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The Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers (CPI-U) increased 0.1 percent in November, before seasonal adjustment, the Bureau of Labor Statistics of the U.S. Department of Labor reported today. The November level of 191.0 (1982-84=100) was 3.5 percent higher than in November 2003.

The Consumer Price Index for Urban Wage Earners and Clerical Workers (CPI-W) increased 0.2 percent in November, prior to seasonal adjustment. The November level of 186.8 was 3.7 percent higher than in November 2003.

The Chained Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers (C-CPI-U) was unchanged in November on a not seasonally adjusted basis. The November level of 111.1 (December 1999=100) was 3.1 percent higher than in November 2003. Please note that the indexes for the post-2002 period are subject to revision.

CPI for All Urban Consumers (CPI-U)

On a seasonally adjusted basis, the CPI-U increased 0.2 percent in November, following a 0.6 percent rise in October. Energy costs, which advanced 4.2 percent in October, increased 0.2 percent in November. Within energy, the index for household fuels rose 2.5 percent, while the index for motor fuels decreased 1.8 percent. The index for food, which rose 0.6 percent in October, increased 0.2 percent in November. The index for food at home rose 0.3 percent, reflecting a 3.3 percent increase in the index for fruits and vegetables. The index for all items less food and energy advanced 0.2 percent in November, the same as in October. Deceleration in the indexes for shelter and household furnishings and operations was largely offset by a larger increase in the index for new vehicles and an upturn in the index for telephone services.

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

Expenditure Category	Seasonally adjusted							Compound annual rate 3-mos. ended Nov. '04	Un- adjusted 12-mos. ended Nov. '04
	Changes from preceding month								
	2004								
	May	June	July	Aug.	Sep.	Oct.	Nov.		
All Items	.6	.3	-.1	.1	.2	.6	.2	3.9	3.5
Food and beverages	.9	.2	.2	.1	.0	.5	.2	3.0	3.1
Housing	.4	.3	.2	.2	.2	.2	.3	2.8	3.1
Apparel	.3	.2	-.8	-.2	.0	.2	.1	1.0	-.1
Transportation	1.7	.8	-.8	-.3	.2	2.3	-.1	9.9	7.4
Medical care	.3	.3	.3	.2	.3	.4	.2	3.9	4.4
Recreation	-.2	.3	-.2	-.2	.2	.1	.1	1.5	.8
Education and communication	.0	.2	-.1	.1	.4	-.3	.4	2.2	1.7
Other goods and services	.1	.1	.3	.2	.3	.2	.1	2.2	2.3
Special Indexes									
Energy	4.6	2.6	-1.9	-.3	-.4	4.2	.2	16.9	19.2
Food	.9	.2	.3	.1	.0	.6	.2	3.0	3.2
All Items less food and energy	.2	.1	.1	.1	.3	.2	.2	2.7	2.2

During the first 11 months of 2004, the CPI-U rose at a 3.7 percent seasonally adjusted annual rate (SAAR). This compares with an increase of 1.9 percent for all of 2003. The index for energy, which increased 6.9 percent in 2003, advanced at a 20.5 percent SAAR in the first 11 months of 2004. Petroleum-based energy costs increased at a 34.9 percent annual rate and charges for energy services rose at a 6.8 percent annual rate. The food index has increased at a 2.9 percent rate thus far in 2004, following a 3.6 percent rise for all of 2003. Excluding food and energy, the CPI-U advanced at a 2.3 percent SAAR in the first 11 months of 2004 after increasing 1.1 percent in 2003.

The food and beverages index increased 0.2 percent in November. The index for food at home advanced 0.3 percent, reflecting a 3.3 percent increase in the index for fruits and vegetables. The indexes for fresh fruits and for fresh vegetables rose 1.7 and 6.3 percent, respectively. The index for processed fruits and vegetables rose 0.4 percent. Increases in the indexes for cereal and bakery products and for nonalcoholic beverages--each up 0.3 percent--also contributed to the November advance. Partially offsetting these increases were declines in the other three major grocery store food groups--for meats, poultry, fish, and eggs, for dairy products, and for other food at home. The index for meats, poultry, fish, and eggs declined 0.5 percent. Declines in the indexes for poultry, beef, other meats, and eggs more than offset small increases in the indexes for pork and for fish and seafood. During the last 12 months, poultry prices have increased 6.3 percent, pork prices, 5.2 percent, and beef prices, 0.6 percent, while egg prices have fallen 21.1 percent. In November, the index for dairy products declined 0.7 percent. Fresh whole milk prices, which registered sharp increases earlier this year, declined for the fifth consecutive month, but were 6.8 percent higher than in November 2003. The other two components of the food and beverage index--food away from home and alcoholic beverages--increased 0.1 and 0.2 percent, respectively.

The index for housing rose 0.3 percent in November, following increases of 0.2 percent in each of the preceding four months. A sharp upturn in the index for fuels and utilities more than offset a deceleration in the index for shelter and a downturn in the index for household furnishings and operations. Shelter costs, which rose 0.1 percent in October, were virtually unchanged in November. A 0.5 percent decline in the index for lodging away from home offset a 0.2 percent increase in the index for residential rent; the index for owners' equivalent rent was virtually unchanged. The index for fuels and utilities rose 2.1 percent in November. The index for fuel oil rose 3.6 percent in November and was 46.1 percent higher than in November 2003. The index for natural gas increased 5.4 percent in November to a level 17.1 percent higher than a year ago. The index for electricity increased 0.9 percent and was 2.3 percent above its level a year ago. (Prior to seasonal adjustment, charges for electricity fell 2.0 percent, reflecting the shift to off-season rates in some areas.) The index for household furnishings and operations, which increased 1.0 percent in October, declined 0.2 percent in November.

The transportation index, which advanced 2.3 percent in October, declined 0.1 percent in November as a result of a downturn in the index for motor fuel. The index for gasoline, which advanced 8.6 percent in October, fell 1.8 percent in November. The index for new vehicles, which turned up in October, increased 0.7 percent in November. (Prior to seasonal adjustment, new vehicle prices rose 1.5 percent, their largest monthly increase since a 1.8 percent rise in November 1989. About 55 percent of the new car sample in November was represented by 2005 models.) New vehicle prices are 0.3 percent higher than in November 2003. The index for used cars and trucks declined 0.1 percent in November, but are 3.6 percent higher than a year ago. The index for public transportation, reflecting increases in airline fares and intracity transportation costs, advanced 2.4 percent in November.

The index for apparel rose 0.1 percent in November, following a 0.2 percent increase in October. (Prior to seasonal adjustment, apparel prices declined 0.9 percent, reflecting seasonal discounting on women's and girls' clothing.) During the last 12 months, the index for apparel has decreased 0.1 percent, with declines in prices for men's and boys' and for infants' and toddlers' apparel slightly offsetting an increase in prices for women's and girls' clothing.

Medical care costs rose 0.2 percent in November to a level 4.4 percent higher than a year ago. The index for medical care commodities--prescription drugs, nonprescription drugs, and medical supplies--rose 0.1 percent. The index for medical care services rose 0.3 percent in November. Charges for professional services and for hospital and related services increased 0.3 and 0.4 percent, respectively.

The index for recreation rose 0.1 percent in November, the same as in October. Advances in the indexes for admissions to sporting events--up 1.4 percent--for club membership dues--up 0.6 percent--and for sporting goods--up 0.4 percent--were partially offset by declines in the indexes for video and audio--down 0.4 percent--and for photography--down 0.2 percent.

The index for education and communication increased 0.4 percent in November. Educational costs rose 0.6 percent, reflecting an increase in the index for educational books and supplies. The index for communication, which declined 0.9 percent in October, rose 0.1 percent in November. Within this category, the index for telephone services rose 0.3 percent, reflecting a 1.3 percent increase in long distance charges. Partially offsetting this increase was a 2.7 percent decline in the index for personal computers and peripheral equipment.

The index for other goods and services rose 0.1 percent in November. The index for personal care increased 0.2 percent, more than offsetting a 0.1 percent decrease in the index for tobacco and smoking products.

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

On a seasonally adjusted basis, the CPI for Urban Wage Earners and Clerical Workers increased 0.2 percent in November.

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 Nov. '04	Un-adjusted 12-mos. ended Nov. '04
	Changes from preceding month								
	2004								
	May	June	July	Aug.	Sep.	Oct.	Nov.		
All Items	.7	.3	-.1	.1	.2	.6	.2	3.9	3.7
Food and beverages	.9	.2	.3	.1	.0	.5	.2	2.8	3.1
Housing	.3	.4	.3	.2	.1	.2	.3	2.2	3.0
Apparel	.2	.0	-.7	-.4	.3	.3	-.1	1.7	.0
Transportation	2.1	.7	-.9	-.2	.4	2.3	-.2	10.5	7.9
Medical care	.3	.3	.3	.2	.4	.3	.3	4.0	4.5
Recreation	.0	.2	-.3	-.2	.2	.1	.1	1.5	.7
Education and communication	-.2	.2	-.1	.0	.4	-.3	.3	1.5	.9
Other goods and services	.1	.1	.4	.2	.3	.1	.1	2.1	2.3
Special Indexes									
Energy	5.0	2.7	-2.0	-.5	-.3	4.3	.0	17.2	19.7
Food	1.0	.1	.3	.1	-.1	.5	.2	2.8	3.1
All Items less food and energy	.1	.2	.1	.1	.3	.2	.2	2.5	2.0

Consumer Price Index data for December are scheduled for release on Wednesday, January 19, 2005, at 8:30 A.M. (EST). Releases for the remainder of 2005:

Feb.23	Aug. 16
Mar.23	Sep. 15
Apr. 20	Oct. 14
May 18	Nov. 16
June 15	Dec. 15
July 14	Jan. 18, 2006

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Brief Explanation of the CPI

The Consumer Price Index (CPI) is a measure of the average change in prices over time of goods and services purchased by households. The Bureau of Labor Statistics publishes CPIs for two population groups: (1) the CPI for Urban Wage Earners and Clerical Workers (CPI-W), which covers households of wage earners and clerical workers that comprise approximately 32 percent of the total population and (2) the CPI for All Urban Consumers (CPI-U) and the Chained CPI for All Urban Consumers (C-CPI-U), which cover approximately 87 percent of the total population and include in addition to wage earners and clerical worker households, groups such as professional, managerial, and technical workers, the self-employed, short-term workers, the unemployed, and retirees and others not in the labor force.

The CPIs are based on prices of food, clothing, shelter, and fuels, transportation fares, charges for doctors' and dentists' services, drugs, and other goods and services that people buy for day-to-day living. Prices are collected in 87 urban areas across the country from about 50,000 housing units and approximately 23,000 retail establishments—department stores, supermarkets, hospitals, filling stations, and other types of stores and service establishments. All taxes directly associated with the purchase and use of items are included in the index. Prices of fuels and a few other items are obtained every month in all 87 locations. Prices of most other commodities and services are collected every month in the three largest geographic areas and every other month in other areas. Prices of most goods and services are obtained by personal visits or telephone calls of the Bureau's trained representatives.

In calculating the index, price changes for the various items in each location are averaged together with weights, which represent their importance in the spending of the appropriate population group. Local data are then combined to obtain a U.S. city average. For the CPI-U and CPI-W separate indexes are also published by size of city, by region of the country, for cross-classifications of regions and population-size classes, and for 27 local areas. Area indexes do not measure differences in the level of prices among cities; they only measure the average change in prices for each area since the base period. For the C-CPI-U data are issued only at the national level. It is important to note that the CPI-U and CPI-W are considered final when released, but the C-CPI-U is issued in preliminary form and subject to two annual revisions.

The index measures price change from a designed reference date. For the CPI-U and the CPI-W the reference base is 1982-84 equals 100.0. The reference base for the C-CPI-U is December 1999 equals 100. An increase of 16.5 percent from the reference base, for example, is shown as 116.5. This change can also be expressed in dollars as follows: the price of a base period market basket of goods and services in the CPI has risen from \$10 in 1982-84 to \$11.65.

For further details visit the CPI home page on the Internet at <http://www.bls.gov/cpi/> or contact our CPI Information and Analysis Section on (202) 691-7000.

Calculating Index Changes

Movements of the indexes from one month to another are usually expressed as percent changes rather than changes in index points, because index point changes are affected by the level of the index in relation to its base period while percent changes are not. The example below illustrates the computation of index point and percent changes.

Percent changes for 3-month and 6-month periods are expressed as annual rates and are computed according to the standard formula for compound growth rates. These data indicate what the percent change would be if the current rate were maintained for a 12-month period.

Index Point Change

CPI	115.7
Less previous index	111.2
Equals index point change	4.5

Percent Change

Index point difference	4.5
Divided by the previous index	111.2
Equals	0.040
Results multiplied by one hundred	0.040x100
Equals percent change	4.0

Regions Defined

The states in the four regions shown in Tables 3 and 6 are listed below.

The Northeast--Connecticut, Maine, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, New York, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, and Vermont.

The Midwest--Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Kansas, Michigan, Minnesota, Missouri, Nebraska, North Dakota, Ohio, South Dakota, and Wisconsin.

The South--Alabama, Arkansas, Delaware, Florida, Georgia, Kentucky, Louisiana, Maryland, Mississippi, North Carolina, Oklahoma, South Carolina, Tennessee, Texas, Virginia, West Virginia, and the District of Columbia.

The West--Alaska, Arizona, California, Colorado, Hawaii, Idaho, Montana, Nevada, New Mexico, Oregon, Utah, Washington, and Wyoming.

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 1999 through 2003 were replaced at the end of 2003. In January 2002, dependently seasonally adjusted series were revised for January 1987-December 2001 as a result of a change in the aggregation weights for dependently adjusted series. For further information, please see "Aggregation of Dependently Adjusted Seasonally Adjusted Series," in the October 2001 issue of the CPI Detailed Report.

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. Note: 47 of the 73 components are seasonally adjusted for 2004.

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, natural gas, motor fuels, and educational books and supplies 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 the Nonalcoholic beverages index, the procedure was used to offset the effects of labor and supply problems for coffee. The procedure was used to account for unusual butter fat supply reductions, decreases in milk supply, and large swings in soybean oil inventories affecting the Fats and oils series. For the Water and sewerage maintenance index, the procedure was used to account for a data collection anomaly and dry weather in California. For Dairy products, it mitigated the effects of significant changes in milk production levels and higher demand for cheese. For Electricity, it was used to offset an increase in demand due to warmer than expected weather, increased rates to

conserve supplies, and declining natural gas inventories. For New vehicles, New cars, and New trucks, the procedure was used to offset the effects of a model changeover combined with financing incentives.

For additional information on seasonal adjustment in the CPI, please write to the Bureau of Labor Statistics, Division of Consumer Prices and Price Indexes, Washington, DC 20212 or contact Daniel Chow on (202) 691-6968 by e-mail at Chow.Daniel@bls.gov. If you have general questions about the CPI, please call our information staff at (202) 691-7000.

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 Expenditure category	Relative importance, December 2003	Unadjusted indexes		Unadjusted percent change to Nov. 2004 from—		Seasonally adjusted percent change from—		
		Oct. 2004	Nov. 2004	Nov. 2003	Oct. 2004	Aug. to Sep.	Sep. to Oct.	Oct. to Nov.
		All items	100.000	190.9	191.0	3.5	0.1	0.2	0.6	0.2
All items (1967=100)	-	571.9	572.2	-	-	-	-	-
Food and beverages	15.384	188.4	188.6	3.1	.1	.0	.5	.2
Food	14.383	187.9	188.2	3.2	.2	.0	.6	.2
Food at home	8.256	187.9	188.1	3.1	.1	-.2	.8	.3
Cereals and bakery products	1.202	207.0	206.8	2.1	-.1	.1	.4	.3
Meats, poultry, fish, and eggs	2.320	182.9	182.4	1.7	-.3	-.3	-.3	-.5
Dairy and related products .....	.842	182.1	180.9	5.7	-.7	-.2	-.2	-.7
Fruits and vegetables	1.221	240.0	248.3	9.1	3.5	.7	6.0	3.3
Nonalcoholic beverages and beverage materials .....	.905	140.6	139.6	1.2	-.7	-.3	-.3	-.3
Other food at home	1.765	165.4	164.4	1.5	-.6	-.5	.3	-.5
Sugar and sweets .....	.305	162.6	163.1	.9	.3	-.4	-.4	1.2
Fats and oils .....	.251	170.2	167.8	6.7	-.4	-.4	-.8	-.1
Other foods	1.210	180.1	178.9	.6	-.7	-.7	.7	-1.0
Other miscellaneous foods ^{1 2} .....	.308	109.9	110.5	1.4	.5	-.9	-.5	.5
Food away from home ¹	6.127	189.4	189.6	3.2	.1	.3	.3	.1
Other food away from home ² .....	.332	126.8	126.7	3.3	-.1	.1	.7	-.1
Alcoholic beverages ¹	1.001	193.6	194.0	2.9	.2	.5	.1	.2
Housing	42.089	191.0	190.8	3.1	-.1	.2	.2	.3
Shelter	32.878	220.6	219.9	2.7	-.3	.4	.1	.0
Rent of primary residence ³	6.157	212.8	213.2	2.7	.2	.1	.2	.2
Lodging away from home ²	2.954	128.0	121.9	6.0	-.4	2.9	.2	-.5
Owners' equivalent rent of primary residence ^{3 4}	23.383	226.5	226.8	2.2	.1	.1	.2	.0
Tenants' and household insurance ^{1 2} .....	.385	116.3	117.7	3.0	1.2	.3	-.3	1.2
Fuels and utilities	4.741	162.8	165.6	8.3	1.7	-.5	-.2	2.1
Fuels	3.830	144.9	147.8	8.9	2.0	-.9	-.2	2.5
Fuel oil and other fuels .....	.231	177.3	186.6	38.4	5.2	1.9	8.1	3.5
Gas (piped) and electricity ³	3.599	150.0	152.7	7.1	1.8	-1.0	-.9	2.4
Water and sewer and trash collection services ² .....	.910	126.0	126.2	5.7	.2	.4	.3	.2
Household furnishings and operations	4.470	126.1	125.8	.7	-.2	.0	1.0	-.2
Household operations ^{1 2} .....	.704	126.2	127.0	3.8	.6	.0	.1	.6
Apparel	3.975	124.1	123.0	-.1	-.9	.0	-.2	.1
Men's and boys' apparel	1.024	118.3	118.9	-2.1	.5	-.3	-1.1	.2
Women's and girls' apparel	1.704	119.2	116.8	1.0	-2.0	-.6	1.8	-.1
Infants' and toddlers' apparel .....	.195	120.6	120.3	-2.2	-.2	1.9	-.8	-.2
Footwear .....	.778	122.1	121.8	.7	-.2	2.0	-1.1	.2
Transportation	16.881	166.4	167.2	7.4	.5	.2	2.3	-.1
Private transportation	15.817	162.9	163.6	7.8	.4	.3	2.3	-.2
New and used motor vehicles ²	7.912	94.3	95.2	.6	1.0	.5	.2	.4
New vehicles	4.817	135.9	137.9	.3	1.5	-.2	.4	.7
Used cars and trucks ¹	2.007	136.8	136.7	3.6	-.1	2.0	.2	-.1
Motor fuel	3.249	173.1	171.9	31.0	-.7	.1	8.6	-1.8
Gasoline (all types)	3.222	172.2	171.0	30.9	-.7	.1	8.6	-1.8
Motor vehicle parts and equipment ¹ .....	.369	109.5	109.9	1.9	.4	.3	.2	.4
Motor vehicle maintenance and repair	1.349	201.7	202.9	2.9	.6	-.2	.4	.6
Public transportation	1.064	206.5	208.6	.3	1.0	-1.1	1.4	2.4
Medical care	6.074	313.3	314.1	4.4	.3	.3	.4	.2
Medical care commodities	1.499	271.7	271.2	2.7	-.2	.4	.4	.1
Medical care services	4.575	324.8	326.0	5.0	.4	.3	.4	.3
Professional services	2.749	273.7	274.2	4.3	.2	.1	.1	.3
Hospital and related services ³	1.489	422.5	425.0	4.8	.6	.6	.4	.4

See footnotes at end of table.

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

(1982-84=100, unless otherwise noted)

CPI-U	Relative importance, December 2003	Unadjusted indexes		Unadjusted percent change to Nov. 2004 from—		Seasonally adjusted percent change from—		
		Oct. 2004	Nov. 2004	Nov. 2003	Oct. 2004	Aug. to Sep.	Sep. to Oct.	Oct. to Nov.
Expenditure category								
Recreation ²	5.872	108.7	108.7	0.8	0.0	0.2	0.1	0.1
Video and audio ²	1.736	104.2	104.0	.2	-2	.3	.2	-4
Education and communication ²	5.948	112.5	112.7	1.7	.2	.4	-.3	.4
Education ²	2.841	148.3	148.4	6.8	.1	.6	.4	.6
Educational books and supplies .....	.219	353.8	354.4	5.5	.2	-.9	.3	1.1
Tuition, other school fees, and childcare	2.623	428.2	428.7	6.9	.1	.6	.4	.6
Communication ²	3.107	85.5	85.6	-2.9	.1	.3	-.9	.1
Information and information processing ^{1 2}	2.925	83.4	83.5	-3.1	.1	.1	-.8	.1
Telephone services ^{1 2}	2.315	94.6	94.9	-2.4	.3	.3	-.7	.3
Information technology, hardware and services ^{1 5} .....	.610	14.5	14.3	-7.1	-1.4	.0	-1.4	-1.4
Personal computers and peripheral equipment ^{1 2} .....	.230	14.6	14.2	-12.9	-2.7	-.7	-2.7	-2.7
Other goods and services	3.776	306.8	307.0	2.3	.1	.3	.2	.1
Tobacco and smoking products ¹ .....	.806	482.3	481.7	2.7	-.1	.3	-.1	-.1
Personal care	2.970	182.8	183.0	2.2	.1	.2	.3	.2
Personal care products ¹ .....	.680	154.0	153.8	.4	-.1	.5	.3	-.1
Personal care services ¹ .....	.650	199.4	200.0	3.0	.3	.1	.2	.3
Miscellaneous personal services	1.448	296.3	296.9	3.4	.2	.3	.1	.3
Commodity and service group								
Commodities	40.117	157.1	157.2	4.2	.1	.1	1.3	-.1
Food and beverages	15.384	188.4	188.6	3.1	.1	.0	.5	.2
Commodities less food and beverages	24.733	139.4	139.4	4.9	.0	.1	1.8	-.2
Nondurables less food and beverages	13.458	162.6	162.0	8.7	-.4	-1.1	3.8	.9
Apparel	3.975	124.1	123.0	-1	-.9	.0	.2	.1
Nondurables less food, beverages, and apparel	9.483	190.6	190.2	12.5	-2	.1	3.8	-5
Durables	11.275	114.7	115.3	.2	.5	.4	.3	.1
Services	59.883	224.5	224.6	3.1	.0	.3	.1	.3
Rent of shelter ⁴	32.494	229.8	229.0	2.7	-.3	.3	.1	-.1
Tenants' and household insurance ^{1 2} .....	.385	116.3	117.7	3.0	1.2	.3	-.3	1.2
Gas (piped) and electricity ³	3.599	150.0	152.7	7.1	1.8	-1.0	-.9	2.4
Water and sewer and trash collection services ² .....	.910	126.0	126.2	5.7	.2	.4	.3	.2
Household operations ^{1 2} .....	.704	126.2	127.0	3.8	.6	.0	.1	.6
Transportation services	6.319	221.4	222.8	1.9	.6	.0	.4	.6
Medical care services	4.575	324.8	326.0	5.0	.4	.3	.4	.3
Other services	10.896	263.7	264.2	2.7	.2	.5	.0	.4
Special indexes								
All items less food	85.617	191.4	191.5	3.6	.1	.2	.6	.2
All items less shelter	67.122	181.4	181.9	4.0	.3	.1	.8	.2
All items less medical care	93.926	184.6	184.7	3.5	.1	.2	.6	.2
Commodities less food	25.734	141.4	141.4	4.7	.0	.2	1.7	-.1
Nondurables less food	14.459	164.5	163.9	8.3	-.4	-1.0	3.6	.7
Nondurables less food and apparel	10.484	190.0	189.7	11.6	-2	.2	3.5	-5
Nondurables	28.842	175.8	175.6	5.7	-.1	-.6	2.2	.5
Services less rent of shelter ⁴	27.389	235.1	236.4	3.6	.6	.1	.0	.9
Services less medical care services	55.308	216.0	216.1	3.0	.0	.2	.1	.3
Energy	7.080	157.7	158.6	19.2	.6	-.4	4.2	.2
All items less energy	92.920	196.0	196.0	2.3	.0	.3	.3	.2
All items less food and energy	78.537	198.2	198.1	2.2	-.1	.3	.2	.2
Commodities less food and energy commodities	22.254	140.5	140.6	.5	.1	.2	.4	.1
Energy commodities	3.480	174.2	173.6	31.4	-.3	.2	8.5	-1.4
Services less energy services	56.283	232.1	231.9	2.8	-.1	.3	.2	.2
Purchasing power of the consumer dollar (1982-84=\$1.00)	-	\$.524	\$.524	-	-	-	-	-
Purchasing power of the consumer dollar (1967=\$1.00)	-	\$.175	\$.175	-	-	-	-	-

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 were calculated using a geometric means estimator.

⁴ Indexes on a December 1982=100 base.

⁵ Indexes on a December 1988=100 base.

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

(1982-84=100, unless otherwise noted)

CPI-U	Seasonally adjusted indexes				Seasonally adjusted annual rate percent change for					
					3 months ended—			6 months ended—		
	Aug. 2004	Sep. 2004	Oct. 2004	Nov. 2004	Feb. 2004	May 2004	Aug. 2004	Nov. 2004	May 2004	Nov. 2004
Expenditure category										
All items	189.4	189.7	190.9	191.2	3.7	5.5	1.3	3.9	4.6	2.6
Food and beverages	187.5	187.5	188.5	188.9	2.6	5.1	1.9	3.0	3.9	2.5
Food	187.0	187.0	188.1	188.4	2.7	5.1	1.9	3.0	3.9	2.5
Food at home	187.0	186.6	188.1	188.6	1.8	6.9	.6	3.5	4.3	2.0
Cereals and bakery products	206.3	206.6	207.4	208.1	.8	3.0	1.2	3.5	1.9	2.3
Meats, poultry, fish, and eggs	183.9	183.4	182.9	181.9	1.3	6.2	4.2	-4.3	3.7	-1
Dairy and related products	185.3	181.6	181.2	180.0	2.4	41.4	-3.2	-11.0	20.3	-7.1
Fruits and vegetables	227.4	228.9	242.6	250.5	-1.9	1.6	-3.3	47.3	-2	19.3
Nonalcoholic beverages and beverage materials	140.3	140.7	140.3	140.7	4.4	-1.7	1.1	1.1	1.3	1.1
Other food at home	165.9	165.1	165.6	164.8	4.0	4.5	.5	-2.6	4.2	-1.1
Sugar and sweets	164.2	163.5	162.8	164.7	.0	-2	2.5	1.2	-1	1.8
Fats and oils	169.4	170.0	168.6	168.5	11.3	17.6	1.0	-2.1	14.4	-6
Other foods	180.6	179.4	180.7	178.9	3.6	2.9	-.2	-3.7	3.3	-2.0
Other miscellaneous foods ^{1 2}	111.5	110.5	109.9	110.5	1.8	4.8	2.6	-3.5	3.3	-5
Food away from home ¹	188.4	188.9	189.4	189.6	3.8	2.6	3.7	2.6	3.2	3.1
Other food away from home ²	125.4	125.5	126.4	126.3	5.7	3.9	.6	2.9	4.8	1.8
Alcoholic beverages ¹	192.5	193.4	193.6	194.0	2.8	3.8	1.7	3.2	3.3	2.4
Housing	190.3	190.7	191.1	191.6	3.0	4.3	2.6	2.8	3.7	2.7
Shelter	219.5	220.4	220.7	220.8	1.7	5.3	1.7	2.4	3.5	2.0
Rent of primary residence ³	212.1	212.4	212.8	213.2	2.3	3.5	3.3	2.1	2.9	2.7
Lodging away from home ²	124.9	128.5	128.7	128.1	-2.9	25.1	-5.6	10.6	10.2	2.2
Owners' equivalent rent of primary residence ^{3 4}	225.9	226.1	226.5	226.6	2.0	3.5	2.3	1.2	2.7	1.8
Tenants' and household insurance ^{1 2}	116.3	116.6	116.3	117.7	2.5	3.9	.7	4.9	3.2	2.8
Fuels and utilities	164.6	163.7	163.4	166.8	12.5	2.0	12.8	5.5	7.1	9.1
Fuels	147.2	145.9	145.6	149.2	13.8	.8	15.1	5.5	7.1	10.2
Fuel oil and other fuels	166.2	169.3	183.0	189.4	32.6	4.4	56.9	68.7	17.7	62.7
Gas (piped) and electricity ³	153.3	151.7	150.4	154.0	12.8	.8	12.4	1.8	6.6	7.0
Water and sewer and trash collection services ²	125.1	125.6	126.0	126.2	7.9	5.0	6.0	3.6	6.5	4.8
Household furnishings and operations	124.9	124.9	126.2	125.9	2.3	-1.0	-1.6	3.2	.6	.8
Household operations ^{1 2}	126.1	126.1	126.2	127.0	3.3	2.0	6.9	2.9	2.6	4.9
Apparel	120.1	120.1	120.3	120.4	-3.0	5.1	-3.6	1.0	1.0	-1.3
Men's and boys' apparel	117.1	116.8	115.5	115.7	.7	.0	-4.0	-4.7	.3	-4.3
Women's and girls' apparel	112.7	112.0	114.0	113.9	-4.9	9.3	-4.5	4.3	2.0	-2
Infants' and toddlers' apparel	116.6	118.8	117.8	117.6	-1.7	-7.8	-2.7	3.5	-4.8	.3
Footwear	118.8	121.2	119.9	120.1	-3.3	2.4	-.7	4.4	-5	1.9
Transportation	163.1	163.4	167.1	167.0	9.0	12.4	-1.5	9.9	10.7	4.1
Private transportation	159.4	159.9	163.6	163.2	9.9	13.5	-1.5	9.9	11.7	4.0
New and used motor vehicles ²	93.9	94.4	94.6	95.0	-1.7	-.8	.0	4.8	-1.3	2.4
New vehicles	136.3	136.0	136.5	137.5	1.2	-.6	-2.9	3.6	.3	.3
Used cars and trucks ¹	133.8	136.5	136.8	136.7	-3.0	2.5	6.2	9.0	-.3	7.6
Motor fuel	160.7	160.9	174.7	171.5	51.0	66.8	-9.8	29.7	58.7	8.2
Gasoline (all types)	160.0	160.1	173.8	170.7	51.2	66.7	-9.8	29.6	58.8	8.1
Motor vehicle parts and equipment ¹	109.0	109.3	109.5	109.9	.4	-.4	4.1	3.3	.0	3.7
Motor vehicle maintenance and repair	201.2	200.7	201.5	202.7	1.6	2.4	4.5	3.0	2.0	3.8
Public transportation	206.6	204.3	207.1	212.0	-2.4	-2.3	-4.1	10.9	-2.4	3.1
Medical care	311.6	312.6	313.9	314.6	5.4	4.9	3.4	3.9	5.2	3.7
Medical care commodities	269.7	270.9	271.9	272.1	3.1	3.6	.9	3.6	3.4	2.2
Medical care services	323.1	324.0	325.4	326.4	6.2	5.3	4.2	4.1	5.7	4.2
Professional services	273.3	273.6	273.9	274.8	5.9	4.7	4.1	2.2	5.3	3.1
Hospital and related services ³	418.8	421.2	423.0	424.6	5.3	5.1	3.2	5.7	5.2	4.4

See footnotes at end of table.

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-Continued

(1982-84=100, unless otherwise noted)

CPI-U	Seasonally adjusted indexes				Seasonally adjusted annual rate percent change for					
					3 months ended—			6 months ended—		
	Aug. 2004	Sep. 2004	Oct. 2004	Nov. 2004	Feb. 2004	May 2004	Aug. 2004	Nov. 2004	May 2004	Nov. 2004
Expenditure category										
Recreation ²	108.5	108.7	108.8	108.9	1.5	1.1	-0.4	1.5	1.3	0.6
Video and audio ²	104.1	104.4	104.6	104.2	-1.1	1.9	-.4	.4	.4	.0
Education and communication ²	111.6	112.1	111.8	112.2	2.2	1.4	.7	2.2	1.8	1.4
Education ²	144.8	145.6	146.2	147.1	7.2	7.0	6.3	6.5	7.1	6.4
Educational books and supplies	354.3	351.1	352.1	356.1	9.6	6.5	3.8	2.0	8.0	2.9
Tuition, other school fees, and childcare	417.5	420.2	421.9	424.4	6.8	7.2	6.6	6.8	7.0	6.7
Communication ²	86.1	86.4	85.6	85.7	-2.7	-3.6	-4.1	-1.8	-3.1	-3.0
Information and information processing ^{1 2}	84.0	84.1	83.4	83.5	-5	-5.9	-3.7	-2.4	-3.2	-3.0
Telephone services ^{1 2}	95.0	95.3	94.6	94.9	-4	-4.9	-3.7	-4	-2.7	-2.1
Information technology, hardware and services ^{1 5}	14.7	14.7	14.5	14.3	-5.1	-7.7	-5.3	-10.4	-6.4	-7.9
Personal computers and peripheral equipment ^{1 2}	15.1	15.0	14.6	14.2	-7.2	-7.3	-14.4	-21.8	-7.2	-18.2
Other goods and services	305.5	306.3	306.8	307.2	3.0	1.7	2.5	2.2	2.3	2.4
Tobacco and smoking products ¹	481.6	482.9	482.3	481.7	3.0	.8	7.0	.1	1.9	3.5
Personal care	181.9	182.3	182.8	183.2	2.9	2.0	1.3	2.9	2.5	2.1
Personal care products ¹	152.8	153.5	154.0	153.8	3.4	.3	-4.6	2.6	1.8	-1.0
Personal care services ¹	198.9	199.1	199.4	200.0	2.1	2.9	4.8	2.2	2.5	3.5
Miscellaneous personal services	295.2	296.2	296.5	297.5	3.4	4.1	3.3	3.2	3.7	3.2
Commodity and service group										
Commodities	154.8	155.0	157.0	156.9	5.1	7.6	-1.0	5.5	6.3	2.2
Food and beverages	187.5	187.5	188.5	188.9	2.6	5.1	1.9	3.0	3.9	2.5
Commodities less food and beverages	136.5	136.7	139.1	138.8	6.2	9.2	-2.6	6.9	7.7	2.0
Nondurables less food and beverages	157.0	155.2	161.1	162.5	9.4	14.6	-2.8	14.8	12.0	5.6
Apparel	120.1	120.1	120.3	120.4	-3.0	5.1	-3.6	1.0	1.0	-1.3
Nondurables less food, beverages, and apparel	184.1	184.3	191.3	190.4	16.8	25.3	-4.4	14.4	21.0	4.6
Durables	114.2	114.6	115.0	115.1	.7	-1.7	-1.7	3.2	-5	.7
Services	223.7	224.3	224.5	225.2	3.0	3.9	2.9	2.7	3.4	2.8
Rent of shelter ⁴	228.8	229.5	229.8	229.6	1.8	5.4	1.9	1.4	3.6	1.7
Tenants' and household insurance ^{1 2}	116.3	116.6	116.3	117.7	2.5	3.9	.7	4.9	3.2	2.8
Gas (piped) and electricity ³	153.3	151.7	150.4	154.0	12.8	.8	12.4	1.8	6.6	7.0
Water and sewer and trash collection services ²	125.1	125.6	126.0	126.2	7.9	5.0	6.0	3.6	6.5	4.8
Household operations ^{1 2}	126.1	126.1	126.2	127.0	3.3	2.0	6.9	2.9	2.6	4.9
Transportation services	220.8	220.8	221.6	222.9	.7	.7	2.2	3.9	.7	3.0
Medical care services	323.1	324.0	325.4	326.4	6.2	5.3	4.2	4.1	5.7	4.2
Other services	261.8	263.0	262.9	263.9	2.8	2.3	2.3	3.2	2.6	2.8
Special indexes										
All items less food	189.8	190.2	191.4	191.7	3.7	5.5	1.3	4.1	4.6	2.7
All items less shelter	179.7	179.9	181.3	181.7	4.9	5.3	1.1	4.5	5.1	2.8
All items less medical care	183.1	183.4	184.5	184.8	3.6	5.4	1.1	3.8	4.5	2.4
Commodities less food	138.5	138.8	141.1	140.9	6.1	8.8	-2.6	7.1	7.4	2.2
Nondurables less food	159.2	157.6	163.2	164.4	8.7	14.1	-2.2	13.7	11.4	5.4
Nondurables less food and apparel	183.9	184.2	190.7	189.7	15.1	25.0	-4.9	13.2	20.0	3.8
Nondurables	172.4	171.4	175.1	176.0	5.9	9.1	-.2	8.6	7.5	4.1
Services less rent of shelter ⁴	234.7	235.0	235.1	237.1	4.1	1.9	4.4	4.2	3.0	4.3
Services less medical care services	215.3	215.7	216.0	216.7	2.3	4.0	2.8	2.6	3.2	2.7
Energy	153.0	152.4	158.8	159.1	30.1	29.7	1.6	16.9	29.9	9.0
All items less energy	194.8	195.3	195.8	196.1	1.9	3.6	1.2	2.7	2.7	2.0
All items less food and energy	196.9	197.5	197.9	198.2	1.7	3.3	1.0	2.7	2.5	1.8
Commodities less food and energy commodities	139.1	139.4	139.9	140.0	.3	.9	-1.7	2.6	.6	.4
Energy commodities	161.8	162.2	176.0	173.5	50.1	61.9	-6.9	32.2	55.9	11.0
Services less energy services	230.9	231.7	232.1	232.5	2.1	4.3	2.3	2.8	3.2	2.5

¹ Not seasonally adjusted.

² Indexes on a December 1997=100 base.

³ This index series was calculated using a Laspeyres estimator. All other item stratum index series were calculated using a geometric means estimator.

⁴ Indexes on a December 1982=100 base.

⁵ Indexes on a December 1988=100 base.

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

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

(1982-84=100, unless otherwise noted)

CPI-U	Pricing schedule 1	All items									
		Indexes				Percent change to Nov.2004 from—			Percent change to Oct.2004 from—		
		Aug. 2004	Sep. 2004	Oct. 2004	Nov. 2004	Nov. 2003	Sep. 2004	Oct. 2004	Oct. 2003	Aug. 2004	Sep. 2004
U.S. city average	M	189.5	189.9	190.9	191.0	3.5	0.6	0.1	3.2	0.7	0.5
Region and area size²											
Northeast urban	M	201.0	201.2	202.5	202.6	3.8	.7	.0	3.6	.7	.6
Size A - More than 1,500,000	M	203.1	203.2	204.5	204.6	3.7	.7	.0	3.4	.7	.6
Size B/C - 50,000 to 1,500,000 ³	M	118.9	119.2	120.1	120.1	4.2	.8	.0	4.3	1.0	.8
Midwest urban	M	183.3	183.6	184.5	184.8	3.3	.7	.2	3.0	.7	.5
Size A - More than 1,500,000	M	185.6	185.9	186.8	186.9	3.0	.5	.1	2.8	.6	.5
Size B/C - 50,000 to 1,500,000 ³	M	116.5	116.8	117.4	117.7	3.6	.8	.3	3.3	.8	.5
Size D - Nonmetropolitan (less than 50,000)	M	176.3	176.4	177.1	177.7	3.7	.7	.3	3.1	.5	.4
South urban	M	182.6	182.8	183.7	183.7	3.5	.5	.0	3.1	.6	.5
Size A - More than 1,500,000	M	183.7	184.0	185.0	185.0	3.3	.5	.0	2.7	.7	.5
Size B/C - 50,000 to 1,500,000 ³	M	116.9	116.9	117.4	117.4	3.6	.4	.0	3.3	.4	.4
Size D - Nonmetropolitan (less than 50,000)	M	180.0	181.2	182.8	182.5	4.0	.7	-.2	4.1	1.6	.9
West urban	M	193.0	193.8	195.0	195.1	3.5	.7	.1	3.0	1.0	.6
Size A - More than 1,500,000	M	195.5	196.4	197.5	197.6	3.5	.6	.1	2.9	1.0	.6
Size B/C - 50,000 to 1,500,000 ³	M	118.1	118.4	119.2	119.3	3.8	.8	.1	3.2	.9	.7
Size classes											
A ⁴	M	173.2	173.6	174.6	174.6	3.4	.6	.0	3.0	.8	.6
B/C ³	M	117.3	117.4	118.1	118.2	3.8	.7	.1	3.5	.7	.6
D	M	181.0	181.8	182.9	183.0	3.6	.7	.1	3.4	1.0	.6
Selected local areas⁵											
Chicago-Gary-Kenosha, IL-IN-WI	M	190.2	190.0	190.8	190.7	2.7	.4	-.1	2.7	.3	.4
Los Angeles-Riverside-Orange County, CA ...	M	193.1	194.5	196.3	196.9	5.2	1.2	.3	4.5	1.7	.9
New York-Northern N.J.-Long Island, NY-NJ-CT-PA	M	205.7	205.9	207.3	207.2	3.9	.6	.0	3.7	.8	.7
Boston-Brockton-Nashua, MA-NH-ME-CT	1	-	209.8	-	211.7	2.5	.9	-	-	-	-
Cleveland-Akron, OH	1	-	183.8	-	183.2	3.2	-.3	-	-	-	-
Dallas-Fort Worth, TX	1	-	179.7	-	179.9	2.3	.1	-	-	-	-
Washington-Baltimore, DC-MD-VA-WV ⁶	1	-	120.8	-	120.9	3.6	.1	-	-	-	-
Atlanta, GA	2	184.1	-	183.9	-	-	-	-	2.1	-.1	-
Detroit-Ann Arbor-Flint, MI	2	186.8	-	187.6	-	-	-	-	2.3	.4	-
Houston-Galveston-Brazoria, TX	2	169.1	-	171.8	-	-	-	-	3.4	1.6	-
Miami-Fort Lauderdale, FL	2	185.1	-	187.0	-	-	-	-	3.0	1.0	-
Philadelphia-Wilmington-Atlantic City, PA-NJ-DE-MD	2	199.1	-	200.2	-	-	-	-	5.2	.6	-
San Francisco-Oakland-San Jose, CA	2	198.7	-	200.3	-	-	-	-	2.0	.8	-
Seattle-Tacoma-Bremerton, WA	2	194.6	-	196.5	-	-	-	-	1.4	1.0	-

¹ Foods, fuels, and several other items priced every month in all areas; most other goods and services priced as indicated:

M - Every month.

1 - January, March, May, July, September, and November.

2 - February, April, June, August, October, and December.

² Regions defined as the four Census regions. See 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; Phoenix-Mesa, AZ; 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.

NOTE: Local area indexes are byproducts of the national CPI program. Each local index has a smaller sample size than the national index and is, therefore, subject to substantially more sampling and other measurement error. As a result, local area indexes show greater volatility than the national index, although their long-term trends are similar. Therefore, the Bureau of Labor Statistics strongly urges users to consider adopting the national average CPI for use in their escalator clauses.

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 Expenditure category	Relative importance, December 2003	Unadjusted indexes		Unadjusted percent change to Nov. 2004 from—		Seasonally adjusted percent change from—		
		Oct. 2004	Nov. 2004	Nov. 2003	Oct. 2004	Aug. to Sep.	Sep. to Oct.	Oct. to Nov.
All items	100.000	186.5	186.8	3.7	0.2	0.2	0.6	0.2
All items (1967=100)	-	555.7	556.3	-	-	-	-	-
Food and beverages	17.151	187.9	188.1	3.1	.1	.0	.5	.2
Food	16.061	187.4	187.6	3.1	.1	-.1	.5	.2
Food at home	9.637	187.1	187.3	3.1	.1	-.3	.8	.2
Cereals and bakery products	1.364	206.9	206.8	2.2	.0	.1	.3	.4
Meats, poultry, fish, and eggs	2.908	183.0	182.4	1.8	-.3	-.2	-.4	-.6
Dairy and related products .....	.955	181.8	180.8	5.7	-.6	-2.0	-.4	-.6
Fruits and vegetables	1.344	238.0	246.4	9.4	3.5	.6	6.2	3.5
Nonalcoholic beverages and beverage materials	1.076	140.0	138.9	1.2	-.8	.3	-.4	.1
Other food at home	1.991	165.0	163.8	1.4	-.7	-.5	.2	-.4
Sugar and sweets .....	.321	162.2	162.1	.4	-.1	-.3	-.4	.9
Fats and oils .....	.303	170.0	167.7	6.6	-1.4	.1	-.9	-.1
Other foods	1.366	180.3	179.2	.5	-.6	-.7	.7	-.9
Other miscellaneous foods ^{1 2} .....	.350	110.3	111.1	1.5	.7	-.9	-.6	.7
Food away from home ¹	6.424	189.3	189.5	3.2	.1	.3	.3	.1
Other food away from home ² .....	.252	126.8	126.8	3.2	.0	.2	.7	.0
Alcoholic beverages ¹	1.090	193.9	194.2	2.9	.2	.6	-.1	.2
Housing	39.114	186.2	186.4	3.0	.1	.1	.2	.3
Shelter	30.151	213.8	213.4	2.5	-.2	.2	.2	.0
Rent of primary residence ³	8.065	212.0	212.4	2.8	.2	.2	.3	.1
Lodging away from home ²	1.722	128.3	121.8	4.8	-5.1	1.7	.0	-.9
Owners' equivalent rent of primary residence ^{3 4}	20.026	205.5	205.8	2.2	.1	.1	.2	.0
Tenants' and household insurance ^{1 2} .....	.337	116.5	118.1	3.2	1.4	.3	-.3	1.4
Fuels and utilities	5.079	161.9	164.5	8.0	1.6	-.6	-.2	2.0
Fuels	4.146	143.5	146.2	8.5	1.9	-.8	-.5	2.4
Fuel oil and other fuels .....	.216	177.2	186.5	38.8	5.2	2.2	8.3	3.2
Gas (piped) and electricity ³	3.930	149.1	151.7	6.9	1.7	-1.0	-1.0	2.3
Water and sewer and trash collection services ² .....	.933	126.1	126.4	5.8	.2	.4	.3	.2
Household furnishings and operations	3.884	121.7	121.5	.7	-.2	.2	.9	-.2
Household operations ^{1 2} .....	.318	127.9	129.2	4.4	1.0	-.3	.2	1.0
Apparel	4.357	123.5	122.6	.0	-.7	.3	.3	-.1
Men's and boys' apparel	1.120	117.8	118.6	-2.1	.7	-.1	-.9	.1
Women's and girls' apparel	1.727	119.3	116.9	1.4	-2.0	-.4	2.1	-.3
Infants' and toddlers' apparel .....	.250	123.3	123.1	-1.5	-.2	2.1	-.9	-.1
Footwear	1.011	120.6	120.6	.2	.0	1.9	-1.0	.1
Transportation	19.145	165.3	165.8	7.9	.3	.4	2.3	-.2
Private transportation	18.348	162.7	163.2	8.2	.3	.4	2.4	-.3
New and used motor vehicles ²	9.305	93.3	94.0	1.0	.8	.8	.3	.3
New vehicles	4.864	136.9	138.9	.1	1.5	-.1	.4	.7
Used cars and trucks ¹	3.487	137.6	137.5	3.5	-.1	2.0	.2	-.1
Motor fuel	3.967	173.6	172.3	31.0	-.7	.2	8.6	-1.9
Gasoline (all types)	3.936	172.9	171.6	31.1	-.8	.1	8.6	-1.9
Motor vehicle parts and equipment ¹ .....	.456	108.9	109.4	1.8	.5	.3	.2	.5
Motor vehicle maintenance and repair	1.365	203.8	204.9	3.0	.5	-.2	.4	.6
Public transportation .....	.797	204.2	207.1	.6	1.4	-1.5	1.3	2.6
Medical care	4.969	312.7	313.6	4.5	.3	.4	.3	.3
Medical care commodities	1.142	265.4	264.9	2.5	-.2	.5	.3	.0
Medical care services	3.827	325.0	326.3	5.1	.4	.4	.2	.4
Professional services	2.256	276.3	276.9	4.4	.2	.1	.1	.4
Hospital and related services ³	1.254	418.5	421.0	4.6	.6	.6	.4	.4

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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-Continued

(1982-84=100, unless otherwise noted)

CPI-W Expenditure category	Relative importance, December 2003	Unadjusted indexes		Unadjusted percent change to Nov. 2004 from—		Seasonally adjusted percent change from—		
		Oct. 2004	Nov. 2004	Nov. 2003	Oct. 2004	Aug. to Sep.	Sep. to Oct.	Oct. to Nov.
Expenditure category								
Recreation ²	5.697	106.2	106.3	0.7	0.1	0.2	0.1	0.1
Video and audio ²	1.928	103.5	103.3	.3	-2	.2	.4	-5
Education and communication ²	5.645	110.5	110.6	.9	.1	.4	-.3	.3
Education ²	2.299	146.7	146.8	6.4	.1	.5	.6	.5
Educational books and supplies .....	.215	355.6	356.1	5.5	.1	-.8	.4	1.0
Tuition, other school fees, and childcare	2.084	415.2	415.6	6.5	.1	.6	.5	.5
Communication ²	3.345	87.1	87.2	-2.9	.1	.3	-.9	.1
Information and information processing ^{1 2}	3.194	85.6	85.7	-3.1	.1	.1	-.8	.1
Telephone services ^{1 2}	2.622	94.8	95.1	-2.4	.3	.3	-.7	.3
Information technology, hardware and services ^{1 5} .....	.572	15.0	14.9	-6.3	-.7	-.7	-1.3	-.7
Personal computers and peripheral equipment ^{1 2} .....	.205	14.3	13.9	-13.1	-2.8	-.7	-3.4	-2.8
Other goods and services	3.923	314.7	314.9	2.3	.1	.3	.1	.1
Tobacco and smoking products ¹	1.248	483.0	482.5	2.6	-.1	.3	-.2	-.1
Personal care	2.675	181.4	181.7	2.3	.2	.2	.3	.3
Personal care products ¹ .....	.737	154.3	154.3	.3	.0	.6	.2	.0
Personal care services ¹ .....	.610	199.9	200.6	3.0	.4	.1	.1	.4
Miscellaneous personal services	1.152	296.6	297.5	3.8	.3	.4	.1	.4
Commodity and service group								
Commodities	44.582	158.0	158.1	4.5	.1	.3	1.3	-.1
Food and beverages	17.151	187.9	188.1	3.1	.1	.0	.5	.2
Commodities less food and beverages	27.430	141.0	141.0	5.4	.0	.4	1.8	-.3
Nondurables less food and beverages	14.671	166.5	165.9	9.6	-.4	-1.2	4.2	.8
Apparel	4.357	123.5	122.6	.0	-.7	.3	.3	-.1
Nondurables less food, beverages, and apparel	10.315	196.9	196.5	13.6	-.2	.1	4.2	-.4
Durables	12.759	114.3	114.8	.5	.4	.7	.4	.3
Services	55.418	220.0	220.4	2.9	.2	.1	.1	.3
Rent of shelter ⁴	29.813	205.9	205.5	2.5	-.2	.3	.1	.0
Tenants' and household insurance ^{1 2} .....	.337	116.5	118.1	3.2	1.4	.3	-.3	1.4
Gas (piped) and electricity ³	3.930	149.1	151.7	6.9	1.7	-1.0	-1.0	2.3
Water and sewer and trash collection services ² .....	.933	126.1	126.4	5.8	.2	.4	.3	.2
Household operations ^{1 2} .....	.318	127.9	129.2	4.4	1.0	-.3	.2	1.0
Transportation services	6.241	222.0	223.4	2.1	.6	.0	.3	.5
Medical care services	3.827	325.0	326.3	5.1	.4	.4	.2	.4
Other services	10.020	255.9	256.3	2.2	.2	.5	.0	.3
Special indexes								
All items less food	83.939	186.2	186.4	3.7	.1	.3	.6	.1
All items less shelter	69.849	178.6	179.1	4.2	.3	.2	.8	.2
All items less medical care	95.031	181.1	181.3	3.6	.1	.2	.7	.1
Commodities less food	28.520	142.9	142.9	5.2	.0	.4	1.7	-.3
Nondurables less food	15.761	168.2	167.6	9.0	-.4	-1.1	4.0	.7
Nondurables less food and apparel	11.405	195.8	195.4	12.6	-.2	.1	4.0	-.6
Nondurables	31.823	177.7	177.5	6.1	-.1	-.6	2.3	.5
Services less rent of shelter ⁴	25.605	208.6	209.8	3.5	.6	.2	.0	.8
Services less medical care services	51.592	212.0	212.3	2.8	.1	.1	.0	.3
Energy	8.114	157.8	158.5	19.7	.4	-.3	4.3	.0
All items less energy	91.886	191.0	191.1	2.2	.1	.3	.3	.2
All items less food and energy	75.825	192.1	192.2	2.0	.1	.3	.2	.2
Commodities less food and energy commodities	24.337	140.5	140.6	.6	.1	.4	.3	.1
Energy commodities	4.183	174.5	173.7	31.5	-.5	.3	8.6	-1.7
Services less energy services	51.488	227.9	228.0	2.7	.0	.3	.1	.2
Purchasing power of the consumer dollar (1982-84=\$1.00)	-	\$.536	\$.535	-	-	-	-	-
Purchasing power of the consumer dollar (1967=\$1.00)	-	\$.180	\$.180	-	-	-	-	-

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 were calculated using a geometric means estimator.

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—		
	Aug. 2004	Sep. 2004	Oct. 2004	Nov. 2004	Feb. 2004	May 2004	Aug. 2004	Nov. 2004	May 2004	Nov. 2004
Expenditure category										
All items	185.0	185.3	186.5	186.8	4.1	5.6	1.3	3.9	4.8	2.6
Food and beverages	187.0	187.0	188.0	188.3	2.4	5.1	1.9	2.8	3.8	2.4
Food	186.6	186.5	187.5	187.9	2.4	5.3	2.0	2.8	3.9	2.4
Food at home	186.4	185.9	187.3	187.7	1.8	7.0	1.1	2.8	4.3	1.9
Cereals and bakery products	206.2	206.5	207.1	208.0	1.2	2.8	1.2	3.5	2.0	2.3
Meats, poultry, fish, and eggs	184.0	183.6	182.9	181.8	1.6	6.2	4.5	-4.7	3.8	-2
Dairy and related products	185.4	181.6	180.9	179.9	1.9	43.4	-3.4	-11.3	20.9	-7.4
Fruits and vegetables	225.1	226.4	240.5	248.9	-2.1	.9	-3.1	49.5	-6	20.3
Nonalcoholic beverages and beverage materials	139.8	140.2	139.7	139.9	5.0	-1.7	1.4	.3	1.6	.9
Other food at home	165.6	164.7	165.1	164.4	3.2	5.0	.5	-2.9	4.1	-1.2
Sugar and sweets	163.6	163.1	162.5	163.9	-1.7	.2	2.5	.7	-7	1.6
Fats and oils	169.7	169.9	168.4	168.3	11.1	18.7	1.2	-3.3	14.8	-1.1
Other foods	181.0	179.7	180.9	179.3	2.7	3.2	-.2	-3.7	2.9	-2.0
Other miscellaneous foods ^{1 2}	112.0	111.0	110.3	111.1	2.2	4.1	2.9	-3.2	3.1	-.2
Food away from home ¹	188.2	188.8	189.3	189.5	3.5	2.8	3.5	2.8	3.2	3.1
Other food away from home ²	125.3	125.5	126.4	126.4	4.7	2.9	1.6	3.6	3.8	2.6
Alcoholic beverages ¹	192.8	194.0	193.9	194.2	2.6	4.3	1.7	2.9	3.4	2.3
Housing	185.9	186.1	186.4	186.9	3.4	3.3	3.5	2.2	3.3	2.8
Shelter	213.0	213.5	213.9	213.9	2.1	4.1	2.5	1.7	3.1	2.1
Rent of primary residence ³	211.2	211.6	212.2	212.4	2.5	3.1	3.5	2.3	2.8	2.9
Lodging away from home ²	126.5	128.7	128.7	127.5	-1.6	19.5	.3	3.2	8.4	1.7
Owners' equivalent rent of primary residence ^{3 4}	204.9	205.1	205.5	205.6	1.8	3.4	2.2	1.4	2.6	1.8
Tenants' and household insurance ^{1 2}	116.5	116.8	116.5	118.1	2.5	4.6	.3	5.6	3.5	2.9
Fuels and utilities	164.0	163.0	162.6	165.8	12.8	2.0	12.9	4.5	7.3	8.6
Fuels	145.9	144.8	144.1	147.6	13.9	1.4	14.3	4.7	7.5	9.4
Fuel oil and other fuels	165.9	169.6	183.6	189.4	30.2	4.7	60.0	69.9	16.8	64.9
Gas (piped) and electricity ³	152.5	151.0	149.5	153.0	12.9	1.4	12.1	1.3	7.0	6.6
Water and sewer and trash collection services ²	125.2	125.7	126.1	126.4	8.3	5.4	5.6	3.9	6.8	4.8
Household furnishings and operations	120.4	120.6	121.7	121.5	2.3	-1.3	-2.0	3.7	.5	.8
Household operations ^{1 2}	128.0	127.6	127.9	129.2	3.9	3.2	6.8	3.8	3.6	5.3
Apparel	119.4	119.7	120.0	119.9	-1.3	4.1	-4.2	1.7	1.3	-1.3
Men's and boys' apparel	116.6	116.5	115.4	115.5	2.1	-1.0	-5.3	-3.7	.5	-4.5
Women's and girls' apparel	112.2	111.8	114.1	113.8	-4.6	10.9	-5.8	5.8	2.9	-.2
Infants' and toddlers' apparel	119.0	121.5	120.4	120.3	3.3	-9.7	-3.6	4.4	-3.4	.3
Footwear	117.7	119.9	118.7	118.8	-2.3	-1.4	.7	3.8	-1.8	2.2
Transportation	161.5	162.1	165.9	165.6	9.4	13.9	-1.5	10.5	11.7	4.4
Private transportation	158.9	159.6	163.4	162.9	10.2	14.5	-1.2	10.5	12.3	4.4
New and used motor vehicles ²	92.6	93.3	93.6	93.9	-2.1	.0	.4	5.7	-1.1	3.0
New vehicles	137.3	137.1	137.6	138.5	1.2	-.6	-3.4	3.5	.3	.0
Used cars and trucks ¹	134.6	137.3	137.6	137.5	-3.3	2.8	6.2	8.9	-.3	7.5
Motor fuel	161.1	161.5	175.4	172.0	51.3	67.4	-10.2	29.9	59.1	8.0
Gasoline (all types)	160.5	160.7	174.6	171.2	51.5	67.3	-10.0	29.5	59.2	7.9
Motor vehicle parts and equipment ¹	108.4	108.7	108.9	109.4	.4	-.4	3.4	3.7	.0	3.6
Motor vehicle maintenance and repair	203.1	202.7	203.6	204.9	1.8	2.2	4.7	3.6	2.0	4.1
Public transportation	205.1	202.1	204.8	210.1	-1.1	-2.3	-3.4	10.1	-1.7	3.1
Medical care	310.9	312.2	313.0	314.0	5.6	4.9	3.3	4.0	5.3	3.7
Medical care commodities	263.6	264.8	265.7	265.7	2.6	3.7	.5	3.2	3.2	1.8
Medical care services	323.2	324.6	325.4	326.7	6.5	5.3	4.1	4.4	5.9	4.2
Professional services	275.8	276.2	276.6	277.7	6.3	5.0	3.7	2.8	5.6	3.2
Hospital and related services ³	414.9	417.3	418.9	420.6	4.8	5.2	2.9	5.6	5.0	4.3

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Expenditure category										
Recreation ²	106.1	106.3	106.4	106.5	1.5	1.1	-1.1	1.5	1.3	0.2
Video and audio ²	103.4	103.6	104.0	103.5	-1.5	2.8	-.4	.4	.6	.0
Education and communication ²	109.9	110.3	110.0	110.3	1.5	.4	.4	1.5	.9	.9
Education ²	143.5	144.2	145.0	145.7	7.2	6.2	6.1	6.3	6.7	6.2
Educational books and supplies	355.8	353.1	354.5	357.9	9.1	6.0	4.6	2.4	7.6	3.5
Tuition, other school fees, and childcare	405.4	407.9	409.9	411.9	7.0	5.9	6.6	6.6	6.5	6.6
Communication ²	87.7	88.0	87.2	87.3	-2.2	-3.5	-4.0	-1.8	-2.9	-2.9
Information and information processing ^{1 2}	86.2	86.3	85.6	85.7	-9	-5.3	-3.6	-2.3	-3.1	-3.0
Telephone services ^{1 2}	95.2	95.5	94.8	95.1	-.4	-4.8	-3.7	-.4	-2.7	-2.1
Information technology, hardware and services ^{1 5}	15.3	15.2	15.0	14.9	-2.5	-9.7	-2.6	-10.1	-6.2	-6.4
Personal computers and peripheral equipment ^{1 2}	14.9	14.8	14.3	13.9	-7.3	-7.4	-12.4	-24.3	-7.4	-18.5
Other goods and services	313.5	314.4	314.7	315.1	2.9	1.7	2.9	2.1	2.3	2.5
Tobacco and smoking products ¹	482.6	483.9	483.0	482.5	2.6	1.0	7.1	-.1	1.8	3.4
Personal care	180.5	180.9	181.4	181.9	3.0	2.0	1.1	3.1	2.5	2.1
Personal care products ¹	153.1	154.0	154.3	154.3	3.2	.3	-5.1	3.2	1.7	-1.0
Personal care services ¹	199.5	199.7	199.9	200.6	1.9	2.9	5.0	2.2	2.4	3.6
Miscellaneous personal services	295.4	296.5	296.9	298.1	3.5	4.5	3.6	3.7	4.0	3.7
Commodity and service group										
Commodities	155.5	155.9	157.9	157.8	5.1	8.4	-1.0	6.0	6.7	2.5
Food and beverages	187.0	187.0	188.0	188.3	2.4	5.1	1.9	2.8	3.8	2.4
Commodities less food and beverages	137.8	138.3	140.8	140.4	6.8	10.1	-2.6	7.8	8.4	2.5
Nondurables less food and beverages	160.3	158.4	165.1	166.4	10.4	16.6	-3.7	16.1	13.5	5.8
Apparel	119.4	119.7	120.0	119.9	-1.3	4.1	-4.2	1.7	1.3	-1.3
Nondurables less food, beverages, and apparel	189.6	189.8	197.7	196.9	18.5	28.0	-5.3	16.3	23.1	5.0
Durables	113.3	114.1	114.5	114.8	.4	-1.4	-1.7	5.4	-.5	1.8
Services	219.6	219.9	220.1	220.8	3.2	3.2	3.3	2.2	3.2	2.8
Rent of shelter ⁴	205.1	205.7	205.9	206.0	2.0	4.2	2.4	1.8	3.1	2.1
Tenants' and household insurance ^{1 2}	116.5	116.8	116.5	118.1	2.5	4.6	.3	5.6	3.5	2.9
Gas (piped) and electricity ³	152.5	151.0	149.5	153.0	12.9	1.4	12.1	1.3	7.0	6.6
Water and sewer and trash collection services ²	125.2	125.7	126.1	126.4	8.3	5.4	5.6	3.9	6.8	4.8
Household operations ^{1 2}	128.0	127.6	127.9	129.2	3.9	3.2	6.8	3.8	3.6	5.3
Transportation services	221.4	221.4	222.1	223.3	1.3	1.1	2.6	3.5	1.2	3.0
Medical care services	323.2	324.6	325.4	326.7	6.5	5.3	4.1	4.4	5.9	4.2
Other services	254.3	255.5	255.4	256.2	2.6	1.6	1.7	3.0	2.1	2.4
Special indexes										
All items less food	184.5	185.0	186.2	186.4	4.3	5.4	1.3	4.2	4.8	2.7
All items less shelter	176.8	177.1	178.6	178.9	5.0	5.9	.9	4.8	5.4	2.9
All items less medical care	179.6	179.9	181.1	181.3	3.9	5.3	1.3	3.8	4.6	2.6
Commodities less food	139.7	140.3	142.7	142.3	6.7	9.6	-2.5	7.7	8.1	2.4
Nondurables less food	162.3	160.5	167.0	168.1	9.7	15.3	-2.9	15.1	12.4	5.7
Nondurables less food and apparel	189.0	189.1	196.6	195.4	16.6	28.0	-5.9	14.2	22.2	3.7
Nondurables	174.2	173.1	177.0	177.9	6.4	10.5	-.7	8.8	8.4	3.9
Services less rent of shelter ⁴	208.3	208.7	208.8	210.4	4.0	1.8	4.1	4.1	2.9	4.1
Services less medical care services	211.6	211.9	212.0	212.7	2.3	3.3	3.3	2.1	2.8	2.7
Energy	152.8	152.4	159.0	159.0	31.0	32.3	.5	17.2	31.6	8.6
All items less energy	189.8	190.3	190.8	191.1	1.9	3.0	1.5	2.8	2.5	2.1
All items less food and energy	190.9	191.4	191.8	192.1	1.7	2.6	1.5	2.5	2.1	2.0
Commodities less food and energy commodities	139.0	139.5	139.9	140.0	.3	.9	-1.1	2.9	.6	.9
Energy commodities	162.0	162.5	176.5	173.5	49.7	63.9	-7.5	31.6	56.6	10.3
Services less energy services	227.0	227.6	227.9	228.3	2.4	3.4	2.7	2.3	2.9	2.5

¹ Not seasonally adjusted.

² Indexes on a December 1997=100 base.

³ This index series was calculated using a Laspeyres estimator. All other item stratum index series were calculated using a geometric means estimator.

⁴ Indexes on a December 1984=100 base

⁵ Indexes on a December 1988=100 base.

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

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

(1982-84=100, unless otherwise noted)

CPI-W	Pricing schedule 1	All items									
		Indexes				Percent change to Nov.2004 from—			Percent change to Oct.2004 from—		
		Aug. 2004	Sep. 2004	Oct. 2004	Nov. 2004	Nov. 2003	Sep. 2004	Oct. 2004	Oct. 2003	Aug. 2004	Sep. 2004
U.S. city average	M	185.0	185.4	186.5	186.8	3.7	0.8	0.2	3.2	0.8	0.6
Region and area size²											
Northeast urban	M	197.2	197.7	199.0	199.4	3.9	.9	.2	3.6	.9	.7
Size A - More than 1,500,000	M	198.1	198.4	199.7	200.2	3.8	.9	.3	3.4	.8	.7
Size B/C - 50,000 to 1,500,000 ³	M	118.7	119.2	120.1	120.2	4.2	.8	.1	4.2	1.2	.8
Midwest urban	M	178.2	178.6	179.5	179.8	3.4	.7	.2	3.1	.7	.5
Size A - More than 1,500,000	M	179.8	180.2	181.1	181.2	3.1	.6	.1	2.9	.7	.5
Size B/C - 50,000 to 1,500,000 ³	M	115.7	115.9	116.6	116.9	3.7	.9	.3	3.5	.8	.6
Size D - Nonmetropolitan (less than 50,000)	M	173.4	173.7	174.4	175.2	3.6	.9	.5	3.0	.6	.4
South urban	M	179.4	179.7	180.6	180.7	3.7	.6	.1	3.3	.7	.5
Size A - More than 1,500,000	M	181.2	181.4	182.5	182.5	3.5	.6	.0	2.9	.7	.6
Size B/C - 50,000 to 1,500,000 ³	M	115.3	115.4	115.9	116.0	3.7	.5	.1	3.4	.5	.4
Size D - Nonmetropolitan (less than 50,000)	M	179.5	180.7	182.3	182.2	4.4	.8	-.1	4.3	1.6	.9
West urban	M	188.0	188.8	190.0	190.2	3.7	.7	.1	3.0	1.1	.6
Size A - More than 1,500,000	M	188.9	189.9	191.0	191.2	3.7	.7	.1	3.0	1.1	.6
Size B/C - 50,000 to 1,500,000 ³	M	117.6	117.8	118.7	118.9	3.8	.9	.2	3.2	.9	.8
Size classes											
A ⁴	M	171.4	171.8	172.8	173.0	3.5	.7	.1	3.0	.8	.6
B/C ³	M	116.2	116.5	117.2	117.3	3.8	.7	.1	3.5	.9	.6
D	M	178.8	179.7	180.8	181.1	3.8	.8	.2	3.4	1.1	.6
Selected local areas⁵											
Chicago-Gary-Kenosha, IL-IN-WI	M	183.2	183.1	184.0	184.2	2.8	.6	.1	2.7	.4	.5
Los Angeles-Riverside-Orange County, CA ...	M	186.5	187.8	189.8	190.3	5.4	1.3	.3	4.7	1.8	1.1
New York-Northern N.J.-Long Island, NY-NJ-CT-PA	M	200.3	200.6	201.9	202.2	3.9	.8	.1	3.4	.8	.6
Boston-Brockton-Nashua, MA-NH-ME-CT	1	-	208.8	-	211.0	2.6	1.1	-	-	-	-
Cleveland-Akron, OH	1	-	174.8	-	173.9	3.3	-.5	-	-	-	-
Dallas-Fort Worth, TX	1	-	180.0	-	180.5	2.8	.3	-	-	-	-
Washington-Baltimore, DC-MD-VA-WV ⁶	1	-	120.4	-	120.4	3.7	.0	-	-	-	-
Atlanta, GA	2	182.5	-	181.7	-	-	-	-	2.3	-.4	-
Detroit-Ann Arbor-Flint, MI	2	181.5	-	183.0	-	-	-	-	2.7	.8	-
Houston-Galveston-Brazoria, TX	2	167.4	-	169.5	-	-	-	-	3.4	1.3	-
Miami-Fort Lauderdale, FL	2	182.9	-	185.1	-	-	-	-	3.4	1.2	-
Philadelphia-Wilmington-Atlantic City, PA-NJ-DE-MD	2	198.0	-	199.8	-	-	-	-	5.0	.9	-
San Francisco-Oakland-San Jose, CA	2	195.0	-	196.4	-	-	-	-	2.3	.7	-
Seattle-Tacoma-Bremerton, WA	2	189.6	-	191.6	-	-	-	-	2.0	1.1	-

¹ Foods, fuels, and several other items priced every month in all areas; most other goods and services priced as indicated:

M - Every month.

1 - January, March, May, July, September, and November.

2 - February, April, June, August, October, and December.

² Regions defined as the four Census regions. See 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; Phoenix-Mesa, AZ; 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.

NOTE: Local area indexes are byproducts of the national CPI program. Each local index has a smaller sample size than the national index and is, therefore, subject to substantially more sampling and other measurement error. As a result, local area indexes show greater volatility than the national index, although their long-term trends are similar. Therefore, the Bureau of Labor Statistics strongly urges users to consider adopting the national average CPI for use in their escalator clauses.

Table 7. Chained Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers (C-CPI-U): U.S. city average, by expenditure category and commodity and service group

(December 1999=100, unless otherwise noted)

C-CPI-U	Relative importance, 2001-2002	Unadjusted indexes		Unadjusted percent change to Nov. 2004 from—	
		Oct. 2004	Nov. 2004	Nov. 2003	Oct. 2004
Expenditure category					
All items	100.000	111.1	111.1	3.1	0.0
Food and beverages	15.076	112.2	112.3	2.9	.1
Food	14.086	112.2	112.3	2.9	.1
Food at home	8.062	111.3	111.2	2.9	-.1
Food away from home	6.023	113.5	113.7	3.1	.2
Alcoholic beverages .....	.990	112.1	112.4	2.8	.3
Housing	41.793	114.9	114.7	2.9	-.2
Shelter	32.380	116.6	116.2	2.6	-.3
Fuels and utilities ¹	4.643	^R 125.1	126.4	7.4	1.0
Household furnishings and operations	4.771	96.1	95.8	.3	-.3
Apparel	4.317	93.6	92.9	-.4	-.7
Transportation	17.315	109.5	110.1	6.3	.5
Private transportation	16.206	110.0	110.5	6.7	.5
Public transportation	1.109	101.9	103.5	.0	1.6
Medical care	5.783	122.6	122.9	4.3	.2
Medical care commodities	1.466	115.7	115.5	2.6	-.2
Medical care services	4.317	124.9	125.4	4.8	.4
Recreation	5.978	103.4	103.4	.0	.0
Education and communication	6.004	99.6	99.7	.5	.1
Education	2.560	136.3	136.4	6.6	.1
Communication	3.444	78.0	78.0	-3.7	.0
Other goods and services	3.734	114.8	114.8	2.2	.0
Commodity and service group					
Services	58.567	116.9	117.0	2.9	.1
Commodities	41.433	103.6	103.6	3.4	.0
Durables	12.521	86.7	87.1	-.1	.5
Nondurables	28.912	111.7	111.5	5.0	-.2
All items less food and energy	78.985	108.8	108.8	1.9	.0
Energy ²	6.929	^R 137.6	138.1	17.8	.4

¹ Revised indexes: Sep. 2004=128.4, Aug. 2004=129.2, July 2004=128.3, June 2004=127.5.

² Revised indexes: Sep. 2004=135.7, Aug. 2004=136.5, July 2004=137.2, June 2004=139.8.

^R Revised.

Indexes for 2004 are initial estimates. Indexes for 2003 are interim adjustments.

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