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CONSUMER PRICE INDEX – AUGUST 2012

The Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers (CPI-U) increased 0.6 percent in August on a seasonally adjusted basis, the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics reported today. Over the last 12 months, the all items index increased 1.7 percent before seasonal adjustment.

The seasonally adjusted increase in the all items index was the largest since June 2009. About 80 percent of the increase was accounted for by the gasoline index, which rose 9.0 percent and was the major factor in the energy index rising sharply in August after declining in each of the four previous months.

The food index increased 0.2 percent in August, with major grocery store food group indexes mixed. The index for all items less food and energy rose 0.1 percent for the second month in a row. The indexes for shelter, medical care, personal care, new vehicles, and recreation all rose in August. These increases more than offset declines in the indexes for used cars and trucks, apparel, household furnishings and operations, and airline fares.

The 12-month change in the index for all items was 1.7 percent in August, an increase from the July figure of 1.4 percent. The index for all items less food and energy rose 1.9 percent for the 12 months ending August, a slight decline from the 2.1 percent figure in July and its smallest increase since July 2011.

Chart 1. One-month percent change in CPI for All Urban Consumers (CPI-U), seasonally adjusted, Aug. 2011 - Aug. 2012
Percent change

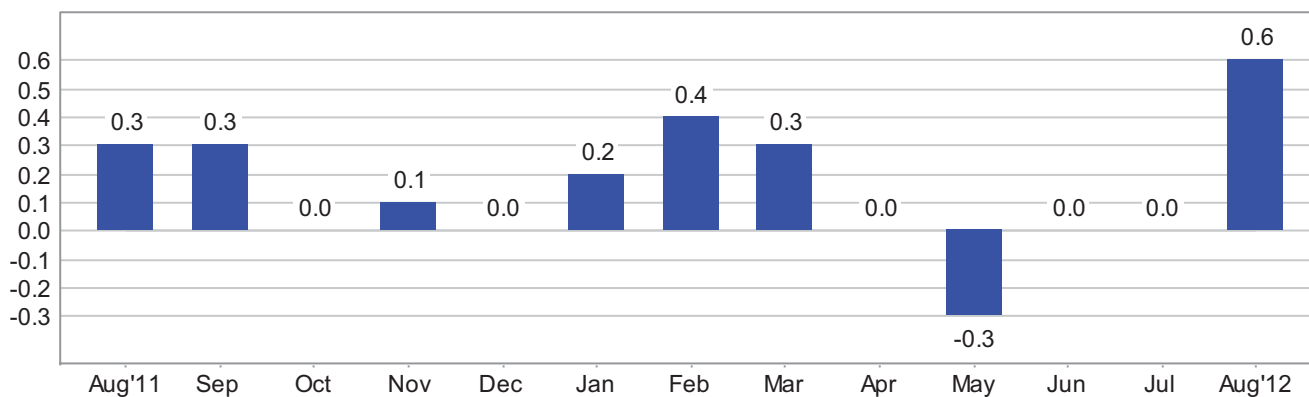


Chart 2. 12-month percent change in CPI for All Urban Consumers (CPI-U), not seasonally adjusted, Aug. 2011 - Aug. 2012

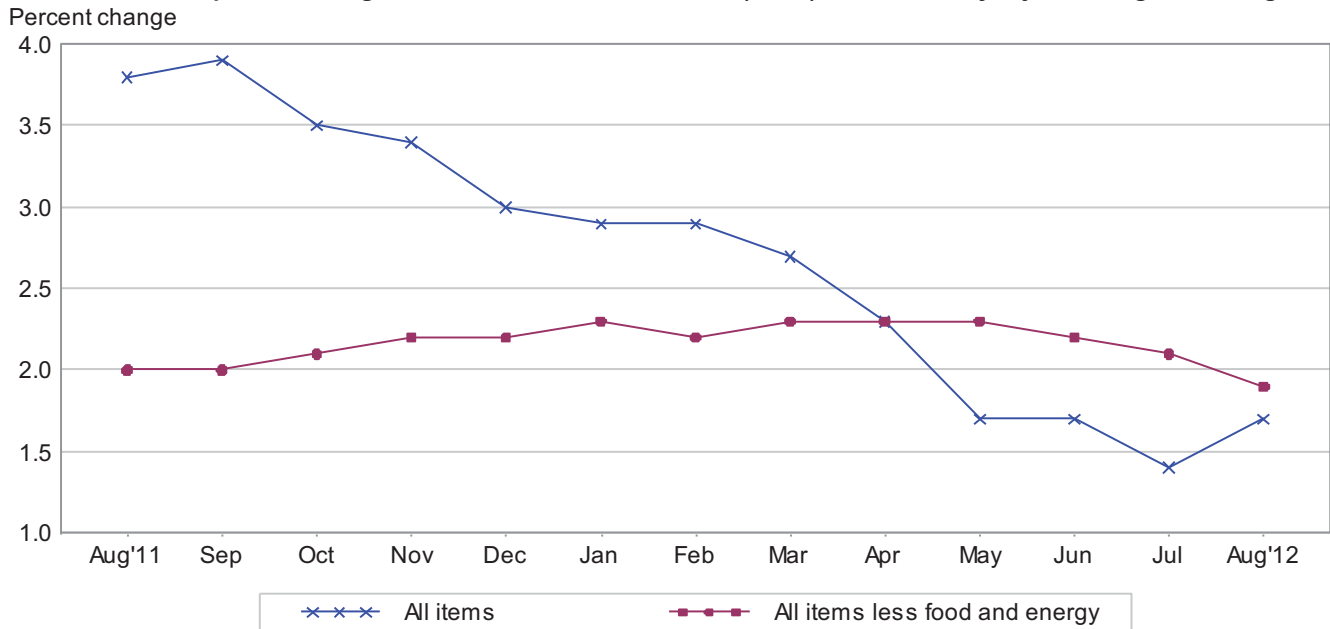


Table A. Percent changes in CPI for All Urban Consumers (CPI-U): U.S. city average

	Seasonally adjusted changes from preceding month							Un-adjusted 12-mos. ended Aug. 2012
	Feb. 2012	Mar. 2012	Apr. 2012	May 2012	June 2012	July 2012	Aug. 2012	
All items .....	.4	.3	.0	-.3	.0	.0	.6	1.7
Food .....	.0	.2	.2	.0	.2	.1	.2	2.0
Food at home .....	.0	.1	.2	-.1	.1	.0	.1	1.5
Food away from home ¹ .....	.1	.2	.3	.2	.2	.2	.3	2.8
Energy	3.2	.9	-1.7	-4.3	-1.4	-.3	5.6	-6
Energy commodities	5.7	1.7	-2.6	-6.4	-2.3	.2	8.6	1.5
Gasoline (all types)	6.0	1.7	-2.6	-6.8	-2.0	.3	9.0	1.8
Fuel oil ¹	2.8	2.7	-1.1	-2.8	-7.9	-.5	4.6	-.8
Energy services	-.8	-.4	-.2	-.7	.0	-1.1	.8	-3.7
Electricity .....	.0	-.8	-.2	.3	-.5	-1.3	.2	-1.2
Utility (piped) gas service	-3.4	.9	-1.8	-4.1	1.7	-.2	2.8	-11.2
All items less food and energy .....	.1	.2	.2	.2	.2	.1	.1	1.9
Commodities less food and energy commodities .....	.1	.2	.2	.2	.2	.0	-.2	.7
New vehicles .....	.6	.2	.4	.2	.2	-.1	.2	1.0
Used cars and trucks	-.2	1.3	1.5	1.0	.0	-.5	-.9	-.6
Apparel	-.9	.5	.4	.4	.5	.2	-.5	1.7
Medical care commodities ¹ .....	.8	.4	.0	.0	.1	.5	.3	3.6
Services less energy services .....	.1	.2	.3	.2	.2	.1	.1	2.4
Shelter .....	.2	.2	.2	.2	.1	.1	.2	2.1
Transportation services	-.2	.3	.5	.3	-.2	-.2	.0	1.4
Medical care services .....	.0	.3	.4	.5	.7	.3	.2	4.2

¹ Not seasonally adjusted.

Consumer Price Index Data for August 2012

Food

The food index rose 0.2 percent in August after a 0.1 percent increase in July and has risen 2.0 percent over the past 12 months. The food at home index, which was unchanged in July, increased 0.1 percent in August. The food at home index has been stable in recent months, increasing a total of 0.1 percent since April. Three of the six major grocery store food group indexes increased in August. The fruits and vegetables index increased 0.5 percent in August after declining in July, with the index for fresh fruits rising 1.9 percent but the fresh vegetables index declining 1.3 percent. The index for meats, poultry, fish, and eggs rose 0.4 percent in August, its third consecutive increase. The index for dairy and related products rose 0.1 percent, ending a streak of six consecutive declines. In contrast to these increases the index for nonalcoholic beverages fell 0.2 percent in August after a 0.5 percent July decrease, and the index for other food at home fell 0.1 percent. The index for cereals and bakery products was unchanged in August. The index for food away from home rose 0.3 percent in August and has risen 2.8 percent over the last 12 months.

Energy

The energy index, which had declined in each of the four previous months, rose 5.6 percent in August. This was its largest increase since June 2009. The gasoline index accounted for most of the increase, rising 9.0 percent. (Before seasonal adjustment, gasoline prices increased 7.2 percent in August.) However, the other major energy indexes, which had all declined in July, increased as well. The fuel oil index increased 4.6 percent, the index for natural gas rose 2.8 percent, and the electricity index advanced 0.2 percent. Over the last 12 months, the energy index has declined 0.6 percent. The gasoline index has risen 1.8 percent over that span, but the other major indexes have declined, with the index for natural gas down 11.2 percent, the electricity index down 1.2 percent, and the fuel oil index down 0.8 percent.

All items less food and energy

The index for all items less food and energy increased 0.1 percent in August, the same increase as in July. The index for shelter, which rose 0.1 percent in July, rose 0.2 percent in August. The rent index increased 0.2 percent and the index for owners' equivalent rent rose 0.3 percent, but the index for lodging away from home fell 0.6 percent. The medical care index rose 0.2 percent in August after rising 0.4 percent in July. The indexes for personal care, new vehicles, and recreation also increased in August. In contrast to these increases, several indexes declined in August. The index for used cars and trucks fell 0.9 percent, the apparel index fell 0.5 percent, and the index for household furnishings and operations fell 0.3 percent. The index for airline fares fell 1.3 percent in August, its third decline in a row, and the tobacco index also declined.

The index for all items less food and energy has risen 1.9 percent over the last 12 months; this figure has been trending down slightly since its recent peak of 2.3 percent in March, April, and May. Indexes for most major components have increased over the period, though the indexes for used cars and trucks and airline fares show declines. The medical care index rose 4.1 percent and the shelter index increased 2.1 percent.

Not seasonally adjusted CPI measures

The Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers (CPI-U) increased 1.7 percent over the last 12 months to an index level of 230.379 (1982-84=100). For the month, the index increased 0.6 percent prior to seasonal adjustment.

The Consumer Price Index for Urban Wage Earners and Clerical Workers (CPI-W) increased 1.7 percent over the last 12 months to an index level of 227.056 (1982-84=100). For the month, the index increased 0.7 percent prior to seasonal adjustment.

The Chained Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers (C-CPI-U) increased 1.5 percent over the last 12 months. For the month, the index increased 0.4 percent on a not seasonally adjusted basis. Please note that the indexes for the post-2010 period are subject to revision.

The Consumer Price Index for September 2012 is scheduled to be released on Tuesday, October 16, 2012, at 8:30 a.m. (EDT).

Facilities for Sensory Impaired

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Brief Explanation of the CPI

The Consumer Price Index (CPI) is a measure of the average change in prices over time of goods and services purchased by households. The Bureau of Labor Statistics publishes CPIs for two population groups: (1) the CPI for Urban Wage Earners and Clerical Workers (CPI-W), which covers households of wage earners and clerical workers that comprise approximately 29 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 88 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 each month in 87 urban areas across the country from about 4,000 housing units and approximately 26,000 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. 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 116.500. 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 0.03 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 0.06 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 0.14 and 0.26 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 2011”. 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/cpivar2011.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 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 2007 through December 2011 were replaced in January 2012. 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](#).

Effective with the publication of data from January 2006 through December 2010 in January 2011, the Video and audio series and the Information technology, hardware and services series were changed from independently adjusted to dependently adjusted. This resulted in an increase in the number of seasonal components used in deriving seasonal movement of the All items and 54 other lower level aggregations, from 73 for the publication of January 1998 through December 2005 data to 82 for the publication of seasonally adjusted data for January 2006 and later. Each year the seasonal status of every series is reevaluated based upon certain statistical criteria. If any of the 82 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 before that period will not be changed. Note: 38 of the 82 components are not seasonally adjusted for 2012.

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 2012, BLS adjusted 31 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 David Levin at (202) 691-6968, or by e-mail at Levin.David@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, August 2012

[1982-84=100, unless otherwise noted]

Expenditure category	Relative importance Jul. 2012	Unadjusted indexes			Unadjusted percent change		Seasonally adjusted percent change		
		Aug. 2011	Jul. 2012	Aug. 2012	Aug. 2011-Aug. 2012	Jul. 2012-Aug. 2012	May 2012-Jun. 2012	Jun. 2012-Jul. 2012	Jul. 2012-Aug. 2012
All items.....	100.000	226.545	229.104	230.379	1.7	0.6	0.0	0.0	0.6
Food.....	14.235	229.554	233.630	234.156	2.0	0.2	0.2	0.1	0.2
Food at home.....	8.558	228.354	231.306	231.708	1.5	0.2	0.1	0.0	0.1
Cereals and bakery products.....	1.235	262.970	268.449	267.794	1.8	-0.2	-0.4	0.3	0.0
Meats, poultry, fish, and eggs.....	1.951	225.651	231.309	232.475	3.0	0.5	0.2	0.3	0.4
Dairy and related products ¹	0.886	216.720	214.434	214.549	-1.0	0.1	-0.3	-0.5	0.1
Fruits and vegetables.....	1.252	282.579	280.173	280.672	-0.7	0.2	1.3	-0.3	0.5
Nonalcoholic beverages and beverage materials.....	0.941	168.268	167.375	167.622	-0.4	0.1	0.1	-0.5	-0.2
Other food at home.....	2.293	200.054	205.508	205.864	2.9	0.2	-0.1	0.0	-0.1
Food away from home ¹	5.677	232.513	238.337	239.057	2.8	0.3	0.2	0.2	0.3
Energy.....	9.849	251.706	239.972	250.306	-0.6	4.3	-1.4	-0.3	5.6
Energy commodities.....	5.957	315.330	299.361	320.214	1.5	7.0	-2.3	0.2	8.6
Fuel oil ¹	0.213	367.286	348.104	364.165	-0.8	4.6	-7.9	-0.5	4.6
Motor fuel.....	5.647	311.962	296.502	317.798	1.9	7.2	-2.0	0.2	8.9
Gasoline (all types).....	5.468	311.269	295.498	316.859	1.8	7.2	-2.0	0.3	9.0
Energy services ²	3.891	201.564	193.679	194.136	-3.7	0.2	0.0	-1.1	0.8
Electricity ²	3.026	205.362	203.318	202.870	-1.2	-0.2	-0.5	-1.3	0.2
Utility (piped) gas service ²	0.865	186.808	162.972	165.953	-11.2	1.8	1.7	-0.2	2.8
All items less food and energy.....	75.916	225.874	229.893	230.196	1.9	0.1	0.2	0.1	0.1
Commodities less food and energy commodities.....	19.717	146.159	147.137	147.133	0.7	0.0	0.2	0.0	-0.2
Apparel.....	3.476	121.547	122.300	123.568	1.7	1.0	0.5	0.2	-0.5
New vehicles.....	3.169	142.327	143.953	143.749	1.0	-0.1	0.2	-0.1	0.2
Used cars and trucks.....	1.982	155.823	155.815	154.851	-0.6	-0.6	0.0	-0.5	-0.9
Medical care commodities ¹	1.730	324.395	335.048	336.004	3.6	0.3	0.1	0.5	0.3
Alcoholic beverages.....	0.949	227.126	231.192	230.674	1.6	-0.2	0.3	-0.1	-0.2
Tobacco and smoking products ¹	0.803	837.427	858.730	857.727	2.4	-0.1	0.4	1.1	-0.1
Services less energy services.....	56.199	274.038	280.024	280.526	2.4	0.2	0.2	0.1	0.1
Shelter.....	31.519	252.546	257.409	257.843	2.1	0.2	0.1	0.1	0.2
Rent of primary residence ²	6.460	254.003	260.107	260.677	2.6	0.2	0.1	0.3	0.2
Owners' equivalent rent of residences ^{2, 3}	23.846	260.178	264.740	265.422	2.0	0.3	0.1	0.2	0.3
Medical care services.....	5.416	424.546	442.305	442.410	4.2	0.0	0.7	0.3	0.2
Physicians' services ²	1.615	341.141	348.828	349.608	2.5	0.2	0.8	0.4	0.3
Hospital services ^{2, 4}	1.540	242.032	254.982	253.380	4.7	-0.6	1.2	0.4	-0.4
Transportation services.....	5.773	268.940	272.860	272.651	1.4	-0.1	-0.2	-0.2	0.0
Motor vehicle maintenance and repair ¹	1.146	253.337	257.423	257.641	1.7	0.1	0.1	-0.1	0.1
Motor vehicle insurance.....	2.417	388.619	400.709	403.246	3.8	0.6	0.4	0.4	0.6
Airline fare.....	0.773	308.670	305.689	299.284	-3.0	-2.1	-2.5	-2.7	-1.3

1 Not seasonally adjusted.

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

3 Indexes on a December 1982=100 base.

4 Indexes on a December 1996=100 base.

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

Table 2. Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers (CPI-U): U.S. city average, by detailed expenditure category, August 2012

[1982-84=100, unless otherwise noted]

Expenditure category	Relative importance Jul. 2012	Unadjusted percent change		Seasonally adjusted percent change		
		Aug. 2011-Aug. 2012	Jul. 2012-Aug. 2012	May 2012-Jun. 2012	Jun. 2012-Jul. 2012	Jul. 2012-Aug. 2012
All items.....	100.000	1.7	0.6	0.0	0.0	0.6
Food.....	14.235	2.0	0.2	0.2	0.1	0.2
Food at home.....	8.558	1.5	0.2	0.1	0.0	0.1
Cereals and bakery products.....	1.235	1.8	-0.2	-0.4	0.3	0.0
Cereals and cereal products.....	0.477	1.8	-0.3	-0.1	-0.5	-0.3
Flour and prepared flour mixes.....	0.054	4.3	-0.5	1.5	-0.9	0.2
Breakfast cereal ¹	0.292	1.0	-0.1	-0.5	-0.2	-0.1
Rice, pasta, cornmeal ¹	0.131	2.1	-0.8	-1.0	0.8	-0.8
Rice ^{1, 2, 3}		2.3	-0.4	-0.1	-0.2	-0.4
Bakery products.....	0.758	2.0	-0.2	-0.5	0.8	0.0
Bread ²	0.225	1.0	-1.5	-0.7	1.3	-0.3
White bread ^{1, 3}		2.0	-0.8	-0.9	2.3	-0.8
Bread other than white ^{1, 3}		-0.3	-2.3	-0.9	1.2	-2.3
Fresh biscuits, rolls, muffins ^{1, 2}	0.112	1.6	0.0	0.4	-0.1	0.4
Cakes, cupcakes, and cookies.....	0.183	3.3	-0.5	-0.6	1.0	-0.4
Cookies ^{1, 3}		5.2	-1.3	-0.7	0.6	-1.1
Fresh cakes and cupcakes ^{1, 3}		2.0	0.3	0.2	0.6	0.3
Other bakery products.....	0.238	1.7	1.2	0.0	-0.4	0.8
Fresh sweetrolls, coffeeecakes, doughnuts ^{1, 3}		3.5	2.7	1.0	-1.0	2.7
Crackers, bread, and cracker products ³		3.2	0.6	-1.7	0.8	0.2
Frozen and refrigerated bakery products, pies, tarts, turnovers ³		-0.4	1.4	-0.3	-0.8	1.6
Meats, poultry, fish, and eggs.....	1.951	3.0	0.5	0.2	0.3	0.4
Meats, poultry, and fish.....	1.848	2.9	0.1	0.2	0.3	0.1
Meats.....	1.196	2.5	0.4	0.0	0.0	0.3
Beef and veal ¹	0.564	5.8	-0.4	0.6	0.6	-0.4
Uncooked ground beef ¹	0.221	6.8	0.0	1.1	-0.3	0.0
Uncooked beef roasts ^{1, 2}	0.082	5.0	-0.4	0.5	1.5	-0.4
Uncooked beef steaks ^{1, 2}	0.209	5.4	-1.0	0.3	1.2	-1.0
Uncooked other beef and veal ^{1, 2}	0.052	4.0	0.4	0.0	0.7	0.4
Pork.....	0.371	-0.2	1.6	-0.8	-0.1	1.7
Bacon, breakfast sausage, and related products ²		0.139	0.2	2.7	-1.4	0.1
Bacon and related products ³			0.4	4.2	-1.5	1.6
Breakfast sausage and related products ^{1, 2, 3}			3.1	0.9	-0.4	-1.7
Ham.....	0.080	1.1	2.5	0.6	-1.8	2.0
Ham, excluding canned ³		1.2	2.6	0.6	-2.1	2.3
Pork chops.....	0.062	0.6	0.9	-0.4	0.1	1.1
Other pork including roasts and picnics ²	0.090	-2.5	-0.5	-0.5	0.3	0.6
Other meats.....	0.262	-0.2	0.7	-0.3	-0.9	0.1
Frankfurters ³		1.4	1.9	-2.7	0.5	0.4
Lunchmeats ^{1, 2, 3}		-0.3	0.2	0.0	-0.4	0.2
Lamb and organ meats ^{1, 3}		-4.4	0.0	0.3	-0.9	0.0
Lamb and mutton ^{1, 2, 3}		-11.5	1.6	0.5	-7.1	1.6
Poultry.....	0.345	5.6	-0.5	1.0	1.3	-0.4
Chicken ²	0.268	5.3	-0.5	1.3	1.4	-0.4
Fresh whole chicken ^{1, 3}		3.9	-2.1	0.7	3.3	-2.1
Fresh and frozen chicken parts ^{1, 3}		5.9	0.1	2.6	0.3	0.1
Other poultry including turkey ²	0.077	6.9	-0.6	0.1	0.5	-0.4
Fish and seafood ¹	0.307	1.3	-0.7	0.1	0.4	0.0
Fresh fish and seafood ^{1, 2}	0.157	-0.4	-0.2	-0.2	0.0	-0.2
Processed fish and seafood ²	0.150	3.4	-1.2	1.0	0.0	-0.3
Shelf stable fish and seafood ^{1, 3}		6.8	-0.6	0.8	1.7	-0.6

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Table 2. Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers (CPI-U): U.S. city average, by detailed expenditure category, August 2012 — Continued
 [1982-84=100, unless otherwise noted]

Expenditure category	Relative importance Jul. 2012	Unadjusted percent change		Seasonally adjusted percent change		
		Aug. 2011-Aug. 2012	Jul. 2012-Aug. 2012	May 2012-Jun. 2012	Jun. 2012-Jul. 2012	Jul. 2012-Aug. 2012
Frozen fish and seafood ^{1, 3}		0.1	-2.2	1.2	-0.9	-2.2
Eggs.....	0.103	5.5	8.1	0.9	0.0	5.0
Dairy and related products ¹	0.886	-1.0	0.1	-0.3	-0.5	0.1
Milk ^{1, 2}	0.289	-2.7	0.2	-0.6	0.3	0.2
Fresh whole milk ^{1, 3}		-3.1	1.3	-1.2	-0.1	1.3
Fresh milk other than whole ^{1, 2, 3}		-2.2	-0.4	-0.3	0.5	-0.4
Cheese and related products ¹	0.280	-1.6	0.6	1.0	-1.6	0.9
Ice cream and related products.....	0.132	1.2	-1.0	-1.9	0.3	-0.9
Other dairy and related products ²	0.185	1.1	-0.3	0.9	-0.8	-0.7
Fruits and vegetables.....	1.252	-0.7	0.2	1.3	-0.3	0.5
Fresh fruits and vegetables.....	0.948	-2.1	0.0	1.7	-0.1	0.4
Fresh fruits.....	0.492	0.0	1.8	0.3	-0.8	1.9
Apples.....	0.095	10.1	5.0	4.0	1.5	3.6
Bananas.....	0.081	-0.8	-1.4	0.3	0.0	-0.6
Citrus fruits ²	0.116	-0.1	6.3	0.0	0.1	1.2
Oranges, including tangerines ³		-0.1	9.2	-1.9	-1.3	1.7
Other fresh fruits ²	0.199	-5.9	-1.2	0.1	-3.7	1.6
Fresh vegetables.....	0.456	-4.3	-1.8	3.2	0.8	-1.3
Potatoes.....	0.082	-13.7	-0.8	-1.8	-3.3	-4.2
Lettuce.....	0.059	-2.5	2.0	2.1	2.3	0.9
Tomatoes ¹	0.079	-4.1	-4.8	8.7	0.0	-4.8
Other fresh vegetables.....	0.236	-1.1	-2.1	1.1	1.1	-0.2
Processed fruits and vegetables ²	0.305	3.9	0.6	0.0	-1.1	0.9
Canned fruits and vegetables ²	0.150	1.6	0.8	-0.6	-1.2	0.8
Canned fruits ^{2, 3}		1.9	1.1	0.1	0.5	1.6
Canned vegetables ^{2, 3}		1.4	0.7	-1.1	-2.3	0.5
Frozen fruits and vegetables ²	0.096	5.4	0.4	0.8	-1.6	1.0
Frozen vegetables ³		6.0	-0.4	1.2	-1.1	0.4
Other processed fruits and vegetables including dried ²	0.058	8.3	0.3	0.1	-0.1	0.6
Dried beans, peas, and lentils ^{1, 2, 3}		15.9	0.8	2.3	-0.9	0.8
Nonalcoholic beverages and beverage materials.....	0.941	-0.4	0.1	0.1	-0.5	-0.2
Juices and nonalcoholic drinks ²	0.703	0.1	0.1	0.2	-0.6	0.2
Carbonated drinks.....	0.286	0.3	0.8	-0.4	-0.1	0.7
Frozen noncarbonated juices and drinks ^{1, 2}	0.014	1.3	-1.6	-0.2	-0.6	-1.6
Nonfrozen noncarbonated juices and drinks ^{1, 2}	0.403	-0.1	-0.4	-0.1	-0.1	-0.4
Beverage materials including coffee and tea ²	0.238	-1.7	0.4	0.1	-0.5	-0.4
Coffee.....	0.145	-3.8	0.3	-1.3	-0.5	0.3
Roasted coffee ³		-4.4	0.3	-1.3	-0.6	-0.1
Instant and freeze dried coffee ^{1, 3}		-0.3	0.0	-1.7	1.5	0.0
Other beverage materials including tea ²	0.093	0.9	0.5	2.5	-0.4	-0.6
Other food at home.....	2.293	2.9	0.2	-0.1	0.0	-0.1
Sugar and sweets ¹	0.310	2.5	-0.7	0.4	0.4	-0.7
Sugar and artificial sweeteners.....	0.060	0.2	-0.1	-0.1	0.0	-0.2
Candy and chewing gum ^{1, 2}	0.185	3.0	-0.7	1.0	0.4	-0.7
Other sweets ²	0.064	2.9	-1.2	-0.3	1.1	-1.2
Fats and oils.....	0.264	3.6	-0.3	-0.5	-0.4	-0.3
Butter and margarine ²	0.075	-4.5	0.4	-0.3	-1.2	-0.1
Butter ³		-11.9	-0.3	-1.4	0.7	-0.3
Margarine ³		2.5	0.8	0.8	-1.7	0.0
Salad dressing ^{1, 2}	0.066	0.3	-0.5	-1.6	0.9	-0.5
Other fats and oils including peanut butter ²	0.123	11.0	-0.6	-0.2	-0.1	-0.1
Peanut butter ^{1, 2, 3}		34.4	0.3	0.8	-0.3	0.3

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Table 2. Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers (CPI-U): U.S. city average, by detailed expenditure category, August 2012 — Continued
 [1982-84=100, unless otherwise noted]

Expenditure category	Relative importance Jul. 2012	Unadjusted percent change		Seasonally adjusted percent change		
		Aug. 2011-Aug. 2012	Jul. 2012-Aug. 2012	May 2012-Jun. 2012	Jun. 2012-Jul. 2012	Jul. 2012-Aug. 2012
Other foods.....	1.719	2.8	0.4	-0.2	0.0	0.1
Soups.....	0.102	1.7	-1.3	-1.0	0.9	0.0
Frozen and freeze dried prepared foods ¹	0.303	0.1	-0.8	-0.7	0.7	-0.8
Snacks ¹	0.325	6.2	1.2	0.4	-1.0	1.2
Spices, seasonings, condiments, sauces.....	0.288	1.8	1.4	0.5	0.2	0.5
Salt and other seasonings and spices ^{2, 3}		6.1	1.0	-0.8	-0.8	0.9
Olives, pickles, relishes ^{1, 2, 3}		-1.2	2.4	-0.3	-0.1	2.4
Sauces and gravies ^{2, 3}		0.7	0.1	1.1	1.5	-0.6
Other condiments ^{1, 3}		2.8	0.2	1.5	-0.1	0.2
Baby food ^{1, 2}	0.072	2.1	-0.3	0.3	0.1	-0.3
Other miscellaneous foods ^{1, 2}	0.629	3.3	0.4	-0.3	-0.2	0.4
Prepared salads ^{1, 3, 4}		5.3	1.0	-0.3	1.2	1.0
Food away from home ¹	5.677	2.8	0.3	0.2	0.2	0.3
Full service meals and snacks ^{1, 2}	2.693	2.6	0.2	0.3	0.2	0.2
Limited service meals and snacks ^{1, 2}	2.290	3.3	0.2	0.4	0.3	0.2
Food at employee sites and schools ²	0.252	1.0	2.6	-0.9	0.6	0.8
Food at elementary and secondary schools ^{1, 3, 5}		0.5	2.8	-1.9	0.0	2.8
Food from vending machines and mobile vendors ^{1, 2}	0.082	2.9	0.3	0.4	-0.1	0.3
Other food away from home ^{1, 2}	0.361	2.0	0.1	0.4	0.1	0.1
Energy.....	9.849	-0.6	4.3	-1.4	-0.3	5.6
Energy commodities.....	5.957	1.5	7.0	-2.3	0.2	8.6
Fuel oil and other fuels ¹	0.310	-4.2	3.0	-7.0	-1.4	3.0
Fuel oil ¹	0.213	-0.8	4.6	-7.9	-0.5	4.6
Propane, kerosene, and firewood ^{1, 6}	0.097	-11.1	-0.5	-4.2	-2.2	-0.4
Motor fuel.....	5.647	1.9	7.2	-2.0	0.2	8.9
Gasoline (all types).....	5.468	1.8	7.2	-2.0	0.3	9.0
Gasoline, unleaded regular ³		1.7	7.3	-2.1	0.3	9.1
Gasoline, unleaded midgrade ^{3, 7}		2.4	7.2	-1.7	0.4	9.0
Gasoline, unleaded premium ³		2.1	6.8	-1.9	0.0	8.5
Other motor fuels ²	0.179	1.0	5.8	-7.0	-1.1	6.3
Energy services ⁸	3.891	-3.7	0.2	0.0	-1.1	0.8
Electricity ⁸	3.026	-1.2	-0.2	-0.5	-1.3	0.2
Utility (piped) gas service ⁸	0.865	-11.2	1.8	1.7	-0.2	2.8
All items less food and energy.....	75.916	1.9	0.1	0.2	0.1	0.1
Commodities less food and energy commodities.....	19.717	0.7	0.0	0.2	0.0	-0.2
Household furnishings and supplies ⁹	3.348	0.0	-0.5	0.1	0.0	-0.5
Window and floor coverings and other linens ^{1, 2}	0.271	-4.1	-0.9	-0.3	-0.5	-0.9
Floor coverings ^{1, 2}	0.039	-2.8	-0.4	-0.1	-0.4	-0.4
Window coverings ^{1, 2}	0.076	0.1	-0.4	-0.2	0.5	-0.4
Other linens ^{1, 2}	0.156	-6.3	-1.3	-0.4	-1.0	-1.3
Furniture and bedding ¹	0.723	1.3	-0.5	-0.1	0.4	-0.5
Bedroom furniture ¹	0.233	1.0	0.0	-0.4	0.1	0.0
Living room, kitchen, and dining room furniture ^{1, 2}	0.346	0.8	-0.4	0.7	-0.6	-0.4
Other furniture ²	0.136	3.6	-1.6	-0.8	5.7	-0.6
Infants' furniture ^{1, 3, 5}						
Appliances ²	0.288	0.9	-0.7	0.3	-0.5	-1.0
Major appliances ²	0.166	2.9	-1.1	0.4	-0.1	-1.4
Laundry equipment ³		6.6	-0.9	0.1	0.8	-1.3
Other appliances ^{1, 2}	0.119	-1.9	0.0	0.0	-0.2	0.0
Other household equipment and furnishings ^{1, 2}	0.495	-3.7	-0.8	0.0	0.5	-0.8
Clocks, lamps, and decorator items ¹	0.261	-4.5	-0.6	-0.2	0.9	-0.6
Indoor plants and flowers ¹⁰	0.102	-0.4	-1.3	0.8	0.1	-0.6
Dishes and flatware ^{1, 2}	0.047	-10.9	-0.7	0.0	-0.2	-0.7

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 [1982-84=100, unless otherwise noted]

Expenditure category	Relative importance Jul. 2012	Unadjusted percent change		Seasonally adjusted percent change		
		Aug. 2011-Aug. 2012	Jul. 2012-Aug. 2012	May 2012-Jun. 2012	Jun. 2012-Jul. 2012	Jul. 2012-Aug. 2012
Nonelectric cookware and tableware ²	0.085	0.0	-1.1	0.0	0.8	-0.5
Tools, hardware, outdoor equipment and supplies ² . . .	0.682	-0.1	-0.6	0.1	0.1	-0.3
Tools, hardware and supplies ¹ · ²	0.173	0.3	-0.2	-0.2	0.2	-0.2
Outdoor equipment and supplies ²	0.363	-0.3	-0.8	0.4	-0.4	-0.6
Housekeeping supplies ¹	0.889	2.0	0.0	0.5	-0.1	0.0
Household cleaning products ¹ · ²	0.360	1.3	-0.2	0.7	-0.2	-0.2
Household paper products ¹ · ²	0.241	3.8	0.3	0.1	-0.1	0.3
Miscellaneous household products ¹ · ²	0.287	1.5	0.1	0.5	-0.1	0.1
Apparel.....	3.476	1.7	1.0	0.5	0.2	-0.5
Men's and boys' apparel.....	0.861	4.2	0.4	0.6	2.1	-0.6
Men's apparel.....	0.684	3.6	0.7	0.5	1.9	-0.2
Men's suits, sport coats, and outerwear.....	0.123	-2.0	1.3	1.0	-0.3	-1.0
Men's furnishings.....	0.182	4.6	-0.3	-1.0	0.9	1.8
Men's shirts and sweaters ²	0.212	6.4	2.7	2.2	3.9	0.3
Men's pants and shorts.....	0.160	3.9	-1.1	-1.9	2.5	-0.7
Boys' apparel.....	0.177	6.5	-0.9	-1.3	1.8	0.3
Women's and girls' apparel.....	1.425	-0.1	1.1	-0.1	-0.4	-1.3
Women's apparel.....	1.194	0.2	1.4	-0.5	-0.3	-0.7
Women's outerwear.....	0.071	-14.1	6.3	-3.5	0.8	-6.3
Women's dresses.....	0.155	-3.8	3.7	-2.1	-3.1	-3.5
Women's suits and separates ²	0.567	2.5	1.5	-0.7	0.2	-0.8
Women's underwear, nightwear, sportswear and accessories ²	0.386	1.0	-0.6	0.8	-0.2	1.6
Girls' apparel.....	0.231	-1.7	-0.6	1.9	-0.8	-4.3
Footwear.....	0.676	2.7	0.9	1.1	-0.1	0.3
Men's footwear ¹	0.209	2.2	0.8	-0.2	-1.0	0.8
Boys' and girls' footwear.....	0.148	0.0	0.6	0.9	1.1	-0.3
Women's footwear.....	0.318	4.4	1.1	1.9	-0.3	0.6
Infants' and toddlers' apparel.....	0.197	4.0	1.0	0.7	0.9	-0.9
Jewelry and watches ⁶	0.316	-0.5	2.9	1.8	-2.2	2.7
Watches ¹ · ⁶	0.088	2.1	2.7	1.3	-0.7	2.7
Jewelry ⁶	0.228	-1.4	3.0	1.9	-2.5	2.8
Transportation commodities less motor fuel ⁹	5.656	0.5	-0.3	0.1	-0.2	-0.2
New vehicles.....	3.169	1.0	-0.1	0.2	-0.1	0.2
New cars and trucks ² · ³		1.0	-0.1	0.2	-0.1	0.2
New cars ³		0.3	-0.2	0.0	-0.1	0.1
New trucks ³ · ¹¹		1.7	-0.1	0.4	0.1	0.2
Used cars and trucks.....	1.982	-0.6	-0.6	0.0	-0.5	-0.9
Motor vehicle parts and equipment ¹	0.436	2.3	-0.1	0.0	0.3	-0.1
Tires ¹	0.296	2.4	0.0	0.0	0.2	0.0
Vehicle accessories other than tires ¹ · ²	0.140	2.0	-0.4	0.0	0.7	-0.4
Vehicle parts and equipment other than tires ¹ · ³		2.1	-0.2	0.0	0.9	-0.2
Motor oil, coolant, and fluids ¹ · ³		2.0	-1.2	0.3	-0.5	-1.2
Medical care commodities ¹	1.730	3.6	0.3	0.1	0.5	0.3
Medicinal drugs ¹ · ⁹	1.651	3.6	0.3	0.1	0.6	0.3
Prescription drugs.....	1.337	4.0	0.4	0.4	0.7	0.5
Nonprescription drugs ¹ · ⁹	0.314	2.0	0.0	0.1	0.3	0.0
Medical equipment and supplies ¹ · ⁹	0.079	2.9	-0.5	-0.2	-0.3	-0.5
Recreation commodities ⁹	2.301	-2.1	-0.3	-0.1	-0.4	-0.2
Video and audio products ⁹	0.408	-9.3	-0.4	-1.5	-0.7	0.0
Televisions.....	0.155	-18.0	-0.9	-3.2	-1.9	0.1
Other video equipment ¹ · ²	0.026	-11.4	-0.3	-1.8	0.1	-0.3
Audio equipment ¹	0.071	-7.1	0.0	0.3	0.7	0.0

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Expenditure category	Relative importance Jul. 2012	Unadjusted percent change		Seasonally adjusted percent change		
		Aug. 2011-Aug. 2012	Jul. 2012-Aug. 2012	May 2012-Jun. 2012	Jun. 2012-Jul. 2012	Jul. 2012-Aug. 2012
Audio discs, tapes and other media ^{1, 2}	0.043	-4.3	-0.3	-0.9	-0.5	-0.3
Pets and pet products ¹	0.688	0.7	0.0	0.5	-0.6	0.0
Pet food ^{1, 2, 3}		1.0	0.0	0.8	-0.6	0.0
Purchase of pets, pet supplies, accessories ^{1, 2, 3} ...		-0.8	-0.1	0.2	-0.8	-0.1
Sporting goods ¹	0.462	0.0	-0.2	0.2	0.1	-0.2
Sports vehicles including bicycles ¹	0.243	0.7	-0.4	0.9	0.7	-0.4
Sports equipment ¹	0.209	-1.0	0.0	-0.6	-0.5	0.0
Photographic equipment and supplies	0.054	-4.0	-0.6	-0.3	0.2	-0.3
Film and photographic supplies ^{1, 2, 3}				3.7		
Photographic equipment ^{2, 3}		-5.8	-0.4	-0.4	0.5	-0.6
Recreational reading materials ¹	0.224	2.6	-0.2	0.1	0.1	-0.2
Newspapers and magazines ^{1, 2}	0.123	5.1	-0.3	0.9	-0.2	-0.3
Recreational books ^{1, 2}	0.098	-0.3	-0.2	-1.0	0.4	-0.2
Other recreational goods ²	0.465	-3.8	-0.7	0.0	-0.6	-0.7
Toys ¹	0.344	-6.2	-1.2	-0.1	-0.9	-1.2
Toys, games, hobbies and playground equipment ^{1, 2, 3}		-2.5	-1.1	0.4	-0.8	-1.1
Sewing machines, fabric and supplies ²	0.062	5.4	1.6	0.3	0.6	1.4
Music instruments and accessories ²	0.039	1.6	0.4	0.5	0.0	0.4
Education and communication commodities ⁹	0.596	-2.0	-0.3	0.3	-0.4	-0.4
Educational books and supplies	0.204	7.6	2.2	0.3	0.7	1.3
College textbooks ^{1, 3, 12}		8.4	1.4	0.0	1.9	1.4
Information technology commodities ⁹	0.391	-7.1	-1.6	0.3	-1.0	-1.2
Personal computers and peripheral equipment ⁴	0.260	-7.4	-1.8	1.3	-1.1	-1.3
Computer software and accessories ^{1, 2}	0.047	-7.2	-2.3	-2.0	-0.7	-2.3
Telephone hardware, calculators, and other consumer information items ^{1, 2}	0.085	-5.9	-0.5	-1.5	-0.9	-0.5
Alcoholic beverages	0.949	1.6	-0.2	0.3	-0.1	-0.2
Alcoholic beverages at home	0.571	0.8	-0.4	0.0	0.0	-0.4
Beer, ale, and other malt beverages at home	0.269	1.8	0.2	-0.4	-0.4	0.4
Distilled spirits at home ¹	0.072	0.0	0.5	0.7	-0.2	-0.1
Whiskey at home ³		0.5	-0.1	1.4	-0.9	-0.4
Distilled spirits, excluding whiskey, at home ^{1, 3} ...		0.1	0.6	-0.1	0.4	0.6
Wine at home	0.230	-0.1	-1.4	0.5	0.5	-1.4
Alcoholic beverages away from home ¹	0.378	2.6	0.0	0.6	-0.3	0.0
Beer, ale, and other malt beverages away from home ^{1, 2, 3}		2.1	0.4	0.4	0.0	0.4
Wine away from home ^{1, 2, 3}		2.2	-0.8	1.5	0.1	-0.8
Distilled spirits away from home ^{1, 2, 3}		3.4	0.3	0.5	-0.5	0.3
Other goods ⁹	1.660	2.2	0.1	0.4	0.6	0.3
Tobacco and smoking products ¹	0.803	2.4	-0.1	0.4	1.1	-0.1
Cigarettes ^{1, 2}	0.743	2.4	-0.1	0.5	1.2	-0.1
Tobacco products other than cigarettes ^{1, 2}	0.054	2.4	0.0	-0.2	0.2	0.0
Personal care products ¹	0.652	2.6	0.4	0.3	0.2	0.4
Hair, dental, shaving, and miscellaneous personal care products ^{1, 2}	0.342	2.1	-0.1	0.0	0.8	-0.1
Cosmetics, perfume, bath, nail preparations and implements ¹	0.304	3.0	1.0	0.8	-0.5	1.0
Miscellaneous personal goods ²	0.205	0.4	0.0	0.4	-0.2	1.5
Stationery, stationery supplies, gift wrap ³		1.5	0.2	0.2	-0.2	1.7
Infants' equipment ^{1, 3, 5}		-2.1	-0.4	-0.4	-1.6	-0.4
Services less energy services	56.199	2.4	0.2	0.2	0.1	0.1
Shelter	31.519	2.1	0.2	0.1	0.1	0.2
Rent of shelter ¹³	31.170	2.1	0.2	0.1	0.1	0.2
Rent of primary residence ⁸	6.460	2.6	0.2	0.1	0.3	0.2

See footnotes at end of table.

Table 2. Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers (CPI-U): U.S. city average, by detailed expenditure category, August 2012 — Continued
 [1982-84=100, unless otherwise noted]

Expenditure category	Relative importance Jul. 2012	Unadjusted percent change		Seasonally adjusted percent change		
		Aug. 2011-Aug. 2012	Jul. 2012-Aug. 2012	May 2012-Jun. 2012	Jun. 2012-Jul. 2012	Jul. 2012-Aug. 2012
Lodging away from home ²	0.863	0.6	-2.7	0.9	-2.3	-0.6
Housing at school, excluding board ^{8, 13}	0.154	4.0	2.0	0.3	0.5	0.2
Other lodging away from home including hotels and motels.....	0.709	-0.3	-3.7	1.0	-3.0	-0.9
Owners' equivalent rent of residences ^{8, 13}	23.846	2.0	0.3	0.1	0.2	0.3
Owners' equivalent rent of primary residence ^{8, 13}	22.438	2.0	0.3	0.1	0.2	0.3
Tenants' and household insurance ^{1, 2}	0.349	3.3	0.1	0.1	0.3	0.1
Water and sewer and trash collection services ²	1.182	6.2	1.1	0.7	0.3	0.8
Water and sewerage maintenance ⁸	0.891	7.4	1.5	0.8	0.1	1.0
Garbage and trash collection ^{1, 11}	0.291	2.6	0.1	0.4	0.9	0.1
Household operations ^{1, 2}	0.729	2.3	0.1	0.4	-0.1	0.1
Domestic services ^{1, 2}	0.250	1.5	0.1	0.7	-0.3	0.1
Gardening and lawn care services ^{1, 2}	0.237	1.3	0.1	-0.1	0.0	0.1
Moving, storage, freight expense ^{1, 2}	0.091	4.3	-0.2	0.6	-0.2	-0.2
Repair of household items ^{1, 2}	0.078		0.4	0.9	0.4	0.4
Medical care services.....	5.416	4.2	0.0	0.7	0.3	0.2
Professional services.....	3.003	2.2	0.3	0.4	0.2	0.4
Physicians' services ⁸	1.615	2.5	0.2	0.8	0.4	0.3
Dental services ⁸	0.760	2.4	0.4	0.3	0.1	0.5
Eyeglasses and eye care ⁶	0.251	0.6	-0.2	-0.4	-0.8	0.1
Services by other medical professionals ^{1, 8, 6}	0.376	1.3	0.3	-0.1	0.0	0.3
Hospital and related services.....	1.762	4.4	-0.5	1.1	0.4	-0.4
Hospital services ^{8, 14}	1.540	4.7	-0.6	1.2	0.4	-0.4
Inpatient hospital services ^{8, 14, 3}		4.9	-0.9	1.7	0.4	-0.7
Outpatient hospital services ^{8, 3, 6}		4.3	-0.6	0.9	0.4	-0.4
Nursing homes and adult day services ^{8, 14}	0.137	3.9	0.1	0.2	0.3	0.2
Care of invalids and elderly at home ^{1, 5}	0.086	1.1	0.1	0.2	0.0	0.1
Health insurance ^{1, 5}	0.651	14.8	0.5	1.0	0.9	0.5
Transportation services.....	5.773	1.4	-0.1	-0.2	-0.2	0.0
Leased cars and trucks ¹²	0.384	-6.1	-0.8	0.0	-1.3	-0.7
Car and truck rental ²	0.075	0.9	0.4	0.9	0.2	-2.2
Motor vehicle maintenance and repair ¹	1.146	1.7	0.1	0.1	-0.1	0.1
Motor vehicle body work ¹	0.057	1.9	0.0	0.3	0.1	0.0
Motor vehicle maintenance and servicing ¹	0.457	1.9	0.1	0.0	-0.1	0.1
Motor vehicle repair ^{1, 2}	0.596	1.6	0.1	0.1	-0.1	0.1
Motor vehicle insurance.....	2.417	3.8	0.6	0.4	0.4	0.6
Motor vehicle fees ^{1, 2}	0.562	3.1	0.1	0.1	0.3	0.1
State motor vehicle registration and license fees ^{1, 8, 2}	0.326	0.5	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Parking and other fees ^{1, 2}	0.214	7.3	0.3	0.2	0.8	0.3
Parking fees and tolls ^{1, 2, 3}		9.4	0.8	0.1	1.0	0.8
Automobile service clubs ^{1, 2, 3}		2.9	-0.2	0.4	0.1	-0.2
Public transportation.....	1.190	-1.5	-1.6	-1.8	-1.5	-0.9
Airline fare.....	0.773	-3.0	-2.1	-2.5	-2.7	-1.3
Other intercity transportation.....	0.153	-1.7	-1.7	0.4	-1.5	-1.3
Intercity bus fare ^{1, 3, 4}		2.2	-0.4	1.4	1.4	-0.4
Intercity train fare ^{1, 3, 4}		3.0	-1.6	4.5	6.0	-1.6
Ship fare ^{1, 2, 3}		-5.2	-2.8	1.1	0.2	-2.8
Intracity transportation ¹	0.262	3.5	0.1	0.0	1.3	0.1
Intracity mass transit ^{1, 3, 9}		3.3	0.2	0.1	1.7	0.2
Recreation services ⁹	3.728	3.3	0.1	0.6	0.1	0.2
Video and audio services ⁹	1.514	4.8	0.2	0.1	0.2	0.4
Cable and satellite television and radio service ¹¹ ..	1.403	5.3	0.3	0.2	0.3	0.5

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Table 2. Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers (CPI-U): U.S. city average, by detailed expenditure category, August 2012 — Continued
 [1982-84=100, unless otherwise noted]

Expenditure category	Relative importance Jul. 2012	Unadjusted percent change		Seasonally adjusted percent change		
		Aug. 2011-Aug. 2012	Jul. 2012-Aug. 2012	May 2012-Jun. 2012	Jun. 2012-Jul. 2012	Jul. 2012-Aug. 2012
Video discs and other media, including rental of video and audio ^{1, 2}	0.111	-0.5	-0.6	-0.4	-0.9	-0.6
Video discs and other media ^{1, 2, 3}		-7.2	-0.9	-1.5	-1.2	-0.9
Rental of video or audio discs and other media ^{1, 2, 3}		5.3	-0.5	-0.2	-1.1	-0.5
Pet services including veterinary ²	0.410	2.8	0.0	0.2	0.4	0.0
Pet services ^{1, 2, 3}		3.0	0.0	0.4	0.6	0.0
Veterinarian services ^{2, 3}		2.6	0.0	0.1	0.9	-0.1
Photographers and film processing ^{1, 2}	0.058	1.4	-0.2	0.2	0.0	-0.2
Photographer fees ^{1, 2, 3}		1.4	0.1	0.3	0.0	0.1
Film processing ^{1, 2, 3}		1.2	-0.3	0.3	-0.2	-0.3
Other recreation services ²	1.745	2.2	0.1	1.1	-0.1	0.1
Club dues and fees for participant sports and group exercises ²	0.566	3.4	0.3	0.3	-0.1	0.3
Admissions ¹	0.644	2.3	-0.6	2.2	0.2	-0.6
Admission to movies, theaters, and concerts ^{1, 2, 3}		2.0	-0.7	2.4	0.3	-0.7
Admission to sporting events ^{1, 2, 3}		4.4	0.1	1.4	-0.2	0.1
Fees for lessons or instructions ^{1, 6}	0.228	0.5	1.3	0.1	-0.5	1.3
Education and communication services ⁹	6.141	1.9	0.4	0.1	0.0	-0.4
Tuition, other school fees, and childcare	2.999	3.6	1.4	0.3	0.5	-0.2
College tuition and fees	1.684	4.2	2.0	0.4	0.6	-0.5
Elementary and high school tuition and fees	0.381	3.6	1.4	0.2	0.7	-0.3
Child care and nursery school ¹⁰	0.772	2.3	0.3	0.0	0.4	0.0
Technical and business school tuition and fees ²	0.059	2.5	0.6	0.1	-0.6	-0.3
Postage and delivery services ²	0.149	3.7	-0.1	0.0	0.2	0.2
Postage ¹	0.138	3.8	0.0	-0.1	0.3	0.3
Delivery services ^{1, 2}	0.010	2.4	-1.2	0.7	-1.4	-1.2
Telephone services ^{1, 2}	2.397	0.2	-0.3	0.1	-0.5	-0.3
Wireless telephone services ^{1, 2}	1.453	-1.3	-0.7	0.0	-0.7	-0.7
Land-line telephone services ^{1, 9}	0.944	2.4	0.3	0.3	-0.1	0.3
Internet services and electronic information providers ^{1, 2}	0.581	-0.8	-1.2	-0.5	-0.5	-1.2
Other personal services ⁹	1.712	2.5	0.3	0.3	0.2	0.3
Personal care services ¹	0.629	1.8	0.3	0.0	0.1	0.3
Haircuts and other personal care services ^{1, 2}	0.629	1.8	0.3	0.0	0.1	0.3
Miscellaneous personal services	1.083	2.9	0.3	0.4	0.4	0.2
Legal services ⁶	0.295	1.8	0.3	0.4	-0.4	0.3
Funeral expenses ⁶	0.158	1.5	0.0	0.2	0.5	0.0
Laundry and dry cleaning services ²	0.239	2.2	0.5	0.2	0.2	0.5
Apparel services other than laundry and dry cleaning ^{1, 2}	0.030	2.5	0.4	0.0	0.0	0.4
Financial services ^{1, 6}	0.218	6.3	0.0	1.0	1.1	0.0

See footnotes at end of table.

Table 2. Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers (CPI-U): U.S. city average, by detailed expenditure category, August 2012 — Continued

[1982-84=100, unless otherwise noted]

Expenditure category	Relative importance Jul. 2012	Unadjusted percent change		Seasonally adjusted percent change		
		Aug. 2011- Aug. 2012	Jul. 2012- Aug. 2012	May 2012- Jun. 2012	Jun. 2012- Jul. 2012	Jul. 2012- Aug. 2012
Checking account and other bank services ^{1, 2, 3}		7.4	1.2	0.4	0.8	1.2
Tax return preparation and other accounting fees ^{2, 3}		5.5	-0.1	0.6	0.5	-0.1

1 Not seasonally adjusted.

2 Indexes on a December 1997=100 base.

3 Special index based on a substantially smaller sample.

4 Indexes on a December 2007=100 base.

5 Indexes on a December 2005=100 base.

6 Indexes on a December 1986=100 base.

7 Indexes on a December 1993=100 base.

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

9 Indexes on a December 2009=100 base.

10 Indexes on a December 1990=100 base.

11 Indexes on a December 1983=100 base.

12 Indexes on a December 2001=100 base.

13 Indexes on a December 1982=100 base.

14 Indexes on a December 1996=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): U.S. city average, special aggregate indexes, August 2012

[1982-84=100, unless otherwise noted]

Special aggregate indexes	Relative importance Jul. 2012	Unadjusted indexes			Unadjusted percent change		Seasonally adjusted percent change		
		Aug. 2011	Jul. 2012	Aug. 2012	Aug. 2011-Aug. 2012	Jul. 2012-Aug. 2012	May 2012-Jun. 2012	Jun. 2012-Jul. 2012	Jul. 2012-Aug. 2012
All items less food.....	85.765	226.092	228.417	229.813	1.6	0.6	0.0	0.0	0.7
All items less shelter.....	68.481	218.952	220.629	222.251	1.5	0.7	0.0	0.0	0.8
All items less food and shelter.....	54.246	215.906	217.019	218.904	1.4	0.9	0.0	0.0	0.9
All items less food, shelter, and energy.....	44.397	211.352	214.896	215.124	1.8	0.1	0.3	0.1	-0.1
All items less food, shelter, energy, and used cars and trucks.....	42.415	214.589	218.400	218.705	1.9	0.1	0.3	0.1	0.0
All items less medical care.....	92.854	217.955	219.972	221.275	1.5	0.6	0.0	0.0	0.6
All items less energy.....	90.151	225.797	229.811	230.148	1.9	0.1	0.2	0.1	0.1
Commodities.....	39.910	185.566	185.872	187.952	1.3	1.1	-0.2	0.1	1.2
Commodities less food, energy, and used cars and trucks.....	17.734	145.828	146.949	147.046	0.8	0.1	0.2	0.1	-0.1
Commodities less food.....	25.674	164.059	162.997	165.628	1.0	1.6	-0.4	0.0	1.8
Commodities less food and beverages.....	24.725	161.621	160.419	163.121	0.9	1.7	-0.4	0.1	1.9
Services.....	60.090	267.271	272.062	272.560	2.0	0.2	0.2	0.0	0.2
Services less rent of shelter ¹	28.921	292.871	297.722	298.312	1.9	0.2	0.2	-0.1	0.1
Services less medical care services.....	54.675	255.085	259.084	259.599	1.8	0.2	0.1	-0.1	0.2
Durables.....	8.950	113.799	113.751	113.250	-0.5	-0.4	0.0	-0.1	0.0
Nondurables.....	30.960	220.958	221.463	224.939	1.8	1.6	-0.4	0.1	1.7
Nondurables less food.....	16.724	211.642	209.533	215.220	1.7	2.7	-0.7	0.1	3.0
Nondurables less food and beverages.....	15.775	210.546	208.076	214.091	1.7	2.9	-0.8	0.2	3.1
Nondurables less food, beverages, and apparel.....	12.299	270.809	266.207	275.298	1.7	3.4	-1.1	0.1	4.2
Nondurables less food and apparel.....	13.248	265.656	261.851	270.110	1.7	3.2	-1.1	0.1	3.9
Housing.....	40.979	220.506	223.316	223.699	1.4	0.2	0.1	0.0	0.3
Education and communication ²	6.736	132.028	133.546	134.039	1.5	0.4	0.1	0.0	-0.4
Education ²	3.203	210.266	215.156	218.286	3.8	1.5	0.3	0.5	-0.1
Communication ²	3.533	83.077	83.117	82.605	-0.6	-0.6	0.0	-0.5	-0.6
Information and information processing ²	3.384	79.687	79.598	79.090	-0.7	-0.6	0.0	-0.6	-0.6
Information technology, hardware and services ³	0.987	8.960	8.778	8.656	-3.4	-1.4	-0.2	-0.7	-1.3
Recreation ²	6.030	113.592	114.944	114.929	1.2	0.0	0.3	-0.1	0.1
Video and audio ²	1.922	98.222	99.630	99.747	1.6	0.1	-0.2	0.0	0.4
Pets, pet products and services ²	1.098	160.158	162.426	162.481	1.5	0.0	0.4	-0.3	0.0
Photography ²	0.113	80.062	79.751	79.447	-0.8	-0.4	-0.1	0.1	-0.3
Food and beverages.....	15.185	229.490	233.557	234.017	2.0	0.2	0.2	0.1	0.2
Domestically produced farm food ⁴	7.229	234.747	238.300	238.853	1.7	0.2	0.0	-0.1	0.2
Other services.....	11.581	315.791	322.397	323.412	2.4	0.3	0.3	0.1	-0.1
Apparel less footwear.....	2.800	115.780	116.158	117.408	1.4	1.1	0.4	0.2	-0.6
Fuels and utilities.....	5.383	226.493	221.449	222.769	-1.6	0.6	-0.3	-0.8	0.9
Household energy.....	4.201	200.144	191.913	192.759	-3.7	0.4	-0.6	-1.1	0.9
Medical care.....	7.146	400.874	416.759	417.123	4.1	0.1	0.6	0.4	0.2
Transportation.....	17.077	216.057	214.294	219.110	1.4	2.2	-0.7	-0.1	2.9
Private transportation.....	15.887	211.315	209.458	214.763	1.6	2.5	-0.6	0.1	3.1
New and used motor vehicles ²	5.679	101.524	101.811	101.458	-0.1	-0.3	0.1	-0.3	-0.3
Utilities and public transportation.....	10.064	209.928	209.479	209.491	-0.2	0.0	-0.1	-0.7	0.2
Household furnishings and operations.....	4.077	125.138	126.077	125.610	0.4	-0.4	0.2	0.2	-0.3
Other goods and services.....	3.372	387.053	395.418	396.161	2.4	0.2	0.3	0.4	0.3
Personal care.....	2.569	208.199	212.440	213.041	2.3	0.3	0.3	0.2	0.5

1 Indexes on a December 1982=100 base.

2 Indexes on a December 1997=100 base.

3 Indexes on a December 1988=100 base.

4 Not seasonally adjusted.

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

Table 4. Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers (CPI-U): Selected areas, all items index, August 2012
 [1982-84=100, unless otherwise noted]

Area	Pricing Schedule ¹	Percent change to Aug. 2012 from:			Percent change to Jul. 2012 from:		
		Aug. 2011	Jun. 2012	Jul. 2012	Jul. 2011	May 2012	Jun. 2012
U.S. city average.....	M	1.7	0.4	0.6	1.4	-0.3	-0.2
Region and area size²							
Northeast urban.....	M	1.3	0.4	0.5	1.1	-0.3	-0.1
Size A - More than 1,500,000.....	M	1.4	0.5	0.6	1.1	-0.2	-0.1
Size B/C - 50,000 to 1,500,000 ³ ...	M	1.1	0.2	0.3	1.0	-0.5	-0.1
Midwest urban.....	M	1.8	0.7	0.7	1.3	-0.1	0.0
Size A - More than 1,500,000.....	M	1.7	0.6	0.6	1.3	-0.1	0.0
Size B/C - 50,000 to 1,500,000 ³ ...	M	1.9	0.7	0.8	1.2	-0.2	-0.1
Size D - Nonmetropolitan (less than 50,000).....	M	2.0	0.8	0.6	1.8	0.4	0.2
South urban.....	M	1.6	0.4	0.6	1.4	-0.3	-0.2
Size A - More than 1,500,000.....	M	1.5	0.4	0.7	1.2	-0.4	-0.3
Size B/C - 50,000 to 1,500,000 ³ ...	M	1.5	0.4	0.5	1.4	-0.3	-0.1
Size D - Nonmetropolitan (less than 50,000).....	M	2.5	0.9	0.8	1.7	-0.3	0.1
West urban.....	M	2.1	0.1	0.5	1.8	-0.5	-0.3
Size A - More than 1,500,000.....	M	2.3	0.3	0.6	2.0	-0.4	-0.3
Size B/C - 50,000 to 1,500,000 ³ ...	M	1.3	-0.3	0.2	1.1	-0.8	-0.5
Size classes							
A ⁴	M	1.8	0.4	0.6	1.4	-0.3	-0.2
B/C ³	M	1.4	0.3	0.5	1.3	-0.4	-0.2
D.....	M	2.5	0.7	0.7	2.0	-0.1	0.0
Selected local areas⁵							
Chicago-Gary-Kenosha, IL-IN-WI.....	M	1.5	0.4	0.6	1.1	-0.3	-0.2
Los Angeles-Riverside-Orange County, CA.....	M	2.3	0.5	0.6	1.9	-0.5	-0.1
New York-Northern N.J.-Long Island, NY-NJ-CT-PA.....	M	1.4	0.4	0.6	1.1	-0.3	-0.2
Boston-Brockton-Nashua, MA-NH-ME-CT.....	1				0.8	-0.1	
Cleveland-Akron, OH.....	1				1.4	0.0	
Dallas-Fort Worth, TX.....	1				1.3	-0.5	
Washington-Baltimore, DC-MD-VA-WV ⁶	1				1.4	-0.2	
Atlanta, GA.....	2	1.5	0.6				
Detroit-Ann Arbor-Flint, MI.....	2	1.5	1.2				
Houston-Galveston-Brazoria, TX.....	2	0.7	-0.4				
Miami-Fort Lauderdale, FL.....	2	1.4	0.9				
Philadelphia-Wilmington-Atlantic City, PA-NJ-DE-MD.....	2	1.4	0.9				

See footnotes at end of table.

Table 4. Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers (CPI-U): Selected areas, all items index, August 2012 — Continued

[1982-84=100, unless otherwise noted]

Area	Pricing Schedule ¹	Percent change to Aug. 2012 from:			Percent change to Jul. 2012 from:		
		Aug. 2011	Jun. 2012	Jul. 2012	Jul. 2011	May 2012	Jun. 2012
San Francisco-Oakland-San Jose, CA.....	2	2.8	0.6				
Seattle-Tacoma-Bremerton, WA.....	2	2.7	0.3				

1 Foods, fuels, and several other items are priced every month in all areas. Most other goods and services are 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.

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.

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 5. Chained Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers (C-CPI-U) and the Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers (CPI-U): U.S. city average, all items index, August 2012
 [Percent changes]

Month Year	Unadjusted 1-month percent change		Unadjusted 12-month percent change	
	C-CPI-U ¹	CPI-U	C-CPI-U ¹	CPI-U
December 2000.....			2.6	3.4
December 2001.....			1.3	1.6
December 2002.....			2.0	2.4
December 2003.....			1.7	1.9
December 2004.....			3.2	3.3
December 2005.....			2.9	3.4
December 2006.....			2.3	2.5
December 2007.....			3.7	4.1
December 2008.....			0.2	0.1
December 2009.....			2.5	2.7
January 2010.....	0.4	0.3	2.4	2.6
February 2010.....	0.0	0.0	1.9	2.1
March 2010.....	0.4	0.4	2.1	2.3
April 2010.....	0.1	0.2	2.1	2.2
May 2010.....	0.0	0.1	1.8	2.0
June 2010.....	-0.1	-0.1	0.8	1.1
July 2010.....	0.0	0.0	1.0	1.2
August 2010.....	0.2	0.1	0.9	1.1
September 2010.....	0.1	0.1	0.9	1.1
October 2010.....	0.1	0.1	0.9	1.2
November 2010.....	0.0	0.0	0.9	1.1
December 2010.....	0.2	0.2	1.3	1.5
January 2011.....	0.4	0.5	1.4	1.6
February 2011.....	0.5	0.5	1.9	2.1
March 2011.....	0.8	1.0	2.3	2.7
April 2011.....	0.6	0.6	2.7	3.2
May 2011.....	0.4	0.5	3.1	3.6
June 2011.....	0.0	-0.1	3.2	3.6
July 2011.....	0.1	0.1	3.3	3.6
August 2011.....	0.3	0.3	3.4	3.8
September 2011.....	0.2	0.2	3.5	3.9
October 2011.....	-0.2	-0.2	3.2	3.5
November 2011.....	-0.1	-0.1	3.1	3.4
December 2011.....	-0.2	-0.2	2.7	3.0
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March 2012.....	0.6	0.8	2.4	2.7
April 2012.....	0.3	0.3	2.1	2.3
May 2012.....	-0.1	-0.1	1.6	1.7
June 2012.....	-0.1	-0.1	1.6	1.7
July 2012.....	-0.2	-0.2	1.3	1.4
August 2012.....	0.4	0.6	1.5	1.7

¹ The C-CPI-U is designed to be a closer approximation to a cost-of-living index in that it, in its final form, accounts for any substitution that consumers make across item categories in response to changes in relative prices. Since the expenditure data required for the calculation of the C-CPI-U are available only with a time lag, the C-CPI-U is being issued first in preliminary form using the latest available expenditure data at that time and is subject to two revisions.

NOTE: Indexes for 2012 are initial estimates. Indexes for 2011 are interim adjustments. Data prior to 2011 are final.

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All items.....	100.000	0.6		0.03	L-Jun.2009	0.8
Food.....	14.235	0.2	0.029	0.08	L-Jun.2012	0.2
Food at home.....	8.558	0.1	0.012	0.14	L-Jun.2012	0.1
Cereals and bakery products.....	1.235	0.0	0.000	0.35	S-Jun.2012	-0.4
Cereals and cereal products.....	0.477	-0.3	-0.002	0.50	L-Jun.2012	-0.1
Flour and prepared flour mixes.....	0.054	0.2	0.000	0.88	L-Jun.2012	1.5
Breakfast cereal ⁴	0.292	-0.1	0.000	0.69	L-May 2012	0.6
Rice, pasta, cornmeal ⁴	0.131	-0.8	-0.001	0.72	S-Jun.2012	-1.0
Rice ^{4, 5, 6}		-0.4		0.81	S-May 2012	-0.8
Bakery products.....	0.758	0.0	0.000	0.43	S-Jun.2012	-0.5
Bread ⁵	0.225	-0.3	-0.001	0.89	S-Jun.2012	-0.7
White bread ^{4, 6}		-0.8		1.19	S-Jun.2012	-0.9
Bread other than white ^{4, 6}		-2.3		1.30	S-Jan.2012	-2.4
Fresh biscuits, rolls, muffins ^{4, 5}	0.112	0.4	0.001	0.61	L-Jun.2012	0.4
Cakes, cupcakes, and cookies.....	0.183	-0.4	-0.001	0.88	S-Jun.2012	-0.6
Cookies ^{4, 6}		-1.1		0.95	S-May 2011	-1.5
Fresh cakes and cupcakes ^{4, 6}		0.3		0.97	S-Jun.2012	0.2
Other bakery products.....	0.238	0.8	0.002	0.78	L-Oct.2011	1.1
Fresh sweetrolls, coffeecakes, doughnuts ^{4, 6} ...		2.7		0.92	L-Mar.2000	2.7
Crackers, bread, and cracker products ⁶		0.2		1.17	S-Jun.2012	-1.7
Frozen and refrigerated bakery products, pies, tarts, turnovers ⁵		1.6		1.11	L-May 2011	2.0
Meats, poultry, fish, and eggs.....	1.951	0.4	0.008	0.23	L-Mar.2012	0.8
Meats, poultry, and fish.....	1.848	0.1	0.002	0.24	S-May 2012	-0.6
Meats.....	1.196	0.3	0.004	0.28	L-Mar.2012	0.5
Beef and veal ⁴	0.564	-0.4	-0.002	0.41	S-Jun.2011	-0.7
Uncooked ground beef ⁴	0.221	0.0	0.000	0.60	L-Jun.2012	1.1
Uncooked beef roasts ^{4, 5}	0.082	-0.4	0.000	1.10	S-Apr.2012	-0.6
Uncooked beef steaks ^{4, 5}	0.209	-1.0	-0.002	0.79	S-Jun.2011	-2.0
Uncooked other beef and veal ^{4, 5}	0.052	0.4	0.000	0.73	S-Jun.2012	0.0
Pork.....	0.371	1.7	0.006	0.48	L-Oct.2010	2.0
Bacon, breakfast sausage, and related products ⁵						
Bacon and related products ⁶	0.139	2.7	0.004	0.84	L-Mar.2011	3.8
Breakfast sausage and related products ^{4, 5, 6}		3.6		1.07	L-Mar.2011	4.5
.....		0.9		1.23	L-May 2012	2.8
Ham.....	0.080	2.0	0.002	0.98	L-Mar.2012	2.4
Ham, excluding canned ⁶		2.3		1.04	L-Mar.2012	2.5
Pork chops.....	0.062	1.1	0.001	1.02	L-Apr.2012	1.8
Other pork including roasts and picnics ⁵	0.090	0.6	0.001	1.09	L-Dec.2011	0.6
Other meats.....	0.262	0.1	0.000	0.63	L-May 2012	0.6
Frankfurters ⁶		0.4		2.08	S-Jun.2012	-2.7
Lunchmeats ^{4, 5, 6}		0.2		0.64	L-Mar.2012	0.2
Lamb and organ meats ^{4, 6}		0.0		1.06	L-Jun.2012	0.3
Lamb and mutton ^{4, 5, 6}		1.6		1.19	L-Feb.2012	3.4
Poultry.....	0.345	-0.4	-0.002	0.62	S-May 2012	-1.3
Chicken ⁵	0.268	-0.4	-0.001	0.80	S-May 2012	-1.9
Fresh whole chicken ^{4, 6}		-2.1		1.91	S-May 2012	-4.8
Fresh and frozen chicken parts ^{4, 6}		0.1		0.85	S-May 2012	-0.8
Other poultry including turkey ⁵	0.077	-0.4	0.000	0.80	S-Apr.2012	-1.1
Fish and seafood ⁴	0.307	0.0	0.000	0.52	S-May 2012	-1.2
Fresh fish and seafood ^{4, 5}	0.157	-0.2	0.000	0.75	S-Jun.2012	-0.2
Processed fish and seafood ⁵	0.150	-0.3	0.000	0.70	S-May 2012	-1.4

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Shelf stable fish and seafood ^{4, 6}		-0.6		1.17	S-May 2012	-1.3
Frozen fish and seafood ^{4, 6}		-2.2		1.03	S-Sep.2009	-3.1
Eggs.....	0.103	5.0	0.006	0.77	L-May 2011	5.4
Dairy and related products ⁴	0.886	0.1	0.000	0.31	L-Jan.2012	0.9
Milk ^{4, 5}	0.289	0.2	0.001	0.33	S-Jun.2012	-0.6
Fresh whole milk ^{4, 6}		1.3		0.44	L-Aug.2011	1.3
Fresh milk other than whole ^{4, 5, 6}		-0.4		0.48	S-Apr.2012	-1.0
Cheese and related products ⁴	0.280	0.9	0.003	0.59	L-Jun.2012	1.0
Ice cream and related products.....	0.132	-0.9	-0.001	0.83	S-Jun.2012	-1.9
Other dairy and related products ⁵	0.185	-0.7	-0.001	0.61	L-Jun.2012	0.9
Fruits and vegetables.....	1.252	0.5	0.006	0.37	L-Jun.2012	1.3
Fresh fruits and vegetables.....	0.948	0.4	0.004	0.47	L-Jun.2012	1.7
Fresh fruits.....	0.492	1.9	0.009	0.63	L-Apr.2012	1.9
Apples.....	0.095	3.6	0.003	1.15	L-Jun.2012	4.0
Bananas.....	0.081	-0.6	0.000	0.82	S-Feb.2012	-2.1
Citrus fruits ⁵	0.116	1.2	0.001	1.48	L-Apr.2012	2.0
Oranges, including tangerines ⁶		1.7		1.73	L-Mar.2012	2.0
Other fresh fruits ⁵	0.199	1.6	0.003	1.07	L-Apr.2012	2.9
Fresh vegetables.....	0.456	-1.3	-0.006	0.63	S-Mar.2012	-1.6
Potatoes.....	0.082	-4.2	-0.003	1.06	S-Apr.2009	-4.9
Lettuce.....	0.059	0.9	0.001	1.57	S-Apr.2012	-2.6
Tomatoes ⁴	0.079	-4.8	-0.004	1.80	S-Feb.2012	-5.7
Other fresh vegetables.....	0.236	-0.2	0.000	0.91	S-Mar.2012	-0.2
Processed fruits and vegetables ⁵	0.305	0.9	0.003	0.47	L-Feb.2012	1.2
Canned fruits and vegetables ⁵	0.150	0.8	0.001	0.69	L-Apr.2012	1.5
Canned fruits ^{5, 6}		1.6		0.81	L-Jan.2011	2.6
Canned vegetables ^{5, 6}		0.5		0.98	L-Apr.2012	2.0
Frozen fruits and vegetables ⁵	0.096	1.0	0.001	0.87	L-Feb.2012	1.1
Frozen vegetables ⁶		0.4		1.04	L-Jun.2012	1.2
Other processed fruits and vegetables including dried ⁵	0.058	0.6	0.000	0.79	L-Mar.2012	0.8
Dried beans, peas, and lentils ^{4, 5, 6}		0.8		1.19	L-Jun.2012	2.3
Nonalcoholic beverages and beverage materials.....	0.941	-0.2	-0.001	0.42	L-Jun.2012	0.1
Juices and nonalcoholic drinks ⁵	0.703	0.2	0.002	0.50	L-Jun.2012	0.2
Carbonated drinks.....	0.286	0.7	0.002	0.72	L-Mar.2011	1.2
Frozen noncarbonated juices and drinks ^{4, 5}	0.014	-1.6	0.000	1.09	S-Jun.2009	-1.7
Nonfrozen noncarbonated juices and drinks ^{4, 5}	0.403	-0.4	-0.001	0.65	S-May 2012	-0.4
Beverage materials including coffee and tea ⁵	0.238	-0.4	-0.001	0.59	L-Jun.2012	0.1
Coffee.....	0.145	0.3	0.000	0.81	L-Nov.2011	1.8
Roasted coffee ⁶		-0.1		0.77	L-Dec.2011	0.7
Instant and freeze dried coffee ^{4, 6}		0.0		1.18	S-Jun.2012	-1.7
Other beverage materials including tea ⁵	0.093	-0.6	-0.001	0.77	S-May 2012	-1.6
Other food at home.....	2.293	-0.1	-0.002	0.26	S-Jun.2012	-0.1
Sugar and sweets ⁴	0.310	-0.7	-0.002	0.59	S-Nov.2011	-1.7
Sugar and artificial sweeteners.....	0.060	-0.2	0.000	0.49	S-Mar.2012	-1.0
Candy and chewing gum ^{4, 5}	0.185	-0.7	-0.001	0.92	S-May 2012	-1.2
Other sweets ⁵	0.064	-1.2	-0.001	0.71	S-Mar.2012	-1.2
Fats and oils.....	0.264	-0.3	-0.001	0.51	L-May 2012	0.1
Butter and margarine ⁵	0.075	-0.1	0.000	0.79	L-May 2012	0.1
Butter ⁶		-0.3		1.21	S-Jun.2012	-1.4
Margarine ⁶		0.0		1.06	L-Jun.2012	0.8
Salad dressing ^{4, 5}	0.066	-0.5	0.000	0.80	S-Jun.2012	-1.6
Other fats and oils including peanut butter ⁵	0.123	-0.1	0.000	0.91	-	-

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Peanut butter ^{4, 5, 6}		0.3		1.09	L-Jun.2012	0.8
Other foods.....	1.719	0.1	0.001	0.31	L-May 2012	0.5
Soups.....	0.102	0.0	0.000	1.05	S-Jun.2012	-1.0
Frozen and freeze dried prepared foods ⁴	0.303	-0.8	-0.003	0.76	S-Sep.2010	-2.6
Snacks ⁴	0.325	1.2	0.004	0.75	L-May 2012	1.4
Spices, seasonings, condiments, sauces.....	0.288	0.5	0.002	0.75	L-Jun.2012	0.5
Salt and other seasonings and spices ^{5, 6}		0.9		0.81	L-Jan.2012	2.8
Olives, pickles, relishes ^{4, 5, 6}		2.4		1.36	L-Jan.2012	8.9
Sauces and gravies ^{5, 6}		-0.6		1.40	S-May 2012	-2.0
Other condiments ^{4, 6}		0.2		0.74	L-Jun.2012	1.5
Baby food ^{4, 5}	0.072	-0.3	0.000	0.51	S-May 2011	-0.3
Other miscellaneous foods ^{4, 5}	0.629	0.4	0.003	0.57	L-May 2012	0.9
Prepared salads ^{4, 7, 6}		1.0		0.89	S-Jun.2012	-0.3
Food away from home ⁴	5.677	0.3	0.017	0.06	L-Apr.2012	0.3
Full service meals and snacks ^{4, 5}	2.693	0.2	0.006	0.07	—	—
Limited service meals and snacks ^{4, 5}	2.290	0.2	0.004	0.10	S-Feb.2012	0.1
Food at employee sites and schools ⁵	0.252	0.8	0.002	0.14	L-Aug.2011	2.2
Food at elementary and secondary schools ^{4, 8, 6}		2.8		0.12	L-Aug.2011	4.1
Food from vending machines and mobile vendors ^{4, 5}	0.082	0.3	0.000	0.23	L-Jun.2012	0.4
Other food away from home ^{4, 5}	0.361	0.1	0.000	0.12	—	—
Energy.....	9.849	5.6	0.534	0.11	L-Jun.2009	9.3
Energy commodities.....	5.957	8.6	0.506	0.11	L-Jun.2009	19.0
Fuel oil and other fuels ⁴	0.310	3.0	0.009	0.42	L-Mar.2011	4.6
Fuel oil ⁴	0.213	4.6	0.010	0.54	L-Mar.2011	6.2
Propane, kerosene, and firewood ^{4, 9}	0.097	-0.4	0.000	0.44	L-Apr.2012	0.8
Motor fuel.....	5.647	8.9	0.496	0.11	L-Jun.2009	20.1
Gasoline (all types).....	5.468	9.0	0.484	0.12	L-Jun.2009	20.3
Gasoline, unleaded regular ⁶		9.1		0.28	L-Jun.2009	20.8
Gasoline, unleaded midgrade ^{10, 6}		9.0		0.27	L-Jun.2009	19.3
Gasoline, unleaded premium ⁶		8.5		0.27	L-Jun.2009	18.5
Other motor fuels ⁵	0.179	6.3	0.011	0.16	L-Mar.2011	9.2
Energy services ¹¹	3.891	0.8	0.028	0.16	L-Sep.2011	0.8
Electricity ¹¹	3.026	0.2	0.005	0.18	L-May 2012	0.3
Utility (piped) gas service ¹¹	0.865	2.8	0.024	0.18	L-Jan.2010	3.7
All items less food and energy.....	75.916	0.1	0.040	0.04	—	—
Commodities less food and energy commodities.....	19.717	-0.2	-0.038	0.09	S-Sep.2011	-0.2
Household furnishings and supplies ¹²	3.348	-0.5	-0.016	0.15	S-Apr.2010	-0.7
Window and floor coverings and other linens ^{4, 5}	0.271	-0.9	-0.002	0.62	S-May 2012	-1.1
Floor coverings ^{4, 5}	0.039	-0.4	0.000	0.55	—	—
Window coverings ^{4, 5}	0.076	-0.4	0.000	0.68	S-Mar.2012	-0.9
Other linens ^{4, 5}	0.156	-1.3	-0.002	0.92	S-May 2012	-2.0
Furniture and bedding ⁴	0.723	-0.5	-0.004	0.34	S-Sep.2011	-0.6
Bedroom furniture ⁴	0.233	0.0	0.000	0.65	S-Jun.2012	-0.4
Living room, kitchen, and dining room furniture ^{4, 5}	0.346	-0.4	-0.001	0.42	L-Jun.2012	0.7
Other furniture ⁵	0.136	-0.6	-0.001	0.73	S-Jun.2012	-0.8
Infants' furniture ^{4, 8, 6}						
Appliances ⁵	0.288	-1.0	-0.003	0.38	S-Nov.2011	-1.0
Major appliances ⁵	0.166	-1.4	-0.002	0.48	S-Nov.2011	-1.5
Laundry equipment ⁶		-1.3		0.58	S-Nov.2011	-1.4
Other appliances ^{4, 5}	0.119	0.0	0.000	0.59	L-Jun.2012	0.0
Other household equipment and furnishings ^{4, 5}	0.495	-0.8	-0.004	0.41	S-Mar.2012	-1.4
Clocks, lamps, and decorator items ⁴	0.261	-0.6	-0.001	0.51	S-Mar.2012	-1.9

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Indoor plants and flowers ¹³	0.102	-0.6	-0.001	0.69	S-Mar.2012	-0.9
Dishes and flatware ^{4, 5}	0.047	-0.7	0.000	1.02	S-May 2012	-1.8
Nonelectric cookware and tableware ⁵	0.085	-0.5	0.000	0.51	S-Feb.2012	-1.2
Tools, hardware, outdoor equipment and supplies ⁵ . . .	0.682	-0.3	-0.002	0.28	S-May 2012	-0.3
Tools, hardware and supplies ^{4, 5}	0.173	-0.2	0.000	0.35	S-Jun.2012	-0.2
Outdoor equipment and supplies ⁵	0.363	-0.6	-0.002	0.32	S-May 2012	-0.6
Housekeeping supplies ⁴	0.889	0.0	0.000	0.27	L-Jun.2012	0.5
Household cleaning products ^{4, 5}	0.360	-0.2	-0.001	0.40	—	—
Household paper products ^{4, 5}	0.241	0.3	0.001	0.38	L-Feb.2012	0.7
Miscellaneous household products ^{4, 5}	0.287	0.1	0.000	0.47	L-Jun.2012	0.5
Apparel.....	3.476	-0.5	-0.016	0.39	S-Feb.2012	-0.9
Men's and boys' apparel.....	0.861	-0.6	-0.005	0.61	S-Feb.2012	-1.7
Men's apparel.....	0.684	-0.2	-0.001	0.65	S-Mar.2012	-0.2
Men's suits, sport coats, and outerwear.....	0.123	-1.0	-0.001	1.77	S-Apr.2012	-1.3
Men's furnishings.....	0.182	1.8	0.003	0.98	L-May 2012	3.5
Men's shirts and sweaters ⁵	0.212	0.3	0.001	1.49	S-May 2012	-2.7
Men's pants and shorts.....	0.160	-0.7	-0.001	1.32	S-Jun.2012	-1.9
Boys' apparel.....	0.177	0.3	0.001	1.48	S-Jun.2012	-1.3
Women's and girls' apparel.....	1.425	-1.3	-0.020	0.75	S-Sep.2011	-1.5
Women's apparel.....	1.194	-0.7	-0.009	0.82	S-Sep.2011	-1.9
Women's outerwear.....	0.071	-6.3	-0.005	3.37	S-Aug.2009	-6.9
Women's dresses.....	0.155	-3.5	-0.006	2.67	S-Apr.2012	-4.3
Women's suits and separates ⁵	0.567	-0.8	-0.005	1.10	S-Mar.2012	-1.5
Women's underwear, nightwear, sportswear and accessories ⁵	0.386	1.6	0.006	1.16	L-Aug.2011	2.5
Girls' apparel.....	0.231	-4.3	-0.011	2.09	S-Oct.2009	-5.3
Footwear.....	0.676	0.3	0.002	0.56	L-Jun.2012	1.1
Men's footwear ⁴	0.209	0.8	0.002	0.85	L-Apr.2012	1.5
Boys' and girls' footwear.....	0.148	-0.3	0.000	1.22	S-Feb.2012	-1.4
Women's footwear.....	0.318	0.6	0.002	0.86	L-Jun.2012	1.9
Infants' and toddlers' apparel.....	0.197	-0.9	-0.002	1.00	S-Apr.2012	-1.1
Jewelry and watches ⁹	0.316	2.7	0.009	1.36	L-Jun.2007	3.0
Watches ^{4, 9}	0.088	2.7	0.002	0.78	L-Jan.2007	3.6
Jewelry ⁹	0.228	2.8	0.006	1.56	L-Nov.2010	3.0
Transportation commodities less motor fuel ¹²	5.656	-0.2	-0.014	0.07	—	—
New vehicles.....	3.169	0.2	0.005	0.11	L-Jun.2012	0.2
New cars and trucks ^{5, 6}		0.2		0.10	L-Jun.2012	0.2
New cars ⁶		0.1		0.15	L-May 2012	0.1
New trucks ^{14, 6}		0.2		0.11	L-Jun.2012	0.4
Used cars and trucks.....	1.982	-0.9	-0.018	0.02	S-Jan.2012	-1.0
Motor vehicle parts and equipment ⁴	0.436	-0.1	-0.001	0.20	S-Oct.2011	-0.2
Tires ⁴	0.296	0.0	0.000	0.25	S-Jun.2012	0.0
Vehicle accessories other than tires ^{4, 5}	0.140	-0.4	-0.001	0.25	S-Oct.2002	-0.4
Vehicle parts and equipment other than tires ^{4, 6}		-0.2		0.25	S-Apr.2012	-0.3
Motor oil, coolant, and fluids ^{4, 6}		-1.2		0.64	S-Jun.2009	-1.5
Medical care commodities ⁴	1.730	0.3	0.005	0.14	S-Jun.2012	0.1
Medicinal drugs ^{4, 12}	1.651	0.3	0.005	0.15	S-Jun.2012	0.1
Prescription drugs.....	1.337	0.5	0.006	0.14	S-Jun.2012	0.4
Nonprescription drugs ^{4, 12}	0.314	0.0	0.000	0.49	S-Apr.2012	-0.3
Medical equipment and supplies ^{4, 12}	0.079	-0.5	0.000	0.47	S-Dec.2011	-0.7
Recreation commodities ¹²	2.301	-0.2	-0.005	0.18	L-Jun.2012	-0.1
Video and audio products ¹²	0.408	0.0	0.000	0.28	L-EVER	—

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Table 6. Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers (CPI-U): U.S. city average, by expenditure category, August 2012, 1-month analysis table — Continued
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Expenditure category	Relative importance Jul. 2012	One Month				
		Seasonally adjusted percent change Jul. 2012-Aug. 2012	Seasonally adjusted effect on All Items Jul. 2012-Aug. 2012 ¹	Standard error, median price change ²	Largest (L) or Smallest (S) seasonally adjusted change since: ³	
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Televisions.....	0.155	0.1	0.000	0.64	L-May 2012	0.2
Other video equipment ⁴ . ⁵	0.026	-0.3	0.000	0.61	S-Jun.2012	-1.8
Audio equipment ⁴	0.071	0.0	0.000	0.45	S-May 2012	-2.0
Audio discs, tapes and other media ⁴ . ⁵	0.043	-0.3	0.000	0.47	L-May 2012	-0.2
Pets and pet products ⁴	0.688	0.0	0.000	0.39	L-Jun.2012	0.5
Pet food ⁴ . ⁵ . ⁶		0.0		0.41	L-Jun.2012	0.8
Purchase of pets, pet supplies, accessories ⁴ . ⁵ . ⁶ ...		-0.1		0.76	L-Jun.2012	0.2
Sporting goods ⁴	0.462	-0.2	-0.001	0.31	S-May 2012	-0.3
Sports vehicles including bicycles ⁴	0.243	-0.4	-0.001	0.33	S-Apr.2012	-0.6
Sports equipment ⁴	0.209	0.0	0.000	0.53	L-Apr.2012	1.8
Photographic equipment and supplies.....	0.054	-0.3	0.000	0.62	S-Jun.2012	-0.3
Film and photographic supplies ⁴ . ⁵ . ⁶						
Photographic equipment ⁵ . ⁶		-0.6		0.82	S-May 2012	-1.9
Recreational reading materials ⁴	0.224	-0.2	-0.001	0.34	S-Feb.2012	-0.5
Newspapers and magazines ⁴ . ⁵	0.123	-0.3	0.000	0.48	S-Feb.2012	-0.7
Recreational books ⁴ . ⁵	0.098	-0.2	0.000	0.47	S-Jun.2012	-1.0
Other recreational goods ⁵	0.465	-0.7	-0.003	0.44	S-Apr.2012	-1.0
Toys ⁴	0.344	-1.2	-0.004	0.53	S-Apr.2012	-1.5
Toys, games, hobbies and playground equipment ⁴ ⁵ . ⁶		-1.1		0.51	S-Apr.2012	-1.1
Sewing machines, fabric and supplies ⁵	0.062	1.4	0.001	0.91	L-Oct.2011	1.8
Music instruments and accessories ⁵	0.039	0.4	0.000	0.42	L-Jun.2012	0.5
Education and communication commodities ¹²	0.596	-0.4	-0.002	0.34	—	—
Educational books and supplies.....	0.204	1.3	0.003	0.29	L-Aug.2008	2.4
College textbooks ⁴ . ¹⁵ . ⁶		1.4		0.24	S-Jun.2012	0.0
Information technology commodities ¹²	0.391	-1.2	-0.005	0.43	S-Apr.2012	-1.3
Personal computers and peripheral equipment ⁷	0.260	-1.3	-0.003	0.51	S-Apr.2012	-1.6
Computer software and accessories ⁴ . ⁵	0.047	-2.3	-0.001	0.75	S-Dec.2010	-2.7
Telephone hardware, calculators, and other consumer information items ⁴ . ⁵	0.085	-0.5	0.000	0.77	L-May 2012	-0.2
Alcoholic beverages.....	0.949	-0.2	-0.002	0.13	S-Mar.2012	-0.2
Alcoholic beverages at home.....	0.571	-0.4	-0.002	0.21	S-Jan.2010	-0.4
Beer, ale, and other malt beverages at home.....	0.269	0.4	0.001	0.27	L-May 2012	0.5
Distilled spirits at home ⁴	0.072	-0.1	0.000	0.33	L-Jun.2012	0.7
Whiskey at home ⁶		-0.4		0.49	L-Jun.2012	1.4
Distilled spirits, excluding whiskey, at home ⁴ . ⁶ ...		0.6		0.59	L-Jan.2012	1.2
Wine at home.....	0.230	-1.4	-0.003	0.37	S-EVER	—
Alcoholic beverages away from home ⁴	0.378	0.0	0.000	0.16	L-Jun.2012	0.6
Beer, ale, and other malt beverages away from home ⁴ . ⁵ . ⁶		0.4		0.13	L-Jun.2012	0.4
Wine away from home ⁴ . ⁵ . ⁶		-0.8		0.20	S-Dec.2002	-0.8
Distilled spirits away from home ⁴ . ⁵ . ⁶		0.3		0.20	L-Jun.2012	0.5
Other goods ¹²	1.660	0.3	0.005	0.19	S-May 2012	-0.5
Tobacco and smoking products ⁴	0.803	-0.1	-0.001	0.16	S-May 2012	-0.2
Cigarettes ⁴ . ⁵	0.743	-0.1	-0.001	0.17	S-May 2012	-0.2
Tobacco products other than cigarettes ⁴ . ⁵	0.054	0.0	0.000	0.46	S-Jun.2012	-0.2
Personal care products ⁴	0.652	0.4	0.003	0.37	L-Mar.2012	1.2
Hair, dental, shaving, and miscellaneous personal care products ⁴ . ⁵	0.342	-0.1	0.000	0.54	S-May 2012	-1.1
Cosmetics, perfume, bath, nail preparations and implements ⁴	0.304	1.0	0.003	0.56	L-Mar.2012	1.0
Miscellaneous personal goods ⁵	0.205	1.5	0.003	0.44	L-Oct.2008	1.5
Stationery, stationery supplies, gift wrap ⁶		1.7		0.46	L-Oct.1993	3.0
Infants' equipment ⁴ . ⁸ . ⁶		-0.4		0.51	L-Jun.2012	-0.4

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		Seasonally adjusted percent change Jul. 2012-Aug. 2012	Seasonally adjusted effect on All Items Jul. 2012-Aug. 2012 ¹	Standard error, median price change ²	Largest (L) or Smallest (S) seasonally adjusted change since: ³	
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Services less energy services.....	56.199	0.1	0.077	0.03	—	—
Shelter.....	31.519	0.2	0.069	0.05	L-May 2012	0.2
Rent of shelter ¹⁶	31.170	0.2	0.068	0.05	L-May 2012	0.2
Rent of primary residence ¹¹	6.460	0.2	0.012	0.07	S-Jun.2012	0.1
Lodging away from home ⁵	0.863	-0.6	-0.005	0.86	L-Jun.2012	0.9
Housing at school, excluding board ^{11, 16}	0.154	0.2	0.000	0.05	S-Jan.2012	0.2
Other lodging away from home including hotels and motels.....	0.709	-0.9	-0.006	1.07	L-Jun.2012	1.0
Owners' equivalent rent of residences ^{11, 16}	23.846	0.3	0.062	0.04	L-Nov.2008	0.3
Owners' equivalent rent of primary residence ^{11, 16}	22.438	0.3	0.058	0.04	L-Nov.2008	0.3
Tenants' and household insurance ^{4, 5}	0.349	0.1	0.000	0.21	S-Jun.2012	0.1
Water and sewer and trash collection services ⁵	1.182	0.8	0.009	0.13	L-Apr.2012	0.8
Water and sewerage maintenance ¹¹	0.891	1.0	0.009	0.17	L-Apr.2012	1.1
Garbage and trash collection ^{4, 14}	0.291	0.1	0.000	0.15	S-May 2012	0.0
Household operations ^{4, 5}	0.729	0.1	0.001	0.10	L-Jun.2012	0.4
Domestic services ^{4, 5}	0.250	0.1	0.000	0.07	L-Jun.2012	0.7
Gardening and lawn care services ^{4, 5}	0.237	0.1	0.000	0.11	L-Apr.2012	0.5
Moving, storage, freight expense ^{4, 5}	0.091	-0.2	0.000	0.43	—	—
Repair of household items ^{4, 5}	0.078	0.4	0.000	0.14	—	—
Medical care services.....	5.416	0.2	0.008	0.06	S-Feb.2012	0.0
Professional services.....	3.003	0.4	0.011	0.08	L-Jun.2012	0.4
Physicians' services ¹¹	1.615	0.3	0.005	0.12	S-May 2012	0.2
Dental services ¹¹	0.760	0.5	0.004	0.08	L-Apr.2010	0.7
Eyeglasses and eye care ⁹	0.251	0.1	0.000	0.23	L-May 2012	1.6
Services by other medical professionals ^{4, 11, 9}	0.376	0.3	0.001	0.12	L-Feb.2012	0.3
Hospital and related services.....	1.762	-0.4	-0.006	0.11	S-EVER	—
Hospital services ^{11, 17}	1.540	-0.4	-0.007	0.12	S-Jul.2010	-0.4
Inpatient hospital services ^{11, 17, 6}		-0.7		0.18	S-EVER	—
Outpatient hospital services ^{11, 9, 6}		-0.4		0.22	S-Jul.2010	-0.5
Nursing homes and adult day services ^{11, 17}	0.137	0.2	0.000	0.12	S-Jun.2012	0.2
Care of invalids and elderly at home ^{4, 8}	0.086	0.1	0.000	0.15	L-Jun.2012	0.2
Health insurance ^{4, 8}	0.651	0.5	0.003	0.07	S-Aug.2011	0.3
Transportation services.....	5.773	0.0	0.001	0.11	L-May 2012	0.3
Leased cars and trucks ¹⁵	0.384	-0.7	-0.003	0.44	L-Jun.2012	0.0
Car and truck rental ⁵	0.075	-2.2	-0.002	1.34	S-May 2012	-2.4
Motor vehicle maintenance and repair ⁴	1.146	0.1	0.001	0.12	L-Jun.2012	0.1
Motor vehicle body work ⁴	0.057	0.0	0.000	0.14	S-Dec.2011	0.0
Motor vehicle maintenance and servicing ⁴	0.457	0.1	0.000	0.15	L-May 2012	0.2
Motor vehicle repair ^{4, 5}	0.596	0.1	0.001	0.19	L-Jun.2012	0.1
Motor vehicle insurance.....	2.417	0.6	0.015	0.16	L-Oct.2010	0.6
Motor vehicle fees ^{4, 5}	0.562	0.1	0.001	0.12	S-Jun.2012	0.1
State motor vehicle registration and license fees ^{4, 11, 5}	0.326	0.0	0.000	0.12	—	—
Parking and other fees ^{4, 5}	0.214	0.3	0.001	0.16	S-Jun.2012	0.2
Parking fees and tolls ^{4, 5, 6}		0.8		0.13	S-Jun.2012	0.1
Automobile service clubs ^{4, 5, 6}		-0.2		0.26	S-Dec.2011	-0.6
Public transportation.....	1.190	-0.9	-0.011	0.29	L-May 2012	0.8
Airline fare.....	0.773	-1.3	-0.010	0.40	L-May 2012	1.0
Other intercity transportation.....	0.153	-1.3	-0.002	0.66	L-Jun.2012	0.4
Intercity bus fare ^{4, 7, 6}		-0.4		0.52	S-May 2012	-0.8
Intercity train fare ^{4, 7, 6}		-1.6		1.24	S-Jan.2012	-5.9
Ship fare ^{4, 5, 6}		-2.8		0.82	S-Jan.2009	-3.2

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 [1982-84=100, unless otherwise noted]

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		Seasonally adjusted percent change Jul. 2012-Aug. 2012	Seasonally adjusted effect on All Items Jul. 2012-Aug. 2012 ¹	Standard error, median price change ²	Largest (L) or Smallest (S) seasonally adjusted change since: ³	
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Intracity transportation ⁴	0.262	0.1	0.000	0.07	S-Jun.2012	0.0
Intracity mass transit ^{4, 12, 6}		0.2		0.09	S-Jun.2012	0.1
Recreation services ¹²	3.728	0.2	0.008	0.19	L-Jun.2012	0.6
Video and audio services ¹²	1.514	0.4	0.007	0.23	L-May 2012	0.4
Cable and satellite television and radio service ¹⁴ ..	1.403	0.5	0.007	0.23	L-May 2012	0.5
Video discs and other media, including rental of video and audio ^{4, 5}	0.111	-0.6	-0.001	0.84	L-Jun.2012	-0.4
Video discs and other media ^{4, 5, 6}		-0.9		1.22	L-May 2012	-0.1
Rental of video or audio discs and other media ^{4, 5, 6}		-0.5		0.75	L-Jun.2012	-0.2
Pet services including veterinary ⁵	0.410	0.0	0.000	0.19	S-Feb.2012	-0.3
Pet services ^{4, 5, 6}		0.0		0.22	S-May 2012	0.0
Veterinarian services ^{5, 6}		-0.1		0.19	S-Feb.2012	-0.1
Photographers and film processing ^{4, 5}	0.058	-0.2	0.000	0.36	S-Feb.2012	-0.2
Photographer fees ^{4, 5, 6}		0.1		0.36	L-Jun.2012	0.3
Film processing ^{4, 5, 6}		-0.3		0.44	S-Jan.2012	-0.3
Other recreation services ⁵	1.745	0.1	0.002	0.35	L-Jun.2012	1.1
Club dues and fees for participant sports and group exercises ⁵	0.566	0.3	0.002	0.71	L-Jun.2012	0.3
Admissions ⁴	0.644	-0.6	-0.004	0.50	S-Feb.2012	-0.9
Admission to movies, theaters, and concerts ^{4, 5, 6}		-0.7		0.42	S-Feb.2012	-1.0
Admission to sporting events ^{4, 5, 6}		0.1		0.52	L-Jun.2012	1.4
Fees for lessons or instructions ^{4, 9}	0.228	1.3	0.003	0.23	L-Jun.2007	2.1
Education and communication services ¹²	6.141	-0.4	-0.023	0.07	S-EVER	-
Tuition, other school fees, and childcare	2.999	-0.2	-0.007	0.12	S-Aug.2000	-0.2
College tuition and fees	1.684	-0.5	-0.008	0.21	S-Sep.1987	-0.6
Elementary and high school tuition and fees	0.381	-0.3	-0.001	0.03	S-Aug.2011	-0.6
Child care and nursery school ¹³	0.772	0.0	0.000	0.11	S-Jun.2012	0.0
Technical and business school tuition and fees ⁵ ..	0.059	-0.3	0.000	0.18	L-Jun.2012	0.1
Postage and delivery services ⁵	0.149	0.2	0.000	0.01	-	-
Postage ⁴	0.138	0.3	0.000	0.00	-	-
Delivery services ^{4, 5}	0.010	-1.2	0.000	0.12	L-Jun.2012	0.7
Telephone services ^{4, 5}	2.397	-0.3	-0.008	0.05	L-Jun.2012	0.1
Wireless telephone services ^{4, 5}	1.453	-0.7	-0.011	0.06	-	-
Land-line telephone services ^{4, 12}	0.944	0.3	0.003	0.09	L-Jun.2012	0.3
Internet services and electronic information providers ^{4, 5}	0.581	-1.2	-0.007	0.29	S-Jun.2007	-1.2
Other personal services ¹²	1.712	0.3	0.004	0.10	L-Jun.2012	0.3
Personal care services ⁴	0.629	0.3	0.002	0.11	L-Feb.2012	0.4
Haircuts and other personal care services ^{4, 5}	0.629	0.3	0.002	0.11	L-Feb.2012	0.4
Miscellaneous personal services	1.083	0.2	0.002	0.13	S-Apr.2012	0.2
Legal services ⁹	0.295	0.3	0.001	0.12	L-Jun.2012	0.4
Funeral expenses ⁹	0.158	0.0	0.000	0.09	S-May 2012	0.0
Laundry and dry cleaning services ⁵	0.239	0.5	0.001	0.09	L-Aug.2009	0.6
Apparel services other than laundry and dry cleaning ^{4, 5}	0.030	0.4	0.000	0.19	L-Dec.2011	0.7
Financial services ^{4, 9}	0.218	0.0	0.000	0.62	S-Feb.2012	-0.9
Checking account and other bank services ^{4, 5, 6}		1.2		0.51	L-Feb.2012	2.0
Tax return preparation and other accounting fees ^{5, 6}		-0.1		0.73	S-Jan.2012	-1.3
Special aggregate indexes						
All items less food	85.765	0.7	0.573	0.03	L-Jun.2009	1.0

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All items less shelter.....	68.481	0.8	0.534	0.04	L-Jun.2009	1.3
All items less food and shelter.....	54.246	0.9	0.505	0.05	L-Jun.2009	1.6
All items less food, shelter, and energy.....	44.397	-0.1	-0.029	0.05	S-Oct.2008	-0.1
All items less food, shelter, energy, and used cars and trucks.....	42.415	0.0	-0.011	0.05	S-Dec.2010	0.0
All items less medical care.....	92.854	0.6	0.589	0.03	L-Mar.2011	0.6
All items less energy.....	90.151	0.1	0.069	0.03	—	—
Commodities.....	39.910	1.2	0.491	0.06	L-Jun.2009	2.0
Commodities less food, energy, and used cars and trucks..	17.734	-0.1	-0.019	0.09	S-Sep.2011	-0.1
Commodities less food.....	25.674	1.8	0.461	0.07	L-Jun.2009	3.1
Commodities less food and beverages.....	24.725	1.9	0.463	0.07	L-Jun.2009	3.3
Services.....	60.090	0.2	0.106	0.04	L-Jun.2012	0.2
Services less rent of shelter ¹⁶	28.921	0.1	0.041	0.05	L-Jun.2012	0.2
Services less medical care services.....	54.675	0.2	0.115	0.04	L-May 2012	0.2
Durables.....	8.950	0.0	-0.002	0.07	L-Jun.2012	0.0
Nondurables.....	30.960	1.7	0.524	0.07	L-Jun.2009	2.8
Nondurables less food.....	16.724	3.0	0.496	0.10	L-Jun.2009	5.5
Nondurables less food and beverages.....	15.775	3.1	0.497	0.11	L-Jun.2009	5.9
Nondurables less food, beverages, and apparel.....	12.299	4.2	0.516	0.07	L-Jun.2009	8.0
Nondurables less food and apparel.....	13.248	3.9	0.513	0.07	L-Jun.2009	7.3
Housing.....	40.979	0.3	0.105	0.05	L-Jul.2008	0.5
Education and communication ⁵	6.736	-0.4	-0.025	0.08	S-Mar.2002	-0.4
Education ⁵	3.203	-0.1	-0.005	0.12	S-Aug.2000	-0.1
Communication ⁵	3.533	-0.6	-0.020	0.07	S-Dec.2010	-0.6
Information and information processing ⁵	3.384	-0.6	-0.020	0.08	—	—
Information technology, hardware and services ¹⁸	0.987	-1.3	-0.012	0.26	S-Jul.2009	-1.3
Recreation ⁵	6.030	0.1	0.003	0.15	L-Jun.2012	0.3
Video and audio ⁵	1.922	0.4	0.007	0.19	L-Jan.2012	0.6
Pets, pet products and services ⁵	1.098	0.0	0.000	0.26	L-Jun.2012	0.4
Photography ⁵	0.113	-0.3	0.000	0.36	S-May 2012	-0.9
Food and beverages.....	15.185	0.2	0.027	0.08	L-Jun.2012	0.2
Domestically produced farm food ⁴	7.229	0.2	0.017	0.14	L-Jan.2012	0.7
Other services.....	11.581	-0.1	-0.011	0.08	S-Dec.2010	-0.1
Apparel less footwear.....	2.800	-0.6	-0.019	0.47	S-Feb.2012	-1.1
Fuels and utilities.....	5.383	0.9	0.047	0.13	L-Dec.2010	0.9
Household energy.....	4.201	0.9	0.038	0.15	L-Feb.2011	0.9
Medical care.....	7.146	0.2	0.013	0.06	S-Feb.2012	0.2
Transportation.....	17.077	2.9	0.484	0.06	L-Jun.2009	4.9
Private transportation.....	15.887	3.1	0.495	0.06	L-Jun.2009	5.3
New and used motor vehicles ⁵	5.679	-0.3	-0.017	0.08	—	—
Utilities and public transportation.....	10.064	0.2	0.016	0.09	L-Apr.2012	0.4
Household furnishings and operations.....	4.077	-0.3	-0.010	0.12	S-May 2012	-0.3

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Other goods and services.....	3.372	0.3	0.011	0.11	S-Jun.2012	0.3
Personal care.....	2.569	0.5	0.012	0.13	L-Nov.2011	0.5

1 The 'effect' of an item category is a measure of that item's contribution to the All items price change. For example, if the Food index had an effect of 0.40, and the All items index rose 1.2 percent, then the increase in food prices contributed 0.40 / 1.2, or 33.3 percent, to that All items increase. Said another way, had food prices been unchanged for that month the change in the All items index would have been 1.2 percent minus 0.40, or 0.8 percent. Effects can be negative as well. For example, if the effect of food was a negative 0.1, and the All items index rose 0.5 percent, the All items index actually would have been 0.1 percent higher (or 0.6 percent) had food prices been unchanged. Since food prices fell while prices overall were rising, the contribution of food to the All items price change was negative (in this case, -0.1 / 0.5, or minus 20 percent).

2 A statistic's margin of error is often expressed as its point estimate plus or minus two standard errors. For example, if a CPI category rose 0.6 percent, and its standard error was 0.15 percent, the margin of error on this item's 1-month percent change would be 0.6 percent, plus or minus 0.3 percent.

3 If the current seasonally adjusted 1-month percent change is greater than the previous published 1-month percent change, then this column identifies the closest prior month with a 1-month percent change as (L)arge as or (L)arger than the current 1-month change. If the current 1-month percent change is smaller than the previous published 1-month percent change, the most recent month with a change as (S)mall or (S)maller than the current month change is identified. If the current and previous published 1-month percent changes are equal, a dash will appear. Standard numerical comparisons are used. For example, 0.8% is greater than 0.6%, -0.4% is less than -0.2%, and -0.2% is less than 0.0%. Note that a (L)arger change can be a smaller decline, for example, a -0.2% change is larger than a -0.4% change, but still represents a decline in the price index. Likewise, (S)maller changes can be increases, for example, a 0.6% change is smaller than 0.8%, but still represents an increase in the price index. In this context, a -0.2% change is considered to be smaller than a 0.0% change.

4 Not seasonally adjusted.

5 Indexes on a December 1997=100 base.

6 Special indexes based on a substantially smaller sample. These series do not contribute to the all items index aggregation and therefore do not have a relative importance or effect.

7 Indexes on a December 2007=100 base.

8 Indexes on a December 2005=100 base.

9 Indexes on a December 1986=100 base.

10 Indexes on a December 1993=100 base.

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

12 Indexes on a December 2009=100 base.

13 Indexes on a December 1990=100 base.

14 Indexes on a December 1983=100 base.

15 Indexes on a December 2001=100 base.

16 Indexes on a December 1982=100 base.

17 Indexes on a December 1996=100 base.

18 Indexes on a December 1988=100 base.

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

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All items.....	100.000	1.7		0.07	L-Jun.2012	1.7
Food.....	14.235	2.0	0.281	0.14	S-Jan.2011	1.8
Food at home.....	8.558	1.5	0.121	0.20	S-Oct.2010	1.4
Cereals and bakery products.....	1.235	1.8	0.021	0.43	S-Mar.2011	1.8
Cereals and cereal products.....	0.477	1.8	0.006	0.72	S-Apr.2011	1.7
Flour and prepared flour mixes.....	0.054	4.3	0.002	1.33	S-Apr.2011	3.4
Breakfast cereal.....	0.292	1.0	0.002	0.94	S-Jan.2011	0.4
Rice, pasta, cornmeal.....	0.131	2.1	0.002	1.08	S-Apr.2011	1.4
Rice ⁴ · ⁵		2.3		1.67	S-Jun.2012	1.7
Bakery products.....	0.758	2.0	0.015	0.59	S-Mar.2011	1.6
Bread ⁴	0.225	1.0	0.002	1.22	S-Nov.2010	0.5
White bread ⁵		2.0		1.78	—	—
Bread other than white ⁵		-0.3		1.73	S-Nov.2010	-0.7
Fresh biscuits, rolls, muffins ⁴	0.112	1.6	0.002	1.05	S-Oct.2010	1.5
Cakes, cupcakes, and cookies.....	0.183	3.3	0.006	1.06	S-Aug.2011	2.6
Cookies ⁵		5.2		1.51	S-Mar.2012	5.0
Fresh cakes and cupcakes ⁵		2.0		1.15	S-Jul.2011	1.9
Other bakery products.....	0.238	1.7	0.004	1.00	L-Jun.2012	2.1
Fresh sweetrolls, coffeecakes, doughnuts ⁵		3.5		1.61	L-Jun.2012	3.8
Crackers, bread, and cracker products ⁵		3.2		1.88	L-Apr.2012	6.3
Frozen and refrigerated bakery products, pies, tarts, turnovers ⁵		-0.4		1.52	L-Jun.2012	0.8
Meats, poultry, fish, and eggs.....	1.951	3.0	0.057	0.39	S-May 2012	2.7
Meats, poultry, and fish.....	1.848	2.9	0.052	0.41	S-May 2012	2.9
Meats.....	1.196	2.5	0.030	0.52	S-May 2010	2.1
Beef and veal.....	0.564	5.8	0.031	0.74	S-May 2012	5.4
Uncooked ground beef.....	0.221	6.8	0.014	1.14	L-Jun.2012	7.3
Uncooked beef roasts ⁴	0.082	5.0	0.004	1.80	L-Jun.2012	5.6
Uncooked beef steaks ⁴	0.209	5.4	0.010	1.12	S-Jun.2011	4.0
Uncooked other beef and veal ⁴	0.052	4.0	0.002	1.47	S-Jun.2012	3.1
Pork.....	0.371	-0.2	0.000	0.87	L-Apr.2012	3.0
Bacon, breakfast sausage, and related products ⁴						
Bacon and related products ⁵	0.139	0.2	0.000	1.49	L-Apr.2012	2.0
Breakfast sausage and related products ⁴ · ⁵		0.4		2.54	L-Apr.2012	3.3
Breakfast sausage and related products ⁴ · ⁵		3.1		1.68	L-Jun.2012	3.5
Ham.....	0.080	1.1	0.001	1.75	—	—
Ham, excluding canned ⁵		1.2		2.43	L-Jun.2012	2.0
Pork chops.....	0.062	0.6	0.000	1.66	S-Apr.2010	0.3
Other pork including roasts and picnics ⁴	0.090	-2.5	-0.002	1.96	L-Jun.2012	-2.2
Other meats.....	0.262	-0.2	-0.001	1.30	S-May 2010	-0.3
Frankfurters ⁵		1.4		3.30	L-Jun.2012	5.6
Lunchmeats ⁴ · ⁵		-0.3		0.93	S-Jul.2010	-0.3
Lamb and organ meats ⁵		-4.4		3.30	S-Jun.2007	-5.3
Lamb and mutton ⁴ · ⁵		-11.5		5.73	S-EVER	—
Poultry.....	0.345	5.6	0.019	0.93	S-Jun.2012	5.1
Chicken ⁴	0.268	5.3	0.014	0.99	S-Jun.2012	4.2
Fresh whole chicken ⁵		3.9		2.17	L-Apr.2012	8.8
Fresh and frozen chicken parts ⁵		5.9		1.25	S-May 2012	3.4
Other poultry including turkey ⁴	0.077	6.9	0.005	2.24	S-Jun.2011	6.6
Fish and seafood.....	0.307	1.3	0.004	1.03	S-Aug.2010	0.5
Fresh fish and seafood ⁴	0.157	-0.4	-0.001	1.47	S-Jun.2012	-0.4
Processed fish and seafood ⁴	0.150	3.4	0.005	1.17	S-Apr.2011	3.4
Shelf stable fish and seafood ⁵		6.8		2.12	L-May 2012	7.2

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Frozen fish and seafood ⁵		0.1		2.12	S-Aug.2010	-2.7
Eggs.....	0.103	5.5	0.005	1.18	L-Apr.2012	5.6
Dairy and related products.....	0.886	-1.0	-0.009	0.51	S-Feb.2010	-2.8
Milk ⁴	0.289	-2.7	-0.008	0.79	S-Jan.2010	-6.9
Fresh whole milk ⁵		-3.1		1.28	—	—
Fresh milk other than whole ⁴ · ⁵		-2.2		1.16	S-Jan.2010	-5.4
Cheese and related products.....	0.280	-1.6	-0.005	0.88	S-Mar.2010	-2.8
Ice cream and related products.....	0.132	1.2	0.002	1.31	S-Nov.2010	-1.1
Other dairy and related products ⁴	0.185	1.1	0.002	0.93	S-Mar.2011	0.9
Fruits and vegetables.....	1.252	-0.7	-0.009	0.55	—	—
Fresh fruits and vegetables.....	0.948	-2.1	-0.020	0.69	S-May 2012	-2.1
Fresh fruits.....	0.492	0.0	0.000	1.01	L-Jun.2012	3.3
Apples.....	0.095	10.1	0.010	1.75	L-Oct.2011	12.3
Bananas.....	0.081	-0.8	-0.001	1.44	S-May 2012	-1.0
Citrus fruits ⁴	0.116	-0.1	0.005	2.25	S-Mar.2012	-5.4
Oranges, including tangerines ⁵		-0.1		2.47	S-Feb.2012	-2.8
Other fresh fruits ⁴	0.199	-5.9	-0.015	1.56	L-Jun.2012	2.0
Fresh vegetables.....	0.456	-4.3	-0.020	1.01	S-May 2012	-6.9
Potatoes.....	0.082	-13.7	-0.012	1.86	S-Jan.2010	-14.7
Lettuce.....	0.059	-2.5	-0.002	2.27	L-Jan.2012	-1.4
Tomatoes.....	0.079	-4.1	-0.004	2.40	S-Jun.2012	-6.9
Other fresh vegetables.....	0.236	-1.1	-0.003	1.33	S-Jun.2012	-1.8
Processed fruits and vegetables ⁴	0.305	3.9	0.011	0.70	L-Jun.2012	5.1
Canned fruits and vegetables ⁴	0.150	1.6	0.003	1.02	L-Jun.2012	3.5
Canned fruits ⁴ · ⁵		1.9		1.19	L-May 2012	3.2
Canned vegetables ⁴ · ⁵		1.4		1.43	—	—
Frozen fruits and vegetables ⁴	0.096	5.4	0.005	1.23	L-Jun.2012	6.9
Frozen vegetables ⁵		6.0		1.25	L-Jun.2012	6.8
Other processed fruits and vegetables including dried ⁴	0.058	8.3	0.004	1.36	L-Apr.2009	9.3
Dried beans, peas, and lentils ⁴ · ⁵		15.9		2.74	L-Feb.2012	16.0
Nonalcoholic beverages and beverage materials.....	0.941	-0.4	-0.004	0.68	S-Dec.2010	-1.2
Juices and nonalcoholic drinks ⁴	0.703	0.1	0.001	0.84	L-Jun.2012	1.2
Carbonated drinks.....	0.286	0.3	0.001	1.14	L-Jun.2012	0.9
Frozen noncarbonated juices and drinks ⁴	0.014	1.3	0.000	2.34	S-Jan.2011	0.6
Nonfrozen noncarbonated juices and drinks ⁴	0.403	-0.1	-0.001	1.05	L-Jun.2012	1.1
Beverage materials including coffee and tea ⁴	0.238	-1.7	-0.004	0.99	S-Jul.1999	-1.7
Coffee.....	0.145	-3.8	-0.005	1.45	S-Mar.2002	-5.1
Roasted coffee ⁵		-4.4		1.78	S-Jun.2002	-5.6
Instant and freeze dried coffee ⁵		-0.3		2.00	L-Jun.2012	2.1
Other beverage materials including tea ⁴	0.093	0.9	0.001	1.25	S-May 2012	-1.0
Other food at home.....	2.293	2.9	0.065	0.41	S-May 2011	2.5
Sugar and sweets.....	0.310	2.5	0.007	0.99	S-May 2011	1.6
Sugar and artificial sweeteners.....	0.060	0.2	0.000	0.92	S-Mar.2008	-1.7
Candy and chewing gum ⁴	0.185	3.0	0.006	1.53	S-Jul.2011	1.9
Other sweets ⁴	0.064	2.9	0.002	1.05	S-Apr.2011	2.4
Fats and oils.....	0.264	3.6	0.009	0.82	S-Dec.2010	1.6
Butter and margarine ⁴	0.075	-4.5	-0.003	1.41	S-Jan.2010	-5.0
Butter ⁵		-11.9		2.47	S-Nov.2009	-14.9
Margarine ⁵		2.5		1.86	S-Dec.2010	1.2
Salad dressing ⁴	0.066	0.3	0.000	1.32	S-Sep.2010	0.1
Other fats and oils including peanut butter ⁴	0.123	11.0	0.012	1.22	S-Sep.2011	10.8
Peanut butter ⁴ · ⁵		34.4		1.63	L-Jun.2012	39.2
Other foods.....	1.719	2.8	0.048	0.49	S-Jul.2011	2.5

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Soups.....	0.102	1.7	0.002	1.59	S-Jun.2011	1.2
Frozen and freeze dried prepared foods.....	0.303	0.1	0.000	1.11	S-Jun.2012	-0.2
Snacks.....	0.325	6.2	0.020	0.93	S-Apr.2012	5.6
Spices, seasonings, condiments, sauces.....	0.288	1.8	0.006	1.04	S-Jun.2012	2.2
Salt and other seasonings and spices ^{4, 5}		6.1		1.99	L-Jun.2012	7.9
Olives, pickles, relishes ^{4, 5}		-1.2		1.64	L-Jun.2012	2.1
Sauces and gravies ^{4, 5}		0.7		1.83	S-Jun.2012	0.5
Other condiments ⁵		2.8		1.66	S-Jun.2012	2.8
Baby food ⁴	0.072	2.1	0.002	0.94	S-Jun.2011	1.3
Other miscellaneous foods ⁴	0.629	3.3	0.019	0.80	S-Dec.2011	3.2
Prepared salads ^{6, 5}		5.3		1.42	—	—
Food away from home.....	5.677	2.8	0.160	0.17	S-Oct.2011	2.7
Full service meals and snacks ⁴	2.693	2.6	0.072	0.21	S-May 2012	2.6
Limited service meals and snacks ⁴	2.290	3.3	0.076	0.30	—	—
Food at employee sites and schools ⁴	0.252	1.0	0.002	0.54	S-Jul.2010	0.4
Food at elementary and secondary schools ^{7, 5}		0.5		0.73	S-Jul.2010	-0.3
Food from vending machines and mobile vendors ⁴	0.082	2.9	0.003	0.88	S-Dec.2011	2.7
Other food away from home ⁴	0.361	2.0	0.007	0.45	S-May 2012	2.0
Energy.....	9.849	-0.6	-0.035	0.19	L-Apr.2012	0.9
Energy commodities.....	5.957	1.5	0.100	0.18	L-Apr.2012	3.1
Fuel oil and other fuels.....	0.310	-4.2	-0.014	0.92	L-May 2012	-1.8
Fuel oil.....	0.213	-0.8	-0.002	1.14	L-Apr.2012	0.9
Propane, kerosene, and firewood ⁶	0.097	-11.1	-0.012	1.24	S-Oct.2009	-17.4
Motor fuel.....	5.647	1.9	0.114	0.19	L-Apr.2012	3.3
Gasoline (all types).....	5.468	1.8	0.113	0.19	L-Apr.2012	3.2
Gasoline, unleaded regular ⁵		1.7		0.48	L-Apr.2012	3.3
Gasoline, unleaded midgrade ^{9, 5}		2.4		0.45	L-Apr.2012	3.2
Gasoline, unleaded premium ⁵		2.1		0.45	L-Apr.2012	3.1
Other motor fuels ⁴	0.179	1.0	0.001	0.33	L-Apr.2012	1.6
Energy services ¹⁰	3.891	-3.7	-0.135	0.32	L-Jun.2012	-3.0
Electricity ¹⁰	3.026	-1.2	-0.030	0.37	L-Jun.2012	0.5
Utility (piped) gas service ¹⁰	0.865	-11.2	-0.105	0.62	L-Mar.2012	-9.1
All items less food and energy.....	75.916	1.9	1.446	0.09	S-Jul.2011	1.8
Commodities less food and energy commodities.....	19.717	0.7	0.131	0.20	S-Apr.2011	0.7
Household furnishings and supplies ¹¹	3.348	0.0	-0.002	0.35	S-Aug.2011	-0.1
Window and floor coverings and other linens ⁴	0.271	-4.1	-0.012	1.43	S-Jun.2012	-4.1
Floor coverings ⁴	0.039	-2.8	-0.001	1.43	S-Dec.2010	-3.6
Window coverings ⁴	0.076	0.1	0.000	2.32	S-May 2012	0.1
Other linens ⁴	0.156	-6.3	-0.010	1.74	—	—
Furniture and bedding.....	0.723	1.3	0.010	0.91	S-Jun.2012	0.6
Bedroom furniture.....	0.233	1.0	0.003	1.64	L-Jun.2012	1.3
Living room, kitchen, and dining room furniture ⁴	0.346	0.8	0.002	1.20	S-May 2011	-1.8
Other furniture ⁴	0.136	3.6	0.005	2.17	S-Jun.2012	-4.9
Infants' furniture ^{7, 5}						
Appliances ⁴	0.288	0.9	0.003	0.76	S-Nov.2011	0.9
Major appliances ⁴	0.166	2.9	0.005	1.10	S-Nov.2011	2.1
Laundry equipment ⁵		6.6		1.75	S-Dec.2011	4.0
Other appliances ⁴	0.119	-1.9	-0.002	1.22	L-Jun.2012	-1.8
Other household equipment and furnishings ⁴	0.495	-3.7	-0.019	1.21	L-Sep.2011	-3.6
Clocks, lamps, and decorator items.....	0.261	-4.5	-0.012	1.82	L-Jul.2011	-3.6
Indoor plants and flowers ¹²	0.102	-0.4	0.000	1.49	S-Jun.2012	-0.5
Dishes and flatware ⁴	0.047	-10.9	-0.006	2.54	S-May 2012	-11.2
Nonelectric cookware and tableware ⁴	0.085	0.0	0.000	1.31	S-Jun.2012	-0.4

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Tools, hardware, outdoor equipment and supplies ⁴ . . .	0.682	-0.1	-0.001	0.60	S-Mar.2012	-0.3
Tools, hardware and supplies ⁴	0.173	0.3	0.000	1.02	S-Apr.2011	0.0
Outdoor equipment and supplies ⁴	0.363	-0.3	-0.002	0.77	S-May 2012	-0.3
Housekeeping supplies.....	0.889	2.0	0.018	0.51	S-Aug.2011	1.0
Household cleaning products ⁴	0.360	1.3	0.004	0.81	S-Aug.2011	0.6
Household paper products ⁴	0.241	3.8	0.009	0.92	—	—
Miscellaneous household products ⁴	0.287	1.5	0.004	1.02	S-Aug.2011	1.3
Apparel.....	3.476	1.7	0.060	0.95	S-May 2011	1.0
Men's and boys' apparel.....	0.861	4.2	0.036	1.06	—	—
Men's apparel.....	0.684	3.6	0.025	1.19	—	—
Men's suits, sport coats, and outerwear.....	0.123	-2.0	-0.003	3.03	S-Jun.2011	-4.1
Men's furnishings.....	0.182	4.6	0.008	2.44	S-Jul.2011	2.6
Men's shirts and sweaters ⁴	0.212	6.4	0.014	2.52	L-Apr.2012	7.6
Men's pants and shorts.....	0.160	3.9	0.005	2.41	L-May 2012	6.9
Boys' apparel.....	0.177	6.5	0.011	2.92	L-May 2012	7.6
Women's and girls' apparel.....	1.425	-0.1	0.000	1.86	S-Apr.2011	-0.6
Women's apparel.....	1.194	0.2	0.003	2.10	S-Apr.2011	-0.7
Women's outerwear.....	0.071	-14.1	-0.010	9.10	S-EVER	—
Women's dresses.....	0.155	-3.8	-0.004	6.62	S-Dec.2010	-5.3
Women's suits and separates ⁴	0.567	2.5	0.015	2.06	S-Mar.2012	1.3
Women's underwear, nightwear, sportswear and accessories ⁴	0.386	1.0	0.003	3.96	S-Apr.2011	0.4
Girls' apparel.....	0.231	-1.7	-0.004	4.48	S-Mar.2011	-4.0
Footwear.....	0.676	2.7	0.018	1.07	S-May 2012	2.2
Men's footwear.....	0.209	2.2	0.005	1.63	L-Jun.2012	3.4
Boys' and girls' footwear.....	0.148	0.0	0.000	2.62	S-Mar.2012	-0.3
Women's footwear.....	0.318	4.4	0.014	1.73	L-Jan.2010	5.5
Infants' and toddlers' apparel.....	0.197	4.0	0.008	2.01	S-Nov.2011	3.2
Jewelry and watches ⁸	0.316	-0.5	-0.002	2.42	L-Jun.2012	0.7
Watches ⁸	0.088	2.1	0.003	1.57	L-Oct.2011	3.1
Jewelry ⁸	0.228	-1.4	-0.005	2.79	L-Jun.2012	0.2
Transportation commodities less motor fuel ¹¹	5.656	0.5	0.022	0.19	S-EVER	—
New vehicles.....	3.169	1.0	0.033	0.30	L-May 2012	1.3
New cars and trucks ⁴ , ⁵		1.0		0.30	L-May 2012	1.3
New cars ⁵		0.3		0.40	L-Jun.2012	0.4
New trucks ¹³ , ⁵		1.7		0.30	L-Apr.2012	2.0
Used cars and trucks.....	1.982	-0.6	-0.021	0.22	S-Sep.2009	-2.7
Motor vehicle parts and equipment.....	0.436	2.3	0.010	0.44	S-Jun.2010	1.8
Tires.....	0.296	2.4	0.007	0.63	S-Jul.2010	2.4
Vehicle accessories other than tires ⁴	0.140	2.0	0.003	0.68	S-Dec.2010	1.9
Vehicle parts and equipment other than tires ⁵ ...		2.1		0.63	S-Jun.2012	1.0
Motor oil, coolant, and fluids ⁵		2.0		1.76	S-Apr.2010	1.8
Medical care commodities.....	1.730	3.6	0.060	0.40	L-Mar.2010	3.7
Medicinal drugs ¹¹	1.651	3.6	0.058	0.41	L-EVER	—
Prescription drugs.....	1.337	4.0	0.052	0.44	L-Mar.2012	4.2
Nonprescription drugs ¹¹	0.314	2.0	0.006	0.88	L-EVER	—
Medical equipment and supplies ¹¹	0.079	2.9	0.002	0.82	L-EVER	—
Recreation commodities ¹¹	2.301	-2.1	-0.051	0.39	S-Apr.2011	-2.5
Video and audio products ¹¹	0.408	-9.3	-0.040	0.60	L-Mar.2012	-9.3
Televisions.....	0.155	-18.0	-0.031	1.34	L-May 2012	-17.7
Other video equipment ⁴	0.026	-11.4	-0.003	1.56	L-Mar.2012	-11.4
Audio equipment.....	0.071	-7.1	-0.006	1.07	L-Jun.2012	-7.1
Audio discs, tapes and other media ⁴	0.043	-4.3	-0.002	1.35	L-May 2012	-4.3
Pets and pet products.....	0.688	0.7	0.005	0.79	S-May 2011	0.6

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Table 7. Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers (CPI-U): U.S. city average, by expenditure category, August 2012, 12-month analysis table — Continued

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Expenditure category	Relative importance Jul. 2012	Twelve Month				
		Unadjusted percent change Aug. 2011-Aug. 2012	Unadjusted effect on All Items Aug. 2011-Aug. 2012 ¹	Standard error, median price change ²	Largest (L) or Smallest (S) unadjusted change since: ³	
					Date	Percent change
Pet food ⁴ · ⁵		1.0		0.92	S-May 2011	0.9
Purchase of pets, pet supplies, accessories ⁴ · ⁵		-0.8		1.71	S-Jul.2011	-1.0
Sporting goods.....	0.462	0.0	-0.001	0.84	L-Apr.2012	0.3
Sports vehicles including bicycles.....	0.243	0.7	0.002	0.89	L-Apr.2012	1.2
Sports equipment.....	0.209	-1.0	-0.003	1.45	L-Apr.2012	-1.0
Photographic equipment and supplies.....	0.054	-4.0	-0.003	1.54	S-Jun.2012	-4.2
Film and photographic supplies ⁴ · ⁵						
Photographic equipment ⁴ · ⁵		-5.8		2.64	—	—
Recreational reading materials.....	0.224	2.6	0.006	1.14	S-Jun.2012	2.5
Newspapers and magazines ⁴	0.123	5.1	0.006	0.90	S-May 2012	5.1
Recreational books ⁴	0.098	-0.3	0.000	2.06	L-Feb.2011	0.6
Other recreational goods ⁴	0.465	-3.8	-0.017	1.11	S-May 2012	-3.8
Toys.....	0.344	-6.2	-0.021	1.36	S-Sep.2010	-6.8
Toys, games, hobbies and playground equipment ⁴ · ⁵		-2.5		1.11	S-Oct.2011	-2.7
Sewing machines, fabric and supplies ⁴	0.062	5.4	0.003	1.76	L-Apr.2010	5.7
Music instruments and accessories ⁴	0.039	1.6	0.001	1.08	L-Feb.2010	1.7
Education and communication commodities ¹¹	0.596	-2.0	-0.011	0.84	L-EVER	—
Educational books and supplies.....	0.204	7.6	0.015	1.03	L-Jul.2009	8.4
College textbooks ¹⁴ · ⁵		8.4		1.03	L-Jul.2009	8.9
Information technology commodities ¹¹	0.391	-7.1	-0.026	1.09	L-Jun.2012	-7.1
Personal computers and peripheral equipment ⁶	0.260	-7.4	-0.018	1.28	L-Feb.2011	-6.7
Computer software and accessories ⁴	0.047	-7.2	-0.004	2.07	S-May 2011	-9.2
Telephone hardware, calculators, and other consumer information items ⁴	0.085	-5.9	-0.005	2.89	L-Jun.2012	-5.7
Alcoholic beverages.....	0.949	1.6	0.015	0.45	S-Dec.2011	1.4
Alcoholic beverages at home.....	0.571	0.8	0.005	0.43	S-Apr.2012	0.4
Beer, ale, and other malt beverages at home.....	0.269	1.8	0.005	0.60	L-May 2012	2.1
Distilled spirits at home.....	0.072	0.0	0.000	0.67	L-Apr.2012	0.1
Whiskey at home ⁵		0.5		0.93	S-Aug.2011	0.4
Distilled spirits, excluding whiskey, at home ⁵		0.1		1.00	L-Apr.2012	0.2
Wine at home.....	0.230	-0.1	0.000	0.79	S-May 2012	-0.4
Alcoholic beverages away from home.....	0.378	2.6	0.010	1.04	S-Apr.2011	2.6
Beer, ale, and other malt beverages away from home ⁴ · ⁵		2.1		0.68	L-Nov.2011	2.1
Wine away from home ⁴ · ⁵		2.2		0.98	S-Jan.2012	2.1
Distilled spirits away from home ⁴ · ⁵		3.4		1.83	—	—
Other goods ¹¹	1.660	2.2	0.038	0.47	L-Apr.2011	2.3
Tobacco and smoking products.....	0.803	2.4	0.020	0.67	S-Jun.2012	2.4
Cigarettes ⁴	0.743	2.4	0.019	0.71	S-May 2012	2.3
Tobacco products other than cigarettes ⁴	0.054	2.4	0.001	1.05	L-May 2012	3.4
Personal care products.....	0.652	2.6	0.016	0.71	L-May 2009	2.7
Hair, dental, shaving, and miscellaneous personal care products ⁴	0.342	2.1	0.007	1.12	—	—
Cosmetics, perfume, bath, nail preparations and implements.....	0.304	3.0	0.009	0.90	L-Aug.2009	3.4
Miscellaneous personal goods ⁴	0.205	0.4	0.001	1.02	L-Feb.2010	0.4
Stationery, stationery supplies, gift wrap ⁵		1.5		1.16	L-Feb.2010	1.8
Infants' equipment ⁷ · ⁵		-2.1		1.18	L-Jun.2009	2.8
Services less energy services.....	56.199	2.4	1.315	0.10	S-Apr.2012	2.4
Shelter.....	31.519	2.1	0.656	0.13	—	—
Rent of shelter ¹⁵	31.170	2.1	0.645	0.14	—	—
Rent of primary residence ¹⁰	6.460	2.6	0.160	0.18	S-Mar.2012	2.5
Lodging away from home ⁴	0.863	0.6	0.003	1.03	L-Jun.2012	3.5
Housing at school, excluding board ¹⁰ · ¹⁵	0.154	4.0	0.006	0.32	—	—

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Table 7. Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers (CPI-U): U.S. city average, by expenditure category, August 2012, 12-month analysis table — Continued

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		Unadjusted percent change Aug. 2011-Aug. 2012	Unadjusted effect on All Items Aug. 2011-Aug. 2012 ¹	Standard error, median price change ²	Largest (L) or Smallest (S) unadjusted change since: ³	
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Other lodging away from home including hotels and motels.....	0.709	-0.3	-0.004	1.27	L-Jun.2012	3.2
Owners' equivalent rent of residences ^{10, 15}	23.846	2.0	0.482	0.15	—	—
Owners' equivalent rent of primary residence ^{10, 15}	22.438	2.0	0.452	0.15	—	—
Tenants' and household insurance ⁴	0.349	3.3	0.011	0.94	S-Jun.2012	3.2
Water and sewer and trash collection services ⁴	1.182	6.2	0.070	0.48	L-Jun.2010	6.2
Water and sewerage maintenance ¹⁰	0.891	7.4	0.063	0.63	L-Jul.2010	7.6
Garbage and trash collection ¹³	0.291	2.6	0.007	0.48	S-Jun.2012	1.9
Household operations ⁴	0.729	2.3	0.017	0.42	S-May 2012	2.1
Domestic services ⁴	0.250	1.5	0.004	0.53	—	—
Gardening and lawncare services ⁴	0.237	1.3	0.003	0.42	—	—
Moving, storage, freight expense ⁴	0.091	4.3	0.004	2.54	S-Jun.2012	3.8
Repair of household items ⁴	0.078		0.005	1.03	—	—
Medical care services.....	5.416	4.2	0.217	0.23	S-May 2012	3.9
Professional services.....	3.003	2.2	0.064	0.24	L-Dec.2011	2.2
Physicians' services ¹⁰	1.615	2.5	0.039	0.39	L-Dec.2011	2.7
Dental services ¹⁰	0.760	2.4	0.018	0.38	L-Feb.2012	2.4
Eyeglasses and eye care ⁸	0.251	0.6	0.002	0.69	S-Mar.2012	0.5
Services by other medical professionals ^{10, 8}	0.376	1.3	0.005	0.34	L-Dec.2011	1.3
Hospital and related services.....	1.762	4.4	0.075	0.43	S-Oct.1999	4.4
Hospital services ^{10, 16}	1.540	4.7	0.069	0.50	S-Sep.2005	4.7
Inpatient hospital services ^{10, 16, 5}		4.9		1.10	S-Nov.2004	4.9
Outpatient hospital services ^{10, 8, 5}		4.3		0.81	S-Jun.2005	4.0
Nursing homes and adult day services ^{10, 16}	0.137	3.9	0.005	0.34	L-Nov.2009	4.1
Care of invalids and elderly at home ⁷	0.086	1.1	0.001	0.62	—	—
Health insurance ⁷	0.651	14.8	0.078	0.24	L-EVER	—
Transportation services.....	5.773	1.4	0.080	0.34	S-Mar.2012	1.4
Leased cars and trucks ¹⁴	0.384	-6.1	-0.028	1.06	L-May 2012	-6.0
Car and truck rental ⁴	0.075	0.9	0.000	2.53	S-Jun.2012	0.7
Motor vehicle maintenance and repair.....	1.146	1.7	0.019	0.32	S-Apr.2011	1.7
Motor vehicle body work.....	0.057	1.9	0.001	0.61	S-May 2012	1.8
Motor vehicle maintenance and servicing.....	0.457	1.9	0.008	0.46	S-Nov.2011	1.9
Motor vehicle repair ⁴	0.596	1.6	0.009	0.47	L-Jun.2012	1.7
Motor vehicle insurance.....	2.417	3.8	0.092	0.69	L-May 2011	3.8
Motor vehicle fees ⁴	0.562	3.1	0.017	0.40	S-Jun.2012	3.0
State motor vehicle registration and license fees ^{10, 4}	0.326	0.5	0.002	0.59	S-Jun.2012	0.5
Parking and other fees ⁴	0.214	7.3	0.014	0.37	L-EVER	—
Parking fees and tolls ^{4, 5}		9.4		0.65	L-EVER	—
Automobile service clubs ^{4, 5}		2.9		0.62	S-May 2012	2.8
Public transportation.....	1.190	-1.5	-0.020	0.74	S-Oct.2009	-4.5
Airline fare.....	0.773	-3.0	-0.026	1.04	S-Oct.2009	-6.5
Other intercity transportation.....	0.153	-1.7	-0.003	1.41	S-Mar.2012	-2.8
Intercity bus fare ^{6, 5}		2.2		0.72	S-Jan.2010	-0.5
Intercity train fare ^{6, 5}		3.0		2.70	L-Jun.2011	4.6
Ship fare ^{4, 5}		-5.2		1.72	S-Nov.2009	-8.1
Intracity transportation.....	0.262	3.5	0.009	0.48	L-Dec.2011	4.3
Intracity mass transit ^{11, 5}		3.3		1.48	L-Dec.2011	4.5
Recreation services ¹¹	3.728	3.3	0.122	0.50	S-Jun.2012	3.3
Video and audio services ¹¹	1.514	4.8	0.070	0.78	L-Jun.2012	4.9
Cable and satellite television and radio service ¹³ ..	1.403	5.3	0.070	0.83	L-Jul.2006	5.9
Video discs and other media, including rental of video and audio ⁴	0.111	-0.5	0.000	3.13	S-May 2011	-0.6

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Table 7. Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers (CPI-U): U.S. city average, by expenditure category, August 2012, 12-month analysis table — Continued

[1982-84=100, unless otherwise noted]

Expenditure category	Relative importance Jul. 2012	Twelve Month				
		Unadjusted percent change Aug. 2011-Aug. 2012	Unadjusted effect on All Items Aug. 2011-Aug. 2012 ¹	Standard error, median price change ²	Largest (L) or Smallest (S) unadjusted change since: ³	
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Video discs and other media ^{4, 5}		-7.2		3.14	L-Jun.2012	-5.0
Rental of video or audio discs and other media ^{4, 5}		5.3		4.48	S-Jun.2011	4.9
Pet services including veterinary ⁴	0.410	2.8	0.011	1.14	S-Apr.2010	2.5
Pet services ^{4, 5}		3.0		1.05	—	—
Veterinarian services ^{4, 5}		2.6		1.50	S-Jun.2012	2.5
Photographers and film processing ⁴	0.058	1.4	0.001	1.20	S-Oct.2010	1.3
Photographer fees ^{4, 5}		1.4		1.73	L-Apr.2012	1.8
Film processing ^{4, 5}		1.2		1.08	S-Apr.2010	0.3
Other recreation services ⁴	1.745	2.2	0.039	0.79	S-Jun.2012	2.0
Club dues and fees for participant sports and group exercises ⁴	0.566	3.4	0.019	1.56	—	—
Admissions	0.644	2.3	0.014	1.05	S-May 2012	0.6
Admission to movies, theaters, and concerts ^{4, 5}		2.0		1.24	S-May 2012	0.3
Admission to sporting events ^{4, 5}		4.4		1.31	S-May 2012	2.4
Fees for lessons or instructions ⁸	0.228	0.5	0.001	0.94	L-May 2012	0.5
Education and communication services ¹¹	6.141	1.9	0.111	0.26	S-Nov.2011	1.9
Tuition, other school fees, and childcare	2.999	3.6	0.105	0.44	S-EVER	—
College tuition and fees	1.684	4.2	0.068	0.77	S-Dec.2010	4.1
Elementary and high school tuition and fees	0.381	3.6	0.014	0.51	L-Jun.2012	3.6
Child care and nursery school ¹²	0.772	2.3	0.018	0.35	S-Jun.2012	2.3
Technical and business school tuition and fees ⁴	0.059	2.5	0.001	0.81	S-Jul.2007	2.3
Postage and delivery services ⁴	0.149	3.7	0.005	0.29	—	—
Postage	0.138	3.8	0.005	0.30	—	—
Delivery services ⁴	0.010	2.4	0.000	0.43	S-Dec.2009	1.6
Telephone services ⁴	2.397	0.2	0.005	0.33	S-Dec.2011	-0.3
Wireless telephone services ⁴	1.453	-1.3	-0.019	0.50	S-Dec.2011	-2.3
Land-line telephone services ¹¹	0.944	2.4	0.024	0.36	L-Jun.2012	2.7
Internet services and electronic information providers ⁴	0.581	-0.8	-0.004	0.77	S-Nov.2011	-0.9
Other personal services ¹¹	1.712	2.5	0.042	0.40	—	—
Personal care services	0.629	1.8	0.011	0.47	L-Jun.2009	1.8
Haircuts and other personal care services ⁴	0.629	1.8	0.011	0.47	L-Jun.2009	1.8
Miscellaneous personal services	1.083	2.9	0.031	0.46	S-May 2012	2.7
Legal services ⁸	0.295	1.8	0.005	1.07	S-Feb.2012	1.7
Funeral expenses ⁸	0.158	1.5	0.002	0.45	S-EVER	—
Laundry and dry cleaning services ⁴	0.239	2.2	0.005	0.51	L-Dec.2010	2.2
Apparel services other than laundry and dry cleaning ⁴	0.030	2.5	0.001	0.95	S-Apr.2011	2.4
Financial services ⁸	0.218	6.3	0.013	1.11	S-Jun.2012	6.1
Checking account and other bank services ^{4, 5}		7.4		1.54	L-Mar.2012	8.9
Tax return preparation and other accounting fees ^{4, 5}		5.5		1.27	L-May 2012	6.4
Special aggregate indexes						
All items less food	85.765	1.6	1.411	0.08	L-Apr.2012	2.2
All items less shelter	68.481	1.5	1.036	0.08	L-Apr.2012	2.3
All items less food and shelter	54.246	1.4	0.755	0.10	L-Apr.2012	2.1
All items less food, shelter, and energy	44.397	1.8	0.790	0.11	S-May 2011	1.8
All items less food, shelter, energy, and used cars and trucks	42.415	1.9	0.811	0.12	S-Jul.2011	1.9
All items less medical care	92.854	1.5	1.415	0.08	L-Jun.2012	1.5
All items less energy	90.151	1.9	1.727	0.08	S-May 2011	1.8
Commodities	39.910	1.3	0.512	0.12	L-Apr.2012	2.6

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Commodities less food, energy, and used cars and trucks...	17.734	0.8	0.152	0.22	S-Apr.2011	0.4
Commodities less food.....	25.674	1.0	0.231	0.17	L-Apr.2012	2.4
Commodities less food and beverages.....	24.725	0.9	0.216	0.18	L-Apr.2012	2.4
Services.....	60.090	2.0	1.180	0.10	—	—
Services less rent of shelter ¹⁵	28.921	1.9	0.535	0.13	S-May 2012	1.9
Services less medical care services.....	54.675	1.8	0.963	0.10	—	—
Durables.....	8.950	-0.5	-0.052	0.18	S-Feb.2011	-0.5
Nondurables.....	30.960	1.8	0.564	0.15	L-Apr.2012	3.0
Nondurables less food.....	16.724	1.7	0.283	0.26	L-Apr.2012	3.0
Nondurables less food and beverages.....	15.775	1.7	0.268	0.27	L-Apr.2012	3.1
Nondurables less food, beverages, and apparel.....	12.299	1.7	0.209	0.16	L-Apr.2012	2.5
Nondurables less food and apparel.....	13.248	1.7	0.224	0.15	L-Apr.2012	2.5
Housing.....	40.979	1.4	0.592	0.11	—	—
Education and communication ⁴	6.736	1.5	0.100	0.25	S-Nov.2011	1.4
Education ⁴	3.203	3.8	0.120	0.41	S-Jun.2011	3.8
Communication ⁴	3.533	-0.6	-0.020	0.27	S-Jan.2012	-0.6
Information and information processing ⁴	3.384	-0.7	-0.025	0.28	S-Jan.2012	-0.7
Information technology, hardware and services ¹⁷	0.987	-3.4	-0.030	0.59	S-Apr.2012	-3.4
Recreation ⁴	6.030	1.2	0.071	0.35	S-May 2012	0.9
Video and audio ⁴	1.922	1.6	0.030	0.65	L-Jul.2006	1.8
Pets, pet products and services ⁴	1.098	1.5	0.016	0.62	S-Jan.2011	1.5
Photography ⁴	0.113	-0.8	-0.001	0.94	S-May 2012	-1.2
Food and beverages.....	15.185	2.0	0.296	0.14	S-Jan.2011	1.8
Domestically produced farm food.....	7.229	1.7	0.122	0.21	S-Sep.2010	1.7
Other services.....	11.581	2.4	0.275	0.22	S-Feb.2012	2.4
Apparel less footwear.....	2.800	1.4	0.041	1.12	S-May 2011	1.1
Fuels and utilities.....	5.383	-1.6	-0.079	0.27	L-Jun.2012	-1.4
Household energy.....	4.201	-3.7	-0.149	0.31	L-Jun.2012	-3.3
Medical care.....	7.146	4.1	0.277	0.18	—	—
Transportation.....	17.077	1.4	0.217	0.15	L-Apr.2012	2.9
Private transportation.....	15.887	1.6	0.237	0.15	L-Apr.2012	3.0
New and used motor vehicles ⁴	5.679	-0.1	-0.015	0.21	S-Aug.2009	-0.1
Utilities and public transportation.....	10.064	-0.2	-0.009	0.23	L-Jun.2012	0.5
Household furnishings and operations.....	4.077	0.4	0.015	0.29	S-Sep.2011	0.4

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					Date	Percent change
Other goods and services.....	3.372	2.4	0.079	0.33	L-Sep.2010	2.5
Personal care.....	2.569	2.3	0.059	0.35	L-Feb.2009	2.4

1 The 'effect' of an item category is a measure of that item's contribution to the All items price change. For example, if the Food index had an effect of 0.40, and the All items index rose 1.2 percent, then the increase in food prices contributed 0.40 / 1.2, or 33.3 percent, to that All items increase. Said another way, had food prices been unchanged for that year the change in the All items index would have been 1.2 percent minus 0.40, or 0.8 percent. Effects can be negative as well. For example, if the effect of food was a negative 0.1, and the All items index rose 0.5 percent, the All items index actually would have been 0.1 percent higher (or 0.6 percent) had food prices been unchanged. Since food prices fell while prices overall were rising, the contribution of food to the All items price change was negative (in this case, -0.1 / 0.5, or minus 20 percent).

2 A statistic's margin of error is often expressed as its point estimate plus or minus two standard errors. For example, if a CPI category rose 2.6 percent, and its standard error was 0.25 percent, the margin of error on this item's 12-month percent change would be 2.6 percent, plus or minus 0.5 percent.

3 If the current 12-month percent change is greater than the previous published 12-month percent change, then this column identifies the closest prior month with a 12-month percent change as (L)arge as or (L)arger than the current 12-month change. If the current 12-month percent change is smaller than the previous published 12-month percent change, the most recent month with a change as (S)mall or (S)maller than the current month change is identified. If the current and previous published 12-month percent changes are equal, a dash will appear. Standard numerical comparison is used. For example, 2.0% is greater than 0.6%, -4.4% is less than -2.0%, and -2.0% is less than 0.0%. Note that a (L)arger change can be a smaller decline, for example, a -0.2% change is larger than a -0.4% change, but still represents a decline in the price index. Likewise, (S)maller changes can be increases, for example, a 0.6% change is smaller than 0.8%, but still represents an increase in the price index. In this context, a -0.2% change is considered to be smaller than a 0.0% change.

4 Indexes on a December 1997=100 base.

5 Special indexes based on a substantially smaller sample. These series do not contribute to the all items index aggregation and therefore do not have a relative importance or effect.

6 Indexes on a December 2007=100 base.

7 Indexes on a December 2005=100 base.

8 Indexes on a December 1986=100 base.

9 Indexes on a December 1993=100 base.

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

11 Indexes on a December 2009=100 base.

12 Indexes on a December 1990=100 base.

13 Indexes on a December 1983=100 base.

14 Indexes on a December 2001=100 base.

15 Indexes on a December 1982=100 base.

16 Indexes on a December 1996=100 base.

17 Indexes on a December 1988=100 base.

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