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CONSUMER PRICE INDEX: JULY 1999

The Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers (CPI-U) rose 0.3 percent in July, before seasonal adjustment, to a level of 166.7 (1982-84=100), the Bureau of Labor Statistics of the U.S. Department of Labor reported today. For the 12-month period ended in July, the CPI-U increased 2.1 percent.

The Consumer Price Index for Urban Wage Earners and Clerical Workers (CPI-W) rose 0.3 in July, prior to seasonal adjustment. The July level of 163.3 was 2.2 percent higher than the index in July 1998.

CPI for All Urban Consumers (CPI-U)

On a seasonally adjusted basis, the CPI-U increased 0.3 percent in July, following two consecutive months of no change. Energy costs, which declined in each of the preceding two months, rose 2.1 percent, accounting for almost half of the July advance in the overall CPI. The index for petroleum-based energy rose 4.0 percent in July, and the index for energy services increased 0.6 percent. The food index increased 0.2 percent in July, with the index for food at home up 0.1 percent after being unchanged in June. Excluding food and energy, the CPI-U increased 0.2 percent, following increases of 0.1 percent in both May and June. Upturns in the indexes for airline fares and cigarettes accounted for the larger advance in the July all items less food and energy index.

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

Expenditure Category	Seasonally adjusted							Compound annual rate 3-mos. ended July '99	Un- adjusted 12-mos. ended July '99
	Changes from preceding month 1999								
	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	June	July		
All Items	.1	.1	.2	.7	.0	.0	.3	1.2	2.1
Food and beverages	.4	.2	-.2	.1	.4	.0	.2	2.2	2.1
Housing	-.1	.1	.2	.4	.1	.2	.1	1.7	2.2

Apparel	-1.1	-.2	-.3	1.5	-.2	-.4	-.9	-5.6	-1.8
Transportation	-.1	-.1	.7	2.4	-.5	-.6	1.2	.3	2.0
Medical care	.3	.2	.2	.4	.2	.4	.3	3.6	3.5
Recreation	.4	-.1	.0	.3	.2	.0	.0	.8	1.1
Education and communication	.3	.1	.0	.1	-.1	.0	.2	.4	.4
Other goods and services	2.0	-.1	-.6	1.0	-.2	.2	.9	3.8	8.6
Special Indexes									
Energy	-.2	.0	1.6	6.1	-1.3	-1.2	2.1	-1.9	3.3
Food	.5	.1	-.2	.1	.4	.0	.2	2.2	2.1
All Items less food and energy	.1	.1	.1	.4	.1	.1	.2	1.4	2.1

During the first seven months of 1999, the CPI-U rose at a 2.4 percent seasonally adjusted annual rate (SAAR). This compares with an increase of 1.6 percent for all of 1998. The acceleration thus far in 1999 has been due to energy costs, which increased at a 12.4 percent annual rate in the first seven months of 1999 after declining 8.8 percent in all of 1998. Food costs, which rose 2.3 percent in 1998, have risen at a 1.8 percent SAAR in the first seven months of 1999. Excluding food and energy, the CPI-U has advanced at a 1.7 percent rate compared with a 2.4 percent rise for all of 1998.

The food and beverages index rose 0.2 percent in July. The index for food at home increased 0.1 after registering no change in June. Small price movements were recorded for each of the six major grocery store food groups, ranging from - 0.3 to 0.4 percent. The index for fruits and vegetables declined for the second consecutive month--down 0.2 percent in July. The index for fresh fruits decreased 3.0 percent, despite another increase in citrus fruit prices. In the first seven months of 1999, prices for citrus fruits have risen 53.5 percent. The index for fresh vegetables increased 2.5 percent, and prices for processed fruits and vegetables increased 1.1 percent. The index for dairy products also declined for the second consecutive month--down 0.3 percent in July. The index for meats, poultry, fish, and eggs, which rose 0.3 percent in June, declined 0.1 percent in July. The index for beef and veal, which rose 1.5 percent in June, fell 0.1 percent in July. The indexes for pork and for poultry each rose 0.3 percent in July. Among the other major grocery store food groups, the index for nonalcoholic beverages rose 0.4 percent, the index for cereal and bakery products, 0.3 percent, and the index for other food at home, 0.1 percent. The other two components of the food and beverages index--food away from home and alcoholic beverages--increased 0.3 and 0.5 percent, respectively.

The index for housing rose 0.1 percent in July, following an increase of 0.2 percent in June. Shelter costs, which rose 0.2 percent in each of the preceding two months, increased 0.1 percent in July. Within shelter, the indexes for rent and for lodging away from home each increased 0.2 percent and the index for owners' equivalent rent rose 0.1 percent. The index for fuels and utilities increased 0.5 percent in July. The index for household fuels rose 0.7 percent, reflecting increases in each of the three major household fuels. Charges for natural gas and for electricity increased 1.0 and 0.5 percent, respectively, and the index for fuel oil rose 2.9 percent. The index for household furnishings and operations, which rose 0.2 percent in June, was unchanged in July.

The transportation component advanced 1.2 percent in July, reflecting upturns in the indexes for gasoline and for airline fares. The gasoline index, which fell 2.7 and 3.2 percent in May and June, respectively, rose 4.3 percent in July. (Prior to seasonal adjustment, gasoline prices increased 3.3 percent in July.) Gasoline prices have risen 18.9 percent thus far in 1999, but as of July are 14.2 percent lower than their peak level in November 1990. Airline fares, which also had decreased in each of the preceding two months, increased 6.5 percent in July. The index for new and used vehicles rose 0.3 percent in July; the index for new vehicles increased 0.1 percent, and the index for used cars and trucks increased 0.9 percent.

The index for apparel declined for the third consecutive month, down 0.9 percent in July. (Prior to seasonal adjustment, apparel prices fell 2.8 percent, reflecting seasonal price discounting on spring-summer wear.)

Medical care costs rose 0.3 percent in July 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, with the index for prescription drugs up 0.6 percent. The index for medical care services rose 0.2 percent. Charges for professional services and for hospital and related services each increased 0.2 percent.

In July, for the second consecutive month, the index for recreation costs was unchanged. Small increases in the indexes for admissions to movies, theaters, concerts, and sporting events, for sporting goods, and for photography were offset by declines in the indexes for toys, for recreational books, for video equipment, and for pets and pet services.

The index for education and communication increased 0.2 percent in July. Educational costs rose 0.5 percent, while the index for communication was unchanged. Within the latter group, the index for

personal computers and peripheral equipment declined 2.9 percent, and the index for telephone services decreased 0.2 percent. A 0.4 percent increase in local telephone service charges was more than offset by decreases in both long distance telephone charges and the cost of cellular telephone services--down 0.7 and 1.3 percent, respectively.

The index for other goods and services rose 0.9 percent, following a 0.2 percent increase in June. The index for tobacco and smoking products increased 3.3 percent in July, reflecting a 4.0 percent rise in cigarette prices and accounting for virtually all the July advance in this major group.

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

On a seasonally adjusted basis, the CPI for Urban Wage Earners and Clerical Workers rose 0.4 percent in July.

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 July `99	Un-adjusted 12-mos. ended July `99
	Changes from preceding month 1999								
	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	June	July		
All Items	.2	.0	.1	.7	.0	.0	.4	1.5	2.2
Food and beverages	.4	.1	-.2	.1	.3	.1	.2	2.2	2.0
Housing	.0	.1	.3	.3	.1	.1	.2	1.8	2.0
Apparel	-1.1	-.4	-.4	1.4	-.1	-.5	-.7	-4.8	-1.4
Transportation	-.1	-.4	.6	2.6	-.4	-.5	1.2	1.1	2.1
Medical care	.3	.2	.3	.4	.2	.4	.3	3.6	3.4
Recreation	.4	-.2	-.1	.2	.2	.1	.0	1.2	.7
Education and communication	.3	.2	.0	-.1	.0	.1	.2	1.2	.6
Other goods and services	2.5	-.2	-1.0	1.4	-.4	.3	1.2	4.2	11.0
Special Indexes									
Energy	-.1	-.2	2.0	6.4	-1.4	-1.2	2.3	-1.5	3.7
Food	.5	.1	-.2	.1	.3	.1	.1	2.0	2.0
All Items less food and energy	.1	.0	.0	.4	.1	.1	.2	1.6	2.1

Consumer Price Index data for August are scheduled for release on Wednesday, September 15, 1999, at 8:30 A.M. (EDT).

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.

(1982-84=100, unless otherwise noted)

CPI-U	Relative importance, December 1998	Unadjusted indexes		Unadjusted percent change to July 1999 from-		Seasonally adjusted percent change from-		
		June 1999	July 1999	July 1998	June 1999	Apr. to May	May to June	June to July
Expenditure category								
All items	100.000	166.2	166.7	2.1	0.3	0.0	0.0	0.3
All items (1967=100)	-	497.9	499.2	-	-	-	-	-
Food and beverages	16.408	164.1	164.2	2.1	0.1	0.4	0.0	0.2
Food	15.422	163.6	163.8	2.1	0.1	0.4	0.0	0.2
Food at home	9.691	163.7	163.7	1.8	0.0	0.6	0.0	0.1
Cereals and bakery products	1.544	185.7	186.3	2.5	0.3	0.3	0.1	0.3
Meats, poultry, fish, and eggs	2.569	147.2	147.3	0.3	0.1	0.2	0.3	-0.1
Dairy and related products (1).....	1.088	156.1	155.7	5.1	-0.3	0.1	-0.1	-0.3
Fruits and vegetables	1.440	203.2	202.0	1.9	-0.6	2.6	-0.5	-0.2
Nonalcoholic beverages and beverage materials	1.049	134.3	134.3	1.5	0.0	0.4	0.3	0.4
Other food at home	2.002	153.6	153.7	1.7	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1
Sugar and sweets .....	.377	152.4	152.4	1.7	0.0	0.9	-0.4	0.0
Fats and oils .....	.309	147.5	148.1	0.3	0.4	-1.1	0.0	0.3
Other foods	1.316	169.2	169.3	2.0	0.1	0.0	0.2	0.1
Other miscellaneous foods (1) (2).....	.320	104.9	104.2	1.6	-0.7	-0.6	-0.1	-0.7
Food away from home (1).....	5.730	164.6	165.1	2.5	0.3	0.1	0.0	0.3
Other food away from home (1) (2).....	.175	104.4	105.5	3.8	1.1	0.3	0.1	1.1
Alcoholic beverages .....	.986	169.5	169.9	2.6	0.2	0.3	0.2	0.5
Housing	39.828	164.1	164.7	2.2	0.4	0.1	0.2	0.1
Shelter	30.283	187.2	188.0	3.0	0.4	0.2	0.2	0.1
Rent of primary residence (3).....	7.007	177.1	177.5	3.1	0.2	0.2	0.1	0.2
Lodging away from home (2) (3).....	2.376	113.8	117.1	4.8	2.9	-0.2	0.6	0.2
Owners' equivalent rent of primary residence (3) (4).....	20.529	192.6	193.0	2.7	0.2	0.3	0.1	0.1
Tenants' and household insurance (1) (2).....	.371	102.2	102.1	2.8	-0.1	0.2	1.7	-0.1
Fuels and utilities	4.735	130.2	131.1	-0.2	0.7	-0.2	0.2	0.5

commodities	23.967	143.7	143.2	0.6	-0.3	-0.1	0.0	0.1
Energy commodities	2.720	98.3	101.3	8.6	3.1	-2.4	-2.7	4.0
Services less energy services	54.316	195.3	196.1	2.7	0.4	0.2	0.1	0.3
Purchasing power of the consumer dollar	-	\$.602	\$.600	-	-	-	-	-
Purchasing power of the consumer dollar - old base	-	\$.201	\$.200	-	-	-	-	-

1 Not seasonally adjusted.

2 Indexes on a December 1997=100 base.

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

4 Indexes on a December 1982=100 base.

5 Indexes on a December 1988=100 base.

- Data not available.

NOTE: Index applies to a month as a whole, not to any specific date.

Table 2. Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers (CPI-U): Seasonally adjusted U.S. city average, by expenditure category and commodity and service group

(1982-84=100, unless otherwise noted)

CPI-U	Seasonally adjusted indexes				Seasonally adjusted annual rate percent change for					
	Apr. 1999	May 1999	June 1999	July 1999	3 months ended--				6 months ended--	
					Oct. 1998	Jan. 1999	Apr. 1999	July 1999	Jan. 1999	July 1999
Expenditure category										
All items	166.2	166.2	166.2	166.7	1.5	1.7	3.9	1.2	1.6	2.6
Food and beverages	163.6	164.2	164.2	164.5	3.3	2.7	0.2	2.2	3.0	1.2
Food	163.3	163.9	163.9	164.2	3.3	2.7	0.0	2.2	3.0	1.1
Food at home	163.0	163.9	163.9	164.0	3.5	2.5	-1.2	2.5	3.0	0.6
Cereals and bakery products	184.6	185.1	185.2	185.8	2.7	4.5	0.4	2.6	3.6	1.5
Meats, poultry, fish, and eggs	147.0	147.3	147.7	147.6	0.3	-5.1	4.2	1.6	-2.4	2.9
Dairy and related products (1).....	156.1	156.2	156.1	155.7	19.7	17.0	-12.1	-1.0	18.3	-6.7

Fruits and vegetables	200.9	206.2	205.1	204.7	1.6	6.3	-7.4	7.8	3.9	-0.1
Nonalcoholic beverages and beverage materials	133.5	134.0	134.4	134.9	-1.2	2.4	0.3	4.3	0.6	2.3
Other food at home	153.3	153.4	153.5	153.7	4.6	0.5	1.1	1.0	2.5	1.0
Sugar and sweets	151.3	152.7	152.1	152.1	2.7	1.3	0.5	2.1	2.0	1.3
Fats and oils	148.8	147.2	147.2	147.7	27.8	-14.9	-3.7	-2.9	4.3	-3.3
Other foods	168.7	168.7	169.1	169.3	0.2	4.2	2.7	1.4	2.2	2.0
Other miscellaneous foods (1) (2).....	105.6	105.0	104.9	104.2	3.6	2.3	5.9	-5.2	2.9	0.2
Food away from home (1).....	164.5	164.6	164.6	165.1	3.0	3.0	2.5	1.5	3.0	2.0
Other food away from home (1) (2).....	104.0	104.3	104.4	105.5	4.4	3.2	1.9	5.9	3.8	3.9
Alcoholic beverages	168.5	169.0	169.3	170.1	2.2	2.2	2.2	3.9	2.2	3.0
Housing	163.1	163.3	163.6	163.8	2.3	1.5	3.0	1.7	1.9	2.4
Shelter	186.2	186.6	187.0	187.1	4.0	2.0	3.5	1.9	3.0	2.7
Rent of primary residence (3).....	176.5	176.9	177.1	177.5	3.8	3.5	2.8	2.3	3.6	2.5
Lodging away from home (2) (3).....	105.2	105.0	105.6	105.8	11.6	-7.1	13.6	2.3	1.8	7.8
Owners' equivalent rent of primary residence (3) (4).....	192.1	192.6	192.8	193.0	3.2	2.6	2.8	1.9	2.9	2.3
Tenants' and household insurance (1) (2)..	100.3	100.5	102.2	102.1	1.6	0.0	2.4	7.4	0.8	4.9
Fuels and utilities	127.6	127.3	127.5	128.2	-4.6	0.0	2.5	1.9	-2.3	2.2
Fuels	111.5	111.2	111.3	112.1	-6.2	-1.1	2.6	2.2	-3.7	2.4
Fuel oil and other fuels	86.7	87.4	88.3	90.0	-12.2	-11.4	9.3	16.1	-11.8	12.6
Gas (piped) and electricity (3).....	119.3	118.9	119.0	119.7	-5.8	-0.3	2.4	1.3	-3.1	1.9
Water and sewer and trash collection services (2).....	103.6	103.7	103.8	103.8	2.4	3.2	2.4	0.8	2.8	1.6
Household furnishings and operations	126.9	126.5	126.7	126.7	-0.9	1.0	-0.3	-0.6	0.0	-0.5
Household operations (1) (2).....	104.0	104.1	104.3	104.3	2.0	2.8	3.5	1.2	2.4	2.3
Apparel	132.1	131.9	131.4	130.2	1.5	-7.0	4.0	-5.6	-2.8	-0.9
Men's and boys' apparel	132.2	131.9	132.2	130.8	0.3	-5.3	6.0	-4.2	-2.6	0.8
Women's and girls' apparel	123.5	123.9	123.5	121.0	0.3	-11.0	4.3	-7.9	-5.5	-2.0
Infants' and toddlers' apparel (1).....	128.2	127.6	126.8	127.4	29.7	-0.6	-5.4	-2.5	13.5	-4.0
Footwear	127.8	126.1	125.4	126.6	-0.3	-4.0	2.2	-3.7	-2.2	-0.8
Transportation	144.6	143.9	143.0	144.7	-1.4	-2.5	12.5	0.3	-2.0	6.2
Private transportation	140.6	140.0	139.4	140.7	-1.2	-2.9	11.6	0.3	-2.0	5.8
New and used motor vehicles (2).....	99.8	100.0	100.1	100.4	0.8	-0.8	-2.8	2.4	0.0	-0.2
New vehicles	142.8	142.7	142.6	142.7	-0.3	0.6	-1.9	-0.3	0.1	-1.1
Used cars and trucks (1).....	148.3	149.6	150.9	152.3	4.6	-6.1	-6.0	11.2	-0.9	2.3
Motor fuel	102.6	99.9	96.9	100.9	-10.0	-14.3	98.9	-6.5	-12.2	36.4
Gasoline (all types)	102.1	99.3	96.1	100.2	-9.7	-14.0	98.7	-7.2	-11.9	35.7
Motor vehicle parts and equipment	100.5	100.6	100.3	100.1	0.8	-1.6	-2.0	-1.6	-0.4	-1.8
Motor vehicle maintenance and repair	171.1	171.5	171.8	172.2	4.1	2.6	3.1	2.6	3.4	2.8
Public transportation (1).....	201.4	198.4	192.6	200.8	-4.3	1.1	25.2	-1.2	-1.7	11.2

Medical care	249.0	249.6	250.5	251.2	3.7	3.3	3.4	3.6	3.5	3.5
Medical care commodities	228.8	229.0	229.9	231.2	5.1	2.9	4.7	4.3	4.0	4.5
Medical care services	253.3	254.0	254.9	255.5	3.1	3.4	3.2	3.5	3.3	3.4
Professional services (3).....	227.7	228.2	229.0	229.5	3.5	2.9	2.9	3.2	3.2	3.0
Hospital and related services (3).....	296.3	297.6	298.8	299.3	3.1	4.3	3.9	4.1	3.7	4.0
Recreation (2).....	101.8	102.0	102.0	102.0	0.4	2.4	0.8	0.8	1.4	0.8
Video and audio (1) (2).....	100.6	100.8	100.6	100.5	1.6	1.2	-4.3	-0.4	1.4	-2.3
Education and communication (2).....	101.2	101.1	101.1	101.3	-1.2	1.6	0.8	0.4	0.2	0.6
Education (2).....	106.6	107.1	107.4	107.9	3.9	4.7	6.2	5.0	4.3	5.6
Educational books and supplies	260.7	262.4	263.4	264.2	9.4	-0.3	6.9	5.5	4.4	6.2
Tuition, other school fees, and childcare	305.6	307.2	308.1	309.4	3.6	4.9	6.0	5.1	4.2	5.5
Communication (1) (2).....	96.3	95.7	95.5	95.5	-5.1	-2.0	-4.0	-3.3	-3.6	-3.7
Information and information processing (1)										
(2).....	95.8	95.2	94.9	94.9	-5.5	-2.8	-4.5	-3.7	-4.2	-4.1
Telephone services (1) (2).....	100.0	99.6	99.7	99.5	-3.1	0.0	-2.8	-2.0	-1.6	-2.4
Information and information processing										
other than telephone services (1) (5)	32.1	30.9	29.8	30.0	-27.3	-23.2	-18.7	-23.7	-25.3	-21.2
Personal computers and peripheral										
equipment (1) (2).....	56.8	55.7	54.5	52.9	-35.1	-31.5	-26.8	-24.8	-33.3	-25.8
Other goods and services	256.6	256.2	256.8	259.0	5.7	25.7	1.1	3.8	15.2	2.4
Tobacco and smoking products	348.9	344.1	344.9	356.3	15.8	142.2	-5.5	8.8	67.4	1.4
Personal care (1).....	160.2	160.7	161.1	161.1	2.8	2.0	3.3	2.3	2.4	2.8
Personal care products (1).....	150.9	150.9	152.6	152.0	0.8	1.3	2.7	2.9	1.1	2.8
Personal care services (1).....	170.3	171.0	170.9	171.4	3.4	3.1	3.6	2.6	3.3	3.1
Miscellaneous personal services	241.0	241.6	241.9	242.9	3.8	3.8	2.7	3.2	3.8	2.9
Commodity and service group										
Commodities	144.3	144.1	143.8	144.4	0.8	1.4	4.3	0.3	1.1	2.3
Food and beverages	163.6	164.2	164.2	164.5	3.3	2.7	0.2	2.2	3.0	1.2
Commodities less food and beverages	132.8	132.3	131.8	132.5	-0.6	0.3	6.9	-0.9	-0.2	2.9
Nondurables less food and beverages	137.6	136.9	136.2	137.6	0.3	0.6	14.6	0.0	0.5	7.0
Apparel	132.1	131.9	131.4	130.2	1.5	-7.0	4.0	-5.6	-2.8	-0.9
Nondurables less food, beverages, and										
apparel	145.8	144.6	143.9	146.1	0.0	5.6	20.0	0.8	2.8	10.0
Durables	125.7	125.7	125.7	125.9	-1.6	-1.3	-3.4	0.6	-1.4	-1.4
Services	188.1	188.3	188.5	189.0	2.2	2.2	3.5	1.9	2.2	2.7
Rent of shelter (4).....	194.1	194.4	194.9	195.1	4.3	1.9	3.4	2.1	3.1	2.7
Tenants' and household insurance (1) (2)....	100.3	100.5	102.2	102.1	1.6	0.0	2.4	7.4	0.8	4.9
Gas (piped) and electricity (3).....	119.3	118.9	119.0	119.7	-5.8	-0.3	2.4	1.3	-3.1	1.9
Water and sewer and trash collection										
services (2).....	103.6	103.7	103.8	103.8	2.4	3.2	2.4	0.8	2.8	1.6

Household operations (1) (2).....	104.0	104.1	104.3	104.3	2.0	2.8	3.5	1.2	2.4	2.3
Transportation services	191.0	190.4	189.5	191.4	-0.6	1.1	5.6	0.8	0.2	3.2
Medical care services	253.3	254.0	254.9	255.5	3.1	3.4	3.2	3.5	3.3	3.4
Other services	222.2	222.7	223.0	223.6	1.8	3.7	2.6	2.5	2.8	2.6

Special indexes

All items less food	166.6	166.5	166.5	167.0	1.5	1.5	4.7	1.0	1.5	2.8
All items less shelter	159.9	159.8	159.6	160.3	0.8	1.8	3.8	1.0	1.3	2.4
All items less medical care	161.4	161.4	161.3	161.8	1.5	1.8	3.8	1.0	1.6	2.4
Commodities less food	134.4	133.9	133.5	134.1	-0.6	0.3	6.8	-0.9	-0.2	2.9
Nondurables less food	139.5	138.9	138.3	139.5	0.6	0.9	13.7	0.0	0.7	6.6
Nondurables less food and apparel	147.2	146.0	145.6	147.6	0.3	5.3	18.4	1.1	2.7	9.4
Nondurables	150.5	150.6	150.5	151.3	1.4	1.9	6.1	2.1	1.6	4.1
Services less rent of shelter (4).....	194.9	195.1	195.4	196.1	0.4	2.3	2.9	2.5	1.4	2.7
Services less medical care services	182.0	182.2	182.4	183.0	2.3	2.0	3.4	2.2	2.1	2.8
Energy	106.5	105.1	103.8	106.0	-7.9	-6.2	35.0	-1.9	-7.1	15.1
All items less energy	174.1	174.3	174.4	174.7	2.4	2.3	2.1	1.4	2.4	1.7
All items less food and energy	176.7	176.9	177.0	177.3	2.3	2.1	2.3	1.4	2.2	1.8
Commodities less food and energy										
commodities	144.1	144.0	144.0	144.1	0.8	2.2	-0.8	0.0	1.5	-0.4
Energy commodities	101.2	98.8	96.1	99.9	-10.4	-14.0	90.0	-5.0	-12.2	34.3
Services less energy services	195.1	195.4	195.6	196.1	3.0	2.3	3.6	2.1	2.6	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 1982=100 base.

5 Indexes on a December 1988=100 base.

NOTE: Index applies to a month as a whole, not to any specific date.

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

(1982-84=100, unless otherwise noted)

All items

CPI-U	Pricing schedule (1)	Indexes				Percent change to July1999 from--			Percent change to June1999 from--		
		Apr. 1999	May 1999	June 1999	July 1999	July	May	June	June	Apr.	May

						1998	1999	1999	1998	1999	1999
U.S. city average	M	166.2	166.2	166.2	166.7	2.1	0.3	0.3	2.0	0.0	0.0
Region and area size(2)											
Northeast urban	M	172.8	172.8	173.1	173.4	2.1	0.3	0.2	2.1	0.2	0.2
Size A - More than 1,500,000	M	173.6	173.6	174.1	174.5	2.2	0.5	0.2	2.2	0.3	0.3
Size B/C 50,000 to 1,500,000 (3).....	M	103.9	103.9	103.8	103.9	1.9	0.0	0.1	1.9	-0.1	-0.1
Midwest urban	M	162.2	162.2	162.5	162.9	1.9	0.4	0.2	1.9	0.2	0.2
Size A - More than 1,500,000	M	163.6	163.6	164.1	164.6	2.1	0.6	0.3	2.1	0.3	0.3
Size B/C - 50,000 to 1,500,000 (3).....	M	103.7	103.7	103.7	103.9	1.7	0.2	0.2	1.5	0.0	0.0
Size D - Nonmetropolitan (less than 50,000)	M	156.4	156.5	156.9	157.2	2.4	0.4	0.2	2.3	0.3	0.3
South urban	M	161.5	161.6	161.7	162.2	1.8	0.4	0.3	1.6	0.1	0.1
Size A - More than 1,500,000	M	160.5	160.5	160.9	161.4	1.8	0.6	0.3	1.6	0.2	0.2
Size B/C - 50,000 to 1,500,000 (3).....	M	103.9	104.1	104.1	104.3	1.9	0.2	0.2	1.8	0.2	0.0
Size D - Nonmetropolitan (less than 50,000)	M	162.6	162.1	162.0	162.6	1.6	0.3	0.4	1.3	-0.4	-0.1
West urban	M	169.0	168.7	168.3	168.9	2.8	0.1	0.4	2.5	-0.4	-0.2
Size A - More than 1,500,000	M	170.0	169.8	169.3	169.9	2.9	0.1	0.4	2.6	-0.4	-0.3
Size B/C - 50,000 to 1,500,000 (3).....	M	105.1	104.8	104.5	104.9	2.5	0.1	0.4	2.2	-0.6	-0.3
Size classes											
A (4).....	M	150.5	150.5	150.7	151.1	2.3	0.4	0.3	2.2	0.1	0.1
B/C (3).....	M	104.1	104.1	104.0	104.2	1.9	0.1	0.2	1.8	-0.1	-0.1
D	M	162.1	161.9	162.0	162.4	1.9	0.3	0.2	1.8	-0.1	0.1
Selected local areas(5)											
Chicago-Gary-Kenosha, IL-IN-WI	M	167.6	168.2	168.9	169.4	1.7	0.7	0.3	1.7	0.8	0.4
Los Angeles-Riverside-Orange County, CA	M	166.6	166.2	165.4	165.8	2.3	-0.2	0.2	2.0	-0.7	-0.5
New York-Northern N.J.-Long Island, NY-NJ-CT-PA	M	176.0	176.1	176.8	177.2	2.1	0.6	0.2	2.1	0.5	0.4
Boston-Brockton-Nashua, MA-NH-ME-CT	1	-	174.2	-	175.3	2.7	0.6	-	-	-	-
Cleveland-Akron, OH	1	-	161.5	-	162.8	1.8	0.8	-	-	-	-

Dallas-Fort Worth, TX	1	-	157.2	-	158.3	2.7	0.7	-	-	-	-
Washington-Baltimore, DC-MD-VA-WV (6).....	1	-	103.6	-	104.6	1.8	1.0	-	-	-	-
Atlanta, GA	2	164.0	-	164.8	-	-	-	-	1.7	0.5	-
Detroit-Ann Arbor-Flint, MI	2	164.1	-	163.8	-	-	-	-	2.8	-0.2	-
Houston-Galveston-Brazoria, TX	2	148.3	-	148.3	-	-	-	-	1.3	0.0	-
Miami-Fort Lauderdale, FL	2	161.7	-	161.3	-	-	-	-	0.7	-0.2	-
Philadelphia-Wilmington-Atlantic City, PA-NJ-DE-MD	2	171.1	-	172.1	-	-	-	-	2.4	0.6	-
San Francisco-Oakland-San Jose, CA	2	172.2	-	171.8	-	-	-	-	3.8	-0.2	-
Seattle-Tacoma-Bremerton, WA	2	172.2	-	172.7	-	-	-	-	3.1	0.3	-

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 July 1999 from-		Seasonally adjusted percent change from-		
		June 1999	July 1999	July 1998	June 1999	Apr. to May	May to June	June to July
Expenditure category								
All items	100.000	162.8	163.3	2.2	0.3	0.0	0.0	0.4
All items (1967=100)	-	485.0	486.3	-	-	-	-	-

Food and beverages	18.011	163.3	163.4	2.0	0.1	0.3	0.1	0.2
Food	16.966	162.8	163.0	2.0	0.1	0.3	0.1	0.1
Food at home	10.832	162.5	162.5	1.8	0.0	0.4	0.1	0.0
Cereals and bakery products	1.689	185.5	186.1	2.5	0.3	0.3	0.1	0.3
Meats, poultry, fish, and eggs	3.055	146.9	146.8	0.1	-0.1	0.1	0.5	-0.2
Dairy and related products (1).....	1.193	155.7	155.3	5.1	-0.3	0.1	-0.1	-0.3
Fruits and vegetables	1.492	201.9	201.0	1.9	-0.4	2.5	-0.4	0.0
Nonalcoholic beverages and beverage materials	1.184	133.2	133.1	1.4	-0.1	0.4	0.3	0.4
Other food at home	2.220	152.8	153.0	1.7	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.1
Sugar and sweets .....	.420	152.0	152.0	1.4	0.0	0.7	-0.5	0.0
Fats and oils .....	.354	147.2	147.8	0.3	0.4	-1.0	0.1	0.1
Other foods	1.446	169.0	169.2	2.0	0.1	0.0	0.2	0.1
Other miscellaneous foods (1) (2).....	.355	104.4	103.9	1.1	-0.5	-0.5	-0.3	-0.5
Food away from home (1).....	6.133	164.4	164.9	2.4	0.3	0.1	-0.1	0.3
Other food away from home (1) (2).....	.216	104.5	105.3	3.7	0.8	0.1	0.3	0.8
Alcoholic beverages	1.045	168.7	169.1	2.8	0.2	0.4	0.4	0.4
Housing	36.685	160.2	160.7	2.0	0.3	0.1	0.1	0.2
Shelter	27.496	181.5	182.0	2.8	0.3	0.3	0.2	0.2
Rent of primary residence (3).....	8.500	176.8	177.1	3.1	0.2	0.3	0.2	0.2
Lodging away from home (2) (3).....	1.379	113.8	116.7	4.3	2.5	-0.2	0.3	-0.1
Owners' equivalent rent of primary residence (3) (4).....	17.296	175.4	175.7	2.6	0.2	0.3	0.1	0.2
Tenants' and household insurance (1) (2)..	.320	102.3	102.2	2.8	-0.1	0.3	1.4	-0.1
Fuels and utilities	4.850	130.2	131.1	-0.3	0.7	-0.2	0.1	0.6
Fuels	3.928	114.7	115.7	-0.8	0.9	-0.3	0.1	0.6
Fuel oil and other fuels .....	.201	87.8	87.6	-0.7	-0.2	0.8	1.1	1.5
Gas (piped) and electricity (3).....	3.727	122.6	123.6	-0.8	0.8	-0.4	0.1	0.6
Water and sewer and trash collection services (2).....	.922	103.9	104.2	2.2	0.3	0.0	0.2	0.0
Household furnishings and operations	4.339	124.8	124.9	-0.6	0.1	-0.3	0.1	0.1
Household operations (1) (2).....	.402	104.8	104.8	2.7	0.0	0.2	0.3	0.0
Apparel	5.199	129.6	126.4	-1.4	-2.5	-0.1	-0.5	-0.7
Men's and boys' apparel	1.474	131.6	128.6	-0.4	-2.3	-0.2	0.2	-1.0
Women's and girls' apparel	1.948	120.6	114.4	-3.5	-5.1	0.5	-0.5	-2.1
Infants' and toddlers' apparel (1).....	.344	128.0	128.4	4.6	0.3	-0.3	-0.7	0.3
Footwear	1.057	125.8	125.8	-1.3	0.0	-1.2	-0.7	1.2
Transportation	19.166	142.4	143.7	2.1	0.9	-0.4	-0.5	1.2
Private transportation	18.109	139.9	140.9	2.0	0.7	-0.4	-0.4	1.0
New and used motor vehicles (2).....	9.250	100.0	100.1	-0.1	0.1	0.2	0.3	0.4
New vehicles	5.224	143.6	143.2	-0.5	-0.3	-0.1	0.1	-0.1
Used cars and trucks (1).....	3.216	152.2	153.7	0.7	1.0	0.9	0.9	1.0

Motor fuel	3.066	99.2	102.6	9.3	3.4	-2.6	-2.8	4.2
Gasoline (all types)	3.045	98.7	102.1	9.3	3.4	-2.8	-2.8	4.2
Motor vehicle parts and equipment .....	.682	99.6	99.5	-1.0	-0.1	0.3	-0.3	-0.3
Motor vehicle maintenance and repair	1.690	173.1	173.5	3.3	0.2	0.3	0.2	0.2
Public transportation (1).....	1.056	189.0	195.7	3.7	3.5	-1.3	-2.5	3.5
Medical care	4.672	249.4	250.3	3.4	0.4	0.2	0.4	0.3
Medical care commodities .....	.926	226.6	227.8	4.0	0.5	0.0	0.3	0.6
Medical care services	3.746	254.5	255.3	3.3	0.3	0.3	0.4	0.2
Professional services (3).....	2.415	231.0	231.4	3.1	0.2	0.3	0.4	0.2
Hospital and related services (3).....	1.114	293.6	295.3	3.9	0.6	0.4	0.3	0.3
Recreation (2).....	5.925	101.6	101.6	0.7	0.0	0.2	0.1	0.0
Video and audio (1) (2).....	1.951	100.5	100.4	-0.6	-0.1	0.1	-0.1	-0.1
Education and communication (2).....	5.361	100.7	100.8	0.6	0.1	0.0	0.1	0.2
Education (2).....	2.478	106.0	106.3	5.1	0.3	0.6	0.4	0.5
Educational books and supplies .....	.200	264.8	265.0	5.5	0.1	0.6	0.4	0.3
Tuition, other school fees, and childcare	2.278	299.2	300.2	5.2	0.3	0.6	0.4	0.4
Communication (1) (2).....	2.883	96.4	96.3	-3.3	-0.1	-0.5	-0.1	-0.1
Information and information processing (1) (2).....	2.733	96.0	96.0	-3.5	0.0	-0.5	-0.2	0.0
Telephone services (1) (2).....	2.519	99.9	99.7	-1.8	-0.2	-0.2	0.1	-0.2
Information and information processing other than telephone services (1) (5) .....	.213	30.8	31.1	-22.6	1.0	-3.6	-3.1	1.0
Personal computers and peripheral equipment (1) (2).....	.120	54.0	52.5	-29.4	-2.8	-1.4	-2.0	-2.8
Other goods and services	4.981	258.7	262.0	11.0	1.3	-0.4	0.3	1.2
Tobacco and smoking products	1.694	343.5	356.6	30.4	3.8	-1.7	0.3	3.4
Personal care (1).....	3.287	161.3	161.3	2.7	0.0	0.2	0.3	0.0
Personal care products (1).....	.838	153.3	152.7	1.7	-0.4	-0.1	1.1	-0.4
Personal care services (1).....	.975	171.2	171.8	3.2	0.4	0.5	-0.1	0.4
Miscellaneous personal services	1.253	242.6	243.2	4.0	0.2	0.3	0.2	0.3
Commodity and service group								
Commodities	46.764	144.0	144.2	1.9	0.1	-0.1	-0.2	0.5
Food and beverages	18.011	163.3	163.4	2.0	0.1	0.3	0.1	0.2
Commodities less food and beverages	28.753	132.5	132.7	1.8	0.2	-0.5	-0.3	0.7
Nondurables less food and beverages	15.564	137.0	137.5	4.6	0.4	-0.6	-0.6	1.3
Apparel	5.199	129.6	126.4	-1.4	-2.5	-0.1	-0.5	-0.7
Nondurables less food, beverages, and apparel	10.365	145.7	148.1	7.6	1.6	-1.2	-0.3	1.7
Durables	13.189	125.6	125.7	-1.3	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.2

Services	53.236	185.2	185.9	2.4	0.4	0.2	0.1	0.3
Rent of shelter (4).....	27.175	174.7	175.3	2.9	0.3	0.2	0.2	0.1
Tenants' and household insurance (1) (2)....	.320	102.3	102.2	2.8	-0.1	0.3	1.4	-0.1
Gas (piped) and electricity (3).....	3.727	122.6	123.6	-0.8	0.8	-0.4	0.1	0.6
Water and sewer and trash collection services (2).....	.922	103.9	104.2	2.2	0.3	0.0	0.2	0.0
Household operations (1) (2).....	.402	104.8	104.8	2.7	0.0	0.2	0.3	0.0
Transportation services	6.800	186.7	188.0	1.5	0.7	-0.2	-0.2	0.7
Medical care services	3.746	254.5	255.3	3.3	0.3	0.3	0.4	0.2
Other services	10.144	218.8	219.2	2.6	0.2	0.3	0.2	0.2

Special indexes

All items less food	83.034	162.7	163.2	2.2	0.3	-0.1	0.0	0.4
All items less shelter	72.504	157.6	158.0	1.9	0.3	-0.1	-0.1	0.4
All items less medical care	95.328	158.8	159.2	2.1	0.3	0.0	0.0	0.4
Commodities less food	29.798	133.9	134.2	2.0	0.2	-0.4	-0.2	0.6
Nondurables less food	16.609	138.9	139.4	4.5	0.4	-0.6	-0.5	1.2
Nondurables less food and apparel	11.410	147.0	149.3	7.2	1.6	-0.9	-0.3	1.6
Nondurables	33.575	150.5	150.8	3.2	0.2	-0.2	0.0	0.6
Services less rent of shelter (4).....	26.061	174.0	174.7	1.9	0.4	0.2	0.2	0.3
Services less medical care services	49.490	179.4	180.1	2.3	0.4	0.2	0.1	0.3
Energy	6.994	106.2	108.4	3.7	2.1	-1.4	-1.2	2.3
All items less energy	93.006	170.6	170.9	2.1	0.2	0.1	0.1	0.2
All items less food and energy	76.040	172.7	172.9	2.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.2
Commodities less food and energy commodities	26.531	143.8	143.5	1.1	-0.2	-0.1	0.1	0.1
Energy commodities	3.267	98.6	101.8	8.6	3.2	-2.5	-2.6	4.1
Services less energy services	49.509	192.2	192.8	2.6	0.3	0.2	0.2	0.3
Purchasing power of the consumer dollar	-	\$.614	\$.613	-	-	-	-	-
Purchasing power of the consumer dollar - old base	-	\$.206	\$.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--		
	Apr. 1999	May 1999	June 1999	July 1999	Oct. 1998	Jan. 1999	Apr. 1999	July 1999	Jan. 1999	July 1999
Expenditure category										
All items	162.7	162.7	162.7	163.3	1.5	2.3	3.5	1.5	1.9	2.5
Food and beverages	162.9	163.4	163.5	163.8	3.0	2.7	0.0	2.2	2.9	1.1
Food	162.5	163.0	163.1	163.3	3.0	2.8	0.0	2.0	2.9	1.0
Food at home	161.9	162.6	162.8	162.8	3.3	2.5	-1.2	2.2	2.9	0.5
Cereals and bakery products	184.3	184.8	185.0	185.5	2.2	4.2	0.7	2.6	3.2	1.6
Meats, poultry, fish, and eggs	146.6	146.8	147.5	147.2	0.3	-5.1	4.2	1.6	-2.4	2.9
Dairy and related products (1).....	155.7	155.8	155.7	155.3	19.7	17.9	-12.7	-1.0	18.8	-7.1
Fruits and vegetables	199.9	204.9	204.1	204.0	2.0	7.6	-9.6	8.5	4.7	-1.0
Nonalcoholic beverages and beverage materials	132.4	132.9	133.3	133.8	-1.5	2.8	0.3	4.3	0.6	2.3
Other food at home	152.6	152.6	152.6	152.8	4.0	0.8	1.1	0.5	2.4	0.8
Sugar and sweets	151.4	152.4	151.7	151.7	2.2	2.1	0.5	0.8	2.2	0.7
Fats and oils	148.5	147.0	147.1	147.2	27.2	-14.5	-3.4	-3.5	4.3	-3.4
Other foods	168.5	168.5	168.8	169.0	-0.2	4.4	2.4	1.2	2.1	1.8
Other miscellaneous foods (1) (2).....	105.2	104.7	104.4	103.9	2.0	3.5	3.9	-4.9	2.7	-0.6
Food away from home (1).....	164.4	164.5	164.4	164.9	3.0	3.0	2.2	1.2	3.0	1.7
Other food away from home (1) (2).....	104.1	104.2	104.5	105.3	5.2	3.1	1.9	4.7	4.2	3.3
Alcoholic beverages	167.4	168.1	168.7	169.3	2.0	2.9	1.7	4.6	2.4	3.1
Housing	159.2	159.4	159.6	159.9	2.1	1.8	2.6	1.8	1.9	2.2
Shelter	180.7	181.2	181.5	181.8	3.9	2.3	3.2	2.5	3.1	2.8
Rent of primary residence (3).....	176.0	176.6	176.9	177.3	3.5	3.5	2.5	3.0	3.5	2.8
Lodging away from home (2) (3).....	104.9	104.7	105.0	104.9	12.9	-6.4	12.3	0.0	2.8	6.0
Owners' equivalent rent of primary residence (3) (4).....	174.9	175.4	175.6	175.9	3.3	2.6	2.6	2.3	2.9	2.4
Tenants' and household insurance (1) (2)..	100.6	100.9	102.3	102.2	2.4	0.4	2.0	6.5	1.4	4.2

Fuels and utilities	127.3	127.0	127.1	127.8	-4.9	0.0	2.6	1.6	-2.5	2.1
Fuels	110.9	110.6	110.7	111.4	-6.6	-0.4	2.2	1.8	-3.5	2.0
Fuel oil and other fuels	87.1	87.8	88.8	90.1	-11.8	-11.3	8.7	14.5	-11.6	11.6
Gas (piped) and electricity (3).....	118.7	118.2	118.3	119.0	-6.2	0.0	2.0	1.0	-3.1	1.5
Water and sewer and trash collection services (2).....	103.7	103.7	103.9	103.9	2.4	2.8	2.7	0.8	2.6	1.8
Household furnishings and operations	124.9	124.5	124.6	124.7	-1.3	0.6	-1.0	-0.6	-0.3	-0.8
Household operations (1) (2).....	104.3	104.5	104.8	104.8	2.4	3.2	3.5	1.9	2.8	2.7
Apparel	130.7	130.6	130.0	129.1	3.4	-6.5	2.5	-4.8	-1.7	-1.2
Men's and boys' apparel	132.4	132.1	132.4	131.1	2.5	-7.1	7.6	-3.9	-2.4	1.7
Women's and girls' apparel	121.4	122.0	121.4	118.9	2.6	-9.3	1.0	-8.0	-3.5	-3.6
Infants' and toddlers' apparel (1).....	129.3	128.9	128.0	128.4	29.9	-0.6	-4.5	-2.8	13.6	-3.6
Footwear	128.3	126.7	125.8	127.3	0.3	-4.0	1.9	-3.1	-1.9	-0.6
Transportation	143.2	142.6	141.9	143.6	-1.4	-2.8	12.0	1.1	-2.1	6.4
Private transportation	140.4	139.9	139.4	140.8	-1.4	-2.9	11.3	1.1	-2.2	6.1
New and used motor vehicles (2).....	99.7	99.9	100.2	100.6	1.2	-1.2	-3.5	3.7	0.0	0.0
New vehicles	143.9	143.7	143.8	143.7	-0.6	1.4	-2.5	-0.6	0.4	-1.5
Used cars and trucks (1).....	149.6	150.9	152.2	153.7	4.0	-6.1	-5.7	11.4	-1.2	2.5
Motor fuel	102.4	99.7	96.9	101.0	-10.4	-14.3	96.4	-5.4	-12.4	36.3
Gasoline (all types)	102.0	99.1	96.3	100.3	-9.7	-14.7	97.9	-6.5	-12.2	36.0
Motor vehicle parts and equipment	99.8	100.1	99.8	99.5	1.2	-1.6	-2.4	-1.2	-0.2	-1.8
Motor vehicle maintenance and repair	172.3	172.9	173.3	173.7	4.3	2.9	2.6	3.3	3.6	2.9
Public transportation (1).....	196.4	193.9	189.0	195.7	-5.0	1.1	22.2	-1.4	-2.0	9.8
Medical care	248.1	248.7	249.6	250.3	3.3	3.2	3.6	3.6	3.2	3.6
Medical care commodities	225.4	225.3	226.0	227.3	4.8	2.6	5.1	3.4	3.7	4.3
Medical care services	253.0	253.8	254.7	255.3	3.1	3.3	3.2	3.7	3.2	3.5
Professional services (3).....	229.2	229.8	230.7	231.2	3.6	2.9	2.7	3.5	3.2	3.1
Hospital and related services (3).....	292.3	293.6	294.5	295.3	3.1	4.7	3.4	4.2	3.9	3.8
Recreation (2).....	101.1	101.3	101.4	101.4	-0.4	2.4	-0.4	1.2	1.0	0.4
Video and audio (1) (2).....	100.4	100.5	100.4	100.3	1.2	1.6	-4.6	-0.4	1.4	-2.5
Education and communication (2).....	101.3	101.3	101.4	101.6	-0.8	1.6	0.4	1.2	0.4	0.8
Education (2).....	106.7	107.3	107.7	108.2	4.3	4.7	6.2	5.7	4.5	6.0
Educational books and supplies	263.4	265.1	266.1	266.9	9.0	0.5	7.0	5.4	4.6	6.2
Tuition, other school fees, and childcare	299.8	301.5	302.8	304.1	3.9	5.0	5.9	5.9	4.5	5.9
Communication (1) (2).....	97.0	96.5	96.4	96.3	-4.7	-1.2	-4.4	-2.9	-3.0	-3.6
Information and information processing (1) (2).....	96.7	96.2	96.0	96.0	-4.7	-2.0	-4.4	-2.9	-3.4	-3.6
Telephone services (1) (2).....	100.0	99.8	99.9	99.7	-2.7	0.0	-3.1	-1.2	-1.4	-2.2
Information and information processing other than telephone services (1) (5)	33.0	31.8	30.8	31.1	-25.1	-23.3	-21.0	-21.1	-24.2	-21.0

Personal computers and peripheral equipment (1) (2).....	55.9	55.1	54.0	52.5	-32.2	-32.9	-29.9	-22.2	-32.6	-26.2
Other goods and services	259.7	258.6	259.4	262.4	6.9	35.6	0.6	4.2	20.4	2.4
Tobacco and smoking products	350.1	344.2	345.2	357.0	15.8	141.5	-4.1	8.1	67.2	1.8
Personal care (1).....	160.4	160.8	161.3	161.3	3.4	2.0	3.3	2.3	2.7	2.8
Personal care products (1).....	151.7	151.6	153.3	152.7	0.8	0.8	2.7	2.7	0.8	2.7
Personal care services (1).....	170.6	171.4	171.2	171.8	3.4	3.1	3.6	2.8	3.3	3.2
Miscellaneous personal services	241.0	241.8	242.4	243.2	5.2	4.5	2.5	3.7	4.8	3.1
Commodity and service group										
Commodities	144.4	144.2	143.9	144.6	0.8	2.0	4.3	0.6	1.4	2.4
Food and beverages	162.9	163.4	163.5	163.8	3.0	2.7	0.0	2.2	2.9	1.1
Commodities less food and beverages	133.2	132.6	132.2	133.1	-0.3	1.5	6.9	-0.3	0.6	3.2
Nondurables less food and beverages	138.1	137.3	136.5	138.3	0.9	2.7	15.2	0.6	1.8	7.6
Apparel	130.7	130.6	130.0	129.1	3.4	-6.5	2.5	-4.8	-1.7	-1.2
Nondurables less food, beverages, and apparel	147.0	145.3	144.8	147.3	0.3	8.4	22.2	0.8	4.3	11.0
Durables	125.4	125.5	125.6	125.8	-0.9	-1.6	-4.0	1.3	-1.3	-1.4
Services	184.5	184.8	185.0	185.6	2.0	2.2	3.1	2.4	2.1	2.7
Rent of shelter (4).....	174.1	174.4	174.7	174.9	4.1	2.3	3.0	1.9	3.2	2.4
Tenants' and household insurance (1) (2)....	100.6	100.9	102.3	102.2	2.4	0.4	2.0	6.5	1.4	4.2
Gas (piped) and electricity (3).....	118.7	118.2	118.3	119.0	-6.2	0.0	2.0	1.0	-3.1	1.5
Water and sewer and trash collection services (2).....	103.7	103.7	103.9	103.9	2.4	2.8	2.7	0.8	2.6	1.8
Household operations (1) (2).....	104.3	104.5	104.8	104.8	2.4	3.2	3.5	1.9	2.8	2.7
Transportation services	187.9	187.5	187.1	188.5	-0.4	0.9	4.4	1.3	0.2	2.8
Medical care services	253.0	253.8	254.7	255.3	3.1	3.3	3.2	3.7	3.2	3.5
Other services	218.5	219.1	219.6	220.1	2.1	3.4	2.0	3.0	2.7	2.5
Special indexes										
All items less food	162.4	162.3	162.3	163.0	1.3	2.0	4.3	1.5	1.6	2.9
All items less shelter	157.6	157.5	157.4	158.1	0.8	2.1	3.6	1.3	1.4	2.4
All items less medical care	158.6	158.6	158.6	159.2	1.5	2.1	3.3	1.5	1.8	2.4
Commodities less food	134.8	134.2	133.9	134.7	-0.3	1.5	6.8	-0.3	0.6	3.2
Nondurables less food	140.0	139.2	138.5	140.1	0.9	2.7	14.6	0.3	1.8	7.2
Nondurables less food and apparel	148.0	146.7	146.3	148.6	0.6	7.4	20.4	1.6	3.9	10.6
Nondurables	150.8	150.5	150.5	151.4	1.4	2.5	7.5	1.6	1.9	4.5
Services less rent of shelter (4).....	173.0	173.3	173.6	174.2	0.7	1.9	2.1	2.8	1.3	2.5
Services less medical care services	178.6	179.0	179.2	179.7	2.1	2.3	2.5	2.5	2.2	2.5
Energy	106.1	104.6	103.3	105.7	-8.4	-7.0	38.0	-1.5	-7.7	16.6
All items less energy	170.6	170.8	171.0	171.3	2.4	2.9	1.2	1.7	2.6	1.4
All items less food and energy	172.8	172.9	173.1	173.5	2.1	2.8	1.6	1.6	2.5	1.6

Commodities less food and energy											
commodities	144.1	144.0	144.1	144.3	1.1	3.7	-1.4	0.6	2.4	-0.4	
Energy commodities	101.5	99.0	96.4	100.4	-10.4	-13.9	89.6	-4.3	-12.2	34.7	
Services less energy services	192.1	192.4	192.7	193.2	2.8	2.3	3.2	2.3	2.6	2.7	

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 July1999 from--			Percent change to June1999 from--		
		Apr. 1999	May 1999	June 1999	July 1999	July 1998	May 1999	June 1999	June 1998	Apr. 1999	May 1999
U.S. city average	M	162.7	162.8	162.8	163.3	2.2	0.3	0.3	1.9	0.1	0.0
Region and area size(2)											
Northeast urban	M	169.5	169.7	170.0	170.2	2.2	0.3	0.1	2.1	0.3	0.2
Size A - More than 1,500,000	M	169.3	169.4	169.9	170.3	2.3	0.5	0.2	2.2	0.4	0.3
Size B/C 50,000 to 1,500,000 (3).....	M	103.5	103.5	103.4	103.4	1.9	-0.1	0.0	1.9	-0.1	-0.1
Midwest urban	M	158.2	158.3	158.5	159.1	2.1	0.5	0.4	1.8	0.2	0.1
Size A - More than 1,500,000	M	158.8	158.9	159.3	159.9	2.2	0.6	0.4	2.0	0.3	0.3
Size B/C - 50,000 to 1,500,000 (3).....	M	103.5	103.4	103.4	103.8	1.9	0.4	0.4	1.5	-0.1	0.0
Size D - Nonmetropolitan (less than 50,000)	M	154.4	154.4	154.9	155.4	2.4	0.6	0.3	2.4	0.3	0.3

South urban	M	159.4	159.7	159.7	160.1	1.8	0.3	0.3	1.7	0.2	0.0
Size A - More than 1,500,000	M	157.9	158.1	158.4	158.9	1.8	0.5	0.3	1.6	0.3	0.2
Size B/C - 50,000 to 1,500,000 (3).....	M	103.5	103.7	103.6	103.9	2.0	0.2	0.3	1.8	0.1	-0.1
Size D - Nonmetropolitan (less than 50,000)	M	162.7	162.6	162.3	163.0	1.6	0.2	0.4	1.2	-0.2	-0.2
West urban	M	164.9	164.7	164.2	164.7	2.7	0.0	0.3	2.4	-0.4	-0.3
Size A - More than 1,500,000	M	164.2	164.0	163.5	164.0	3.0	0.0	0.3	2.6	-0.4	-0.3
Size B/C - 50,000 to 1,500,000 (3).....	M	105.0	104.7	104.3	104.7	2.5	0.0	0.4	2.2	-0.7	-0.4

Size classes

A (4).....	M	148.9	149.0	149.2	149.6	2.3	0.4	0.3	2.2	0.2	0.1
B/C (3).....	M	103.7	103.8	103.6	103.9	2.0	0.1	0.3	1.8	-0.1	-0.2
D	M	160.9	160.8	160.9	161.3	1.9	0.3	0.2	1.8	0.0	0.1

Selected local areas(5)

Chicago-Gary-Kenosha, IL-IN-WI	M	161.7	162.3	163.0	163.4	1.7	0.7	0.2	1.7	0.8	0.4
Los Angeles-Riverside-Orange County, CA	M	160.1	159.7	158.9	159.2	2.1	-0.3	0.2	1.8	-0.7	-0.5
New York-Northern N.J.-Long Island, NY-NJ-CT-PA	M	171.3	171.5	172.1	172.5	2.0	0.6	0.2	2.0	0.5	0.3
Boston-Brockton-Nashua, MA-NH-ME-CT	1	-	172.6	-	173.3	2.7	0.4	-	-	-	-
Cleveland-Akron, OH	1	-	153.7	-	154.9	1.8	0.8	-	-	-	-
Dallas-Fort Worth, TX	1	-	157.0	-	158.0	2.6	0.6	-	-	-	-
Washington-Baltimore, DC-MD-VA-WV (6).....	1	-	103.4	-	104.3	1.8	0.9	-	-	-	-
Atlanta, GA	2	160.9	-	161.9	-	-	-	-	1.6	0.6	-
Detroit-Ann Arbor-Flint, MI	2	158.7	-	158.3	-	-	-	-	2.8	-0.3	-
Houston-Galveston-Brazoria, TX	2	146.6	-	147.1	-	-	-	-	1.4	0.3	-
Miami-Fort Lauderdale, FL	2	159.1	-	158.9	-	-	-	-	0.8	-0.1	-
Philadelphia-Wilmington-Atlantic City, PA-NJ-DE-MD	2	170.6	-	171.9	-	-	-	-	2.7	0.8	-
San Francisco-Oakland-San Jose, CA	2	168.8	-	168.3	-	-	-	-	4.1	-0.3	-
Seattle-Tacoma-Bremerton, WA	2	167.8	-	168.0	-	-	-	-	3.2	0.1	-

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

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

3 Indexes on a December 1996=100 base.

4 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.