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CONSUMER PRICE INDEX: FEBRUARY 1999

The Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers (CPI-U) rose 0.1 percent in February, before seasonal adjustment, to a level of 164.5 (1982-84=100), the Bureau of Labor Statistics of the U.S. Department of Labor reported today. For the 12-month period ended in February, the CPI-U has increased 1.6 percent.

The Consumer Price Index for Urban Wage Earners and Clerical Workers (CPI-W) also rose 0.1 percent in February, prior to seasonal adjustment. The February level of 161.1 was 1.6 percent higher than the index in February 1998.

CPI for All Urban Consumers (CPI-U)

On a seasonally adjusted basis, the CPI-U rose 0.1 percent in February, the same as in each of the preceding two months. The food index, which advanced 0.5 percent in January, increased 0.1 percent in February. The index for food at home also rose 0.1 percent in February, following a 0.5 percent rise in January. The deceleration was largely due to a sharp downturn in prices for fruits and vegetables. The energy index, which fell 0.2 percent in January, was unchanged in February. The index for petroleum-based energy declined 0.5 percent, while the index for energy services increased 0.4 percent. Excluding food and energy, the CPI-U increased 0.1 percent in February, the same as in January. Within this group, an upturn in shelter costs and a smaller decline in the index for apparel were largely offset by a downturn in the index for tobacco and smoking products.

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

Expenditure Category	Seasonally adjusted					Un- Compound adjusted	
	Changes from preceding month					annual rate	12-mos.
	1998		1999		3-mos.	ended	ended
	Aug.	Sep.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.
						Feb.'99	Feb.'99

All Items	.1	.1	.2	.2	.1	.1	.1	1.2	1.6
Food and beverages	.3	.0	.5	.2	.1	.4	.2	2.7	2.5
Housing	.2	.2	.2	.3	.1	-.1	.1	.7	2.2
Apparel	1.0	-.6	.0	-.1	-.6	-1.1	-.2	-7.3	-1.7
Transportation	-.1	-.4	.1	-.1	-.4	-.1	-.1	-2.5	-1.6
Medical care	.4	.3	.2	.2	.3	.3	.2	3.5	3.5
Recreation	.2	.1	-.2	.1	.1	.4	-.1	1.6	1.1
Education and communication	-.5	.1	.1	.3	-.2	.3	.1	.8	1.1
Other goods and services	.2	.9	.3	-.3	4.2	2.0	-.1	26.7	9.4
Special indexes:									
Energy	-1.0	-1.2	.1	-.3	-1.1	-.2	.0	-5.1	-5.7
Food	.2	.1	.5	.1	.1	.5	.1	2.7	2.4
All items less food and energy	.2	.2	.2	.1	.3	.1	.1	1.8	2.1

The food and beverages index rose 0.2 percent in February. The index for food at home, which increased 0.5 percent in January, rose 0.1 percent in February. The deceleration was largely due to a sharp downturn in the index for fruits and vegetables, which declined 1.1 percent in February, following a 2.2 percent increase in January. A 3.4 percent decline in the index for fresh vegetables more than offset a 0.6 percent increase in the index for fresh fruits. (Prior to seasonal adjustment, prices for fresh fruits declined 3.6 percent and prices for fresh vegetables fell 6.5 percent.) The index for processed fruits and vegetables declined 0.3 percent. The index for cereal and bakery products also declined in February--down 0.4 percent after increasing 0.8 percent in January. The index for dairy products continued to advance in February, but by less than in recent months--up 0.7 percent in February after increasing 2.3 percent in January. Partially offsetting this deceleration was an upturn in the index for meats, poultry, fish, and eggs, which rose 0.9 percent in February after registering a 0.8 percent drop in January. Prices for beef and veal, for pork, and for fish and seafood, each of which declined by at least 1.0 percent in January, increased 1.3, 1.4, and 1.3 percent, respectively, in February. Poultry prices declined for the fourth consecutive month, down 0.7 percent in February. Among the other major grocery store food groups, the indexes for nonalcoholic beverages and for other food at home rose 0.2 and 0.1 percent, respectively. The other two components of the food and beverage index--food away from home and alcoholic beverages--rose 0.2 and 0.4 percent, respectively, in February.

The housing component rose 0.1 percent in February. Shelter costs, which were unchanged in January, increased 0.2 percent in February.

Within shelter, the indexes for rent and for owners' equivalent rent rose 0.2 and 0.3 percent, respectively, while the cost of lodging away from home declined 0.5 percent. (Prior to seasonal adjustment, the cost of lodging while away from home increased 3.2 percent.) The index for fuels and utilities rose 0.2 percent in February. The index for household fuels increased 0.3 percent, as increases in the indexes for electricity and for natural gas more than offset a 1.4 percent decline in the index for fuel oil. The indexes for electricity and for natural gas increased 0.6 and 0.1 percent, respectively. The index for household furnishings and operations declined 0.2 percent in February, reflecting discounting on most home furnishings.

The transportation component declined for the fourth consecutive month, down 0.1 percent in February. Declines in the prices for new and used vehicles and for gasoline were partially offset by an increase in airline fares. The index for new vehicles fell 0.3 percent and the index for used cars and trucks decreased 1.5 percent. The index for gasoline declined 0.5 percent in February. (Prior to seasonal adjustment, gasoline prices fell 1.7 percent; as of February, gasoline prices were 30.1 percent lower than their peak level in November 1990.) Public transportation costs increased 1.4 percent in February, reflecting a 2.4 percent rise in airline fares.

The index for apparel decreased 0.2 percent in February, following a 1.1 percent drop in January. (Prior to seasonal adjustment, apparel prices rose 1.4 percent, reflecting the introduction of higher-priced spring summer wear.)

Medical care costs rose 0.2 percent in February to a level 3.5 percent above a year ago. The index for medical care commodities--prescription drugs, nonprescription drugs, and medical supplies--increased 0.2 percent. The index for medical care services rose 0.3 percent. Charges for professional services and for hospital and related services increased 0.1 and 0.5 percent, respectively. (Prior to seasonal adjustment, the indexes for professional services and hospital services rose 0.4 and 0.6 percent, respectively.)

The index for recreation costs declined 0.1 percent in February, following a 0.4 percent rise in January. In February, the indexes for video and audio equipment, toys, and recreational reading materials each turned down, more than offsetting increases in the indexes for club memberships and for admissions to movies, theaters, concerts, and sporting events.

The index for education and communication increased 0.1 percent in

February. Educational costs, reflecting a 1.2 percent increase in the index for textbooks and supplies, rose 0.8 percent, while the index for communication decreased 0.4 percent. Within the latter group, decreases in the indexes for personal computers and peripheral equipment and for telephone services--down 2.8 and 0.3 percent, respectively--more than offset a 1.1 percent increase in the index for delivery services.

The index for other goods and services declined 0.1 percent in February, following a 2.0 percent increase in January. The index for tobacco and smoking products, which increased 6.6 percent in January, declined 1.4 percent in February. Despite this decline, cigarette prices have increased 35.4 percent in the 12-month period ended in February. Charges for personal financial services and for legal services rose 0.7 and 0.9 percent, respectively, in February.

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

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

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

Expenditure Category	Seasonally adjusted								Un-
	Changes from preceding month								Compound
	1998								adjusted
	Aug.	Sep.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.	annual rate	12-mos.
								3-mos.	ended
								Feb.'99	ended
All Items	.1	.1	.2	.2	.2	.2	.0	1.5	1.6
Food and beverages	.2	.1	.4	.2	.1	.4	.1	2.5	2.4
Housing	.1	.2	.2	.3	.2	.0	.1	1.3	2.1
Apparel	.8	-.3	.4	-.1	-.5	-1.1	-.4	-7.6	-1.5
Transportation	-.2	-.4	.2	-.1	-.5	-.1	-.4	-3.9	-1.8
Medical care	.4	.3	.2	.2	.2	.3	.2	3.0	3.4
Recreation	.1	.1	-.3	.1	.1	.4	-.2	1.2	.6
Education and communication	-.5	.2	.1	.3	-.2	.3	.2	1.2	1.4
Other goods and services	.2	1.3	.2	-.5	5.8	2.5	-.2	36.8	12.0
Special indexes									
Energy	-1.3	-1.1	.2	-.4	-1.3	-.1	-.2	-6.3	-6.2
Food	.2	.1	.4	.2	.0	.5	.1	2.5	2.4
All items less food and energy	.2	.2	.1	.2	.4	.1	.0	1.9	2.2

Consumer Price Index data for March are scheduled for release on Tuesday, April 13, 1999, at 8:30 A.M. (EDT).

CPI (Old Series)

For the first six months of 1999, BLS will also publish 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 January to February, the Old Series CPI-U and the Old Series CPI-W rose 0.2 and 0.1 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 0.1 percent in February.)

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:

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|--------------------------------|--|--------------------------------------|
| 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 |

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 Feb. 1999 from-		Seasonally adjusted percent change from-		
		Jan. 1999	Feb. 1999	Feb. 1998	Jan. 1999	Nov. to Dec. Dec.	to Jan. Jan.	to Feb. Feb.

Expenditure category

All items	100.000	164.3	164.5	1.6	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1
All items (1967=100)	-	492.3	492.9	-	-	-	-	-
Food and beverages	16.408	163.9	163.8	2.5	-0.1	0.1	0.4	0.2
Food	15.422	163.6	163.3	2.4	-0.2	0.1	0.5	0.1
Food at home	9.691	164.3	163.8	2.4	-0.3	0.0	0.5	0.1
Cereals and bakery products	1.544	184.2	183.8	2.3	-0.2	0.1	0.8	-0.4
Meats, poultry, fish, and eggs	2.569	146.4	147.0	-0.3	0.4	-0.3	-0.8	0.9
Dairy and related products (1).....	1.088	161.2	162.3	9.9	0.7	1.1	2.3	0.7
Fruits and vegetables	1.440	208.6	200.3	3.4	-4.0	0.0	2.2	-1.1
Nonalcoholic beverages and beverage materials	1.049	133.5	134.5	-0.2	0.7	-0.2	0.5	0.2
Other food at home	2.002	153.0	153.3	2.8	0.2	-0.4	-0.2	0.1
Sugar and sweets .....	.377	151.7	151.3	1.1	-0.3	0.2	-0.1	-0.1
Fats and oils .....	.309	150.5	150.9	6.6	0.3	-1.9	-2.0	0.2
Other foods	1.316	167.7	168.2	2.4	0.3	-0.2	0.1	0.2
Other miscellaneous foods (1) (2).....	.320	104.1	105.9	5.5	1.7	0.1	-0.8	1.7
Food away from home (1).....	5.730	163.5	163.8	2.6	0.2	0.2	0.3	0.2
Other food away from home (1) (2).....	.175	103.5	103.7	3.3	0.2	0.0	0.2	0.2
Alcoholic beverages .....	.986	167.6	168.6	2.2	0.6	0.2	0.1	0.4
Housing	39.828	161.8	162.3	2.2	0.3	0.1	-0.1	0.1
Shelter	30.283	184.7	185.5	3.0	0.4	0.2	0.0	0.2
Rent of primary residence (3).....	7.007	175.3	175.6	3.4	0.2	0.3	0.2	0.2
Lodging away from home (2) (3).....	2.376	107.1	110.5	1.1	3.2	-1.0	-1.8	-0.5
Owners' equivalent rent of primary residence (3) (4).....	20.529	191.0	191.3	3.1	0.2	0.3	0.1	0.3
Tenants' and household insurance (1) (2)..	.371	99.7	100.1	-0.1	0.4	0.0	-0.2	0.4
Fuels and utilities	4.735	126.2	126.0	-1.1	-0.2	-0.2	-0.2	0.2
Fuels	3.801	110.9	110.6	-2.0	-0.3	-0.2	-0.4	0.3
Fuel oil and other fuels .....	.227	86.6	86.2	-9.5	-0.5	-2.0	-0.1	-1.4
Gas (piped) and electricity (3).....	3.574	118.3	118.0	-1.4	-0.3	-0.1	-0.4	0.4
Household furnishings and operations	4.810	126.8	126.7	0.5	-0.1	0.1	0.0	-0.2
Apparel	4.831	127.9	129.7	-1.7	1.4	-0.6	-1.1	-0.2
Men's and boys' apparel	1.358	128.1	129.9	-0.7	1.4	-0.5	-0.5	0.6
Women's and girls' apparel	1.939	117.7	120.6	-3.0	2.5	-0.6	-1.9	-0.4
Infants' and toddlers' apparel (1).....	.272	130.0	126.4	2.7	-2.8	-1.3	0.3	-2.8
Footwear .....	.876	125.6	124.8	-1.4	-0.6	-0.6	-0.9	-1.3
Transportation	16.999	140.4	139.8	-1.6	-0.4	-0.4	-0.1	-0.1
Private transportation	15.653	136.7	135.9	-1.8	-0.6	-0.4	-0.2	-0.3
New and used motor vehicles (2).....	7.843	100.6	99.9	-0.3	-0.7	-0.1	-0.4	-0.7
New vehicles	4.983	144.4	143.8	-0.4	-0.4	0.1	0.1	-0.3
Used cars and trucks (1).....	1.914	150.6	148.3	-0.1	-1.5	-0.6	-1.6	-1.5

Motor fuel	2.493	85.0	83.6	-11.2	-1.6	-2.5	0.0	-0.3
Gasoline (all types)	2.476	84.5	83.1	-11.1	-1.7	-2.6	0.1	-0.5
Motor vehicle parts and equipment .....	.549	101.2	100.9	-0.5	-0.3	-0.1	-0.1	-0.4
Motor vehicle maintenance and repair	1.624	169.8	170.4	3.0	0.4	0.2	0.1	0.2
Public transportation (1).....	1.346	190.4	193.1	1.0	1.4	0.5	1.1	1.4
Medical care	5.713	246.6	247.7	3.5	0.4	0.3	0.3	0.2
Medical care commodities	1.252	225.9	226.8	3.8	0.4	0.4	0.0	0.2
Medical care services	4.461	251.3	252.6	3.4	0.5	0.2	0.4	0.3
Professional services (3).....	2.854	225.8	226.8	3.2	0.4	0.2	0.3	0.1
Hospital and related services (3).....	1.354	294.4	296.2	3.9	0.6	0.2	0.6	0.5
Recreation (2).....	6.120	101.7	101.8	1.1	0.1	0.1	0.4	-0.1
Video and audio (1) (2).....	1.748	101.4	101.6	0.4	0.2	0.2	0.4	-0.5
Education and communication (2).....	5.478	100.9	100.9	1.1	0.0	-0.2	0.3	0.1
Education (2).....	2.694	105.0	105.3	4.9	0.3	0.4	0.3	0.8
Educational books and supplies .....	.203	258.4	261.3	5.8	1.1	0.4	-0.7	1.2
Tuition, other school fees, and childcare	2.492	302.4	303.3	4.9	0.3	0.4	0.4	0.7
Communication (1) (2).....	2.783	97.3	96.9	-2.3	-0.4	-0.7	0.2	-0.4
Information and information processing (1) (2).....	2.580	96.9	96.5	-2.6	-0.4	-0.7	0.0	-0.4
Telephone services (1) (2).....	2.327	100.7	100.4	0.4	-0.3	-0.8	0.4	-0.3
Information and information processing other than telephone services (1) (5) .....	.253	33.8	33.3	-24.8	-1.5	-1.4	-2.9	-1.5
Personal computers and peripheral equipment (1) (2).....	.148	61.4	59.7	-34.6	-2.8	-2.1	-4.4	-2.8
Other goods and services	4.624	255.4	255.0	9.4	-0.2	4.2	2.0	-0.1
Tobacco and smoking products	1.159	354.2	348.7	33.5	-1.6	18.5	6.6	-1.4
Personal care (1).....	3.465	158.9	159.4	2.8	0.3	0.2	0.4	0.3
Personal care products (1).....	.742	149.9	149.8	2.1	-0.1	-0.1	0.8	-0.1
Personal care services (1).....	.973	168.8	169.3	3.0	0.3	0.4	0.3	0.3
Miscellaneous personal services	1.491	238.9	240.6	3.7	0.7	0.4	0.3	0.4
Commodity and service group								
Commodities	42.109	142.5	142.2	0.5	-0.2	0.2	0.2	-0.2
Food and beverages	16.408	163.9	163.8	2.5	-0.1	0.1	0.4	0.2
Commodities less food and beverages	25.702	129.9	129.6	-0.7	-0.2	0.2	0.1	-0.4
Nondurables less food and beverages	14.345	131.8	131.9	-0.2	0.1	0.4	0.2	-0.2
Apparel	4.831	127.9	129.7	-1.7	1.4	-0.6	-1.1	-0.2
Nondurables less food, beverages, and apparel	9.514	138.8	138.0	0.6	-0.6	0.8	0.9	-0.4
Durables	11.356	127.1	126.4	-1.4	-0.6	-0.2	-0.3	-0.6

Services	57.891	186.3	186.9	2.5	0.3	0.2	0.1	0.2
Rent of shelter (4).....	29.912	192.3	193.1	3.0	0.4	0.2	0.0	0.1
Transportation services	6.963	188.8	189.3	0.7	0.3	0.2	0.2	0.4
Other services	10.768	220.5	221.1	3.1	0.3	0.1	0.5	0.2

Special indexes

All items less food	84.578	164.5	164.7	1.5	0.1	0.2	0.1	0.1
All items less shelter	69.717	158.1	158.1	1.1	0.0	0.1	0.3	0.0
All items less medical care	94.287	159.8	160.0	1.6	0.1	0.2	0.1	0.0
Commodities less food	26.688	131.4	131.1	-0.6	-0.2	0.3	0.0	-0.4
Nondurables less food	15.331	133.9	134.0	-0.1	0.1	0.3	0.1	-0.3
Nondurables less food and apparel	10.500	140.7	140.0	0.8	-0.5	0.7	0.9	-0.4
Nondurables	30.753	147.9	147.9	1.2	0.0	0.2	0.3	-0.1
Services less rent of shelter (4).....	27.979	193.3	193.8	1.9	0.3	0.3	0.1	0.2
Services less medical care services	53.429	180.3	180.9	2.4	0.3	0.3	0.0	0.2
Energy	6.294	98.1	97.3	-5.7	-0.8	-1.1	-0.2	0.0
All items less energy	93.706	172.9	173.2	2.1	0.2	0.3	0.1	0.1
All items less food and energy	78.284	175.3	175.7	2.1	0.2	0.3	0.1	0.1
Commodities less food and energy								
commodities	23.967	143.7	143.7	0.7	0.0	0.6	0.0	-0.4
Energy commodities	2.720	85.2	83.9	-11.0	-1.5	-2.5	0.0	-0.5
Services less energy services	54.316	193.2	194.0	2.8	0.4	0.2	0.2	0.2
Purchasing power of the consumer dollar	-	\$.608	\$.608	-	-	-	-	-
Purchasing power of the consumer dollar - old								
base	-	\$.203	\$.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)

Seasonally adjusted indexes Seasonally adjusted annual rate percent
change for

Expenditure category	CPI-U				3 months ended--				6 months ended--	
	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.						
	1998	1998	1999	1999	May	Aug.	Nov.	Feb.	Aug.	Feb.
					1998	1998	1998	1999	1998	1999
All items	164.2	164.4	164.6	164.7	2.0	1.5	1.7	1.2	1.7	1.5
Food and beverages	162.7	162.8	163.5	163.8	2.3	2.3	2.8	2.7	2.3	2.7
Food	162.4	162.5	163.3	163.5	2.3	2.3	2.8	2.7	2.3	2.7
Food at home	162.7	162.7	163.5	163.7	2.0	2.3	2.8	2.5	2.1	2.6
Cereals and bakery products	182.7	182.9	184.4	183.6	2.5	3.1	1.5	2.0	2.8	1.8
Meats, poultry, fish, and eggs	147.1	146.7	145.5	146.8	-1.1	2.5	-1.9	-0.8	0.7	-1.3
Dairy and related products (1).....	155.9	157.6	161.2	162.3	1.1	6.6	15.1	17.5	3.8	16.3
Fruits and vegetables	200.4	200.4	204.8	202.6	14.9	-5.8	1.2	4.5	4.0	2.8
Nonalcoholic beverages and beverage materials	133.1	132.8	133.4	133.7	-3.8	-1.2	2.4	1.8	-2.5	2.1
Other food at home	153.8	153.2	152.9	153.1	1.3	7.1	4.8	-1.8	4.2	1.5
Sugar and sweets	151.0	151.3	151.1	151.0	-0.5	3.3	1.9	0.0	1.3	0.9
Fats and oils	156.1	153.2	150.2	150.5	0.3	26.0	18.5	-13.6	12.4	1.2
Other foods	167.7	167.4	167.6	167.9	2.2	4.4	2.7	0.5	3.3	1.6
Other miscellaneous foods (1) (2).....	104.8	104.9	104.1	105.9	4.0	8.5	5.1	4.3	6.3	4.7
Food away from home (1).....	162.6	163.0	163.5	163.8	2.5	2.3	2.8	3.0	2.4	2.9
Other food away from home (1) (2).....	103.3	103.3	103.5	103.7	0.8	6.9	4.0	1.6	3.8	2.8
Alcoholic beverages	167.1	167.5	167.6	168.3	0.5	2.7	2.7	2.9	1.6	2.8
Housing	161.8	162.0	161.9	162.1	3.1	2.0	2.8	0.7	2.5	1.7
Shelter	184.3	184.6	184.6	184.9	3.6	2.9	4.0	1.3	3.3	2.6
Rent of primary residence (3).....	174.4	174.9	175.3	175.6	3.6	3.5	3.8	2.8	3.6	3.3
Lodging away from home (2) (3).....	104.8	103.8	101.9	101.4	6.9	-1.6	12.8	-12.4	2.6	-0.6
Owners' equivalent rent of primary residence (3) (4).....	190.0	190.6	190.8	191.3	3.5	3.2	3.0	2.8	3.4	2.9
Tenants' and household insurance (1) (2)..	99.9	99.9	99.7	100.1	-2.4	-1.6	2.9	0.8	-2.0	1.8
Fuels and utilities	127.2	127.0	126.8	127.1	1.3	-2.8	-2.2	-0.3	-0.8	-1.2
Fuels	111.4	111.2	110.8	111.1	1.1	-4.2	-3.2	-1.1	-1.6	-2.1
Fuel oil and other fuels	86.6	84.9	84.8	83.6	-3.0	-8.1	-12.7	-13.2	-5.6	-12.9
Gas (piped) and electricity (3).....	119.2	119.1	118.6	119.1	1.0	-3.9	-2.3	-0.3	-1.5	-1.3
Household furnishings and operations	126.9	127.0	127.0	126.7	1.0	1.3	0.3	-0.6	1.1	-0.2

Apparel	133.1	132.3	130.8	130.6	0.3	3.4	-2.7	-7.3	1.8	-5.0
Men's and boys' apparel	131.6	131.0	130.3	131.1	-0.9	1.5	-1.8	-1.5	0.3	-1.7
Women's and girls' apparel	125.3	124.6	122.2	121.7	2.6	6.5	-8.7	-11.0	4.5	-9.9
Infants' and toddlers' apparel (1).....	131.3	129.6	130.0	126.4	12.9	-7.7	24.1	-14.1	2.1	3.2
Footwear	129.0	128.2	127.1	125.5	-1.2	6.8	-0.3	-10.4	2.7	-5.5
Transportation	141.1	140.6	140.4	140.2	-2.2	-0.3	-1.4	-2.5	-1.3	-2.0
Private transportation	137.7	137.1	136.8	136.4	-2.3	-0.9	-0.6	-3.7	-1.6	-2.2
New and used motor vehicles (2).....	101.0	100.9	100.5	99.8	0.0	2.4	0.8	-4.7	1.2	-2.0
New vehicles	143.3	143.4	143.5	143.0	-1.4	2.5	-1.9	-0.8	0.6	-1.4
Used cars and trucks (1).....	154.0	153.1	150.6	148.3	4.4	3.0	7.9	-14.0	3.7	-3.7
Motor fuel	88.6	86.4	86.4	86.1	-14.1	-11.1	-8.5	-10.8	-12.6	-9.7
Gasoline (all types)	88.2	85.9	86.0	85.6	-14.1	-11.9	-7.4	-11.3	-13.0	-9.3
Motor vehicle parts and equipment	101.2	101.1	101.0	100.6	-0.8	1.2	0.0	-2.4	0.2	-1.2
Motor vehicle maintenance and repair	169.3	169.6	169.8	170.2	1.7	3.4	4.4	2.1	2.6	3.2
Public transportation (1).....	187.4	188.4	190.4	193.1	-1.7	3.8	-9.6	12.7	1.0	0.9
Medical care	245.4	246.1	246.9	247.5	4.1	3.9	2.8	3.5	4.0	3.1
Medical care commodities	225.3	226.1	226.2	226.6	5.4	3.7	4.0	2.3	4.5	3.2
Medical care services	249.7	250.3	251.3	252.1	3.7	3.8	2.6	3.9	3.7	3.3
Professional services (3).....	224.9	225.4	226.1	226.4	3.7	3.7	2.9	2.7	3.7	2.8
Hospital and related services (3).....	291.0	291.7	293.5	295.0	3.0	4.7	2.2	5.6	3.8	3.9
Recreation (2).....	101.1	101.2	101.6	101.5	1.6	1.2	0.0	1.6	1.4	0.8
Video and audio (1) (2).....	101.1	101.3	101.7	101.2	1.2	0.0	0.0	0.4	0.6	0.2
Education and communication (2).....	100.9	100.7	101.0	101.1	3.2	-1.2	2.0	0.8	1.0	1.4
Education (2).....	104.3	104.7	105.0	105.8	5.7	3.6	4.7	5.9	4.6	5.3
Educational books and supplies	257.2	258.2	256.4	259.4	7.5	1.1	11.5	3.5	4.3	7.4
Tuition, other school fees, and childcare	298.8	300.0	301.2	303.3	5.8	3.7	3.8	6.2	4.8	5.0
Communication (1) (2).....	97.8	97.1	97.3	96.9	0.8	-5.9	-0.4	-3.6	-2.6	-2.0
Information and information processing (1)										
(2).....	97.6	96.9	96.9	96.5	0.8	-6.3	-0.4	-4.4	-2.8	-2.4
Telephone services (1) (2).....	101.1	100.3	100.7	100.4	4.5	-2.7	2.8	-2.7	0.8	0.0
Information and information processing										
other than telephone services (1) (5)	35.3	34.8	33.8	33.3	-23.0	-32.6	-22.3	-20.8	-28.0	-21.6
Personal computers and peripheral										
equipment (1) (2).....	65.6	64.2	61.4	59.7	-32.7	-45.4	-27.5	-31.4	-39.4	-29.5
Other goods and services	240.9	251.0	255.9	255.6	5.8	3.1	3.6	26.7	4.4	14.6
Tobacco and smoking products	280.2	331.9	353.9	349.0	11.8	9.2	8.1	140.7	10.5	61.3
Personal care (1).....	158.0	158.3	158.9	159.4	4.2	1.3	2.3	3.6	2.7	2.9
Personal care products (1).....	148.8	148.7	149.9	149.8	7.3	-2.1	0.8	2.7	2.5	1.8
Personal care services (1).....	167.6	168.3	168.8	169.3	2.7	2.9	2.4	4.1	2.8	3.3
Miscellaneous personal services	237.8	238.8	239.4	240.4	2.8	4.0	3.6	4.4	3.4	4.0

Commodity and service group

Commodities	142.2	142.5	142.8	142.5	0.3	0.8	0.0	0.8	0.6	0.4
Food and beverages	162.7	162.8	163.5	163.8	2.3	2.3	2.8	2.7	2.3	2.7
Commodities less food and beverages	130.2	130.5	130.6	130.1	-0.6	-0.3	-1.5	-0.3	-0.5	-0.9
Nondurables less food and beverages	132.3	132.8	133.0	132.7	-0.3	-0.3	-0.9	1.2	-0.3	0.2
Apparel	133.1	132.3	130.8	130.6	0.3	3.4	-2.7	-7.3	1.8	-5.0
Nondurables less food, beverages, and apparel	136.9	138.0	139.3	138.7	-1.4	-0.9	-0.6	5.4	-1.2	2.3
Durables	127.4	127.2	126.8	126.0	-0.9	0.6	-0.9	-4.3	-0.2	-2.6
Services	186.0	186.3	186.5	186.9	3.1	2.2	2.6	1.9	2.6	2.3
Rent of shelter (4).....	192.1	192.5	192.5	192.7	3.7	2.8	4.1	1.3	3.2	2.6
Transportation services	187.8	188.1	188.4	189.1	0.2	1.1	-1.1	2.8	0.6	0.9
Other services	219.6	219.8	220.8	221.3	4.2	2.2	3.0	3.1	3.2	3.1

Special indexes

All items less food	164.3	164.6	164.7	164.8	2.0	1.2	1.5	1.2	1.6	1.3
All items less shelter	157.8	158.0	158.4	158.4	1.0	1.0	0.8	1.5	1.0	1.1
All items less medical care	159.4	159.7	159.9	159.9	2.0	1.3	1.5	1.3	1.7	1.4
Commodities less food	131.8	132.2	132.2	131.7	-0.9	0.0	-1.5	-0.3	-0.5	-0.9
Nondurables less food	134.5	134.9	135.1	134.7	-0.3	0.0	-0.3	0.6	-0.1	0.1
Nondurables less food and apparel	138.9	139.9	141.1	140.5	-1.1	-0.6	0.0	4.7	-0.9	2.3
Nondurables	147.5	147.8	148.3	148.2	1.1	1.4	0.5	1.9	1.2	1.2
Services less rent of shelter (4).....	192.8	193.3	193.5	193.8	2.8	1.7	1.0	2.1	2.2	1.6
Services less medical care services	180.0	180.5	180.5	180.9	3.2	2.5	2.3	2.0	2.9	2.1
Energy	100.1	99.0	98.8	98.8	-5.6	-6.8	-5.4	-5.1	-6.2	-5.2
All items less energy	172.5	173.0	173.2	173.3	2.6	2.1	2.1	1.9	2.4	2.0
All items less food and energy	175.0	175.6	175.7	175.8	2.6	2.1	1.8	1.8	2.3	1.8
Commodities less food and energy commodities	143.5	144.4	144.4	143.8	0.8	1.4	-0.3	0.8	1.1	0.3
Energy commodities	88.4	86.2	86.2	85.8	-13.0	-10.7	-9.0	-11.3	-11.9	-10.1
Services less energy services	192.8	193.1	193.4	193.8	3.4	2.5	3.0	2.1	3.0	2.5

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)

CPI-U	Pricing sched- ule (1)	All items									
		Indexes				Percent change to Feb.1999 from--			Percent change to Jan.1999 from--		
		Nov. 1998	Dec. 1998	Jan. 1999	Feb. 1999	Feb. 1998	Dec. 1998	Jan. 1999	Jan. 1998	Nov. 1998	Dec. 1998
U.S. city average	M	164.0	163.9	164.3	164.5	1.6	0.4	0.1	1.7	0.2	0.2
Region and area size(2)											
Northeast urban	M	171.2	171.2	171.4	171.6	1.5	0.2	0.1	1.5	0.1	0.1
Size A - More than 1,500,000	M	172.2	172.2	172.5	172.4	1.4	0.1	-0.1	1.8	0.2	0.2
Size B/C 50,000 to 1,500,000 (3).....	M	102.6	102.5	102.6	103.0	1.6	0.5	0.4	1.0	0.0	0.1
Midwest urban	M	160.1	159.8	160.4	160.5	1.6	0.4	0.1	1.8	0.2	0.4
Size A - More than 1,500,000	M	161.3	161.0	161.6	161.8	1.8	0.5	0.1	2.0	0.2	0.4
Size B/C - 50,000 to 1,500,000 (3).....	M	102.4	102.3	102.6	102.6	1.0	0.3	0.0	1.4	0.2	0.3
Size D - Nonmetropolitan (less than 50,000)	M	154.7	155.0	155.5	155.6	1.9	0.4	0.1	1.7	0.5	0.3
South urban	M	159.6	159.6	159.9	160.0	1.4	0.3	0.1	1.5	0.2	0.2
Size A - More than 1,500,000	M	158.6	158.3	158.9	158.9	1.4	0.4	0.0	1.5	0.2	0.4
Size B/C - 50,000 to 1,500,000 (3).....	M	102.8	102.8	102.9	103.0	1.4	0.2	0.1	1.4	0.1	0.1
Size D - Nonmetropolitan (less than 50,000)	M	160.0	160.4	160.8	160.9	1.9	0.3	0.1	2.1	0.5	0.2
West urban	M	165.8	165.8	166.4	166.9	2.3	0.7	0.3	2.1	0.4	0.4
Size A - More than 1,500,000	M	166.5	166.5	167.3	167.8	2.6	0.8	0.3	2.4	0.5	0.5
Size B/C - 50,000 to 1,500,000 (3).....	M	103.5	103.4	103.6	103.8	1.5	0.4	0.2	1.3	0.1	0.2
Size classes											
A (4).....	M	148.5	148.4	148.9	149.0	1.8	0.4	0.1	2.0	0.3	0.3
B/C (3).....	M	102.8	102.7	102.9	103.0	1.3	0.3	0.1	1.3	0.1	0.2
D	M	159.9	160.2	160.6	160.7	1.8	0.3	0.1	1.8	0.4	0.2

Selected local areas(5)

Chicago-Gary-Kenosha, IL-IN-WI	M	165.4	165.1	166.1	166.4	2.0	0.8	0.2	2.0	0.4	0.6
Los Angeles-Riverside-Orange County, CA	M	163.4	163.5	164.2	164.6	2.2	0.7	0.2	2.0	0.5	0.4
New York-Northern N.J.-Long Island, NY-NJ-CT-PA	M	174.7	174.7	175.0	175.1	1.4	0.2	0.1	1.7	0.2	0.2
Boston-Brockton-Nashua, MA-NH-ME-CT	1	173.3	-	174.1	-	-	-	-	1.7	0.5	-
Cleveland-Akron, OH	1	160.8	-	160.6	-	-	-	-	1.5	-0.1	-
Dallas-Fort Worth, TX	1	154.0	-	155.0	-	-	-	-	1.9	0.6	-
Washington-Baltimore, DC-MD-VA-WV (6).....	1	102.4	-	102.8	-	-	-	-	1.8	0.4	-
Atlanta, GA	2	-	161.6	-	161.9	1.5	0.2	-	-	-	-
Detroit-Ann Arbor-Flint, MI	2	-	161.2	-	161.2	1.7	0.0	-	-	-	-
Houston-Galveston-Brazoria, TX	2	-	146.1	-	146.6	0.3	0.3	-	-	-	-
Miami-Fort Lauderdale, FL	2	-	161.1	-	161.4	0.7	0.2	-	-	-	-
Philadelphia-Wilmington-Atlantic City, PA-NJ-DE-MD	2	-	169.0	-	168.6	1.0	-0.2	-	-	-	-
San Francisco-Oakland-San Jose, CA	2	-	167.4	-	169.4	3.8	1.2	-	-	-	-
Seattle-Tacoma-Bremerton, WA	2	-	169.4	-	170.6	2.5	0.7	-	-	-	-

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 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	Unadjusted indexes	Unadjusted	
			percent change to Feb. 1999 from-	Seasonally adjusted percent change from-

	1998	Jan. 1999	Feb. 1999	Feb. 1998	Jan. 1999	Nov. to Dec.	Dec. to Jan.	Jan. to Feb.
Expenditure category								
All items	100.000	161.0	161.1	1.6	0.1	0.2	0.2	0.0
All items (1967=100)	-	479.7	479.8	-	-	-	-	-
Food and beverages	18.011	163.1	163.0	2.4	-0.1	0.1	0.4	0.1
Food	16.966	162.8	162.6	2.4	-0.1	0.0	0.5	0.1
Food at home	10.832	163.1	162.6	2.3	-0.3	-0.1	0.6	0.1
Cereals and bakery products	1.689	184.0	183.5	2.3	-0.3	0.1	0.8	-0.4
Meats, poultry, fish, and eggs	3.055	146.0	146.7	-0.3	0.5	-0.3	-0.8	1.0
Dairy and related products (1).....	1.193	161.1	162.2	10.0	0.7	1.2	2.4	0.7
Fruits and vegetables	1.492	207.3	199.3	3.6	-3.9	-0.1	2.6	-1.4
Nonalcoholic beverages and beverage materials	1.184	132.5	133.4	-0.1	0.7	-0.3	0.6	0.2
Other food at home	2.220	152.4	152.6	2.8	0.1	-0.4	-0.2	0.1
Sugar and sweets .....	.420	151.8	151.3	1.2	-0.3	0.3	-0.1	-0.2
Fats and oils .....	.354	150.1	150.6	6.5	0.3	-1.9	-1.8	0.2
Other foods	1.446	167.7	168.1	2.4	0.2	-0.2	0.2	0.2
Other miscellaneous foods (1) (2).....	.355	104.2	105.9	5.4	1.6	0.0	-0.7	1.6
Food away from home (1).....	6.133	163.5	163.8	2.6	0.2	0.2	0.3	0.2
Other food away from home (1) (2).....	.216	103.6	103.7	3.4	0.1	0.0	0.2	0.1
Alcoholic beverages	1.045	166.5	167.6	2.3	0.7	0.3	0.1	0.5
Housing	36.685	158.1	158.4	2.1	0.2	0.2	0.0	0.1
Shelter	27.496	179.3	179.9	3.0	0.3	0.2	0.1	0.2
Rent of primary residence (3).....	8.500	174.9	175.3	3.4	0.2	0.3	0.2	0.2
Lodging away from home (2) (3).....	1.379	107.1	110.3	1.6	3.0	-0.7	-2.1	-0.5
Owners' equivalent rent of primary residence (3) (4).....	17.296	173.9	174.2	3.0	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2
Tenants' and household insurance (1) (2)..	.320	100.1	100.4	0.2	0.3	0.0	-0.2	0.3
Fuels and utilities	4.850	126.0	125.8	-1.0	-0.2	-0.2	-0.2	0.2
Fuels	3.928	110.4	110.2	-1.8	-0.2	-0.2	-0.3	0.1
Fuel oil and other fuels .....	.201	87.1	86.8	-8.7	-0.3	-2.1	0.0	-1.4
Gas (piped) and electricity (3).....	3.727	117.7	117.5	-1.4	-0.2	-0.2	-0.3	0.2
Household furnishings and operations	4.339	125.0	124.8	0.1	-0.2	0.1	-0.1	-0.3
Apparel	5.199	127.1	128.5	-1.5	1.1	-0.5	-1.1	-0.4
Men's and boys' apparel	1.474	128.1	129.9	-0.2	1.4	-0.5	-0.7	0.8
Women's and girls' apparel	1.948	116.4	118.8	-2.9	2.1	-0.4	-1.9	-0.9

Infants' and toddlers' apparel (1).....	.344	130.8	127.2	3.3	-2.8	-1.4	-0.1	-2.8
Footwear	1.057	126.1	125.4	-1.6	-0.6	-0.5	-0.9	-1.2
Transportation	19.166	139.1	138.3	-1.8	-0.6	-0.5	-0.1	-0.4
Private transportation	18.109	136.5	135.6	-2.0	-0.7	-0.5	-0.2	-0.5
New and used motor vehicles (2).....	9.250	100.6	99.9	-0.3	-0.7	-0.2	-0.5	-0.9
New vehicles	5.224	145.5	145.0	-0.3	-0.3	0.1	0.1	-0.5
Used cars and trucks (1).....	3.216	151.8	149.6	-0.2	-1.4	-0.6	-1.6	-1.4
Motor fuel	3.066	85.0	83.5	-11.3	-1.8	-2.7	0.2	-0.6
Gasoline (all types)	3.045	84.5	83.0	-11.3	-1.8	-2.7	0.2	-0.5
Motor vehicle parts and equipment .....	.682	100.6	100.5	-0.4	-0.1	-0.2	0.0	-0.2
Motor vehicle maintenance and repair	1.690	171.2	171.8	3.2	0.4	0.2	0.2	0.2
Public transportation (1).....	1.056	186.8	189.1	0.6	1.2	0.5	0.9	1.2
Medical care	4.672	245.8	246.9	3.4	0.4	0.2	0.3	0.2
Medical care commodities .....	.926	222.4	223.2	3.6	0.4	0.4	0.0	0.2
Medical care services	3.746	251.0	252.3	3.4	0.5	0.2	0.4	0.2
Professional services (3).....	2.415	227.3	228.3	3.3	0.4	0.3	0.3	0.1
Hospital and related services (3).....	1.114	290.4	292.4	3.9	0.7	0.2	0.8	0.4
Recreation (2).....	5.925	101.2	101.3	0.6	0.1	0.1	0.4	-0.2
Video and audio (1) (2).....	1.951	101.3	101.4	0.2	0.1	0.1	0.4	-0.6
Education and communication (2).....	5.361	101.2	101.2	1.4	0.0	-0.2	0.3	0.2
Education (2).....	2.478	105.1	105.5	5.1	0.4	0.4	0.4	0.8
Educational books and supplies .....	.200	260.8	263.9	5.8	1.2	0.4	-0.6	1.2
Tuition, other school fees, and childcare	2.278	296.6	297.8	5.0	0.4	0.4	0.4	0.8
Communication (1) (2).....	2.883	98.1	97.7	-1.6	-0.4	-0.7	0.3	-0.4
Information and information processing (1) (2).....	2.733	97.8	97.4	-1.9	-0.4	-0.7	0.1	-0.4
Telephone services (1) (2).....	2.519	100.8	100.5	0.5	-0.3	-0.8	0.4	-0.3
Information and information processing other than telephone services (1) (5) .....	.213	35.0	34.4	-24.9	-1.7	-1.6	-2.8	-1.7
Personal computers and peripheral equipment (1) (2).....	.120	61.1	59.3	-34.9	-2.9	-2.0	-4.5	-2.9
Other goods and services	4.981	259.2	258.3	12.0	-0.3	5.8	2.5	-0.2
Tobacco and smoking products	1.694	354.5	348.9	33.6	-1.6	18.7	6.4	-1.3
Personal care (1).....	3.287	159.1	159.6	3.0	0.3	0.1	0.5	0.3
Personal care products (1).....	.838	150.7	150.8	2.2	0.1	-0.1	0.7	0.1
Personal care services (1).....	.975	169.1	169.6	3.1	0.3	0.4	0.3	0.3
Miscellaneous personal services	1.253	239.1	240.8	4.2	0.7	0.4	0.5	0.4

Commodity and service group

Commodities	46.764	142.5	142.2	0.6	-0.2	0.3	0.2	-0.3
Food and beverages	18.011	163.1	163.0	2.4	-0.1	0.1	0.4	0.1
Commodities less food and beverages	28.753	130.4	129.9	-0.5	-0.4	0.5	0.1	-0.5
Nondurables less food and beverages	15.564	132.0	131.8	0.2	-0.2	0.7	0.4	-0.5
Apparel	5.199	127.1	128.5	-1.5	1.1	-0.5	-1.1	-0.4
Nondurables less food, beverages, and apparel	10.365	139.2	138.2	1.1	-0.7	1.4	1.2	-0.5
Durables	13.189	126.9	126.1	-1.3	-0.6	-0.1	-0.4	-0.7
Services	53.236	183.0	183.5	2.5	0.3	0.2	0.1	0.2
Rent of shelter (4).....	27.175	172.7	173.2	3.0	0.3	0.3	0.0	0.2
Transportation services	6.800	186.4	186.8	0.8	0.2	0.1	0.1	0.3
Other services	10.144	217.1	217.7	3.1	0.3	0.0	0.5	0.2

Special indexes

All items less food	83.034	160.5	160.6	1.4	0.1	0.2	0.1	-0.1
All items less shelter	72.504	155.9	155.8	1.1	-0.1	0.3	0.2	-0.1
All items less medical care	95.328	157.1	157.1	1.5	0.0	0.2	0.2	-0.1
Commodities less food	29.798	131.8	131.3	-0.4	-0.4	0.5	0.1	-0.5
Nondurables less food	16.609	134.1	134.0	0.4	-0.1	0.5	0.4	-0.5
Nondurables less food and apparel	11.410	140.9	140.0	1.2	-0.6	1.3	0.9	-0.4
Nondurables	33.575	147.8	147.7	1.4	-0.1	0.3	0.3	-0.1
Services less rent of shelter (4).....	26.061	171.9	172.3	1.8	0.2	0.2	0.1	0.1
Services less medical care services	49.490	177.3	177.8	2.4	0.3	0.2	0.1	0.2
Energy	6.994	97.0	96.1	-6.2	-0.9	-1.3	-0.1	-0.2
All items less energy	93.006	169.8	170.0	2.2	0.1	0.3	0.2	0.0
All items less food and energy	76.040	171.6	171.9	2.2	0.2	0.4	0.1	0.0
Commodities less food and energy commodities	26.531	144.0	143.7	1.1	-0.2	0.8	0.0	-0.5
Energy commodities	3.267	85.2	83.8	-11.1	-1.6	-2.6	0.2	-0.7
Services less energy services	49.509	190.3	190.9	2.7	0.3	0.2	0.2	0.2
Purchasing power of the consumer dollar	-	\$.621	\$.621	-	-	-	-	-
Purchasing power of the consumer dollar - old base	-	\$.208	\$.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

equipment (1) (2).....	65.3	64.0	61.1	59.3	-34.7	-42.9	-29.2	-32.0	-38.9	-30.6
Other goods and services	239.2	253.0	259.3	258.7	6.6	3.6	4.1	36.8	5.1	19.4
Tobacco and smoking products	280.1	332.6	353.8	349.3	12.0	9.2	7.9	141.8	10.6	61.6
Personal care (1).....	158.1	158.3	159.1	159.6	4.5	1.3	2.3	3.8	2.9	3.1
Personal care products (1).....	149.8	149.6	150.7	150.8	8.1	-2.4	0.5	2.7	2.7	1.6
Personal care services (1).....	168.0	168.6	169.1	169.6	3.0	3.2	2.4	3.9	3.1	3.1
Miscellaneous personal services	237.4	238.4	239.5	240.4	3.3	4.0	4.5	5.2	3.7	4.8
Commodity and service group										
Commodities	142.2	142.6	142.9	142.5	0.3	0.6	0.8	0.8	0.4	0.8
Food and beverages	162.1	162.2	162.9	163.1	2.0	2.3	2.8	2.5	2.1	2.6
Commodities less food and beverages	130.3	130.9	131.0	130.3	-0.9	-0.3	-0.6	0.0	-0.6	-0.3
Nondurables less food and beverages	131.9	132.8	133.3	132.6	-0.6	0.0	-0.6	2.1	-0.3	0.8
Apparel	132.0	131.4	129.9	129.4	0.0	2.1	0.0	-7.6	1.1	-3.9
Nondurables less food, beverages, and apparel	136.3	138.2	139.8	139.1	-2.0	-0.9	-0.9	8.5	-1.4	3.7
Durables	127.3	127.2	126.7	125.8	-0.6	0.6	-0.3	-4.6	0.0	-2.5
Services	182.6	182.9	183.1	183.5	3.2	1.8	2.7	2.0	2.5	2.3
Rent of shelter (4).....	172.3	172.8	172.8	173.1	3.6	2.9	4.0	1.9	3.2	3.0
Transportation services	185.5	185.7	185.9	186.5	0.9	0.6	-0.6	2.2	0.8	0.8
Other services	216.3	216.4	217.4	217.8	4.4	1.9	3.2	2.8	3.1	3.0
Special indexes										
All items less food	160.1	160.5	160.7	160.6	1.8	1.0	1.5	1.3	1.4	1.4
All items less shelter	155.5	155.9	156.2	156.0	1.3	0.8	0.8	1.3	1.0	1.0
All items less medical care	156.7	157.0	157.3	157.2	1.6	1.3	1.8	1.3	1.4	1.5
Commodities less food	131.9	132.5	132.6	131.9	-0.9	-0.3	-0.6	0.0	-0.6	-0.3
Nondurables less food	134.0	134.7	135.3	134.6	-0.3	-0.6	0.3	1.8	-0.4	1.0
Nondurables less food and apparel	138.2	140.0	141.3	140.8	-1.4	-0.9	-0.3	7.7	-1.1	3.6
Nondurables	147.1	147.6	148.1	148.0	0.8	1.7	0.8	2.5	1.2	1.6
Services less rent of shelter (4).....	171.6	171.9	172.1	172.3	3.1	1.7	0.9	1.6	2.4	1.3
Services less medical care services	177.0	177.4	177.5	177.8	3.5	2.1	2.5	1.8	2.8	2.2
Energy	99.3	98.0	97.9	97.7	-5.3	-7.9	-5.1	-6.3	-6.6	-5.7
All items less energy	169.2	169.7	170.1	170.1	2.2	2.2	2.4	2.1	2.2	2.3
All items less food and energy	171.3	171.9	172.1	172.1	2.4	2.1	2.4	1.9	2.3	2.1
Commodities less food and energy commodities	143.4	144.6	144.6	143.9	0.8	1.4	0.8	1.4	1.1	1.1
Energy commodities	88.6	86.3	86.5	85.9	-12.6	-11.5	-8.5	-11.6	-12.0	-10.1
Services less energy services	190.0	190.3	190.6	191.0	3.3	2.6	3.0	2.1	2.9	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 schedule (1)	All items									
		Indexes				Percent change to Feb.1999 from--			Percent change to Jan.1999 from--		
		Nov. 1998	Dec. 1998	Jan. 1999	Feb. 1999	Feb. 1998	Dec. 1998	Jan. 1999	Jan. 1998	Nov. 1998	Dec. 1998
U.S. city average	M	160.7	160.7	161.0	161.1	1.6	0.2	0.1	1.6	0.2	0.2
Region and area size(2)											
Northeast urban	M	168.2	168.2	168.4	168.3	1.4	0.1	-0.1	1.6	0.1	0.1
Size A - More than 1,500,000	M	168.2	168.2	168.5	168.1	1.4	-0.1	-0.2	1.9	0.2	0.2
Size B/C 50,000 to 1,500,000 (3).....	M	102.2	102.3	102.4	102.6	1.5	0.3	0.2	1.1	0.2	0.1
Midwest urban	M	156.2	156.0	156.6	156.5	1.5	0.3	-0.1	1.8	0.3	0.4
Size A - More than 1,500,000	M	156.7	156.5	157.1	157.2	1.9	0.4	0.1	2.1	0.3	0.4
Size B/C - 50,000 to 1,500,000 (3).....	M	102.1	102.0	102.3	102.2	0.8	0.2	-0.1	1.2	0.2	0.3
Size D - Nonmetropolitan (less than 50,000)	M	152.9	153.3	153.6	153.4	1.7	0.1	-0.1	1.8	0.5	0.2
South urban	M	157.7	157.8	157.9	158.0	1.5	0.1	0.1	1.3	0.1	0.1
Size A - More than 1,500,000	M	156.2	156.0	156.4	156.4	1.4	0.3	0.0	1.3	0.1	0.3
Size B/C - 50,000 to 1,500,000 (3).....	M	102.4	102.5	102.5	102.6	1.5	0.1	0.1	1.3	0.1	0.0
Size D - Nonmetropolitan (less than 50,000)	M	160.6	160.8	161.1	161.0	1.9	0.1	-0.1	2.2	0.3	0.2
West urban	M	161.8	161.8	162.4	162.7	2.1	0.6	0.2	1.9	0.4	0.4

Size A - More than 1,500,000	M	160.7	160.8	161.6	161.9	2.5	0.7	0.2	2.3	0.6	0.5
Size B/C - 50,000 to 1,500,000 (3).....	M	103.3	103.3	103.4	103.6	1.4	0.3	0.2	1.2	0.1	0.1

Size classes

A (4).....	M	147.0	146.9	147.4	147.4	1.8	0.3	0.0	1.9	0.3	0.3
B/C (3).....	M	102.4	102.5	102.6	102.6	1.3	0.1	0.0	1.3	0.2	0.1
D	M	159.1	159.2	159.6	159.4	1.7	0.1	-0.1	1.9	0.3	0.3

Selected local areas(5)

Chicago-Gary-Kenosha, IL-IN-WI	M	159.9	159.6	160.5	160.6	2.0	0.6	0.1	2.0	0.4	0.6
Los Angeles-Riverside-Orange County, CA	M	157.0	157.2	157.8	158.1	2.0	0.6	0.2	1.7	0.5	0.4
New York-Northern N.J.-Long Island, NY-NJ-CT-PA	M	170.5	170.5	170.8	170.6	1.4	0.1	-0.1	1.8	0.2	0.2
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	-	158.8	-	159.1	1.6	0.2	-	-	-	-
Detroit-Ann Arbor-Flint, MI	2	-	155.9	-	155.8	1.9	-0.1	-	-	-	-
Houston-Galveston-Brazoria, TX	2	-	144.8	-	145.0	0.2	0.1	-	-	-	-
Miami-Fort Lauderdale, FL	2	-	158.7	-	158.8	1.0	0.1	-	-	-	-
Philadelphia-Wilmington-Atlantic City, PA-NJ-DE-MD	2	-	168.5	-	167.8	1.0	-0.4	-	-	-	-
San Francisco-Oakland-San Jose, CA	2	-	163.7	-	165.7	3.8	1.2	-	-	-	-
Seattle-Tacoma-Bremerton, WA	2	-	164.9	-	166.0	2.3	0.7	-	-	-	-

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 Feb. 1999 from-	
		Jan. 1999	Feb. 1999	Feb. 1998	Jan. 1999
Expenditure category					
All items	100.000	164.4	164.7	1.7	0.2
All items (1967=100)	-	492.5	493.3	-	-
Food and beverages	16.408	163.9	163.8	2.5	-0.1
Food	15.422	163.6	163.4	2.5	-0.1
Food at home	9.691	164.3	163.8	2.4	-0.3
Cereals and bakery products	1.544	183.9	183.8	2.3	-0.1
Meats, poultry, fish, and eggs	2.569	146.7	147.3	-0.1	0.4
Dairy and related products	1.088	161.1	162.2	9.8	0.7
Fruits and vegetables	1.440	208.4	200.4	3.4	-3.8
Nonalcoholic beverages and beverage materials	1.049	133.4	134.4	-0.3	0.7
Other food at home	2.002	152.9	153.1	2.7	0.1
Sugar and sweets .....	.377	151.6	151.2	1.1	-0.3
Fats and oils .....	.309	150.4	150.6	6.4	0.1
Other foods	1.316	167.6	168.1	2.4	0.3
Other miscellaneous foods (1).....	.320	104.2	105.8	5.4	1.5
Food away from home	5.730	163.6	163.9	2.7	0.2
Other food away from home (1).....	.175	103.5	103.7	3.3	0.2
Alcoholic beverages .....	.986	167.6	168.6	2.2	0.6
Housing	39.828	161.9	162.4	2.3	0.3
Shelter	30.283	184.8	185.6	3.1	0.4
Rent of primary residence	7.007	175.3	175.6	3.4	0.2
Lodging away from home (1).....	2.376	107.7	111.3	1.8	3.3
Owners' equivalent rent of primary residence (2).....	20.529	191.0	191.3	3.1	0.2
Tenants' and household insurance (1).....	.371	99.7	100.1	-0.1	0.4
Fuels and utilities	4.735	126.2	126.0	-1.1	-0.2

Fuels	3.801	110.9	110.6	-2.0	-0.3
Fuel oil and other fuels .....	.227	86.6	86.2	-9.5	-0.5
Gas (piped) and electricity	3.574	118.3	118.0	-1.4	-0.3
Household furnishings and operations	4.810	126.9	126.8	0.6	-0.1
Apparel	4.831	128.6	130.9	-0.8	1.8
Men's and boys' apparel	1.358	128.5	130.6	-0.2	1.6
Women's and girls' apparel	1.939	118.8	122.4	-1.5	3.0
Infants' and toddlers' apparel .....	.272	130.7	127.0	3.2	-2.8
Footwear .....	.876	125.8	125.8	-0.6	0.0
Transportation	16.999	140.4	139.8	-1.6	-0.4
Private transportation	15.653	136.7	135.9	-1.8	-0.6
New and used motor vehicles (1).....	7.843	100.6	99.9	-0.3	-0.7
New vehicles	4.983	144.4	143.8	-0.4	-0.4
Used cars and trucks	1.914	150.7	148.4	0.0	-1.5
Motor fuel	2.493	85.0	83.6	-11.2	-1.6
Gasoline (all types).....	2.476	84.5	83.1	-11.1	-1.7
Motor vehicle parts and equipment .....	.549	101.2	100.9	-0.5	-0.3
Motor vehicle maintenance and repair	1.624	169.8	170.4	3.0	0.4
Public transportation	1.346	189.9	192.6	0.7	1.4
Medical care	5.713	246.6	247.7	3.5	0.4
Medical care commodities	1.252	226.0	226.9	3.9	0.4
Medical care services	4.461	251.3	252.6	3.4	0.5
Professional services	2.854	225.8	226.8	3.2	0.4
Hospital and related services	1.354	294.4	296.2	3.9	0.6
Recreation (1).....	6.120	101.7	102.0	1.3	0.3
Video and audio (1).....	1.748	101.3	101.5	0.3	0.2
Education and communication (1).....	5.478	101.0	100.9	1.1	-0.1
Education (1).....	2.694	105.0	105.3	4.9	0.3
Educational books and supplies .....	.203	258.4	260.9	5.7	1.0
Tuition, other school fees, and childcare	2.492	302.4	303.2	4.8	0.3
Communication (1).....	2.783	97.4	97.0	-2.2	-0.4
Information and information processing					
(1).....	2.580	97.0	96.5	-2.6	-0.5
Telephone services (1).....	2.327	100.7	100.4	0.4	-0.3
Information and information processing					
other than telephone services (3)...	.253	33.9	33.3	-24.8	-1.8
Personal computers and peripheral					
equipment (1).....	.148	61.6	59.8	-34.5	-2.9
Other goods and services	4.624	255.1	254.8	9.3	-0.1

Tobacco and smoking products	1.159	352.9	347.8	33.2	-1.4
Personal care	3.465	158.9	159.4	2.8	0.3
Personal care products .....	.742	149.4	149.3	1.8	-0.1
Personal care services .....	.973	168.8	169.4	3.1	0.4
Miscellaneous personal services	1.491	239.1	240.9	3.8	0.8
Commodity and service group					
Commodities	42.109	142.5	142.4	0.6	-0.1
Food and beverages	16.408	163.9	163.8	2.5	-0.1
Commodities less food and beverages	25.702	130.0	129.8	-0.5	-0.2
Nondurables less food and beverages	14.345	132.0	132.3	0.2	0.2
Apparel	4.831	128.6	130.9	-0.8	1.8
Nondurables less food, beverages, and apparel	9.514	138.8	137.9	0.5	-0.6
Durables	11.356	127.1	126.5	-1.3	-0.5
Services	57.891	186.4	187.0	2.5	0.3
Rent of shelter (2).....	29.912	192.4	193.2	3.0	0.4
Transportation services	6.963	188.8	189.4	0.8	0.3
Other services	10.768	220.6	221.2	3.2	0.3
Special indexes					
All items less food	84.578	164.6	164.9	1.6	0.2
All items less shelter	69.717	158.2	158.2	1.2	0.0
All items less medical care	94.287	159.9	160.1	1.7	0.1
Commodities less food	26.688	131.5	131.4	-0.4	-0.1
Nondurables less food	15.331	134.1	134.4	0.2	0.2
Nondurables less food and apparel	10.500	140.6	139.9	0.7	-0.5
Nondurables	30.753	148.0	148.1	1.4	0.1
Services less rent of shelter (2).....	27.979	193.4	193.8	1.9	0.2
Services less medical care services	53.429	180.4	181.0	2.5	0.3
Energy	6.294	98.1	97.3	-5.7	-0.8
All items less energy	93.706	173.0	173.4	2.2	0.2
All items less food and energy	78.284	175.4	175.9	2.2	0.3
Commodities less food and energy commodities	23.967	143.9	144.0	0.9	0.1
Energy commodities	2.720	85.2	83.9	-11.0	-1.5
Services less energy services	54.316	193.3	194.1	2.8	0.4
Purchasing power of the consumer dollar (1982-84=\$1.00)	-	\$.608	\$.607	-	-
Purchasing power of the consumer dollar (1967=\$1.00)	-	\$.203	\$.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(LAS). 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 Feb. 1999 from-	
		Jan. 1999	Feb. 1999	Feb. 1998	Jan. 1999
Expenditure category					
All items	100.000	161.1	161.2	1.7	0.1
All items (1967=100)	-	479.8	480.1	-	-
Food and beverages	18.011	163.1	163.1	2.4	0.0
Food	16.966	162.8	162.7	2.5	-0.1
Food at home	10.832	163.1	162.6	2.3	-0.3
Cereals and bakery products	1.689	183.7	183.4	2.2	-0.2
Meats, poultry, fish, and eggs	3.055	146.3	146.9	-0.2	0.4
Dairy and related products	1.193	161.0	162.1	10.0	0.7
Fruits and vegetables	1.492	207.2	199.3	3.6	-3.8
Nonalcoholic beverages and beverage materials	1.184	132.3	133.3	-0.2	0.8
Other food at home	2.220	152.3	152.5	2.7	0.1
Sugar and sweets .....	.420	151.6	151.1	1.1	-0.3
Fats and oils .....	.354	150.0	150.2	6.2	0.1
Other foods	1.446	167.5	167.9	2.3	0.2
Other miscellaneous foods (1).....	.355	104.2	105.7	5.2	1.4
Food away from home	6.133	163.5	163.9	2.7	0.2
Other food away from home (1).....	.216	103.6	103.7	3.4	0.1
Alcoholic beverages	1.045	166.5	167.7	2.3	0.7
Housing	36.685	158.1	158.5	2.2	0.3

Shelter	27.496	179.4	180.0	3.1	0.3
Rent of primary residence	8.500	174.9	175.3	3.4	0.2
Lodging away from home (1).....	1.379	107.7	111.0	2.2	3.1
Owners' equivalent rent of primary residence (2).....	17.296	173.9	174.2	3.0	0.2
Tenants' and household insurance (1).....	.320	100.1	100.4	0.2	0.3
Fuels and utilities	4.850	126.0	125.8	-1.0	-0.2
Fuels	3.928	110.4	110.2	-1.8	-0.2
Fuel oil and other fuels .....	.201	87.1	86.8	-8.7	-0.3
Gas (piped) and electricity	3.727	117.7	117.5	-1.4	-0.2
Household furnishings and operations	4.339	125.0	124.9	0.2	-0.1
Apparel	5.199	127.8	129.7	-0.5	1.5
Men's and boys' apparel	1.474	128.4	130.4	0.2	1.6
Women's and girls' apparel	1.948	117.4	120.4	-1.6	2.6
Infants' and toddlers' apparel .....	.344	131.5	128.0	4.0	-2.7
Footwear	1.057	126.3	126.3	-0.9	0.0
Transportation	19.166	139.1	138.4	-1.8	-0.5
Private transportation	18.109	136.6	135.7	-2.0	-0.7
New and used motor vehicles (1).....	9.250	100.6	99.9	-0.3	-0.7
New vehicles	5.224	145.5	144.9	-0.4	-0.4
Used cars and trucks	3.216	151.9	149.7	-0.1	-1.4
Motor fuel	3.066	85.0	83.5	-11.3	-1.8
Gasoline (all types)	3.045	84.5	83.0	-11.3	-1.8
Motor vehicle parts and equipment .....	.682	100.6	100.5	-0.4	-0.1
Motor vehicle maintenance and repair	1.690	171.1	171.8	3.2	0.4
Public transportation	1.056	186.3	188.7	0.4	1.3
Medical care	4.672	245.8	247.0	3.5	0.5
Medical care commodities .....	.926	222.6	223.4	3.7	0.4
Medical care services	3.746	251.0	252.3	3.4	0.5
Professional services	2.415	227.3	228.3	3.3	0.4
Hospital and related services	1.114	290.4	292.4	3.9	0.7
Recreation (1).....	5.925	101.3	101.4	0.7	0.1
Video and audio (1).....	1.951	101.2	101.4	0.2	0.2
Education and communication (1).....	5.361	101.2	101.2	1.4	0.0
Education (1).....	2.478	105.1	105.5	5.1	0.4
Educational books and supplies .....	.200	260.8	263.5	5.7	1.0
Tuition, other school fees, and childcare	2.278	296.6	297.7	5.0	0.4
Communication (1).....	2.883	98.1	97.7	-1.6	-0.4
Information and information processing (1).....	2.733	97.8	97.5	-1.8	-0.3

Telephone services (1).....	2.519	100.8	100.6	0.6	-0.2
Information and information processing other than telephone services (3)...	.213	35.1	34.5	-24.7	-1.7
Personal computers and peripheral equipment (1).....	.120	61.3	59.4	-34.8	-3.1
Other goods and services	4.981	258.7	258.0	11.9	-0.3
Tobacco and smoking products	1.694	353.1	348.0	33.3	-1.4
Personal care	3.287	159.0	159.6	3.0	0.4
Personal care products .....	.838	150.2	150.3	1.8	0.1
Personal care services .....	.975	169.1	169.7	3.2	0.4
Miscellaneous personal services	1.253	239.3	241.1	4.3	0.8
Commodity and service group					
Commodities	46.764	142.6	142.3	0.7	-0.2
Food and beverages	18.011	163.1	163.1	2.4	0.0
Commodities less food and beverages	28.753	130.5	130.1	-0.3	-0.3
Nondurables less food and beverages	15.564	132.2	132.2	0.5	0.0
Apparel	5.199	127.8	129.7	-0.5	1.5
Nondurables less food, beverages, and apparel	10.365	139.1	138.1	1.0	-0.7
Durables	13.189	126.9	126.2	-1.2	-0.6
Services	53.236	183.1	183.6	2.5	0.3
Rent of shelter (2).....	27.175	172.7	173.3	3.1	0.3
Transportation services	6.800	186.4	186.9	0.9	0.3
Other services	10.144	217.2	217.8	3.1	0.3
Special indexes					
All items less food	83.034	160.6	160.8	1.5	0.1
All items less shelter	72.504	156.0	155.9	1.2	-0.1
All items less medical care	95.328	157.2	157.2	1.6	0.0
Commodities less food	29.798	131.9	131.6	-0.2	-0.2
Nondurables less food	16.609	134.2	134.3	0.6	0.1
Nondurables less food and apparel	11.410	140.8	139.9	1.2	-0.6
Nondurables	33.575	147.9	147.9	1.6	0.0
Services less rent of shelter (2).....	26.061	171.9	172.3	1.8	0.2
Services less medical care services	49.490	177.3	177.8	2.4	0.3
Energy	6.994	97.0	96.1	-6.2	-0.9
All items less energy	93.006	169.9	170.1	2.3	0.1
All items less food and energy	76.040	171.7	172.0	2.3	0.2
Commodities less food and energy commodities	26.531	144.1	144.0	1.3	-0.1
Energy commodities	3.267	85.2	83.8	-11.1	-1.6

Services less energy services	49.509	190.4	191.0	2.8	0.3
Purchasing power of the consumer dollar (1982-84=\$1.00)	-	\$.621	\$.620	-	-
Purchasing power of the consumer dollar (1967=\$1.00)	-	\$.208	\$.208	-	-

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3 Indexes on a December 1988=100 base.

- Data not available.

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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 Feb.1999 from--		
		Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.
		1998	1998	1999	1999	1998	1998	1999
U.S. city average	M	164.0	163.9	164.4	164.7	0.4	0.5	0.2
Region and area size(2)								
Northeast urban	M	171.2	171.2	171.6	171.7	0.3	0.3	0.1
Size A - More than 1,500,000	M	172.2	172.2	172.6	172.6	0.2	0.2	0.0
Size B/C 50,000 to 1,500,000 (3).....	M	102.6	102.5	102.8	103.0	0.4	0.5	0.2
Midwest urban	M	160.1	159.8	160.4	160.6	0.3	0.5	0.1
Size A - More than 1,500,000	M	161.3	161.0	161.6	161.9	0.4	0.6	0.2
Size B/C - 50,000 to 1,500,000 (3).....	M	102.4	102.3	102.6	102.7	0.3	0.4	0.1
Size D - Nonmetropolitan (less than 50,000)	M	154.7	155.0	155.6	155.7	0.6	0.5	0.1
South urban	M	159.6	159.6	160.0	160.2	0.4	0.4	0.1
Size A - More than 1,500,000	M	158.6	158.3	158.9	159.1	0.3	0.5	0.1
Size B/C - 50,000 to 1,500,000 (3).....	M	102.8	102.8	102.9	103.1	0.3	0.3	0.2

Size D - Nonmetropolitan (less than 50,000)	M	160.0	160.4	160.9	161.1	0.7	0.4	0.1
West urban	M	165.8	165.8	166.5	167.0	0.7	0.7	0.3
Size A - More than 1,500,000	M	166.5	166.5	167.3	167.9	0.8	0.8	0.4
Size B/C - 50,000 to 1,500,000 (3).....	M	103.5	103.4	103.7	103.9	0.4	0.5	0.2

Size classes

A (4).....	M	148.5	148.4	148.9	149.1	0.4	0.5	0.1
B/C (3).....	M	102.8	102.7	103.0	103.1	0.3	0.4	0.1
D	M	159.9	160.2	160.6	160.8	0.6	0.4	0.1

Selected local areas

Chicago-Gary-Kenosha, IL-IN-WI	M	165.4	165.1	166.0	166.4	0.6	0.8	0.2
Los Angeles-Riverside-Orange County, CA	M	163.4	163.5	164.2	164.7	0.8	0.7	0.3
New York-Northern N.J.-Long Island, NY-NJ-CT-PA	M	174.7	174.7	175.2	175.4	0.4	0.4	0.1
Boston-Brockton-Nashua, MA-NH-ME-CT	1	173.3	-	174.1	-	-	-	-
Cleveland-Akron, OH	1	160.8	-	160.6	-	-	-	-
Dallas-Fort Worth, TX	1	154.0	-	155.2	-	-	-	-
Washington-Baltimore, DC-MD-VA-WV (5).....	1	102.4	-	102.8	-	-	-	-
Atlanta, GA	2	-	161.6	-	162.1	-	0.3	-
Detroit-Ann Arbor-Flint, MI	2	-	161.2	-	161.3	-	0.1	-
Houston-Galveston-Brazoria, TX	2	-	146.1	-	146.8	-	0.5	-
Miami-Fort Lauderdale, FL	2	-	161.1	-	161.4	-	0.2	-
Philadelphia-Wilmington-Atlantic City, PA-NJ-DE-MD	2	-	169.0	-	168.7	-	-0.2	-
San Francisco-Oakland-San Jose, CA	2	-	167.4	-	169.5	-	1.3	-
Seattle-Tacoma-Bremerton, WA	2	-	169.4	-	170.8	-	0.8	-

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5 Indexes on a November 1996=100 base.

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Table 4(LAS). Consumer Price Index for Urban Wage Earners and Clerical Workers (CPI-W-XL): Selected areas, all items index using a Laspeyres Estimator

(1982-84=100, unless otherwise noted)

CPI-W	Pricing schedule (1)	Indexes				Percent change to Feb.1999 from--		
		Nov. 1998	Dec. 1998	Jan. 1999	Feb. 1999	Nov. 1998	Dec. 1998	Jan. 1999
U.S. city average	M	160.7	160.7	161.1	161.2	0.3	0.3	0.1
Region and area size(2)								
Northeast urban	M	168.2	168.2	168.5	168.4	0.1	0.1	-0.1
Size A - More than 1,500,000	M	168.2	168.2	168.5	168.3	0.1	0.1	-0.1
Size B/C 50,000 to 1,500,000 (3).....	M	102.2	102.3	102.5	102.7	0.5	0.4	0.2
Midwest urban	M	156.2	156.0	156.6	156.6	0.3	0.4	0.0
Size A - More than 1,500,000	M	156.7	156.5	157.1	157.2	0.3	0.4	0.1
Size B/C - 50,000 to 1,500,000 (3).....	M	102.1	102.0	102.3	102.3	0.2	0.3	0.0
Size D - Nonmetropolitan (less than 50,000)	M	152.9	153.3	153.7	153.5	0.4	0.1	-0.1
South urban	M	157.7	157.8	158.0	158.1	0.3	0.2	0.1
Size A - More than 1,500,000	M	156.2	156.0	156.5	156.5	0.2	0.3	0.0
Size B/C - 50,000 to 1,500,000 (3).....	M	102.4	102.5	102.5	102.7	0.3	0.2	0.2
Size D - Nonmetropolitan (less than 50,000)	M	160.6	160.8	161.2	161.2	0.4	0.2	0.0
West urban	M	161.8	161.8	162.5	162.8	0.6	0.6	0.2
Size A - More than 1,500,000	M	160.7	160.8	161.6	162.0	0.8	0.7	0.2
Size B/C - 50,000 to 1,500,000 (3).....	M	103.3	103.3	103.5	103.7	0.4	0.4	0.2
Size classes								
A (4).....	M	147.0	146.9	147.4	147.5	0.3	0.4	0.1

B/C (3).....	M	102.4	102.5	102.6	102.7	0.3	0.2	0.1
D	M	159.1	159.2	159.6	159.5	0.3	0.2	-0.1

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Chicago-Gary-Kenosha, IL-IN-WI	M	159.9	159.6	160.5	160.6	0.4	0.6	0.1
Los Angeles-Riverside-Orange County, CA	M	157.0	157.2	157.9	158.1	0.7	0.6	0.1
New York-Northern N.J.-Long Island, NY-NJ-CT-PA	M	170.5	170.5	170.9	170.8	0.2	0.2	-0.1
Boston-Brockton-Nashua, MA-NH-ME-CT	1	171.5	-	172.2	-	-	-	-
Cleveland-Akron, OH	1	152.8	-	152.8	-	-	-	-
Dallas-Fort Worth, TX	1	153.8	-	154.8	-	-	-	-
Washington-Baltimore, DC-MD-VA-WV (5).....	1	102.2	-	102.7	-	-	-	-
Atlanta, GA	2	-	158.8	-	159.3	-	0.3	-
Detroit-Ann Arbor-Flint, MI	2	-	155.9	-	155.9	-	0.0	-
Houston-Galveston-Brazoria, TX	2	-	144.8	-	145.2	-	0.3	-
Miami-Fort Lauderdale, FL	2	-	158.7	-	158.8	-	0.1	-
Philadelphia-Wilmington-Atlantic City, PA-NJ-DE-MD	2	-	168.5	-	167.9	-	-0.4	-
San Francisco-Oakland-San Jose, CA	2	-	163.7	-	165.8	-	1.3	-
Seattle-Tacoma-Bremerton, WA	2	-	164.9	-	166.2	-	0.8	-

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