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The Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers (CPI-U) increased 0.9 percent in April, before seasonal adjustment, the Bureau of Labor Statistics of the U.S. Department of Labor reported today. The April level of 201.5 (1982-84=100) was 3.5 percent higher than in April 2005.

The Consumer Price Index for Urban Wage Earners and Clerical Workers (CPI-W) increased 1.0 percent in April, prior to seasonal adjustment. The April level of 197.2 (1982-84=100) was 3.7 percent higher than in April 2005.

The Chained Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers (C-CPI-U) increased 0.6 percent in April on a not seasonally adjusted basis. The April level of 116.8 (December 1999=100) was 3.1 percent higher than in April 2005. Please note that the indexes for the post-2004 period are subject to revision.

CPI for All Urban Consumers (CPI-U)

On a seasonally adjusted basis, the CPI-U advanced 0.6 percent in April, following a 0.4 percent rise in March. Energy costs, which increased 1.3 percent in March, advanced 3.9 percent in April. Within energy, the index for petroleum based energy increased 8.5 percent, while the index for energy services fell 1.5 percent. The food index was unchanged in April, as a 0.2 percent decline in the index for food at home was offset by a 0.2 percent increase in the index for food away from home. The index for all items less food and energy rose 0.3 percent in April, the same as in March; the index for shelter accounted for about one-half of the April increase with the indexes for apparel, for medical care, and for education and communication each accounting for about 10 percent of the April advance.

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

Expenditure Category	Seasonally adjusted							Un- adjusted 12-mos. ended Apr. '06	
	Changes from preceding month						Compound annual rate 3-mos. ended Apr. '06		
	2005			2006					
	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.			Apr.
All Items	.3	-.7	-.1	.7	.1	.4	.6	4.1	3.5
Food and beverages	.2	.3	.1	.5	.2	.1	.0	.8	1.8
Housing	.9	.4	.2	.5	.1	.2	.1	2.0	3.8
Apparel	-.3	.1	-.3	.3	-1.0	1.0	.6	2.4	-.2
Transportation	-1.2	-4.9	-.7	1.8	-.2	.9	2.4	13.3	6.3
Medical care	.6	.5	.2	.1	.5	.4	.4	5.2	4.1
Recreation	.2	-.1	.1	.0	.1	.4	.3	2.9	1.7
Education and communication	.0	.4	.2	.4	.2	.2	.3	2.8	2.6
Other goods and services	.1	.3	.4	.3	.1	.2	.0	1.3	2.7
Special Indexes									
Energy	.0	-8.1	-2.1	5.0	-1.2	1.3	3.9	16.9	17.8
Food	.3	.3	.1	.5	.1	.1	.0	.6	1.8
All Items less food and energy	.2	.2	.1	.2	.1	.3	.3	3.2	2.3

During the first four months of 2006, the CPI-U rose at a 5.1 percent seasonally adjusted annual rate (SAAR). This compares with an increase of 3.4 percent for all of 2005. The index for energy, which rose 17.1 percent in 2005, advanced at a 30.1 percent SAAR in the first four months of 2006. Petroleum-based energy costs increased at a 61.5 percent annual rate and charges for energy services rose at a 0.5 percent annual rate. The food index has increased at a 1.9 percent SAAR thus far this year, following a 2.3 percent rise for all of 2005. Excluding food and energy, the CPI-U advanced at a 3.0 percent SAAR in the first four months, following a 2.2 percent rise for all of 2005.

The food and beverages index was unchanged in April. The index for food at home declined for the third consecutive month--down 0.2 percent in April. Declines in five of the six major grocery store food groups were partially offset by a 0.2 percent increase in the index for meats, poultry, fish, and eggs. Within this group, increases in the indexes for pork, for other meats, and for fish and seafood were partially offset by declines in the prices for beef and for poultry. The indexes for dairy products and for nonalcoholic beverages registered the largest decreases--down 0.7 percent. Within the index for dairy products, prices for milk and cheese each declined. A 1.9 percent drop in prices for carbonated drinks accounted for most of the decline in the index for nonalcoholic beverages. The indexes for cereal and bakery products and other food at home each declined 0.2 percent. The index for fruits and vegetables declined 0.1 percent. The indexes for fresh fruits and for processed fruits and vegetables decreased 1.7 and 0.2 percent, respectively, more than offsetting a 1.7 percent increase in the index for fresh vegetables. (Prior to seasonal adjustment, fresh vegetable prices declined 1.0 percent.) The other two components of the food and beverages index--food away from home and alcoholic beverages--increased 0.2 percent and were unchanged, respectively.

The index for housing, which rose 0.2 percent in March, increased 0.1 percent in April. The index for shelter increased 0.3 percent in April, following increases of 0.4 percent in both February and March. Within shelter, the indexes for rent and owners' equivalent rent increased 0.3 and 0.4 percent, respectively, while the index for lodging away from home was unchanged. The index for fuels and utilities declined for the third consecutive month--down 0.9 percent in April. A sharp decline in the index for natural gas more than offset increases in prices for fuel oil and for electricity. The index for natural gas declined 5.2 percent in April and has fallen 13.4 percent in the last three months. The index for fuel oil, which had declined in each of the six preceding months, rose 5.2 percent in April. The index for electricity rose 0.3 percent. During the last 12 months, charges for electricity and for natural gas have increased 14.8 and 11.0 percent, respectively, and fuel oil prices have risen 20.2 percent. The index for household furnishings and operations, which increased 0.1 percent in March, was unchanged in April.

The transportation index advanced 2.4 percent in April, reflecting an 8.8 percent increase in the index for motor fuel. (Prior to seasonal adjustment, gasoline prices rose 14.5 percent in April.) The index for new vehicles declined 0.1 percent in April and was 0.3 percent lower than a year ago. The index for used cars and trucks increased 0.3 percent in April and was 1.7 percent higher than in April 2005. The index for public transportation increased 0.2 percent in April. (Prior to seasonal adjustment, the index for public transportation rose 1.2 percent, reflecting another increase in airline fares.) Airline fares increased 1.6 percent in April and have advanced 5.1 percent in the first four months of the year.

The index for apparel rose 0.6 percent in April, following a 1.0 percent increase in March. (Prior to seasonal adjustment, apparel prices rose 1.1 percent.)

Medical care costs rose 0.4 percent in April and are 4.1 percent higher than a year ago. The index for medical care commodities--prescription drugs, nonprescription drugs, and medical supplies--increased 0.4 percent. The index for medical care services rose 0.3 percent in April. The indexes for professional services and for hospital and related services increased 0.1 and 0.8 percent, respectively.

The index for recreation rose 0.3 percent in April, following a 0.4 percent increase in March. The index for cable and satellite television and radio service, which rose 1.3 percent in March, increased 0.8 percent in April and accounted for over one-half of the April recreation advance. The indexes for sporting goods and for pets, pet products and services increased 1.3 and 1.0 percent, respectively.

The index for education and communication rose 0.3 percent in April. Educational costs increased 0.5 percent and the index for communication rose 0.1 percent. Within the latter group, the index for telephone services rose 0.4 percent, reflecting increases in both local and long distance land-line telephone charges. Partially offsetting this increase, the index for personal computers and peripheral equipment declined 2.6 percent.

The index for other goods and services was unchanged in April. A 0.2 percent decline in the index for tobacco and smoking products was offset by a small increase in the index for miscellaneous personal services.

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

On a seasonally adjusted basis, the CPI for Urban Wage Earners and Clerical Workers rose 0.6 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. '06	Un-adjusted 12-mos. ended Apr. '06
	Changes from preceding month								
	2005			2006					
	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.		
All Items	.2	-.8	-.1	.7	.0	.5	.6	4.4	3.7
Food and beverages	.3	.3	.2	.4	.1	.1	-.1	.6	1.7
Housing	.9	.4	.1	.5	.1	.2	.1	1.6	3.9
Apparel	-.2	.0	-.3	.0	-.7	1.1	.7	4.5	-.1
Transportation	-1.3	-5.2	-.7	1.8	-.3	1.1	2.6	14.6	6.8
Medical care	.6	.6	.2	.1	.3	.5	.4	4.8	4.1
Recreation	.3	-.2	.0	.0	.1	.4	.3	3.0	1.5
Education and communication	-.1	.4	.1	.4	.1	.2	.3	2.1	2.2
Other goods and services	.0	.3	.4	.3	.1	.3	-.1	1.2	2.9
Special Indexes									
Energy	-.3	-8.7	-2.1	5.0	-1.3	1.4	4.2	18.3	17.9
Food	.3	.3	.2	.4	.1	.1	-.1	.4	1.7
All Items less food and energy	.3	.2	.2	.2	.2	.4	.2	3.1	2.2

Consumer Price Index data for May are scheduled for release on Wednesday, June 14, 2006, at 8:30 A.M. (EDT).

CPI (Old Weights)

For the first six months of 2006, BLS also will calculate Old Weights CPI-U and Old Weights CPI-W based on the 2001-02 expenditure pattern used in the CPI from 2004 through 2005. These Old Weight data are contained in tables 1(OW)-4(OW). From March to April, the Old Weight CPI-U rose 0.9 percent and the Old Weight CPI-W rose 1.0 percent. Note these series are not seasonally adjusted.

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	0.040×100
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 2001 through December 2005 were replaced in January 2006. 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 2006.

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 sharp rises in the price of coffee futures. 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. 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 2005	Unadjusted indexes		Unadjusted percent change to Apr. 2006 from—		Seasonally adjusted percent change from—		
		Mar. 2006	Apr. 2006	Apr. 2005	Mar. 2006	Jan. to Feb.	Feb. to Mar.	Mar. to Apr.
All items	100.000	199.8	201.5	3.5	0.9	0.1	0.4	0.6
All items (1967=100)	-	598.6	603.5	-	-	-	-	-
Food and beverages	15.051	194.5	194.2	1.8	-2	.2	.1	.0
Food	13.942	194.0	193.7	1.8	-2	.1	.1	.0
Food at home	7.988	192.3	191.5	.9	-4	-1	-1	-2
Cereals and bakery products	1.098	210.9	210.9	.9	.0	-3	.3	-2
Meats, poultry, fish, and eggs	2.133	185.9	185.5	.4	-2	-3	.3	.2
Dairy and related products .....	.852	183.0	181.3	-5	-9	-2	.1	-7
Fruits and vegetables	1.219	248.5	246.6	2.7	-8	.7	-1.7	-1
Nonalcoholic beverages and beverage materials .....	.910	148.0	146.3	1.0	-1.1	-2	.7	-7
Other food at home	1.777	169.2	168.8	.8	-2	-1	.1	-2
Sugar and sweets .....	.302	170.1	171.0	3.7	.5	-1.7	1.9	.9
Fats and oils .....	.231	168.5	165.0	-2.6	-2.1	.2	-1.4	-1.7
Other foods ¹	1.244	184.5	184.3	.7	-1	.2	-1	-1
Other miscellaneous foods ^{1 2} .....	.328	113.0	113.2	2.2	.2	.7	-4	.2
Food away from home ¹	5.953	197.6	198.0	3.1	.2	.3	.2	.2
Other food away from home ² .....	.277	135.2	135.8	4.8	.4	.3	.4	.5
Alcoholic beverages ¹	1.109	200.1	200.1	2.1	.0	.8	.3	.0
Housing	42.380	201.3	201.7	3.8	.2	.1	.2	.1
Shelter	32.260	229.9	230.7	2.8	.3	.4	.4	.3
Rent of primary residence ³	5.832	222.3	222.9	3.2	.3	.3	.4	.3
Lodging away from home ²	2.611	140.4	140.4	3.1	.0	.6	.8	.0
Owners' equivalent rent of primary residence ^{3 4}	23.442	234.9	235.8	3.0	.4	.3	.4	.4
Tenants' and household insurance ^{1 2} .....	.375	116.2	116.2	-1.7	.0	.3	.0	.0
Fuels and utilities	5.371	192.3	190.8	12.5	-8	-1.1	-9	-9
Fuels	4.494	174.8	173.2	14.3	-9	-1.4	-1.0	-1.1
Fuel oil and other fuels .....	.339	230.4	236.4	18.5	2.6	-2.8	.4	4.0
Gas (piped) and electricity ³	4.155	179.9	177.7	14.0	-1.2	-1.3	-1.1	-1.5
Water and sewer and trash collection services ² .....	.877	135.1	135.4	4.9	.2	.8	-2	.4
Household furnishings and operations	4.749	126.7	126.9	.5	.2	.0	.1	.0
Household operations ^{1 2} .....	.779	134.9	135.2	4.7	.2	.7	-1	.2
Apparel	3.786	122.0	123.4	-2	1.1	-1.0	1.0	.6
Men's and boys' apparel .....	.915	116.2	118.0	-2.0	1.5	-1.0	.5	.9
Women's and girls' apparel	1.612	115.0	116.3	-3	1.1	-1.3	2.2	.5
Infants' and toddlers' apparel .....	.183	118.7	118.2	-2.6	-4	1.7	-2	-6
Footwear .....	.759	125.4	126.1	1.9	.6	-7	.4	-1
Transportation	17.415	177.4	184.1	6.3	3.8	-2	.9	2.4
Private transportation	16.329	173.5	180.4	6.4	4.0	-2	1.0	2.6
New and used motor vehicles ²	7.858	96.0	96.0	.4	.0	.1	-1	.1
New vehicles	5.155	138.8	138.4	-3	-3	.1	-1	-1
Used cars and trucks ¹	1.799	140.0	140.4	1.7	.3	.1	.4	.3
Motor fuel	4.191	205.8	235.4	21.4	14.4	-9	3.6	8.8
Gasoline (all types)	4.148	204.7	234.4	21.5	14.5	-1.0	3.6	8.8
Motor vehicle parts and equipment ¹ .....	.362	115.4	115.8	4.5	.3	.4	.4	.3
Motor vehicle maintenance and repair	1.131	213.4	213.9	4.3	.2	.9	.3	.3
Public transportation	1.087	222.6	225.3	4.8	1.2	-2	-3	.2
Medical care	6.220	333.8	334.7	4.1	.3	.5	.4	.4
Medical care commodities	1.457	284.3	285.3	4.3	.4	.3	.4	.4
Medical care services	4.764	348.0	348.8	4.1	.2	.5	.4	.3
Professional services	2.815	287.8	288.5	2.7	.2	.2	.4	.1
Hospital and related services ³	1.576	463.3	464.6	6.3	.3	1.1	.6	.8

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)

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		Mar. 2006	Apr. 2006	Apr. 2005	Mar. 2006	Jan. to Feb.	Feb. to Mar.	Mar. to Apr.
Expenditure category								
Recreation ²	5.637	110.6	111.1	1.7	0.5	0.1	0.4	0.3
Video and audio ²	1.783	105.2	105.8	1.0	.6	-2	.9	.4
Education and communication ²	6.047	115.6	115.8	2.6	.2	.2	.2	.3
Education ²	2.967	158.4	158.6	6.1	.1	.3	.5	.5
Educational books and supplies .....	.196	383.1	383.1	6.0	.0	.1	.5	.3
Tuition, other school fees, and childcare	2.771	457.2	457.7	6.1	.1	.3	.5	.5
Communication ²	3.080	84.4	84.5	-1.1	.1	.0	-1.1	.1
Information and information processing ^{1 2}	2.895	81.9	82.1	-1.3	.2	-1	-1	.2
Telephone services ^{1 2}	2.245	95.0	95.4	.1	.4	.0	-2	.4
Information technology, hardware and services ^{1 5} .....	.650	13.0	12.9	-7.2	-8	.0	.0	-8
Personal computers and peripheral equipment ^{1 2} .....	.236	11.4	11.1	-17.2	-2.6	-9	-9	-2.6
Other goods and services	3.463	320.0	320.0	2.7	.0	.1	.2	.0
Tobacco and smoking products ¹ .....	.710	519.0	518.1	4.2	-2	.2	.6	-2
Personal care	2.752	189.1	189.1	2.3	.0	.1	.1	.0
Personal care products ¹ .....	.710	155.2	155.0	1.0	-1	-1	-3	-1
Personal care services ¹ .....	.675	208.5	208.5	2.6	.0	.7	.3	.0
Miscellaneous personal services	1.172	310.9	311.3	3.3	.1	.1	.5	.2
Commodity and service group								
Commodities	40.790	162.8	165.5	3.2	1.7	-1	.6	1.1
Food and beverages	15.051	194.5	194.2	1.8	-2	.2	.1	.0
Commodities less food and beverages	25.739	144.7	148.6	4.0	2.7	-3	.8	1.7
Nondurables less food and beverages	14.163	173.3	181.8	7.6	4.9	-1.8	.8	3.7
Apparel	3.786	122.0	123.4	-2	1.1	-1.0	1.0	.6
Nondurables less food, beverages, and apparel	10.377	209.3	222.3	10.6	6.2	-3	1.8	4.1
Durables	11.576	115.1	115.1	-4	.0	-1	.0	-1
Services	59.210	236.6	237.1	3.7	.2	.2	.2	.2
Rent of shelter ⁴	31.884	239.6	240.4	2.9	.3	.4	.3	.5
Tenants' and household insurance ^{1 2} .....	.375	116.2	116.2	-1.7	.0	.3	.0	.0
Gas (piped) and electricity ³	4.155	179.9	177.7	14.0	-1.2	-1.3	-1.1	-1.5
Water and sewer and trash collection services ² .....	.877	135.1	135.4	4.9	.2	.8	-2	.4
Household operations ^{1 2} .....	.779	134.9	135.2	4.7	.2	.7	-1	.2
Transportation services	5.707	228.8	229.6	2.3	.3	.0	-1	.2
Medical care services	4.764	348.0	348.8	4.1	.2	.5	.4	.3
Other services	10.669	274.6	275.5	3.3	.3	.2	.4	.4
Special indexes								
All items less food	86.058	200.8	202.8	3.8	1.0	.1	.4	.6
All items less shelter	67.740	190.3	192.3	3.9	1.1	-1	.4	.7
All items less medical care	93.780	193.0	194.7	3.5	.9	.0	.4	.6
Commodities less food	26.848	146.8	150.6	3.9	2.6	-3	.8	1.6
Nondurables less food	15.272	175.0	182.9	7.2	4.5	-1.7	.8	3.4
Nondurables less food and apparel	11.486	207.5	219.2	9.8	5.6	-1	1.6	3.7
Nondurables	29.214	184.4	188.7	4.7	2.3	-9	.5	1.9
Services less rent of shelter ⁴	27.325	250.9	251.0	4.7	.0	-1	.0	.2
Services less medical care services	54.446	227.3	227.8	3.7	.2	.0	.2	.3
Energy	8.685	188.6	201.4	17.8	6.8	-1.2	1.3	3.9
All items less energy	91.315	202.6	203.0	2.2	.2	.2	.2	.2
All items less food and energy	77.373	204.9	205.5	2.3	.3	.1	.3	.3
Commodities less food and energy commodities	22.319	141.5	141.7	.4	.1	-1	.3	.1
Energy commodities	4.530	208.3	236.6	21.2	13.6	-1.0	3.3	8.5
Services less energy services	55.055	242.4	243.2	3.1	.3	.3	.3	.3
Purchasing power of the consumer dollar (1982-84=\$1.00)	-	\$.500	\$.496	-	-	-	-	-
Purchasing power of the consumer dollar (1967=\$1.00)	-	\$.167	\$.166	-	-	-	-	-

¹ Not seasonally adjusted.

² Indexes on a December 1997=100 base.

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

⁴ Indexes on a December 1982=100 base.

⁵ Indexes on a December 1988=100 base.

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

(1982-84=100, unless otherwise noted)

CPI-U	Seasonally adjusted indexes				Seasonally adjusted annual rate percent change for					
					3 months ended—			6 months ended—		
	Jan. 2006	Feb. 2006	Mar. 2006	Apr. 2006	July 2005	Oct. 2005	Jan. 2006	Apr. 2006	Oct. 2005	Apr. 2006
Expenditure category										
All items	199.0	199.1	199.8	201.0	2.1	8.5	-0.2	4.1	5.2	1.9
Food and beverages	194.0	194.3	194.4	194.4	1.1	2.1	3.4	.8	1.6	2.1
Food	193.6	193.8	193.9	193.9	1.1	2.3	3.4	.6	1.7	2.0
Food at home	192.4	192.3	192.2	191.9	-4	1.5	3.6	-1.0	.5	1.3
Cereals and bakery products	211.0	210.3	210.9	210.4	-4	2.3	2.5	-1.1	1.0	.7
Meats, poultry, fish, and eggs	185.8	185.3	185.9	186.2	-1.7	.0	2.8	.9	-9	1.9
Dairy and related products	183.4	183.1	183.2	182.0	-1.5	-1.1	3.8	-3.0	-1.3	.3
Fruits and vegetables	251.5	253.2	248.8	248.6	.8	4.9	10.0	-4.5	2.8	2.5
Nonalcoholic beverages and beverage materials	146.5	146.2	147.2	146.1	.8	2.2	2.5	-1.1	1.5	.7
Other food at home	169.0	168.8	169.0	168.7	.0	1.7	1.9	-7	.8	.6
Sugar and sweets	169.3	166.5	169.7	171.2	3.2	.7	6.4	4.6	1.9	5.5
Fats and oils	169.4	169.8	167.5	164.7	-3.0	-.7	4.6	-10.6	-1.9	-3.3
Other foods ¹	184.3	184.7	184.5	184.3	.0	2.2	.7	.0	1.1	.3
Other miscellaneous foods ^{1 2}	112.6	113.4	113.0	113.2	2.6	2.2	1.8	2.1	2.4	2.0
Food away from home ¹	196.6	197.2	197.6	198.0	3.2	3.3	2.9	2.9	3.3	2.9
Other food away from home ²	134.2	134.6	135.2	135.9	7.3	3.7	3.0	5.2	5.5	4.1
Alcoholic beverages ¹	198.0	199.5	200.1	200.1	-2	2.1	2.5	4.3	.9	3.4
Housing	200.6	200.8	201.3	201.6	2.5	6.5	4.1	2.0	4.5	3.0
Shelter	227.4	228.2	229.2	230.0	2.0	2.0	2.9	4.7	2.0	3.8
Rent of primary residence ³	220.7	221.4	222.3	222.9	3.0	3.4	2.4	4.0	3.2	3.2
Lodging away from home ²	133.4	134.2	135.3	135.3	-2.4	-.6	9.5	5.8	-1.5	7.7
Owners' equivalent rent of primary residence ^{3 4}	233.2	233.9	234.9	235.8	2.3	2.1	2.8	4.5	2.2	3.7
Tenants' and household insurance ^{1 2}	115.9	116.2	116.2	116.2	-.3	-7.6	.3	1.0	-4.0	.7
Fuels and utilities	200.0	197.9	196.1	194.4	7.6	47.7	13.7	-10.7	26.1	.7
Fuels	183.6	181.0	179.1	177.1	8.0	59.0	15.2	-13.4	31.0	-1
Fuel oil and other fuels	227.9	221.6	222.4	231.3	31.2	80.7	-21.5	6.1	54.0	-8.7
Gas (piped) and electricity ³	189.8	187.3	185.2	182.4	6.1	57.4	18.8	-14.7	29.3	.7
Water and sewer and trash collection services ²	134.0	135.1	134.8	135.3	6.0	3.1	6.5	3.9	4.5	5.2
Household furnishings and operations	126.4	126.4	126.5	126.5	.3	.3	1.0	.3	.3	.6
Household operations ^{1 2}	134.1	135.0	134.9	135.2	3.8	4.1	7.8	3.3	3.9	5.5
Apparel	119.1	117.9	119.1	119.8	-4.9	1.0	.7	2.4	-2.0	1.5
Men's and boys' apparel	114.8	113.6	114.2	115.2	-9.5	1.8	-1.0	1.4	-4.0	.2
Women's and girls' apparel	109.5	108.1	110.5	111.1	-5.3	-1.4	.0	6.0	-3.4	2.9
Infants' and toddlers' apparel	115.0	117.0	116.8	116.1	-8.4	-7.7	2.5	3.9	-8.1	3.2
Footwear	124.8	123.9	124.4	124.3	2.3	4.3	2.9	-1.6	3.3	.6
Transportation	177.2	176.9	178.5	182.8	3.8	27.0	-14.7	13.3	14.8	-1.7
Private transportation	173.3	172.9	174.6	179.1	3.4	28.2	-15.6	14.1	15.1	-1.9
New and used motor vehicles ²	95.7	95.8	95.7	95.8	.4	1.3	-.8	.4	.8	-2
New vehicles	138.2	138.3	138.2	138.1	-3.4	1.2	1.5	-.3	-1.2	.6
Used cars and trucks ¹	139.3	139.5	140.0	140.4	8.7	-1.1	-3.6	3.2	3.7	-.3
Motor fuel	206.2	204.4	211.7	230.3	10.1	123.2	-43.2	55.6	56.7	-6.0
Gasoline (all types)	205.4	203.3	210.6	229.1	10.3	123.7	-43.0	54.8	57.1	-6.1
Motor vehicle parts and equipment ¹	114.4	114.9	115.4	115.8	4.0	4.0	5.0	5.0	4.0	5.0
Motor vehicle maintenance and repair	210.8	212.7	213.4	214.1	3.6	5.1	2.3	6.4	4.3	4.3
Public transportation	225.1	224.6	223.9	224.4	10.3	6.7	3.6	-1.2	8.5	1.2
Medical care	329.8	331.4	332.8	334.0	3.9	4.0	3.5	5.2	4.0	4.3
Medical care commodities	282.3	283.1	284.3	285.3	3.7	4.3	5.0	4.3	4.0	4.6
Medical care services	343.3	345.1	346.6	347.8	4.0	3.8	3.1	5.3	3.9	4.2
Professional services	285.3	285.9	287.0	287.3	3.0	3.6	1.0	2.8	3.3	1.9
Hospital and related services ³	452.7	457.7	460.5	464.2	4.1	4.1	6.7	10.6	4.1	8.6

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. 2006	Feb. 2006	Mar. 2006	Apr. 2006	July 2005	Oct. 2005	Jan. 2006	Apr. 2006	Oct. 2005	Apr. 2006
Expenditure category										
Recreation ²	110.0	110.1	110.5	110.8	0.4	3.3	0.0	2.9	1.8	1.5
Video and audio ²	104.2	104.0	104.9	105.3	-4.5	5.5	-1.5	4.3	.4	1.3
Education and communication ²	115.5	115.7	115.9	116.3	.7	2.5	4.3	2.8	1.6	3.5
Education ²	157.9	158.3	159.1	159.9	6.5	5.6	6.9	5.2	6.1	6.0
Educational books and supplies	378.9	379.4	381.2	382.4	5.7	7.5	7.2	3.7	6.6	5.4
Tuition, other school fees, and childcare	455.8	457.2	459.5	461.8	6.6	5.4	6.9	5.4	6.0	6.1
Communication ²	84.5	84.5	84.4	84.5	-4.2	-9	1.4	.0	-2.6	.7
Information and information processing ^{1 2}	82.1	82.0	81.9	82.1	-4.7	-1.0	.5	.0	-2.9	.2
Telephone services ^{1 2}	95.2	95.2	95.0	95.4	-3.7	.9	2.6	.8	-1.5	1.7
Information technology, hardware and services ^{1 5}	13.0	13.0	13.0	12.9	-8.4	-8.5	-8.7	-3.0	-8.4	-5.9
Personal computers and peripheral equipment ^{1 2}	11.6	11.5	11.4	11.1	-16.7	-17.5	-18.3	-16.2	-17.1	-17.2
Other goods and services	318.5	318.8	319.5	319.5	3.5	1.9	4.0	1.3	2.7	2.6
Tobacco and smoking products ¹	515.1	515.9	519.0	518.1	5.3	4.9	4.6	2.4	5.1	3.4
Personal care	188.3	188.5	188.7	188.7	3.1	1.1	3.9	.9	2.1	2.4
Personal care products ¹	155.8	155.6	155.2	155.0	4.2	.0	2.1	-2.0	2.1	.0
Personal care services ¹	206.4	207.9	208.5	208.5	1.2	1.8	3.2	4.1	1.5	3.6
Miscellaneous personal services	308.5	308.9	310.3	310.9	3.5	2.7	3.9	3.1	3.1	3.5
Commodity and service group										
Commodities	162.1	161.9	162.8	164.6	1.5	12.6	-6.4	6.3	6.9	-2
Food and beverages	194.0	194.3	194.4	194.4	1.1	2.1	3.4	.8	1.6	2.1
Commodities less food and beverages	143.9	143.5	144.7	147.2	1.4	18.9	-11.6	9.5	9.8	-1.6
Nondurables less food and beverages	173.9	170.8	172.1	178.4	6.4	27.1	-10.5	10.8	16.3	-4
Apparel	119.1	117.9	119.1	119.8	-4.9	1.0	.7	2.4	-2.0	1.5
Nondurables less food, beverages, and apparel	208.5	207.9	211.6	220.3	6.8	47.4	-23.6	24.6	25.4	-2.4
Durables	114.9	114.8	114.8	114.7	-3	.0	-1.0	-.7	-.2	-9
Services	235.5	236.0	236.5	237.0	2.5	5.7	4.2	2.6	4.1	3.4
Rent of shelter ⁴	236.9	237.8	238.6	239.7	2.1	1.7	2.9	4.8	1.9	3.9
Tenants' and household insurance ^{1 2}	115.9	116.2	116.2	116.2	-3	-7.6	.3	1.0	-4.0	.7
Gas (piped) and electricity ³	189.8	187.3	185.2	182.4	6.1	57.4	18.8	-14.7	29.3	.7
Water and sewer and trash collection services ²	134.0	135.1	134.8	135.3	6.0	3.1	6.5	3.9	4.5	5.2
Household operations ^{1 2}	134.1	135.0	134.9	135.2	3.8	4.1	7.8	3.3	3.9	5.5
Transportation services	229.1	229.0	228.8	229.3	3.6	2.9	2.5	.3	3.2	1.4
Medical care services	343.3	345.1	346.6	347.8	4.0	3.8	3.1	5.3	3.9	4.2
Other services	273.1	273.7	274.7	275.8	1.8	3.8	3.7	4.0	2.8	3.9
Special indexes										
All items less food	199.9	200.0	200.8	202.1	2.3	9.5	-.8	4.5	5.8	1.8
All items less shelter	190.1	189.9	190.6	191.9	2.2	11.7	-1.7	3.8	6.8	1.1
All items less medical care	192.3	192.3	193.0	194.2	1.9	8.8	-.4	4.0	5.3	1.8
Commodities less food	146.0	145.6	146.8	149.2	1.4	18.4	-11.0	9.1	9.5	-1.5
Nondurables less food	175.4	172.5	173.8	179.7	6.1	25.4	-9.8	10.2	15.3	-.3
Nondurables less food and apparel	206.6	206.3	209.6	217.3	6.4	43.0	-21.9	22.4	23.4	-2.3
Nondurables	184.6	182.9	183.9	187.4	2.7	14.0	-3.6	6.2	8.2	1.2
Services less rent of shelter ⁴	251.7	251.5	251.4	251.8	4.1	8.8	6.1	.2	6.4	3.1
Services less medical care services	226.6	226.7	227.1	227.8	2.8	5.5	4.4	2.1	4.1	3.2
Energy	193.5	191.2	193.6	201.2	9.0	90.9	-20.6	16.9	44.2	-3.7
All items less energy	201.1	201.5	202.0	202.5	1.4	2.2	2.4	2.8	1.8	2.6
All items less food and energy	203.2	203.5	204.2	204.8	1.6	2.0	2.4	3.2	1.8	2.8
Commodities less food and energy commodities	140.5	140.3	140.7	140.8	-.6	.6	.6	.9	.0	.7
Energy commodities	208.6	206.5	213.4	231.5	11.3	120.2	-42.0	51.7	56.6	-6.2
Services less energy services	240.2	241.0	241.8	242.6	2.2	2.7	3.1	4.1	2.5	3.6

¹ Not seasonally adjusted.

² Indexes on a December 1997=100 base.

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

⁴ Indexes on a December 1982=100 base.

⁵ Indexes on a December 1988=100 base.

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

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

(1982-84=100, unless otherwise noted)

CPI-U	Pricing schedule 1	All items										
		Indexes				Percent change to Apr.2006 from—			Percent change to Mar.2006 from—			
		Jan. 2006	Feb. 2006	Mar. 2006	Apr. 2006	Apr. 2005	Feb. 2006	Mar. 2006	Mar. 2005	Jan. 2006	Feb. 2006	
U.S. city average	M	198.3	198.7	199.8	201.5	3.5	1.4	0.9	3.4	0.8	0.6	
Region and area size²												
Northeast urban	M	211.0	211.6	212.8	214.7	3.8	1.5	.9	3.3	.9	.6	
Size A - More than 1,500,000	M	213.2	213.8	215.0	216.8	3.6	1.4	.8	3.1	.8	.6	
Size B/C - 50,000 to 1,500,000 ³	M	124.8	125.2	126.0	127.3	4.3	1.7	1.0	3.9	1.0	.6	
Midwest urban	M	190.8	190.7	192.0	193.0	2.8	1.2	.5	3.1	.6	.7	
Size A - More than 1,500,000	M	192.7	192.5	193.8	194.5	2.6	1.0	.4	2.9	.6	.7	
Size B/C - 50,000 to 1,500,000 ³	M	121.6	121.6	122.3	123.3	3.1	1.4	.8	3.0	.6	.6	
Size D - Nonmetropolitan (less than 50,000)	M	185.3	185.2	186.7	187.8	3.4	1.4	.6	3.8	.8	.8	
South urban	M	191.5	191.8	192.8	194.7	4.0	1.5	1.0	3.7	.7	.5	
Size A - More than 1,500,000	M	193.6	193.9	194.6	196.5	3.9	1.3	1.0	3.6	.5	.4	
Size B/C - 50,000 to 1,500,000 ³	M	122.0	122.1	123.0	124.1	4.0	1.6	.9	3.9	.8	.7	
Size D - Nonmetropolitan (less than 50,000)	M	191.0	191.1	192.3	195.1	4.2	2.1	1.5	4.2	.7	.6	
West urban	M	201.7	202.7	203.8	205.3	3.4	1.3	.7	3.4	1.0	.5	
Size A - More than 1,500,000	M	204.7	205.7	206.8	208.6	3.6	1.4	.9	3.5	1.0	.5	
Size B/C - 50,000 to 1,500,000 ³	M	122.9	123.7	124.2	124.9	2.9	1.0	.6	3.2	1.1	.4	
Size classes												
A ⁴	M	181.4	181.9	182.8	184.3	3.5	1.3	.8	3.3	.8	.5	
B/C ³	M	122.5	122.7	123.5	124.5	3.7	1.5	.8	3.6	.8	.7	
D	M	190.1	190.2	191.6	193.5	3.5	1.7	1.0	3.7	.8	.7	
Selected local areas⁵												
Chicago-Gary-Kenosha, IL-IN-WI	M	197.5	197.2	197.6	197.7	2.3	.3	.1	3.3	.1	.2	
Los Angeles-Riverside-Orange County, CA ...	M	206.0	207.5	208.5	210.5	4.7	1.4	1.0	4.7	1.2	.5	
New York-Northern N.J.-Long Island, NY-NJ-CT-PA	M	215.9	216.4	218.2	220.2	3.6	1.8	.9	2.7	1.1	.8	
Boston-Brockton-Nashua, MA-NH-ME-CT	1	220.5	-	221.3	-	-	-	-	3.3	.4	-	
Cleveland-Akron, OH	1	190.3	-	190.7	-	-	-	-	2.4	.2	-	
Dallas-Fort Worth, TX	1	188.6	-	188.4	-	-	-	-	3.9	-.1	-	
Washington-Baltimore, DC-MD-VA-WV ⁶	1	126.3	-	126.8	-	-	-	-	3.3	.4	-	
Atlanta, GA	2	-	189.8	-	193.9	3.1	2.2	-	-	-	-	
Detroit-Ann Arbor-Flint, MI	2	-	194.8	-	197.2	3.9	1.2	-	-	-	-	
Houston-Galveston-Brazoria, TX	2	-	178.6	-	181.2	3.5	1.5	-	-	-	-	
Miami-Fort Lauderdale, FL	2	-	202.2	-	203.8	5.5	.8	-	-	-	-	
Philadelphia-Wilmington-Atlantic City, PA-NJ-DE-MD	2	-	209.0	-	211.6	4.1	1.2	-	-	-	-	
San Francisco-Oakland-San Jose, CA	2	-	207.1	-	208.9	3.2	.9	-	-	-	-	
Seattle-Tacoma-Bremerton, WA	2	-	203.6	-	207.4	3.0	1.9	-	-	-	-	

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

M - Every month.

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

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

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

³ Indexes on a December 1996=100 base.

⁴ Indexes on a December 1986=100 base.

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

Tampa-St. Petersburg-Clearwater, FL.

⁶ Indexes on a November 1996=100 base.

- Data not available.

NOTE: 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 2005	Unadjusted indexes		Unadjusted percent change to Apr. 2006 from—		Seasonally adjusted percent change from—		
		Mar. 2006	Apr. 2006	Apr. 2005	Mar. 2006	Jan. to Feb.	Feb. to Mar.	Mar. to Apr.
All items	100.000	195.3	197.2	3.7	1.0	0.0	0.5	0.6
All items (1967=100)	-	581.8	587.3	-	-	-	-	-
Food and beverages	16.537	193.8	193.4	1.7	-2	.1	.1	-.1
Food	15.519	193.2	192.8	1.7	-2	.1	.1	-.1
Food at home	9.347	191.4	190.5	.8	-5	-.1	-.1	-.2
Cereals and bakery products	1.275	211.1	211.2	1.1	.0	-.5	.4	.0
Meats, poultry, fish, and eggs	2.653	185.8	185.1	.3	-4	-.2	.4	-.1
Dairy and related products .....	.965	182.7	180.8	-.7	-1.0	.1	-.1	-.7
Fruits and vegetables	1.338	245.9	244.0	2.7	-8	.9	-2.0	.0
Nonalcoholic beverages and beverage materials	1.087	147.3	145.7	1.1	-1.1	-.3	.8	-.7
Other food at home	2.030	168.7	168.2	.7	-3	.0	.1	-.2
Sugar and sweets .....	.337	169.0	169.9	3.7	.5	-1.5	1.8	.9
Fats and oils .....	.287	169.4	165.7	-2.2	-2.2	.4	-1.3	-1.7
Other foods ¹	1.406	184.8	184.5	.6	-2	.3	-.1	-.2
Other miscellaneous foods ^{1 2} .....	.370	113.4	113.4	2.1	.0	.7	-.4	.0
Food away from home ¹	6.172	197.4	197.8	3.0	.2	.3	.2	.2
Other food away from home ² .....	.275	134.8	135.6	5.0	.6	.4	.4	.5
Alcoholic beverages ¹	1.018	200.5	200.3	2.1	-1	.7	.6	-.1
Housing	40.161	196.6	196.8	3.9	.1	.1	.2	.1
Shelter	30.069	222.4	223.1	2.9	.3	.4	.5	.3
Rent of primary residence ³	7.880	221.4	222.0	3.2	.3	.3	.4	.3
Lodging away from home ²	1.412	140.4	139.8	3.4	-4	1.3	1.6	-.6
Owners' equivalent rent of primary residence ^{3 4}	20.429	213.0	213.9	3.0	.4	.3	.4	.4
Tenants' and household insurance ^{1 2} .....	.348	116.5	116.5	-1.7	.0	.3	.0	.0
Fuels and utilities	5.900	190.8	189.4	12.3	-7	-1.1	-.9	-.9
Fuels	4.984	172.4	170.8	14.0	-9	-1.4	-1.1	-1.1
Fuel oil and other fuels .....	.347	229.8	235.8	18.4	2.6	-2.8	.5	4.1
Gas (piped) and electricity ³	4.637	178.3	176.1	13.6	-1.2	-1.4	-1.1	-1.5
Water and sewer and trash collection services ² .....	.916	135.4	135.8	4.9	.3	.7	-.1	.4
Household furnishings and operations	4.193	122.5	122.5	.3	.0	.2	.0	.0
Household operations ^{1 2} .....	.363	137.3	137.7	4.9	.3	.6	-.1	.3
Apparel	4.090	121.6	123.1	-.1	1.2	-.7	1.1	.7
Men's and boys' apparel .....	.982	115.7	117.5	-2.0	1.6	-.7	.0	1.0
Women's and girls' apparel	1.689	114.3	115.9	-.2	1.4	-1.0	2.1	1.1
Infants' and toddlers' apparel .....	.242	120.8	120.3	-3.1	-4	.8	.8	-1.2
Footwear .....	.964	124.7	125.4	2.2	.6	-.6	.9	-.3
Transportation	19.669	176.6	183.9	6.8	4.1	-.3	1.1	2.6
Private transportation	18.931	173.8	181.2	6.9	4.3	-.3	1.2	2.7
New and used motor vehicles ²	8.944	95.1	95.1	.6	.0	.0	.1	.1
New vehicles	5.380	139.9	139.5	-.1	-3	.0	.1	-.1
Used cars and trucks ¹	2.801	140.8	141.3	1.7	.4	.1	.4	.4
Motor fuel	5.244	206.5	236.1	21.4	14.3	-1.1	3.7	8.7
Gasoline (all types)	5.193	205.6	235.2	21.4	14.4	-1.1	3.7	8.8
Motor vehicle parts and equipment ¹ .....	.434	114.9	115.3	4.4	.3	.4	.5	.3
Motor vehicle maintenance and repair	1.130	215.8	216.3	4.4	.2	.8	.3	.3
Public transportation .....	.738	221.6	224.0	5.0	1.1	-.1	-.3	.3
Medical care	5.171	333.2	334.2	4.1	.3	.3	.5	.4
Medical care commodities	1.140	277.3	278.4	4.3	.4	.4	.4	.4
Medical care services	4.030	348.3	349.2	4.0	.3	.3	.6	.3
Professional services	2.336	290.2	290.8	2.5	.2	.2	.3	.2
Hospital and related services ³	1.332	458.4	459.9	6.1	.3	.9	.6	.8

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 2005	Unadjusted indexes		Unadjusted percent change to Apr. 2006 from—		Seasonally adjusted percent change from—		
		Mar. 2006	Apr. 2006	Apr. 2005	Mar. 2006	Jan. to Feb.	Feb. to Mar.	Mar. to Apr.
Expenditure category								
Recreation ²	5.097	107.9	108.4	1.5	0.5	0.1	0.4	0.3
Video and audio ²	1.928	104.4	104.9	.9	.5	.0	.7	.4
Education and communication ²	5.635	113.0	113.2	2.2	.2	.1	.2	.3
Education ²	2.243	156.8	156.9	6.0	.1	.3	.4	.4
Educational books and supplies .....	.199	384.9	384.7	5.9	-.1	.3	.4	.3
Tuition, other school fees, and childcare	2.044	443.1	443.5	6.0	.1	.3	.4	.5
Communication ²	3.392	86.2	86.3	-.8	.1	.0	-.1	.1
Information and information processing ^{1 2}	3.244	84.5	84.6	-.1	.1	.0	-.1	.1
Telephone services ^{1 2}	2.653	95.2	95.6	.2	.4	.1	-.2	.4
Information technology, hardware and services ^{1 5} .....	.590	13.6	13.5	-.6	-.7	-.7	.7	-.7
Personal computers and peripheral equipment ^{1 2} .....	.208	11.3	11.0	-16.7	-2.7	-.9	.0	-2.7
Other goods and services	3.640	329.4	329.3	2.9	.0	.1	.3	-.1
Tobacco and smoking products ¹	1.137	520.9	519.9	4.4	-.2	.2	.6	-.2
Personal care	2.504	187.2	187.2	2.2	.0	.1	.2	-.1
Personal care products ¹ .....	.774	155.2	155.0	.9	-.1	-.1	-.3	-.1
Personal care services ¹ .....	.616	208.5	208.6	2.5	.0	.7	.2	.0
Miscellaneous personal services .....	.949	311.4	311.8	3.4	.1	.2	.5	.2
Commodity and service group								
Commodities	44.601	164.3	167.3	3.6	1.8	-.2	.7	1.2
Food and beverages	16.537	193.8	193.4	1.7	-.2	.1	.1	-.1
Commodities less food and beverages	28.064	147.2	151.8	4.7	3.1	-.3	1.0	2.0
Nondurables less food and beverages	15.599	178.7	188.4	8.5	5.4	-1.8	.8	4.2
Apparel	4.090	121.6	123.1	-.1	1.2	-.7	1.1	.7
Nondurables less food, beverages, and apparel	11.509	218.1	233.2	11.6	6.9	-.3	1.9	4.5
Durables	12.465	115.2	115.2	-.1	.0	.0	.0	-.1
Services	55.399	231.8	232.2	3.8	.2	.1	.3	.2
Rent of shelter ⁴	29.721	214.3	215.0	2.9	.3	.4	.5	.3
Tenants' and household insurance ^{1 2} .....	.348	116.5	116.5	-1.7	.0	.3	.0	.0
Gas (piped) and electricity ³	4.637	178.3	176.1	13.6	-1.2	-1.4	-1.1	-1.5
Water and sewer and trash collection services ² .....	.916	135.4	135.8	4.9	.3	.7	-.1	.4
Household operations ^{1 2} .....	.363	137.3	137.7	4.9	.3	.6	-.1	.3
Transportation services	5.659	229.0	229.5	2.1	.2	.0	.0	.1
Medical care services	4.030	348.3	349.2	4.0	.3	.3	.6	.3
Other services	9.726	265.7	266.6	3.1	.3	.2	.3	.3
Special indexes								
All items less food	84.481	195.5	197.8	4.1	1.2	-.1	.5	.8
All items less shelter	69.931	187.6	189.8	4.1	1.2	-.2	.4	.7
All items less medical care	94.829	189.5	191.3	3.6	.9	.0	.4	.6
Commodities less food	29.082	149.1	153.6	4.6	3.0	-.3	1.0	1.9
Nondurables less food	16.617	180.1	189.3	8.1	5.1	-1.7	.9	3.9
Nondurables less food and apparel	12.527	215.6	229.4	10.9	6.4	-.3	1.8	4.2
Nondurables	32.136	186.9	191.8	5.1	2.6	-.8	.5	2.2
Services less rent of shelter ⁴	25.679	222.7	222.7	4.7	.0	-.2	.0	.0
Services less medical care services	51.369	223.0	223.4	3.7	.2	.0	.1	.3
Energy	10.228	188.4	202.0	17.9	7.2	-1.3	1.4	4.2
All items less energy	89.772	197.0	197.4	2.1	.2	.2	.3	.2
All items less food and energy	74.253	198.2	198.7	2.2	.3	.2	.4	.2
Commodities less food and energy commodities	23.491	141.9	142.2	.6	.2	.0	.3	.1
Energy commodities	5.591	208.4	236.9	21.2	13.7	-1.2	3.4	8.5
Services less energy services	50.762	237.5	238.2	2.9	.3	.3	.4	.3
Purchasing power of the consumer dollar (1982-84=\$1.00)	-	\$.512	\$.507	-	-	-	-	-
Purchasing power of the consumer dollar (1967=\$1.00)	-	\$.172	\$.170	-	-	-	-	-

¹ Not seasonally adjusted.

² Indexes on a December 1997=100 base.

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

⁴ Indexes on a December 1984=100 base

⁵ Indexes on a December 1988=100 base.

- Data not available.

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

Table 5. Consumer Price Index for Urban Wage Earners and Clerical Workers (CPI-W): Seasonally adjusted U.S. city average, by expenditure category and commodity and service group

(1982-84=100, unless otherwise noted)

CPI-W	Seasonally adjusted indexes				Seasonally adjusted annual rate percent change for					
					3 months ended—			6 months ended—		
	Jan. 2006	Feb. 2006	Mar. 2006	Apr. 2006	July 2005	Oct. 2005	Jan. 2006	Apr. 2006	Oct. 2005	Apr. 2006
Expenditure category										
All items	194.6	194.6	195.5	196.7	2.3	9.3	-1.0	4.4	5.8	1.6
Food and beverages	193.3	193.5	193.7	193.6	.8	2.1	3.4	.6	1.5	2.0
Food	192.9	193.1	193.2	193.1	.8	2.3	3.4	.4	1.6	1.9
Food at home	191.5	191.4	191.3	190.9	-6	1.5	3.8	-1.2	.4	1.3
Cereals and bakery products	211.3	210.3	211.1	211.0	-1.0	2.5	3.5	-6	.8	1.4
Meats, poultry, fish, and eggs	185.4	185.0	185.8	185.6	-1.3	-2	2.2	.4	-8	1.3
Dairy and related products	182.9	183.0	182.8	181.6	-1.7	-1.1	3.1	-2.8	-1.4	.1
Fruits and vegetables	249.0	251.2	246.2	246.2	1.0	5.1	10.1	-4.4	3.0	2.6
Nonalcoholic beverages and beverage materials	146.0	145.5	146.6	145.6	.3	2.2	3.1	-1.1	1.3	1.0
Other food at home	168.4	168.4	168.5	168.2	.0	1.2	2.2	-5	.6	.8
Sugar and sweets	168.3	165.7	168.7	170.2	3.7	.2	6.2	4.6	2.0	5.4
Fats and oils	169.9	170.6	168.4	165.5	-3.3	-5	5.6	-10.0	-1.9	-2.5
Other foods ¹	184.4	185.0	184.8	184.5	-2	1.8	.7	.2	.8	.4
Other miscellaneous foods ^{1 2}	113.0	113.8	113.4	113.4	2.9	2.2	1.8	1.4	2.5	1.6
Food away from home ¹	196.4	197.0	197.4	197.8	2.9	3.6	2.7	2.9	3.3	2.8
Other food away from home ²	133.9	134.4	135.0	135.7	8.0	3.7	2.7	5.5	5.8	4.1
Alcoholic beverages ¹	198.0	199.4	200.5	200.3	-1.2	1.9	3.1	4.7	.3	3.9
Housing	196.2	196.4	196.8	197.0	2.8	7.3	4.0	1.6	5.0	2.8
Shelter	220.2	221.0	222.0	222.7	2.2	1.8	2.6	4.6	2.0	3.6
Rent of primary residence ³	219.9	220.5	221.4	222.0	3.0	3.0	2.8	3.9	3.0	3.3
Lodging away from home ²	131.9	133.6	135.8	135.0	.0	-3.0	6.6	9.7	-1.5	8.2
Owners' equivalent rent of primary residence ^{3 4}	211.5	212.2	213.0	213.9	2.3	2.1	2.7	4.6	2.2	3.7
Tenants' and household insurance ^{1 2}	116.2	116.5	116.5	116.5	-3	-7.9	.7	1.0	-4.2	.9
Fuels and utilities	198.6	196.4	194.7	193.0	7.4	45.9	14.2	-10.8	25.2	.9
Fuels	181.1	178.5	176.6	174.7	7.5	56.5	15.7	-13.4	29.7	.1
Fuel oil and other fuels	226.8	220.4	221.4	230.5	30.5	83.2	-23.0	6.7	54.6	-9.4
Gas (piped) and electricity ³	188.1	185.5	183.4	180.7	6.2	54.4	19.5	-14.8	28.0	.9
Water and sewer and trash collection services ²	134.3	135.3	135.1	135.7	6.0	3.1	6.5	4.2	4.5	5.4
Household furnishings and operations	121.9	122.2	122.2	122.2	-3	1.0	.0	1.0	.3	.5
Household operations ^{1 2}	136.7	137.5	137.3	137.7	5.3	4.6	6.7	3.0	4.9	4.8
Apparel	118.2	117.4	118.7	119.5	-3.6	.0	-1.0	4.5	-1.8	1.7
Men's and boys' apparel	114.3	113.5	113.5	114.6	-8.9	2.1	-1.7	1.1	-3.6	-3
Women's and girls' apparel	108.4	107.3	109.6	110.8	-3.9	-2.9	-2.5	9.2	-3.4	3.1
Infants' and toddlers' apparel	117.6	118.5	119.4	118.0	-8.9	-6.9	2.8	1.4	-7.9	2.1
Footwear	123.7	123.0	124.1	123.7	3.3	3.3	2.3	.0	3.3	1.1
Transportation	176.4	175.9	177.8	182.5	4.3	28.6	-15.5	14.6	15.8	-1.6
Private transportation	173.5	173.0	175.0	179.7	4.3	29.3	-16.3	15.1	16.2	-1.9
New and used motor vehicles ²	94.8	94.8	94.9	95.0	1.7	1.3	-1.3	.8	1.5	-2
New vehicles	139.2	139.2	139.3	139.2	-3.7	1.7	1.4	.0	-1.0	.7
Used cars and trucks ¹	140.1	140.3	140.8	141.3	8.9	-1.4	-3.6	3.5	3.6	-1
Motor fuel	207.1	204.8	212.3	230.8	10.7	123.8	-43.1	54.2	57.4	-6.4
Gasoline (all types)	206.1	203.8	211.3	229.9	10.3	123.9	-43.1	54.8	57.1	-6.1
Motor vehicle parts and equipment ¹	113.9	114.3	114.9	115.3	3.7	4.4	4.7	5.0	4.0	4.9
Motor vehicle maintenance and repair	213.4	215.2	215.8	216.5	3.9	5.3	2.5	5.9	4.6	4.2
Public transportation	223.6	223.3	222.7	223.3	9.3	8.0	3.7	-5	8.6	1.5
Medical care	329.5	330.5	332.2	333.4	3.8	4.1	3.5	4.8	4.0	4.1
Medical care commodities	275.3	276.3	277.3	278.4	3.3	4.1	5.3	4.6	3.7	4.9
Medical care services	344.0	345.0	346.9	348.1	4.0	4.1	3.0	4.9	4.0	3.9
Professional services	287.7	288.3	289.3	290.0	3.3	3.3	.7	3.2	3.3	2.0
Hospital and related services ³	448.7	452.7	455.6	459.4	3.9	4.4	6.4	9.9	4.2	8.1

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Expenditure category										
Recreation ²	107.3	107.4	107.8	108.1	0.0	3.8	-0.7	3.0	1.9	1.1
Video and audio ²	103.4	103.4	104.1	104.5	-4.2	5.2	-1.5	4.3	.4	1.4
Education and communication ²	112.9	113.0	113.2	113.5	.0	2.2	4.0	2.1	1.1	3.1
Education ²	156.2	156.6	157.3	158.0	6.3	5.4	7.5	4.7	5.9	6.1
Educational books and supplies	380.2	381.2	382.9	384.0	5.4	7.4	6.9	4.1	6.4	5.5
Tuition, other school fees, and childcare	442.0	443.2	444.9	447.1	6.5	5.1	7.6	4.7	5.8	6.1
Communication ²	86.3	86.3	86.2	86.3	-4.1	-9	1.9	.0	-2.5	.9
Information and information processing ^{1 2}	84.6	84.6	84.5	84.6	-4.6	-.5	1.0	.0	-2.6	.5
Telephone services ^{1 2}	95.3	95.4	95.2	95.6	-3.3	.8	2.1	1.3	-1.3	1.7
Information technology, hardware and services ^{1 5}	13.6	13.5	13.6	13.5	-10.6	-8.2	-5.7	-2.9	-9.4	-4.3
Personal computers and peripheral equipment ^{1 2}	11.4	11.3	11.3	11.0	-19.6	-15.1	-18.5	-13.3	-17.4	-16.0
Other goods and services	327.8	328.1	329.2	328.8	4.2	2.1	4.0	1.2	3.2	2.6
Tobacco and smoking products ¹	517.1	517.9	520.9	519.9	6.1	4.9	4.6	2.2	5.5	3.4
Personal care	186.5	186.6	187.0	186.8	3.3	.9	3.7	.6	2.1	2.2
Personal care products ¹	155.8	155.6	155.2	155.0	4.8	-1.0	2.1	-2.0	1.8	.0
Personal care services ¹	206.6	208.0	208.5	208.6	1.0	1.8	3.2	3.9	1.4	3.5
Miscellaneous personal services	308.9	309.4	310.8	311.5	3.8	2.5	4.0	3.4	3.1	3.7
Commodity and service group										
Commodities	163.5	163.2	164.3	166.3	1.8	13.5	-7.0	7.0	7.5	-2
Food and beverages	193.3	193.5	193.7	193.6	.8	2.1	3.4	.6	1.5	2.0
Commodities less food and beverages	146.3	145.9	147.3	150.2	2.2	20.5	-12.6	11.1	11.0	-1.4
Nondurables less food and beverages	179.3	176.0	177.4	184.9	7.0	29.3	-11.4	13.1	17.6	.1
Apparel	118.2	117.4	118.7	119.5	-3.6	.0	-1.0	4.5	-1.8	1.7
Nondurables less food, beverages, and apparel	217.2	216.5	220.7	230.7	7.4	53.0	-25.6	27.3	28.2	-2.7
Durables	115.0	115.0	115.0	114.9	.0	.3	-.7	-.3	.2	-.5
Services	231.1	231.4	232.0	232.4	2.7	6.0	4.1	2.3	4.3	3.2
Rent of shelter ⁴	212.1	212.9	213.9	214.6	2.7	1.7	2.5	4.8	2.2	3.6
Tenants' and household insurance ^{1 2}	116.2	116.5	116.5	116.5	-3	-7.9	.7	1.0	-4.2	.9
Gas (piped) and electricity ³	188.1	185.5	183.4	180.7	6.2	54.4	19.5	-14.8	28.0	.9
Water and sewer and trash collection services ²	134.3	135.3	135.1	135.7	6.0	3.1	6.5	4.2	4.5	5.4
Household operations ^{1 2}	136.7	137.5	137.3	137.7	5.3	4.6	6.7	3.0	4.9	4.8
Transportation services	229.0	228.9	228.9	229.2	3.1	2.7	2.3	.3	2.9	1.3
Medical care services	344.0	345.0	346.9	348.1	4.0	4.1	3.0	4.9	4.0	3.9
Other services	264.3	264.8	265.7	266.6	1.2	3.7	3.6	3.5	2.5	3.5
Special indexes										
All items less food	194.8	194.7	195.7	197.2	2.6	10.7	-1.6	5.0	6.5	1.6
All items less shelter	187.4	187.1	187.9	189.3	2.2	12.6	-2.3	4.1	7.3	.9
All items less medical care	188.9	188.9	189.7	190.9	2.2	9.6	-1.3	4.3	5.8	1.5
Commodities less food	148.2	147.8	149.3	152.1	2.2	19.9	-12.0	10.9	10.7	-1.2
Nondurables less food	180.5	177.4	179.0	186.0	6.4	27.4	-10.7	12.8	16.4	.3
Nondurables less food and apparel	214.6	214.0	217.8	226.9	6.8	48.2	-23.7	25.0	25.8	-2.3
Nondurables	186.9	185.4	186.3	190.4	3.1	15.3	-4.8	7.7	9.0	1.3
Services less rent of shelter ⁴	223.9	223.4	223.3	223.4	4.0	9.0	6.9	-.9	6.5	2.9
Services less medical care services	222.6	222.7	223.0	223.6	2.8	5.5	4.8	1.8	4.1	3.3
Energy	193.1	190.6	193.3	201.4	9.4	91.8	-22.3	18.3	44.9	-4.1
All items less energy	195.7	196.0	196.6	197.0	1.5	2.1	2.3	2.7	1.8	2.5
All items less food and energy	196.6	197.0	197.7	198.1	1.7	2.1	1.9	3.1	1.9	2.5
Commodities less food and energy commodities	140.7	140.7	141.1	141.3	.0	.6	.0	1.7	.3	.9
Energy commodities	208.8	206.3	213.4	231.5	11.6	121.5	-42.3	51.1	57.2	-6.6
Services less energy services	235.6	236.3	237.2	237.9	2.4	2.6	2.8	4.0	2.5	3.4

¹ Not seasonally adjusted.

² Indexes on a December 1997=100 base.

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

⁴ Indexes on a December 1984=100 base

⁵ Indexes on a December 1988=100 base.

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

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

(1982-84=100, unless otherwise noted)

CPI-W	Pricing schedule 1	All items									
		Indexes				Percent change to Apr.2006 from—			Percent change to Mar.2006 from—		
		Jan. 2006	Feb. 2006	Mar. 2006	Apr. 2006	Apr. 2005	Feb. 2006	Mar. 2006	Mar. 2005	Jan. 2006	Feb. 2006
U.S. city average	M	194.0	194.2	195.3	197.2	3.7	1.5	1.0	3.6	0.7	0.6
Region and area size²											
Northeast urban	M	207.5	207.9	209.0	211.0	4.0	1.5	1.0	3.6	.7	.5
Size A - More than 1,500,000	M	208.2	208.6	209.7	211.5	3.8	1.4	.9	3.4	.7	.5
Size B/C - 50,000 to 1,500,000 ³	M	125.2	125.5	126.1	127.6	4.5	1.7	1.2	4.0	.7	.5
Midwest urban	M	186.2	185.9	187.0	188.3	3.0	1.3	.7	3.2	.4	.6
Size A - More than 1,500,000	M	187.3	186.9	188.0	189.0	2.7	1.1	.5	3.0	.4	.6
Size B/C - 50,000 to 1,500,000 ³	M	121.1	121.0	121.7	122.8	3.4	1.5	.9	3.3	.5	.6
Size D - Nonmetropolitan (less than 50,000)	M	183.5	183.2	184.7	186.0	3.9	1.5	.7	4.2	.7	.8
South urban	M	188.8	188.9	189.9	192.1	4.2	1.7	1.2	3.9	.6	.5
Size A - More than 1,500,000	M	191.6	191.8	192.4	194.7	4.3	1.5	1.2	3.8	.4	.3
Size B/C - 50,000 to 1,500,000 ³	M	120.7	120.7	121.6	122.9	4.2	1.8	1.1	3.9	.7	.7
Size D - Nonmetropolitan (less than 50,000)	M	191.0	191.1	192.4	195.3	4.6	2.2	1.5	4.5	.7	.7
West urban	M	196.3	197.2	198.3	200.0	3.3	1.4	.9	3.3	1.0	.6
Size A - More than 1,500,000	M	197.6	198.6	199.7	201.7	3.5	1.6	1.0	3.4	1.1	.6
Size B/C - 50,000 to 1,500,000 ³	M	122.3	123.1	123.6	124.4	3.0	1.1	.6	3.2	1.1	.4
Size classes											
A ⁴	M	179.8	180.0	181.0	182.6	3.6	1.4	.9	3.4	.7	.6
B/C ³	M	121.7	121.9	122.6	123.8	3.9	1.6	1.0	3.6	.7	.6
D	M	188.7	188.7	190.2	192.2	3.8	1.9	1.1	4.0	.8	.8
Selected local areas⁵											
Chicago-Gary-Kenosha, IL-IN-WI	M	191.2	190.6	190.9	191.4	2.4	.4	.3	3.3	-.2	.2
Los Angeles-Riverside-Orange County, CA ...	M	198.3	199.9	200.8	202.9	4.5	1.5	1.0	4.5	1.3	.5
New York-Northern N.J.-Long Island, NY-NJ-CT-PA	M	210.2	210.6	212.0	214.0	3.9	1.6	.9	3.2	.9	.7
Boston-Brockton-Nashua, MA-NH-ME-CT	1	219.5	-	220.5	-	-	-	-	3.5	.5	-
Cleveland-Akron, OH	1	181.4	-	181.6	-	-	-	-	2.5	-.1	-
Dallas-Fort Worth, TX	1	189.9	-	189.7	-	-	-	-	4.5	-.1	-
Washington-Baltimore, DC-MD-VA-WV ⁶	1	126.1	-	126.4	-	-	-	-	3.4	.2	-
Atlanta, GA	2	-	188.5	-	192.0	3.2	1.9	-	-	-	-
Detroit-Ann Arbor-Flint, MI	2	-	189.6	-	192.2	3.8	1.4	-	-	-	-
Houston-Galveston-Brazoria, TX	2	-	176.7	-	180.0	4.2	1.9	-	-	-	-
Miami-Fort Lauderdale, FL	2	-	199.9	-	202.3	5.8	1.2	-	-	-	-
Philadelphia-Wilmington-Atlantic City, PA-NJ-DE-MD	2	-	209.1	-	211.1	4.0	1.0	-	-	-	-
San Francisco-Oakland-San Jose, CA	2	-	202.5	-	204.9	2.8	1.2	-	-	-	-
Seattle-Tacoma-Bremerton, WA	2	-	198.0	-	202.5	3.2	2.3	-	-	-	-

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

M - Every month.

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

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

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

³ Indexes on a December 1996=100 base.

⁴ Indexes on a December 1986=100 base.

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

Tampa-St. Petersburg-Clearwater, FL.

⁶ Indexes on a November 1996=100 base.

- Data not available.

NOTE: 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)

C-CPI-U	Relative importance, 2003-2004	Unadjusted indexes		Unadjusted percent change to Apr. 2006 from—	
		Mar. 2006	Apr. 2006	Apr. 2005	Mar. 2006
Expenditure category					
All items	100.000	116.1	116.8	3.1	0.6
Food and beverages	15.072	114.9	114.7	1.7	-.2
Food	13.943	114.9	114.7	1.7	-.2
Food at home	8.029	112.4	111.8	.8	-.5
Food away from home	5.914	118.4	118.7	3.0	.3
Alcoholic beverages	1.130	115.2	115.2	2.0	.0
Housing	42.173	120.9	121.2	3.5	.2
Shelter	32.495	121.6	122.0	3.0	.3
Fuels and utilities	4.702	147.8	146.6	11.7	-.8
Household furnishings and operations	4.977	96.8	96.9	-.1	.1
Apparel	4.076	91.7	92.8	-.1	1.2
Transportation	17.095	117.4	120.7	5.0	2.8
Private transportation	15.988	118.1	121.5	4.9	2.9
Public transportation	1.107	109.5	110.8	4.4	1.2
Medical care	6.055	130.4	130.8	4.0	.3
Medical care commodities	1.458	120.3	120.7	4.1	.3
Medical care services	4.597	133.9	134.2	4.0	.2
Recreation	5.863	105.7	106.1	1.3	.4
Education and communication	6.190	102.7	102.8	1.6	.1
Education	2.751	147.1	147.2	6.1	.1
Communication	3.439	76.3	76.4	-1.9	.1
Other goods and services	3.475	119.1	119.1	2.5	.0
Commodity and service group					
Services	58.763	123.4	123.7	3.6	.2
Commodities	41.237	107.0	108.2	2.3	1.1
Durables	12.340	87.9	87.8	-1.0	-.1
Nondurables	28.897	116.3	118.3	3.8	1.7
All items less food and energy	78.707	112.5	112.8	2.1	.3
Energy	7.351	163.7	173.6	17.0	6.0

Indexes for 2006 are initial estimates. Indexes for 2005 are interim adjustments.
NOTE: Index applies to a month as a whole, not to any specific date.

Table 1 (OW). Old Weight 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)

Item and group	Relative importance, December 2005	Unadjusted indexes		Unadjusted percent change to Apr. 2006 from—	
		Mar. 2006	Apr. 2006	Apr. 2005	Mar. 2006
Expenditure category					
All items	100.000	200.0	201.7	3.6	0.9
All items (1967=100)	-	599.0	604.2	-	-
Food and beverages	15.127	194.5	194.2	1.8	-2
Food	14.151	194.0	193.7	1.8	-2
Food at home	8.049	192.5	191.6	.9	-5
Cereals and bakery products	1.157	210.9	210.9	.9	.0
Meats, poultry, fish, and eggs	2.229	186.0	185.5	.4	-3
Dairy and related products .....	.836	182.9	181.3	-.5	-9
Fruits and vegetables	1.242	248.8	247.0	2.9	-7
Nonalcoholic beverages and beverage materials .....	.885	148.2	146.7	1.3	-1.0
Other food at home	1.700	169.4	168.8	.8	-4
Sugar and sweets .....	.297	170.2	171.0	3.7	.5
Fats and oils .....	.246	168.6	164.9	-2.7	-2.2
Other foods	1.157	184.7	184.4	.8	-2
Other miscellaneous foods ¹ .....	.295	113.0	113.2	2.2	.2
Food away from home	6.102	197.5	198.0	3.1	.3
Other food away from home ¹ .....	.338	135.0	135.7	4.7	.5
Alcoholic beverages .....	.976	200.3	200.3	2.2	.0
Housing	42.224	201.4	201.9	3.9	.2
Shelter	32.442	230.2	231.1	3.0	.4
Rent of primary residence ²	6.116	222.3	222.9	3.2	.3
Lodging away from home ¹	3.009	139.8	140.2	2.9	.3
Owners' equivalent rent of primary residence ^{2 3}	22.951	234.9	235.9	3.0	.4
Tenants' and household insurance ¹ .....	.366	116.2	116.2	-1.7	.0
Fuels and utilities	5.538	191.4	189.9	12.0	-8
Fuels	4.592	173.9	172.2	13.7	-1.0
Fuel oil and other fuels .....	.360	230.3	236.6	18.6	2.7
Gas (piped) and electricity ²	4.233	178.8	176.5	13.2	-1.3
Water and sewer and trash collection services ¹ .....	.946	135.1	135.5	5.0	.3
Household furnishings and operations	4.243	126.8	127.2	.7	.3
Household operations ¹ .....	.717	134.8	135.2	4.7	.3
Apparel	3.677	121.9	123.4	-.2	1.2
Men's and boys' apparel .....	.927	115.8	117.4	-2.5	1.4
Women's and girls' apparel	1.568	114.9	116.5	-.1	1.4
Infants' and toddlers' apparel .....	.177	119.2	119.1	-1.8	-.1
Footwear .....	.747	125.6	126.4	2.1	.6
Transportation	17.650	177.6	184.6	6.6	3.9
Private transportation	16.595	173.7	180.9	6.7	4.1
New and used motor vehicles ¹	7.519	96.0	96.0	.4	.0
New vehicles	4.521	138.8	138.4	-.3	-.3
Used cars and trucks	1.998	139.9	140.4	1.7	.4
Motor fuel	4.460	205.8	235.5	21.5	14.4
Gasoline (all types)	4.418	204.8	234.4	21.5	14.5
Motor vehicle parts and equipment .....	.366	115.4	115.8	4.5	.3
Motor vehicle maintenance and repair	1.344	213.5	214.0	4.4	.2
Public transportation	1.055	222.5	225.2	4.7	1.2
Medical care	6.186	333.8	334.8	4.1	.3
Medical care commodities	1.488	284.5	285.6	4.4	.4
Medical care services	4.698	347.9	348.8	4.1	.3
Professional services	2.776	287.7	288.5	2.7	.3
Hospital and related services ²	1.540	463.1	464.5	6.3	.3

See footnotes at end of table.

Table 1 (OW). Old Weight 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)

Item and group	Relative importance, December 2005	Unadjusted indexes		Unadjusted percent change to Apr. 2006 from—	
		Mar. 2006	Apr. 2006	Apr. 2005	Mar. 2006
Expenditure category					
Recreation ¹	5.605	110.8	111.2	1.8	0.4
Video and audio ¹	1.637	105.1	105.6	.8	.5
Education and communication ¹	5.791	115.7	116.0	2.7	.3
Education ¹	3.008	158.5	158.7	6.2	.1
Educational books and supplies .....	.223	383.1	383.3	6.1	.1
Tuition, other school fees, and childcare	2.784	457.4	458.0	6.2	.1
Communication ¹	2.784	84.5	84.7	-.8	.2
Information and information processing ¹	2.612	82.0	82.2	-1.2	.2
Telephone services ¹	2.123	95.1	95.5	.2	.4
Information technology, hardware and services ⁴ .....	.489	13.0	12.9	-7.2	-.8
Personal computers and peripheral equipment ¹ .....	.156	11.4	11.1	-17.2	-2.6
Other goods and services	3.739	320.1	320.0	2.7	.0
Tobacco and smoking products .....	.824	518.9	518.1	4.2	-.2
Personal care	2.916	189.1	189.1	2.3	.0
Personal care products .....	.645	155.1	154.8	-.9	-.2
Personal care services .....	.647	208.4	208.5	2.6	.0
Miscellaneous personal services	1.449	310.7	310.9	3.2	.1
Commodity and service group					
Commodities	39.974	163.0	166.0	3.6	1.8
Food and beverages	15.127	194.5	194.2	1.8	-.2
Commodities less food and beverages	24.847	145.0	149.4	4.5	3.0
Nondurables less food and beverages	14.289	173.6	182.5	8.1	5.1
Apparel	3.677	121.9	123.4	-.2	1.2
Nondurables less food, beverages, and apparel	10.612	209.7	223.3	11.1	6.5
Durables	10.558	115.2	115.2	-.3	.0
Services	60.026	236.6	237.1	3.7	.2
Rent of shelter ³	32.076	239.9	240.8	3.0	.4
Tenants' and household insurance ¹ .....	.366	116.2	116.2	-1.7	.0
Gas (piped) and electricity ²	4.233	178.8	176.5	13.2	-1.3
Water and sewer and trash collection services ¹ .....	.946	135.1	135.5	5.0	.3
Household operations ¹ .....	.717	134.8	135.2	4.7	.3
Transportation services	6.194	228.7	229.5	2.3	.3
Medical care services	4.698	347.9	348.8	4.1	.3
Other services	10.795	274.8	275.6	3.3	.3
Special indexes					
All items less food	85.849	201.0	203.1	4.0	1.0
All items less shelter	67.558	190.4	192.5	4.0	1.1
All items less medical care	93.814	193.1	194.9	3.6	.9
Commodities less food	25.823	147.1	151.4	4.5	2.9
Nondurables less food	15.265	175.3	183.7	7.7	4.8
Nondurables less food and apparel	11.588	208.0	220.4	10.4	6.0
Nondurables	29.416	184.6	189.1	4.9	2.4
Services less rent of shelter ³	27.950	250.6	250.8	4.6	.1
Services less medical care services	55.328	227.4	227.9	3.7	.2
Energy	9.052	188.3	201.4	17.8	7.0
All items less energy	90.948	202.7	203.2	2.3	.2
All items less food and energy	76.797	205.0	205.7	2.4	.3
Commodities less food and energy commodities	21.004	141.6	141.9	.5	.2
Energy commodities	4.819	208.4	236.7	21.3	13.6
Services less energy services	55.793	242.5	243.4	3.1	.4
Purchasing power of the consumer dollar (1982-84=\$1.00)	-	\$.500	\$.496	-	-
Purchasing power of the consumer dollar (1967=\$1.00)	-	\$.167	\$.166	-	-

¹ Indexes on a December 1997=100 base.

² This index series was calculated using a Laspeyres estimator. All other item stratum index series were calculated using a geometric means estimator.

³ Indexes on a December 1982=100 base.

⁴ 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 (OW). Old Weight 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)

Item and group	Relative importance, December 2005	Unadjusted indexes		Unadjusted percent change to Apr. 2006 from—	
		Mar. 2006	Apr. 2006	Apr. 2005	Mar. 2006
Expenditure category					
All items	100.000	195.4	197.3	3.7	1.0
All items (1967=100)	-	582.1	587.8	-	-
Food and beverages	16.817	193.8	193.4	1.7	-2
Food	15.758	193.3	192.8	1.7	-3
Food at home	9.374	191.5	190.5	.8	-5
Cereals and bakery products	1.310	210.9	210.8	.9	.0
Meats, poultry, fish, and eggs	2.787	185.8	185.2	.4	-3
Dairy and related products .....	.946	182.7	180.9	-.7	-1.0
Fruits and vegetables	1.365	246.1	244.1	2.8	-8
Nonalcoholic beverages and beverage materials	1.051	147.5	146.0	1.3	-1.0
Other food at home	1.914	168.9	168.3	.8	-4
Sugar and sweets .....	.312	169.7	170.3	3.9	.4
Fats and oils .....	.298	168.6	165.1	-2.5	-2.1
Other foods	1.304	185.1	184.8	.8	-2
Other miscellaneous foods ¹ .....	.335	113.5	113.7	2.3	.2
Food away from home	6.385	197.3	197.7	3.0	.2
Other food away from home ¹ .....	.255	134.9	135.5	4.9	.4
Alcoholic beverages	1.059	200.2	200.2	2.0	.0
Housing	39.247	196.7	197.0	4.0	.2
Shelter	29.666	222.7	223.5	3.0	.4
Rent of primary residence ²	8.000	221.4	222.0	3.2	.3
Lodging away from home ¹	1.739	140.3	140.1	3.6	-1
Owners' equivalent rent of primary residence ^{2 3}	19.607	213.0	213.8	2.9	.4
Tenants' and household insurance ¹ .....	.321	116.3	116.2	-1.9	-1
Fuels and utilities	5.903	190.2	188.7	11.9	-8
Fuels	4.935	171.8	170.0	13.5	-1.0
Fuel oil and other fuels .....	.337	230.1	236.2	18.6	2.7
Gas (piped) and electricity ²	4.598	177.5	175.2	13.0	-1.3
Water and sewer and trash collection services ¹ .....	.968	135.5	135.8	4.9	.2
Household furnishings and operations	3.677	122.5	122.8	.6	.2
Household operations ¹ .....	.326	137.5	137.8	5.0	.2
Apparel	4.020	121.5	122.7	-.4	1.0
Men's and boys' apparel	1.009	115.1	116.7	-2.7	1.4
Women's and girls' apparel	1.582	114.5	116.0	-.1	1.3
Infants' and toddlers' apparel .....	.226	122.0	121.8	-1.9	-2
Footwear .....	.970	124.7	124.9	1.8	.2
Transportation	20.141	176.7	184.2	7.0	4.2
Private transportation	19.348	173.9	181.5	7.1	4.4
New and used motor vehicles ¹	8.889	95.1	95.1	.6	.0
New vehicles	4.550	139.9	139.4	-.2	-.4
Used cars and trucks	3.465	140.8	141.2	1.7	.3
Motor fuel	5.443	206.6	236.3	21.5	14.4
Gasoline (all types)	5.396	205.7	235.3	21.5	14.4
Motor vehicle parts and equipment .....	.451	115.0	115.5	4.6	.4
Motor vehicle maintenance and repair	1.362	216.1	216.6	4.5	.2
Public transportation .....	.793	220.9	223.4	4.7	1.1
Medical care	5.059	333.3	334.3	4.1	.3
Medical care commodities	1.127	277.3	278.4	4.3	.4
Medical care services	3.931	348.4	349.4	4.1	.3
Professional services	2.275	290.2	291.0	2.6	.3
Hospital and related services ²	1.297	458.7	460.0	6.1	.3

See footnotes at end of table.

Table 2 (OW). Old Weight 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)

Item and group	Relative importance, December 2005	Unadjusted indexes		Unadjusted percent change to Apr. 2006 from—	
		Mar. 2006	Apr. 2006	Apr. 2005	Mar. 2006
Expenditure category					
Recreation ¹	5.408	108.0	108.5	1.6	0.5
Video and audio ¹	1.816	104.4	104.9	.9	.5
Education and communication ¹	5.419	113.1	113.3	2.3	.2
Education ¹	2.416	156.7	156.9	6.0	.1
Educational books and supplies .....	.220	384.2	384.3	5.8	.0
Tuition, other school fees, and childcare	2.196	443.1	443.7	6.0	.1
Communication ¹	3.003	86.2	86.5	-.6	-.3
Information and information processing ¹	2.861	84.5	84.8	-.8	.4
Telephone services ¹	2.399	95.3	95.7	.3	.4
Information technology, hardware and services ⁴ .....	.462	13.6	13.5	-6.9	-.7
Personal computers and peripheral equipment ¹ .....	.140	11.3	11.0	-16.7	-2.7
Other goods and services	3.889	329.4	329.3	2.9	.0
Tobacco and smoking products	1.275	520.8	519.9	4.4	-.2
Personal care	2.614	187.2	187.2	2.2	.0
Personal care products .....	.696	155.1	154.7	.7	-.3
Personal care services .....	.605	208.6	208.7	2.5	.0
Miscellaneous personal services	1.154	311.3	311.8	3.4	.2
Commodity and service group					
Commodities	44.564	164.3	167.6	3.8	2.0
Food and beverages	16.817	193.8	193.4	1.7	-.2
Commodities less food and beverages	27.747	147.4	152.2	5.0	3.3
Nondurables less food and beverages	15.719	178.8	188.7	8.7	5.5
Apparel	4.020	121.5	122.7	-.4	1.0
Nondurables less food, beverages, and apparel	11.700	218.3	233.8	11.9	7.1
Durables	12.027	115.2	115.3	.0	.1
Services	55.436	231.9	232.3	3.8	.2
Rent of shelter ³	29.345	214.6	215.3	3.1	.3
Tenants' and household insurance ¹ .....	.321	116.3	116.2	-1.9	-1.1
Gas (piped) and electricity ²	4.598	177.5	175.2	13.0	-1.3
Water and sewer and trash collection services ¹ .....	.968	135.5	135.8	4.9	.2
Household operations ¹ .....	.326	137.5	137.8	5.0	.2
Transportation services	6.109	229.0	229.6	2.1	.3
Medical care services	3.931	348.4	349.4	4.1	.3
Other services	9.837	265.8	266.7	3.1	.3
Special indexes					
All items less food	84.242	195.6	198.0	4.2	1.2
All items less shelter	70.334	187.6	189.9	4.1	1.2
All items less medical care	94.941	189.6	191.5	3.7	1.0
Commodities less food	28.806	149.3	153.9	4.8	3.1
Nondurables less food	16.778	180.2	189.6	8.3	5.2
Nondurables less food and apparel	12.759	215.8	229.8	11.1	6.5
Nondurables	32.537	186.9	191.9	5.2	2.7
Services less rent of shelter ³	26.091	222.5	222.6	4.7	.0
Services less medical care services	51.504	223.1	223.5	3.8	.2
Energy	10.378	188.3	202.3	18.0	7.4
All items less energy	89.622	197.1	197.5	2.2	.2
All items less food and energy	73.864	198.3	198.9	2.3	.3
Commodities less food and energy commodities	23.026	141.9	142.3	.6	.3
Energy commodities	5.780	208.6	237.2	21.3	13.7
Services less energy services	50.838	237.7	238.5	3.1	.3
Purchasing power of the consumer dollar (1982-84=\$1.00)	-	\$.512	\$.507	-	-
Purchasing power of the consumer dollar (1967=\$1.00)	-	\$.172	\$.170	-	-

¹ Indexes on a December 1997=100 base.

² This index series was calculated using a Laspeyres estimator. All other item stratum index series were calculated using a geometric means estimator.

³ Indexes on a December 1984=100 base

⁴ Indexes on a December 1988=100 base.

- Data not available.

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

(1982-84=100, unless otherwise noted)

Area	Pricing schedule 1	All items									
		Indexes				Percent change to Apr. 2006 from—			Percent change to Mar. 2006 from—		
		Jan. 2006	Feb. 2006	Mar. 2006	Apr. 2006	Apr. 2005	Feb. 2006	Mar. 2006	Mar. 2005	Jan. 2006	Feb. 2006
U.S. city average	M	198.3	198.7	200.0	201.7	3.6	1.5	0.9	3.5	0.9	0.7
Region and area size²											
Northeast urban	M	211.1	211.8	213.3	215.3	4.1	1.7	.9	3.5	1.0	.7
Size A - More than 1,500,000	M	213.3	214.1	215.4	217.5	3.9	1.6	1.0	3.3	1.0	.6
Size B/C - 50,000 to 1,500,000 ³	M	124.9	125.3	126.3	127.5	4.5	1.8	1.0	4.1	1.1	.8
Midwest urban	M	190.8	190.7	192.0	193.2	2.9	1.3	.6	3.1	.6	.7
Size A - More than 1,500,000	M	192.7	192.5	193.8	194.7	2.7	1.1	.5	2.9	.6	.7
Size B/C - 50,000 to 1,500,000 ³	M	121.6	121.6	122.3	123.5	3.3	1.6	1.0	3.0	.6	.6
Size D - Nonmetropolitan (less than 50,000)	M	185.4	185.3	187.0	188.2	3.6	1.6	.6	3.9	.9	.9
South urban	M	191.6	191.8	192.9	194.9	4.1	1.6	1.0	3.8	.7	.6
Size A - More than 1,500,000	M	193.7	193.8	194.7	196.7	4.0	1.5	1.0	3.6	.5	.5
Size B/C - 50,000 to 1,500,000 ³	M	122.0	122.1	123.0	124.2	4.1	1.7	1.0	3.9	.8	.7
Size D - Nonmetropolitan (less than 50,000)	M	191.1	191.3	192.3	195.4	4.4	2.1	1.6	4.2	.6	.5
West urban	M	201.6	202.7	203.7	205.4	3.4	1.3	.8	3.3	1.0	.5
Size A - More than 1,500,000	M	204.6	205.7	206.8	208.6	3.6	1.4	.9	3.5	1.1	.5
Size B/C - 50,000 to 1,500,000 ³	M	122.9	123.7	124.2	125.0	3.0	1.1	.6	3.2	1.1	.4
Size classes											
A ⁴	M	181.5	181.9	182.9	184.5	3.6	1.4	.9	3.3	.8	.5
B/C ³	M	122.5	122.8	123.6	124.7	3.8	1.5	.9	3.7	.9	.7
D	M	190.2	190.2	191.8	193.8	3.7	1.9	1.0	3.8	.8	.8
Selected local areas⁵											
Chicago-Gary-Kenosha, IL-IN-WI	M	197.6	197.2	197.6	197.7	2.3	.3	.1	3.3	.0	.2
Los Angeles-Riverside-Orange County, CA ...	M	205.9	207.6	208.5	210.4	4.6	1.3	.9	4.7	1.3	.4
New York-Northern N.J.-Long Island, NY-NJ-CT-PA	M	215.9	216.6	218.6	221.2	4.1	2.1	1.2	2.9	1.3	.9
Boston-Brockton-Nashua, MA-NH-ME-CT	1	221.0	-	221.6	-	-	-	-	3.5	.3	-
Cleveland-Akron, OH	1	190.3	-	191.0	-	-	-	-	2.5	.4	-
Dallas-Fort Worth, TX	1	188.7	-	188.5	-	-	-	-	4.0	-.1	-
Washington-Baltimore, DC-MD-VA-WV ⁶	1	126.3	-	127.2	-	-	-	-	3.7	.7	-
Atlanta, GA	2	-	189.8	-	193.8	3.1	2.1	-	-	-	-
Detroit-Ann Arbor-Flint, MI	2	-	194.8	-	197.6	4.1	1.4	-	-	-	-
Houston-Galveston-Brazoria, TX	2	-	178.9	-	181.5	3.7	1.5	-	-	-	-
Miami-Fort Lauderdale, FL	2	-	201.2	-	203.3	5.2	1.0	-	-	-	-
Philadelphia-Wilmington-Atlantic City, PA-NJ-DE-MD	2	-	209.5	-	212.7	4.6	1.5	-	-	-	-
San Francisco-Oakland-San Jose, CA	2	-	206.8	-	208.8	3.1	1.0	-	-	-	-
Seattle-Tacoma-Bremerton, WA	2	-	203.6	-	207.8	3.2	2.1	-	-	-	-

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Pittsburgh, PA; Portland-Salem, OR-WA; St. Louis, MO-IL; San Diego, CA; Tampa-St. Petersburg-Clearwater, FL.

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Table 4 (OW). Old Weight Consumer Price Index for Urban Wage Earners and Clerical Workers (CPI-W): Selected areas, all items index

(1982-84=100, unless otherwise noted)

Area	Pricing schedule 1	All items									
		Indexes				Percent change to Apr. 2006 from—			Percent change to Mar. 2006 from—		
		Jan. 2006	Feb. 2006	Mar. 2006	Apr. 2006	Apr. 2005	Feb. 2006	Mar. 2006	Mar. 2005	Jan. 2006	Feb. 2006
U.S. city average	M	194.0	194.3	195.4	197.3	3.7	1.5	1.0	3.6	0.7	0.6
Region and area size²											
Northeast urban	M	207.6	208.1	209.2	211.2	4.1	1.5	1.0	3.7	.8	.5
Size A - More than 1,500,000	M	208.4	208.9	209.9	211.8	3.9	1.4	.9	3.5	.7	.5
Size B/C - 50,000 to 1,500,000 ³	M	125.1	125.4	126.2	127.5	4.4	1.7	1.0	4.1	.9	.6
Midwest urban	M	186.2	185.9	187.2	188.6	3.2	1.5	.7	3.3	.5	.7
Size A - More than 1,500,000	M	187.4	187.0	188.2	189.3	2.8	1.2	.6	3.1	.4	.6
Size B/C - 50,000 to 1,500,000 ³	M	121.0	121.0	121.8	123.0	3.5	1.7	1.0	3.4	.7	.7
Size D - Nonmetropolitan (less than 50,000)	M	183.5	183.2	184.7	186.0	3.9	1.5	.7	4.2	.7	.8
South urban	M	188.9	188.9	189.9	192.3	4.3	1.8	1.3	3.9	.5	.5
Size A - More than 1,500,000	M	191.8	191.9	192.6	195.1	4.5	1.7	1.3	3.9	.4	.4
Size B/C - 50,000 to 1,500,000 ³	M	120.7	120.7	121.5	122.9	4.2	1.8	1.2	3.8	.7	.7
Size D - Nonmetropolitan (less than 50,000)	M	191.3	191.3	192.3	195.7	4.8	2.3	1.8	4.5	.5	.5
West urban	M	196.4	197.4	198.4	200.2	3.4	1.4	.9	3.3	1.0	.5
Size A - More than 1,500,000	M	197.8	198.7	199.9	201.9	3.6	1.6	1.0	3.5	1.1	.6
Size B/C - 50,000 to 1,500,000 ³	M	122.4	123.1	123.6	124.4	3.0	1.1	.6	3.2	1.0	.4
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Boston-Brockton-Nashua, MA-NH-ME-CT	1	219.9	-	220.4	-	-	-	-	3.4	.2	-
Cleveland-Akron, OH	1	181.5	-	181.9	-	-	-	-	2.7	.2	-
Dallas-Fort Worth, TX	1	190.1	-	189.8	-	-	-	-	4.5	-.2	-
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Atlanta, GA	2	-	188.6	-	192.2	3.3	1.9	-	-	-	-
Detroit-Ann Arbor-Flint, MI	2	-	190.0	-	193.0	4.2	1.6	-	-	-	-
Houston-Galveston-Brazoria, TX	2	-	176.8	-	180.4	4.4	2.0	-	-	-	-
Miami-Fort Lauderdale, FL	2	-	199.3	-	201.8	5.5	1.3	-	-	-	-
Philadelphia-Wilmington-Atlantic City, PA-NJ-DE-MD	2	-	209.2	-	212.3	4.6	1.5	-	-	-	-
San Francisco-Oakland-San Jose, CA	2	-	202.6	-	204.9	2.8	1.1	-	-	-	-
Seattle-Tacoma-Bremerton, WA	2	-	198.5	-	202.9	3.4	2.2	-	-	-	-

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