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## CONSUMER PRICE INDEX: DECEMBER 2005

The Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers (CPI-U) decreased 0.4 percent in December, before seasonal adjustment, the Bureau of Labor Statistics of the U.S. Department of Labor reported today. The December level of 196.8 (1982-84=100) was 3.4 percent higher than in December 2004.

The Consumer Price Index for Urban Wage Earners and Clerical Workers (CPI-W) decreased 0.5 percent in December, prior to seasonal adjustment. The December level of 192.5 was 3.5 percent higher than in December 2004.

The Chained Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers (C-CPI-U) decreased 0.3 percent in December on a not seasonally adjusted basis. The December level of 114.0 (December 1999=100) was 2.8 percent higher than in December 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 decreased for the second consecutive month--down 0.1 percent in December--again reflecting a large decline in energy prices. The index for energy declined 2.2 percent in December, its third consecutive monthly decrease. Within energy, the index for petroleum-based energy declined 2.7 percent and the index for energy services fell 1.7 percent. The index for food rose 0.2 percent in December, following increases of 0.3 percent in each of the preceding three months. The index for all items less food and energy rose 0.2 percent in December, the same as in each of the preceding two months, after registering increases of 0.1 percent in each of the prior five months. Shelter costs rose 0.3 percent in December and accounted for about 70 percent of the advance in the index for all items less food and energy.

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

Expenditure Category	Seasonally adjusted							Un- adjusted 12-mos. ended Dec. '05	
	Changes from preceding month								
	2005								
	June	July	Aug.	Sep.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.		
All Items	.0	.5	.5	1.2	.2	-.6	-.1	-1.6	3.4
Food and beverages	.0	.2	.1	.2	.3	.3	.1	2.7	2.3
Housing	.1	.4	.2	.4	.9	.5	.1	6.0	4.0
Apparel	-.7	-.9	1.0	-.1	-.4	.2	-.3	-2.3	-1.1
Transportation	-.1	1.5	2.2	5.1	-1.3	-4.8	-.8	-24.6	4.8
Medical care	.2	.4	.0	.3	.5	.6	.1	5.1	4.3
Recreation	-.3	.1	.3	.4	.2	.0	.0	0.7	1.1
Education and communication	.1	.2	-.1	.7	-.1	.4	.3	2.5	2.4
Other goods and services	.0	.6	.2	.1	.1	.3	.5	4.0	3.1
Special Indexes									
Energy	-.5	3.8	5.0	12.0	-.2	-8.0	-2.2	-35.2	17.1
Food	.1	.2	.0	.3	.3	.3	.2	3.0	2.3
All Items less food and energy	.1	.1	.1	.1	.2	.2	.2	2.8	2.2

Consumer prices declined at a seasonally adjusted annual rate (SAAR) of 1.6 percent in the fourth quarter of 2005. This followed increases in the first three quarters at annual rates of 4.3, 1.9, and 9.4 percent, respectively. For the 12 month period ended in December, the CPI rose 3.4 percent. This compares with an increase of 3.3 percent in 2004. In 2005, the index for energy rose 17.1 percent, following a 16.6 percent increase in 2004, and accounted for about 40 percent of the overall advance in the CPI-U. While the increases in the overall energy indexes for 2004 and 2005 were similar, the composition was different. Petroleum based energy accounted for nearly 80 percent of the 2004 increase, but just over half of the 2005 increase in the energy component. The food index, which rose 2.7 percent in 2004, increased 2.3 percent in 2005. The index for food at home rose 1.7 percent in 2005, following a 2.4 percent increase in 2004. Smaller increases in the indexes for fruits and vegetables and for dairy products were largely responsible for the moderation.

Excluding food and energy, the CPI-U advanced at a 2.8 percent SAAR in the fourth quarter, following increases at rates of 3.3, 1.2, and 1.4 percent in the first three quarters of 2005. The 2.2 percent advance for all of 2005 was the same as in 2004. Even within the index for all items less food and energy, price movements of the major groups were similar in the two years. The larger increase in the housing group and the smaller advance in the transportation component in 2005 were largely attributable to the relative movements of the energy components within the groups during the two years. Household fuels rose 18.0 percent in 2005 after advancing 8.4 percent in 2004, while motor fuels rose 16.2 percent after increasing 26.1 percent in 2004. The annual rates for selected groups for the last eight years are shown below.

**Percentage change 12 months  
ended in December**

	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005
All items	1.6	2.7	3.4	1.6	2.4	1.9	3.3	3.4
Food and beverages	2.3	2.0	2.8	2.8	1.5	3.5	2.6	2.3
Housing	2.3	2.2	4.3	2.9	2.4	2.2	3.0	4.0
Apparel	-.7	-.5	-1.8	-3.2	-1.8	-2.1	-.2	-1.1
Transportation	-1.7	5.4	4.1	-3.8	3.8	.3	6.5	4.8
Medical care	3.4	3.7	4.2	4.7	5.0	3.7	4.2	4.3
Recreation	1.2	.8	1.7	1.5	1.1	1.1	.7	1.1
Education and communication	.7	1.6	1.3	3.2	2.2	1.6	1.5	2.4
Other goods and services	8.8	5.1	4.2	4.5	3.3	1.5	2.5	3.1
<b>Special indexes</b>								
Energy	-8.8	13.4	14.2	-13.0	10.7	6.9	16.6	17.1
Energy commodities	-15.1	29.5	15.7	-24.5	23.7	6.9	26.7	16.7
Energy services	-3.3	1.2	12.7	-1.5	.4	6.9	6.8	17.6
All items less energy	2.4	2.0	2.6	2.8	1.8	1.5	2.2	2.2
Food	2.3	1.9	2.8	2.8	1.5	3.6	2.7	2.3
All items less food and energy	2.4	1.9	2.6	2.7	1.9	1.1	2.2	2.2

The food and beverages index rose 0.1 percent in December. The index for food at home also advanced 0.1 percent after registering increases of 0.3 percent in each of the preceding three months. The index for fruits and vegetables increased 0.9 percent in December. Increases in the indexes for fresh vegetables and for processed fruits and vegetables--up 2.8 and 1.7 percent, respectively--more than offset a 1.4 percent decrease in the index for fresh fruits. (Prior to seasonal adjustment, fresh fruit prices rose 0.5 percent.) The index for other food at home increased 0.3 percent, reflecting a 1.0 percent increase in the sugar and sweets component. Partially offsetting these increases were declines in the indexes for cereal and bakery products, for dairy products, and for nonalcoholic beverages--down 0.2, 0.3, and 0.5 percent, respectively. The index for meats, poultry, fish and eggs was unchanged in December. A 1.2 percent increase in beef prices was offset by declines in prices for poultry, for pork, and for other meats. During the 12 month period ended in December 2005, prices for beef and poultry increased 2.2 and 0.3 percent, respectively, while pork prices declined 0.1 percent. In 2005 each of the six major grocery store food groups registered an increase in prices, with the index for nonalcoholic beverages the largest at 3.5 percent and the index for fruits and vegetables the smallest at 0.6 percent. The other two components of the food and beverages index--food away from home and alcoholic beverages--increased 0.2 and declined 0.4 percent, respectively, in December and rose 3.2 and 1.3 percent in 2005.

The index for housing increased 0.1 percent in December. Increases in the indexes for shelter and for household furnishings and operations--up 0.3 and 0.5 percent, respectively--more than offset a 1.4 percent drop in the index for fuels and utilities. The index for fuel oil declined for the third consecutive month--down 2.5 percent in December--but advanced 27.2 percent during the last 12 months. In December, the indexes for natural gas and for electricity declined 3.5 and 0.6 percent, respectively. During the 12 month period ended in December, however, charges for natural gas and for electricity rose 30.2 and 10.7 percent. Within shelter, the indexes for owners' equivalent rent and for rent rose 0.3 and 0.1 percent, respectively, and the index for lodging away from home rose 0.9 percent. (Prior to seasonal adjustment, the index for lodging away from home declined 1.9 percent.) During the 12 month period ended in December, the indexes for lodging away from home, for rent, and for owners' equivalent rent, rose 3.5, 3.1, and 2.5 percent, respectively. The index for household furnishings and operations rose 0.7 percent during the last 12 months, following an increase of 0.6 percent in all of 2004.

The index for apparel declined 0.3 percent in December. (Prior to seasonal adjustment, apparel prices fell 3.3 percent, largely as a result of pre-holiday discounting.) During the 12 month period ended in December, apparel prices declined 1.1 percent, their eighth consecutive annual decline. Prices for men's, for boys', and for girls' apparel each were lower than 12 months earlier, but prices for women's clothing rose slightly in 2005.

The transportation index decreased 0.8 percent in December, largely reflecting a 2.6 percent drop in the index for gasoline. Gasoline prices declined for the third consecutive month--down 6.2 percent in December--and have fallen 25.1 percent from their peak level reached in September. As of December, however, gasoline prices were 16.1 percent higher than their level a year ago. The index for new vehicles decreased for the second consecutive month--down 0.1 percent in December. (As of December, about 70 percent of the new vehicle sample was represented by 2006 models. The 2006 models will continue to be phased in, with appropriate adjustments for quality change, over the next several months as they replace old models at dealerships.) New vehicle prices were 0.4 percent lower than in December 2004. The index for used cars and trucks also decreased 0.1 percent in December, but this index has risen 1.4 percent in the last 12 months. The index for public transportation declined 0.9 percent in December, reflecting a 2.9 percent drop in airline fares. Despite registering declines in four of the last five months, airline fares increased 6.4 percent in 2005, their first annual advance since a 5.9 percent increase in 2000.

Medical care costs rose 0.1 percent in December. The index for medical care commodities--prescription drugs, nonprescription drugs, and medical supplies--increased 0.2 percent. The index for medical care services rose 0.1 percent in December. The index for professional services rose 0.1 percent while the index for hospital and related services decreased 0.1 percent. (Prior to seasonal adjustment, the index for hospital and related services increased less than 0.1 percent.) In the 12 months ended in December 2005, the index for medical care rose 4.3 percent after increasing 4.2 percent in 2004. The index for prescription drugs rose 4.4 percent during the 12 months ended in December, following increases of 3.5

percent in 2004 and 2.5 percent in 2003. Charges for hospital and related services increased 5.1 percent in the 12 month period ended in December 2005, following a 5.2 percent rise in 2004.

The index for recreation was unchanged in December. Price increases for cable and satellite television and radio service, for pets, pet products and services, and for admissions to movies, theaters, concerts, and sporting events were largely offset by decreases in the indexes for toys, for sporting goods, for photography, and for recreational books. During the 12 months ended in December, the indexes for cable and satellite services and for admissions increased 3.3 and 3.5 percent, respectively, accounting for over 95 percent of the advance in the recreation index in 2005.

The index for education and communication rose 0.3 percent in December. Educational costs increased 0.5 percent, while communication costs declined 0.1 percent. During the 12 months ended in December, educational costs rose 6.1 percent, largely as a result of a 6.6 percent rise in the index for college tuition and fees. The index for communication declined 1.3 percent during the last 12 months, reflecting declines in prices for land-line long distance telephone services, for wireless telephone services, and for personal computers and peripheral equipment--down 1.7, 1.5, and 15.8 percent, respectively. Partially offsetting these declines was a 3.3 percent increase in land-line local telephone service charges.

The index for other goods and services increased 0.5 percent in December to a level 3.1 percent higher than in December 2004. The index for tobacco and smoking products rose 0.4 percent in December and 5.8 percent during the last 12 months.

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

On a seasonally adjusted basis, the CPI for Urban Wage Earners and Clerical Workers decreased 0.1 percent in December.

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 Dec. '05	Un-adjusted 12-mos. ended Dec. '05
	Changes from preceding month								
	2005								
	June	July	Aug.	Sep.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.		
All Items	.0	.6	.6	1.4	.1	-.8	-.1	-3.0	3.5
Food and beverages	.0	.2	.1	.2	.3	.3	.1	2.7	2.2
Housing	.2	.4	.2	.5	.9	.5	.1	6.2	4.2
Apparel	-.8	-.6	.8	-.3	-.4	.1	-.2	-2.0	-1.2
Transportation	-.1	1.6	2.4	5.4	-1.4	-5.1	-.9	-26.0	5.0
Medical care	.2	.4	.0	.2	.6	.7	.1	5.7	4.4
Recreation	-.4	.0	.3	.4	.3	-.1	.0	.7	.9
Education and communication	-.1	.2	-.2	.7	-.1	.4	.1	1.8	1.9
Other goods and services	.0	.7	.3	.2	.0	.3	.5	3.4	3.4
Special Indexes									
Energy	-.6	4.1	5.1	12.3	-.5	-8.5	-2.2	-37.2	17.0
Food	-.1	.2	.1	.2	.3	.3	.1	3.0	2.3
All Items less food and energy	.1	.2	.2	.1	.2	.2	.2	2.3	2.0

Consumer Price Index data for January are scheduled for release on Wednesday, February 22, 2006, at 8:30 A.M. (EST).

## **Recalculated Seasonally Adjusted Indexes to be Available on February 17, 2006**

Each year with the release of the January CPI, seasonal adjustment factors are recalculated to reflect price movements from the just-completed calendar year. This routine annual recalculation may result in revisions to seasonally adjusted indexes for the previous 5 years. BLS will make available recalculated seasonally adjusted indexes, as well as recalculated seasonal adjustment factors, for the period January 2001 through December 2005, on Friday, February 17, 2006. This date is two working days before the scheduled release of the January 2006 CPI on Wednesday, February 22, 2006.

The revised indexes and seasonal factors will be available on the internet. The address is <http://www.bls.gov/cpi>. Look under Tables Created by BLS and select Revised Seasonally Adjusted Data, 2005.

For further information please contact Dan Chow or Jeff Wilson on (202) 691-6968.

## **Planned Changes in the Consumer Price Index in 2006**

### **Expenditure Weight Update**

Effective with release of data for January 2006, the Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS) will update the consumption expenditure weights in the Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers (CPI-U) and Consumer Price Index for Urban Wage Earners and Clerical Workers (CPI-W) to the 2003-04 period. The updated expenditure weights for these indexes will replace the 2001-2002 weights that were introduced effective with the January 2004 CPI release. As originally announced by BLS in December 1998, CPI expenditure weights will continue to be updated at two-year intervals subsequent to the 2006 updating.

For the first six months of 2006, BLS will continue to calculate and publish selected CPI-U and CPI-W “overlap” indexes using the 2001-2002 expenditure pattern that was introduced into the CPI in 2004. These indexes will be compiled on a not seasonally adjusted basis. Comparison of these index series to the corresponding updated series will enable users of the CPI to observe the effects of the expenditure weight change. The subsequent expenditure updates scheduled in 2008 and every two years thereafter also will be accompanied by the publication of overlap indexes for a six-month period using the previous expenditure pattern.

### **C-CPI-U Index Revisions**

As scheduled, effective with release of data for January 2006, the Chained Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers (C-CPI-U) will undergo its fourth annual index revision. C-CPI-U indexes for the 12 months of 2004 will be issued in final form and values for the 12 months of 2005 will be revised and issued as interim. Calculation of the preliminary versions of the C-CPI-U--the initial version for January and the subsequent months of 2006 and the interim (revised initial) indexes for 2005--will employ the 2003-04 expenditure weights also used in the CPI-U and CPI-W. Note that the final values of the C-CPI-U employ monthly expenditure weights corresponding to the price collection period in their calculation. Thus, in calculation of the final (revised interim) C-CPI-U values for the months of 2004, the biennial 2001-2002 expenditure weights will be replaced with separate monthly expenditure weights.

## **Facilities for Sensory Impaired**

Information from this release will be made available to sensory impaired individuals upon request. Voice phone: 202-691-5200, Federal Relay Services: 1-800-877-8339. For a recorded message of Summary CPI data, call (202) 691-5200.

## **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 Dec. 2005 from—		Seasonally adjusted percent change from—		
		Nov. 2005	Dec. 2005	Dec. 2004	Nov. 2005	Sep. to Oct.	Oct. to Nov.	Nov. to Dec.
All items .....	100.000	197.6	196.8	3.4	-0.4	0.2	-0.6	-0.1
All items (1967=100) .....	-	592.0	589.4	-	-	-	-	-
Food and beverages .....	15.291	192.8	193.2	2.3	.2	.3	.3	.1
Food .....	14.295	192.4	192.9	2.3	.3	.3	.3	.2
Food at home .....	8.183	191.0	191.7	1.7	.4	.3	.3	.1
Cereals and bakery products .....	1.185	209.1	208.4	1.0	-.3	.6	.2	-.2
Meats, poultry, fish, and eggs .....	2.272	185.8	185.7	1.4	-.1	-.2	.7	.0
Dairy and related products .....	.849	183.5	183.2	1.7	-.2	.0	.9	-.3
Fruits and vegetables .....	1.276	246.4	252.3	.6	2.4	1.3	-.2	.9
Nonalcoholic beverages and beverage materials .....	.884	145.5	145.5	3.5	.0	-.1	.8	-.5
Other food at home .....	1.716	167.3	167.6	2.4	.2	.4	-.3	.3
Sugar and sweets .....	.296	166.5	167.8	4.0	.8	.5	.7	1.0
Fats and oils .....	.258	166.2	165.2	-1.3	-.6	-.9	.1	-.4
Other foods <sup>1</sup> .....	1.163	183.0	183.3	2.8	.2	.5	-.5	.2
Other miscellaneous foods <sup>1 2</sup> .....	.301	112.7	112.4	1.4	-.3	.5	.5	-.3
Food away from home <sup>1</sup> .....	6.113	195.6	196.0	3.2	.2	.3	.2	.2
Other food away from home <sup>2</sup> .....	.332	133.7	133.7	5.3	.0	.1	.2	.1
Alcoholic beverages <sup>1</sup> .....	.996	197.1	196.4	1.3	-.4	.1	.2	-.4
Housing .....	41.993	198.5	198.3	4.0	-.1	.9	.5	.1
Shelter .....	32.686	225.4	225.6	2.6	.1	.5	.3	.3
Rent of primary residence <sup>3</sup> .....	6.133	220.0	220.5	3.1	.2	.4	.2	.1
Lodging away from home <sup>2</sup> .....	3.008	125.2	122.8	3.5	-1.9	3.5	1.3	.9
Owners' equivalent rent of primary residence <sup>3 4</sup> .....	23.158	232.2	232.8	2.5	.3	.1	.2	.3
Tenants' and household insurance <sup>1 2</sup> .....	.387	115.9	116.1	-2.2	.2	-.7	.1	.2
Fuels and utilities .....	4.951	194.6	191.6	15.6	-1.5	4.4	1.4	-1.4
Fuels .....	4.021	178.0	174.7	18.0	-1.9	5.2	1.6	-1.7
Fuel oil and other fuels .....	.300	231.5	227.8	24.0	-1.6	.9	-4.3	-2.1
Gas (piped) and electricity <sup>3</sup> .....	3.722	183.4	180.0	17.6	-1.9	5.6	2.1	-1.7
Water and sewer and trash collection services <sup>2</sup> .....	.930	132.5	132.9	5.2	.3	.4	.5	.5
Household furnishings and operations .....	4.355	126.1	126.4	.7	.2	.2	.2	.5
Household operations <sup>1 2</sup> .....	.707	132.5	133.3	5.0	.6	.5	.7	.6
Apparel .....	3.841	121.5	117.5	-1.1	-3.3	-.4	.2	-.3
Men's and boys' apparel .....	.977	117.4	114.1	-1.9	-2.8	.3	-.3	-.3
Women's and girls' apparel .....	1.638	113.9	108.9	-1.0	-4.4	-.4	1.5	-.3
Infants' and toddlers' apparel .....	.188	115.3	115.0	-3.0	-.3	-.6	-.7	1.4
Footwear .....	.765	124.3	121.4	.9	-2.3	-.7	-1.7	-.7
Transportation .....	17.414	175.6	172.7	4.8	-1.7	-1.3	-4.8	-.8
Private transportation .....	16.385	171.8	168.9	4.7	-1.7	-1.5	-5.1	-.8
New and used motor vehicles <sup>2</sup> .....	7.744	95.8	95.8	.4	.0	.0	-.3	-.2
New vehicles .....	4.692	138.0	138.3	-.4	.2	.5	-.1	-.1
Used cars and trucks <sup>1</sup> .....	2.037	139.4	139.2	1.4	-.1	-.6	-.9	-.1
Motor fuel .....	3.969	199.7	187.3	16.2	-6.2	-4.4	-16.0	-2.7
Gasoline (all types) .....	3.934	198.6	186.2	16.1	-6.2	-4.5	-16.0	-2.6
Motor vehicle parts and equipment <sup>1</sup> .....	.364	113.6	114.0	3.7	.4	.3	.5	.4
Motor vehicle maintenance and repair .....	1.341	210.5	210.7	3.6	.1	.4	.2	.1
Public transportation .....	1.029	220.8	217.6	5.9	-1.4	1.4	.0	-.9
Medical care .....	6.132	328.1	328.4	4.3	.1	.5	.6	.1
Medical care commodities .....	1.484	280.3	280.8	3.7	.2	.5	.6	.2
Medical care services .....	4.649	341.7	342.0	4.5	.1	.5	.6	.1
Professional services .....	2.767	284.5	284.9	3.8	.1	.5	.3	.1
Hospital and related services <sup>3</sup> .....	1.516	449.6	449.7	5.1	.0	.8	1.1	-.1

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 Expenditure category	Relative importance, December 2004	Unadjusted indexes		Unadjusted percent change to Dec. 2005 from—		Seasonally adjusted percent change from—		
		Nov. 2005	Dec. 2005	Dec. 2004	Nov. 2005	Sep. to Oct.	Oct. to Nov.	Nov. to Dec.
<b>Expenditure category</b>								
Recreation <sup>2</sup> .....	5.733	109.8	109.7	1.1	-0.1	0.2	0.0	0.0
Video and audio <sup>2</sup> .....	1.691	104.2	103.9	.0	-3	-1	-2	.0
Education and communication <sup>2</sup> .....	5.846	115.3	115.3	2.4	.0	-1	.4	.3
Education <sup>2</sup> .....	2.931	157.5	157.6	6.1	.1	.3	.6	.5
Educational books and supplies .....	.220	373.6	374.3	5.2	.2	.5	.6	.4
Tuition, other school fees, and childcare .....	2.712	455.1	455.3	6.2	.0	.2	.6	.5
Communication <sup>2</sup> .....	2.914	84.4	84.3	-1.3	-1	-5	.2	-1
Information and information processing <sup>1 2</sup> .....	2.737	82.2	82.2	-1.3	.0	-5	.2	.0
Telephone services <sup>1 2</sup> .....	2.187	95.2	95.2	.4	.0	-5	.6	.0
Information technology, hardware and services <sup>1 5</sup> .....	.550	13.1	13.1	-7.7	.0	.0	-1.5	.0
Personal computers and peripheral equipment <sup>1 2</sup> .....	.192	12.0	11.7	-15.8	-2.5	-8	-1.6	-2.5
Other goods and services .....	3.750	316.2	317.3	3.1	.3	.1	.3	.5
Tobacco and smoking products <sup>1</sup> .....	.804	511.2	513.1	5.8	.4	-1	.4	.4
Personal care .....	2.946	186.9	187.6	2.3	.4	.2	.4	.6
Personal care products <sup>1</sup> .....	.658	155.0	155.4	1.3	.3	.1	.0	.3
Personal care services <sup>1</sup> .....	.652	205.2	206.6	2.7	.7	.1	.2	.7
Miscellaneous personal services .....	1.454	305.9	306.6	3.0	.2	.2	.3	.4
<b>Commodity and service group</b>								
Commodities .....	40.239	161.5	160.0	2.7	-9	-5	-2.2	-3
Food and beverages .....	15.291	192.8	193.2	2.3	.2	.3	.3	.1
Commodities less food and beverages .....	24.948	143.6	141.3	3.0	-1.6	-1.0	-3.5	-6
Nondurables less food and beverages .....	13.980	171.1	166.3	5.7	-2.8	-1.2	-4.9	-6
Apparel .....	3.841	121.5	117.5	-1.1	-3.3	-4	.2	-3
Nondurables less food, beverages, and apparel .....	10.139	205.9	200.4	8.2	-2.7	-1.9	-7.6	-1.3
Durables .....	10.967	114.9	114.9	-5	.0	.1	-3	-2
Services .....	59.761	233.5	233.2	3.8	-1	.7	.5	.1
Rent of shelter <sup>4</sup> .....	32.300	234.9	235.0	2.7	.0	.6	.3	.3
Tenants' and household insurance <sup>1 2</sup> .....	.387	115.9	116.1	-2.2	.2	-7	.1	.2
Gas (piped) and electricity <sup>3</sup> .....	3.722	183.4	180.0	17.6	-1.9	5.6	2.1	-1.7
Water and sewer and trash collection services <sup>2</sup> .....	.930	132.5	132.9	5.2	.3	.4	.5	.5
Household operations <sup>1 2</sup> .....	.707	132.5	133.3	5.0	.6	.5	.7	.6
Transportation services .....	6.235	228.4	227.8	2.7	-3	.0	.2	.0
Medical care services .....	4.649	341.7	342.0	4.5	.1	.5	.6	.1
Other services .....	10.833	272.1	272.3	3.0	.1	.1	.4	.3
<b>Special indexes</b>								
All items less food .....	85.705	198.5	197.4	3.6	-6	.2	-7	-1
All items less shelter .....	67.314	189.0	187.7	3.8	-7	.1	-1.0	-2
All items less medical care .....	93.868	190.9	190.0	3.3	-5	.2	-7	-1
Commodities less food .....	25.943	145.6	143.3	2.9	-1.6	-1.0	-3.4	-6
Nondurables less food .....	14.976	172.7	168.1	5.4	-2.7	-1.4	-4.5	-6
Nondurables less food and apparel .....	11.135	204.2	199.2	7.6	-2.4	-1.8	-7.0	-1.3
Nondurables .....	29.271	182.4	180.1	3.9	-1.3	-5	-2.4	-2
Services less rent of shelter <sup>4</sup> .....	27.462	249.5	248.8	5.2	-3	.9	.7	.0
Services less medical care services .....	55.113	224.4	224.2	3.8	-1	.9	.4	.2
Energy .....	7.991	187.6	180.0	17.1	-4.1	-2	-8.0	-2.2
All items less energy .....	92.009	200.2	200.1	2.2	.0	.3	.3	.2
All items less food and energy .....	77.714	202.3	202.1	2.2	-1	.2	.2	.2
Commodities less food and energy commodities .....	21.674	140.8	140.1	.2	-5	.0	-1	.0
Energy commodities .....	4.269	202.7	190.7	16.7	-5.9	-4.1	-15.2	-2.7
Services less energy services .....	56.040	238.6	238.7	2.9	.0	.3	.4	.3
Purchasing power of the consumer dollar (1982-84=\$1.00) .....	-	\$.506	\$.508	-	-	-	-	-
Purchasing power of the consumer dollar (1967=\$1.00) .....	-	\$.169	\$.170	-	-	-	-	-

<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—		
	Sep. 2005	Oct. 2005	Nov. 2005	Dec. 2005	Mar. 2005	June 2005	Sep. 2005	Dec. 2005	June 2005	Dec. 2005
<b>Expenditure category</b>										
All items .....	198.5	198.9	197.8	197.7	4.3	1.9	9.4	-1.6	3.1	3.7
Food and beverages .....	191.9	192.5	193.0	193.2	1.5	3.0	1.9	2.7	2.2	2.3
Food .....	191.5	192.1	192.6	192.9	1.3	3.4	1.9	3.0	2.3	2.4
Food at home .....	190.2	190.8	191.4	191.6	-0.8	3.4	1.3	3.0	1.3	2.1
Cereals and bakery products .....	208.5	209.8	210.3	209.9	1.7	-2	-2	2.7	.8	1.3
Meats, poultry, fish, and eggs .....	184.8	184.4	185.7	185.7	2.6	1.7	-9	2.0	2.2	.5
Dairy and related products .....	181.1	181.1	182.8	182.3	6.2	1.3	-3.0	2.7	3.7	-2
Fruits and vegetables .....	244.1	247.2	246.7	249.0	-21.1	11.8	7.5	8.3	-6.1	7.9
Nonalcoholic beverages and beverage materials .....	145.7	145.6	146.8	146.0	4.9	3.4	4.5	.8	4.1	2.7
Other food at home .....	167.6	168.2	167.7	168.2	3.2	3.4	1.7	1.4	3.3	1.6
Sugar and sweets .....	165.8	166.6	167.8	169.5	-2.4	9.2	.7	9.2	3.2	4.9
Fats and oils .....	168.9	167.4	167.6	167.0	-6.2	-3.8	9.8	-4.4	-5.0	2.4
Other foods <sup>1</sup> .....	183.1	184.0	183.0	183.3	6.9	3.6	.4	.4	5.2	.4
Other miscellaneous foods <sup>1 2</sup> .....	111.5	112.1	112.7	112.4	4.0	-5.9	4.8	3.3	-1.1	4.0
Food away from home <sup>1</sup> .....	194.6	195.2	195.6	196.0	3.8	3.2	2.9	2.9	3.5	2.9
Other food away from home <sup>2</sup> .....	133.1	133.2	133.4	133.6	8.1	7.6	4.0	1.5	7.9	2.8
Alcoholic beverages <sup>1</sup> .....	196.6	196.8	197.1	196.4	3.8	.4	1.4	-4	2.1	.5
Housing .....	196.7	198.5	199.5	199.6	3.8	1.9	4.0	6.0	2.8	5.0
Shelter .....	224.6	225.7	226.4	227.1	4.4	.7	.9	4.5	2.5	2.7
Rent of primary residence <sup>3</sup> .....	218.6	219.5	220.0	220.3	3.0	3.2	3.0	3.1	3.1	3.1
Lodging away from home <sup>2</sup> .....	125.7	130.1	131.8	133.0	18.6	-13.5	-11.2	25.3	1.2	5.5
Owners' equivalent rent of primary residence <sup>3 4</sup> .....	231.2	231.5	232.0	232.6	3.0	2.3	2.1	2.4	2.7	2.3
Tenants' and household insurance <sup>1 2</sup> .....	116.6	115.8	115.9	116.1	1.0	-3.3	-4.7	-1.7	-1.2	-3.2
Fuels and utilities .....	185.5	193.6	196.4	193.7	3.1	11.6	30.1	18.9	7.3	24.4
Fuels .....	168.4	177.2	180.0	176.9	2.4	13.0	36.8	21.8	7.6	29.1
Fuel oil and other fuels .....	242.7	245.0	234.5	229.6	3.7	27.5	123.0	-19.9	15.0	33.7
Gas (piped) and electricity <sup>3</sup> .....	172.0	181.6	185.4	182.3	2.3	12.0	31.2	26.2	7.1	28.7
Water and sewer and trash collection services <sup>2</sup> .....	131.3	131.8	132.5	133.1	7.1	4.7	3.4	5.6	5.9	4.5
Household furnishings and operations .....	125.8	126.0	126.3	126.9	-3	.0	-3	3.5	-2	1.6
Household operations <sup>1 2</sup> .....	131.0	131.6	132.5	133.3	4.2	5.7	2.8	7.2	4.9	5.0
Apparel .....	119.3	118.8	119.0	118.6	3.4	-5.2	.0	-2.3	-1.0	-1.2
Men's and boys' apparel .....	114.6	114.9	114.6	114.2	5.3	-6.3	-4.7	-1.4	-7	-3.1
Women's and girls' apparel .....	109.8	109.4	111.0	110.7	4.0	-7.9	-3.2	3.3	-2.1	.0
Infants' and toddlers' apparel .....	114.4	113.7	112.9	114.5	-3.3	4.2	-12.5	.4	.3	-6.3
Footwear .....	125.2	124.3	122.2	121.4	5.4	1.3	9.8	-11.6	3.4	-1.5
Transportation .....	186.4	183.9	175.1	173.7	10.3	2.9	41.5	-24.6	6.5	3.3
Private transportation .....	183.0	180.3	171.1	169.8	10.8	2.2	43.8	-25.9	6.4	3.3
New and used motor vehicles <sup>2</sup> .....	95.9	95.9	95.6	95.4	1.7	1.7	.4	-2.1	1.7	-8
New vehicles .....	137.0	137.7	137.5	137.3	2.0	.0	-4.3	.9	1.0	-1.7
Used cars and trucks <sup>1</sup> .....	141.5	140.6	139.4	139.2	1.2	6.5	4.7	-6.3	3.8	-1.0
Motor fuel .....	246.3	235.5	197.9	192.5	42.4	2.5	234.7	-62.7	20.8	11.7
Gasoline (all types) .....	245.3	234.3	196.8	191.6	41.6	2.2	237.3	-62.8	20.3	12.1
Motor vehicle parts and equipment <sup>1</sup> .....	112.7	113.0	113.6	114.0	3.7	1.1	5.5	4.7	2.4	5.1
Motor vehicle maintenance and repair .....	208.9	209.8	210.3	210.5	3.4	3.2	5.1	3.1	3.3	4.1
Public transportation .....	220.9	224.0	224.0	222.0	2.5	14.8	5.0	2.0	8.5	3.5
Medical care .....	325.0	326.7	328.7	329.1	6.0	3.3	2.8	5.1	4.6	3.9
Medical care commodities .....	277.4	278.9	280.6	281.3	3.0	3.1	3.1	5.7	3.0	4.4
Medical care services .....	338.6	340.4	342.4	342.7	6.9	3.3	2.8	4.9	5.1	3.8
Professional services .....	283.3	284.6	285.4	285.7	5.5	3.5	2.4	3.4	4.5	2.9
Hospital and related services <sup>3</sup> .....	441.1	444.5	449.6	449.2	7.5	3.4	1.7	7.6	5.4	4.6

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—		
	Sep. 2005	Oct. 2005	Nov. 2005	Dec. 2005	Mar. 2005	June 2005	Sep. 2005	Dec. 2005	June 2005	Dec. 2005
<b>Expenditure category</b>										
Recreation <sup>2</sup> .....	109.8	110.0	110.0	110.0	-0.4	0.7	3.0	0.7	0.2	1.8
Video and audio <sup>2</sup> .....	104.8	104.7	104.5	104.5	-8	-5.3	7.6	-1.1	-3.0	3.1
Education and communication <sup>2</sup> .....	114.4	114.3	114.8	115.1	2.2	2.1	3.2	2.5	2.1	2.8
Education <sup>2</sup> .....	154.8	155.2	156.1	156.9	5.2	7.1	6.4	5.5	6.2	6.0
Educational books and supplies .....	371.7	373.6	375.8	377.3	-4	5.6	9.5	6.2	2.5	7.8
Tuition, other school fees, and childcare .....	447.0	448.0	450.6	453.0	5.7	7.1	6.4	5.5	6.4	5.9
Communication <sup>2</sup> .....	84.6	84.2	84.4	84.3	-9	-2.8	.0	-1.4	-1.9	-7
Information and information processing <sup>1 2</sup> .....	82.4	82.0	82.2	82.2	-1.0	-3.3	.0	-1.0	-2.1	-5
Telephone services <sup>1 2</sup> .....	95.1	94.6	95.2	95.2	.8	-1.7	2.1	.4	-4	1.3
Information technology, hardware and services <sup>1 5</sup> .....	13.3	13.3	13.1	13.1	-5.5	-10.9	-8.5	-5.9	-8.3	-7.2
Personal computers and peripheral equipment <sup>1 2</sup> .....	12.3	12.2	12.0	11.7	-13.6	-11.4	-19.9	-18.1	-12.5	-19.0
Other goods and services .....	315.0	315.3	316.4	318.1	3.3	1.7	3.5	4.0	2.5	3.7
Tobacco and smoking products <sup>1</sup> .....	510.1	509.4	511.2	513.1	10.1	1.0	10.3	2.4	5.4	6.2
Personal care .....	186.1	186.4	187.1	188.2	1.5	2.0	1.5	4.6	1.7	3.0
Personal care products <sup>1</sup> .....	154.8	155.0	155.0	155.4	-1.0	3.4	1.3	1.6	1.2	1.4
Personal care services <sup>1</sup> .....	204.6	204.8	205.2	206.6	4.2	-6	3.2	4.0	1.8	3.6
Miscellaneous personal services .....	305.0	305.6	306.5	307.8	1.5	3.7	3.2	3.7	2.6	3.5
<b>Commodity and service group</b>										
Commodities .....	165.4	164.6	161.0	160.5	5.2	1.5	17.7	-11.3	3.4	2.2
Food and beverages .....	191.9	192.5	193.0	193.2	1.5	3.0	1.9	2.7	2.2	2.3
Commodities less food and beverages .....	149.6	148.1	142.9	142.1	7.5	.6	28.2	-18.6	4.0	2.1
Nondurables less food and beverages .....	182.5	180.3	171.5	170.5	3.0	.5	57.9	-23.8	1.7	9.7
Apparel .....	119.3	118.8	119.0	118.6	3.4	-5.2	.0	-2.3	-1.0	-1.2
Nondurables less food, beverages, and apparel .....	226.9	222.6	205.7	203.1	15.8	3.1	79.2	-35.8	9.3	7.3
Durables .....	115.1	115.2	114.9	114.7	.7	-.3	-1.0	-1.4	.2	-1.2
Services .....	231.4	233.0	234.2	234.4	4.0	2.3	3.9	5.3	3.1	4.6
Rent of shelter <sup>4</sup> .....	233.8	235.1	235.8	236.4	4.6	1.0	.3	4.5	2.8	2.4
Tenants' and household insurance <sup>1 2</sup> .....	116.6	115.8	115.9	116.1	1.0	-3.3	-4.7	-1.7	-1.2	-3.2
Gas (piped) and electricity <sup>3</sup> .....	172.0	181.6	185.4	182.3	2.3	12.0	31.2	26.2	7.1	28.7
Water and sewer and trash collection services <sup>2</sup> .....	131.3	131.8	132.5	133.1	7.1	4.7	3.4	5.6	5.9	4.5
Household operations <sup>1 2</sup> .....	131.0	131.6	132.5	133.3	4.2	5.7	2.8	7.2	4.9	5.0
Transportation services .....	227.9	228.0	228.4	228.3	1.6	4.4	4.3	.7	3.0	2.5
Medical care services .....	338.6	340.4	342.4	342.7	6.9	3.3	2.8	4.9	5.1	3.8
Other services .....	270.3	270.7	271.7	272.5	2.3	2.3	4.3	3.3	2.3	3.8
<b>Special indexes</b>										
All items less food .....	199.7	200.1	198.6	198.5	4.9	1.7	10.7	-2.4	3.3	3.9
All items less shelter .....	190.5	190.7	188.8	188.4	4.3	2.6	13.4	-4.3	3.4	4.2
All items less medical care .....	192.0	192.4	191.1	190.9	4.2	1.9	9.7	-2.3	3.1	3.5
Commodities less food .....	151.5	150.0	144.9	144.1	7.3	.6	27.0	-18.2	3.9	2.0
Nondurables less food .....	183.8	181.3	173.1	172.1	3.2	.5	54.7	-23.1	1.8	9.1
Nondurables less food and apparel .....	223.4	219.4	204.0	201.4	15.1	2.9	71.2	-33.9	8.8	6.3
Nondurables .....	188.0	187.1	182.6	182.3	2.3	3.0	25.6	-11.6	2.6	5.4
Services less rent of shelter <sup>4</sup> .....	245.9	248.2	250.0	250.1	2.2	4.4	7.5	7.0	3.3	7.2
Services less medical care services .....	222.4	224.3	225.1	225.5	3.4	2.4	3.9	5.7	2.9	4.8
Energy .....	204.6	204.1	187.8	183.6	21.1	7.5	122.1	-35.2	14.1	20.0
All items less energy .....	199.3	199.8	200.3	200.7	2.9	1.4	1.6	2.8	2.1	2.2
All items less food and energy .....	201.4	201.9	202.4	202.8	3.3	1.2	1.4	2.8	2.2	2.1
Commodities less food and energy commodities .....	140.3	140.3	140.2	140.2	1.1	-.3	.0	-.3	.4	-.1
Energy commodities .....	247.3	237.2	201.2	195.7	39.6	3.8	226.3	-60.8	20.4	13.1
Services less energy services .....	237.5	238.3	239.2	239.8	4.0	1.7	2.2	3.9	2.9	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 Dec.2005 from—			Percent change to Nov.2005 from—			
		Sep. 2005	Oct. 2005	Nov. 2005	Dec. 2005	Dec. 2004	Oct. 2005	Nov. 2005	Nov. 2004	Sep. 2005	Oct. 2005	
U.S. city average .....	M	198.8	199.2	197.6	196.8	3.4	-1.2	-0.4	3.5	-0.6	-0.8	
<b>Region and area size<sup>2</sup></b>												
Northeast urban .....	M	210.8	211.5	210.0	209.0	3.5	-1.2	-5	3.7	-4	-7	
Size A - More than 1,500,000 .....	M	213.2	213.8	212.2	211.3	3.5	-1.2	-4	3.7	-5	-7	
Size B/C - 50,000 to 1,500,000 <sup>3</sup> .....	M	124.5	125.2	124.3	123.6	3.7	-1.3	-6	3.5	-2	-7	
Midwest urban .....	M	192.5	192.1	190.3	189.7	3.2	-1.2	-3	3.0	-1.1	-9	
Size A - More than 1,500,000 .....	M	193.8	193.7	192.1	191.6	3.2	-1.1	-3	2.8	-9	-8	
Size B/C - 50,000 to 1,500,000 <sup>3</sup> .....	M	123.1	122.6	121.3	120.9	3.1	-1.4	-3	3.1	-1.5	-1.1	
Size D - Nonmetropolitan (less than 50,000) .....	M	187.2	186.8	185.0	184.4	4.1	-1.3	-3	4.1	-1.2	-1.0	
South urban .....	M	192.0	192.5	190.7	190.1	3.7	-1.2	-3	3.8	-7	-9	
Size A - More than 1,500,000 .....	M	193.9	194.5	192.9	191.9	3.8	-1.3	-5	4.3	-5	-8	
Size B/C - 50,000 to 1,500,000 <sup>3</sup> .....	M	122.3	122.5	121.4	121.2	3.5	-1.1	-2	3.4	-7	-9	
Size D - Nonmetropolitan (less than 50,000) .....	M	191.9	193.6	190.7	189.7	4.3	-2.0	-5	4.5	-6	-1.5	
West urban .....	M	201.7	202.6	201.4	200.0	3.0	-1.3	-7	3.2	-1	-6	
Size A - More than 1,500,000 .....	M	204.5	205.4	204.2	203.0	3.3	-1.2	-6	3.3	-1	-6	
Size B/C - 50,000 to 1,500,000 <sup>3</sup> .....	M	123.1	123.6	122.8	121.8	2.4	-1.5	-8	2.9	-2	-6	
<b>Size classes</b>												
A <sup>4</sup> .....	M	181.7	182.1	180.8	180.0	3.4	-1.2	-4	3.6	-5	-7	
B/C <sup>3</sup> .....	M	122.9	123.1	122.0	121.6	3.3	-1.2	-3	3.2	-7	-9	
D .....	M	191.5	192.2	190.2	189.3	3.8	-1.5	-5	3.9	-7	-1.0	
<b>Selected local areas<sup>5</sup></b>												
Chicago-Gary-Kenosha, IL-IN-WI .....	M	198.3	197.9	197.3	196.4	3.6	-8	-5	3.5	-5	-3	
Los Angeles-Riverside-Orange County, CA ...	M	205.8	206.9	205.6	203.9	4.5	-1.4	-8	4.4	-1	-6	
New York-Northern N.J.-Long Island, NY-NJ-CT-PA .....	M	215.8	216.6	215.3	214.2	3.6	-1.1	-5	3.9	-2	-6	
Boston-Brockton-Nashua, MA-NH-ME-CT .....	1	220.1	-	218.6	-	-	-	-	3.3	-7	-	
Cleveland-Akron, OH .....	1	191.6	-	189.9	-	-	-	-	3.7	-9	-	
Dallas-Fort Worth, TX .....	1	188.9	-	187.8	-	-	-	-	4.4	-6	-	
Washington-Baltimore, DC-MD-VA-WV <sup>6</sup> .....	1	126.7	-	125.4	-	-	-	-	3.7	-1.0	-	
Atlanta, GA .....	2	-	193.9	-	188.7	3.0	-2.7	-	-	-	-	
Detroit-Ann Arbor-Flint, MI .....	2	-	195.1	-	192.4	3.8	-1.4	-	-	-	-	
Houston-Galveston-Brazoria, TX .....	2	-	179.2	-	177.2	4.2	-1.1	-	-	-	-	
Miami-Fort Lauderdale, FL .....	2	-	198.8	-	197.4	4.7	-7	-	-	-	-	
Philadelphia-Wilmington-Atlantic City, PA-NJ-DE-MD .....	2	-	207.5	-	204.9	3.6	-1.3	-	-	-	-	
San Francisco-Oakland-San Jose, CA .....	2	-	205.9	-	203.4	2.0	-1.2	-	-	-	-	
Seattle-Tacoma-Bremerton, WA .....	2	-	203.3	-	200.9	3.0	-1.2	-	-	-	-	

<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	Relative importance, December 2004	Unadjusted indexes		Unadjusted percent change to Dec. 2005 from—		Seasonally adjusted percent change from—		
		Nov. 2005	Dec. 2005	Dec. 2004	Nov. 2005	Sep. to Oct.	Oct. to Nov.	Nov. to Dec.
<b>Expenditure category</b>								
All items .....	100.000	193.4	192.5	3.5	-0.5	0.1	-0.8	-0.1
All items (1967=100) .....	-	576.1	573.3	-	-	-	-	-
Food and beverages .....	17.024	192.1	192.5	2.2	.2	.3	.3	.1
Food .....	15.940	191.7	192.2	2.3	.3	.3	.3	.1
Food at home .....	9.540	190.1	190.7	1.7	.3	.3	.4	.1
Cereals and bakery products .....	1.342	208.9	208.4	1.0	-2	.7	.2	-1
Meats, poultry, fish, and eggs .....	2.845	185.8	185.6	1.3	-1	-2	.8	.0
Dairy and related products .....	.962	183.3	183.0	1.7	-2	.0	.8	-2
Fruits and vegetables .....	1.407	243.4	249.6	.4	2.5	1.4	.0	.9
Nonalcoholic beverages and beverage materials .....	1.051	144.8	144.9	3.5	.1	-2	.9	-4
Other food at home .....	1.934	166.9	167.1	2.4	.1	.4	-2	.2
Sugar and sweets .....	.311	165.7	166.9	3.9	.7	.7	.6	.8
Fats and oils .....	.311	166.3	165.6	-1.0	-4	-8	.1	-2
Other foods <sup>1</sup> .....	1.312	183.4	183.7	2.9	.2	.5	-4	.2
Other miscellaneous foods <sup>1 2</sup> .....	.341	113.2	112.9	1.4	-3	.5	.6	-3
Food away from home <sup>1</sup> .....	6.400	195.5	195.8	3.2	.2	.4	.2	.2
Other food away from home <sup>2</sup> .....	.251	133.5	133.6	5.2	.1	.2	.3	.2
Alcoholic beverages <sup>1</sup> .....	1.084	197.0	196.3	1.1	-4	.3	.3	-4
Housing .....	38.973	194.4	194.2	4.2	-1	.9	.5	.1
Shelter .....	29.902	218.9	219.2	2.7	.1	.4	.3	.3
Rent of primary residence <sup>3</sup> .....	8.025	219.1	219.7	3.1	.3	.3	.3	.3
Lodging away from home <sup>2</sup> .....	1.742	124.5	122.4	3.2	-1.7	3.4	.9	1.6
Owners' equivalent rent of primary residence <sup>3 4</sup> .....	19.795	210.7	211.2	2.5	.2	.1	.2	.2
Tenants' and household insurance <sup>1 2</sup> .....	.339	116.2	116.4	-2.1	.2	-8	.2	.2
Fuels and utilities .....	5.288	193.0	190.2	15.5	-1.5	4.2	1.5	-1.3
Fuels .....	4.336	175.5	172.4	17.8	-1.8	5.0	1.7	-1.6
Fuel oil and other fuels .....	.281	231.3	227.4	24.0	-1.7	1.3	-4.3	-1.7
Gas (piped) and electricity <sup>3</sup> .....	4.055	181.6	178.3	17.3	-1.8	5.3	2.2	-1.6
Water and sewer and trash collection services <sup>2</sup> .....	.952	132.7	133.2	5.3	.4	.5	.4	.5
Household furnishings and operations .....	3.783	121.8	121.9	.5	.1	.2	.0	.4
Household operations <sup>1 2</sup> .....	.321	135.3	136.0	5.2	.5	.7	.6	.5
Apparel .....	4.208	121.0	117.2	-1.2	-3.1	-4	.1	-2
Men's and boys' apparel .....	1.063	116.9	113.5	-1.9	-2.9	.4	-4	-3
Women's and girls' apparel .....	1.664	113.4	108.3	-1.7	-4.5	-4	1.4	.0
Infants' and toddlers' apparel .....	.242	117.8	117.6	-3.1	-2	-2	-6	1.5
Footwear .....	.991	123.2	120.9	1.3	-1.9	-9	-1.7	-3
Transportation .....	19.845	174.7	171.6	5.0	-1.8	-1.4	-5.1	-9
Private transportation .....	19.072	171.9	168.8	4.9	-1.8	-1.5	-5.3	-8
New and used motor vehicles <sup>2</sup> .....	9.146	94.9	94.8	.5	-1	-1	-4	-2
New vehicles .....	4.725	139.1	139.3	-4	.1	.5	-1	-3
Used cars and trucks <sup>1</sup> .....	3.536	140.2	140.0	1.4	-1	-7	-8	-1
Motor fuel .....	4.843	200.5	188.0	16.3	-6.2	-4.3	-15.9	-2.8
Gasoline (all types) .....	4.803	199.4	187.0	16.2	-6.2	-4.2	-15.9	-2.8
Motor vehicle parts and equipment <sup>1</sup> .....	.449	113.2	113.6	3.9	.4	.3	.5	.4
Motor vehicle maintenance and repair .....	1.357	213.1	213.2	3.8	.0	.5	.2	.0
Public transportation .....	.773	219.4	216.6	6.1	-1.3	1.7	-1	-8
Medical care .....	5.014	327.9	328.2	4.4	.1	.6	.7	.1
Medical care commodities .....	1.126	273.4	273.9	3.6	.2	.7	.8	.2
Medical care services .....	3.888	342.6	342.8	4.6	.1	.6	.6	.1
Professional services .....	2.270	287.1	287.4	3.7	.1	.4	.4	.1
Hospital and related services <sup>3</sup> .....	1.276	446.4	446.4	5.2	.0	.9	1.3	-1

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 Dec. 2005 from—		Seasonally adjusted percent change from—		
		Nov. 2005	Dec. 2005	Dec. 2004	Nov. 2005	Sep. to Oct.	Oct. to Nov.	Nov. to Dec.
<b>Expenditure category</b>								
Recreation <sup>2</sup> .....	5.546	107.2	107.1	0.9	-0.1	0.3	-0.1	0.0
Video and audio <sup>2</sup> .....	1.878	103.5	103.2	.0	-.3	.0	-.2	-.1
Education and communication <sup>2</sup> .....	5.498	112.7	112.6	1.9	-.1	-.1	.4	.1
Education <sup>2</sup> .....	2.361	155.5	155.6	5.9	.1	.3	.7	.5
Educational books and supplies .....	.217	374.8	375.5	5.0	.2	.5	.5	.4
Tuition, other school fees, and childcare .....	2.145	440.3	440.5	5.9	.0	.3	.6	.4
Communication <sup>2</sup> .....	3.137	86.2	86.2	-.9	.0	-.6	.3	.0
Information and information processing <sup>1 2</sup> .....	2.990	84.7	84.6	-1.1	-1.1	-.5	.4	-.1
Telephone services <sup>1 2</sup> .....	2.473	95.3	95.3	.3	.0	-.5	.5	.0
Information technology, hardware and services <sup>1 5</sup> .....	.517	13.7	13.6	-.8	-.7	-.7	-.7	-.7
Personal computers and peripheral equipment <sup>1 2</sup> .....	.171	11.8	11.6	-15.3	-1.7	-.8	-1.7	-1.7
Other goods and services .....	3.891	325.4	326.6	3.4	.4	.0	.3	.5
Tobacco and smoking products <sup>1</sup> .....	1.244	513.2	515.0	6.0	.4	-.2	.4	.4
Personal care .....	2.648	185.1	185.8	2.1	.4	.1	.3	.6
Personal care products <sup>1</sup> .....	.712	154.9	155.4	1.0	.3	.0	-.1	.3
Personal care services <sup>1</sup> .....	.611	205.5	206.9	2.5	.7	.1	.2	.7
Miscellaneous personal services .....	1.160	306.2	307.0	2.9	.3	.2	.2	.5
<b>Commodity and service group</b>								
Commodities .....	44.809	162.8	161.2	2.9	-1.0	-.5	-2.4	-.3
Food and beverages .....	17.024	192.1	192.5	2.2	.2	.3	.3	.1
Commodities less food and beverages .....	27.786	145.9	143.4	3.3	-1.7	-1.0	-3.8	-.7
Nondurables less food and beverages .....	15.322	176.1	170.8	6.2	-3.0	-1.3	-5.5	-.5
Apparel .....	4.208	121.0	117.2	-1.2	-3.1	-.4	.1	-.2
Nondurables less food, beverages, and apparel .....	11.113	214.2	207.8	8.9	-3.0	-2.0	-8.3	-1.4
Durables .....	12.464	114.9	114.9	-.2	.0	.2	-.3	-.2
Services .....	55.191	229.3	229.2	3.9	.0	.7	.5	.1
Rent of shelter <sup>4</sup> .....	29.562	210.9	211.2	2.7	.1	.4	.2	.3
Tenants' and household insurance <sup>1 2</sup> .....	.339	116.2	116.4	-2.1	.2	-.8	.2	.2
Gas (piped) and electricity <sup>3</sup> .....	4.055	181.6	178.3	17.3	-1.8	5.3	2.2	-1.6
Water and sewer and trash collection services <sup>2</sup> .....	.952	132.7	133.2	5.3	.4	.5	.4	.5
Household operations <sup>1 2</sup> .....	.321	135.3	136.0	5.2	.5	.7	.6	.5
Transportation services .....	6.166	228.5	228.3	2.5	-.1	.0	.2	.1
Medical care services .....	3.888	342.6	342.8	4.6	.1	.6	.6	.1
Other services .....	9.907	263.2	263.5	2.7	.1	.2	.4	.2
<b>Special indexes</b>								
All items less food .....	84.060	193.5	192.3	3.7	-.6	.1	-1.0	-.2
All items less shelter .....	70.098	186.2	184.8	3.8	-.8	.1	-1.3	-.3
All items less medical care .....	94.986	187.7	186.7	3.4	-.5	.1	-.8	-.1
Commodities less food .....	28.870	147.8	145.3	3.3	-1.7	-1.0	-3.7	-.6
Nondurables less food .....	16.406	177.4	172.4	5.8	-2.8	-1.2	-5.1	-.6
Nondurables less food and apparel .....	12.197	211.8	205.9	8.2	-2.8	-1.9	-7.6	-1.3
Nondurables .....	32.346	184.7	182.2	4.1	-1.4	-.5	-2.7	-.3
Services less rent of shelter <sup>4</sup> .....	25.628	221.7	221.1	5.3	-.3	1.1	.7	.0
Services less medical care services .....	51.303	220.7	220.6	3.9	.0	.7	.5	.1
Energy .....	9.179	187.1	179.3	17.0	-4.2	-.5	-8.5	-2.2
All items less energy .....	90.821	195.0	194.9	2.0	-.1	.3	.2	.2
All items less food and energy .....	74.881	196.1	195.9	2.0	-.1	.2	.2	.2
Commodities less food and energy commodities .....	23.745	141.2	140.4	.4	-.6	.0	-.1	-.1
Energy commodities .....	5.124	202.8	190.7	16.7	-6.0	-4.0	-15.3	-2.7
Services less energy services .....	51.136	234.4	234.6	2.8	.1	.3	.3	.3
Purchasing power of the consumer dollar (1982-84=\$1.00) .....	-	\$.517	\$.520	-	-	-	-	-
Purchasing power of the consumer dollar (1967=\$1.00) .....	-	\$.174	\$.174	-	-	-	-	-

<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.

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**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—		
	Sep. 2005	Oct. 2005	Nov. 2005	Dec. 2005	Mar. 2005	June 2005	Sep. 2005	Dec. 2005	June 2005	Dec. 2005
<b>Expenditure category</b>										
All items .....	194.7	194.9	193.4	193.2	4.4	2.1	11.0	-3.0	3.2	3.7
Food and beverages .....	191.2	191.8	192.4	192.5	1.3	3.0	1.7	2.7	2.1	2.2
Food .....	190.8	191.4	192.0	192.2	1.3	3.0	1.9	3.0	2.1	2.4
Food at home .....	189.3	189.8	190.5	190.7	-6	3.2	1.1	3.0	1.3	2.0
Cereals and bakery products .....	208.3	209.7	210.2	209.9	1.9	.0	-8	3.1	1.0	1.2
Meats, poultry, fish, and eggs .....	184.7	184.3	185.7	185.7	2.6	1.7	-1.1	2.2	2.2	.5
Dairy and related products .....	181.0	181.0	182.4	182.1	6.2	1.5	-3.0	2.5	3.8	-3
Fruits and vegetables .....	241.3	244.6	244.5	246.7	-21.9	11.0	7.5	9.3	-6.9	8.4
Nonalcoholic beverages and beverage materials .....	145.1	144.8	146.1	145.5	4.6	3.4	4.8	1.1	4.0	3.0
Other food at home .....	167.0	167.6	167.3	167.6	3.5	2.9	1.7	1.4	3.2	1.6
Sugar and sweets .....	164.9	166.0	167.0	168.4	-1.7	8.7	.5	8.8	3.4	4.5
Fats and oils .....	168.9	167.6	167.7	167.4	-5.6	-4.0	9.8	-3.5	-4.8	2.9
Other foods <sup>1</sup> .....	183.2	184.1	183.4	183.7	7.1	3.1	.2	1.1	5.1	.7
Other miscellaneous foods <sup>1 2</sup> .....	111.9	112.5	113.2	112.9	4.4	-6.9	5.2	3.6	-1.4	4.4
Food away from home <sup>1</sup> .....	194.4	195.1	195.5	195.8	4.1	3.0	2.9	2.9	3.5	2.9
Other food away from home <sup>2</sup> .....	132.7	132.9	133.3	133.5	7.4	8.0	3.1	2.4	7.7	2.8
Alcoholic beverages <sup>1</sup> .....	196.0	196.5	197.0	196.3	3.8	-6	.6	.6	1.6	.6
Housing .....	192.4	194.2	195.1	195.3	3.5	2.8	4.5	6.2	3.1	5.3
Shelter .....	217.9	218.7	219.4	220.1	3.8	1.5	1.3	4.1	2.6	2.7
Rent of primary residence <sup>3</sup> .....	217.7	218.4	219.1	219.7	3.2	2.8	3.0	3.7	3.0	3.4
Lodging away from home <sup>2</sup> .....	125.1	129.4	130.6	132.7	15.8	-9.8	-14.0	26.6	2.2	4.4
Owners' equivalent rent of primary residence <sup>3 4</sup> .....	209.7	210.0	210.5	211.0	2.9	2.3	2.1	2.5	2.6	2.3
Tenants' and household insurance <sup>1 2</sup> .....	116.9	116.0	116.2	116.4	1.7	-3.6	-4.7	-1.7	-1.0	-3.2
Fuels and utilities .....	184.2	192.0	194.9	192.4	3.2	12.2	28.5	19.0	7.6	23.7
Fuels .....	166.2	174.5	177.5	174.7	2.2	13.8	34.6	22.1	7.8	28.2
Fuel oil and other fuels .....	242.1	245.3	234.8	230.8	-2	29.7	121.3	-17.4	13.8	35.2
Gas (piped) and electricity <sup>3</sup> .....	170.7	179.7	183.6	180.7	2.4	13.0	29.6	25.6	7.5	27.5
Water and sewer and trash collection services <sup>2</sup> .....	131.6	132.2	132.7	133.4	7.1	4.4	3.7	5.6	5.8	4.7
Household furnishings and operations .....	121.6	121.9	121.9	122.4	-7	.3	-3	2.7	-2	1.2
Household operations <sup>1 2</sup> .....	133.5	134.5	135.3	136.0	2.8	8.2	2.1	7.7	5.5	4.9
Apparel .....	118.7	118.2	118.3	118.1	3.7	-5.5	-7	-2.0	-1.0	-1.3
Men's and boys' apparel .....	114.1	114.6	114.1	113.8	6.4	-8.5	-3.8	-1.0	-1.4	-2.4
Women's and girls' apparel .....	109.0	108.6	110.1	110.1	3.3	-9.6	-3.6	4.1	-3.4	.2
Infants' and toddlers' apparel .....	116.4	116.2	115.5	117.2	-2.9	2.4	-13.5	2.8	-3	-5.7
Footwear .....	124.2	123.1	121.0	120.6	6.9	2.7	7.4	-11.1	4.8	-2.3
Transportation .....	186.2	183.6	174.2	172.7	10.6	2.6	44.9	-26.0	6.6	3.6
Private transportation .....	183.7	180.9	171.3	169.9	11.1	2.2	46.8	-26.8	6.5	3.6
New and used motor vehicles <sup>2</sup> .....	95.2	95.1	94.7	94.5	1.3	2.6	1.3	-2.9	1.9	-8
New vehicles .....	138.1	138.8	138.7	138.3	1.7	.3	-4.0	.6	1.0	-1.7
Used cars and trucks <sup>1</sup> .....	142.4	141.4	140.2	140.0	1.2	6.5	4.9	-6.6	3.8	-1.0
Motor fuel .....	247.1	236.5	198.9	193.4	41.9	2.0	236.1	-62.5	20.3	12.3
Gasoline (all types) .....	245.8	235.4	197.9	192.4	41.8	2.2	234.9	-62.5	20.4	12.1
Motor vehicle parts and equipment <sup>1</sup> .....	112.3	112.6	113.2	113.6	4.5	1.1	5.5	4.7	2.8	5.1
Motor vehicle maintenance and repair .....	211.3	212.4	212.9	213.0	3.8	3.3	5.3	3.3	3.5	4.3
Public transportation .....	218.8	222.5	222.3	220.6	3.3	13.0	5.1	3.3	8.0	4.2
Medical care .....	324.4	326.3	328.6	328.9	5.7	3.7	2.5	5.7	4.7	4.1
Medical care commodities .....	270.0	271.8	273.9	274.4	2.6	2.4	2.7	6.7	2.5	4.7
Medical care services .....	339.1	341.0	343.2	343.5	6.7	3.9	2.5	5.3	5.3	3.9
Professional services .....	286.1	287.2	288.3	288.5	4.7	3.6	3.0	3.4	4.1	3.2
Hospital and related services <sup>3</sup> .....	436.8	440.6	446.4	445.9	8.1	3.5	1.1	8.6	5.7	4.8

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—		
	Sep. 2005	Oct. 2005	Nov. 2005	Dec. 2005	Mar. 2005	June 2005	Sep. 2005	Dec. 2005	June 2005	Dec. 2005
<b>Expenditure category</b>										
Recreation <sup>2</sup> .....	107.2	107.5	107.4	107.4	0.0	0.4	2.7	0.7	0.2	1.7
Video and audio <sup>2</sup> .....	104.0	104.0	103.8	103.7	-.4	-4.9	6.8	-1.1	-2.7	2.8
Education and communication <sup>2</sup> .....	111.9	111.8	112.3	112.4	1.8	1.1	2.9	1.8	1.5	2.4
Education <sup>2</sup> .....	152.8	153.3	154.3	155.0	5.3	6.3	6.0	5.9	5.8	5.9
Educational books and supplies .....	372.9	374.7	376.7	378.2	-.1	5.6	8.8	5.8	2.7	7.3
Tuition, other school fees, and childcare .....	432.2	433.6	436.4	438.3	5.8	6.4	5.7	5.8	6.1	5.7
Communication <sup>2</sup> .....	86.4	85.9	86.2	86.2	-.9	-2.3	.5	-.9	-1.6	-.2
Information and information processing <sup>1 2</sup> .....	84.8	84.4	84.7	84.6	-.9	-2.3	.0	-.9	-1.6	-.5
Telephone services <sup>1 2</sup> .....	95.3	94.8	95.3	95.3	.4	-1.3	2.1	.0	-.4	1.1
Information technology, hardware and services <sup>1 5</sup> .....	13.9	13.8	13.7	13.6	-7.9	-8.0	-8.2	-8.4	-7.9	-8.3
Personal computers and peripheral equipment <sup>1 2</sup> .....	12.1	12.0	11.8	11.6	-13.8	-14.3	-17.6	-15.5	-14.1	-16.6
Other goods and services .....	324.6	324.5	325.6	327.3	3.7	1.6	5.0	3.4	2.7	4.2
Tobacco and smoking products <sup>1</sup> .....	512.2	511.3	513.2	515.0	10.0	1.2	11.1	2.2	5.5	6.6
Personal care .....	184.6	184.7	185.3	186.4	.9	2.0	2.0	4.0	1.4	3.0
Personal care products <sup>1</sup> .....	155.0	155.0	154.9	155.4	-1.3	3.2	1.3	1.0	.9	1.2
Personal care services <sup>1</sup> .....	204.8	205.0	205.5	206.9	3.6	-.6	3.0	4.2	1.5	3.6
Miscellaneous personal services .....	305.4	306.1	306.8	308.2	.5	4.5	2.9	3.7	2.5	3.3
<b>Commodity and service group</b>										
Commodities .....	167.2	166.3	162.3	161.8	5.5	1.5	19.6	-12.3	3.5	2.4
Food and beverages .....	191.2	191.8	192.4	192.5	1.3	3.0	1.7	2.7	2.1	2.2
Commodities less food and beverages .....	152.6	151.0	145.2	144.2	8.3	.8	31.1	-20.3	4.5	2.3
Nondurables less food and beverages .....	189.0	186.6	176.4	175.5	3.7	.5	64.1	-25.7	2.1	10.4
Apparel .....	118.7	118.2	118.3	118.1	3.7	-5.5	-.7	-2.0	-1.0	-1.3
Nondurables less food, beverages, and apparel .....	238.0	233.3	214.0	211.0	18.0	3.0	87.8	-38.2	10.3	7.7
Durables .....	115.1	115.3	115.0	114.8	.3	.7	-.7	-1.0	.5	-.9
Services .....	227.1	228.7	229.8	230.0	3.3	2.9	4.2	5.2	3.1	4.7
Rent of shelter <sup>4</sup> .....	209.9	210.8	211.3	212.0	4.1	1.7	1.2	4.1	2.9	2.6
Tenants' and household insurance <sup>1 2</sup> .....	116.9	116.0	116.2	116.4	1.7	-3.6	-4.7	-1.7	-1.0	-3.2
Gas (piped) and electricity <sup>3</sup> .....	170.7	179.7	183.6	180.7	2.4	13.0	29.6	25.6	7.5	27.5
Water and sewer and trash collection services <sup>2</sup> .....	131.6	132.2	132.7	133.4	7.1	4.4	3.7	5.6	5.8	4.7
Household operations <sup>1 2</sup> .....	133.5	134.5	135.3	136.0	2.8	8.2	2.1	7.7	5.5	4.9
Transportation services .....	227.8	227.9	228.3	228.5	1.6	3.4	3.8	1.2	2.5	2.5
Medical care services .....	339.1	341.0	343.2	343.5	6.7	3.9	2.5	5.3	5.3	3.9
Other services .....	261.7	262.1	263.1	263.7	2.2	1.6	4.1	3.1	1.9	3.6
<b>Special indexes</b>										
All items less food .....	195.3	195.4	193.5	193.2	5.0	1.9	12.8	-4.2	3.5	3.9
All items less shelter .....	188.3	188.4	186.0	185.5	4.6	2.5	15.1	-5.8	3.5	4.1
All items less medical care .....	189.1	189.3	187.7	187.5	4.0	2.2	11.3	-3.3	3.1	3.7
Commodities less food .....	154.3	152.7	147.0	146.1	8.2	.6	30.0	-19.6	4.3	2.2
Nondurables less food .....	189.6	187.4	177.8	176.8	3.9	-.2	59.9	-24.4	1.8	10.0
Nondurables less food and apparel .....	233.5	229.1	211.6	208.9	16.7	2.2	80.0	-35.9	9.2	7.4
Nondurables .....	191.0	190.1	184.9	184.4	2.7	2.0	28.5	-13.1	2.4	5.7
Services less rent of shelter <sup>4</sup> .....	218.3	220.6	222.2	222.2	2.1	4.2	7.9	7.3	3.2	7.6
Services less medical care services .....	218.6	220.1	221.2	221.5	2.7	2.8	4.5	5.4	2.7	5.0
Energy .....	205.8	204.7	187.3	183.2	22.0	7.0	127.3	-37.2	14.2	19.5
All items less energy .....	194.1	194.6	195.0	195.3	2.5	1.7	1.7	2.5	2.1	2.1
All items less food and energy .....	195.2	195.6	196.0	196.3	2.7	1.5	1.7	2.3	2.1	2.0
Commodities less food and energy commodities .....	140.7	140.7	140.6	140.5	1.4	.0	.3	-.6	.7	-.1
Energy commodities .....	247.8	237.9	201.4	196.0	39.3	3.3	229.0	-60.9	20.0	13.5
Services less energy services .....	233.2	233.9	234.7	235.3	3.5	2.1	2.3	3.7	2.8	3.0

<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 Dec.2005 from—			Percent change to Nov.2005 from—			
		Sep. 2005	Oct. 2005	Nov. 2005	Dec. 2005	Dec. 2004	Oct. 2005	Nov. 2005	Nov. 2004	Sep. 2005	Oct. 2005	
U.S. city average .....	M	195.0	195.2	193.4	192.5	3.5	-1.4	-0.5	3.5	-0.8	-0.9	
<b>Region and area size<sup>2</sup></b>												
Northeast urban .....	M	207.9	208.1	206.5	205.5	3.4	-1.2	-5	3.6	-7	-8	
Size A - More than 1,500,000 .....	M	209.0	208.9	207.3	206.4	3.4	-1.2	-4	3.5	-8	-8	
Size B/C - 50,000 to 1,500,000 <sup>3</sup> .....	M	124.8	125.4	124.4	123.7	3.6	-1.4	-6	3.5	-3	-8	
Midwest urban .....	M	188.2	187.6	185.6	185.1	3.5	-1.3	-3	3.2	-1.4	-1.1	
Size A - More than 1,500,000 .....	M	188.7	188.5	186.7	186.2	3.4	-1.2	-3	3.0	-1.1	-1.0	
Size B/C - 50,000 to 1,500,000 <sup>3</sup> .....	M	122.9	122.2	120.6	120.3	3.4	-1.6	-2	3.2	-1.9	-1.3	
Size D - Nonmetropolitan (less than 50,000) .....	M	185.6	184.9	183.0	182.4	4.3	-1.4	-3	4.5	-1.4	-1.0	
South urban .....	M	189.8	190.2	188.0	187.2	3.8	-1.6	-4	4.0	-9	-1.2	
Size A - More than 1,500,000 .....	M	192.6	193.2	191.1	189.7	4.0	-1.8	-7	4.7	-8	-1.1	
Size B/C - 50,000 to 1,500,000 <sup>3</sup> .....	M	121.3	121.4	120.0	119.8	3.6	-1.3	-2	3.4	-1.1	-1.2	
Size D - Nonmetropolitan (less than 50,000) .....	M	192.6	194.4	191.0	189.8	4.6	-2.4	-6	4.8	-8	-1.7	
West urban .....	M	197.1	197.8	196.4	194.9	2.9	-1.5	-8	3.3	-4	-7	
Size A - More than 1,500,000 .....	M	198.4	199.1	197.7	196.2	3.2	-1.5	-8	3.4	-4	-7	
Size B/C - 50,000 to 1,500,000 <sup>3</sup> .....	M	122.8	123.2	122.4	121.3	2.3	-1.5	-9	2.9	-3	-6	
<b>Size classes</b>												
A <sup>4</sup> .....	M	180.7	180.9	179.3	178.4	3.5	-1.4	-5	3.6	-8	-9	
B/C <sup>3</sup> .....	M	122.4	122.4	121.2	120.7	3.3	-1.4	-4	3.3	-1.0	-1.0	
D .....	M	190.7	191.3	189.0	187.9	4.0	-1.8	-6	4.4	-9	-1.2	
<b>Selected local areas<sup>5</sup></b>												
Chicago-Gary-Kenosha, IL-IN-WI .....	M	192.2	191.9	191.1	190.2	3.9	-9	-5	3.7	-6	-4	
Los Angeles-Riverside-Orange County, CA ...	M	199.0	200.0	198.4	196.5	4.2	-1.8	-1.0	4.3	-3	-8	
New York-Northern N.J.-Long Island, NY-NJ-CT-PA .....	M	211.0	211.0	209.9	208.7	3.4	-1.1	-6	3.8	-5	-5	
Boston-Brockton-Nashua, MA-NH-ME-CT .....	1	220.2	-	217.7	-	-	-	-	3.2	-1.1	-	
Cleveland-Akron, OH .....	1	183.1	-	180.8	-	-	-	-	4.0	-1.3	-	
Dallas-Fort Worth, TX .....	1	190.8	-	188.9	-	-	-	-	4.7	-1.0	-	
Washington-Baltimore, DC-MD-VA-WV <sup>6</sup> .....	1	127.2	-	125.2	-	-	-	-	4.0	-1.6	-	
Atlanta, GA .....	2	-	193.1	-	187.2	3.1	-3.1	-	-	-	-	
Detroit-Ann Arbor-Flint, MI .....	2	-	190.5	-	187.9	4.0	-1.4	-	-	-	-	
Houston-Galveston-Brazoria, TX .....	2	-	178.4	-	175.1	4.4	-1.8	-	-	-	-	
Miami-Fort Lauderdale, FL .....	2	-	197.4	-	195.5	4.8	-1.0	-	-	-	-	
Philadelphia-Wilmington-Atlantic City, PA-NJ-DE-MD .....	2	-	207.6	-	205.2	3.7	-1.2	-	-	-	-	
San Francisco-Oakland-San Jose, CA .....	2	-	202.6	-	199.3	1.7	-1.6	-	-	-	-	
Seattle-Tacoma-Bremerton, WA .....	2	-	198.6	-	196.1	3.0	-1.3	-	-	-	-	

<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 Dec. 2005 from—	
		Nov. 2005	Dec. 2005	Dec. 2004	Nov. 2005
<b>Expenditure category</b>					
All items .....	100.000	114.4	114.0	2.8	-0.3
Food and beverages .....	15.076	114.5	114.7	2.2	.2
Food .....	14.086	114.6	114.8	2.3	.2
Food at home .....	8.062	112.4	112.7	1.6	.3
Food away from home .....	6.023	117.4	117.6	3.2	.2
Alcoholic beverages .....	.990	113.7	113.3	1.3	-.4
Housing .....	41.793	118.8	118.7	3.4	-.1
Shelter .....	32.380	118.9	118.9	2.6	.0
Fuels and utilities .....	4.643	147.3	145.9	13.9	-1.0
Household furnishings and operations .....	4.771	96.2	96.3	.1	.1
Apparel .....	4.317	91.4	88.4	-1.4	-3.3
Transportation .....	17.315	115.1	113.7	3.9	-1.2
Private transportation .....	16.206	115.5	114.2	3.8	-1.1
Public transportation .....	1.109	109.2	107.5	5.9	-1.6
Medical care .....	5.783	128.2	128.3	4.1	.1
Medical care commodities .....	1.466	119.0	119.2	3.6	.2
Medical care services .....	4.317	131.4	131.5	4.4	.1
Recreation .....	5.978	103.8	103.6	.3	-.2
Education and communication .....	6.004	101.3	101.2	1.0	-.1
Education .....	2.560	144.9	145.0	6.0	.1
Communication .....	3.444	76.3	76.0	-2.7	-.4
Other goods and services .....	3.734	117.8	118.2	2.9	.3
<b>Commodity and service group</b>					
Services .....	58.567	121.3	121.2	3.5	-.1
Commodities .....	41.433	105.8	105.0	1.8	-.8
Durables .....	12.521	87.2	87.2	-1.0	.0
Nondurables .....	28.912	114.9	113.7	3.1	-1.0
All items less food and energy .....	78.985	110.8	110.6	1.7	-.2
Energy .....	6.929	162.0	156.2	16.0	-3.6

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.

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

(1982-84=100, unless otherwise noted)

<b>CPI-U</b>	Annual average 2004	Annual average 2005	Percent change from 2004 to 2005
<b>Expenditure category</b>			
All items .....	188.9	195.3	3.4
All items (1967=100) .....	565.8	585.0	-
Food and beverages .....	186.6	191.2	2.5
Food .....	186.2	190.7	2.4
Food at home .....	186.2	189.8	1.9
Cereals and bakery products .....	206.0	209.0	1.5
Meats, poultry, fish, and eggs .....	181.7	184.7	1.7
Dairy and related products .....	180.2	182.4	1.2
Fruits and vegetables .....	232.7	241.4	3.7
Nonalcoholic beverages and beverage materials .....	140.4	144.4	2.8
Other food at home .....	164.9	167.0	1.3
Sugar and sweets .....	163.2	165.2	1.2
Fats and oils .....	167.8	167.7	-.1
Other foods .....	179.7	182.5	1.6
Other miscellaneous foods <sup>1</sup> .....	110.4	111.3	.8
Food away from home .....	187.5	193.4	3.1
Other food away from home <sup>1</sup> .....	125.3	131.3	4.8
Alcoholic beverages .....	192.1	195.9	2.0
Housing .....	189.5	195.7	3.3
Shelter .....	218.8	224.4	2.6
Rent of primary residence .....	211.0	217.3	3.0
Lodging away from home <sup>1</sup> .....	125.9	130.3	3.5
Owners' equivalent rent of primary residence <sup>2</sup> .....	224.9	230.2	2.4
Tenants' and household insurance <sup>1</sup> .....	116.2	117.6	1.2
Fuels and utilities .....	161.9	179.0	10.6
Fuels .....	144.4	161.6	11.9
Fuel oil and other fuels .....	160.5	208.6	30.0
Gas (piped) and electricity .....	150.6	166.5	10.6
Household furnishings and operations .....	125.5	126.1	.5
Apparel .....	120.4	119.5	-.7
Men's and boys' apparel .....	117.5	116.1	-1.2
Women's and girls' apparel .....	113.0	110.8	-1.9
Infants' and toddlers' apparel .....	118.5	116.7	-1.5
Footwear .....	119.3	122.6	2.8
Transportation .....	163.1	173.9	6.6
Private transportation .....	159.4	170.2	6.8
New and used motor vehicles <sup>1</sup> .....	94.2	95.6	1.5
New vehicles .....	137.1	137.9	.6
Used cars and trucks .....	133.3	139.4	4.6
Motor fuel .....	160.4	195.7	22.0
Gasoline (all types) .....	159.7	194.7	21.9
Motor vehicle parts and equipment .....	108.7	111.9	2.9
Motor vehicle maintenance and repair .....	200.2	206.9	3.3
Public transportation .....	209.1	217.3	3.9
Medical care .....	310.1	323.2	4.2
Medical care commodities .....	269.3	276.0	2.5
Medical care services .....	321.3	336.7	4.8
Professional services .....	271.5	281.7	3.8
Hospital and related services .....	417.9	439.9	5.3
Recreation <sup>1</sup> .....	108.6	109.4	.7
Video and audio <sup>1</sup> .....	104.2	104.2	.0

See footnotes at end of table.

**Table 1A. 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)

<b>CPI-U</b>	Annual average 2004	Annual average 2005	Percent change from 2004 to 2005
<b>Expenditure category</b>			
Education and communication <sup>1</sup> .....	111.6	113.7	1.9
Education <sup>1</sup> .....	143.7	152.7	6.3
Educational books and supplies .....	351.0	365.6	4.2
Tuition, other school fees, and childcare .....	414.3	440.9	6.4
Communication <sup>1</sup> .....	86.7	84.7	-2.3
Information and information processing <sup>1</sup> .....	84.6	82.6	-2.4
Telephone services <sup>1</sup> .....	95.8	94.9	-.9
Information technology, hardware and services <sup>3</sup> .....	14.8	13.6	-8.1
Personal computers and peripheral equipment <sup>1</sup> .....	15.3	12.8	-16.3
Other goods and services .....	304.7	313.4	2.9
Tobacco and smoking products .....	478.0	502.8	5.2
Personal care .....	181.7	185.6	2.1
Personal care products .....	153.9	154.4	.3
Personal care services .....	197.6	203.9	3.2
Miscellaneous personal services .....	293.9	303.0	3.1
<b>Commodity and service group</b>			
Commodities .....	154.7	160.2	3.6
Food and beverages .....	186.6	191.2	2.5
Commodities less food and beverages .....	136.7	142.5	4.2
Nondurables less food and beverages .....	157.2	168.4	7.1
Apparel .....	120.4	119.5	-.7
Nondurables less food, beverages, and apparel .....	183.9	202.6	10.2
Durables .....	114.8	115.3	.4
Services .....	222.8	230.1	3.3
Rent of shelter <sup>2</sup> .....	227.9	233.7	2.5
Transportation services .....	220.6	225.7	2.3
Other services .....	261.3	268.4	2.7
<b>Special indexes</b>			
All items less food .....	189.4	196.0	3.5
All items less shelter .....	179.3	186.1	3.8
All items less medical care .....	182.7	188.7	3.3
Commodities less food .....	138.8	144.5	4.1
Nondurables less food .....	159.3	170.1	6.8
Nondurables less food and apparel .....	183.8	201.2	9.5
Nondurables .....	172.2	180.2	4.6
Services less rent of shelter <sup>2</sup> .....	233.5	243.2	4.2
Services less medical care services .....	214.5	221.2	3.1
Energy .....	151.4	177.1	17.0
All items less energy .....	194.4	198.7	2.2
All items less food and energy .....	196.6	200.9	2.2
Commodities less food and energy commodities .....	139.6	140.3	.5
Energy commodities .....	161.2	197.4	22.5
Services less energy services .....	230.2	236.6	2.8
Purchasing power of the consumer dollar (1982-84=\$1.00) .....	\$ .530	\$ .512	-
Purchasing power of the consumer dollar (1967=\$1.00) .....	\$ .177	\$ .171	-

<sup>1</sup> Indexes on a December 1997=100 base.

<sup>2</sup> Indexes on a December 1982=100 base.

<sup>3</sup> Indexes on a December 1988=100 base.

- Data not available.

**Table 4A. Consumer Price Index for Urban Wage Earners and Clerical Workers (CPI-W): U.S. city average, by expenditure category and commodity and service group**

(1982-84=100, unless otherwise noted)

<b>CPI-W</b>	Annual average 2004	Annual average 2005	Percent change from 2004 to 2005
<b>Expenditure category</b>			
All items .....	184.5	191.0	3.5
All items (1967=100) .....	549.5	568.9	-
Food and beverages .....	186.2	190.5	2.3
Food .....	185.7	190.1	2.4
Food at home .....	185.4	188.9	1.9
Cereals and bakery products .....	206.0	208.9	1.4
Meats, poultry, fish, and eggs .....	181.8	184.7	1.6
Dairy and related products .....	180.0	182.2	1.2
Fruits and vegetables .....	230.4	238.9	3.7
Nonalcoholic beverages and beverage materials .....	139.7	143.7	2.9
Other food at home .....	164.5	166.5	1.2
Sugar and sweets .....	162.5	164.3	1.1
Fats and oils .....	167.8	167.8	.0
Other foods .....	180.1	182.8	1.5
Other miscellaneous foods <sup>1</sup> .....	110.9	111.8	.8
Food away from home .....	187.4	193.3	3.1
Other food away from home <sup>1</sup> .....	125.1	131.1	4.8
Alcoholic beverages .....	192.4	195.8	1.8
Housing .....	185.0	191.2	3.4
Shelter .....	212.2	217.5	2.5
Rent of primary residence .....	210.2	216.5	3.0
Lodging away from home <sup>1</sup> .....	126.4	130.0	2.8
Owners' equivalent rent of primary residence <sup>2</sup> .....	204.1	208.8	2.3
Tenants' and household insurance <sup>1</sup> .....	116.4	117.9	1.3
Fuels and utilities .....	161.2	177.9	10.4
Fuels .....	143.2	159.7	11.5
Fuel oil and other fuels .....	160.0	208.1	30.1
Gas (piped) and electricity .....	149.8	165.4	10.4
Water and sewer and trash collection services <sup>1</sup> .....	124.1	130.6	5.2
Household furnishings and operations .....	121.1	121.8	.6
Household operations <sup>1</sup> .....	126.8	132.8	4.7
Apparel .....	120.0	119.1	-.8
Men's and boys' apparel .....	117.3	115.6	-1.4
Women's and girls' apparel .....	112.8	110.4	-2.1
Infants' and toddlers' apparel .....	121.3	119.3	-1.6
Footwear .....	118.2	121.8	3.0
Transportation .....	161.5	173.0	7.1
Private transportation .....	158.8	170.3	7.2
New and used motor vehicles <sup>1</sup> .....	92.8	94.7	2.0
New vehicles .....	138.1	138.9	.6
Used cars and trucks .....	134.1	140.3	4.6
Motor fuel .....	160.9	196.3	22.0
Gasoline (all types) .....	160.2	195.4	22.0
Motor vehicle parts and equipment .....	108.2	111.5	3.0
Motor vehicle maintenance and repair .....	202.0	209.3	3.6
Public transportation .....	207.1	215.5	4.1
Medical care .....	309.5	322.8	4.3
Medical care commodities .....	263.2	269.2	2.3
Medical care services .....	321.5	337.3	4.9
Professional services .....	274.0	284.3	3.8
Hospital and related services .....	414.0	436.1	5.3

See footnotes at end of table.

**Table 4A. Consumer Price Index for Urban Wage Earners and Clerical Workers (CPI-W): U.S. city average, by expenditure category and commodity and service group-Continued**

(1982-84=100, unless otherwise noted)

<b>CPI-W</b>	Annual average 2004	Annual average 2005	Percent change from 2004 to 2005
<b>Expenditure category</b>			
Recreation <sup>1</sup> .....	106.3	106.8	0.5
Video and audio <sup>1</sup> .....	103.4	103.4	.0
Education and communication <sup>1</sup> .....	110.0	111.4	1.3
Education <sup>1</sup> .....	142.5	151.0	6.0
Educational books and supplies .....	352.2	367.1	4.2
Tuition, other school fees, and childcare .....	402.5	427.1	6.1
Communication <sup>1</sup> .....	88.3	86.4	-2.2
Information and information processing <sup>1</sup> .....	86.8	84.9	-2.2
Telephone services <sup>1</sup> .....	96.0	95.0	-1.0
Information technology, hardware and services <sup>3</sup> .....	15.3	14.2	-7.2
Personal computers and peripheral equipment <sup>1</sup> .....	15.0	12.6	-16.0
Other goods and services .....	312.6	322.2	3.1
Tobacco and smoking products .....	478.8	504.2	5.3
Personal care .....	180.4	184.0	2.0
Personal care products .....	154.4	154.5	.1
Personal care services .....	198.2	204.2	3.0
Miscellaneous personal services .....	294.0	303.4	3.2
<b>Commodity and service group</b>			
Commodities .....	155.4	161.4	3.9
Food and beverages .....	186.2	190.5	2.3
Commodities less food and beverages .....	138.1	144.7	4.8
Nondurables less food and beverages .....	160.6	173.2	7.8
Apparel .....	120.0	119.1	-.8
Nondurables less food, beverages, and apparel .....	189.6	210.6	11.1
Durables .....	114.0	115.1	1.0
Services .....	218.6	225.7	3.2
Rent of shelter <sup>2</sup> .....	204.3	209.5	2.5
Tenants' and household insurance <sup>1</sup> .....	116.4	117.9	1.3
Gas (piped) and electricity .....	149.8	165.4	10.4
Water and sewer and trash collection services <sup>1</sup> .....	124.1	130.6	5.2
Household operations <sup>1</sup> .....	126.8	132.8	4.7
Transportation services .....	220.9	225.9	2.3
Medical care services .....	321.5	337.3	4.9
Other services .....	254.1	260.0	2.3
<b>Special indexes</b>			
All items less food .....	184.1	191.0	3.7
All items less shelter .....	176.4	183.4	4.0
All items less medical care .....	179.1	185.4	3.5
Commodities less food .....	140.0	146.5	4.6
Nondurables less food .....	162.6	174.6	7.4
Nondurables less food and apparel .....	189.0	208.4	10.3
Nondurables .....	173.9	182.5	4.9
Services less rent of shelter <sup>2</sup> .....	207.4	215.9	4.1
Services less medical care services .....	210.6	217.2	3.1
Energy .....	151.3	177.2	17.1
All items less energy .....	189.5	193.5	2.1
All items less food and energy .....	190.6	194.6	2.1
Commodities less food and energy commodities .....	139.4	140.6	.9
Energy commodities .....	161.5	197.7	22.4
Services less energy services .....	226.2	232.3	2.7
Purchasing power of the consumer dollar (1982-84=\$1.00) .....	\$.542	\$.524	-
Purchasing power of the consumer dollar (1967=\$1.00) .....	\$.182	\$.176	-

<sup>1</sup> Indexes on a December 1997=100 base.

<sup>2</sup> Indexes on a December 1984=100 base

<sup>3</sup> Indexes on a December 1988=100 base.

- Data not available.