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The Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers (CPI-U) increased 0.5 percent in February, before seasonal adjustment, the Bureau of Labor Statistics of the U.S. Department of Labor reported today. The February level of 203.499 (1982-84=100) was 2.4 percent higher than in February 2006.

The Consumer Price Index for Urban Wage Earners and Clerical Workers (CPI-W) increased 0.5 percent in February, prior to seasonal adjustment. The February level of 198.544 (1982-84=100) was 2.2 percent higher than in February 2006.

The Chained Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers (C-CPI-U) increased 0.5 percent in February on a not seasonally adjusted basis. The February level of 118.021 (December 1999=100) was 2.2 percent higher than in February 2006. Please note that the indexes for the post-2005 period are subject to revision.

CPI for All Urban Consumers (CPI-U)

On a seasonally adjusted basis, the CPI-U advanced 0.4 percent in February, following a 0.2 percent increase in January. Energy costs increased 0.9 percent in February after declining 1.5 percent in January. In February, the index for petroleum-based energy increased 0.3 percent and the index for energy services rose 1.5 percent. The food index rose 0.8 percent in February, following a 0.7 percent increase in January. Grocery store foods rose 1.1 percent, largely reflecting a 4.7 percent increase in the index for fruits and vegetables. The index for all items less food and energy advanced 0.2 percent in February, following a 0.3 percent rise in January; an increase in the index for shelter accounted for about one-half of the February advance.

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

Expenditure Category	Seasonally adjusted								Un-adjusted 12-mos. ended Feb.'07
	Changes from preceding month							Compound annual rate 3-mos. ended Feb.'07	
	2006					2007			
	Aug.	Sep.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.		
All Items	.3	-.5	-.4	.0	.4	.2	.4	4.0	2.4
Food and beverages	.3	.4	.3	-.1	-.1	.7	.8	5.9	3.1
Housing	.3	.3	.0	.4	.4	.2	.4	4.2	3.3
Apparel	.6	.5	-.5	-.1	.2	.3	.5	4.1	2.1
Transportation	.2	-4.1	-3.0	-8	1.7	-8	.1	3.8	-.6
Medical care	.4	.3	.3	.2	.2	.8	.5	6.0	4.3
Recreation	.0	-.1	.1	.1	-.3	.1	.0	-.9	.9
Education and communication	.3	.1	.2	-.2	.2	-.1	.3	1.5	2.0
Other goods and services	.3	.5	.2	.1	.6	.8	.2	6.8	3.6
Special indexes:									
Energy	.4	-7.3	-6.7	-.2	4.2	-1.5	.9	14.9	-1.0
Food	.3	.4	.3	-.1	.0	.7	.8	6.1	3.1
All items less food and energy	.2	.2	.1	.1	.1	.3	.2	2.6	2.7

The food and beverages index rose 0.8 percent in February. The index for food at home increased 1.1 percent, following a 0.9 percent increase in January. Over three-fifths of the February advance was attributable to a 4.7 percent increase in the index for fruits and vegetables. Anticipated smaller citrus crops for the 2006-07-season were exacerbated by adverse weather conditions in January on the West coast, resulting in sharply higher citrus prices--up 16.3 percent in February. Overall, the indexes for fresh fruits and for fresh vegetables each increased 5.7 percent, and the index for processed fruits and vegetables rose 0.6 percent. Breakfast cereal prices rose 3.3 percent in February after declining 2.4 percent in January, largely accounting for the 1.1 percent increase in the index for cereal and bakery products. The index for meats, poultry, fish, and eggs, which advanced 0.8 percent in January, increased 0.4 in February. Beef prices increased 1.3 percent, while the indexes for pork and for other meats declined 0.6 and 2.9 percent, respectively. Prices for poultry products rose 0.8 percent and prices for fish and seafood increased 0.4 percent. The index for eggs rose sharply for the fourth consecutive month--up 8.0 percent in February and has advanced 29.1 percent in the last 12 months. The index for other food at home increased 0.3 percent and the indexes for dairy products and for nonalcoholic beverages each rose 0.2 percent. The other two components of the food and beverages index--food away from home and alcoholic beverages--increased 0.4 and 0.7 percent, respectively.

The index for housing rose 0.4 percent in February, following a 0.2 percent increase in January. The index for fuels and utilities, which rose 0.3 percent in January, increased 1.2 percent in February, reflecting upturns in the indexes for fuel oil and for natural gas. The index for fuel oil rose 0.5 percent in February, following a 5.6 percent decline in January. The index for natural gas, which declined 3.0 percent in January, advanced 5.0 percent in February. Charges for electricity were virtually unchanged in February after advancing 2.0 percent in January. The index for shelter increased 0.3 percent in February, the same as in each of the preceding two months. Within shelter, the index for rent rose 0.4 percent; owners' equivalent rent increased 0.3 percent; and the index for lodging away from home rose 0.1 percent. (Prior to seasonal adjustment, the index for lodging away from home increased 4.1 percent.) The index for household furnishings and operations, which declined 0.3 percent in January, rose 0.2 percent in February.

The transportation index rose 0.1 percent in February, following a 0.8 percent decrease in January. The index for gasoline prices, which declined 3.0 percent in January, rose 0.3 percent in February. Gasoline prices were 1.4 percent lower than a year ago and 23.7 percent lower than their peak level recorded in July 2006. The index for new vehicles declined 0.1 percent in February and was 1.4 percent lower than in February 2006. (As of February, about 88 percent of the new vehicle sample was represented by 2007 models. The 2007 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.) The index for used cars and trucks decreased 0.5 percent in February. The index for public transportation rose 0.3 percent in January, reflecting a 0.9 percent increase in the index for airline fares.

The index for apparel rose 0.5 percent in February, following a 0.3 percent increase in January. (Prior to seasonal adjustment, apparel prices rose 2.6 percent, reflecting the introduction of spring-summer wear. Prices for women's apparel registered the largest advance--up 4.9 percent.)

Medical care costs rose 0.5 percent in February and are 4.3 percent higher than a year ago. The index for medical care commodities--prescription drugs, nonprescription drugs, and medical supplies--decreased 0.3 percent. The index for medical care services advanced 0.7 percent. The indexes for professional services and for hospital and related services increased 0.7 and 0.6 percent, respectively.

The index for recreation was virtually unchanged in February. Increases in the indexes for pets, pet products and services and for recreational reading materials--up 0.8 and 0.3 percent, respectively--offset declines in the indexes for video and audio, for sporting goods, for photography, and for toys.

The index for education and communication increased 0.3 percent in February. Educational costs increased 0.6 percent and communication costs rose 0.1 percent. Within the communication group, the index for information and information processing rose 0.1 percent as a 0.2 percent increase in telephone services more than offset small decreases in the indexes for personal computers and peripheral equipment, for computer software and accessories and for internet services and electronic information providers.

The index for other goods and services increased 0.2 percent in February. The index for tobacco and smoking products registered its third consecutive large advance--up 1.0 percent in February--and accounted for virtually all of the increase in this major group.

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

On a seasonally adjusted basis, the CPI for Urban Wage Earners and Clerical Workers increased 0.4 percent in February.

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 Feb.'07	Un- adjusted 12-mos. ended Feb.'07
	Changes from preceding month								
	2006					2007			
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Housing	.3	.3	-.1	.4	.4	.3	.4	4.5	3.2
Apparel	1.0	.8	-.7	-.1	.2	-.1	.5	2.2	1.8
Transportation	.2	-4.5	-3.3	-.9	1.9	-1.0	.0	3.7	-.7
Medical care	.3	.3	.3	.2	.1	.8	.5	6.0	4.4
Recreation	-.2	-.1	.1	.2	-.3	.1	.0	-.8	.9
Education and communication	.3	.2	.2	-.3	.1	-.1	.3	1.1	1.6
Other goods and services	.2	.3	.2	.0	.8	1.0	.4	9.3	3.8
Special indexes									
Energy	.4	-7.7	-6.9	-.2	4.3	-1.5	.8	15.0	-1.1
Food	.3	.4	.3	-.1	-.1	.6	.8	5.6	3.0
All items less food and energy	.3	.2	.1	.0	.1	.2	.2	2.5	2.5

Consumer Price Index data for March are scheduled for release on Tuesday, April 17, 2007, at 8:30 A.M. (EDT).

Consumer Price Index Levels to Three Decimal Places

Effective with this release of the Consumer Price Index (CPI), the Bureau of Labor Statistics has begun computing percent changes based upon three decimal place indexes rather than one decimal place indexes. This change applies to the All Items Consumer Price Index and all component indexes for the CPI-U, CPI-W, and C-CPI-U, for the U.S. City Average and for all other published areas. In addition, CPI index values are displayed to three decimal places in all paper and electronic publications. As in the past, percent changes are rounded to one decimal place.

This change in procedure addresses a rounding issue that has resulted in published percent changes that are 0.1 percentage point higher or lower than the same percent changes based on unrounded index values (i.e., indexes to three or more decimal places). These differences can be particularly important when percent changes are very small. Publishing the index values to three decimal places, and using these values to compute percent changes, essentially eliminates the rounding differences. This change only affects the presentation of the index data. Index values continue to be calculated from underlying price data in the same manner as in the past, and no systematic upward or downward effect on the data is introduced. The levels of future indexes will be affected only in that they will be published to three decimal places rather than one. Official CPI data previously published will not be revised.

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Note on Sampling Error in the Consumer Price Index

The CPI is a statistical estimate that is subject to sampling error because it is based upon a sample of retail prices and not the complete universe of all prices. BLS calculates and publishes estimates of the 1-month, 2-month, 6-month and 12-month percent change standard errors annually, for the CPI-U. These standard error estimates can be used to construct confidence intervals for hypothesis testing. For example, the estimated standard error of the 1 month percent change is 0.06 percent for the U.S. All Items Consumer Price Index. This means that if we repeatedly sample from the universe of all retail prices using the same methodology, and estimate a percentage change for each sample, then 95% of these estimates would be within 0.12 percent of the 1 month percentage change based on all retail prices. For a 1-month change of 0.2 percent in the All Items CPI for All Urban Consumers, we are 95 percent confident that the actual percent change based on all retail prices would fall between 0.08 and 0.32 percent. For the latest data, including information on how to use the estimates of standard error, see "Variance Estimates for Changes in the Consumer Price Index, January 2005- December 2005 in the CPI Detailed Report, February 2006. These data are available on the CPI home page (<http://www.bls.gov/cpi>), using the following link <http://www.bls.gov/cpi/cpivar2006.pdf>

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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	202.416
Less previous index	201.800
Equals index point change	.616

Percent Change

Index point difference	.616
Divided by the previous index	201.800
Equals	0.003
Results multiplied by one hundred	0.003x100
Equals percent change	0.3

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 2002 through December 2006 were replaced in January 2007. 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 in the aggregation of the dependent series for the last 5 years, but the seasonally adjusted indexes will be used before that period. Note: 44 of the 73 components are seasonally adjusted for 2007.

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.

In January 2007, BLS adjusted 37 series using Intervention Analysis Seasonal Adjustment, including selected food and beverage items, fuel oil, motor fuels, vehicles, jewelry, admission to sporting events and educational books and supplies. For example, this procedure was used for the Motor fuel series to offset the effects of damage to oil refineries from Hurricane Katrina, as well as the effects of implementing new fuel requirements in the United States.

For a complete list of Intervention Analysis Seasonal Adjustment series and explanations, please refer to the article “Intervention Analysis Seasonal Adjustment”, located on our website at:
<http://www.bls.gov/cpi/cpisapage.htm>.

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 Jeff Wilson on (202) 691-6968 by e-mail at Wilson.Jeff@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 2006	Unadjusted indexes		Unadjusted percent change to Feb. 2007 from—		Seasonally adjusted percent change from—		
		Jan. 2007	Feb. 2007	Feb. 2006	Jan. 2007	Nov. to Dec.	Dec. to Jan.	Jan. to Feb.
All items	100.000	202.416	203.499	2.4	0.5	0.4	0.2	0.4
All items (1967=100)	-	606.348	609.594	-	-	-	-	-
Food and beverages	14.992	199.198	200.402	3.1	.6	-.1	.7	.8
Food	13.885	198.812	200.000	3.1	.6	.0	.7	.8
Food at home	7.896	196.671	198.193	2.9	.8	-.3	.9	1.1
Cereals and bakery products	1.103	216.276	219.041	4.2	1.3	.3	.3	1.1
Meats, poultry, fish, and eggs	2.112	189.609	190.491	2.7	.5	.1	.8	.4
Dairy and related products .....	.821	183.453	183.779	.2	.2	.1	1.3	.2
Fruits and vegetables	1.211	262.949	268.565	6.0	2.1	-1.7	1.3	4.7
Nonalcoholic beverages and beverage materials .....	.906	151.127	151.716	3.0	.4	-.2	.8	.2
Other food at home	1.743	170.878	171.483	1.4	.4	-.2	.9	.3
Sugar and sweets .....	.302	175.151	174.300	4.2	-.5	.3	.6	-.7
Fats and oils .....	.227	170.152	171.667	.7	.9	-.3	.0	.9
Other foods ¹	1.214	185.499	186.358	.9	.5	-.3	1.1	.5
Other miscellaneous foods ^{1 2} .....	.327	114.655	114.939	1.4	.2	1.1	-.4	.2
Food away from home ¹	5.989	203.171	203.909	3.4	.4	.3	.5	.4
Other food away from home ² .....	.281	140.919	141.626	5.1	.5	.5	1.3	.3
Alcoholic beverages ¹	1.107	202.968	204.385	2.4	.7	-.2	.9	.7
Housing	42.691	206.057	207.177	3.3	.5	.4	.2	.4
Shelter	32.776	236.504	237.972	4.2	.6	.3	.3	.3
Rent of primary residence ³	5.930	230.806	231.739	4.6	.4	.4	.4	.4
Lodging away from home ²	2.648	133.633	139.160	4.3	4.1	.3	1.1	.1
Owners' equivalent rent of primary residence ^{3 4}	23.830	243.345	244.020	4.2	.3	.3	.2	.3
Tenants' and household insurance ^{1 2} .....	.369	117.417	117.320	1.0	-.1	-1.0	.3	-.1
Fuels and utilities	5.264	194.378	194.890	.1	.3	1.2	.3	1.2
Household energy	4.368	175.718	176.092	-.8	.2	1.4	.1	1.4
Fuel oil and other fuels .....	.338	227.930	231.800	.6	1.7	2.1	-4.4	-.2
Gas (piped) and electricity ³	4.029	181.064	181.232	-.9	.1	1.4	.5	1.5
Water and sewer and trash collection services ² .....	.897	140.634	141.349	4.7	.5	.2	1.0	.5
Household furnishings and operations	4.651	127.093	127.495	.5	.3	.1	-.3	.2
Household operations ^{1 2} .....	.792	139.526	139.733	3.5	.1	.1	.3	.1
Apparel	3.726	115.988	119.017	2.1	2.6	.2	.3	.5
Men's and boys' apparel .....	.885	110.327	111.233	-1.3	.8	.3	-1.1	-.2
Women's and girls' apparel	1.590	105.891	110.871	4.3	4.7	.3	1.3	.7
Infants' and toddlers' apparel .....	.177	112.444	115.416	-1.0	2.6	-1.4	-.3	.9
Footwear .....	.749	120.915	121.930	-.7	.8	.2	-.5	.1
Transportation	17.249	174.463	174.799	-.6	.2	1.7	-.8	.1
Private transportation	16.188	170.562	170.775	-.7	.1	1.8	-.9	.0
New and used motor vehicles ²	7.581	94.840	94.591	-1.7	-.3	-.2	-.2	-.2
New vehicles	4.982	137.603	137.340	-1.4	-.2	-.1	.0	-.1
Used cars and trucks ¹	1.716	135.257	134.597	-3.5	-.5	-.8	-.7	-.5
Motor fuel	4.347	193.900	195.377	-1.4	.8	7.0	-3.0	.3
Gasoline (all types)	4.303	192.806	194.282	-1.4	.8	6.9	-3.0	.3
Motor vehicle parts and equipment ¹ .....	.370	119.759	120.196	4.6	.4	.0	.2	.4
Motor vehicle maintenance and repair	1.145	219.262	220.530	3.6	.6	.3	.1	.6
Public transportation	1.060	221.403	224.061	1.2	1.2	.2	1.5	.3
Medical care	6.281	343.510	346.457	4.3	.9	.2	.8	.5
Medical care commodities	1.446	288.088	287.703	1.6	-.1	-.1	.6	-.3
Medical care services	4.834	359.757	363.908	5.1	1.2	.3	.9	.7
Professional services	2.817	295.219	298.393	4.2	1.1	.3	.8	.7
Hospital and related services ³	1.630	482.258	487.881	6.0	1.2	.2	.6	.6

See footnotes at end of table.

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Recreation ²	5.552	111.012	111.174	0.9	0.1	-0.3	0.1	0.0	
Video and audio ²	1.719	102.784	103.144	-1.1	.4	-6	-2	-1	
Education and communication ²	6.034	117.815	117.971	2.0	.1	.2	-.1	.3	
Education ²	3.076	167.624	167.927	6.0	.2	.5	.1	.6	
Educational books and supplies .....	.204	405.668	407.809	6.8	.5	.4	1.1	.1
Tuition, other school fees, and childcare	2.872	483.705	484.459	6.0	.2	.5	.1	.6	
Communication ²	2.958	82.778	82.845	-2.0	.1	-2	-.4	.1	
Information and information processing ^{1 2}	2.769	80.246	80.311	-2.1	.1	-2	-.4	.1	
Telephone services ^{1 2}	2.225	96.898	97.096	2.0	.2	.3	.1	.2	
Information technology, hardware and services ^{1 5} .....	.543	10.900	10.853	-16.5	-.4	-1.8	-2.7	-.4
Personal computers and peripheral equipment ^{1 2} .....	.203	10.259	10.174	-11.5	-.8	.0	-.4	-.8
Other goods and services	3.476	329.198	330.459	3.6	.4	.6	.8	.2	
Tobacco and smoking products ¹ .....	.712	543.477	548.896	6.4	1.0	1.5	3.1	1.0
Personal care	2.764	193.560	193.987	2.9	.2	.4	.2	.0	
Personal care products ¹ .....	.708	157.699	158.038	1.6	.2	1.9	-.8	.2
Personal care services ¹ .....	.677	214.045	214.616	3.2	.3	.1	.7	.3
Miscellaneous personal services	1.188	320.047	320.725	3.7	.2	.3	.2	.0	
Commodity and service group									
Commodities	40.305	161.978	162.890	.9	.6	.7	-.1	.4	
Food and beverages	14.992	199.198	200.402	3.1	.6	-.1	.7	.8	
Commodities less food and beverages	25.313	141.529	142.290	-.4	.5	1.1	-5	.1	
Nondurables less food and beverages	14.191	168.788	170.479	.8	1.0	2.6	-1.5	-.2	
Apparel	3.726	115.988	119.017	2.1	2.6	.2	.3	.5	
Nondurables less food, beverages, and apparel	10.465	205.498	206.395	.3	.4	3.0	-1.1	.2	
Durables	11.122	113.263	113.210	-1.8	.0	-3	-.3	-.1	
Services	59.695	242.540	243.793	3.4	.5	.3	.3	.4	
Rent of shelter ⁴	32.407	246.476	248.024	4.3	.6	.4	.3	.3	
Tenants' and household insurance ^{1 2} .....	.369	117.417	117.320	1.0	-.1	-1.0	.3	-.1
Gas (piped) and electricity ³	4.029	181.064	181.232	-.9	.1	1.4	.5	1.5	
Water and sewer and trash collection services ² .....	.897	140.634	141.349	4.7	.5	.2	1.0	.5
Household operations ^{1 2} .....	.792	139.526	139.733	3.5	.1	.1	.3	.1
Transportation services	5.638	231.367	232.077	1.5	.3	.2	.3	.1	
Medical care services	4.834	359.757	363.908	5.1	1.2	.3	.9	.7	
Other services	10.730	281.282	281.864	2.9	.2	.1	.1	.2	
Special indexes									
All items less food	86.115	203.035	204.101	2.3	.5	.6	.0	.3	
All items less shelter	67.224	191.328	192.272	1.5	.5	.6	.1	.4	
All items less medical care	93.719	195.295	196.298	2.3	.5	.5	.1	.4	
Commodities less food	26.420	143.775	144.558	-.2	.5	1.1	-5	.2	
Nondurables less food	15.299	170.878	172.552	.9	1.0	2.4	-1.3	-.2	
Nondurables less food and apparel	11.572	204.403	205.347	.6	.5	2.7	-1.0	.2	
Nondurables	29.183	184.284	185.751	1.9	.8	1.3	-.4	.3	
Services less rent of shelter ⁴	27.288	256.164	257.147	2.4	.4	.4	.3	.4	
Services less medical care services	54.861	232.892	233.963	3.3	.5	.3	.3	.3	
Energy	8.715	183.567	184.451	-1.0	.5	4.2	-1.5	.9	
All items less energy	91.285	205.993	207.106	2.7	.5	.1	.3	.3	
All items less food and energy	77.401	208.009	209.112	2.7	.5	.1	.3	.2	
Commodities less food and energy commodities	21.735	139.628	140.305	.0	.5	.0	.1	.1	
Energy commodities	4.685	196.983	198.617	-1.2	.8	6.6	-3.1	.3	
Services less energy services	55.666	248.836	250.199	3.8	.5	.2	.3	.3	
Purchasing power of the consumer dollar (1982-84=\$1.00)	-	\$.494	\$.491	-	-	-	-	-	
Purchasing power of the consumer dollar (1967=\$1.00)	-	\$.165	\$.164	-	-	-	-	-	

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.

- 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—		
	Nov. 2006	Dec. 2006	Jan. 2007	Feb. 2007	May 2006	Aug. 2006	Nov. 2006	Feb. 2007	Aug. 2006	Feb. 2007
Expenditure category										
All items	201.9	202.8	203.153	203.906	5.7	3.8	-3.7	4.0	4.8	0.1
Food and beverages	197.3	197.2	198.604	200.150	1.0	3.1	2.3	5.9	2.1	4.1
Food	196.8	196.8	198.173	199.728	1.0	3.3	2.1	6.1	2.2	4.1
Food at home	194.4	193.9	195.562	197.721	-6	3.4	1.9	7.0	1.4	4.4
Cereals and bakery products	215.3	216.0	216.642	219.067	2.1	4.4	3.0	7.2	3.3	5.1
Meats, poultry, fish, and eggs	188.0	188.1	189.534	190.383	.0	3.3	2.4	5.2	1.6	3.8
Dairy and related products	180.3	180.4	182.720	183.143	-3.7	-2.0	.2	6.5	-2.8	3.3
Fruits and vegetables	256.6	252.3	255.519	267.426	-8.4	11.5	4.8	18.0	1.0	11.2
Nonalcoholic beverages and beverage materials	149.3	149.0	150.136	150.507	2.2	1.6	5.0	3.3	1.9	4.1
Other food at home	169.5	169.2	170.708	171.243	2.6	1.4	-2.3	4.2	2.0	.9
Sugar and sweets	173.5	174.0	175.043	173.767	10.7	4.0	1.6	.6	7.3	1.1
Fats and oils	169.5	169.0	169.010	170.528	-2.6	-1.4	4.6	2.4	-2.0	3.5
Other foods ¹	184.0	183.5	185.499	186.358	1.5	1.5	-4.4	5.2	1.5	.3
Other miscellaneous foods ^{1 2}	113.8	115.1	114.655	114.939	3.2	-1.7	.0	4.1	.7	2.0
Food away from home ¹	201.6	202.2	203.171	203.909	3.1	3.1	2.8	4.7	3.1	3.7
Other food away from home ²	138.6	139.3	141.129	141.604	4.2	3.3	4.1	9.0	3.7	6.5
Alcoholic beverages ¹	201.6	201.1	202.968	204.385	2.6	.8	.8	5.6	1.7	3.2
Housing	205.5	206.3	206.799	207.616	2.6	3.6	3.0	4.2	3.1	3.6
Shelter	235.9	236.6	237.350	238.043	4.6	4.4	4.4	3.7	4.5	4.0
Rent of primary residence ³	228.8	229.8	230.670	231.642	4.0	4.5	4.7	5.1	4.3	4.9
Lodging away from home ²	137.9	138.3	139.802	139.913	4.2	3.0	4.2	6.0	3.6	5.1
Owners' equivalent rent of primary residence ^{3 4}	242.1	242.8	243.279	243.988	4.9	4.6	4.2	3.2	4.8	3.7
Tenants' and household insurance ^{1 2}	118.3	117.1	117.417	117.320	.3	-3	7.4	-3.3	.0	1.9
Fuels and utilities	192.9	195.3	195.818	198.215	-7.8	.0	-2.0	11.5	-4.0	4.5
Household energy	174.6	177.1	177.287	179.714	-9.6	-1.4	-2.9	12.2	-5.6	4.4
Fuel oil and other fuels	229.1	233.9	223.707	223.344	33.2	25.6	-32.3	-9.7	29.4	-21.8
Gas (piped) and electricity ³	179.7	182.2	183.084	185.812	-12.6	-3.3	.0	14.3	-8.0	6.9
Water and sewer and trash collection services ²	139.0	139.3	140.634	141.349	2.1	6.3	3.5	6.9	4.2	5.2
Household furnishings and operations	127.3	127.4	127.017	127.238	1.6	.9	.0	-2	1.3	-1
Household operations ^{1 2}	138.9	139.1	139.526	139.733	2.1	3.9	5.7	2.4	3.0	4.0
Apparel	119.6	119.8	120.180	120.805	4.8	.0	-3	4.1	2.4	1.9
Men's and boys' apparel	113.4	113.7	112.492	112.314	.4	.7	-2.4	-3.8	.5	-3.1
Women's and girls' apparel	111.1	111.4	112.856	113.628	7.6	1.1	-4	9.4	4.3	4.4
Infants' and toddlers' apparel	116.5	114.9	114.536	115.619	.0	3.1	-4.0	-3.0	1.5	-3.5
Footwear	123.2	123.5	122.910	122.984	1.6	-5.7	2.0	-7	-2.1	.6
Transportation	174.1	177.0	175.661	175.749	22.0	6.6	-27.5	3.8	14.0	-13.3
Private transportation	170.1	173.1	171.516	171.567	23.1	7.0	-28.5	3.5	14.8	-14.0
New and used motor vehicles ²	94.7	94.5	94.328	94.141	.4	.8	-5.3	-2.3	.6	-3.8
New vehicles	136.5	136.4	136.360	136.204	-1.2	.0	-3.4	-.9	-.6	-2.2
Used cars and trucks ¹	137.3	136.2	135.257	134.597	4.1	4.3	-13.6	-7.6	4.2	-10.7
Motor fuel	193.0	206.5	200.234	200.921	100.5	20.0	-66.5	17.5	55.1	-37.3
Gasoline (all types)	192.0	205.3	199.170	199.842	100.9	20.3	-66.6	17.4	55.4	-37.4
Motor vehicle parts and equipment ¹	119.5	119.5	119.759	120.196	7.5	4.2	4.5	2.4	5.8	3.4
Motor vehicle maintenance and repair	218.2	218.8	219.001	220.213	4.6	3.0	3.0	3.7	3.8	3.4
Public transportation	223.4	223.8	227.138	227.931	3.4	5.4	-11.0	8.4	4.4	-1.8
Medical care	340.7	341.3	344.046	345.686	4.4	3.6	3.2	6.0	4.0	4.6
Medical care commodities	287.1	286.9	288.720	287.830	3.9	2.0	-.3	1.0	2.9	.4
Medical care services	356.3	357.2	360.250	362.812	4.6	4.1	4.4	7.5	4.3	5.9
Professional services	292.7	293.5	295.956	297.958	3.1	2.8	3.3	7.4	3.0	5.3
Hospital and related services ³	477.6	478.7	481.795	484.918	7.5	5.9	4.3	6.3	6.7	5.3

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 Expenditure category	Seasonally adjusted indexes				Seasonally adjusted annual rate percent change for					
					3 months ended—			6 months ended—		
	Nov. 2006	Dec. 2006	Jan. 2007	Feb. 2007	May 2006	Aug. 2006	Nov. 2006	Feb. 2007	Aug. 2006	Feb. 2007
Expenditure category										
Recreation ²	111.4	111.1	111.160	111.150	3.3	1.1	0.4	-0.9	2.2	-0.3
Video and audio ²	104.0	103.4	103.160	103.065	3.1	-8	-3.0	-3.5	1.2	-3.3
Education and communication ²	117.5	117.7	117.558	117.952	2.4	3.5	.3	1.5	3.0	.9
Education ²	165.9	166.7	166.913	167.882	6.2	6.9	6.0	4.9	6.5	5.4
Educational books and supplies	398.9	400.5	404.984	405.288	6.4	7.2	6.9	6.6	6.8	6.7
Tuition, other school fees, and childcare	478.9	481.3	481.562	484.536	6.3	7.0	5.8	4.8	6.6	5.3
Communication ²	83.3	83.1	82.775	82.841	-1.4	.5	-4.7	-2.2	-5	-3.4
Information and information processing ^{1 2}	80.8	80.6	80.246	80.311	-1.5	.5	-4.8	-2.4	-5	-3.6
Telephone services ^{1 2}	96.5	96.8	96.898	97.096	.0	3.0	2.5	2.5	1.5	2.5
Information technology, hardware and services ^{1 5}	11.4	11.2	10.900	10.853	-6.0	-9.1	-30.8	-17.9	-7.5	-24.6
Personal computers and peripheral equipment ^{1 2}	10.3	10.3	10.259	10.174	-22.2	-7.2	-10.8	-4.8	-15.0	-7.9
Other goods and services	324.7	326.8	329.378	330.076	1.8	2.7	3.3	6.8	2.2	5.0
Tobacco and smoking products ¹	519.4	527.3	543.477	548.896	1.2	2.8	-1.3	24.7	2.0	11.0
Personal care	192.5	193.3	193.694	193.702	1.9	2.6	4.5	2.5	2.2	3.5
Personal care products ¹	156.1	159.0	157.699	158.038	-2.5	.8	3.1	5.1	-9	4.1
Personal care services ¹	212.3	212.5	214.045	214.616	1.5	2.7	4.3	4.4	2.1	4.3
Miscellaneous personal services	318.7	319.5	320.287	320.360	3.8	3.6	5.3	2.1	3.7	3.7
Commodity and service group										
Commodities	161.7	162.8	162.690	163.297	10.0	4.2	-12.9	4.0	7.0	-4.8
Food and beverages	197.3	197.2	198.604	200.150	1.0	3.1	2.3	5.9	2.1	4.1
Commodities less food and beverages	141.9	143.5	142.779	142.968	15.3	4.4	-20.6	3.0	9.7	-9.5
Nondurables less food and beverages	172.1	176.6	173.869	173.440	23.2	6.6	-23.6	3.2	14.6	-11.2
Apparel	119.6	119.8	120.180	120.805	4.8	.0	-3	4.1	2.4	1.9
Nondurables less food, beverages, and apparel	203.9	210.1	207.739	208.104	42.2	8.4	-39.4	8.5	24.2	-18.9
Durables	113.6	113.3	112.933	112.806	-7	.3	-4.1	-2.8	-2	-3.4
Services	241.7	242.5	243.298	244.229	2.9	3.4	3.2	4.3	3.2	3.7
Rent of shelter ⁴	245.8	246.7	247.426	248.104	4.8	4.4	4.2	3.8	4.6	4.0
Tenants' and household insurance ^{1 2}	118.3	117.1	117.417	117.320	.3	-3	7.4	-3.3	.0	1.9
Gas (piped) and electricity ³	179.7	182.2	183.084	185.812	-12.6	-3.3	.0	14.3	-8.0	6.9
Water and sewer and trash collection services ²	139.0	139.3	140.634	141.349	2.1	6.3	3.5	6.9	4.2	5.2
Household operations ^{1 2}	138.9	139.1	139.526	139.733	2.1	3.9	5.7	2.4	3.0	4.0
Transportation services	231.4	231.8	232.384	232.643	1.8	2.6	-.7	2.2	2.2	.7
Medical care services	356.3	357.2	360.250	362.812	4.6	4.1	4.4	7.5	4.3	5.9
Other services	280.5	280.9	281.091	281.756	4.0	3.7	2.2	1.8	3.8	2.0
Special indexes										
All items less food	202.7	203.9	203.999	204.620	6.6	3.8	-4.6	3.8	5.2	-5
All items less shelter	190.8	191.9	192.030	192.816	6.2	3.6	-7.4	4.3	4.9	-1.7
All items less medical care	194.8	195.8	196.033	196.746	6.0	3.7	-4.2	4.1	4.8	-2
Commodities less food	144.1	145.7	144.991	145.217	14.8	4.3	-19.9	3.1	9.4	-9.1
Nondurables less food	174.0	178.1	175.707	175.288	21.6	6.1	-21.9	3.0	13.6	-10.3
Nondurables less food and apparel	202.9	208.4	206.407	206.835	38.4	7.6	-36.4	8.0	22.0	-17.1
Nondurables	185.1	187.5	186.765	187.249	11.3	4.7	-11.6	4.7	8.0	-3.8
Services less rent of shelter ⁴	254.6	255.5	256.241	257.370	2.1	3.2	.2	4.4	2.6	2.3
Services less medical care services	232.0	232.8	233.396	234.204	3.4	3.9	2.1	3.9	3.6	3.0
Energy	182.5	190.1	187.340	188.952	36.9	9.8	-44.5	14.9	22.6	-20.1
All items less energy	205.5	205.8	206.414	207.083	3.0	3.2	1.8	3.1	3.1	2.4
All items less food and energy	207.8	208.1	208.632	209.135	3.4	3.2	1.8	2.6	3.3	2.2
Commodities less food and energy commodities	140.1	140.1	140.209	140.330	1.4	.6	-2.5	.7	1.0	-9
Energy commodities	196.2	209.2	202.686	203.310	95.3	20.3	-64.9	15.3	53.3	-36.4
Services less energy services	248.1	248.7	249.469	250.220	4.0	4.2	3.5	3.5	4.1	3.5

¹ Not seasonally adjusted.

² Indexes on a December 1997=100 base.

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

estimator.

⁴ Indexes on a December 1982=100 base.

⁵ Indexes on a December 1988=100 base.

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

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

(1982-84=100, unless otherwise noted)

CPI-U	Pricing schedule 1	All items									
		Indexes				Percent change to Feb.2007 from—			Percent change to Jan.2007 from—		
		Nov. 2006	Dec. 2006	Jan. 2007	Feb. 2007	Feb. 2006	Dec. 2006	Jan. 2007	Jan. 2006	Nov. 2006	Dec. 2006
U.S. city average	M	201.5	201.8	202.416	203.499	2.4	0.8	0.5	2.1	0.5	0.3
Region and area size²											
Northeast urban	M	214.8	215.2	215.813	216.651	2.4	.7	.4	2.3	.5	.3
Size A - More than 1,500,000	M	217.4	217.8	218.365	219.330	2.6	.7	.4	2.4	.4	.3
Size B/C - 50,000 to 1,500,000 ³	M	126.4	126.7	127.237	127.546	1.9	.7	.2	2.0	.7	.4
Midwest urban	M	192.8	192.9	193.068	194.458	2.0	.8	.7	1.2	.1	.1
Size A - More than 1,500,000	M	194.5	194.7	195.073	196.507	2.1	.9	.7	1.2	.3	.2
Size B/C - 50,000 to 1,500,000 ³	M	123.1	123.0	122.861	123.854	1.9	.7	.8	1.0	-.2	-.1
Size D - Nonmetropolitan (less than 50,000)	M	187.0	187.1	187.587	188.122	1.6	.5	.3	1.2	.3	.3
South urban	M	194.3	194.8	195.021	195.950	2.2	.6	.5	1.8	.4	.1
Size A - More than 1,500,000	M	196.6	197.3	197.650	198.516	2.4	.6	.4	2.1	.5	.2
Size B/C - 50,000 to 1,500,000 ³	M	123.4	123.8	123.817	124.521	2.0	.6	.6	1.5	.3	.0
Size D - Nonmetropolitan (less than 50,000)	M	195.4	196.0	196.077	196.043	2.6	.0	.0	2.7	.3	.0
West urban	M	206.3	206.2	207.790	208.995	3.1	1.4	.6	3.0	.7	.8
Size A - More than 1,500,000	M	209.7	209.6	211.102	212.549	3.3	1.4	.7	3.1	.7	.7
Size B/C - 50,000 to 1,500,000 ³	M	125.1	125.0	126.244	126.805	2.5	1.4	.4	2.7	.9	1.0
Size classes											
A ⁴	M	184.7	184.9	185.608	186.673	2.6	1.0	.6	2.3	.5	.4
B/C ³	M	124.1	124.3	124.571	125.243	2.1	.8	.5	1.7	.4	.2
D	M	194.2	194.6	194.724	194.945	2.5	.2	.1	2.4	.3	.1
Selected local areas⁵											
Chicago-Gary-Kenosha, IL-IN-WI	M	197.9	197.8	199.401	200.630	1.7	1.4	.6	1.0	.8	.8
Los Angeles-Riverside-Orange County, CA ...	M	211.1	210.6	212.584	214.760	3.5	2.0	1.0	3.2	.7	.9
New York-Northern N.J.-Long Island, NY-NJ-CT-PA	M	220.9	221.3	221.767	223.066	3.1	.8	.6	2.7	.4	.2
Boston-Brockton-Nashua, MA-NH-ME-CT	1	223.1	-	224.432	-	-	-	-	1.8	.6	-
Cleveland-Akron, OH	1	189.4	-	191.610	-	-	-	-	.7	1.2	-
Dallas-Fort Worth, TX	1	188.4	-	188.890	-	-	-	-	.2	.3	-
Washington-Baltimore, DC-MD-VA-WV ⁶	1	129.3	-	129.956	-	-	-	-	2.9	.5	-
Atlanta, GA	2	-	194.8	-	194.886	2.7	.0	-	-	-	-
Detroit-Ann Arbor-Flint, MI	2	-	196.4	-	198.064	1.7	.8	-	-	-	-
Houston-Galveston-Brazoria, TX	2	-	179.2	-	181.217	1.5	1.1	-	-	-	-
Miami-Fort Lauderdale, FL	2	-	205.4	-	207.989	2.9	1.3	-	-	-	-
Philadelphia-Wilmington-Atlantic City, PA-NJ-DE-MD	2	-	211.6	-	213.152	2.0	.7	-	-	-	-
San Francisco-Oakland-San Jose, CA	2	-	210.4	-	213.688	3.2	1.6	-	-	-	-
Seattle-Tacoma-Bremerton, WA	2	-	209.3	-	211.704	4.0	1.1	-	-	-	-

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

M - Every month.

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

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

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

³ Indexes on a December 1996=100 base.

⁴ Indexes on a December 1986=100 base.

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

Tampa-St. Petersburg-Clearwater, FL.

⁶ Indexes on a November 1996=100 base.

- Data not available.

NOTE: 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 2006	Unadjusted indexes		Unadjusted percent change to Feb. 2007 from—		Seasonally adjusted percent change from—		
		Jan. 2007	Feb. 2007	Feb. 2006	Jan. 2007	Nov. to Dec.	Dec. to Jan.	Jan. to Feb.
All items	100.000	197.559	198.544	2.2	0.5	0.5	0.1	0.4
All items (1967=100)	-	588.467	591.403	-	-	-	-	-
Food and beverages	16.475	198.280	199.540	3.0	.6	-.1	.7	.8
Food	15.457	197.886	199.111	3.0	.6	-.1	.6	.8
Food at home	9.244	195.531	197.044	2.8	.8	-.3	.8	1.1
Cereals and bakery products	1.285	216.416	219.191	4.1	1.3	.3	.1	1.1
Meats, poultry, fish, and eggs	2.623	189.119	189.996	2.6	.5	-.1	.8	.4
Dairy and related products .....	.928	182.711	183.185	-.1	.3	-.2	1.2	.3
Fruits and vegetables	1.332	260.176	266.159	5.9	2.3	-1.9	1.0	4.7
Nonalcoholic beverages and beverage materials	1.082	150.620	150.968	2.9	.2	-.3	.9	.1
Other food at home	1.993	170.242	170.861	1.3	.4	-.2	.8	.3
Sugar and sweets .....	.337	173.929	173.081	4.0	-.5	.4	.5	-.8
Fats and oils .....	.283	170.559	172.380	.7	1.1	-.4	-.3	1.1
Other foods ¹	1.373	185.681	186.473	.8	.4	-.3	1.1	.4
Other miscellaneous foods ^{1 2} .....	.368	114.759	115.151	1.2	.3	1.1	-.5	.3
Food away from home ¹	6.213	202.905	203.689	3.4	.4	.3	.4	.4
Other food away from home ² .....	.279	140.499	141.274	5.1	.6	.5	1.4	.4
Alcoholic beverages ¹	1.018	202.821	204.616	2.6	.9	-.4	.9	.9
Housing	40.463	201.509	202.370	3.2	.4	.4	.3	.4
Shelter	30.570	229.359	230.472	4.2	.5	.4	.3	.3
Rent of primary residence ³	8.021	229.921	230.860	4.6	.4	.4	.3	.4
Lodging away from home ²	1.430	132.607	138.083	3.7	4.1	.7	1.0	-.4
Owners' equivalent rent of primary residence ^{3 4}	20.776	220.602	221.185	4.1	.3	.3	.2	.3
Tenants' and household insurance ^{1 2} .....	.342	117.748	117.622	1.0	-.1	-1.0	.3	-.1
Fuels and utilities	5.779	192.895	193.330	.1	.2	1.3	.4	1.2
Household energy	4.842	173.352	173.654	-.8	.2	1.5	.3	1.3
Fuel oil and other fuels .....	.346	226.971	231.136	.6	1.8	2.2	-.4	.3
Gas (piped) and electricity ³	4.496	179.457	179.550	-.9	.1	1.4	.6	1.4
Water and sewer and trash collection services ² .....	.937	140.947	141.636	4.7	.5	.2	1.0	.5
Household furnishings and operations	4.114	122.623	122.962	.5	.3	.0	-.2	.1
Household operations ^{1 2} .....	.368	141.729	141.886	3.2	.1	.2	.4	.1
Apparel	4.041	115.315	118.211	1.8	2.5	.2	-.1	.5
Men's and boys' apparel .....	.954	109.762	111.079	-1.4	1.2	.1	-1.6	.0
Women's and girls' apparel	1.680	105.697	110.214	4.6	4.3	.5	1.1	.5
Infants' and toddlers' apparel .....	.235	114.948	118.037	-.1	2.7	-1.6	-.1	1.0
Footwear .....	.954	120.506	121.679	-.3	1.0	.2	-.7	.5
Transportation	19.515	173.182	173.518	-.7	.2	1.9	-1.0	.0
Private transportation	18.793	170.321	170.588	-.8	.2	1.9	-1.0	.0
New and used motor vehicles ²	8.626	93.709	93.459	-1.8	-.3	-.3	-.2	-.2
New vehicles	5.210	138.722	138.451	-1.3	-.2	-.1	.0	-.2
Used cars and trucks ¹	2.675	136.063	135.411	-3.5	-.5	-.8	-.7	-.5
Motor fuel	5.441	194.278	195.934	-1.4	.9	6.9	-3.1	.4
Gasoline (all types)	5.388	193.262	194.923	-1.4	.9	7.0	-3.2	.4
Motor vehicle parts and equipment ¹ .....	.444	119.464	119.897	4.9	.4	.0	.2	.4
Motor vehicle maintenance and repair	1.145	221.769	223.054	3.6	.6	.3	.1	.5
Public transportation .....	.723	220.809	223.338	1.3	1.1	.1	1.4	.4
Medical care	5.228	343.138	346.191	4.4	.9	.1	.8	.5
Medical care commodities	1.135	281.098	280.597	1.6	-.2	-.1	.6	-.4
Medical care services	4.094	360.251	364.519	5.2	1.2	.2	.8	.8
Professional services	2.338	297.335	300.720	4.1	1.1	.3	.7	.8
Hospital and related services ³	1.378	477.603	482.895	6.0	1.1	.1	.6	.7

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 2006	Unadjusted indexes		Unadjusted percent change to Feb. 2007 from—		Seasonally adjusted percent change from—		
		Jan. 2007	Feb. 2007	Feb. 2006	Jan. 2007	Nov. to Dec.	Dec. to Jan.	Jan. to Feb.
Expenditure category								
Recreation ²	5.022	108.281	108.484	0.9	0.2	-0.3	0.1	0.0
Video and audio ²	1.867	102.334	102.653	-9	.3	-5	-.3	-.1
Education and communication ²	5.605	114.703	114.870	1.6	.1	.1	-.1	.3
Education ²	2.329	165.789	166.144	6.0	.2	.5	.2	.5
Educational books and supplies .....	.208	409.068	411.130	7.2	.5	.4	1.3	.1
Tuition, other school fees, and childcare	2.121	468.417	469.284	5.9	.2	.5	.1	.6
Communication ²	3.276	85.030	85.112	-1.4	.1	-.1	-.3	.1
Information and information processing ^{1 2}	3.124	83.256	83.337	-1.5	.1	-.2	-.3	.1
Telephone services ^{1 2}	2.633	97.045	97.233	1.9	.2	.2	.1	.2
Information technology, hardware and services ^{1 5} .....	.492	11.321	11.272	-16.5	-.4	-2.5	-2.4	-.4
Personal computers and peripheral equipment ^{1 2} .....	.178	10.081	9.997	-11.5	-.8	.0	-1.2	-.8
Other goods and services	3.652	339.084	340.917	3.8	.5	.8	1.0	.4
Tobacco and smoking products ¹	1.139	544.568	550.097	6.2	1.0	1.4	3.0	1.0
Personal care	2.513	191.311	191.922	2.7	.3	.5	.1	.1
Personal care products ¹ .....	.771	157.505	157.992	1.5	.3	1.7	-.7	.3
Personal care services ¹ .....	.618	214.254	214.773	3.3	.2	.1	.7	.2
Miscellaneous personal services .....	.962	319.885	321.269	3.7	.4	.2	.2	.3
Commodity and service group								
Commodities	44.175	163.212	164.171	.9	.6	.8	-.2	.4
Food and beverages	16.475	198.280	199.540	3.0	.6	-.1	.7	.8
Commodities less food and beverages	27.700	143.764	144.567	-.4	.6	1.3	-6	.1
Nondurables less food and beverages	15.699	173.542	175.371	.8	1.1	2.9	-1.8	-.3
Apparel	4.041	115.315	118.211	1.8	2.5	.2	-.1	.5
Nondurables less food, beverages, and apparel	11.658	213.546	214.738	.4	.6	3.4	-1.2	.3
Durables	12.001	113.270	113.178	-1.8	-.1	-.4	-.2	-.2
Services	55.825	237.761	238.783	3.3	.4	.3	.3	.4
Rent of shelter ⁴	30.227	221.062	222.150	4.2	.5	.4	.3	.2
Tenants' and household insurance ^{1 2} .....	.342	117.748	117.622	1.0	-.1	-1.0	.3	-.1
Gas (piped) and electricity ³	4.496	179.457	179.550	-.9	.1	1.4	.6	1.4
Water and sewer and trash collection services ² .....	.937	140.947	141.636	4.7	.5	.2	1.0	.5
Household operations ^{1 2} .....	.368	141.729	141.886	3.2	.1	.2	.4	.1
Transportation services	5.600	231.783	232.362	1.5	.2	.2	.2	.1
Medical care services	4.094	360.251	364.519	5.2	1.2	.2	.8	.8
Other services	9.761	271.323	271.921	2.6	.2	.1	.1	.2
Special indexes								
All items less food	84.543	197.317	198.258	2.1	.5	.7	.0	.3
All items less shelter	69.430	188.108	189.058	1.4	.5	.6	.0	.4
All items less medical care	94.772	191.475	192.389	2.1	.5	.6	.1	.4
Commodities less food	28.718	145.822	146.653	-.2	.6	1.2	-.6	.2
Nondurables less food	16.717	175.341	177.171	.9	1.0	2.7	-1.7	-.2
Nondurables less food and apparel	12.676	211.702	212.940	.6	.6	3.1	-1.1	.3
Nondurables	32.174	186.434	187.995	1.9	.8	1.3	-.5	.3
Services less rent of shelter ⁴	25.598	226.994	227.801	2.2	.4	.4	.3	.4
Services less medical care services	51.732	228.608	229.453	3.1	.4	.4	.2	.3
Energy	10.282	182.878	183.842	-1.1	.5	4.3	-1.5	.8
All items less energy	89.718	200.245	201.238	2.6	.5	.1	.3	.3
All items less food and energy	74.261	201.110	202.056	2.5	.5	.1	.2	.2
Commodities less food and energy commodities	22.932	139.999	140.680	.0	.5	-.1	.1	.1
Energy commodities	5.786	196.605	198.398	-1.2	.9	6.6	-3.2	.4
Services less energy services	51.329	244.080	245.211	3.7	.5	.2	.3	.3
Purchasing power of the consumer dollar (1982-84=\$1.00)	-	\$.506	\$.504	-	-	-	-	-
Purchasing power of the consumer dollar (1967=\$1.00)	-	\$.170	\$.169	-	-	-	-	-

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—	
	Nov. 2006	Dec. 2006	Jan. 2007	Feb. 2007	May 2006	Aug. 2006	Nov. 2006	Feb. 2007	Aug. 2006	Feb. 2007
Expenditure category										
All items	197.0	198.0	198.225	198.984	6.3	3.9	-5.1	4.1	5.1	-0.6
Food and beverages	196.5	196.4	197.677	199.249	1.0	3.1	2.3	5.7	2.1	4.0
Food	196.1	196.0	197.244	198.801	.8	3.1	2.5	5.6	2.0	4.0
Food at home	193.6	193.0	194.473	196.534	-4	3.4	2.1	6.2	1.5	4.1
Cereals and bakery products	215.8	216.5	216.798	219.095	2.5	4.4	3.4	6.2	3.5	4.8
Meats, poultry, fish, and eggs	187.7	187.6	189.036	189.882	.2	3.1	2.6	4.7	1.6	3.7
Dairy and related products	179.5	179.8	181.898	182.501	-4.1	-2.4	-2	6.9	-3.3	3.3
Fruits and vegetables	255.2	250.4	253.022	264.940	-7.8	11.2	5.7	16.2	1.3	10.8
Nonalcoholic beverages and beverage materials	148.7	148.3	149.587	149.749	1.9	2.2	4.7	2.9	2.1	3.8
Other food at home	169.1	168.7	170.028	170.572	1.9	1.7	-1.9	3.5	1.8	.8
Sugar and sweets	172.3	173.0	173.813	172.484	10.8	3.8	1.2	.4	7.2	.8
Fats and oils	170.4	169.7	169.191	171.051	-3.0	-5	4.8	1.5	-1.8	3.2
Other foods ¹	184.3	183.7	185.681	186.473	1.1	1.5	-4.0	4.8	1.3	.3
Other miscellaneous foods ^{1 2}	114.1	115.3	114.759	115.151	2.1	-7	-3	3.7	.7	1.7
Food away from home ¹	201.4	202.0	202.905	203.689	2.9	3.1	3.0	4.6	3.0	3.8
Other food away from home ²	138.1	138.8	140.765	141.338	4.2	2.4	4.2	9.7	3.3	6.9
Alcoholic beverages ¹	201.9	201.1	202.821	204.616	2.4	.2	2.4	5.5	1.3	3.9
Housing	200.6	201.5	202.017	202.830	2.1	3.5	2.6	4.5	2.8	3.6
Shelter	228.4	229.2	229.798	230.467	4.4	4.5	4.1	3.7	4.5	3.9
Rent of primary residence ³	227.9	228.9	229.696	230.703	3.9	4.8	4.5	5.0	4.3	4.8
Lodging away from home ²	136.9	137.8	139.243	138.634	2.7	4.5	2.4	5.2	3.6	3.8
Owners' equivalent rent of primary residence ^{3 4}	219.4	220.1	220.518	221.169	4.8	4.5	3.9	3.3	4.7	3.6
Tenants' and household insurance ^{1 2}	118.6	117.4	117.748	117.622	.3	.0	7.0	-3.3	.2	1.8
Fuels and utilities	191.2	193.6	194.362	196.694	-8.3	-4	-1.9	12.0	-4.4	4.8
Household energy	171.9	174.4	174.925	177.263	-10.1	-1.8	-2.7	13.1	-6.1	4.9
Fuel oil and other fuels	227.7	232.7	222.684	223.337	31.9	26.3	-33.4	-7.4	29.1	-21.5
Gas (piped) and electricity ³	177.8	180.3	181.459	184.020	-12.5	-4.0	.2	14.7	-8.3	7.2
Water and sewer and trash collection services ²	139.3	139.6	140.947	141.636	2.1	6.6	3.2	6.9	4.3	5.0
Household furnishings and operations	122.9	122.9	122.595	122.719	1.3	1.0	.0	-6	1.1	-3
Household operations ^{1 2}	140.9	141.2	141.729	141.886	2.3	4.1	3.5	2.8	3.2	3.2
Apparel	119.4	119.6	119.451	120.061	4.5	.7	.0	2.2	2.6	1.1
Men's and boys' apparel	113.6	113.7	111.883	111.899	1.1	1.8	-2.4	-5.9	1.4	-4.2
Women's and girls' apparel	110.9	111.4	112.603	113.167	8.4	2.2	-4	8.4	5.2	3.9
Infants' and toddlers' apparel	119.2	117.3	117.148	118.322	1.4	3.4	-2.0	-2.9	2.4	-2.5
Footwear	122.8	123.1	122.250	122.846	1.3	-4.8	2.0	.1	-1.8	1.1
Transportation	172.9	176.1	174.417	174.491	24.0	7.5	-29.8	3.7	15.5	-14.7
Private transportation	170.0	173.2	171.432	171.483	24.9	7.6	-30.5	3.5	16.0	-15.2
New and used motor vehicles ²	93.7	93.4	93.254	93.035	.8	1.3	-6.5	-2.8	1.1	-4.7
New vehicles	137.6	137.5	137.513	137.293	-9	-3	-3.1	-9	-6	-2.0
Used cars and trucks ¹	138.1	137.0	136.063	135.411	4.3	4.0	-13.5	-7.6	4.2	-10.6
Motor fuel	193.7	207.1	200.603	201.411	99.2	20.7	-66.4	16.9	55.1	-37.3
Gasoline (all types)	192.7	206.2	199.614	200.433	99.8	20.8	-66.6	17.0	55.4	-37.4
Motor vehicle parts and equipment ¹	119.2	119.2	119.464	119.897	7.9	4.5	4.8	2.4	6.2	3.6
Motor vehicle maintenance and repair	220.8	221.4	221.537	222.687	4.7	3.0	3.1	3.5	3.9	3.3
Public transportation	222.4	222.7	225.827	226.645	3.1	4.0	-8.8	7.9	3.5	-8
Medical care	340.4	340.9	343.619	345.415	4.5	3.6	3.5	6.0	4.1	4.7
Medical care commodities	280.2	280.0	281.738	280.701	3.8	2.0	-3	.7	2.9	.2
Medical care services	356.9	357.7	360.670	363.443	4.7	4.2	4.5	7.5	4.4	6.0
Professional services	295.0	295.8	297.931	300.252	2.9	3.1	3.2	7.3	3.0	5.2
Hospital and related services ³	473.4	474.0	477.026	480.230	7.5	6.1	4.6	5.9	6.8	5.2

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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-Continued

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	Nov. 2006	Dec. 2006	Jan. 2007	Feb. 2007	May 2006	Aug. 2006	Nov. 2006	Feb. 2007	Aug. 2006	Feb. 2007
Expenditure category										
Recreation ²	108.7	108.4	108.456	108.489	2.6	1.1	0.7	-0.8	1.9	0.0
Video and audio ²	103.5	103.0	102.732	102.658	2.3	-4	-2.3	-3.2	1.0	-2.8
Education and communication ²	114.5	114.6	114.517	114.825	1.8	3.2	.4	1.1	2.5	.7
Education ²	164.0	164.8	165.149	166.001	6.0	7.0	6.1	5.0	6.5	5.5
Educational books and supplies	401.5	403.2	408.325	408.597	6.3	7.5	7.7	7.3	6.9	7.5
Tuition, other school fees, and childcare	463.8	466.0	466.513	469.130	5.8	7.0	6.0	4.7	6.4	5.3
Communication ²	85.4	85.3	85.027	85.107	-1.4	.9	-3.7	-1.4	-2	-2.5
Information and information processing ^{1 2}	83.7	83.5	83.256	83.337	-1.4	1.0	-3.7	-1.7	-2	-2.7
Telephone services ^{1 2}	96.7	96.9	97.045	97.233	-4	3.0	2.9	2.2	1.3	2.6
Information technology, hardware and services ^{1 5}	11.9	11.6	11.321	11.272	-5.8	-5.9	-31.9	-19.5	-5.8	-26.0
Personal computers and peripheral equipment ^{1 2}	10.2	10.2	10.081	9.997	-19.6	-7.3	-10.9	-7.7	-13.7	-9.4
Other goods and services	333.1	335.7	339.151	340.563	1.3	2.8	2.1	9.3	2.1	5.6
Tobacco and smoking products ¹	521.1	528.6	544.568	550.097	1.2	2.7	-1.4	24.2	1.9	10.7
Personal care	190.2	191.1	191.366	191.628	1.5	2.8	3.7	3.0	2.2	3.3
Personal care products ¹	156.0	158.6	157.505	157.992	-2.3	.8	2.6	5.2	-8	3.9
Personal care services ¹	212.5	212.7	214.254	214.773	1.2	3.1	4.4	4.3	2.1	4.4
Miscellaneous personal services	318.9	319.6	320.102	321.057	3.7	3.6	4.9	2.7	3.7	3.8
Commodity and service group										
Commodities	163.0	164.3	164.009	164.641	11.2	4.6	-14.5	4.1	7.9	-5.7
Food and beverages	196.5	196.4	197.677	199.249	1.0	3.1	2.3	5.7	2.1	4.0
Commodities less food and beverages	144.2	146.1	145.155	145.360	17.5	5.4	-22.9	3.3	11.3	-10.8
Nondurables less food and beverages	177.4	182.5	179.125	178.618	26.4	7.0	-25.7	2.8	16.3	-12.6
Apparel	119.4	119.6	119.451	120.061	4.5	.7	.0	2.2	2.6	1.1
Nondurables less food, beverages, and apparel	211.8	219.0	216.359	217.028	46.4	9.9	-42.8	10.2	26.8	-20.6
Durables	113.7	113.3	113.096	112.926	-7	.3	-4.1	-2.7	-2	-3.4
Services	236.7	237.5	238.283	239.197	2.4	3.5	2.9	4.3	3.0	3.6
Rent of shelter ⁴	220.1	220.9	221.587	222.103	4.6	4.3	4.3	3.7	4.5	4.0
Tenants' and household insurance ^{1 2}	118.6	117.4	117.748	117.622	.3	.0	7.0	-3.3	.2	1.8
Gas (piped) and electricity ³	177.8	180.3	181.459	184.020	-12.5	-4.0	.2	14.7	-8.3	7.2
Water and sewer and trash collection services ²	139.3	139.6	140.947	141.636	2.1	6.6	3.2	6.9	4.3	5.0
Household operations ^{1 2}	140.9	141.2	141.729	141.886	2.3	4.1	3.5	2.8	3.2	3.2
Transportation services	231.5	231.9	232.262	232.505	1.6	2.1	.3	1.7	1.8	1.0
Medical care services	356.9	357.7	360.670	363.443	4.7	4.2	4.5	7.5	4.4	6.0
Other services	270.8	271.0	271.240	271.752	3.5	3.6	1.8	1.4	3.6	1.6
Special indexes										
All items less food	196.9	198.2	198.224	198.835	7.4	4.1	-6.6	4.0	5.7	-1.5
All items less shelter	187.6	188.8	188.864	189.663	7.2	3.6	-9.0	4.5	5.4	-2.5
All items less medical care	190.9	192.0	192.143	192.863	6.5	3.8	-5.7	4.2	5.1	-.9
Commodities less food	146.3	148.1	147.182	147.428	16.9	5.3	-22.0	3.1	11.0	-10.3
Nondurables less food	178.9	183.8	180.624	180.295	24.6	6.7	-24.5	3.2	15.3	-11.7
Nondurables less food and apparel	210.1	216.6	214.118	214.716	43.3	8.7	-39.8	9.1	24.8	-19.0
Nondurables	187.6	190.1	189.104	189.616	12.8	4.9	-12.7	4.4	8.8	-4.6
Services less rent of shelter ⁴	225.5	226.3	227.051	228.013	1.6	2.7	.0	4.5	2.2	2.2
Services less medical care services	227.5	228.3	228.855	229.602	3.1	3.8	2.0	3.7	3.4	2.8
Energy	181.9	189.7	186.769	188.349	39.2	10.9	-46.0	15.0	24.2	-21.2
All items less energy	199.7	199.9	200.516	201.176	2.7	3.1	1.6	3.0	2.9	2.3
All items less food and energy	200.8	201.1	201.575	202.045	3.1	3.1	1.4	2.5	3.1	2.0
Commodities less food and energy commodities	140.6	140.5	140.610	140.753	1.4	.6	-2.5	.4	1.0	-1.1
Energy commodities	196.1	209.1	202.399	203.201	94.6	21.1	-65.1	15.3	53.5	-36.6
Services less energy services	243.1	243.7	244.423	245.136	3.9	4.1	3.2	3.4	4.0	3.3

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 Feb.2007 from—			Percent change to Jan.2007 from—		
		Nov. 2006	Dec. 2006	Jan. 2007	Feb. 2007	Feb. 2006	Dec. 2006	Jan. 2007	Jan. 2006	Nov. 2006	Dec. 2006
U.S. city average	M	196.8	197.2	197.559	198.544	2.2	0.7	0.5	1.8	0.4	0.2
Region and area size²											
Northeast urban	M	210.9	211.5	212.054	212.649	2.3	.5	.3	2.2	.5	.3
Size A - More than 1,500,000	M	212.2	212.7	213.163	213.892	2.5	.6	.3	2.4	.5	.2
Size B/C - 50,000 to 1,500,000 ³	M	126.5	126.9	127.395	127.587	1.7	.5	.2	1.8	.7	.4
Midwest urban	M	187.5	187.8	187.811	189.121	1.7	.7	.7	.9	.2	.0
Size A - More than 1,500,000	M	188.3	188.6	188.802	190.087	1.7	.8	.7	.8	.3	.1
Size B/C - 50,000 to 1,500,000 ³	M	122.2	122.3	122.103	123.121	1.8	.7	.8	.8	-.1	-.2
Size D - Nonmetropolitan (less than 50,000)	M	185.2	185.5	185.949	186.458	1.8	.5	.3	1.3	.4	.2
South urban	M	191.1	191.8	191.671	192.574	1.9	.4	.5	1.5	.3	-.1
Size A - More than 1,500,000	M	194.4	195.1	195.057	196.032	2.2	.5	.5	1.8	.3	.0
Size B/C - 50,000 to 1,500,000 ³	M	121.8	122.3	122.204	122.842	1.8	.4	.5	1.2	.3	-.1
Size D - Nonmetropolitan (less than 50,000)	M	195.2	195.7	195.466	195.444	2.3	-.1	.0	2.3	.1	-.1
West urban	M	200.6	200.8	201.946	203.036	3.0	1.1	.5	2.9	.7	.6
Size A - More than 1,500,000	M	202.2	202.4	203.537	204.885	3.2	1.2	.7	3.0	.7	.6
Size B/C - 50,000 to 1,500,000 ³	M	124.5	124.6	125.593	126.161	2.5	1.3	.5	2.7	.9	.8
Size classes											
A ⁴	M	182.6	183.0	183.443	184.447	2.5	.8	.5	2.0	.5	.2
B/C ³	M	123.1	123.4	123.578	124.203	1.9	.7	.5	1.5	.4	.1
D	M	192.5	192.9	192.985	193.060	2.3	.1	.0	2.3	.3	.0
Selected local areas⁵											
Chicago-Gary-Kenosha, IL-IN-WI	M	190.8	190.9	192.166	193.451	1.5	1.3	.7	.5	.7	.7
Los Angeles-Riverside-Orange County, CA ...	M	203.3	202.9	204.498	206.632	3.4	1.8	1.0	3.1	.6	.8
New York-Northern N.J.-Long Island, NY-NJ-CT-PA	M	214.7	215.2	215.793	216.771	2.9	.7	.5	2.7	.5	.3
Boston-Brockton-Nashua, MA-NH-ME-CT	1	223.4	-	224.256	-	-	-	-	2.2	.4	-
Cleveland-Akron, OH	1	179.5	-	181.559	-	-	-	-	.1	1.1	-
Dallas-Fort Worth, TX	1	189.6	-	190.187	-	-	-	-	.2	.3	-
Washington-Baltimore, DC-MD-VA-WV ⁶	1	128.7	-	128.978	-	-	-	-	2.3	.2	-
Atlanta, GA	2	-	193.1	-	193.446	2.6	.2	-	-	-	-
Detroit-Ann Arbor-Flint, MI	2	-	191.0	-	192.717	1.6	.9	-	-	-	-
Houston-Galveston-Brazoria, TX	2	-	177.5	-	179.288	1.5	1.0	-	-	-	-
Miami-Fort Lauderdale, FL	2	-	203.6	-	205.688	2.9	1.0	-	-	-	-
Philadelphia-Wilmington-Atlantic City, PA-NJ-DE-MD	2	-	211.2	-	212.986	1.9	.8	-	-	-	-
San Francisco-Oakland-San Jose, CA	2	-	205.6	-	208.803	3.1	1.6	-	-	-	-
Seattle-Tacoma-Bremerton, WA	2	-	204.3	-	205.746	3.9	.7	-	-	-	-

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 Feb. 2007 from—	
		Jan. 2007	Feb. 2007	Feb. 2006	Jan. 2007
		Expenditure category			
All items	100.000	R117.419	118.021	2.2	0.5
Food and beverages	15.072	117.404	118.076	2.9	.6
Food	13.943	117.443	118.107	3.0	.6
Food at home	8.029	114.261	115.078	2.7	.7
Food away from home	5.914	121.759	122.199	3.4	.4
Alcoholic beverages	1.130	117.175	117.962	2.3	.7
Housing	42.173	R123.290	123.949	3.3	.5
Shelter	32.495	125.036	125.797	4.2	.6
Fuels and utilities	4.702	R146.500	146.794	.6	.2
Household furnishings and operations	4.977	96.222	96.577	.1	.4
Apparel	4.076	87.178	89.374	1.4	2.5
Transportation	17.095	115.442	115.616	-.6	.2
Private transportation	15.988	116.066	116.162	-.7	.1
Public transportation	1.107	108.921	110.166	1.2	1.1
Medical care	6.055	133.996	135.056	4.0	.8
Medical care commodities	1.458	121.971	121.638	1.4	-.3
Medical care services	4.597	138.171	139.733	5.0	1.1
Recreation	5.863	105.121	105.241	.0	.1
Education and communication	6.190	104.159	104.264	.9	.1
Education	2.751	155.847	156.152	6.0	.2
Communication	3.439	74.262	74.281	-3.0	.0
Other goods and services	3.475	122.480	122.936	3.4	.4
Commodity and service group					
Services	58.763	R126.255	126.885	3.4	.5
Commodities	41.237	106.504	107.071	.5	.5
Durables	12.340	85.715	85.684	-2.3	.0
Nondurables	28.897	117.101	118.009	1.8	.8
All items less food and energy	78.707	113.853	114.434	2.4	.5
Energy	7.351	R158.396	159.100	-.7	.4

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Indexes for 2007 are initial estimates. Indexes for 2006 are interim adjustments.

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