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CONSUMER PRICE INDEX: AUGUST 1999

The Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers (CPI-U) rose 0.2 percent in August, before seasonal adjustment, to a level of 167.1 (1982-84=100), the Bureau of Labor Statistics of the U.S. Department of Labor reported today. For the 12-month period ended in August, the CPI-U increased 2.3 percent.

The Consumer Price Index for Urban Wage Earners and Clerical Workers (CPI-W) rose 0.3 in August, prior to seasonal adjustment. The August level of 163.8 was 2.4 percent higher than the index in August 1998.

CPI for All Urban Consumers (CPI-U)

On a seasonally adjusted basis, the CPI-U increased 0.3 percent in August, the same as in July. Energy costs increased sharply for the second consecutive month--up 2.7 percent in August--accounting for about two-thirds of the August advance in the overall CPI. The index for petroleum-based energy rose 5.4 percent in August, and the index for energy services increased 0.3 percent. For the second consecutive month in August, the food index increased 0.2 percent and the index for food at home, 0.1 percent. Excluding food and energy, the CPI-U rose 0.1 percent, following an increase of 0.2 percent in July. Downturns in the indexes for airline fares and cigarettes accounted for the smaller advance in the August 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 Aug. '99	Un- adjusted 12-mos. ended Aug. '99
	Changes from preceding month 1999								
	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	June	July	Aug.		
All Items	.1	.2	.7	.0	.0	.3	.3	2.4	2.3
Food and beverages	.2	-.2	.1	.4	.0	.2	.2	1.5	2.0
Housing	.1	.2	.4	.1	.2	.1	.2	2.0	2.2

Apparel	-.2	-.3	1.5	-.2	-.4	-.9	-.3	-6.2	-3.1
Transportation	-.1	.7	2.4	-.5	-.6	1.2	.9	6.0	3.2
Medical care	.2	.2	.4	.2	.4	.3	.4	4.1	3.4
Recreation	-.1	.0	.3	.2	.0	.0	.0	.0	.9
Education and communication	.1	.0	.1	-.1	.0	.2	.2	1.6	1.1
Other goods and services	-.1	-.6	1.0	-.2	.2	.9	-.2	3.5	8.2
Special Indexes									
Energy	.0	1.6	6.1	-1.3	-1.2	2.1	2.7	15.3	7.2
Food	.1	-.2	.1	.4	.0	.2	.2	1.5	2.0
All Items less Food and energy	.1	.1	.4	.1	.1	.2	.1	1.4	1.9

During the first eight months of 1999, the CPI-U rose at a 2.6 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 15.4 percent annual rate in the first eight 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 1.9 percent SAAR in the first eight months of 1999. Excluding food and energy, the CPI-U has advanced at a 1.6 percent rate compared with a 2.4 percent rise for all of 1998.

The food and beverages index rose 0.2 percent in August. The index for food at home increased 0.1 percent, the same as in July. The index for fruits and vegetables, which had declined in each of the preceding two months, rose 0.6 percent in August. (Prior to seasonal adjustment, the index for fruits and vegetables was virtually unchanged.) The index for fresh fruits decreased 0.4 percent, despite another increase in citrus fruit prices. In the first eight months of 1999, prices for citrus fruits have risen 60.8 percent. The index for fresh vegetables rose 2.2 percent and the index for processed fruits and vegetables increased 0.1 percent. The index for dairy products rose 0.5 percent in August. The index for meats, poultry, fish, and eggs, which declined 0.1 percent in July, increased 0.3 percent in August. Increases in the indexes for eggs and poultry--up 4.0 and 0.8 percent, respectively--more than offset declines in the indexes for beef and veal and for pork. Among the other major grocery store food groups, the index for other food at home rose 0.3 percent, while the indexes for cereal and bakery products and for nonalcoholic beverages declined 0.9 and 0.1 percent, respectively. The other two components of the food and beverages index--food away from home and alcoholic beverages--each increased 0.3 percent.

The index for housing rose 0.2 percent in August, following an increase of 0.1 percent in July. Shelter costs also rose 0.2 percent in August. Within shelter, the indexes for rent and for owners' equivalent rent each increased 0.2 percent, while the index for lodging away from home declined 0.3 percent. The index for fuels and utilities increased 0.4 percent in August. The index for household fuels rose 0.4 percent. The indexes for fuel oil and for natural gas increased 2.9 and 1.9 percent, respectively, while the index for electricity declined 0.3 percent. The index for household furnishings and operations, which was unchanged in July, rose 0.1 percent in August.

The transportation component, which rose 1.2 percent in July, advanced 0.9 percent in August. The gasoline index increased sharply for the second consecutive month--up 5.6 percent in August after rising 4.3 percent in July. Gasoline prices have risen 25.1 percent thus far in 1999, but as of August are 9.8 percent lower than their peak level in November 1990. Airline fares, which increased 6.5 percent in July, turned down in August, declining 2.7 percent. The index for new and used vehicles rose 0.1 percent in August; a 1.0 percent increase in the index for used cars and trucks more than offset a 0.1 percent decline in the index for new vehicles.

The index for apparel declined for the fourth consecutive month, down 0.3 percent in August. Discounting on men's and boys' wear more than offset price increases on women's and girls' clothing.

Medical care costs rose 0.4 percent in August to a level 3.4 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 0.7 percent. The index for medical care services rose 0.3 percent. Charges for physicians' services and for hospital services increased 0.1 and 0.6 percent, respectively.

In August, for the third consecutive month, the index for recreation costs was unchanged. Increases in the indexes for cable television, for fees for lessons, and for club memberships were offset by declines in the indexes for toys, for pets and pet services, for sporting goods, for photography, and for admissions to movies, theaters, concerts, and sporting events.

The index for education and communication increased 0.2 percent in August. Educational costs rose 0.3 percent, and the index for communication increased 0.1 percent. Within the latter group, the index for personal computers and peripheral equipment declined 3.8 percent, while the index for telephone services increased 0.3 percent.

The index for other goods and services declined 0.2 percent in August, following a 0.9 percent increase in July. The index for tobacco and smoking products, which rose 3.3 percent in July, fell 1.3 percent in August, reflecting a 1.8 percent drop in cigarette prices.

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 0.2 percent in August.

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 Aug. '99	Un-adjusted 12-mos. ended Aug. '99
	Changes from preceding month 1999								
	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	June	July	Aug.		
All Items	.0	.1	.7	.0	.0	.4	.2	2.5	2.4
Food and beverages	.1	-.2	.1	.3	.1	.2	.2	1.7	2.0
Housing	.1	.3	.3	.1	.1	.2	.1	1.8	2.1
Apparel	-.4	-.4	1.4	-.1	-.5	-.7	-.5	-6.6	-2.7
Transportation	-.4	.6	2.6	-.4	-.5	1.2	1.0	7.2	3.4
Medical care	.2	.3	.4	.2	.4	.3	.2	3.6	3.4
Recreation	-.2	-.1	.2	.2	.1	.0	-.1	.0	.4
Education and communication	.2	.0	-.1	.0	.1	.2	.1	1.6	1.2
Other goods and services	-.2	-1.0	1.4	-.4	.3	1.2	-.4	4.4	10.4
Special Indexes									
Energy	-.2	2.0	6.4	-1.4	-1.2	2.3	2.8	16.6	8.0
Food	.1	-.2	.1	.3	.1	.1	.2	1.7	1.9
All Items less food and energy	.0	.0	.4	.1	.1	.2	.1	1.6	1.9

Consumer Price Index data for September are scheduled for release on Tuesday, October 19, 1999, at 8:30 A.M. (EDT).

Because price data are used for different purposes by different groups, the Bureau of Labor Statistics publishes seasonally adjusted as well as unadjusted changes each month.

For analyzing general price trends in the economy, seasonally adjusted changes are usually preferred since they eliminate the effect of changes that normally occur at the same time and in about the same magnitude every year--such as price movements resulting from changing climatic conditions, production cycles, model changeovers, holidays, and sales.

The unadjusted data are of primary interest to consumers concerned about the prices they actually pay. Unadjusted data also are used extensively for escalation purposes. Many collective bargaining contract agreements and pension plans, for example, tie compensation changes to the Consumer Price Index unadjusted for seasonal variation.

Seasonal factors used in computing the seasonally adjusted indexes are derived by the X-12-ARIMA Seasonal Adjustment Method. The updated seasonal data at the end of 1977 replaced data from 1967 through 1977. Subsequent annual updates have replaced 5 years of seasonal data, e.g., data from 1994 through 1998 were replaced at the end of 1998. The seasonal movement of all items and 54 other aggregations is derived by combining the seasonal movement of 73 selected components. Each year the seasonal status of every series is reevaluated based upon certain statistical criteria. If any of the 73 components change their seasonal adjustment status from seasonally adjusted to not seasonally adjusted, not seasonally adjusted data will be used for the last 5 years, but the seasonally adjusted indexes will be used before that period.

Seasonally adjusted data, including the All items index levels, are subject to revision for up to five years after their original release. For this reason, BLS advises against the use of these data in escalation agreements.

Effective with the calculation of the seasonal factors for 1990, the Bureau of Labor Statistics has used an enhanced seasonal adjustment procedure called Intervention Analysis Seasonal Adjustment for some CPI series.

Intervention Analysis Seasonal Adjustment allows for better estimates of seasonally adjusted data. Extreme values and/or sharp movements which might distort the seasonal pattern are estimated and removed from the data prior to calculation of seasonal factors. Beginning with the calculation of seasonal factors for 1996, X-12-ARIMA software was used for Intervention Analysis Seasonal Adjustment.

For the fuel oil and the motor fuels indexes, this procedure was used to offset the effects that extreme price volatility would otherwise have had on the estimates of seasonally adjusted data for those series. For some women's apparel indexes and the girls' apparel index, the procedure was used to offset the effects of changes in pricing methodology. For the tobacco and smoking products index, this procedure was used to offset the effects wholesale tobacco prices and legal fees passed on to consumers. For some alcoholic beverage series, Intervention Analysis Seasonal Adjustment was used to offset the effects of excise tax increases. For the Nonalcoholic beverages index, the procedure was used to offset the effects of a large increase in coffee prices due to adverse weather. The procedure was used to account for unusual butter fat supply reductions affecting the Fats and oils series. For the Water and sewerage maintenance index, the procedure was used to account for a data collection anomaly.

A description of Intervention Analysis Seasonal Adjustment, as well as a list of unusual events modeled and seasonal factors for these items may be obtained by writing the Bureau of Labor Statistics, Division of Consumer Prices and Price Indexes, Washington, DC 20212 or by calling Claire McAnaw Gallagher on (202) 606-6968 or sending e-mail to Gallagher\_C@BLS.GOV.

Table 1. Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers (CPI-U): U.S. city average, by expenditure category and commodity and service group

(1982-84=100, unless otherwise noted)

	Relative importance,	Unadjusted indexes	Unadjusted percent change to Aug. 1999 from-	Seasonally adjusted percent change from-
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CPI-U	December 1998	July 1999	Aug. 1999	Aug. 1998	July 1999	May to June	June to July	July to Aug.
Expenditure category								
All items .....	100.000	166.7	167.1	2.3	0.2	0.0	0.3	0.3
All items (1967=100) .....	-	499.2	500.7	-	-	-	-	-
Food and beverages .....	16.408	164.2	164.7	2.0	0.3	0.0	0.2	0.2
Food .....	15.422	163.8	164.2	2.0	0.2	0.0	0.2	0.2
Food at home .....	9.691	163.7	164.1	1.7	0.2	0.0	0.1	0.1
Cereals and bakery products .....	1.544	186.3	184.9	1.2	-0.8	0.1	0.3	-0.9
Meats, poultry, fish, and eggs .....	2.569	147.3	148.5	0.2	0.8	0.3	-0.1	0.3
Dairy and related products (1).....	1.088	155.7	156.5	4.0	0.5	-0.1	-0.3	0.5
Fruits and vegetables .....	1.440	202.0	202.1	3.2	0.0	-0.5	-0.2	0.6
Nonalcoholic beverages and beverage materials .....	1.049	134.3	134.5	1.9	0.1	0.3	0.4	-0.1
Other food at home .....	2.002	153.7	154.2	1.4	0.3	0.1	0.1	0.3
Sugar and sweets .....	.377	152.4	152.7	1.7	0.2	-0.4	0.0	0.5
Fats and oils .....	.309	148.1	148.6	-0.7	0.3	0.0	0.3	0.5
Other foods .....	1.316	169.3	169.9	1.8	0.4	0.2	0.1	0.2
Other miscellaneous foods (1) (2).....	.320	104.2	104.8	1.3	0.6	-0.1	-0.7	0.6
Food away from home (1).....	5.730	165.1	165.6	2.5	0.3	0.0	0.3	0.3
Other food away from home (1) (2).....	.175	105.5	105.8	3.4	0.3	0.1	1.1	0.3
Alcoholic beverages .....	.986	169.9	170.2	2.7	0.2	0.2	0.5	0.3
Housing .....	39.828	164.7	165.0	2.2	0.2	0.2	0.1	0.2
Shelter .....	30.283	188.0	188.3	2.7	0.2	0.2	0.1	0.2
Rent of primary residence (3).....	7.007	177.5	177.9	3.0	0.2	0.1	0.2	0.2
Lodging away from home (2) (3).....	2.376	117.1	117.1	3.7	0.0	0.6	0.2	-0.3
Owners' equivalent rent of primary residence (3) (4).....	20.529	193.0	193.4	2.6	0.2	0.1	0.1	0.2
Tenants' and household insurance (1) (2).. Fuels and utilities .....	.371	102.1	102.2	3.0	0.1	1.7	-0.1	0.1
Fuels .....	4.735	131.1	131.4	0.6	0.2	0.2	0.5	0.4
Fuels .....	3.801	116.0	116.2	0.3	0.2	0.1	0.7	0.4
Fuel oil and other fuels .....	.227	87.5	89.2	2.9	1.9	1.0	1.9	2.4
Gas (piped) and electricity (3).....	3.574	124.0	124.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.6	0.3
Water and sewer and trash collection services (2).....	.934	104.1	104.4	2.2	0.3	0.1	0.0	0.1
Household furnishings and operations .....	4.810	126.8	126.8	0.0	0.0	0.2	0.0	0.1
Household operations (1) (2).....	.908	104.3	105.0	2.9	0.7	0.2	0.0	0.7

Apparel .....	4.831	127.3	127.5	-3.1	0.2	-0.4	-0.9	-0.3
Men's and boys' apparel .....	1.358	128.3	127.1	-2.7	-0.9	0.2	-1.1	-1.7
Women's and girls' apparel .....	1.939	116.1	117.9	-4.8	1.6	-0.3	-2.0	0.8
Infants' and toddlers' apparel (1).....	.272	127.4	128.3	3.1	0.7	-0.6	0.5	0.7
Footwear .....	.876	125.2	123.8	-3.1	-1.1	-0.6	1.0	-1.1
Transportation .....	16.999	144.7	145.7	3.2	0.7	-0.6	1.2	0.9
Private transportation .....	15.653	140.6	141.9	3.3	0.9	-0.4	0.9	1.1
New and used motor vehicles (2).....	7.843	99.8	99.7	-0.2	-0.1	0.1	0.3	0.1
New vehicles .....	4.983	142.0	141.4	-1.0	-0.4	-0.1	0.1	-0.1
Used cars and trucks (1).....	1.914	152.3	153.8	1.8	1.0	0.9	0.9	1.0
Motor fuel .....	2.493	102.5	107.8	17.7	5.2	-3.0	4.1	5.6
Gasoline (all types) .....	2.476	101.9	107.2	17.7	5.2	-3.2	4.3	5.6
Motor vehicle parts and equipment .....	.549	100.0	100.1	-1.1	0.1	-0.3	-0.2	0.0
Motor vehicle maintenance and repair .....	1.624	172.1	172.1	2.9	0.0	0.2	0.2	0.1
Public transportation (1).....	1.346	200.8	197.1	2.5	-1.8	-2.9	4.3	-1.8
Medical care .....	5.713	251.1	251.9	3.4	0.3	0.4	0.3	0.4
Medical care commodities .....	1.252	231.7	232.5	4.2	0.3	0.4	0.6	0.6
Medical care services .....	4.461	255.5	256.2	3.2	0.3	0.4	0.2	0.3
Professional services (3).....	2.854	229.8	230.1	3.0	0.1	0.4	0.2	0.3
Hospital and related services (3).....	1.354	299.3	301.3	4.1	0.7	0.4	0.2	0.7
Recreation (2).....	6.120	102.2	102.2	0.9	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Video and audio (1) (2).....	1.748	100.6	100.9	-0.3	0.3	-0.2	-0.1	0.3
Education and communication (2).....	5.478	100.4	101.2	1.1	0.8	0.0	0.2	0.2
Education (2).....	2.694	106.0	107.5	4.8	1.4	0.3	0.5	0.3
Educational books and supplies .....	.203	262.3	264.5	6.2	0.8	0.4	0.3	0.6
Tuition, other school fees, and childcare .....	2.492	305.4	309.9	4.8	1.5	0.3	0.4	0.3
Communication (1) (2).....	2.783	95.5	95.6	-2.3	0.1	-0.2	0.0	0.1
Information and information processing (1) (2).....	2.580	94.9	95.0	-2.8	0.1	-0.3	0.0	0.1
Telephone services (1) (2).....	2.327	99.5	99.8	-0.6	0.3	0.1	-0.2	0.3
Information and information processing other than telephone services (1) (5) .....	.253	30.0	29.8	-20.7	-0.7	-3.6	0.7	-0.7
Personal computers and peripheral equipment (1) (2).....	.148	52.9	50.9	-28.4	-3.8	-2.2	-2.9	-3.8
Other goods and services .....	4.624	258.3	257.6	8.2	-0.3	0.2	0.9	-0.2
Tobacco and smoking products .....	1.159	356.0	350.1	27.9	-1.7	0.2	3.3	-1.3
Personal care (1).....	3.465	161.1	161.4	2.7	0.2	0.2	0.0	0.2
Personal care products (1).....	.742	152.0	152.3	2.6	0.2	1.1	-0.4	0.2
Personal care services (1).....	.973	171.4	171.9	3.2	0.3	-0.1	0.3	0.3



Miscellaneous personal services .....	1.491	242.9	243.9	3.5	0.4	0.1	0.4	0.4
Commodity and service group								
Commodities .....	42.109	143.9	144.5	2.0	0.4	-0.2	0.4	0.4
Food and beverages .....	16.408	164.2	164.7	2.0	0.3	0.0	0.2	0.2
Commodities less food and beverages .....	25.702	131.9	132.5	1.9	0.5	-0.4	0.5	0.5
Nondurables less food and beverages .....	14.345	136.7	138.0	4.6	1.0	-0.5	1.0	0.8
Apparel .....	4.831	127.3	127.5	-3.1	0.2	-0.4	-0.9	-0.3
Nondurables less food, beverages, and apparel .....	9.514	146.8	148.8	8.5	1.4	-0.5	1.5	1.8
Durables .....	11.356	125.6	125.4	-1.4	-0.2	0.0	0.2	0.0
Services .....	57.891	189.5	189.9	2.5	0.2	0.1	0.3	0.2
Rent of shelter (4).....	29.912	195.7	196.1	2.8	0.2	0.3	0.1	0.2
Tenants' and household insurance (1) (2)....	.371	102.1	102.2	3.0	0.1	1.7	-0.1	0.1
Gas (piped) and electricity (3).....	3.574	124.0	124.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.6	0.3
Water and sewer and trash collection services (2).....	.934	104.1	104.4	2.2	0.3	0.1	0.0	0.1
Household operations (1) (2).....	.908	104.3	105.0	2.9	0.7	0.2	0.0	0.7
Transportation services .....	6.963	191.0	190.2	1.3	-0.4	-0.5	1.0	-0.4
Medical care services .....	4.461	255.5	256.2	3.2	0.3	0.4	0.2	0.3
Other services .....	10.768	222.6	223.9	2.9	0.6	0.1	0.3	0.3
Special indexes								
All items less food .....	84.578	167.2	167.7	2.3	0.3	0.0	0.3	0.3
All items less shelter .....	69.717	160.1	160.6	2.0	0.3	-0.1	0.4	0.2
All items less medical care .....	94.287	162.0	162.5	2.2	0.3	-0.1	0.3	0.3
Commodities less food .....	26.688	133.4	134.0	2.0	0.4	-0.3	0.4	0.5
Nondurables less food .....	15.331	138.7	139.9	4.5	0.9	-0.4	0.9	0.8
Nondurables less food and apparel .....	10.500	148.2	150.0	8.0	1.2	-0.3	1.4	1.6
Nondurables .....	30.753	150.6	151.5	3.2	0.6	-0.1	0.5	0.5
Services less rent of shelter (4).....	27.979	196.5	196.9	2.2	0.2	0.2	0.4	0.2
Services less medical care services .....	53.429	183.4	183.8	2.4	0.2	0.1	0.3	0.1
Energy .....	6.294	108.7	111.3	7.2	2.4	-1.2	2.1	2.7
All items less energy .....	93.706	174.3	174.5	1.9	0.1	0.1	0.2	0.1
All items less food and energy .....	78.284	176.9	177.1	1.9	0.1	0.1	0.2	0.1
Commodities less food and energy commodities .....	23.967	143.2	143.0	0.2	-0.1	0.0	0.1	-0.1
Energy commodities .....	2.720	101.3	106.3	16.4	4.9	-2.7	4.0	5.4
Services less energy services .....	54.316	196.1	196.5	2.6	0.2	0.1	0.3	0.2
Purchasing power of the consumer dollar .....	-	\$ .600	\$ .598	-	-	-	-	-
Purchasing power of the consumer dollar - old base .....	-	\$ .200	\$ .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					
					3 months ended--			6 months ended--		
	May 1999	June 1999	July 1999	Aug. 1999	Nov. 1998	Feb. 1999	May 1999	Aug. 1999	Feb. 1999	Aug. 1999
Expenditure category										
All items .....	166.2	166.2	166.7	167.2	1.7	1.2	3.7	2.4	1.5	3.1
Food and beverages .....	164.2	164.2	164.5	164.8	2.8	2.7	1.0	1.5	2.7	1.2
Food .....	163.9	163.9	164.2	164.5	2.8	2.7	1.0	1.5	2.7	1.2
Food at home .....	163.9	163.9	164.0	164.2	2.8	2.5	0.5	0.7	2.6	0.6
Cereals and bakery products .....	185.1	185.2	185.8	184.2	1.5	2.0	3.3	-1.9	1.8	0.7
Meats, poultry, fish, and eggs .....	147.3	147.7	147.6	148.1	-1.9	-0.8	1.4	2.2	-1.3	1.8
Dairy and related products (1).....	156.2	156.1	155.7	156.5	15.1	17.5	-14.2	0.8	16.3	-7.0
Fruits and vegetables .....	206.2	205.1	204.7	206.0	1.2	4.5	7.3	-0.4	2.8	3.4
Nonalcoholic beverages and beverage materials .....	134.0	134.4	134.9	134.8	2.4	1.8	0.9	2.4	2.1	1.7
Other food at home .....	153.4	153.5	153.7	154.1	4.8	-1.8	0.8	1.8	1.5	1.3
Sugar and sweets .....	152.7	152.1	152.1	152.8	1.9	0.0	4.6	0.3	0.9	2.4
Fats and oils .....	147.2	147.2	147.7	148.5	18.5	-13.6	-8.5	3.6	1.2	-2.6
Other foods .....	168.7	169.1	169.3	169.6	2.7	0.5	1.9	2.2	1.6	2.0

Other miscellaneous foods (1) (2).....	105.0	104.9	104.2	104.8	5.1	4.3	-3.4	-0.8	4.7	-2.1
Food away from home (1).....	164.6	164.6	165.1	165.6	2.8	3.0	2.0	2.5	2.9	2.2
Other food away from home (1) (2).....	104.3	104.4	105.5	105.8	4.0	1.6	2.3	5.9	2.8	4.1
Alcoholic beverages .....	169.0	169.3	170.1	170.6	2.7	2.9	1.7	3.8	2.8	2.8
Housing .....	163.3	163.6	163.8	164.1	2.8	0.7	3.0	2.0	1.7	2.5
Shelter .....	186.6	187.0	187.1	187.5	4.0	1.3	3.7	1.9	2.6	2.8
Rent of primary residence (3).....	176.9	177.1	177.5	177.9	3.8	2.8	3.0	2.3	3.3	2.6
Lodging away from home (2) (3).....	105.0	105.6	105.8	105.5	12.8	-12.4	15.0	1.9	-0.6	8.3
Owners' equivalent rent of primary residence (3) (4).....	192.6	192.8	193.0	193.4	3.0	2.8	2.7	1.7	2.9	2.2
Tenants' and household insurance (1) (2)..	100.5	102.2	102.1	102.2	2.9	0.8	1.6	6.9	1.8	4.2
Fuels and utilities .....	127.3	127.5	128.2	128.7	-2.2	-0.3	0.6	4.5	-1.2	2.5
Fuels .....	111.2	111.3	112.1	112.6	-3.2	-1.1	0.4	5.1	-2.1	2.7
Fuel oil and other fuels .....	87.4	88.3	90.0	92.2	-12.7	-13.2	19.5	23.8	-12.9	21.6
Gas (piped) and electricity (3).....	118.9	119.0	119.7	120.1	-2.3	-0.3	-0.7	4.1	-1.3	1.7
Water and sewer and trash collection services (2).....	103.7	103.8	103.8	103.9	2.4	2.4	2.7	0.8	2.4	1.8
Household furnishings and operations .....	126.5	126.7	126.7	126.8	0.3	-0.6	-0.6	1.0	-0.2	0.2
Household operations (1) (2).....	104.1	104.3	104.3	105.0	3.2	2.0	3.1	3.5	2.6	3.3
Apparel .....	131.9	131.4	130.2	129.8	-2.7	-7.3	4.0	-6.2	-5.0	-1.2
Men's and boys' apparel .....	131.9	132.2	130.8	128.6	-1.8	-1.5	2.5	-9.6	-1.7	-3.8
Women's and girls' apparel .....	123.9	123.5	121.0	122.0	-8.7	-11.0	7.4	-6.0	-9.9	0.5
Infants' and toddlers' apparel (1).....	127.6	126.8	127.4	128.3	24.1	-14.1	3.9	2.2	3.2	3.0
Footwear .....	126.1	125.4	126.6	125.2	-0.3	-10.4	1.9	-2.8	-5.5	-0.5
Transportation .....	143.9	143.0	144.7	146.0	-1.4	-2.5	11.0	6.0	-2.0	8.4
Private transportation .....	140.0	139.4	140.7	142.3	-0.6	-3.7	11.0	6.7	-2.2	8.8
New and used motor vehicles (2).....	100.0	100.1	100.4	100.5	0.8	-4.7	0.8	2.0	-2.0	1.4
New vehicles .....	142.7	142.6	142.7	142.6	-1.9	-0.8	-0.8	-0.3	-1.4	-0.6
Used cars and trucks (1).....	149.6	150.9	152.3	153.8	7.9	-14.0	3.6	11.7	-3.7	7.6
Motor fuel .....	99.9	96.9	100.9	106.6	-8.5	-10.8	81.2	29.6	-9.7	53.3
Gasoline (all types) .....	99.3	96.1	100.2	105.8	-7.4	-11.3	81.1	28.9	-9.3	52.8
Motor vehicle parts and equipment .....	100.6	100.3	100.1	100.1	0.0	-2.4	0.0	-2.0	-1.2	-1.0
Motor vehicle maintenance and repair .....	171.5	171.8	172.2	172.3	4.4	2.1	3.1	1.9	3.2	2.5
Public transportation (1).....	198.4	192.6	200.8	197.1	-9.6	12.7	11.4	-2.6	0.9	4.2
Medical care .....	249.6	250.5	251.2	252.1	2.8	3.5	3.4	4.1	3.1	3.8
Medical care commodities .....	229.0	229.9	231.2	232.5	4.0	2.3	4.3	6.3	3.2	5.3
Medical care services .....	254.0	254.9	255.5	256.2	2.6	3.9	3.0	3.5	3.3	3.3
Professional services (3).....	228.2	229.0	229.5	230.1	2.9	2.7	3.2	3.4	2.8	3.3
Hospital and related services (3).....	297.6	298.8	299.3	301.3	2.2	5.6	3.6	5.1	3.9	4.3
Recreation (2).....	102.0	102.0	102.0	102.0	0.0	1.6	2.0	0.0	0.8	1.0

Video and audio (1) (2).....	100.8	100.6	100.5	100.8	0.0	0.4	-1.6	0.0	0.2	-0.8
Education and communication (2).....	101.1	101.1	101.3	101.5	2.0	0.8	0.0	1.6	1.4	0.8
Education (2).....	107.1	107.4	107.9	108.2	4.7	5.9	5.0	4.2	5.3	4.6
Educational books and supplies .....	262.4	263.4	264.2	265.8	11.5	3.5	4.7	5.3	7.4	5.0
Tuition, other school fees, and childcare	307.2	308.1	309.4	310.2	3.8	6.2	5.2	4.0	5.0	4.6
Communication (1) (2).....	95.7	95.5	95.5	95.6	-0.4	-3.6	-4.9	-0.4	-2.0	-2.7
Information and information processing (1)										
(2).....	95.2	94.9	94.9	95.0	-0.4	-4.4	-5.3	-0.8	-2.4	-3.1
Telephone services (1) (2).....	99.6	99.7	99.5	99.8	2.8	-2.7	-3.1	0.8	0.0	-1.2
Information and information processing										
other than telephone services (1) (5)	30.9	29.8	30.0	29.8	-22.3	-20.8	-25.9	-13.5	-21.6	-19.9
Personal computers and peripheral										
equipment (1) (2).....	55.7	54.5	52.9	50.9	-27.5	-31.4	-24.2	-30.3	-29.5	-27.3
Other goods and services .....	256.2	256.8	259.0	258.4	3.6	26.7	0.9	3.5	14.6	2.2
Tobacco and smoking products .....	344.1	344.9	356.3	351.5	8.1	140.7	-5.5	8.9	61.3	1.4
Personal care (1).....	160.7	161.1	161.1	161.4	2.3	3.6	3.3	1.8	2.9	2.5
Personal care products (1).....	150.9	152.6	152.0	152.3	0.8	2.7	3.0	3.8	1.8	3.4
Personal care services (1).....	171.0	170.9	171.4	171.9	2.4	4.1	4.1	2.1	3.3	3.1
Miscellaneous personal services .....	241.6	241.9	242.9	243.9	3.6	4.4	2.0	3.9	4.0	2.9

#### Commodity and service group

Commodities .....	144.1	143.8	144.4	145.0	0.0	0.8	4.6	2.5	0.4	3.5
Food and beverages .....	164.2	164.2	164.5	164.8	2.8	2.7	1.0	1.5	2.7	1.2
Commodities less food and beverages .....	132.3	131.8	132.5	133.2	-1.5	-0.3	6.9	2.7	-0.9	4.8
Nondurables less food and beverages .....	136.9	136.2	137.6	138.7	-0.9	1.2	13.3	5.4	0.2	9.2
Apparel .....	131.9	131.4	130.2	129.8	-2.7	-7.3	4.0	-6.2	-5.0	-1.2
Nondurables less food, beverages, and										
apparel .....	144.6	143.9	146.1	148.8	-0.6	5.4	18.1	12.1	2.3	15.1
Durables .....	125.7	125.7	125.9	125.9	-0.9	-4.3	-0.9	0.6	-2.6	-0.2
Services .....	188.3	188.5	189.0	189.3	2.6	1.9	3.0	2.1	2.3	2.6
Rent of shelter (4).....	194.4	194.9	195.1	195.5	4.1	1.3	3.6	2.3	2.6	2.9
Tenants' and household insurance (1) (2)....	100.5	102.2	102.1	102.2	2.9	0.8	1.6	6.9	1.8	4.2
Gas (piped) and electricity (3).....	118.9	119.0	119.7	120.1	-2.3	-0.3	-0.7	4.1	-1.3	1.7
Water and sewer and trash collection										
services (2).....	103.7	103.8	103.8	103.9	2.4	2.4	2.7	0.8	2.4	1.8
Household operations (1) (2).....	104.1	104.3	104.3	105.0	3.2	2.0	3.1	3.5	2.6	3.3
Transportation services .....	190.4	189.5	191.4	190.7	-1.1	2.8	2.8	0.6	0.9	1.7
Medical care services .....	254.0	254.9	255.5	256.2	2.6	3.9	3.0	3.5	3.3	3.3
Other services .....	222.7	223.0	223.6	224.2	3.0	3.1	2.6	2.7	3.1	2.6

#### Special indexes

All items less food .....	166.5	166.5	167.0	167.5	1.5	1.2	4.2	2.4	1.3	3.3
All items less shelter .....	159.8	159.6	160.3	160.7	0.8	1.5	3.6	2.3	1.1	2.9
All items less medical care .....	161.4	161.3	161.8	162.3	1.5	1.3	3.8	2.2	1.4	3.0
Commodities less food .....	133.9	133.5	134.1	134.8	-1.5	-0.3	6.9	2.7	-0.9	4.8
Nondurables less food .....	138.9	138.3	139.5	140.6	-0.3	0.6	13.1	5.0	0.1	9.0
Nondurables less food and apparel .....	146.0	145.6	147.6	150.0	0.0	4.7	16.6	11.4	2.3	14.0
Nondurables .....	150.6	150.5	151.3	152.1	0.5	1.9	6.6	4.0	1.2	5.3
Services less rent of shelter (4).....	195.1	195.4	196.1	196.5	1.0	2.1	2.7	2.9	1.6	2.8
Services less medical care services .....	182.2	182.4	183.0	183.2	2.3	2.0	2.9	2.2	2.1	2.6
Energy .....	105.1	103.8	106.0	108.9	-5.4	-5.1	28.1	15.3	-5.2	21.5
All items less energy .....	174.3	174.4	174.7	174.9	2.1	1.9	2.3	1.4	2.0	1.9
All items less food and energy .....	176.9	177.0	177.3	177.5	1.8	1.8	2.5	1.4	1.8	1.9
Commodities less food and energy										
commodities .....	144.0	144.0	144.1	143.9	-0.3	0.8	0.6	-0.3	0.3	0.1
Energy commodities .....	98.8	96.1	99.9	105.3	-9.0	-11.3	75.8	29.0	-10.1	50.6
Services less energy services .....	195.4	195.6	196.1	196.4	3.0	2.1	3.3	2.1	2.5	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 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 schedule (1)	All items									
		Indexes				Percent change to Aug.1999 from--			Percent change to July1999 from--		
		May 1999	June 1999	July 1999	Aug. 1999	Aug. 1998	June 1999	July 1999	July 1998	May 1999	June 1999
U.S. city average .....	M	166.2	166.2	166.7	167.1	2.3	0.5	0.2	2.1	0.3	0.3

Region and area size(2)

Northeast urban .....	M	172.8	173.1	173.4	174.1	2.1	0.6	0.4	2.1	0.3	0.2
Size A - More than 1,500,000 .....	M	173.6	174.1	174.5	175.1	2.2	0.6	0.3	2.2	0.5	0.2
Size B/C 50,000 to 1,500,000 (3).....	M	103.9	103.8	103.9	104.3	2.1	0.5	0.4	1.9	0.0	0.1
Midwest urban .....	M	162.2	162.5	162.9	163.2	2.3	0.4	0.2	1.9	0.4	0.2
Size A - More than 1,500,000 .....	M	163.6	164.1	164.6	164.8	2.4	0.4	0.1	2.1	0.6	0.3
Size B/C - 50,000 to 1,500,000 (3).....	M	103.7	103.7	103.9	104.2	2.2	0.5	0.3	1.7	0.2	0.2
Size D - Nonmetropolitan (less than 50,000) .....	M	156.5	156.9	157.2	157.7	2.9	0.5	0.3	2.4	0.4	0.2
South urban .....	M	161.6	161.7	162.2	162.6	1.9	0.6	0.2	1.8	0.4	0.3
Size A - More than 1,500,000 .....	M	160.5	160.9	161.4	161.9	1.9	0.6	0.3	1.8	0.6	0.3
Size B/C - 50,000 to 1,500,000 (3).....	M	104.1	104.1	104.3	104.4	1.9	0.3	0.1	1.9	0.2	0.2
Size D - Nonmetropolitan (less than 50,000) .....	M	162.1	162.0	162.6	163.7	2.2	1.0	0.7	1.6	0.3	0.4
West urban .....	M	168.7	168.3	168.9	169.5	2.9	0.7	0.4	2.8	0.1	0.4
Size A - More than 1,500,000 .....	M	169.8	169.3	169.9	170.5	3.0	0.7	0.4	2.9	0.1	0.4
Size B/C - 50,000 to 1,500,000 (3).....	M	104.8	104.5	104.9	105.2	2.6	0.7	0.3	2.5	0.1	0.4

Size classes

A (4).....	M	150.5	150.7	151.1	151.6	2.4	0.6	0.3	2.3	0.4	0.3
B/C (3).....	M	104.1	104.0	104.2	104.5	2.1	0.5	0.3	1.9	0.1	0.2
D .....	M	161.9	162.0	162.4	163.1	2.3	0.7	0.4	1.9	0.3	0.2

Selected local areas(5)

Chicago-Gary-Kenosha, IL-IN-WI .....	M	168.2	168.9	169.4	169.3	2.4	0.2	-0.1	1.7	0.7	0.3
Los Angeles-Riverside-Orange County, CA .....	M	166.2	165.4	165.8	166.3	2.3	0.5	0.3	2.3	-0.2	0.2
New York-Northern N.J.-Long Island, NY-NJ-CT-PA .....	M	176.1	176.8	177.2	177.6	2.0	0.5	0.2	2.1	0.6	0.2
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	-	164.8	-	165.9	2.5	0.7	-	-	-	-
Detroit-Ann Arbor-Flint, MI .....	2	-	163.8	-	164.2	2.3	0.2	-	-	-	-
Houston-Galveston-Brazoria, TX .....	2	-	148.3	-	148.9	1.0	0.4	-	-	-	-
Miami-Fort Lauderdale, FL .....	2	-	161.3	-	162.3	0.9	0.6	-	-	-	-

Philadelphia-Wilmington-Atlantic City, PA-NJ-DE-MD .....	2	-	172.1	-	173.1	2.7	0.6	-	-	-	-
San Francisco-Oakland-San Jose, CA .....	2	-	171.8	-	173.5	4.1	1.0	-	-	-	-
Seattle-Tacoma-Bremerton, WA .....	2	-	172.7	-	173.4	2.9	0.4	-	-	-	-

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 Aug. 1999 from-		Seasonally adjusted percent change from-		
		July 1999	Aug. 1999	Aug. 1998	July 1999	May to June	June to July	July to Aug.
Expenditure category								
All items .....	100.000	163.3	163.8	2.4	0.3	0.0	0.4	0.2
All items (1967=100) .....	-	486.3	487.8	-	-	-	-	-
Food and beverages .....	18.011	163.4	163.9	2.0	0.3	0.1	0.2	0.2
Food .....	16.966	163.0	163.5	1.9	0.3	0.1	0.1	0.2
Food at home .....	10.832	162.5	162.9	1.6	0.2	0.1	0.0	0.2
Cereals and bakery products .....	1.689	186.1	184.8	1.3	-0.7	0.1	0.3	-0.8
Meats, poultry, fish, and eggs .....	3.055	146.8	148.2	0.2	1.0	0.5	-0.2	0.3
Dairy and related products (1).....	1.193	155.3	156.0	3.9	0.5	-0.1	-0.3	0.5
Fruits and vegetables .....	1.492	201.0	201.2	3.2	0.1	-0.4	0.0	0.7

Nonalcoholic beverages and beverage materials .....	1.184	133.1	133.2	1.9	0.1	0.3	0.4	-0.1
Other food at home .....	2.220	153.0	153.5	1.3	0.3	0.0	0.1	0.3
Sugar and sweets .....	.420	152.0	152.6	1.5	0.4	-0.5	0.0	0.6
Fats and oils .....	.354	147.8	148.3	-0.7	0.3	0.1	0.1	0.6
Other foods .....	1.446	169.2	169.7	1.7	0.3	0.2	0.1	0.2
Other miscellaneous foods (1) (2).....	.355	103.9	104.4	0.9	0.5	-0.3	-0.5	0.5
Food away from home (1).....	6.133	164.9	165.5	2.5	0.4	-0.1	0.3	0.4
Other food away from home (1) (2).....	.216	105.3	105.8	3.5	0.5	0.3	0.8	0.5
Alcoholic beverages .....	1.045	169.1	169.2	2.8	0.1	0.4	0.4	0.2
Housing .....	36.685	160.7	161.0	2.1	0.2	0.1	0.2	0.1
Shelter .....	27.496	182.0	182.4	2.7	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.1
Rent of primary residence (3).....	8.500	177.1	177.5	3.0	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.1
Lodging away from home (2) (3).....	1.379	116.7	116.8	3.5	0.1	0.3	-0.1	-0.3
Owners' equivalent rent of primary residence (3) (4).....	17.296	175.7	176.1	2.5	0.2	0.1	0.2	0.1
Tenants' and household insurance (1) (2)..	.320	102.2	102.3	2.9	0.1	1.4	-0.1	0.1
Fuels and utilities .....	4.850	131.1	131.4	0.6	0.2	0.1	0.6	0.4
Fuels .....	3.928	115.7	115.9	0.3	0.2	0.1	0.6	0.4
Fuel oil and other fuels .....	.201	87.6	89.3	2.6	1.9	1.1	1.5	2.4
Gas (piped) and electricity (3).....	3.727	123.6	123.7	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.6	0.3
Water and sewer and trash collection services (2).....	.922	104.2	104.4	2.2	0.2	0.2	0.0	0.1
Household furnishings and operations .....	4.339	124.9	124.7	-0.4	-0.2	0.1	0.1	0.0
Household operations (1) (2).....	.402	104.8	105.4	3.1	0.6	0.3	0.0	0.6
Apparel .....	5.199	126.4	126.4	-2.7	0.0	-0.5	-0.7	-0.5
Men's and boys' apparel .....	1.474	128.6	127.2	-2.1	-1.1	0.2	-1.0	-1.8
Women's and girls' apparel .....	1.948	114.4	116.0	-4.4	1.4	-0.5	-2.1	0.7
Infants' and toddlers' apparel (1).....	.344	128.4	129.6	3.7	0.9	-0.7	0.3	0.9
Footwear .....	1.057	125.8	124.4	-3.1	-1.1	-0.7	1.2	-1.3
Transportation .....	19.166	143.7	145.0	3.4	0.9	-0.5	1.2	1.0
Private transportation .....	18.109	140.9	142.4	3.5	1.1	-0.4	1.0	1.3
New and used motor vehicles (2).....	9.250	100.1	100.2	0.0	0.1	0.3	0.4	0.3
New vehicles .....	5.224	143.2	142.6	-1.0	-0.4	0.1	-0.1	0.1
Used cars and trucks (1).....	3.216	153.7	155.2	1.8	1.0	0.9	1.0	1.0
Motor fuel .....	3.066	102.6	107.8	17.6	5.1	-2.8	4.2	5.4
Gasoline (all types) .....	3.045	102.1	107.3	17.7	5.1	-2.8	4.2	5.6
Motor vehicle parts and equipment .....	.682	99.5	99.6	-0.9	0.1	-0.3	-0.3	0.2
Motor vehicle maintenance and repair .....	1.690	173.5	173.5	3.0	0.0	0.2	0.2	0.0
Public transportation (1).....	1.056	195.7	192.5	1.9	-1.6	-2.5	3.5	-1.6
Medical care .....	4.672	250.3	251.0	3.4	0.3	0.4	0.3	0.2



Medical care commodities .....	.926	227.8	228.4	3.9	0.3	0.3	0.6	0.5
Medical care services .....	3.746	255.3	256.0	3.2	0.3	0.4	0.2	0.2
Professional services (3).....	2.415	231.4	231.7	3.1	0.1	0.4	0.2	0.1
Hospital and related services (3).....	1.114	295.3	297.3	4.1	0.7	0.3	0.3	0.7
Recreation (2).....	5.925	101.6	101.5	0.4	-0.1	0.1	0.0	-0.1
Video and audio (1) (2).....	1.951	100.4	100.7	-0.4	0.3	-0.1	-0.1	0.3
Education and communication (2).....	5.361	100.8	101.5	1.2	0.7	0.1	0.2	0.1
Education (2).....	2.478	106.3	107.7	5.0	1.3	0.4	0.5	0.1
Educational books and supplies .....	.200	265.0	267.2	6.3	0.8	0.4	0.3	0.6
Tuition, other school fees, and childcare	2.278	300.2	304.1	4.9	1.3	0.4	0.4	0.1
Communication (1) (2).....	2.883	96.3	96.5	-1.9	0.2	-0.1	-0.1	0.2
Information and information processing (1)								
(2).....	2.733	96.0	96.1	-2.2	0.1	-0.2	0.0	0.1
Telephone services (1) (2).....	2.519	99.7	99.9	-0.6	0.2	0.1	-0.2	0.2
Information and information processing								
other than telephone services (1) (5)	.213	31.1	30.8	-20.8	-1.0	-3.1	1.0	-1.0
Personal computers and peripheral								
equipment (1) (2).....	.120	52.5	50.6	-28.9	-3.6	-2.0	-2.8	-3.6
Other goods and services .....	4.981	262.0	260.7	10.4	-0.5	0.3	1.2	-0.4
Tobacco and smoking products .....	1.694	356.6	350.6	28.1	-1.7	0.3	3.4	-1.4
Personal care (1).....	3.287	161.3	161.6	2.8	0.2	0.3	0.0	0.2
Personal care products (1).....	.838	152.7	153.1	2.3	0.3	1.1	-0.4	0.3
Personal care services (1).....	.975	171.8	172.2	3.1	0.2	-0.1	0.4	0.2
Miscellaneous personal services .....	1.253	243.2	243.8	3.8	0.2	0.2	0.3	0.2
Commodity and service group								
Commodities .....	46.764	144.2	144.8	2.3	0.4	-0.2	0.5	0.4
Food and beverages .....	18.011	163.4	163.9	2.0	0.3	0.1	0.2	0.2
Commodities less food and beverages .....	28.753	132.7	133.4	2.6	0.5	-0.3	0.7	0.5
Nondurables less food and beverages .....	15.564	137.5	138.8	5.7	0.9	-0.6	1.3	0.9
Apparel .....	5.199	126.4	126.4	-2.7	0.0	-0.5	-0.7	-0.5
Nondurables less food, beverages, and								
apparel .....	10.365	148.1	150.2	10.0	1.4	-0.3	1.7	2.0
Durables .....	13.189	125.7	125.7	-1.0	0.0	0.1	0.2	0.2
Services .....	53.236	185.9	186.3	2.4	0.2	0.1	0.3	0.1
Rent of shelter (4).....	27.175	175.3	175.6	2.7	0.2	0.2	0.1	0.2
Tenants' and household insurance (1) (2)....	.320	102.2	102.3	2.9	0.1	1.4	-0.1	0.1
Gas (piped) and electricity (3).....	3.727	123.6	123.7	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.6	0.3
Water and sewer and trash collection								
services (2).....	.922	104.2	104.4	2.2	0.2	0.2	0.0	0.1
Household operations (1) (2).....	.402	104.8	105.4	3.1	0.6	0.3	0.0	0.6

Transportation services .....	6.800	188.0	187.4	1.2	-0.3	-0.2	0.7	-0.3
Medical care services .....	3.746	255.3	256.0	3.2	0.3	0.4	0.2	0.2
Other services .....	10.144	219.2	220.3	2.8	0.5	0.2	0.2	0.2

Special indexes

All items less food .....	83.034	163.2	163.7	2.4	0.3	0.0	0.4	0.2
All items less shelter .....	72.504	158.0	158.6	2.3	0.4	-0.1	0.4	0.3
All items less medical care .....	95.328	159.2	159.7	2.3	0.3	0.0	0.4	0.3
Commodities less food .....	29.798	134.2	134.8	2.6	0.4	-0.2	0.6	0.6
Nondurables less food .....	16.609	139.4	140.7	5.6	0.9	-0.5	1.2	0.9
Nondurables less food and apparel .....	11.410	149.3	151.2	9.3	1.3	-0.3	1.6	1.7
Nondurables .....	33.575	150.8	151.7	3.7	0.6	0.0	0.6	0.6
Services less rent of shelter (4).....	26.061	174.7	175.0	2.0	0.2	0.2	0.3	0.3
Services less medical care services .....	49.490	180.1	180.4	2.3	0.2	0.1	0.3	0.2
Energy .....	6.994	108.4	111.1	8.0	2.5	-1.2	2.3	2.8
All items less energy .....	93.006	170.9	171.1	2.0	0.1	0.1	0.2	0.1
All items less food and energy .....	76.040	172.9	173.1	1.9	0.1	0.1	0.2	0.1
Commodities less food and energy								
commodities .....	26.531	143.5	143.3	0.8	-0.1	0.1	0.1	-0.1
Energy commodities .....	3.267	101.8	106.8	16.7	4.9	-2.6	4.1	5.3
Services less energy services .....	49.509	192.8	193.2	2.5	0.2	0.2	0.3	0.1
Purchasing power of the consumer dollar .....	-	\$ .613	\$ .611	-	-	-	-	-
Purchasing power of the consumer dollar - old								
base .....	-	\$ .206	\$ .205	-	-	-	-	-

1 Not seasonally adjusted.

2 Indexes on a December 1997=100 base.

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

4 Indexes on a December 1984=100 base

5 Indexes on a December 1988=100 base.

- Data not available.

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

Table 5. Consumer Price Index for Urban Wage Earners and Clerical Workers (CPI-W): Seasonally adjusted U.S. city average, by expenditure category and commodity and service group

(1982-84=100, unless otherwise noted)

Seasonally adjusted indexes      Seasonally adjusted annual rate percent  
change for

CPI-W					3 months ended--				6 months ended--	
	May	June	July	Aug.						
	1999	1999	1999	1999	Nov.	Feb.	May	Aug.	Feb.	Aug.
					1998	1999	1999	1999	1999	1999
Expenditure category										
All items .....	162.7	162.7	163.3	163.7	1.8	1.5	3.5	2.5	1.6	3.0
Food and beverages .....	163.4	163.5	163.8	164.1	2.8	2.5	0.7	1.7	2.6	1.2
Food .....	163.0	163.1	163.3	163.7	2.8	2.5	0.7	1.7	2.6	1.2
Food at home .....	162.6	162.8	162.8	163.1	2.8	2.5	0.0	1.2	2.6	0.6
Cereals and bakery products .....	184.8	185.0	185.5	184.0	1.5	1.8	3.3	-1.7	1.7	0.8
Meats, poultry, fish, and eggs .....	146.8	147.5	147.2	147.6	-1.6	-0.5	0.8	2.2	-1.1	1.5
Dairy and related products (1).....	155.8	155.7	155.3	156.0	15.2	18.4	-14.9	0.5	16.8	-7.5
Fruits and vegetables .....	204.9	204.1	204.0	205.4	2.0	4.1	5.7	1.0	3.0	3.3
Nonalcoholic beverages and beverage materials .....	132.9	133.3	133.8	133.6	2.8	1.8	1.2	2.1	2.3	1.7
Other food at home .....	152.6	152.6	152.8	153.3	4.8	-1.8	0.5	1.8	1.5	1.2
Sugar and sweets .....	152.4	151.7	151.7	152.6	1.6	0.0	4.0	0.5	0.8	2.3
Fats and oils .....	147.0	147.1	147.2	148.1	18.0	-13.2	-8.0	3.0	1.2	-2.6
Other foods .....	168.5	168.8	169.0	169.4	2.7	0.5	1.7	2.2	1.6	1.9
Other miscellaneous foods (1) (2).....	104.7	104.4	103.9	104.4	5.5	3.9	-4.5	-1.1	4.7	-2.8
Food away from home (1).....	164.5	164.4	164.9	165.5	3.0	3.0	1.7	2.5	3.0	2.1
Other food away from home (1) (2).....	104.2	104.5	105.3	105.8	4.8	1.2	1.9	6.3	3.0	4.1
Alcoholic beverages .....	168.1	168.7	169.3	169.6	2.7	3.7	1.4	3.6	3.2	2.5
Housing .....	159.4	159.6	159.9	160.1	2.6	1.3	2.5	1.8	1.9	2.2
Shelter .....	181.2	181.5	181.8	181.9	4.1	1.8	3.4	1.6	3.0	2.5
Rent of primary residence (3).....	176.6	176.9	177.3	177.5	3.8	3.0	3.0	2.1	3.4	2.5
Lodging away from home (2) (3).....	104.7	105.0	104.9	104.6	15.9	-12.4	13.7	-0.4	0.8	6.4
Owners' equivalent rent of primary residence (3) (4).....	175.4	175.6	175.9	176.1	3.1	2.6	2.8	1.6	2.8	2.2
Tenants' and household insurance (1) (2)..	100.9	102.3	102.2	102.3	3.7	0.4	2.0	5.7	2.0	3.8
Fuels and utilities .....	127.0	127.1	127.8	128.3	-1.6	-0.9	1.0	4.2	-1.3	2.5
Fuels .....	110.6	110.7	111.4	111.9	-2.8	-1.4	0.7	4.8	-2.1	2.7
Fuel oil and other fuels .....	87.8	88.8	90.1	92.3	-12.3	-13.1	18.8	22.1	-12.7	20.5
Gas (piped) and electricity (3).....	118.2	118.3	119.0	119.4	-2.0	-1.0	-0.3	4.1	-1.5	1.9
Water and sewer and trash collection services (2).....	103.7	103.9	103.9	104.0	2.8	2.4	2.3	1.2	2.6	1.8
Household furnishings and operations .....	124.5	124.6	124.7	124.7	0.0	-1.3	-1.0	0.6	-0.6	-0.2

Household operations (1) (2).....	104.5	104.8	104.8	105.4	3.6	2.7	2.7	3.5	3.2	3.1
Apparel .....	130.6	130.0	129.1	128.4	0.0	-7.6	3.8	-6.6	-3.9	-1.5
Men's and boys' apparel .....	132.1	132.4	131.1	128.8	0.0	-1.2	3.1	-9.6	-0.6	-3.5
Women's and girls' apparel .....	122.0	121.4	118.9	119.7	-3.5	-12.3	6.8	-7.3	-8.0	-0.5
Infants' and toddlers' apparel (1).....	128.9	128.0	128.4	129.6	27.0	-15.6	5.5	2.2	3.6	3.8
Footwear .....	126.7	125.8	127.3	125.6	-0.6	-9.8	1.6	-3.4	-5.3	-0.9
Transportation .....	142.6	141.9	143.6	145.1	-0.9	-3.9	11.7	7.2	-2.4	9.4
Private transportation .....	139.9	139.4	140.8	142.6	-0.3	-4.8	12.0	7.9	-2.6	9.9
New and used motor vehicles (2).....	99.9	100.2	100.6	100.9	2.0	-6.2	0.8	4.1	-2.2	2.4
New vehicles .....	143.7	143.8	143.7	143.8	-1.4	-1.4	-1.1	0.3	-1.4	-0.4
Used cars and trucks (1).....	150.9	152.2	153.7	155.2	7.6	-13.7	3.5	11.9	-3.6	7.6
Motor fuel .....	99.7	96.9	101.0	106.5	-8.1	-11.6	80.6	30.2	-9.9	53.4
Gasoline (all types) .....	99.1	96.3	100.3	105.9	-7.8	-11.3	79.6	30.4	-9.5	53.1
Motor vehicle parts and equipment .....	100.1	99.8	99.5	99.7	0.0	-1.6	-0.4	-1.6	-0.8	-1.0
Motor vehicle maintenance and repair .....	172.9	173.3	173.7	173.7	4.8	2.4	3.1	1.9	3.6	2.5
Public transportation (1).....	193.9	189.0	195.7	192.5	-9.6	11.1	10.5	-2.9	0.2	3.6
Medical care .....	248.7	249.6	250.3	250.9	2.8	3.0	3.8	3.6	2.9	3.7
Medical care commodities .....	225.3	226.0	227.3	228.4	3.3	2.2	4.2	5.6	2.7	4.9
Medical care services .....	253.8	254.7	255.3	255.8	2.6	3.2	3.7	3.2	2.9	3.4
Professional services (3).....	229.8	230.7	231.2	231.5	3.1	2.9	3.2	3.0	3.0	3.1
Hospital and related services (3).....	293.6	294.5	295.3	297.3	2.3	5.8	3.3	5.1	4.0	4.2
Recreation (2).....	101.3	101.4	101.4	101.3	-0.4	1.2	1.2	0.0	0.4	0.6
Video and audio (1) (2).....	100.5	100.4	100.3	100.6	0.4	-0.4	-2.0	0.4	0.0	-0.8
Education and communication (2).....	101.3	101.4	101.6	101.7	2.4	1.2	-0.4	1.6	1.8	0.6
Education (2).....	107.3	107.7	108.2	108.3	4.3	6.3	5.4	3.8	5.3	4.6
Educational books and supplies .....	265.1	266.1	266.9	268.6	11.4	4.2	4.7	5.4	7.7	5.0
Tuition, other school fees, and childcare .....	301.5	302.8	304.1	304.4	4.1	6.6	5.1	3.9	5.3	4.5
Communication (1) (2).....	96.5	96.4	96.3	96.5	0.4	-3.2	-4.8	0.0	-1.4	-2.4
Information and information processing (1) (2).....	96.2	96.0	96.0	96.1	0.4	-4.0	-4.8	-0.4	-1.8	-2.7
Telephone services (1) (2).....	99.8	99.9	99.7	99.9	2.8	-2.7	-2.8	0.4	0.0	-1.2
Information and information processing other than telephone services (1) (5) .....	31.8	30.8	31.1	30.8	-21.6	-22.0	-27.0	-12.0	-21.8	-19.8
Personal computers and peripheral equipment (1) (2).....	55.1	54.0	52.5	50.6	-29.2	-32.0	-25.5	-28.9	-30.6	-27.2
Other goods and services .....	258.6	259.4	262.4	261.4	4.1	36.8	-0.2	4.4	19.4	2.1
Tobacco and smoking products .....	344.2	345.2	357.0	352.0	7.9	141.8	-5.7	9.4	61.6	1.6
Personal care (1).....	160.8	161.3	161.3	161.6	2.3	3.8	3.0	2.0	3.1	2.5
Personal care products (1).....	151.6	153.3	152.7	153.1	0.5	2.7	2.1	4.0	1.6	3.1

Personal care services (1).....	171.4	171.2	171.8	172.2	2.4	3.9	4.3	1.9	3.1	3.1
Miscellaneous personal services .....	241.8	242.4	243.2	243.8	4.5	5.2	2.3	3.3	4.8	2.8

Commodity and service group

Commodities .....	144.2	143.9	144.6	145.2	0.8	0.8	4.9	2.8	0.8	3.8
Food and beverages .....	163.4	163.5	163.8	164.1	2.8	2.5	0.7	1.7	2.6	1.2
Commodities less food and beverages .....	132.6	132.2	133.1	133.8	-0.6	0.0	7.2	3.7	-0.3	5.4
Nondurables less food and beverages .....	137.3	136.5	138.3	139.6	-0.6	2.1	14.9	6.9	0.8	10.8
Apparel .....	130.6	130.0	129.1	128.4	0.0	-7.6	3.8	-6.6	-3.9	-1.5
Nondurables less food, beverages, and apparel .....	145.3	144.8	147.3	150.2	-0.9	8.5	19.1	14.2	3.7	16.6
Durables .....	125.5	125.6	125.8	126.0	-0.3	-4.6	-1.0	1.6	-2.5	0.3
Services .....	184.8	185.0	185.6	185.7	2.7	2.0	2.9	2.0	2.3	2.4
Rent of shelter (4).....	174.4	174.7	174.9	175.3	4.0	1.9	3.0	2.1	3.0	2.6
Tenants' and household insurance (1) (2)....	100.9	102.3	102.2	102.3	3.7	0.4	2.0	5.7	2.0	3.8
Gas (piped) and electricity (3).....	118.2	118.3	119.0	119.4	-2.0	-1.0	-0.3	4.1	-1.5	1.9
Water and sewer and trash collection services (2).....	103.7	103.9	103.9	104.0	2.8	2.4	2.3	1.2	2.6	1.8
Household operations (1) (2).....	104.5	104.8	104.8	105.4	3.6	2.7	2.7	3.5	3.2	3.1
Transportation services .....	187.5	187.1	188.5	188.0	-0.6	2.2	2.2	1.1	0.8	1.6
Medical care services .....	253.8	254.7	255.3	255.8	2.6	3.2	3.7	3.2	2.9	3.4
Other services .....	219.1	219.6	220.1	220.5	3.2	2.8	2.4	2.6	3.0	2.5

Special indexes

All items less food .....	162.3	162.3	163.0	163.4	1.5	1.3	4.3	2.7	1.4	3.5
All items less shelter .....	157.5	157.4	158.1	158.6	0.8	1.3	3.9	2.8	1.0	3.4
All items less medical care .....	158.6	158.6	159.2	159.6	1.8	1.3	3.6	2.5	1.5	3.1
Commodities less food .....	134.2	133.9	134.7	135.5	-0.6	0.0	7.2	3.9	-0.3	5.5
Nondurables less food .....	139.2	138.5	140.1	141.4	0.3	1.8	14.4	6.5	1.0	10.4
Nondurables less food and apparel .....	146.7	146.3	148.6	151.2	-0.3	7.7	17.8	12.8	3.6	15.3
Nondurables .....	150.5	150.5	151.4	152.3	0.8	2.5	6.9	4.9	1.6	5.9
Services less rent of shelter (4).....	173.3	173.6	174.2	174.7	0.9	1.6	2.3	3.3	1.3	2.8
Services less medical care services .....	179.0	179.2	179.7	180.0	2.5	1.8	2.7	2.3	2.2	2.5
Energy .....	104.6	103.3	105.7	108.7	-5.1	-6.3	31.4	16.6	-5.7	23.8
All items less energy .....	170.8	171.0	171.3	171.4	2.4	2.1	1.7	1.4	2.3	1.5
All items less food and energy .....	172.9	173.1	173.5	173.6	2.4	1.9	1.9	1.6	2.1	1.8
Commodities less food and energy commodities .....	144.0	144.1	144.3	144.1	0.8	1.4	0.3	0.3	1.1	0.3
Energy commodities .....	99.0	96.4	100.4	105.7	-8.5	-11.6	76.4	29.9	-10.1	51.4
Services less energy services .....	192.4	192.7	193.2	193.4	3.0	2.1	3.0	2.1	2.6	2.5

1 Not seasonally adjusted.

2 Indexes on a December 1997=100 base.

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

4 Indexes on a December 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 Aug.1999 from--			Percent change to July1999 from--		
		May 1999	June 1999	July 1999	Aug. 1999	Aug. 1998	June 1999	July 1999	July 1998	May 1999	June 1999
U.S. city average .....	M	162.8	162.8	163.3	163.8	2.4	0.6	0.3	2.2	0.3	0.3
Region and area size(2)											
Northeast urban .....	M	169.7	170.0	170.2	170.9	2.3	0.5	0.4	2.2	0.3	0.1
Size A - More than 1,500,000 .....	M	169.4	169.9	170.3	171.0	2.3	0.6	0.4	2.3	0.5	0.2
Size B/C 50,000 to 1,500,000 (3).....	M	103.5	103.4	103.4	103.8	2.1	0.4	0.4	1.9	-0.1	0.0
Midwest urban .....	M	158.3	158.5	159.1	159.4	2.4	0.6	0.2	2.1	0.5	0.4
Size A - More than 1,500,000 .....	M	158.9	159.3	159.9	160.2	2.4	0.6	0.2	2.2	0.6	0.4
Size B/C - 50,000 to 1,500,000 (3).....	M	103.4	103.4	103.8	104.0	2.3	0.6	0.2	1.9	0.4	0.4
Size D - Nonmetropolitan (less than 50,000) .....	M	154.4	154.9	155.4	156.1	3.1	0.8	0.5	2.4	0.6	0.3
South urban .....	M	159.7	159.7	160.1	160.6	2.0	0.6	0.3	1.8	0.3	0.3
Size A - More than 1,500,000 .....	M	158.1	158.4	158.9	159.5	2.0	0.7	0.4	1.8	0.5	0.3
Size B/C - 50,000 to 1,500,000 (3).....	M	103.7	103.6	103.9	104.0	1.9	0.4	0.1	2.0	0.2	0.3
Size D - Nonmetropolitan (less than 50,000) .....	M	162.6	162.3	163.0	164.1	2.2	1.1	0.7	1.6	0.2	0.4
West urban .....	M	164.7	164.2	164.7	165.3	2.9	0.7	0.4	2.7	0.0	0.3

Size A - More than 1,500,000 .....	M	164.0	163.5	164.0	164.7	3.1	0.7	0.4	3.0	0.0	0.3
Size B/C - 50,000 to 1,500,000 (3).....	M	104.7	104.3	104.7	105.1	2.7	0.8	0.4	2.5	0.0	0.4

Size classes

A (4).....	M	149.0	149.2	149.6	150.1	2.5	0.6	0.3	2.3	0.4	0.3
B/C (3).....	M	103.8	103.6	103.9	104.1	2.2	0.5	0.2	2.0	0.1	0.3
D .....	M	160.8	160.9	161.3	162.1	2.4	0.7	0.5	1.9	0.3	0.2

Selected local areas(5)

Chicago-Gary-Kenosha, IL-IN-WI .....	M	162.3	163.0	163.4	163.5	2.4	0.3	0.1	1.7	0.7	0.2
Los Angeles-Riverside-Orange County, CA .....	M	159.7	158.9	159.2	159.8	2.4	0.6	0.4	2.1	-0.3	0.2
New York-Northern N.J.-Long Island, NY-NJ-CT-PA .....	M	171.5	172.1	172.5	173.2	2.1	0.6	0.4	2.0	0.6	0.2
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	-	161.9	-	163.2	2.6	0.8	-	-	-	-
Detroit-Ann Arbor-Flint, MI .....	2	-	158.3	-	158.7	2.3	0.3	-	-	-	-
Houston-Galveston-Brazoria, TX .....	2	-	147.1	-	147.9	1.2	0.5	-	-	-	-
Miami-Fort Lauderdale, FL .....	2	-	158.9	-	160.0	1.3	0.7	-	-	-	-
Philadelphia-Wilmington-Atlantic City, PA-NJ-DE-MD .....	2	-	171.9	-	172.6	2.8	0.4	-	-	-	-
San Francisco-Oakland-San Jose, CA .....	2	-	168.3	-	170.0	4.5	1.0	-	-	-	-
Seattle-Tacoma-Bremerton, WA .....	2	-	168.0	-	168.8	3.1	0.5	-	-	-	-

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.