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**CONSUMER PRICE INDEX: APRIL 2005**

The Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers (CPI-U) increased 0.7 percent in April, before seasonal adjustment, the Bureau of Labor Statistics of the U.S. Department of Labor reported today. The April level of 194.6 (1982-84=100) was 3.5 percent higher than in April 2004.

The Consumer Price Index for Urban Wage Earners and Clerical Workers (CPI-W) increased 0.8 percent in April, prior to seasonal adjustment. The April level of 190.2 was 3.7 percent higher than in April 2004.

The Chained Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers (C-CPI-U) increased 0.5 percent in April on a not seasonally adjusted basis. The April level of 113.1 (December 1999=100) was 2.9 percent higher than in April 2004. Please note that the indexes for the post-2003 period are subject to revision.

**CPI for All Urban Consumers (CPI-U)**

On a seasonally adjusted basis, the CPI-U rose 0.5 percent in April, following an increase of 0.6 percent in March. Energy costs advanced sharply for the third consecutive month--up 4.5 percent in April. Within energy, the index for petroleum-based energy increased 6.3 percent and the index for energy services increased 2.3 percent. The index for food rose 0.7 percent. The index for food at home increased 1.1 percent, its largest advance since a similar rise in May 2004. The index for all items less food and energy, which increased 0.4 percent in March, was virtually unchanged in April. Declines in the indexes for apparel and for lodging while away from home, which had accounted for the acceleration in March, were largely responsible for the deceleration in April.

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

Expenditure Category	Seasonally adjusted							Compound annual rate 3-mos. ended Apr. '05	Un-adjusted 12-mos. ended Apr. '05
	Changes from preceding month								
	2004			2005					
	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.		
All Items	.6	.3	.0	.1	.4	.6	.5	6.2	3.5
Food and beverages	.5	.3	.0	.1	.1	.2	.6	3.6	3.1
Housing	.2	.3	.2	.1	.4	.5	.3	4.4	3.2
Apparel	.0	.2	-.4	.3	-.2	.8	-.6	-.3	-.5
Transportation	2.1	.2	-.7	-.2	.8	1.9	1.8	19.1	7.0
Medical care	.4	.3	.3	.4	.6	.5	.2	5.1	4.3
Recreation	.1	.1	.0	.1	-.2	.0	.2	.0	.2
Education and communication	-.2	.4	.1	.1	.3	.2	.4	3.6	1.8
Other goods and services	.2	.1	.4	.4	.3	.1	.0	2.0	2.6
Special Indexes									
Energy	4.0	1.0	-1.3	-1.1	2.0	4.0	4.5	51.2	17.1
Food	.6	.3	.0	.1	.1	.2	.7	3.7	3.1
All Items less food and energy	.2	.2	.2	.2	.3	.4	.0	2.6	2.2

During the first four months of 2005, the CPI-U rose at a 4.8 percent seasonally adjusted annual rate (SAAR). This compares with an increase of 3.3 percent for all of 2004. The index for energy, which rose 16.6 percent in 2004, advanced at a 31.7 percent SAAR in the first four months of 2005. Petroleum-based energy costs increased at a 54.1 percent annual rate and charges for energy services rose at an 8.9 percent annual rate. The food index has increased at a 3.1 percent SAAR thus far this year, following a 2.7 percent rise for all of 2004. Excluding food and energy, the CPI-U advanced at a 2.6 percent SAAR in the first four months, following a 2.2 percent rise for all of 2004.

The food and beverages index increased 0.6 percent in April. The index for food at home, which rose 0.2 percent in March, advanced 1.1 percent in April. Increases in the indexes for fruits and vegetables, for nonalcoholic beverages and for other food at home--up 3.4, 1.1, and 1.3 percent, respectively--accounted for five-sixths of the advance in the April food at home index. The advance in the index for fruits and vegetables was its first increase since November. In April, the indexes for fresh vegetables and for processed fruits and vegetables rose 7.9 and 2.8 percent, respectively, while the index for fresh fruits decreased 0.7 percent. (Prior to seasonal adjustment, the index for fresh fruits rose 0.8 percent.) Increases in the indexes for coffee and for carbonated drinks--up 4.6 and 1.9 percent, respectively--accounted for the rise in the index for nonalcoholic beverages. Upturns in the indexes for snacks, for sugar and sweets, and for butter and margarine were largely responsible for the increase in the index for other food at home. The indexes for meats, poultry, fish, and eggs and for dairy products each increased 0.4 percent, while the index for cereals and bakery products was virtually unchanged. Within the first group, increases in the indexes for pork and for fish and seafood more than offset declines in poultry and egg prices. Beef prices were unchanged in April. The other two components of the food and beverage index--food away from home and alcoholic beverages--increased 0.2 and 0.1 percent, respectively.

The index for housing rose 0.3 percent in April. Shelter costs, which advanced 0.6 percent in March, were virtually unchanged in April, largely as a result of a downturn in the index for lodging away from home. The index for lodging away from home declined 1.2 percent in April, following a 3.9 percent increase in March. In April, the indexes for rent and owners' equivalent rent increased 0.3 and 0.1 percent, respectively. The index for fuels and utilities rose 2.1 percent, following a 0.1 percent increase in March. The index for fuel oil increased 4.6 percent in April to a level 39.1 percent higher than in April 2004. The indexes for gas and for electricity rose 5.6 and 0.6 percent, respectively. During the last 12 months, charges for natural gas have risen 16.4 percent and charges for electricity have increased 4.1 percent. In April, the index for household furnishings and operations was unchanged for the second consecutive month.

The transportation index rose 1.8 percent in April, largely reflecting a 6.4 percent increase in the index for gasoline. (Prior to seasonal adjustment, the price of gasoline was 10.2 percent higher than its previous peak level of last month and 24.2 percent higher than a year earlier.) The index for new vehicles declined for the second consecutive month--down 0.1 percent in April. Despite the recent declines, new vehicle prices have risen 0.9 percent during the last 12 months. The index for used cars and trucks rose 0.3 percent in April to a level 5.2 percent above April 2004. The index for public transportation increased 1.7 percent in April, reflecting increases in the indexes for airline fares and for other intercity transportation. Airline fares registered their third consecutive advance, up 3.6 percent in April, their largest monthly advance since a 5.0 percent increase in June 2001. With the recent advances, airline fares are 1.1 percent higher than in April 2004, but are 3.8 percent lower than in the month prior to the terrorist attacks in 2001.

The index for apparel decreased 0.6 percent in April after increasing 0.8 percent in March, reflecting discounting of women's and girls' apparel--down 1.3 percent. (Prior to seasonal adjustment, apparel prices rose 0.2 percent.)

Medical care costs rose 0.2 percent in April to a level 4.3 percent higher than a year ago. The index for medical care commodities--prescription drugs, nonprescription drugs, and medical supplies--was virtually unchanged in April. The index for medical care services rose 0.3 percent in April. Charges for professional services and for hospital and related services each increased 0.4 percent.

The index for recreation, which was unchanged in March, rose 0.2 percent in April. The index for recreational services rose 0.2 percent in April after declining 0.2 percent in March. Increases in the indexes for club membership dues and fees for participant sports and for fees for lessons and instructions more than offset a decline in the index for admissions to movies, theaters, concerts, and sporting events.

The index for education and communication increased 0.4 percent in April. The education index rose 0.6 percent and the index for communication costs increased 0.1 percent. Within the latter group, the index for telephone services rose 0.3 percent, reflecting increases in both local and long distance land-line telephone charges. The index for personal computers and peripheral equipment was virtually unchanged in April, but has declined 15.7 percent during the last 12 months.

The index for other goods and services was virtually unchanged in April. The index for tobacco and smoking products increased 0.1 percent. The index for miscellaneous personal services rose 0.3 percent, reflecting a 1.4 percent increase in the index for tax return preparation and other accounting fees.

### **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 0.6 percent in April.

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 Apr. '05	Un-adjusted 12-mos. ended Apr. '05
	Changes from preceding month								
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Housing	.2	.3	.2	.2	.4	.3	.3	4.1	3.2
Apparel	.0	.2	-.3	.5	-.1	.5	-.7	-1.3	-.5
Transportation	2.2	.1	-.5	-.3	.8	2.1	1.8	20.2	7.7
Medical care	.3	.3	.3	.3	.6	.4	.3	5.6	4.4
Recreation	.1	.1	-.1	.2	-.2	.0	.1	-.4	.1
Education and Communication	-.3	.3	.1	.1	.3	.1	.4	2.9	1.1
Other goods and Services	.1	.2	.4	.5	.4	.0	.0	1.6	2.8
Special Indexes									
Energy	4.2	.7	-1.3	-1.3	2.0	4.4	4.6	53.5	17.4
Food	.6	.3	.0	.1	.1	.2	.7	3.9	3.1
All Items less food and energy	.2	.2	.2	.2	.3	.2	.1	2.3	2.2

Consumer Price Index data for May are scheduled for release on Wednesday, June 15, 2005, at 8:30 A.M. (EDT).

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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. Seasonally adjusted indexes and seasonal factors are computed annually. Each year, the last 5 years of seasonally adjusted data are revised. Data from January 2000 through December 2004 were replaced in January 2005. Exceptions to the usual revision schedule were: the updated seasonal data at the end of 1977 replaced data from 1967 through 1977; and, 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: 43 of the 73 components are seasonally adjusted for 2005.

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, utility (piped) 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, changes in milk supply, and large swings in soybean oil inventories affecting the Fats and oils series. For Dairy products, it mitigated the effects of significant changes in milk, butter and cheese production levels. For Fresh vegetable series, the method was used to account for the effects of hurricane-related disruptions. 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 vehicle series, 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](mailto: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 2004	Unadjusted indexes		Unadjusted percent change to Apr. 2005 from—		Seasonally adjusted percent change from—		
		Mar. 2005	Apr. 2005	Apr. 2004	Mar. 2005	Jan. to Feb.	Feb. to Mar.	Mar. to Apr.
All items .....	100.000	193.3	194.6	3.5	0.7	0.4	0.6	0.5
All items (1967=100) .....	-	579.0	582.9	-	-	-	-	-
Food and beverages .....	15.291	189.6	190.7	3.1	.6	.1	.2	.6
Food .....	14.295	189.1	190.2	3.1	.6	.1	.2	.7
Food at home .....	8.183	188.1	189.8	3.1	.9	-2.2	.2	1.1
Cereals and bakery products .....	1.185	208.5	209.1	1.8	.3	.1	.2	.0
Meats, poultry, fish, and eggs .....	2.272	184.3	184.7	3.1	.2	.3	.2	.4
Dairy and related products .....	.849	181.4	182.2	4.7	.4	-8.8	.2	.4
Fruits and vegetables .....	1.276	233.7	240.1	5.2	2.7	-7.7	-5.5	3.4
Nonalcoholic beverages and beverage materials .....	.884	143.6	144.8	3.7	.8	-1.1	1.0	1.1
Other food at home .....	1.716	165.7	167.5	1.5	1.1	-2.2	.2	1.3
Sugar and sweets .....	.296	162.6	164.9	1.4	1.4	.5	-9.9	1.9
Fats and oils .....	.258	167.0	169.4	1.9	1.4	-9.9	-1.3	1.8
Other foods <sup>1</sup> .....	1.163	181.3	183.0	1.4	.9	-3.3	.9	.9
Other miscellaneous foods <sup>1 2</sup> .....	.301	111.9	110.8	.3	-1.0	.2	1.5	-1.0
Food away from home <sup>1</sup> .....	6.113	191.7	192.1	3.2	.2	.3	.2	.2
Other food away from home <sup>2</sup> .....	.332	129.4	129.6	3.9	.2	.9	.5	.2
Alcoholic beverages <sup>1</sup> .....	.996	195.7	195.9	2.1	.1	.5	.3	.1
Housing .....	41.993	194.1	194.4	3.2	.2	.4	.5	.3
Shelter .....	32.686	224.4	224.4	2.7	.0	.3	.6	.0
Rent of primary residence <sup>3</sup> .....	6.133	215.5	216.0	3.0	.2	.2	.2	.3
Lodging away from home <sup>2</sup> .....	3.008	138.3	136.2	5.5	-1.5	1.1	3.9	-1.2
Owners' equivalent rent of primary residence <sup>3 4</sup> .....	23.158	228.7	229.0	2.3	.1	.2	.3	.1
Tenants' and household insurance <sup>1 2</sup> .....	.387	119.0	118.2	2.2	-7.7	.2	.3	-7.7
Fuels and utilities .....	4.951	166.7	169.6	9.0	1.7	.8	.1	2.1
Fuels .....	4.021	148.4	151.5	9.8	2.1	.8	.1	2.5
Fuel oil and other fuels .....	.300	195.5	199.5	33.4	2.0	1.4	4.6	4.8
Gas (piped) and electricity <sup>3</sup> .....	3.722	152.7	155.9	8.1	2.1	.8	-3.3	2.3
Water and sewer and trash collection services <sup>2</sup> .....	.930	128.9	129.1	5.6	.2	.6	.2	.2
Household furnishings and operations .....	4.355	126.1	126.3	.6	.2	-2.2	.0	.0
Household operations <sup>1 2</sup> .....	.707	128.3	129.1	4.3	.6	.5	-2.2	.6
Apparel .....	3.841	123.5	123.7	-5.5	.2	-2.2	.8	-6.6
Men's and boys' apparel .....	.977	119.6	120.4	.1	.7	-2.2	.4	.0
Women's and girls' apparel .....	1.638	117.1	116.6	-1.8	-4.4	-6.6	2.0	-1.3
Infants' and toddlers' apparel .....	.188	119.0	121.3	.7	1.9	-7.7	-1.3	2.6
Footwear .....	.765	122.8	123.8	2.3	.8	.8	-9.9	-1.1
Transportation .....	17.414	168.8	173.2	7.0	2.6	.8	1.9	1.8
Private transportation .....	16.385	165.2	169.6	7.4	2.7	.8	2.0	1.7
New and used motor vehicles <sup>2</sup> .....	7.744	95.6	95.6	1.6	.0	.1	-1.1	.0
New vehicles .....	4.692	139.1	138.8	.9	-2.2	.1	-4.4	-1.1
Used cars and trucks <sup>1</sup> .....	2.037	137.7	138.1	5.2	.3	.1	.1	.3
Motor fuel .....	3.969	175.9	193.9	24.4	10.2	3.2	8.0	6.4
Gasoline (all types) .....	3.934	175.0	192.9	24.2	10.2	3.2	7.9	6.4
Motor vehicle parts and equipment <sup>1</sup> .....	.364	110.9	110.8	2.7	-1.1	.3	.0	-1.1
Motor vehicle maintenance and repair .....	1.341	204.7	205.0	3.2	.1	-1.1	.6	.2
Public transportation .....	1.029	210.1	215.0	1.7	2.3	.0	1.3	1.7
Medical care .....	6.132	320.7	321.5	4.3	.2	.6	.5	.2
Medical care commodities .....	1.484	273.2	273.5	1.9	.1	.4	.0	.0
Medical care services .....	4.649	334.3	335.2	5.0	.3	.6	.6	.3
Professional services .....	2.767	279.7	281.0	3.8	.5	.7	.4	.4
Hospital and related services <sup>3</sup> .....	1.516	437.3	437.1	5.7	.0	.7	.7	.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 2004	Unadjusted indexes		Unadjusted percent change to Apr. 2005 from—		Seasonally adjusted percent change from—		
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<b>Expenditure category</b>								
Recreation <sup>2</sup> .....	5.733	109.0	109.2	0.2	0.2	-0.2	0.0	0.2
Video and audio <sup>2</sup> .....	1.691	104.6	104.8	.1	.2	-0.5	.5	.2
Education and communication <sup>2</sup> .....	5.846	112.7	112.9	1.8	.2	.3	.2	.4
Education <sup>2</sup> .....	2.931	149.3	149.5	6.3	.1	.5	.5	.6
Educational books and supplies .....	.220	360.6	361.3	3.4	.2	.0	.4	.6
Tuition, other school fees, and childcare .....	2.712	430.9	431.4	6.5	.1	.5	.6	.6
Communication <sup>2</sup> .....	2.914	85.2	85.4	-2.3	.2	.0	-2.1	.1
Information and information processing <sup>1 2</sup> .....	2.737	83.1	83.2	-2.6	.1	.1	-2.1	.1
Telephone services <sup>1 2</sup> .....	2.187	95.0	95.3	-1.2	.3	.3	-1.1	.3
Information technology, hardware and services <sup>1 5</sup> .....	.550	14.0	13.9	-7.3	-7.7	-1.4	.0	-7.7
Personal computers and peripheral equipment <sup>1 2</sup> .....	.192	13.4	13.4	-15.7	.0	-3.6	-7.7	.0
Other goods and services .....	3.750	311.2	311.6	2.6	.1	.3	.1	.0
Tobacco and smoking products <sup>1</sup> .....	.804	496.6	497.0	5.0	.1	.4	.1	.1
Personal care .....	2.946	184.7	184.9	2.0	.1	.3	.1	.0
Personal care products <sup>1</sup> .....	.658	153.0	153.4	-7.7	.3	.5	-6.6	.3
Personal care services <sup>1</sup> .....	.652	203.3	203.3	3.7	.0	.5	.2	.0
Miscellaneous personal services .....	1.454	300.8	301.4	3.0	.2	.1	.2	.3
<b>Commodity and service group</b>								
Commodities .....	40.239	158.2	160.3	3.9	1.3	.4	.9	.9
Food and beverages .....	15.291	189.6	190.7	3.1	.6	.1	.2	.6
Commodities less food and beverages .....	24.948	140.4	142.9	4.4	1.8	.5	1.4	1.1
Nondurables less food and beverages .....	13.980	163.7	168.9	7.4	3.2	.3	1.7	2.2
Apparel .....	3.841	123.5	123.7	-5.2	.2	-2.2	.8	-6.6
Nondurables less food, beverages, and apparel .....	10.139	192.7	201.0	10.6	4.3	1.8	3.2	2.9
Durables .....	10.967	115.7	115.6	.5	-1.1	.1	-3.3	-2.2
Services .....	59.761	228.0	228.6	3.2	.3	.3	.4	.3
Rent of shelter <sup>4</sup> .....	32.300	233.7	233.7	2.8	.0	.4	.6	.1
Tenants' and household insurance <sup>1 2</sup> .....	.387	119.0	118.2	2.2	-7.7	.2	.3	-7.7
Gas (piped) and electricity <sup>3</sup> .....	3.722	152.7	155.9	8.1	2.1	.8	-3.3	2.3
Water and sewer and trash collection services <sup>2</sup> .....	.930	128.9	129.1	5.6	.2	.6	.2	.2
Household operations <sup>1 2</sup> .....	.707	128.3	129.1	4.3	.6	.5	-2.2	.6
Transportation services .....	6.235	223.3	224.4	2.0	.5	.0	.4	.4
Medical care services .....	4.649	334.3	335.2	5.0	.3	.6	.6	.3
Other services .....	10.833	266.1	266.7	2.7	.2	.2	.2	.3
<b>Special indexes</b>								
All items less food .....	85.705	194.0	195.3	3.6	.7	.4	.7	.5
All items less shelter .....	67.314	183.2	185.1	3.9	1.0	.3	.7	.8
All items less medical care .....	93.868	186.8	188.1	3.5	.7	.3	.6	.5
Commodities less food .....	25.943	142.5	144.9	4.3	1.7	.6	1.4	1.1
Nondurables less food .....	14.976	165.6	170.6	7.1	3.0	.4	1.5	2.0
Nondurables less food and apparel .....	11.135	192.1	199.7	9.9	4.0	1.8	3.0	2.6
Nondurables .....	29.271	177.0	180.3	5.2	1.9	.2	.9	1.5
Services less rent of shelter <sup>4</sup> .....	27.462	238.5	239.8	3.8	.5	.1	.3	.7
Services less medical care services .....	55.113	219.2	219.7	3.0	.2	.3	.4	.3
Energy .....	7.991	160.8	170.9	17.1	6.3	2.0	4.0	4.5
All items less energy .....	92.009	198.3	198.6	2.3	.2	.2	.4	.2
All items less food and energy .....	77.714	200.7	200.9	2.2	.1	.3	.4	.0
Commodities less food and energy commodities .....	21.674	141.1	141.2	.5	.1	.0	.0	-1.1
Energy commodities .....	4.269	178.0	195.2	24.9	9.7	3.1	7.8	6.3
Services less energy services .....	56.040	235.7	236.0	2.9	.1	.3	.5	.2
Purchasing power of the consumer dollar (1982-84=\$1.00) .....	-	\$ .517	\$ .514	-	-	-	-	-
Purchasing power of the consumer dollar (1967=\$1.00) .....	-	\$ .173	\$ .172	-	-	-	-	-

<sup>1</sup> Not seasonally adjusted.

<sup>2</sup> Indexes on a December 1997=100 base.

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

<sup>4</sup> Indexes on a December 1982=100 base.

<sup>5</sup> Indexes on a December 1988=100 base.

- Data not available.

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

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

(1982-84=100, unless otherwise noted)

CPI-U	Seasonally adjusted indexes				Seasonally adjusted annual rate percent change for					
					3 months ended—			6 months ended—		
	Jan. 2005	Feb. 2005	Mar. 2005	Apr. 2005	July 2004	Oct. 2004	Jan. 2005	Apr. 2005	Oct. 2004	Apr. 2005
<b>Expenditure category</b>										
All items .....	191.3	192.0	193.2	194.2	3.2	3.2	1.3	6.2	3.2	3.7
Food and beverages .....	189.1	189.2	189.6	190.8	4.8	2.2	1.5	3.6	3.5	2.6
Food .....	188.6	188.7	189.0	190.3	5.1	2.2	1.5	3.7	3.6	2.6
Food at home .....	188.0	187.7	188.0	190.0	6.4	1.3	.2	4.3	3.8	2.2
Cereals and bakery products .....	208.0	208.2	208.7	208.8	1.6	2.5	1.2	1.5	2.1	1.4
Meats, poultry, fish, and eggs .....	183.5	184.0	184.4	185.2	9.0	-1.9	1.8	3.8	3.4	2.8
Dairy and related products .....	183.1	181.6	181.9	182.6	39.1	-17.1	5.4	-1.1	7.4	2.1
Fruits and vegetables .....	235.9	234.2	233.1	241.0	-2.8	26.6	-8.7	8.9	10.9	-2
Nonalcoholic beverages and beverage materials .....	141.7	141.5	142.9	144.5	2.0	1.1	3.2	8.1	1.6	5.6
Other food at home .....	165.5	165.1	165.5	167.6	2.2	-1.4	.5	5.2	.4	2.8
Sugar and sweets .....	162.5	163.3	161.9	165.0	1.0	-.7	-1.0	6.3	.1	2.6
Fats and oils .....	170.3	168.8	166.6	169.6	13.9	-6.4	3.1	-1.6	3.3	.7
Other foods <sup>1</sup> .....	180.3	179.7	181.3	183.0	-.2	-.4	.4	6.1	-.3	3.2
Other miscellaneous foods <sup>1 2</sup> .....	110.1	110.3	111.9	110.8	-3.9	1.8	.7	2.6	-1.1	1.6
Food away from home <sup>1</sup> .....	190.8	191.4	191.7	192.1	3.5	3.5	3.0	2.8	3.5	2.9
Other food away from home <sup>2</sup> .....	127.5	128.7	129.4	129.6	1.6	4.2	3.2	6.8	2.9	5.0
Alcoholic beverages <sup>1</sup> .....	194.3	195.2	195.7	195.9	.8	2.9	1.5	3.3	1.9	2.4
Housing .....	192.3	193.0	193.9	194.4	3.4	2.3	2.5	4.4	2.9	3.5
Shelter .....	221.7	222.4	223.7	223.8	2.8	2.4	1.8	3.8	2.6	2.8
Rent of primary residence <sup>3</sup> .....	214.3	214.8	215.3	216.0	3.3	2.9	2.7	3.2	3.1	2.9
Lodging away from home <sup>2</sup> .....	127.8	129.2	134.3	132.7	3.9	5.1	-2.2	16.2	4.5	6.6
Owners' equivalent rent of primary residence <sup>3 4</sup> .....	227.6	228.1	228.7	229.0	2.5	1.8	2.1	2.5	2.2	2.3
Tenants' and household insurance <sup>1 2</sup> .....	118.5	118.7	119.0	118.2	1.4	.7	7.8	-1.0	1.0	3.3
Fuels and utilities .....	167.6	168.9	169.0	172.5	10.8	2.0	10.7	12.2	6.3	11.4
Fuels .....	149.7	150.9	151.0	154.7	11.8	1.4	11.7	14.0	6.5	12.9
Fuel oil and other fuels .....	176.1	178.6	186.9	195.8	30.8	73.9	-9.0	52.8	50.8	17.9
Gas (piped) and electricity <sup>3</sup> .....	155.4	156.7	156.2	159.8	10.7	-2.6	13.4	11.8	3.8	12.6
Water and sewer and trash collection services <sup>2</sup> .....	127.7	128.5	128.7	129.0	7.4	4.6	5.8	4.1	6.0	5.0
Household furnishings and operations .....	126.1	125.9	125.9	125.9	-.3	3.6	-.3	-.6	1.6	-.5
Household operations <sup>1 2</sup> .....	127.9	128.6	128.3	129.1	5.6	2.2	5.5	3.8	3.9	4.6
Apparel .....	120.3	120.0	120.9	120.2	-1.0	-1.3	.7	-.3	-1.2	.2
Men's and boys' apparel .....	117.6	117.4	117.9	117.9	1.0	-7.2	5.6	1.0	-3.2	3.3
Women's and girls' apparel .....	111.5	110.8	113.0	111.5	-1.1	.7	-6.2	.0	-.2	-3.2
Infants' and toddlers' apparel .....	119.4	118.6	117.1	120.1	-4.0	-.7	5.2	2.4	-2.3	3.8
Footwear .....	122.0	123.0	121.9	121.8	-5.3	7.7	7.9	-.7	1.0	3.5
Transportation .....	165.3	166.6	169.7	172.7	4.8	8.1	-2.6	19.1	6.4	7.7
Private transportation .....	161.7	163.0	166.2	169.1	5.2	9.1	-2.9	19.6	7.1	7.8
New and used motor vehicles <sup>2</sup> .....	95.4	95.5	95.4	95.4	-.4	3.5	3.4	.0	1.5	1.7
New vehicles .....	138.8	139.0	138.5	138.4	-1.4	-.6	6.9	-1.1	-1.0	2.8
Used cars and trucks <sup>1</sup> .....	137.5	137.6	137.7	138.1	2.5	15.0	2.1	1.8	8.6	1.9
Motor fuel .....	162.4	167.6	181.0	192.5	18.5	28.0	-20.3	97.4	23.2	25.4
Gasoline (all types) .....	161.6	166.8	180.0	191.6	18.3	27.9	-20.2	97.6	23.0	25.5
Motor vehicle parts and equipment <sup>1</sup> .....	110.6	110.9	110.9	110.8	3.4	2.6	4.1	.7	3.0	2.4
Motor vehicle maintenance and repair .....	203.8	203.5	204.7	205.2	3.5	2.4	4.2	2.8	2.9	3.5
Public transportation .....	207.9	208.0	210.8	214.3	-3.4	-2.5	.4	12.9	-2.9	6.5
Medical care .....	316.9	318.7	320.2	320.9	3.8	4.0	3.9	5.1	3.9	4.5
Medical care commodities .....	272.1	273.1	273.2	273.3	1.7	3.6	.4	1.8	2.6	1.1
Medical care services .....	329.5	331.5	333.6	334.6	4.6	4.2	5.0	6.3	4.4	5.7
Professional services .....	276.2	278.0	279.2	280.4	3.1	3.1	2.9	6.2	3.1	4.6
Hospital and related services <sup>3</sup> .....	429.7	432.6	435.5	437.1	6.3	3.1	6.2	7.1	4.7	6.6

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—		
	Jan. 2005	Feb. 2005	Mar. 2005	Apr. 2005	July 2004	Oct. 2004	Jan. 2005	Apr. 2005	Oct. 2004	Apr. 2005
<b>Expenditure category</b>										
Recreation <sup>2</sup> .....	109.0	108.8	108.8	109.0	0.0	0.4	0.7	0.0	0.2	0.4
Video and audio <sup>2</sup> .....	104.3	103.8	104.3	104.5	-.4	.8	-.8	.8	.2	.0
Education and communication <sup>2</sup> .....	112.4	112.7	112.9	113.4	1.1	.7	2.2	3.6	.9	2.9
Education <sup>2</sup> .....	148.3	149.0	149.8	150.7	6.4	6.3	5.9	6.6	6.3	6.3
Educational books and supplies .....	357.1	357.0	358.5	360.6	2.3	3.1	4.3	4.0	2.7	4.1
Tuition, other school fees, and childcare .....	428.0	430.2	432.6	435.3	6.7	6.6	5.8	7.0	6.7	6.4
Communication <sup>2</sup> .....	85.4	85.4	85.2	85.3	-4.1	-4.5	-.5	-.5	-4.3	-.5
Information and information processing <sup>1 2</sup> .....	83.2	83.3	83.1	83.2	-4.1	-5.1	-1.0	.0	-4.6	-.5
Telephone services <sup>1 2</sup> .....	94.8	95.1	95.0	95.3	-3.7	-4.1	.8	2.1	-3.9	1.5
Information technology, hardware and services <sup>1 5</sup> .....	14.2	14.0	14.0	13.9	-5.2	-7.9	-8.0	-8.2	-6.6	-8.1
Personal computers and peripheral equipment <sup>1 2</sup> .....	14.0	13.5	13.4	13.4	-14.3	-17.1	-15.5	-16.1	-15.7	-15.8
Other goods and services .....	309.6	310.6	311.0	311.1	2.5	2.5	3.6	2.0	2.5	2.8
Tobacco and smoking products <sup>1</sup> .....	493.9	496.1	496.6	497.0	6.2	1.5	10.0	2.5	3.8	6.2
Personal care .....	183.7	184.3	184.5	184.5	1.6	2.9	1.8	1.8	2.2	1.8
Personal care products <sup>1</sup> .....	153.1	153.9	153.0	153.4	-2.8	1.6	-2.3	.8	-.6	-.8
Personal care services <sup>1</sup> .....	201.9	202.9	203.3	203.3	2.9	3.9	5.1	2.8	3.4	3.9
Miscellaneous personal services .....	298.8	299.2	299.9	300.8	2.9	3.4	2.7	2.7	3.2	2.7
<b>Commodity and service group</b>										
Commodities .....	156.2	156.8	158.2	159.7	3.2	4.5	-1.0	9.3	3.8	4.0
Food and beverages .....	189.1	189.2	189.6	190.8	4.8	2.2	1.5	3.6	3.5	2.6
Commodities less food and beverages .....	137.8	138.5	140.4	142.0	2.1	5.7	-2.3	12.8	3.9	5.0
Nondurables less food and beverages .....	159.4	159.9	162.6	166.1	9.6	7.5	-4.2	17.9	8.6	6.3
Apparel .....	120.3	120.0	120.9	120.2	-1.0	-1.3	.7	-.3	-1.2	.2
Nondurables less food, beverages, and apparel .....	185.2	188.5	194.6	200.2	7.3	14.4	-10.5	36.6	10.8	10.6
Durables .....	115.7	115.8	115.5	115.3	-1.4	2.5	2.5	-1.4	.5	.5
Services .....	226.2	226.9	227.9	228.6	3.3	2.2	3.1	4.3	2.7	3.7
Rent of shelter <sup>4</sup> .....	230.8	231.7	233.0	233.2	2.9	2.3	1.8	4.2	2.6	3.0
Tenants' and household insurance <sup>1 2</sup> .....	118.5	118.7	119.0	118.2	1.4	.7	7.8	-1.0	1.0	3.3
Gas (piped) and electricity <sup>3</sup> .....	155.4	156.7	156.2	159.8	10.7	-2.6	13.4	11.8	3.8	12.6
Water and sewer and trash collection services <sup>2</sup> .....	127.7	128.5	128.7	129.0	7.4	4.6	5.8	4.1	6.0	5.0
Household operations <sup>1 2</sup> .....	127.9	128.6	128.3	129.1	5.6	2.2	5.5	3.8	3.9	4.6
Transportation services .....	222.3	222.3	223.1	224.0	2.0	1.8	.9	3.1	1.9	2.0
Medical care services .....	329.5	331.5	333.6	334.6	4.6	4.2	5.0	6.3	4.4	5.7
Other services .....	265.0	265.5	266.0	266.8	2.3	2.3	3.2	2.7	2.3	3.0
<b>Special indexes</b>										
All items less food .....	191.8	192.5	193.9	194.9	2.8	3.4	1.3	6.6	3.1	3.9
All items less shelter .....	181.6	182.2	183.4	184.8	3.4	3.6	1.1	7.2	3.5	4.1
All items less medical care .....	184.9	185.5	186.7	187.7	3.3	3.1	1.1	6.2	3.2	3.6
Commodities less food .....	139.8	140.6	142.5	144.0	2.0	5.9	-2.5	12.6	4.0	4.7
Nondurables less food .....	161.4	162.1	164.6	167.9	9.0	7.4	-4.1	17.1	8.2	6.0
Nondurables less food and apparel .....	185.0	188.3	193.9	198.9	7.3	13.2	-9.9	33.6	10.2	9.7
Nondurables .....	174.4	174.7	176.3	179.0	7.0	4.7	-1.4	11.0	5.8	4.6
Services less rent of shelter <sup>4</sup> .....	237.9	238.2	238.9	240.5	3.9	2.2	4.7	4.4	3.0	4.6
Services less medical care services .....	217.6	218.2	219.0	219.7	3.2	2.3	2.8	3.9	2.7	3.4
Energy .....	155.1	158.2	164.6	172.0	14.9	14.4	-6.0	51.2	14.6	19.3
All items less energy .....	196.8	197.1	197.8	198.1	2.3	2.3	2.1	2.7	2.3	2.4
All items less food and energy .....	198.9	199.4	200.1	200.2	1.9	2.3	2.0	2.6	2.1	2.3
Commodities less food and energy commodities .....	140.4	140.4	140.4	140.3	-.9	1.4	1.7	-.3	.3	.7
Energy commodities .....	164.0	169.1	182.3	193.7	19.0	30.6	-19.8	94.6	24.7	24.9
Services less energy services .....	233.4	234.1	235.2	235.6	2.8	2.5	2.4	3.8	2.6	3.1

<sup>1</sup> Not seasonally adjusted.

<sup>2</sup> Indexes on a December 1997=100 base.

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

<sup>4</sup> Indexes on a December 1982=100 base.

<sup>5</sup> 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 Apr.2005 from—			Percent change to Mar.2005 from—			
		Jan. 2005	Feb. 2005	Mar. 2005	Apr. 2005	Apr. 2004	Feb. 2005	Mar. 2005	Mar. 2004	Jan. 2005	Feb. 2005	
U.S. city average .....	M	190.7	191.8	193.3	194.6	3.5	1.5	0.7	3.1	1.4	0.8	
<b>Region and area size<sup>2</sup></b>												
Northeast urban .....	M	202.6	203.6	206.0	206.9	3.8	1.6	.4	3.7	1.7	1.2	
Size A - More than 1,500,000 .....	M	205.0	206.0	208.6	209.3	3.9	1.6	.3	3.9	1.8	1.3	
Size B/C - 50,000 to 1,500,000 <sup>3</sup> .....	M	119.4	120.1	121.3	122.0	3.3	1.6	.6	3.3	1.6	1.0	
Midwest urban .....	M	184.1	185.2	186.3	187.7	3.4	1.3	.8	2.9	1.2	.6	
Size A - More than 1,500,000 .....	M	185.9	187.1	188.3	189.6	3.2	1.3	.7	2.8	1.3	.6	
Size B/C - 50,000 to 1,500,000 <sup>3</sup> .....	M	117.3	118.1	118.7	119.6	3.5	1.3	.8	3.0	1.2	.5	
Size D - Nonmetropolitan (less than 50,000) .....	M	178.2	179.2	179.9	181.7	4.5	1.4	1.0	3.3	1.0	.4	
South urban .....	M	183.6	184.7	185.9	187.3	3.5	1.4	.8	3.2	1.3	.6	
Size A - More than 1,500,000 .....	M	185.2	186.6	187.9	189.1	3.6	1.3	.6	3.4	1.5	.7	
Size B/C - 50,000 to 1,500,000 <sup>3</sup> .....	M	117.1	117.7	118.4	119.3	3.2	1.4	.8	3.0	1.1	.6	
Size D - Nonmetropolitan (less than 50,000) .....	M	182.3	183.1	184.5	187.2	4.8	2.2	1.5	3.8	1.2	.8	
West urban .....	M	194.5	195.7	197.1	198.6	3.3	1.5	.8	2.5	1.3	.7	
Size A - More than 1,500,000 .....	M	196.7	198.3	199.8	201.3	3.4	1.5	.8	2.7	1.6	.8	
Size B/C - 50,000 to 1,500,000 <sup>3</sup> .....	M	119.5	119.6	120.4	121.4	3.1	1.5	.8	2.1	.8	.7	
<b>Size classes</b>												
A <sup>4</sup> .....	M	174.3	175.5	177.0	178.1	3.5	1.5	.6	3.2	1.5	.9	
B/C <sup>3</sup> .....	M	117.9	118.5	119.2	120.1	3.3	1.4	.8	2.8	1.1	.6	
D .....	M	183.0	183.7	184.8	186.9	4.2	1.7	1.1	3.3	1.0	.6	
<b>Selected local areas<sup>5</sup></b>												
Chicago-Gary-Kenosha, IL-IN-WI .....	M	189.9	190.5	191.3	193.2	3.2	1.4	1.0	2.7	.7	.4	
Los Angeles-Riverside-Orange County, CA ...	M	195.4	197.4	199.2	201.1	4.8	1.9	1.0	4.0	1.9	.9	
New York-Northern N.J.-Long Island, NY-NJ-CT-PA .....	M	208.1	208.9	212.4	212.5	4.2	1.7	.0	4.4	2.1	1.7	
Boston-Brockton-Nashua, MA-NH-ME-CT ....	1	211.3	-	214.2	-	-	-	-	2.6	1.4	-	
Cleveland-Akron, OH .....	1	183.3	-	186.3	-	-	-	-	3.5	1.6	-	
Dallas-Fort Worth, TX .....	1	180.0	-	181.3	-	-	-	-	2.0	.7	-	
Washington-Baltimore, DC-MD-VA-WV <sup>6</sup> .....	1	121.3	-	122.7	-	-	-	-	3.9	1.2	-	
Atlanta, GA .....	2	-	185.3	-	188.0	3.1	1.5	-	-	-	-	
Detroit-Ann Arbor-Flint, MI .....	2	-	187.8	-	189.8	2.8	1.1	-	-	-	-	
Houston-Galveston-Brazoria, TX .....	2	-	174.6	-	175.0	3.1	.2	-	-	-	-	
Miami-Fort Lauderdale, FL .....	2	-	190.6	-	193.2	4.3	1.4	-	-	-	-	
Philadelphia-Wilmington-Atlantic City, PA-NJ-DE-MD .....	2	-	200.1	-	203.3	4.4	1.6	-	-	-	-	
San Francisco-Oakland-San Jose, CA .....	2	-	201.2	-	202.5	2.1	.6	-	-	-	-	
Seattle-Tacoma-Bremerton, WA .....	2	-	197.6	-	201.3	3.6	1.9	-	-	-	-	

<sup>1</sup> 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.

<sup>2</sup> Regions defined as the four Census regions. See technical notes.

<sup>3</sup> Indexes on a December 1996=100 base.

<sup>4</sup> Indexes on a December 1986=100 base.

<sup>5</sup> 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.

<sup>6</sup> Indexes on a November 1996=100 base.

- Data not available.

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.

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 Expenditure category	Relative importance, December 2004	Unadjusted indexes		Unadjusted percent change to Apr. 2005 from—		Seasonally adjusted percent change from—		
		Mar. 2005	Apr. 2005	Apr. 2004	Mar. 2005	Jan. to Feb.	Feb. to Mar.	Mar. to Apr.
All items .....	100.000	188.6	190.2	3.7	0.8	0.4	0.6	0.6
All items (1967=100) .....	-	561.9	566.4	-	-	-	-	-
Food and beverages .....	17.024	189.1	190.1	3.0	.5	.1	.2	.6
Food .....	15.940	188.5	189.6	3.1	.6	.1	.2	.7
Food at home .....	9.540	187.4	188.9	3.1	.8	-1.1	.2	1.0
Cereals and bakery products .....	1.342	208.4	209.0	1.7	.3	.2	.2	.0
Meats, poultry, fish, and eggs .....	2.845	184.3	184.5	3.0	.1	.3	.2	.3
Dairy and related products .....	.962	181.3	182.1	4.9	.4	-9.9	.2	.4
Fruits and vegetables .....	1.407	231.3	237.5	5.3	2.7	-6.6	-4.4	3.2
Nonalcoholic beverages and beverage materials .....	1.051	143.0	144.1	3.6	.8	-3.3	1.1	1.3
Other food at home .....	1.934	165.3	167.0	1.5	1.0	-2.2	.2	1.2
Sugar and sweets .....	.311	161.8	163.9	1.2	1.3	.9	-1.0	1.9
Fats and oils .....	.311	167.2	169.4	2.0	1.3	-9.9	-1.1	1.7
Other foods <sup>1</sup> .....	1.312	181.7	183.4	1.4	.9	-3.3	.8	.9
Other miscellaneous foods <sup>1 2</sup> .....	.341	112.5	111.1	.1	-1.2	.2	1.4	-1.2
Food away from home <sup>1</sup> .....	6.400	191.6	192.0	3.2	.2	.3	.2	.2
Other food away from home <sup>2</sup> .....	.251	129.1	129.2	3.9	.1	.9	.6	.2
Alcoholic beverages <sup>1</sup> .....	1.084	196.0	196.2	2.1	.1	.4	.4	.1
Housing .....	38.973	188.9	189.4	3.2	.3	.4	.3	.3
Shelter .....	29.902	216.8	216.9	2.6	.0	.4	.4	.1
Rent of primary residence <sup>3</sup> .....	8.025	214.6	215.2	3.0	.3	.2	.3	.3
Lodging away from home <sup>2</sup> .....	1.742	137.1	135.2	4.2	-1.4	1.7	2.9	-1.1
Owners' equivalent rent of primary residence <sup>3 4</sup> .....	19.795	207.4	207.7	2.3	.1	.4	.1	.1
Tenants' and household insurance <sup>1 2</sup> .....	.339	119.4	118.5	2.2	-8.8	.1	.4	-8.8
Fuels and utilities .....	5.288	165.7	168.6	8.7	1.8	.8	.1	2.1
Fuels .....	4.336	146.8	149.8	9.3	2.0	.7	.1	2.5
Fuel oil and other fuels .....	.281	195.3	199.2	33.8	2.0	1.3	4.9	4.8
Gas (piped) and electricity <sup>3</sup> .....	4.055	151.8	155.0	8.0	2.1	.7	-3.3	2.3
Water and sewer and trash collection services <sup>2</sup> .....	.952	129.2	129.4	5.6	.2	.6	.2	.2
Household furnishings and operations .....	3.783	121.9	122.1	.7	.2	-2.2	-1.1	.1
Household operations <sup>1 2</sup> .....	.321	130.2	131.3	4.5	.8	.4	-5.5	.8
Apparel .....	4.208	123.0	123.2	-5.5	.2	-1.1	.5	-7.7
Men's and boys' apparel .....	1.063	119.6	119.9	-6.6	.3	.0	.6	-4.4
Women's and girls' apparel .....	1.664	116.8	116.1	-1.9	-6.6	-5.5	1.7	-1.6
Infants' and toddlers' apparel .....	.242	121.9	124.1	.6	1.8	-1.1	-1.4	2.1
Footwear .....	.991	121.7	122.7	2.6	.8	1.1	-8.8	-2.2
Transportation .....	19.845	167.6	172.2	7.7	2.7	.8	2.1	1.8
Private transportation .....	19.072	164.9	169.5	7.9	2.8	.9	2.1	1.8
New and used motor vehicles <sup>2</sup> .....	9.146	94.5	94.5	2.1	.0	.1	-1.1	.1
New vehicles .....	4.725	140.0	139.7	.7	-2.2	.1	-4.4	-1.1
Used cars and trucks <sup>1</sup> .....	3.536	138.5	138.9	5.1	.3	.1	.1	.3
Motor fuel .....	4.843	176.5	194.5	24.3	10.2	3.2	8.0	6.3
Gasoline (all types) .....	4.803	175.7	193.7	24.3	10.2	3.2	8.0	6.3
Motor vehicle parts and equipment <sup>1</sup> .....	.449	110.5	110.4	2.7	-1.1	.3	.1	-1.1
Motor vehicle maintenance and repair .....	1.357	206.9	207.2	3.4	.1	.0	.6	.2
Public transportation .....	.773	209.0	213.3	1.9	2.1	.0	1.4	1.5
Medical care .....	5.014	320.3	321.1	4.4	.2	.6	.4	.3
Medical care commodities .....	1.126	266.6	266.9	1.7	.1	.3	.0	.0
Medical care services .....	3.888	334.8	335.8	5.1	.3	.7	.5	.4
Professional services .....	2.270	282.3	283.6	3.8	.5	.6	.3	.4
Hospital and related services <sup>3</sup> .....	1.276	433.6	433.4	5.8	.0	.6	.7	.3

See footnotes at end of table.

**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 2004	Unadjusted indexes		Unadjusted percent change to Apr. 2005 from—		Seasonally adjusted percent change from—		
		Mar. 2005	Apr. 2005	Apr. 2004	Mar. 2005	Jan. to Feb.	Feb. to Mar.	Mar. to Apr.
<b>Expenditure category</b>								
Recreation <sup>2</sup> .....	5.546	106.5	106.8	0.1	0.3	-0.2	0.0	0.1
Video and audio <sup>2</sup> .....	1.878	103.9	104.0	.1	.1	-.3	.4	.1
Education and communication <sup>2</sup> .....	5.498	110.7	110.8	1.1	.1	.3	.1	.4
Education <sup>2</sup> .....	2.361	147.8	148.0	5.9	.1	.5	.5	.5
Educational books and supplies .....	.217	362.4	363.1	3.6	.2	.0	.4	.6
Tuition, other school fees, and childcare .....	2.145	418.0	418.5	6.2	.1	.6	.5	.5
Communication <sup>2</sup> .....	3.137	86.8	87.0	-2.2	.2	.0	-2.2	.2
Information and information processing <sup>1 2</sup> .....	2.990	85.3	85.5	-2.3	.2	.0	-2.2	.2
Telephone services <sup>1 2</sup> .....	2.473	95.1	95.4	-1.3	.3	.4	-2.2	.3
Information technology, hardware and services <sup>1 5</sup> .....	.517	14.5	14.5	-6.5	.0	-1.4	-7.0	.0
Personal computers and peripheral equipment <sup>1 2</sup> .....	.171	13.2	13.2	-15.4	.0	-2.9	-8.0	.0
Other goods and services .....	3.891	319.6	319.9	2.8	.1	.4	.0	.0
Tobacco and smoking products <sup>1</sup> .....	1.244	497.4	497.8	5.0	.1	.4	.1	.1
Personal care .....	2.648	183.0	183.2	1.7	.1	.3	-1.0	.0
Personal care products <sup>1</sup> .....	.712	153.3	153.6	-1.0	.2	.6	-6.2	.2
Personal care services <sup>1</sup> .....	.611	203.6	203.6	3.6	.0	.4	.1	.0
Miscellaneous personal services .....	1.160	300.8	301.5	2.9	.2	-.1	.2	.3
<b>Commodity and service group</b>								
Commodities .....	44.809	159.2	161.5	4.3	1.4	.4	1.0	1.0
Food and beverages .....	17.024	189.1	190.1	3.0	.5	.1	.2	.6
Commodities less food and beverages .....	27.786	142.2	145.0	5.1	2.0	.6	1.5	1.2
Nondurables less food and beverages .....	15.322	167.8	173.6	8.2	3.5	.4	1.8	2.3
Apparel .....	4.208	123.0	123.2	-.5	.2	-.1	.5	-.7
Nondurables less food, beverages, and apparel .....	11.113	199.4	208.9	11.7	4.8	2.0	3.6	2.9
Durables .....	12.464	115.3	115.3	1.2	.0	.1	-.3	.0
Services .....	55.191	223.2	223.8	3.1	.3	.4	.3	.4
Rent of shelter <sup>4</sup> .....	29.562	208.8	208.9	2.6	.0	.4	.4	.1
Tenants' and household insurance <sup>1 2</sup> .....	.339	119.4	118.5	2.2	-.8	.1	.4	-.8
Gas (piped) and electricity <sup>3</sup> .....	4.055	151.8	155.0	8.0	2.1	.7	-.3	2.3
Water and sewer and trash collection services <sup>2</sup> .....	.952	129.2	129.4	5.6	.2	.6	.2	.2
Household operations <sup>1 2</sup> .....	.321	130.2	131.3	4.5	.8	.4	-.5	.8
Transportation services .....	6.166	224.0	224.8	2.1	.4	.0	.3	.3
Medical care services .....	3.888	334.8	335.8	5.1	.3	.7	.5	.4
Other services .....	9.907	258.1	258.7	2.3	.2	.2	.2	.3
<b>Special indexes</b>								
All items less food .....	84.060	188.5	190.1	3.8	.8	.4	.7	.6
All items less shelter .....	70.098	180.4	182.4	4.1	1.1	.4	.7	.8
All items less medical care .....	94.986	183.1	184.6	3.6	.8	.3	.6	.7
Commodities less food .....	28.870	144.1	146.8	4.9	1.9	.6	1.5	1.1
Nondurables less food .....	16.406	169.5	175.1	7.8	3.3	.5	1.7	2.1
Nondurables less food and apparel .....	12.197	198.3	206.9	10.9	4.3	1.8	3.5	2.5
Nondurables .....	32.346	179.0	182.5	5.5	2.0	.3	1.0	1.5
Services less rent of shelter <sup>4</sup> .....	25.628	211.6	212.7	3.7	.5	.2	.2	.7
Services less medical care services .....	51.303	214.7	215.4	3.0	.3	.3	.2	.4
Energy .....	9.179	160.9	171.4	17.4	6.5	2.0	4.4	4.6
All items less energy .....	90.821	192.9	193.3	2.3	.2	.2	.2	.2
All items less food and energy .....	74.881	194.2	194.5	2.2	.2	.3	.2	.1
Commodities less food and energy commodities .....	23.745	141.3	141.4	.9	.1	.0	.0	-.1
Energy commodities .....	5.124	178.1	195.5	24.8	9.8	3.1	7.9	6.2
Services less energy services .....	51.136	231.1	231.4	2.7	.1	.3	.3	.2
Purchasing power of the consumer dollar (1982-84=\$1.00) .....	-	\$.530	\$.526	-	-	-	-	-
Purchasing power of the consumer dollar (1967=\$1.00) .....	-	\$.178	\$.177	-	-	-	-	-

<sup>1</sup> Not seasonally adjusted.

<sup>2</sup> Indexes on a December 1997=100 base.

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

<sup>4</sup> Indexes on a December 1984=100 base

<sup>5</sup> 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—			
	Jan. 2005	Feb. 2005	Mar. 2005	Apr. 2005	July 2004	Oct. 2004	Jan. 2005	Apr. 2005	Oct. 2004	Apr. 2005	
<b>Expenditure category</b>											
All items .....	186.9	187.6	188.7	189.9	3.5	3.3	1.3	6.6	3.4	3.9	
Food and beverages .....	188.5	188.6	189.0	190.2	5.1	2.2	1.3	3.7	3.6	2.5	
Food .....	188.0	188.1	188.5	189.8	5.5	1.9	1.3	3.9	3.7	2.6	
Food at home .....	187.1	186.9	187.3	189.2	6.9	.9	.2	4.6	3.9	2.4	
Cereals and bakery products .....	207.8	208.3	208.7	208.8	1.8	2.0	1.2	1.9	1.9	1.6	
Meats, poultry, fish, and eggs .....	183.5	184.0	184.4	185.0	9.5	-1.7	1.5	3.3	3.7	2.4	
Dairy and related products .....	183.0	181.4	181.7	182.4	40.4	-17.7	5.9	-1.3	7.5	2.2	
Fruits and vegetables .....	233.1	231.8	230.9	238.4	-2.6	28.0	-9.8	9.4	11.6	-.7	
Nonalcoholic beverages and beverage materials .....	141.1	140.7	142.2	144.1	1.7	.9	3.5	8.8	1.3	6.1	
Other food at home .....	165.1	164.8	165.1	167.1	2.0	-1.7	.7	4.9	.1	2.8	
Sugar and sweets .....	161.5	162.9	161.3	164.3	.5	.2	-2.4	7.1	.4	2.2	
Fats and oils .....	170.2	168.6	166.7	169.6	14.2	-6.8	3.1	-1.4	3.2	.8	
Other foods <sup>1</sup> .....	180.8	180.2	181.7	183.4	-.2	-.9	1.1	5.9	-.6	3.5	
Other miscellaneous foods <sup>1 2</sup> .....	110.7	110.9	112.5	111.1	-4.6	2.2	1.5	1.5	-1.3	1.5	
Food away from home <sup>1</sup> .....	190.6	191.2	191.6	192.0	3.3	3.7	2.8	3.0	3.5	2.9	
Other food away from home <sup>2</sup> .....	127.3	128.4	129.2	129.4	2.3	4.2	2.9	6.8	3.2	4.8	
Alcoholic beverages <sup>1</sup> .....	194.4	195.2	196.0	196.2	.2	3.6	1.0	3.8	1.9	2.4	
Housing .....	187.7	188.4	189.0	189.6	3.3	2.4	2.8	4.1	2.8	3.5	
Shelter .....	214.8	215.6	216.4	216.6	2.7	2.3	1.9	3.4	2.5	2.6	
Rent of primary residence <sup>3</sup> .....	213.5	214.0	214.6	215.2	3.1	3.1	2.7	3.2	3.1	2.9	
Lodging away from home <sup>2</sup> .....	127.3	129.5	133.3	131.8	3.2	3.2	-3.7	14.9	3.2	5.2	
Owners' equivalent rent of primary residence <sup>3 4</sup> .....	206.4	207.2	207.4	207.7	2.6	1.8	2.0	2.5	2.2	2.3	
Tenants' and household insurance <sup>1 2</sup> .....	118.8	118.9	119.4	118.5	1.0	.7	8.1	-1.0	.9	3.5	
Fuels and utilities .....	166.7	168.0	168.1	171.6	11.1	1.5	10.2	12.3	6.2	11.2	
Fuels .....	148.2	149.3	149.4	153.1	11.9	.8	11.3	13.9	6.2	12.6	
Fuel oil and other fuels .....	175.1	177.3	186.0	194.9	32.8	76.2	-10.8	53.5	53.0	17.0	
Gas (piped) and electricity <sup>3</sup> .....	154.5	155.6	155.2	158.8	10.7	-2.9	13.2	11.6	3.7	12.4	
Water and sewer and trash collection services <sup>2</sup> .....	128.0	128.8	129.0	129.3	7.4	4.9	6.2	4.1	6.1	5.1	
Household furnishings and operations .....	121.9	121.7	121.6	121.7	-1.3	4.0	.3	-.7	1.3	-.2	
Household operations <sup>1 2</sup> .....	130.3	130.8	130.2	131.3	6.2	1.3	7.7	3.1	3.7	5.4	
Apparel .....	120.1	120.0	120.6	119.7	-1.0	-1.0	1.3	-1.3	-1.0	.0	
Men's and boys' apparel .....	117.1	117.1	117.8	117.3	.3	-7.6	4.6	.7	-3.7	2.6	
Women's and girls' apparel .....	111.5	110.9	112.8	111.0	-1.1	1.1	-6.2	-1.8	.0	-4.0	
Infants' and toddlers' apparel .....	123.0	121.7	120.0	122.5	-3.9	.0	7.8	-1.6	-2.0	3.0	
Footwear .....	120.9	122.2	121.2	120.9	-3.0	5.2	8.7	.0	1.0	4.3	
Transportation .....	163.9	165.2	168.6	171.6	5.1	9.5	-3.1	20.2	7.3	7.9	
Private transportation .....	161.2	162.6	166.0	169.0	5.7	10.2	-3.6	20.8	7.9	7.9	
New and used motor vehicles <sup>2</sup> .....	94.3	94.4	94.3	94.4	-.4	5.3	3.5	.4	2.4	1.9	
New vehicles .....	139.7	139.9	139.4	139.3	-1.7	-.9	6.9	-1.1	-1.3	2.8	
Used cars and trucks <sup>1</sup> .....	138.3	138.4	138.5	138.9	2.8	14.6	2.1	1.7	8.5	1.9	
Motor fuel .....	162.9	168.1	181.6	193.0	19.0	28.2	-20.7	97.0	23.5	25.0	
Gasoline (all types) .....	162.1	167.3	180.7	192.1	19.4	28.0	-20.9	97.2	23.6	24.9	
Motor vehicle parts and equipment <sup>1</sup> .....	110.1	110.4	110.5	110.4	2.6	2.6	4.5	1.1	2.6	2.8	
Motor vehicle maintenance and repair .....	205.8	205.7	206.9	207.4	3.6	2.8	4.2	3.1	3.2	3.7	
Public transportation .....	206.7	206.8	209.6	212.8	-3.2	-3.4	2.4	12.3	-3.3	7.2	
Medical care .....	316.2	318.2	319.5	320.5	3.7	4.1	3.9	5.6	3.9	4.7	
Medical care commodities .....	265.7	266.5	266.6	266.7	1.2	3.5	.3	1.5	2.4	.9	
Medical care services .....	329.6	332.0	333.8	335.1	4.5	4.3	4.9	6.8	4.4	5.9	
Professional services .....	279.1	280.7	281.5	282.7	3.0	3.4	3.4	5.3	3.2	4.3	
Hospital and related services <sup>3</sup> .....	426.1	428.7	431.9	433.4	6.1	3.0	6.7	7.0	4.5	6.9	

See footnotes at end of table.

**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-Continued**

(1982-84=100, unless otherwise noted)

CPI-W	Seasonally adjusted indexes				Seasonally adjusted annual rate percent change for					
					3 months ended—			6 months ended—		
	Jan. 2005	Feb. 2005	Mar. 2005	Apr. 2005	July 2004	Oct. 2004	Jan. 2005	Apr. 2005	Oct. 2004	Apr. 2005
<b>Expenditure category</b>										
Recreation <sup>2</sup> .....	106.6	106.4	106.4	106.5	-0.4	0.4	0.8	-0.4	0.0	0.2
Video and audio <sup>2</sup> .....	103.5	103.2	103.6	103.7	.4	.8	-1.2	.8	.6	-2
Education and communication <sup>2</sup> .....	110.4	110.7	110.8	111.2	.0	.0	1.8	2.9	.0	2.4
Education <sup>2</sup> .....	146.8	147.6	148.3	149.1	5.8	6.3	5.3	6.4	6.1	5.9
Educational books and supplies .....	358.6	358.6	360.2	362.3	2.2	4.0	3.9	4.2	3.1	4.0
Tuition, other school fees, and childcare .....	415.2	417.6	419.7	421.9	6.2	6.5	5.5	6.6	6.3	6.0
Communication <sup>2</sup> .....	87.0	87.0	86.8	87.0	-4.0	-4.5	-.5	.0	-4.2	-.2
Information and information processing <sup>1 2</sup> .....	85.5	85.5	85.3	85.5	-3.6	-5.0	-.5	.0	-4.3	-.2
Telephone services <sup>1 2</sup> .....	94.9	95.3	95.1	95.4	-3.7	-4.1	.4	2.1	-3.9	1.3
Information technology, hardware and services <sup>1 5</sup> .....	14.8	14.6	14.5	14.5	-5.1	-7.6	-5.2	-7.9	-6.3	-6.6
Personal computers and peripheral equipment <sup>1 2</sup> .....	13.7	13.3	13.2	13.2	-14.5	-17.4	-15.8	-13.8	-16.0	-14.8
Other goods and services .....	318.2	319.4	319.4	319.5	2.7	2.2	4.5	1.6	2.5	3.1
Tobacco and smoking products <sup>1</sup> .....	494.9	496.9	497.4	497.8	6.5	1.2	10.2	2.4	3.8	6.2
Personal care .....	182.3	182.9	182.8	182.8	1.1	2.7	2.0	1.1	1.9	1.5
Personal care products <sup>1</sup> .....	153.3	154.2	153.3	153.6	-3.1	1.0	-2.6	.8	-1.0	-9
Personal care services <sup>1</sup> .....	202.4	203.3	203.6	203.6	3.1	3.7	5.1	2.4	3.4	3.7
Miscellaneous personal services .....	299.5	299.2	299.9	300.9	2.9	3.6	3.3	1.9	3.2	2.6
<b>Commodity and service group</b>										
Commodities .....	157.1	157.7	159.3	160.9	3.7	5.0	-1.0	10.0	4.3	4.4
Food and beverages .....	188.5	188.6	189.0	190.2	5.1	2.2	1.3	3.7	3.6	2.5
Commodities less food and beverages .....	139.4	140.2	142.3	144.0	2.4	7.1	-2.5	13.9	4.7	5.3
Nondurables less food and beverages .....	163.2	163.9	166.8	170.7	10.8	7.9	-4.3	19.7	9.3	7.0
Apparel .....	120.1	120.0	120.6	119.7	-1.0	-1.0	1.3	-1.3	-1.0	.0
Nondurables less food, beverages, and apparel .....	190.9	194.7	201.8	207.6	9.1	14.9	-11.3	39.9	12.0	11.4
Durables .....	115.3	115.4	115.1	115.1	-1.4	4.3	2.8	-.7	1.4	1.1
Services .....	221.8	222.6	223.2	224.0	3.2	2.0	3.1	4.0	2.6	3.6
Rent of shelter <sup>4</sup> .....	206.7	207.5	208.4	208.7	2.6	2.0	1.8	3.9	2.3	2.8
Tenants' and household insurance <sup>1 2</sup> .....	118.8	118.9	119.4	118.5	1.0	.7	8.1	-1.0	.9	3.5
Gas (piped) and electricity <sup>3</sup> .....	154.5	155.6	155.2	158.8	10.7	-2.9	13.2	11.6	3.7	12.4
Water and sewer and trash collection services <sup>2</sup> .....	128.0	128.8	129.0	129.3	7.4	4.9	6.2	4.1	6.1	5.1
Household operations <sup>1 2</sup> .....	130.3	130.8	130.2	131.3	6.2	1.3	7.7	3.1	3.7	5.4
Transportation services .....	223.2	223.1	223.8	224.4	2.4	2.0	1.6	2.2	2.2	1.9
Medical care services .....	329.6	332.0	333.8	335.1	4.5	4.3	4.9	6.8	4.4	5.9
Other services .....	257.1	257.6	258.1	258.8	1.6	1.9	2.9	2.7	1.7	2.8
<b>Special indexes</b>										
All items less food .....	186.5	187.3	188.6	189.7	3.1	3.5	1.3	7.0	3.3	4.1
All items less shelter .....	178.7	179.4	180.7	182.2	3.7	3.9	.9	8.1	3.8	4.4
All items less medical care .....	181.4	182.0	183.1	184.3	3.4	3.4	1.1	6.5	3.4	3.8
Commodities less food .....	141.3	142.2	144.3	145.9	2.6	6.7	-2.5	13.7	4.7	5.3
Nondurables less food .....	165.0	165.8	168.7	172.3	10.1	7.8	-4.2	18.9	9.0	6.7
Nondurables less food and apparel .....	190.4	193.8	200.5	205.6	8.7	14.0	-10.4	36.0	11.3	10.4
Nondurables .....	176.2	176.8	178.5	181.2	7.4	4.9	-1.6	11.8	6.1	4.9
Services less rent of shelter <sup>4</sup> .....	211.2	211.6	212.0	213.4	3.9	1.9	4.7	4.2	2.9	4.5
Services less medical care services .....	213.6	214.2	214.7	215.6	3.3	1.9	2.9	3.8	2.6	3.3
Energy .....	154.8	157.9	164.8	172.3	15.8	14.7	-7.2	53.5	15.2	19.4
All items less energy .....	191.7	192.1	192.5	192.9	2.1	2.3	2.1	2.5	2.2	2.3
All items less food and energy .....	192.8	193.3	193.7	193.9	1.7	2.3	2.1	2.3	2.0	2.2
Commodities less food and energy commodities .....	140.6	140.6	140.6	140.5	-.6	2.3	2.3	-.3	.9	1.0
Energy commodities .....	164.1	169.2	182.5	193.8	19.6	30.3	-20.2	94.5	24.8	24.6
Services less energy services .....	229.2	230.0	230.7	231.1	2.7	2.3	2.3	3.4	2.5	2.8

<sup>1</sup> Not seasonally adjusted.

<sup>2</sup> Indexes on a December 1997=100 base.

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

<sup>4</sup> Indexes on a December 1984=100 base

<sup>5</sup> 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 Apr.2005 from—			Percent change to Mar.2005 from—		
		Jan. 2005	Feb. 2005	Mar. 2005	Apr. 2005	Apr. 2004	Feb. 2005	Mar. 2005	Mar. 2004	Jan. 2005	Feb. 2005
U.S. city average .....	M	186.3	187.3	188.6	190.2	3.7	1.5	0.8	3.1	1.2	0.7
<b>Region and area size<sup>2</sup></b>											
Northeast urban .....	M	199.0	200.0	201.8	202.9	3.7	1.5	.5	3.4	1.4	.9
Size A - More than 1,500,000 .....	M	200.1	201.1	202.8	203.8	3.8	1.3	.5	3.5	1.3	.8
Size B/C - 50,000 to 1,500,000 <sup>3</sup> .....	M	119.6	120.1	121.2	122.1	3.4	1.7	.7	3.1	1.3	.9
Midwest urban .....	M	179.1	180.2	181.2	182.8	3.7	1.4	.9	3.1	1.2	.6
Size A - More than 1,500,000 .....	M	180.4	181.3	182.5	184.1	3.5	1.5	.9	3.0	1.2	.7
Size B/C - 50,000 to 1,500,000 <sup>3</sup> .....	M	116.4	117.2	117.8	118.8	3.7	1.4	.8	3.2	1.2	.5
Size D - Nonmetropolitan (less than 50,000) .....	M	175.7	176.5	177.3	179.1	4.6	1.5	1.0	3.4	.9	.5
South urban .....	M	180.5	181.5	182.7	184.3	3.8	1.5	.9	3.4	1.2	.7
Size A - More than 1,500,000 .....	M	182.6	184.0	185.3	186.7	3.9	1.5	.8	3.6	1.5	.7
Size B/C - 50,000 to 1,500,000 <sup>3</sup> .....	M	115.7	116.3	117.0	117.9	3.4	1.4	.8	3.2	1.1	.6
Size D - Nonmetropolitan (less than 50,000) .....	M	181.9	182.7	184.1	186.7	5.0	2.2	1.4	4.1	1.2	.8
West urban .....	M	189.5	190.5	192.0	193.7	3.4	1.7	.9	2.6	1.3	.8
Size A - More than 1,500,000 .....	M	190.1	191.6	193.2	194.9	3.6	1.7	.9	2.8	1.6	.8
Size B/C - 50,000 to 1,500,000 <sup>3</sup> .....	M	118.9	119.0	119.8	120.8	3.1	1.5	.8	2.2	.8	.7
<b>Size classes</b>											
A <sup>4</sup> .....	M	172.6	173.7	175.0	176.3	3.7	1.5	.7	3.2	1.4	.7
B/C <sup>3</sup> .....	M	117.0	117.5	118.3	119.2	3.4	1.4	.8	3.0	1.1	.7
D .....	M	181.0	181.7	182.9	185.1	4.5	1.9	1.2	3.5	1.0	.7
<b>Selected local areas<sup>5</sup></b>											
Chicago-Gary-Kenosha, IL-IN-WI .....	M	183.5	184.2	184.8	186.9	3.5	1.5	1.1	2.8	.7	.3
Los Angeles-Riverside-Orange County, CA ...	M	188.5	190.3	192.1	194.2	4.9	2.0	1.1	3.9	1.9	.9
New York-Northern N.J.-Long Island, NY-NJ-CT-PA .....	M	202.6	203.3	205.5	206.0	3.8	1.3	.2	3.7	1.4	1.1
Boston-Brockton-Nashua, MA-NH-ME-CT ....	1	210.3	-	213.1	-	-	-	-	2.7	1.3	-
Cleveland-Akron, OH .....	1	174.5	-	177.2	-	-	-	-	3.6	1.5	-
Dallas-Fort Worth, TX .....	1	180.3	-	181.6	-	-	-	-	2.3	.7	-
Washington-Baltimore, DC-MD-VA-WV <sup>6</sup> .....	1	120.7	-	122.3	-	-	-	-	4.0	1.3	-
Atlanta, GA .....	2	-	183.4	-	186.0	3.3	1.4	-	-	-	-
Detroit-Ann Arbor-Flint, MI .....	2	-	182.6	-	185.2	3.3	1.4	-	-	-	-
Houston-Galveston-Brazoria, TX .....	2	-	171.8	-	172.8	3.6	.6	-	-	-	-
Miami-Fort Lauderdale, FL .....	2	-	188.3	-	191.2	4.7	1.5	-	-	-	-
Philadelphia-Wilmington-Atlantic City, PA-NJ-DE-MD .....	2	-	200.0	-	202.9	4.6	1.5	-	-	-	-
San Francisco-Oakland-San Jose, CA .....	2	-	197.3	-	199.3	2.4	1.0	-	-	-	-
Seattle-Tacoma-Bremerton, WA .....	2	-	192.4	-	196.2	3.8	2.0	-	-	-	-

<sup>1</sup> 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.

<sup>2</sup> Regions defined as the four Census regions. See technical notes.

<sup>3</sup> Indexes on a December 1996=100 base.

<sup>4</sup> Indexes on a December 1986=100 base.

<sup>5</sup> 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.

<sup>6</sup> Indexes on a November 1996=100 base.

- Data not available.

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.

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

**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)

<b>C-CPI-U</b>	Relative importance, 2001-2002	Unadjusted indexes		Unadjusted percent change to Apr. 2005 from—	
		Mar. 2005	Apr. 2005	Apr. 2004	Mar. 2005
<b>Expenditure category</b>					
All items .....	100.000	112.5	113.1	2.9	0.5
Food and beverages .....	15.076	112.7	113.3	2.9	.5
Food .....	14.086	112.7	113.4	3.1	.6
Food at home .....	8.062	110.9	111.8	2.9	.8
Food away from home .....	6.023	115.1	115.3	3.1	.2
Alcoholic beverages .....	.990	113.0	113.1	2.1	.1
Housing .....	41.793	116.8	117.0	3.0	.2
Shelter .....	32.380	118.3	118.3	2.6	.0
Fuels and utilities .....	4.643	129.1	130.9	8.2	1.4
Household furnishings and operations .....	4.771	96.6	96.6	.1	.0
Apparel .....	4.317	93.1	93.2	-.9	.1
Transportation .....	17.315	111.5	113.7	5.8	2.0
Private transportation .....	16.206	112.1	114.3	6.0	2.0
Public transportation .....	1.109	103.8	106.3	1.4	2.4
Medical care .....	5.783	125.3	125.7	4.1	.3
Medical care commodities .....	1.466	116.0	116.2	1.8	.2
Medical care services .....	4.317	128.6	129.0	4.9	.3
Recreation .....	5.978	103.5	103.6	-.5	.1
Education and communication .....	6.004	100.1	100.2	.4	.1
Education .....	2.560	137.6	137.7	6.1	.1
Communication .....	3.444	77.6	77.7	-3.6	.1
Other goods and services .....	3.734	116.1	116.2	2.5	.1
<b>Commodity and service group</b>					
Services .....	58.567	118.8	119.1	2.9	.3
Commodities .....	41.433	104.5	105.5	2.9	1.0
Durables .....	12.521	88.2	88.1	.1	-.1
Nondurables .....	28.912	112.3	113.9	4.1	1.4
All items less food and energy .....	78.985	110.1	110.3	1.9	.2
Energy .....	6.929	140.4	148.1	15.6	5.5

Indexes for 2005 are initial estimates. Indexes for 2004 are interim adjustments.  
NOTE: Index applies to a month as a whole, not to any specific date.