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CPI for All Urban Consumers (CPI-U)

The Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers (CPI-U) increased 0.3 percent in May before seasonal adjustment, the Bureau of Labor Statistics of the U.S. Department of Labor reported today. Over the last 12 months the index has fallen 1.3 percent. This is the largest decline since April 1950 and is due mainly to a 27.3 percent decline in the energy index.

On a seasonally adjusted basis, the CPI-U increased 0.1 percent in May after being unchanged in April. The index for energy, which had declined the previous two months, rose 0.2 percent in May as an increase in the gasoline index more than offset declines in other energy indexes. The food index decreased for the fourth consecutive month, falling 0.2 percent as the indexes for all major grocery store food groups declined.

The index for all items less food and energy rose 0.1 percent in May following a 0.3 percent increase in April. The smaller increase was partly due to the tobacco and smoking products index, which turned down in May after rising sharply in March and April. In May, the indexes for shelter, new and used motor vehicles, and medical care posted increases, while the public transportation index fell 1.0 percent and the indexes for apparel and tobacco declined slightly. The index for all items less food and energy has increased 1.8 percent over the last 12 months.

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

Expenditure Category	Seasonally adjusted							Compound annual rate 3-mos. ended May 2009	Un-adjusted 12-mos. ended May 2009
	Changes from preceding month								
	Nov. 2008	Dec. 2008	Jan. 2009	Feb. 2009	Mar. 2009	Apr. 2009	May 2009		
All items	-1.7	-0.8	0.3	0.4	-0.1	0.0	0.1	-0.2	-1.3
Food and beverages .....	.2	.1	.1	-.1	-.1	-.2	-.2	-2.0	2.7
Housing	-.1	.0	.0	.0	-.1	-.1	-.1	-1.0	.5
Apparel .....	.1	-.6	.3	1.3	-.2	-.2	-.2	-2.3	.8
Transportation	-9.7	-5.0	1.3	1.9	-1.1	-.4	.8	-2.6	-14.3
Medical care .....	.2	.3	.4	.3	.2	.4	.3	3.5	3.2
Recreation .....	.0	-.2	.0	.4	.0	-.4	.0	-1.6	1.1
Education and communication .....	.2	.3	.3	.2	.2	.3	.3	3.1	3.4
Other goods and services ...	.0	.0	.3	.2	2.7	2.6	-.2	22.3	7.3
Special indexes:									
Energy	-16.9	-9.3	1.7	3.3	-3.0	-2.4	.2	-18.9	-27.3
Food .....	.2	.0	.1	-.1	-.1	-.2	-.2	-2.2	2.7
All items less food and energy .....	.1	.0	.2	.2	.2	.3	.1	2.3	1.8

The food and beverages index declined 0.2 percent in May, the same decline as in April. The food away from home index rose 0.1 percent and the index for alcoholic beverages advanced 0.3 percent. These increases were more than offset by a 0.5 percent decline in the food at home index, which has now declined six months in a row. The decline was broad, with the indexes for all six major grocery store food groups decreasing. The largest declines were in the fruits and vegetables index, which fell 1.0 percent, and the index for meats, poultry, fish and eggs, which decreased 0.9 percent as the eggs index declined 6.5 percent. The index for dairy and related products fell 0.5 percent in May and has declined 5.6 percent over the past year. The indexes for cereals and bakery products, for nonalcoholic beverages, and for other food at home all posted slight decreases in May. The food at home index has risen 1.5 percent over the last 12 months, the smallest increase since December 2006.

The housing index fell 0.1 percent in May, the third straight such decline. The index for shelter rose 0.1 percent, with the indexes for rent, for owners' equivalent rent, and for lodging away from home all rising 0.1 percent. However, the household energy index declined for the tenth straight month, falling 1.8 percent. The fuel oil index fell 3.3 percent, the index for natural gas declined 5.7 percent, and the index for electricity declined 0.4 percent. The index for household furnishings and operations was unchanged in May for the second month in a row. Over the past year, the housing index has risen 0.5 percent. The shelter index has risen 1.5 percent while the index for household energy has declined 8.7 percent.

The index for transportation rose 0.8 percent in May following declines in April and March. The gasoline index increased 3.1 percent in May after declining 2.8 percent in April. (Prior to seasonal adjustment, gasoline prices rose 9.6 percent in May.) The index for new and used motor vehicles increased 0.5 percent in May. The new vehicles index rose 0.5 percent in May, its fifth straight monthly increase following five straight monthly declines. The index for used cars and trucks posted its first increase in over a year, rising 1.0 percent. In contrast, the index for public transportation continued to decline, falling 1.0 percent. The airline fare index fell 1.5 percent in May and has declined 18.5 percent from its August 2008 peak. Over the last year, the transportation index has declined 14.3 percent with the index for motor fuel down 39.9 percent. The public transportation index has fallen 9.0 percent over the period and the index for used cars and trucks has declined 10.0 percent. These declines contrast with a 0.4 percent increase in the new vehicles index.

Among other CPI groups, the index for medical care rose 0.3 percent in May after a 0.4 percent increase in April. The index for prescription drugs rose 0.6 percent in May after advancing 0.5 percent in April, while the hospital services index rose 0.1 percent in May after a 1.0 percent increase in April. The index for education and communication rose 0.3 percent in May with the education component rising 0.5 percent and the communication component increasing 0.1 percent. After declining 0.4 percent in April, the recreation index was unchanged in May. The apparel index declined 0.2 percent in May, the third straight such decrease. The index for other goods and services also declined 0.2 percent as the tobacco and smoking products index declined 0.3 percent.

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

The Consumer Price Index for Urban Wage Earners and Clerical Workers (CPI-W) rose 0.4 percent in May, prior to seasonal adjustment. The index value of 208.774 was 1.9 percent lower than in May 2008. On a seasonally adjusted basis, the CPI-W rose 0.1 percent in May.

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 May 2009	Un- adjusted 12-mos. ended May 2009
	Changes from preceding month								
	Nov. 2008	Dec. 2008	Jan. 2009	Feb. 2009	Mar. 2009	Apr. 2009	May 2009		
All items	-2.1	-1.0	0.3	0.4	-0.1	0.0	0.1	-0.1	-1.9
Food and beverages .....	.2	.1	.0	-.2	-.1	-.2	-.2	-2.1	2.8
Housing .....	.0	.0	.0	.1	-.1	-.1	.0	-1.1	.8
Apparel .....	.0	-.6	.6	1.0	-.3	-.3	.0	-2.6	.8
Transportation	-10.9	-5.6	1.5	2.0	-1.3	-.5	.9	-3.4	-16.3
Medical care .....	.2	.3	.4	.4	.2	.4	.3	3.8	3.3
Recreation .....	.0	-.1	.0	.4	.0	-.3	.0	-1.3	1.2
Education and communication .....	.2	.3	.2	.2	.2	.2	.2	2.4	3.0
Other goods and services ...	.1	.1	.4	.2	3.9	3.8	-.2	34.4	10.5
Special indexes:									
Energy	-17.8	-9.7	1.9	3.6	-3.1	-2.4	.4	-18.5	-28.0
Food .....	.2	.1	.0	-.2	-.1	-.2	-.3	-2.4	2.7
All items less food and energy .....	.1	.0	.2	.2	.2	.3	.2	3.0	2.0

Chained Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers (C-CPI-U)

The Chained Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers (C-CPI-U) increased 0.3 percent in May on a not seasonally adjusted basis. The index has decreased 1.4 percent over the past year. Please note that the indexes for the post-2007 period are subject to revision.

Upcoming release

Consumer Price Index data for June are scheduled for release on Wednesday, July 15, 2009, at 8:30 A.M. (EDT).

Facilities for Sensory Impaired

Information from this release will be made available to sensory impaired individuals upon request. Voice phone: 202-691-5200, Federal Relay Services: 1-800-877-8339.

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 0.04 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 0.08 percent of the 1 month percentage change based on all retail prices. For example, 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 0.12 and 0.28 percent. For the latest data, including information on how to use the estimates of standard error, see “Variance Estimates for Price Changes in the Consumer Price Index, January-December 2008”. These data are available on the CPI home page (<http://www.bls.gov/cpi>), or by using the following link <http://www.bls.gov/cpi/cpivar2008.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 2004 through December 2008 were replaced in January 2009. 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: 47 of the 73 components are seasonally adjusted for 2009.

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 2009, BLS adjusted 29 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 2008	Unadjusted indexes		Unadjusted percent change to May 2009 from—		Seasonally adjusted percent change from—		
		Apr. 2009	May 2009	May 2008	Apr. 2009	Feb. to Mar.	Mar. to Apr.	Apr. to May
All items	100.000	213.240	213.856	-1.3	0.3	-0.1	0.0	0.1
All items (1967=100)	-	638.771	640.616	-	-	-	-	-
Food and beverages	15.757	218.364	218.076	2.7	-1	-1	-2	-2
Food	14.629	218.162	217.826	2.7	-2	-1	-2	-2
Food at home	8.156	215.783	215.088	1.5	-3	-4	-6	-5
Cereals and bakery products	1.150	252.709	252.714	3.5	.0	-2	-7	-2
Meats, poultry, fish, and eggs	1.898	205.699	203.789	1.4	-9	-9	.0	-9
Dairy and related products ¹ .....	.910	197.124	196.055	-5.6	-5	-2.4	-1.3	-5
Fruits and vegetables	1.194	274.297	274.006	-9	-1	.2	.0	-1.0
Nonalcoholic beverages and beverage materials .....	.982	162.889	162.803	2.8	-1	1.0	-1.0	-1
Other food at home	2.022	191.352	191.144	4.6	-1	.0	-8	-1
Sugar and sweets .....	.300	197.301	196.403	6.1	-5	.2	-5	.0
Fats and oils .....	.241	200.464	200.679	3.8	.1	.1	-1.4	-7
Other foods	1.481	205.734	205.587	4.5	-1	.0	-8	.0
Other miscellaneous foods ^{1 2} .....	.433	122.883	122.838	3.4	.0	-1	.4	.0
Food away from home ¹	6.474	222.905	223.023	4.2	.1	.1	.3	.1
Other food away from home ^{1 2} .....	.314	155.099	155.099	3.6	.0	-2	.4	.0
Alcoholic beverages	1.127	219.671	220.005	3.0	.2	.1	-1	.3
Housing	43.421	217.126	216.971	.5	-1	-1	-1	-1
Shelter	33.200	249.855	249.779	1.5	.0	.0	.2	.1
Rent of primary residence ³	5.957	248.899	249.069	3.0	.1	.2	.2	.1
Lodging away from home ²	2.478	137.700	135.680	-6.8	-1.5	-2.4	.5	.1
Owners' equivalent rent of primary residence ^{3 4}	24.433	256.622	256.875	2.1	.1	.2	.1	.1
Tenants' and household insurance ^{1 2} .....	.333	120.675	120.728	2.0	.0	.0	-1	.0
Fuels and utilities	5.431	207.175	206.358	-6.2	-4	-1.4	-1.7	-1.3
Household energy	4.460	184.903	183.783	-8.7	-6	-1.8	-2.2	-1.8
Fuel oil and other fuels .....	.301	228.107	225.164	-38.1	-1.3	-7.7	-2.1	-3.1
Gas (piped) and electricity ³	4.159	190.686	189.619	-5.7	-6	-1.4	-2.2	-1.7
Water and sewer and trash collection services ² .....	.971	158.698	159.517	6.3	.5	.4	.6	.6
Household furnishings and operations	4.790	129.654	129.644	1.6	.0	.3	.0	.0
Household operations ^{1 2} .....	.781	150.809	149.468	1.7	-9	.5	-1	-9
Apparel	3.691	123.208	121.751	.8	-1.2	-2	-2	-2
Men's and boys' apparel .....	.923	117.195	117.146	.6	.0	-3	-1.7	.4
Women's and girls' apparel	1.541	111.871	109.460	.7	-2.2	-7	.2	-1
Infants' and toddlers' apparel .....	.183	117.084	114.142	-4	-2.5	.6	1.3	-1.6
Footwear .....	.688	128.057	127.519	1.6	-4	.2	.4	.1
Transportation	15.314	171.987	175.997	-14.3	2.3	-1.1	-4	.8
Private transportation	14.189	167.516	171.757	-14.6	2.5	-1.1	-3	.9
New and used motor vehicles ²	6.931	92.381	92.701	-1.1	.3	.0	.4	.5
New vehicles	4.480	134.863	135.162	.4	.2	.6	.4	.5
Used cars and trucks	1.628	121.213	122.650	-10.0	1.2	-1.7	-1	1.0
Motor fuel	3.164	177.272	193.609	-39.9	9.2	-4.4	-2.6	2.7
Gasoline (all types)	2.964	176.704	193.727	-39.4	9.6	-4.0	-2.8	3.1
Motor vehicle parts and equipment ¹ .....	.382	134.640	134.347	5.9	-2	.3	.1	-2
Motor vehicle maintenance and repair ¹	1.188	242.649	242.488	4.6	-1	.2	.2	-1
Public transportation	1.125	229.827	228.878	-9.0	-4	-1.0	-8	-1.0
Medical care	6.390	374.170	375.026	3.2	.2	.2	.4	.3
Medical care commodities	1.625	303.979	304.697	3.3	.2	.2	.3	.4
Medical care services	4.765	395.753	396.648	3.2	.2	.2	.4	.3
Professional services	2.702	317.661	319.333	2.7	.5	.0	.1	.6
Hospital and related services ³	1.545	564.785	564.112	6.2	-1	.6	.9	.1

See footnotes at end of table.

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

(1982-84=100, unless otherwise noted)

CPI-U Expenditure category	Relative importance, December 2008	Unadjusted indexes		Unadjusted percent change to May 2009 from—		Seasonally adjusted percent change from—		
		Apr. 2009	May 2009	May 2008	Apr. 2009	Feb. to Mar.	Mar. to Apr.	Apr. to May
Expenditure category								
Recreation ²	5.741	114.261	114.264	1.1	0.0	0.0	-0.4	0.0
Video and audio ²	1.822	102.300	101.947	-1.0	-3	.0	.1	-2
Education and communication ²	6.301	126.273	126.467	3.4	.2	.2	.3	.3
Education ²	3.107	187.416	187.853	5.5	.2	.5	.4	.5
Educational books and supplies .....	.221	472.507	472.588	6.7	.0	.5	.4	.4
Tuition, other school fees, and childcare	2.886	539.149	540.498	5.4	.3	.5	.4	.6
Communication ²	3.194	84.985	85.049	1.3	.1	.0	.1	.1
Information and information processing ^{1 2}	3.022	82.090	82.038	1.2	-1	.0	.1	-1
Telephone services ^{1 2}	2.408	102.072	102.267	2.4	.2	.1	.1	.2
Information technology, hardware and services ^{1 5} .....	.614	9.881	9.775	-3.4	-1.1	-5	.1	-1.1
Personal computers and peripheral equipment ^{1 6} .....	.214	85.714	84.366	-13.0	-1.6	-1.7	-.6	-1.6
Other goods and services	3.386	370.606	369.901	7.3	-2	2.7	2.6	-2
Tobacco and smoking products ¹ .....	.776	742.443	740.311	27.4	-3	11.0	9.3	-3
Personal care	2.610	204.896	204.578	1.5	-2	.2	.3	-2
Personal care products ¹ .....	.651	163.777	163.051	2.7	-4	.1	.7	-4
Personal care services ¹ .....	.647	227.913	227.607	1.8	-1	.9	.0	-1
Miscellaneous personal services	1.074	342.641	343.051	.9	.1	.0	.2	-1
Commodity and service group								
Commodities	39.556	167.816	169.060	-5.2	.7	-3	-.1	.2
Food and beverages	15.757	218.364	218.076	2.7	-1	-1	-2	-2
Commodities less food and beverages	23.799	141.753	143.587	-9.6	1.3	-4	.0	.5
Nondurables less food and beverages	13.289	173.855	177.480	-14.6	2.1	-1.2	-.7	.7
Apparel	3.691	123.208	121.751	.8	-1.2	-2	-2	-2
Nondurables less food, beverages, and apparel	9.598	209.177	216.090	-19.1	3.3	-1.6	-.6	.9
Durables	10.510	109.404	109.650	-1.5	.2	.0	.2	.3
Services	60.444	258.466	258.433	1.5	.0	.0	.0	.0
Rent of shelter ⁴	32.867	260.469	260.388	1.5	.0	-1	.2	.1
Tenants' and household insurance ^{1 2} .....	.333	120.675	120.728	2.0	.0	.0	-.1	.0
Gas (piped) and electricity ³	4.159	190.686	189.619	-5.7	-6	-1.4	-2.2	-1.7
Water and sewer and trash collection services ² .....	.971	158.698	159.517	6.3	.5	.4	.6	.6
Household operations ^{1 2} .....	.781	150.809	149.468	1.7	-9	.5	-.1	-9
Transportation services	5.567	248.696	248.628	2.6	.0	-1	.3	-1
Medical care services	4.765	395.753	396.648	3.2	.2	.2	.4	.3
Other services	11.002	301.668	302.132	2.8	.2	.2	-.1	.2
Special indexes								
All items less food	85.371	212.464	213.236	-1.9	.4	-1	.0	.2
All items less shelter	66.800	201.271	202.171	-2.6	.4	-2	-.1	.1
All items less medical care	93.610	205.275	205.876	-1.6	.3	-2	.0	.1
Commodities less food	24.926	144.464	146.261	-9.1	1.2	-4	.0	.5
Nondurables less food	14.416	176.587	180.017	-13.6	1.9	-1.2	-.6	.7
Nondurables less food and apparel	10.726	209.195	215.459	-17.4	3.0	-1.5	-.6	.7
Nondurables	29.046	195.864	197.673	-6.4	.9	-7	-.3	.0
Services less rent of shelter ⁴	27.577	275.752	275.777	1.6	.0	-1	-.2	-2
Services less medical care services	55.679	247.490	247.406	1.4	.0	-1	.0	-1
Energy	7.624	179.704	186.909	-27.3	4.0	-3.0	-2.4	.2
All items less energy	92.376	218.388	218.323	2.0	.0	.1	.2	.1
All items less food and energy	77.746	219.143	219.128	1.8	.0	.2	.3	.1
Commodities less food and energy commodities	21.461	142.489	142.360	1.2	-.1	.4	.5	.2
Energy commodities	3.465	181.102	196.528	-39.8	8.5	-4.7	-2.6	2.3
Services less energy services	56.285	265.399	265.466	2.1	.0	.1	.2	.1
Purchasing power of the consumer dollar (1982-84=\$1.00)	-	\$. 469	\$. 468	-	-	-	-	-
Purchasing power of the consumer dollar (1967=\$1.00)	-	\$. 157	\$. 156	-	-	-	-	-

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.

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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. 2009	Mar. 2009	Apr. 2009	May 2009	Aug. 2008	Nov. 2008	Feb. 2009	May 2009	Nov. 2008	May 2009
All items	213.007	212.714	212.671	212.876	6.7	-9.4	-0.5	-0.2	-1.6	-0.4
Food and beverages	219.076	218.792	218.401	217.965	8.7	4.6	.1	-2.0	6.6	-1.0
Food	218.970	218.651	218.254	217.738	9.0	4.5	.0	-2.2	6.7	-1.1
Food at home	217.968	217.202	215.948	214.929	11.6	3.6	-2.8	-5.5	7.5	-4.1
Cereals and bakery products	254.347	253.863	252.062	251.645	9.5	9.2	.1	-4.2	9.4	-2.1
Meats, poultry, fish, and eggs	208.389	206.465	206.480	204.679	10.9	3.9	-1.5	-6.9	7.3	-4.3
Dairy and related products ¹	204.537	199.687	197.124	196.055	14.1	-3.0	-15.1	-15.6	5.2	-15.4
Fruits and vegetables	275.374	275.843	275.810	273.037	23.1	-10.1	-9.6	-3.4	5.2	-6.5
Nonalcoholic beverages and beverage materials	163.173	164.813	163.084	162.848	4.4	9.5	-1.5	-.8	7.0	-1.2
Other food at home	192.419	192.431	190.826	190.643	9.1	9.7	4.0	-3.6	9.4	.1
Sugar and sweets	196.990	197.299	196.398	196.340	5.2	11.0	10.0	-1.3	8.1	4.2
Fats and oils	203.729	204.029	201.213	199.782	23.7	9.9	-7.7	-7.5	16.6	-7.6
Other foods	206.838	206.741	205.037	205.011	7.6	9.4	4.8	-3.5	8.5	.6
Other miscellaneous foods ^{1 2}	122.580	122.402	122.883	122.838	7.9	8.6	-3.1	.8	8.2	-1.1
Food away from home ¹	221.968	222.216	222.905	223.023	5.9	5.6	3.5	1.9	5.8	2.7
Other food away from home ^{1 2}	154.726	154.414	155.099	155.099	4.0	7.7	2.0	1.0	5.8	1.5
Alcoholic beverages	219.141	219.315	218.994	219.601	4.0	5.6	1.8	.8	4.8	1.3
Housing	217.621	217.335	217.180	217.056	4.1	-.7	.0	-1.0	1.7	-.5
Shelter	248.881	248.899	249.334	249.680	2.3	1.8	.7	1.3	2.0	1.0
Rent of primary residence ³	248.087	248.490	248.916	249.233	4.1	3.4	2.6	1.9	3.8	2.2
Lodging away from home ²	136.561	133.328	134.000	134.136	-.9	-5.9	-13.2	-6.9	-3.4	-10.1
Owners' equivalent rent of primary residence ^{3 4}	255.687	256.257	256.627	257.003	2.2	2.3	1.8	2.1	2.3	2.0
Tenants' and household insurance ^{1 2}	120.683	120.737	120.675	120.728	.5	5.8	1.5	.1	3.1	.8
Fuels and utilities	217.260	214.254	210.702	207.903	16.6	-16.1	-4.8	-16.1	-1.1	-10.6
Household energy	196.415	192.927	188.753	185.399	18.1	-20.1	-6.2	-20.6	-2.8	-13.7
Fuel oil and other fuels	251.478	232.191	227.355	220.321	1.9	-58.3	-41.5	-41.1	-34.8	-41.3
Gas (piped) and electricity ³	202.043	199.289	194.967	191.671	19.8	-15.5	-2.9	-19.0	.6	-11.3
Water and sewer and trash collection services ²	157.141	157.817	158.802	159.821	9.4	6.5	2.4	7.0	8.0	4.7
Household furnishings and operations	129.008	129.436	129.434	129.413	2.6	1.7	.9	1.3	2.2	1.1
Household operations ^{1 2}	150.156	150.914	150.809	149.468	6.2	2.2	.4	-1.8	4.2	-.7
Apparel	120.039	119.744	119.537	119.345	5.6	-3.5	3.9	-2.3	.9	.7
Men's and boys' apparel	116.328	116.007	114.062	114.561	-2.2	-4.2	16.1	-5.9	-3.2	4.5
Women's and girls' apparel	107.374	106.592	106.771	106.667	14.6	-8.2	.3	-2.6	2.5	-1.2
Infants' and toddlers' apparel	112.796	113.510	115.025	113.149	-5.4	6.7	-3.7	1.3	.5	-1.2
Footwear	125.209	125.517	126.039	126.182	-.3	3.0	.5	3.1	1.3	1.8
Transportation	172.759	170.903	170.259	171.635	15.6	-45.7	-7.4	-2.6	-20.8	-5.0
Private transportation	168.067	166.252	165.676	167.234	15.2	-47.1	-6.5	-2.0	-22.0	-4.3
New and used motor vehicles ²	91.997	92.016	92.400	92.847	-2.4	-6.9	1.7	3.7	-4.7	2.7
New vehicles	133.199	134.020	134.580	135.284	-1.3	-6.3	3.1	6.4	-3.8	4.7
Used cars and trucks	123.757	121.704	121.616	122.788	-8.6	-16.0	-11.9	-3.1	-12.4	-7.6
Motor fuel	182.030	173.947	169.373	173.872	45.5	-85.0	-28.4	-16.8	-53.2	-22.8
Gasoline (all types)	180.685	173.498	168.696	173.954	45.7	-85.4	-26.6	-14.1	-53.8	-20.6
Motor vehicle parts and equipment ¹	134.108	134.484	134.640	134.347	11.5	8.3	3.5	.7	9.9	2.1
Motor vehicle maintenance and repair ¹	241.689	242.118	242.649	242.488	7.8	5.0	4.5	1.3	6.4	2.9
Public transportation	234.648	232.294	230.470	228.210	21.4	-22.7	-18.4	-10.5	-3.2	-14.5
Medical care	371.175	371.902	373.257	374.402	2.3	2.7	4.3	3.5	2.5	3.9
Medical care commodities	301.710	302.464	303.357	304.426	.8	3.3	5.6	3.6	2.0	4.6
Medical care services	392.512	393.210	394.734	395.884	2.8	2.5	3.8	3.5	2.7	3.7
Professional services	316.299	316.416	316.667	318.499	3.0	2.6	2.4	2.8	2.8	2.6
Hospital and related services ³	554.315	557.588	562.843	563.594	5.5	4.2	8.5	6.9	4.8	7.7

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—	
	Feb. 2009	Mar. 2009	Apr. 2009	May 2009	Aug. 2008	Nov. 2008	Feb. 2009	May 2009	Nov. 2008	May 2009
Recreation ²	114.492	114.511	114.030	114.044	3.6	1.5	1.0	-1.6	2.6	-0.3
Video and audio ²	101.630	101.640	101.741	101.488	.3	-1.8	-1.9	-.6	-.8	-1.2
Education and communication ²	126.187	126.461	126.783	127.169	4.9	2.2	3.3	3.1	3.5	3.2
Education ²	187.249	188.119	188.943	189.968	6.2	4.9	5.1	5.9	5.6	5.5
Educational books and supplies	468.101	470.674	472.682	474.581	12.8	4.2	4.5	5.7	8.4	5.1
Tuition, other school fees, and childcare	539.023	541.493	543.870	546.880	5.7	5.0	5.1	6.0	5.4	5.5
Communication ²	84.944	84.924	84.988	85.049	3.7	-.4	1.6	.5	1.6	1.1
Information and information processing ^{1 2}	82.052	82.022	82.090	82.038	3.7	-.4	1.6	-.1	1.6	.8
Telephone services ^{1 2}	101.895	101.991	102.072	102.267	5.8	.9	1.4	1.5	3.3	1.4
Information technology, hardware and services ^{1 5}	9.926	9.872	9.881	9.775	-4.1	-5.7	2.4	-5.9	-4.9	-1.9
Personal computers and peripheral equipment ^{1 6}	87.696	86.213	85.714	84.366	-15.9	-15.9	-5.7	-14.3	-15.9	-10.1
Other goods and services	351.139	360.782	370.031	369.237	4.3	1.9	2.0	22.3	3.1	11.7
Tobacco and smoking products ¹	611.549	679.078	742.443	740.311	11.6	1.7	8.1	114.7	6.5	52.3
Personal care	203.328	203.836	204.462	204.078	2.3	2.0	.3	1.5	2.2	.9
Personal care products ¹	162.508	162.696	163.777	163.051	1.2	4.5	3.8	1.3	2.8	2.6
Personal care services ¹	225.895	227.982	227.913	227.607	.9	3.7	-.5	3.1	2.3	1.3
Miscellaneous personal services	341.519	341.437	342.001	341.763	3.4	-.2	.4	.3	1.6	.3
Commodity and service group										
Commodities	167.199	166.703	166.603	166.959	9.6	-21.8	-2.9	-.6	-7.4	-1.8
Food and beverages	219.076	218.792	218.401	217.965	8.7	4.6	.1	-2.0	6.6	-1.0
Commodities less food and beverages	140.611	140.043	140.066	140.736	10.1	-34.2	-4.8	.4	-14.9	-2.3
Nondurables less food and beverages	172.896	170.758	169.626	170.782	18.3	-49.9	-5.8	-4.8	-23.0	-5.3
Apparel	120.039	119.744	119.537	119.345	5.6	-3.5	3.9	-2.3	.9	.7
Nondurables less food, beverages, and apparel	209.390	206.003	204.807	206.581	22.4	-59.4	-8.7	-5.3	-29.5	-7.0
Durables	108.993	109.006	109.203	109.576	-1.4	-5.5	-1.3	2.2	-3.5	.4
Services	258.654	258.590	258.599	258.637	4.7	.4	1.3	.0	2.5	.6
Rent of shelter ⁴	259.487	259.349	259.854	260.188	2.2	2.1	.6	1.1	2.1	.9
Tenants' and household insurance ^{1 2}	120.683	120.737	120.675	120.728	.5	5.8	1.5	.1	3.1	.8
Gas (piped) and electricity ³	202.043	199.289	194.967	191.671	19.8	-15.5	-2.9	-19.0	.6	-11.3
Water and sewer and trash collection services ²	157.141	157.817	158.802	159.821	9.4	6.5	2.4	7.0	8.0	4.7
Household operations ^{1 2}	150.156	150.914	150.809	149.468	6.2	2.2	.4	-1.8	4.2	-.7
Transportation services	248.567	248.393	249.193	248.944	9.0	-1.6	2.7	.6	3.6	1.6
Medical care services	392.512	393.210	394.734	395.884	2.8	2.5	3.8	3.5	2.7	3.7
Other services	301.506	302.251	302.016	302.653	4.6	2.2	2.8	1.5	3.4	2.2
Special indexes										
All items less food	212.061	211.773	211.787	212.111	6.4	-11.5	-.6	.1	-3.0	-.2
All items less shelter	201.331	200.911	200.676	200.829	8.9	-14.3	-1.0	-1.0	-3.4	-1.0
All items less medical care	205.148	204.820	204.724	204.892	7.0	-10.1	-.8	-.5	-1.9	-.6
Commodities less food	143.336	142.788	142.801	143.471	9.9	-32.9	-4.6	.4	-14.2	-2.1
Nondurables less food	175.672	173.638	172.529	173.715	17.1	-47.5	-5.0	-4.4	-21.6	-4.7
Nondurables less food and apparel	209.425	206.340	205.196	206.725	20.7	-56.1	-7.2	-5.1	-27.2	-6.2
Nondurables	195.833	194.522	193.911	193.862	12.9	-27.8	-2.0	-4.0	-9.7	-3.0
Services less rent of shelter ⁴	277.608	277.380	276.815	276.222	7.5	-1.0	2.1	-2.0	3.2	.0
Services less medical care services	247.947	247.779	247.685	247.547	4.7	.5	1.1	-.6	2.6	.2
Energy	187.901	182.254	177.924	178.340	33.2	-67.0	-17.4	-18.9	-33.7	-18.1
All items less energy	217.276	217.539	217.941	218.126	3.9	1.2	1.2	1.6	2.6	1.4
All items less food and energy	217.670	218.042	218.594	218.910	3.0	.6	1.5	2.3	1.8	1.9
Commodities less food and energy commodities	140.300	140.893	141.583	141.817	1.4	-2.2	1.2	4.4	-.4	2.8
Energy commodities	186.872	178.146	173.528	177.449	42.3	-83.9	-29.4	-18.7	-52.1	-24.2
Services less energy services	264.500	264.698	265.129	265.491	3.6	1.7	1.6	1.5	2.6	1.5

¹ Not seasonally adjusted.

² Indexes on a December 1997=100 base.

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

⁴ Indexes on a December 1982=100 base.

⁵ Indexes on a December 1988=100 base.

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)

CPI-U	Pricing schedule 1	All items									
		Indexes				Percent change to May2009 from—			Percent change to Apr.2009 from—		
		Feb. 2009	Mar. 2009	Apr. 2009	May 2009	May 2008	Mar. 2009	Apr. 2009	Apr. 2008	Feb. 2009	Mar. 2009
U.S. city average	M	212.193	212.709	213.240	213.856	-1.3	0.5	0.3	-0.7	0.5	0.2
Region and area size²											
Northeast urban	M	226.754	227.309	227.840	228.136	-.8	.4	.1	-.1	.5	.2
Size A - More than 1,500,000	M	229.262	229.749	230.400	230.611	-.6	.4	.1	.2	.5	.3
Size B/C - 50,000 to 1,500,000 ³	M	133.967	134.411	134.547	134.857	-1.5	.3	.2	-.9	.4	.1
Midwest urban	M	201.453	202.021	202.327	203.195	-1.9	.6	.4	-1.5	.4	.2
Size A - More than 1,500,000	M	202.639	203.240	203.463	204.443	-1.8	.6	.5	-1.5	.4	.1
Size B/C - 50,000 to 1,500,000 ³	M	129.057	129.334	129.604	129.967	-2.0	.5	.3	-1.4	.4	.2
Size D - Nonmetropolitan (less than 50,000)	M	196.421	197.267	197.644	198.911	-1.9	.8	.6	-1.6	.6	.2
South urban	M	205.343	206.001	206.657	207.265	-1.3	.6	.3	-.7	.6	.3
Size A - More than 1,500,000	M	207.929	208.529	208.934	209.235	-1.2	.3	.1	-.5	.5	.2
Size B/C - 50,000 to 1,500,000 ³	M	130.380	130.873	131.370	131.777	-1.4	.7	.3	-.9	.8	.4
Size D - Nonmetropolitan (less than 50,000)	M	206.671	206.927	207.898	209.563	-.8	1.3	.8	-.4	.6	.5
West urban	M	217.095	217.357	217.910	218.567	-1.1	.6	.3	-.7	.4	.3
Size A - More than 1,500,000	M	220.955	221.124	221.790	222.659	-.9	.7	.4	-.4	.4	.3
Size B/C - 50,000 to 1,500,000 ³	M	131.636	131.775	131.912	131.990	-1.5	.2	.1	-1.3	.2	.1
Size classes											
A ⁴	M	194.354	194.750	195.207	195.745	-1.1	.5	.3	-.5	.4	.2
B/C ³	M	130.855	131.230	131.557	131.876	-1.6	.5	.2	-1.1	.5	.2
D	M	203.999	204.672	205.421	206.717	-1.2	1.0	.6	-.9	.7	.4
Selected local areas⁵											
Chicago-Gary-Kenosha, IL-IN-WI	M	207.367	207.462	207.886	209.809	-2.4	1.1	.9	-2.2	.3	.2
Los Angeles-Riverside-Orange County, CA ...	M	221.439	221.376	221.693	222.522	-1.8	.5	.4	-1.3	.1	.1
New York-Northern N.J.-Long Island, NY-NJ-CT-PA	M	234.663	235.067	235.582	235.975	-.1	.4	.2	.8	.4	.2
Boston-Brockton-Nashua, MA-NH-ME-CT	1	-	232.155	-	231.891	-1.5	-.1	-	-	-	-
Cleveland-Akron, OH	1	-	199.457	-	200.196	-2.3	.4	-	-	-	-
Dallas-Fort Worth, TX	1	-	200.039	-	199.311	-1.5	-.4	-	-	-	-
Washington-Baltimore, DC-MD-VA-WV ⁶	1	-	138.620	-	139.311	-.2	.5	-	-	-	-
Atlanta, GA	2	199.190	-	199.210	-	-	-	-	-3.5	.0	-
Detroit-Ann Arbor-Flint, MI	2	201.913	-	202.373	-	-	-	-	-1.4	.2	-
Houston-Galveston-Brazoria, TX	2	187.972	-	189.701	-	-	-	-	.5	.9	-
Miami-Fort Lauderdale, FL	2	220.589	-	220.740	-	-	-	-	-.3	.1	-
Philadelphia-Wilmington-Atlantic City, PA-NJ-DE-MD	2	220.262	-	221.686	-	-	-	-	-.9	.6	-
San Francisco-Oakland-San Jose, CA	2	222.166	-	223.854	-	-	-	-	.8	.8	-
Seattle-Tacoma-Bremerton, WA	2	224.737	-	225.918	-	-	-	-	1.2	.5	-

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 2008	Unadjusted indexes		Unadjusted percent change to May 2009 from—		Seasonally adjusted percent change from—		
		Apr. 2009	May 2009	May 2008	Apr. 2009	Feb. to Mar.	Mar. to Apr.	Apr. to May
All items	100.000	207.925	208.774	-1.9	0.4	-0.1	0.0	0.1
All items (1967=100)	-	619.344	621.875	-	-	-	-	-
Food and beverages	16.942	217.653	217.308	2.8	-2	-1	-2	-2
Food	15.865	217.376	216.975	2.7	-2	-1	-2	-3
Food at home	9.201	214.654	213.876	1.5	-4	-3	-5	-5
Cereals and bakery products	1.249	253.556	253.430	3.6	.0	-1	-7	-2
Meats, poultry, fish, and eggs	2.315	205.527	203.409	1.5	-1.0	-9	.0	-9
Dairy and related products ¹ .....	.992	195.714	194.694	-6.0	-5	-2.5	-1.2	-5
Fruits and vegetables	1.266	271.771	271.530	-1.0	-1	.1	.2	-1.1
Nonalcoholic beverages and beverage materials	1.167	162.464	162.468	3.3	.0	1.2	-1.1	-1
Other food at home	2.212	190.650	190.401	4.5	-1	.0	-9	-1
Sugar and sweets .....	.304	195.858	194.928	5.9	-5	.4	-6	-2
Fats and oils .....	.274	201.474	201.470	3.7	.0	-1	-1.2	-8
Other foods	1.634	205.820	205.641	4.3	-1	.0	-9	.1
Other miscellaneous foods ^{1 2} .....	.472	123.112	123.126	3.3	.0	-1	.2	.0
Food away from home ¹	6.664	222.957	223.082	4.4	.1	-1	.3	.1
Other food away from home ^{1 2} .....	.233	154.414	154.409	4.0	.0	-3	.2	.0
Alcoholic beverages	1.077	220.243	220.729	3.4	.2	.1	-1	.5
Housing	41.313	212.885	212.881	.8	.0	-1	-1	.0
Shelter	31.224	242.857	242.941	1.9	.0	.1	.1	.2
Rent of primary residence ³	8.279	247.517	247.710	2.9	.1	.2	.2	.1
Lodging away from home ²	1.209	138.008	136.113	-6.1	-1.4	-2.3	.4	.2
Owners' equivalent rent of primary residence ^{3 4}	21.430	232.503	232.739	2.1	.1	.2	.1	.2
Tenants' and household insurance ^{1 2} .....	.306	121.084	121.160	2.1	.1	.1	.0	.1
Fuels and utilities	6.030	205.840	205.270	-5.6	-3	-1.4	-1.8	-1.2
Household energy	4.996	182.795	181.977	-7.9	-4	-1.8	-2.3	-1.6
Fuel oil and other fuels .....	.283	232.068	229.019	-36.2	-1.3	-7.0	-2.5	-3.0
Gas (piped) and electricity ³	4.713	188.735	187.982	-5.6	-4	-1.5	-2.3	-1.5
Water and sewer and trash collection services ²	1.035	159.073	159.861	6.4	.5	.4	.6	.6
Household furnishings and operations	4.059	125.458	125.589	1.9	.1	.2	.2	.1
Household operations ^{1 2} .....	.360	152.980	152.001	1.5	-6	.7	-2	-6
Apparel	3.979	122.709	121.364	.8	-1.1	-3	-3	.0
Men's and boys' apparel	1.024	117.834	117.687	.9	-1	-5	-1.8	.5
Women's and girls' apparel	1.568	110.990	108.637	.0	-2.1	-8	-2	-1
Infants' and toddlers' apparel .....	.249	119.873	116.912	-3	-2.5	.4	1.7	-1.4
Footwear .....	.840	128.312	127.802	2.0	-4	.4	.4	.1
Transportation	17.067	168.539	173.055	-16.3	2.7	-1.3	-5	.9
Private transportation	16.284	165.299	169.957	-16.6	2.8	-1.3	-5	1.0
New and used motor vehicles ²	7.627	89.620	90.039	-3.0	.5	-3	.3	.5
New vehicles	4.057	135.911	136.113	.1	.1	.7	.3	.4
Used cars and trucks	2.863	121.850	123.339	-10.1	1.2	-1.7	.0	1.0
Motor fuel	4.029	177.982	194.339	-39.9	9.2	-4.4	-2.6	2.6
Gasoline (all types)	3.770	177.510	194.569	-39.4	9.6	-3.9	-2.7	3.0
Motor vehicle parts and equipment ¹ .....	.482	134.614	134.439	6.1	-1	.2	.1	-1
Motor vehicle maintenance and repair ¹	1.242	245.180	245.036	4.6	-1	.2	.2	-1
Public transportation .....	.784	228.525	227.522	-8.7	-4	-7	-7	-9
Medical care	5.355	374.599	375.420	3.3	.2	.2	.4	.3
Medical care commodities	1.320	295.699	296.431	3.3	.2	.3	.3	.4
Medical care services	4.035	397.553	398.387	3.3	.2	.2	.4	.3
Professional services	2.234	320.407	322.043	2.8	.5	.1	.1	.6
Hospital and related services ³	1.338	561.516	560.906	6.4	-1	.6	1.0	.2

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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 2008	Unadjusted indexes		Unadjusted percent change to May 2009 from—		Seasonally adjusted percent change from—		
		Apr. 2009	May 2009	May 2008	Apr. 2009	Feb. to Mar.	Mar. to Apr.	Apr. to May
Expenditure category								
Recreation ²	5.454	111.182	111.152	1.2	0.0	0.0	-0.3	0.0
Video and audio ²	1.982	102.516	102.214	-7	-3	-1	.3	-3
Education and communication ²	6.221	122.152	122.293	3.0	.1	.2	.2	.2
Education ²	2.527	184.892	185.291	5.4	.2	.5	.4	.5
Educational books and supplies .....	.219	474.950	475.213	6.7	.1	.4	.4	.5
Tuition, other school fees, and childcare	2.308	520.348	521.550	5.3	.2	.5	.4	.5
Communication ²	3.694	87.671	87.712	1.4	.0	.0	.1	.0
Information and information processing ^{1 2}	3.568	85.655	85.624	1.3	.0	.0	.1	.0
Telephone services ^{1 2}	2.965	102.048	102.231	2.3	.2	.1	.1	.2
Information technology, hardware and services ^{1 5} .....	.604	10.385	10.271	-3.3	-1.1	-1.6	.1	-1.1
Personal computers and peripheral equipment ^{1 6} .....	.202	85.406	84.017	-13.4	-1.6	-1.8	-.7	-1.6
Other goods and services	3.668	394.902	394.061	10.5	-.2	3.9	3.8	-.2
Tobacco and smoking products ¹	1.267	747.906	746.009	27.9	-.3	10.9	9.6	-.3
Personal care	2.401	203.010	202.631	1.6	-.2	.2	.4	-.2
Personal care products ¹ .....	.662	163.911	163.119	2.6	-.5	.0	.9	-.5
Personal care services ¹ .....	.580	228.119	227.829	1.7	-.1	.9	.0	-.1
Miscellaneous personal services .....	.947	345.016	345.326	1.2	.1	.0	.2	.0
Commodity and service group								
Commodities	42.689	169.005	170.532	-6.2	.9	-3	.0	.3
Food and beverages	16.942	217.653	217.308	2.8	-.2	-1	-.2	-.2
Commodities less food and beverages	25.747	143.871	146.125	-11.0	1.6	-4	.1	.6
Nondurables less food and beverages	14.587	179.415	183.813	-16.0	2.5	-1.2	-.6	1.0
Apparel	3.979	122.709	121.364	.8	-1.1	-3	-.3	.0
Nondurables less food, beverages, and apparel	10.609	218.502	226.621	-20.5	3.7	-1.4	-.3	1.1
Durables	11.160	108.596	108.933	-2.6	.3	-.2	.2	.4
Services	57.311	253.403	253.482	1.7	.0	.0	.0	.0
Rent of shelter ⁴	30.918	234.148	234.229	1.9	.0	.1	.1	.2
Tenants' and household insurance ^{1 2} .....	.306	121.084	121.160	2.1	.1	.1	.0	.1
Gas (piped) and electricity ³	4.713	188.735	187.982	-5.6	-.4	-1.5	-2.3	-1.5
Water and sewer and trash collection services ²	1.035	159.073	159.861	6.4	.5	.4	.6	.6
Household operations ^{1 2} .....	.360	152.980	152.001	1.5	-.6	.7	-.2	-.6
Transportation services	5.512	248.809	248.795	3.4	.0	.0	.4	.0
Medical care services	4.035	397.553	398.387	3.3	.2	.2	.4	.3
Other services	10.432	289.738	290.116	2.6	.1	.3	-.1	.2
Special indexes								
All items less food	84.135	206.081	207.148	-2.7	.5	-.1	.0	.2
All items less shelter	68.776	197.432	198.571	-3.5	.6	-3	-.1	.1
All items less medical care	94.645	201.112	201.955	-2.2	.4	-.2	.0	.1
Commodities less food	26.824	146.371	148.589	-10.5	1.5	-.4	.1	.6
Nondurables less food	15.664	181.815	186.012	-15.0	2.3	-1.1	-.6	1.0
Nondurables less food and apparel	11.686	217.649	225.091	-18.9	3.4	-1.3	-.3	.9
Nondurables	31.530	198.408	200.601	-7.4	1.1	-.7	-.2	.0
Services less rent of shelter ⁴	26.392	243.718	243.784	1.5	.0	-.1	-.3	-.2
Services less medical care services	53.275	242.980	243.022	1.6	.0	.0	-.1	.0
Energy	9.024	178.485	186.321	-28.0	4.4	-3.1	-2.4	.4
All items less energy	90.976	212.472	212.462	2.1	.0	.2	.2	.1
All items less food and energy	75.111	211.857	211.926	2.0	.0	.2	.3	.2
Commodities less food and energy commodities	22.513	143.237	143.170	1.1	.0	.5	.7	.2
Energy commodities	4.311	181.021	196.706	-39.8	8.7	-4.5	-2.6	2.3
Services less energy services	52.598	260.439	260.615	2.4	.1	.1	.2	.2
Purchasing power of the consumer dollar (1982-84=\$1.00)	-	\$.481	\$.479	-	-	-	-	-
Purchasing power of the consumer dollar (1967=\$1.00)	-	\$.161	\$.161	-	-	-	-	-

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	Seasonally adjusted indexes				Seasonally adjusted annual rate percent change for					
					3 months ended—				6 months ended—	
	Feb. 2009	Mar. 2009	Apr. 2009	May 2009	Aug. 2008	Nov. 2008	Feb. 2009	May 2009	Nov. 2008	May 2009
Expenditure category										
All items	207.692	207.401	207.352	207.624	7.5	-11.8	-0.8	-0.1	-2.6	-0.5
Food and beverages	218.371	218.079	217.672	217.225	9.0	4.7	-2	-2.1	6.8	-1.1
Food	218.207	217.881	217.462	216.912	9.4	4.6	-3	-2.4	7.0	-1.3
Food at home	216.694	215.965	214.802	213.768	11.7	3.8	-3.1	-5.3	7.6	-4.2
Cereals and bakery products	254.813	254.555	252.843	252.282	10.3	9.2	-5	-3.9	9.7	-2.2
Meats, poultry, fish, and eggs	208.151	206.190	206.191	204.374	11.1	3.9	-1.4	-7.1	7.4	-4.3
Dairy and related products ¹	203.023	198.048	195.714	194.694	14.3	-3.6	-16.2	-15.4	5.0	-15.8
Fruits and vegetables	272.522	272.783	273.381	270.352	24.2	-10.4	-10.5	-3.1	5.5	-6.9
Nonalcoholic beverages and beverage materials	162.689	164.563	162.761	162.650	4.1	11.3	-1.7	-1	7.7	-9
Other food at home	191.629	191.720	190.049	189.923	8.9	9.4	3.6	-3.5	9.2	.0
Sugar and sweets	195.485	196.202	195.060	194.731	5.5	11.2	8.8	-1.5	8.3	3.5
Fats and oils	204.738	204.559	202.186	200.498	23.4	10.6	-7.8	-8.0	16.8	-7.9
Other foods	206.781	206.801	204.983	205.144	7.4	8.9	4.7	-3.1	8.1	.7
Other miscellaneous foods ^{1 2}	122.994	122.837	123.112	123.126	7.6	8.1	-2.7	.4	7.8	-1.1
Food away from home ¹	222.101	222.336	222.957	223.082	6.3	5.8	3.7	1.8	6.1	2.7
Other food away from home ^{1 2}	154.520	154.054	154.414	154.409	4.9	8.7	2.8	-3	6.8	1.2
Alcoholic beverages	219.285	219.507	219.265	220.348	4.1	5.9	1.7	2.0	5.0	1.8
Housing	213.680	213.463	213.190	213.097	4.6	-.5	.4	-1.1	2.0	-.3
Shelter	242.000	242.257	242.595	242.963	2.4	2.4	1.4	1.6	2.4	1.5
Rent of primary residence ³	246.739	247.150	247.522	247.874	3.9	3.2	2.5	1.9	3.6	2.2
Lodging away from home ²	137.170	133.991	134.472	134.706	-1.6	-3.4	-12.0	-7.0	-2.5	-9.5
Owners' equivalent rent of primary residence ^{3 4}	231.675	232.200	232.489	232.851	2.1	2.3	1.8	2.0	2.2	1.9
Tenants' and household insurance ^{1 2}	120.960	121.099	121.084	121.160	.9	5.8	1.2	.7	3.4	.9
Fuels and utilities	216.077	213.084	209.329	206.844	17.1	-14.9	-4.3	-16.0	-.2	-10.4
Household energy	194.282	190.862	186.541	183.586	18.5	-18.6	-5.6	-20.3	-1.8	-13.2
Fuel oil and other fuels	255.111	237.288	231.388	224.548	3.1	-55.7	-39.6	-40.0	-32.4	-39.8
Gas (piped) and electricity ³	200.210	197.294	192.851	189.940	19.8	-15.0	-3.0	-19.0	.9	-11.3
Water and sewer and trash collection services ²	157.531	158.223	159.211	160.241	9.7	6.8	2.2	7.1	8.2	4.6
Household furnishings and operations	124.754	125.029	125.303	125.430	3.1	1.7	.5	2.2	2.4	1.3
Household operations ^{1 2}	152.168	153.239	152.980	152.001	6.2	.4	-.2	-.4	3.3	-.3
Apparel	119.854	119.478	119.065	119.078	5.7	-3.7	4.1	-2.6	.9	.7
Men's and boys' apparel	117.255	116.702	114.576	115.184	-1.2	-4.5	18.0	-6.9	-2.9	4.8
Women's and girls' apparel	107.054	106.208	106.000	105.873	15.6	-9.0	-.5	-4.3	2.6	-2.5
Infants' and toddlers' apparel	115.319	115.748	117.751	116.074	-8.3	8.7	-3.2	2.6	-.2	-.3
Footwear	125.352	125.880	126.391	126.469	.4	2.4	1.6	3.6	1.4	2.6
Transportation	169.627	167.435	166.620	168.145	16.0	-49.6	-8.9	-3.4	-23.5	-6.2
Private transportation	166.302	164.112	163.332	164.963	15.8	-50.5	-8.5	-3.2	-24.3	-5.9
New and used motor vehicles ²	89.662	89.419	89.667	90.153	-3.8	-9.0	-1.1	2.2	-6.4	.5
New vehicles	134.277	135.162	135.612	136.199	-1.5	-6.6	3.2	5.8	-4.1	4.5
Used cars and trucks	124.356	122.304	122.256	123.465	-8.6	-16.3	-12.0	-2.8	-12.5	-7.5
Motor fuel	182.697	174.688	170.137	174.513	45.2	-85.0	-28.1	-16.7	-53.4	-22.6
Gasoline (all types)	181.433	174.331	169.566	174.723	45.5	-85.5	-25.8	-14.0	-54.1	-20.1
Motor vehicle parts and equipment ¹	134.264	134.485	134.614	134.439	11.5	9.2	3.5	.5	10.3	2.0
Motor vehicle maintenance and repair ¹	244.219	244.650	245.180	245.036	7.7	5.0	4.6	1.3	6.3	2.9
Public transportation	231.991	230.256	228.536	226.424	22.1	-23.9	-17.7	-9.3	-3.6	-13.6
Medical care	371.397	372.188	373.540	374.834	2.4	2.6	4.4	3.8	2.5	4.1
Medical care commodities	293.339	294.284	295.047	296.120	1.0	3.2	5.5	3.8	2.1	4.7
Medical care services	394.081	394.779	396.348	397.699	2.9	2.5	4.0	3.7	2.7	3.9
Professional services	318.961	319.150	319.449	321.250	3.1	2.6	2.6	2.9	2.8	2.8
Hospital and related services ³	550.509	553.960	559.368	560.587	5.8	3.7	8.6	7.5	4.8	8.0

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

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CPI-W Expenditure category	Seasonally adjusted indexes				Seasonally adjusted annual rate percent change for					
					3 months ended—			6 months ended—		
	Feb. 2009	Mar. 2009	Apr. 2009	May 2009	Aug. 2008	Nov. 2008	Feb. 2009	May 2009	Nov. 2008	May 2009
Expenditure category										
Recreation ²	111.309	111.324	110.976	110.947	3.7	1.0	1.3	-1.3	2.3	0.0
Video and audio ²	101.852	101.751	102.023	101.761	.8	-1.8	-1.5	-.4	-5	-9
Education and communication ²	122.064	122.270	122.505	122.797	5.1	1.7	2.8	2.4	3.4	2.6
Education ²	184.662	185.499	186.203	187.168	6.7	4.8	4.5	5.5	5.8	5.0
Educational books and supplies	471.367	473.276	475.206	477.376	11.2	5.6	4.9	5.2	8.4	5.1
Tuition, other school fees, and childcare	520.014	522.397	524.365	527.111	6.3	4.8	4.5	5.6	5.5	5.0
Communication ²	87.639	87.616	87.673	87.712	4.1	-3	1.6	.3	1.9	.9
Information and information processing ^{1 2}	85.624	85.595	85.655	85.624	4.1	-3	1.6	.0	1.9	.8
Telephone services ^{1 2}	101.890	101.977	102.048	102.231	5.7	.9	1.3	1.3	3.3	1.3
Information technology, hardware and services ^{1 5}	10.442	10.378	10.385	10.271	-3.6	-5.9	2.9	-6.4	-4.7	-1.8
Personal computers and peripheral equipment ^{1 6}	87.622	86.004	85.406	84.017	-15.8	-17.3	-4.5	-15.5	-16.5	-10.1
Other goods and services	365.470	379.874	394.363	393.500	5.4	2.4	3.0	34.4	3.9	17.6
Tobacco and smoking products ¹	615.012	682.115	747.906	746.009	11.8	2.1	8.3	116.5	6.8	53.1
Personal care	201.381	201.817	202.554	202.156	2.2	2.6	.3	1.5	2.4	.9
Personal care products ¹	162.543	162.516	163.911	163.119	.9	4.2	3.9	1.4	2.5	2.7
Personal care services ¹	226.088	228.201	228.119	227.829	1.0	3.6	-.6	3.1	2.3	1.2
Miscellaneous personal services	343.601	343.711	344.376	344.423	3.5	.3	.1	1.0	1.9	.5
Commodity and service group										
Commodities	168.242	167.715	167.690	168.137	10.6	-25.1	-3.8	-.2	-9.0	-2.0
Food and beverages	218.371	218.079	217.672	217.225	9.0	4.7	-.2	-2.1	6.8	-1.1
Commodities less food and beverages	142.519	141.910	142.044	142.846	11.5	-38.4	-6.0	.9	-17.1	-2.6
Nondurables less food and beverages	177.755	175.626	174.600	176.429	20.2	-55.0	-5.1	-3.0	-26.5	-4.0
Apparel	119.854	119.478	119.065	119.078	5.7	-3.7	4.1	-2.6	.9	.7
Nondurables less food, beverages, and apparel	217.299	214.185	213.527	215.822	24.8	-64.0	-8.7	-2.7	-32.9	-5.7
Durables	108.475	108.251	108.461	108.846	-1.6	-7.2	-2.8	1.4	-4.5	-.7
Services	253.785	253.811	253.695	253.765	4.9	.5	1.6	.0	2.7	.8
Rent of shelter ⁴	233.328	233.478	233.802	234.196	2.3	2.7	1.2	1.5	2.5	1.4
Tenants' and household insurance ^{1 2}	120.960	121.099	121.084	121.160	.9	5.8	1.2	.7	3.4	.9
Gas (piped) and electricity ³	200.210	197.294	192.851	189.940	19.8	-15.0	-3.0	-19.0	.9	-11.3
Water and sewer and trash collection services ²	157.531	158.223	159.211	160.241	9.7	6.8	2.2	7.1	8.2	4.6
Household operations ^{1 2}	152.168	153.239	152.980	152.001	6.2	.4	-.2	-.4	3.3	-.3
Transportation services	248.087	248.145	249.142	249.130	8.1	-.1	3.9	1.7	3.9	2.8
Medical care services	394.081	394.779	396.348	397.699	2.9	2.5	4.0	3.7	2.7	3.9
Other services	289.415	290.152	289.907	290.444	4.7	2.0	2.4	1.4	3.3	1.9
Special indexes										
All items less food	205.662	205.378	205.393	205.809	7.2	-14.5	-.9	.3	-4.3	-.3
All items less shelter	197.425	196.931	196.739	196.980	9.8	-17.3	-1.7	-.9	-4.7	-1.3
All items less medical care	200.971	200.650	200.558	200.797	7.8	-12.5	-1.1	-.3	-2.9	-.7
Commodities less food	145.025	144.434	144.560	145.372	11.3	-37.2	-5.7	1.0	-16.4	-2.4
Nondurables less food	180.246	178.203	177.208	178.973	19.2	-52.8	-4.4	-2.8	-25.0	-3.6
Nondurables less food and apparel	216.564	213.688	213.033	215.042	23.3	-61.1	-7.6	-2.8	-30.7	-5.2
Nondurables	198.015	196.725	196.298	196.393	14.0	-31.8	-2.1	-3.2	-11.9	-2.7
Services less rent of shelter ⁴	245.607	245.340	244.695	244.177	8.0	-1.4	2.0	-2.3	3.2	-.2
Services less medical care services	243.578	243.498	243.313	243.221	5.0	.7	1.3	-.6	2.9	.4
Energy	186.446	180.751	176.359	177.124	34.1	-68.6	-17.6	-18.5	-35.1	-18.1
All items less energy	211.226	211.602	212.088	212.301	4.0	1.2	1.3	2.1	2.6	1.7
All items less food and energy	210.188	210.707	211.378	211.745	2.9	.5	1.6	3.0	1.7	2.3
Commodities less food and energy commodities	140.675	141.363	142.367	142.656	1.4	-3.1	.7	5.8	-.9	3.2
Energy commodities	186.476	178.042	173.415	177.375	43.0	-84.2	-28.7	-18.1	-52.5	-23.6
Services less energy services	259.521	259.892	260.282	260.701	3.6	2.1	2.1	1.8	2.9	1.9

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	Pricing schedule 1	All items									
		Indexes				Percent change to May 2009 from—			Percent change to Apr. 2009 from—		
		Feb. 2009	Mar. 2009	Apr. 2009	May 2009	May 2008	Mar. 2009	Apr. 2009	Apr. 2008	Feb. 2009	Mar. 2009
U.S. city average	M	206.708	207.218	207.925	208.774	-1.9	0.8	0.4	-1.3	0.6	0.3
Region and area size²											
Northeast urban	M	222.945	223.626	224.252	224.748	-1.0	.5	.2	-.2	.6	.3
Size A - More than 1,500,000	M	224.084	224.597	225.214	225.657	-.8	.5	.2	.0	.5	.3
Size B/C - 50,000 to 1,500,000 ³	M	133.908	134.558	134.951	135.329	-1.7	.6	.3	-.9	.8	.3
Midwest urban	M	195.813	196.453	196.933	197.971	-2.4	.8	.5	-1.9	.6	.2
Size A - More than 1,500,000	M	196.147	196.855	197.192	198.271	-2.3	.7	.5	-1.9	.5	.2
Size B/C - 50,000 to 1,500,000 ³	M	128.167	128.468	128.968	129.524	-2.5	.8	.4	-1.8	.6	.4
Size D - Nonmetropolitan (less than 50,000)	M	193.527	194.393	194.651	196.047	-2.7	.9	.7	-2.3	.6	.1
South urban	M	201.150	201.737	202.619	203.500	-2.1	.9	.4	-1.5	.7	.4
Size A - More than 1,500,000	M	204.501	205.066	205.733	206.271	-2.1	.6	.3	-1.3	.6	.3
Size B/C - 50,000 to 1,500,000 ³	M	128.276	128.686	129.309	129.885	-2.2	.9	.4	-1.6	.8	.5
Size D - Nonmetropolitan (less than 50,000)	M	205.337	205.744	206.921	208.989	-1.7	1.6	1.0	-1.3	.8	.6
West urban	M	210.492	210.661	211.386	212.263	-1.7	.8	.4	-1.4	.4	.3
Size A - More than 1,500,000	M	212.890	212.965	213.646	214.734	-1.6	.8	.5	-1.1	.4	.3
Size B/C - 50,000 to 1,500,000 ³	M	130.649	130.674	131.103	131.389	-2.0	.5	.2	-1.8	.3	.3
Size classes											
A ⁴	M	191.927	192.327	192.861	193.597	-1.6	.7	.4	-1.0	.5	.3
B/C ³	M	129.488	129.833	130.361	130.847	-2.2	.8	.4	-1.6	.7	.4
D	M	200.681	201.485	202.351	203.883	-2.1	1.2	.8	-1.7	.8	.4
Selected local areas⁵											
Chicago-Gary-Kenosha, IL-IN-WI	M	199.944	200.218	200.607	202.464	-2.8	1.1	.9	-2.6	.3	.2
Los Angeles-Riverside-Orange County, CA ...	M	213.234	213.013	213.405	214.446	-2.4	.7	.5	-2.1	.1	.2
New York-Northern N.J.-Long Island, NY-NJ-CT-PA	M	228.653	229.064	229.639	230.307	-.3	.5	.3	.6	.4	.3
Boston-Brockton-Nashua, MA-NH-ME-CT	1	-	231.884	-	231.420	-1.7	-.2	-	-	-	-
Cleveland-Akron, OH	1	-	190.107	-	191.297	-2.3	.6	-	-	-	-
Dallas-Fort Worth, TX	1	-	200.770	-	200.955	-2.6	.1	-	-	-	-
Washington-Baltimore, DC-MD-VA-WV ⁶	1	-	137.539	-	138.510	-.6	.7	-	-	-	-
Atlanta, GA	2	197.528	-	197.676	-	-	-	-	-3.9	.1	-
Detroit-Ann Arbor-Flint, MI	2	196.191	-	197.239	-	-	-	-	-1.9	.5	-
Houston-Galveston-Brazoria, TX	2	185.015	-	186.970	-	-	-	-	-.8	1.1	-
Miami-Fort Lauderdale, FL	2	217.635	-	217.900	-	-	-	-	-.7	.1	-
Philadelphia-Wilmington-Atlantic City, PA-NJ-DE-MD	2	219.356	-	220.732	-	-	-	-	-1.1	.6	-
San Francisco-Oakland-San Jose, CA	2	216.797	-	218.587	-	-	-	-	.3	.8	-
Seattle-Tacoma-Bremerton, WA	2	218.752	-	220.208	-	-	-	-	.8	.7	-

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

M - Every month.

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

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

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

³ Indexes on a December 1996=100 base.

⁴ Indexes on a December 1986=100 base.

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

Tampa-St. Petersburg-Clearwater, FL.

⁶ Indexes on a November 1996=100 base.

- Data not available.

NOTE: Local area indexes are byproducts of the national CPI program. Each local index has a smaller sample size than the national index and is, therefore, subject to substantially more sampling and other measurement error. As a result, local area indexes show greater volatility than the national index, although their long-term trends are similar. Therefore, the Bureau of Labor Statistics strongly urges users to consider adopting the national average CPI for use in their escalator clauses.

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

Table 7. Chained Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers (C-CPI-U): U.S. city average, by expenditure category and commodity and service group

(December 1999=100, unless otherwise noted)

C-CPI-U	Relative importance, 2005-2006	Unadjusted indexes		Unadjusted percent change to May 2009 from—	
		Apr. 2009	May 2009	May 2008	Apr. 2009
Expenditure category					
All items	100.000	122.506	122.898	-1.4	0.3
Food and beverages	14.726	128.063	127.886	2.7	-.1
Food	13.648	128.147	127.943	2.6	-.2
Food at home	7.557	124.068	123.656	1.4	-.3
Food away from home	6.091	133.403	133.476	4.2	.1
Alcoholic beverages	1.077	127.359	127.524	2.9	.1
Housing	42.421	128.666	128.495	.3	-.1
Shelter	32.409	131.630	131.566	1.4	.0
Fuels and utilities	5.004	152.236	151.032	-7.0	-.8
Household furnishings and operations	5.008	96.247	96.226	.9	.0
Apparel	3.988	91.148	90.000	.4	-1.3
Transportation	17.393	115.183	118.136	-12.9	2.6
Private transportation	16.285	115.477	118.672	-13.2	2.8
Public transportation	1.108	112.313	111.889	-9.2	-.4
Medical care	6.085	145.294	145.621	3.0	.2
Medical care commodities	1.615	128.434	128.713	3.2	.2
Medical care services	4.470	151.505	151.849	2.9	.2
Recreation	5.935	105.284	105.191	-.1	-.1
Education and communication	6.196	109.709	109.795	2.8	.1
Education	2.771	173.305	173.691	5.5	.2
Communication	3.425	74.190	74.162	.7	.0
Other goods and services	3.257	133.394	133.152	4.0	-.2
Commodity and service group					
Services	58.427	133.605	133.528	1.2	-.1
Commodities	41.573	109.023	109.954	-4.9	.9
Durables	11.817	80.935	81.049	-2.3	.1
Nondurables	29.756	123.424	124.831	-5.9	1.1
All items less food and energy	77.561	118.688	118.652	1.4	.0
Energy	8.790	152.229	158.689	-27.2	4.2

Indexes for 2009 are initial estimates. Indexes for 2008 are interim adjustments.
NOTE: Index applies to a month as a whole, not to any specific date.