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CONSUMER PRICE INDEX: DECEMBER 1999

The Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers (CPI-U) was unchanged in December, before seasonal adjustment, remaining at a level of 168.3 (1982-84=100), the Bureau of Labor Statistics of the U.S. Department of Labor reported today. For the 12-month period ended in December, the CPI-U increased 2.7 percent.

The Consumer Price Index for Urban Wage Earners and Clerical Workers (CPI-W) also was unchanged in December, prior to seasonal adjustment. The December level of 165.1 was 2.7 percent higher than the index in December 1998.

CPI for All Urban Consumers (CPI-U)

On a seasonally adjusted basis, the CPI-U rose 0.2 percent in December, following a 0.1 percent increase in November. The food index rose 0.1 percent in December, the same as in November. The energy index, which was unchanged in November, rose 1.4 percent in December. The index for petroleum-based energy increased 4.1 percent, while the index for energy services declined 1.1 percent. Excluding food and energy, the CPI-U rose 0.1 percent in December, following an increase of 0.2 percent in November; the moderation reflects a smaller increase in shelter costs.

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

Expenditure Category	Seasonally adjusted							Compound annual rate 3-mos. ended Dec. '99	Un- adjusted 12-mos. ended Dec. '99
	Changes from preceding month 1999								
	June	July	Aug.	Sep.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.		
All Items	.0	.3	.3	.4	.2	.1	.2	2.2	2.7
Food and beverages	.0	.2	.2	.2	.2	.1	.1	2.0	2.0
Housing	.2	.1	.2	.4	.1	.3	.1	2.0	2.2
Apparel	-.4	-.9	-.3	1.2	.6	-.5	.0	.6	-.5
Transportation	-.6	1.2	.9	.6	.2	.0	.7	3.6	5.4

Medical care	.4	.3	.4	.3	.2	.4	.4	3.5	3.7
Recreation	.0	.0	.0	-.5	.1	.2	.2	2.0	.8
Education and communication	.0	.2	.2	.0	.2	.3	.2	2.8	1.6
Other goods and services	.2	.9	-.2	1.9	.1	.0	.2	.9	5.1
Special Indexes									
Energy	-1.2	2.1	2.7	1.7	-.1	.0	1.4	5.2	13.4
Food	.0	.2	.2	.2	.2	.1	.1	2.0	1.9
All Items less food and energy	.1	.2	.1	.3	.2	.2	.1	2.0	1.9

See page 5 for a note on the use of hedonic models to adjust prices of audio and video products in the CPI for changes in quality.

Consumer prices rose at a seasonally adjusted annual rate (SAAR) of 2.2 percent in the fourth quarter. This followed increases in the first three quarters at rates of 1.5, 2.9, and 4.2 percent, respectively. For the 12 month period ended in December, the CPI-U rose 2.7 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, increased 13.4 percent in 1999. Following a 15.1 percent decline in 1998, petroleum-based energy costs increased 29.5 percent in 1999, its largest annual advance since a 35.4 percent increase in 1990. Charges for energy services rose 1.2 percent in 1999. The food index rose 1.9 percent in 1999, following a 2.3 percent increase for all of 1998. Grocery store food prices, which advanced 2.1 percent in 1998, increased 1.7 percent in 1999. Smaller increases in the indexes for dairy products and for fruits and vegetables more than offset an upturn in the index for meats, poultry, fish, and eggs.

Excluding food and energy, the CPI-U advanced at a 2.0 percent SAAR in the fourth quarter, following increases at rates of 0.9, 2.3, and 2.5 percent, respectively, in the first three quarters of 1999. The 1.9 percent rise for all of 1999 was the smallest annual change since a 1.5 percent increase in 1965. Deceleration in the indexes for shelter and for tobacco and smoking products were largely responsible for the smaller advance in 1999. The rates for selected groups for the last six years are shown below.

Percentage change 12 months
ended in December

	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999
All items	2.7	2.5	3.3	1.7	1.6	2.7
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	-.5
Transportation	3.8	1.5	4.4	-1.4	-1.7	5.4
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	.8
Education and communication	3.3	4.0	3.4	3.0	0.7	1.6
Other goods and services	4.2	4.3	3.6	5.2	8.8	5.1
Special indexes						
Energy	2.2	-1.3	8.6	-3.4	-8.8	13.4
Energy commodities	5.2	-3.3	13.8	-6.9	-15.1	29.5
Energy services	-0.6	0.8	3.8	0.2	-3.3	1.2
All items less energy	2.6	2.9	2.9	2.1	2.4	2.0
Food	2.9	2.1	4.3	1.5	2.3	1.9
All items less food and energy	2.6	3.0	2.6	2.2	2.4	1.9

The food and beverages index rose 0.1 percent in December. The index for food at home also increased 0.1 percent, the same as in November. While the monthly changes in the overall food at home index were the same, the compositions were notably different. The indexes for nonalcoholic beverages, for fruits and vegetables, and for cereal and bakery products each turned up in December, whereas the indexes for each of the other three major grocery store food groups--for dairy products, for meats, poultry, fish, and eggs, and for other food at home--turned down. The index for nonalcoholic beverages increased 1.1 percent in December after declining 0.2 percent in November. The index for fruits and vegetables, which declined 0.7 percent in November, increased 0.7 percent in December. Within the fruits and vegetables group, the index for fresh fruits was unchanged, while the index for fresh vegetables increased 2.6 percent. (Prior to seasonal adjustment, fresh fruit prices increased 2.5 percent, and fresh vegetable prices rose 2.3 percent.) For the second consecutive month, the index for processed fruits and vegetables fell 1.0 percent. The index for cereal and bakery products rose 0.6 percent, following a 0.1 percent decline in November. On the other hand, the index for dairy products fell 1.5 percent, its first decrease in five months. The indexes for meats, poultry, fish, and eggs and for other food at home declined 0.3 and 0.1 percent, respectively. Within the former group, increases in prices for beef and pork--up 0.7 and 0.6 percent, respectively--were more

than offset by declines in prices for poultry, fish, and eggs. The other two components of the food and beverages index--food away from home and alcoholic beverages--increased 0.2 and 0.3 percent, respectively.

The index for housing rose 0.1 percent in December, following an increase of 0.3 percent in November. Each of the three major housing groups--shelter, fuel and utilities, and household furnishings and operations--contributed to the deceleration. Shelter costs, which advanced 0.3 percent in November, increased 0.2 percent in December. Within shelter, the indexes for rent and for owners' equivalent rent increased 0.4 and 0.2 percent, respectively, while the index for lodging away from home declined 0.9 percent. The index for fuels and utilities declined 0.5 percent in December, following a 0.4 percent increase in November. The index for natural gas, which rose 2.2 percent in November, declined 4.2 percent in December. This decrease more than offset increases in the indexes for fuel oil and for electricity--up 5.9 and 0.2 percent, respectively. Fuel oil prices, which declined 15.2 percent in 1998, increased 30.9 percent in 1999, their largest annual advance since a 62.0 percent rise in 1979. The index for household furnishings and operations, which increased 0.1 percent in November, was unchanged in December.

The transportation component increased 0.7 percent in December and 5.4 percent in all of 1999. Rising gasoline prices were responsible for both the one-month and 12-month increases in transportation costs. The index for gasoline increased 4.1 percent in December, bringing the increase over the last 12 months to 30.1 percent. Despite the sharp advance in the last 12 months, at the end of 1999, gasoline prices were still 6.1 percent lower than their peak level of November 1990. The index for new vehicles declined 0.1 percent in December. (Prior to seasonal adjustment, new vehicle prices rose 0.3 percent. As of December, about 73 percent of the new vehicle sample was represented by 2000 models. The 2000 models will continue to be phased in, with appropriate adjustments for quality change, over the next several months as they replace old models at dealerships. For a report on quality changes for the 2000 vehicles represented in the Producer Price Index sample, see news release USDL-99-324, dated November 10, 1999.) The index for used cars and trucks declined 0.7 percent in December. The index for public transportation declined 0.5 percent in December, largely reflecting a 0.7 percent drop in airline fares. During the last 12 months, however, airline fares have increased 10.9 percent.

The index for apparel was unchanged in December. (Prior to seasonal adjustment, apparel prices fell 2.6 percent, reflecting pre-holiday discounting.) During the 12-month period ended in December, apparel

prices fell 0.5 percent, following a 0.7 percent decrease in all of 1998.

Medical care costs rose 0.4 percent in December to a level 3.7 percent higher than a year ago. In December, the index for medical care commodities--prescription drugs, nonprescription drugs, and medical supplies--increased 0.2 percent, with the index for prescription drugs up 0.4 percent. Prescription drug prices rose 6.1 percent in all of 1999. The index for medical care services rose 0.4 percent in December. Charges for professional services and for hospital and related services increased 0.2 and 0.8 percent, respectively, in December and 3.2 and 5.1 percent in all of 1999.

The index for recreation costs increased 0.2 percent in December and 0.8 percent in all of 1999. During the last 12 months, increases in recreation services--for admissions to movies, theaters, concerts, and sporting events, for club membership dues, and for fees for lesson or instructions--more than offset declines in prices for toys, for sporting goods, for photography, and for most video and audio items.

The index for education and communication increased 0.2 percent in December and 1.6 percent in all of 1999. During the 12 months ended in December, education costs rose 4.4 percent, while communication costs declined 1.2 percent. In December, educational costs increased 0.4 percent, while the index for communication was unchanged. Within the latter group, the index for personal computers and peripheral equipment registered its first monthly increase--up 0.4 percent--since its inception in December 1997. For the 12 months ended in December, however, this index declined 26.5 percent.

The index for other goods and services advanced 0.2 percent in December, to a level 5.1 percent higher than a year ago, reflecting price increases in miscellaneous personal services. The index for cigarettes declined for the third consecutive month--down 0.3 percent in December--reflecting discounting of selected major brands. During the past 12 months, however, cigarette prices have risen 11.5 percent. This compares with a 33.7 percent increase in 1998.

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 0.3 percent in December.

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

Seasonally adjusted

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Expenditure Category	Changes from preceding month 1999							Compound annual rate 3-mos. ended	adjusted 12-mos. ended
	June	July	Aug.	Sep.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Dec. '99	Dec. '99
All Items	.0	.4	.2	.5	.1	.1	.3	2.2	2.7
Food and beverages	.1	.2	.2	.3	.2	.2	.2	2.2	2.0
Housing	.1	.2	.1	.4	.1	.2	.1	2.0	2.1
Apparel	-.5	-.7	-.5	1.3	.6	-.4	.1	1.2	-.6
Transportation	-.5	1.2	1.0	.8	.1	.0	.7	3.3	5.7
Medical care	.4	.3	.2	.4	.2	.3	.4	3.5	3.6
Recreation	.1	.0	-.1	-.5	.1	.0	.3	1.6	.4
Education and communication	.1	.2	.1	.0	.3	.3	.2	3.2	1.6
Other goods and services	.3	1.2	-.4	2.4	.0	-.2	.2	.1	5.8
Special Indexes									
Energy	-1.2	2.3	2.8	1.8	-.2	.0	1.6	5.9	14.6
Food	.1	.1	.2	.2	.2	.2	.1	2.2	2.0
All Items less food and energy	.1	.2	.1	.4	.2	.1	.2	1.8	1.9

Consumer Price Index data for January are scheduled for release on Friday, February 18, 2000, at 8:30 A.M. (EST).

Extending the use of hedonic models to adjust prices for Audio and Video Products in the Consumer Price Index for changes in quality

Effective with the release of the Consumer Price Index (CPI) for January 2000, the Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS) will extend hedonic quality adjustment to items in two CPI strata: Audio equipment and Other video equipment (which contains video equipment other than televisions). A hedonic model decomposes the price of a consumer product into implicit prices for each of its important features and components, thereby providing an estimate of the value of each feature and component. The following table gives the relative importance (share of weight), as of December 1998, of these strata in the Consumer Price Index for all Urban Consumers (the CPI-U) and in the Consumer Price Index for Urban Wage Earners and Clerical Workers (the CPI-W).

CPI Item Stratum	Relative Importance in Percent	
	CPI-U	CPI-W

Audio equipment	0.152	0.177
Other video equipment	0.075	0.086

There are 12 main audio products in Audio equipment: (1) portable CD players, (2) table CD players, (3) radios, (4) tape recorders, (5) portable radio cassette players, (6) headset stereos, (7) receivers, (8) cassette decks, (9) stereo main speakers, (10) surround speakers, (11) rack systems, and (12) shelf systems. These items account for about 80 percent of the weight of Audio equipment in the CPI-U and 81 percent in the CPI-W. The hedonic models estimated for these products rely on home and portable audio products data that BLS purchased from a secondary source. Items in this index stratum that will not be subject to hedonic quality adjustment at this time are automotive audio equipment and audio accessories and miscellaneous equipment; the data source did not cover them. Detailed information on the work on Audio products is in a paper by Kokoski, Waehrer and Rozaklis available from the BLS. /1

The CPI also will use hedonic quality adjustment for video cameras, which have an estimated 31 percent of the weight within Other video equipment. (Items in this stratum that will not be subject to hedonic quality adjustment at this time include video cassette recorders, digital versatile disc players, satellite dishes and miscellaneous video equipment.) The hedonic models that BLS analysts developed for video cameras use observations collected for the CPI supplemented with additional observations that the BLS collected specifically for this purpose. A paper on this work is in preparation and will be available before the release of the January 2000 CPI.

Additional work on hedonic quality adjustment is underway at BLS. In the future we plan to extend this method to additional CPI items as satisfactory estimates of hedonic models are developed. We will give CPI users notice three months before the first use of each additional model and will have a detailed paper reporting on each model available by the time of its implementation.

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1/ Kokoski, Mary, Keith Waehrer, and Patricia Rozaklis, "Using Hedonic Methods for Quality Adjustment in the CPI: The Consumer Audio Products Component", paper presented at the Conference on the Measurement of Inflation, Cardiff, Wales, September 1, 1999.

Recalculated Seasonally Adjusted Indexes
to be Available on February 16, 2000

Each year with the release of the January CPI, seasonal adjustment factors are recalculated to reflect price movements from the just-completed calendar year. This routine annual recalculation may result in revisions to seasonally adjusted indexes for the previous 5 years. BLS will make available recalculated seasonally adjusted indexes, as well as recalculated seasonal adjustment factors, for the period January 1995 through December 1999, on Wednesday, February 16, 2000. This date is two working days before the scheduled release of the January 2000 CPI on Friday, February 18, 2000.

The revised indexes and seasonal factors will be available on the internet. The address is <http://stats.bls.gov>. Select Data, then select FTP Site, then select special requests, then select cpi. The revised seasonal data will be in the file REVSEAS_1999CPI.TXT.

For further information please contact Claire Gallagher on (202) 691-6968.

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) 691-6968 or sending e-mail to Gallagher_C@BLS.GOV.

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

(1982-84=100, unless otherwise noted)

CPI-U	Relative importance, December 1998	Unadjusted indexes		Unadjusted percent change to Dec. 1999 from-		Seasonally adjusted percent change from-		
		Nov. 1999	Dec. 1999	Dec. 1998	Nov. 1999	Sep. to Oct. Oct.	Oct. to Nov. Nov.	Nov. to Dec. Dec.
Expenditure category								
All items	100.000	168.3	168.3	2.7	0.0	0.2	0.1	0.2
All items (1967=100)	-	504.1	504.1	-	-	-	-	-
Food and beverages	16.408	165.7	165.9	2.0	0.1	0.2	0.1	0.1
Food	15.422	165.2	165.4	1.9	0.1	0.2	0.1	0.1
Food at home	9.691	165.1	165.4	1.7	0.2	0.2	0.1	0.1
Cereals and bakery products	1.544	184.8	185.9	2.0	0.6	0.1	-0.1	0.6
Meats, poultry, fish, and eggs	2.569	150.5	149.8	1.7	-0.5	-0.1	0.7	-0.3

Dairy and related products (1).....	1.088	164.6	162.1	2.9	-1.5	3.4	0.3	-1.5
Fruits and vegetables	1.440	201.2	204.5	1.9	1.6	-0.6	-0.7	0.7
Nonalcoholic beverages and beverage materials	1.049	133.9	134.7	2.3	0.6	0.3	-0.2	1.1
Other food at home	2.002	153.0	153.3	0.6	0.2	-0.3	0.3	-0.1
Sugar and sweets .....	.377	152.1	152.3	1.5	0.1	0.1	-0.1	0.1
Fats and oils .....	.309	145.3	145.1	-4.5	-0.1	0.1	-1.5	0.0
Other foods	1.316	169.0	169.4	1.5	0.2	-0.4	0.8	-0.1
Other miscellaneous foods (1) (2).....	.320	103.9	105.7	0.8	1.7	-0.9	-0.4	1.7
Food away from home (1).....	5.730	166.5	166.8	2.3	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2
Other food away from home (1) (2).....	.175	106.9	106.9	3.5	0.0	0.4	0.1	0.0
Alcoholic beverages .....	.986	171.2	171.8	2.8	0.4	-0.2	0.6	0.3
Housing	39.828	164.9	164.8	2.2	-0.1	0.1	0.3	0.1
Shelter	30.283	188.6	188.6	2.5	0.0	0.1	0.3	0.2
Rent of primary residence (3).....	7.007	179.8	180.3	3.1	0.3	0.2	0.4	0.4
Lodging away from home (2) (3).....	2.376	108.5	105.8	1.9	-2.5	-0.6	-0.2	-0.9
Owners' equivalent rent of primary residence (3) (4).....	20.529	194.9	195.2	2.4	0.2	0.2	0.4	0.2
Tenants' and household insurance (1) (2)..	.371	102.1	102.2	2.3	0.1	-0.1	-0.1	0.1
Fuels and utilities	4.735	130.0	129.6	2.4	-0.3	0.2	0.4	-0.5
Fuels	3.801	114.6	114.1	2.4	-0.4	0.2	0.5	-0.7
Fuel oil and other fuels .....	.227	100.7	106.3	23.5	5.6	2.4	1.7	4.4
Gas (piped) and electricity (3).....	3.574	121.4	120.3	1.2	-0.9	0.0	0.4	-1.1
Water and sewer and trash collection services (2).....	.934	104.7	104.7	1.9	0.0	0.3	0.1	0.3
Household furnishings and operations	4.810	126.4	126.4	-0.2	0.0	-0.2	0.1	0.0
Household operations (1) (2).....	.908	105.8	106.0	2.9	0.2	0.0	0.6	0.2
Apparel	4.831	133.6	130.1	-0.5	-2.6	0.6	-0.5	0.0
Men's and boys' apparel	1.358	133.2	131.5	0.9	-1.3	1.4	-1.0	1.1
Women's and girls' apparel	1.939	126.6	121.8	-0.5	-3.8	0.4	-0.7	-0.5
Infants' and toddlers' apparel (1).....	.272	132.6	133.0	2.6	0.3	1.9	0.2	0.3
Footwear .....	.876	126.4	123.7	-3.0	-2.1	-0.3	0.6	-0.6
Transportation	16.999	147.6	148.3	5.4	0.5	0.2	0.0	0.7
Private transportation	15.653	143.6	144.4	5.2	0.6	-0.1	-0.1	0.8
New and used motor vehicles (2).....	7.843	100.9	101.1	0.2	0.2	0.1	0.1	-0.1
New vehicles	4.983	143.1	143.6	-0.3	0.3	0.1	0.0	-0.1
Used cars and trucks (1).....	1.914	156.1	155.0	1.2	-0.7	0.4	-0.2	-0.7
Motor fuel	2.493	109.3	112.2	30.2	2.7	-0.4	-0.7	4.1
Gasoline (all types)	2.476	108.7	111.5	30.1	2.6	-0.4	-0.6	4.1
Motor vehicle parts and equipment .....	.549	101.2	100.8	-0.4	-0.4	-0.1	0.5	-0.3
Motor vehicle maintenance and repair	1.624	173.6	173.8	2.5	0.1	0.1	0.4	0.2
Public transportation (1).....	1.346	202.2	201.2	6.8	-0.5	3.5	0.3	-0.5

services (2).....	.934	104.7	104.7	1.9	0.0	0.3	0.1	0.3
Household operations (1) (2).....	.908	105.8	106.0	2.9	0.2	0.0	0.6	0.2
Transportation services	6.963	192.7	192.8	2.3	0.1	0.6	0.3	0.2
Medical care services	4.461	257.7	258.5	3.6	0.3	0.2	0.3	0.4
Other services	10.768	226.0	226.5	3.2	0.2	0.4	0.4	0.4

Special indexes

All items less food	84.578	168.8	168.8	2.8	0.0	0.1	0.2	0.2
All items less shelter	69.717	162.1	162.1	2.7	0.0	0.2	0.1	0.2
All items less medical care	94.287	163.6	163.6	2.6	0.0	0.1	0.2	0.2
Commodities less food	26.688	136.1	135.9	3.2	-0.1	0.0	-0.2	0.4
Nondurables less food	15.331	143.1	142.8	6.4	-0.2	0.1	-0.2	0.7
Nondurables less food and apparel	10.500	151.9	153.2	9.7	0.9	0.0	-0.1	0.9
Nondurables	30.753	153.7	153.6	4.1	-0.1	0.1	0.1	0.3
Services less rent of shelter (4).....	27.979	197.9	198.0	2.7	0.1	0.3	0.5	0.2
Services less medical care services	53.429	184.3	184.3	2.5	0.0	0.2	0.4	0.2
Energy	6.294	111.2	112.2	13.4	0.9	-0.1	0.0	1.4
All items less energy	93.706	175.8	175.7	2.0	-0.1	0.2	0.2	0.1
All items less food and energy	78.284	178.4	178.2	1.9	-0.1	0.2	0.2	0.1
Commodities less food and energy								
commodities	23.967	145.0	144.2	0.2	-0.6	0.1	-0.2	-0.1
Energy commodities	2.720	108.7	111.8	29.5	2.9	-0.2	-0.6	4.1
Services less energy services	54.316	197.5	197.7	2.7	0.1	0.3	0.4	0.2
Purchasing power of the consumer dollar	-	\$.594	\$.594	-	-	-	-	-
Purchasing power of the consumer dollar - old								
base	-	\$.198	\$.198	-	-	-	-	-

1 Not seasonally adjusted.

2 Indexes on a December 1997=100 base.

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

4 Indexes on a December 1982=100 base.

5 Indexes on a December 1988=100 base.

- Data not available.

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

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

(1982-84=100, unless otherwise noted)

Seasonally adjusted indexes Seasonally adjusted annual rate percent
change for

services (2).....	104.1	104.4	104.5	104.8	2.4	2.0	1.2	2.7	2.2	1.9
Household furnishings and operations	126.9	126.7	126.8	126.8	-1.3	0.3	0.6	-0.3	-0.5	0.2
Household operations (1) (2).....	105.2	105.2	105.8	106.0	2.7	2.3	3.5	3.1	2.5	3.3
Apparel	131.4	132.2	131.6	131.6	-6.2	3.7	0.0	0.6	-1.4	0.3
Men's and boys' apparel	130.2	132.0	130.7	132.1	-2.7	6.6	-5.9	6.0	1.8	-0.2
Women's and girls' apparel	124.9	125.4	124.5	123.9	-7.5	4.3	4.6	-3.2	-1.8	0.6
Infants' and toddlers' apparel (1).....	129.9	132.4	132.6	133.0	-11.8	3.9	10.1	9.9	-4.3	10.0
Footwear	124.7	124.3	125.1	124.4	-5.5	-3.1	-2.2	-1.0	-4.3	-1.6
Transportation	146.9	147.2	147.2	148.2	1.7	5.2	11.4	3.6	3.4	7.4
Private transportation	143.4	143.3	143.2	144.3	0.0	6.9	12.0	2.5	3.4	7.2
New and used motor vehicles (2).....	101.0	101.1	101.2	101.1	-5.1	2.0	3.6	0.4	-1.6	2.0
New vehicles	142.9	143.0	143.0	142.9	-1.9	-0.3	0.8	0.0	-1.1	0.4
Used cars and trucks (1).....	155.7	156.4	156.1	155.0	-14.1	9.8	13.3	-1.8	-2.9	5.5
Motor fuel	109.2	108.8	108.0	112.4	13.6	39.3	61.3	12.2	25.8	34.6
Gasoline (all types)	108.5	108.1	107.5	111.9	14.2	37.2	62.5	13.1	25.2	35.6
Motor vehicle parts and equipment	100.6	100.5	101.0	100.7	-4.3	1.2	1.2	0.4	-1.6	0.8
Motor vehicle maintenance and repair	172.7	172.8	173.5	173.8	2.4	2.8	2.1	2.6	2.6	2.3
Public transportation (1).....	194.7	201.5	202.2	201.2	24.0	-11.9	4.4	14.0	4.5	9.1
Medical care	252.9	253.3	254.2	255.1	3.3	3.9	3.9	3.5	3.6	3.7
Medical care commodities	233.5	233.7	234.6	235.0	2.5	4.3	6.4	2.6	3.4	4.5
Medical care services	256.8	257.4	258.3	259.3	3.7	3.7	3.0	4.0	3.7	3.5
Professional services (3).....	230.6	231.1	231.9	232.4	2.9	3.6	2.8	3.2	3.2	3.0
Hospital and related services (3).....	302.4	303.2	304.2	306.6	6.0	3.8	4.9	5.7	4.9	5.3
Recreation (2).....	101.5	101.6	101.8	102.0	1.2	2.0	-1.9	2.0	1.6	0.0
Video and audio (1) (2).....	100.3	100.3	100.4	100.7	-2.3	-0.4	-1.2	1.6	-1.4	0.2
Education and communication (2).....	101.5	101.7	102.0	102.2	1.6	0.0	1.6	2.8	0.8	2.2
Education (2).....	108.5	108.9	108.9	109.3	5.9	4.6	4.2	3.0	5.2	3.6
Educational books and supplies	266.5	268.5	256.0	256.8	3.3	4.8	4.8	-13.8	4.1	-4.9
Tuition, other school fees, and childcare	311.0	312.1	313.4	314.4	6.0	5.0	3.8	4.4	5.5	4.1
Communication (1) (2).....	95.3	95.3	95.9	95.9	-2.0	-4.5	-0.8	2.5	-3.3	0.8
Information and information processing (1)										
(2).....	94.7	94.7	95.3	95.4	-3.3	-4.9	-0.8	3.0	-4.1	1.1
Telephone services (1) (2).....	99.6	99.8	100.6	100.7	-0.4	-2.0	-0.4	4.5	-1.2	2.0
Information and information processing										
other than telephone services (1) (5)	29.3	28.7	28.2	28.2	-24.9	-28.4	-6.5	-14.2	-26.7	-10.4
Personal computers and peripheral										
equipment (1) (2).....	49.7	48.2	47.0	47.2	-35.2	-19.9	-30.8	-18.7	-27.9	-25.0
Other goods and services	263.2	263.5	263.4	263.8	5.0	4.3	10.3	0.9	4.7	5.5
Tobacco and smoking products	374.2	371.8	368.4	369.8	6.2	9.8	38.6	-4.6	8.0	15.0

Personal care (1).....	161.8	162.4	162.8	162.9	4.4	2.8	1.7	2.7	3.6	2.2
Personal care products (1).....	153.0	153.4	153.3	152.5	5.8	4.9	1.1	-1.3	5.3	-0.1
Personal care services (1).....	172.1	172.9	173.9	174.3	3.9	2.4	2.8	5.2	3.1	4.0
Miscellaneous personal services	244.8	245.8	246.4	247.6	3.2	2.0	4.9	4.7	2.6	4.8

Commodity and service group

Commodities	146.0	146.1	145.9	146.4	-0.3	4.0	6.3	1.1	1.8	3.6
Food and beverages	165.2	165.6	165.8	166.0	1.5	2.0	2.5	2.0	1.7	2.2
Commodities less food and beverages	134.5	134.5	134.1	134.7	-1.2	5.3	8.4	0.6	2.0	4.4
Nondurables less food and beverages	140.8	141.1	140.7	141.6	0.9	9.6	14.2	2.3	5.2	8.1
Apparel	131.4	132.2	131.6	131.6	-6.2	3.7	0.0	0.6	-1.4	0.3
Nondurables less food, beverages, and apparel	151.0	151.1	150.9	152.2	5.0	12.6	21.2	3.2	8.7	11.9
Durables	126.4	126.2	126.0	125.7	-4.6	0.0	2.2	-2.2	-2.3	0.0
Services	189.8	190.2	190.9	191.1	2.6	2.2	2.8	2.8	2.4	2.8
Rent of shelter (4).....	196.1	196.3	196.9	197.3	1.9	3.1	2.5	2.5	2.5	2.5
Tenants' and household insurance (1) (2)....	102.3	102.2	102.1	102.2	1.2	8.2	0.4	-0.4	4.7	0.0
Gas (piped) and electricity (3).....	121.1	121.1	121.6	120.3	1.0	-1.3	7.2	-2.6	-0.2	2.2
Water and sewer and trash collection services (2).....	104.1	104.4	104.5	104.8	2.4	2.0	1.2	2.7	2.2	1.9
Household operations (1) (2).....	105.2	105.2	105.8	106.0	2.7	2.3	3.5	3.1	2.5	3.3
Transportation services	190.5	191.7	192.2	192.5	5.4	-2.3	2.1	4.3	1.5	3.2
Medical care services	256.8	257.4	258.3	259.3	3.7	3.7	3.0	4.0	3.7	3.5
Other services	224.2	225.0	226.0	226.9	3.3	2.6	2.2	4.9	2.9	3.5

Special indexes

All items less food	168.3	168.5	168.8	169.2	1.5	3.2	4.4	2.2	2.3	3.3
All items less shelter	161.5	161.8	162.0	162.3	1.3	2.8	4.8	2.0	2.0	3.4
All items less medical care	163.0	163.2	163.5	163.8	1.3	2.8	4.3	2.0	2.0	3.1
Commodities less food	136.1	136.1	135.8	136.4	-1.2	5.3	8.0	0.9	2.0	4.4
Nondurables less food	142.7	142.8	142.5	143.5	0.9	9.5	13.3	2.3	5.1	7.7
Nondurables less food and apparel	152.1	152.1	152.0	153.3	4.7	12.1	19.1	3.2	8.3	10.9
Nondurables	153.2	153.3	153.4	153.9	1.9	5.5	7.4	1.8	3.7	4.6
Services less rent of shelter (4).....	196.7	197.2	198.1	198.4	2.3	2.1	2.7	3.5	2.2	3.1
Services less medical care services	183.6	183.9	184.7	185.0	2.0	2.2	2.7	3.1	2.1	2.9
Energy	110.7	110.6	110.6	112.1	5.8	14.2	29.4	5.2	9.9	16.6
All items less energy	175.4	175.8	176.1	176.3	0.9	2.3	2.3	2.1	1.6	2.2
All items less food and energy	178.1	178.4	178.8	179.0	0.9	2.3	2.5	2.0	1.6	2.3
Commodities less food and energy commodities	144.9	145.0	144.7	144.6	-3.0	2.0	2.5	-0.8	-0.6	0.8
Energy commodities	108.1	107.9	107.3	111.7	12.6	37.2	60.1	14.0	24.3	35.1
Services less energy services	196.7	197.2	197.9	198.3	2.7	2.5	2.3	3.3	2.6	2.8

1 Not seasonally adjusted.

2 Indexes on a December 1997=100 base.

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

4 Indexes on a December 1982=100 base.

5 Indexes on a December 1988=100 base.

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

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

(1982-84=100, unless otherwise noted)

CPI-U	Pricing sched- ule (1)	Indexes				Percent change to Dec.1999 from--			Percent change to Nov.1999 from--		
		Sep. 1999	Oct. 1999	Nov. 1999	Dec. 1999	Dec. 1998	Oct. 1999	Nov. 1999	Nov. 1998	Sep. 1999	Oct. 1999
U.S. city average	M	167.9	168.2	168.3	168.3	2.7	0.1	0.0	2.6	0.2	0.1
Region and area size(2)											
Northeast urban	M	174.8	175.5	175.5	175.5	2.5	0.0	0.0	2.5	0.4	0.0
Size A - More than 1,500,000	M	175.7	176.4	176.5	176.3	2.4	-0.1	-0.1	2.5	0.5	0.1
Size B/C 50,000 to 1,500,000 (3).....	M	105.1	105.3	105.1	105.4	2.8	0.1	0.3	2.4	0.0	-0.2
Midwest urban	M	164.3	164.3	164.6	164.4	2.9	0.1	-0.1	2.8	0.2	0.2
Size A - More than 1,500,000	M	165.7	165.7	165.6	165.5	2.8	-0.1	-0.1	2.7	-0.1	-0.1
Size B/C - 50,000 to 1,500,000 (3).....	M	105.1	105.0	105.6	105.3	2.9	0.3	-0.3	3.1	0.5	0.6
Size D - Nonmetropolitan (less than 50,000)	M	158.6	158.7	159.3	158.9	2.5	0.1	-0.3	3.0	0.4	0.4
South urban	M	163.2	163.6	163.5	163.6	2.5	0.0	0.1	2.4	0.2	-0.1
Size A - More than 1,500,000	M	162.7	163.2	162.9	163.0	3.0	-0.1	0.1	2.7	0.1	-0.2
Size B/C - 50,000 to 1,500,000 (3).....	M	104.8	105.1	105.1	105.2	2.3	0.1	0.1	2.2	0.3	0.0
Size D - Nonmetropolitan (less than 50,000)	M	164.1	164.1	164.1	163.5	1.9	-0.4	-0.4	2.6	0.0	0.0

West urban	M	170.0	170.4	170.4	170.5	2.8	0.1	0.1	2.8	0.2	0.0
Size A - More than 1,500,000	M	171.2	171.6	171.6	171.7	3.1	0.1	0.1	3.1	0.2	0.0
Size B/C - 50,000 to 1,500,000 (3).....	M	105.2	105.5	105.5	105.7	2.2	0.2	0.2	1.9	0.3	0.0

Size classes

A (4).....	M	152.2	152.6	152.5	152.5	2.8	-0.1	0.0	2.7	0.2	-0.1
B/C (3).....	M	105.0	105.2	105.3	105.3	2.5	0.1	0.0	2.4	0.3	0.1
D	M	163.7	163.8	164.2	163.7	2.2	-0.1	-0.3	2.7	0.3	0.2

Selected local areas(5)

Chicago-Gary-Kenosha, IL-IN-WI	M	169.7	169.7	169.3	169.2	2.5	-0.3	-0.1	2.4	-0.2	-0.2
Los Angeles-Riverside-Orange County, CA	M	167.2	167.2	167.1	167.3	2.3	0.1	0.1	2.3	-0.1	-0.1
New York-Northern N.J.-Long Island, NY-NJ-CT-PA	M	178.2	178.9	178.8	178.6	2.2	-0.2	-0.1	2.3	0.3	-0.1
Boston-Brockton-Nashua, MA-NH-ME-CT	1	176.8	-	179.2	-	-	-	-	3.4	1.4	-
Cleveland-Akron, OH	1	164.2	-	163.8	-	-	-	-	1.9	-0.2	-
Dallas-Fort Worth, TX	1	159.8	-	160.1	-	-	-	-	4.0	0.2	-
Washington-Baltimore, DC-MD-VA-WV (6).....	1	105.4	-	105.0	-	-	-	-	2.5	-0.4	-
Atlanta, GA	2	-	166.5	-	167.0	3.3	0.3	-	-	-	-
Detroit-Ann Arbor-Flint, MI	2	-	165.9	-	165.6	2.7	-0.2	-	-	-	-
Houston-Galveston-Brazoria, TX	2	-	151.2	-	150.3	2.9	-0.6	-	-	-	-
Miami-Fort Lauderdale, FL	2	-	164.1	-	164.8	2.3	0.4	-	-	-	-
Philadelphia-Wilmington-Atlantic City, PA-NJ-DE-MD	2	-	174.4	-	172.9	2.3	-0.9	-	-	-	-
San Francisco-Oakland-San Jose, CA	2	-	175.2	-	174.5	4.2	-0.4	-	-	-	-
Seattle-Tacoma-Bremerton, WA	2	-	174.7	-	174.4	3.0	-0.2	-	-	-	-

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 Dec. 1999 from-		Seasonally adjusted percent change from-		
		Nov. 1999	Dec. 1999	Dec. 1998	Nov. 1999	Sep. to Oct.	Oct. to Nov.	Nov. to Dec.
Expenditure category								
All items	100.000	165.1	165.1	2.7	0.0	0.1	0.1	0.3
All items (1967=100)	-	491.7	491.8	-	-	-	-	-
Food and beverages	18.011	164.9	165.2	2.0	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2
Food	16.966	164.5	164.7	2.0	0.1	0.2	0.2	0.1
Food at home	10.832	164.0	164.2	1.8	0.1	0.2	0.1	0.1
Cereals and bakery products	1.689	184.5	185.7	2.0	0.7	0.1	-0.1	0.7
Meats, poultry, fish, and eggs	3.055	150.1	149.4	1.7	-0.5	-0.1	0.7	-0.3
Dairy and related products (1).....	1.193	164.6	161.9	2.9	-1.6	3.5	0.4	-1.6
Fruits and vegetables	1.492	199.8	202.8	1.9	1.5	-0.7	-0.7	0.7
Nonalcoholic beverages and beverage materials	1.184	132.7	133.5	2.4	0.6	0.4	-0.2	1.0
Other food at home	2.220	152.3	152.7	0.7	0.3	-0.3	0.2	0.1
Sugar and sweets .....	.420	152.0	152.3	1.5	0.2	0.2	-0.1	0.3
Fats and oils .....	.354	144.9	144.7	-4.3	-0.1	0.1	-1.6	0.1
Other foods	1.446	168.8	169.4	1.6	0.4	-0.5	0.8	0.1
Other miscellaneous foods (1) (2).....	.355	103.4	105.2	0.3	1.7	-1.2	-0.4	1.7
Food away from home (1).....	6.133	166.5	166.8	2.3	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2
Other food away from home (1) (2).....	.216	106.8	106.9	3.4	0.1	0.4	0.2	0.1
Alcoholic beverages	1.045	170.4	171.0	2.9	0.4	-0.2	0.7	0.4
Housing	36.685	161.1	161.1	2.1	0.0	0.1	0.2	0.1
Shelter	27.496	183.1	183.3	2.5	0.1	0.2	0.3	0.3
Rent of primary residence (3).....	8.500	179.3	179.9	3.0	0.3	0.2	0.4	0.4
Lodging away from home (2) (3).....	1.379	108.4	105.7	1.6	-2.5	-0.4	-0.2	-0.8
Owners' equivalent rent of primary residence (3) (4).....	17.296	177.4	177.8	2.4	0.2	0.2	0.3	0.3

other than telephone services (1) (5)	.213	29.3	29.3	-18.6	0.0	-1.3	-2.0	0.0
Personal computers and peripheral equipment (1) (2).....	.120	46.9	46.9	-26.7	0.0	-2.6	-2.5	0.0
Other goods and services	4.981	267.4	267.3	5.8	0.0	0.0	-0.2	0.2
Tobacco and smoking products	1.694	370.4	369.7	11.4	-0.2	-0.7	-1.0	0.5
Personal care (1).....	3.287	163.0	163.1	3.0	0.1	0.4	0.2	0.1
Personal care products (1).....	.838	154.0	153.1	2.3	-0.6	0.3	-0.1	-0.6
Personal care services (1).....	.975	174.4	174.7	3.6	0.2	0.5	0.7	0.2
Miscellaneous personal services	1.253	245.9	246.7	3.9	0.3	0.5	0.2	0.5
Commodity and service group								
Commodities	46.764	146.6	146.6	3.0	0.0	0.1	-0.1	0.3
Food and beverages	18.011	164.9	165.2	2.0	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2
Commodities less food and beverages	28.753	135.6	135.4	3.7	-0.1	0.0	-0.3	0.5
Nondurables less food and beverages	15.564	142.2	142.0	7.5	-0.1	0.2	-0.4	0.8
Apparel	5.199	132.3	129.0	-0.6	-2.5	0.6	-0.4	0.1
Nondurables less food, beverages, and apparel	10.365	152.5	153.9	11.6	0.9	-0.1	-0.1	1.1
Durables	13.189	126.4	126.3	-0.9	-0.1	-0.1	-0.2	-0.2
Services	53.236	187.1	187.2	2.6	0.1	0.2	0.3	0.2
Rent of shelter (4).....	27.175	176.3	176.5	2.5	0.1	0.2	0.3	0.2
Tenants' and household insurance (1) (2)....	.320	102.3	102.4	2.1	0.1	-0.1	-0.1	0.1
Gas (piped) and electricity (3).....	3.727	120.9	119.8	1.2	-0.9	0.0	0.5	-0.9
Water and sewer and trash collection services (2).....	.922	104.7	104.8	1.9	0.1	0.3	0.0	0.3
Household operations (1) (2).....	.402	106.3	106.2	2.8	-0.1	0.0	0.6	-0.1
Transportation services	6.800	189.8	189.9	2.0	0.1	0.4	0.3	0.2
Medical care services	3.746	257.6	258.4	3.6	0.3	0.2	0.3	0.4
Other services	10.144	222.3	222.9	3.1	0.3	0.4	0.5	0.4
Special indexes								
All items less food	83.034	165.1	165.1	2.9	0.0	0.2	0.1	0.4
All items less shelter	72.504	160.1	160.1	2.9	0.0	0.2	0.1	0.3
All items less medical care	95.328	161.1	161.1	2.7	0.0	0.2	0.1	0.2
Commodities less food	29.798	137.0	136.8	3.6	-0.1	0.0	-0.3	0.5
Nondurables less food	16.609	144.0	143.8	7.2	-0.1	0.0	-0.1	0.6
Nondurables less food and apparel	11.410	153.4	154.7	10.7	0.8	-0.1	-0.1	1.0
Nondurables	33.575	154.0	154.0	4.5	0.0	0.1	-0.1	0.4
Services less rent of shelter (4).....	26.061	175.8	175.9	2.6	0.1	0.2	0.3	0.1
Services less medical care services	49.490	181.1	181.2	2.4	0.1	0.2	0.3	0.3
Energy	6.994	111.0	112.1	14.6	1.0	-0.2	0.0	1.6
All items less energy	93.006	172.6	172.5	1.9	-0.1	0.2	0.2	0.1

All items less food and energy	76.040	174.7	174.5	1.9	-0.1	0.2	0.1	0.2
Commodities less food and energy commodities	26.531	145.4	144.6	0.3	-0.6	0.1	-0.2	-0.1
Energy commodities	3.267	109.1	112.1	30.0	2.7	-0.3	-0.5	4.1
Services less energy services	49.509	194.4	194.7	2.6	0.2	0.3	0.3	0.3
Purchasing power of the consumer dollar	-	\$.606	\$.606	-	-	-	-	-
Purchasing power of the consumer dollar - old base	-	\$.203	\$.203	-	-	-	-	-

1 Not seasonally adjusted.

2 Indexes on a December 1997=100 base.

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

4 Indexes on a December 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					
	Sep. 1999	Oct. 1999	Nov. 1999	Dec. 1999	3 months ended--				6 months ended--	
					Mar. 1999	June 1999	Sep. 1999	Dec. 1999	June 1999	Dec. 1999
Expenditure category										
All items	164.6	164.8	165.0	165.5	1.2	3.0	4.8	2.2	2.1	3.5
Food and beverages	164.6	164.9	165.2	165.5	1.5	1.7	2.7	2.2	1.6	2.5
Food	164.1	164.5	164.8	165.0	1.7	1.7	2.5	2.2	1.7	2.3
Food at home	163.7	164.1	164.3	164.4	1.0	2.2	2.2	1.7	1.6	2.0
Cereals and bakery products	185.1	185.2	185.1	186.4	2.2	3.1	0.2	2.8	2.6	1.5

Meats, poultry, fish, and eggs	148.4	148.2	149.2	148.8	-0.3	3.9	2.5	1.1	1.8	1.8
Dairy and related products (1).....	158.4	164.0	164.6	161.9	10.8	-13.6	7.1	9.1	-2.1	8.1
Fruits and vegetables	205.1	203.7	202.3	203.8	-4.3	13.6	2.0	-2.5	4.2	-0.3
Nonalcoholic beverages and beverage materials	133.1	133.6	133.3	134.6	4.0	1.5	-0.6	4.6	2.8	2.0
Other food at home	153.4	153.0	153.3	153.5	-1.0	1.3	2.1	0.3	0.1	1.2
Sugar and sweets	153.2	153.5	153.3	153.7	-1.6	2.7	4.0	1.3	0.5	2.7
Fats and oils	148.1	148.3	145.9	146.0	-10.3	-3.7	2.7	-5.6	-7.1	-1.5
Other foods	169.4	168.5	169.8	169.9	1.4	2.4	1.4	1.2	1.9	1.3
Other miscellaneous foods (1) (2).....	105.1	103.8	103.4	105.2	0.4	-2.3	2.7	0.4	-1.0	1.5
Food away from home (1).....	165.8	166.1	166.5	166.8	2.7	0.7	3.5	2.4	1.7	2.9
Other food away from home (1) (2).....	106.2	106.6	106.8	106.9	1.6	2.7	6.7	2.7	2.1	4.6
Alcoholic beverages	170.0	169.6	170.8	171.4	1.0	4.4	3.1	3.3	2.7	3.2
Housing	160.7	160.9	161.3	161.5	1.5	2.0	2.8	2.0	1.8	2.4
Shelter	182.5	182.8	183.3	183.8	2.3	2.9	2.2	2.9	2.6	2.6
Rent of primary residence (3).....	178.0	178.4	179.2	179.9	2.5	3.0	2.5	4.3	2.8	3.4
Lodging away from home (2) (3).....	107.1	106.7	106.5	105.7	-4.2	8.0	8.2	-5.1	1.7	1.3
Owners' equivalent rent of primary residence (3) (4).....	176.3	176.6	177.1	177.6	2.6	2.3	1.6	3.0	2.4	2.3
Tenants' and household insurance (1) (2)..	102.5	102.4	102.3	102.4	1.2	6.9	0.8	-0.4	4.0	0.2
Fuels and utilities	129.4	129.7	130.2	129.6	1.3	-0.3	7.4	0.6	0.5	4.0
Fuels	113.1	113.3	113.8	113.1	1.1	-0.7	9.0	0.0	0.2	4.4
Fuel oil and other fuels	96.4	98.9	100.4	104.4	-1.4	19.1	38.9	37.6	8.4	38.2
Gas (piped) and electricity (3).....	120.4	120.4	121.0	119.9	1.4	-1.7	7.3	-1.7	-0.2	2.7
Water and sewer and trash collection services (2).....	104.2	104.5	104.5	104.8	2.4	1.9	1.2	2.3	2.2	1.7
Household furnishings and operations	124.8	124.6	124.5	124.7	-2.2	0.0	0.6	-0.3	-1.1	0.2
Household operations (1) (2).....	105.7	105.7	106.3	106.2	3.1	2.7	3.5	1.9	2.9	2.7
Apparel	130.1	130.9	130.4	130.5	-7.4	3.5	0.3	1.2	-2.1	0.8
Men's and boys' apparel	129.9	132.3	130.9	132.2	-1.2	6.0	-7.3	7.3	2.3	-0.3
Women's and girls' apparel	123.1	123.3	122.5	122.2	-10.9	4.7	5.7	-2.9	-3.4	1.3
Infants' and toddlers' apparel (1).....	131.4	134.1	134.3	134.8	-12.8	4.8	11.1	10.8	-4.4	10.9
Footwear	125.1	124.8	125.6	124.7	-6.1	-3.1	-2.2	-1.3	-4.6	-1.7
Transportation	146.2	146.4	146.4	147.4	0.6	6.8	12.7	3.3	3.6	7.9
Private transportation	143.8	143.8	143.7	144.8	-0.6	7.8	13.2	2.8	3.5	7.9
New and used motor vehicles (2).....	101.5	101.7	101.7	101.5	-6.2	2.8	5.3	0.0	-1.8	2.6
New vehicles	144.1	144.2	144.2	144.2	-2.5	0.0	0.8	0.3	-1.2	0.6
Used cars and trucks (1).....	157.0	157.7	157.3	156.3	-13.7	9.8	13.2	-1.8	-2.7	5.5
Motor fuel	109.3	108.8	108.2	112.7	15.2	38.0	61.9	13.0	26.1	35.3
Gasoline (all types)	108.8	108.3	107.7	112.2	15.3	37.7	62.9	13.1	26.0	35.7
Motor vehicle parts and equipment	99.9	99.9	100.5	100.1	-2.8	0.4	0.4	0.8	-1.2	0.6
Motor vehicle maintenance and repair	174.1	174.4	175.0	175.2	2.6	3.1	1.9	2.6	2.8	2.2

Public transportation (1).....	190.7	196.3	197.0	196.0	20.9	-10.1	3.6	11.6	4.3	7.5
Medical care	251.9	252.3	253.1	254.1	3.3	3.9	3.7	3.5	3.6	3.6
Medical care commodities	229.5	229.5	230.2	230.7	1.8	4.4	6.3	2.1	3.1	4.2
Medical care services	256.7	257.2	258.1	259.2	3.6	3.9	3.2	4.0	3.7	3.6
Professional services (3).....	232.2	232.8	233.6	234.4	2.7	3.9	2.6	3.8	3.3	3.2
Hospital and related services (3).....	298.8	299.2	300.1	302.4	6.6	3.2	6.0	4.9	4.9	5.4
Recreation (2).....	100.8	100.9	100.9	101.2	0.4	2.0	-2.3	1.6	1.2	-0.4
Video and audio (1) (2).....	100.0	100.1	100.2	100.3	-2.7	-0.4	-1.6	1.2	-1.6	-0.2
Education and communication (2).....	101.7	102.0	102.3	102.5	2.0	0.0	1.2	3.2	1.0	2.2
Education (2).....	108.6	109.1	109.1	109.4	6.3	5.4	3.4	3.0	5.8	3.2
Educational books and supplies	269.3	271.0	256.5	257.6	3.9	4.8	4.9	-16.3	4.3	-6.3
Tuition, other school fees, and childcare	305.2	306.6	307.9	308.9	6.5	5.3	3.2	4.9	5.9	4.1
Communication (1) (2).....	96.2	96.3	96.9	97.0	-1.6	-4.0	-0.8	3.4	-2.8	1.2
Information and information processing (1)										
(2).....	95.8	95.9	96.6	96.6	-2.4	-4.5	-0.8	3.4	-3.4	1.3
Telephone services (1) (2).....	99.7	100.0	100.8	100.9	0.0	-2.0	-0.8	4.9	-1.0	2.0
Information and information processing										
other than telephone services (1) (5)	30.3	29.9	29.3	29.3	-25.0	-28.5	-6.3	-12.6	-26.8	-9.5
Personal computers and peripheral										
equipment (1) (2).....	49.4	48.1	46.9	46.9	-37.5	-18.9	-30.0	-18.8	-28.8	-24.6
Other goods and services	267.7	267.7	267.2	267.8	5.0	5.3	13.4	0.1	5.1	6.6
Tobacco and smoking products	374.8	372.2	368.6	370.5	5.4	10.1	39.0	-4.5	7.7	15.2
Personal care (1).....	161.9	162.6	163.0	163.1	5.2	2.5	1.5	3.0	3.8	2.2
Personal care products (1).....	153.7	154.1	154.0	153.1	5.5	4.6	1.0	-1.6	5.0	-0.3
Personal care services (1).....	172.4	173.2	174.4	174.7	3.9	2.4	2.8	5.4	3.1	4.1
Miscellaneous personal services	244.5	245.8	246.4	247.6	4.3	2.5	3.5	5.2	3.4	4.3
Commodity and service group										
Commodities	146.4	146.5	146.4	146.9	-0.6	4.3	7.1	1.4	1.8	4.2
Food and beverages	164.6	164.9	165.2	165.5	1.5	1.7	2.7	2.2	1.6	2.5
Commodities less food and beverages	135.4	135.4	135.0	135.7	-1.8	6.0	10.0	0.9	2.0	5.4
Nondurables less food and beverages	141.8	142.1	141.5	142.7	1.2	10.3	16.5	2.6	5.6	9.3
Apparel	130.1	130.9	130.4	130.5	-7.4	3.5	0.3	1.2	-2.1	0.8
Nondurables less food, beverages, and										
apparel	152.9	152.7	152.5	154.2	5.6	14.1	24.3	3.4	9.8	13.4
Durables	126.7	126.6	126.3	126.1	-5.5	0.6	3.5	-1.9	-2.5	0.8
Services	186.2	186.6	187.2	187.6	2.7	2.0	2.6	3.0	2.3	2.8
Rent of shelter (4).....	175.8	176.1	176.7	177.0	1.6	2.8	2.5	2.8	2.2	2.7
Tenants' and household insurance (1) (2)....	102.5	102.4	102.3	102.4	1.2	6.9	0.8	-0.4	4.0	0.2
Gas (piped) and electricity (3).....	120.4	120.4	121.0	119.9	1.4	-1.7	7.3	-1.7	-0.2	2.7

Water and sewer and trash collection services (2).....	104.2	104.5	104.5	104.8	2.4	1.9	1.2	2.3	2.2	1.7
Household operations (1) (2).....	105.7	105.7	106.3	106.2	3.1	2.7	3.5	1.9	2.9	2.7
Transportation services	188.0	188.7	189.2	189.5	4.4	-1.3	1.9	3.2	1.5	2.6
Medical care services	256.7	257.2	258.1	259.2	3.6	3.9	3.2	4.0	3.7	3.6
Other services	220.5	221.4	222.4	223.2	3.4	2.6	1.6	5.0	3.0	3.3

Special indexes

All items less food	164.3	164.6	164.7	165.3	1.0	3.5	5.0	2.5	2.3	3.7
All items less shelter	159.5	159.8	159.9	160.4	0.5	3.4	5.4	2.3	1.9	3.8
All items less medical care	160.4	160.7	160.9	161.3	1.0	3.1	4.6	2.3	2.0	3.4
Commodities less food	137.0	137.0	136.6	137.3	-1.8	6.2	9.6	0.9	2.1	5.1
Nondurables less food	143.7	143.7	143.6	144.5	1.5	10.1	15.9	2.2	5.7	8.9
Nondurables less food and apparel	153.7	153.5	153.4	155.0	4.7	14.0	21.8	3.4	9.2	12.2
Nondurables	153.6	153.8	153.7	154.3	1.9	6.1	8.5	1.8	4.0	5.1
Services less rent of shelter (4).....	175.0	175.4	176.0	176.2	2.1	1.9	3.3	2.8	2.0	3.0
Services less medical care services	180.4	180.8	181.3	181.8	1.8	2.3	2.7	3.1	2.0	2.9
Energy	110.7	110.5	110.5	112.3	7.1	15.2	31.9	5.9	11.1	18.2
All items less energy	172.1	172.4	172.7	172.9	0.7	2.4	2.6	1.9	1.5	2.2
All items less food and energy	174.3	174.6	174.8	175.1	0.5	2.3	2.8	1.8	1.4	2.3
Commodities less food and energy commodities	145.4	145.5	145.2	145.1	-3.8	2.5	3.7	-0.8	-0.7	1.4
Energy commodities	108.6	108.3	107.8	112.2	13.6	37.0	61.1	13.9	24.8	35.5
Services less energy services	193.7	194.2	194.8	195.3	2.8	2.3	2.1	3.3	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 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)

All items

CPI-W	Pricing sched-	Indexes	Percent change to Dec.1999 from--	Percent change to Nov.1999 from--
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	ule (1)	Sep. 1999	Oct. 1999	Nov. 1999	Dec. 1999	Dec. 1998	Oct. 1999	Nov. 1999	Nov. 1998	Sep. 1999	Oct. 1999
U.S. city average	M	164.7	165.0	165.1	165.1	2.7	0.1	0.0	2.7	0.2	0.1
Region and area size(2)											
Northeast urban	M	171.9	172.5	172.6	172.6	2.6	0.1	0.0	2.6	0.4	0.1
Size A - More than 1,500,000	M	171.8	172.5	172.7	172.4	2.5	-0.1	-0.2	2.7	0.5	0.1
Size B/C 50,000 to 1,500,000 (3).....	M	104.7	105.0	105.0	105.2	2.8	0.2	0.2	2.7	0.3	0.0
Midwest urban	M	160.6	160.6	160.9	160.7	3.0	0.1	-0.1	3.0	0.2	0.2
Size A - More than 1,500,000	M	161.1	161.1	161.0	161.1	2.9	0.0	0.1	2.7	-0.1	-0.1
Size B/C - 50,000 to 1,500,000 (3).....	M	105.1	105.0	105.5	105.3	3.2	0.3	-0.2	3.3	0.4	0.5
Size D - Nonmetropolitan (less than 50,000)	M	157.1	157.2	157.6	157.3	2.6	0.1	-0.2	3.1	0.3	0.3
South urban	M	161.5	161.9	161.8	162.0	2.7	0.1	0.1	2.6	0.2	-0.1
Size A - More than 1,500,000	M	160.4	160.9	160.6	160.9	3.1	0.0	0.2	2.8	0.1	-0.2
Size B/C - 50,000 to 1,500,000 (3).....	M	104.6	104.9	104.9	105.0	2.4	0.1	0.1	2.4	0.3	0.0
Size D - Nonmetropolitan (less than 50,000)	M	164.8	164.8	165.0	164.6	2.4	-0.1	-0.2	2.7	0.1	0.1
West urban	M	165.8	166.2	166.2	166.4	2.8	0.1	0.1	2.7	0.2	0.0
Size A - More than 1,500,000	M	165.3	165.6	165.7	165.8	3.1	0.1	0.1	3.1	0.2	0.1
Size B/C - 50,000 to 1,500,000 (3).....	M	105.1	105.4	105.3	105.5	2.1	0.1	0.2	1.9	0.2	-0.1
Size classes											
A (4).....	M	150.8	151.2	151.2	151.2	2.9	0.0	0.0	2.9	0.3	0.0
B/C (3).....	M	104.8	105.0	105.1	105.2	2.6	0.2	0.1	2.6	0.3	0.1
D	M	163.0	163.1	163.5	163.1	2.4	0.0	-0.2	2.8	0.3	0.2
Selected local areas(5)											
Chicago-Gary-Kenosha, IL-IN-WI	M	164.1	164.0	163.7	163.7	2.6	-0.2	0.0	2.4	-0.2	-0.2
Los Angeles-Riverside-Orange County, CA	M	160.7	160.7	160.6	160.9	2.4	0.1	0.2	2.3	-0.1	-0.1
New York-Northern N.J.-Long Island, NY-NJ-CT-PA	M	173.9	174.5	174.6	174.3	2.2	-0.1	-0.2	2.4	0.4	0.1

Boston-Brockton-Nashua, MA-NH-ME-CT	1	175.2	-	177.8	-	-	-	-	3.7	1.5	-
Cleveland-Akron, OH	1	156.4	-	156.1	-	-	-	-	2.2	-0.2	-
Dallas-Fort Worth, TX	1	159.6	-	159.8	-	-	-	-	3.9	0.1	-
Washington-Baltimore, DC-MD-VA-WV (6).....	1	105.3	-	104.9	-	-	-	-	2.6	-0.4	-
Atlanta, GA	2	-	164.0	-	164.6	3.7	0.4	-	-	-	-
Detroit-Ann Arbor-Flint, MI	2	-	160.4	-	160.4	2.9	0.0	-	-	-	-
Houston-Galveston-Brazoria, TX	2	-	149.9	-	149.2	3.0	-0.5	-	-	-	-
Miami-Fort Lauderdale, FL	2	-	161.9	-	162.7	2.5	0.5	-	-	-	-
Philadelphia-Wilmington-Atlantic City, PA-NJ-DE-MD	2	-	174.3	-	172.8	2.6	-0.9	-	-	-	-
San Francisco-Oakland-San Jose, CA	2	-	171.2	-	170.9	4.4	-0.2	-	-	-	-
Seattle-Tacoma-Bremerton, WA	2	-	170.2	-	170.1	3.2	-0.1	-	-	-	-

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

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

3 Indexes on a December 1996=100 base.

4 Indexes on a December 1986=100 base.

5 In addition, the following metropolitan areas are published semiannually and appear in Tables 34 and 39 of the January and July issues of the CPI Detailed Report: Anchorage, AK; Cincinnati-Hamilton, OH-KY-IN; Denver-Boulder-Greeley, CO; Honolulu, HI; Kansas City, MO-KS; Milwaukee-Racine, WI; Minneapolis-St. Paul, MN-WI; Pittsburgh, PA; Portland-Salem, OR-WA; St. Louis, MO-IL; San Diego, CA; Tampa-St. Petersburg-Clearwater, FL.

6 Indexes on a November 1996=100 base.

- Data not available.

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

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

(1982-84=100, unless otherwise noted)

CPI-U	Annual average 1998	Annual average 1999	Percent change from 1998 to 1999
Expenditure category			
All items	163.0	166.6	2.2
All items (1967=100)	488.3	499.0	-
Food and beverages	161.1	164.6	2.2

Food	160.7	164.1	2.1
Food at home	161.1	164.2	1.9
Cereals and bakery products	181.1	185.0	2.2
Meats, poultry, fish, and eggs	147.3	147.9	.4
Dairy and related products	150.8	159.6	5.8
Fruits and vegetables	198.2	203.1	2.5
Nonalcoholic beverages and beverage materials	133.0	134.3	1.0
Other food at home	150.8	153.5	1.8
Sugar and sweets	150.2	152.3	1.4
Fats and oils	146.9	148.3	1.0
Other foods	165.5	168.9	2.1
Other miscellaneous foods (1).....	102.6	104.9	2.2
Food away from home	161.1	165.1	2.5
Other food away from home (1).....	101.6	105.2	3.5
Alcoholic beverages	165.7	169.7	2.4
Housing	160.4	163.9	2.2
Shelter	182.1	187.3	2.9
Rent of primary residence (2).....	172.1	177.5	3.1
Lodging away from home (1) (2).....	109.0	112.3	3.0
Owners' equivalent rent of primary residence (2) (3)..	187.8	192.9	2.7
Tenants' and household insurance (1).....	99.8	101.3	1.5
Fuels and utilities	128.5	128.8	.2
Fuels	113.7	113.5	-.2
Fuel oil and other fuels	90.0	91.4	1.6
Gas (piped) and electricity (2).....	121.2	120.9	-.2
Household furnishings and operations	126.6	126.7	.1
Apparel	133.0	131.3	-1.3
Men's and boys' apparel	131.8	131.1	-.5
Women's and girls' apparel	126.0	123.3	-2.1
Infants' and toddlers' apparel	126.1	129.0	2.3
Footwear	128.0	125.7	-1.8
Transportation	141.6	144.4	2.0
Private transportation	137.9	140.5	1.9
New and used motor vehicles (1).....	100.1	100.1	.0
New vehicles	143.4	142.9	-.3
Used cars and trucks	150.6	152.0	.9
Motor fuel	92.2	100.7	9.2
Gasoline (all types)	91.6	100.1	9.3
Motor vehicle parts and equipment	101.1	100.5	-.6
Motor vehicle maintenance and repair	167.1	171.9	2.9
Public transportation	190.3	197.7	3.9

Medical care	242.1	250.6	3.5
Medical care commodities	221.8	230.7	4.0
Medical care services	246.8	255.1	3.4
Professional services (2).....	222.2	229.2	3.2
Hospital and related services (2).....	287.5	299.5	4.2
Recreation (1).....	101.1	102.0	.9
Video and audio (1).....	101.1	100.7	-.4
Education and communication (1).....	100.3	101.2	.9
Education (1).....	102.1	107.0	4.8
Educational books and supplies	250.8	261.7	4.3
Tuition, other school fees, and childcare	294.2	308.4	4.8
Communication (1).....	98.7	96.0	-2.7
Information and information processing (1).....	98.5	95.5	-3.0
Telephone services (1).....	100.7	100.1	-.6
Information and information processing other than telephone services (4).....	39.9	30.5	-23.6
Personal computers and peripheral equipment (1)....	78.2	53.5	-31.6
Other goods and services	237.7	258.3	8.7
Tobacco and smoking products	274.8	355.8	29.5
Personal care	156.7	161.1	2.8
Personal care products	148.3	151.8	2.4
Personal care services	166.0	171.4	3.3
Miscellaneous personal services	234.7	243.0	3.5
Commodity and service group			
Commodities	141.9	144.4	1.8
Food and beverages	161.1	164.6	2.2
Commodities less food and beverages	130.5	132.5	1.5
Nondurables less food and beverages	132.6	137.5	3.7
Apparel	133.0	131.3	-1.3
Nondurables less food, beverages, and apparel	137.4	146.0	6.3
Durables	127.6	126.0	-1.3
Services	184.2	188.8	2.5
Rent of shelter (3).....	189.6	195.0	2.8
Transportation services	187.9	190.7	1.5
Other services	216.9	223.1	2.9
Special indexes			
All items less food	163.4	167.0	2.2
All items less shelter	157.2	160.2	1.9

All items less medical care	158.6	162.0	2.1
Commodities less food	132.0	134.0	1.5
Nondurables less food	134.6	139.4	3.6
Nondurables less food and apparel	139.2	147.5	6.0
Nondurables	146.9	151.2	2.9
Services less rent of shelter (3).....	191.8	195.8	2.1
Services less medical care services	178.4	182.7	2.4
Energy	102.9	106.6	3.6
All items less energy	170.9	174.4	2.0
All items less food and energy	173.4	177.0	2.1
Commodities less food and energy commodities	143.2	144.1	.6
Energy commodities	92.1	100.0	8.6
Services less energy services	190.6	195.7	2.7
Purchasing power of the consumer dollar (1982-84=\$1.00) .	\$.614	\$.600	-
Purchasing power of the consumer dollar (1967=\$1.00)	\$.205	\$.200	-

1 Indexes on a December 1997=100 base.

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

3 Indexes on a December 1982=100 base.

4 Indexes on a December 1988=100 base.

- Data not available.

Table 4A. 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	Annual average 1998	Annual average 1999	Percent change from 1998 to 1999
Expenditure category			
All items	159.7	163.2	2.2
All items (1967=100)	475.6	486.2	-
Food and beverages	160.4	163.8	2.1
Food	160.0	163.4	2.1
Food at home	160.0	163.0	1.9
Cereals and bakery products	180.9	184.7	2.1

Meats, poultry, fish, and eggs	147.0	147.6	.4
Dairy and related products	150.4	159.4	6.0
Fruits and vegetables	197.0	201.8	2.4
Nonalcoholic beverages and beverage materials	131.8	133.2	1.1
Other food at home	150.2	152.8	1.7
Sugar and sweets	150.1	152.2	1.4
Fats and oils	146.5	147.9	1.0
Other foods	165.4	168.8	2.1
Other miscellaneous foods (1).....	102.6	104.6	1.9
Food away from home	161.1	165.0	2.4
Other food away from home (1).....	101.6	105.1	3.4
Alcoholic beverages	164.6	168.8	2.6
 Housing	156.7	160.0	2.1
Shelter	176.6	181.6	2.8
Rent of primary residence (2).....	171.7	177.1	3.1
Lodging away from home (1) (2).....	109.0	112.2	2.9
Owners' equivalent rent of primary residence (2) (3)..	171.1	175.7	2.7
Tenants' and household insurance (1).....	100.0	101.6	1.6
Fuels and utilities	128.4	128.7	.2
Fuels	113.3	113.0	-.3
Fuel oil and other fuels	90.3	91.7	1.6
Gas (piped) and electricity (2).....	120.8	120.4	-.3
Water and sewer and trash collection services (1).....	101.7	104.0	2.3
Household furnishings and operations	125.0	124.7	-.2
Household operations (1).....	101.7	104.9	3.1
 Apparel	131.6	130.1	-1.1
Men's and boys' apparel	131.4	131.2	-.2
Women's and girls' apparel	123.9	121.3	-2.1
Infants' and toddlers' apparel	126.7	130.3	2.8
Footwear	128.7	126.2	-1.9
 Transportation	140.5	143.4	2.1
Private transportation	138.0	140.7	2.0
New and used motor vehicles (1).....	100.3	100.4	.1
New vehicles	144.6	144.0	-.4
Used cars and trucks	152.0	153.3	.9
Motor fuel	92.2	100.8	9.3
Gasoline (all types)	91.7	100.2	9.3
Motor vehicle parts and equipment	100.5	100.0	-.5
Motor vehicle maintenance and repair	168.2	173.3	3.0
Public transportation	187.1	193.1	3.2
 Medical care	241.4	249.7	3.4

Medical care commodities	218.6	226.8	3.8
Medical care services	246.6	254.9	3.4
Professional services (2).....	223.7	230.8	3.2
Hospital and related services (2).....	283.6	295.5	4.2
Recreation (1).....	100.9	101.3	.4
Video and audio (1).....	101.1	100.5	-.6
Education and communication (1).....	100.4	101.5	1.1
Education (1).....	102.1	107.2	5.0
Educational books and supplies	253.1	264.1	4.3
Tuition, other school fees, and childcare	288.5	302.8	5.0
Communication (1).....	99.1	96.9	-2.2
Information and information processing (1).....	99.0	96.5	-2.5
Telephone services (1).....	100.7	100.2	-.5
Information and information processing other than telephone services (4).....	41.2	31.6	-23.3
Personal computers and peripheral equipment (1)....	77.9	53.1	-31.8
Other goods and services	236.1	261.9	10.9
Tobacco and smoking products	274.8	356.2	29.6
Personal care	156.8	161.3	2.9
Personal care products	149.3	152.5	2.1
Personal care services	166.3	171.7	3.2
Miscellaneous personal services	234.0	243.1	3.9
Commodity and service group			
Commodities	141.8	144.7	2.0
Food and beverages	160.4	163.8	2.1
Commodities less food and beverages	130.6	133.2	2.0
Nondurables less food and beverages	132.1	138.1	4.5
Apparel	131.6	130.1	-1.1
Nondurables less food, beverages, and apparel	137.0	147.2	7.4
Durables	127.3	126.0	-1.0
Services	181.0	185.3	2.4
Rent of shelter (3).....	170.1	174.9	2.8
Tenants' and household insurance (1).....	100.0	101.6	1.6
Gas (piped) and electricity (2).....	120.8	120.4	-.3
Water and sewer and trash collection services (1).....	101.7	104.0	2.3
Household operations (1).....	101.7	104.9	3.1
Transportation services	185.4	187.9	1.3
Medical care services	246.6	254.9	3.4
Other services	213.7	219.6	2.8

Special indexes

All items less food	159.5	163.1	2.3
All items less shelter	155.0	158.1	2.0
All items less medical care	155.8	159.2	2.2
Commodities less food	132.0	134.6	2.0
Nondurables less food	134.1	140.0	4.4
Nondurables less food and apparel	138.7	148.4	7.0
Nondurables	146.5	151.3	3.3
Services less rent of shelter (3).....	170.7	174.1	2.0
Services less medical care services	175.4	179.5	2.3
Energy	102.1	106.1	3.9
All items less energy	167.6	171.1	2.1
All items less food and energy	169.6	173.1	2.1
Commodities less food and energy commodities	142.7	144.3	1.1
Energy commodities	92.3	100.3	8.7
Services less energy services	187.7	192.6	2.6
Purchasing power of the consumer dollar	\$.626	\$.613	-
Purchasing power of the consumer dollar - old base	\$.210	\$.206	-

1 Indexes on a December 1997=100 base.

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

3 Indexes on a December 1984=100 base

4 Indexes on a December 1988=100 base.

- Data not available.