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The Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers (CPI-U) increased 0.6 percent in April, before seasonal adjustment, the Bureau of Labor Statistics of the U.S. Department of Labor reported today. The April level of 206.686 (1982-84=100) was 2.6 percent higher than in April 2006.

The Consumer Price Index for Urban Wage Earners and Clerical Workers (CPI-W) increased 0.8 percent in April, prior to seasonal adjustment. The April level of 202.130 (1982-84=100) was 2.5 percent higher than in April 2006.

The Chained Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers (C-CPI-U) increased 0.5 percent in April on a not seasonally adjusted basis. The April level of 119.543 (December 1999=100) was 2.3 percent higher than in April 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 April, following a 0.6 percent increase in March. The index for energy increased 2.4 percent after advancing 5.9 percent in March. In April, the index for petroleum-based energy rose 4.6 percent versus a 10.1 percent increase in March. The food index rose 0.4 percent in April, slightly more than in March. The index for all items less food and energy advanced 0.2 percent in April, following a 0.1 percent rise in March; the index for shelter rose 0.3 percent after advancing 0.1 percent in March, resulting from an upturn in the index for lodging away from home.

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

Expenditure Category	Seasonally adjusted							Compound annual rate 3-mos. ended Apr. '07	Un-adjusted 12-mos. ended Apr. '07
	Changes from preceding month								
	2006			2007					
	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.		
All Items	-.4	.0	.4	.2	.4	.6	.4	5.7	2.6
Food and beverages	.3	-.1	-.1	.7	.8	.3	.4	6.1	3.7
Housing	.0	.4	.4	.2	.4	.2	.2	3.4	3.4
Apparel	-.5	-.1	.2	.3	.5	-1.0	-.3	-3.3	-.4
Transportation	-3.0	-.8	1.7	-.8	.1	2.8	1.2	17.4	.6
Medical care	.3	.2	.2	.8	.5	.1	.4	3.9	4.0
Recreation	.1	.1	-.3	.1	.0	.0	.1	.1	.3
Education and communication	.2	-.2	.2	-.1	.3	.5	.3	4.4	2.2
Other goods and services	.2	.1	.6	.8	.2	.2	.3	2.5	3.7
Special Indexes									
Energy	-6.7	-.2	4.2	-1.5	.9	5.9	2.4	43.3	2.9
Food	.3	-.1	.0	.7	.8	.3	.4	6.1	3.7
All Items less food and energy	.1	.1	.1	.3	.2	.1	.2	1.9	2.3

During the first four months of 2007, the CPI-U rose at a 4.8 percent seasonally adjusted annual rate (SAAR). This compares with an increase of 2.5 percent for all of 2006. The acceleration thus far this year was due to larger increases in the energy and food components. The index for energy advanced at a 25.3 percent SAAR in the first four months of 2007 compared with 2.9 percent in 2006. Petroleum-based energy costs increased at a 40.0 percent annual rate and charges for energy services rose at a 9.4 percent annual rate. The food index has increased at a 6.7 percent SAAR thus far this year, following a 2.1 percent rise for all of 2006. Excluding food and energy, the CPI-U advanced at a 2.2 percent SAAR in the first four months, following a 2.6 percent rise for all of 2006.

The food and beverages index rose 0.4 percent in April. The index for food at home increased 0.5 percent, following a 0.4 percent rise in March. Upturns in the indexes for fruits and vegetables and for cereal and bakery products were partially offset by smaller increases or downturns in the other four major grocery store food groups. The index for fruits and vegetables, which declined 1.4 percent in March, rose 0.4 percent in April. The indexes for fresh vegetables and for processed fruits and vegetables increased 1.6 and 0.6 percent, respectively, while the index for fresh fruits declined 0.9 percent. The index for cereal and bakery products advanced 0.9 percent after declining 0.3 percent in March; bread prices rose 2.0 percent. The index for meats, poultry, fish, and eggs, which increased 1.1 percent in March, advanced 0.9 percent in April. Prices for beef, and for poultry rose sharply for the second consecutive month--up 1.8 and 1.5 percent, respectively--while the indexes for pork and for other meats turned down after registering large increases in March. The indexes for dairy products and for other food at home each rose 0.5 percent, while index for nonalcoholic beverages declined 0.8 percent, largely as a result of a decline in prices for carbonated drinks. The other two components of the food and beverages index--food away from home and alcoholic beverages--increased 0.3 and 0.2 percent, respectively.

The index for housing rose 0.2 percent in April, the same as in March. The index for shelter increased 0.3 percent in April, following an increase of 0.1 percent in March. Within shelter, the indexes for rent and owners' equivalent rent each increased 0.2 percent. The index for lodging away from home, which declined 2.3 percent in March, advanced 1.9 percent. The index for household energy declined 0.1 percent as a 1.0 percent decrease in the index for natural gas was partially offset by increases in the indexes for fuel oil and for electricity--up 2.1 and 0.1 percent, respectively. The index for household furnishings and operations declined 0.3 percent.

The transportation index rose 1.2 percent in April, reflecting a 4.7 percent increase in the index for motor fuels. (Prior to seasonal adjustment, gasoline prices rose 10.2 percent in April, but were 5.0 percent lower than their peak level recorded in July 2006.) The index for new vehicles was virtually unchanged. (Prior to seasonal adjustment, new vehicle prices declined 0.2 percent in April and were 1.0 percent lower than in April 2006.) The index for used cars and trucks also was virtually unchanged in April. The index for public transportation declined 0.4 percent in April, reflecting a 0.9 percent decrease in the index for airline fares. (Prior to seasonal adjustment, airline fares rose 1.0 percent.)

The index for apparel declined 0.3 percent in April, following a 1.0 percent decrease in March. (Prior to seasonal adjustment, apparel prices rose 0.3 percent. Prices for men's and boys' apparel registered the largest advance--up 1.3 percent.)

Medical care costs rose 0.4 percent in April and are 4.0 percent higher than a year ago. The index for medical care commodities--prescription drugs, nonprescription drugs, and medical supplies--increased 0.4 percent, as did the index for medical care services. Within the later group, the index for professional services was virtually unchanged, while the index for hospital and related services increased 0.8 percent.

The index for recreation rose 0.1 percent in April. Increases in the indexes for club membership dues and fees for participant sports, for admissions to movies, theaters, concerts, and sporting events, and for fees for lessons and instructions--up 0.6, 0.6 and 0.5 percent, respectively--offset declines in the indexes for photography, for pets, pet products and services, and for other recreational goods.

The index for education and communication increased 0.3 percent in April. Educational costs rose 0.4 percent and the index for communication costs rose 0.1 percent. Within the communication group, the index for telephone services rose 0.1 percent. Land-line local service charges increased 0.5 percent, while long distance charges declined 0.2 percent and wireless telephone service charges were unchanged. The indexes for

personal computers and peripheral equipment and for computer software and accessories declined 0.2 and 1.0 percent, respectively. The index for internet services and electronic information providers advanced for the second consecutive month--up 0.6 percent in April--but was 23.5 percent lower than a year ago.

The index for other goods and services increased 0.3 percent in April. A 0.4 percent decline in the index for tobacco and smoking products was more than offset by an increase in the index for personal care. Charges for laundry and dry cleaning services rose 1.5 percent.

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 0.5 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. '07	Un- adjusted 12-mos. ended Apr. '07
	Changes from preceding month								
	2006			2007					
	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.		
All Items	-.7	.1	.5	.1	.4	.8	.5	6.7	2.5
Food and beverages	.3	-.1	-.1	.7	.8	.3	.4	6.4	3.7
Housing	-.1	.4	.4	.3	.4	.3	.2	3.8	3.4
Apparel	-.7	-.1	.2	-.1	.5	-.8	-.4	-2.7	-.5
Transportation	-3.3	-.9	1.9	-1.0	.0	3.0	1.4	19.3	.6
Medical care	.3	.2	.1	.8	.5	.1	.4	4.2	4.2
Recreation	.1	.2	-.3	.1	.0	-.1	.0	-.3	.3
Education and Communication	.2	-.3	.1	-.1	.3	.4	.3	4.0	1.8
Other goods and Services	.2	.0	.8	1.0	.4	.2	.1	3.2	3.9
Special Indexes									
Energy	-6.9	-.2	4.3	-1.5	.8	6.2	2.6	45.6	2.9
Food	.3	-.1	-.1	.6	.8	.3	.4	6.4	3.7
All Items less food and energy	.1	.0	.1	.2	.2	.1	.2	2.0	2.2

Consumer Price Index data for May are scheduled for release on Friday, June 15, 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 Apr. 2007 from—		Seasonally adjusted percent change from—		
		Mar. 2007	Apr. 2007	Apr. 2006	Mar. 2007	Jan. to Feb.	Feb. to Mar.	Mar. to Apr.
All items	100.000	205.352	206.686	2.6	0.6	0.4	0.6	0.4
All items (1967=100)	-	615.145	619.140	-	-	-	-	-
Food and beverages	14.992	200.869	201.292	3.7	.2	.8	.3	.4
Food	13.885	200.403	200.820	3.7	.2	.8	.3	.4
Food at home	7.896	198.766	199.020	3.9	.1	1.1	.4	.5
Cereals and bakery products	1.103	218.458	220.494	4.5	.9	1.1	-.3	.9
Meats, poultry, fish, and eggs	2.112	192.508	193.665	4.4	.6	.4	1.1	.9
Dairy and related products .....	.821	185.724	185.821	2.5	.1	.2	1.3	.5
Fruits and vegetables	1.211	263.910	261.967	6.2	-.7	4.7	-1.4	.4
Nonalcoholic beverages and beverage materials .....	.906	153.894	151.799	3.8	-1.4	.2	1.7	-.8
Other food at home	1.743	171.819	172.633	2.3	.5	.3	.2	.5
Sugar and sweets .....	.302	174.633	175.932	2.9	.7	-.7	.4	.7
Fats and oils .....	.227	170.851	169.817	2.9	-.6	.9	-.3	-.1
Other foods ¹	1.214	186.962	188.103	2.1	.6	.5	.3	.6
Other miscellaneous foods ^{1 2} .....	.327	114.331	115.310	1.9	.9	.2	-.5	.9
Food away from home ¹	5.989	204.082	204.725	3.4	.3	.4	.1	.3
Other food away from home ² .....	.281	141.366	143.155	5.4	1.3	.3	-.1	1.2
Alcoholic beverages ¹	1.107	205.663	206.166	3.0	.2	.7	.6	.2
Housing	42.691	208.080	208.541	3.4	.2	.4	.2	.2
Shelter	32.776	238.980	239.735	3.9	.3	.3	.1	.3
Rent of primary residence ³	5.930	232.495	232.980	4.5	.2	.4	.3	.2
Lodging away from home ²	2.648	142.247	144.832	3.2	1.8	.1	-2.3	1.9
Owners' equivalent rent of primary residence ^{3 4}	23.830	244.602	244.993	3.9	.2	.3	.3	.2
Tenants' and household insurance ^{1 2} .....	.369	117.333	117.559	1.2	.2	-.1	.0	.2
Fuels and utilities	5.264	196.414	196.393	2.9	.0	1.2	1.2	.0
Household energy	4.368	177.635	177.515	2.5	-.1	1.4	1.4	-.1
Fuel oil and other fuels .....	.338	236.863	240.090	1.6	1.4	-.2	3.5	2.1
Gas (piped) and electricity ³	4.029	182.624	182.283	2.6	-.2	1.5	1.3	-.2
Water and sewer and trash collection services ² .....	.897	141.806	142.184	5.0	.3	.5	.3	.3
Household furnishings and operations	4.651	127.655	127.423	.4	-.2	.2	.2	-.3
Household operations ^{1 2} .....	.792	139.861	140.252	3.7	.3	.1	.1	.3
Apparel	3.726	122.582	122.934	-.4	.3	.5	-1.0	-.3
Men's and boys' apparel .....	.885	113.685	115.190	-2.4	1.3	-.2	-.6	.6
Women's and girls' apparel	1.590	116.911	117.118	.7	.2	.7	-1.4	-.5
Infants' and toddlers' apparel .....	.177	117.996	115.489	-2.3	-2.1	.9	.2	-1.9
Footwear .....	.749	123.505	123.672	-1.9	.1	.1	-.7	-.5
Transportation	17.249	180.346	185.231	.6	2.7	.1	2.8	1.2
Private transportation	16.188	176.468	181.478	.6	2.8	.0	2.9	1.4
New and used motor vehicles ²	7.581	94.493	94.307	-1.8	-.2	-.2	.1	-.1
New vehicles	4.982	137.228	136.963	-1.0	-.2	-.1	.3	.0
Used cars and trucks ¹	1.716	134.382	134.363	-4.3	.0	-.5	-.2	.0
Motor fuel	4.347	220.515	242.944	3.2	10.2	.3	10.6	4.7
Gasoline (all types)	4.303	219.473	241.897	3.2	10.2	.3	10.6	4.7
Motor vehicle parts and equipment ¹ .....	.370	120.485	120.714	4.2	.2	.4	.2	.2
Motor vehicle maintenance and repair	1.145	221.160	221.508	3.6	.2	.6	.4	.3
Public transportation	1.060	225.893	227.567	1.0	.7	.3	.1	-.4
Medical care	6.281	347.172	348.225	4.0	.3	.5	.1	.4
Medical care commodities	1.446	286.940	288.349	1.1	.5	-.3	-.3	.4
Medical care services	4.834	365.164	366.070	5.0	.2	.7	.2	.4
Professional services	2.817	298.990	299.248	3.7	.1	.7	.1	.0
Hospital and related services ³	1.630	490.104	492.110	5.9	.4	.6	.4	.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)

CPI-U Expenditure category	Relative importance, December 2006	Unadjusted indexes		Unadjusted percent change to Apr. 2007 from—		Seasonally adjusted percent change from—		
		Mar. 2007	Apr. 2007	Apr. 2006	Mar. 2007	Jan. to Feb.	Feb. to Mar.	Mar. to Apr.
Expenditure category								
Recreation ²	5.552	111.244	111.481	0.3	0.2	0.0	0.0	0.1
Video and audio ²	1.719	102.886	103.181	-2.5	.3	-1	-5	.0
Education and communication ²	6.034	118.231	118.301	2.2	.1	.3	.5	.3
Education ²	3.076	168.114	168.152	6.0	.0	.6	.6	.4
Educational books and supplies .....	.204	413.665	414.217	8.1	.1	.1	1.7	.5
Tuition, other school fees, and childcare	2.872	484.532	484.601	5.9	.0	.6	.5	.4
Communication ²	2.958	83.122	83.203	-1.5	.1	.1	.3	.1
Information and information processing ^{1 2}	2.769	80.601	80.683	-1.7	.1	.1	.4	.1
Telephone services ^{1 2}	2.225	97.514	97.617	2.3	.1	.2	.4	.1
Information technology, hardware and services ^{1 5} .....	.543	10.860	10.869	-15.7	.1	-4	.1	.1
Personal computers and peripheral equipment ^{1 2} .....	.203	10.191	10.172	-8.4	-2	-8	.2	-2
Other goods and services	3.476	331.144	331.743	3.7	.2	.2	.2	.3
Tobacco and smoking products ¹ .....	.712	550.021	547.663	5.7	-4	1.0	.2	-4
Personal care	2.764	194.390	195.058	3.2	.3	.0	.1	.4
Personal care products ¹ .....	.708	158.592	158.657	2.4	.0	.2	.4	.0
Personal care services ¹ .....	.677	215.091	215.380	3.3	.1	.3	.2	.1
Miscellaneous personal services	1.188	321.299	323.321	3.9	.6	.0	.1	.7
Commodity and service group								
Commodities	40.305	165.710	167.777	1.4	1.2	.4	1.2	.7
Food and beverages	14.992	200.869	201.292	3.7	.2	.8	.3	.4
Commodities less food and beverages	25.313	146.037	148.749	.1	1.9	.1	1.8	.8
Nondurables less food and beverages	14.191	178.548	184.555	1.5	3.4	-2	2.9	1.0
Apparel	3.726	122.582	122.934	-4	.3	.5	-1.0	-3
Nondurables less food, beverages, and apparel	10.465	217.451	227.113	2.2	4.4	.2	4.9	2.3
Durables	11.122	113.163	112.989	-1.8	-2	-1	.1	-2
Services	59.695	244.671	245.265	3.4	.2	.4	.2	.3
Rent of shelter ⁴	32.407	249.087	249.877	3.9	.3	.3	.0	.3
Tenants' and household insurance ^{1 2} .....	.369	117.333	117.559	1.2	.2	-1	.0	.2
Gas (piped) and electricity ³	4.029	182.624	182.283	2.6	-2	1.5	1.3	-2
Water and sewer and trash collection services ² .....	.897	141.806	142.184	5.0	.3	.5	.3	.3
Household operations ^{1 2} .....	.792	139.861	140.252	3.7	.3	.1	.1	.3
Transportation services	5.638	232.200	232.217	1.1	.0	.1	.0	-2
Medical care services	4.834	365.164	366.070	5.0	.2	.7	.2	.4
Other services	10.730	282.431	283.271	2.8	.3	.2	.3	.4
Special indexes								
All items less food	86.115	206.195	207.680	2.4	.7	.3	.7	.4
All items less shelter	67.224	194.482	196.062	2.0	.8	.4	.9	.5
All items less medical care	93.719	198.179	199.512	2.5	.7	.4	.6	.4
Commodities less food	26.420	148.240	150.894	.2	1.8	.2	1.7	.8
Nondurables less food	15.299	180.197	185.861	1.6	3.1	-2	2.8	1.0
Nondurables less food and apparel	11.572	215.400	224.126	2.2	4.1	.2	4.5	2.1
Nondurables	29.183	190.212	193.570	2.6	1.8	.3	1.6	.7
Services less rent of shelter ⁴	27.288	257.864	258.261	2.9	.2	.4	.4	.2
Services less medical care services	54.861	234.809	235.378	3.3	.2	.3	.2	.3
Energy	8.715	196.929	207.265	2.9	5.2	.9	5.9	2.4
All items less energy	91.285	207.850	208.243	2.6	.2	.3	.1	.2
All items less food and energy	77.401	209.923	210.311	2.3	.2	.2	.1	.2
Commodities less food and energy commodities	21.735	141.056	140.995	-5	.0	.1	-1	-1
Energy commodities	4.685	222.620	243.957	3.1	9.6	.3	10.1	4.6
Services less energy services	55.666	251.026	251.714	3.5	.3	.3	.1	.3
Purchasing power of the consumer dollar (1982-84=\$1.00)	-	\$.487	\$.484	-	-	-	-	-
Purchasing power of the consumer dollar (1967=\$1.00)	-	\$.163	\$.162	-	-	-	-	-

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 Expenditure category	Seasonally adjusted indexes				Seasonally adjusted annual rate percent change for					
					3 months ended—			6 months ended—		
	Jan. 2007	Feb. 2007	Mar. 2007	Apr. 2007	July 2006	Oct. 2006	Jan. 2007	Apr. 2007	Oct. 2006	Apr. 2007
All items	203.153	203.906	205.146	205.999	4.9	-2.7	2.7	5.7	1.0	4.2
Food and beverages	198.604	200.150	200.756	201.562	2.5	3.5	2.5	6.1	3.0	4.3
Food	198.173	199.728	200.281	201.111	2.7	3.7	2.4	6.1	3.2	4.2
Food at home	195.562	197.721	198.554	199.525	1.9	4.4	1.2	8.4	3.1	4.7
Cereals and bakery products	216.642	219.067	218.512	220.386	5.4	2.1	3.7	7.1	3.7	5.4
Meats, poultry, fish, and eggs	189.534	190.383	192.493	194.211	-2.1	6.4	3.3	10.2	2.1	6.7
Dairy and related products	182.720	183.143	185.540	186.388	-1.1	-4	3.4	8.3	-8	5.8
Fruits and vegetables	255.519	267.426	263.665	264.641	5.1	16.1	-9.3	15.1	10.5	2.2
Nonalcoholic beverages and beverage materials	150.136	150.507	153.069	151.879	.3	5.0	5.0	4.7	2.6	4.9
Other food at home	170.708	171.243	171.658	172.566	5.3	-1.9	1.4	4.4	1.7	2.9
Sugar and sweets	175.043	173.767	174.394	175.639	4.0	1.6	4.6	1.4	2.8	3.0
Fats and oils	169.010	170.528	169.938	169.685	6.5	1.9	1.7	1.6	4.2	1.7
Other foods ¹	185.499	186.358	186.962	188.103	5.8	-3.6	.6	5.7	1.0	3.2
Other miscellaneous foods ^{1 2}	114.655	114.939	114.331	115.310	6.5	-4.4	3.4	2.3	.9	2.9
Food away from home ¹	203.171	203.909	204.082	204.725	3.5	2.8	4.2	3.1	3.2	3.6
Other food away from home ²	141.129	141.604	141.393	143.105	2.7	3.6	9.7	5.7	3.1	7.7
Alcoholic beverages ¹	202.968	204.385	205.663	206.166	2.4	1.2	2.1	6.5	1.8	4.3
Housing	206.799	207.616	208.072	208.547	3.4	2.4	4.4	3.4	2.9	3.9
Shelter	237.350	238.043	238.176	238.981	4.8	3.8	4.2	2.8	4.3	3.5
Rent of primary residence ³	230.670	231.642	232.437	233.001	4.6	4.7	4.8	4.1	4.6	4.4
Lodging away from home ²	139.802	139.913	136.702	139.332	3.9	1.8	8.4	-1.3	2.8	3.4
Owners' equivalent rent of primary residence ^{3 4}	243.279	243.988	244.646	245.079	5.0	4.1	3.5	3.0	4.5	3.2
Tenants' and household insurance ^{1 2}	117.417	117.320	117.333	117.559	.7	-7	4.3	.5	.0	2.4
Fuels and utilities	195.818	198.215	200.689	200.647	-3.2	-4.9	10.7	10.2	-4.1	10.5
Household energy	177.287	179.714	182.293	182.151	-4.9	-6.7	11.6	11.4	-5.8	11.5
Fuel oil and other fuels	223.707	223.344	231.088	235.916	32.9	-28.9	-8.9	23.7	-2.8	6.1
Gas (piped) and electricity ³	183.084	185.812	188.185	187.716	-7.4	-4.4	13.4	10.5	-5.9	12.0
Water and sewer and trash collection services ²	140.634	141.349	141.806	142.184	5.1	4.4	6.0	4.5	4.8	5.2
Household furnishings and operations	127.017	127.238	127.483	127.151	1.9	.9	-1.5	.4	1.4	-5
Household operations ^{1 2}	139.526	139.733	139.861	140.252	4.2	6.0	2.7	2.1	5.1	2.4
Apparel	120.180	120.805	119.541	119.165	-2.3	2.4	1.6	-3.3	.0	-9
Men's and boys' apparel	112.492	112.314	111.598	112.218	-3.8	1.1	-5.8	-1.0	-1.4	-3.4
Women's and girls' apparel	112.856	113.628	112.077	111.548	-3.9	4.8	6.9	-4.6	.4	1.0
Infants' and toddlers' apparel	114.536	115.619	115.794	113.572	4.9	-1.4	-8.8	-3.3	1.7	-6.1
Footwear	122.910	122.984	122.184	121.597	-3.8	1.0	-6	-4.2	-1.4	-2.4
Transportation	175.661	175.749	180.584	182.835	15.3	-24.7	.4	17.4	-6.8	8.5
Private transportation	171.516	171.567	176.599	178.995	15.9	-25.8	.3	18.6	-7.3	9.1
New and used motor vehicles ²	94.328	94.141	94.273	94.193	.8	-2.9	-4.4	-.6	-1.0	-2.5
New vehicles	136.360	136.204	136.601	136.633	-.6	-1.7	-2.7	.8	-1.2	-1.0
Used cars and trucks ¹	135.257	134.597	134.382	134.363	4.9	-7.7	-11.1	-2.6	-1.6	-7.0
Motor fuel	200.234	200.921	222.136	232.663	57.5	-63.5	8.5	82.3	-24.2	40.6
Gasoline (all types)	199.170	199.842	221.080	231.531	57.5	-63.7	8.6	82.6	-24.4	40.8
Motor vehicle parts and equipment ¹	119.759	120.196	120.485	120.714	7.5	3.4	2.9	3.2	5.4	3.1
Motor vehicle maintenance and repair	219.001	220.213	221.071	221.683	5.1	2.8	1.3	5.0	4.0	3.1
Public transportation	227.138	227.931	228.152	227.233	7.7	-3.8	.2	.2	1.8	.2
Medical care	344.046	345.686	345.994	347.316	3.6	3.7	5.0	3.9	3.7	4.4
Medical care commodities	288.720	287.830	286.925	288.197	2.3	1.5	1.3	-.7	1.9	.3
Medical care services	360.250	362.812	363.568	364.892	4.0	4.5	6.0	5.3	4.2	5.7
Professional services	295.956	297.958	298.146	298.225	2.8	3.4	5.7	3.1	3.1	4.4
Hospital and related services ³	481.795	484.918	486.910	490.706	5.7	5.7	4.6	7.6	5.7	6.1

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—		
	Jan. 2007	Feb. 2007	Mar. 2007	Apr. 2007	July 2006	Oct. 2006	Jan. 2007	Apr. 2007	Oct. 2006	Apr. 2007
Recreation ²	111.160	111.150	111.118	111.184	1.8	0.0	-0.5	0.1	0.9	-0.2
Video and audio ²	103.160	103.065	102.541	102.512	-4	-3.0	-3.9	-2.5	-1.7	-3.2
Education and communication ²	117.558	117.952	118.496	118.824	2.4	2.4	-.5	4.4	2.4	1.9
Education ²	166.913	167.882	168.862	169.614	6.1	6.6	4.7	6.6	6.3	5.7
Educational books and supplies	404.984	405.288	412.206	414.225	6.2	8.0	8.8	9.4	7.1	9.1
Tuition, other school fees, and childcare	481.562	484.536	486.972	489.125	6.3	6.3	4.5	6.4	6.3	5.5
Communication ²	82.775	82.841	83.117	83.201	-9	-1.4	-5.7	2.1	-1.2	-1.9
Information and information processing ^{1 2}	80.246	80.311	80.601	80.683	-1.0	-1.9	-6.0	2.2	-1.5	-2.0
Telephone services ^{1 2}	96.898	97.096	97.514	97.617	.8	5.1	.4	3.0	3.0	1.7
Information technology, hardware and services ^{1 5}	10.900	10.853	10.860	10.869	-6.1	-22.9	-29.6	-1.1	-14.9	-16.6
Personal computers and peripheral equipment ^{1 2}	10.259	10.174	10.191	10.172	-16.8	-7.3	-5.3	-3.3	-12.2	-4.3
Other goods and services	329.378	330.076	330.604	331.436	1.9	4.0	6.3	2.5	3.0	4.4
Tobacco and smoking products ¹	543.477	548.896	550.021	547.663	2.7	-3	18.3	3.1	1.2	10.5
Personal care	193.694	193.702	193.988	194.830	1.7	5.2	3.4	2.4	3.4	2.9
Personal care products ¹	157.699	158.038	158.592	158.657	.0	4.2	2.8	2.5	2.1	2.6
Personal care services ¹	214.045	214.616	215.091	215.380	1.9	4.3	4.5	2.5	3.1	3.5
Miscellaneous personal services	320.287	320.360	320.565	322.914	2.5	7.0	2.8	3.3	4.7	3.0
Commodity and service group										
Commodities	162.690	163.297	165.295	166.375	7.0	-10.8	1.0	9.4	-2.3	5.1
Food and beverages	198.604	200.150	200.756	201.562	2.5	3.5	2.5	6.1	3.0	4.3
Commodities less food and beverages	142.779	142.968	145.505	146.671	9.9	-18.3	.2	11.4	-5.2	5.6
Nondurables less food and beverages	173.869	173.440	178.529	180.348	14.5	-29.5	13.6	15.8	-10.2	14.7
Apparel	120.180	120.805	119.541	119.165	-2.3	2.4	1.6	-3.3	.0	-9
Nondurables less food, beverages, and apparel	207.739	208.104	218.217	223.233	24.5	-36.3	3.0	33.3	-10.9	17.2
Durables	112.933	112.806	112.900	112.714	.0	-2.8	-3.7	-.8	-1.4	-2.2
Services	243.298	244.229	244.701	245.331	3.4	3.0	4.0	3.4	3.2	3.7
Rent of shelter ⁴	247.426	248.104	248.206	249.045	4.9	3.8	4.4	2.6	4.4	3.5
Tenants' and household insurance ^{1 2}	117.417	117.320	117.333	117.559	.7	-7	4.3	.5	.0	2.4
Gas (piped) and electricity ³	183.084	185.812	188.185	187.716	-7.4	-4.4	13.4	10.5	-5.9	12.0
Water and sewer and trash collection services ²	140.634	141.349	141.806	142.184	5.1	4.4	6.0	4.5	4.8	5.2
Household operations ^{1 2}	139.526	139.733	139.861	140.252	4.2	6.0	2.7	2.1	5.1	2.4
Transportation services	232.384	232.643	232.641	232.243	2.8	1.2	.7	-.2	2.0	.2
Medical care services	360.250	362.812	363.568	364.892	4.0	4.5	6.0	5.3	4.2	5.7
Other services	281.091	281.756	282.570	283.650	3.5	3.1	1.1	3.7	3.3	2.4
Special indexes										
All items less food	203.999	204.620	205.973	206.831	5.5	-3.9	2.8	5.7	.7	4.2
All items less shelter	192.030	192.816	194.509	195.393	5.1	-6.0	2.2	7.2	-.6	4.7
All items less medical care	196.033	196.746	198.011	198.840	5.0	-3.2	2.6	5.9	.8	4.2
Commodities less food	144.991	145.217	147.723	148.873	9.5	-17.4	.3	11.1	-4.9	5.6
Nondurables less food	175.707	175.288	180.116	181.876	13.9	-27.7	12.8	14.8	-9.3	13.8
Nondurables less food and apparel	206.407	206.835	216.051	220.611	22.2	-33.4	2.8	30.5	-9.8	15.8
Nondurables	186.765	187.249	190.237	191.486	7.9	-13.7	7.5	10.5	-3.5	9.0
Services less rent of shelter ⁴	256.241	257.370	258.518	259.061	3.4	.8	2.9	4.5	2.1	3.7
Services less medical care services	233.396	234.204	234.638	235.366	4.1	2.6	3.1	3.4	3.4	3.3
Energy	187.340	188.952	200.164	204.969	24.9	-43.1	10.1	43.3	-15.7	25.6
All items less energy	206.414	207.083	207.278	207.720	3.2	2.4	2.2	2.6	2.8	2.4
All items less food and energy	208.632	209.135	209.263	209.634	3.2	2.3	2.0	1.9	2.8	2.0
Commodities less food and energy commodities	140.209	140.330	140.229	140.050	.3	-.6	-1.4	-.5	-.1	-.9
Energy commodities	202.686	203.310	223.786	234.008	55.8	-61.9	7.2	77.7	-22.9	38.0
Services less energy services	249.469	250.220	250.502	251.242	4.2	3.6	3.4	2.9	3.9	3.1

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.2007 from—			Percent change to Mar.2007 from—		
		Jan. 2007	Feb. 2007	Mar. 2007	Apr. 2007	Apr. 2006	Feb. 2007	Mar. 2007	Mar. 2006	Jan. 2007	Feb. 2007
U.S. city average	M	202.416	203.499	205.352	206.686	2.6	1.6	0.6	2.8	1.5	0.9
Region and area size²											
Northeast urban	M	215.813	216.651	218.334	219.501	2.2	1.3	.5	2.6	1.2	.8
Size A - More than 1,500,000	M	218.365	219.330	220.936	222.001	2.4	1.2	.5	2.8	1.2	.7
Size B/C - 50,000 to 1,500,000 ³	M	127.237	127.546	128.691	129.563	1.8	1.6	.7	2.1	1.1	.9
Midwest urban	M	193.068	194.458	196.389	197.405	2.3	1.5	.5	2.3	1.7	1.0
Size A - More than 1,500,000	M	195.073	196.507	198.335	199.378	2.5	1.5	.5	2.3	1.7	.9
Size B/C - 50,000 to 1,500,000 ³	M	122.861	123.854	125.151	125.724	2.0	1.5	.5	2.3	1.9	1.0
Size D - Nonmetropolitan (less than 50,000)	M	187.587	188.122	190.365	191.685	2.1	1.9	.7	2.0	1.5	1.2
South urban	M	195.021	195.950	197.904	199.618	2.5	1.9	.9	2.6	1.5	1.0
Size A - More than 1,500,000	M	197.650	198.516	200.538	201.818	2.7	1.7	.6	3.1	1.5	1.0
Size B/C - 50,000 to 1,500,000 ³	M	123.817	124.521	125.726	127.000	2.3	2.0	1.0	2.2	1.5	1.0
Size D - Nonmetropolitan (less than 50,000)	M	196.077	196.043	198.204	200.366	2.7	2.2	1.1	3.1	1.1	1.1
West urban	M	207.790	208.995	210.778	212.036	3.3	1.5	.6	3.4	1.4	.9
Size A - More than 1,500,000	M	211.102	212.549	214.393	215.540	3.3	1.4	.5	3.7	1.6	.9
Size B/C - 50,000 to 1,500,000 ³	M	126.244	126.805	127.848	128.843	3.2	1.6	.8	2.9	1.3	.8
Size classes											
A ⁴	M	185.608	186.673	188.309	189.327	2.7	1.4	.5	3.0	1.5	.9
B/C ³	M	124.571	125.243	126.424	127.440	2.4	1.8	.8	2.4	1.5	.9
D	M	194.724	194.945	196.999	198.516	2.6	1.8	.8	2.8	1.2	1.1
Selected local areas⁵											
Chicago-Gary-Kenosha, IL-IN-WI	M	199.401	200.630	202.483	204.019	3.2	1.7	.8	2.5	1.5	.9
Los Angeles-Riverside-Orange County, CA ...	M	212.584	214.760	216.500	217.845	3.5	1.4	.6	3.8	1.8	.8
New York-Northern N.J.-Long Island, NY-NJ-CT-PA	M	221.767	223.066	224.551	225.780	2.5	1.2	.5	2.9	1.3	.7
Boston-Brockton-Nashua, MA-NH-ME-CT	1	224.432	-	226.427	-	-	-	-	2.3	.9	-
Cleveland-Akron, OH	1	191.610	-	194.244	-	-	-	-	1.9	1.4	-
Dallas-Fort Worth, TX	1	188.890	-	190.156	-	-	-	-	.9	.7	-
Washington-Baltimore, DC-MD-VA-WV ⁶	1	129.956	-	131.945	-	-	-	-	4.1	1.5	-
Atlanta, GA	2	-	194.886	-	199.039	2.7	2.1	-	-	-	-
Detroit-Ann Arbor-Flint, MI	2	-	198.064	-	200.418	1.6	1.2	-	-	-	-
Houston-Galveston-Brazoria, TX	2	-	181.217	-	184.140	1.6	1.6	-	-	-	-
Miami-Fort Lauderdale, FL	2	-	207.989	-	210.904	3.5	1.4	-	-	-	-
Philadelphia-Wilmington-Atlantic City, PA-NJ-DE-MD	2	-	213.152	-	215.270	1.7	1.0	-	-	-	-
San Francisco-Oakland-San Jose, CA	2	-	213.688	-	215.842	3.3	1.0	-	-	-	-
Seattle-Tacoma-Bremerton, WA	2	-	211.704	-	215.767	4.0	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 2006	Unadjusted indexes		Unadjusted percent change to Apr. 2007 from—		Seasonally adjusted percent change from—		
		Mar. 2007	Apr. 2007	Apr. 2006	Mar. 2007	Jan. to Feb.	Feb. to Mar.	Mar. to Apr.
All items	100.000	200.612	202.130	2.5	0.8	0.4	0.8	0.5
All items (1967=100)	-	597.561	602.083	-	-	-	-	-
Food and beverages	16.475	200.056	200.488	3.7	.2	.8	.3	.4
Food	15.457	199.589	200.009	3.7	.2	.8	.3	.4
Food at home	9.244	197.735	197.989	3.9	.1	1.1	.5	.5
Cereals and bakery products	1.285	218.799	220.926	4.6	1.0	1.1	-.1	.9
Meats, poultry, fish, and eggs	2.623	192.013	193.089	4.3	.6	.4	1.1	.9
Dairy and related products .....	.928	185.095	185.326	2.5	.1	.3	1.3	.5
Fruits and vegetables	1.332	261.627	260.068	6.6	-.6	4.7	-1.3	.6
Nonalcoholic beverages and beverage materials	1.082	153.329	150.995	3.6	-1.5	.1	1.8	-.8
Other food at home	1.993	171.183	171.898	2.2	.4	.3	.2	.5
Sugar and sweets .....	.337	173.248	174.459	2.7	.7	-.8	.4	.7
Fats and oils .....	.283	172.005	170.574	2.9	-.8	1.1	-.2	-.2
Other foods ¹	1.373	187.026	188.165	2.0	.6	.4	.3	.6
Other miscellaneous foods ^{1 2} .....	.368	114.402	115.432	1.8	.9	.3	-.7	.9
Food away from home ¹	6.213	203.838	204.519	3.4	.3	.4	.1	.3
Other food away from home ² .....	.279	141.119	142.991	5.5	1.3	.4	.0	1.2
Alcoholic beverages ¹	1.018	205.729	206.342	3.0	.3	.9	.5	.3
Housing	40.463	203.203	203.588	3.4	.2	.4	.3	.2
Shelter	30.570	231.315	231.957	4.0	.3	.3	.2	.3
Rent of primary residence ³	8.021	231.634	232.126	4.6	.2	.4	.4	.3
Lodging away from home ²	1.430	141.335	144.370	3.3	2.1	-.4	-2.1	2.4
Owners' equivalent rent of primary residence ^{3 4}	20.776	221.704	222.062	3.8	.2	.3	.3	.2
Tenants' and household insurance ^{1 2} .....	.342	117.653	117.945	1.2	.2	-.1	.0	.2
Fuels and utilities	5.779	194.963	194.974	2.9	.0	1.2	1.3	.0
Household energy	4.842	175.303	175.223	2.6	.0	1.3	1.5	-.1
Fuel oil and other fuels .....	.346	236.103	239.516	1.6	1.4	.3	3.0	2.3
Gas (piped) and electricity ³	4.496	181.092	180.803	2.7	-.2	1.4	1.4	-.2
Water and sewer and trash collection services ² .....	.937	142.070	142.451	4.9	.3	.5	.3	.3
Household furnishings and operations	4.114	123.134	122.881	.3	-.2	.1	.1	-.2
Household operations ^{1 2} .....	.368	142.069	142.471	3.5	.3	.1	.1	.3
Apparel	4.041	122.021	122.475	-.5	.4	.5	-.8	-.4
Men's and boys' apparel .....	.954	113.921	115.103	-2.0	1.0	.0	-.1	.3
Women's and girls' apparel	1.680	116.275	116.826	.8	.5	.5	-1.2	-.5
Infants' and toddlers' apparel .....	.235	120.167	117.530	-2.3	-2.2	1.0	-.5	-2.0
Footwear .....	.954	122.870	123.339	-1.6	.4	.5	-.8	-.4
Transportation	19.515	179.541	184.930	.6	3.0	.0	3.0	1.4
Private transportation	18.793	176.695	182.156	.5	3.1	.0	3.1	1.5
New and used motor vehicles ²	8.626	93.365	93.234	-2.0	-.1	-.2	.1	.0
New vehicles	5.210	138.315	138.077	-1.0	-.2	-.2	.3	.0
Used cars and trucks ¹	2.675	135.203	135.192	-4.3	.0	-.5	-.2	.0
Motor fuel	5.441	221.011	243.574	3.2	10.2	.4	10.5	4.8
Gasoline (all types)	5.388	220.052	242.613	3.2	10.3	.4	10.5	4.8
Motor vehicle parts and equipment ¹ .....	.444	120.170	120.367	4.4	.2	.4	.2	.2
Motor vehicle maintenance and repair	1.145	223.683	224.086	3.6	.2	.5	.4	.3
Public transportation .....	.723	224.973	226.521	1.1	.7	.4	.1	-.2
Medical care	5.228	346.946	348.109	4.2	.3	.5	.1	.4
Medical care commodities	1.135	279.762	281.216	1.0	.5	-.4	-.3	.5
Medical care services	4.094	365.827	366.870	5.1	.3	.8	.2	.4
Professional services	2.338	301.339	301.599	3.7	.1	.8	.1	.0
Hospital and related services ³	1.378	485.074	487.336	6.0	.5	.7	.4	.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 2006	Unadjusted indexes		Unadjusted percent change to Apr. 2007 from—		Seasonally adjusted percent change from—		
		Mar. 2007	Apr. 2007	Apr. 2006	Mar. 2007	Jan. to Feb.	Feb. to Mar.	Mar. to Apr.
Expenditure category								
Recreation ²	5.022	108.461	108.680	0.3	0.2	0.0	-0.1	0.0
Video and audio ²	1.867	102.363	102.690	-2.1	.3	-1	-6	.1
Education and communication ²	5.605	115.161	115.280	1.8	.1	.3	.4	.3
Education ²	2.329	166.341	166.441	6.1	.1	.5	.6	.5
Educational books and supplies .....	.208	417.027	417.583	8.5	.1	.1	1.7	.5
Tuition, other school fees, and childcare	2.121	469.224	469.472	5.9	.1	.6	.5	.5
Communication ²	3.276	85.408	85.523	-9	.1	.1	.3	.1
Information and information processing ^{1 2}	3.124	83.645	83.760	-1.0	.1	.1	.4	.1
Telephone services ^{1 2}	2.633	97.625	97.738	2.2	.1	.2	.4	.1
Information technology, hardware and services ^{1 5} .....	.492	11.292	11.322	-16.1	.3	-4	.2	.3
Personal computers and peripheral equipment ^{1 2} .....	.178	10.040	10.036	-8.8	.0	-8	.4	.0
Other goods and services	3.652	341.719	342.057	3.9	.1	.4	.2	.1
Tobacco and smoking products ¹	1.139	551.161	548.812	5.6	-4	1.0	.2	-4
Personal care	2.513	192.411	193.075	3.1	.3	.1	.2	.4
Personal care products ¹ .....	.771	158.528	158.578	2.3	.0	.3	.3	.0
Personal care services ¹ .....	.618	215.318	215.658	3.4	.2	.2	.3	.2
Miscellaneous personal services .....	.962	322.090	324.252	4.0	.7	.3	.1	.8
Commodity and service group								
Commodities	44.175	167.350	169.746	1.5	1.4	.4	1.4	.7
Food and beverages	16.475	200.056	200.488	3.7	.2	.8	.3	.4
Commodities less food and beverages	27.700	148.836	152.034	.2	2.1	.1	2.1	.9
Nondurables less food and beverages	15.699	184.604	191.650	1.7	3.8	-3	3.4	1.2
Apparel	4.041	122.021	122.475	-5	.4	.5	-8	-4
Nondurables less food, beverages, and apparel	11.658	227.564	238.898	2.4	5.0	.3	5.2	2.6
Durables	12.001	113.107	112.945	-2.0	-1	-2	.0	-2
Services	55.825	239.586	240.106	3.4	.2	.4	.3	.2
Rent of shelter ⁴	30.227	222.970	223.590	4.0	.3	.2	.2	.3
Tenants' and household insurance ^{1 2} .....	.342	117.653	117.945	1.2	.2	-1	.0	.2
Gas (piped) and electricity ³	4.496	181.092	180.803	2.7	-2	1.4	1.4	-2
Water and sewer and trash collection services ² .....	.937	142.070	142.451	4.9	.3	.5	.3	.3
Household operations ^{1 2} .....	.368	142.069	142.471	3.5	.3	.1	.1	.3
Transportation services	5.600	232.332	232.218	1.2	.0	.1	.0	-1
Medical care services	4.094	365.827	366.870	5.1	.3	.8	.2	.4
Other services	9.761	272.474	273.342	2.5	.3	.2	.3	.4
Special indexes								
All items less food	84.543	200.616	202.335	2.3	.9	.3	.9	.5
All items less shelter	69.430	191.591	193.443	1.9	1.0	.4	1.0	.5
All items less medical care	94.772	194.481	195.998	2.5	.8	.4	.8	.5
Commodities less food	28.718	150.856	153.999	.3	2.1	.2	2.0	.9
Nondurables less food	16.717	185.979	192.687	1.8	3.6	-2	3.2	1.1
Nondurables less food and apparel	12.676	224.712	235.083	2.5	4.6	.3	5.0	2.4
Nondurables	32.174	193.028	196.887	2.7	2.0	.3	1.9	.8
Services less rent of shelter ⁴	25.598	228.479	228.811	2.7	.1	.4	.5	.2
Services less medical care services	51.732	230.221	230.708	3.3	.2	.3	.3	.3
Energy	10.282	196.940	207.932	2.9	5.6	.8	6.2	2.6
All items less energy	89.718	201.948	202.300	2.5	.2	.3	.1	.2
All items less food and energy	74.261	202.816	203.154	2.2	.2	.2	.1	.2
Commodities less food and energy commodities	22.932	141.482	141.450	-5	.0	.1	-1	-1
Energy commodities	5.786	222.509	244.148	3.1	9.7	.4	10.1	4.6
Services less energy services	51.329	245.923	246.539	3.5	.3	.3	.2	.3
Purchasing power of the consumer dollar (1982-84=\$1.00)	-	\$.498	\$.495	-	-	-	-	-
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 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. 2007	Feb. 2007	Mar. 2007	Apr. 2007	July 2006	Oct. 2006	Jan. 2007	Apr. 2007	Oct. 2006	Apr. 2007
Expenditure category										
All items	198.225	198.984	200.527	201.449	5.2	-4.2	2.7	6.7	0.4	4.7
Food and beverages	197.677	199.249	199.913	200.788	2.3	3.7	2.2	6.4	3.0	4.3
Food	197.244	198.801	199.437	200.328	2.5	4.0	2.1	6.4	3.2	4.3
Food at home	194.473	196.534	197.484	198.516	1.9	4.7	.8	8.6	3.3	4.6
Cereals and bakery products	216.798	219.095	218.810	220.802	5.2	2.5	3.2	7.6	3.8	5.4
Meats, poultry, fish, and eggs	189.036	189.882	191.953	193.636	-2.3	6.4	3.3	10.1	1.9	6.7
Dairy and related products	181.898	182.501	184.953	185.923	-1.1	-9	3.1	9.1	-1.0	6.1
Fruits and vegetables	253.022	264.940	261.391	262.893	5.5	18.3	-11.3	16.5	11.7	1.7
Nonalcoholic beverages and beverage materials	149.587	149.749	152.389	151.119	.0	5.3	5.2	4.2	2.6	4.7
Other food at home	170.028	170.572	170.984	171.861	5.6	-2.1	1.3	4.4	1.7	2.8
Sugar and sweets	173.813	172.484	173.102	174.315	4.3	.7	4.5	1.2	2.5	2.8
Fats and oils	169.191	171.051	170.779	170.483	6.9	1.9	.0	3.1	4.4	1.5
Other foods ¹	185.681	186.473	187.026	188.165	5.5	-3.6	.8	5.5	.9	3.1
Other miscellaneous foods ^{1 2}	114.759	115.151	114.402	115.432	6.5	-4.8	3.4	2.4	.7	2.9
Food away from home ¹	202.905	203.689	203.838	204.519	3.3	2.8	4.3	3.2	3.1	3.7
Other food away from home ²	140.765	141.338	141.285	142.978	2.1	3.0	10.5	6.4	2.5	8.4
Alcoholic beverages ¹	202.821	204.616	205.729	206.342	1.0	2.0	2.0	7.1	1.5	4.6
Housing	202.017	202.830	203.510	203.924	3.3	2.2	4.5	3.8	2.8	4.2
Shelter	229.798	230.467	230.875	231.576	4.6	4.0	4.1	3.1	4.3	3.6
Rent of primary residence ³	229.696	230.703	231.583	232.171	4.6	4.7	4.7	4.4	4.6	4.5
Lodging away from home ²	139.243	138.634	135.688	138.971	3.0	1.5	9.6	-.8	2.2	4.3
Owners' equivalent rent of primary residence ^{3 4}	220.518	221.169	221.773	222.148	4.9	3.9	3.4	3.0	4.4	3.2
Tenants' and household insurance ^{1 2}	117.748	117.622	117.653	117.945	.7	-3	4.0	.7	.2	2.3
Fuels and utilities	194.362	196.694	199.210	199.188	-3.9	-5.1	11.8	10.3	-4.5	11.1
Household energy	174.925	177.263	179.858	179.743	-5.6	-6.8	12.9	11.5	-6.2	12.2
Fuel oil and other fuels	222.684	223.337	230.061	235.366	33.6	-30.6	-8.0	24.8	-3.7	7.1
Gas (piped) and electricity ³	181.459	184.020	186.511	186.072	-8.1	-4.4	14.6	10.6	-6.3	12.5
Water and sewer and trash collection services ²	140.947	141.636	142.070	142.451	4.8	4.7	5.7	4.3	4.8	5.0
Household furnishings and operations	122.595	122.719	122.902	122.617	2.3	.0	-1.0	.1	1.1	-.5
Household operations ^{1 2}	141.729	141.886	142.069	142.471	4.7	3.8	3.3	2.1	4.3	2.7
Apparel	119.451	120.061	119.132	118.646	-3.3	4.5	-.2	-2.7	.5	-1.4
Men's and boys' apparel	111.883	111.899	111.739	112.055	-1.7	1.8	-8.5	.6	.0	-4.1
Women's and girls' apparel	112.603	113.167	111.805	111.258	-7.1	8.0	7.8	-4.7	.2	1.4
Infants' and toddlers' apparel	117.148	118.322	117.687	115.362	4.5	1.0	-8.3	-6.0	2.7	-7.1
Footwear	122.250	122.846	121.891	121.393	-3.2	2.0	-2.4	-2.8	-6	-2.6
Transportation	174.417	174.491	179.761	182.297	16.9	-26.7	.0	19.3	-7.5	9.3
Private transportation	171.432	171.483	176.866	179.472	17.1	-27.6	.1	20.1	-7.9	9.6
New and used motor vehicles ²	93.254	93.035	93.159	93.122	1.3	-3.7	-4.8	-.6	-1.3	-2.7
New vehicles	137.513	137.293	137.675	137.725	-.6	-1.7	-2.3	.6	-1.1	-.8
Used cars and trucks ¹	136.063	135.411	135.203	135.192	4.9	-7.9	-11.0	-2.5	-1.7	-6.9
Motor fuel	200.603	201.411	222.605	233.190	57.6	-63.5	8.0	82.6	-24.2	40.4
Gasoline (all types)	199.614	200.433	221.570	232.197	57.6	-63.7	8.0	83.1	-24.3	40.6
Motor vehicle parts and equipment ¹	119.464	119.897	120.170	120.367	7.9	3.8	2.9	3.1	5.8	3.0
Motor vehicle maintenance and repair	221.537	222.687	223.605	224.295	5.3	2.8	1.3	5.1	4.0	3.2
Public transportation	225.827	226.645	226.760	226.292	5.8	-2.1	.0	.8	1.8	.4
Medical care	343.619	345.415	345.778	347.186	3.8	3.9	4.8	4.2	3.8	4.5
Medical care commodities	281.738	280.701	279.756	281.058	2.5	1.4	1.2	-1.0	2.0	.1
Medical care services	360.670	363.443	364.265	365.689	4.1	4.6	5.8	5.7	4.4	5.8
Professional services	297.931	300.252	300.458	300.604	2.8	3.2	5.3	3.6	3.0	4.5
Hospital and related services ³	477.026	480.230	482.119	486.111	6.0	5.8	4.3	7.8	5.9	6.1

See footnotes at end of table.

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

(1982-84=100, unless otherwise noted)

CPI-W Expenditure category	Seasonally adjusted indexes				Seasonally adjusted annual rate percent change for					
	Jan. 2007	Feb. 2007	Mar. 2007	Apr. 2007	3 months ended—				6 months ended—	
					July 2006	Oct. 2006	Jan. 2007	Apr. 2007	Oct. 2006	Apr. 2007
Recreation ²	108.456	108.489	108.351	108.379	2.2	-0.7	-0.2	-0.3	0.7	-0.2
Video and audio ²	102.732	102.658	102.032	102.106	.0	-2.7	-3.3	-2.4	-1.3	-2.9
Education and communication ²	114.517	114.825	115.329	115.644	2.1	2.5	-1.0	4.0	2.3	1.5
Education ²	165.149	166.001	166.936	167.711	5.9	7.2	4.9	6.4	6.6	5.6
Educational books and supplies	408.325	408.597	415.361	417.479	6.1	9.2	9.7	9.3	7.6	9.5
Tuition, other school fees, and childcare	466.513	469.130	471.264	473.429	6.1	6.9	4.4	6.1	6.5	5.2
Communication ²	85.027	85.107	85.404	85.521	-5	-5	-4.9	2.3	-5	-1.3
Information and information processing ^{1 2}	83.256	83.337	83.645	83.760	-5	-5	-5.3	2.4	-5	-1.5
Telephone services ^{1 2}	97.045	97.233	97.625	97.738	.4	5.1	.6	2.9	2.7	1.7
Information technology, hardware and services ^{1 5}	11.321	11.272	11.292	11.322	-5.8	-24.4	-30.5	.0	-15.6	-16.6
Personal computers and peripheral equipment ^{1 2}	10.081	9.997	10.040	10.036	-20.1	-7.5	-4.6	-1.8	-14.0	-3.2
Other goods and services	339.151	340.563	341.327	341.796	2.3	2.8	7.3	3.2	2.6	5.2
Tobacco and smoking products ¹	544.568	550.097	551.161	548.812	2.6	-5	17.8	3.2	1.1	10.2
Personal care	191.366	191.628	192.086	192.859	2.2	4.3	2.9	3.2	3.2	3.0
Personal care products ¹	157.505	157.992	158.528	158.578	.0	3.9	2.6	2.8	1.9	2.7
Personal care services ¹	214.254	214.773	215.318	215.658	2.1	4.3	4.5	2.6	3.2	3.6
Miscellaneous personal services	320.102	321.057	321.437	323.928	2.7	6.0	2.4	4.9	4.3	3.6
Commodity and service group										
Commodities	164.009	164.641	166.963	168.201	7.9	-12.2	1.0	10.6	-2.6	5.7
Food and beverages	197.677	199.249	199.913	200.788	2.3	3.7	2.2	6.4	3.0	4.3
Commodities less food and beverages	145.155	145.360	148.351	149.718	11.1	-20.2	.2	13.2	-5.8	6.5
Nondurables less food and beverages	179.125	178.618	184.774	187.019	16.4	-32.1	14.1	18.8	-11.1	16.5
Apparel	119.451	120.061	119.132	118.646	-3.3	4.5	-2	-2.7	.5	-1.4
Nondurables less food, beverages, and apparel	216.359	217.028	228.357	234.256	27.2	-39.3	3.7	37.4	-12.1	19.4
Durables	113.096	112.926	112.934	112.746	.0	-3.4	-3.1	-1.2	-1.7	-2.2
Services	238.283	239.197	239.874	240.432	3.0	2.9	4.1	3.7	2.9	3.9
Rent of shelter ⁴	221.587	222.103	222.481	223.171	4.7	4.1	4.2	2.9	4.4	3.6
Tenants' and household insurance ^{1 2}	117.748	117.622	117.653	117.945	.7	-3	4.0	.7	.2	2.3
Gas (piped) and electricity ³	181.459	184.020	186.511	186.072	-8.1	-4.4	14.6	10.6	-6.3	12.5
Water and sewer and trash collection services ²	140.947	141.636	142.070	142.451	4.8	4.7	5.7	4.3	4.8	5.0
Household operations ^{1 2}	141.729	141.886	142.069	142.471	4.7	3.8	3.3	2.1	4.3	2.7
Transportation services	232.262	232.505	232.557	232.280	2.1	2.3	.5	.0	2.2	.2
Medical care services	360.670	363.443	364.265	365.689	4.1	4.6	5.8	5.7	4.4	5.8
Other services	271.240	271.752	272.525	273.512	3.2	3.0	.7	3.4	3.1	2.0
Special indexes										
All items less food	198.224	198.835	200.544	201.471	5.8	-5.5	2.7	6.7	.0	4.7
All items less shelter	188.864	189.663	191.634	192.646	5.6	-7.5	2.1	8.3	-1.2	5.1
All items less medical care	192.143	192.863	194.431	195.330	5.3	-4.7	2.6	6.8	.2	4.7
Commodities less food	147.182	147.428	150.381	151.734	11.0	-19.5	.2	13.0	-5.5	6.4
Nondurables less food	180.624	180.295	186.144	188.232	15.3	-30.4	13.5	17.9	-10.4	15.7
Nondurables less food and apparel	214.118	214.716	225.427	230.802	25.4	-36.9	3.3	35.0	-11.0	18.1
Nondurables	189.104	189.616	193.124	194.614	8.5	-15.5	8.0	12.2	-4.3	10.1
Services less rent of shelter ⁴	227.051	228.013	229.109	229.610	2.9	.4	3.1	4.6	1.6	3.9
Services less medical care services	228.855	229.602	230.290	230.911	3.8	2.3	3.3	3.6	3.1	3.5
Energy	186.769	188.349	200.028	205.146	26.6	-44.7	10.2	45.6	-16.3	26.6
All items less energy	200.516	201.176	201.470	201.876	2.9	2.4	1.8	2.7	2.7	2.3
All items less food and energy	201.575	202.045	202.268	202.572	2.9	2.2	1.8	2.0	2.5	1.9
Commodities less food and energy commodities	140.610	140.753	140.665	140.479	.3	-6	-1.4	-4	-1	-9
Energy commodities	202.399	203.201	223.710	234.055	56.3	-62.2	7.0	78.8	-23.1	38.3
Services less energy services	244.423	245.136	245.594	246.269	4.1	3.5	3.2	3.1	3.8	3.1

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.2007 from—			Percent change to Mar.2007 from—		
		Jan. 2007	Feb. 2007	Mar. 2007	Apr. 2007	Apr. 2006	Feb. 2007	Mar. 2007	Mar. 2006	Jan. 2007	Feb. 2007
U.S. city average	M	197.559	198.544	200.612	202.130	2.5	1.8	0.8	2.7	1.5	1.0
Region and area size²											
Northeast urban	M	212.054	212.649	214.517	215.802	2.3	1.5	.6	2.6	1.2	.9
Size A - More than 1,500,000	M	213.163	213.892	215.629	216.766	2.5	1.3	.5	2.8	1.2	.8
Size B/C - 50,000 to 1,500,000 ³	M	127.395	127.587	128.888	129.856	1.8	1.8	.8	2.2	1.2	1.0
Midwest urban	M	187.811	189.121	191.145	192.379	2.2	1.7	.6	2.2	1.8	1.1
Size A - More than 1,500,000	M	188.802	190.087	192.051	193.403	2.3	1.7	.7	2.2	1.7	1.0
Size B/C - 50,000 to 1,500,000 ³	M	122.103	123.121	124.508	125.159	1.9	1.7	.5	2.3	2.0	1.1
Size D - Nonmetropolitan (less than 50,000)	M	185.949	186.458	188.484	189.901	2.1	1.8	.8	2.0	1.4	1.1
South urban	M	191.671	192.574	194.734	196.730	2.4	2.2	1.0	2.5	1.6	1.1
Size A - More than 1,500,000	M	195.057	196.032	198.254	199.837	2.6	1.9	.8	3.0	1.6	1.1
Size B/C - 50,000 to 1,500,000 ³	M	122.204	122.842	124.185	125.598	2.2	2.2	1.1	2.1	1.6	1.1
Size D - Nonmetropolitan (less than 50,000)	M	195.466	195.444	197.902	200.520	2.7	2.6	1.3	2.9	1.2	1.3
West urban	M	201.946	203.036	205.173	206.521	3.3	1.7	.7	3.5	1.6	1.1
Size A - More than 1,500,000	M	203.537	204.885	207.180	208.393	3.3	1.7	.6	3.7	1.8	1.1
Size B/C - 50,000 to 1,500,000 ³	M	125.593	126.161	127.333	128.376	3.2	1.8	.8	3.0	1.4	.9
Size classes											
A ⁴	M	183.443	184.447	186.331	187.531	2.7	1.7	.6	2.9	1.6	1.0
B/C ³	M	123.578	124.203	125.513	126.624	2.3	1.9	.9	2.4	1.6	1.1
D	M	192.985	193.060	195.247	197.059	2.5	2.1	.9	2.7	1.2	1.1
Selected local areas⁵											
Chicago-Gary-Kenosha, IL-IN-WI	M	192.166	193.451	195.472	197.067	3.0	1.9	.8	2.4	1.7	1.0
Los Angeles-Riverside-Orange County, CA ...	M	204.498	206.632	208.929	210.195	3.6	1.7	.6	4.0	2.2	1.1
New York-Northern N.J.-Long Island, NY-NJ-CT-PA	M	215.793	216.771	218.510	219.791	2.7	1.4	.6	3.1	1.3	.8
Boston-Brockton-Nashua, MA-NH-ME-CT	1	224.256	-	225.918	-	-	-	-	2.5	.7	-
Cleveland-Akron, OH	1	181.559	-	184.014	-	-	-	-	1.3	1.4	-
Dallas-Fort Worth, TX	1	190.187	-	191.750	-	-	-	-	1.1	.8	-
Washington-Baltimore, DC-MD-VA-WV ⁶	1	128.978	-	131.234	-	-	-	-	3.8	1.7	-
Atlanta, GA	2	-	193.446	-	197.856	3.1	2.3	-	-	-	-
Detroit-Ann Arbor-Flint, MI	2	-	192.717	-	195.417	1.7	1.4	-	-	-	-
Houston-Galveston-Brazoria, TX	2	-	179.288	-	182.774	1.5	1.9	-	-	-	-
Miami-Fort Lauderdale, FL	2	-	205.688	-	208.921	3.3	1.6	-	-	-	-
Philadelphia-Wilmington-Atlantic City, PA-NJ-DE-MD	2	-	212.986	-	214.668	1.7	.8	-	-	-	-
San Francisco-Oakland-San Jose, CA	2	-	208.803	-	211.189	3.1	1.1	-	-	-	-
Seattle-Tacoma-Bremerton, WA	2	-	205.746	-	210.388	3.9	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. 2007 from—	
		Mar. 2007	Apr. 2007	Apr. 2006	Mar. 2007
Expenditure category					
All items	100.000	118.953	119.543	2.3	0.5
Food and beverages	15.072	118.366	118.596	3.6	.2
Food	13.943	118.359	118.584	3.6	.2
Food at home	8.029	115.435	115.552	3.7	.1
Food away from home	5.914	122.301	122.681	3.4	.3
Alcoholic beverages	1.130	118.710	119.009	2.9	.3
Housing	42.173	124.462	124.713	3.3	.2
Shelter	32.495	126.316	126.701	3.9	.3
Fuels and utilities	4.702	147.974	147.904	3.2	.0
Household furnishings and operations	4.977	96.629	96.400	-1	-.2
Apparel	4.076	92.243	92.585	-8	.4
Transportation	17.095	118.479	120.770	.2	1.9
Private transportation	15.988	119.171	121.573	.2	2.0
Public transportation	1.107	111.096	111.931	.9	.8
Medical care	6.055	135.269	135.687	3.7	.3
Medical care commodities	1.458	121.296	121.932	.9	.5
Medical care services	4.597	140.149	140.486	4.7	.2
Recreation	5.863	105.266	105.393	-6	.1
Education and communication	6.190	104.456	104.544	1.1	.1
Education	2.751	156.322	156.367	6.0	.0
Communication	3.439	74.462	74.557	-2.5	.1
Other goods and services	3.475	123.167	123.411	3.5	.2
Commodity and service group					
Services	58.763	127.328	127.634	3.3	.2
Commodities	41.237	108.594	109.528	.9	.9
Durables	12.340	85.616	85.458	-2.3	-.2
Nondurables	28.897	120.452	122.030	2.3	1.3
All items less food and energy	78.707	114.870	115.068	2.0	.2
Energy	7.351	169.314	177.158	3.1	4.6

Indexes for 2007 are initial estimates. Indexes for 2006 are interim adjustments.
NOTE: Index applies to a month as a whole, not to any specific date.