical care .....	4.672	244.4	245.8	3.5	0.6
Medical care commodities .....	.926	222.1	222.6	3.7	0.2
Medical care services .....	3.746	249.4	251.0	3.5	0.6
Professional services .....	2.415	226.2	227.3	3.4	0.5
Hospital and related services .....	1.114	287.4	290.4	3.9	1.0
Recreation (1).....	5.925	100.8	101.3	1.0	0.5
Video and audio (1).....	1.951	100.7	101.2	0.7	0.5
Education and communication (1).....	5.361	100.9	101.2	1.2	0.3
Education (1).....	2.478	104.7	105.1	4.8	0.4
Educational books and supplies .....	.200	259.7	260.8	5.4	0.4
Tuition, other school fees, and childcare .....	2.278	295.8	296.6	4.6	0.3
Communication (1).....	2.883	97.8	98.1	-1.6	0.3
Information and information processing (1).....	2.733	97.7	97.8	-1.8	0.1
Telephone services (1).....	2.519	100.4	100.8	0.9	0.4
Information and information processing other than telephone services (3)...	.213	36.0	35.1	-26.4	-2.5

Personal computers and peripheral equipment (1).....	.120	64.0	61.3	-36.5	-4.2
Other goods and services .....	4.981	252.6	258.7	13.4	2.4
Tobacco and smoking products .....	1.694	332.0	353.1	39.2	6.4
Personal care .....	3.287	158.3	159.0	2.9	0.4
Personal care products .....	.838	149.6	150.2	2.2	0.4
Personal care services .....	.975	168.6	169.1	2.8	0.3
Miscellaneous personal services .....	1.253	237.4	239.3	4.1	0.8
Commodity and service group					
Commodities .....	46.764	142.3	142.6	0.8	0.2
Food and beverages .....	18.011	161.9	163.1	2.2	0.7
Commodities less food and beverages .....	28.753	130.6	130.5	0.0	-0.1
Nondurables less food and beverages .....	15.564	132.1	132.2	0.5	0.1
Apparel .....	5.199	129.8	127.8	-0.7	-1.5
Nondurables less food, beverages, and apparel .....	10.365	137.9	139.1	1.1	0.9
Durables .....	13.189	127.4	126.9	-0.6	-0.4
Services .....	53.236	182.5	183.1	2.5	0.3
Rent of shelter (2).....	27.175	172.2	172.7	3.2	0.3
Transportation services .....	6.800	186.1	186.4	0.8	0.2
Other services .....	10.144	216.1	217.2	3.2	0.5
Special indexes					
All items less food .....	83.034	160.4	160.6	1.6	0.1
All items less shelter .....	72.504	155.6	156.0	1.2	0.3
All items less medical care .....	95.328	156.8	157.2	1.6	0.3
Commodities less food .....	29.798	132.0	131.9	0.1	-0.1
Nondurables less food .....	16.609	134.1	134.2	0.5	0.1
Nondurables less food and apparel .....	11.410	139.7	140.8	1.1	0.8
Nondurables .....	33.575	147.3	147.9	1.4	0.4
Services less rent of shelter (2).....	26.061	171.5	171.9	1.7	0.2
Services less medical care services .....	49.490	176.9	177.3	2.4	0.2
Energy .....	6.994	97.8	97.0	-7.6	-0.8
All items less energy .....	93.006	169.3	169.9	2.5	0.4
All items less food and energy .....	76.040	171.3	171.7	2.5	0.2
Commodities less food and energy commodities .....	26.531	144.1	144.1	1.8	0.0
Energy commodities .....	3.267	86.2	85.2	-12.8	-1.2
Services less energy services .....	49.509	189.7	190.4	2.9	0.4
Purchasing power of the consumer dollar (1982-84=\$1.00) .....	-	\$ .622	\$ .621	-	-

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 (1967=\$1.00) ..... - \$ .209 \$ .208 - -

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- 3 Indexes on a December 1988=100 base.
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Table 3(LAS). Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers (CPI-U-XL): Selected areas, all items index using a Laspeyres Estimator

(1982-84=100, unless otherwise noted)

CPI-U	Pricing schedule (1)	Indexes				Percent change to Jan.1999 from--		
		Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.
		1998	1998	1998	1999	1998	1998	1998
U.S. city average .....	M	164.0	164.0	163.9	164.4	0.2	0.2	0.3
Region and area size(2)								
Northeast urban .....	M	171.3	171.2	171.2	171.6	0.2	0.2	0.2
Size A - More than 1,500,000 .....	M	172.3	172.2	172.2	172.6	0.2	0.2	0.2
Size B/C 50,000 to 1,500,000 (3).....	M	102.6	102.6	102.5	102.8	0.2	0.2	0.3
Midwest urban .....	M	160.1	160.1	159.8	160.4	0.2	0.2	0.4
Size A - More than 1,500,000 .....	M	161.4	161.3	161.0	161.6	0.1	0.2	0.4
Size B/C - 50,000 to 1,500,000 (3).....	M	102.4	102.4	102.3	102.6	0.2	0.2	0.3
Size D - Nonmetropolitan (less than 50,000) .....	M	154.3	154.7	155.0	155.6	0.8	0.6	0.4
South urban .....	M	159.8	159.6	159.6	160.0	0.1	0.3	0.3
Size A - More than 1,500,000 .....	M	159.0	158.6	158.3	158.9	-0.1	0.2	0.4
Size B/C - 50,000 to 1,500,000 (3).....	M	102.8	102.8	102.8	102.9	0.1	0.1	0.1
Size D - Nonmetropolitan (less than 50,000) .....	M	159.8	160.0	160.4	160.9	0.7	0.6	0.3

West urban .....	M	165.5	165.8	165.8	166.5	0.6	0.4	0.4
Size A - More than 1,500,000 .....	M	166.3	166.5	166.5	167.3	0.6	0.5	0.5
Size B/C - 50,000 to 1,500,000 (3).....	M	103.0	103.5	103.4	103.7	0.7	0.2	0.3

Size classes

A (4).....	M	148.5	148.5	148.4	148.9	0.3	0.3	0.3
B/C (3).....	M	102.7	102.8	102.7	103.0	0.3	0.2	0.3
D .....	M	159.7	159.9	160.2	160.6	0.6	0.4	0.2

Selected local areas

Chicago-Gary-Kenosha, IL-IN-WI .....	M	165.7	165.4	165.1	166.0	0.2	0.4	0.5
Los Angeles-Riverside-Orange County, CA .....	M	163.2	163.4	163.5	164.2	0.6	0.5	0.4
New York-Northern N.J.-Long Island, NY-NJ-CT-PA .....	M	174.8	174.7	174.7	175.2	0.2	0.3	0.3
Boston-Brockton-Nashua, MA-NH-ME-CT .....	1	-	173.3	-	174.1	-	0.5	-
Cleveland-Akron, OH .....	1	-	160.8	-	160.6	-	-0.1	-
Dallas-Fort Worth, TX .....	1	-	154.0	-	155.2	-	0.8	-
Washington-Baltimore, DC-MD-VA-WV (5).....	1	-	102.4	-	102.8	-	0.4	-
Atlanta, GA .....	2	162.0	-	161.6	-	-	-	-
Detroit-Ann Arbor-Flint, MI .....	2	161.0	-	161.2	-	-	-	-
Houston-Galveston-Brazoria, TX .....	2	148.5	-	146.1	-	-	-	-
Miami-Fort Lauderdale, FL .....	2	161.1	-	161.1	-	-	-	-
Philadelphia-Wilmington-Atlantic City, PA-NJ-DE-MD .....	2	170.3	-	169.0	-	-	-	-
San Francisco-Oakland-San Jose, CA .....	2	167.2	-	167.4	-	-	-	-
Seattle-Tacoma-Bremerton, WA .....	2	169.3	-	169.4	-	-	-	-

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areas, all items index using a Laspeyres Estimator

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		Oct. 1998	Nov. 1998	Dec. 1998	Jan. 1999	Oct. 1998	Nov. 1998	Dec. 1998
U.S. city average .....	M	160.6	160.7	160.7	161.1	0.3	0.2	0.2
Region and area size(2)								
Northeast urban .....	M	168.1	168.2	168.2	168.5	0.2	0.2	0.2
Size A - More than 1,500,000 .....	M	168.1	168.2	168.2	168.5	0.2	0.2	0.2
Size B/C 50,000 to 1,500,000 (3).....	M	102.2	102.2	102.3	102.5	0.3	0.3	0.2
Midwest urban .....	M	156.2	156.2	156.0	156.6	0.3	0.3	0.4
Size A - More than 1,500,000 .....	M	156.7	156.7	156.5	157.1	0.3	0.3	0.4
Size B/C - 50,000 to 1,500,000 (3).....	M	102.1	102.1	102.0	102.3	0.2	0.2	0.3
Size D - Nonmetropolitan (less than 50,000) .....	M	152.4	152.9	153.3	153.7	0.9	0.5	0.3
South urban .....	M	157.8	157.7	157.8	158.0	0.1	0.2	0.1
Size A - More than 1,500,000 .....	M	156.6	156.2	156.0	156.5	-0.1	0.2	0.3
Size B/C - 50,000 to 1,500,000 (3).....	M	102.4	102.4	102.5	102.5	0.1	0.1	0.0
Size D - Nonmetropolitan (less than 50,000) .....	M	160.4	160.6	160.8	161.2	0.5	0.4	0.2
West urban .....	M	161.5	161.8	161.8	162.5	0.6	0.4	0.4
Size A - More than 1,500,000 .....	M	160.5	160.7	160.8	161.6	0.7	0.6	0.5
Size B/C - 50,000 to 1,500,000 (3).....	M	102.8	103.3	103.3	103.5	0.7	0.2	0.2
Size classes								
A (4).....	M	147.0	147.0	146.9	147.4	0.3	0.3	0.3
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