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CPI for All Urban Consumers (CPI-U)

The Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers (CPI-U) decreased 0.2 percent in July 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 2.1 percent, as a 28.1 percent decline in the energy index since its July 2008 peak has more than offset increases of 0.9 percent in the food index and 1.5 percent in the index for all items less food and energy.

On a seasonally adjusted basis, the CPI-U was unchanged in July following a 0.7 percent increase in June. Small declines in the food and energy indexes offset a small increase in the index for all items less food and energy. The food index declined 0.3 percent in July with all six major grocery store food groups posting declines. The energy index, which rose 7.4 percent in June, fell 0.4 percent in July. Decreases in the indexes for gasoline, fuel oil, and electricity more than offset an increase in the index for natural gas.

The index for all items less food and energy rose 0.1 percent in July following a 0.2 percent increase in June. The indexes for new vehicles, tobacco, medical care and apparel all continued to increase in July, and the index for airline fares turned up after a long series of declines. In contrast to these increases, the shelter index decreased in July as the index for lodging away from home fell and the indexes for rent and owners' equivalent rent were unchanged.

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

Expenditure Category	Seasonally adjusted							Compound annual rate 3-mos. ended July 2009	Un-adjusted 12-mos. ended July 2009
	Changes from preceding month								
	Jan. 2009	Feb. 2009	Mar. 2009	Apr. 2009	May 2009	June 2009	July 2009		
All items	0.3	0.4	-0.1	0.0	0.1	0.7	0.0	3.4	-2.1
Food and beverages .....	.1	-.1	-.1	-.2	-.2	.1	-.2	-1.4	1.1
Housing .....	.0	.0	-.1	-.1	-.1	.0	-.2	-1.0	-.7
Apparel .....	.3	1.3	-.2	-.2	-.2	.7	.6	4.5	1.1
Transportation	1.3	1.9	-1.1	-.4	.8	4.2	.2	22.7	-14.1
Medical care .....	.4	.3	.2	.4	.3	.2	.2	2.8	3.2
Recreation .....	.0	.4	.0	-.4	.0	.5	.0	2.1	1.2
Education and communication .....	.3	.2	.2	.3	.3	.2	.3	3.1	2.8
Other goods and services ...	.3	.2	2.7	2.6	-.2	.3	.8	3.3	7.5
Special indexes:									
Energy	1.7	3.3	-3.0	-2.4	.2	7.4	-.4	32.5	-28.1
Food .....	.1	-.1	-.1	-.2	-.2	.0	-.3	-1.8	.9
All items less food and energy .....	.2	.2	.2	.3	.1	.2	.1	1.7	1.5

The food and beverages index, which rose 0.1 percent in June, fell 0.2 percent in July. The decrease was caused by the food at home index, which declined for the seventh time in the last eight months, falling 0.5 percent. All six major grocery store food group indexes fell, with the largest decreases being a 1.3 percent decline in the index for meats, poultry, fish and eggs and a 0.6 percent decline in the dairy and related products index, which has now fallen for eight months in a row. The cereals and bakery products index posted the smallest decrease of the six groups, falling 0.1 percent. The indexes for fruits and vegetables, for nonalcoholic beverages, and for other food at home all declined 0.3 percent in July. The food at home index has declined 2.6 percent from its peak in November 2008. In contrast to the decline in the food at home index, the food away from home index rose 0.1 percent in July and the index for alcoholic beverages increased 0.3 percent.

The housing index fell 0.2 percent in July after being unchanged in June. The index for shelter fell 0.2 percent and the household energy index declined 0.3 percent. Within the shelter group, the indexes for rent and owners' equivalent rent were both unchanged in July after rising 0.1 percent in June. The index for lodging away from home turned down in July, falling 2.1 percent after increasing 0.3 percent in June, and has fallen 8.9 percent over the past 12 months. Within household energy, a 0.9 percent increase in the index for natural gas was more than offset by declines in the other indexes, including a 0.6 percent decrease in the electricity index and a 1.5 percent fall in the fuel oil index. The index for household furnishings and operations, unchanged for each of the previous three months, declined 0.1 percent in July. For the past 12 months, the housing index has declined 0.7 percent, with the shelter index up 0.9 percent and the household energy index down 14.1 percent.

After rising 4.2 percent in June, the transportation index increased 0.2 percent in July. Most of the moderation was due to the motor fuel index, which fell 0.4 percent in July after rising 17.2 percent in June. The new vehicle index increased 0.5 percent in July after rising 0.7 percent in June, and the index for used cars and trucks was unchanged in July after rising 0.9 percent in June. The public transportation index, however, turned up in July, rising 1.9 percent after declining 0.5 percent in June. The turnaround was mostly due to the index for airline fares, which rose 2.1 percent in July after declining in each of the previous ten months. Over the past 12 months, the transportation index has fallen 14.1 percent, with several of its components declining. The gasoline index fell 37.3 percent while the index for airline fares declined 16.6 percent and the index for used cars and trucks decreased 7.9 percent. However, the new vehicle index has risen 1.2 percent over the past 12 months.

Among other CPI groups, the medical care index rose 0.2 percent in July, the same increase as in June. Within that group, the index for hospital and related services rose 0.7 percent while the index for prescription drugs was unchanged. Over the last 12 months, the medical care index has risen 3.2 percent. The index for other goods and services rose 0.8 percent in July after advancing 0.3 percent in June. The larger increase was driven by the tobacco index, which rose 2.2 percent as excise tax increases in several states went into effect in July. The tobacco index has now risen 27.8 percent over the past year. The apparel index advanced 0.6 percent in July after a 0.7 percent increase in June. The index for education and communication rose 0.3 percent in July after rising 0.2 percent in June, while the index for recreation was unchanged in July after rising 0.5 percent in June.

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

The Consumer Price Index for Urban Wage Earners and Clerical Workers (CPI-W) declined 0.2 percent in July, prior to seasonal adjustment. The index value of 210.526 was 2.7 percent lower than in July 2008. On a seasonally adjusted basis, the CPI-W was unchanged in July.

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 July 2009	Un-adjusted 12-mos. ended July 2009
	Changes from preceding month								
	Jan. 2009	Feb. 2009	Mar. 2009	Apr. 2009	May 2009	June 2009	July 2009		
All items	0.3	0.4	-0.1	0.0	0.1	0.9	0.0	4.4	-2.7
Food and beverages .....	.0	-.2	-.1	-.2	-.2	.0	-.2	-1.6	1.0
Housing .....	.0	.1	-.1	-.1	.0	-.1	-.1	-.8	-.5
Apparel .....	.6	1.0	-.3	-.3	.0	.7	.6	5.5	1.3
Transportation	1.5	2.0	-1.3	-.5	.9	4.8	.1	25.8	-15.9
Medical care .....	.4	.4	.2	.4	.3	.2	.2	3.0	3.4
Recreation .....	.0	.4	.0	-.3	.0	.4	.0	1.6	1.1
Education and communication .....	.2	.2	.2	.2	.2	.1	.3	2.8	2.4
Other goods and services ...	.4	.2	3.9	3.8	-.2	.3	1.0	4.3	10.7
Special indexes:									
Energy	1.9	3.6	-3.1	-2.4	.4	8.1	-.4	36.8	-28.5
Food .....	.0	-.2	-.1	-.2	-.3	.0	-.3	-1.9	.8
All items less food and energy .....	.2	.2	.2	.3	.2	.2	.1	2.1	1.8

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

The Chained Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers (C-CPI-U) decreased 0.2 percent in July on a not seasonally adjusted basis. The index has decreased 1.9 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 August are scheduled for release on Wednesday, September 16, 2009, at 8:30 A.M. (EDT).

Upcoming Changes to the Consumer Price Index news release

Beginning with the next edition of the *Consumer Price Index* news release scheduled for publication on September 16, 2009, the Bureau of Labor Statistics will introduce changes in the presentation of the text section of the release. There will be no changes to the data or to the format and content of the tables. A sample of the revamped *Consumer Price Index* news release will be posted on the BLS Web site on Friday, August 14. For further information, please see http://www.bls.gov/bls/changes_to_text_sections_of_nrs.htm.

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 July 2009 from—		Seasonally adjusted percent change from—		
		June 2009	July 2009	July 2008	June 2009	Apr. to May	May to June	June to July
All items	100.000	215.693	215.351	-2.1	-0.2	0.1	0.7	0.0
All items (1967=100)	-	646.121	645.096	-	-	-	-	-
Food and beverages	15.757	218.030	217.608	1.1	-2	-2	.1	-2
Food	14.629	217.740	217.257	.9	-2	-2	.0	-3
Food at home	8.156	214.824	213.815	-9	-5	-5	.0	-5
Cereals and bakery products	1.150	253.008	253.391	1.2	.2	-2	.0	-1
Meats, poultry, fish, and eggs	1.898	204.031	201.743	-1.6	-1.1	-9	-2	-1.3
Dairy and related products ¹ .....	.910	194.197	193.118	-9.7	-6	-5	-9	-6
Fruits and vegetables	1.194	272.608	270.940	-3.3	-6	-1.0	1.1	-3
Nonalcoholic beverages and beverage materials .....	.982	162.571	162.069	1.7	-3	-1	.1	-3
Other food at home	2.022	191.328	190.967	2.8	-2	-1	.0	-3
Sugar and sweets .....	.300	197.009	195.126	4.3	-1.0	.0	.2	-1.3
Fats and oils .....	.241	201.127	201.031	-.1	.0	-7	.6	-3
Other foods	1.481	205.654	205.544	3.0	-1	.0	-2	-1
Other miscellaneous foods ^{1 2} .....	.433	122.224	121.990	1.2	-2	.0	-.5	-2
Food away from home ¹	6.474	223.163	223.345	3.2	.1	.1	.1	.1
Other food away from home ^{1 2} .....	.314	155.841	156.570	3.6	.5	.0	.5	.5
Alcoholic beverages	1.127	220.477	220.850	3.0	.2	.3	.2	.3
Housing	43.421	218.071	218.085	-.7	.0	-.1	.0	-.2
Shelter	33.200	250.243	250.310	.9	.0	.1	.1	-.2
Rent of primary residence ³	5.957	249.092	248.994	2.3	.0	.1	.1	.0
Lodging away from home ²	2.478	138.318	139.424	-8.9	.8	.1	.3	-2.1
Owners' equivalent rent of primary residence ^{3 4}	24.433	256.981	256.872	1.7	.0	.1	.1	.0
Tenants' and household insurance ^{1 2} .....	.333	121.083	121.298	2.1	.2	.0	.3	.2
Fuels and utilities	5.431	212.677	212.961	-10.9	.1	-1.3	-.8	-.1
Household energy	4.460	190.647	190.534	-14.1	-.1	-1.8	-1.0	-3
Fuel oil and other fuels .....	.301	232.638	230.192	-41.8	-1.1	-3.1	2.0	-1.1
Gas (piped) and electricity ³	4.159	196.754	196.767	-11.3	.0	-1.7	-1.2	-3
Water and sewer and trash collection services ² .....	.971	159.831	161.403	6.1	1.0	.6	.4	.6
Household furnishings and operations	4.790	129.623	129.267	1.1	-.3	.0	.0	-.1
Household operations ^{1 2} .....	.781	149.995	149.983	1.1	.0	-.9	.4	.0
Apparel	3.691	118.799	115.620	1.1	-2.7	-.2	.7	.6
Men's and boys' apparel .....	.923	112.849	109.744	.1	-2.8	.4	-.5	-.7
Women's and girls' apparel	1.541	106.455	101.688	1.6	-4.5	-.1	1.6	1.2
Infants' and toddlers' apparel .....	.183	113.915	111.022	1.7	-2.5	-1.6	2.2	-.7
Footwear .....	.688	125.515	124.405	1.6	-.9	.1	.2	1.1
Transportation	15.314	183.735	182.798	-14.1	-.5	.8	4.2	.2
Private transportation	14.189	179.649	178.330	-14.3	-.7	.9	4.5	.1
New and used motor vehicles ²	6.931	93.020	93.413	-.3	.4	.5	.4	.3
New vehicles	4.480	135.719	136.055	1.2	.2	.5	.7	.5
Used cars and trucks	1.628	124.323	125.061	-7.9	.6	1.0	.9	.0
Motor fuel	3.164	225.021	217.860	-37.7	-3.2	2.7	17.2	-.4
Gasoline (all types)	2.964	225.526	217.945	-37.3	-3.4	3.1	17.3	-.8
Motor vehicle parts and equipment ¹ .....	.382	134.270	133.729	3.6	-.4	-.2	-.1	-.4
Motor vehicle maintenance and repair ¹	1.188	242.683	243.031	3.5	.1	-.1	.1	.1
Public transportation	1.125	232.540	238.932	-11.5	2.7	-1.0	-.5	1.9
Medical care	6.390	375.093	375.739	3.2	.2	.3	.2	.2
Medical care commodities	1.625	304.683	304.229	3.2	-.1	.4	.1	-.1
Medical care services	4.765	396.750	397.868	3.2	.3	.3	.2	.3
Professional services	2.702	319.652	320.076	2.6	.1	.6	.3	.1
Hospital and related services ³	1.545	564.406	568.315	6.5	.7	.1	.4	.7

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 July 2009 from—		Seasonally adjusted percent change from—		
		June 2009	July 2009	July 2008	June 2009	Apr. to May	May to June	June to July
Expenditure category								
Recreation ²	5.741	114.643	114.619	1.2	0.0	0.0	0.5	0.0
Video and audio ²	1.822	101.871	101.614	-6	-3	-2	.4	-2
Education and communication ²	6.301	126.519	126.914	2.8	.3	.3	.2	.3
Education ²	3.107	188.179	189.184	5.6	.5	.5	.4	.5
Educational books and supplies .....	.221	476.974	481.768	8.4	1.0	.4	1.2	1.2
Tuition, other school fees, and childcare	2.886	541.119	543.810	5.3	.5	.6	.3	.5
Communication ²	3.194	84.975	85.056	.3	.1	.1	-.1	.1
Information and information processing ^{1 2}	3.022	81.909	81.991	.0	.1	-.1	-.2	.1
Telephone services ^{1 2}	2.408	102.182	102.643	1.3	.5	.2	-.1	.5
Information technology, hardware and services ^{1 5} .....	.614	9.731	9.604	-4.8	-1.3	-1.1	-.5	-1.3
Personal computers and peripheral equipment ^{1 6} .....	.214	83.476	80.838	-14.6	-3.2	-1.6	-1.1	-3.2
Other goods and services	3.386	370.595	372.894	7.5	.6	-.2	.3	.8
Tobacco and smoking products ¹ .....	.776	746.283	762.907	27.8	2.2	-.3	.8	2.2
Personal care	2.610	204.503	204.571	1.5	.0	-.2	.1	.2
Personal care products ¹ .....	.651	162.301	162.887	2.5	.4	-.4	-.5	.4
Personal care services ¹ .....	.647	227.572	227.325	1.6	-.1	-.1	.0	-.1
Miscellaneous personal services	1.074	344.232	344.367	1.3	.0	-.1	.4	.5
Commodity and service group								
Commodities	39.556	171.593	170.483	-5.9	-6	.2	1.8	.0
Food and beverages	15.757	218.030	217.608	1.1	-.2	-.2	.1	-.2
Commodities less food and beverages	23.799	147.099	145.742	-9.6	-9	.5	2.9	.1
Nondurables less food and beverages	13.289	184.581	181.755	-14.8	-1.5	.7	4.9	.5
Apparel	3.691	118.799	115.620	1.1	-2.7	-.2	.7	.6
Nondurables less food, beverages, and apparel	9.598	229.692	227.038	-18.9	-1.2	.9	6.6	.2
Durables	10.510	109.983	109.924	-1.2	-.1	.3	.3	.0
Services	60.444	259.544	259.992	.6	.2	.0	.1	.0
Rent of shelter ⁴	32.867	260.869	260.935	.9	.0	.1	.0	-.2
Tenants' and household insurance ^{1 2} .....	.333	121.083	121.298	2.1	.2	.0	.3	.2
Gas (piped) and electricity ³	4.159	196.754	196.767	-11.3	.0	-1.7	-1.2	-.3
Water and sewer and trash collection services ² .....	.971	159.831	161.403	6.1	1.0	.6	.4	.6
Household operations ^{1 2} .....	.781	149.995	149.983	1.1	.0	-.9	.4	.0
Transportation services	5.567	249.194	251.184	1.3	.8	-.1	-.1	.5
Medical care services	4.765	396.750	397.868	3.2	.3	.3	.2	.3
Other services	11.002	303.000	303.761	2.7	.3	.2	.4	.3
Special indexes								
All items less food	85.371	215.389	215.069	-2.6	-.1	.2	.9	.0
All items less shelter	66.800	204.578	204.069	-3.5	-.2	.1	1.1	.1
All items less medical care	93.610	207.764	207.388	-2.4	-.2	.1	.8	.0
Commodities less food	24.926	149.697	148.386	-9.2	-.9	.5	2.7	.1
Nondurables less food	14.416	186.726	184.090	-13.8	-1.4	.7	4.5	.5
Nondurables less food and apparel	10.726	227.768	225.410	-17.3	-1.0	.7	6.1	.2
Nondurables	29.046	201.461	199.746	-7.4	-.9	.0	2.4	.1
Services less rent of shelter ⁴	27.577	277.777	278.747	.3	.3	-.2	.0	.3
Services less medical care services	55.679	248.557	248.963	.4	.2	-.1	.0	.0
Energy	7.624	205.408	201.938	-28.1	-1.7	-.2	7.4	-.4
All items less energy	92.376	218.440	218.421	1.4	.0	.1	.2	.0
All items less food and energy	77.746	219.283	219.350	1.5	.0	.1	.2	.1
Commodities less food and energy commodities	21.461	141.990	141.463	1.4	-.4	.2	.3	.2
Energy commodities	3.465	226.881	219.922	-37.9	-3.1	2.3	16.2	-.4
Services less energy services	56.285	265.993	266.484	1.6	.2	.1	.1	.0
Purchasing power of the consumer dollar (1982-84=\$1.00)	-	\$.464	\$.464	-	-	-	-	-
Purchasing power of the consumer dollar (1967=\$1.00)	-	\$.155	\$.155	-	-	-	-	-

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.
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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—		
	Apr. 2009	May 2009	June 2009	July 2009	Oct. 2008	Jan. 2009	Apr. 2009	July 2009	Jan. 2009	July 2009	
All items	212.671	212.876	214.459	214.469	-3.1	-8.4	0.9	3.4	-5.8	2.2	
Food and beverages	218.401	217.965	218.094	217.638	6.0	1.4	-1.6	-1.4	3.7	-1.5	
Food	218.254	217.738	217.838	217.291	6.1	1.1	-1.7	-1.8	3.6	-1.7	
Food at home	215.948	214.929	214.999	213.876	6.6	-9	-5.2	-3.8	2.8	-4.5	
Cereals and bakery products	252.062	251.645	251.576	251.380	8.1	4.0	-5.6	-1.1	6.0	-3.4	
Meats, poultry, fish, and eggs	206.480	204.679	204.365	201.738	10.3	-3.2	-3.9	-8.9	3.3	-6.4	
Dairy and related products ¹	197.124	196.055	194.197	193.118	-2.3	-5.7	-21.8	-7.9	-4.0	-15.1	
Fruits and vegetables	275.810	273.037	276.092	275.379	-1.1	-13.3	2.3	-6	-7.4	.8	
Nonalcoholic beverages and beverage materials	163.084	162.848	162.993	162.431	9.8	.8	-1.7	-1.6	5.2	-1.7	
Other food at home	190.826	190.643	190.637	190.071	9.9	8.0	-4.3	-1.6	8.9	-2.9	
Sugar and sweets	196.398	196.340	196.818	194.193	11.4	12.7	-1.4	-4.4	12.1	-2.9	
Fats and oils	201.213	199.782	201.067	200.428	14.4	-3.0	-8.8	-1.6	5.4	-5.2	
Other foods	205.037	205.011	204.694	204.528	8.8	8.9	-4.1	-1.0	8.9	-2.6	
Other miscellaneous foods ^{1 2}	122.883	122.838	122.224	121.990	7.5	4.3	-3.6	-2.9	5.9	-3.2	
Food away from home ¹	222.905	223.023	223.163	223.345	5.5	3.8	2.9	.8	4.6	1.8	
Other food away from home ^{1 2}	155.099	155.099	155.841	156.570	6.6	-4	4.5	3.8	3.0	4.2	
Alcoholic beverages	218.994	219.601	220.105	220.815	5.3	4.4	-.9	3.4	4.9	1.2	
Housing	217.180	217.056	216.984	216.612	-.4	-.3	-.9	-1.0	-.3	-.9	
Shelter	249.334	249.680	249.861	249.410	1.6	1.4	.6	.1	1.5	.4	
Rent of primary residence ³	248.916	249.233	249.374	249.293	3.6	3.1	1.9	.6	3.4	1.3	
Lodging away from home ²	134.000	134.136	134.507	131.742	-5.1	-9.5	-13.9	-6.6	-7.3	-10.3	
Owners' equivalent rent of primary residence ^{3 4}	256.627	257.003	257.138	257.073	1.9	2.3	2.0	.7	2.1	1.4	
Tenants' and household insurance ^{1 2}	120.675	120.728	121.083	121.298	3.9	1.6	.9	2.1	2.8	1.5	
Fuels and utilities	210.702	207.903	206.342	206.046	-14.1	-9.8	-12.0	-8.6	-12.0	-10.3	
Household energy	188.753	185.399	183.526	182.927	-18.2	-12.4	-15.3	-11.8	-15.3	-13.5	
Fuel oil and other fuels	227.355	220.321	224.706	222.296	-48.7	-60.6	-38.0	-8.6	-55.0	-24.7	
Gas (piped) and electricity ³	194.967	191.671	189.362	188.839	-14.5	-6.6	-13.4	-12.0	-10.6	-12.7	
Water and sewer and trash collection services ²	158.802	159.821	160.401	161.408	9.7	3.6	4.6	6.7	6.6	5.7	
Household furnishings and operations	129.434	129.413	129.428	129.254	3.1	-.2	2.1	-.6	1.4	.8	
Household operations ^{1 2}	150.809	149.468	149.995	149.983	4.8	1.0	1.0	-2.2	2.9	-.6	
Apparel	119.537	119.345	120.183	120.865	-2.4	-.9	3.5	4.5	-1.7	4.0	
Men's and boys' apparel	114.062	114.561	114.009	113.251	-2.1	2.3	3.0	-2.8	.1	.1	
Women's and girls' apparel	106.771	106.667	108.388	109.695	-3.0	-2.3	1.1	11.4	-2.7	6.1	
Infants' and toddlers' apparel	115.025	113.149	115.667	114.831	2.0	1.7	3.6	-.7	1.9	1.4	
Footwear	126.039	126.182	126.438	127.790	-5.2	.8	5.6	5.7	-2.3	5.7	
Transportation	170.259	171.635	178.843	179.180	-21.3	-43.0	1.8	22.7	-33.0	11.8	
Private transportation	165.676	167.234	174.831	174.949	-21.9	-44.4	3.1	24.3	-34.1	13.2	
New and used motor vehicles ²	92.400	92.847	93.227	93.501	-6.5	-2.7	3.8	4.9	-4.6	4.3	
New vehicles	134.580	135.284	136.179	136.826	-6.9	-1.9	7.6	6.8	-4.4	7.2	
Used cars and trucks	121.616	122.788	123.851	123.848	-14.1	-10.7	-12.9	7.5	-12.4	-3.2	
Motor fuel	169.373	173.872	203.703	202.924	-46.8	-86.3	.5	106.0	-73.0	43.9	
Gasoline (all types)	168.696	173.954	204.131	202.498	-46.4	-86.7	4.5	107.6	-73.3	47.3	
Motor vehicle parts and equipment ¹	134.640	134.347	134.270	133.729	9.0	4.6	3.7	-2.7	6.8	.5	
Motor vehicle maintenance and repair ¹	242.649	242.488	242.683	243.031	6.0	4.9	2.6	.6	5.4	1.6	
Public transportation	230.470	228.210	227.003	231.418	-12.8	-19.9	-13.6	1.7	-16.4	-6.3	
Medical care	373.257	374.402	375.203	375.851	2.6	3.9	3.7	2.8	3.2	3.2	
Medical care commodities	303.357	304.426	304.820	304.406	1.7	5.1	4.7	1.4	3.4	3.0	
Medical care services	394.734	395.884	396.846	397.947	2.9	3.5	3.3	3.3	3.2	3.3	
Professional services	316.667	318.499	319.339	319.810	2.5	3.3	.7	4.0	2.9	2.4	
Hospital and related services ³	562.843	563.594	565.707	569.494	5.9	5.8	9.6	4.8	5.8	7.2	

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—		
	Apr. 2009	May 2009	June 2009	July 2009	Oct. 2008	Jan. 2009	Apr. 2009	July 2009	Jan. 2009	July 2009
Recreation ²	114.030	114.044	114.592	114.612	3.2	-0.5	0.0	2.1	1.3	1.0
Video and audio ²	101.741	101.488	101.920	101.741	-5	-2.1	.3	.0	-1.3	.1
Education and communication ²	126.783	127.169	127.366	127.751	2.1	3.3	2.8	3.1	2.7	3.0
Education ²	188.943	189.968	190.734	191.709	5.9	4.8	5.5	6.0	5.4	5.7
Educational books and supplies	472.682	474.581	480.501	486.256	11.8	4.9	5.2	12.0	8.3	8.5
Tuition, other school fees, and childcare	543.870	546.880	548.730	551.241	5.5	4.8	5.5	5.5	5.1	5.5
Communication ²	84.988	85.049	84.972	85.053	-1.4	1.9	.3	.3	.2	.3
Information and information processing ^{1 2}	82.090	82.038	81.909	81.991	-1.5	1.9	.3	-.5	.2	-.1
Telephone services ^{1 2}	102.072	102.267	102.182	102.643	.3	1.9	.8	2.3	1.1	1.5
Information technology, hardware and services ^{1 5}	9.881	9.775	9.731	9.604	-8.2	1.8	-1.5	-10.8	-3.3	-6.3
Personal computers and peripheral equipment ^{1 6}	85.714	84.366	83.476	80.838	-18.7	-6.2	-12.1	-20.9	-12.6	-16.6
Other goods and services	370.031	369.237	370.235	373.084	2.6	1.5	24.2	3.3	2.0	13.3
Tobacco and smoking products ¹	742.443	740.311	746.283	762.907	2.0	5.2	123.2	11.5	3.6	57.8
Personal care	204.462	204.078	204.231	204.714	2.8	.4	2.3	.5	1.6	1.4
Personal care products ¹	163.777	163.051	162.301	162.887	2.1	7.1	3.0	-2.2	4.6	.4
Personal care services ¹	227.913	227.607	227.572	227.325	3.3	.3	3.9	-1.0	1.8	1.4
Miscellaneous personal services	342.001	341.763	343.178	344.739	3.1	-2.2	1.0	3.2	.4	2.1
Commodity and service group										
Commodities	166.603	166.959	169.920	169.875	-8.5	-20.8	2.0	8.1	-14.9	5.0
Food and beverages	218.401	217.965	218.094	217.638	6.0	1.4	-1.6	-1.4	3.7	-1.5
Commodities less food and beverages	140.066	140.736	144.765	144.891	-15.9	-31.9	4.5	14.5	-24.4	9.4
Nondurables less food and beverages	169.626	170.782	179.090	179.986	-28.6	-43.8	3.6	26.8	-36.7	14.6
Apparel	119.537	119.345	120.183	120.865	-2.4	-.9	3.5	4.5	-1.7	4.0
Nondurables less food, beverages, and apparel	204.807	206.581	220.257	220.790	-33.9	-53.6	4.2	35.1	-44.6	18.6
Durables	109.203	109.576	109.957	109.926	-5.0	-3.6	1.3	2.7	-4.3	2.0
Services	258.599	258.637	258.780	258.833	.9	1.0	.3	.4	1.0	.3
Rent of shelter ⁴	259.854	260.188	260.267	259.779	1.8	1.8	.1	-.1	1.8	.0
Tenants' and household insurance ^{1 2}	120.675	120.728	121.083	121.298	3.9	1.6	.9	2.1	2.8	1.5
Gas (piped) and electricity ³	194.967	191.671	189.362	188.839	-14.5	-6.6	-13.4	-12.0	-10.6	-12.7
Water and sewer and trash collection services ²	158.802	159.821	160.401	161.408	9.7	3.6	4.6	6.7	6.6	5.7
Household operations ^{1 2}	150.809	149.468	149.995	149.983	4.8	1.0	1.0	-2.2	2.9	-.6
Transportation services	249.193	248.944	248.652	249.855	2.0	.1	2.5	1.1	1.1	1.8
Medical care services	394.734	395.884	396.846	397.947	2.9	3.5	3.3	3.3	3.2	3.3
Other services	302.016	302.653	303.902	304.916	2.9	2.2	2.0	3.9	2.5	2.9
Special indexes										
All items less food	211.787	212.111	213.936	214.037	-4.5	-9.9	1.4	4.3	-7.3	2.8
All items less shelter	200.676	200.829	202.989	203.183	-5.3	-12.8	1.1	5.1	-9.1	3.1
All items less medical care	204.724	204.892	206.490	206.476	-3.5	-9.2	.8	3.5	-6.4	2.1
Commodities less food	142.801	143.471	147.413	147.555	-15.2	-30.7	4.2	14.0	-23.3	9.0
Nondurables less food	172.529	173.715	181.572	182.401	-26.9	-41.3	3.1	24.9	-34.5	13.5
Nondurables less food and apparel	205.196	206.725	219.267	219.772	-31.4	-50.0	3.5	31.6	-41.4	16.7
Nondurables	193.911	193.862	198.515	198.640	-13.5	-23.4	.9	10.1	-18.6	5.4
Services less rent of shelter ⁴	276.815	276.222	276.247	276.955	.2	1.0	-.3	.2	.6	-.1
Services less medical care services	247.685	247.547	247.530	247.503	1.0	1.1	-.2	-.3	1.0	-.3
Energy	177.924	178.340	191.584	190.905	-36.0	-65.4	-8.5	32.5	-53.0	10.1
All items less energy	217.941	218.126	218.507	218.588	1.9	1.0	1.8	1.2	1.4	1.5
All items less food and energy	218.594	218.910	219.344	219.543	1.1	.9	2.5	1.7	1.0	2.1
Commodities less food and energy commodities	141.583	141.817	142.300	142.612	-1.7	-.9	5.4	2.9	-1.3	4.1
Energy commodities	173.528	177.449	206.131	205.261	-46.9	-85.3	-3.0	95.8	-72.1	37.8
Services less energy services	265.129	265.491	265.873	265.982	2.2	1.6	1.4	1.3	1.9	1.3

¹ Not seasonally adjusted.

² Indexes on a December 1997=100 base.

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

⁴ Indexes on a December 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 July 2009 from—			Percent change to June 2009 from—		
		Apr. 2009	May 2009	June 2009	July 2009	July 2008	May 2009	June 2009	June 2008	Apr. 2009	May 2009
U.S. city average	M	213.240	213.856	215.693	215.351	-2.1	0.7	-0.2	-1.4	1.2	0.9
Region and area size²											
Northeast urban	M	227.840	228.136	229.930	230.154	-1.9	.9	.1	-1.2	.9	.8
Size A - More than 1,500,000	M	230.400	230.611	232.058	232.416	-1.7	.8	.2	-1.0	.7	.6
Size B/C - 50,000 to 1,500,000 ³	M	134.547	134.857	136.488	136.417	-2.3	1.2	-1.1	-1.5	1.4	1.2
Midwest urban	M	202.327	203.195	205.350	204.814	-2.5	.8	-3	-1.7	1.5	1.1
Size A - More than 1,500,000	M	203.463	204.443	206.308	205.656	-2.5	.6	-3	-1.7	1.4	.9
Size B/C - 50,000 to 1,500,000 ³	M	129.604	129.967	131.640	131.366	-2.4	1.1	-2	-1.8	1.6	1.3
Size D - Nonmetropolitan (less than 50,000)	M	197.644	198.911	201.157	200.908	-2.7	1.0	-1	-1.9	1.8	1.1
South urban	M	206.657	207.265	209.343	208.819	-2.1	.7	-3	-1.4	1.3	1.0
Size A - More than 1,500,000	M	208.934	209.235	211.390	211.034	-2.0	.9	-2	-1.4	1.2	1.0
Size B/C - 50,000 to 1,500,000 ³	M	131.370	131.777	133.056	132.736	-2.1	.7	-2	-1.4	1.3	1.0
Size D - Nonmetropolitan (less than 50,000)	M	207.898	209.563	211.815	210.491	-2.2	.4	-6	-1.4	1.9	1.1
West urban	M	217.910	218.567	219.865	219.484	-2.0	.4	-2	-1.4	.9	.6
Size A - More than 1,500,000	M	221.790	222.659	223.908	223.498	-1.8	.4	-2	-1.3	1.0	.6
Size B/C - 50,000 to 1,500,000 ³	M	131.912	131.990	132.952	132.774	-2.4	.6	-1	-1.7	.8	.7
Size classes											
A ⁴	M	195.207	195.745	197.214	196.987	-2.0	.6	-1	-1.3	1.0	.8
B/C ³	M	131.557	131.876	133.220	132.975	-2.3	.8	-2	-1.6	1.3	1.0
D	M	205.421	206.717	208.543	207.784	-2.2	.5	-4	-1.6	1.5	.9
Selected local areas⁵											
Chicago-Gary-Kenosha, IL-IN-WI	M	207.886	209.809	211.010	210.906	-3.0	.5	.0	-2.2	1.5	.6
Los Angeles-Riverside-Orange County, CA ...	M	221.693	222.522	223.906	224.010	-2.6	.7	.0	-2.2	1.0	.6
New York-Northern N.J.-Long Island, NY-NJ-CT-PA	M	235.582	235.975	237.172	237.600	-1.1	.7	.2	-6	.7	.5
Boston-Brockton-Nashua, MA-NH-ME-CT	1	-	231.891	-	233.018	-3.4	.5	-	-	-	-
Cleveland-Akron, OH	1	-	200.196	-	200.558	-3.1	.2	-	-	-	-
Dallas-Fort Worth, TX	1	-	199.311	-	200.663	-2.8	.7	-	-	-	-
Washington-Baltimore, DC-MD-VA-WV ⁶	1	-	139.311	-	140.810	-9	1.1	-	-	-	-
Atlanta, GA	2	199.210	-	203.585	-	-	-	-	-4.0	2.2	-
Detroit-Ann Arbor-Flint, MI	2	202.373	-	204.537	-	-	-	-	-1.5	1.1	-
Houston-Galveston-Brazoria, TX	2	189.701	-	192.325	-	-	-	-	-6	1.4	-
Miami-Fort Lauderdale, FL	2	220.740	-	221.485	-	-	-	-	-1.6	.3	-
Philadelphia-Wilmington-Atlantic City, PA-NJ-DE-MD	2	221.686	-	223.810	-	-	-	-	-2.0	1.0	-
San Francisco-Oakland-San Jose, CA	2	223.854	-	225.692	-	-	-	-	.2	.8	-
Seattle-Tacoma-Bremerton, WA	2	225.918	-	227.257	-	-	-	-	-4	.6	-

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 July 2009 from—		Seasonally adjusted percent change from—		
		June 2009	July 2009	July 2008	June 2009	Apr. to May	May to June	June to July
All items	100.000	210.972	210.526	-2.7	-0.2	0.1	0.9	0.0
All items (1967=100)	-	628.422	627.093	-	-	-	-	-
Food and beverages	16.942	217.258	216.805	1.0	-2	-2	.0	-2
Food	15.865	216.890	216.384	.8	-2	-3	.0	-3
Food at home	9.201	213.657	212.628	-1.0	-5	-5	.0	-5
Cereals and bakery products	1.249	253.701	253.969	1.2	.1	-2	.0	-1
Meats, poultry, fish, and eggs	2.315	203.503	201.261	-1.6	-1.1	-9	-3	-1.3
Dairy and related products ¹ .....	.992	192.898	191.783	-10.2	-6	-5	-9	-6
Fruits and vegetables	1.266	270.653	269.316	-3.4	-5	-1.1	1.3	-1
Nonalcoholic beverages and beverage materials	1.167	162.167	161.650	2.0	-3	-1	.0	-4
Other food at home	2.212	190.657	190.235	2.7	-2	-1	.0	-3
Sugar and sweets .....	.304	195.773	194.005	4.3	-9	-2	.5	-1.4
Fats and oils .....	.274	202.004	201.666	-.1	-2	-8	.7	-4
Other foods	1.634	205.759	205.549	2.9	-1	.1	-2	-1
Other miscellaneous foods ^{1 2} .....	.472	122.537	122.119	.9	-3	.0	-5	-3
Food away from home ¹	6.664	223.186	223.408	3.3	.1	.1	.0	.1
Other food away from home ^{1 2} .....	.233	155.091	156.904	4.4	1.2	.0	.4	1.2
Alcoholic beverages	1.077	221.179	221.517	3.3	.2	.5	.2	.4
Housing	41.313	214.034	214.029	-5	.0	.0	-1	-1
Shelter	31.224	243.238	243.248	1.4	.0	.2	.1	-1
Rent of primary residence ³	8.279	247.691	247.573	2.2	.0	.1	.0	.0
Lodging away from home ²	1.209	139.246	140.873	-7.5	1.2	.2	.4	-1.6
Owners' equivalent rent of primary residence ^{3 4}	21.430	232.837	232.723	1.7	.0	.2	.0	.0
Tenants' and household insurance ^{1 2} .....	.306	121.529	121.765	2.3	.2	.1	.3	.2
Fuels and utilities	6.030	211.929	212.276	-10.2	.2	-1.2	-7	-1
Household energy	4.996	189.108	189.082	-13.1	.0	-1.6	-9	-3
Fuel oil and other fuels .....	.283	235.869	233.018	-40.0	-1.2	-3.0	1.4	-1.1
Gas (piped) and electricity ³	4.713	195.445	195.547	-11.0	.1	-1.5	-1.0	-2
Water and sewer and trash collection services ²	1.035	160.206	161.790	6.3	1.0	.6	.4	.6
Household furnishings and operations	4.059	125.526	125.160	1.1	-3	.1	-1	-1
Household operations ^{1 2} .....	.360	152.658	152.577	.9	-1	-6	.4	-1
Apparel	3.979	118.547	115.516	1.3	-2.6	.0	.7	.6
Men's and boys' apparel	1.024	113.416	110.558	.5	-2.5	.5	-6	-4
Women's and girls' apparel	1.568	105.676	101.289	1.5	-4.2	-1	1.6	1.3
Infants' and toddlers' apparel .....	.249	116.645	113.744	2.0	-2.5	-1.4	2.3	-6
Footwear .....	.840	126.150	125.046	2.2	-9	.1	.5	1.0
Transportation	17.067	181.730	180.419	-15.9	-7	.9	4.8	.1
Private transportation	16.284	178.734	177.197	-16.1	-9	1.0	5.1	.0
New and used motor vehicles ²	7.627	90.588	90.973	-1.8	.4	.5	.6	.2
New vehicles	4.057	136.800	137.082	1.1	.2	.4	.8	.5
Used cars and trucks	2.863	125.056	125.817	-7.9	.6	1.0	.9	.0
Motor fuel	4.029	225.876	218.560	-37.8	-3.2	2.6	17.2	-5
Gasoline (all types)	3.770	226.515	218.757	-37.3	-3.4	3.0	17.4	-9
Motor vehicle parts and equipment ¹ .....	.482	134.273	133.787	3.7	-4	-1	-1	-4
Motor vehicle maintenance and repair ¹	1.242	245.129	245.421	3.4	.1	-1	.0	.1
Public transportation .....	.784	230.926	236.963	-11.0	2.6	-9	-2	2.0
Medical care	5.355	375.479	376.161	3.4	.2	.3	.2	.2
Medical care commodities	1.320	296.369	295.871	3.2	-2	.4	.1	-2
Medical care services	4.035	398.497	399.677	3.4	.3	.3	.2	.3
Professional services	2.234	322.346	322.759	2.7	.1	.6	.3	.1
Hospital and related services ³	1.338	561.337	565.448	6.7	.7	.2	.4	.7

See footnotes at end of table.

Table 4. Consumer Price Index for Urban Wage Earners and Clerical Workers (CPI-W): U.S. city average, by expenditure category and commodity and service group-Continued

(1982-84=100, unless otherwise noted)

CPI-W Expenditure category	Relative importance, December 2008	Unadjusted indexes		Unadjusted percent change to July 2009 from—		Seasonally adjusted percent change from—			
		June 2009	July 2009	July 2008	June 2009	Apr. to May	May to June	June to July	
Expenditure category									
Recreation ²	5.454	111.471	111.416	1.1	0.0	0.0	0.4	0.0	
Video and audio ²	1.982	102.193	101.982	-3	-2	-3	.5	-1	
Education and communication ²	6.221	122.333	122.699	2.4	.3	.2	.1	.3	
Education ²	2.527	185.626	186.596	5.5	.5	.5	.4	.6	
Educational books and supplies .....	.219	480.024	485.218	8.6	1.1	.5	1.3	1.3
Tuition, other school fees, and childcare	2.308	522.076	524.523	5.2	.5	.5	.3	.5	
Communication ²	3.694	87.652	87.780	.3	.1	.0	-1	.1	
Information and information processing ^{1 2}	3.568	85.524	85.653	.2	.2	.0	-1	.2	
Telephone services ^{1 2}	2.965	102.153	102.587	1.2	.4	.2	-1	.4	
Information technology, hardware and services ^{1 5} .....	.604	10.238	10.113	-4.6	-1.2	-1.1	-3	-1.2
Personal computers and peripheral equipment ^{1 6} .....	.202	83.278	80.736	-14.7	-3.1	-1.6	-9	-3.1
Other goods and services	3.668	395.052	398.448	10.7	.9	-2	.3	1.0	
Tobacco and smoking products ¹	1.267	752.078	768.005	28.2	2.1	-3	.8	2.1	
Personal care	2.401	202.406	202.490	1.5	.0	-2	.0	.2	
Personal care products ¹ .....	.662	162.165	162.767	2.2	.4	-5	-6	.4
Personal care services ¹ .....	.580	227.800	227.512	1.6	-1	-1	.0	-1
Miscellaneous personal services .....	.947	346.411	346.525	1.4	.0	.0	.3	.4
Commodity and service group									
Commodities	42.689	173.662	172.493	-6.8	-7	.3	2.1	.0	
Food and beverages	16.942	217.258	216.805	1.0	-2	-2	.0	-2	
Commodities less food and beverages	25.747	150.477	149.046	-11.0	-1.0	.6	3.3	.1	
Nondurables less food and beverages	14.587	192.478	189.436	-16.0	-1.6	1.0	5.8	.3	
Apparel	3.979	118.547	115.516	1.3	-2.6	.0	.7	.6	
Nondurables less food, beverages, and apparel	10.609	242.726	239.626	-20.2	-1.3	1.1	7.4	.2	
Durables	11.160	109.430	109.432	-2.1	.0	.4	.5	.0	
Services	57.311	254.624	255.003	.8	.1	.0	.0	.1	
Rent of shelter ⁴	30.918	234.511	234.515	1.4	.0	.2	.0	-1	
Tenants' and household insurance ^{1 2} .....	.306	121.529	121.765	2.3	.2	.1	.3	.2
Gas (piped) and electricity ³	4.713	195.445	195.547	-11.0	.1	-1.5	-1.0	-2	
Water and sewer and trash collection services ²	1.035	160.206	161.790	6.3	1.0	.6	.4	.6	
Household operations ^{1 2} .....	.360	152.658	152.577	.9	-1	-1.6	.4	-1
Transportation services	5.512	249.312	250.811	2.4	.6	.0	.0	.4	
Medical care services	4.035	398.497	399.677	3.4	.3	.3	.2	.3	
Other services	10.432	290.845	291.573	2.5	.3	.2	.4	.4	
Special indexes									
All items less food	84.135	209.744	209.308	-3.3	-2	.2	1.1	.1	
All items less shelter	68.776	201.488	200.871	-4.4	-3	.1	1.3	.1	
All items less medical care	94.645	204.200	203.723	-3.0	-2	.1	1.0	.0	
Commodities less food	26.824	152.856	151.466	-10.5	-9	.6	3.2	.1	
Nondurables less food	15.664	194.254	191.387	-15.1	-1.5	1.0	5.4	.3	
Nondurables less food and apparel	11.686	239.808	237.011	-18.8	-1.2	.9	6.9	.2	
Nondurables	31.530	205.219	203.377	-8.3	-9	.0	2.9	.0	
Services less rent of shelter ⁴	26.392	245.833	246.622	.1	.3	-2	.0	.2	
Services less medical care services	53.275	244.196	244.531	.6	.1	.0	.0	.0	
Energy	9.024	205.662	201.967	-28.5	-1.8	.4	8.1	-4	
All items less energy	90.976	212.552	212.505	1.6	.0	.1	.2	.1	
All items less food and energy	75.111	212.051	212.097	1.8	.0	.2	.2	.1	
Commodities less food and energy commodities	22.513	142.943	142.526	1.4	-3	.2	.4	.3	
Energy commodities	4.311	227.444	220.264	-37.8	-3.2	2.3	16.4	-5	
Services less energy services	52.598	261.014	261.425	2.0	.2	.2	.1	.1	
Purchasing power of the consumer dollar (1982-84=\$1.00)	-	\$.474	\$.475	-	-	-	-	-	
Purchasing power of the consumer dollar (1967=\$1.00)	-	\$.159	\$.159	-	-	-	-	-	

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—		
	Apr. 2009	May 2009	June 2009	July 2009	Oct. 2008	Jan. 2009	Apr. 2009	July 2009	Jan. 2009	July 2009	
Expenditure category											
All items	207.352	207.624	209.534	209.598	-4.1	-10.5	1.1	4.4	-7.4	2.7	
Food and beverages	217.672	217.225	217.312	216.821	6.3	1.2	-1.9	-1.6	3.8	-1.7	
Food	217.462	216.912	216.977	216.395	6.4	1.0	-2.0	-1.9	3.7	-1.9	
Food at home	214.802	213.768	213.806	212.646	6.9	-1.3	-5.2	-4.0	2.7	-4.6	
Cereals and bakery products	252.843	252.282	252.211	251.916	8.4	3.8	-5.5	-1.5	6.1	-3.5	
Meats, poultry, fish, and eggs	206.191	204.374	203.845	201.245	10.7	-3.4	-3.6	-9.3	3.4	-6.5	
Dairy and related products ¹	195.714	194.694	192.898	191.783	-3.3	-6.0	-22.4	-7.8	-4.7	-15.4	
Fruits and vegetables	273.381	270.352	273.813	273.468	-1.0	-14.2	1.9	.1	-7.9	1.0	
Nonalcoholic beverages and beverage materials	162.761	162.650	162.608	161.977	11.0	.4	-1.1	-1.9	5.6	-1.5	
Other food at home	190.049	189.923	190.000	189.366	9.8	7.7	-4.5	-1.4	8.8	-3.0	
Sugar and sweets	195.060	194.731	195.695	193.001	11.3	11.9	-1.0	-4.2	11.6	-2.6	
Fats and oils	202.186	200.498	201.926	201.077	14.8	-3.3	-8.2	-2.2	5.4	-5.2	
Other foods	204.983	205.144	204.831	204.578	8.7	8.9	-4.5	-.8	8.8	-2.6	
Other miscellaneous foods ^{1 2}	123.112	123.126	122.537	122.119	6.8	4.8	-4.3	-3.2	5.8	-3.8	
Food away from home ¹	222.957	223.082	223.186	223.408	5.7	4.2	2.7	.8	5.0	1.7	
Other food away from home ^{1 2}	154.414	154.409	155.091	156.904	7.3	1.3	2.7	6.6	4.3	4.6	
Alcoholic beverages	219.265	220.348	220.755	221.612	5.1	4.9	-1.0	4.4	5.0	1.6	
Housing	213.190	213.097	212.972	212.765	-.3	.1	-.7	-.8	-.1	-.8	
Shelter	242.595	242.963	243.100	242.884	2.0	2.1	1.2	.5	2.1	.8	
Rent of primary residence ³	247.522	247.874	247.966	247.880	3.4	3.0	1.8	.6	3.2	1.2	
Lodging away from home ²	134.472	134.706	135.271	133.136	-3.8	-8.0	-13.5	-3.9	-5.9	-8.9	
Owners' equivalent rent of primary residence ^{3 4}	232.489	232.851	232.942	232.879	1.9	2.4	1.9	.7	2.1	1.3	
Tenants' and household insurance ^{1 2}	121.084	121.160	121.529	121.765	4.3	1.5	1.2	2.3	2.9	1.7	
Fuels and utilities	209.329	206.844	205.493	205.268	-12.8	-9.2	-12.0	-7.5	-11.0	-9.8	
Household energy	186.541	183.586	181.978	181.483	-16.6	-11.6	-15.1	-10.4	-14.2	-12.8	
Fuel oil and other fuels	231.388	224.548	227.677	225.175	-45.6	-56.9	-38.2	-10.3	-51.6	-25.6	
Gas (piped) and electricity ³	192.851	189.940	188.044	187.619	-13.9	-7.3	-13.6	-10.4	-10.7	-12.0	
Water and sewer and trash collection services ²	159.211	160.241	160.813	161.801	10.4	3.6	4.6	6.7	7.0	5.6	
Household furnishings and operations	125.303	125.430	125.313	125.131	3.2	-.6	2.5	-.5	1.3	.9	
Household operations ^{1 2}	152.980	152.001	152.658	152.577	3.5	-.9	1.9	-1.0	1.3	.4	
Apparel	119.065	119.078	119.963	120.666	-1.6	.3	1.3	5.5	-.6	3.4	
Men's and boys' apparel	114.576	115.184	114.537	114.086	-1.2	3.4	1.7	-1.7	1.1	.0	
Women's and girls' apparel	106.000	105.873	107.602	109.019	-1.0	-1.7	-2.4	11.9	-1.4	4.5	
Infants' and toddlers' apparel	117.751	116.074	118.686	117.941	.8	1.6	5.1	.6	1.2	2.8	
Footwear	126.391	126.469	127.062	128.313	-4.4	1.2	6.0	6.2	-1.6	6.1	
Transportation	166.620	168.145	176.300	176.456	-23.4	-46.8	.6	25.8	-36.2	12.5	
Private transportation	163.332	164.963	173.329	173.340	-23.8	-47.7	1.3	26.9	-36.9	13.4	
New and used motor vehicles ²	89.667	90.153	90.664	90.888	-8.3	-3.9	-.1	5.6	-6.1	2.7	
New vehicles	135.612	136.199	137.234	137.855	-7.2	-1.2	6.9	6.8	-4.3	6.8	
Used cars and trucks	122.256	123.465	124.559	124.569	-14.2	-10.8	-12.9	7.8	-12.5	-3.1	
Motor fuel	170.137	174.513	204.503	203.579	-46.6	-86.4	.6	105.0	-73.0	43.6	
Gasoline (all types)	169.566	174.723	205.099	203.341	-46.5	-86.6	4.6	106.8	-73.3	47.1	
Motor vehicle parts and equipment ¹	134.614	134.439	134.273	133.787	9.9	4.8	2.9	-2.4	7.3	.2	
Motor vehicle maintenance and repair ¹	245.180	245.036	245.129	245.421	5.8	4.9	2.6	.4	5.4	1.5	
Public transportation	228.536	226.424	226.048	230.677	-14.1	-19.1	-13.1	3.8	-16.6	-5.0	
Medical care	373.540	374.834	375.650	376.321	2.8	3.8	3.8	3.0	3.3	3.4	
Medical care commodities	295.047	296.120	296.547	296.084	1.9	4.8	5.0	1.4	3.3	3.2	
Medical care services	396.348	397.699	398.660	399.808	3.2	3.5	3.4	3.5	3.3	3.5	
Professional services	319.449	321.250	322.098	322.537	2.6	3.3	1.0	3.9	3.0	2.5	
Hospital and related services ³	559.368	560.587	562.806	566.848	5.9	5.8	9.8	5.5	5.8	7.6	

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—		
	Apr. 2009	May 2009	June 2009	July 2009	Oct. 2008	Jan. 2009	Apr. 2009	July 2009	Jan. 2009	July 2009
Expenditure category										
Recreation ²	110.976	110.947	111.423	111.418	2.7	-0.5	0.6	1.6	1.1	1.1
Video and audio ²	102.023	101.761	102.220	102.121	-4	-2.0	.9	.4	-1.2	.6
Education and communication ²	122.505	122.797	122.940	123.348	1.8	2.8	2.3	2.8	2.3	2.5
Education ²	186.203	187.168	187.894	189.018	6.3	4.3	5.2	6.2	5.3	5.7
Educational books and supplies	475.206	477.376	483.813	490.109	12.0	4.2	5.4	13.1	8.0	9.2
Tuition, other school fees, and childcare	524.365	527.111	528.674	531.480	5.8	4.3	5.2	5.5	5.1	5.3
Communication ²	87.673	87.712	87.650	87.778	-1.2	1.7	.3	.5	.3	.4
Information and information processing ^{1 2}	85.655	85.624	85.524	85.653	-1.3	1.7	.3	.0	.2	.2
Telephone services ^{1 2}	102.048	102.231	102.153	102.587	.2	1.7	.7	2.1	1.0	1.4
Information technology, hardware and services ^{1 5}	10.385	10.271	10.238	10.113	-8.2	1.7	-1.3	-10.1	-3.4	-5.8
Personal computers and peripheral equipment ^{1 6}	85.406	84.017	83.278	80.736	-19.5	-6.6	-12.0	-20.1	-13.3	-16.2
Other goods and services	394.363	393.500	394.708	398.522	2.6	2.5	36.8	4.3	2.6	19.5
Tobacco and smoking products ¹	747.906	746.009	752.078	768.005	2.3	5.4	125.2	11.2	3.8	58.3
Personal care	202.554	202.156	202.115	202.553	2.8	1.0	2.2	.0	1.9	1.1
Personal care products ¹	163.911	163.119	162.165	162.767	1.7	7.1	3.1	-2.8	4.4	.1
Personal care services ¹	228.119	227.829	227.800	227.512	3.3	.3	3.9	-1.1	1.8	1.4
Miscellaneous personal services	344.376	344.423	345.423	346.809	3.1	-1.4	1.1	2.9	.8	2.0
Commodity and service group										
Commodities	167.690	168.137	171.618	171.568	-9.9	-23.7	2.1	9.6	-17.1	5.8
Food and beverages	217.672	217.225	217.312	216.821	6.3	1.2	-1.9	-1.6	3.8	-1.7
Commodities less food and beverages	142.044	142.846	147.626	147.760	-17.8	-35.8	4.7	17.1	-27.3	10.7
Nondurables less food and beverages	174.600	176.429	186.685	187.184	-31.5	-47.8	5.1	32.1	-40.2	17.8
Apparel	119.065	119.078	119.963	120.666	-1.6	.3	1.3	5.5	-.6	3.4
Nondurables less food, beverages, and apparel	213.527	215.822	231.872	232.430	-36.8	-57.7	7.8	40.4	-48.3	23.0
Durables	108.461	108.846	109.361	109.321	-6.2	-4.7	-.6	3.2	-5.4	1.3
Services	253.695	253.765	253.882	254.063	.9	1.3	.4	.6	1.1	.5
Rent of shelter ⁴	233.802	234.196	234.253	234.008	2.2	2.2	.8	.4	2.2	.6
Tenants' and household insurance ^{1 2}	121.084	121.160	121.529	121.765	4.3	1.5	1.2	2.3	2.9	1.7
Gas (piped) and electricity ³	192.851	189.940	188.044	187.619	-13.9	-7.3	-13.6	-10.4	-10.7	-12.0
Water and sewer and trash collection services ²	159.211	160.241	160.813	161.801	10.4	3.6	4.6	6.7	7.0	5.6
Household operations ^{1 2}	152.980	152.001	152.658	152.577	3.5	-.9	1.9	-1.0	1.3	.4
Transportation services	249.142	249.130	249.202	250.263	2.6	1.9	3.3	1.8	2.3	2.6
Medical care services	396.348	397.699	398.660	399.808	3.2	3.5	3.4	3.5	3.3	3.5
Other services	289.907	290.444	291.473	292.500	2.6	2.0	1.8	3.6	2.3	2.7
Special indexes										
All items less food	205.393	205.809	208.040	208.216	-5.8	-12.5	1.7	5.6	-9.2	3.6
All items less shelter	196.739	196.980	199.559	199.725	-6.6	-15.6	1.1	6.2	-11.2	3.6
All items less medical care	200.558	200.797	202.725	202.769	-4.4	-11.2	1.0	4.5	-7.9	2.7
Commodities less food	144.560	145.372	150.057	150.211	-17.1	-34.6	4.5	16.6	-26.4	10.4
Nondurables less food	177.208	178.973	188.704	189.232	-29.9	-45.4	4.6	30.0	-38.1	16.6
Nondurables less food and apparel	213.033	215.042	229.919	230.427	-34.6	-54.5	6.9	36.9	-45.4	21.0
Nondurables	196.298	196.393	202.033	201.960	-15.6	-26.6	1.9	12.0	-21.3	6.9
Services less rent of shelter ⁴	244.695	244.177	244.247	244.854	-.2	.9	-.6	.3	.4	-.2
Services less medical care services	243.313	243.221	243.257	243.332	1.1	1.4	-.1	.0	1.2	.0
Energy	176.359	177.124	191.437	190.731	-36.3	-67.3	-7.9	36.8	-54.4	12.2
All items less energy	212.088	212.301	212.687	212.846	1.9	1.2	2.1	1.4	1.5	1.8
All items less food and energy	211.378	211.745	212.196	212.505	1.0	1.2	3.0	2.1	1.1	2.6
Commodities less food and energy commodities	142.367	142.656	143.218	143.589	-2.3	-1.0	5.8	3.5	-1.6	4.6
Energy commodities	173.415	177.375	206.474	205.483	-46.6	-85.5	-2.1	97.1	-72.2	38.9
Services less energy services	260.282	260.701	261.053	261.304	2.5	2.2	1.8	1.6	2.3	1.7

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 July 2009 from—			Percent change to June 2009 from—		
		Apr. 2009	May 2009	June 2009	July 2009	July 2008	May 2009	June 2009	June 2008	Apr. 2009	May 2009
U.S. city average	M	207.925	208.774	210.972	210.526	-2.7	0.8	-0.2	-2.0	1.5	1.1
Region and area size²											
Northeast urban	M	224.252	224.748	226.695	226.714	-2.1	.9	.0	-1.4	1.1	.9
Size A - More than 1,500,000	M	225.214	225.657	227.337	227.550	-1.8	.8	.1	-1.2	.9	.7
Size B/C - 50,000 to 1,500,000 ³	M	134.951	135.329	136.888	136.626	-2.6	1.0	-2	-1.7	1.4	1.2
Midwest urban	M	196.933	197.971	200.487	199.824	-3.0	.9	-3	-2.1	1.8	1.3
Size A - More than 1,500,000	M	197.192	198.271	200.356	199.611	-3.0	.7	-4	-2.0	1.6	1.1
Size B/C - 50,000 to 1,500,000 ³	M	128.968	129.524	131.554	131.096	-2.9	1.2	-3	-2.1	2.0	1.6
Size D - Nonmetropolitan (less than 50,000)	M	194.651	196.047	198.674	198.455	-3.4	1.2	-1	-2.6	2.1	1.3
South urban	M	202.619	203.500	205.968	205.415	-2.8	.9	-3	-2.1	1.7	1.2
Size A - More than 1,500,000	M	205.733	206.271	208.909	208.492	-2.7	1.1	-2	-2.2	1.5	1.3
Size B/C - 50,000 to 1,500,000 ³	M	129.309	129.885	131.382	131.063	-2.9	.9	-2	-2.1	1.6	1.2
Size D - Nonmetropolitan (less than 50,000)	M	206.921	208.989	211.721	210.341	-3.0	.6	-7	-2.1	2.3	1.3
West urban	M	211.386	212.263	213.973	213.541	-2.6	.6	-2	-2.1	1.2	.8
Size A - More than 1,500,000	M	213.646	214.734	216.395	215.955	-2.4	.6	-2	-1.9	1.3	.8
Size B/C - 50,000 to 1,500,000 ³	M	131.103	131.389	132.517	132.314	-3.1	.7	-2	-2.4	1.1	.9
Size classes											
A ⁴	M	192.861	193.597	195.414	195.096	-2.5	.8	-2	-1.8	1.3	.9
B/C ³	M	130.361	130.847	132.384	132.069	-2.9	.9	-2	-2.1	1.6	1.2
D	M	202.351	203.883	206.327	205.504	-3.0	.8	-4	-2.3	2.0	1.2
Selected local areas⁵											
Chicago-Gary-Kenosha, IL-IN-WI	M	200.607	202.464	203.691	203.554	-3.5	.5	-1	-2.5	1.5	.6
Los Angeles-Riverside-Orange County, CA ...	M	213.405	214.446	216.145	216.128	-3.2	.8	.0	-2.8	1.3	.8
New York-Northern N.J.-Long Island, NY-NJ-CT-PA	M	229.639	230.307	231.916	232.177	-1.4	.8	.1	-8	1.0	.7
Boston-Brockton-Nashua, MA-NH-ME-CT	1	-	231.420	-	232.535	-3.3	.5	-	-	-	-
Cleveland-Akron, OH	1	-	191.297	-	191.494	-3.3	.1	-	-	-	-
Dallas-Fort Worth, TX	1	-	200.955	-	203.075	-3.7	1.1	-	-	-	-
Washington-Baltimore, DC-MD-VA-WV ⁶	1	-	138.510	-	140.434	-8	1.4	-	-	-	-
Atlanta, GA	2	197.676	-	202.632	-	-	-	-	-4.4	2.5	-
Detroit-Ann Arbor-Flint, MI	2	197.239	-	199.977	-	-	-	-	-1.7	1.4	-
Houston-Galveston-Brazoria, TX	2	186.970	-	189.979	-	-	-	-	-1.9	1.6	-
Miami-Fort Lauderdale, FL	2	217.900	-	219.091	-	-	-	-	-2.1	.5	-
Philadelphia-Wilmington-Atlantic City, PA-NJ-DE-MD	2	220.732	-	223.361	-	-	-	-	-2.2	1.2	-
San Francisco-Oakland-San Jose, CA	2	218.587	-	220.996	-	-	-	-	-2	1.1	-
Seattle-Tacoma-Bremerton, WA	2	220.208	-	221.993	-	-	-	-	-7	.8	-

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 July 2009 from—	
		June 2009	July 2009	July 2008	June 2009
Expenditure category					
All items	100.000	123.967	123.711	-1.9	-0.2
Food and beverages	14.726	127.803	127.541	1.0	-.2
Food	13.648	127.830	127.532	.8	-.2
Food at home	7.557	123.446	122.844	-1.0	-.5
Food away from home	6.091	133.493	133.605	3.1	.1
Alcoholic beverages	1.077	127.814	128.009	2.9	.2
Housing	42.421	129.093	129.087	-.7	.0
Shelter	32.409	131.803	131.820	.9	.0
Fuels and utilities	5.004	155.357	155.640	-11.6	.2
Household furnishings and operations	5.008	96.175	95.877	.5	-.3
Apparel	3.988	87.711	85.167	.9	-2.9
Transportation	17.393	123.434	122.843	-12.0	-.5
Private transportation	16.285	124.228	123.365	-12.0	-.7
Public transportation	1.108	113.708	116.845	-11.5	2.8
Medical care	6.085	145.640	145.844	3.0	.1
Medical care commodities	1.615	128.716	128.494	3.1	-.2
Medical care services	4.470	151.876	152.260	3.0	.3
Recreation	5.935	105.407	105.259	-.1	-.1
Education and communication	6.196	109.806	110.001	2.1	.2
Education	2.771	173.982	174.898	5.5	.5
Communication	3.425	74.074	73.998	-.5	-.1
Other goods and services	3.257	133.342	133.960	4.3	.5
Commodity and service group					
Services	58.427	134.080	134.299	.4	.2
Commodities	41.573	111.619	110.811	-5.0	-.7
Durables	11.817	81.254	81.143	-2.0	-.1
Nondurables	29.756	127.352	126.133	-6.2	-1.0
All items less food and energy	77.561	118.710	118.668	1.1	.0
Energy	8.790	174.606	171.687	-27.9	-1.7

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.