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CONSUMER PRICE INDEX: SEPTEMBER 1999

The Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers (CPI-U) rose 0.5 percent in September, before seasonal adjustment, to a level of 167.9 (1982-84=100), the Bureau of Labor Statistics of the U.S. Department of Labor reported today. For the 12-month period ended in September, the CPI-U increased 2.6 percent.

The Consumer Price Index for Urban Wage Earners and Clerical Workers (CPI-W) rose 0.5 in September, prior to seasonal adjustment. The September level of 164.7 was 2.8 percent higher than the index in September 1998.

CPI for All Urban Consumers (CPI-U)

On a seasonally adjusted basis, the CPI-U rose 0.4 percent in September, following increases of 0.3 percent in each of the preceding two months. In September, energy costs increased sharply for the third consecutive month--up 1.7 percent--accounting for about one quarter of the advance in the overall CPI-U. The index for petroleum-based energy rose 2.7 percent in September, and the index for energy services increased 0.8 percent. For the third consecutive month in September, the food index increased 0.2 percent. The index for food at home, which rose 0.1 percent in both July and August, increased 0.3 percent in September, reflecting a jump in the index for dairy products. Excluding food and energy, the CPI-U rose 0.3 percent in September, following an increase of 0.1 percent in August. Upturns in the indexes for apparel and for cigarettes, coupled with a larger increase in shelter costs, accounted for the acceleration in the September all items less food and energy index.

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

Expenditure Category	Seasonally adjusted Changes from preceding month 1999	Compound annual rate 3-mos. ended	Un-
			adjusted 12-mos. Ended

	Mar.	Apr.	May	June	July	Aug.	Sep.	Sep. '99	Sep. '99
All Items	.2	.7	.0	.0	.3	.3	.4	4.2	2.6
Food and beverages	-.2	.1	.4	.0	.2	.2	.2	2.5	2.2
Housing	.2	.4	.1	.2	.1	.2	.4	2.7	2.3
Apparel	-.3	1.5	-.2	-.4	-.9	-.3	1.2	.0	-1.3
Transportation	.7	2.4	-.5	-.6	1.2	.9	.6	11.4	4.1
Medical care	.2	.4	.2	.4	.3	.4	.3	3.9	3.4
Recreation	.0	.3	.2	.0	.0	.0	-.5	-1.9	.4
Education and communication	.0	.1	-.1	.0	.2	.2	.0	1.6	1.0
Other goods and services	-.6	1.0	-.2	.2	.9	-.2	1.9	10.3	9.2
Special Indexes									
Energy	1.6	6.1	-1.3	-1.2	2.1	2.7	1.7	29.4	10.2
Food	-.2	.1	.4	.0	.2	.2	.2	2.5	2.2
All Items less food and energy	.1	.4	.1	.1	.2	.1	.3	2.5	2.0

Consumer prices rose at a seasonally adjusted annual rate (SAAR) of 4.2 percent in the third quarter. This followed increases of 1.5 and 2.9 percent rate in the first and second quarters, respectively, and brings the year-to-date annual rate to 2.8 percent. This compares with an increase of 1.6 percent for all of 1998. The acceleration in 1999 reflects an upturn in petroleum-based energy prices. The energy index, which declined 8.8 percent in 1998, has risen at a 16.1 percent SAAR thus far in 1999. In the nine months of 1999, petroleum-based energy costs increased at a 35.2 percent SAAR, and charges for energy services rose at a 2.2 percent annual rate. The food index has risen at a 2.0 percent SAAR thus far in 1999, following a 2.3 percent increase for all of 1998. Grocery store food prices, which advanced 2.1 percent in 1998, have risen at a 1.6 percent rate thus far in 1999, reflecting in part, deceleration in the index for dairy products.

Excluding food and energy, the CPI-U advanced at a 2.5 percent SAAR in the third quarter, following increases of 0.9 and 2.3 percent, respectively, in the first two quarters of 1999. The 1.9 percent SAAR in the first nine months of 1999 compares with a 2.4 percent rise for all of 1998. Deceleration in the indexes for shelter and for tobacco and smoking products were largely responsible for the smaller rate of advance thus far in 1999. The rates for selected groups for the last five and three-quarter years are shown below.

Percentage change 12 months  
ended in December

SAAR 9  
mos. ended

in Sep.

	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999
All items	2.7	2.5	3.3	1.7	1.6	2.8
Food and beverages	2.7	2.1	4.2	1.6	2.3	2.0
Housing	2.2	3.0	2.9	2.4	2.3	2.2
Apparel	-1.6	0.1	-0.2	1.0	-0.7	-.9
Transportation	3.8	1.5	4.4	-1.4	-1.7	6.0
Medical care	4.9	3.9	3.0	2.8	3.4	3.7
Recreation	1.4	2.8	3.0	1.5	1.2	.4
Education and communication	3.3	4.0	3.4	3.0	0.7	1.1
Other goods and services	4.2	4.3	3.6	5.2	8.8	6.5
Special indexes						
Energy	2.2	-1.3	8.6	-3.4	-8.8	16.1
Energy commodities	5.2	-3.3	13.8	-6.9	-15.1	35.2
Energy services	-0.6	0.8	3.8	0.2	-3.3	2.2
All items less energy	2.6	2.9	2.9	2.1	2.4	1.9
Food	2.9	2.1	4.3	1.5	2.3	2.0
All items less food and energy	2.6	3.0	2.6	2.2	2.4	1.9

The food and beverages major group rose 0.2 percent in September, with the index for food at home up 0.3 percent. The index for dairy products, which turned up in August, rose 1.4 percent in September, accounting for about half of the September food at home advance. Also contributing to the September advance were increases in the indexes for cereal and bakery products and for meats, poultry, fish, and eggs--up 0.6 and 0.4 percent, respectively. Within the latter group, prices for beef and pork each increased 1.1 percent and poultry prices rose 0.8 percent. Partially offsetting these advances were declines in the indexes for fruits and vegetables and for nonalcoholic beverages. The index for other food at home was unchanged. Within the fruits and vegetables group, the index for fresh fruits decreased 3.2 percent, while the index for fresh vegetables rose 3.8 percent. The index for processed fruits and vegetables declined 1.0 percent. The other two components of the food and beverages index--food away from home and alcoholic beverages-- increased 0.1 and 0.2 percent, respectively.

The index for housing rose 0.4 percent in September, following an increase of 0.2 percent in August. Shelter costs rose 0.3 percent in September. Within shelter, the indexes for rent and for owners' equivalent rent increased 0.3 and 0.2 percent, respectively, while the

index for lodging away from home rose 2.1 percent. (Prior to seasonal adjustment, the index for lodging while away from home declined 2.8 percent.) The index for fuels and utilities increased 0.9 percent in September. The index for household fuels rose 1.1 percent, reflecting increases in each of the three major household fuels. Charges for natural gas and electricity rose 2.7 and 0.1 percent, respectively, and the index for fuel oil increased 6.2 percent. The index for household furnishings and operations rose 0.1 percent in September, the same as in August.

The transportation component advanced for the third consecutive month--up 0.6 percent in September. The gasoline index increased sharply for the third consecutive month--up 2.6 percent in September, following increases of 4.3 and 5.6 percent in July and August, respectively. Gasoline prices have risen 28.0 percent thus far in 1999, but as of September are 7.7 percent lower than their peak level in November 1990. The index for new and used vehicles rose 0.5 percent in September. The index for new vehicles increased 0.2 percent, reflecting in part the introduction of 2000 model cars. (About 13 percent of the new vehicle sample was represented by 2000 models.) The index for used cars and trucks rose 1.2 percent in September, its fifth consecutive large increase. Airline fares, which declined 2.7 percent in August, fell 1.7 percent in September.

The index for apparel, which declined in each of the preceding four months, rose 1.2 percent in September. (Prior to seasonal adjustment, apparel prices rose 3.4 percent, reflecting the introduction of higher priced fall-winter wear.)

Medical care costs rose 0.3 percent in September to a level 3.4 percent above a year ago. The index for medical care commodities--prescription drugs, nonprescription drugs, and medical supplies--increased 0.4 percent, with the index for prescription drugs up 0.3 percent. The index for medical care services rose 0.2 percent. Charges for professional services and for hospital and related services increased 0.2 and 0.4 percent, respectively.

The index for recreation costs declined 0.5 percent in September, following three consecutive months of no change. Decreases were recorded in the indexes for virtually all major recreational groups, with the exception of recreational reading materials, which rose 0.3 percent. The categories registering declines include video and audio equipment, pets, pet products and services, sporting goods and equipment, photography, toys, and for recreational services.

The index for education and communication was unchanged in September.

Educational costs rose 0.3 percent, and the index for communication declined 0.3 percent. Within the latter group, the index for personal computers and peripheral equipment declined 2.4 percent, and the index for telephone services decreased 0.2 percent.

The index for other goods and services increased 1.9 percent in September, following a 0.2 percent decrease in August. The index for tobacco and smoking products, which fell 1.3 percent in August, rose 6.5 percent in September, reflecting the pass-through of an 18-cent-a-pack increase in wholesale cigarette prices announced in late August.

#### 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 0.5 percent in September.

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 Sep. `99	Un- adjusted 12-mos. Ended Sep. `99
	Changes from preceding month 1999								
	Mar.	Apr.	May	June	July	Aug.	Sep.		
All Items	.1	.7	.0	.0	.4	.2	.5	4.8	2.8
Food and beverages	-.2	.1	.3	.1	.2	.2	.3	2.7	2.2
Housing	.3	.3	.1	.1	.2	.1	.4	2.8	2.2
Apparel	-.4	1.4	-.1	-.5	-.7	-.5	1.3	.3	-1.1
Transportation	.6	2.6	-.4	-.5	1.2	1.0	.8	12.7	4.6
Medical care	.3	.4	.2	.4	.3	.2	.4	3.7	3.4
Recreation	-.1	.2	.2	.1	.0	-.1	-.5	-2.3	.0
Education and communication	.0	-.1	.0	.1	.2	.1	.0	1.2	1.0
Other goods and services	-1.0	1.4	-.4	.3	1.2	-.4	2.4	13.4	11.7
Special Indexes									
Energy	2.0	6.4	-1.4	-1.2	2.3	2.8	1.8	31.9	11.1
Food	-.2	.1	.3	.1	.1	.2	.2	2.5	2.2
All Items less food and energy	.0	.4	.1	.1	.2	.1	.4	2.8	2.1

Consumer Price Index data for October are scheduled for release on Wednesday, November 17, 1999, at 8:30 A.M. (EST).

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## A Note on Seasonally Adjusted and Unadjusted Data

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

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

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

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

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

against the use of these data in escalation agreements.

Effective with the calculation of the seasonal factors for 1990, the Bureau of Labor Statistics has used an enhanced seasonal adjustment procedure called Intervention Analysis Seasonal Adjustment for some CPI series. Intervention Analysis Seasonal Adjustment allows for better estimates of seasonally adjusted data. Extreme values and/or sharp movements which might distort the seasonal pattern are estimated and removed from the data prior to calculation of seasonal factors. Beginning with the calculation of seasonal factors for 1996, X-12-ARIMA software was used for Intervention Analysis Seasonal Adjustment.

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

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

and service group

(1982-84=100, unless otherwise noted)

CPI-U	Relative importance, December 1998	Unadjusted indexes		Unadjusted percent change to Sep. 1999 from-		Seasonally adjusted percent change from-		
		Aug. 1999	Sep. 1999	Sep. 1998	Aug. 1999	June to July	July to Aug.	Aug. to Sep.
Expenditure category								
All items .....	100.000	167.1	167.9	2.6	0.5	0.3	0.3	0.4
All items (1967=100) .....	-	500.7	502.9	-	-	-	-	-
Food and beverages .....	16.408	164.7	165.1	2.2	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2
Food .....	15.422	164.2	164.6	2.2	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2
Food at home .....	9.691	164.1	164.5	2.0	0.2	0.1	0.1	0.3
Cereals and bakery products .....	1.544	184.9	185.2	1.8	0.2	0.3	-0.9	0.6
Meats, poultry, fish, and eggs .....	2.569	148.5	149.2	1.2	0.5	-0.1	0.3	0.4
Dairy and related products (1).....	1.088	156.5	158.7	3.8	1.4	-0.3	0.5	1.4
Fruits and vegetables .....	1.440	202.1	202.6	4.7	0.2	-0.2	0.6	-0.2
Nonalcoholic beverages and beverage materials .....	1.049	134.5	134.2	1.5	-0.2	0.4	-0.1	-0.4
Other food at home .....	2.002	154.2	153.9	1.1	-0.2	0.1	0.3	0.0
Sugar and sweets .....	.377	152.7	153.5	1.8	0.5	0.0	0.5	0.4
Fats and oils .....	.309	148.6	148.5	-2.6	-0.1	0.3	0.5	0.1
Other foods .....	1.316	169.9	169.2	1.7	-0.4	0.1	0.2	-0.2
Other miscellaneous foods (1) (2).....	.320	104.8	105.3	1.6	0.5	-0.7	0.6	0.5
Food away from home (1).....	5.730	165.6	165.8	2.3	0.1	0.3	0.3	0.1
Other food away from home (1) (2).....	.175	105.8	106.4	3.6	0.6	1.1	0.3	0.6
Alcoholic beverages .....	.986	170.2	170.7	2.6	0.3	0.5	0.3	0.2
Housing .....	39.828	165.0	165.2	2.3	0.1	0.1	0.2	0.4
Shelter .....	30.283	188.3	188.3	2.7	0.0	0.1	0.2	0.3
Rent of primary residence (3).....	7.007	177.9	178.4	2.9	0.3	0.2	0.2	0.3
Lodging away from home (2) (3).....	2.376	117.1	113.8	3.6	-2.8	0.2	-0.3	2.1
Owners' equivalent rent of primary residence (3) (4).....	20.529	193.4	193.9	2.5	0.3	0.1	0.2	0.2
Tenants' and household insurance (1) (2).....	.371	102.2	102.3	3.1	0.1	-0.1	0.1	0.1



Fuels and utilities .....	4.735	131.4	132.7	2.1	1.0	0.5	0.4	0.9
Fuels .....	3.801	116.2	117.6	2.1	1.2	0.7	0.4	1.1
Fuel oil and other fuels .....	.227	89.2	93.9	9.3	5.3	1.9	2.4	4.6
Gas (piped) and electricity (3).....	3.574	124.1	125.3	1.6	1.0	0.6	0.3	0.8
Water and sewer and trash collection services (2).....	.934	104.4	104.5	2.2	0.1	0.0	0.1	0.2
Household furnishings and operations .....	4.810	126.8	127.0	0.4	0.2	0.0	0.1	0.1
Household operations (1) (2).....	.908	105.0	105.2	2.9	0.2	0.0	0.7	0.2
Apparel .....	4.831	127.5	131.8	-1.3	3.4	-0.9	-0.3	1.2
Men's and boys' apparel .....	1.358	127.1	130.5	-0.5	2.7	-1.1	-1.7	1.2
Women's and girls' apparel .....	1.939	117.9	125.4	-1.9	6.4	-2.0	0.8	2.4
Infants' and toddlers' apparel (1).....	.272	128.3	129.9	4.0	1.2	0.5	0.7	1.2
Footwear .....	.876	123.8	124.7	-3.0	0.7	1.0	-1.1	-0.4
Transportation .....	16.999	145.7	146.5	4.1	0.5	1.2	0.9	0.6
Private transportation .....	15.653	141.9	142.9	4.3	0.7	0.9	1.1	0.8
New and used motor vehicles (2).....	7.843	99.7	100.1	0.3	0.4	0.3	0.1	0.5
New vehicles .....	4.983	141.4	141.6	-0.5	0.1	0.1	-0.1	0.2
Used cars and trucks (1).....	1.914	153.8	155.7	2.5	1.2	0.9	1.0	1.2
Motor fuel .....	2.493	107.8	110.3	22.6	2.3	4.1	5.6	2.4
Gasoline (all types) .....	2.476	107.2	109.7	22.6	2.3	4.3	5.6	2.6
Motor vehicle parts and equipment .....	.549	100.1	100.6	-0.6	0.5	-0.2	0.0	0.5
Motor vehicle maintenance and repair .....	1.624	172.1	172.8	2.7	0.4	0.2	0.1	0.2
Public transportation (1).....	1.346	197.1	194.7	2.4	-1.2	4.3	-1.8	-1.2
Medical care .....	5.713	251.9	252.3	3.4	0.2	0.3	0.4	0.3
Medical care commodities .....	1.252	232.5	233.1	4.1	0.3	0.6	0.6	0.4
Medical care services .....	4.461	256.2	256.6	3.3	0.2	0.2	0.3	0.2
Professional services (3).....	2.854	230.1	230.4	3.0	0.1	0.2	0.3	0.2
Hospital and related services (3).....	1.354	301.3	302.1	4.5	0.3	0.2	0.7	0.4
Recreation (2).....	6.120	102.2	101.7	0.4	-0.5	0.0	0.0	-0.5
Video and audio (1) (2).....	1.748	100.9	100.1	-1.3	-0.8	-0.1	0.3	-0.5
Education and communication (2).....	5.478	101.2	101.9	1.0	0.7	0.2	0.2	0.0
Education (2).....	2.694	107.5	109.4	4.9	1.8	0.5	0.3	0.3
Educational books and supplies .....	.203	264.5	267.0	5.2	0.9	0.3	0.6	0.3
Tuition, other school fees, and childcare .....	2.492	309.9	315.3	4.8	1.7	0.4	0.3	0.3
Communication (1) (2).....	2.783	95.6	95.3	-2.7	-0.3	0.0	0.1	-0.3
Information and information processing (1) (2).....	2.580	95.0	94.7	-3.1	-0.3	0.0	0.1	-0.3
Telephone services (1) (2).....	2.327	99.8	99.6	-1.1	-0.2	-0.2	0.3	-0.2
Information and information processing other than telephone services (1) (5)	.253	29.8	29.3	-20.2	-1.7	0.7	-0.7	-1.7

Personal computers and peripheral equipment (1) (2).....	.148	50.9	49.7	-27.4	-2.4	-2.9	-3.8	-2.4
Other goods and services .....	4.624	257.6	262.6	9.2	1.9	0.9	-0.2	1.9
Tobacco and smoking products .....	1.159	350.1	373.8	31.9	6.8	3.3	-1.3	6.5
Personal care (1).....	3.465	161.4	161.8	2.7	0.2	0.0	0.2	0.2
Personal care products (1).....	.742	152.3	153.0	2.6	0.5	-0.4	0.2	0.5
Personal care services (1).....	.973	171.9	172.1	3.0	0.1	0.3	0.3	0.1
Miscellaneous personal services .....	1.491	243.9	244.6	3.6	0.3	0.4	0.4	0.4
Commodity and service group								
Commodities .....	42.109	144.5	145.8	2.8	0.9	0.4	0.4	0.7
Food and beverages .....	16.408	164.7	165.1	2.2	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2
Commodities less food and beverages .....	25.702	132.5	134.3	3.1	1.4	0.5	0.5	1.0
Nondurables less food and beverages .....	14.345	138.0	141.0	6.3	2.2	1.0	0.8	1.5
Apparel .....	4.831	127.5	131.8	-1.3	3.4	-0.9	-0.3	1.2
Nondurables less food, beverages, and apparel .....	9.514	148.8	151.2	10.3	1.6	1.5	1.8	1.5
Durables .....	11.356	125.4	125.7	-0.9	0.2	0.2	0.0	0.4
Services .....	57.891	189.9	190.1	2.5	0.1	0.3	0.2	0.3
Rent of shelter (4).....	29.912	196.1	196.1	2.7	0.0	0.1	0.2	0.3
Tenants' and household insurance (1) (2)....	.371	102.2	102.3	3.1	0.1	-0.1	0.1	0.1
Gas (piped) and electricity (3).....	3.574	124.1	125.3	1.6	1.0	0.6	0.3	0.8
Water and sewer and trash collection services (2).....	.934	104.4	104.5	2.2	0.1	0.0	0.1	0.2
Household operations (1) (2).....	.908	105.0	105.2	2.9	0.2	0.0	0.7	0.2
Transportation services .....	6.963	190.2	189.9	1.4	-0.2	1.0	-0.4	-0.1
Medical care services .....	4.461	256.2	256.6	3.3	0.2	0.2	0.3	0.2
Other services .....	10.768	223.9	224.5	2.5	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.0
Special indexes								
All items less food .....	84.578	167.7	168.5	2.7	0.5	0.3	0.3	0.5
All items less shelter .....	69.717	160.6	161.6	2.5	0.6	0.4	0.2	0.5
All items less medical care .....	94.287	162.5	163.2	2.5	0.4	0.3	0.3	0.4
Commodities less food .....	26.688	134.0	135.8	3.2	1.3	0.4	0.5	1.0
Nondurables less food .....	15.331	139.9	142.8	6.1	2.1	0.9	0.8	1.5
Nondurables less food and apparel .....	10.500	150.0	152.3	9.6	1.5	1.4	1.6	1.4
Nondurables .....	30.753	151.5	153.2	4.1	1.1	0.5	0.5	0.7
Services less rent of shelter (4).....	27.979	196.9	197.3	2.2	0.2	0.4	0.2	0.1
Services less medical care services .....	53.429	183.8	183.9	2.4	0.1	0.3	0.1	0.2
Energy .....	6.294	111.3	113.2	10.2	1.7	2.1	2.7	1.7
All items less energy .....	93.706	174.5	175.1	2.0	0.3	0.2	0.1	0.3
All items less food and energy .....	78.284	177.1	177.7	2.0	0.3	0.2	0.1	0.3

Commodities less food and energy									
commodities .....	23.967	143.0	144.6	1.0	1.1	0.1	-0.1	0.7	
Energy commodities .....	2.720	106.3	109.1	21.5	2.6	4.0	5.4	2.7	
Services less energy services .....	54.316	196.5	196.6	2.5	0.1	0.3	0.2	0.2	
Purchasing power of the consumer dollar .....	-	\$ .598	\$ .596	-	-	-	-	-	
Purchasing power of the consumer dollar - old base .....	-	\$ .200	\$ .199	-	-	-	-	-	

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)

Expenditure category	Seasonally adjusted indexes				Seasonally adjusted annual rate percent change for					
	CPI-U				3 months ended--			6 months ended--		
	June 1999	July 1999	Aug. 1999	Sep. 1999	Dec. 1998	Mar. 1999	June 1999	Sep. 1999	Mar. 1999	Sep. 1999
All items .....	166.2	166.7	167.2	167.9	2.0	1.5	2.9	4.2	1.7	3.5
Food and beverages .....	164.2	164.5	164.8	165.2	3.0	1.5	2.0	2.5	2.2	2.2
Food .....	163.9	164.2	164.5	164.9	2.8	1.7	1.7	2.5	2.2	2.1
Food at home .....	163.9	164.0	164.2	164.7	3.5	0.5	2.5	2.0	2.0	2.2
Cereals and bakery products .....	185.2	185.8	184.2	185.3	2.0	2.2	2.9	0.2	2.1	1.5
Meats, poultry, fish, and eggs .....	147.7	147.6	148.1	148.7	-0.5	-0.5	3.3	2.7	-0.5	3.0

Dairy and related products (1).....	156.1	155.7	156.5	158.7	12.9	10.3	-12.7	6.8	11.6	-3.4
Fruits and vegetables .....	205.1	204.7	206.0	205.6	8.2	-4.5	14.9	1.0	1.6	7.7
Nonalcoholic beverages and beverage materials .....	134.4	134.9	134.8	134.2	1.8	3.4	1.5	-0.6	2.6	0.4
Other food at home .....	153.5	153.7	154.1	154.1	1.8	-1.0	1.8	1.6	0.4	1.7
Sugar and sweets .....	152.1	152.1	152.8	153.4	1.9	-1.8	4.0	3.5	0.0	3.8
Fats and oils .....	147.2	147.7	148.5	148.6	1.8	-10.3	-5.0	3.9	-4.4	-0.7
Other foods .....	169.1	169.3	169.6	169.3	2.2	1.2	2.9	0.5	1.7	1.7
Other miscellaneous foods (1) (2).....	104.9	104.2	104.8	105.3	5.1	0.0	0.0	1.5	2.5	0.8
Food away from home (1).....	164.6	165.1	165.6	165.8	2.2	3.0	1.0	2.9	2.6	2.0
Other food away from home (1) (2).....	104.4	105.5	105.8	106.4	2.4	1.6	2.7	7.9	2.0	5.3
Alcoholic beverages .....	169.3	170.1	170.6	170.9	2.7	1.4	2.9	3.8	2.1	3.4
Housing .....	163.6	163.8	164.1	164.7	2.5	1.2	2.7	2.7	1.9	2.7
Shelter .....	187.0	187.1	187.5	188.1	3.1	1.7	3.5	2.4	2.4	2.9
Rent of primary residence (3).....	177.1	177.5	177.9	178.4	3.7	2.5	2.5	3.0	3.1	2.7
Lodging away from home (2) (3).....	105.6	105.8	105.5	107.7	0.0	-2.3	9.6	8.2	-1.2	8.9
Owners' equivalent rent of primary residence (3) (4).....	192.8	193.0	193.4	193.7	3.2	1.9	2.7	1.9	2.6	2.3
Tenants' and household insurance (1) (2)..	102.2	102.1	102.2	102.3	2.9	1.2	8.2	0.4	2.0	4.2
Fuels and utilities .....	127.5	128.2	128.7	129.9	-0.3	1.3	0.3	7.7	0.5	4.0
Fuels .....	111.3	112.1	112.6	113.8	-0.7	0.7	-0.4	9.3	0.0	4.4
Fuel oil and other fuels .....	88.3	90.0	92.2	96.4	-14.1	-2.3	19.8	42.1	-8.4	30.5
Gas (piped) and electricity (3).....	119.0	119.7	120.1	121.1	0.0	1.0	-1.3	7.2	0.5	2.9
Water and sewer and trash collection services (2).....	103.8	103.8	103.9	104.1	2.8	2.4	2.0	1.2	2.6	1.6
Household furnishings and operations .....	126.7	126.7	126.8	126.9	1.9	-1.3	0.3	0.6	0.3	0.5
Household operations (1) (2).....	104.3	104.3	105.0	105.2	3.2	2.7	2.3	3.5	3.0	2.9
Apparel .....	131.4	130.2	129.8	131.4	-2.7	-6.2	3.7	0.0	-4.5	1.9
Men's and boys' apparel .....	132.2	130.8	128.6	130.2	0.3	-2.7	6.6	-5.9	-1.2	0.2
Women's and girls' apparel .....	123.5	121.0	122.0	124.9	-8.2	-7.5	4.3	4.6	-7.9	4.5
Infants' and toddlers' apparel (1).....	126.8	127.4	128.3	129.9	15.9	-11.8	3.9	10.1	1.1	7.0
Footwear .....	125.4	126.6	125.2	124.7	-1.2	-5.5	-3.1	-2.2	-3.4	-2.7
Transportation .....	143.0	144.7	146.0	146.9	-1.4	1.7	5.2	11.4	0.1	8.2
Private transportation .....	139.4	140.7	142.3	143.4	-1.2	0.0	6.9	12.0	-0.6	9.4
New and used motor vehicles (2).....	100.1	100.4	100.5	101.0	0.8	-5.1	2.0	3.6	-2.2	2.8
New vehicles .....	142.6	142.7	142.6	142.9	-0.6	-1.9	-0.3	0.8	-1.2	0.3
Used cars and trucks (1).....	150.9	152.3	153.8	155.7	3.2	-14.1	9.8	13.3	-5.8	11.6
Motor fuel .....	96.9	100.9	106.6	109.2	-11.6	13.6	39.3	61.3	0.2	49.9
Gasoline (all types) .....	96.1	100.2	105.8	108.5	-11.2	14.2	37.2	62.5	0.7	49.3
Motor vehicle parts and equipment .....	100.3	100.1	100.1	100.6	-0.4	-4.3	1.2	1.2	-2.4	1.2
Motor vehicle maintenance and repair .....	171.8	172.2	172.3	172.7	3.6	2.4	2.8	2.1	3.0	2.5
Public transportation (1).....	192.6	200.8	197.1	194.7	-3.7	24.0	-11.9	4.4	9.2	-4.1



services (2).....	103.8	103.8	103.9	104.1	2.8	2.4	2.0	1.2	2.6	1.6
Household operations (1) (2).....	104.3	104.3	105.0	105.2	3.2	2.7	2.3	3.5	3.0	2.9
Transportation services .....	189.5	191.4	190.7	190.5	0.6	5.4	-2.3	2.1	3.0	-0.1
Medical care services .....	254.9	255.5	256.2	256.8	2.6	3.7	3.7	3.0	3.2	3.4
Other services .....	223.0	223.6	224.2	224.2	2.2	3.3	2.6	2.2	2.8	2.4

Special indexes

All items less food .....	166.5	167.0	167.5	168.3	1.7	1.5	3.2	4.4	1.6	3.8
All items less shelter .....	159.6	160.3	160.7	161.5	1.5	1.3	2.8	4.8	1.4	3.8
All items less medical care .....	161.3	161.8	162.3	163.0	2.0	1.3	2.8	4.3	1.6	3.5
Commodities less food .....	133.5	134.1	134.8	136.1	0.6	-1.2	5.3	8.0	-0.3	6.6
Nondurables less food .....	138.3	139.5	140.6	142.7	1.2	0.9	9.5	13.3	1.0	11.4
Nondurables less food and apparel .....	145.6	147.6	150.0	152.1	3.2	4.7	12.1	19.1	3.9	15.5
Nondurables .....	150.5	151.3	152.1	153.2	1.9	1.9	5.5	7.4	1.9	6.4
Services less rent of shelter (4).....	195.4	196.1	196.5	196.7	1.9	2.3	2.1	2.7	2.1	2.4
Services less medical care services .....	182.4	183.0	183.2	183.6	2.7	2.0	2.2	2.7	2.4	2.4
Energy .....	103.8	106.0	108.9	110.7	-5.1	5.8	14.2	29.4	0.2	21.6
All items less energy .....	174.4	174.7	174.9	175.4	2.6	0.9	2.3	2.3	1.8	2.3
All items less food and energy .....	177.0	177.3	177.5	178.1	2.5	0.9	2.3	2.5	1.7	2.4
Commodities less food and energy										
commodities .....	144.0	144.1	143.9	144.9	2.5	-3.0	2.0	2.5	-0.3	2.2
Energy commodities .....	96.1	99.9	105.3	108.1	-12.0	12.6	37.2	60.1	-0.4	48.2
Services less energy services .....	195.6	196.1	196.4	196.7	2.5	2.7	2.5	2.3	2.6	2.4

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	All items					Pricing sched- ule	Indexes				Percent change to Sep.1999 from--	Percent change to Aug.1999 from--
					June		July	Aug.	Sep.			
	June	July	Aug.	Sep.	June		July	Aug.	Sep.			

	(1)	1999	1999	1999	1999	Sep. 1998	July 1999	Aug. 1999	Aug. 1998	June 1999	July 1999
U.S. city average .....	M	166.2	166.7	167.1	167.9	2.6	0.7	0.5	2.3	0.5	0.2
Region and area size(2)											
Northeast urban .....	M	173.1	173.4	174.1	174.8	2.5	0.8	0.4	2.1	0.6	0.4
Size A - More than 1,500,000 .....	M	174.1	174.5	175.1	175.7	2.3	0.7	0.3	2.2	0.6	0.3
Size B/C 50,000 to 1,500,000 (3).....	M	103.8	103.9	104.3	105.1	2.8	1.2	0.8	2.1	0.5	0.4
Midwest urban .....	M	162.5	162.9	163.2	164.3	2.8	0.9	0.7	2.3	0.4	0.2
Size A - More than 1,500,000 .....	M	164.1	164.6	164.8	165.7	2.7	0.7	0.5	2.4	0.4	0.1
Size B/C - 50,000 to 1,500,000 (3).....	M	103.7	103.9	104.2	105.1	2.8	1.2	0.9	2.2	0.5	0.3
Size D - Nonmetropolitan (less than 50,000) .....	M	156.9	157.2	157.7	158.6	3.0	0.9	0.6	2.9	0.5	0.3
South urban .....	M	161.7	162.2	162.6	163.2	2.3	0.6	0.4	1.9	0.6	0.2
Size A - More than 1,500,000 .....	M	160.9	161.4	161.9	162.7	2.5	0.8	0.5	1.9	0.6	0.3
Size B/C - 50,000 to 1,500,000 (3).....	M	104.1	104.3	104.4	104.8	2.2	0.5	0.4	1.9	0.3	0.1
Size D - Nonmetropolitan (less than 50,000) .....	M	162.0	162.6	163.7	164.1	2.5	0.9	0.2	2.2	1.0	0.7
West urban .....	M	168.3	168.9	169.5	170.0	3.0	0.7	0.3	2.9	0.7	0.4
Size A - More than 1,500,000 .....	M	169.3	169.9	170.5	171.2	3.2	0.8	0.4	3.0	0.7	0.4
Size B/C - 50,000 to 1,500,000 (3).....	M	104.5	104.9	105.2	105.2	2.4	0.3	0.0	2.6	0.7	0.3
Size classes											
A (4).....	M	150.7	151.1	151.6	152.2	2.7	0.7	0.4	2.4	0.6	0.3
B/C (3).....	M	104.0	104.2	104.5	105.0	2.5	0.8	0.5	2.1	0.5	0.3
D .....	M	162.0	162.4	163.1	163.7	2.5	0.8	0.4	2.3	0.7	0.4
Selected local areas(5)											
Chicago-Gary-Kenosha, IL-IN-WI .....	M	168.9	169.4	169.3	169.7	2.7	0.2	0.2	2.4	0.2	-0.1
Los Angeles-Riverside-Orange County, CA .....	M	165.4	165.8	166.3	167.2	2.8	0.8	0.5	2.3	0.5	0.3
New York-Northern N.J.-Long Island, NY-NJ-CT-PA .....	M	176.8	177.2	177.6	178.2	2.2	0.6	0.3	2.0	0.5	0.2
Boston-Brockton-Nashua, MA-NH-ME-CT .....	1	-	175.3	-	176.8	2.7	0.9	-	-	-	-

Cleveland-Akron, OH .....	1	-	162.8	-	164.2	1.7	0.9	-	-	-	-
Dallas-Fort Worth, TX .....	1	-	158.3	-	159.8	3.4	0.9	-	-	-	-
Washington-Baltimore, DC-MD-VA-WV (6).....	1	-	104.6	-	105.4	2.4	0.8	-	-	-	-
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 Sep. 1999 from-		Seasonally adjusted percent change from-		
		Aug. 1999	Sep. 1999	Sep. 1998	Aug. 1999	June to July	July to Aug.	Aug. to Sep.
Expenditure category								
All items .....	100.000	163.8	164.7	2.8	0.5	0.4	0.2	0.5
All items (1967=100) .....	-	487.8	490.5	-	-	-	-	-



Food and beverages .....	18.011	163.9	164.3	2.2	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.3
Food .....	16.966	163.5	163.9	2.2	0.2	0.1	0.2	0.2
Food at home .....	10.832	162.9	163.5	2.1	0.4	0.0	0.2	0.4
Cereals and bakery products .....	1.689	184.8	185.0	1.8	0.1	0.3	-0.8	0.6
Meats, poultry, fish, and eggs .....	3.055	148.2	148.9	1.2	0.5	-0.2	0.3	0.5
Dairy and related products (1).....	1.193	156.0	158.4	3.8	1.5	-0.3	0.5	1.5
Fruits and vegetables .....	1.492	201.2	201.6	4.7	0.2	0.0	0.7	-0.1
Nonalcoholic beverages and beverage materials .....	1.184	133.2	133.0	1.6	-0.2	0.4	-0.1	-0.4
Other food at home .....	2.220	153.5	153.3	1.1	-0.1	0.1	0.3	0.1
Sugar and sweets .....	.420	152.6	153.3	1.8	0.5	0.0	0.6	0.4
Fats and oils .....	.354	148.3	148.1	-2.5	-0.1	0.1	0.6	0.0
Other foods .....	1.446	169.7	169.2	1.7	-0.3	0.1	0.2	0.0
Other miscellaneous foods (1) (2).....	.355	104.4	105.1	1.4	0.7	-0.5	0.5	0.7
Food away from home (1).....	6.133	165.5	165.8	2.3	0.2	0.3	0.4	0.2
Other food away from home (1) (2).....	.216	105.8	106.2	3.3	0.4	0.8	0.5	0.4
Alcoholic beverages .....	1.045	169.2	169.8	2.8	0.4	0.4	0.2	0.2
Housing .....	36.685	161.0	161.3	2.2	0.2	0.2	0.1	0.4
Shelter .....	27.496	182.4	182.6	2.6	0.1	0.2	0.1	0.3
Rent of primary residence (3).....	8.500	177.5	178.0	2.9	0.3	0.2	0.1	0.3
Lodging away from home (2) (3).....	1.379	116.8	113.8	3.6	-2.6	-0.1	-0.3	2.4
Owners' equivalent rent of primary residence (3) (4).....	17.296	176.1	176.5	2.4	0.2	0.2	0.1	0.1
Tenants' and household insurance (1) (2)..	.320	102.3	102.5	3.1	0.2	-0.1	0.1	0.2
Fuels and utilities .....	4.850	131.4	132.6	2.0	0.9	0.6	0.4	0.9
Fuels .....	3.928	115.9	117.2	2.0	1.1	0.6	0.4	1.1
Fuel oil and other fuels .....	.201	89.3	93.9	8.9	5.2	1.5	2.4	4.4
Gas (piped) and electricity (3).....	3.727	123.7	124.9	1.6	1.0	0.6	0.3	0.8
Water and sewer and trash collection services (2).....	.922	104.4	104.5	2.1	0.1	0.0	0.1	0.2
Household furnishings and operations .....	4.339	124.7	124.8	-0.1	0.1	0.1	0.0	0.1
Household operations (1) (2).....	.402	105.4	105.7	3.2	0.3	0.0	0.6	0.3
Apparel .....	5.199	126.4	130.5	-1.1	3.2	-0.7	-0.5	1.3
Men's and boys' apparel .....	1.474	127.2	130.3	-0.3	2.4	-1.0	-1.8	0.9
Women's and girls' apparel .....	1.948	116.0	123.3	-1.8	6.3	-2.1	0.7	2.8
Infants' and toddlers' apparel (1).....	.344	129.6	131.4	4.5	1.4	0.3	0.9	1.4
Footwear .....	1.057	124.4	125.1	-3.2	0.6	1.2	-1.3	-0.4
Transportation .....	19.166	145.0	146.0	4.6	0.7	1.2	1.0	0.8
Private transportation .....	18.109	142.4	143.6	4.7	0.8	1.0	1.3	0.8
New and used motor vehicles (2).....	9.250	100.2	100.7	0.6	0.5	0.4	0.3	0.6
New vehicles .....	5.224	142.6	142.8	-0.4	0.1	-0.1	0.1	0.2

Used cars and trucks (1).....	3.216	155.2	157.0	2.5	1.2	1.0	1.0	1.2
Motor fuel .....	3.066	107.8	110.6	22.8	2.6	4.2	5.4	2.6
Gasoline (all types) .....	3.045	107.3	110.0	22.8	2.5	4.2	5.6	2.7
Motor vehicle parts and equipment .....	.682	99.6	99.9	-0.6	0.3	-0.3	0.2	0.2
Motor vehicle maintenance and repair .....	1.690	173.5	174.3	2.9	0.5	0.2	0.0	0.2
Public transportation (1).....	1.056	192.5	190.7	2.3	-0.9	3.5	-1.6	-0.9
Medical care .....	4.672	251.0	251.4	3.4	0.2	0.3	0.2	0.4
Medical care commodities .....	.926	228.4	229.0	3.7	0.3	0.6	0.5	0.5
Medical care services .....	3.746	256.0	256.4	3.3	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.4
Professional services (3).....	2.415	231.7	232.0	3.0	0.1	0.2	0.1	0.3
Hospital and related services (3).....	1.114	297.3	298.2	4.5	0.3	0.3	0.7	0.5
Recreation (2).....	5.925	101.5	101.0	0.0	-0.5	0.0	-0.1	-0.5
Video and audio (1) (2).....	1.951	100.7	99.8	-1.5	-0.9	-0.1	0.3	-0.6
Education and communication (2).....	5.361	101.5	102.1	1.0	0.6	0.2	0.1	0.0
Education (2).....	2.478	107.7	109.5	5.0	1.7	0.5	0.1	0.3
Educational books and supplies .....	.200	267.2	269.9	5.5	1.0	0.3	0.6	0.3
Tuition, other school fees, and childcare .....	2.278	304.1	309.5	5.0	1.8	0.4	0.1	0.3
Communication (1) (2).....	2.883	96.5	96.2	-2.3	-0.3	-0.1	0.2	-0.3
Information and information processing (1) (2).....	2.733	96.1	95.8	-2.6	-0.3	0.0	0.1	-0.3
Telephone services (1) (2).....	2.519	99.9	99.7	-1.1	-0.2	-0.2	0.2	-0.2
Information and information processing other than telephone services (1) (5) .....	.213	30.8	30.3	-20.7	-1.6	1.0	-1.0	-1.6
Personal computers and peripheral equipment (1) (2).....	.120	50.6	49.4	-28.4	-2.4	-2.8	-3.6	-2.4
Other goods and services .....	4.981	260.7	267.3	11.7	2.5	1.2	-0.4	2.4
Tobacco and smoking products .....	1.694	350.6	374.4	32.0	6.8	3.4	-1.4	6.5
Personal care (1).....	3.287	161.6	161.9	2.7	0.2	0.0	0.2	0.2
Personal care products (1).....	.838	153.1	153.7	2.4	0.4	-0.4	0.3	0.4
Personal care services (1).....	.975	172.2	172.4	3.0	0.1	0.4	0.2	0.1
Miscellaneous personal services .....	1.253	243.8	244.5	3.6	0.3	0.3	0.2	0.3
Commodity and service group								
Commodities .....	46.764	144.8	146.3	3.2	1.0	0.5	0.4	0.8
Food and beverages .....	18.011	163.9	164.3	2.2	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.3
Commodities less food and beverages .....	28.753	133.4	135.4	3.9	1.5	0.7	0.5	1.2
Nondurables less food and beverages .....	15.564	138.8	142.1	7.6	2.4	1.3	0.9	1.6
Apparel .....	5.199	126.4	130.5	-1.1	3.2	-0.7	-0.5	1.3
Nondurables less food, beverages, and apparel .....	10.365	150.2	153.2	12.2	2.0	1.7	2.0	1.8

Durables .....	13.189	125.7	126.1	-0.5	0.3	0.2	0.2	0.6
Services .....	53.236	186.3	186.6	2.4	0.2	0.3	0.1	0.3
Rent of shelter (4).....	27.175	175.6	175.8	2.6	0.1	0.1	0.2	0.3
Tenants' and household insurance (1) (2)....	.320	102.3	102.5	3.1	0.2	-0.1	0.1	0.2
Gas (piped) and electricity (3).....	3.727	123.7	124.9	1.6	1.0	0.6	0.3	0.8
Water and sewer and trash collection services (2).....	.922	104.4	104.5	2.1	0.1	0.0	0.1	0.2
Household operations (1) (2).....	.402	105.4	105.7	3.2	0.3	0.0	0.6	0.3
Transportation services .....	6.800	187.4	187.3	1.4	-0.1	0.7	-0.3	0.0
Medical care services .....	3.746	256.0	256.4	3.3	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.4
Other services .....	10.144	220.3	220.9	2.4	0.3	0.2	0.2	0.0

#### Special indexes

All items less food .....	83.034	163.7	164.7	2.9	0.6	0.4	0.2	0.6
All items less shelter .....	72.504	158.6	159.7	2.8	0.7	0.4	0.3	0.6
All items less medical care .....	95.328	159.7	160.7	2.8	0.6	0.4	0.3	0.5
Commodities less food .....	29.798	134.8	136.7	3.8	1.4	0.6	0.6	1.1
Nondurables less food .....	16.609	140.7	143.8	7.3	2.2	1.2	0.9	1.6
Nondurables less food and apparel .....	11.410	151.2	154.0	11.3	1.9	1.6	1.7	1.7
Nondurables .....	33.575	151.7	153.6	4.7	1.3	0.6	0.6	0.9
Services less rent of shelter (4).....	26.061	175.0	175.5	2.2	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.2
Services less medical care services .....	49.490	180.4	180.7	2.3	0.2	0.3	0.2	0.2
Energy .....	6.994	111.1	113.1	11.1	1.8	2.3	2.8	1.8
All items less energy .....	93.006	171.1	171.8	2.1	0.4	0.2	0.1	0.4
All items less food and energy .....	76.040	173.1	173.9	2.1	0.5	0.2	0.1	0.4
Commodities less food and energy commodities .....	26.531	143.3	145.0	1.5	1.2	0.1	-0.1	0.9
Energy commodities .....	3.267	106.8	109.7	21.9	2.7	4.1	5.3	2.7
Services less energy services .....	49.509	193.2	193.4	2.4	0.1	0.3	0.1	0.2
Purchasing power of the consumer dollar .....	-	\$ .611	\$ .607	-	-	-	-	-
Purchasing power of the consumer dollar - old base .....	-	\$ .205	\$ .204	-	-	-	-	-

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--		
	June 1999	July 1999	Aug. 1999	Sep. 1999	Dec. 1998	Mar. 1999	June 1999	Sep. 1999	Mar. 1999	Sep. 1999
Expenditure category										
All items .....	162.7	163.3	163.7	164.6	2.3	1.2	3.0	4.8	1.8	3.9
Food and beverages .....	163.5	163.8	164.1	164.6	2.8	1.5	1.7	2.7	2.1	2.2
Food .....	163.1	163.3	163.7	164.1	2.5	1.7	1.7	2.5	2.1	2.1
Food at home .....	162.8	162.8	163.1	163.7	2.8	1.0	2.2	2.2	1.9	2.2
Cereals and bakery products .....	185.0	185.5	184.0	185.1	1.3	2.2	3.1	0.2	1.8	1.6
Meats, poultry, fish, and eggs .....	147.5	147.2	147.6	148.4	-1.1	-0.3	3.9	2.5	-0.7	3.2
Dairy and related products (1).....	155.7	155.3	156.0	158.4	13.2	10.8	-13.6	7.1	12.0	-3.8
Fruits and vegetables .....	204.1	204.0	205.4	205.1	8.4	-4.3	13.6	2.0	1.8	7.6
Nonalcoholic beverages and beverage materials .....	133.3	133.8	133.6	133.1	1.5	4.0	1.5	-0.6	2.8	0.5
Other food at home .....	152.6	152.8	153.3	153.4	1.9	-1.0	1.3	2.1	0.4	1.7
Sugar and sweets .....	151.7	151.7	152.6	153.2	2.1	-1.6	2.7	4.0	0.3	3.3
Fats and oils .....	147.1	147.2	148.1	148.1	1.9	-10.3	-3.7	2.7	-4.4	-0.5
Other foods .....	168.8	169.0	169.4	169.4	1.7	1.4	2.4	1.4	1.6	1.9
Other miscellaneous foods (1) (2).....	104.4	103.9	104.4	105.1	4.7	0.4	-2.3	2.7	2.5	0.2
Food away from home (1).....	164.4	164.9	165.5	165.8	2.5	2.7	0.7	3.5	2.6	2.1
Other food away from home (1) (2).....	104.5	105.3	105.8	106.2	2.4	1.6	2.7	6.7	2.0	4.7
Alcoholic beverages .....	168.7	169.3	169.6	170.0	2.9	1.0	4.4	3.1	1.9	3.7
Housing .....	159.6	159.9	160.1	160.7	2.6	1.5	2.0	2.8	2.0	2.4
Shelter .....	181.5	181.8	181.9	182.5	3.2	2.3	2.9	2.2	2.7	2.6
Rent of primary residence (3).....	176.9	177.3	177.5	178.0	3.8	2.5	3.0	2.5	3.1	2.8
Lodging away from home (2) (3).....	105.0	104.9	104.6	107.1	3.5	-4.2	8.0	8.2	-0.4	8.1
Owners' equivalent rent of primary residence (3) (4).....	175.6	175.9	176.1	176.3	2.8	2.6	2.3	1.6	2.7	2.0



other than telephone services (1) (5)	30.8	31.1	30.8	30.3	-21.1	-25.0	-28.5	-6.3	-23.1	-18.2
Personal computers and peripheral equipment (1) (2).....	54.0	52.5	50.6	49.4	-26.0	-37.5	-18.9	-30.0	-32.0	-24.6
Other goods and services .....	259.4	262.4	261.4	267.7	23.9	5.0	5.3	13.4	14.1	9.3
Tobacco and smoking products .....	345.2	357.0	352.0	374.8	88.1	5.4	10.1	39.0	40.8	23.7
Personal care (1).....	161.3	161.3	161.6	161.9	1.5	5.2	2.5	1.5	3.3	2.0
Personal care products (1).....	153.3	152.7	153.1	153.7	-1.3	5.5	4.6	1.0	2.0	2.8
Personal care services (1).....	171.2	171.8	172.2	172.4	2.9	3.9	2.4	2.8	3.4	2.6
Miscellaneous personal services .....	242.4	243.2	243.8	244.5	4.1	4.3	2.5	3.5	4.2	3.0
Commodity and service group										
Commodities .....	143.9	144.6	145.2	146.4	2.3	-0.6	4.3	7.1	0.8	5.7
Food and beverages .....	163.5	163.8	164.1	164.6	2.8	1.5	1.7	2.7	2.1	2.2
Commodities less food and beverages .....	132.2	133.1	133.8	135.4	1.9	-1.8	6.0	10.0	0.0	8.0
Nondurables less food and beverages .....	136.5	138.3	139.6	141.8	2.8	1.2	10.3	16.5	2.0	13.3
Apparel .....	130.0	129.1	128.4	130.1	-0.6	-7.4	3.5	0.3	-4.1	1.9
Nondurables less food, beverages, and apparel .....	144.8	147.3	150.2	152.9	5.4	5.6	14.1	24.3	5.5	19.1
Durables .....	125.6	125.8	126.0	126.7	-0.3	-5.5	0.6	3.5	-3.0	2.1
Services .....	185.0	185.6	185.7	186.2	2.4	2.7	2.0	2.6	2.5	2.3
Rent of shelter (4).....	174.7	174.9	175.3	175.8	3.5	1.6	2.8	2.5	2.6	2.7
Tenants' and household insurance (1) (2)....	102.3	102.2	102.3	102.5	3.7	1.2	6.9	0.8	2.4	3.8
Gas (piped) and electricity (3).....	118.3	119.0	119.4	120.4	0.0	1.4	-1.7	7.3	0.7	2.7
Water and sewer and trash collection services (2).....	103.9	103.9	104.0	104.2	2.8	2.4	1.9	1.2	2.6	1.6
Household operations (1) (2).....	104.8	104.8	105.4	105.7	3.6	3.1	2.7	3.5	3.3	3.1
Transportation services .....	187.1	188.5	188.0	188.0	0.9	4.4	-1.3	1.9	2.6	0.3
Medical care services .....	254.7	255.3	255.8	256.7	2.6	3.6	3.9	3.2	3.1	3.5
Other services .....	219.6	220.1	220.5	220.5	2.1	3.4	2.6	1.6	2.7	2.1
Special indexes										
All items less food .....	162.3	163.0	163.4	164.3	2.0	1.0	3.5	5.0	1.5	4.3
All items less shelter .....	157.4	158.1	158.6	159.5	2.1	0.5	3.4	5.4	1.3	4.4
All items less medical care .....	158.6	159.2	159.6	160.4	2.3	1.0	3.1	4.6	1.7	3.8
Commodities less food .....	133.9	134.7	135.5	137.0	1.8	-1.8	6.2	9.6	0.0	7.9
Nondurables less food .....	138.5	140.1	141.4	143.7	2.7	1.5	10.1	15.9	2.1	13.0
Nondurables less food and apparel .....	146.3	148.6	151.2	153.7	5.3	4.7	14.0	21.8	5.0	17.8
Nondurables .....	150.5	151.4	152.3	153.6	2.2	1.9	6.1	8.5	2.1	7.3
Services less rent of shelter (4).....	173.6	174.2	174.7	175.0	1.4	2.1	1.9	3.3	1.8	2.6
Services less medical care services .....	179.2	179.7	180.0	180.4	2.5	1.8	2.3	2.7	2.2	2.5
Energy .....	103.3	105.7	108.7	110.7	-5.9	7.1	15.2	31.9	0.4	23.3
All items less energy .....	171.0	171.3	171.4	172.1	2.9	0.7	2.4	2.6	1.8	2.5

All items less food and energy .....	173.1	173.5	173.6	174.3	2.8	0.5	2.3	2.8	1.6	2.6
Commodities less food and energy										
commodities .....	144.1	144.3	144.1	145.4	4.0	-3.8	2.5	3.7	0.0	3.1
Energy commodities .....	96.4	100.4	105.7	108.6	-12.0	13.6	37.0	61.1	0.0	48.6
Services less energy services .....	192.7	193.2	193.4	193.7	2.6	2.8	2.3	2.1	2.7	2.2

1 Not seasonally adjusted.

2 Indexes on a December 1997=100 base.

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

4 Indexes on a December 1984=100 base

5 Indexes on a December 1988=100 base.

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

Table 6. Consumer Price Index for Urban Wage Earners and Clerical Workers (CPI-W): Selected areas, all items index

(1982-84=100, unless otherwise noted)

CPI-W	Pricing sched- ule (1)	All items									
		Indexes				Percent change to Sep.1999 from--			Percent change to Aug.1999 from--		
		June 1999	July 1999	Aug. 1999	Sep. 1999	Sep. 1998	July 1999	Aug. 1999	Aug. 1998	June 1999	July 1999
U.S. city average .....	M	162.8	163.3	163.8	164.7	2.8	0.9	0.5	2.4	0.6	0.3
Region and area size(2)											
Northeast urban .....	M	170.0	170.2	170.9	171.9	2.7	1.0	0.6	2.3	0.5	0.4
Size A - More than 1,500,000 .....	M	169.9	170.3	171.0	171.8	2.6	0.9	0.5	2.3	0.6	0.4
Size B/C 50,000 to 1,500,000 (3).....	M	103.4	103.4	103.8	104.7	2.8	1.3	0.9	2.1	0.4	0.4
Midwest urban .....	M	158.5	159.1	159.4	160.6	2.9	0.9	0.8	2.4	0.6	0.2
Size A - More than 1,500,000 .....	M	159.3	159.9	160.2	161.1	2.8	0.8	0.6	2.4	0.6	0.2
Size B/C - 50,000 to 1,500,000 (3).....	M	103.4	103.8	104.0	105.1	3.1	1.3	1.1	2.3	0.6	0.2
Size D - Nonmetropolitan (less than 50,000) .....	M	154.9	155.4	156.1	157.1	3.2	1.1	0.6	3.1	0.8	0.5

South urban .....	M	159.7	160.1	160.6	161.5	2.5	0.9	0.6	2.0	0.6	0.3
Size A - More than 1,500,000 .....	M	158.4	158.9	159.5	160.4	2.6	0.9	0.6	2.0	0.7	0.4
Size B/C - 50,000 to 1,500,000 (3).....	M	103.6	103.9	104.0	104.6	2.4	0.7	0.6	1.9	0.4	0.1
Size D - Nonmetropolitan (less than 50,000) .....	M	162.3	163.0	164.1	164.8	2.6	1.1	0.4	2.2	1.1	0.7
West urban .....	M	164.2	164.7	165.3	165.8	3.0	0.7	0.3	2.9	0.7	0.4
Size A - More than 1,500,000 .....	M	163.5	164.0	164.7	165.3	3.3	0.8	0.4	3.1	0.7	0.4
Size B/C - 50,000 to 1,500,000 (3).....	M	104.3	104.7	105.1	105.1	2.5	0.4	0.0	2.7	0.8	0.4

Size classes

A (4).....	M	149.2	149.6	150.1	150.8	2.9	0.8	0.5	2.5	0.6	0.3
B/C (3).....	M	103.6	103.9	104.1	104.8	2.7	0.9	0.7	2.2	0.5	0.2
D .....	M	160.9	161.3	162.1	163.0	2.7	1.1	0.6	2.4	0.7	0.5

Selected local areas(5)

Chicago-Gary-Kenosha, IL-IN-WI .....	M	163.0	163.4	163.5	164.1	2.8	0.4	0.4	2.4	0.3	0.1
Los Angeles-Riverside-Orange County, CA .....	M	158.9	159.2	159.8	160.7	2.9	0.9	0.6	2.4	0.6	0.4
New York-Northern N.J.-Long Island, NY-NJ-CT-PA .....	M	172.1	172.5	173.2	173.9	2.4	0.8	0.4	2.1	0.6	0.4
Boston-Brockton-Nashua, MA-NH-ME-CT .....	1	-	173.3	-	175.2	3.1	1.1	-	-	-	-
Cleveland-Akron, OH .....	1	-	154.9	-	156.4	2.0	1.0	-	-	-	-
Dallas-Fort Worth, TX .....	1	-	158.0	-	159.6	3.4	1.0	-	-	-	-
Washington-Baltimore, DC-MD-VA-WV (6).....	1	-	104.3	-	105.3	2.5	1.0	-	-	-	-
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.