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The Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers (CPI-U) increased 0.8 percent in May, before seasonal adjustment, the Bureau of Labor Statistics of the U.S. Department of Labor reported today. The May level of 216.632 (1982-84=100) was 4.2 percent higher than in May 2007.

The Consumer Price Index for Urban Wage Earners and Clerical Workers (CPI-W) increased 1.0 percent in May, prior to seasonal adjustment. The May level of 212.788 (1982-84=100) was 4.5 percent higher than in May 2007.

The Chained Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers (C-CPI-U) increased 0.6 percent in May on a not seasonally adjusted basis. The May level of 124.645 (December 1999=100) was 3.6 percent higher than in May 2007. Please note that the indexes for the post-2006 period are subject to revision.

CPI for All Urban Consumers (CPI-U)

On a seasonally adjusted basis, the CPI-U advanced 0.6 percent in May, following a 0.2 percent increase in April. The index for energy, which was virtually unchanged in April, increased 4.4 percent in May. The index for petroleum-based energy advanced 5.8 percent and the index for energy services rose 2.3 percent. The food index rose 0.3 percent in May. The index for food at home, which advanced 1.5 percent in April, also increased 0.3 percent, as five of the six major grocery store food groups registered substantial deceleration. The index for all items less food and energy advanced 0.2 percent in May, following a 0.1 percent rise in April. Upturns in the indexes for lodging away from home, for public transportation, and for household furnishings and operations more than offset a downturn in the index for apparel.

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

Expenditure Category	Seasonally adjusted								Un-adjusted 12-mos. ended May 2008
	Changes from preceding month							Compound annual rate 3-mos. ended May 2008	
	Nov. 2007	Dec. 2007	Jan. 2008	Feb. 2008	Mar. 2008	Apr. 2008	May 2008		
All items	.9	.4	.4	.0	.3	.2	.6	4.9	4.2
Food and beverages	.4	.1	.7	.4	.2	.9	.3	5.9	5.0
Housing	.4	.3	.2	.2	.4	.3	.5	4.9	3.3
Apparel	.6	.1	.4	-.3	-1.3	.5	-.3	-4.3	-.6
Transportation	3.5	1.0	.5	-.7	.7	-.7	2.0	8.7	8.1
Medical care	.4	.3	.5	.1	.1	.2	.2	1.8	4.1
Recreation	.2	.0	.2	.1	.3	-.1	.1	1.0	1.2
Education and communication	.0	.3	.4	.1	.3	.4	.4	4.2	3.0
Other goods and services	.2	.3	.4	.2	.4	.5	.4	5.3	3.6
Special indexes:									
Energy	6.9	1.7	.7	-.5	1.9	.0	4.4	28.2	17.4
Food	.4	.1	.7	.4	.2	.9	.3	6.2	5.1
All items less food and energy	.2	.2	.3	.0	.2	.1	.2	1.8	2.3

During the first five months of 2008, the CPI-U rose at a 4.0 percent seasonally adjusted annual rate (SAAR). This compares with an increase of 4.1 percent for all of 2007. The index for energy advanced at a 16.5 percent SAAR in the first five months of 2008 after advancing 17.4 percent in all of 2007. Petroleum-based energy costs increased at a 13.9 percent annual rate and charges for energy services rose at a 20.3 percent annual rate. The food index has increased at a 6.3 percent SAAR thus far this year, following a 4.9 percent rise for all of 2007. Excluding food and energy, the CPI-U advanced at a 2.0 percent SAAR in the first five months, following a 2.4 percent rise for all of 2007.

The food and beverages index rose 0.3 percent in May. The index for food at home increased 0.3 percent, following a 1.5 percent rise in April. The index for cereal and bakery products recorded its fourth consecutive large advance--up 1.6 percent in May. Each of the other six major grocery store food groups decelerated in May. The index for fruits and vegetables, which increased 2.0 percent in April, was virtually unchanged in May. A 0.7 percent decline in the indexes for fresh fruits offset increases in the indexes for fresh vegetables and processed fruits and vegetables--up 0.5 and 0.4 percent, respectively. The index for meats, poultry, fish, and eggs, which advanced 0.9 percent in April, rose 0.1 percent in May. Beef prices, which declined 1.1 percent in April, rose 1.5 percent in May. Prices for poultry and for fish and seafood increased 0.8 and 0.9 percent, respectively. These increases were largely offset by decreases in the indexes for pork, for other meats, and for eggs. The index for dairy products declined 0.1 percent, following a 1.2 percent increase in April. Milk prices fell 0.7 percent, but were 10.2 percent higher than in May 2007. The index for nonalcoholic beverages, which increased 1.7 percent in April, declined 0.9 percent in May reflecting a 2.2 percent drop in the index for carbonated drinks. The index for other food at home rose 0.5 percent after advancing 1.9 percent in April. The other two components of the food and beverages index--food away from home and alcoholic beverages--increased 0.4 and 0.1 percent, respectively.

The index for housing rose 0.5 percent in May. The index for shelter increased 0.2 percent, following a 0.1 percent rise in April. Within shelter, the indexes for rent and owners' equivalent rent increased 0.2 and 0.1 percent, respectively. The index for lodging away from home, which had declined in each of the preceding three months, increased 1.3 percent in May. (Prior to seasonal adjustment, charges for lodging away from home declined 0.5 percent in May.) The index for household energy registered its fourth consecutive large increase--up 2.8 percent in May. The index for fuel oil rose 10.4 percent and was 64.0 percent higher than in May 2007. The indexes for natural gas and for electricity rose 5.6 and 0.9 percent, respectively. During the last 12 months charges for natural gas and for electricity increased 16.5 and 5.8 percent, respectively. The index for household furnishings and operations, which declined 0.1 percent in April, increased 0.2 percent in May.

The transportation index advanced 2.0 percent in May, reflecting large increases in the indexes for motor fuel and public transportation. The index for gasoline rose 5.7 percent and was 20.8 percent higher than in May 2007. (Prior to seasonal adjustment, gasoline prices in May rose 9.5 percent above their previous peak level recorded in April.) The index for new vehicles declined 0.1 percent and was 1.2 percent lower than in May 2007. The index for used cars and trucks declined 0.3 percent in May, but was 1.4 percent higher than a year ago. The index for public transportation advanced 2.3 percent in May, reflecting a 3.2 percent increase in the index for airline fares. (Prior to seasonal adjustment, airline fares rose 4.2 percent and were 14.4 percent higher than a year ago.)

The index for apparel fell 0.3 percent in May following a 0.5 percent increase in April. (Prior to seasonal adjustment, apparel prices declined 1.1 percent. Prices for women’s and girls apparel decreased 2.2 percent. During the last 12 months, prices for women’s and girls’ clothing fell 5.0 percent, while prices for men’s and boys’ apparel increased 1.9 percent.)

Medical care costs rose 0.2 percent in May and were 4.1 percent higher than a year ago. The index for medical care commodities--prescription drugs, nonprescription drugs, and medical supplies--declined for the second consecutive month--down 0.7 percent in May. The index for medical care services increased 0.5 percent. Within the latter group, the indexes for professional services and for hospital and related services increased 0.7 and 0.4 percent, respectively.

The index for recreation, which declined 0.1 percent in April, rose 0.1 percent in May. Upturns in the indexes for admissions to movies, theaters, concerts, and sporting events and for photography, coupled with larger increases in the indexes for sporting goods and for pets, pet products and services more than offset declines in the indexes for video and audio and for toys.

The index for education and communication increased 0.4 percent in May. Educational costs rose 0.4 percent and the index for communication costs rose 0.3 percent. Within the latter category, increases in charges for telephone services more than offset a decline in the index for information technology, hardware and services. Local land-line telephone charges rose 0.3 percent and long distance land-line telephone charges rose 1.3 percent; wireless telephone services were unchanged. The index for information technology, hardware and services declined 0.5 percent, reflecting decreases in the indexes for personal computers and peripheral equipment and for computer software and accessories.

The index for other goods and services increased 0.4 percent in May. The index for tobacco and smoking products rose 0.8 percent and accounted for more than half 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 0.7 percent in May.

Table B. Percent changes in CPI for Urban Wage Earners and Clerical Workers (CPI-W)

Expenditure Category	Seasonally adjusted								Un-adjusted 12-mos. ended May 2008
	Changes from preceding month							Compound annual rate 3-mos. ended May 2008	
	Nov. 2007	Dec. 2007	Jan. 2008	Feb. 2008	Mar. 2008	Apr. 2008	May 2008		
All items	1.0	.4	.4	.0	.4	.2	.7	5.4	4.5
Food and beverages	.3	.1	.7	.3	.2	.9	.3	6.0	4.9
Housing	.4	.2	.2	.2	.5	.4	.5	5.7	3.5
Apparel	.4	.2	.8	-.3	-1.2	.2	-.2	-4.8	-.4
Transportation	3.8	1.1	.7	-.7	.7	-.7	2.1	8.9	8.7
Medical care	.4	.3	.6	.1	.1	.2	.1	1.7	4.2
Recreation	.1	.1	.2	.1	.3	-.2	.0	.8	.9
Education and communication	.0	.2	.3	.1	.2	.4	.3	4.0	2.5
Other goods and services	.2	.4	.5	.3	.4	.4	.5	5.2	3.9
Special indexes:									
Energy	7.2	1.8	.8	-.7	1.9	-.2	4.5	27.7	17.5
Food	.3	.1	.7	.3	.2	1.0	.3	6.3	5.1
All items less food and energy	.2	.2	.3	.0	.1	.1	.2	1.8	2.3

Consumer Price Index data for June are scheduled for release on Wednesday, July 16, 2008, at 8:30 A.M. (EDT).

Facilities for Sensory Impaired

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Brief Explanation of the CPI

The Consumer Price Index (CPI) is a measure of the average change in prices over time of goods and services purchased by households. The Bureau of Labor Statistics publishes CPIs for two population groups: (1) the CPI for Urban Wage Earners and Clerical Workers (CPI-W), which covers households of wage earners and clerical workers that comprise approximately 32 percent of the total population and (2) the CPI for All Urban Consumers (CPI-U) and the Chained CPI for All Urban Consumers (C-CPI-U), which cover approximately 87 percent of the total population and include in addition to wage earners and clerical worker households, groups such as professional, managerial, and technical workers, the self-employed, short-term workers, the unemployed, and retirees and others not in the labor force.

The CPIs are based on prices of food, clothing, shelter, and fuels, transportation fares, charges for doctors' and dentists' services, drugs, and other goods and services that people buy for day-to-day living. Prices are collected in 87 urban areas across the country from about 50,000 housing units and approximately 23,000 retail establishments-department stores, supermarkets, hospitals, filling stations, and other types of stores and service establishments. All taxes directly associated with the purchase and use of items are included in the index. Prices of fuels and a few other items are obtained every month in all 87 locations. Prices of most other commodities and services are collected every month in the three largest geographic areas and every other month in other areas. Prices of most goods and services are obtained by personal visits or telephone calls of the Bureau's trained representatives.

In calculating the index, price changes for the various items in each location are averaged together with weights, which represent their importance in the spending of the appropriate population group. Local data are then combined to obtain a U.S. city average. For the CPI-U and CPI-W separate indexes are also published by size of city, by region of the country, for cross-classifications of regions and population-size classes, and for 27 local areas. Area indexes do not measure differences in the level of prices among cities; they only measure the average change in prices for each area since the base period. For the C-CPI-U data are issued only at the national level. It is important to note that the CPI-U and CPI-W are considered final when released, but the C-CPI-U is issued in preliminary form and subject to two annual revisions.

The index measures price change from a designed reference date. For the CPI-U and the CPI-W the reference base is 1982-84 equals 100.0. The reference base for the C-CPI-U is December 1999 equals 100. An increase of 16.5 percent from the reference base, for example, is shown as 116.5. This change can also be expressed in dollars as follows: the price of a base period market basket of goods and services in the CPI has risen from $10 in 1982-84 to $11.65.

For further details visit the CPI home page on the Internet at http://www.bls.gov/cpi/ or contact our CPI Information and Analysis Section on (202) 691-7000.

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

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 before adjustment 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 2003 through December 2007 were replaced in January 2008. 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: 48 of the 73 components are seasonally adjusted for 2008.

Seasonally adjusted data, including the All items index levels, are subject to revision for up to five years after their original release. For this reason, BLS advises against the use of these data in escalation agreements.

Effective with the calculation of the seasonal factors for 1990, the Bureau of Labor Statistics has used an enhanced seasonal adjustment procedure called Intervention Analysis Seasonal Adjustment for some CPI series. Intervention Analysis Seasonal Adjustment allows for better estimates of seasonally adjusted data. Extreme values and/or sharp movements which might distort the seasonal pattern are estimated and removed from the data prior to calculation of seasonal factors. Beginning with the calculation of seasonal factors for 1996, X-12-ARIMA software was used for Intervention Analysis Seasonal Adjustment.

For the seasonal factors introduced in January 2008, BLS adjusted 20 series using Intervention Analysis Seasonal Adjustment, including selected food and beverage items, motor fuels, electricity and vehicles. For example, this procedure was used for the Motor fuel series to offset the effects of events such as damage to oil refineries from Hurricane Katrina.

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 at (202) 691-6968, or 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 2007	Unadjusted indexes		Unadjusted percent change to May 2008 from—		Seasonally adjusted percent change from—		
		Apr. 2008	May 2008	May 2007	Apr. 2008	Feb. to Mar.	Mar. to Apr.	Apr. to May
All items	100.000	214.823	216.632	4.2	0.8	0.3	0.2	0.6
All items (1967=100)	-	643.515	648.933	-	-	-	-	-
Food and beverages	14.914	211.365	212.251	5.0	.4	.2	.9	.3
Food	13.833	211.102	212.054	5.1	.5	.2	.9	.3
Food at home	7.660	210.851	211.863	5.8	.5	.2	1.5	.3
Cereals and bakery products	1.030	240.034	244.192	10.5	1.7	1.3	1.4	1.6
Meats, poultry, fish, and eggs	1.807	200.770	200.960	2.6	.1	.0	.9	.1
Dairy and related products	.887	207.680	207.778	11.0	.0	-.8	1.2	-.1
Fruits and vegetables	1.156	272.746	276.481	4.4	1.4	.1	2.0	.0
Nonalcoholic beverages and beverage materials	.928	159.730	158.336	3.6	-.9	.3	1.7	-.9
Other food at home	1.852	181.806	182.680	5.8	.5	.1	1.9	.5
Sugar and sweets	.277	184.878	185.097	5.5	.1	1.0	1.2	.4
Fats and oils	.205	190.640	193.364	12.8	1.4	-.7	5.1	.6
Other foods	1.369	195.993	196.787	4.7	.4	.0	1.5	.5
Other miscellaneous foods [1 2]	.404	118.500	118.744	3.5	.2	-.7	1.0	.2
Food away from home [1]	6.173	213.083	213.967	4.3	.4	.3	.3	.4
Other food away from home [1 2]	.297	148.667	149.666	4.5	.7	.1	.1	.7
Alcoholic beverages	1.080	213.503	213.532	3.4	.0	-.1	.6	.1
Housing	42.427	214.890	215.809	3.3	.4	.4	.3	.5
Shelter	32.596	246.004	246.069	2.6	.0	.1	.1	.2
Rent of primary residence [3]	5.765	241.474	241.803	3.5	.1	.2	.3	.2
Lodging away from home [2]	2.564	146.378	145.634	1.1	-.5	-.6	-1.9	1.3
Owners' equivalent rent of primary residence [3 4]	23.942	251.418	251.576	2.6	.1	.2	.2	.1
Tenants' and household insurance [1 2]	.325	118.422	118.411	1.7	.0	.1	.6	.0
Fuels and utilities	5.128	213.302	219.881	10.7	3.1	2.0	2.2	2.4
Household energy	4.215	194.121	201.212	11.9	3.7	2.3	2.6	2.8
Fuel oil and other fuels	.351	342.811	363.872	50.7	6.1	7.9	3.6	7.9
Gas (piped) and electricity [3]	3.864	194.379	200.999	8.8	3.4	1.9	2.5	2.3
Water and sewer and trash collection services [2]	.913	149.536	150.069	5.3	.4	.3	.3	.4
Household furnishings and operations	4.702	127.332	127.598	.2	.2	.5	-.1	.2
Household operations [1 2]	.737	145.784	146.957	4.6	.8	1.1	.5	.8
Apparel	3.731	122.113	120.752	-.6	-1.1	-1.3	.5	-.3
Men's and boys' apparel	.935	116.653	116.479	1.9	-.1	-.8	.4	.3
Women's and girls' apparel	1.600	111.221	108.722	-5.0	-2.2	-2.6	.0	-.3
Infants' and toddlers' apparel	.185	116.358	114.582	.8	-1.5	-1.7	.6	-.9
Footwear	.679	126.212	125.537	2.0	-.5	-.1	.9	.0
Transportation	17.688	198.608	205.262	8.1	3.4	.7	-.7	2.0
Private transportation	16.583	194.574	201.133	7.9	3.4	.6	-.7	2.0
New and used motor vehicles [2]	7.191	93.973	93.705	-.3	-.3	-.1	-.2	-.1
New vehicles	4.632	135.175	134.669	-1.2	-.4	-.1	-.2	-.1
Used cars and trucks [1]	1.773	136.787	136.325	1.4	-.3	.0	-.3	-.3
Motor fuel	5.482	294.291	322.124	21.2	9.5	1.6	-1.9	5.7
Gasoline (all types)	5.215	291.910	319.787	20.8	9.5	1.3	-2.0	5.7
Motor vehicle parts and equipment [1]	.356	126.049	126.824	4.8	.6	.9	-.2	.6
Motor vehicle maintenance and repair	1.123	230.528	231.730	4.4	.5	.5	.4	.5
Public transportation	1.106	244.164	251.600	10.2	3.0	2.5	-.4	2.3
Medical care	6.231	363.184	363.396	4.1	.1	.1	.2	.2
Medical care commodities	1.601	296.951	294.896	2.2	-.7	.4	-.2	-.7
Medical care services	4.630	383.292	384.505	4.7	.3	.1	.3	.5
Professional services	2.626	309.227	310.917	3.7	.5	.1	.2	.7
Hospital and related services [3]	1.467	530.144	531.022	7.5	.2	.2	.5	.4

See footnotes at end of table.

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

(1982-84=100, unless otherwise noted)

CPI-U

	Relative importance, December 2007	Unadjusted indexes		Unadjusted percent change to May 2008 from—		Seasonally adjusted percent change from—		
		Apr. 2008	May 2008	May 2007	Apr. 2008	Feb. to Mar.	Mar. to Apr.	Apr. to May
Expenditure category								
Recreation [2]	5.647	112.874	112.987	1.2	0.1	0.3	-0.1	0.1
Video and audio [2]	1.843	103.477	102.988	-.6	-.5	.2	-.4	-.5
Education and communication [2]	6.086	122.073	122.348	3.0	.2	.3	.4	.4
Education [2]	2.944	177.754	177.994	5.7	.1	.4	.6	.4
Educational books and supplies	.207	442.160	442.770	6.8	.1	.3	.9	.4
Tuition, other school fees, and childcare	2.736	511.887	512.579	5.6	.1	.4	.6	.4
Communication [2]	3.142	83.670	83.929	.2	.3	.1	.2	.3
Information and information processing [1 2]	2.975	80.921	81.080	-.1	.2	.1	.2	.2
Telephone services [1 2]	2.342	99.494	99.879	1.4	.4	.2	.5	.4
Information technology, hardware and services [1 5]	.634	10.170	10.118	-6.2	-.5	-.1	-.7	-.5
Personal computers and peripheral equipment [1 6]	.242	98.853	97.028	-13.0	-1.8	-.2	-1.5	-1.8
Other goods and services	3.277	343.410	344.709	3.6	.4	.4	.5	.4
Tobacco and smoking products [1]	.731	576.359	581.185	5.7	.8	-.1	.3	.8
Personal care	2.546	201.028	201.523	3.0	.2	.6	.6	.2
Personal care products [1]	.639	159.398	158.790	.1	-.4	.5	.6	-.4
Personal care services [1]	.629	222.799	223.649	3.4	.4	.9	.0	.4
Miscellaneous personal services	1.044	337.685	339.824	4.7	.6	.3	.7	.5
Commodity and service group								
Commodities	41.269	175.838	178.341	5.1	1.4	.3	.1	.9
Food and beverages	14.914	211.365	212.251	5.0	.4	.2	.9	.3
Commodities less food and beverages	26.356	155.690	158.778	5.1	2.0	.4	-.4	1.2
Nondurables less food and beverages	15.519	200.926	207.875	9.4	3.5	.8	-.5	2.4
Apparel	3.731	122.113	120.752	-.6	-1.1	-1.3	.5	-.3
Nondurables less food, beverages, and apparel	11.787	254.599	266.943	12.6	4.8	1.5	-.9	2.9
Durables	10.837	111.671	111.362	-1.1	-.3	.0	-.3	-.2
Services	58.731	253.426	254.509	3.5	.4	.4	.3	.5
Rent of shelter [4]	32.271	256.463	256.532	2.6	.0	.2	.0	.2
Tenants' and household insurance [1 2]	.325	118.422	118.411	1.7	.0	.1	.6	.0
Gas (piped) and electricity [3]	3.864	194.379	200.999	8.8	3.4	1.9	2.5	2.3
Water and sewer and trash collection services [2]	.913	149.536	150.069	5.3	.4	.3	.3	.4
Household operations [1 2]	.737	145.784	146.957	4.6	.8	1.1	.5	.8
Transportation services	5.350	240.150	242.343	4.6	.9	.7	.1	.8
Medical care services	4.630	383.292	384.505	4.7	.3	.1	.3	.5
Other services	10.641	293.016	293.959	3.3	.3	.4	.3	.4
Special indexes								
All items less food	86.167	215.462	217.411	4.0	.9	.4	.1	.7
All items less shelter	67.404	205.040	207.566	4.9	1.2	.4	.3	.9
All items less medical care	93.769	207.317	209.170	4.2	.9	.4	.2	.7
Commodities less food	27.436	157.870	160.880	5.0	1.9	.4	-.3	1.2
Nondurables less food	16.599	201.693	208.233	9.0	3.2	.9	.1	2.5
Nondurables less food and apparel	12.868	249.571	260.703	11.8	4.5	1.6	-.4	2.8
Nondurables	30.432	207.096	211.240	7.3	2.0	.7	.5	1.5
Services less rent of shelter [4]	26.460	269.007	271.467	4.7	.9	.7	.6	.9
Services less medical care services	54.101	242.921	243.982	3.4	.4	.4	.3	.5
Energy	9.698	240.194	257.106	17.4	7.0	1.9	.0	4.4
All items less energy	90.302	213.851	214.101	2.7	.1	.2	.2	.2
All items less food and energy	76.469	215.059	215.180	2.3	.1	.2	.1	.2
Commodities less food and energy commodities	21.602	141.156	140.677	.1	-.3	-.1	.0	-.1
Energy commodities	5.834	298.757	326.414	22.9	9.3	2.0	-1.6	5.8
Services less energy services	54.867	259.503	260.049	3.2	.2	.2	.1	.3
Purchasing power of the consumer dollar (1982-84=$1.00)	-	$ .465	$ .462	-	-	-	-	-
Purchasing power of the consumer dollar (1967=$1.00)	-	$ .155	$ .154	-	-	-	-	-

[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.
[6] Indexes on a December 2007=100 base.
- Data not available.

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

(1982-84=100, unless otherwise noted)

CPI-U

Expenditure category	Seasonally adjusted indexes				Seasonally adjusted annual rate percent change for					
					3 months ended—				6 months ended—	
	Feb. 2008	Mar. 2008	Apr. 2008	May 2008	Aug. 2007	Nov. 2007	Feb. 2008	May 2008	Nov. 2007	May 2008
All items	212.571	213.301	213.743	215.132	2.0	6.3	3.1	4.9	4.1	4.0
Food and beverages	209.087	209.517	211.442	212.091	5.2	4.2	4.6	5.9	4.7	5.2
Food	208.778	209.255	211.232	211.918	5.3	4.3	4.7	6.2	4.8	5.4
Food at home	207.633	207.971	211.085	211.620	5.4	4.4	5.3	7.9	4.9	6.6
Cereals and bakery products	233.287	236.325	239.619	243.503	5.0	6.5	12.4	18.7	5.8	15.5
Meats, poultry, fish, and eggs	199.499	199.527	201.404	201.610	1.4	2.5	2.3	4.3	2.0	3.3
Dairy and related products	207.341	205.624	207.992	207.808	36.1	6.7	3.4	.9	20.5	2.1
Fruits and vegetables	268.642	268.864	274.120	274.113	-3.2	10.9	2.2	8.4	3.6	5.3
Nonalcoholic beverages and beverage materials	156.743	157.218	159.868	158.445	5.8	-.5	4.8	4.4	2.6	4.6
Other food at home	177.957	178.157	181.508	182.434	3.5	2.7	6.8	10.4	3.1	8.6
Sugar and sweets	180.431	182.273	184.421	185.210	4.4	4.2	2.6	11.0	4.3	6.7
Fats and oils	183.396	182.190	191.560	192.640	8.1	5.9	16.1	21.7	7.0	18.9
Other foods	192.472	192.565	195.506	196.520	2.5	1.7	6.2	8.7	2.1	7.4
Other miscellaneous foods [1 2]	118.182	117.321	118.500	118.744	4.9	-2.3	10.0	1.9	1.2	5.9
Food away from home [1]	211.878	212.537	213.083	213.967	5.0	4.1	3.9	4.0	4.6	4.0
Other food away from home [1 2]	148.385	148.564	148.667	149.666	6.3	3.5	4.9	3.5	4.9	4.2
Alcoholic beverages	211.841	211.645	212.894	213.067	4.2	2.8	4.1	2.3	3.5	3.2
Housing	213.313	214.204	214.850	215.876	2.1	3.5	2.8	4.9	2.8	3.8
Shelter	244.837	245.200	245.335	245.822	3.1	3.1	2.6	1.6	3.1	2.1
Rent of primary residence [3]	240.191	240.763	241.489	241.919	3.0	4.5	3.6	2.9	3.8	3.3
Lodging away from home [2]	144.953	144.128	141.456	143.357	8.8	-.9	1.0	-4.3	3.9	-1.7
Owners' equivalent rent of primary residence [3 4]	250.413	250.941	251.461	251.656	2.5	3.2	2.6	2.0	2.9	2.3
Tenants' and household insurance [1 2]	117.622	117.701	118.422	118.411	1.9	.2	2.2	2.7	1.1	2.4
Fuels and utilities	208.175	212.311	216.921	222.094	-1.2	10.2	6.5	29.5	4.4	17.5
Household energy	188.722	193.154	198.101	203.609	-2.5	11.2	6.7	35.5	4.1	20.3
Fuel oil and other fuels	302.465	326.372	338.212	364.824	16.5	72.4	21.3	111.7	41.7	60.2
Gas (piped) and electricity [3]	190.706	194.239	199.018	203.584	-4.0	6.7	5.3	29.9	1.2	16.9
Water and sewer and trash collection services [2]	148.647	149.080	149.537	150.203	5.7	5.4	5.7	4.3	5.6	5.0
Household furnishings and operations	126.510	127.205	127.076	127.352	-1.1	-1.0	.3	2.7	-1.0	1.5
Household operations [1 2]	143.500	145.034	145.784	146.957	1.4	1.8	5.4	10.0	1.6	7.7
Apparel	119.352	117.819	118.363	118.043	-1.9	3.4	.8	-4.3	.7	-1.8
Men's and boys' apparel	114.213	113.256	113.763	114.153	.6	.4	6.8	-.2	.5	3.3
Women's and girls' apparel	108.393	105.548	105.549	105.181	-6.1	2.1	-4.2	-11.3	-2.0	-7.9
Infants' and toddlers' apparel	115.627	113.658	114.388	113.408	-.2	12.2	-.3	-7.5	5.8	-3.9
Footwear	123.304	123.193	124.302	124.290	1.7	3.9	-.7	3.2	2.8	1.3
Transportation	194.390	195.797	194.483	198.465	-.5	19.5	3.5	8.7	9.1	6.1
Private transportation	190.437	191.585	190.264	194.122	-.8	20.0	3.4	8.0	9.1	5.7
New and used motor vehicles [2]	94.156	94.068	93.859	93.798	2.2	-.9	-.9	-1.5	.6	-1.2
New vehicles	135.195	135.024	134.772	134.693	.1	-.9	-2.5	-1.5	-.4	-2.0
Used cars and trucks [1]	137.248	137.225	136.787	136.325	8.1	-1.5	1.9	-2.7	3.2	-.4
Motor fuel	277.448	281.996	276.571	292.243	-8.5	77.6	7.8	23.1	27.5	15.2
Gasoline (all types)	276.131	279.818	274.251	289.943	-8.7	77.9	7.7	21.6	27.4	14.4
Motor vehicle parts and equipment [1]	125.225	126.325	126.049	126.824	2.5	5.9	5.7	5.2	4.2	5.5
Motor vehicle maintenance and repair	228.425	229.641	230.660	231.822	3.9	2.2	5.4	6.1	3.0	5.7
Public transportation	239.080	245.136	244.145	249.869	4.8	12.8	4.7	19.3	8.7	11.7
Medical care	361.168	361.697	362.243	362.801	5.5	5.2	3.9	1.8	5.4	2.8
Medical care commodities	296.151	297.377	296.876	294.687	3.4	3.5	3.9	-2.0	3.4	.9
Medical care services	380.787	380.994	381.990	383.752	6.1	5.8	3.9	3.2	6.0	3.5
Professional services	307.160	307.527	308.120	310.154	4.7	3.3	3.0	4.0	4.0	3.5
Hospital and related services [3]	524.634	525.672	528.453	530.603	7.7	9.7	7.9	4.6	8.7	6.3

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

	Seasonally adjusted indexes				Seasonally adjusted annual rate percent change for					
					3 months ended—				6 months ended—	
	Feb. 2008	Mar. 2008	Apr. 2008	May 2008	Aug. 2007	Nov. 2007	Feb. 2008	May 2008	Nov. 2007	May 2008
Expenditure category										
Recreation [2]	112.373	112.656	112.588	112.663	-0.5	2.7	1.4	1.0	1.1	1.2
Video and audio [2]	103.147	103.370	102.948	102.443	-2.3	2.2	.7	-2.7	-.1	-1.0
Education and communication [2]	121.745	122.075	122.564	123.004	2.4	2.1	3.2	4.2	2.2	3.7
Education [2]	177.406	178.144	179.234	179.968	5.2	6.0	5.6	5.9	5.6	5.8
Educational books and supplies	436.364	437.600	441.736	443.715	12.4	4.6	3.4	6.9	8.4	5.2
Tuition, other school fees, and childcare	511.324	513.503	516.515	518.616	4.7	6.1	5.8	5.8	5.4	5.8
Communication [2]	83.388	83.500	83.669	83.929	-.5	-1.9	.6	2.6	-1.2	1.6
Information and information processing [1 2]	80.638	80.752	80.921	81.080	-1.0	-2.1	.6	2.2	-1.6	1.4
Telephone services [1 2]	98.837	99.031	99.494	99.879	1.3	-.2	.3	4.3	.6	2.2
Information technology, hardware and services [1 5]	10.253	10.246	10.170	10.118	-10.7	-10.4	1.9	-5.2	-10.5	-1.7
Personal computers and peripheral equipment [1 6]	100.545	100.359	98.853	97.028	-16.8	-22.2	1.8	-13.3	-19.5	-6.1
Other goods and services	339.869	341.374	343.072	344.305	2.0	3.2	3.9	5.3	2.6	4.6
Tobacco and smoking products [1]	575.227	574.890	576.359	581.185	4.1	5.0	9.8	4.2	4.5	7.0
Personal care	198.473	199.641	200.773	201.219	1.4	2.7	2.2	5.7	2.1	3.9
Personal care products [1]	157.677	158.440	159.398	158.790	-2.0	2.0	-2.2	2.9	.0	.3
Personal care services [1]	220.848	222.752	222.799	223.649	1.5	2.9	4.2	5.2	2.2	4.7
Miscellaneous personal services	333.716	334.878	337.233	339.034	2.7	3.7	5.7	6.5	3.2	6.1
Commodity and service group										
Commodities	173.011	173.575	173.718	175.279	.9	10.3	3.1	5.3	5.5	4.2
Food and beverages	209.087	209.517	211.442	212.091	5.2	4.2	4.6	5.9	4.7	5.2
Commodities less food and beverages	152.726	153.327	152.734	154.620	-1.6	14.0	2.2	5.1	5.9	3.6
Nondurables less food and beverages	195.406	196.898	195.857	200.497	-5.7	31.2	4.4	10.8	11.2	7.6
Apparel	119.352	117.819	118.363	118.043	-1.9	3.4	.8	-4.3	.7	-1.8
Nondurables less food, beverages, and apparel	246.666	250.287	248.038	255.265	.3	24.5	12.2	14.7	11.7	13.4
Durables	111.756	111.800	111.417	111.227	-.4	-.9	-1.4	-1.9	-.6	-1.7
Services	251.804	252.703	253.456	254.643	2.8	3.6	3.2	4.6	3.2	3.9
Rent of shelter [4]	255.267	255.657	255.735	256.268	3.1	3.0	2.7	1.6	3.1	2.1
Tenants' and household insurance [1 2]	117.622	117.701	118.422	118.411	1.9	.2	2.2	2.7	1.1	2.4
Gas (piped) and electricity [3]	190.706	194.239	199.018	203.584	-4.0	6.7	5.3	29.9	1.2	16.9
Water and sewer and trash collection services [2]	148.647	149.080	149.537	150.203	5.7	5.4	5.7	4.3	5.6	5.0
Household operations [1 2]	143.500	145.034	145.784	146.957	1.4	1.8	5.4	10.0	1.6	7.7
Transportation services	238.389	240.053	240.412	242.389	4.2	3.1	4.0	6.9	3.6	5.5
Medical care services	380.787	380.994	381.990	383.752	6.1	5.8	3.9	3.2	6.0	3.5
Other services	291.364	292.410	293.296	294.450	2.0	3.5	3.4	4.3	2.7	3.8
Special indexes										
All items less food	213.221	213.992	214.183	215.688	1.5	6.6	2.9	4.7	4.0	3.8
All items less shelter	202.328	203.213	203.782	205.548	1.5	7.9	3.4	6.5	4.6	5.0
All items less medical care	205.076	205.807	206.241	207.649	1.8	6.3	3.1	5.1	4.1	4.1
Commodities less food	154.934	155.514	154.972	156.814	-1.4	13.5	2.3	4.9	5.8	3.6
Nondurables less food	195.304	197.043	197.193	202.150	-6.5	27.7	3.0	14.8	9.2	8.7
Nondurables less food and apparel	241.207	245.015	244.131	250.889	-1.2	23.8	9.2	17.0	10.6	13.1
Nondurables	202.376	203.730	204.711	207.834	-1.3	15.8	4.2	11.2	6.9	7.7
Services less rent of shelter [4]	266.373	268.136	269.814	272.112	2.7	3.6	3.7	8.9	3.2	6.3
Services less medical care services	241.233	242.188	242.925	244.156	2.8	2.9	3.1	4.9	2.9	4.0
Energy	229.390	233.839	233.804	244.107	-5.7	43.6	7.6	28.2	16.3	17.5
All items less energy	212.471	212.819	213.314	213.786	2.9	2.9	2.7	2.5	2.9	2.6
All items less food and energy	213.851	214.176	214.398	214.832	2.5	2.6	2.3	1.8	2.5	2.1
Commodities less food and energy commodities	140.316	140.180	140.193	140.010	.4	.5	.4	-.9	.4	-.2
Energy commodities	280.566	286.164	281.614	297.965	-7.0	77.3	8.9	27.2	28.4	17.7
Services less energy services	258.078	258.722	259.084	259.944	3.3	3.4	3.1	2.9	3.3	3.0

[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.
[6] Indexes on a December 2007=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)

All items

CPI-U	Pricing schedule [1]	Indexes				Percent change to May2008 from—			Percent change to Apr.2008 from—		
		Feb. 2008	Mar. 2008	Apr. 2008	May 2008	May 2007	Mar. 2008	Apr. 2008	Apr. 2007	Feb. 2008	Mar. 2008
U.S. city average	M	211.693	213.528	214.823	216.632	4.2	1.5	0.8	3.9	1.5	0.6
Region and area size [2]											
Northeast urban	M	225.213	226.926	228.133	230.089	4.3	1.4	.9	3.9	1.3	.5
Size A - More than 1,500,000	M	227.411	229.087	230.038	232.005	4.1	1.3	.9	3.6	1.2	.4
Size B/C - 50,000 to 1,500,000 [3]	M	133.511	134.611	135.739	136.913	4.9	1.7	.9	4.8	1.7	.8
Midwest urban	M	201.896	203.723	205.393	207.168	4.0	1.7	.9	4.0	1.7	.8
Size A - More than 1,500,000	M	203.347	205.141	206.590	208.291	3.7	1.5	.8	3.6	1.6	.7
Size B/C - 50,000 to 1,500,000 [3]	M	128.922	130.121	131.484	132.682	4.3	2.0	.9	4.6	2.0	1.0
Size D - Nonmetropolitan (less than 50,000)	M	197.596	199.472	200.841	202.720	4.8	1.6	.9	4.8	1.6	.7
South urban	M	205.060	206.676	208.085	210.006	4.6	1.6	.9	4.2	1.5	.7
Size A - More than 1,500,000	M	207.605	209.065	209.987	211.846	4.4	1.3	.9	4.0	1.1	.4
Size B/C - 50,000 to 1,500,000 [3]	M	130.351	131.442	132.516	133.714	4.6	1.7	.9	4.3	1.7	.8
Size D - Nonmetropolitan (less than 50,000)	M	205.189	206.933	208.746	211.225	5.1	2.1	1.2	4.2	1.7	.9
West urban	M	216.339	218.533	219.437	221.009	3.7	1.1	.7	3.5	1.4	.4
Size A - More than 1,500,000	M	219.799	221.997	222.689	224.704	3.7	1.2	.9	3.3	1.3	.3
Size B/C - 50,000 to 1,500,000 [3]	M	131.538	132.896	133.694	134.023	3.8	.8	.2	3.8	1.6	.6
Size classes											
A [4]	M	193.685	195.314	196.191	197.898	4.0	1.3	.9	3.6	1.3	.4
B/C [3]	M	130.728	131.892	132.974	133.997	4.4	1.6	.8	4.3	1.7	.8
D	M	203.803	205.730	207.238	209.308	4.6	1.7	1.0	4.4	1.7	.7
Selected local areas [5]											
Chicago-Gary-Kenosha, IL-IN-WI	M	209.526	211.542	212.662	214.932	4.5	1.6	1.1	4.2	1.5	.5
Los Angeles-Riverside-Orange County, CA	M	221.431	223.606	224.625	226.651	3.7	1.4	.9	3.1	1.4	.5
New York-Northern N.J.-Long Island, NY-NJ-CT-PA	M	231.020	233.122	233.822	236.151	4.0	1.3	1.0	3.6	1.2	.3
Boston-Brockton-Nashua, MA-NH-ME-CT	1	-	233.084	-	235.344	4.0	1.0	-	-	-	-
Cleveland-Akron, OH	1	-	202.500	-	204.882	4.4	1.2	-	-	-	-
Dallas-Fort Worth, TX	1	-	198.596	-	202.357	5.0	1.9	-	-	-	-
Washington-Baltimore, DC-MD-VA-WV [6]	1	-	138.090	-	139.649	5.0	1.1	-	-	-	-
Atlanta, GA	2	204.166	-	206.371	-	-	-	-	3.7	1.1	-
Detroit-Ann Arbor-Flint, MI	2	202.378	-	205.281	-	-	-	-	2.4	1.4	-
Houston-Galveston-Brazoria, TX	2	187.585	-	188.795	-	-	-	-	2.5	.6	-
Miami-Fort Lauderdale, FL	2	219.082	-	221.324	-	-	-	-	4.9	1.0	-
Philadelphia-Wilmington-Atlantic City, PA-NJ-DE-MD	2	220.935	-	223.622	-	-	-	-	3.9	1.2	-
San Francisco-Oakland-San Jose, CA	2	219.612	-	222.074	-	-	-	-	2.9	1.1	-
Seattle-Tacoma-Bremerton, WA	2	221.728	-	223.196	-	-	-	-	3.4	.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 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 2007	Unadjusted indexes		Unadjusted percent change to May 2008 from—		Seasonally adjusted percent change from—		
		Apr. 2008	May 2008	May 2007	Apr. 2008	Feb. to Mar.	Mar. to Apr.	Apr. to May
All items	100.000	210.698	212.788	4.5	1.0	0.4	0.2	0.7
All items (1967=100)	-	627.606	633.830	-	-	-	-	-
Food and beverages	15.926	210.559	211.438	4.9	.4	.2	.9	.3
Food	14.901	210.252	211.200	5.1	.5	.2	1.0	.3
Food at home	8.595	209.657	210.624	5.7	.5	.2	1.5	.2
Cereals and bakery products	1.110	240.663	244.648	10.6	1.7	1.3	1.5	1.5
Meats, poultry, fish, and eggs	2.192	200.285	200.501	2.6	.1	.1	.9	.2
Dairy and related products	.965	207.135	207.088	10.8	.0	-.9	1.2	-.2
Fruits and vegetables	1.218	270.169	274.136	4.4	1.5	.5	1.9	.0
Nonalcoholic beverages and beverage materials	1.094	158.799	157.285	3.4	-1.0	.1	1.6	-1.0
Other food at home	2.016	181.215	182.241	5.9	.6	.0	1.9	.6
Sugar and sweets	.279	183.725	184.127	5.8	.2	.9	1.2	.4
Fats and oils	.232	191.560	194.228	12.7	1.4	-.8	5.4	.5
Other foods	1.504	196.106	197.081	4.8	.5	.0	1.5	.6
Other miscellaneous foods [1 2]	.438	118.751	119.248	3.7	.4	-.9	.8	.4
Food away from home [1]	6.305	212.794	213.723	4.2	.4	.3	.3	.4
Other food away from home [1 2]	.218	147.335	148.517	3.8	.8	.2	.1	.8
Alcoholic beverages	1.025	213.633	213.486	3.3	-.1	-.2	.5	.1
Housing	39.994	210.161	211.191	3.5	.5	.5	.4	.5
Shelter	30.397	238.261	238.353	2.7	.0	.2	.2	.2
Rent of primary residence [3]	7.979	240.507	240.818	3.5	.1	.2	.3	.2
Lodging away from home [2]	1.233	145.936	144.979	.8	-.7	-.7	-1.0	1.2
Owners' equivalent rent of primary residence [3 4]	20.888	227.893	228.007	2.6	.1	.2	.2	.1
Tenants' and household insurance [1 2]	.297	118.683	118.615	1.5	-.1	.1	.6	-.1
Fuels and utilities	5.637	210.912	217.388	10.3	3.1	1.9	2.2	2.4
Household energy	4.670	190.657	197.554	11.4	3.6	2.3	2.5	2.8
Fuel oil and other fuels	.323	339.009	358.947	48.9	5.9	7.0	3.4	7.6
Gas (piped) and electricity [3]	4.347	192.434	199.045	8.7	3.4	1.9	2.5	2.4
Water and sewer and trash collection services [2]	.966	149.751	150.237	5.2	.3	.3	.3	.4
Household furnishings and operations	3.960	123.108	123.287	.4	.1	.5	.0	.1
Household operations [1 2]	.339	148.403	149.816	4.9	1.0	1.0	.7	1.0
Apparel	3.998	121.855	120.407	-.4	-1.2	-1.2	.2	-.2
Men's and boys' apparel	1.031	117.136	116.621	2.3	-.4	-.7	.1	.2
Women's and girls' apparel	1.619	110.971	108.594	-5.0	-2.1	-2.5	-.4	-.3
Infants' and toddlers' apparel	.251	119.200	117.213	1.4	-1.7	-1.6	.6	-.8
Footwear	.821	126.150	125.335	1.9	-.6	.1	.7	-.2
Transportation	20.054	199.556	206.757	8.7	3.6	.7	-.7	2.1
Private transportation	19.287	196.641	203.781	8.6	3.6	.7	-.7	2.1
New and used motor vehicles [2]	7.952	93.158	92.850	-.2	-.3	-.1	-.2	-.2
New vehicles	4.172	136.456	135.933	-1.2	-.4	-.1	-.1	-.1
Used cars and trucks [1]	3.103	137.616	137.145	1.3	-.3	.0	-.3	-.3
Motor fuel	6.940	295.618	323.495	21.3	9.4	1.7	-1.9	5.6
Gasoline (all types)	6.597	293.349	321.291	20.8	9.5	1.4	-2.0	5.7
Motor vehicle parts and equipment [1]	.446	126.032	126.742	5.0	.6	.9	-.2	.6
Motor vehicle maintenance and repair	1.169	232.983	234.221	4.3	.5	.5	.4	.5
Public transportation	.767	241.966	249.310	9.8	3.0	2.4	-.3	2.4
Medical care	5.192	363.356	363.462	4.2	.0	.1	.2	.1
Medical care commodities	1.295	288.796	286.825	1.9	-.7	.3	-.2	-.8
Medical care services	3.897	384.753	385.769	4.9	.3	.0	.3	.4
Professional services	2.159	311.757	313.294	3.7	.5	.1	.2	.6
Hospital and related services [3]	1.260	526.495	527.230	7.9	.1	.2	.6	.4

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

	Relative importance, December 2007	Unadjusted indexes		Unadjusted percent change to May 2008 from—		Seasonally adjusted percent change from—		
		Apr. 2008	May 2008	May 2007	Apr. 2008	Feb. to Mar.	Mar. to Apr.	Apr. to May
Expenditure category								
Recreation [2]	5.341	109.775	109.876	0.9	0.1	0.3	-0.2	0.0
Video and audio [2]	1.987	103.414	102.958	-.2	-.4	.2	-.3	-.5
Education and communication [2]	5.987	118.462	118.737	2.5	.2	.2	.4	.3
Education [2]	2.377	175.545	175.791	5.5	.1	.4	.6	.4
Educational books and supplies	.204	444.594	445.394	6.6	.2	.1	.9	.6
Tuition, other school fees, and childcare	2.174	494.711	495.384	5.4	.1	.4	.6	.4
Communication [2]	3.609	86.244	86.496	.4	.3	.1	.3	.3
Information and information processing [1 2]	3.488	84.320	84.511	.2	.2	.1	.3	.2
Telephone services [1 2]	2.869	99.566	99.939	1.3	.4	.2	.5	.4
Information technology, hardware and services [1 5]	.619	10.671	10.621	-5.5	-.5	-.1	-.7	-.5
Personal computers and peripheral equipment [1 6]	.228	98.820	97.010	-12.8	-1.8	-.3	-1.4	-1.8
Other goods and services	3.508	354.887	356.523	3.9	.5	.4	.4	.5
Tobacco and smoking products [1]	1.183	578.296	583.296	5.9	.9	-.1	.2	.9
Personal care	2.325	198.859	199.367	3.0	.3	.6	.6	.2
Personal care products [1]	.647	159.585	158.993	.3	-.4	.5	.5	-.4
Personal care services [1]	.560	223.088	223.922	3.4	.4	.8	.0	.4
Miscellaneous personal services	.910	338.851	341.212	4.8	.7	.3	.7	.6
Commodity and service group								
Commodities	44.745	178.900	181.837	5.6	1.6	.4	.0	1.0
Food and beverages	15.926	210.559	211.438	4.9	.4	.2	.9	.3
Commodities less food and beverages	28.819	160.488	164.188	6.0	2.3	.4	-.5	1.4
Nondurables less food and beverages	17.315	210.558	218.794	10.4	3.9	.8	-.6	2.7
Apparel	3.998	121.855	120.407	-.4	-1.2	-1.2	.2	-.2
Nondurables less food, beverages, and apparel	13.318	270.496	285.024	13.7	5.4	1.8	-.7	3.4
Durables	11.504	112.171	111.845	-.7	-.3	.0	-.3	-.2
Services	55.255	248.045	249.175	3.5	.5	.4	.4	.5
Rent of shelter [4]	30.100	229.719	229.810	2.7	.0	.2	.1	.2
Tenants' and household insurance [1 2]	.297	118.683	118.615	1.5	-.1	.1	.6	-.1
Gas (piped) and electricity [3]	4.347	192.434	199.045	8.7	3.4	1.9	2.5	2.4
Water and sewer and trash collection services [2]	.966	149.751	150.237	5.2	.3	.3	.3	.4
Household operations [1 2]	.339	148.403	149.816	4.9	1.0	1.0	.7	1.0
Transportation services	5.266	239.044	240.728	4.0	.7	.5	.2	.7
Medical care services	3.897	384.753	385.769	4.9	.3	.0	.3	.4
Other services	10.042	281.829	282.720	2.9	.3	.4	.3	.4
Special indexes								
All items less food	85.099	210.583	212.870	4.4	1.1	.4	.1	.8
All items less shelter	69.603	202.931	205.774	5.3	1.4	.4	.3	1.0
All items less medical care	94.808	204.290	206.423	4.5	1.0	.4	.2	.7
Commodities less food	29.844	162.455	166.070	5.9	2.2	.4	-.5	1.4
Nondurables less food	18.341	211.005	218.809	10.0	3.7	.8	-.6	2.5
Nondurables less food and apparel	14.343	264.488	277.717	12.9	5.0	1.7	-.6	3.2
Nondurables	33.241	211.757	216.582	7.9	2.3	.7	.2	1.6
Services less rent of shelter [4]	25.155	237.922	240.181	4.6	.9	.7	.7	.9
Services less medical care services	51.358	238.048	239.167	3.4	.5	.4	.4	.5
Energy	11.610	241.518	258.903	17.5	7.2	1.9	-.2	4.5
All items less energy	88.390	207.812	208.021	2.7	.1	.2	.3	.2
All items less food and energy	73.489	207.687	207.747	2.3	.0	.1	.1	.2
Commodities less food and energy commodities	22.581	142.040	141.558	.4	-.3	-.1	.0	-.1
Energy commodities	7.264	298.852	326.565	22.6	9.3	1.9	-1.7	5.7
Services less energy services	50.908	254.031	254.517	3.1	.2	.2	.2	.3
Purchasing power of the consumer dollar (1982-84=$1.00)	-	$ .475	$ .470	-	-	-	-	-
Purchasing power of the consumer dollar (1967=$1.00)	-	$ .159	$ .158	-	-	-	-	-

[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.
[6] Indexes on a December 2007=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

Expenditure category	Seasonally adjusted indexes				Seasonally adjusted annual rate percent change for					
					3 months ended—				6 months ended—	
	Feb. 2008	Mar. 2008	Apr. 2008	May 2008	Aug. 2007	Nov. 2007	Feb. 2008	May 2008	Nov. 2007	May 2008
All items	208.298	209.064	209.543	211.044	1.8	6.9	3.4	5.4	4.4	4.4
Food and beverages	208.257	208.709	210.669	211.319	5.2	4.0	4.6	6.0	4.6	5.3
Food	207.901	208.406	210.420	211.101	5.3	4.1	4.5	6.3	4.7	5.4
Food at home	206.527	206.912	209.945	210.454	5.5	4.3	5.0	7.8	4.9	6.4
Cereals and bakery products	233.733	236.729	240.305	243.972	5.1	6.4	12.6	18.7	5.8	15.6
Meats, poultry, fish, and eggs	198.931	199.175	200.888	201.242	1.7	2.5	1.9	4.7	2.1	3.3
Dairy and related products	206.877	205.091	207.558	207.156	36.6	6.8	2.6	.5	20.8	1.6
Fruits and vegetables	265.318	266.563	271.663	271.784	-3.3	10.7	.7	10.1	3.4	5.3
Nonalcoholic beverages and beverage materials	156.437	156.572	159.034	157.428	5.7	-.3	5.6	2.6	2.7	4.1
Other food at home	177.521	177.582	180.938	182.005	3.6	2.7	7.2	10.5	3.1	8.8
Sugar and sweets	179.535	181.198	183.410	184.122	4.2	4.2	4.2	10.6	4.2	7.3
Fats and oils	184.099	182.605	192.519	193.415	7.5	6.3	15.7	21.8	6.9	18.7
Other foods	192.783	192.789	195.607	196.873	2.6	1.6	6.4	8.8	2.1	7.6
Other miscellaneous foods [1 2]	118.828	117.754	118.751	119.248	4.6	-1.9	10.9	1.4	1.3	6.0
Food away from home [1]	211.517	212.193	212.794	213.723	4.9	3.9	3.9	4.2	4.4	4.1
Other food away from home [1 2]	146.924	147.188	147.335	148.517	5.4	.8	4.7	4.4	3.1	4.6
Alcoholic beverages	212.072	211.736	212.888	213.079	4.5	1.9	5.0	1.9	3.2	3.5
Housing	208.533	209.497	210.427	211.451	1.8	3.9	2.8	5.7	2.8	4.2
Shelter	237.099	237.537	237.943	238.312	2.9	3.3	2.5	2.1	3.1	2.3
Rent of primary residence [3]	239.179	239.762	240.466	240.917	3.2	4.4	3.4	2.9	3.8	3.2
Lodging away from home [2]	143.829	142.831	141.337	142.993	7.1	.6	-1.7	-2.3	3.8	-2.0
Owners' equivalent rent of primary residence [3 4]	226.982	227.481	227.924	228.112	2.4	3.1	2.7	2.0	2.8	2.4
Tenants' and household insurance [1 2]	117.921	117.999	118.683	118.615	1.6	.3	1.9	2.4	.9	2.1
Fuels and utilities	205.930	209.904	214.459	219.616	-1.9	10.1	6.0	29.4	3.9	17.1
Household energy	185.477	189.679	194.506	199.931	-3.3	11.0	6.2	35.0	3.6	19.7
Fuel oil and other fuels	301.932	323.185	334.332	359.850	18.2	70.7	20.8	101.8	42.0	56.1
Gas (piped) and electricity [3]	188.475	192.089	196.843	201.596	-4.8	7.0	4.8	30.9	.9	17.1
Water and sewer and trash collection services [2]	148.883	149.296	149.736	150.387	5.8	5.4	5.5	4.1	5.6	4.8
Household furnishings and operations	122.330	122.902	122.893	123.075	-.6	-.8	.6	2.5	-.7	1.5
Household operations [1 2]	145.825	147.316	148.403	149.816	2.1	2.1	4.4	11.4	2.1	7.8
Apparel	119.341	117.864	118.109	117.867	-1.2	2.2	2.5	-4.8	.5	-1.3
Men's and boys' apparel	114.759	113.914	114.080	114.340	.7	1.5	8.7	-1.5	1.1	3.5
Women's and girls' apparel	108.555	105.815	105.369	105.056	-3.6	-.7	-3.0	-12.3	-2.2	-7.7
Infants' and toddlers' apparel	118.510	116.638	117.342	116.416	1.1	10.6	1.7	-6.9	5.7	-2.7
Footwear	123.294	123.441	124.364	124.059	.2	4.1	.9	2.5	2.1	1.7
Transportation	194.963	196.398	194.993	199.181	-.6	21.0	4.2	8.9	9.7	6.5
Private transportation	192.100	193.389	191.970	196.071	-.8	21.4	4.2	8.5	9.7	6.3
New and used motor vehicles [2]	93.308	93.239	93.051	92.890	2.8	-1.2	-.4	-1.8	.8	-1.1
New vehicles	136.345	136.214	136.052	135.905	.3	-1.3	-2.4	-1.3	-.5	-1.8
Used cars and trucks [1]	138.094	138.070	137.616	137.145	8.2	-1.6	1.9	-2.7	3.2	-.5
Motor fuel	278.651	283.321	277.925	293.566	-8.5	77.3	8.2	23.2	27.4	15.5
Gasoline (all types)	277.354	281.140	275.644	291.449	-8.7	77.3	8.0	21.9	27.2	14.8
Motor vehicle parts and equipment [1]	125.238	126.330	126.032	126.742	2.9	5.8	6.4	4.9	4.3	5.7
Motor vehicle maintenance and repair	231.051	232.244	233.139	234.314	3.9	2.0	5.5	5.8	2.9	5.6
Public transportation	236.848	242.477	241.831	247.717	4.1	11.8	4.5	19.7	7.9	11.8
Medical care	361.337	361.766	362.359	362.884	5.6	5.5	4.0	1.7	5.6	2.9
Medical care commodities	288.297	289.297	288.672	286.461	2.9	3.7	3.6	-2.5	3.3	.5
Medical care services	382.130	382.294	383.404	385.115	6.4	6.0	4.2	3.2	6.2	3.7
Professional services	309.636	310.053	310.676	312.553	4.8	3.3	3.0	3.8	4.1	3.4
Hospital and related services [3]	520.557	521.401	524.768	527.119	7.5	10.1	9.0	5.1	8.8	7.1

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

	Seasonally adjusted indexes				Seasonally adjusted annual rate percent change for					
					3 months ended—				6 months ended—	
	Feb. 2008	Mar. 2008	Apr. 2008	May 2008	Aug. 2007	Nov. 2007	Feb. 2008	May 2008	Nov. 2007	May 2008
Expenditure category										
Recreation [2]	109.351	109.680	109.514	109.561	-1.3	2.6	1.5	0.8	0.6	1.2
Video and audio [2]	103.080	103.333	102.975	102.431	-2.5	2.8	1.7	-2.5	.1	-.4
Education and communication [2]	118.044	118.311	118.807	119.217	2.1	1.3	2.6	4.0	1.7	3.3
Education [2]	174.995	175.690	176.831	177.579	4.9	5.2	5.7	6.0	5.1	5.9
Educational books and supplies	439.326	439.977	443.977	446.426	12.4	4.6	3.0	6.6	8.4	4.8
Tuition, other school fees, and childcare	493.569	495.643	498.741	500.792	4.2	5.3	6.0	6.0	4.8	6.0
Communication [2]	85.917	86.014	86.243	86.495	.0	-1.6	.5	2.7	-.8	1.6
Information and information processing [1 2]	83.992	84.091	84.320	84.511	-.3	-1.7	.5	2.5	-1.0	1.5
Telephone services [1 2]	98.931	99.090	99.566	99.939	1.4	-.4	.2	4.1	.5	2.2
Information technology, hardware and services [1 5]	10.754	10.745	10.671	10.621	-9.5	-9.0	1.7	-4.9	-9.3	-1.7
Personal computers and peripheral equipment [1 6]	100.582	100.265	98.820	97.010	-16.1	-21.6	1.3	-13.5	-18.9	-6.4
Other goods and services	351.684	353.001	354.577	356.181	2.3	3.4	4.7	5.2	2.9	5.0
Tobacco and smoking products [1]	577.359	576.910	578.296	583.296	4.2	5.1	10.3	4.2	4.6	7.2
Personal care	196.315	197.507	198.597	199.078	1.5	2.6	2.1	5.7	2.1	3.9
Personal care products [1]	157.877	158.730	159.585	158.993	-1.9	2.0	-1.8	2.9	.0	.5
Personal care services [1]	221.338	223.043	223.088	223.922	1.6	2.9	4.5	4.8	2.2	4.6
Miscellaneous personal services	334.915	335.975	338.418	340.592	3.0	4.0	5.2	7.0	3.5	6.1
Commodity and service group										
Commodities	175.865	176.501	176.517	178.328	1.1	11.1	3.8	5.7	6.0	4.8
Food and beverages	208.257	208.709	210.669	211.319	5.2	4.0	4.6	6.0	4.6	5.3
Commodities less food and beverages	157.241	157.935	157.146	159.383	-1.3	15.6	3.3	5.6	6.8	4.4
Nondurables less food and beverages	204.470	206.199	204.907	210.341	-6.4	34.1	5.5	12.0	12.1	8.7
Apparel	119.341	117.864	118.109	117.867	-1.2	2.2	2.5	-4.8	.5	-1.3
Nondurables less food, beverages, and apparel	260.305	264.997	263.062	271.995	-2.1	29.1	10.8	19.2	12.4	14.9
Durables	112.347	112.390	112.004	111.755	-.3	-.2	-.4	-2.1	-.2	-1.3
Services	246.368	247.311	248.302	249.457	2.4	3.7	3.0	5.1	3.0	4.1
Rent of shelter [4]	228.609	228.985	229.311	229.711	2.9	3.4	2.4	1.9	3.2	2.2
Tenants' and household insurance [1 2]	117.921	117.999	118.683	118.615	1.6	.3	1.9	2.4	.9	2.1
Gas (piped) and electricity [3]	188.475	192.089	196.843	201.596	-4.8	7.0	4.8	30.9	.9	17.1
Water and sewer and trash collection services [2]	148.883	149.296	149.736	150.387	5.8	5.4	5.5	4.1	5.6	4.8
Household operations [1 2]	145.825	147.316	148.403	149.816	2.1	2.1	4.4	11.4	2.1	7.8
Transportation services	237.465	238.681	239.245	240.862	4.0	2.2	3.8	5.8	3.1	4.8
Medical care services	382.130	382.294	383.404	385.115	6.4	6.0	4.2	3.2	6.2	3.7
Other services	280.128	281.126	281.941	283.039	1.5	3.0	2.9	4.2	2.3	3.6
Special indexes										
All items less food	208.176	208.987	209.197	210.840	1.2	7.5	3.1	5.2	4.3	4.2
All items less shelter	200.052	200.946	201.457	203.388	1.4	8.6	3.8	6.8	4.9	5.3
All items less medical care	201.898	202.668	203.139	204.658	1.6	7.0	3.3	5.6	4.3	4.4
Commodities less food	159.239	159.909	159.167	161.360	-1.1	15.1	3.3	5.4	6.7	4.4
Nondurables less food	205.143	206.776	205.613	210.849	-5.8	31.9	5.6	11.6	11.4	8.6
Nondurables less food and apparel	254.991	259.253	257.678	265.929	-1.6	26.7	10.4	18.3	11.6	14.3
Nondurables	207.202	208.560	208.946	212.335	-1.0	18.4	4.8	10.3	8.3	7.5
Services less rent of shelter [4]	235.467	237.009	238.684	240.775	2.4	3.2	3.5	9.3	2.8	6.4
Services less medical care services	236.298	237.254	238.224	239.416	2.5	3.0	2.8	5.4	2.7	4.1
Energy	230.458	234.853	234.484	244.995	-6.3	45.4	7.7	27.7	16.7	17.3
All items less energy	206.471	206.792	207.378	207.772	2.9	2.7	2.8	2.5	2.8	2.7
All items less food and energy	206.548	206.833	207.131	207.468	2.4	2.4	2.4	1.8	2.4	2.1
Commodities less food and energy commodities	141.277	141.117	141.088	140.914	1.0	.3	1.4	-1.0	.6	.2
Energy commodities	281.012	286.354	281.575	297.683	-7.2	77.0	9.2	25.9	28.1	17.3
Services less energy services	252.625	253.254	253.802	254.534	3.1	3.4	2.9	3.1	3.2	3.0

[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.
[6] Indexes on a December 2007=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

All items

	Pricing schedule [1]	Indexes				Percent change to May2008 from—			Percent change to Apr.2008 from—		
		Feb. 2008	Mar. 2008	Apr. 2008	May 2008	May 2007	Mar. 2008	Apr. 2008	Apr. 2007	Feb. 2008	Mar. 2008
U.S. city average	M	207.254	209.147	210.698	212.788	4.5	1.7	1.0	4.2	1.7	0.7
Region and area size [2]											
Northeast urban	M	221.702	223.209	224.794	227.114	4.7	1.7	1.0	4.2	1.4	.7
Size A - More than 1,500,000	M	222.315	223.795	225.144	227.412	4.4	1.6	1.0	3.9	1.3	.6
Size B/C - 50,000 to 1,500,000 [3]	M	133.893	134.846	136.141	137.624	5.2	2.1	1.1	4.8	1.7	1.0
Midwest urban	M	197.110	198.989	200.788	202.912	4.3	2.0	1.1	4.4	1.9	.9
Size A - More than 1,500,000	M	197.549	199.378	200.989	202.969	3.9	1.8	1.0	3.9	1.7	.8
Size B/C - 50,000 to 1,500,000 [3]	M	128.695	129.922	131.354	132.867	4.7	2.3	1.2	4.9	2.1	1.1
Size D - Nonmetropolitan (less than 50,000)	M	195.774	197.864	199.325	201.494	5.1	1.8	1.1	5.0	1.8	.7
South urban	M	202.291	204.044	205.669	207.912	4.9	1.9	1.1	4.5	1.7	.8
Size A - More than 1,500,000	M	205.588	207.336	208.511	210.748	4.8	1.6	1.1	4.3	1.4	.6
Size B/C - 50,000 to 1,500,000 [3]	M	129.144	130.243	131.428	132.808	4.9	2.0	1.1	4.6	1.8	.9
Size D - Nonmetropolitan (less than 50,000)	M	205.523	207.600	209.641	212.533	5.5	2.4	1.4	4.5	2.0	1.0
West urban	M	210.816	213.159	214.355	216.029	4.0	1.3	.8	3.8	1.7	.6
Size A - More than 1,500,000	M	212.614	214.954	216.055	218.141	4.0	1.5	1.0	3.7	1.6	.5
Size B/C - 50,000 to 1,500,000 [3]	M	131.148	132.640	133.570	134.133	4.0	1.1	.4	4.0	1.8	.7
Size classes											
A [4]	M	191.982	193.702	194.886	196.844	4.3	1.6	1.0	3.9	1.5	.6
B/C [3]	M	130.092	131.273	132.471	133.729	4.7	1.9	.9	4.6	1.8	.9
D	M	202.292	204.422	205.951	208.246	4.8	1.9	1.1	4.5	1.8	.7
Selected local areas [5]											
Chicago-Gary-Kenosha, IL-IN-WI	M	202.497	204.742	205.885	208.403	4.7	1.8	1.2	4.5	1.7	.6
Los Angeles-Riverside-Orange County, CA	M	214.231	216.493	217.914	219.702	4.1	1.5	.8	3.7	1.7	.7
New York-Northern N.J.-Long Island, NY-NJ-CT-PA	M	225.281	226.951	228.215	230.923	4.3	1.8	1.2	3.8	1.3	.6
Boston-Brockton-Nashua, MA-NH-ME-CT	1	-	232.656	-	235.419	4.4	1.2	-	-	-	-
Cleveland-Akron, OH	1	-	192.995	-	195.898	4.8	1.5	-	-	-	-
Dallas-Fort Worth, TX	1	-	201.892	-	206.258	5.7	2.2	-	-	-	-
Washington-Baltimore, DC-MD-VA-WV [6]	1	-	137.544	-	139.332	5.3	1.3	-	-	-	-
Atlanta, GA	2	203.473	-	205.801	-	-	-	-	4.0	1.1	-
Detroit-Ann Arbor-Flint, MI	2	197.670	-	201.037	-	-	-	-	2.9	1.7	-
Houston-Galveston-Brazoria, TX	2	185.904	-	188.463	-	-	-	-	3.1	1.4	-
Miami-Fort Lauderdale, FL	2	216.971	-	219.456	-	-	-	-	5.0	1.1	-
Philadelphia-Wilmington-Atlantic City, PA-NJ-DE-MD	2	220.718	-	223.295	-	-	-	-	4.0	1.2	-
San Francisco-Oakland-San Jose, CA	2	214.913	-	217.913	-	-	-	-	3.2	1.4	-
Seattle-Tacoma-Bremerton, WA	2	216.332	-	218.483	-	-	-	-	3.8	1.0	-

[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, 2005-2006	Unadjusted indexes		Unadjusted percent change to May 2008 from—	
		Apr. 2008	May 2008	May 2007	Apr. 2008
Expenditure category					
All items	100.000	123.845	124.645	3.6	0.6
Food and beverages	14.726	124.243	124.741	4.8	.4
Food	13.648	124.284	124.822	4.9	.4
Food at home	7.557	121.725	122.273	5.5	.5
Food away from home	6.091	127.683	128.209	4.2	.4
Alcoholic beverages	1.077	124.083	124.084	3.6	.0
Housing	42.421	127.736	128.225	3.1	.4
Shelter	32.409	129.773	129.800	2.6	.0
Fuels and utilities	5.004	157.038	161.641	9.8	2.9
Household furnishings and operations	5.008	95.878	96.082	-.3	.2
Apparel	3.988	91.046	89.953	-1.1	-1.2
Transportation	17.393	131.147	134.552	6.8	2.6
Private transportation	16.285	132.100	135.497	6.6	2.6
Public transportation	1.108	120.125	123.696	10.4	3.0
Medical care	6.085	141.421	141.469	3.8	.0
Medical care commodities	1.615	125.851	124.924	2.1	-.7
Medical care services	4.470	147.198	147.660	4.4	.3
Recreation	5.935	105.518	105.550	.1	.0
Education and communication	6.196	106.515	106.695	2.1	.2
Education	2.771	164.672	164.872	5.5	.1
Communication	3.425	73.637	73.789	-.6	.2
Other goods and services	3.257	127.743	128.185	3.4	.3
Commodity and service group					
Services	58.427	131.469	132.004	3.4	.4
Commodities	41.573	114.312	115.437	3.9	1.0
Durables	11.817	83.694	83.423	-1.8	-.3
Nondurables	29.756	130.450	132.418	6.2	1.5
All items less food and energy	77.561	117.211	117.245	2.0	.0
Energy	8.790	203.705	217.177	16.7	6.6

Indexes for 2008 are initial estimates. Indexes for 2007 are interim adjustments.
NOTE: Index applies to a month as a whole, not to any specific date.