



All Items	.2	.2	.1	.1	.1	.2	.7	3.9	2.3
Food and beverages	.5	.2	.1	.4	.2	-.2	.1	.2	2.3
Housing	.2	.3	.1	-.1	.1	.2	.4	3.0	2.2
Apparel	.0	-.1	-.6	-1.1	-.2	-.3	1.5	4.0	-.4
Transportation	.1	-.1	-.4	-.1	-.1	.7	2.4	12.5	2.0
Medical care	.2	.2	.3	.3	.2	.2	.4	3.4	3.5
Recreation	-.2	.1	.1	.4	-.1	.0	.3	.8	.9
Education and communication	.1	.3	-.2	.3	.1	.0	.1	.8	.8
Other goods and services	.3	-.3	4.2	2.0	-.1	-.6	1.0	1.1	9.1
Special Indexes									
Energy	.1	-.3	-1.1	-.2	.0	1.6	6.1	35.0	3.0
Food	.5	.1	.1	.5	.1	-.2	.1	.0	2.3
All Items less food and energy	.2	.1	.3	.1	.1	.1	.4	2.3	2.2

During the first four months of 1999, the CPI-U rose at a 3.3-percent seasonally adjusted annual rate (SAAR). This compares with an increase of 1.6 percent for all of 1998. The index for energy, which acted as a moderating influence on overall consumer price index movements in 1998--down 8.8 percent--turned up sharply during the first four months of 1999, increasing at a 24.5 percent annual rate. Food costs, which rose 2.3-percent in 1998, have increased at a 1.5-percent SAAR thus far in 1999. Excluding food and energy, the CPI-U has advanced at a 1.9-percent rate thus far in 1999, compared with a 2.4 percent rise for all of 1998. The more moderate rate of advance this year is largely due to smaller increases in the indexes for shelter and for tobacco and smoking products

The food and beverages index rose 0.1 percent in April. The index for food at home, which decreased 0.5 percent in March, increased 0.1 percent in April. The indexes for fruits and vegetables, for meats, poultry, fish and eggs, and for other food at home, each of which declined in March, turned up in April, more than offsetting another decline in the index for dairy products. The index for fruits and vegetables, which declined 2.2 percent in March, rose 1.4 percent in April. A 3.8 percent increase in the index for fresh fruits more than offset small declines in the indexes for fresh vegetables and for processed fruits and vegetables. The index for meats, poultry, fish, and eggs rose 0.3 percent in April, reflecting price increases for beef, pork, and fish and seafood. The index for dairy products, reflecting sharp declines in the basic formula support prices, fell 3.3 percent in April, following a 0.5 percent decrease in March. Among the other major grocery store food groups, the indexes for cereal and bakery products and for other food at home rose 0.4 and 0.3

percent, respectively, while the index for nonalcoholic beverages declined 0.3 percent. The other two components of the food and beverage index-- food away from home and alcoholic beverages--each rose 0.2 percent.

The housing component rose 0.4 percent in April. Shelter costs, which increased 0.3 percent in March, advanced 0.4 percent in April. Within shelter, the indexes for rent and for owners' equivalent rent each rose 0.3 percent, and the cost of lodging away from home increased 1.9 percent. (Prior to seasonal adjustment, the cost of lodging while away from home rose 0.1 percent in April.) The index for fuels and utilities rose 0.2 percent in April. The index for household fuels increased 0.1 percent, as advances in the indexes for fuel oil and for electricity more than offset a 0.6 percent decline in the index for natural gas. The indexes for fuel oil and for electricity increased 3.8 and 0.2 percent, respectively. The index for household furnishings and operations increased 0.2 percent in April.

The transportation component rose 2.4 percent in April. The index for gasoline, which turned up in March, rose 15.0 percent in April, accounting for more than 90 percent of the overall April transportation advance. (Prior to seasonal adjustment, gasoline prices increased 17.0 percent, the largest monthly advance since gasoline prices were introduced into the CPI in 1935.) Despite the record monthly rise, gasoline prices are 15.5 percent lower than their peak level in November 1990. The index for new and used vehicles rose 0.2 percent in April, the first increase since November. The index for new vehicles rose 0.1 percent and the index for used cars and trucks increased 0.6 percent in April. (Prior to seasonal adjustment, new vehicle prices fell 0.1 percent.) Public transportation costs increased 1.3 percent in April, reflecting a 2.0 percent rise in airline fares. In the five-month period ended in April, airline fares have risen 12.5 percent.

The index for apparel rose 1.5 percent in April, its first monthly increase since August. (Prior to seasonal adjustment, apparel prices rose 1.9 percent, further reflecting the introduction of higher-priced spring-summer wear.)

Medical care costs rose 0.4 percent in April to a level 3.5 percent above a year ago. The index for medical care commodities--prescription drugs, nonprescription drugs, and medical supplies--increased 0.6 percent. The index for medical care services rose 0.3 percent. Charges for professional services and for hospital and related services increased 0.3 and 0.1 percent, respectively.

The index for recreation costs, which was unchanged in March,

increased 0.3 percent in April. A 1.3 percent increase in the index for admissions to movies, theaters, concerts, and sporting events more than offset small decreases in most recreational goods.

The index for education and communication rose 0.1 percent in April. Educational costs rose 0.4 percent, while the index for communication declined 0.3 percent. Within the latter group, the indexes for personal computers and peripheral equipment and for telephone services declined 1.4 and 0.2 percent, respectively.

The index for other goods and services increased 1.0 percent in April, following a 0.6 percent decrease in March. The index for tobacco and smoking products, which declined 3.5 percent in March, rose 3.6 percent in April. The March decline and April increase largely reflect variations in the discounting of selected major cigarette brands.

#### 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 0.7 percent in April.

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 Apr. '99	Un- adjusted 12-mos. ended Apr. '99
	Changes from preceding month								
	1998		1999						
	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.		
All Items	.2	.2	.2	.2	.0	.1	.7	3.5	2.3
Food and beverages	.4	.2	.1	.4	.1	-.2	.1	.0	2.2
Housing	.2	.3	.2	.0	.1	.3	.3	2.6	2.1
Apparel	.4	-.1	-.5	-1.1	-.4	-.4	1.4	2.5	-.2
Transportation	.2	-.1	-.5	-.1	-.4	.6	2.6	12.0	1.9
Medical care	.2	.2	.2	.3	.2	.3	.4	3.6	3.5
Recreation	-.3	.1	.1	.4	-.2	-.1	.2	-.4	.4
Education and communication	.1	.3	-.2	.3	.2	.0	-.1	.4	.8
Other goods and services	.2	-.5	5.8	2.5	-.2	-1.0	1.4	.6	11.7
Special Indexes									
Energy	.2	-.4	-1.3	-.1	-.2	2.0	6.4	38.0	3.4
Food	.4	.2	.0	.5	.1	-.2	.1	.0	2.2
All Items less food and energy	.1	.2	.4	.1	.0	.0	.4	1.6	2.2

Consumer Price Index data for May are scheduled for release on Wednesday, June 16, 1999, at 8:30 A.M. (EDT).

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#### 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 March to April, the Old Series CPI-U and the Old Series CPI-W each rose 0.7 percent; these series are not seasonally adjusted. (The unadjusted CPI-U and CPI-W using the new method of calculating the elementary aggregates rose 0.7 and 0.8 percent, respectively, in April.)

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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:

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





Expenditure category

All items .....	100.000	165.0	166.2	2.3	0.7	0.1	0.2	0.7
All items (1967=100) .....	-	494.4	497.8	-	-	-	-	-
Food and beverages .....	16.408	163.7	163.9	2.3	0.1	0.2	-0.2	0.1
Food .....	15.422	163.3	163.4	2.3	0.1	0.1	-0.2	0.1
Food at home .....	9.691	163.4	163.5	2.1	0.1	0.1	-0.5	0.1
Cereals and bakery products .....	1.544	183.5	184.8	2.6	0.7	-0.4	0.2	0.4
Meats, poultry, fish, and eggs .....	2.569	146.8	146.7	0.3	-0.1	0.9	-0.2	0.3
Dairy and related products (1).....	1.088	161.5	156.1	5.1	-3.3	0.7	-0.5	-3.3
Fruits and vegetables .....	1.440	199.9	203.3	2.9	1.7	-1.1	-2.2	1.4
Nonalcoholic beverages and beverage materials .....	1.049	134.5	134.3	0.3	-0.1	0.2	0.1	-0.3
Other food at home .....	2.002	152.9	153.6	2.7	0.5	0.1	-0.2	0.3
Sugar and sweets .....	.377	151.0	151.7	1.1	0.5	-0.1	-0.3	0.5
Fats and oils .....	.309	149.4	149.0	5.9	-0.3	0.2	-0.9	-0.2
Other foods .....	1.316	168.1	169.2	2.5	0.7	0.2	0.0	0.5
Other miscellaneous foods (1) (2).....	.320	104.9	105.6	3.8	0.7	1.7	-0.9	0.7
Food away from home (1).....	5.730	164.2	164.5	2.7	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2
Other food away from home (1) (2).....	.175	103.7	104.0	3.4	0.3	0.2	0.0	0.3
Alcoholic beverages .....	.986	168.4	168.8	2.2	0.2	0.4	-0.1	0.2
Housing .....	39.828	162.8	163.0	2.2	0.1	0.1	0.2	0.4
Shelter .....	30.283	186.3	186.6	3.1	0.2	0.2	0.3	0.4
Rent of primary residence (3).....	7.007	176.0	176.4	3.3	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.3
Lodging away from home (2) (3).....	2.376	114.5	114.6	4.0	0.1	-0.5	1.8	1.9
Owners' equivalent rent of primary residence (3) (4).....	20.529	191.5	191.9	3.0	0.2	0.3	0.1	0.3
Tenants' and household insurance (1) (2)..	.371	100.2	100.3	-0.1	0.1	0.4	0.1	0.1
Fuels and utilities .....	4.735	125.9	125.7	-1.0	-0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2
Fuels .....	3.801	110.5	110.2	-1.9	-0.3	0.3	0.3	0.1
Fuel oil and other fuels .....	.227	86.2	87.7	-5.5	1.7	-1.4	1.0	2.7
Gas (piped) and electricity (3).....	3.574	117.9	117.5	-1.6	-0.3	0.4	0.3	-0.1
Household furnishings and operations .....	4.810	126.7	127.2	0.2	0.4	-0.2	-0.1	0.2
Apparel .....	4.831	132.7	135.2	-0.4	1.9	-0.2	-0.3	1.5
Men's and boys' apparel .....	1.358	131.4	133.5	0.1	1.6	0.6	-0.8	1.6
Women's and girls' apparel .....	1.939	126.3	128.7	-1.7	1.9	-0.4	0.4	1.1
Infants' and toddlers' apparel (1).....	.272	125.6	128.2	1.3	2.1	-2.8	-0.6	2.1
Footwear .....	.876	126.4	129.2	1.0	2.2	-1.3	0.7	1.1

Transportation .....	16.999	140.6	144.3	2.0	2.6	-0.1	0.7	2.4
Private transportation .....	15.653	136.4	140.1	1.7	2.7	-0.3	0.5	2.6
New and used motor vehicles (2).....	7.843	99.6	99.7	-0.4	0.1	-0.7	-0.2	0.2
New vehicles .....	4.983	143.4	143.3	-0.7	-0.1	-0.3	-0.2	0.1
Used cars and trucks (1).....	1.914	147.4	148.3	0.1	0.6	-1.5	-0.6	0.6
Motor fuel .....	2.493	86.3	100.9	10.0	16.9	-0.3	3.6	15.0
Gasoline (all types) .....	2.476	85.8	100.4	10.2	17.0	-0.5	3.7	15.0
Motor vehicle parts and equipment .....	.549	100.1	100.3	-0.2	0.2	-0.4	-0.6	0.5
Motor vehicle maintenance and repair .....	1.624	170.6	170.9	3.1	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.3
Public transportation (1).....	1.346	198.8	201.4	4.1	1.3	1.4	3.0	1.3
Medical care .....	5.713	248.3	249.1	3.5	0.3	0.2	0.2	0.4
Medical care commodities .....	1.252	227.7	229.3	4.1	0.7	0.2	0.4	0.6
Medical care services .....	4.461	253.1	253.5	3.3	0.2	0.3	0.2	0.3
Professional services (3).....	2.854	227.4	228.2	3.2	0.4	0.1	0.3	0.3
Hospital and related services (3).....	1.354	296.6	296.3	3.7	-0.1	0.5	0.3	0.1
Recreation (2).....	6.120	101.8	102.0	0.9	0.2	-0.1	0.0	0.3
Video and audio (1) (2).....	1.748	101.2	101.0	-0.4	-0.2	-0.5	-0.5	-0.1
Education and communication (2).....	5.478	100.8	100.7	0.8	-0.1	0.1	0.0	0.1
Education (2).....	2.694	105.4	105.5	4.8	0.1	0.8	0.4	0.4
Educational books and supplies .....	.203	261.4	261.2	5.0	-0.1	1.2	0.3	0.2
Tuition, other school fees, and childcare .....	2.492	303.5	303.8	4.8	0.1	0.7	0.4	0.4
Communication (1) (2).....	2.783	96.6	96.3	-3.0	-0.3	-0.4	-0.3	-0.3
Information and information processing (1) (2).....	2.580	96.1	95.8	-3.4	-0.3	-0.4	-0.4	-0.3
Telephone services (1) (2).....	2.327	100.2	100.0	-0.5	-0.2	-0.3	-0.2	-0.2
Information and information processing other than telephone services (1) (5) .....	.253	32.4	32.1	-25.0	-0.9	-1.5	-2.7	-0.9
Personal computers and peripheral equipment (1) (2).....	.148	57.6	56.8	-34.4	-1.4	-2.8	-3.5	-1.4
Other goods and services .....	4.624	253.3	256.1	9.1	1.1	-0.1	-0.6	1.0
Tobacco and smoking products .....	1.159	335.9	349.9	32.8	4.2	-1.4	-3.5	3.6
Personal care (1).....	3.465	160.0	160.2	2.8	0.1	0.3	0.4	0.1
Personal care products (1).....	.742	150.8	150.9	2.4	0.1	-0.1	0.7	0.1
Personal care services (1).....	.973	169.9	170.3	3.1	0.2	0.3	0.4	0.2
Miscellaneous personal services .....	1.491	241.1	241.4	3.4	0.1	0.4	0.1	0.1
Commodity and service group								
Commodities .....	42.109	142.6	144.6	1.8	1.4	-0.2	-0.1	1.3
Food and beverages .....	16.408	163.7	163.9	2.3	0.1	0.2	-0.2	0.1
Commodities less food and beverages .....	25.702	130.2	133.2	1.7	2.3	-0.4	0.0	2.1

Nondurables less food and beverages .....	14.345	133.2	138.6	4.2	4.1	-0.2	0.3	3.4
Apparel .....	4.831	132.7	135.2	-0.4	1.9	-0.2	-0.3	1.5
Nondurables less food, beverages, and apparel .....	9.514	138.5	145.7	6.7	5.2	-0.4	0.7	4.4
Durables .....	11.356	126.0	126.1	-1.6	0.1	-0.6	-0.2	0.0
Services .....	57.891	187.6	187.8	2.5	0.1	0.2	0.3	0.3
Rent of shelter (4).....	29.912	193.9	194.3	3.1	0.2	0.1	0.4	0.4
Transportation services .....	6.963	190.7	191.0	1.4	0.2	0.4	0.8	0.2
Other services .....	10.768	221.3	221.7	2.8	0.2	0.2	0.1	0.3

Special indexes

All items less food .....	84.578	165.3	166.7	2.3	0.8	0.1	0.2	0.8
All items less shelter .....	69.717	158.5	159.9	1.9	0.9	0.0	0.1	0.9
All items less medical care .....	94.287	160.5	161.6	2.2	0.7	0.0	0.2	0.7
Commodities less food .....	26.688	131.7	134.6	1.7	2.2	-0.4	0.1	2.0
Nondurables less food .....	15.331	135.3	140.4	4.0	3.8	-0.3	0.4	3.2
Nondurables less food and apparel .....	10.500	140.5	147.0	6.2	4.6	-0.4	0.7	4.0
Nondurables .....	30.753	148.5	151.4	3.2	2.0	-0.1	0.2	1.3
Services less rent of shelter (4).....	27.979	194.2	194.5	1.9	0.2	0.2	0.3	0.3
Services less medical care services .....	53.429	181.5	181.8	2.5	0.2	0.2	0.3	0.3
Energy .....	6.294	98.4	105.0	3.0	6.7	0.0	1.6	6.1
All items less energy .....	93.706	173.7	174.2	2.2	0.3	0.1	0.1	0.4
All items less food and energy .....	78.284	176.2	176.8	2.2	0.3	0.1	0.1	0.4
Commodities less food and energy commodities .....	23.967	143.9	144.9	0.8	0.7	-0.4	-0.3	0.6
Energy commodities .....	2.720	86.4	99.9	8.8	15.6	-0.5	3.5	14.0
Services less energy services .....	54.316	194.7	195.0	2.8	0.2	0.2	0.3	0.4
Purchasing power of the consumer dollar .....	-	\$ .606	\$ .602	-	-	-	-	-
Purchasing power of the consumer dollar - old base .....	-	\$ .202	\$ .201	-	-	-	-	-

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

CPI-U

3 months ended--

6 months  
ended--

Jan.      Feb.      Mar.      Apr.  
1999      1999      1999      1999

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

Expenditure category

All items .....	164.6	164.7	165.0	166.2	2.0	1.5	1.7	3.9	1.7	2.8
Food and beverages .....	163.5	163.8	163.4	163.6	3.0	3.3	2.7	0.2	3.2	1.5
Food .....	163.3	163.5	163.2	163.3	3.3	3.3	2.7	0.0	3.3	1.4
Food at home .....	163.5	163.7	162.9	163.0	3.6	3.5	2.5	-1.2	3.5	0.6
Cereals and bakery products .....	184.4	183.6	183.9	184.6	2.5	2.7	4.5	0.4	2.6	2.4
Meats, poultry, fish, and eggs .....	145.5	146.8	146.5	147.0	1.6	0.3	-5.1	4.2	1.0	-0.5
Dairy and related products (1).....	161.2	162.3	161.5	156.1	-0.8	19.7	17.0	-12.1	8.9	1.4
Fruits and vegetables .....	204.8	202.6	198.1	200.9	13.1	1.6	6.3	-7.4	7.2	-0.8
Nonalcoholic beverages and beverage materials .....	133.4	133.7	133.9	133.5	-0.3	-1.2	2.4	0.3	-0.7	1.4
Other food at home .....	152.9	153.1	152.8	153.3	4.9	4.6	0.5	1.1	4.7	0.8
Sugar and sweets .....	151.1	151.0	150.6	151.3	-0.3	2.7	1.3	0.5	1.2	0.9
Fats and oils .....	150.2	150.5	149.1	148.8	20.2	27.8	-14.9	-3.7	23.9	-9.5
Other foods .....	167.6	167.9	167.9	168.7	3.2	0.2	4.2	2.7	1.7	3.4
Other miscellaneous foods (1) (2).....	104.1	105.9	104.9	105.6	3.6	3.6	2.3	5.9	3.6	4.1
Food away from home (1).....	163.5	163.8	164.2	164.5	2.3	3.0	3.0	2.5	2.6	2.7
Other food away from home (1) (2).....	103.5	103.7	103.7	104.0	4.0	4.4	3.2	1.9	4.2	2.5
Alcoholic beverages .....	167.6	168.3	168.1	168.5	2.2	2.2	2.2	2.2	2.2	2.2
Housing .....	161.9	162.1	162.5	163.1	2.0	2.3	1.5	3.0	2.1	2.2
Shelter .....	184.6	184.9	185.4	186.2	2.9	4.0	2.0	3.5	3.5	2.7
Rent of primary residence (3).....	175.3	175.6	176.0	176.5	3.3	3.8	3.5	2.8	3.5	3.1
Lodging away from home (2) (3).....	101.9	101.4	103.2	105.2	-0.4	11.6	-7.1	13.6	5.4	2.7
Owners' equivalent rent of primary residence (3) (4).....	190.8	191.3	191.5	192.1	3.3	3.2	2.6	2.8	3.2	2.7
Tenants' and household insurance (1) (2)..	99.7	100.1	100.2	100.3	-4.3	1.6	0.0	2.4	-1.4	1.2
Fuels and utilities .....	126.8	127.1	127.4	127.6	-2.2	-4.6	0.0	2.5	-3.4	1.3

Fuels .....	110.8	111.1	111.4	111.5	-2.8	-6.2	-1.1	2.6	-4.5	0.7
Fuel oil and other fuels .....	84.8	83.6	84.4	86.7	-6.0	-12.2	-11.4	9.3	-9.2	-1.6
Gas (piped) and electricity (3).....	118.6	119.1	119.4	119.3	-2.9	-5.8	-0.3	2.4	-4.4	1.0
Household furnishings and operations .....	127.0	126.7	126.6	126.9	1.0	-0.9	1.0	-0.3	0.0	0.3
Apparel .....	130.8	130.6	130.2	132.1	0.0	1.5	-7.0	4.0	0.8	-1.6
Men's and boys' apparel .....	130.3	131.1	130.1	132.2	-0.3	0.3	-5.3	6.0	0.0	0.2
Women's and girls' apparel .....	122.2	121.7	122.2	123.5	0.3	0.3	-11.0	4.3	0.3	-3.6
Infants' and toddlers' apparel (1).....	130.0	126.4	125.6	128.2	-13.8	29.7	-0.6	-5.4	5.8	-3.0
Footwear .....	127.1	125.5	126.4	127.8	6.5	-0.3	-4.0	2.2	3.0	-0.9
Transportation .....	140.4	140.2	141.2	144.6	0.0	-1.4	-2.5	12.5	-0.7	4.7
Private transportation .....	136.8	136.4	137.1	140.6	0.3	-1.2	-2.9	11.6	-0.4	4.1
New and used motor vehicles (2).....	100.5	99.8	99.6	99.8	1.2	0.8	-0.8	-2.8	1.0	-1.8
New vehicles .....	143.5	143.0	142.7	142.8	-0.8	-0.3	0.6	-1.9	-0.6	-0.7
Used cars and trucks (1).....	150.6	148.3	147.4	148.3	8.6	4.6	-6.1	-6.0	6.6	-6.0
Motor fuel .....	86.4	86.1	89.2	102.6	-4.2	-10.0	-14.3	98.9	-7.2	30.5
Gasoline (all types).....	86.0	85.6	88.8	102.1	-4.7	-9.7	-14.0	98.7	-7.2	30.7
Motor vehicle parts and equipment .....	101.0	100.6	100.0	100.5	2.0	0.8	-1.6	-2.0	1.4	-1.8
Motor vehicle maintenance and repair .....	169.8	170.2	170.6	171.1	2.9	4.1	2.6	3.1	3.5	2.9
Public transportation (1).....	190.4	193.1	198.8	201.4	-2.9	-4.3	1.1	25.2	-3.6	12.5
Medical care .....	246.9	247.5	248.1	249.0	3.7	3.7	3.3	3.4	3.7	3.4
Medical care commodities .....	226.2	226.6	227.5	228.8	3.9	5.1	2.9	4.7	4.5	3.8
Medical care services .....	251.3	252.1	252.6	253.3	3.6	3.1	3.4	3.2	3.4	3.3
Professional services (3).....	226.1	226.4	227.0	227.7	3.5	3.5	2.9	2.9	3.5	2.9
Hospital and related services (3).....	293.5	295.0	296.0	296.3	3.7	3.1	4.3	3.9	3.4	4.1
Recreation (2).....	101.6	101.5	101.5	101.8	0.4	0.4	2.4	0.8	0.4	1.6
Video and audio (1) (2).....	101.7	101.2	100.7	100.6	0.4	1.6	1.2	-4.3	1.0	-1.6
Education and communication (2).....	101.0	101.1	101.1	101.2	2.0	-1.2	1.6	0.8	0.4	1.2
Education (2).....	105.0	105.8	106.2	106.6	4.4	3.9	4.7	6.2	4.2	5.5
Educational books and supplies .....	256.4	259.4	260.3	260.7	4.3	9.4	-0.3	6.9	6.8	3.2
Tuition, other school fees, and childcare .....	301.2	303.3	304.4	305.6	4.6	3.6	4.9	6.0	4.1	5.4
Communication (1) (2).....	97.3	96.9	96.6	96.3	-0.8	-5.1	-2.0	-4.0	-3.0	-3.0
Information and information processing (1) (2).....	96.9	96.5	96.1	95.8	-0.8	-5.5	-2.8	-4.5	-3.2	-3.7
Telephone services (1) (2).....	100.7	100.4	100.2	100.0	4.0	-3.1	0.0	-2.8	0.4	-1.4
Information and information processing other than telephone services (1) (5) .....	33.8	33.3	32.4	32.1	-30.3	-27.3	-23.2	-18.7	-28.9	-20.9
Personal computers and peripheral equipment (1) (2).....	61.4	59.7	57.6	56.8	-43.1	-35.1	-31.5	-26.8	-39.2	-29.2
Other goods and services .....	255.9	255.6	254.1	256.6	5.7	5.7	25.7	1.1	5.7	12.7

Tobacco and smoking products .....	353.9	349.0	336.9	348.9	17.7	15.8	142.2	-5.5	16.7	51.2
Personal care (1).....	158.9	159.4	160.0	160.2	2.9	2.8	2.0	3.3	2.8	2.7
Personal care products (1).....	149.9	149.8	150.8	150.9	5.0	0.8	1.3	2.7	2.9	2.0
Personal care services (1).....	168.8	169.3	169.9	170.3	2.2	3.4	3.1	3.6	2.8	3.4
Miscellaneous personal services .....	239.4	240.4	240.7	241.0	3.7	3.8	3.8	2.7	3.7	3.2

Commodity and service group

Commodities .....	142.8	142.5	142.4	144.3	1.1	0.8	1.4	4.3	1.0	2.8
Food and beverages .....	163.5	163.8	163.4	163.6	3.0	3.3	2.7	0.2	3.2	1.5
Commodities less food and beverages .....	130.6	130.1	130.1	132.8	0.0	-0.6	0.3	6.9	-0.3	3.6
Nondurables less food and beverages .....	133.0	132.7	133.1	137.6	2.1	0.3	0.6	14.6	1.2	7.4
Apparel .....	130.8	130.6	130.2	132.1	0.0	1.5	-7.0	4.0	0.8	-1.6
Nondurables less food, beverages, and apparel .....	139.3	138.7	139.7	145.8	1.8	0.0	5.6	20.0	0.9	12.6
Durables .....	126.8	126.0	125.7	125.7	-0.3	-1.6	-1.3	-3.4	-0.9	-2.3
Services .....	186.5	186.9	187.5	188.1	2.4	2.2	2.2	3.5	2.3	2.8
Rent of shelter (4).....	192.5	192.7	193.4	194.1	3.0	4.3	1.9	3.4	3.6	2.6
Transportation services .....	188.4	189.1	190.6	191.0	-0.2	-0.6	1.1	5.6	-0.4	3.3
Other services .....	220.8	221.3	221.6	222.2	3.2	1.8	3.7	2.6	2.5	3.1

Special indexes

All items less food .....	164.7	164.8	165.2	166.6	1.5	1.5	1.5	4.7	1.5	3.1
All items less shelter .....	158.4	158.4	158.5	159.9	1.3	0.8	1.8	3.8	1.0	2.8
All items less medical care .....	159.9	159.9	160.2	161.4	1.8	1.5	1.8	3.8	1.7	2.8
Commodities less food .....	132.2	131.7	131.8	134.4	0.3	-0.6	0.3	6.8	-0.2	3.5
Nondurables less food .....	135.1	134.7	135.2	139.5	1.8	0.6	0.9	13.7	1.2	7.1
Nondurables less food and apparel .....	141.1	140.5	141.5	147.2	2.0	0.3	5.3	18.4	1.2	11.7
Nondurables .....	148.3	148.2	148.5	150.5	3.3	1.4	1.9	6.1	2.3	4.0
Services less rent of shelter (4).....	193.5	193.8	194.4	194.9	2.1	0.4	2.3	2.9	1.3	2.6
Services less medical care services .....	180.5	180.9	181.4	182.0	2.5	2.3	2.0	3.4	2.4	2.7
Energy .....	98.8	98.8	100.4	106.5	-3.4	-7.9	-6.2	35.0	-5.7	12.5
All items less energy .....	173.2	173.3	173.4	174.1	2.1	2.4	2.3	2.1	2.2	2.2
All items less food and energy .....	175.7	175.8	176.0	176.7	2.1	2.3	2.1	2.3	2.2	2.2
Commodities less food and energy commodities .....	144.4	143.8	143.3	144.1	0.8	0.8	2.2	-0.8	0.8	0.7
Energy commodities .....	86.2	85.8	88.8	101.2	-4.2	-10.4	-14.0	90.0	-7.4	27.9
Services less energy services .....	193.4	193.8	194.4	195.1	2.6	3.0	2.3	3.6	2.8	2.9

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)	Indexes				Percent change to Apr.1999 from--			Percent change to Mar.1999 from--		
		Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	Apr.	Feb.	Mar.	Mar.	Jan.	Feb.
		1999	1999	1999	1999	1998	1999	1999	1998	1999	1999
U.S. city average .....	M	164.3	164.5	165.0	166.2	2.3	1.0	0.7	1.7	0.4	0.3
Region and area size(2)											
Northeast urban .....	M	171.4	171.6	171.9	172.8	1.9	0.7	0.5	1.5	0.3	0.2
Size A - More than 1,500,000 .....	M	172.5	172.4	172.8	173.6	2.0	0.7	0.5	1.5	0.2	0.2
Size B/C 50,000 to 1,500,000 (3).....	M	102.6	103.0	103.2	103.9	1.8	0.9	0.7	1.5	0.6	0.2
Midwest urban .....	M	160.4	160.5	161.0	162.2	2.0	1.1	0.7	1.6	0.4	0.3
Size A - More than 1,500,000 .....	M	161.6	161.8	162.4	163.6	2.2	1.1	0.7	1.8	0.5	0.4
Size B/C - 50,000 to 1,500,000 (3).....	M	102.6	102.6	103.0	103.7	1.8	1.1	0.7	1.4	0.4	0.4
Size D - Nonmetropolitan (less than 50,000) .....	M	155.5	155.6	155.7	156.4	2.1	0.5	0.4	1.8	0.1	0.1
South urban .....	M	159.9	160.0	160.6	161.5	1.9	0.9	0.6	1.5	0.4	0.4
Size A - More than 1,500,000 .....	M	158.9	158.9	159.7	160.5	1.8	1.0	0.5	1.6	0.5	0.5
Size B/C - 50,000 to 1,500,000 (3).....	M	102.9	103.0	103.3	103.9	1.9	0.9	0.6	1.5	0.4	0.3
Size D - Nonmetropolitan (less than 50,000) .....	M	160.8	160.9	161.5	162.6	2.2	1.1	0.7	2.0	0.4	0.4
West urban .....	M	166.4	166.9	167.3	169.0	3.3	1.3	1.0	2.4	0.5	0.2
Size A - More than 1,500,000 .....	M	167.3	167.8	168.2	170.0	3.5	1.3	1.1	2.7	0.5	0.2
Size B/C - 50,000 to 1,500,000 (3).....	M	103.6	103.8	104.1	105.1	2.8	1.3	1.0	1.8	0.5	0.3

Size classes

A (4).....	M	148.9	149.0	149.5	150.5	2.4	1.0	0.7	2.0	0.4	0.3
B/C (3).....	M	102.9	103.0	103.3	104.1	2.1	1.1	0.8	1.5	0.4	0.3
D .....	M	160.6	160.7	161.1	162.1	2.3	0.9	0.6	1.9	0.3	0.2

Selected local areas(5)

Chicago-Gary-Kenosha, IL-IN-WI .....	M	166.1	166.4	167.0	167.6	1.7	0.7	0.4	1.8	0.5	0.4
Los Angeles-Riverside-Orange County, CA .....	M	164.2	164.6	165.0	166.6	3.0	1.2	1.0	2.2	0.5	0.2
New York-Northern N.J.-Long Island, NY-NJ-CT-PA .....	M	175.0	175.1	175.5	176.0	1.7	0.5	0.3	1.4	0.3	0.2
Boston-Brockton-Nashua, MA-NH-ME-CT .....	1	174.1	-	174.8	-	-	-	-	2.0	0.4	-
Cleveland-Akron, OH .....	1	160.6	-	161.2	-	-	-	-	1.6	0.4	-
Dallas-Fort Worth, TX .....	1	155.0	-	156.4	-	-	-	-	2.2	0.9	-
Washington-Baltimore, DC-MD-VA-WV (6).....	1	102.8	-	103.2	-	-	-	-	1.6	0.4	-
Atlanta, GA .....	2	-	161.9	-	164.0	2.0	1.3	-	-	-	-
Detroit-Ann Arbor-Flint, MI .....	2	-	161.2	-	164.1	3.1	1.8	-	-	-	-
Houston-Galveston-Brazoria, TX .....	2	-	146.6	-	148.3	1.4	1.2	-	-	-	-
Miami-Fort Lauderdale, FL .....	2	-	161.4	-	161.7	0.9	0.2	-	-	-	-
Philadelphia-Wilmington-Atlantic City, PA-NJ-DE-MD .....	2	-	168.6	-	171.1	2.4	1.5	-	-	-	-
San Francisco-Oakland-San Jose, CA .....	2	-	169.4	-	172.2	4.6	1.7	-	-	-	-
Seattle-Tacoma-Bremerton, WA .....	2	-	170.6	-	172.2	3.5	0.9	-	-	-	-

1 Areas on pricing schedule 2 (see Table 10) will appear next month.

2 Regions defined as the four Census regions. See map in technical notes.

3 Indexes on a December 1996=100 base.

4 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 1998	Unadjusted indexes		Unadjusted percent change to Apr. 1999 from-		Seasonally adjusted percent change from-		
		Mar. 1999	Apr. 1999	Apr. 1998	Mar. 1999	Jan. to Feb.	Feb. to Mar.	Mar. to Apr.
Expenditure category								
All items .....	100.000	161.4	162.7	2.3	0.8	0.0	0.1	0.7
All items (1967=100) .....	-	480.9	484.7	-	-	-	-	-
Food and beverages .....	18.011	162.9	163.0	2.2	0.1	0.1	-0.2	0.1
Food .....	16.966	162.6	162.6	2.2	0.0	0.1	-0.2	0.1
Food at home .....	10.832	162.3	162.2	1.9	-0.1	0.1	-0.4	0.0
Cereals and bakery products .....	1.689	183.2	184.5	2.6	0.7	-0.4	0.2	0.4
Meats, poultry, fish, and eggs .....	3.055	146.4	146.3	0.2	-0.1	1.0	-0.3	0.3
Dairy and related products (1).....	1.193	161.5	155.7	5.1	-3.6	0.7	-0.4	-3.6
Fruits and vegetables .....	1.492	198.7	201.7	2.8	1.5	-1.4	-2.2	1.1
Nonalcoholic beverages and beverage materials .....	1.184	133.6	133.2	0.4	-0.3	0.2	0.2	-0.3
Other food at home .....	2.220	152.3	153.0	2.8	0.5	0.1	-0.2	0.3
Sugar and sweets .....	.420	151.1	151.7	1.1	0.4	-0.2	-0.1	0.5
Fats and oils .....	.354	148.9	148.6	5.8	-0.2	0.2	-1.1	0.0
Other foods .....	1.446	168.0	169.0	2.4	0.6	0.2	0.0	0.4
Other miscellaneous foods (1) (2).....	.355	105.0	105.2	3.4	0.2	1.6	-0.8	0.2
Food away from home (1).....	6.133	164.1	164.4	2.6	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2
Other food away from home (1) (2).....	.216	103.8	104.1	3.5	0.3	0.1	0.1	0.3
Alcoholic beverages .....	1.045	167.3	167.8	2.2	0.3	0.5	-0.4	0.3
Housing .....	36.685	158.8	159.1	2.1	0.2	0.1	0.3	0.3
Shelter .....	27.496	180.5	180.8	3.0	0.2	0.2	0.3	0.3
Rent of primary residence (3).....	8.500	175.6	176.0	3.3	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2
Lodging away from home (2) (3).....	1.379	114.2	114.5	3.8	0.3	-0.5	1.6	1.8
Owners' equivalent rent of primary residence (3) (4).....	17.296	174.5	174.8	2.9	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2
Tenants' and household insurance (1) (2)..	.320	100.6	100.6	0.1	0.0	0.3	0.2	0.0
Fuels and utilities .....	4.850	125.8	125.5	-1.1	-0.2	0.2	0.4	0.1
Fuels .....	3.928	110.0	109.7	-1.9	-0.3	0.1	0.5	0.0
Fuel oil and other fuels .....	.201	86.8	88.1	-5.4	1.5	-1.4	1.1	2.5
Gas (piped) and electricity (3).....	3.727	117.3	116.9	-1.7	-0.3	0.2	0.4	-0.1

Household furnishings and operations .....	4.339	124.9	125.2	-0.3	0.2	-0.3	-0.2	0.2
Apparel .....	5.199	131.1	133.7	-0.2	2.0	-0.4	-0.4	1.4
Men's and boys' apparel .....	1.474	131.6	133.6	0.5	1.5	0.8	-0.5	1.5
Women's and girls' apparel .....	1.948	123.9	126.5	-1.4	2.1	-0.9	0.0	1.2
Infants' and toddlers' apparel (1).....	.344	126.5	129.3	1.9	2.2	-2.8	-0.6	2.2
Footwear .....	1.057	126.8	129.5	0.9	2.1	-1.2	0.5	1.2
Transportation .....	19.166	139.1	142.9	1.9	2.7	-0.4	0.6	2.6
Private transportation .....	18.109	136.2	140.1	1.7	2.9	-0.5	0.6	2.6
New and used motor vehicles (2).....	9.250	99.5	99.7	-0.4	0.2	-0.9	-0.2	0.2
New vehicles .....	5.224	144.5	144.5	-0.7	0.0	-0.5	-0.2	0.1
Used cars and trucks (1).....	3.216	148.7	149.6	0.1	0.6	-1.4	-0.6	0.6
Motor fuel .....	3.066	86.4	100.8	9.7	16.7	-0.6	4.0	14.5
Gasoline (all types) .....	3.045	85.9	100.3	9.9	16.8	-0.5	3.9	14.7
Motor vehicle parts and equipment .....	.682	99.8	99.6	-0.3	-0.2	-0.2	-0.5	0.1
Motor vehicle maintenance and repair .....	1.690	172.0	172.3	3.3	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2
Public transportation (1).....	1.056	194.1	196.4	3.3	1.2	1.2	2.6	1.2
Medical care .....	4.672	247.5	248.2	3.5	0.3	0.2	0.3	0.4
Medical care commodities .....	.926	223.9	225.7	4.0	0.8	0.2	0.3	0.8
Medical care services .....	3.746	252.8	253.3	3.3	0.2	0.2	0.3	0.3
Professional services (3).....	2.415	228.9	229.7	3.2	0.3	0.1	0.2	0.3
Hospital and related services (3).....	1.114	292.8	292.3	3.8	-0.2	0.4	0.3	0.0
Recreation (2).....	5.925	101.3	101.4	0.4	0.1	-0.2	-0.1	0.2
Video and audio (1) (2).....	1.951	101.0	100.8	-0.6	-0.2	-0.6	-0.5	-0.1
Education and communication (2).....	5.361	101.0	100.9	0.8	-0.1	0.2	0.0	-0.1
Education (2).....	2.478	105.6	105.7	5.0	0.1	0.8	0.4	0.4
Educational books and supplies .....	.200	264.0	263.9	5.1	0.0	1.2	0.3	0.2
Tuition, other school fees, and childcare .....	2.278	298.0	298.3	4.9	0.1	0.8	0.4	0.3
Communication (1) (2).....	2.883	97.4	97.0	-2.5	-0.4	-0.4	-0.3	-0.4
Information and information processing (1) (2).....	2.733	97.1	96.7	-2.8	-0.4	-0.4	-0.3	-0.4
Telephone services (1) (2).....	2.519	100.4	100.0	-0.5	-0.4	-0.3	-0.1	-0.4
Information and information processing other than telephone services (1) (5) .....	.213	33.5	33.0	-25.2	-1.5	-1.7	-2.6	-1.5
Personal computers and peripheral equipment (1) (2).....	.120	56.9	55.9	-35.0	-1.8	-2.9	-4.0	-1.8
Other goods and services .....	4.981	255.6	259.5	11.7	1.5	-0.2	-1.0	1.4
Tobacco and smoking products .....	1.694	336.0	350.5	33.0	4.3	-1.3	-3.5	3.9
Personal care (1).....	3.287	160.3	160.4	2.9	0.1	0.3	0.4	0.1
Personal care products (1).....	.838	151.6	151.7	2.2	0.1	0.1	0.5	0.1

Personal care services (1).....	.975	170.2	170.6	3.1	0.2	0.3	0.4	0.2
Miscellaneous personal services .....	1.253	241.4	241.7	4.0	0.1	0.4	0.2	0.0
Commodity and service group								
Commodities .....	46.764	142.5	144.7	2.2	1.5	-0.3	-0.1	1.4
Food and beverages .....	18.011	162.9	163.0	2.2	0.1	0.1	-0.2	0.1
Commodities less food and beverages .....	28.753	130.3	133.6	2.1	2.5	-0.5	0.0	2.2
Nondurables less food and beverages .....	15.564	133.1	139.1	5.1	4.5	-0.5	0.5	3.7
Apparel .....	5.199	131.1	133.7	-0.2	2.0	-0.4	-0.4	1.4
Nondurables less food, beverages, and apparel .....	10.365	138.7	146.7	7.9	5.8	-0.5	0.7	4.9
Durables .....	13.189	125.7	125.8	-1.4	0.1	-0.7	-0.3	0.0
Services .....	53.236	184.0	184.2	2.4	0.1	0.2	0.3	0.2
Rent of shelter (4).....	27.175	173.8	174.1	3.0	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.3
Transportation services .....	6.800	187.8	187.9	1.2	0.1	0.3	0.6	0.1
Other services .....	10.144	217.8	218.1	2.7	0.1	0.2	0.2	0.1
Special indexes								
All items less food .....	83.034	161.1	162.6	2.3	0.9	-0.1	0.2	0.9
All items less shelter .....	72.504	156.1	157.7	2.0	1.0	-0.1	0.1	1.0
All items less medical care .....	95.328	157.5	158.8	2.3	0.8	-0.1	0.1	0.8
Commodities less food .....	29.798	131.8	135.0	2.1	2.4	-0.5	0.0	2.2
Nondurables less food .....	16.609	135.1	140.8	4.9	4.2	-0.5	0.4	3.6
Nondurables less food and apparel .....	11.410	140.5	147.9	7.3	5.3	-0.4	0.6	4.5
Nondurables .....	33.575	148.3	151.4	3.6	2.1	-0.1	0.2	1.7
Services less rent of shelter (4).....	26.061	172.6	172.7	1.7	0.1	0.1	0.3	0.1
Services less medical care services .....	49.490	178.2	178.4	2.3	0.1	0.2	0.2	0.2
Energy .....	6.994	97.5	104.5	3.4	7.2	-0.2	2.0	6.4
All items less energy .....	93.006	170.2	170.7	2.2	0.3	0.0	-0.1	0.4
All items less food and energy .....	76.040	172.2	172.9	2.2	0.4	0.0	0.0	0.4
Commodities less food and energy commodities .....	26.531	143.7	144.8	1.2	0.8	-0.5	-0.5	0.6
Energy commodities .....	3.267	86.6	100.2	8.8	15.7	-0.7	3.7	13.9
Services less energy services .....	49.509	191.5	191.8	2.7	0.2	0.2	0.3	0.3
Purchasing power of the consumer dollar .....	-	\$ .619	\$ .615	-	-	-	-	-
Purchasing power of the consumer dollar - old base .....	-	\$ .208	\$ .206	-	-	-	-	-

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)

CPI-W	Seasonally adjusted indexes				Seasonally adjusted annual rate percent change for					
					3 months ended--				6 months ended--	
	Jan. 1999	Feb. 1999	Mar. 1999	Apr. 1999	July 1998	Oct. 1998	Jan. 1999	Apr. 1999	Oct. 1998	Apr. 1999
Expenditure category										
All items .....	161.3	161.3	161.5	162.7	1.8	1.5	2.3	3.5	1.6	2.9
Food and beverages .....	162.9	163.1	162.8	162.9	3.0	3.0	2.7	0.0	3.0	1.4
Food .....	162.5	162.7	162.4	162.5	3.3	3.0	2.8	0.0	3.2	1.4
Food at home .....	162.4	162.6	161.9	161.9	3.6	3.3	2.5	-1.2	3.4	0.6
Cereals and bakery products .....	184.0	183.3	183.6	184.3	2.9	2.2	4.2	0.7	2.6	2.4
Meats, poultry, fish, and eggs .....	145.1	146.5	146.1	146.6	1.4	0.3	-5.1	4.2	0.8	-0.5
Dairy and related products (1).....	161.1	162.2	161.5	155.7	-1.1	19.7	17.9	-12.7	8.8	1.4
Fruits and vegetables .....	205.0	202.1	197.7	199.9	13.4	2.0	7.6	-9.6	7.6	-1.4
Nonalcoholic beverages and beverage materials .....	132.3	132.5	132.8	132.4	0.3	-1.5	2.8	0.3	-0.6	1.5
Other food at home .....	152.2	152.4	152.1	152.6	4.9	4.0	0.8	1.1	4.5	0.9
Sugar and sweets .....	151.2	150.9	150.7	151.4	-0.3	2.2	2.1	0.5	0.9	1.3
Fats and oils .....	149.8	150.1	148.5	148.5	19.9	27.2	-14.5	-3.4	23.5	-9.2
Other foods .....	167.5	167.8	167.8	168.5	3.2	-0.2	4.4	2.4	1.5	3.4
Other miscellaneous foods (1) (2).....	104.2	105.9	105.0	105.2	4.4	2.0	3.5	3.9	3.2	3.7
Food away from home (1).....	163.5	163.8	164.1	164.4	2.3	3.0	3.0	2.2	2.6	2.6
Other food away from home (1) (2).....	103.6	103.7	103.8	104.1	3.6	5.2	3.1	1.9	4.4	2.5
Alcoholic beverages .....	166.7	167.5	166.9	167.4	2.2	2.0	2.9	1.7	2.1	2.3



(2).....	97.8	97.4	97.1	96.7	0.0	-4.7	-2.0	-4.4	-2.4	-3.2
Telephone services (1) (2).....	100.8	100.5	100.4	100.0	4.0	-2.7	0.0	-3.1	0.6	-1.6
Information and information processing other than telephone services (1) (5)	35.0	34.4	33.5	33.0	-31.0	-25.1	-23.3	-21.0	-28.1	-22.1
Personal computers and peripheral equipment (1) (2).....	61.1	59.3	56.9	55.9	-44.0	-32.2	-32.9	-29.9	-38.4	-31.4
Other goods and services .....	259.3	258.7	256.1	259.7	6.7	6.9	35.6	0.6	6.8	16.8
Tobacco and smoking products .....	353.8	349.3	337.0	350.1	16.4	15.8	141.5	-4.1	16.1	52.2
Personal care (1).....	159.1	159.6	160.3	160.4	2.9	3.4	2.0	3.3	3.1	2.7
Personal care products (1).....	150.7	150.8	151.6	151.7	4.7	0.8	0.8	2.7	2.7	1.7
Personal care services (1).....	169.1	169.6	170.2	170.6	2.2	3.4	3.1	3.6	2.8	3.4
Miscellaneous personal services .....	239.5	240.4	240.9	241.0	3.5	5.2	4.5	2.5	4.4	3.5
Commodity and service group										
Commodities .....	142.9	142.5	142.4	144.4	1.7	0.8	2.0	4.3	1.3	3.1
Food and beverages .....	162.9	163.1	162.8	162.9	3.0	3.0	2.7	0.0	3.0	1.4
Commodities less food and beverages .....	131.0	130.3	130.3	133.2	0.3	-0.3	1.5	6.9	0.0	4.2
Nondurables less food and beverages .....	133.3	132.6	133.2	138.1	2.1	0.9	2.7	15.2	1.5	8.8
Apparel .....	129.9	129.4	128.9	130.7	0.0	3.4	-6.5	2.5	1.7	-2.1
Nondurables less food, beverages, and apparel .....	139.8	139.1	140.1	147.0	1.8	0.3	8.4	22.2	1.0	15.1
Durables .....	126.7	125.8	125.4	125.4	0.6	-0.9	-1.6	-4.0	-0.2	-2.8
Services .....	183.1	183.5	184.1	184.5	2.2	2.0	2.2	3.1	2.1	2.7
Rent of shelter (4).....	172.8	173.1	173.5	174.1	2.6	4.1	2.3	3.0	3.3	2.7
Transportation services .....	185.9	186.5	187.7	187.9	0.0	-0.4	0.9	4.4	-0.2	2.6
Other services .....	217.4	217.8	218.2	218.5	3.2	2.1	3.4	2.0	2.6	2.7
Special indexes										
All items less food .....	160.7	160.6	160.9	162.4	1.5	1.3	2.0	4.3	1.4	3.2
All items less shelter .....	156.2	156.0	156.1	157.6	1.6	0.8	2.1	3.6	1.2	2.9
All items less medical care .....	157.3	157.2	157.4	158.6	1.8	1.5	2.1	3.3	1.7	2.7
Commodities less food .....	132.6	131.9	131.9	134.8	0.6	-0.3	1.5	6.8	0.2	4.1
Nondurables less food .....	135.3	134.6	135.2	140.0	2.1	0.9	2.7	14.6	1.5	8.5
Nondurables less food and apparel .....	141.3	140.8	141.6	148.0	1.8	0.6	7.4	20.4	1.2	13.7
Nondurables .....	148.1	148.0	148.3	150.8	3.1	1.4	2.5	7.5	2.2	5.0
Services less rent of shelter (4).....	172.1	172.3	172.8	173.0	1.9	0.7	1.9	2.1	1.3	2.0
Services less medical care services .....	177.5	177.8	178.2	178.6	2.3	2.1	2.3	2.5	2.2	2.4
Energy .....	97.9	97.7	99.7	106.1	-3.1	-8.4	-7.0	38.0	-5.8	13.3
All items less energy .....	170.1	170.1	170.0	170.6	2.4	2.4	2.9	1.2	2.4	2.0
All items less food and energy .....	172.1	172.1	172.1	172.8	2.1	2.1	2.8	1.6	2.1	2.2
Commodities less food and energy commodities .....	144.6	143.9	143.2	144.1	1.4	1.1	3.7	-1.4	1.3	1.1

Energy commodities .....	86.5	85.9	89.1	101.5	-4.6	-10.4	-13.9	89.6	-7.6	27.8
Services less energy services .....	190.6	191.0	191.6	192.1	2.6	2.8	2.3	3.2	2.7	2.8

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)	All items									
		Indexes				Percent change to Apr.1999 from--			Percent change to Mar.1999 from--		
		Jan. 1999	Feb. 1999	Mar. 1999	Apr. 1999	Apr. 1998	Feb. 1999	Mar. 1999	Mar. 1998	Jan. 1999	Feb. 1999
U.S. city average .....	M	161.0	161.1	161.4	162.7	2.3	1.0	0.8	1.7	0.2	0.2
Region and area size(2)											
Northeast urban .....	M	168.4	168.3	168.5	169.5	1.9	0.7	0.6	1.5	0.1	0.1
Size A - More than 1,500,000 .....	M	168.5	168.1	168.3	169.3	2.0	0.7	0.6	1.5	-0.1	0.1
Size B/C 50,000 to 1,500,000 (3).....	M	102.4	102.6	102.8	103.5	2.0	0.9	0.7	1.5	0.4	0.2
Midwest urban .....	M	156.6	156.5	156.9	158.2	2.1	1.1	0.8	1.6	0.2	0.3
Size A - More than 1,500,000 .....	M	157.1	157.2	157.5	158.8	2.2	1.0	0.8	1.8	0.3	0.2
Size B/C - 50,000 to 1,500,000 (3).....	M	102.3	102.2	102.6	103.5	1.8	1.3	0.9	1.3	0.3	0.4
Size D - Nonmetropolitan (less than 50,000) .....	M	153.6	153.4	153.4	154.4	2.3	0.7	0.7	1.8	-0.1	0.0
South urban .....	M	157.9	158.0	158.4	159.4	1.9	0.9	0.6	1.5	0.3	0.3
Size A - More than 1,500,000 .....	M	156.4	156.4	156.9	157.9	1.8	1.0	0.6	1.4	0.3	0.3

Size B/C - 50,000 to 1,500,000 (3).....	M	102.5	102.6	102.8	103.5	2.0	0.9	0.7	1.5	0.3	0.2
Size D - Nonmetropolitan (less than 50,000) .....	M	161.1	161.0	161.5	162.7	2.3	1.1	0.7	2.1	0.2	0.3
West urban .....	M	162.4	162.7	163.2	164.9	3.3	1.4	1.0	2.4	0.5	0.3
Size A - More than 1,500,000 .....	M	161.6	161.9	162.3	164.2	3.6	1.4	1.2	2.7	0.4	0.2
Size B/C - 50,000 to 1,500,000 (3).....	M	103.4	103.6	104.0	105.0	2.9	1.4	1.0	1.9	0.6	0.4

Size classes

A (4).....	M	147.4	147.4	147.7	148.9	2.4	1.0	0.8	1.9	0.2	0.2
B/C (3).....	M	102.6	102.6	102.9	103.7	2.1	1.1	0.8	1.5	0.3	0.3
D .....	M	159.6	159.4	159.8	160.9	2.3	0.9	0.7	1.9	0.1	0.3

Selected local areas(5)

Chicago-Gary-Kenosha, IL-IN-WI .....	M	160.5	160.6	161.1	161.7	1.7	0.7	0.4	1.8	0.4	0.3
Los Angeles-Riverside-Orange County, CA .....	M	157.8	158.1	158.3	160.1	2.9	1.3	1.1	2.1	0.3	0.1
New York-Northern N.J.-Long Island, NY-NJ-CT-PA .....	M	170.8	170.6	170.8	171.3	1.7	0.4	0.3	1.5	0.0	0.1
Boston-Brockton-Nashua, MA-NH-ME-CT .....	1	172.2	-	172.3	-	-	-	-	1.8	0.1	-
Cleveland-Akron, OH .....	1	152.7	-	152.9	-	-	-	-	1.9	0.1	-
Dallas-Fort Worth, TX .....	1	154.6	-	155.8	-	-	-	-	2.0	0.8	-
Washington-Baltimore, DC-MD-VA-WV (6).....	1	102.7	-	102.8	-	-	-	-	1.5	0.1	-
Atlanta, GA .....	2	-	159.1	-	160.9	2.0	1.1	-	-	-	-
Detroit-Ann Arbor-Flint, MI .....	2	-	155.8	-	158.7	3.4	1.9	-	-	-	-
Houston-Galveston-Brazoria, TX .....	2	-	145.0	-	146.6	1.2	1.1	-	-	-	-
Miami-Fort Lauderdale, FL .....	2	-	158.8	-	159.1	1.1	0.2	-	-	-	-
Philadelphia-Wilmington-Atlantic City, PA-NJ-DE-MD .....	2	-	167.8	-	170.6	2.5	1.7	-	-	-	-
San Francisco-Oakland-San Jose, CA .....	2	-	165.7	-	168.8	5.0	1.9	-	-	-	-
Seattle-Tacoma-Bremerton, WA .....	2	-	166.0	-	167.8	3.6	1.1	-	-	-	-

1 Areas on pricing schedule 2 (see Table 10) will appear next month.

2 Regions defined as the four Census regions. See map in technical notes.

3 Indexes on a December 1996=100 base.

4 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 Apr. 1999 from-	
		Mar. 1999	Apr. 1999	Apr. 1998	Mar. 1999
Expenditure category					
All items .....	100.000	165.2	166.3	2.3	0.7
All items (1967=100) .....	-	494.9	498.2	-	-
Food and beverages .....	16.408	163.7	163.9	2.3	0.1
Food .....	15.422	163.3	163.5	2.3	0.1
Food at home .....	9.691	163.5	163.6	2.1	0.1
Cereals and bakery products .....	1.544	183.4	184.7	2.5	0.7
Meats, poultry, fish, and eggs .....	2.569	147.0	146.9	0.4	-0.1
Dairy and related products .....	1.088	161.4	156.3	5.3	-3.2
Fruits and vegetables .....	1.440	200.4	203.7	3.1	1.6
Nonalcoholic beverages and beverage materials .....	1.049	134.4	134.0	0.1	-0.3
Other food at home .....	2.002	152.8	153.6	2.7	0.5
Sugar and sweets .....	.377	151.0	151.8	1.1	0.5
Fats and oils .....	.309	149.1	148.9	5.8	-0.1
Other foods .....	1.316	168.0	169.2	2.5	0.7
Other miscellaneous foods (1).....	.320	104.9	105.7	3.9	0.8
Food away from home .....	5.730	164.2	164.5	2.7	0.2
Other food away from home (1).....	.175	103.7	104.0	3.4	0.3
Alcoholic beverages .....	.986	168.4	168.8	2.2	0.2
Housing .....	39.828	163.0	163.2	2.3	0.1
Shelter .....	30.283	186.5	186.7	3.1	0.1
Rent of primary residence .....	7.007	176.0	176.4	3.3	0.2

Lodging away from home (1).....	2.376	116.1	115.4	4.7	-0.6
Owners' equivalent rent of primary residence (2).....	20.529	191.5	191.9	3.0	0.2
Tenants' and household insurance (1).....	.371	100.2	100.3	-0.1	0.1
Fuels and utilities .....	4.735	125.9	125.7	-1.0	-0.2
Fuels .....	3.801	110.5	110.2	-1.9	-0.3
Fuel oil and other fuels .....	.227	86.2	87.7	-5.5	1.7
Gas (piped) and electricity .....	3.574	117.9	117.5	-1.6	-0.3
Household furnishings and operations .....	4.810	127.0	127.4	0.3	0.3
Apparel .....	4.831	133.7	135.8	0.0	1.6
Men's and boys' apparel .....	1.358	132.0	133.9	0.4	1.4
Women's and girls' apparel .....	1.939	127.9	130.1	-0.6	1.7
Infants' and toddlers' apparel .....	.272	125.6	128.3	1.3	2.1
Footwear .....	.876	127.2	129.1	0.9	1.5
Transportation .....	16.999	140.7	144.3	2.0	2.6
Private transportation .....	15.653	136.5	140.1	1.7	2.6
New and used motor vehicles (1).....	7.843	99.7	99.8	-0.3	0.1
New vehicles .....	4.983	143.4	143.3	-0.7	-0.1
Used cars and trucks .....	1.914	147.5	148.4	0.1	0.6
Motor fuel .....	2.493	86.3	100.9	10.0	16.9
Gasoline (all types) .....	2.476	85.8	100.3	10.1	16.9
Motor vehicle parts and equipment .....	.549	100.3	100.3	-0.2	0.0
Motor vehicle maintenance and repair .....	1.624	170.6	171.0	3.2	0.2
Public transportation .....	1.346	198.4	201.3	4.1	1.5
Medical care .....	5.713	248.4	249.2	3.5	0.3
Medical care commodities .....	1.252	228.1	229.8	4.4	0.7
Medical care services .....	4.461	253.1	253.5	3.3	0.2
Professional services .....	2.854	227.4	228.2	3.2	0.4
Hospital and related services .....	1.354	296.6	296.3	3.7	-0.1
Recreation (1).....	6.120	102.0	102.2	1.1	0.2
Video and audio (1).....	1.748	101.1	101.0	-0.4	-0.1
Education and communication (1).....	5.478	100.8	100.7	0.8	-0.1
Education (1).....	2.694	105.4	105.5	4.8	0.1
Educational books and supplies .....	.203	261.1	260.9	4.9	-0.1
Tuition, other school fees, and childcare .....	2.492	303.4	303.8	4.8	0.1
Communication (1).....	2.783	96.7	96.4	-2.9	-0.3
Information and information processing (1).....	2.580	96.2	95.9	-3.3	-0.3
Telephone services (1).....	2.327	100.3	100.1	-0.4	-0.2
Information and information processing					

other than telephone services (3)...	.253	32.5	32.2	-24.8	-0.9
Personal computers and peripheral equipment (1).....	.148	57.7	57.0	-34.2	-1.2
Other goods and services .....	4.624	253.3	256.2	9.2	1.1
Tobacco and smoking products .....	1.159	335.8	348.5	32.3	3.8
Personal care .....	3.465	160.1	160.4	2.9	0.2
Personal care products .....	.742	150.2	150.9	2.4	0.5
Personal care services .....	.973	170.1	170.6	3.3	0.3
Miscellaneous personal services .....	1.491	241.5	241.8	3.6	0.1
Commodity and service group					
Commodities .....	42.109	142.8	144.8	2.0	1.4
Food and beverages .....	16.408	163.7	163.9	2.3	0.1
Commodities less food and beverages .....	25.702	130.4	133.3	1.8	2.2
Nondurables less food and beverages .....	14.345	133.6	138.8	4.4	3.9
Apparel .....	4.831	133.7	135.8	0.0	1.6
Nondurables less food, beverages, and apparel .....	9.514	138.6	145.7	6.7	5.1
Durables .....	11.356	126.1	126.2	-1.5	0.1
Services .....	57.891	187.7	187.9	2.6	0.1
Rent of shelter (2).....	29.912	194.2	194.4	3.2	0.1
Transportation services .....	6.963	190.7	191.1	1.5	0.2
Other services .....	10.768	221.5	221.9	2.9	0.2
Special indexes					
All items less food .....	84.578	165.6	166.8	2.3	0.7
All items less shelter .....	69.717	158.6	160.1	2.0	0.9
All items less medical care .....	94.287	160.6	161.7	2.3	0.7
Commodities less food .....	26.688	132.0	134.8	1.8	2.1
Nondurables less food .....	15.331	135.7	140.7	4.2	3.7
Nondurables less food and apparel .....	10.500	140.6	147.1	6.3	4.6
Nondurables .....	30.753	148.8	151.6	3.3	1.9
Services less rent of shelter (2).....	27.979	194.3	194.6	2.0	0.2
Services less medical care services .....	53.429	181.7	181.9	2.5	0.1
Energy .....	6.294	98.5	104.9	2.9	6.5
All items less energy .....	93.706	173.9	174.3	2.3	0.2
All items less food and energy .....	78.284	176.5	177.0	2.3	0.3
Commodities less food and energy commodities .....	23.967	144.2	145.1	0.9	0.6
Energy commodities .....	2.720	86.4	99.9	8.8	15.6
Services less energy services .....	54.316	194.9	195.1	2.8	0.1
Purchasing power of the consumer dollar					

(1982-84=\$1.00) .....	-	\$ .605	\$ .601	-	-
Purchasing power of the consumer dollar					
(1967=\$1.00) .....	-	\$ .202	\$ .201	-	-

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 Apr. 1999 from-	
		Mar. 1999	Apr. 1999	Apr. 1998	Mar. 1999
Expenditure category					
All items .....	100.000	161.6	162.8	2.3	0.7
All items (1967=100) .....	-	481.3	485.0	-	-
Food and beverages .....	18.011	163.0	163.1	2.3	0.1
Food .....	16.966	162.6	162.7	2.3	0.1
Food at home .....	10.832	162.3	162.3	2.0	0.0
Cereals and bakery products .....	1.689	183.1	184.4	2.5	0.7
Meats, poultry, fish, and eggs .....	3.055	146.6	146.5	0.3	-0.1
Dairy and related products .....	1.193	161.3	155.9	5.2	-3.3
Fruits and vegetables .....	1.492	199.2	202.0	2.9	1.4
Nonalcoholic beverages and beverage materials .....	1.184	133.4	132.9	0.2	-0.4
Other food at home .....	2.220	152.1	153.0	2.8	0.6
Sugar and sweets .....	.420	151.1	151.7	1.1	0.4
Fats and oils .....	.354	148.7	148.5	5.8	-0.1
Other foods .....	1.446	167.8	169.0	2.4	0.7
Other miscellaneous foods (1).....	.355	104.9	105.4	3.6	0.5

Food away from home .....	6.133	164.2	164.5	2.7	0.2
Other food away from home (1).....	.216	103.8	104.1	3.5	0.3
Alcoholic beverages .....	1.045	167.3	167.8	2.2	0.3
Housing .....	36.685	158.9	159.1	2.1	0.1
Shelter .....	27.496	180.6	180.9	3.1	0.2
Rent of primary residence .....	8.500	175.6	176.0	3.3	0.2
Lodging away from home (1).....	1.379	115.2	115.0	4.3	-0.2
Owners' equivalent rent of primary residence (2).....	17.296	174.5	174.8	2.9	0.2
Tenants' and household insurance (1).....	.320	100.6	100.7	0.2	0.1
Fuels and utilities .....	4.850	125.8	125.5	-1.1	-0.2
Fuels .....	3.928	110.0	109.7	-1.9	-0.3
Fuel oil and other fuels .....	.201	86.8	88.1	-5.4	1.5
Gas (piped) and electricity .....	3.727	117.3	116.9	-1.7	-0.3
Household furnishings and operations .....	4.339	125.1	125.6	0.0	0.4
Apparel .....	5.199	132.1	134.2	0.1	1.6
Men's and boys' apparel .....	1.474	132.1	134.0	0.8	1.4
Women's and girls' apparel .....	1.948	125.4	127.8	-0.4	1.9
Infants' and toddlers' apparel .....	.344	126.6	129.5	2.0	2.3
Footwear .....	1.057	127.6	129.4	0.8	1.4
Transportation .....	19.166	139.1	143.0	1.9	2.8
Private transportation .....	18.109	136.3	140.2	1.8	2.9
New and used motor vehicles (1).....	9.250	99.5	99.7	-0.4	0.2
New vehicles .....	5.224	144.5	144.4	-0.8	-0.1
Used cars and trucks .....	3.216	148.8	149.7	0.1	0.6
Motor fuel .....	3.066	86.4	100.7	9.6	16.6
Gasoline (all types) .....	3.045	85.9	100.2	9.7	16.6
Motor vehicle parts and equipment .....	.682	100.0	99.8	-0.1	-0.2
Motor vehicle maintenance and repair .....	1.690	172.1	172.5	3.4	0.2
Public transportation .....	1.056	193.7	196.2	3.2	1.3
Medical care .....	4.672	247.6	248.3	3.5	0.3
Medical care commodities .....	.926	224.3	226.1	4.2	0.8
Medical care services .....	3.746	252.8	253.3	3.3	0.2
Professional services .....	2.415	228.9	229.7	3.2	0.3
Hospital and related services .....	1.114	292.8	292.3	3.8	-0.2
Recreation (1).....	5.925	101.4	101.5	0.5	0.1
Video and audio (1).....	1.951	101.0	100.8	-0.6	-0.2
Education and communication (1).....	5.361	101.1	100.9	0.8	-0.2
Education (1).....	2.478	105.6	105.7	5.0	0.1

Educational books and supplies .....	.200	263.7	263.5	4.9	-0.1
Tuition, other school fees, and childcare	2.278	297.9	298.3	4.9	0.1
Communication (1).....	2.883	97.4	97.1	-2.4	-0.3
Information and information processing					
(1).....	2.733	97.1	96.8	-2.7	-0.3
Telephone services (1).....	2.519	100.4	100.1	-0.4	-0.3
Information and information processing					
other than telephone services (3)...	.213	33.5	33.2	-24.7	-0.9
Personal computers and peripheral					
equipment (1).....	.120	57.0	56.1	-34.8	-1.6
Other goods and services .....	4.981	255.6	259.4	11.7	1.5
Tobacco and smoking products .....	1.694	335.9	349.0	32.4	3.9
Personal care .....	3.287	160.3	160.7	3.1	0.2
Personal care products .....	.838	151.1	151.7	2.2	0.4
Personal care services .....	.975	170.4	170.9	3.3	0.3
Miscellaneous personal services .....	1.253	241.7	242.1	4.1	0.2
Commodity and service group					
Commodities .....	46.764	142.6	144.8	2.3	1.5
Food and beverages .....	18.011	163.0	163.1	2.3	0.1
Commodities less food and beverages .....	28.753	130.6	133.8	2.2	2.5
Nondurables less food and beverages .....	15.564	133.4	139.2	5.2	4.3
Apparel .....	5.199	132.1	134.2	0.1	1.6
Nondurables less food, beverages, and					
apparel .....	10.365	138.8	146.7	7.9	5.7
Durables .....	13.189	125.8	125.9	-1.3	0.1
Services .....	53.236	184.1	184.3	2.4	0.1
Rent of shelter (2).....	27.175	173.9	174.2	3.1	0.2
Transportation services .....	6.800	187.9	188.1	1.3	0.1
Other services .....	10.144	218.0	218.3	2.8	0.1
Special indexes					
All items less food .....	83.034	161.3	162.7	2.3	0.9
All items less shelter .....	72.504	156.2	157.8	2.1	1.0
All items less medical care .....	95.328	157.6	158.9	2.3	0.8
Commodities less food .....	29.798	132.0	135.1	2.2	2.3
Nondurables less food .....	16.609	135.4	141.0	5.1	4.1
Nondurables less food and apparel .....	11.410	140.5	147.9	7.3	5.3
Nondurables .....	33.575	148.5	151.5	3.6	2.0
Services less rent of shelter (2).....	26.061	172.7	172.8	1.8	0.1
Services less medical care services .....	49.490	178.3	178.5	2.4	0.1
Energy .....	6.994	97.5	104.5	3.4	7.2



50,000) .....	M	155.6	155.7	155.8	156.5	0.6	0.5	0.4
South urban .....	M	160.0	160.2	160.8	161.6	1.0	0.9	0.5
Size A - More than 1,500,000 .....	M	158.9	159.1	159.8	160.6	1.1	0.9	0.5
Size B/C - 50,000 to 1,500,000 (3).....	M	102.9	103.1	103.4	104.0	1.1	0.9	0.6
Size D - Nonmetropolitan (less than 50,000) .....	M	160.9	161.1	161.7	162.8	1.2	1.1	0.7
West urban .....	M	166.5	167.0	167.5	169.2	1.6	1.3	1.0
Size A - More than 1,500,000 .....	M	167.3	167.9	168.4	170.1	1.7	1.3	1.0
Size B/C - 50,000 to 1,500,000 (3).....	M	103.7	103.9	104.3	105.2	1.4	1.3	0.9

#### Size classes

A (4).....	M	148.9	149.1	149.6	150.7	1.2	1.1	0.7
B/C (3).....	M	103.0	103.1	103.5	104.1	1.1	1.0	0.6
D .....	M	160.6	160.8	161.3	162.3	1.1	0.9	0.6

#### Selected local areas

Chicago-Gary-Kenosha, IL-IN-WI .....	M	166.0	166.4	166.9	167.6	1.0	0.7	0.4
Los Angeles-Riverside-Orange County, CA .....	M	164.2	164.7	165.2	166.6	1.5	1.2	0.8
New York-Northern N.J.-Long Island, NY-NJ-CT-PA .....	M	175.2	175.4	175.8	176.3	0.6	0.5	0.3
Boston-Brockton-Nashua, MA-NH-ME-CT .....	1	174.1	-	175.2	-	-	-	-
Cleveland-Akron, OH .....	1	160.6	-	161.1	-	-	-	-
Dallas-Fort Worth, TX .....	1	155.2	-	156.4	-	-	-	-
Washington-Baltimore, DC-MD-VA-WV (5).....	1	102.8	-	103.4	-	-	-	-
Atlanta, GA .....	2	-	162.1	-	163.8	-	1.0	-
Detroit-Ann Arbor-Flint, MI .....	2	-	161.3	-	164.0	-	1.7	-
Houston-Galveston-Brazoria, TX .....	2	-	146.8	-	148.3	-	1.0	-
Miami-Fort Lauderdale, FL .....	2	-	161.4	-	161.8	-	0.2	-
Philadelphia-Wilmington-Atlantic City, PA-NJ-DE-MD .....	2	-	168.7	-	171.1	-	1.4	-
San Francisco-Oakland-San Jose, CA .....	2	-	169.5	-	172.5	-	1.8	-
Seattle-Tacoma-Bremerton, WA .....	2	-	170.8	-	172.6	-	1.1	-

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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 Apr.1999 from--		
		Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.
		1999	1999	1999	1999	1999	1999	1999
U.S. city average .....	M	161.1	161.2	161.6	162.8	1.1	1.0	0.7
Region and area size(2)								
Northeast urban .....	M	168.5	168.4	168.7	169.7	0.7	0.8	0.6
Size A - More than 1,500,000 .....	M	168.5	168.3	168.5	169.5	0.6	0.7	0.6
Size B/C 50,000 to 1,500,000 (3).....	M	102.5	102.7	102.8	103.5	1.0	0.8	0.7
Midwest urban .....	M	156.6	156.6	157.1	158.3	1.1	1.1	0.8
Size A - More than 1,500,000 .....	M	157.1	157.2	157.6	158.8	1.1	1.0	0.8
Size B/C - 50,000 to 1,500,000 (3).....	M	102.3	102.3	102.7	103.6	1.3	1.3	0.9
Size D - Nonmetropolitan (less than 50,000) .....	M	153.7	153.5	153.5	154.4	0.5	0.6	0.6
South urban .....	M	158.0	158.1	158.5	159.5	0.9	0.9	0.6
Size A - More than 1,500,000 .....	M	156.5	156.5	157.0	157.9	0.9	0.9	0.6
Size B/C - 50,000 to 1,500,000 (3).....	M	102.5	102.7	102.9	103.6	1.1	0.9	0.7
Size D - Nonmetropolitan (less than 50,000) .....	M	161.2	161.2	161.7	162.8	1.0	1.0	0.7
West urban .....	M	162.5	162.8	163.3	165.0	1.5	1.4	1.0
Size A - More than 1,500,000 .....	M	161.6	162.0	162.4	164.2	1.6	1.4	1.1

Size B/C - 50,000 to 1,500,000 (3).....	M	103.5	103.7	104.1	105.1	1.5	1.4	1.0
Size classes								
A (4).....	M	147.4	147.5	147.8	149.0	1.1	1.0	0.8
B/C (3).....	M	102.6	102.7	103.0	103.8	1.2	1.1	0.8
D .....	M	159.6	159.5	159.9	160.9	0.8	0.9	0.6
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Chicago-Gary-Kenosha, IL-IN-WI .....	M	160.5	160.6	161.1	161.7	0.7	0.7	0.4
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New York-Northern N.J.-Long Island, NY-NJ-CT-PA .....	M	170.9	170.8	171.0	171.6	0.4	0.5	0.4
Boston-Brockton-Nashua, MA-NH-ME-CT .....	1	172.2	-	172.7	-	-	-	-
Cleveland-Akron, OH .....	1	152.8	-	152.9	-	-	-	-
Dallas-Fort Worth, TX .....	1	154.8	-	155.9	-	-	-	-
Washington-Baltimore, DC-MD-VA-WV (5).....	1	102.7	-	103.0	-	-	-	-
Atlanta, GA .....	2	-	159.3	-	160.9	-	1.0	-
Detroit-Ann Arbor-Flint, MI .....	2	-	155.9	-	158.6	-	1.7	-
Houston-Galveston-Brazoria, TX .....	2	-	145.2	-	146.6	-	1.0	-
Miami-Fort Lauderdale, FL .....	2	-	158.8	-	159.2	-	0.3	-
Philadelphia-Wilmington-Atlantic City, PA-NJ-DE-MD .....	2	-	167.9	-	170.5	-	1.5	-
San Francisco-Oakland-San Jose, CA .....	2	-	165.8	-	169.0	-	1.9	-
Seattle-Tacoma-Bremerton, WA .....	2	-	166.2	-	168.1	-	1.1	-

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