

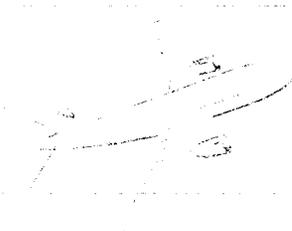
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# Price Movements September 1996

The Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers (CPI-U) increased 0.3 percent before seasonal adjustment in September to a level of 157.8 (1982-84=100). For the 12-month period ended in September, the CPI-U increased 3.0 percent.

The Consumer Price Index for Urban Wage Earners and Clerical Workers (CPI-W) rose 0.4 percent in September, prior to seasonal adjustment. The September 1996 CPI-W level of 155.1 was 3.0 percent higher than the index in September 1995.

## CPI for All Urban Consumers (CPI-U)

On a seasonally adjusted basis, the CPI-U rose 0.3 percent in September, following a 0.1-percent increase in August. The food index rose 0.5 percent in September, again reflecting sharp increases in the indexes for meats, poultry, fish, and eggs and for dairy products. The energy index, which declined 3.2 percent in the 3-month period ended in August after advancing 9.4 percent in the prior 6-month period, was unchanged in September. The index for petroleum-based energy increased 0.1 percent, while the index for energy services declined 0.1 percent. Excluding food and energy, the CPI-U rose 0.3 percent, following a 0.1-percent increase in August. About two-thirds of the acceleration in this index from August to September was due to a sharp turnaround in the index for apparel and upkeep—up

0.5 percent after declining 1.4 percent in August. Increases in the indexes for airline fares and for new vehicles also contributed to the larger advance in September.

Consumer prices rose at a seasonally adjusted annual rate (SAAR) of 2.6 percent in the third quarter. This follows increases of 4.0 and 3.1 percent in the first and second quarters, respectively, and brings the year-to-date annual rate to 3.2 percent. This compares with an increase of 2.5 percent for all of 1995. The food and energy components have moved up sharply thus far in 1996, after acting as moderating influences on overall consumer price movements throughout most of the past 5 years. Through the first 9 months of 1996, energy costs have risen at a 6.5-percent annual rate. The index for petroleum-based energy goods advanced at an annual rate of 9.8 percent and the index for energy services at a 3.6-percent annual rate. The food index has increased at a 4.4-percent annual rate in the first 9 months of 1996, following an advance of 2.1 percent in all of 1995. Grocery store foods have risen at a 5.4-percent rate in 1996 with the sharpest advance occurring in the index for dairy products—up at a SAAR of 12.1 percent thus far in 1996.

Excluding food and energy, the CPI-U rose at a 2.7-percent annual rate in the third quarter and has advanced at a 2.8-percent annual rate thus far in 1996. This compares with an increase of 3.0 percent for all of 1995. Within this category, the index for commodities less food and energy has

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

Expenditure category	Seasonally adjusted							Compound annual rate, 3 months ended September 1996	Unadjusted 12 months ended September 1996
	Changes from preceding month								
	1996								
	March	April	May	June	July	August	September		
All Items .....	0.4	0.4	0.3	0.1	0.3	0.1	0.3	2.6	3.0
Food and beverages .....	.5	.3	.1	.7	.5	.3	.5	5.0	3.7
Housing .....	.3	.3	.2	.1	.4	.2	.2	3.2	2.9
Apparel and upkeep .....	.6	-.4	.1	-.4	-.1	-1.4	.5	-3.9	-.9
Transportation .....	.7	1.1	.7	-.4	-.2	-.2	.5	.3	3.2
Medical care .....	.3	.3	.3	.3	.3	.2	.2	2.7	3.3
Entertainment .....	.1	-.1	.4	.3	.1	.2	.1	1.3	3.2
Other goods and services .....	.4	.3	.4	.2	.4	.3	0	3.2	3.9
Special Indexes:									
Energy .....	1.4	3.2	1.1	-2.2	-.4	-.6	0	-3.9	5.2
Food .....	.6	.3	.1	.7	.5	.4	.5	5.3	3.8
All items less food and energy .....	.2	.1	.2	.2	.3	.1	.3	2.7	2.7

risen at a 1.0-percent annual rate, following a 1.7-percent increase in all of 1995. A larger decline in the index for apparel commodities in 1996 (at a SAAR) than in 1995—down 2.2 percent relative to down 0.1 percent—was primarily responsible for the moderation. The index for services less energy has advanced at a 3.5-percent rate in 1996, virtually the same as the 3.6 percent rise in 1995. The rates for selected groups during the past 8 <sup>3</sup>/<sub>4</sub> years are shown below.

The food and beverage index rose 0.5 percent in September. The index for grocery store foods increased 0.6 percent, following a 0.5-percent rise in August. Increases in the indexes for dairy products and for meats, poultry, fish, and eggs—up 1.7 and 1.1 percent, respectively—accounted for four-fifths of the September advance. The index for dairy products has risen 6.8 percent in the past 4 months and 10.9 percent since September 1995. Within the index for meats, poultry, fish, and eggs, pork prices increased 1.6 percent in September and have risen 13.4 percent in the last 12 months. The index for beef, which had risen 3.6 percent during the 3-month period ended in August, increased 0.2 percent in September. Over the previous 12 months, beef prices had risen 1.1 percent. Prices for poultry increased 0.8 percent in September to a level 6.8 percent above a year ago. Among the other major grocery store food groups, the index for fruits and vegetables declined 0.1 percent as a decrease in fresh vegetable prices more than offset increases in the prices for fresh fruits and for processed fruits and vegetables. The indexes for cereal and bakery products and for other food at home rose 0.2 and 0.5 percent, respectively. The other two components of the food and beverage index—restaurant meals and alcoholic beverages—increased 0.3 and 0.5 percent, respectively, in September.

The housing component rose 0.2 percent in September, the same as in August. Shelter costs increased 0.2 percent in September, following a rise of 0.1 percent in August. Within shelter, homeowners' costs rose 0.2 percent, and renters'

costs and maintenance and repair costs each rose 0.1 percent. The indexes for household fuels and for other utilities and public services each increased 0.2 percent in September. Among household fuels, the indexes for electricity and for fuel oil increased 0.2 and 4.5 percent, respectively, while the index for natural gas declined 0.7 percent. The index for household furnishings and operation rose 0.2 percent in September, the same as in August.

The transportation index, which had declined in each of the 3 preceding months, turned up in September, increasing 0.5 percent. Advances in the indexes for airline fares and new vehicles more than offset another decline in the index for motor fuels. The index for gasoline, which increased 18.2 percent in the period from November 1995 through May, has declined 8.0 percent in the past 4 months, including a 0.4-percent drop in September. As of September, the gasoline index was 12.0 percent below its peak level of December 1990. The index for new vehicle prices, which rose 0.1 percent in August, increased 0.6 percent in September. As of September, about 10 percent of the new vehicle sample was represented by 1997 models, a noticeably larger proportion than in recent years. The 1997 models will continue to be phased into the index over the next several months as they replace old models at dealerships. The index for automobile finance charges increased 0.9 percent in September and has risen 4.9 percent in the past 4 months. The index for used cars rose 0.3 percent, its first increase in 6 months. The index for airline fares increased 2.9 percent, in part as a result of the re-imposition of the 10-percent Federal tax that went back into effect on August 27.

The index for apparel and upkeep, which declined 1.4 percent in August, turned up in September, advancing 0.5 percent. The proportion of higher priced fall-winter wear in the sample in September was about normal, in contrast to August, which was characterized by the slower than usual introduction of the seasonal clothing. (Prior to seasonal ad-

**Table Q3. Annual percent changes in the CPI for All Urban Consumer, 1988-96**

Expenditure category	Percent change 12 months ended in December								SAAR 3-months ended in September 1996
	1988	1989	1990	1991	1992	1993	1994	1995	
All Items .....	4.4	4.6	6.1	3.1	2.9	2.7	2.7	2.5	3.2
Food and beverages .....	5.1	5.5	5.3	2.5	1.6	2.7	2.7	2.1	4.3
Housing .....	4.0	3.9	4.5	3.4	2.6	2.7	2.2	3.0	2.8
Apparel and upkeep .....	4.7	1.0	5.1	3.4	1.4	.9	-1.6	.1	-1.7
Transportation .....	3.0	4.0	10.4	-1.5	3.0	2.4	3.8	1.5	4.6
Medical care .....	6.9	8.5	9.6	7.9	6.6	5.4	4.9	3.9	3.1
Entertainment .....	4.6	5.1	4.3	3.9	2.8	2.8	2.3	3.3	2.7
Other goods and services .....	7.0	8.2	7.6	8.0	6.5	2.7	4.2	4.3	3.7
Special Indexes:									
Energy .....	.5	5.1	18.1	-7.4	2.0	-1.4	2.2	-1.3	6.5
Food .....	5.2	5.6	5.3	1.9	1.5	2.9	2.9	2.1	4.4
All items less food and energy .....	4.7	4.4	5.2	4.4	3.3	3.2	2.6	3.0	2.8

justment, clothing prices rose 2.9 percent in September.)

Medical care costs rose 0.2 percent in September to a level 3.3 percent above a year ago. The index for medical care commodities—prescription drugs, nonprescription drugs, and medical supplies—increased 0.1 percent in September. The index for medical care services rose 0.2 percent. Charges for professional services and hospital and related services increased 0.3 and 0.2 percent, respectively.

Entertainment costs rose 0.1 percent in September, following an increase of 0.2 percent in August.

The index for other goods and services was unchanged in September, following a 0.3-percent rise in August. The indexes for college tuition and for school books and supplies,

which increased 1.0 and 1.2 percent, respectively, in August, declined 1.0 percent and were unchanged, respectively, in September. (In September, prior to seasonal adjustment, college tuition costs rose 2.2 percent and the index for school books and supplies increased 1.0 percent.) The index for tobacco products increased 0.7 percent in September.

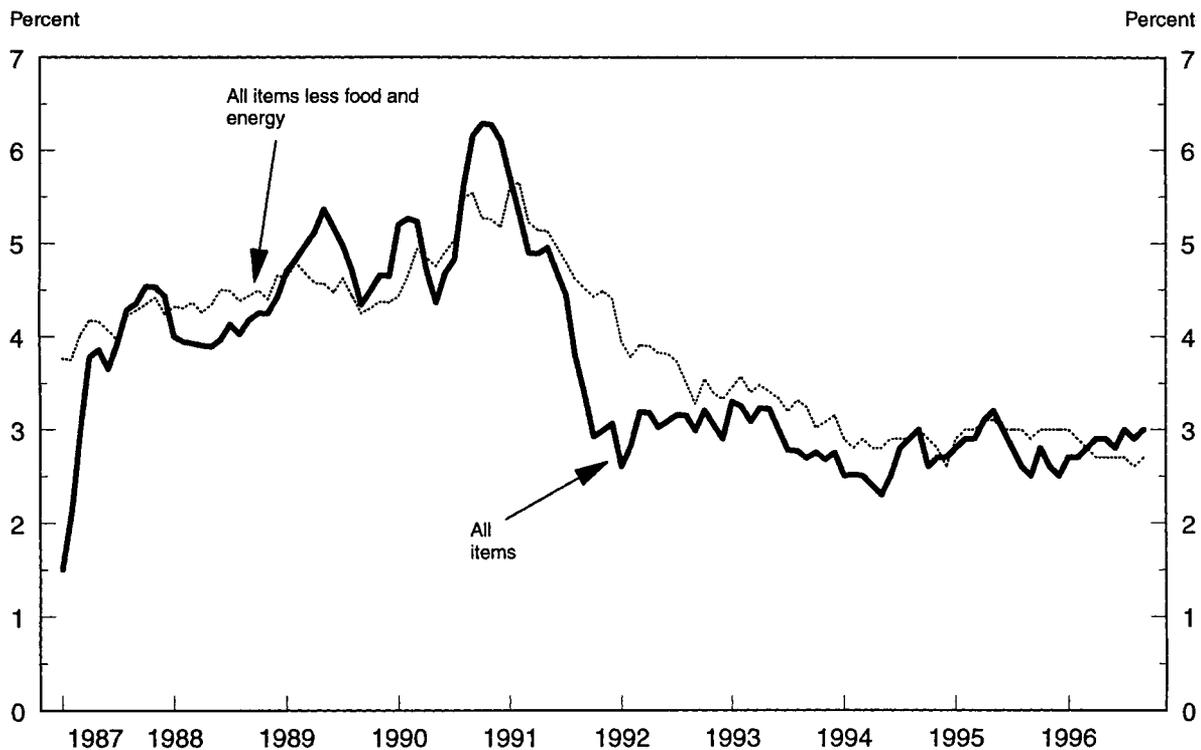
### CPI for Urban Wage Earners and Clerical Workers (CPI-W)

On a seasonally adjusted basis, the CPI for Urban Wage Earners and Clerical Workers rose 0.3 percent in September.

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

Expenditure category	Seasonally adjusted							Compound annual rate, 3 months ended September 1996	Unadjusted 12 months ended September 1996
	Changes from preceding month								
	1996								
	March	April	May	June	July	August	September		
All Items .....	0.5	0.4	0.3	0.1	0.2	0.1	0.3	2.1	3.0
Food and beverages .....	.1	.3	.1	.7	.4	.4	.5	5.3	3.8
Housing .....	.3	.3	.2	.1	.4	.2	.1	3.0	2.9
Apparel and upkeep .....	.6	-.2	.2	-.6	0	-1.5	.5	-4.2	-.8
Transportation .....	.9	1.1	.6	-.6	-.4	-.1	.4	-.6	3.2
Medical care .....	.2	.3	.3	.3	.3	.1	.2	2.7	3.3
Entertainment .....	.0	-.1	.4	.3	0	-.3	.1	1.3	3.1
Other goods and services .....	.3	.3	.4	.1	.4	.2	.2	3.4	3.6
Special Indexes:									
Energy .....	1.8	3.3	1.1	-2.0	-.9	-.5	0	-5.7	5.5
Food .....	.6	.3	.1	.8	.5	.3	.5	5.3	3.8
All items less food and energy .....	.3	.1	.2	.1	.2	.1	.3	2.5	2.6

# CPI-U 12-month changes, 1987 to present



# How BLS Measures Price Change in the Consumer Price Index for Household Fuels

The household fuels index, a component of the fuel and other utilities index, is included in the housing group of the Consumer Price Index (CPI). Together with the index for motor fuels, it makes up the special energy index. The household fuels index measures the price movement of residential energy items used for heating, cooling, lighting, cooking, and running appliances.

The Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS) each month publishes the aggregate index for household fuels and its component indexes for electricity and natural gas, as well as the combined gas and electricity index, at the U.S. level, and for all areas for which CPI data are published. The component indexes for fuel oil and for other household fuels, as well as the combined fuel oil and other household fuels index, are published each month at the U.S. level and for many of the areas for which CPI data are available.

The base period weight of the fuels indexes represents the out-of-pocket expenditures on household fuels, as reported in the Consumer Expenditure Survey (1982-84). Therefore, the expenditures by consumers during the 1982-84 period established the importance each item was given in the CPI calculation.

The individual items which comprise the household fuels index, together with their relative importance values within the U.S. city average of the CPI for All Urban Consumers (CPI-U), as of December 1995, follows:

<i>Item</i>	<i>Relative importance</i>
All items .....	100.000
Housing .....	41.346
Household fuels .....	3.792
Fuel oil .....	.246
Other household fuels (propane, kerosene, firewood, etc.) .....	.110
Electricity .....	2.395
Natural (piped) gas .....	1.041
Energy .....	6.700
Household fuels .....	3.792
Motor fuels .....	2.908

The same data used in the electricity, natural gas, and fuel oil indexes are also used in the CPI average price series for the price per therm of natural gas, the price per KWH of electricity, and the price per gallon of fuel oil. Average prices also are provided for fixed consumption amounts of 40 therms

and 100 therms of natural gas, and 500 KWH of electricity. Average price data are published at the U.S. city average level, and at the regional and regional/size-class level, the U.S. city average size-class level, and for 15 'A-size' cities when sample sufficiency criteria are met. BLS collects additional data for the fixed consumption average price series.

The monthly change in the household fuels index is determined by the price changes reported for selected energy items in selected outlets, utility companies, and other suppliers of these items. CPI selects the outlets and the items with a probability sampling method so that all outlets and items are represented. Applicable taxes are also included in reported prices.

The outlets from which prices are obtained, and the consumption amounts assigned to those outlets within a CPI pricing area remain constant until they are reselected, which occurs at 5-year intervals.

The selection of the outlets to be used for the electricity and natural gas indexes is made by one of two methods. In the first, the Consumer Expenditure Survey is used to derive the sample of outlets. Respondents to this survey report the name of the company from which they purchase their household energy, the monthly dollar amount of their purchases, and the total units of energy purchased.

When outlets are selected in a pricing area, the CPI uses a full year of the data reported for the area and draws a sample of monthly household bills, using a probability-proportional-to-expenditure method. The outlet associated with each selected bill is assigned an observation or "quote" for pricing. If the outlet is selected more than once, then multiple quotes are assigned to that outlet.

The selected outlets, and their quote assignments, are supplied to the field staff. Through a series of disaggregation steps,<sup>1</sup> the field agent selects quote characteristics, such as type of rate schedule (general residential, heating, nonheating, air conditioning, hot water heating, etc.), appropriate discounts, applicable tax jurisdictions, and other unique billing conditions and price-determining characteristics which affect that quote's billing (summer/winter versus year-round rate schedule, peak/off-peak, time-of-day billing, etc.).

A number of CPI areas do not have their electricity and natural gas index samples selected from the Consumer Ex-

<sup>1</sup> Disaggregation is a probability-based sampling method used to select a specific detailed item for pricing within an outlet.

penditure Survey. They have outlets assigned using a second method of selection.

From a universe created from other sources,<sup>2</sup> the name of the outlet is selected using probability sampling with selection proportional to population of the area and the number of residential customers of the eligible companies. The field agent is then notified of the selected outlet. Using disaggregation procedures, the field agent then selects an area for pricing and a representative bill from the outlet for the selected area. The price-determining characteristics from this selected bill are assigned to that quote for initiation into the CPI sample.

The selection of outlets to be priced for the fuel oil and the other household fuels indexes uses the Continuing Point of Purchase Survey.

The consumption amounts which are priced at the selected outlets are assigned in several ways. Consumption amounts for the natural gas and for the electricity indexes either reflect Consumer Expenditure Survey reported household bill amounts, or are arrived at by a disaggregation at the outlet when the quote is initiated. Disaggregation at the outlet is also used to select amounts of consumption for the fuel oil index, and for the other household fuels (propane, kerosene, firewood, etc.) index.

Once the sample has been selected and initiated, it is priced

<sup>2</sup> Data obtained from the U.S. Department of Energy, Energy Information Administration publications, were used to draw a universe of electricity outlets. Brown's Directory of Natural Gas Companies in North America was used for the universe of natural gas outlets.

on a monthly basis to track any and all price movements. Generally, data are collected on the following items:

- Service charge—a fixed charge per bill.
- Consumption charges—for total monthly energy usage.
- Additional charges and/or credits reported for natural gas and electricity billings for the purchase of energy and/or fuels used by the utility to produce energy to fulfill that month's total demand.
- Refunds—from past overcharges.
- Discounts
- Taxes

### Notes

For the household fuels samples, the number of occupants and consumption amounts are held constant from pricing period to pricing period.

Because household fuels generally always are available, there are no substitutions due to item unavailability, and no quality adjustments in the household fuels sample.

	<i>Number of quotes</i>
Electricity .....	1,302
Natural gas .....	1,035
Fuel oil .....	222
Other fuels .....	137
500 KWH of electricity .....	449
100 therms of natural gas .....	300
40 therms of natural gas .....	302

# How BLS Uses Rent Data in the Consumer Price Index

Residential rent and owners' equivalent rent are the two main shelter components of the Consumer Price Index (CPI). Other shelter components include other renters' costs (such as lodging while out of town, lodging while at school, and tenants' insurance), household insurance, and household maintenance and repairs. The CPI Housing Survey is the source of data that measures monthly changes in the cost of shelter for renters and owner occupants.

The shelter index includes the components shown below with the relative importance of each index. These data are for the U.S. city average of the CPI for All Urban Consumers (CPI-U) as of December 1995:

<i>Item</i>	<i>Relative importance</i>
Shelter .....	28.289
Renters' costs .....	7.988
Rent, residential .....	5.762
Other renters' costs .....	2.227
Homeowners' costs .....	20.012
Owners' equivalent rent .....	19.716
Household insurance .....	.386
Maintenance and repairs .....	.199

The Housing Survey interviews respondents in about 35,000 renter-occupied housing units every 6 months on a rotating basis. About 30,000 additional owner-occupied units are interviewed every 2 years, also on a rotating basis. The housing units may be of any type: Single detached; within multi-unit buildings; or mobile homes.

The Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS) measures the change in the monthly costs for renters directly from this survey data. However, BLS uses a "rental equivalence" approach for owners. Rental equivalence measures the change in the owner's implicit rent, the monthly value of the shelter services provided by the home. Because implicit rent is not a market transaction, BLS must estimate the implicit rents of owner occupants.<sup>1</sup>

## The Residential Rent Index

### Renter data collection

For renter-occupied housing, BLS collects data on household size, the amount of rent paid, any extra charges, and

<sup>1</sup> See article "How the Consumer Price Index Measures Homeowners' Costs" for additional information on the homeowners' costs component of the CPI.

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what renters get for their rent, that is, the number of bedrooms, bathrooms, and other rooms in the unit; the types of utilities and facilities provided; the type of energy used for heating and cooling; etc.

### Calculating economic rents

BLS derives the monthly economic rent for each renter unit in the survey. Economic rent is the payment in exchange for all services the landlord provides, as well as the value of certain rent reductions. For example, if the landlord provides electricity, the economic rent includes electricity. BLS excludes the value of changes in the quality of the item from its measure of price change.

When there is a change in what renters get for their rents, there is a quality change, which may be either positive or negative. For example, the landlord stops paying for electricity and the tenant must now pay the bill. If the rent does not change, the renter gets less for the rent payment. BLS adjusts the current rent to make it consistent with the previous rent. In this example, an estimate of the electricity charge is added to the current rent to show an increase in the economic rent. BLS adjusts rents for most changes in utilities (electric, gas, fuel oil, etc.) and facilities (refrigerator, dishwasher, laundry equipment, etc.).

In addition, landlords commonly reduce the rent they charge when the tenant performs a service or a third party pays part of the rent. The value of any reduction for these reasons is applied to the current economic rent to make it consistent with the previous data. For example, in the summer a tenant cuts the grass, so the rent is reduced by \$50, but in the winter the tenant does not perform that service or receive the rent reduction. BLS would add \$50 to the summer rent, because the tenant is supplying \$50 of service to the landlord in lieu of \$50 in cash.

### Calculating changes in economic rents

The CPI spreads the collection of the rent sample over a 6-month period by dividing it into six representative subsamples called "panels." Each panel contains housing units in every CPI area, so the price movement of the panel is a good estimate of the price movement for housing in the urban United States.

### Calculating the residential rent index

Because each renter housing unit in the sample repre-

sents many renter units in the renter universe, it has a weight equal to the number of renter units it represents. Multiplying the economic rents by the weight yields weighted economic rents for each unit, which are estimates of the total rent that portion of the renter universe is paying. The weighted economic rents are then aggregated across all the usable units in the CPI area to yield total weighted economic rents for a CPI area.

The 6-month change is calculated as follows:

$$\frac{\text{Current month total weighted economic rents}}{\text{6-months earlier total weighted economic rents}}$$

### Estimation

The estimation formula for the residential rent index is as follows: An estimate of the 1-month change is derived by taking the 6<sup>th</sup> root of the 6-month change. The current index is equal to the index from the prior month multiplied by the estimated 1-month change. This result is the residential rent index for each CPI area.

## The Owners' Equivalent Rent Index<sup>1</sup>

### Owner data collection

The CPI spreads the collection of the owner sample over a 2-year period. In addition to asking for household-size data, BLS asks each homeowner for their estimate of the house's implicit rent and what occupants would get for their rent (how many rooms, etc.) if the owner did rent their home.

### Calculating changes in implicit rents

BLS does not use changes in the estimates of the implicit rent to calculate the owners' equivalent rent index. These estimates are only used for the initial level of the implicit rents. BLS estimates changes in implicit rent from changes in the rents of units in the rent sample which have been adjusted to exclude utilities and facilities. BLS uses a process called owner-renter matching, which assigns to each owner unit a set of renter units that match the location, structure type, and general characteristics of each owner unit as closely as possible.

BLS derives an implicit rent for each owner unit in the survey from the initial value estimated by the homeowner and the change in adjusted rents from the matched set of renters. The 6-month change in the average adjusted rents for the matched renters is used to update the owner unit's implicit rent from 6 months earlier to the current month. When this is done, BLS has estimates of the current month's and 6-month's previous implicit rents, which are essentially the same data it collects directly for renter-occupied units.

### Calculating the owners' equivalent rent index

Because each owner housing unit in the sample represents many owner units in the owner universe, it has a weight equal to the number of owner units it represents, just like the renter sample. In addition, because there are now implicit rents and weights for each owner unit, the same procedures that were used with the economic rents for the residential rent index are used to calculate 6-month changes in the implicit rents for the owners' equivalent rent index.

# How the Consumer Price Index Measures Homeowners' Costs

This article explains the methodology BLS uses to measure changes in homeowners' costs and examines briefly the approach that this methodology replaced.

## Current treatment of homeowners' costs in the Consumer Price Index

BLS uses a "rental equivalence" approach to homeowners' costs (the homeowners' costs component in the Consumer Price Index (CPI) is called "owners' equivalent rent"). This is the same basic approach used by most countries that include owner-occupied housing in their consumer price indexes. Rental equivalence measures the change over time in the value of the shelter services provided by an owner-occupied home. It is important to note that this approach measures the value to the homeowner of the daily consumption of the flow-of-services provided by a home (a place to fix meals, relax, entertain, garden, etc.) and not the value to the homeowner of an investment in a long-lived asset (home).

Rental equivalence measures changes in the value of the flow-of-services provided to (consumed by) homeowners by estimating the changes in the implicit rent. Basically, implicit rent is the amount of rent that homeowners could charge if their homes were to be leased to others instead of living in the homes themselves. Another way of looking at it is that the implicit rent is what the cost would be to the homeowner to purchase on the market the services the home provides.

Because implicit rent is not a market transaction, such as the payment to a landlord from a renter, it must be estimated. This is accomplished by measuring the change in market rents for rental housing units with similar characteristics and in similar locations as the homeowner units.

The mechanics of the rental equivalence approach will be explained after a brief look at the previous methods BLS used to measure changes in home-owners' costs.

## Past treatment of home ownership in the CPI

Until the switch was made to rental equivalence in 1983, BLS treated the purchase of a home similarly to the purchase of other consumer goods or services (food, prescription drugs, car repairs, etc.) in the CPI. The major difference is that these consumer goods and services are consumed relatively quickly after the time of purchase; while a

home is both a place to live (consumption) and a long-lived asset (investment).

In addition to changes in home prices, the home ownership component attempted to measure the change in the expected financing costs resulting from the purchase of a home. Finally, this component included changes in the expenses incurred by all existing homeowners for property taxes, property insurance, and maintenance and repairs.

The difficulty with this approach to home ownership (often referred to as the "asset price" approach) is in trying to separate the investment component of home ownership from the consumption of the services that a home provides. The purchase of a home is traditionally the best "investment" that most consumers ever make. In a period of rapidly rising home prices, for example, the appreciation in the value of the home (investment) should be considered a significant offset to all the costs of financing and maintaining the home. Yet, BLS, while using the asset price approach, treated the increase in home prices as a major factor leading to higher reported rates of inflation for all consumers.

Not only is it difficult in practice to measure the increase, or decrease, in the value of an asset (investment) such as a home, it is conceptually beyond the scope of the CPI to measure the changing values of investments. That is why BLS does not include changes in prices for stocks, bonds, savings certificates, art, or antiques that are not consumption goods and services associated with day-to-day living. Because the investment aspect of owning a home is so intertwined with the cost of shelter itself, BLS decided to adopt rental equivalence as the most accurate measure of homeowners' costs.

## The weight of owners' equivalent rent in the CPI

The weight, or relative importance, of owners' equivalent rent was derived from data collected in the Consumer Expenditure Survey (CES). The CES detailed the spending habits of almost 29,000 families nationwide over the 3-year period 1982-84. Using these data, the CPI accurately reflected the market basket of goods and services purchased by the entire U.S. population.

Homeowners in the survey were asked to estimate the amount of monthly rent that their residence would bring unfurnished and without utilities, if it were a rental unit. Alternatively, the homeowner estimates what it would cost

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the family in rent payments to obtain similar shelter elsewhere. In effect, the homeowner places a dollar value on the flow of services that the home provides.

BLS analysts then totaled the estimates of the implicit rents for all homeowners in the CES and compared it to the total dollar expenditures on all goods and services by the surveyed families. Using the relationship (ratio) of the two figures in combination with detailed Census of Population statistics, BLS analysts derived the weight of owners' equivalent rent for all the published CPI areas.

The table below shows the structure of the shelter component of the CPI. The Shelter index includes the components shown below with the relative importance of each index. These data are for the U.S. city average of the CPI for All Urban Consumers (CPI-U) as of December 1995:

<i>Item</i>	<i>Relative importance</i>
Shelter .....	28.289
Renters' costs .....	7.988
Rent, residential .....	5.762
Other renters' costs .....	2.227
Homeowners' costs .....	20.012
Owners' equivalent rent .....	19.716
Household insurance .....	.386
Maintenance and repairs .....	.199

### **Measuring price change for homeowner units from rental units**

The CPI Housing Survey contains both owner-occupied and renter-occupied housing units. An initial estimate of the implicit rent of the owner-occupied housing units in the Survey is derived by asking each owner for their estimate in much the same manner as in the CES. The CPI field representative conducting the survey also estimates the im-

PLICIT rent. To estimate a change in value for implicit rent BLS matches every owner-occupied housing unit in the survey to a set of renter-occupied units.

A large sample of rental housing units is maintained by BLS to collect price data for both the Residential rent index and the owners' equivalent rent index. BLS oversamples rental units that have the same characteristics as owner-occupied homes. That is, they are single-family homes or condominiums that are located in owner-occupied residential or condominium developments. These rental units are matched by computer to homeowners using criteria of location, structure type (single family, house trailer, etc.), and general characteristics (size, number of rooms, air conditioning, etc.). The change in the rents charged for these "matched" units in the CPI residential rent sample is then used to estimate the change in the implicit rent for homeowners (owners' equivalent rent). The Bureau is confident the rental equivalence approach accurately estimates the change over time in the value of the flow of services provided by homes to their owners.

### **For more information**

BLS has more detailed information available on exactly how the rent data used to calculate price indexes for Owners' equivalent rent are collected and processed. For this material or for any additional information about the CPI, please call (202) 606-7000, or write to:

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

(1982-84=100, unless otherwise noted)

Group	Relative importance, December 1995	Unadjusted indexes		Unadjusted percent change to Sept. 1996 from—		Seasonally adjusted percent change from—		
		Aug. 1996	Sept. 1996	Sept. 1995	Aug. 1996	June to July	July to Aug.	Aug. to Sept.
<b>Expenditure category</b>								
All items .....	100.000	157.3	157.8	3.0	0.3	0.3	0.1	0.3
All items (1967=100) .....	-	471.1	472.7	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Food and beverages</b> .....	<b>17.332</b>	<b>154.2</b>	<b>155.0</b>	<b>3.7</b>	<b>.5</b>	<b>.5</b>	<b>.3</b>	<b>.5</b>
Food .....	15.766	153.7	154.6	3.8	.6	.5	.4	.5
Food at home .....	9.880	154.8	155.9	4.5	.7	.5	.5	.6
Cereals and bakery products .....	1.473	175.0	174.7	3.7	-.2	.2	.0	.2
Meats, poultry, fish, and eggs .....	2.936	145.6	147.2	5.5	1.1	.6	.9	1.1
Dairy products .....	1.169	144.6	146.7	10.9	1.5	1.5	2.0	1.7
Fruits and vegetables .....	1.936	182.1	183.6	3.1	.8	.5	-.3	-.1
Other food at home .....	2.365	143.2	143.6	1.8	.3	.2	-.1	.5
Sugar and sweets .....	.327	144.6	145.4	5.1	.6	.5	-.2	1.0
Fats and oils .....	.248	140.9	141.5	3.0	.4	-.6	.8	.6
Nonalcoholic beverages .....	.763	128.5	127.9	-2.9	-.5	-.1	.5	-.6
Other prepared food .....	1.027	156.4	157.5	4.0	.7	.4	-.5	1.0
Food away from home .....	5.886	153.1	153.5	2.6	.3	.3	.2	.3
Alcoholic beverages .....	1.566	158.9	159.5	3.2	.4	.1	.3	.5
<b>Housing</b> .....	<b>41.346</b>	<b>154.0</b>	<b>153.9</b>	<b>2.9</b>	<b>-.1</b>	<b>.4</b>	<b>.2</b>	<b>.2</b>
Shelter .....	28.289	172.3	172.0	3.1	-.2	.5	.1	.2
Renters' costs <sup>1</sup> .....	7.988	183.4	180.9	3.3	-1.4	.8	.1	.1
Rent, residential .....	5.762	162.5	162.9	2.8	.2	.3	.1	.2
Other renters' costs .....	2.227	225.9	214.8	4.7	-4.9	2.1	-.1	-.1
Homeowners' costs <sup>1</sup> .....	20.102	177.0	177.5	3.0	.3	.3	.2	.2
Owners' equivalent rent <sup>1</sup> .....	19.716	177.3	177.9	3.0	.3	.3	.1	.2
Household insurance <sup>1</sup> .....	.386	162.3	162.3	3.4	.0	.5	.1	.3
Maintenance and repairs <sup>2</sup> .....	.199	139.7	139.9	3.3	.1	.4	.2	.1
Maintenance and repair services <sup>2</sup> .....	.122	147.1	147.4	5.1	.2	1.2	.5	.2
Maintenance and repair commodities <sup>2</sup> .....	.077	129.6	129.5	.5	-.1	-.6	-.4	-.1
Fuel and other utilities .....	7.014	129.4	129.8	3.9	.3	.5	.4	.2
Fuels .....	3.792	117.9	118.4	4.4	.4	.9	.5	.2
Fuel oil and other household fuel commodities .....	.356	92.2	95.6	10.4	3.7	-1.6	.5	3.6
Gas (piped) and electricity (energy services) .....	3.436	126.1	126.2	3.8	.1	1.1	.6	-.1
Other utilities and public services <sup>2</sup> .....	3.222	158.0	158.3	3.3	.2	-.1	.3	.2
Household furnishings and operation .....	6.043	124.8	125.1	1.1	.2	.1	.2	.2
Housefurnishings .....	3.445	111.3	111.5	-.2	.2	-.3	.3	.2
Housekeeping supplies .....	1.116	141.1	141.2	2.1	.1	.4	.1	.1
Housekeeping services .....	1.482	148.6	149.4	3.3	.5	.5	.0	.5
<b>Apparel and upkeep</b> .....	<b>5.516</b>	<b>128.1</b>	<b>131.5</b>	<b>-.9</b>	<b>2.7</b>	<b>-.1</b>	<b>-1.4</b>	<b>.5</b>
Apparel commodities .....	4.967	124.2	127.8	-1.3	2.9	-.1	-1.5	.5
Men's and boys' apparel .....	1.303	126.2	127.4	.5	1.0	-.2	.2	-.8
Women's and girls' apparel .....	2.195	118.1	123.6	-2.6	4.7	.0	-2.7	1.0
Infants' and toddlers' apparel <sup>2</sup> .....	.195	125.1	131.4	.2	5.0	-2.6	-.5	5.0
Footwear .....	.732	124.7	126.7	-.1	1.6	-.1	-.6	-.2
Other apparel commodities .....	.542	149.3	151.9	-2.2	1.7	.7	-2.3	1.5
Apparel services <sup>2</sup> .....	.550	160.3	160.4	1.9	.1	.1	.3	.1
<b>Transportation</b> .....	<b>16.953</b>	<b>142.8</b>	<b>143.2</b>	<b>3.2</b>	<b>.3</b>	<b>-.2</b>	<b>-.2</b>	<b>.5</b>
Private transportation .....	15.430	139.9	140.0	3.0	.1	-.2	-.2	.3
New vehicles .....	5.027	142.9	143.2	2.3	.2	.2	.1	.6
New cars .....	4.015	140.7	141.0	2.3	.2	.2	.3	.5
Used cars .....	1.342	156.6	157.0	.3	.3	-.1	.0	.3
Motor fuel .....	2.908	106.4	106.2	6.4	-.2	-1.9	-2.0	-.3
Gasoline .....	-	106.1	105.7	6.0	-.4	-2.7	-2.0	-.4
Maintenance and repairs .....	1.535	158.6	160.0	3.2	.9	.3	.3	.8
Other private transportation .....	4.618	174.1	174.1	2.4	.0	.3	.5	.3
Other private transportation commodities .....	.608	104.8	105.0	.1	.2	-.5	.1	.2
Other private transportation services .....	4.010	190.4	190.3	2.6	-.1	.4	.5	.4
Public transportation .....	1.523	181.4	184.6	4.8	1.8	-.5	-.1	2.0

See footnotes at end of table.

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

(1982-84=100, unless otherwise noted)

Group	Relative importance, December 1995	Unadjusted indexes		Unadjusted percent change to Sept. 1996 from—		Seasonally adjusted percent change from—		
		Aug. 1996	Sept. 1996	Sept. 1995	Aug. 1996	June to July	July to Aug.	Aug. to Sept.
<b>Expenditure category</b>								
Medical care .....	7.362	229.2	229.4	3.3	0.1	0.3	0.2	0.2
Medical care commodities .....	1.282	211.1	211.2	3.1	.0	.0	.2	.1
Medical care services .....	6.081	233.4	233.6	3.3	.1	.3	.2	.2
Professional medical services .....	3.465	209.2	209.6	3.6	.2	.4	.3	.3
Entertainment .....	4.367	159.2	159.8	3.2	.4	.1	.2	.1
Entertainment commodities .....	1.975	143.2	143.3	2.9	.1	.0	.1	.0
Entertainment services .....	2.392	178.0	179.1	3.3	.6	.2	.1	.1
Other goods and services .....	7.123	216.3	218.3	3.9	.9	.4	.3	.0
Tobacco and smoking products .....	1.610	233.4	234.1	2.6	.3	.4	.0	.7
Personal care <sup>2</sup> .....	1.170	150.5	150.8	2.2	.2	.3	.3	.2
Toilet goods and personal care appliances <sup>2</sup> .....	.613	145.0	145.1	1.5	.1	.3	.4	.1
Personal care services <sup>2</sup> .....	.557	156.5	157.2	3.1	.4	.3	.1	.4
Personal and educational expenses .....	4.342	248.7	252.1	4.7	1.4	.4	.5	-.2
School books and supplies .....	.258	227.6	229.9	6.0	1.0	.3	1.2	.0
Personal and educational services .....	4.084	250.5	254.0	4.7	1.4	.4	.5	-.3
<b>Commodity and service group</b>								
All items .....	100.000	157.3	157.8	3.0	.3	.3	.1	.3
Commodities .....	42.916	139.5	140.3	2.6	.6	.1	-.1	.4
Food and beverages .....	17.332	154.2	155.0	3.7	.5	.5	.3	.5
Commodities less food and beverages .....	25.584	130.5	131.4	1.8	.7	-.2	-.4	.3
Nondurables less food and beverages .....	15.075	131.6	133.0	2.3	1.1	-.4	-.8	.2
Apparel commodities .....	4.967	124.2	127.8	-1.3	2.9	-.1	-1.5	.5
Nondurables less food, beverages, and apparel <sup>2</sup> .....	10.108	138.5	138.7	4.1	.1	-.6	-.4	-.1
Durables .....	10.509	128.9	129.2	1.1	.2	-.1	.1	.3
Services .....	57.084	175.3	175.6	3.3	.2	.5	.2	.2
Rent of shelter <sup>1</sup> .....	27.671	179.3	179.0	3.1	-.2	.4	.3	.1
Household services less rent of shelter <sup>1</sup> .....	8.681	144.4	144.6	3.5	.1	.5	.3	.3
Transportation services .....	7.068	180.6	181.6	3.2	.6	.2	.3	.8
Medical care services .....	6.081	233.4	233.6	3.3	.1	.3	.2	.2
Other services .....	7.583	201.9	203.9	3.9	1.0	.3	.3	.0
<b>Special indexes</b>								
All items less food .....	84.234	157.9	158.4	2.9	.3	.2	.1	.2
All items less shelter .....	71.711	152.9	153.8	2.9	.6	.2	.0	.4
All items less homeowners' costs <sup>1</sup> .....	79.898	158.3	158.9	3.0	.4	.3	.0	.3
All items less medical care .....	92.638	153.2	153.8	2.9	.4	.3	.1	.3
Commodities less food .....	27.150	131.7	132.5	1.8	.6	-.2	-.4	.4
Nondurables less food .....	16.641	133.2	134.5	2.4	1.0	-.4	-.7	.2
Nondurables less food and apparel .....	11.674	139.5	139.8	3.9	.2	-.6	-.3	.2
Nondurables .....	32.407	143.1	144.1	3.0	.7	.1	-.2	.3
Services less rent of shelter <sup>1</sup> .....	29.414	183.7	184.6	3.5	.5	.4	.3	.4
Services less medical care services .....	51.004	169.9	170.2	3.3	.2	.5	.2	.4
Energy .....	6.700	111.6	111.7	5.2	.1	-.4	-.6	.0
All items less energy .....	93.300	163.4	164.0	2.8	.4	.3	.1	.3
All items less food and energy .....	77.534	165.8	166.4	2.7	.4	.3	.1	.3
Commodities less food and energy commodities .....	23.885	140.3	141.4	1.2	.8	.0	-.1	.4
Energy commodities .....	3.264	105.0	105.2	6.8	.2	-2.0	-1.6	.1
Services less energy services .....	53.648	180.4	180.7	3.3	.2	.3	.2	.2
Purchasing power of the consumer dollar:								
1982-84=\$1.00 <sup>2</sup> .....	-	\$.636	\$.634	-2.9	-.3	-.2	-.2	-.3
1967=\$1.00 <sup>2</sup> .....	-	.212	.212	-	-	-	-	-

<sup>1</sup> Indexes on a December 1982=100 base.

<sup>2</sup> Not seasonally adjusted.

- Data not available.

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

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

(1982-84=100, unless otherwise noted)

Group	Seasonally adjusted indexes				Seasonally adjusted annual rate percent change for					
	June 1996	July 1996	Aug. 1996	Sept. 1996	3 months ended—				6 months ended—	
					Dec. 1995	Mar. 1996	June 1996	Sept. 1996	Mar. 1996	Sept. 1996
<b>Expenditure category</b>										
All items .....	-	-	-	-	2.4	4.0	3.1	2.6	3.2	2.8
Food and beverages .....	153.4	154.1	154.6	155.3	1.9	3.2	4.6	5.0	2.6	4.8
Food .....	153.1	153.8	154.4	155.1	1.9	3.2	4.6	5.3	2.6	4.9
Food at home .....	154.0	154.8	155.5	156.5	1.9	3.8	5.6	6.7	2.8	6.1
Cereals and bakery products .....	173.9	174.3	174.3	174.7	4.3	5.5	3.3	1.9	4.9	2.6
Meats, poultry, fish, and eggs .....	143.7	144.5	145.8	147.4	6.7	-6	5.5	10.7	3.0	8.1
Dairy products .....	139.9	142.0	144.8	147.2	7.1	4.2	10.3	22.6	5.6	16.3
Fruits and vegetables .....	185.9	186.9	186.3	186.1	-8.8	12.0	9.1	.4	1.1	4.7
Other food at home .....	142.8	143.1	143.0	143.7	.6	1.4	2.6	2.5	1.0	2.6
Sugar and sweets .....	143.8	144.5	144.2	145.6	2.9	7.7	4.9	5.1	5.3	5.0
Fats and oils .....	140.8	139.9	141.0	141.9	3.2	2.3	3.2	3.2	2.8	3.2
Nonalcoholic beverages .....	128.4	128.3	129.0	128.2	-4.5	-4.5	-1.8	-6	-4.5	-1.2
Other prepared food .....	156.2	156.8	156.0	157.6	2.7	4.0	5.3	3.6	3.3	4.5
Food away from home .....	152.3	152.8	153.1	153.5	2.2	2.1	2.9	3.2	2.2	3.1
Alcoholic beverages .....	158.3	158.5	158.9	159.7	1.6	4.7	3.1	3.6	3.1	3.3
Housing .....	152.3	152.9	153.2	153.5	3.3	3.2	2.1	3.2	3.2	2.7
Shelter .....	170.4	171.2	171.4	171.7	3.4	3.4	2.6	3.1	3.4	2.9
Renters' costs <sup>1</sup> .....	178.7	180.2	180.3	180.5	1.8	5.1	2.3	4.1	3.5	3.2
Rent, residential .....	161.8	162.3	162.5	162.9	2.8	2.5	3.0	2.7	2.7	2.9
Other renters' costs .....	212.6	217.1	216.8	216.5	.0	11.3	.2	7.5	5.5	3.8
Homeowners' costs <sup>1</sup> .....	176.2	176.7	177.0	177.4	4.0	2.6	2.8	2.8	3.3	2.8
Owners' equivalent rent <sup>1</sup> .....	176.5	177.1	177.3	177.7	4.0	2.5	2.8	2.7	3.3	2.8
Household insurance <sup>1</sup> .....	160.6	161.4	161.6	162.1	4.4	2.0	3.3	3.8	3.2	3.5
Maintenance and repairs <sup>2</sup> .....	138.8	139.4	139.7	139.9	3.6	2.7	3.8	3.2	3.1	3.5
Maintenance and repair services <sup>2</sup> .....	144.6	146.3	147.1	147.4	5.2	4.9	2.2	8.0	5.1	5.1
Maintenance and repair commodities <sup>2</sup> .....	130.9	130.1	129.6	129.5	.6	-3	6.0	-4.2	.2	.8
Fuel and other utilities .....	126.9	127.5	128.0	128.3	3.3	5.2	2.9	4.5	4.3	3.7
Fuels .....	113.2	114.2	114.8	115.0	4.4	4.4	2.5	6.5	4.4	4.5
Fuel oil and other household fuel commodities .....	95.3	93.8	94.3	97.7	1.8	47.1	-9.8	10.5	22.4	-2
Gas (piped) and electricity (energy services) .....	120.4	121.7	122.4	122.3	4.8	.3	4.1	6.5	2.6	5.3
Other utilities and public services <sup>2</sup> .....	157.6	157.5	158.0	158.3	1.8	6.7	3.1	1.8	4.2	2.4
Household furnishings and operation .....	124.4	124.5	124.7	125.0	1.6	1.0	.0	1.9	1.3	1.0
Housefurnishings .....	111.2	110.9	111.2	111.4	.0	-7	-7	.7	-4	.0
Housekeeping supplies .....	140.5	141.1	141.3	141.4	4.7	4.1	-2.5	2.6	4.4	.0
Housekeeping services .....	147.8	148.6	148.6	149.3	3.4	1.7	4.2	4.1	2.5	4.1
Apparel and upkeep .....	131.8	131.7	129.9	130.5	1.5	1.5	-2.7	-3.9	1.5	-3.3
Apparel commodities .....	128.1	128.0	126.1	126.7	1.6	1.2	-3.4	-4.3	1.4	-3.8
Men's and boys' apparel .....	127.7	127.4	127.6	126.6	-3	8.9	-2.8	-3.4	4.2	-3.1
Women's and girls' apparel .....	124.5	124.5	121.1	122.3	4.9	-4.0	-3.5	-6.9	.3	-5.2
Infants' and toddlers' apparel <sup>2</sup> .....	129.1	125.7	125.1	131.4	-7.4	15.1	-12.0	7.3	3.2	-2.8
Footwear .....	127.3	127.2	126.4	126.1	-2.5	6.5	-3	-3.7	1.9	-2.0
Other apparel commodities .....	150.7	151.8	148.3	150.5	.3	-2.6	-5.9	-5	-1.2	-3.2
Apparel services <sup>2</sup> .....	159.7	159.9	160.3	160.4	.8	3.1	2.0	1.8	1.9	1.9
Transportation .....	143.7	143.4	143.1	143.8	-1.1	8.0	5.8	.3	3.3	3.0
Private transportation .....	140.7	140.4	140.1	140.5	.6	7.5	4.4	-6	4.0	1.9
New vehicles .....	143.7	144.0	144.2	145.0	.8	2.0	2.8	3.7	1.4	3.2
New cars .....	141.4	141.7	142.1	142.8	.6	2.3	2.3	4.0	1.4	3.2
Used cars .....	155.9	155.7	155.7	156.2	4.2	9.7	-12.3	.8	6.9	-6.0
Motor fuel .....	108.7	106.6	104.5	104.2	-1.6	32.5	16.6	-15.6	14.2	-8
Gasoline .....	108.9	106.0	103.9	103.5	-1.2	32.0	18.8	-18.4	14.2	-1.5
Maintenance and repairs .....	157.8	158.2	158.6	159.8	2.3	2.9	2.3	5.2	2.6	3.7
Other private transportation .....	173.6	174.1	174.9	175.5	.2	.0	4.5	4.5	.1	4.5
Other private transportation commodities .....	105.4	104.9	105.0	105.2	-4	.8	.8	-8	.2	.0
Other private transportation services .....	189.9	190.6	191.5	192.3	.4	.0	5.0	5.2	.2	5.1
Public transportation .....	184.4	183.5	183.4	187.1	-16.6	12.5	21.6	6.0	-3.1	13.5

See footnotes at end of table.

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

(1982-84=100, unless otherwise noted)

Group	Seasonally adjusted indexes				Seasonally adjusted annual rate percent change for					
	June 1996	July 1996	Aug. 1996	Sept. 1996	3 months ended—				6 months ended—	
					Dec. 1995	Mar. 1996	June 1996	Sept. 1996	Mar. 1996	Sept. 1996
<b>Expenditure category</b>										
Medical care .....	228.3	228.9	229.4	229.8	3.6	3.2	3.4	2.7	3.4	3.0
Medical care commodities .....	210.7	210.7	211.1	211.4	3.2	3.5	4.3	1.3	3.3	2.8
Medical care services .....	232.1	232.9	233.4	233.8	3.8	3.2	3.2	3.0	3.5	3.1
Professional medical services .....	207.7	208.5	209.2	209.8	4.0	3.0	3.1	4.1	3.5	3.6
Entertainment .....	159.2	159.3	159.6	159.7	4.2	4.7	2.3	1.3	4.4	1.8
Entertainment commodities .....	143.1	143.1	143.3	143.3	4.7	5.2	1.1	.6	4.9	.8
Entertainment services .....	178.2	178.5	178.7	178.9	3.7	3.9	3.7	1.6	3.8	2.6
Other goods and services .....	215.9	216.8	217.5	217.6	4.1	4.4	3.6	3.2	4.2	3.4
Tobacco and smoking products .....	232.2	233.1	233.0	234.6	.7	3.7	1.9	4.2	2.2	3.1
Personal care <sup>2</sup> .....	149.6	150.0	150.5	150.8	3.9	1.3	.5	3.2	2.6	1.9
Toilet goods and personal care appliances <sup>2</sup> .....	143.9	144.4	145.0	145.1	3.1	-.3	-.3	3.4	1.4	1.5
Personal care services <sup>2</sup> .....	155.9	156.3	156.5	157.2	5.1	2.6	1.6	3.4	3.8	2.5
Personal and educational expenses .....	247.8	248.8	250.1	249.5	5.5	5.8	5.0	2.8	5.6	3.9
School books and supplies .....	225.6	226.2	229.0	229.0	7.0	8.4	2.3	6.2	7.7	4.2
Personal and educational services .....	249.3	250.4	251.6	250.9	5.3	5.5	5.1	2.6	5.4	3.9
<b>Commodity and service group</b>										
All items .....	-	-	-	-	2.4	4.0	3.1	2.6	3.2	2.8
Commodities .....	139.9	140.0	139.8	140.4	1.8	5.0	2.3	1.4	3.4	1.9
Food and beverages .....	153.4	154.1	154.6	155.3	1.9	3.2	4.6	5.0	2.6	4.8
Commodities less food and beverages .....	131.7	131.4	130.9	131.3	1.6	6.0	1.2	-1.2	3.8	.0
Nondurables less food and beverages .....	133.3	132.8	131.8	132.0	2.2	9.9	1.2	-3.8	6.0	-1.3
Apparel commodities .....	128.1	128.0	126.1	126.7	1.6	1.2	-3.4	-4.3	1.4	-3.8
Nondurables less food, beverages, and apparel <sup>2</sup> .....	139.3	138.4	137.8	137.7	2.1	15.6	3.8	-4.5	8.6	-4
Durables .....	129.3	129.2	129.3	129.7	.9	2.5	-.6	1.2	1.7	.3
Services .....	173.9	174.7	175.0	175.4	2.6	3.6	3.5	3.5	3.1	3.5
Rent of shelter <sup>1</sup> .....	177.6	178.3	178.8	179.0	3.3	3.5	2.5	3.2	3.4	2.9
Household services less rent of shelter <sup>1</sup> .....	141.7	142.4	142.8	143.2	3.5	2.3	4.1	4.3	2.9	4.2
Transportation services .....	180.7	181.0	181.6	183.0	-3.1	3.2	7.9	5.2	.0	6.5
Medical care services .....	232.1	232.9	233.4	233.8	3.8	3.2	3.2	3.0	3.5	3.1
Other services .....	201.9	202.5	203.2	203.1	4.4	4.7	4.1	2.4	4.6	3.2
<b>Special indexes</b>										
All items less food .....	157.4	157.7	157.8	158.1	2.1	4.5	2.8	1.8	3.3	2.3
All items less shelter .....	152.8	153.1	153.1	153.7	1.6	4.3	3.5	2.4	3.0	2.9
All items less homeowners' costs <sup>1</sup> .....	157.9	158.3	158.3	158.8	1.8	4.5	3.4	2.3	3.1	2.8
All items less medical care .....	152.6	153.0	153.1	153.5	2.2	4.1	3.2	2.4	3.1	2.8
Commodities less food .....	132.9	132.6	132.1	132.6	1.2	6.3	1.2	-.9	3.7	.2
Nondurables less food .....	134.8	134.3	133.4	133.7	2.5	8.8	1.8	-3.2	5.6	-.7
Nondurables less food and apparel .....	140.1	139.2	138.8	139.1	3.0	11.8	4.4	-2.8	7.3	.7
Nondurables .....	143.6	143.7	143.4	143.8	1.7	6.7	3.1	.6	4.2	1.8
Services less rent of shelter <sup>1</sup> .....	182.2	182.9	183.5	184.2	2.0	3.6	4.1	4.5	2.8	4.3
Services less medical care services .....	168.3	169.1	169.4	170.0	2.5	3.7	3.2	4.1	3.1	3.6
Energy .....	110.2	109.8	109.1	109.1	1.9	15.8	8.4	-3.9	8.7	2.0
All items less energy .....	163.1	163.6	163.8	164.3	2.3	3.3	2.7	3.0	2.8	2.9
All items less food and energy .....	165.6	166.1	166.2	166.7	2.2	3.5	2.2	2.7	2.9	2.4
Commodities less food and energy commodities .....	141.2	141.2	141.0	141.5	1.7	2.6	-.3	.9	2.2	.3
Energy commodities .....	107.3	105.2	103.5	103.6	-1.2	34.3	13.3	-13.1	15.2	-.8
Services less energy services .....	179.4	180.0	180.4	180.8	2.5	3.4	3.9	3.2	3.0	3.5

<sup>1</sup> Indexes on a December 1982=100 base.

<sup>2</sup> Not seasonally adjusted.

- Data not available.

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, detailed expenditure categories**

(1982-84=100, unless otherwise noted)

Item and group	Unadjusted indexes		Unadjusted percent change to Sept. 1996 from—		Seasonally adjusted percent change from—		
	Aug. 1996	Sept. 1996	Sept. 1995	Aug. 1996	June to July	July to Aug.	Aug. to Sept.
<b>Expenditure category</b>							
Food and beverages .....	154.2	155.0	3.7	0.5	0.5	0.3	0.5
Food .....	153.7	154.6	3.8	.6	.5	.4	.5
Food at home .....	154.8	155.9	4.5	.7	.5	.5	.6
Cereals and bakery products .....	175.0	174.7	3.7	-.2	.2	.0	.2
Cereals and cereal products .....	168.8	166.9	-.4	-1.1	-.4	-.4	-.4
Flour and prepared flour mixes .....	160.0	156.2	8.5	-2.4	1.5	1.4	-1.4
Cereal <sup>1</sup> .....	186.3	184.3	-3.8	-1.1	-.9	-1.1	-1.1
Rice, pasta, and cornmeal .....	145.6	145.1	2.7	-.3	.6	.3	-.4
Bakery products <sup>1</sup> .....	177.7	178.1	5.7	.2	.6	.3	.2
White bread <sup>1</sup> .....	181.0	180.1	8.0	-.5	.7	1.3	-.5
Fresh other bread, biscuits, rolls, and muffins <sup>1</sup> .....	178.1	180.2	7.3	1.2	1.1	.7	1.2
Cookies, fresh cakes, and cupcakes <sup>1</sup> .....	172.4	173.5	2.7	.6	-.6	-.7	.6
Other bakery products .....	179.4	178.9	4.9	-.3	1.3	-.5	.2
Meats, poultry, fish, and eggs .....	145.6	147.2	5.5	1.1	.6	.9	1.1
Meats, poultry, and fish .....	146.0	147.3	4.8	.9	.6	1.1	.8
Meats .....	141.8	143.0	5.5	.8	.6	1.6	.7
Beef and veal .....	134.4	134.7	1.1	.2	.8	1.7	.2
Ground beef other than canned .....	114.8	114.0	-.2	-.7	2.6	1.7	-1.1
Chuck roast .....	141.0	141.4	4.9	.3	1.3	6.6	-.1
Round roast .....	121.4	126.3	2.9	4.0	.6	2.0	3.1
Round steak .....	122.7	129.9	1.1	5.9	.9	-2.4	4.5
Sirloin steak .....	139.4	137.8	.3	-1.1	-.1	1.5	.0
Other beef and veal <sup>1</sup> .....	157.8	157.4	1.2	-.3	-.1	1.5	-.3
Pork .....	153.5	156.3	13.4	1.8	.3	2.1	1.6
Bacon <sup>1</sup> .....	161.7	169.1	37.5	4.6	2.5	5.6	4.6
Chops .....	156.3	155.7	4.4	-.4	-2.7	1.0	-1.0
Ham .....	153.6	156.7	9.9	2.0	1.0	2.0	2.1
Other pork, including sausage .....	147.1	149.7	11.3	1.8	.8	.6	2.0
Other meats <sup>1</sup> .....	144.8	146.0	5.3	.8	.6	.8	.8
Poultry <sup>1</sup> .....	154.5	155.8	6.8	.8	.9	1.2	.8
Fresh whole chicken <sup>1</sup> .....	156.7	157.2	8.3	.3	1.7	1.5	.3
Fresh and frozen chicken parts <sup>1</sup> .....	155.4	157.5	6.4	1.4	.3	1.0	1.4
Other poultry .....	152.6	153.3	5.1	.5	1.4	.6	.0
Fish and seafood .....	170.2	171.9	-.9	1.0	.3	-1.7	.3
Canned fish and seafood <sup>1</sup> .....	126.1	125.2	.1	-.7	.5	-.6	-.7
Fresh and frozen fish and seafood .....	191.9	194.5	-1.2	1.4	.4	-2.0	.5
Eggs .....	138.1	143.5	17.0	3.9	-.4	-1.8	6.5
Dairy products .....	144.6	146.7	10.9	1.5	1.5	2.0	1.7
Fresh milk and cream .....	144.4	145.6	10.9	.8	1.6	1.4	1.4
Fresh whole milk .....	142.8	143.7	10.5	.6	1.7	.8	1.5
Other fresh milk and cream <sup>1</sup> .....	146.5	148.0	11.4	1.0	.9	2.1	1.0
Processed dairy products .....	145.5	148.5	10.8	2.1	1.9	2.0	2.3
Cheese .....	146.7	149.4	8.4	1.8	.9	2.0	2.3
Ice cream and related products .....	145.4	148.8	8.4	2.3	1.1	1.4	2.1
Other dairy products, including butter .....	139.8	143.4	23.3	2.6	5.9	3.0	3.1
Fruits and vegetables .....	182.1	183.6	3.1	.8	.5	-.3	-.1
Fresh fruits and vegetables .....	207.0	209.4	1.5	1.2	.2	-.5	-.5
Fresh fruits .....	231.8	243.7	5.5	5.1	-1.3	-1.3	2.6
Apples .....	214.0	209.0	6.0	-2.3	.2	-2.0	-.1
Bananas .....	154.2	148.6	-3.6	-3.6	-2.7	-1.9	.8
Oranges, including tangerines .....	295.4	332.1	13.9	12.4	1.5	9.5	4.5
Other fresh fruits .....	242.6	258.8	4.3	6.7	-2.1	-3.7	3.1
Fresh vegetables .....	182.3	175.1	-3.6	-3.9	2.1	.4	-4.1
Potatoes .....	196.6	180.9	-1.0	-8.0	-.8	1.7	.8
Lettuce <sup>1</sup> .....	175.7	174.5	-21.4	-.7	-2.0	-2.2	-.7
Tomatoes <sup>1</sup> .....	170.7	164.4	4.6	-3.7	-8.5	-2.0	-3.7
Other fresh vegetables .....	183.4	177.6	-1.9	-3.2	6.9	-.7	-4.2
Processed fruits and vegetables .....	147.1	147.2	6.7	.1	1.3	.1	.6
Processed fruits .....	147.2	147.6	6.9	.3	1.3	-.5	.7
Fruit juices and frozen fruit .....	147.0	147.6	7.6	.4	1.7	-.7	.6
Canned and dried fruits .....	145.5	145.3	4.5	-.1	.4	.0	.7
Processed vegetables .....	147.3	147.0	6.2	-.2	1.3	.8	.8
Frozen vegetables .....	146.2	144.9	2.4	-.9	-.1	2.0	-.7
Processed vegetables excluding frozen .....	148.5	148.8	8.2	.2	1.9	.3	1.5

See footnotes at end of table.

**Table 3. Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers (CPI-U): U.S. city average, detailed expenditure categories—Continued**

(1982-84 = 100, unless otherwise noted)

Item and group	Unadjusted indexes		Unadjusted percent change to Sept. 1996 from—		Seasonally adjusted percent change from—		
	Aug. 1996	Sept. 1996	Sept. 1995	Aug. 1996	June to July	July to Aug.	Aug. to Sept.
<b>Expenditure category</b>							
Other food at home .....	143.2	143.6	1.8	0.3	0.2	-0.1	0.5
Sugar and sweets .....	144.6	145.4	5.1	.6	.5	-.2	1.0
Sugar and artificial sweeteners .....	134.5	134.5	5.0	.0	.3	.8	-.1
Sweets, including candy <sup>1</sup> .....	148.7	149.8	5.1	.7	.7	-.3	.7
Fats and oils .....	140.9	141.5	3.0	.4	-.6	.8	.6
Nonalcoholic beverages .....	128.5	127.9	-2.9	-.5	-.1	.5	-.6
Carbonated drinks .....	120.3	119.0	-1.2	-1.1	.0	.9	-1.6
Coffee <sup>1</sup> .....	148.1	147.5	-8.4	-.4	-1.0	.3	-.4
Other noncarbonated drinks .....	137.4	139.2	3.0	1.3	.6	.7	.5
Other prepared food .....	156.4	157.5	4.0	.7	.4	-.5	1.0
Canned and packaged soup .....	186.6	185.4	4.5	-.6	.6	-.1	-.3
Frozen prepared food <sup>1</sup> .....	143.3	143.6	2.4	.2	1.5	-1.4	.2
Snacks <sup>1</sup> .....	148.7	150.0	5.1	.9	.9	-.1	.9
Seasonings, condiments, sauces, and spices .....	163.1	164.5	5.4	.9	-.3	.4	1.0
Miscellaneous prepared food, including baby food <sup>1</sup> .....	156.2	157.8	2.5	1.0	-.1	-.4	1.1
Food away from home .....	153.1	153.5	2.6	.3	.3	.2	.3
Lunch .....	153.8	154.1	2.5	.2	.3	.3	.2
Dinner .....	151.1	151.4	2.4	.2	.2	.2	.2
Other meals and snacks <sup>1</sup> .....	155.9	156.4	2.7	.3	.3	.3	.3
Alcoholic beverages .....	158.9	159.5	3.2	.4	.1	.3	.5
Alcoholic beverages at home .....	147.0	147.6	3.1	.4	.3	.1	.5
Beer and ale .....	147.6	148.1	3.3	.3	.2	.4	.4
Wine .....	139.5	140.6	5.1	.8	.1	.1	.8
Distilled spirits <sup>1</sup> .....	148.1	148.4	1.2	.2	.3	.2	.2
Alcoholic beverages away from home .....	183.2	183.9	3.4	.4	-.1	.5	.4
Housing .....	154.0	153.9	2.9	-.1	.4	.2	.2
Shelter .....	172.3	172.0	3.1	-.2	.5	.1	.2
Renters' costs <sup>2</sup> .....	183.4	180.9	3.3	-1.4	.8	.1	.1
Rent, residential .....	162.5	162.9	2.8	.2	.3	.1	.2
Other renters' costs .....	225.9	214.8	4.7	-4.9	2.1	-.1	-.1
Lodging while out of town .....	226.1	213.2	4.8	-5.7	2.3	-.1	-.1
Lodging while at school <sup>2</sup> .....	215.5	219.0	4.2	1.6	.4	.6	.0
Tenants' insurance .....	156.0	156.0	3.6	.0	.7	.0	.3
Homeowners' costs <sup>2</sup> .....	177.0	177.5	3.0	.3	.3	.2	.2
Owners' equivalent rent <sup>2</sup> .....	177.3	177.9	3.0	.3	.3	.1	.2
Household insurance <sup>2</sup> .....	162.3	162.3	3.4	.0	.5	.1	.3
Maintenance and repairs <sup>1</sup> .....	139.7	139.9	3.3	.1	.4	.2	.1
Maintenance and repair services <sup>1</sup> .....	147.1	147.4	5.1	.2	1.2	.5	.2
Maintenance and repair commodities <sup>1</sup> .....	129.6	129.5	.5	-.1	-.6	-.4	-.1
Materials, supplies, and equipment for home repairs <sup>1 3</sup> .....	121.9	122.4	3.0	.4	-.7	.0	.4
Other maintenance and repair commodities <sup>1</sup> .....	125.4	124.7	-1.6	-.6	-.6	-.7	-.6
Fuel and other utilities .....	129.4	129.8	3.9	.3	.5	.4	.2
Fuels .....	117.9	118.4	4.4	.4	.9	.5	.2
Fuel oil and other household fuel commodities .....	92.2	95.6	10.4	3.7	-1.6	.5	3.6
Fuel oil .....	89.3	93.6	12.5	4.8	-2.0	.9	4.5
Other household fuel commodities <sup>1 3</sup> .....	121.8	123.3	6.0	1.2	-.8	-.2	1.2
Gas (piped) and electricity (energy services) .....	126.1	126.2	3.8	.1	1.1	.6	-.1
Electricity .....	138.1	138.3	2.9	.1	1.5	.8	.2
Utility (piped) gas .....	107.1	107.0	6.2	-.1	.4	.0	-.7
Other utilities and public services <sup>1</sup> .....	158.0	158.3	3.3	.2	-.1	.3	.2
Telephone services <sup>1</sup> .....	126.5	126.7	2.1	.2	.2	.2	.2
Local charges <sup>1</sup> .....	161.3	161.4	.6	.1	.2	.0	.1
Interstate toll calls <sup>1</sup> .....	78.4	78.6	4.9	.3	.0	.0	.3
Intrastate toll calls <sup>1</sup> .....	90.9	91.0	5.7	.1	.2	2.0	.1
Water and sewerage maintenance .....	204.2	204.5	3.4	.1	-2.2	.2	.3
Cable television <sup>1 4</sup> .....	215.8	216.6	7.4	.4	1.6	.4	.4
Refuse collection <sup>4</sup> .....	247.0	247.7	2.1	.3	.0	-.2	.4

See footnotes at end of table.

**Table 3. Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers (CPI-U): U.S. city average, detailed expenditure categories—Continued**

(1982-84=100, unless otherwise noted)

Item and group	Unadjusted indexes		Unadjusted percent change to Sept. 1996 from—		Seasonally adjusted percent change from—		
	Aug. 1996	Sept. 1996	Sept. 1995	Aug. 1996	June to July	July to Aug.	Aug. to Sept.
<b>Expenditure category</b>							
Household furnishings and operation .....	124.8	125.1	1.1	0.2	0.1	0.2	0.2
Housefurnishings .....	111.3	111.5	-.2	.2	-.3	.3	.2
Textile housefurnishings .....	121.6	121.0	-2.4	-.5	-.8	.7	-.9
Furniture and bedding <sup>1</sup> .....	134.5	135.4	2.4	.7	-.4	.2	.7
Bedroom furniture <sup>1</sup> .....	139.6	141.0	2.1	1.0	-1.1	-.4	1.0
Sofas <sup>1</sup> .....	144.1	145.3	8.1	.8	-.6	2.0	.8
Living room chairs and tables <sup>1</sup> .....	136.0	136.9	-.7	.7	.7	-.8	.7
Other furniture .....	122.9	123.0	.9	.1	.2	1.0	-.2
Appliances, including electronic equipment <sup>1</sup> .....	77.4	77.1	-2.8	-.4	-.3	-.4	-.4
Video and audio products <sup>1</sup> .....	71.1	70.4	-3.6	-1.0	.0	-.6	-1.0
Televisions <sup>1</sup> .....	64.0	63.3	-5.7	-1.1	-.5	-1.1	-1.1
Video products other than televisions <sup>1 5</sup> .....	66.6	65.0	-5.8	-2.4	.0	1.2	-2.4
Audio products <sup>1</sup> .....	90.4	90.1	-1.2	-.3	.2	-.9	-.3
Major household appliances <sup>1 3</sup> .....	103.3	103.3	1.4	.0	.3	.5	.0
Refrigerators and home freezers <sup>1</sup> .....	110.4	109.8	1.5	-.5	.6	-.5	-.5
Laundry equipment <sup>1</sup> .....	114.1	113.9	4.3	-.2	.5	3.1	-.2
Stoves, ovens, dishwashers, and air conditioners <sup>1 3</sup> .....	92.9	93.4	-1.3	.5	-.3	-.7	.5
Information processing equipment <sup>1 5</sup> .....	55.0	55.3	-12.9	.5	-4.1	-1.4	.5
Other housefurnishings <sup>1 3</sup> .....	115.4	115.8	-.3	.3	.6	-.1	.3
Floor and window coverings, infants', laundry, cleaning, and outdoor equipment <sup>1</sup> .....	141.0	141.4	1.5	.3	.1	2.0	.3
Clocks, lamps, and decor items <sup>1</sup> .....	117.9	119.5	-1.2	1.4	-.2	-1.3	1.4
Tableware, serving pieces, and nonelectric kitchenware <sup>1</sup> .....	124.1	123.4	.1	-.6	1.5	-.2	-.6
Lawn equipment, power tools, and other hardware <sup>1</sup> .....	109.4	109.2	2.1	-.2	.5	.6	-.2
Sewing, floor cleaning, small kitchen, and portable heating appliances <sup>1 3</sup> .....	89.6	88.5	-2.2	-1.2	2.5	-1.5	-1.2
Indoor plants and fresh cut flowers <sup>1 6</sup> .....	113.8	116.0	-1.9	1.9	.2	-.2	1.9
Housekeeping supplies .....	141.1	141.2	2.1	.1	.4	.1	.1
Laundry and cleaning products, including soap <sup>1</sup> .....	143.9	144.5	2.5	.4	.6	-.2	.4
Household paper products and stationery supplies <sup>1</sup> .....	144.8	144.1	2.1	-.5	.1	.0	-.5
Other household, lawn, and garden supplies <sup>1</sup> .....	134.1	134.6	1.7	.4	.1	.1	.4
Housekeeping services .....	148.6	149.4	3.3	.5	.5	.0	.5
Postage <sup>1</sup> .....	160.3	160.3	.0	.0	.0	.0	.0
Appliance and furniture repair <sup>1</sup> .....	156.0	157.9	4.4	1.2	.3	-.1	1.2
Gardening and other household services <sup>1 3</sup> .....	136.7	137.3	4.0	.4	.7	-.5	.4
Apparel and upkeep .....	128.1	131.5	-.9	2.7	-.1	-1.4	.5
Apparel commodities .....	124.2	127.8	-1.3	2.9	-.1	-1.5	.5
Apparel commodities less footwear .....	124.2	128.1	-1.5	3.1	-.1	-1.7	.7
Men's and boys' .....	126.2	127.4	.5	1.0	-.2	.2	-.8
Men's .....	129.2	130.2	1.1	.8	-.2	.1	-.9
Suits, sport coats, coats, and jackets .....	134.5	135.1	-.7	.4	-.1	1.5	-2.1
Furnishings and special clothing .....	118.7	121.6	3.4	2.4	-.1	-1.3	-.4
Shirts .....	134.1	135.2	1.8	.8	-1.1	.7	-.3
Dungarees, jeans, and trousers .....	129.3	128.3	.5	-.8	1.1	-1.2	-1.5
Boys' .....	113.6	116.0	-2.3	2.1	-.3	.5	-.6
Women's and girls' .....	118.1	123.6	-2.6	4.7	.0	-2.7	1.0
Women's .....	118.0	123.7	-2.5	4.8	.4	-2.6	1.1
Coats and jackets .....	112.1	119.7	-.6	6.8	.6	-2.8	1.0
Dresses .....	109.2	114.6	-6.0	4.9	3.0	-3.1	.8
Separates and sportswear .....	117.1	123.0	-2.8	5.0	.7	-3.9	1.1
Underwear, nightwear, hosiery, and accessories .....	132.9	133.9	3.6	.8	-.4	-1.0	.9
Suits .....	135.3	149.0	-7.9	10.1	-2.8	2.2	.2
Girls' .....	118.8	123.7	-2.7	4.1	-2.5	-4.1	1.1
Infants' and toddlers' <sup>1</sup> .....	125.1	131.4	.2	5.0	-2.6	-.5	5.0
Other apparel commodities .....	149.3	151.9	-2.2	1.7	.7	-2.3	1.5
Sewing materials, notions, and luggage <sup>1 3</sup> .....	134.8	134.5	-.7	-.2	2.0	-3.3	-.2
Watches and jewelry <sup>3</sup> .....	148.0	151.1	-2.5	2.1	.7	-2.1	2.0
Watches <sup>1 3</sup> .....	129.3	130.7	-2.4	1.1	-.6	-.2	1.1
Jewelry <sup>3</sup> .....	153.3	156.9	-2.5	2.3	1.4	-2.4	2.2
Footwear .....	124.7	126.7	-.1	1.6	-.1	-.6	-.2
Men's .....	131.0	133.2	-1.4	1.7	.2	.5	.8
Boys' and girls' .....	127.3	128.7	6.7	1.1	.0	-.1	-1.1
Women's .....	118.3	120.6	-1.8	1.9	.0	-1.6	-.5
Apparel services <sup>1</sup> .....	160.3	160.4	1.9	.1	.1	.3	.1
Laundry and dry cleaning other than coin operated <sup>1</sup> .....	162.6	162.6	2.3	.0	.2	.6	.0
Other apparel services <sup>1</sup> .....	158.2	158.4	1.4	.1	.1	-.1	.1

See footnotes at end of table.

**Table 3. Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers (CPI-U): U.S. city average, detailed expenditure categories—Continued**

(1982-84=100, unless otherwise noted)

Item and group	Unadjusted indexes		Unadjusted percent change to Sept. 1996 from—		Seasonally adjusted percent change from—		
	Aug. 1996	Sept. 1996	Sept. 1995	Aug. 1996	June to July	July to Aug.	Aug. to Sept.
<b>Expenditure category</b>							
Transportation .....	142.8	143.2	3.2	0.3	-0.2	-0.2	0.5
Private .....	139.9	140.0	3.0	.1	-.2	-.2	.3
New vehicles .....	142.9	143.2	2.3	.2	.2	.1	.6
New cars .....	140.7	141.0	2.3	.2	.2	.3	.5
Subcompact new cars <sup>3</sup> .....	122.6	122.9	1.5	.2	.4	.1	.6
Compact new cars <sup>3</sup> .....	121.8	122.1	3.2	.2	.4	.2	.5
Intermediate new cars <sup>3</sup> .....	121.0	121.1	2.3	.1	.5	.2	.4
Full-size new cars <sup>3</sup> .....	123.2	123.7	2.6	.4	.2	.2	.6
Luxury new cars <sup>3</sup> .....	130.9	130.8	3.0	-.1	.2	.2	.4
New trucks <sup>4</sup> .....	148.7	149.1	2.0	.3	.3	.1	.3
New motorcycles <sup>3</sup> .....	160.9	161.1	4.3	.1	.5	-.2	-.2
Used cars .....	156.6	157.0	.3	.3	-.1	.0	.3
Motor fuel .....	106.4	106.2	6.4	-.2	-1.9	-2.0	-.3
Gasoline .....	106.1	105.7	6.0	-.4	-2.7	-2.0	-.4
Gasoline, unleaded regular .....	104.0	103.5	6.3	-.5	-1.9	-2.1	-.6
Gasoline, unleaded midgrade <sup>1 7</sup> .....	110.8	110.2	5.8	-.5	-2.0	-2.1	-.5
Gasoline, unleaded premium .....	107.3	106.9	4.9	-.4	-2.3	-1.9	-.3
Automobile maintenance and repair .....	158.6	160.0	3.2	.9	.3	.3	.8
Body work <sup>1</sup> .....	167.0	167.9	5.0	.5	.1	.1	.5
Automobile drive train, brake, and miscellaneous mechanical repair <sup>1</sup> .....	165.8	166.9	3.0	.7	.2	.4	.7
Maintenance and servicing <sup>1</sup> .....	147.4	148.4	2.6	.7	.5	.4	.7
Power plant repair .....	162.9	165.2	3.3	1.4	.1	.4	1.1
Other private transportation .....	174.1	174.1	2.4	.0	.3	.5	.3
Other private transportation commodities .....	104.8	105.0	.1	.2	-.5	.1	.2
Motor oil, coolant, and other products <sup>1</sup> .....	131.9	131.7	1.9	-.2	-.1	-.1	-.2
Automobile parts and equipment .....	101.9	102.1	-.1	.2	-.6	.0	.3
Tires <sup>1</sup> .....	100.8	101.4	-.3	.6	-.5	.2	.6
Other parts and equipment <sup>1</sup> .....	107.2	106.9	.1	-.3	-.6	.0	-.3
Other private transportation services .....	190.4	190.3	2.6	-.1	.4	.5	.4
Automobile insurance .....	243.7	244.0	4.1	.1	.4	.4	.3
Automobile finance charges .....	94.7	95.1	-.9	.4	.9	1.8	.9
Automobile fees <sup>1</sup> .....	182.5	180.6	.9	-1.0	.9	.7	-1.0
Automobile registration, licensing, and inspection fees <sup>1</sup> .....	183.9	183.9	.3	.0	.0	.0	.0
Other automobile-related fees <sup>1</sup> .....	182.3	178.5	1.4	-2.1	1.9	1.4	-2.1
Public transportation .....	181.4	184.6	4.8	1.8	-.5	-.1	2.0
Airline fares .....	190.9	196.0	3.3	2.7	-1.3	-.3	2.9
Other intercity transportation .....	155.9	155.0	1.0	-.6	-1.1	-.4	-.3
Intracity public transportation <sup>1</sup> .....	175.1	175.5	10.7	.2	.6	.1	.2
Medical care .....	229.2	229.4	3.3	.1	.3	.2	.2
Medical care commodities .....	211.1	211.2	3.1	.0	.0	.2	.1
Prescription drugs .....	243.9	243.9	3.5	.0	.2	.2	.1
Nonprescription drugs and medical supplies <sup>1 3</sup> .....	143.4	143.4	2.1	.0	.4	-.3	.0
Internal and respiratory over-the-counter drugs <sup>1</sup> .....	170.1	170.4	2.0	.2	.7	-.8	.2
Nonprescription medical equipment and supplies .....	170.1	169.7	2.4	-.2	-.1	.4	-.4
Medical care services .....	233.4	233.6	3.3	.1	.3	.2	.2
Professional medical services .....	209.2	209.6	3.6	.2	.4	.3	.3
Physicians' services .....	217.0	217.3	3.3	.1	.5	.2	.4
Dental services <sup>1</sup> .....	218.3	219.0	5.0	.3	.4	.7	.3
Eye care <sup>1 3</sup> .....	139.3	139.2	.7	-.1	.3	-.1	-.1
Services by other medical professionals <sup>3</sup> .....	146.7	146.9	2.4	.1	.3	.3	.2
Hospital and related services .....	271.2	271.6	4.4	.1	.2	.3	.2
Hospital rooms .....	262.5	263.1	3.6	.2	.5	.3	.4
Other inpatient services <sup>3</sup> .....	218.2	218.5	4.8	.1	.3	.2	.3
Outpatient services <sup>3</sup> .....	216.7	216.6	4.9	.0	.2	-.2	.3

See footnotes at end of table.

**Table 3. Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers (CPI-U): U.S. city average, detailed expenditure categories—Continued**

(1982-84=100, unless otherwise noted)

Item and group	Unadjusted indexes		Unadjusted percent change to Sept. 1996 from—		Seasonally adjusted percent change from—		
	Aug. 1996	Sept. 1996	Sept. 1995	Aug. 1996	June to July	July to Aug.	Aug. to Sept.
<b>Expenditure category</b>							
Entertainment .....	159.2	159.8	3.2	0.4	0.1	0.2	0.1
Entertainment commodities .....	143.2	143.3	2.9	.1	.0	.1	.0
Reading materials .....	177.2	176.9	4.6	-2	.2	.5	-3
Newspapers <sup>1</sup> .....	189.2	189.3	5.0	.1	-.1	.2	.1
Magazines, periodicals, and books <sup>1</sup> .....	166.1	165.5	4.2	-.4	-.7	.6	-.4
Sporting goods and equipment <sup>1</sup> .....	123.0	123.2	-.2	.2	-1.1	.5	.2
Sport vehicles, including bicycles <sup>1</sup> .....	126.0	126.2	.8	.2	-1.3	1.3	.2
Other sporting goods <sup>1</sup> .....	117.5	117.7	-1.2	.2	-.8	-.3	.2
Toys, hobbies, and other entertainment <sup>1</sup> .....	132.0	132.4	3.0	.3	.2	-.2	.3
Toys, hobbies, and music equipment .....	126.7	126.6	2.4	-.1	-.2	-.6	-.1
Photographic supplies and equipment .....	134.0	134.4	-.2	.3	.1	-.1	-.1
Pet supplies and expense <sup>1</sup> .....	138.7	139.6	4.8	.6	.8	-.1	.6
Entertainment services .....	178.0	179.1	3.3	.6	.2	.1	.1
Club memberships <sup>3</sup> .....	132.8	133.2	.5	.3	.7	-.5	.5
Fees for participant sports, excluding club memberships <sup>3</sup> .....	159.3	162.8	3.2	2.2	1.3	.1	.0
Admissions <sup>1</sup> .....	194.1	193.9	4.8	-.1	-.4	.2	-.1
Fees for lessons or instructions <sup>3</sup> .....	160.1	163.1	4.9	1.9	.3	.4	1.2
Other entertainment services <sup>1 3</sup> .....	138.9	139.2	2.7	.2	.3	.4	.2
Other goods and services .....	216.3	218.3	3.9	.9	.4	.3	.0
Tobacco and smoking products .....	233.4	234.1	2.6	.3	.4	.0	.7
Personal care <sup>1</sup> .....	150.5	150.8	2.2	.2	.3	.3	.2
Toilet goods and personal care appliances <sup>1</sup> .....	145.0	145.1	1.5	.1	.3	.4	.1
Cosmetics, bath and nail preparations, manicure and eye makeup implements <sup>1</sup> .....	147.8	149.5	2.6	1.2	.0	.2	1.2
Other toilet goods and small personal care appliances, including hair and dental products <sup>1</sup> .....	143.2	142.1	.6	-.8	.6	.6	-.8
Personal care services <sup>1</sup> .....	156.5	157.2	3.1	.4	.3	.1	.4
Beauty parlor services for females <sup>1</sup> .....	155.6	156.3	2.9	.4	.1	.1	.4
Haircuts and other barber shop services for males .....	159.3	160.1	4.1	.5	1.0	.7	.5
Personal and educational expenses .....	248.7	252.1	4.7	1.4	.4	.5	-.2
School books and supplies .....	227.6	229.9	6.0	1.0	.3	1.2	.0
Personal and educational services .....	250.5	254.0	4.7	1.4	.4	.5	-.3
Tuition and other school fees .....	268.5	273.7	4.8	1.9	.4	.6	-.4
College tuition .....	281.5	287.8	5.4	2.2	.6	1.0	-1.0
Elementary and high school tuition .....	273.4	279.4	4.1	2.2	.5	-.5	.0
Day care and nursery school <sup>6</sup> .....	129.8	131.3	4.0	1.2	.3	.5	-.1
Personal expenses .....	216.6	217.0	4.2	.2	.3	.4	.3
Legal service fees <sup>1 3</sup> .....	158.3	158.6	3.9	.2	.4	.2	.2
Personal financial services <sup>1 3</sup> .....	182.6	183.0	4.1	.2	.0	-.1	.2
Funeral expenses <sup>3</sup> .....	162.1	162.5	5.0	.2	.5	.6	.3
<b>Special indexes</b>							
Domestically produced farm food .....	156.8	158.1	5.5	.8	.8	.4	.7
Selected beef cuts .....	126.7	127.4	1.0	.6	1.4	1.6	.5
Motor fuel, motor oil, coolant, and other products .....	106.8	106.6	6.2	-.2	-2.3	-1.8	-.4
Utilities and public transportation .....	144.4	145.0	3.8	.4	.2	.3	.6
Housekeeping and home maintenance services <sup>1</sup> .....	148.6	149.5	3.5	.6	.5	.0	.6

<sup>1</sup> Not seasonally adjusted.

<sup>2</sup> Indexes on a December 1982=100 base.

<sup>3</sup> Indexes on a December 1986=100 base.

<sup>4</sup> Indexes on a December 1983=100 base.

<sup>5</sup> Indexes on a December 1988=100 base.

<sup>6</sup> Indexes on a December 1990=100 base.

<sup>7</sup> Indexes on a December 1993=100 base.

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): Seasonally adjusted U.S. city average, detailed expenditure categories**

(1982-84=100, unless otherwise noted)

Item and group	Seasonally adjusted indexes		Seasonally adjusted annual rate percent change for					
	Aug. 1996	Sept. 1996	3 months ended—				6 months ended—	
			Dec. 1995	Mar. 1996	June 1996	Sept. 1996	Mar. 1996	Sept. 1996
<b>Expenditure category</b>								
Food and beverages .....	154.6	155.3	1.9	3.2	4.6	5.0	2.6	4.8
Food .....	154.4	155.1	1.9	3.2	4.6	5.3	2.6	4.9
Food at home .....	155.5	156.5	1.9	3.8	5.6	6.7	2.8	6.1
Cereals and bakery products .....	174.3	174.7	4.3	5.5	3.3	1.9	4.9	2.6
Cereals and cereal products .....	167.9	167.2	5.1	2.1	-3.7	-4.6	3.6	-4.2
Flour and prepared flour mixes .....	157.3	155.1	5.1	7.4	16.1	6.2	6.3	11.0
Cereal <sup>1</sup> .....	186.3	184.3	5.3	2.7	-10.2	-11.8	4.0	-11.0
Rice, pasta, and cornmeal .....	145.6	145.0	7.0	-2.5	4.6	2.0	2.1	3.2
Bakery products <sup>1</sup> .....	177.7	178.1	2.6	6.3	9.4	4.6	4.4	7.0
White bread <sup>1</sup> .....	181.0	180.1	6.1	7.0	12.9	6.0	6.6	9.4
Fresh other bread, biscuits, rolls, and muffins <sup>1</sup> .....	178.1	180.2	5.6	8.0	3.0	12.7	6.8	7.7
Cookies, fresh cakes, and cupcakes <sup>1</sup> .....	172.4	173.5	6.3	.5	7.2	-2.9	3.3	2.0
Other bakery products .....	176.9	177.3	2.4	10.0	2.8	4.4	6.1	3.6
Meats, poultry, fish, and eggs .....	145.8	147.4	6.7	-6	5.5	10.7	3.0	8.1
Meats, poultry, and fish .....	146.4	147.5	4.3	-1.1	6.1	10.4	1.6	8.2
Meats .....	142.0	143.0	6.7	-2.0	5.4	12.7	2.2	9.0
Beef and veal .....	135.4	135.7	2.1	-5.5	-3.3	11.7	-1.8	3.9
Ground beef other than canned .....	116.3	115.0	1.4	-9.7	-4.2	13.2	-4.3	4.1
Chuck roast .....	144.4	144.3	9.3	-14.8	-4.1	35.7	-3.5	14.1
Round roast .....	124.2	128.0	3.6	-6.5	-7.2	24.8	-1.6	7.6
Round steak .....	125.2	130.8	.6	-6.9	-6	12.2	-3.2	5.6
Sirloin steak .....	138.3	138.3	-3.7	5.4	-5.4	5.4	.7	-1
Other beef and veal <sup>1</sup> .....	157.8	157.4	2.6	1.8	-4.0	4.7	2.2	.3
Pork .....	152.4	154.8	13.2	1.1	23.7	17.1	7.0	20.4
Bacon <sup>1</sup> .....	161.7	169.1	25.6	4.4	65.7	64.6	14.5	65.1
Chops .....	155.0	153.5	1.9	5.8	22.8	-10.5	3.8	4.9
Ham .....	150.6	153.7	17.3	-1.6	3.9	21.8	7.4	12.5
Other pork, including sausage .....	146.0	148.9	13.2	-3.7	23.1	14.3	4.4	18.6
Other meats <sup>1</sup> .....	144.8	146.0	8.3	2.6	1.4	9.3	5.4	5.3
Poultry <sup>1</sup> .....	154.5	155.8	1.1	4.7	9.2	12.4	2.9	10.8
Fresh whole chicken <sup>1</sup> .....	156.7	157.2	-8	4.5	15.6	15.0	1.8	15.3
Fresh and frozen chicken parts <sup>1</sup> .....	155.4	157.5	6.1	.0	8.8	11.1	3.0	10.0
Other poultry .....	151.2	151.2	4.5	10.0	-2.1	8.3	7.2	3.0
Fish and seafood .....	172.0	172.5	-2.1	-4.3	7.2	-4.3	-3.2	1.3
Canned fish and seafood <sup>1</sup> .....	126.1	125.2	1.3	-2.2	4.6	-3.1	-5	.6
Fresh and frozen fish and seafood .....	194.6	195.5	-3.2	-5.2	8.5	-4.4	-4.2	1.9
Eggs .....	136.3	145.2	54.2	9.0	-5.5	17.7	29.6	5.4
Dairy products .....	144.8	147.2	7.1	4.2	10.3	22.6	5.6	16.3
Fresh milk and cream .....	144.6	146.6	6.5	9.2	9.3	18.9	7.9	14.0
Fresh whole milk .....	142.8	144.9	6.2	9.6	9.1	17.4	7.9	13.2
Other fresh milk and cream <sup>1</sup> .....	146.5	148.0	8.1	10.4	10.2	17.3	9.2	13.7
Processed dairy products .....	145.3	148.7	8.3	-1.5	11.0	27.6	3.3	19.0
Cheese .....	146.3	149.6	4.7	.3	7.4	22.8	2.5	14.8
Ice cream and related products .....	146.1	149.2	5.9	-3	8.9	19.8	2.8	14.2
Other dairy products, including butter .....	139.3	143.6	19.5	-6.1	29.1	59.9	5.9	43.7
Fruits and vegetables .....	186.3	186.1	-8.8	12.0	9.1	.4	1.1	4.7
Fresh fruits and vegetables .....	213.8	212.8	-12.8	14.7	8.2	-3.1	.0	2.4
Fresh fruits .....	234.2	240.3	-9.0	-1.4	36.8	-2	-5.3	16.8
Apples .....	198.3	198.1	27.0	6.0	1.0	-7.3	16.0	-3.3
Bananas .....	153.4	154.7	-8.7	6.8	3.0	-13.9	-1.2	-5.8
Oranges, including tangerines .....	263.7	275.6	-18.7	-10.0	26.6	81.6	-14.5	51.6
Other fresh fruits .....	261.5	269.6	-14.6	-2.7	59.3	-10.8	-8.8	19.2
Fresh vegetables .....	194.9	186.9	-17.3	36.6	-18.1	-6.6	6.3	-12.5
Potatoes .....	180.0	181.5	6.5	.6	-16.3	6.9	3.5	-5.4
Lettuce <sup>1</sup> .....	175.7	174.5	-63.8	116.2	-40.5	-18.0	-11.5	-30.2
Tomatoes <sup>1</sup> .....	170.7	164.4	467.2	-8.3	-58.7	-44.3	128.1	-52.0
Other fresh vegetables .....	201.8	193.4	-34.8	43.6	-8.2	7.1	-3.2	-8
Processed fruits and vegetables .....	146.5	147.4	1.2	6.5	10.6	8.6	3.8	9.6
Processed fruits .....	146.8	147.8	1.2	6.5	14.0	6.2	3.8	10.0
Fruit juices and frozen fruit .....	146.9	147.8	.9	6.2	17.0	6.8	3.5	11.8
Canned and dried fruits .....	144.2	145.2	2.9	7.3	3.7	4.5	5.1	4.1
Processed vegetables .....	146.1	147.3	1.2	6.5	5.2	12.3	3.8	8.7
Frozen vegetables .....	145.8	144.8	3.2	-6	2.6	4.8	1.3	3.7
Processed vegetables excluding frozen .....	147.0	149.2	.9	9.6	7.0	15.9	5.1	11.3

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(1982-84=100, unless otherwise noted)

Item and group	Seasonally adjusted indexes		Seasonally adjusted annual rate percent change for					
	Aug. 1996	Sept. 1996	3 months ended—				6 months ended—	
			Dec. 1995	Mar. 1996	June 1996	Sept. 1996	Mar. 1996	Sept. 1996
<b>Expenditure category</b>								
Other food at home .....	143.0	143.7	0.6	1.4	2.6	2.5	1.0	2.6
Sugar and sweets .....	144.2	145.6	2.9	7.7	4.9	5.1	5.3	5.0
Sugar and artificial sweeteners .....	134.4	134.2	5.4	5.4	5.3	4.0	5.4	4.6
Sweets, including candy <sup>1</sup> .....	148.7	149.8	.6	11.4	3.9	5.0	5.8	4.4
Fats and oils .....	141.0	141.9	3.2	2.3	3.2	3.2	2.8	3.2
Nonalcoholic beverages .....	129.0	128.2	-4.5	-4.5	-1.8	-6	-4.5	-1.2
Carbonated drinks .....	121.2	119.3	-1.6	-4.3	4.4	-2.6	-3.0	.8
Coffee <sup>1</sup> .....	148.1	147.5	-11.6	-8.9	-8.4	-4.5	-10.3	-6.4
Other noncarbonated drinks .....	138.6	139.3	3.3	2.4	-6	7.2	2.8	3.2
Other prepared food .....	156.0	157.6	2.7	4.0	5.3	3.6	3.3	4.5
Canned and packaged soup .....	184.5	184.0	4.2	3.9	9.2	.9	4.0	5.0
Frozen prepared food <sup>1</sup> .....	143.3	143.6	-1.4	2.6	7.0	1.4	.6	4.2
Snacks <sup>1</sup> .....	148.7	150.0	2.0	13.2	-8	6.7	7.4	2.9
Seasonings, condiments, sauces, and spices .....	162.8	164.5	6.6	4.1	6.7	4.5	5.3	5.6
Miscellaneous prepared food, including baby food <sup>1</sup> .....	156.5	158.2	2.1	1.0	4.4	2.6	1.6	3.5
Food away from home .....	153.1	153.5	2.2	2.1	2.9	3.2	2.2	3.1
Lunch .....	153.8	154.1	2.1	1.9	3.2	2.9	2.0	3.1
Dinner .....	151.1	151.4	1.9	2.2	3.3	2.4	2.0	2.8
Other meals and snacks <sup>1</sup> .....	155.9	156.4	1.9	2.6	2.6	3.7	2.2	3.1
Alcoholic beverages .....	158.9	159.7	1.6	4.7	3.1	3.6	3.1	3.3
Alcoholic beverages at home .....	147.2	147.9	1.1	5.4	2.5	3.6	3.2	3.0
Beer and ale .....	148.2	148.8	1.4	7.1	.8	4.1	4.2	2.5
Wine .....	139.6	140.7	2.1	7.6	6.6	4.1	4.8	5.3
Distilled spirits <sup>1</sup> .....	148.1	148.4	-3.2	3.3	1.6	3.0	.0	2.3
Alcoholic beverages away from home .....	183.2	183.9	2.7	2.9	4.5	3.3	2.8	3.9
Housing .....	153.2	153.5	3.3	3.2	2.1	3.2	3.2	2.7
Shelter .....	171.4	171.7	3.4	3.4	2.6	3.1	3.4	2.9
Renters' costs <sup>2</sup> .....	180.3	180.5	1.8	5.1	2.3	4.1	3.5	3.2
Rent, residential .....	162.5	162.9	2.8	2.5	3.0	2.7	2.7	2.9
Other renters' costs .....	216.8	216.5	.0	11.3	.2	7.5	5.5	3.8
Lodging while out of town .....	216.1	215.8	-6	12.0	.2	8.2	5.5	4.1
Lodging while at school <sup>2</sup> .....	215.5	215.5	4.9	4.3	3.8	3.8	4.6	3.8
Tenants' insurance .....	155.4	155.9	4.6	2.1	3.7	4.2	3.4	4.0
Homeowners' costs <sup>2</sup> .....	177.0	177.4	4.0	2.6	2.8	2.8	3.3	2.8
Owners' equivalent rent <sup>2</sup> .....	177.3	177.7	4.0	2.5	2.8	2.7	3.3	2.8
Household insurance <sup>2</sup> .....	161.6	162.1	4.4	2.0	3.3	3.8	3.2	3.5
Maintenance and repairs <sup>1</sup> .....	139.7	139.9	3.6	2.7	3.8	3.2	3.1	3.5
Maintenance and repair services <sup>1</sup> .....	147.1	147.4	5.2	4.9	2.2	8.0	5.1	5.1
Maintenance and repair commodities <sup>1</sup> .....	129.6	129.5	.6	-3	6.0	-4.2	.2	.8
Materials, supplies, and equipment for home repairs <sup>1 3</sup> .....	121.9	122.4	6.2	-7	8.2	-1.3	2.7	3.3
Other maintenance and repair commodities <sup>1</sup> .....	125.4	124.7	-3.4	-6	5.2	-7.0	-2.0	-1.1
Fuel and other utilities .....	128.0	128.3	3.3	5.2	2.9	4.5	4.3	3.7
Fuels .....	114.8	115.0	4.4	4.4	2.5	6.5	4.4	4.5
Fuel oil and other household fuel commodities .....	94.3	97.7	1.8	47.1	-9.8	10.5	22.4	-2
Fuel oil .....	91.9	96.0	.9	54.4	-9.3	13.5	24.8	1.5
Other household fuel commodities <sup>1 3</sup> .....	121.8	123.3	11.1	33.3	-15.5	1.0	21.7	-7.6
Gas (piped) and electricity (energy services) .....	122.4	122.3	4.8	.3	4.1	6.5	2.6	5.3
Electricity .....	132.8	133.0	6.0	.6	-4.5	10.2	3.3	2.6
Utility (piped) gas .....	108.4	107.6	2.0	.0	26.2	-1.5	1.0	11.5
Other utilities and public services <sup>1</sup> .....	158.0	158.3	1.8	6.7	3.1	1.8	4.2	2.4
Telephone services <sup>1</sup> .....	126.5	126.7	1.6	2.6	1.9	2.2	2.1	2.1
Local charges <sup>1</sup> .....	161.3	161.4	.5	-2	1.0	1.0	.1	1.0
Interstate toll calls <sup>1</sup> .....	78.4	78.6	4.9	12.1	2.1	1.0	8.4	1.5
Intrastate toll calls <sup>1</sup> .....	90.9	91.0	3.3	3.3	6.6	9.8	3.3	8.2
Water and sewerage maintenance .....	203.4	204.1	3.9	13.9	3.1	-6.4	8.8	-1.7
Cable television <sup>1 4</sup> .....	215.8	216.6	2.4	9.8	7.7	10.0	6.0	8.9
Refuse collection <sup>4</sup> .....	246.3	247.2	3.0	1.5	3.1	.8	2.2	2.0

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(1982-84=100, unless otherwise noted)

Item and group	Seasonally adjusted indexes		Seasonally adjusted annual rate percent change for					
	Aug. 1996	Sept. 1996	3 months ended—				6 months ended—	
			Dec. 1995	Mar. 1996	June 1996	Sept. 1996	Mar. 1996	Sept. 1996
<b>Expenditure category</b>								
Household furnishings and operation .....	124.7	125.0	1.6	1.0	0.0	1.9	1.3	1.0
Housefurnishings .....	111.2	111.4	.0	-.7	-.7	.7	-.4	.0
Textile housefurnishings .....	120.5	119.4	.0	-1.9	-3.6	-4.2	-1.0	-3.9
Furniture and bedding <sup>1</sup> .....	134.5	135.4	3.1	-1.5	6.2	2.1	.8	4.1
Bedroom furniture <sup>1</sup> .....	139.6	141.0	-3.7	-2.3	17.5	-1.7	-3.0	7.5
Sofas <sup>1</sup> .....	144.1	145.3	19.4	-3.9	9.2	9.0	7.1	9.1
Living room chairs and tables <sup>1</sup> .....	136.0	136.9	.3	-2.9	-2.3	2.4	-1.3	.0
Other furniture .....	123.5	123.2	3.7	1.3	-4.8	3.7	2.5	-.6
Appliances, including electronic equipment <sup>1</sup> .....	77.4	77.1	-3.5	1.5	-5.0	-4.0	-1.0	-4.5
Video and audio products <sup>1</sup> .....	71.1	70.4	-4.3	1.1	-4.9	-6.0	-1.6	-5.4
Televisions <sup>1</sup> .....	64.0	63.3	-4.1	-2.4	-5.9	-10.1	-3.3	-8.0
Video products other than televisions <sup>1 5</sup> .....	66.6	65.0	-10.6	-2.9	-4.7	-4.8	-6.8	-4.7
Audio products <sup>1</sup> .....	90.4	90.1	-2.2	4.5	-3.0	-3.9	1.1	-3.5
Major household appliances <sup>1 3</sup> .....	103.3	103.3	1.6	3.2	-2.3	3.2	2.4	.4
Refrigerators and home freezers <sup>1</sup> .....	110.4	109.8	2.6	3.3	1.8	-1.8	3.0	.0
Laundry equipment <sup>1</sup> .....	114.1	113.9	2.2	5.6	-4.2	14.5	3.9	4.7
Stoves, ovens, dishwashers, and air conditioners <sup>1 3</sup> .....	92.9	93.4	-.4	1.3	-3.7	-2.1	.4	-2.9
Information processing equipment <sup>1 5</sup> .....	55.0	55.3	-14.8	-3.9	-13.8	-18.5	-9.5	-16.2
Other housefurnishings <sup>1 3</sup> .....	115.4	115.8	-.4	5.0	-5.1	3.5	.3	-.9
Floor and window coverings, infants', laundry, cleaning, and outdoor equipment <sup>1</sup> .....	141.0	141.4	-1.4	3.2	-5.0	9.9	.9	2.2
Clocks, lamps, and decor items <sup>1</sup> .....	117.9	119.5	3.7	-2.9	-5.2	-.3	.3	-2.8
Tableware, serving pieces, and nonelectric kitchenware <sup>1</sup> .....	124.1	123.4	-12.4	17.5	-5.1	2.6	1.5	-1.3
Lawn equipment, power tools, and other hardware <sup>1</sup> .....	109.4	109.2	3.0	-1.1	3.0	3.4	.9	3.2
Sewing, floor cleaning, small kitchen, and portable heating appliances <sup>1 3</sup> .....	89.6	88.5	-9.4	4.1	-1.8	-1.3	-2.9	-1.6
Indoor plants and fresh cut flowers <sup>1 6</sup> .....	113.8	116.0	-8.8	11.5	-15.8	8.0	.8	-4.7
Housekeeping supplies .....	141.3	141.4	4.7	4.1	-2.5	2.6	4.4	.0
Laundry and cleaning products, including soap <sup>1</sup> .....	143.9	144.5	1.1	1.4	4.0	3.4	1.3	3.7
Household paper products and stationery supplies <sup>1</sup> .....	144.8	144.1	9.4	2.2	-1.1	-1.6	5.8	-1.4
Other household, lawn, and garden supplies <sup>1</sup> .....	134.1	134.6	3.1	6.5	-4.6	2.4	4.7	-1.2
Housekeeping services .....	148.6	149.3	3.4	1.7	4.2	4.1	2.5	4.1
Postage <sup>1</sup> .....	160.3	160.3	.0	.0	.0	.0	.0	.0
Appliance and furniture repair <sup>1</sup> .....	156.0	157.9	6.5	2.4	3.4	5.5	4.4	4.4
Gardening and other household services <sup>1 3</sup> .....	136.7	137.3	-1.2	6.9	8.0	2.7	2.7	5.3
Apparel and upkeep .....	129.9	130.5	1.5	1.5	-2.7	-3.9	1.5	-3.3
Apparel commodities .....	126.1	126.7	1.6	1.2	-3.4	-4.3	1.4	-3.8
Apparel commodities less footwear .....	125.9	126.8	2.2	.6	-4.0	-4.3	1.4	-4.1
Men's and boys' .....	127.6	126.6	-.3	8.9	-2.8	-3.4	4.2	-3.1
Men's .....	130.7	129.5	-1.2	11.8	-1.8	-3.9	5.1	-2.9
Suits, sport coats, coats, and jackets .....	135.1	132.2	1.2	4.0	-4.7	-3.0	2.6	-3.8
Furnishings and special clothing .....	122.7	122.2	-6.0	25.5	4.0	-6.9	8.6	-1.6
Shirts .....	134.8	134.4	5.6	5.8	-.9	-2.9	5.7	-1.9
Dungarees, jeans, and trousers .....	130.5	128.5	-.6	13.8	-3.6	-6.6	6.4	-5.1
Boys' .....	115.0	114.3	.7	3.1	-11.0	-1.4	1.9	-6.3
Women's and girls' .....	121.1	122.3	4.9	-4.0	-3.5	-6.9	.3	-5.2
Women's .....	121.1	122.4	3.2	-5.0	-3.5	-4.4	-1.0	-4.0
Coats and jackets .....	115.0	116.1	11.8	-3.6	-4.6	-5.0	3.8	-4.8
Dresses .....	110.9	111.8	9.0	-20.0	-12.9	2.5	-6.6	-5.5
Separates and sportswear .....	122.0	123.4	1.9	-6.7	2.6	-8.3	-2.5	-3.0
Underwear, nightwear, hosiery, and accessories .....	132.9	134.1	3.8	8.2	4.6	-2.1	6.0	1.2
Suits .....	139.6	139.9	-3.9	1.9	-25.2	-1.7	-1.1	-14.3
Girls' .....	121.1	122.4	13.7	.6	-1.8	-20.2	7.0	-11.5
Infants' and toddlers' <sup>1</sup> .....	125.1	131.4	-7.4	15.1	-12.0	7.3	3.2	-2.8
Other apparel commodities .....	148.3	150.5	.3	-2.6	-5.9	-.5	-1.2	-3.2
Sewing materials, notions, and luggage <sup>1 3</sup> .....	134.8	134.5	-8.8	6.8	6.7	-6.3	-1.3	.0
Watches and jewelry <sup>3</sup> .....	146.9	149.8	.5	-2.3	-9.6	2.2	-.9	-3.9
Watches <sup>1 3</sup> .....	129.3	130.7	-9.5	7.2	-7.3	.9	-1.5	-3.3
Jewelry <sup>3</sup> .....	152.3	155.7	.0	-2.5	-11.1	4.8	-1.2	-3.5
Footwear .....	126.4	126.1	-2.5	6.5	-.3	-3.7	1.9	-2.0
Men's .....	132.1	133.2	-7.5	.0	-3.6	5.9	-3.8	1.1
Boys' and girls' .....	129.9	128.5	16.2	16.6	.0	-4.5	16.4	-2.3
Women's .....	120.1	119.5	-7.3	10.8	-1.3	-8.2	1.3	-4.8
Apparel services <sup>1</sup> .....	160.3	160.4	.8	3.1	2.0	1.8	1.9	1.9
Laundry and dry cleaning other than coin operated <sup>1</sup> .....	162.6	162.6	.5	3.6	2.0	3.3	2.0	2.6
Other apparel services <sup>1</sup> .....	158.2	158.4	1.0	2.1	2.0	.5	1.5	1.3

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<b>Expenditure category</b>								
Transportation .....	143.1	143.8	-1.1	8.0	5.8	0.3	3.3	3.0
Private .....	140.1	140.5	.6	7.5	4.4	-.6	4.0	1.9
New vehicles .....	144.2	145.0	.8	2.0	2.8	3.7	1.4	3.2
New cars .....	142.1	142.8	.6	2.3	2.3	4.0	1.4	3.2
Subcompact new cars <sup>3</sup> .....	123.3	124.1	.0	1.6	-.3	4.6	.8	2.1
Compact new cars <sup>3</sup> .....	122.8	123.4	-.3	5.1	3.7	4.3	2.4	4.0
Intermediate new cars <sup>3</sup> .....	122.3	122.8	1.7	1.0	2.0	4.3	1.3	3.2
Full-size new cars <sup>3</sup> .....	124.5	125.2	3.7	-1.9	5.0	3.9	.8	4.5
Luxury new cars <sup>3</sup> .....	132.7	133.2	1.2	7.3	.6	3.1	4.2	1.8
New trucks <sup>4</sup> .....	149.9	150.4	-.3	.8	4.4	2.7	.3	3.5
New motorcycles <sup>3</sup> .....	161.4	161.1	4.5	10.9	2.0	.5	7.7	1.3
Used cars .....	155.7	156.2	4.2	9.7	-12.3	.8	6.9	-6.0
Motor fuel .....	104.5	104.2	-1.6	32.5	16.6	-15.6	14.2	-.8
Gasoline .....	103.9	103.5	-1.2	32.0	18.8	-18.4	14.2	-1.5
Gasoline, unleaded regular .....	102.0	101.4	-2.1	36.1	15.2	-16.9	15.4	-2.1
Gasoline, unleaded midgrade <sup>1 7</sup> .....	110.8	110.2	-13.1	21.4	43.1	-17.1	2.7	8.9
Gasoline, unleaded premium .....	105.3	105.0	-3.2	27.9	16.9	-16.4	11.3	-1.1
Automobile maintenance and repair .....	158.6	159.8	2.3	2.9	2.3	5.2	2.6	3.7
Body work <sup>1</sup> .....	167.0	167.9	3.3	5.8	8.1	2.9	4.6	5.5
Automobile drive train, brake, and miscellaneous mechanical repair <sup>1</sup> .....	165.8	166.9	2.2	3.2	1.0	5.5	2.7	3.2
Maintenance and servicing <sup>1</sup> .....	147.4	148.4	-1.4	2.8	2.5	6.4	.7	4.5
Power plant repair .....	163.4	165.2	3.5	1.2	1.7	6.8	2.4	4.2
Other private transportation .....	174.9	175.5	.2	.0	4.5	4.5	.1	4.5
Other private transportation commodities .....	105.0	105.2	-.4	.8	.8	-.8	.2	.0
Motor oil, coolant, and other products <sup>1</sup> .....	131.9	131.7	2.5	6.9	-.3	-1.2	4.7	-.8
Automobile parts and equipment .....	102.0	102.3	-.8	.4	1.2	-1.2	-.2	.0
Tires <sup>1</sup> .....	100.8	101.4	.4	.4	-3.1	1.2	.4	-1.0
Other parts and equipment <sup>1</sup> .....	107.2	106.9	1.9	-1.1	3.0	-3.3	.4	-.2
Other private transportation services .....	191.5	192.3	.4	.0	5.0	5.2	.2	5.1
Automobile insurance .....	245.6	246.3	3.1	2.9	5.6	4.7	3.0	5.1
Automobile finance charges .....	96.3	97.2	-6.7	-15.9	6.2	15.3	-11.5	10.7
Automobile fees <sup>1</sup> .....	182.5	180.6	-3.1	10.8	-5.6	2.2	3.6	-1.7
Automobile registration, licensing, and inspection fees <sup>1</sup> .....	183.9	183.9	.9	-.9	1.3	.0	.0	.7
Other automobile-related fees <sup>1</sup> .....	182.3	178.5	-7.1	24.1	-12.3	4.6	7.4	-4.2
Public transportation .....	183.4	187.1	-16.6	12.5	21.6	6.0	-3.1	13.5
Airline fares .....	191.1	196.6	-20.0	12.3	20.9	4.8	-5.2	12.6
Other intercity transportation .....	155.9	155.5	.3	3.7	8.2	-7.1	2.0	.3
Intracity public transportation <sup>1</sup> .....	175.1	175.5	18.0	20.3	2.1	3.7	19.1	2.9
Medical care .....	229.4	229.8	3.6	3.2	3.4	2.7	3.4	3.0
Medical care commodities .....	211.1	211.4	3.2	3.5	4.3	1.3	3.3	2.8
Prescription drugs .....	244.1	244.4	3.1	4.1	4.2	2.5	3.6	3.4
Nonprescription drugs and medical supplies <sup>1 3</sup> .....	143.4	143.4	3.2	2.3	2.8	.3	2.7	1.6
Internal and respiratory over-the-counter drugs <sup>1</sup> .....	170.1	170.4	1.4	3.1	3.1	.5	2.3	1.8
Nonprescription medical equipment and supplies .....	170.4	169.7	5.9	1.4	2.6	-.5	3.7	1.1
Medical care services .....	233.4	233.8	3.8	3.2	3.2	3.0	3.5	3.1
Professional medical services .....	209.2	209.8	4.0	3.0	3.1	4.1	3.5	3.6
Physicians' services .....	217.0	217.8	4.6	2.8	2.1	4.1	3.7	3.1
Dental services <sup>1</sup> .....	218.3	219.0	3.7	5.6	4.8	6.1	4.7	5.4
Eye care <sup>1 3</sup> .....	139.3	139.2	.3	2.6	-.3	.3	1.5	.0
Services by other medical professionals <sup>3</sup> .....	147.0	147.3	2.2	1.7	2.8	3.0	2.0	2.9
Hospital and related services .....	271.2	271.8	4.1	5.1	5.2	2.8	4.6	4.0
Hospital rooms .....	262.3	263.4	3.7	2.4	3.8	4.7	3.0	4.2
Other inpatient services <sup>3</sup> .....	218.2	218.8	4.3	7.2	4.5	3.2	5.7	3.9
Outpatient services <sup>3</sup> .....	216.4	217.0	4.7	4.9	9.0	1.1	4.8	5.0

See footnotes at end of table.

**Table 4. Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers (CPI-U): Seasonally adjusted U.S. city average, detailed expenditure categories—Continued**

(1982-84=100, unless otherwise noted)

Item and group	Seasonally adjusted indexes		Seasonally adjusted annual rate percent change for					
	Aug. 1996	Sept. 1996	3 months ended—				6 months ended—	
			Dec. 1995	Mar. 1996	June 1996	Sept. 1996	Mar. 1996	Sept. 1996
<b>Expenditure category</b>								
Entertainment .....	159.6	159.7	4.2	4.7	2.3	1.3	4.4	1.8
Entertainment commodities .....	143.3	143.3	4.7	5.2	1.1	.6	4.9	.8
Reading materials .....	177.4	176.9	10.6	4.2	2.1	1.6	7.3	1.8
Newspapers <sup>1</sup> .....	189.2	189.3	11.8	6.4	1.5	.8	9.1	1.2
Magazines, periodicals, and books <sup>1</sup> .....	166.1	165.5	10.2	1.0	2.0	3.7	5.5	2.8
Sporting goods and equipment <sup>1</sup> .....	123.0	123.2	-1.3	6.3	-4.1	-1.6	2.4	-2.9
Sport vehicles, including bicycles <sup>1</sup> .....	126.0	126.2	-1.3	7.9	-3.7	.6	3.2	-1.6
Other sporting goods <sup>1</sup> .....	117.5	117.7	-1.3	4.8	-4.3	-3.7	1.7	-4.0
Toys, hobbies, and other entertainment <sup>1</sup> .....	132.0	132.4	1.3	7.7	1.8	1.5	4.4	1.7
Toys, hobbies, and music equipment .....	126.4	126.3	.6	7.7	4.5	-3.1	4.1	.6
Photographic supplies and equipment .....	133.9	133.7	.6	-3.2	2.4	-9	-1.3	.8
Pet supplies and expense <sup>1</sup> .....	138.7	139.6	6.8	9.2	-1.7	5.3	8.0	1.7
Entertainment services .....	178.7	178.9	3.7	3.9	3.7	1.6	3.8	2.6
Club memberships <sup>3</sup> .....	133.0	133.6	.3	-3	-6	2.4	.0	.9
Fees for participant sports, excluding club memberships <sup>3</sup> .....	163.5	163.5	3.1	6.2	-1.7	5.6	4.6	1.9
Admissions <sup>1</sup> .....	194.1	193.9	3.1	6.1	11.5	-1.0	4.6	5.0
Fees for lessons or instructions <sup>3</sup> .....	161.1	163.1	2.3	3.6	5.7	8.0	3.0	6.8
Other entertainment services <sup>1,3</sup> .....	138.9	139.2	2.4	4.5	.6	3.5	3.4	2.0
Other goods and services .....	217.5	217.6	4.1	4.4	3.6	3.2	4.2	3.4
Tobacco and smoking products .....	233.0	234.6	.7	3.7	1.9	4.2	2.2	3.1
Personal care <sup>1</sup> .....	150.5	150.8	3.9	1.3	.5	3.2	2.6	1.9
Toilet goods and personal care appliances <sup>1</sup> .....	145.0	145.1	3.1	-3	-3	3.4	1.4	1.5
Cosmetics, bath and nail preparations, manicure and eye makeup implements <sup>1</sup> .....	147.8	149.5	3.3	-2.7	4.5	5.5	.3	5.0
Other toilet goods and small personal care appliances, including hair and dental products <sup>1</sup> .....	143.2	142.1	2.6	1.7	-3.9	2.0	2.1	-1.0
Personal care services <sup>1</sup> .....	156.5	157.2	5.1	2.6	1.6	3.4	3.8	2.5
Beauty parlor services for females <sup>1</sup> .....	155.6	156.3	5.4	2.9	1.0	2.3	4.1	1.7
Haircuts and other barber shop services for males .....	159.8	160.6	3.1	.8	3.9	8.9	2.0	6.4
Personal and educational expenses .....	250.1	249.5	5.5	5.8	5.0	2.8	5.6	3.9
School books and supplies .....	229.0	229.0	7.0	8.4	2.3	6.2	7.7	4.2
Personal and educational services .....	251.6	250.9	5.3	5.5	5.1	2.6	5.4	3.9
Tuition and other school fees .....	269.9	268.9	5.2	5.7	5.9	2.6	5.5	4.2
College tuition .....	284.1	281.3	6.8	6.6	6.1	2.2	6.7	4.1
Elementary and high school tuition .....	273.4	273.4	5.6	5.0	5.9	-1	5.3	2.8
Day care and nursery school <sup>6</sup> .....	130.5	130.4	4.2	2.9	6.1	2.8	3.5	4.4
Personal expenses .....	217.0	217.7	4.1	4.6	4.2	4.3	4.4	4.3
Legal service fees <sup>1,3</sup> .....	158.3	158.6	2.1	4.0	6.3	3.1	3.0	4.7
Personal financial services <sup>1,3</sup> .....	182.6	183.0	4.2	10.5	1.3	.7	7.3	1.0
Funeral expenses <sup>3</sup> .....	162.5	163.0	4.7	4.9	4.9	5.6	4.8	5.2
<b>Special indexes</b>								
Domestically produced farm food .....	157.4	158.5	2.1	5.9	5.6	7.9	4.0	6.8
Selected beef cuts .....	128.1	128.8	1.3	-7.9	-2.8	14.9	-3.4	5.7
Motor fuel, motor oil, coolant, and other products .....	104.9	104.5	-8	30.2	17.4	-16.4	13.6	-1.0
Utilities and public transportation .....	142.8	143.7	-3	5.3	5.8	4.6	2.5	5.2
Housekeeping and home maintenance services <sup>1</sup> .....	148.6	149.5	2.5	3.3	3.6	4.7	2.9	4.1

<sup>1</sup> Not seasonally adjusted.

<sup>2</sup> Indexes on a December 1982=100 base.

<sup>3</sup> Indexes on a December 1986=100 base.

<sup>4</sup> Indexes on a December 1983=100 base.

<sup>5</sup> Indexes on a December 1988=100 base.

<sup>6</sup> Indexes on a December 1990=100 base.

<sup>7</sup> Indexes on a December 1993=100 base.

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

**Table 5. Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers (CPI-U): U.S. city average, unadjusted indexes for special detailed expenditure categories<sup>1</sup>**

(1982-84=100, unless otherwise noted)

Item	Indexes				1-month percent changes ended—				Percent change to Sept. 1996 from—
	June 1996	July 1996	Aug. 1996	Sept. 1996	June 1996	July 1996	Aug. 1996	Sept. 1996	Sept. 1995
<b>Food and beverages</b>									
Other breads .....	177.7	180.5	182.3	183.2	-0.2	1.6	1.0	0.5	8.7
Fresh biscuits, rolls, and muffins .....	160.7	163.0	164.0	165.1	-.3	1.4	.6	.7	4.5
Fresh cakes and cupcakes .....	174.1	174.3	172.1	171.2	.4	.1	-1.3	-.5	2.7
Cookies .....	174.7	173.2	173.8	175.1	.6	-.9	.3	.7	2.5
Crackers, bread, and cracker products .....	204.9	209.6	212.2	208.8	4.8	2.3	1.2	-1.6	8.5
Fresh sweetrolls, coffee cake, and donuts .....	167.7	170.3	170.8	173.2	-.8	1.6	.3	1.4	6.9
Frozen and refrigerated bakery products and fresh pies, tarts, and turnovers .....	175.7	176.9	176.0	175.0	.9	.7	-.5	-.6	1.5
Ham other than canned .....	152.3	158.8	163.8	167.5	1.3	4.3	3.1	2.3	11.8
Pork sausage .....	137.8	138.9	140.4	144.2	3.0	.8	1.1	2.7	11.2
Other pork .....	150.9	152.1	152.5	153.9	6.9	.8	.3	.9	11.2
Frankfurters .....	137.1	140.4	141.6	142.9	-.8	2.4	.9	.9	4.3
Bologna, liverwurst, and salami .....	144.9	144.8	145.2	145.8	.6	-.1	.3	.4	5.3
Other lunchmeats .....	135.6	136.0	136.4	137.3	.4	.3	.3	.7	4.1
Lamb and organ meats .....	153.6	155.8	157.2	162.5	.7	1.4	.9	3.4	8.5
Butter .....	101.1	115.4	124.2	127.5	10.5	14.1	7.6	2.7	48.1
Other dairy products .....	150.7	151.9	151.3	153.9	.3	.8	-.4	1.7	4.7
Frozen fruit and fruit juices .....	134.6	137.2	135.7	134.6	-.1	1.9	-1.1	-.8	8.8
Other fruit juices .....	147.4	149.7	149.1	152.2	-.9	1.6	-.4	2.1	6.8
Cut corn, canned beans except lima .....	145.2	149.1	149.9	151.7	.0	2.7	.5	1.2	13.4
Other processed vegetables .....	149.7	151.6	151.7	150.7	1.8	1.3	.1	-.7	5.4
Candy and chewing gum .....	147.8	148.5	149.4	150.6	.2	.5	.6	.8	5.5
Other sweets .....	148.9	150.6	140.9	142.1	.5	1.1	-6.4	.9	-.9
Margarine .....	146.9	145.0	144.2	144.6	1.4	-1.3	-.6	.3	2.0
Other fats, oils, and salad dressing .....	142.4	142.6	143.4	144.6	.4	.1	.6	.8	4.2
Nondairy substitutes and peanut butter .....	136.8	137.5	137.7	138.0	.4	.5	.1	.2	2.1
Roasted coffee .....	149.1	147.5	147.5	147.6	-1.5	-1.1	.0	.1	-10.9
Instant and freeze-dried coffee .....	148.1	147.5	148.5	147.4	-1.0	-.4	.7	-.7	-2.4
Seasonings, olives, pickles, and relish .....	168.1	169.8	170.0	171.4	-.2	1.0	.1	.8	7.9
Other condiments .....	154.5	154.0	155.5	155.9	-.3	-.3	1.0	.3	4.0
Miscellaneous prepared foods and baby foods .....	172.7	171.2	169.3	172.8	.8	-.9	-1.1	2.1	2.5
Other canned and packaged prepared foods .....	137.6	137.9	136.6	138.0	.4	.2	-.9	1.0	1.8
Whiskey at home .....	146.9	147.9	148.1	148.8	.5	.7	.1	.5	1.6
Other alcoholic beverages at home .....	146.4	147.3	147.6	147.6	.1	.6	.2	.0	.9
<b>Housing</b>									
Household linens .....	110.9	111.1	112.2	110.3	-1.4	.2	1.0	-1.7	-3.7
Curtains, drapes, slipcovers, and sewing materials .....	137.1	139.8	137.0	136.6	3.1	2.0	-2.0	-.3	-.1
Soaps and detergents .....	141.1	141.7	141.4	141.9	.5	.4	-.2	.4	2.3
Other laundry and cleaning products .....	144.1	144.8	144.6	145.4	.5	.5	-.1	.6	2.8
Cleaning and toilet tissue, paper towels, and napkins .....	143.0	143.2	144.3	143.3	-2.0	.1	.8	-.7	2.4
Stationery, stationery supplies, and gift wrap .....	148.7	149.1	147.3	146.9	.1	.3	-1.2	-.3	2.9
<b>Apparel and upkeep</b>									
Men's suits, sport coats, and jackets .....	131.6	130.0	134.3	135.2	-3.1	-1.2	3.3	.7	-.1
Men's coats and jackets .....	138.0	135.4	139.1	142.4	-2.7	-1.9	2.7	2.4	.1
Boys' coats, jackets, sweaters, and shirts .....	109.8	107.1	111.4	116.8	-2.4	-2.5	4.0	4.8	-1.1
Boys' trousers, sport coats, and jackets .....	116.0	113.8	113.5	110.7	-2.3	-1.9	-.3	-2.5	-5.9
Girls' coats, jackets, dresses, and suits .....	120.2	115.8	113.1	124.4	-2.8	-3.7	-2.3	10.0	.4
Girls' separates and sportswear .....	119.7	114.5	110.4	114.3	-2.8	-4.3	-3.6	3.5	-3.8
<b>Transportation</b>									
State automobile registration .....	205.4	205.4	205.4	205.4	.0	.0	.0	.0	.0
<b>Other goods and services</b>									
Products for hair, hair pieces, and wigs .....	130.9	131.6	131.8	132.2	-.8	.5	.2	.3	-.5

<sup>1</sup> These special indexes are based on substantially smaller samples.

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

**Table 6. Consumer Price Index for Urban Wage Earners and Clerical Workers (CPI-W): U.S. city average, by expenditure category and commodity and service group**

(1982-84=100, unless otherwise noted)

Group	Relative importance, December 1995	Unadjusted indexes		Unadjusted percent change to Sept. 1996 from—		Seasonally adjusted percent change from—		
		Aug. 1996	Sept. 1996	Sept. 1995	Aug. 1996	June to July	July to Aug.	Aug. to Sept.
<b>Expenditure category</b>								
All items .....	100.000	154.5	155.1	3.0	0.4	0.2	0.1	0.3
All items (1967=100) .....	-	460.2	461.9	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Food and beverages</b> .....	19.262	153.7	154.5	3.8	.5	.4	.4	.5
Food .....	17.581	153.4	154.1	3.8	.5	.5	.3	.5
Food at home .....	11.206	154.1	155.1	4.5	.6	.6	.5	.6
Cereals and bakery products .....	1.682	174.8	174.3	3.6	-.3	.2	.1	.1
Meats, poultry, fish, and eggs .....	3.453	145.3	146.8	5.5	1.0	.7	.9	1.0
Dairy products .....	1.300	144.3	146.4	10.8	1.5	1.5	1.7	1.9
Fruits and vegetables .....	2.052	181.8	183.2	3.2	.8	.6	-.2	-.2
Other food at home .....	2.719	142.8	143.2	1.8	.3	.2	.0	.5
Sugar and sweets .....	.369	144.5	145.3	5.1	.6	.5	-.1	.9
Fats and oils .....	.285	140.6	141.2	2.8	.4	-.8	.8	.6
Nonalcoholic beverages .....	.885	128.0	127.4	-2.8	-.5	-.1	.5	-.5
Other prepared food .....	1.180	156.3	157.2	4.0	.6	.4	-.4	1.0
Food away from home .....	6.374	153.1	153.4	2.6	.2	.3	.3	.2
Alcoholic beverages .....	1.681	158.2	158.9	3.3	.4	.1	.3	.6
<b>Housing</b> .....	38.888	150.7	150.8	2.9	.1	.4	.2	.1
Shelter .....	25.976	167.3	167.2	3.0	-.1	.4	.1	.2
Renters' costs <sup>1</sup> .....	8.091	159.4	158.1	3.1	-.8	.6	.1	.1
Rent, residential .....	6.616	162.2	162.6	2.8	.2	.3	.1	.2
Other renters' costs .....	1.475	226.5	215.0	4.6	-5.1	1.7	-.1	-.2
Homeowners' costs <sup>1</sup> .....	17.695	161.4	161.9	3.0	.3	.3	.1	.2
Owners' equivalent rent <sup>1</sup> .....	17.366	161.7	162.2	3.0	.3	.3	.2	.2
Household insurance <sup>1</sup> .....	.329	148.0	148.0	3.0	.0	.5	.0	.3
Maintenance and repairs <sup>2</sup> .....	.189	138.0	138.0	2.2	.0	.3	.1	.0
Maintenance and repair services <sup>2</sup> .....	.105	149.0	149.4	4.5	.3	1.0	.5	.3
Maintenance and repair commodities <sup>2</sup> .....	.085	124.1	123.6	-.6	-.4	-.6	-.6	-.4
Fuel and other utilities .....	7.247	129.2	129.5	4.0	.2	.4	.5	.2
Fuels .....	3.887	117.5	117.9	4.6	.3	.9	.5	.2
Fuel oil and other household fuel commodities .....	.327	92.1	95.4	10.3	3.6	-1.5	.5	3.5
Gas (piped) and electricity (energy services) .....	3.560	125.7	125.7	4.1	.0	1.1	.6	-.2
Other utilities and public services <sup>2</sup> .....	3.360	158.5	158.8	3.4	.2	-.1	.3	.2
Household furnishings and operation .....	5.666	123.3	123.6	.9	.2	.1	.2	.2
Housefurnishings .....	3.367	110.0	110.1	-.4	.1	-.2	.2	.2
Housekeeping supplies .....	1.149	141.8	141.8	2.3	.0	.5	.2	.1
Housekeeping services .....	1.150	151.2	152.2	3.0	.7	.5	.1	.4
<b>Apparel and upkeep</b> .....	5.533	127.5	130.6	-.8	2.4	.0	-1.5	.5
Apparel commodities .....	5.017	123.8	127.2	-1.0	2.7	.0	-1.6	.4
Men's and boys' apparel .....	1.310	125.7	127.0	.5	1.0	-.2	.1	-.8
Women's and girls' apparel .....	2.148	117.4	122.2	-2.6	4.1	.1	-2.9	.7
Infants' and toddlers' apparel <sup>2</sup> .....	.251	126.7	132.4	-.2	4.5	-2.5	-.1	4.5
Footwear .....	.812	126.1	127.8	.2	1.3	.2	-.4	-.5
Other apparel commodities .....	.495	147.8	151.4	-1.2	2.4	.9	-3.7	2.3
Apparel services <sup>2</sup> .....	.516	159.6	159.7	1.8	.1	.2	.2	.1
<b>Transportation</b> .....	19.020	142.6	142.9	3.2	.2	-.4	-.1	.4
Private transportation .....	17.847	140.5	140.7	3.0	.1	-.4	-.1	.3
New vehicles .....	4.958	144.0	144.3	2.4	.2	.2	.2	.4
New cars .....	3.591	140.3	140.6	2.3	.2	.3	.3	.5
Used cars .....	2.432	157.8	158.2	.5	.3	-.3	-.1	.4
Motor fuel .....	3.584	106.3	106.2	6.4	-.1	-2.7	-1.7	-.1
Gasoline .....	-	106.0	105.8	6.1	-.2	-2.5	-1.9	-.3
Maintenance and repairs .....	1.619	159.6	160.8	3.1	.8	.2	.4	.6
Other private transportation .....	5.255	169.7	169.8	2.3	.1	.4	.5	.4
Other private transportation commodities .....	.767	104.0	104.1	.0	.1	-.5	.2	.2
Other private transportation services .....	4.488	186.3	186.4	2.7	.1	.5	.5	.4
Public transportation .....	1.173	179.4	181.8	5.6	1.3	-.6	.0	1.6

See footnotes at end of table.

**Table 6. Consumer Price Index for Urban Wage Earners and Clerical Workers (CPI-W): U.S. city average, by expenditure category and commodity and service group—Continued**

(1982-84=100, unless otherwise noted)

Group	Relative importance, December 1995	Unadjusted indexes		Unadjusted percent change to Sept. 1996 from—		Seasonally adjusted percent change from—		
		Aug. 1996	Sept. 1996	Sept. 1995	Aug. 1996	June to July	July to Aug.	Aug. to Sept.
<b>Expenditure category</b>								
Medical care .....	6.262	228.5	228.8	3.3	0.1	0.3	0.1	0.2
Medical care commodities .....	1.055	208.5	208.5	3.0	.0	.2	-.1	.3
Medical care services .....	5.208	233.1	233.3	3.3	.1	.3	.2	.2
Professional medical services .....	2.965	210.4	210.8	3.6	.2	.4	.2	.4
Entertainment .....	4.029	157.0	157.4	3.1	.3	.0	.3	.1
Entertainment commodities .....	2.053	142.2	142.2	2.7	.0	-.1	.3	.1
Entertainment services .....	1.976	178.3	179.3	3.4	.6	.2	.2	.1
Other goods and services .....	7.006	213.0	214.7	3.6	.8	.4	.2	.2
Tobacco and smoking products .....	2.135	233.0	233.7	2.5	.3	.4	-.2	.7
Personal care <sup>2</sup> .....	1.132	150.4	150.8	2.2	.3	.3	.3	.3
Toilet goods and personal care appliances <sup>2</sup> .....	.635	145.6	145.7	1.4	.1	.3	.4	.1
Personal care services <sup>2</sup> .....	.497	156.5	157.2	3.1	.4	.1	.2	.4
Personal and educational expenses .....	3.739	244.2	247.3	4.7	1.3	.5	.5	-.1
School books and supplies .....	.227	228.8	231.5	6.1	1.2	.2	1.5	.2
Personal and educational services .....	3.512	245.7	248.8	4.6	1.3	.5	.4	-.1
<b>Commodity and service group</b>								
All items .....	100.000	154.5	155.1	3.0	.4	.2	.1	.3
Commodities .....	47.052	139.6	140.4	2.7	.6	.0	-.1	.4
Food and beverages .....	19.262	153.7	154.5	3.8	.5	.4	.4	.5
Commodities less food and beverages .....	27.790	130.9	131.7	1.9	.6	-.3	-.5	.3
Nondurables less food and beverages .....	16.074	131.6	132.8	2.5	.9	-.4	-.8	.1
Apparel commodities .....	5.017	123.8	127.2	-1.0	2.7	.0	-1.6	.4
Nondurables less food, beverages, and apparel <sup>2</sup> .....	11.057	138.2	138.4	4.0	.1	-.7	-.5	-.1
Durables .....	11.716	128.9	129.2	1.2	.2	.0	.0	.5
Services .....	52.948	172.5	172.8	3.3	.2	.4	.2	.2
Rent of shelter <sup>1</sup> .....	25.430	161.0	160.9	3.1	-.1	.4	.2	.1
Household services less rent of shelter <sup>1</sup> .....	8.531	132.7	133.0	3.7	.2	.5	.4	.1
Transportation services .....	7.279	178.4	179.2	3.3	.4	.3	.4	.7
Medical care services .....	5.208	233.1	233.3	3.3	.1	.3	.2	.2
Other services .....	6.501	198.7	200.5	3.9	.9	.4	.3	.0
<b>Special indexes</b>								
All items less food .....	82.419	154.6	155.2	2.8	.4	.1	.0	.3
All items less shelter .....	74.024	151.2	151.9	3.0	.5	.1	.1	.3
All items less homeowners' costs <sup>1</sup> .....	82.305	145.1	145.7	3.0	.4	.2	.1	.3
All items less medical care .....	93.738	151.0	151.6	3.0	.4	.2	.1	.3
Commodities less food .....	29.471	132.0	132.8	2.0	.6	-.3	-.5	.4
Nondurables less food .....	17.756	133.1	134.3	2.5	.9	-.4	-.6	.1
Nondurables less food and apparel .....	12.739	139.2	139.5	3.9	.2	-.7	-.3	.1
Nondurables .....	35.336	143.0	143.9	3.2	.6	.0	-.1	.2
Services less rent of shelter <sup>1</sup> .....	27.518	163.8	164.5	3.6	.4	.5	.2	.4
Services less medical care services .....	47.740	167.3	167.6	3.3	.2	.5	.2	.2
Energy .....	7.470	111.1	111.3	5.5	.2	-.9	-.5	.0
All items less energy .....	92.530	160.6	161.2	2.8	.4	.2	.1	.4
All items less food and energy .....	74.949	162.5	163.1	2.6	.4	.2	.1	.3
Commodities less food and energy commodities .....	25.560	140.0	141.0	1.2	.7	.1	-.2	.4
Energy commodities .....	3.911	105.3	105.5	6.7	.2	-2.6	-1.5	.2
Services less energy services .....	49.388	177.7	178.0	3.2	.2	.3	.2	.2
Purchasing power of the consumer dollar:								
1982-84=\$1.00 <sup>2</sup> .....	-	\$.647	\$.645	-2.9	-.3	-.2	-.2	-.3
1967=\$1.00 <sup>2</sup> .....	-	.217	.216	-	-	-	-	-

<sup>1</sup> Indexes on a December 1984=100 base.

<sup>2</sup> Not seasonally adjusted.

- Data not available.

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

**Table 7. Consumer Price Index for Urban Wage Earners and Clerical Workers (CPI-W): Seasonally adjusted U.S. city average, by expenditure category and commodity and service group**

(1982-84=100, unless otherwise noted)

Group	Seasonally adjusted indexes				Seasonally adjusted annual rate percent change for					
	June 1996	July 1996	Aug. 1996	Sept. 1996	3 months ended—				6 months ended—	
					Dec. 1995	Mar. 1996	June 1996	Sept. 1996	Mar. 1996	Sept. 1996
<b>Expenditure category</b>										
All items .....	-	-	-	-	2.4	4.3	3.2	2.1	3.4	2.6
Food and beverages .....	153.0	153.6	154.2	155.0	1.9	3.2	4.6	5.3	2.6	5.0
Food .....	152.6	153.3	153.8	154.6	2.2	3.2	4.6	5.3	2.7	5.0
Food at home .....	153.1	154.0	154.7	155.7	1.9	3.5	5.4	7.0	2.7	6.2
Cereals and bakery products .....	173.7	174.0	174.1	174.3	4.1	5.3	3.8	1.4	4.7	2.6
Meats, poultry, fish, and eggs .....	143.2	144.2	145.5	147.0	7.1	-8	5.2	11.0	3.0	8.1
Dairy products .....	139.8	141.9	144.3	147.0	6.2	4.8	10.7	22.2	5.5	16.3
Fruits and vegetables .....	185.2	186.3	186.0	185.7	-8.4	13.3	7.0	1.1	1.9	4.0
Other food at home .....	142.4	142.7	142.7	143.4	.6	1.4	2.6	2.8	1.0	2.7
Sugar and sweets .....	143.7	144.4	144.2	145.5	2.9	8.3	4.3	5.1	5.6	4.7
Fats and oils .....	140.7	139.6	140.7	141.5	2.9	2.3	3.5	2.3	2.6	2.9
Nonalcoholic beverages .....	127.9	127.8	128.5	127.8	-4.5	-4.5	-1.5	-3	-4.5	-9
Other prepared food .....	155.9	156.6	155.9	157.5	2.9	3.7	5.3	4.2	3.3	4.7
Food away from home .....	152.3	152.7	153.1	153.4	2.2	2.1	3.2	2.9	2.2	3.1
Alcoholic beverages .....	157.6	157.8	158.2	159.1	1.8	4.7	2.8	3.9	3.3	3.4
Housing .....	149.1	149.7	150.0	150.2	3.0	3.3	2.2	3.0	3.2	2.6
Shelter .....	165.8	166.5	166.7	167.0	3.5	3.0	2.7	2.9	3.2	2.8
Renters' costs <sup>1</sup> .....	156.6	157.6	157.7	157.9	2.4	4.5	2.6	3.4	3.4	3.0
Rent, residential .....	161.5	162.0	162.2	162.6	3.1	2.5	3.0	2.8	2.8	2.9
Other renters' costs .....	213.6	217.3	217.0	216.6	-1.0	12.8	1.5	5.7	5.7	3.6
Homeowners' costs <sup>1</sup> .....	160.7	161.2	161.4	161.7	4.4	2.3	2.8	2.5	3.3	2.6
Owners' equivalent rent <sup>1</sup> .....	160.9	161.4	161.7	162.0	4.4	2.0	2.8	2.8	3.2	2.8
Household insurance <sup>1</sup> .....	146.7	147.4	147.4	147.9	6.0	1.1	1.9	3.3	3.5	2.6
Maintenance and repairs <sup>2</sup> .....	137.5	137.9	138.0	138.0	2.4	1.5	3.6	1.5	1.9	2.5
Maintenance and repair services <sup>2</sup> .....	146.7	148.2	149.0	149.4	4.8	3.1	2.5	7.6	4.0	5.0
Maintenance and repair commodities <sup>2</sup> .....	125.6	124.8	124.1	123.6	-3	-3	4.9	-6.2	-3	-8
Fuel and other utilities .....	126.5	127.0	127.6	127.8	3.6	5.9	2.6	4.2	4.8	3.4
Fuels .....	112.5	113.5	114.1	114.3	4.8	5.5	1.8	6.6	5.2	4.1
Fuel oil and other household fuel commodities .....	95.0	93.6	94.1	97.4	1.8	46.6	-10.2	10.5	22.2	-4
Gas (piped) and electricity (energy services) .....	119.8	121.1	121.8	121.6	4.9	2.4	3.1	6.1	3.6	4.6
Other utilities and public services <sup>2</sup> .....	158.2	158.0	158.5	158.8	1.8	7.2	3.1	1.5	4.5	2.3
Household furnishings and operation .....	123.0	123.1	123.3	123.6	.7	1.0	.0	2.0	.8	1.0
Housefurnishings .....	109.9	109.7	109.9	110.1	-1.4	.0	-7	.7	-7	.0
Housekeeping supplies .....	140.9	141.6	141.9	142.0	4.1	4.6	-2.2	3.2	4.4	.4
Housekeeping services .....	150.6	151.4	151.5	152.1	3.6	.3	4.1	4.0	1.9	4.1
Apparel and upkeep .....	131.0	131.0	129.0	129.6	1.2	2.5	-2.4	-4.2	1.8	-3.3
Apparel commodities .....	127.8	127.8	125.7	126.2	.9	2.5	-2.8	-4.9	1.7	-3.8
Men's and boys' apparel .....	127.2	127.0	127.1	126.1	.6	8.9	-4.0	-3.4	4.7	-3.7
Women's and girls' apparel .....	124.0	124.1	120.5	121.3	3.9	-2.8	-2.2	-8.4	.5	-5.4
Infants' and toddlers' apparel <sup>2</sup> .....	130.1	126.8	126.7	132.4	-8.2	16.0	-13.0	7.3	3.2	-3.4
Footwear .....	128.1	128.4	127.9	127.3	-1.9	5.8	-3	-2.5	1.9	-1.4
Other apparel commodities .....	150.2	151.5	145.9	149.2	1.1	-8	-2.4	-2.6	.1	-2.5
Apparel services <sup>2</sup> .....	159.0	159.3	159.6	159.7	.8	2.8	2.0	1.8	1.8	1.9
Transportation .....	143.3	142.7	142.5	143.1	.6	8.3	4.6	-6	4.4	2.0
Private transportation .....	141.3	140.7	140.5	140.9	.9	8.1	4.4	-1.1	4.4	1.6
New vehicles .....	144.7	145.0	145.3	145.9	1.1	2.5	2.5	3.4	1.8	2.9
New cars .....	140.9	141.3	141.7	142.4	1.2	1.7	2.0	4.3	1.4	3.2
Used cars .....	157.2	156.8	156.7	157.4	4.1	9.4	-11.1	.5	6.7	-5.5
Motor fuel .....	109.0	106.1	104.3	104.2	-1.2	31.9	17.9	-16.5	14.2	-8
Gasoline .....	108.6	105.9	103.9	103.6	-2.0	33.6	16.6	-17.2	14.4	-1.7
Maintenance and repairs .....	158.8	159.1	159.7	160.7	2.6	2.8	2.3	4.9	2.7	3.6
Other private transportation .....	169.3	170.0	170.8	171.5	.2	-5	4.4	5.3	-1	4.8
Other private transportation commodities .....	104.5	104.0	104.2	104.4	-4	.4	.8	-4	.0	.2
Other private transportation services .....	185.6	186.6	187.6	188.4	.4	-7	4.9	6.2	-1	5.5
Public transportation .....	181.0	180.0	180.0	182.9	-6.8	12.0	14.2	4.3	2.2	9.1

See footnotes at end of table.

**Table 7. Consumer Price Index for Urban Wage Earners and Clerical Workers (CPI-W): Seasonally adjusted U.S. city average, by expenditure category and commodity and service group—Continued**

(1982-84 = 100, unless otherwise noted)

Group	Seasonally adjusted indexes				Seasonally adjusted annual rate percent change for					
	June 1996	July 1996	Aug. 1996	Sept. 1996	3 months ended—				6 months ended—	
					Dec. 1995	Mar. 1996	June 1996	Sept. 1996	Mar. 1996	Sept. 1996
<b>Expenditure category</b>										
Medical care .....	227.6	228.3	228.6	229.1	3.7	3.1	3.6	2.7	3.4	3.1
Medical care commodities .....	208.0	208.5	208.3	208.9	3.0	3.4	3.9	1.7	3.2	2.8
Medical care services .....	231.9	232.6	233.1	233.6	3.8	3.0	3.5	3.0	3.4	3.2
Professional medical services .....	208.8	209.7	210.1	211.0	4.2	2.9	3.1	4.3	3.6	3.7
Entertainment .....	156.9	156.9	157.3	157.4	3.4	4.8	2.6	1.3	4.1	1.9
Entertainment commodities .....	141.9	141.8	142.2	142.4	3.2	5.6	.9	1.4	4.4	1.1
Entertainment services .....	178.4	178.7	179.0	179.1	3.7	4.2	4.1	1.6	4.0	2.9
Other goods and services .....	212.2	213.1	213.6	214.0	3.7	3.7	3.5	3.4	3.7	3.5
Tobacco and smoking products .....	232.1	233.0	232.5	234.2	1.2	3.0	2.1	3.7	2.1	2.9
Personal care <sup>2</sup> .....	149.6	150.0	150.4	150.8	3.6	1.1	.8	3.2	2.3	2.0
Toilet goods and personal care appliances <sup>2</sup> .....	144.6	145.0	145.6	145.7	2.8	-3	.0	3.1	1.3	1.5
Personal care services <sup>2</sup> .....	156.0	156.2	156.5	157.2	4.5	2.6	2.1	3.1	3.6	2.6
Personal and educational expenses .....	242.8	243.9	245.0	244.8	5.4	5.0	5.1	3.3	5.2	4.2
School books and supplies .....	226.4	226.8	230.2	230.6	7.6	7.8	1.8	7.6	7.7	4.7
Personal and educational services .....	244.2	245.4	246.4	246.1	5.2	4.8	5.2	3.1	5.0	4.2
<b>Commodity and service group</b>										
All items .....	-	-	-	-	2.4	4.3	3.2	2.1	3.4	2.6
Commodities .....	140.0	140.0	139.8	140.4	1.5	5.3	2.6	1.1	3.4	1.9
Food and beverages .....	153.0	153.6	154.2	155.0	1.9	3.2	4.6	5.3	2.6	5.0
Commodities less food and beverages .....	132.0	131.6	131.0	131.4	1.2	7.0	1.2	-1.8	4.1	-3
Nondurables less food and beverages .....	133.4	132.8	131.7	131.8	2.2	10.6	2.4	-4.7	6.3	-1.2
Apparel commodities .....	127.8	127.8	125.7	126.2	.9	2.5	-2.8	-4.9	1.7	-3.8
Nondurables less food, beverages, and apparel <sup>2</sup> .....	139.1	138.1	137.4	137.3	1.8	15.9	4.1	-5.1	8.7	-6
Durables .....	129.1	129.1	129.1	129.7	1.3	2.5	-9	1.9	1.9	.5
Services .....	171.1	171.8	172.2	172.5	3.2	3.1	3.6	3.3	3.1	3.4
Rent of shelter <sup>1</sup> .....	159.8	160.4	160.7	160.9	3.4	3.1	3.1	2.8	3.2	2.9
Household services less rent of shelter <sup>1</sup> .....	130.2	130.8	131.3	131.4	4.2	3.5	3.1	3.7	3.8	3.4
Transportation services .....	178.1	178.6	179.3	180.5	-2	2.1	5.8	5.5	.9	5.7
Medical care services .....	231.9	232.6	233.1	233.6	3.8	3.0	3.5	3.0	3.4	3.2
Other services .....	198.5	199.2	199.8	199.8	4.2	4.4	4.3	2.6	4.3	3.5
<b>Special indexes</b>										
All items less food .....	154.1	154.3	154.3	154.7	2.7	4.3	2.9	1.6	3.5	2.2
All items less shelter .....	151.0	151.2	151.3	151.8	1.9	4.7	3.2	2.1	3.3	2.7
All items less homeowners' costs <sup>1</sup> .....	144.7	145.0	145.1	145.5	2.0	4.6	3.1	2.2	3.3	2.7
All items less medical care .....	150.5	150.8	150.9	151.3	2.2	4.4	3.0	2.1	3.3	2.6
Commodities less food .....	133.2	132.8	132.2	132.7	.9	7.2	1.2	-1.5	4.0	-2
Nondurables less food .....	134.7	134.1	133.3	133.4	2.2	10.2	2.1	-3.8	6.1	-9
Nondurables less food and apparel .....	139.9	138.9	138.5	138.6	2.4	13.1	4.4	-3.7	7.6	.3
Nondurables .....	143.3	143.3	143.2	143.5	2.0	7.3	2.8	.6	4.7	1.7
Services less rent of shelter <sup>1</sup> .....	162.3	163.1	163.5	164.2	2.8	3.0	4.0	4.8	2.9	4.4
Services less medical care services .....	165.8	166.6	167.0	167.3	3.0	3.0	3.5	3.7	3.0	3.6
Energy .....	110.3	109.3	108.7	108.7	1.6	17.7	9.6	-5.7	9.3	1.7
All items less energy .....	160.3	160.7	160.9	161.5	2.3	3.3	2.5	3.0	2.8	2.8
All items less food and energy .....	162.4	162.8	162.9	163.4	2.5	3.3	2.0	2.5	2.9	2.2
Commodities less food and energy commodities .....	140.8	140.9	140.6	141.1	1.7	3.2	-8	.9	2.5	.0
Energy commodities .....	108.0	105.2	103.6	103.8	-1.2	33.2	15.4	-14.7	14.7	-8
Services less energy services .....	176.9	177.5	177.9	178.3	3.0	3.3	3.5	3.2	3.2	3.3

<sup>1</sup> Indexes on a December 1984 = 100 base.

<sup>2</sup> Not seasonally adjusted.

- Data not available.

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

**Table 8. Consumer Price Index for Urban Wage Earners and Clerical Workers (CPI-W): U.S. city average, detailed expenditure categories**

(1982-84=100, unless otherwise noted)

Item and group	Unadjusted indexes		Unadjusted percent change to Sept. 1996 from—		Seasonally adjusted percent change from—		
	Aug. 1996	Sept. 1996	Sept. 1995	Aug. 1996	June to July	July to Aug.	Aug. to Sept.
<b>Expenditure category</b>							
Food and beverages .....	153.7	154.5	3.8	0.5	0.4	0.4	0.5
Food .....	153.4	154.1	3.8	.5	.5	.3	.5
Food at home .....	154.1	155.1	4.5	.6	.6	.5	.6
Cereals and bakery products .....	174.8	174.3	3.6	-.3	.2	.1	.1
Cereals and cereal products .....	168.0	166.1	-.3	-1.1	-.4	-.2	-.5
Flour and prepared flour mixes .....	159.6	155.9	8.7	-2.3	1.6	1.4	-1.3
Cereal <sup>1</sup> .....	185.7	183.6	-3.9	-1.1	-.9	-1.2	-1.1
Rice, pasta, and commel .....	145.9	145.5	2.8	-.3	.6	.3	-.1
Bakery products <sup>1</sup> .....	177.7	177.9	5.5	.1	.5	.4	.1
White bread <sup>1</sup> .....	181.3	180.1	7.7	-.7	.5	1.5	-.7
Fresh other bread, biscuits, rolls, and muffins <sup>1</sup> .....	178.7	180.3	7.0	.9	1.1	.7	.9
Cookies, fresh cakes, and cupcakes <sup>1</sup> .....	171.5	172.4	2.6	.5	-.6	-.8	.5
Other bakery products .....	179.6	179.3	4.9	-.2	1.2	-.6	.3
Meats, poultry, fish, and eggs .....	145.3	146.8	5.5	1.0	.7	.9	1.0
Meats, poultry, and fish .....	145.7	147.0	4.9	.9	.8	1.1	.6
Meats .....	141.8	143.1	5.6	.9	.7	1.6	.8
Beef and veal .....	134.1	134.5	1.0	.3	.9	1.8	.2
Ground beef other than canned .....	114.7	113.9	-.3	-.7	2.7	1.8	-1.0
Chuck roast .....	141.6	141.9	4.5	.2	1.8	5.9	-.1
Round roast .....	125.8	130.9	2.7	4.1	1.1	3.0	2.5
Round steak .....	123.0	130.1	1.3	5.8	.9	-2.3	4.5
Sirloin steak .....	141.2	140.0	.5	-.8	-.3	1.6	.3
Other beef and veal <sup>1</sup> .....	157.8	157.4	1.1	-.3	.1	1.4	-.3
Pork .....	153.6	156.3	13.3	1.8	.2	2.0	1.4
Bacon <sup>1</sup> .....	161.5	169.0	37.3	4.6	2.4	5.6	4.6
Chops .....	157.3	156.3	4.5	-.6	-2.7	1.0	-1.2
Ham .....	153.4	156.1	9.5	1.8	.7	1.9	1.7
Other pork, including sausage .....	147.2	150.0	11.5	1.9	.7	.7	2.1
Other meats <sup>1</sup> .....	144.6	145.8	5.3	.8	.8	.6	.8
Poultry <sup>1</sup> .....	154.1	155.1	6.5	.6	.9	1.2	.6
Fresh whole chicken <sup>1</sup> .....	157.2	157.2	8.2	.0	1.7	1.5	.0
Fresh and frozen chicken parts <sup>1</sup> .....	154.7	156.6	5.9	1.2	.3	1.0	1.2
Other poultry .....	151.1	152.0	4.7	.6	1.3	.3	.5
Fish and seafood .....	170.7	172.1	-1.0	.8	.6	-1.8	.1
Canned fish and seafood <sup>1</sup> .....	126.4	125.5	.2	-.7	.5	-.5	-.7
Fresh and frozen fish and seafood .....	193.4	195.7	-1.4	1.2	.7	-2.0	.3
Eggs .....	137.2	142.8	17.0	4.1	-.4	-1.7	6.5
Dairy products .....	144.3	146.4	10.8	1.5	1.5	1.7	1.9
Fresh milk and cream .....	144.2	145.4	10.9	.8	1.7	1.3	1.4
Fresh whole milk .....	142.7	143.6	10.5	.6	1.9	.8	1.3
Other fresh milk and cream <sup>1</sup> .....	146.7	148.1	11.4	1.0	1.1	2.1	1.0
Processed dairy products .....	145.0	148.1	10.8	2.1	1.6	2.0	2.3
Cheese .....	146.2	148.8	8.2	1.8	.7	2.1	2.1
Ice cream and related products .....	145.5	149.1	8.6	2.5	1.3	1.2	2.1
Other dairy products, including butter .....	138.9	142.7	23.2	2.7	5.7	2.9	3.1
Fruits and vegetables .....	181.8	183.2	3.2	.8	.6	-.2	-.2
Fresh fruits and vegetables .....	206.7	209.0	1.7	1.1	.3	-.4	-.5
Fresh fruits .....	231.5	243.7	5.8	5.3	-1.0	-1.3	2.8
Apples .....	215.2	210.4	6.2	-2.2	.4	-1.8	-.1
Bananas .....	153.6	148.5	-3.6	-3.3	-2.6	-2.1	.8
Oranges, including tangerines .....	288.8	325.9	13.7	12.8	2.0	7.9	5.2
Other fresh fruits .....	241.0	256.9	4.3	6.6	-2.1	-3.7	3.2
Fresh vegetables .....	182.5	175.0	-3.5	-4.1	1.9	.7	-4.3
Potatoes .....	197.0	181.0	-.6	-8.1	-.6	2.1	.7
Lettuce <sup>1</sup> .....	174.7	173.4	-21.9	-.7	-2.5	-2.0	-.7
Tomatoes <sup>1</sup> .....	167.2	161.3	4.1	-3.5	-8.2	-2.3	-3.5
Other fresh vegetables .....	185.2	179.0	-1.7	-3.3	7.1	-.7	-4.4
Processed fruits and vegetables .....	146.9	147.0	6.6	.1	1.2	.2	.6
Processed fruits .....	146.4	147.0	6.9	.4	1.4	-.5	.8
Fruit juices and frozen fruit .....	146.5	147.2	7.6	.5	1.6	-.6	.8
Canned and dried fruits .....	144.6	144.6	4.5	.0	.3	-.3	.9
Processed vegetables .....	147.7	147.4	6.2	-.2	1.3	.8	.8
Frozen vegetables .....	146.5	144.9	2.0	-1.1	-.1	2.1	-1.0
Processed vegetables excluding frozen .....	149.0	149.2	8.2	.1	1.9	.3	1.5

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**Table 8. Consumer Price Index for Urban Wage Earners and Clerical Workers (CPI-W): U.S. city average, detailed expenditure categories —Continued**

(1982-84=100, unless otherwise noted)

Item and group	Unadjusted indexes		Unadjusted percent change to Sept. 1996 from—		Seasonally adjusted percent change from—		
	Aug. 1996	Sept. 1996	Sept. 1995	Aug. 1996	June to July	July to Aug.	Aug. to Sept.
<b>Expenditure category</b>							
Other food at home .....	142.8	143.2	1.8	0.3	0.2	0.0	0.5
Sugar and sweets .....	144.5	145.3	5.1	.6	.5	-.1	.9
Sugar and artificial sweeteners .....	135.0	134.9	5.0	-.1	.5	.7	-.3
Sweets, including candy <sup>1</sup> .....	148.5	149.7	5.1	.8	.7	-.3	.8
Fats and oils .....	140.6	141.2	2.8	.4	-.8	.8	.6
Nonalcoholic beverages .....	128.0	127.4	-2.8	-.5	-.1	.5	-.5
Carbonated drinks .....	120.8	119.5	-1.3	-1.1	-.1	.9	-1.6
Coffee <sup>1</sup> .....	147.4	146.8	-8.5	-.4	-1.0	.3	-.4
Other noncarbonated drinks .....	137.3	139.1	3.0	1.3	.4	.5	.7
Other prepared food .....	156.3	157.2	4.0	.6	.4	-.4	1.0
Canned and packaged soup .....	187.1	185.9	4.4	-.6	.6	-.3	-.2
Frozen prepared food <sup>1</sup> .....	142.3	142.5	2.4	.1	1.8	-1.5	.1
Snacks <sup>1</sup> .....	148.6	149.9	5.2	.9	1.0	.0	.9
Seasonings, condiments, sauces, and spices .....	163.1	164.6	5.6	.9	-.2	.3	1.1
Miscellaneous prepared food, including baby food <sup>1</sup> .....	156.4	157.4	2.5	.6	.0	-.1	.8
Food away from home .....	153.1	153.4	2.6	.2	.3	.3	.2
Lunch .....	153.5	153.9	2.6	.3	.3	.3	.3
Dinner .....	151.3	151.6	2.6	.2	.3	.2	.2
Other meals and snacks <sup>1</sup> .....	155.5	156.0	2.8	.3	.4	.3	.3
Alcoholic beverages .....	158.2	158.9	3.3	.4	.1	.3	.6
Alcoholic beverages at home .....	146.7	147.3	3.2	.4	.3	.2	.4
Beer and ale .....	147.4	147.9	3.3	.3	.1	.6	.5
Wine .....	137.8	138.9	5.1	.8	.2	-.1	.9
Distilled spirits <sup>1</sup> .....	147.5	147.9	1.2	.3	.3	.2	.3
Alcoholic beverages away from home .....	182.4	183.3	3.6	.5	-.2	.6	.5
Housing .....	150.7	150.8	2.9	.1	.4	.2	.1
Shelter .....	167.3	167.2	3.0	-.1	.4	.1	.2
Renters' costs <sup>2</sup> .....	159.4	158.1	3.1	-.8	.6	.1	.1
Rent, residential .....	162.2	162.6	2.8	-.2	.3	.1	.2
Other renters' costs .....	226.5	215.0	4.6	-5.1	1.7	-.1	-.2
Lodging while out of town .....	226.7	213.7	4.7	-5.7	1.9	-.1	-.3
Lodging while at school <sup>3</sup> .....	217.1	219.2	3.9	1.0	.4	.6	-.6
Tenants' insurance .....	153.5	153.5	3.3	.0	.5	.1	.3
Homeowners' costs <sup>2</sup> .....	161.4	161.9	3.0	.3	.3	.1	.2
Owners' equivalent rent <sup>2</sup> .....	161.7	162.2	3.0	.3	.3	.2	.2
Household insurance <sup>1,2</sup> .....	148.0	148.0	3.0	.0	.5	.0	.3
Maintenance and repairs <sup>1</sup> .....	138.0	138.0	2.2	.0	.3	.1	.0
Maintenance and repair services <sup>1</sup> .....	149.0	149.4	4.5	.3	1.0	.5	.3
Maintenance and repair commodities <sup>1</sup> .....	124.1	123.6	-.6	-.4	-.6	-.6	-.4
Materials, supplies, and equipment for home repairs <sup>1,4</sup> .....	119.0	119.3	2.2	.3	-.7	-.3	.3
Other maintenance and repair commodities <sup>1</sup> .....	121.4	120.3	-2.7	-.9	-.6	-.9	-.9
Fuel and other utilities .....	129.2	129.5	4.0	.2	.4	.5	.2
Fuels .....	117.5	117.9	4.6	.3	.9	.5	.2
Fuel oil and other household fuel commodities .....	92.1	95.4	10.3	3.6	-1.5	.5	3.5
Fuel oil .....	89.6	93.9	12.6	4.8	-2.1	.9	4.7
Other household fuel commodities <sup>1,4</sup> .....	121.6	123.4	6.4	1.5	-.7	-.2	1.5
Gas (piped) and electricity (energy services) .....	125.7	125.7	4.1	.0	1.1	.6	-.2
Electricity .....	137.8	137.9	2.9	.1	1.2	.9	.1
Utility (piped) gas .....	106.8	106.8	7.0	.0	.7	-.1	-.6
Other utilities and public services <sup>1</sup> .....	158.5	158.8	3.4	.2	-.1	.3	.2
Telephone services <sup>1</sup> .....	126.3	126.5	2.1	.2	.2	.2	.2
Local charges <sup>1</sup> .....	160.5	160.6	.6	.1	.1	.0	.1
Interstate toll calls <sup>1</sup> .....	78.4	78.6	4.9	.3	.0	.0	.3
Intrastate toll calls <sup>1</sup> .....	91.4	91.4	5.8	.0	.2	2.2	.0
Water and sewerage maintenance .....	201.3	201.7	3.4	.2	-2.4	.0	.4
Cable television <sup>1,5</sup> .....	216.7	217.5	7.6	.4	1.6	.5	.4
Refuse collection <sup>5</sup> .....	247.0	247.7	2.1	.3	.0	-.2	.4

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**Table 8. Consumer Price Index for Urban Wage Earners and Clerical Workers (CPI-W): U.S. city average, detailed expenditure categories —Continued**

(1982-84=100, unless otherwise noted)

Item and group	Unadjusted indexes		Unadjusted percent change to Sept. 1996 from—		Seasonally adjusted percent change from—		
	Aug. 1996	Sept. 1996	Sept. 1995	Aug. 1996	June to July	July to Aug.	Aug. to Sept.
<b>Expenditure category</b>							
Household furnishings and operation .....	123.3	123.6	0.9	0.2	0.1	0.2	0.2
Housefurnishings .....	110.0	110.1	-.4	.1	-.2	.2	.2
Textile housefurnishings .....	122.2	121.4	-3.0	-.7	-1.0	.9	-1.1
Furniture and bedding <sup>1</sup> .....	131.5	132.5	2.0	.8	-.6	.1	.8
Bedroom furniture <sup>1</sup> .....	137.3	138.8	1.8	1.1	-1.0	-.6	1.1
Sofas <sup>1</sup> .....	139.1	140.4	7.4	.9	-1.0	1.7	.9
Living room chairs and tables <sup>1</sup> .....	132.2	133.3	-.7	.8	.7	-1.0	.8
Other furniture .....	119.3	119.5	.0	.2	.4	1.0	-.2
Appliances, including electronic equipment <sup>1</sup> .....	79.5	79.1	-2.5	-.5	-.1	-.3	-.5
Video and audio products <sup>1</sup> .....	71.1	70.4	-3.8	-1.0	-.1	-.6	-1.0
Televisions <sup>1</sup> .....	63.1	62.4	-5.9	-1.1	-.3	-1.4	-1.1
Video products other than televisions <sup>1 6</sup> .....	66.7	65.2	-6.2	-2.2	-.2	1.1	-2.2
Audio products <sup>1</sup> .....	90.4	90.1	-1.2	-.3	.3	-.8	-.3
Major household appliances <sup>1 4</sup> .....	103.4	103.4	1.5	.0	.4	.6	.0
Refrigerators and home freezers <sup>1</sup> .....	110.7	110.1	1.6	-.5	1.0	-1.1	-.5
Laundry equipment <sup>1</sup> .....	113.8	113.5	4.3	-.3	.5	3.3	-.3
Stoves, ovens, dishwashers, and air conditioners <sup>1 4</sup> .....	92.3	93.1	-1.1	.9	-.3	-.6	.9
Information processing equipment <sup>1 6</sup> .....	56.1	56.3	-11.6	.4	-3.4	-.5	.4
Other housefurnishings <sup>1 4</sup> .....	114.8	115.1	-.1	.3	.7	-.1	.3
Floor and window coverings, infants', laundry, cleaning, and outdoor equipment <sup>1</sup> .....	139.3	140.1	1.2	.6	.0	1.5	.6
Clocks, lamps, and decor items <sup>1</sup> .....	114.9	116.4	-1.3	1.3	-.2	-1.2	1.3
Tableware, serving pieces, and nonelectric kitchenware <sup>1</sup> .....	126.2	125.6	1.4	-.5	1.5	-.3	-.5
Lawn equipment, power tools, and other hardware <sup>1</sup> .....	109.7	109.5	2.2	-.2	.6	.6	-.2
Sewing, floor cleaning, small kitchen, and portable heating appliances <sup>1 4</sup> .....	89.8	88.6	-2.3	-1.3	2.5	-1.5	-1.3
Indoor plants and fresh cut flowers <sup>1 7</sup> .....	114.7	117.0	-3.1	2.0	.3	-.3	2.0
Housekeeping supplies .....	141.8	141.8	2.3	.0	.5	.2	.1
Laundry and cleaning products, including soap <sup>1</sup> .....	143.7	144.2	2.3	.3	.6	-.1	.3
Household paper products and stationery supplies <sup>1</sup> .....	145.2	144.4	2.3	-.6	.1	.2	-.6
Other household, lawn, and garden supplies <sup>1</sup> .....	135.5	135.9	2.6	.3	.2	.3	.3
Housekeeping services .....	151.2	152.2	3.0	.7	.5	.1	.4
Postage <sup>1</sup> .....	160.8	160.8	.0	.0	.0	.0	.0
Appliance and furniture repair <sup>1</sup> .....	153.4	155.3	4.3	1.2	.2	-.1	1.2
Gardening and other household services <sup>1 4</sup> .....	135.1	135.7	4.1	.4	.7	-.4	.4
Apparel and upkeep .....	127.5	130.6	-.8	2.4	.0	-1.5	.5
Apparel commodities .....	123.8	127.2	-1.0	2.7	.0	-1.6	.4
Apparel commodities less footwear .....	123.4	127.0	-1.3	2.9	-.1	-2.0	.6
Men's and boys' .....	125.7	127.0	.5	1.0	-.2	.1	-.8
Men's .....	129.4	130.5	1.3	.9	-.1	-.1	-.8
Suits, sport coats, coats, and jackets .....	135.8	136.1	-1.3	.2	.5	.9	-2.7
Furnishings and special clothing .....	119.0	122.2	3.3	2.7	-.2	-1.5	.1
Shirts .....	135.4	137.1	3.0	1.3	-1.2	1.3	.2
Dungarees, jeans, and trousers .....	129.0	128.0	.4	-.8	1.2	-1.2	-1.7
Boys' .....	113.7	115.7	-2.5	1.8	-.3	.2	-.4
Women's and girls' .....	117.4	122.2	-2.6	4.1	.1	-2.9	.7
Women's .....	116.9	121.8	-2.5	4.2	.6	-2.6	.7
Coats and jackets .....	114.7	121.6	.9	6.0	.5	-.9	-.3
Dresses .....	109.1	113.7	-7.9	4.2	3.3	-3.7	-7.7
Separates and sportswear .....	117.3	122.7	-2.9	4.6	.6	-3.8	1.1
Underwear, nightwear, hosiery, and accessories .....	132.6	133.3	3.4	.5	-.4	-.8	.5
Suits .....	124.0	136.6	-6.1	10.2	-2.9	2.2	.5
Girls' .....	119.8	124.1	-2.7	3.6	-2.3	-4.5	1.0
Infants' and toddlers' <sup>1</sup> .....	126.7	132.4	-.2	4.5	-2.5	-.1	4.5
Other apparel commodities .....	147.8	151.4	-1.2	2.4	.9	-3.7	2.3
Sewing materials, notions, and luggage <sup>1 4</sup> .....	133.4	133.2	-1.1	-.1	2.2	-3.6	-.1
Watches and jewelry <sup>4</sup> .....	146.6	150.9	-1.2	2.9	.9	-3.5	2.6
Watches <sup>1 4</sup> .....	128.1	128.9	-2.6	.6	-.7	.1	.6
Jewelry <sup>4</sup> .....	151.9	157.2	-.9	3.5	1.7	-4.1	3.0
Footwear .....	126.1	127.8	.2	1.3	.2	-.4	-.5
Men's .....	132.2	134.2	-1.1	1.5	.5	.5	.8
Boys' and girls' .....	128.4	129.3	6.9	.7	.5	-.1	-1.1
Women's .....	119.1	121.0	-2.2	1.6	.2	-1.1	-1.1
Apparel services <sup>1</sup> .....	159.6	159.7	1.8	.1	.2	.2	.1
Laundry and dry cleaning other than coin operated <sup>1</sup> .....	162.1	162.2	2.3	.1	.2	.6	.1
Other apparel services <sup>1</sup> .....	158.0	158.2	1.5	.1	.1	-.1	.1

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**Table 8. Consumer Price Index for Urban Wage Earners and Clerical Workers (CPI-W): U.S. city average, detailed expenditure categories —Continued**

(1982-84=100, unless otherwise noted)

Item and group	Unadjusted indexes		Unadjusted percent change to Sept. 1996 from—		Seasonally adjusted percent change from—		
	Aug. 1996	Sept. 1996	Sept. 1995	Aug. 1996	June to July	July to Aug.	Aug. to Sept.
<b>Expenditure category</b>							
Transportation .....	142.6	142.9	3.2	0.2	-0.4	-0.1	0.4
Private .....	140.5	140.7	3.0	.1	-4	-1	.3
New vehicles .....	144.0	144.3	2.4	.2	.2	.2	.4
New cars .....	140.3	140.6	2.3	.2	.3	.3	.5
Subcompact new cars <sup>4</sup> .....	122.2	122.6	1.3	.3	.3	.2	.6
Compact new cars <sup>4</sup> .....	121.5	121.8	3.2	.2	.3	.2	.5
Intermediate new cars <sup>4</sup> .....	121.2	121.2	2.2	.0	.4	.2	.3
Full-size new cars <sup>4</sup> .....	122.7	123.2	2.6	.4	.2	.2	.4
Luxury new cars <sup>4</sup> .....	131.4	131.3	3.1	-.1	.2	.2	.5
New trucks <sup>5</sup> .....	150.3	150.6	2.5	.2	.1	.3	.3
New motorcycles <sup>4</sup> .....	161.5	161.7	4.6	.1	.6	-.2	-.2
Used cars .....	157.8	158.2	.5	.3	-.3	-.1	.4
Motor fuel .....	106.3	106.2	6.4	-.1	-2.7	-1.7	-.1
Gasoline .....	106.0	105.8	6.1	-.2	-2.5	-1.9	-.3
Gasoline, unleaded regular .....	103.9	103.6	6.4	-.3	-2.4	-2.0	-.3
Gasoline, unleaded midgrade <sup>1 8</sup> .....	110.8	110.2	5.8	-.5	-2.0	-2.1	-.5
Gasoline, unleaded premium .....	107.1	106.8	4.9	-.3	-2.5	-1.8	-.2
Automobile maintenance and repair .....	159.6	160.8	3.1	.8	.2	.4	.6
Body work <sup>1</sup> .....	167.7	168.1	4.9	.2	-.1	.2	.2
Automobile drive train, brake, and miscellaneous mechanical repair <sup>1</sup> .....	166.8	168.0	2.9	.7	.2	.4	.7
Maintenance and servicing <sup>1</sup> .....	147.8	148.8	2.8	.7	.5	.4	.7
Power plant repair .....	163.0	165.1	3.1	1.3	.1	.6	1.0
Other private transportation .....	169.7	169.8	2.3	.1	.4	.5	.4
Other private transportation commodities .....	104.0	104.1	.0	.1	-.5	.2	-.2
Motor oil, coolant, and other products <sup>1</sup> .....	130.4	130.1	1.6	-.2	-.1	.0	-.2
Automobile parts and equipment .....	101.0	101.3	-.1	.3	-.7	.2	.2
Tires <sup>1</sup> .....	100.1	100.8	-.3	.7	-.5	.2	.7
Other parts and equipment <sup>1</sup> .....	106.4	106.1	.0	-.3	-.6	.2	-.3
Other private transportation services .....	186.3	186.4	2.7	.1	.5	.5	.4
Automobile insurance .....	243.2	243.7	4.2	.2	.5	.5	.3
Automobile finance charges .....	94.4	94.7	-.1	.3	.8	2.0	.9
Automobile fees <sup>1</sup> .....	180.9	179.3	.8	-.9	1.1	.3	-.9
Automobile registration, licensing, and inspection fees <sup>1</sup> .....	181.5	181.5	.4	.0	.0	.0	.0
Other automobile-related fees <sup>1</sup> .....	181.3	177.5	1.3	-.2	2.7	.7	-.2
Public transportation .....	179.4	181.8	5.6	1.3	-.6	.0	1.6
Airline fares .....	189.5	194.2	3.2	2.5	-1.2	-.5	2.7
Other intercity transportation .....	158.8	157.2	1.2	-.1	-.1	-.4	-.7
Intracity public transportation <sup>1</sup> .....	174.5	174.9	10.3	.2	.4	.1	.2
Medical care .....	228.5	228.8	3.3	.1	.3	.1	.2
Medical care commodities .....	208.5	208.5	3.0	.0	.2	-.1	.3
Prescription drugs .....	243.8	243.7	3.5	.0	.2	.2	.1
Nonprescription drugs and medical supplies <sup>1 4</sup> .....	141.9	142.0	1.8	.1	.5	-.6	.1
Internal and respiratory over-the-counter drugs <sup>1</sup> .....	167.7	168.1	1.7	.2	.7	-.9	.2
Nonprescription medical equipment and supplies .....	172.7	172.0	2.1	-.4	.0	.3	-.3
Medical care services .....	233.1	233.3	3.3	.1	.3	.2	.2
Professional medical services .....	210.4	210.8	3.6	.2	.4	.2	.4
Physicians' services .....	217.5	217.8	3.3	.1	.5	.2	.2
Dental services <sup>1</sup> .....	218.0	218.8	5.0	.4	.4	.7	.4
Eye care <sup>1 4</sup> .....	139.8	139.6	.8	-.1	.4	-.1	-.1
Services by other medical professionals <sup>4</sup> .....	150.0	150.2	2.9	.1	.4	.1	.3
Hospital and related services .....	268.0	268.4	4.2	.1	.2	.2	.2
Hospital rooms .....	256.7	257.2	3.5	.2	.2	.3	.4
Other inpatient services <sup>4</sup> .....	217.7	218.1	4.6	.2	.3	.1	.4
Outpatient services <sup>4</sup> .....	217.1	216.9	4.8	-.1	.3	-.2	.3

See footnotes at end of table.

**Table 8. Consumer Price Index for Urban Wage Earners and Clerical Workers (CPI-W): U.S. city average, detailed expenditure categories —Continued**

(1982-84 = 100, unless otherwise noted)

Item and group	Unadjusted indexes		Unadjusted percent change to Sept. 1996 from—		Seasonally adjusted percent change from—		
	Aug. 1996	Sept. 1996	Sept. 1995	Aug. 1996	June to July	July to Aug.	Aug. to Sept.
<b>Expenditure category</b>							
Entertainment .....	157.0	157.4	3.1	0.3	0.0	0.3	0.1
Entertainment commodities .....	142.2	142.2	2.7	.0	-.1	.3	.1
Reading materials .....	178.1	177.9	4.6	-.1	.0	.7	-.2
Newspapers <sup>1</sup> .....	190.3	190.3	5.0	.0	-.1	.3	.0
Magazines, periodicals, and books <sup>1</sup> .....	165.9	165.3	4.1	-.4	.6	.9	-.4
Sporting goods and equipment <sup>1</sup> .....	125.5	125.5	-.1	.0	-1.0	.7	.0
Sport vehicles, including bicycles <sup>1</sup> .....	130.0	129.6	.9	-.3	-1.2	1.5	-.3
Other sporting goods <sup>1</sup> .....	116.8	117.1	-1.4	.3	-.8	-.3	.3
Toys, hobbies, and other entertainment <sup>1</sup> .....	132.4	132.8	3.2	.3	.2	-.2	.3
Toys, hobbies, and music equipment .....	127.5	127.4	2.7	-.1	-.2	-.4	-.1
Photographic supplies and equipment .....	135.2	135.4	.0	.1	.1	-.1	-.1
Pet supplies and expense <sup>1</sup> .....	138.4	139.3	4.6	.7	.7	-.2	.7
Entertainment services .....	178.3	179.3	3.4	.6	.2	.2	.1
Club memberships <sup>1</sup> .....	135.4	135.7	.6	.2	.7	-.6	.3
Fees for participant sports, excluding club memberships <sup>4</sup> .....	158.9	162.3	3.5	2.1	1.1	.2	.1
Admissions <sup>1</sup> .....	193.7	193.4	4.8	-.2	-.3	.2	-.2
Fees for lessons or instructions <sup>4</sup> .....	162.3	164.7	4.4	1.5	.2	.3	1.0
Other entertainment services <sup>1,4</sup> .....	138.2	138.5	2.6	.2	.3	.4	.2
Other goods and services .....	213.0	214.7	3.6	.8	.4	.2	.2
Tobacco and smoking products .....	233.0	233.7	2.5	.3	.4	-.2	.7
Personal care <sup>1</sup> .....	150.4	150.8	2.2	.3	.3	.3	.3
Toilet goods and personal care appliances <sup>1</sup> .....	145.6	145.7	1.4	.1	.3	.4	.1
Cosmetics, bath and nail preparations, manicure and eye makeup implements <sup>1</sup> .....	149.5	151.4	2.5	1.3	-.1	.1	1.3
Other toilet goods and small personal care appliances, including hair and dental products <sup>1</sup> .....	143.5	142.4	.7	-.8	.6	.7	-.8
Personal care services <sup>1</sup> .....	156.5	157.2	3.1	.4	.1	.2	.4
Beauty parlor services for females <sup>1</sup> .....	155.5	156.3	2.8	.5	.0	.1	.5
Haircuts and other barber shop services for males .....	159.2	160.0	4.0	.5	1.0	.6	.4
Personal and educational expenses .....	244.2	247.3	4.7	1.3	.5	.5	-.1
School books and supplies .....	228.8	231.5	6.1	1.2	.2	1.5	.2
Personal and educational services .....	245.7	248.8	4.6	1.3	.5	.4	-.1
Tuition and other school fees .....	262.3	267.2	4.7	1.9	.5	.3	-.2
College tuition .....	279.5	285.5	5.5	2.1	.4	.7	-.5
Elementary and high school tuition .....	271.7	278.1	4.1	2.4	.5	-.7	.0
Day care and nursery school <sup>7</sup> .....	130.0	131.7	3.8	1.3	.5	.3	.0
Personal expenses .....	215.9	216.4	4.4	.2	.7	.5	.2
Legal service fees <sup>1,4</sup> .....	158.5	158.6	4.1	.1	.7	.3	.1
Personal financial services <sup>1,4</sup> .....	182.1	182.6	3.7	.3	.0	.0	.3
Funeral expenses <sup>4</sup> .....	163.9	164.3	5.0	.2	.7	.7	.2
<b>Special indexes</b>							
Domestically produced farm food .....	156.1	157.3	5.5	.8	.7	.6	.7
Selected beef cuts .....	126.9	127.7	.9	.6	1.5	1.7	.6
Motor fuel, motor oil, coolant, and other products .....	106.7	106.6	6.3	-.1	-2.5	-1.7	-.2
Utilities and public transportation .....	142.8	143.2	4.1	.3	.4	.3	.4
Housekeeping and home maintenance services <sup>1</sup> .....	152.6	153.6	3.1	.7	.5	.1	.7

<sup>1</sup> Not seasonally adjusted.

<sup>2</sup> Indexes on a December 1984 = 100 base.

<sup>3</sup> Indexes on a December 1982 = 100 base.

<sup>4</sup> Indexes on a December 1986 = 100 base.

<sup>5</sup> Indexes on a December 1983 = 100 base.

<sup>6</sup> Indexes on a December 1988 = 100 base.

<sup>7</sup> Indexes on a December 1990 = 100 base.

<sup>8</sup> Indexes on a December 1993 = 100 base.

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

**Table 9. Consumer Price Index for Urban Wage Earners and Clerical Workers (CPI-W): Seasonally adjusted U.S. city average, detailed expenditure categories**

(1982-84=100, unless otherwise noted)

Item and group	Seasonally adjusted indexes		Seasonally adjusted annual rate percent change for					
	Aug. 1996	Sept. 1996	3 months ended—				6 months ended—	
			Dec. 1995	Mar. 1996	June 1996	Sept. 1996	Mar. 1996	Sept. 1996
<b>Expenditure category</b>								
Food and beverages .....	154.2	155.0	1.9	3.2	4.6	5.3	2.6	5.0
Food .....	153.8	154.6	2.2	3.2	4.6	5.3	2.7	5.0
Food at home .....	154.7	155.7	1.9	3.5	5.4	7.0	2.7	6.2
Cereals and bakery products .....	174.1	174.3	4.1	5.3	3.8	1.4	4.7	2.6
Cereals and cereal products .....	167.3	166.4	5.1	2.1	-3.7	-4.4	3.6	-4.1
Flour and prepared flour mixes .....	156.9	154.8	4.6	7.4	16.8	6.4	6.0	11.5
Cereal <sup>1</sup> .....	185.7	183.6	5.6	2.7	-10.3	-12.3	4.1	-11.3
Rice, pasta, and cornmeal .....	145.7	145.5	7.0	-3.0	4.8	2.8	1.8	3.8
Bakery products <sup>1</sup> .....	177.7	177.9	2.2	6.3	9.6	4.2	4.2	6.9
White bread <sup>1</sup> .....	181.3	180.1	5.1	7.0	13.1	5.5	6.1	9.3
Fresh other bread, biscuits, rolls, and muffins <sup>1</sup> .....	178.7	180.3	5.3	8.5	2.8	11.7	6.9	7.1
Cookies, fresh cakes, and cupcakes <sup>1</sup> .....	171.5	172.4	6.6	.0	7.7	-3.4	3.2	2.0
Other bakery products .....	177.1	177.7	1.9	9.2	4.7	3.9	5.5	4.3
Meats, poultry, fish, and eggs .....	145.5	147.0	7.1	-8	5.2	11.0	3.0	8.1
Meats, poultry, and fish .....	146.1	147.0	4.6	-1.7	6.1	10.4	1.4	8.2
Meats .....	141.9	143.0	6.7	-2.3	5.4	13.0	2.1	9.1
Beef and veal .....	135.2	135.5	1.8	-6.1	-3.3	12.4	-2.2	4.3
Ground beef other than canned .....	116.2	115.0	1.4	-10.3	-4.9	14.8	-4.6	4.5
Chuck roast .....	144.9	144.8	7.4	-16.0	-2.1	34.7	-5.0	14.9
Round roast .....	128.5	131.7	4.8	-1.5	-16.8	29.3	1.6	3.7
Round steak .....	125.5	131.1	.6	-6.6	-6	12.5	-3.1	5.7
Sirloin steak .....	139.9	140.3	-3.4	4.1	-4.8	6.5	.3	.7
Other beef and veal <sup>1</sup> .....	157.8	157.4	2.6	1.3	-4.3	5.0	1.9	.3
Pork .....	152.5	154.7	13.5	.6	24.3	15.6	6.8	19.9
Bacon <sup>1</sup> .....	161.5	169.0	24.4	4.7	66.2	64.2	14.1	65.2
Chops .....	156.0	154.1	2.5	6.6	22.7	-11.1	4.5	4.4
Ham .....	150.5	153.0	19.9	-3.5	4.8	18.3	7.6	11.3
Other pork, including sausage .....	146.2	149.2	13.8	-4.8	24.2	14.6	4.1	19.3
Other meats <sup>1</sup> .....	144.6	145.8	8.3	2.6	1.4	9.3	5.4	5.3
Poultry <sup>1</sup> .....	154.1	155.1	.8	3.9	9.8	11.6	2.3	10.7
Fresh whole chicken <sup>1</sup> .....	157.2	157.2	-3	4.2	16.2	13.5	1.9	14.8
Fresh and frozen chicken parts <sup>1</sup> .....	154.7	156.6	5.8	-1.3	9.1	10.3	2.2	9.7
Other poultry .....	149.4	150.2	1.7	10.1	-1.6	9.0	5.8	3.6
Fish and seafood .....	172.6	172.8	-2.3	-3.4	6.2	-4.3	-2.8	.8
Canned fish and seafood <sup>1</sup> .....	126.4	125.5	1.6	-2.2	4.6	-2.8	-3	.8
Fresh and frozen fish and seafood .....	196.3	196.9	-3.9	-4.2	7.4	-4.2	-4.1	1.4
Eggs .....	135.5	144.3	55.1	8.4	-5.6	17.8	29.6	5.5
Dairy products .....	144.3	147.0	6.2	4.8	10.7	22.2	5.5	16.3
Fresh milk and cream .....	144.4	146.4	6.2	9.6	9.4	18.9	7.9	14.0
Fresh whole milk .....	142.8	144.6	6.6	9.7	9.1	16.8	8.1	12.9
Other fresh milk and cream <sup>1</sup> .....	146.7	148.1	7.4	11.1	9.8	17.7	9.2	13.7
Processed dairy products .....	144.9	148.2	7.0	-6	11.3	26.7	3.2	18.7
Cheese .....	145.8	148.8	4.4	.0	8.3	21.3	2.2	14.6
Ice cream and related products .....	146.4	149.5	5.9	.0	9.2	20.1	2.9	14.5
Other dairy products, including butter .....	138.5	142.8	20.0	-5.5	28.8	57.8	6.5	42.6
Fruits and vegetables .....	186.0	185.7	-8.4	13.3	7.0	1.1	1.9	4.0
Fresh fruits and vegetables .....	215.1	214.0	-12.3	16.6	5.2	-2.2	1.1	1.4
Fresh fruits .....	232.1	238.5	-9.0	-1.3	35.1	1.7	-5.2	17.2
Apples .....	199.4	199.3	26.1	7.0	.0	-5.8	16.2	-2.9
Bananas .....	153.0	154.3	-7.8	6.8	2.3	-14.4	-7	-6.4
Oranges, including tangerines .....	258.1	271.6	-19.1	-8.4	25.0	80.3	-13.9	50.1
Other fresh fruits .....	259.9	268.1	-14.9	-3.2	60.4	-10.6	-9.3	19.7
Fresh vegetables .....	195.0	186.6	-15.9	40.7	-21.1	-7.0	8.8	-14.3
Potatoes .....	180.7	181.9	7.4	2.6	-18.6	8.8	5.0	-5.9
Lettuce <sup>1</sup> .....	174.7	173.4	-64.8	112.6	-38.6	-19.2	-13.5	-29.6
Tomatoes <sup>1</sup> .....	167.2	161.3	467.2	-9.7	-59.2	-43.9	126.4	-52.2
Other fresh vegetables .....	204.0	195.0	-35.5	45.3	-7.0	7.1	-3.2	-.2
Processed fruits and vegetables .....	146.3	147.2	.9	6.5	11.0	8.6	3.7	9.8
Processed fruits .....	146.0	147.1	1.2	5.9	14.1	6.8	3.5	10.4
Fruit juices and frozen fruit .....	146.2	147.3	1.2	6.3	16.4	7.1	3.7	11.7
Canned and dried fruits .....	143.1	144.4	2.0	7.1	4.6	4.0	4.5	4.3
Processed vegetables .....	146.6	147.7	.9	6.2	5.8	12.2	3.5	9.0
Frozen vegetables .....	146.1	144.6	3.1	-8	2.3	3.7	1.1	3.0
Processed vegetables excluding frozen .....	147.5	149.7	.6	8.9	8.2	15.8	4.7	11.9

See footnotes at end of table.

**Table 9. Consumer Price Index for Urban Wage Earners and Clerical Workers (CPI-W): Seasonally adjusted U.S. city average, detailed expenditure categories—Continued**

(1982-84=100, unless otherwise noted)

Item and group	Seasonally adjusted indexes		Seasonally adjusted annual rate percent change for					
	Aug. 1996	Sept. 1996	3 months ended—				6 months ended—	
			Dec. 1995	Mar. 1996	June 1996	Sept. 1996	Mar. 1996	Sept. 1996
<b>Expenditure category</b>								
Other food at home .....	142.7	143.4	0.6	1.4	2.6	2.8	1.0	2.7
Sugar and sweets .....	144.2	145.5	2.9	8.3	4.3	5.1	5.6	4.7
Sugar and artificial sweeteners .....	134.9	134.5	5.4	5.0	5.6	3.6	5.2	4.6
Sweets, including candy <sup>1</sup> .....	148.5	149.7	.6	11.7	3.9	4.7	6.0	4.3
Fats and oils .....	140.7	141.5	2.9	2.3	3.5	2.3	2.6	2.9
Nonalcoholic beverages .....	128.5	127.8	-4.5	-4.5	-1.5	-3	-4.5	-9
Carbonated drinks .....	121.7	119.7	-2.0	-4.6	4.8	-3.3	-3.3	.7
Coffee <sup>1</sup> .....	147.4	146.8	-11.7	-9.4	-8.7	-4.2	-10.5	-6.5
Other noncarbonated drinks .....	138.2	139.1	3.0	2.7	-3	6.6	2.8	3.1
Other prepared food .....	155.9	157.5	2.9	3.7	5.3	4.2	3.3	4.7
Canned and packaged soup .....	185.0	184.6	4.1	3.6	9.7	.4	3.9	4.9
Frozen prepared food <sup>1</sup> .....	142.3	142.5	-2.3	3.8	6.4	1.7	.7	4.0
Snacks <sup>1</sup> .....	148.6	149.9	2.3	12.9	-1.3	7.5	7.4	3.0
Seasonings, condiments, sauces, and spices .....	163.0	164.8	6.3	4.1	7.4	4.7	5.2	6.1
Miscellaneous prepared food, including baby food <sup>1</sup> .....	156.7	157.9	1.8	1.3	4.7	2.6	1.6	3.6
Food away from home .....	153.1	153.4	2.2	2.1	3.2	2.9	2.2	3.1
Lunch .....	153.5	153.9	2.2	1.9	3.2	3.2	2.0	3.2
Dinner .....	151.3	151.6	2.5	1.9	3.3	2.7	2.2	3.0
Other meals and snacks <sup>1</sup> .....	155.5	156.0	1.9	2.4	2.9	3.9	2.1	3.4
Alcoholic beverages .....	158.2	159.1	1.8	4.7	2.8	3.9	3.3	3.4
Alcoholic beverages at home .....	147.0	147.6	1.4	5.7	1.7	3.9	3.5	2.8
Beer and ale .....	148.0	148.7	1.7	6.8	.3	4.7	4.2	2.5
Wine .....	137.9	139.1	1.8	8.1	7.0	4.1	4.9	5.5
Distilled spirits <sup>1</sup> .....	147.5	147.9	-3.2	3.4	1.4	3.3	.0	2.3
Alcoholic beverages away from home .....	182.4	183.3	2.7	3.2	4.5	3.8	3.0	4.2
Housing .....	150.0	150.2	3.0	3.3	2.2	3.0	3.2	2.6
Shelter .....	166.7	167.0	3.5	3.0	2.7	2.9	3.2	2.8
Renters' costs <sup>2</sup> .....	157.7	157.9	2.4	4.5	2.6	3.4	3.4	3.0
Rent, residential .....	162.2	162.6	3.1	2.5	3.0	2.8	2.8	2.9
Other renters' costs .....	217.0	216.6	-1.0	12.8	1.5	5.7	5.7	3.6
Lodging while out of town .....	216.3	215.6	-1.5	13.9	1.3	5.8	5.9	3.5
Lodging while at school <sup>3</sup> .....	216.7	215.3	6.1	4.8	3.4	1.1	5.5	2.3
Tenants' insurance .....	153.0	153.5	6.3	.3	2.7	4.0	3.3	3.3
Homeowners' costs <sup>2</sup> .....	161.4	161.7	4.4	2.3	2.8	2.5	3.3	2.6
Owners' equivalent rent <sup>2</sup> .....	161.7	162.0	4.4	2.0	2.8	2.8	3.2	2.8
Household insurance <sup>1,2</sup> .....	147.4	147.9	6.0	1.1	1.9	3.3	3.5	2.6
Maintenance and repairs <sup>1</sup> .....	138.0	138.0	2.4	1.5	3.6	1.5	1.9	2.5
Maintenance and repair services <sup>1</sup> .....	149.0	149.4	4.8	3.1	2.5	7.6	4.0	5.0
Maintenance and repair commodities <sup>1</sup> .....	124.1	123.6	-3	-3	4.9	-6.2	-3	-8
Materials, supplies, and equipment for home repairs <sup>1,4</sup> .....	119.0	119.3	5.6	.0	6.6	-3.0	2.8	1.7
Other maintenance and repair commodities <sup>1</sup> .....	121.4	120.3	-5.1	-.7	4.3	-9.1	-2.9	-2.6
Fuel and other utilities .....	127.6	127.8	3.6	5.9	2.6	4.2	4.8	3.4
Fuels .....	114.1	114.3	4.8	5.5	1.8	6.6	5.2	4.1
Fuel oil and other household fuel commodities .....	94.1	97.4	1.8	46.6	-10.2	10.5	22.2	-4
Fuel oil .....	92.1	96.4	2.4	53.3	-9.7	14.0	25.3	1.5
Other household fuel commodities <sup>1,4</sup> .....	121.6	123.4	11.5	35.1	-16.9	2.3	22.7	-7.8
Gas (piped) and electricity (energy services) .....	121.8	121.6	4.9	2.4	3.1	6.1	3.6	4.6
Electricity .....	132.3	132.4	6.4	.9	-4.2	9.3	3.6	2.3
Utility (piped) gas .....	108.2	107.5	2.0	6.1	21.4	-4	4.0	10.0
Other utilities and public services <sup>1</sup> .....	158.5	158.8	1.8	7.2	3.1	1.5	4.5	2.3
Telephone services <sup>1</sup> .....	126.3	126.5	1.6	2.6	1.9	2.2	2.1	2.1
Local charges <sup>1</sup> .....	160.5	160.6	.5	-.2	1.3	.8	.1	1.0
Interstate toll calls <sup>1</sup> .....	78.4	78.6	4.9	12.1	2.1	1.0	8.4	1.5
Intrastate toll calls <sup>1</sup> .....	91.4	91.4	3.3	3.3	6.5	10.2	3.3	8.4
Water and sewerage maintenance .....	200.5	201.3	3.7	15.7	3.2	-7.7	9.6	-2.4
Cable television <sup>1,5</sup> .....	216.7	217.5	2.6	10.0	7.5	10.4	6.2	8.9
Refuse collection <sup>5</sup> .....	246.2	247.2	2.7	2.0	3.0	.8	2.3	1.9

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**Table 9. Consumer Price Index for Urban Wage Earners and Clerical Workers (CPI-W): Seasonally adjusted U.S. city average, detailed expenditure categories—Continued**

(1982-84=100, unless otherwise noted)

Item and group	Seasonally adjusted indexes		Seasonally adjusted annual rate percent change for					
	Aug. 1996	Sept. 1996	3 months ended—				6 months ended—	
			Dec. 1995	Mar. 1996	June 1996	Sept. 1996	Mar. 1996	Sept. 1996
<b>Expenditure category</b>								
Household furnishings and operation .....	123.3	123.6	0.7	1.0	0.0	2.0	0.8	1.0
Housefurnishings .....	109.9	110.1	-1.4	.0	-.7	.7	-.7	.0
Textile housefurnishings .....	121.0	119.7	-1.0	-.3	-6.0	-4.5	-.6	-5.3
Furniture and bedding <sup>1</sup> .....	131.5	132.5	2.5	-2.1	6.9	.9	.2	3.9
Bedroom furniture <sup>1</sup> .....	137.3	138.8	-4.6	-2.9	18.2	-2.0	-3.8	7.6
Sofas <sup>1</sup> .....	139.1	140.4	20.4	-3.7	7.9	6.5	7.6	7.2
Living room chairs and tables <sup>1</sup> .....	132.2	133.3	1.2	-3.5	-2.1	1.8	-1.2	-.1
Other furniture .....	120.3	120.0	2.4	-.3	-6.2	4.8	1.0	-.8
Appliances, including electronic equipment <sup>1</sup> .....	79.5	79.1	-2.9	1.0	-4.4	-3.5	-1.0	-3.9
Video and audio products <sup>1</sup> .....	71.1	70.4	-4.8	.6	-4.3	-6.5	-2.2	-5.4
Televisions <sup>1</sup> .....	63.1	62.4	-6.5	-1.2	-4.8	-10.8	-3.9	-7.8
Video products other than televisions <sup>1 6</sup> .....	66.7	65.2	-9.4	-4.1	-5.8	-5.3	-6.8	-5.6
Audio products <sup>1</sup> .....	90.4	90.1	-1.7	4.0	-3.9	-3.0	1.1	-3.5
Major household appliances <sup>1 4</sup> .....	103.4	103.4	1.6	4.0	-3.4	4.0	2.8	.2
Refrigerators and home freezers <sup>1</sup> .....	110.7	110.1	4.1	3.7	1.1	-2.5	3.9	-.7
Laundry equipment <sup>1</sup> .....	113.8	113.5	2.6	4.8	-4.3	15.0	3.7	4.9
Stoves, ovens, dishwashers, and air conditioners <sup>1 4</sup> .....	92.3	93.1	-1.3	3.9	-6.2	-.4	1.3	-3.4
Information processing equipment <sup>1 6</sup> .....	56.1	56.3	-13.7	-7.6	-11.4	-13.6	-10.7	-12.5
Other housefurnishings <sup>1 4</sup> .....	114.8	115.1	-4.4	5.7	-4.8	3.6	.5	-.7
Floor and window coverings, infants', laundry, cleaning, and outdoor equipment <sup>1</sup> .....	139.3	140.1	-3.1	4.1	-4.3	8.7	.4	2.0
Clocks, lamps, and decor items <sup>1</sup> .....	114.9	116.4	2.7	-1.3	-5.9	-.3	.7	-3.2
Tableware, serving pieces, and nonelectric kitchenware <sup>1</sup> .....	126.2	125.6	-9.9	18.0	-3.5	2.9	3.1	-.3
Lawn equipment, power tools, and other hardware <sup>1</sup> .....	109.7	109.5	3.4	-1.1	2.2	4.5	1.1	3.4
Sewing, floor cleaning, small kitchen, and portable heating appliances <sup>1 4</sup> .....	89.8	88.6	-10.6	4.1	-.4	-1.8	-3.5	-1.1
Indoor plants and fresh cut flowers <sup>1 7</sup> .....	114.7	117.0	-14.1	15.6	-18.2	8.3	-.3	-5.9
Housekeeping supplies .....	141.9	142.0	4.1	4.6	-2.2	3.2	4.4	.4
Laundry and cleaning products, including soap <sup>1</sup> .....	143.7	144.2	.6	1.7	3.4	3.4	1.1	3.4
Household paper products and stationery supplies <sup>1</sup> .....	145.2	144.4	9.4	3.1	-1.6	-1.1	6.2	-1.4
Other household, lawn, and garden supplies <sup>1</sup> .....	135.5	135.9	2.7	8.7	-4.0	3.3	5.7	-.4
Housekeeping services .....	151.5	152.1	3.6	.3	4.1	4.0	1.9	4.1
Postage <sup>1</sup> .....	160.8	160.8	.0	.0	.0	.0	.0	.0
Appliance and furniture repair <sup>1</sup> .....	153.4	155.3	7.5	2.1	2.1	5.6	4.8	3.8
Gardening and other household services <sup>1 4</sup> .....	135.1	135.7	-.6	7.3	7.1	2.7	3.2	4.9
Apparel and upkeep .....	129.0	129.6	1.2	2.5	-2.4	-4.2	1.8	-3.3
Apparel commodities .....	125.7	126.2	.9	2.5	-2.8	-4.9	1.7	-3.8
Apparel commodities less footwear .....	125.0	125.8	1.9	1.9	-3.4	-5.5	1.9	-4.5
Men's and boys' .....	127.1	126.1	.6	8.9	-4.0	-3.4	4.7	-3.7
Men's .....	131.0	130.0	-.9	13.5	-2.4	-3.6	6.0	-3.0
Suits, sport coats, coats, and jackets .....	137.0	133.3	.0	5.4	-5.2	-5.2	2.7	-5.2
Furnishings and special clothing .....	122.8	122.9	-6.9	24.2	5.0	-6.3	7.5	-.8
Shirts .....	135.9	136.2	8.1	6.7	-3.5	1.2	7.4	-1.2
Dungarees, jeans, and trousers .....	130.3	128.1	.3	13.8	-4.8	-6.6	6.9	-5.7
Boys' .....	114.7	114.2	1.4	-.3	-8.6	-2.1	.5	-5.4
Women's and girls' .....	120.5	121.3	3.9	-2.8	-2.2	-8.4	.5	-5.4
Women's .....	120.1	120.9	2.9	-4.1	-2.9	-5.4	-.6	-4.2
Coats and jackets .....	117.8	117.4	3.8	11.0	-7.1	-3.0	7.4	-5.1
Dresses .....	111.0	110.2	11.5	-21.7	-13.7	-4.9	-6.6	-9.4
Separates and sportswear .....	121.8	123.2	.9	-6.7	3.2	-8.3	-3.0	-2.7
Underwear, nightwear, hosiery, and accessories .....	132.9	133.6	3.5	7.9	5.5	-2.6	5.7	1.4
Suits .....	127.9	128.5	-4.6	14.3	-27.5	-1.5	4.4	-15.5
Girls' .....	122.0	123.2	10.5	1.6	1.5	-21.1	5.9	-10.5
Infants' and toddlers' <sup>1</sup> .....	126.7	132.4	-8.2	16.0	-13.0	7.3	3.2	-3.4
Other apparel commodities .....	145.9	149.2	1.1	-.8	-2.4	-2.6	.1	-2.5
Sewing materials, notions, and luggage <sup>1 4</sup> .....	133.4	133.2	-11.1	6.3	8.1	-6.3	-2.8	.6
Watches and jewelry <sup>4</sup> .....	144.9	148.7	1.1	.8	-6.5	.0	.9	-3.3
Watches <sup>1 4</sup> .....	128.1	128.9	-8.8	5.0	-6.0	.0	-2.1	-3.0
Jewelry <sup>4</sup> .....	150.3	154.8	.5	2.3	-7.7	1.6	1.4	-3.2
Footwear .....	127.9	127.3	-1.9	5.8	-.3	-2.5	1.9	-1.4
Men's .....	133.3	134.4	-7.2	.0	-3.8	7.1	-3.6	1.5
Boys' and girls' .....	130.9	129.5	15.7	15.8	.3	-2.7	15.8	-1.2
Women's .....	121.1	119.8	-8.8	9.7	-1.0	-7.6	.0	-4.4
Apparel services <sup>1</sup> .....	159.6	159.7	.8	2.8	2.0	1.8	1.8	1.9
Laundry and dry cleaning other than coin operated <sup>1</sup> .....	162.1	162.2	.5	3.6	1.8	3.5	2.0	2.6
Other apparel services <sup>1</sup> .....	158.0	158.2	1.3	2.1	2.3	.3	1.7	1.3

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**Table 9. Consumer Price Index for Urban Wage Earners and Clerical Workers (CPI-W): Seasonally adjusted U.S. city average, detailed expenditure categories—Continued**

(1982-84=100, unless otherwise noted)

Item and group	Seasonally adjusted indexes		Seasonally adjusted annual rate percent change for					
	Aug. 1996	Sept. 1996	3 months ended—				6 months ended—	
			Dec. 1995	Mar. 1996	June 1996	Sept. 1996	Mar. 1996	Sept. 1996
<b>Expenditure category</b>								
Transportation .....	142.5	143.1	0.6	8.3	4.6	-0.6	4.4	2.0
Private .....	140.5	140.9	.9	8.1	4.4	-1.1	4.4	1.6
New vehicles .....	145.3	145.9	1.1	2.5	2.5	3.4	1.8	2.9
New cars .....	141.7	142.4	1.2	1.7	2.0	4.3	1.4	3.2
Subcompact new cars <sup>4</sup> .....	122.9	123.6	.7	1.0	-7	4.3	.8	1.8
Compact new cars <sup>4</sup> .....	122.4	123.0	.0	4.8	3.7	4.0	2.4	3.8
Intermediate new cars <sup>4</sup> .....	122.5	122.9	2.0	.7	2.0	4.0	1.3	3.0
Full-size new cars <sup>4</sup> .....	124.1	124.6	4.0	-2.3	5.4	3.6	.8	4.5
Luxury new cars <sup>4</sup> .....	133.0	133.6	1.6	6.9	.9	3.1	4.2	2.0
New trucks <sup>5</sup> .....	151.5	151.9	.8	1.6	4.6	2.7	1.2	3.7
New motorcycles <sup>4</sup> .....	161.8	161.5	3.7	12.1	2.0	.7	7.8	1.4
Used cars .....	156.7	157.4	4.1	9.4	-11.1	.5	6.7	-5.5
Motor fuel .....	104.3	104.2	-1.2	31.9	17.9	-16.5	14.2	-8
Gasoline .....	103.9	103.6	-2.0	33.6	16.6	-17.2	14.4	-1.7
Gasoline, unleaded regular .....	101.7	101.4	-1.7	35.5	15.7	-17.2	15.4	-2.1
Gasoline, unleaded midgrade <sup>1 8</sup> .....	110.8	110.2	-13.1	21.4	43.1	-17.1	2.7	8.9
Gasoline, unleaded premium .....	105.1	104.9	-2.8	27.4	16.9	-16.4	11.3	-1.1
Automobile maintenance and repair .....	159.7	160.7	2.6	2.8	2.3	4.9	2.7	3.6
Body work <sup>1</sup> .....	167.7	168.1	3.0	6.1	9.3	1.4	4.5	5.3
Automobile drive train, brake, and miscellaneous mechanical repair <sup>1</sup> .....	166.8	168.0	2.5	3.2	.7	5.4	2.8	3.0
Maintenance and servicing <sup>1</sup> .....	147.8	148.8	-8	3.1	2.8	6.4	1.1	4.6
Power plant repair .....	163.5	165.1	3.3	1.0	1.0	7.1	2.1	4.0
Other private transportation .....	170.8	171.5	.2	-5	4.4	5.3	-1	4.8
Other private transportation commodities .....	104.2	104.4	-4	.4	.8	-4	.0	.2
Motor oil, coolant, and other products <sup>1</sup> .....	130.4	130.1	3.2	4.4	.3	-1.2	3.8	-5
Automobile parts and equipment .....	101.2	101.4	-4	.0	1.2	-1.2	-2	.0
Tires <sup>1</sup> .....	100.1	100.8	.4	.4	-3.5	1.6	.4	-1.0
Other parts and equipment <sup>1</sup> .....	106.4	106.1	1.1	-7	2.3	-2.6	.2	-2
Other private transportation services .....	187.6	188.4	.4	-7	4.9	6.2	-1	5.5
Automobile insurance .....	245.2	245.9	3.3	2.9	5.6	4.9	3.1	5.2
Automobile finance charges .....	95.9	96.8	-6.0	-17.0	5.3	15.9	-11.7	10.5
Automobile fees <sup>1</sup> .....	180.9	179.3	-2.0	8.4	-5.0	2.3	3.1	-1.4
Automobile registration, licensing, and inspection fees <sup>1</sup> .....	181.5	181.5	1.1	-9	1.3	.0	.1	.7
Other automobile-related fees <sup>1</sup> .....	181.3	177.5	-6.7	23.1	-13.0	5.4	7.2	-4.3
Public transportation .....	180.0	182.9	-6.8	12.0	14.2	4.3	2.2	9.1
Airline fares .....	189.9	195.0	-19.7	11.9	21.8	3.8	-5.2	12.4
Other intercity transportation .....	158.8	157.7	1.3	3.4	9.5	-8.4	2.3	.1
Intracity public transportation <sup>1</sup> .....	174.5	174.9	17.2	20.3	2.1	3.0	18.7	2.6
Medical care .....	228.6	229.1	3.7	3.1	3.6	2.7	3.4	3.1
Medical care commodities .....	208.3	208.9	3.0	3.4	3.9	1.7	3.2	2.8
Prescription drugs .....	244.0	244.2	3.6	3.6	4.4	2.3	3.6	3.4
Nonprescription drugs and medical supplies <sup>1 4</sup> .....	141.9	142.0	2.6	2.3	2.3	.0	2.5	1.1
Internal and respiratory over-the-counter drugs <sup>1</sup> .....	167.7	168.1	1.5	2.7	2.7	.0	2.1	1.3
Nonprescription medical equipment and supplies .....	173.0	172.4	5.8	.5	2.6	-2	3.1	1.2
Medical care services .....	233.1	233.6	3.8	3.0	3.5	3.0	3.4	3.2
Professional medical services .....	210.1	211.0	4.2	2.9	3.1	4.3	3.6	3.7
Physicians' services .....	217.5	218.0	4.2	3.0	2.1	3.6	3.6	2.8
Dental services <sup>1</sup> .....	218.0	218.8	3.3	5.8	4.8	6.1	4.6	5.4
Eye care <sup>1 4</sup> .....	139.8	139.6	.0	2.9	.0	.3	1.4	.1
Services by other medical professionals <sup>4</sup> .....	150.0	150.5	3.9	2.5	2.4	3.3	3.2	2.9
Hospital and related services .....	268.0	268.6	4.3	4.7	5.3	2.6	4.5	3.9
Hospital rooms .....	256.4	257.4	3.7	2.4	4.2	3.5	3.1	3.8
Other inpatient services <sup>4</sup> .....	217.7	218.5	4.1	7.4	4.0	3.2	5.7	3.6
Outpatient services <sup>4</sup> .....	216.8	217.4	4.3	5.1	8.8	1.5	4.7	5.1

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<b>Expenditure category</b>								
Entertainment .....	157.3	157.4	3.4	4.8	2.6	1.3	4.1	1.9
Entertainment commodities .....	142.2	142.4	3.2	5.6	.9	1.4	4.4	1.1
Reading materials .....	178.4	178.0	10.2	4.2	2.1	2.0	7.2	2.1
Newspapers <sup>1</sup> .....	190.3	190.3	12.0	5.7	1.7	.8	8.8	1.3
Magazines, periodicals, and books <sup>1</sup> .....	165.9	165.3	9.7	.7	2.0	4.2	5.1	3.1
Sporting goods and equipment <sup>1</sup> .....	125.5	125.5	-3.5	8.3	-3.4	-1.3	2.2	-2.3
Sport vehicles, including bicycles <sup>1</sup> .....	130.0	129.6	-3.7	10.4	-2.7	.0	3.1	-1.4
Other sporting goods <sup>1</sup> .....	116.8	117.1	-2.7	4.8	-4.3	-3.3	1.0	-3.8
Toys, hobbies, and other entertainment <sup>1</sup> .....	132.4	132.8	1.6	8.3	1.8	1.2	4.9	1.5
Toys, hobbies, and music equipment .....	127.2	127.1	.6	8.3	4.2	-2.5	4.4	.8
Photographic supplies and equipment .....	134.9	134.8	.6	-2.9	3.0	-.3	-1.2	1.3
Pet supplies and expense <sup>1</sup> .....	138.4	139.3	6.8	8.8	-1.4	4.4	7.8	1.5
Entertainment services .....	179.0	179.1	3.7	4.2	4.1	1.6	4.0	2.9
Club memberships <sup>4</sup> .....	135.7	136.1	2.1	-.6	-.9	1.8	.7	.4
Fees for participant sports, excluding club memberships <sup>4</sup> .....	162.6	162.8	3.1	6.5	-1.5	6.1	4.8	2.2
Admissions <sup>1</sup> .....	193.7	193.4	2.6	5.7	12.4	-1.0	4.2	5.5
Fees for lessons or instructions <sup>4</sup> .....	163.1	164.7	2.0	3.3	5.9	6.0	2.7	6.0
Other entertainment services <sup>1 4</sup> .....	138.2	138.5	2.1	3.6	.9	3.8	2.8	2.4
Other goods and services .....	213.6	214.0	3.7	3.7	3.5	3.4	3.7	3.5
Tobacco and smoking products .....	232.5	234.2	1.2	3.0	2.1	3.7	2.1	2.9
Personal care <sup>1</sup> .....	150.4	150.8	3.6	1.1	.8	3.2	2.3	2.0
Toilet goods and personal care appliances <sup>1</sup> .....	145.6	145.7	2.8	-.3	.0	3.1	1.3	1.5
Cosmetics, bath and nail preparations, manicure and eye makeup implements <sup>1</sup> .....	149.5	151.4	3.3	-3.2	5.0	5.2	.0	5.1
Other toilet goods and small personal care appliances, including hair and dental products <sup>1</sup> .....	143.5	142.4	2.6	1.4	-3.0	2.0	2.0	-.6
Personal care services <sup>1</sup> .....	156.5	157.2	4.5	2.6	2.1	3.1	3.6	2.6
Beauty parlor services for females <sup>1</sup> .....	155.5	156.3	4.5	2.9	1.6	2.3	3.7	1.9
Haircuts and other barber shop services for males .....	159.7	160.4	3.4	.5	3.6	8.4	2.0	6.0
Personal and educational expenses .....	245.0	244.8	5.4	5.0	5.1	3.3	5.2	4.2
School books and supplies .....	230.2	230.6	7.6	7.8	1.8	7.6	7.7	4.7
Personal and educational services .....	246.4	246.1	5.2	4.8	5.2	3.1	5.0	4.2
Tuition and other school fees .....	263.1	262.5	5.5	5.3	5.5	2.3	5.4	3.9
College tuition .....	280.6	279.3	6.2	6.6	6.3	2.8	6.4	4.5
Elementary and high school tuition .....	271.7	271.8	6.1	4.9	5.9	-.6	5.5	2.6
Day care and nursery school <sup>7</sup> .....	130.8	130.8	4.2	3.2	4.8	3.1	3.7	3.9
Personal expenses .....	216.4	216.8	4.1	3.9	4.4	5.3	4.0	4.9
Legal service fees <sup>1 4</sup> .....	158.5	158.6	1.8	4.5	5.8	4.1	3.2	5.0
Personal financial services <sup>1 4</sup> .....	182.1	182.6	3.7	8.8	1.3	1.1	6.2	1.2
Funeral expenses <sup>4</sup> .....	164.3	164.6	4.4	4.4	4.6	6.6	4.4	5.6
<b>Special Indexes</b>								
Domestically produced farm food .....	156.7	157.8	2.7	5.7	5.6	8.3	4.2	6.9
Selected beef cuts .....	128.3	129.1	.6	-7.9	-3.8	16.4	-3.7	5.8
Motor fuel, motor oil, coolant, and other products .....	104.8	104.6	-1.2	31.2	17.4	-16.1	13.9	-.8
Utilities and public transportation .....	141.1	141.6	2.7	5.1	4.4	4.1	3.9	4.2
Housekeeping and home maintenance services <sup>1</sup> .....	152.6	153.6	2.4	2.7	2.4	4.8	2.6	3.6

<sup>1</sup> Not seasonally adjusted.

<sup>2</sup> Indexes on a December 1984=100 base

<sup>3</sup> Indexes on a December 1982=100 base.

<sup>4</sup> Indexes on a December 1986=100 base.

<sup>5</sup> Indexes on a December 1983=100 base.

<sup>6</sup> Indexes on a December 1988=100 base.

<sup>7</sup> Indexes on a December 1990=100 base.

<sup>8</sup> Indexes on a December 1993=100 base.

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

**Table 10. Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers (CPI-U): Selected areas, all items index**

(1982-84=100, unless otherwise noted)

Area	Pricing schedule <sup>1</sup>	Indexes				Percent change to Sept. 1996 from—			Percent change to Aug. 1996 from—		
		June 1996	July 1996	Aug. 1996	Sept. 1996	Sept. 1995	July 1996	Aug. 1996	Aug. 1995	June 1996	July 1996
U.S. city average .....	M	156.7	157.0	157.3	157.8	3.0	0.5	0.3	2.9	0.4	0.2
<b>Region and area size <sup>2</sup></b>											
Northeast urban .....	M	163.1	163.4	164.0	164.6	2.9	.7	.4	2.7	.6	.4
Size A - More than 1,200,000 .....	M	163.8	164.1	164.7	165.4	2.9	.8	.4	2.7	.5	.4
Size B - 500,000 to 1,200,000 .....	M	160.9	161.8	162.2	162.2	2.7	.2	.0	2.7	.8	.2
Size C - 50,000 to 500,000 .....	M	161.0	161.5	161.8	162.2	2.3	.4	.2	2.1	.5	.2
North Central urban .....	M	152.9	153.2	153.4	154.0	3.1	.5	.4	3.0	.3	.1
Size A - More than 1,200,000 .....	M	153.5	153.7	154.0	154.5	2.8	.5	.3	2.8	.3	.2
Size B - 360,000 to 1,200,000 .....	M	152.0	152.4	152.8	153.3	3.7	.6	.3	3.4	.5	.3
Size C - 50,000 to 360,000 .....	M	154.1	154.6	154.7	155.4	3.2	.5	.5	3.2	.4	.1
Size D - Nonmetropolitan (less than 50,000) .....	M	149.8	150.4	150.4	151.0	3.2	.4	.4	3.2	.4	.0
South urban .....	M	154.0	154.0	154.1	154.5	3.1	.3	.3	2.9	.1	.1
Size A - More than 1,200,000 .....	M	153.2	153.2	153.1	153.5	2.9	.2	.3	2.5	-.1	-.1
Size B - 450,000 to 1,200,000 .....	M	156.3	156.7	156.9	157.3	3.3	.4	.3	3.2	.4	.1
Size C - 50,000 to 450,000 .....	M	153.8	153.7	154.0	154.4	3.3	.5	.3	3.1	.1	.2
Size D - Nonmetropolitan (less than 50,000) .....	M	153.0	152.5	152.6	153.2	3.2	.5	.4	3.2	-.3	.1
West urban .....	M	157.5	157.9	158.0	158.6	2.9	.4	.4	2.8	.3	.1
Size A - More than 1,250,000 .....	M	157.3	158.0	158.1	158.7	2.7	.4	.4	2.6	.5	.1
Size C - 50,000 to 330,000 .....	M	162.4	162.4	162.6	163.0	3.4	.4	.2	3.6	.1	.1
<b>Size classes</b>											
A <sup>3</sup> .....	M	141.4	141.7	141.9	142.4	2.8	.5	.4	2.7	.4	.1
B .....	M	156.9	157.4	157.6	157.9	3.1	.3	.2	3.1	.4	.1
C .....	M	156.5	156.8	157.0	157.4	3.1	.4	.3	3.0	.3	.1
D .....	M	153.7	153.7	154.0	154.7	3.4	.7	.5	3.5	.2	.2
<b>Selected local areas <sup>4</sup></b>											
Chicago-Gary-Lake County, IL-IN-WI .....	M	157.6	157.7	158.1	158.3	2.8	.4	.1	2.8	.3	.3
Los Angeles-Anaheim-Riverside, CA .....	M	156.7	157.6	157.3	158.2	2.3	.4	.6	1.9	.4	-.2
N.Y.-Northern N.J.-Long Island, NY-NJ-CT .....	M	166.5	166.7	167.2	168.2	3.1	.9	.6	2.7	.4	.3
Phil.-Wilmington-Trenton, PA-NJ-DE-MD .....	M	162.3	162.8	163.6	164.5	2.6	1.0	.6	2.5	.8	.5
San Francisco-Oakland-San Jose, CA .....	M	155.2	155.9	155.6	156.3	2.6	.3	.4	2.7	.3	-.2
Baltimore, MD .....	1	-	155.7	-	155.4	2.4	-.2	-	-	-	-
Boston-Lawrence-Salem, MA-NH .....	1	-	162.0	-	163.5	3.1	.9	-	-	-	-
Cleveland-Akron-Lorain, OH .....	1	-	152.1	-	153.5	3.0	.9	-	-	-	-
Miami-Fort Lauderdale, FL .....	1	-	152.4	-	154.6	3.8	1.4	-	-	-	-
St. Louis-East St. Louis, MO-IL .....	1	-	149.9	-	151.0	2.7	.7	-	-	-	-
Washington, DC-MD-VA .....	1	-	160.1	-	160.8	2.9	.4	-	-	-	-
Dallas-Fort Worth, TX .....	2	149.4	-	149.5	-	-	-	-	3.0	.1	-
Detroit-Ann Arbor, MI .....	2	151.9	-	152.7	-	-	-	-	2.6	.5	-
Houston-Galveston-Brazoria, TX .....	2	142.8	-	142.8	-	-	-	-	1.9	.0	-
Pittsburgh-Beaver Valley, PA .....	2	153.2	-	153.6	-	-	-	-	2.3	.3	-

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

M - Every month.

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

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

<sup>2</sup> Regions defined as the four Census regions. See map in technical notes.

<sup>3</sup> Indexes on a December 1986=100 base.

<sup>4</sup> 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; Atlanta, GA; Buffalo-Niagara Falls, NY; Cincinnati-Hamilton, OH-KY-IN; Denver-Boulder, CO; Honolulu, HI;

Kansas City, MO-KS; Milwaukee, WI; Minneapolis-St. Paul, MN-WI; Portland-Vancouver, OR-WA; San Diego, CA; and Seattle-Tacoma, WA.

The following metropolitan areas are published annually and appear in tables 16A and 23A of the January issue of the CPI Detailed Report: New Orleans, LA and Tampa-St. Petersburg-Clearwater, FL.

- Data not available.

NOTE: Local area CPI 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.

**Table 11. Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers (CPI-U): Regions <sup>1</sup>, by expenditure category and commodity and service group**

(1982-84=100, unless otherwise noted)

Group	Northeast			North Central			South			West			
	Index	Percent change from—		Index	Percent change from—		Index	Percent change from—		Index	Percent change from—		
		Sept. 1996	Sept. 1995		Aug. 1996	Sept. 1996		Sept. 1995	Aug. 1996		Sept. 1996	Sept. 1995	Aug. 1996
<b>Expenditure category</b>													
All items .....	164.6	2.9	0.4	154.0	3.1	0.4	154.5	3.1	0.3	158.6	2.9	0.4	
All items (December 1977=100) .....	259.2	-	-	250.5	-	-	250.7	-	-	256.4	-	-	
<b>Food and beverages .....</b>	<b>158.0</b>	<b>2.6</b>	<b>.6</b>	<b>152.1</b>	<b>4.0</b>	<b>.3</b>	<b>154.0</b>	<b>4.5</b>	<b>.5</b>	<b>155.5</b>	<b>3.7</b>	<b>.6</b>	
Food .....	157.5	2.7	.6	151.5	4.1	.3	154.0	4.6	.6	154.9	3.6	.6	
Food at home .....	159.3	2.9	.9	151.8	4.7	.3	153.9	5.8	.7	158.8	4.6	.9	
Cereals and bakery products .....	180.5	2.8	.8	174.2	3.8	-.8	169.8	4.7	-.6	173.8	3.5	-.3	
Meats, poultry, fish, and eggs .....	150.5	2.6	.7	144.7	5.2	.8	144.7	7.9	1.4	148.7	6.7	1.5	
Dairy products .....	137.5	8.4	2.3	146.5	10.4	.9	147.8	12.9	1.3	156.6	11.5	1.4	
Fruits and vegetables .....	186.8	1.9	.9	171.6	4.7	.1	185.5	3.7	.9	189.6	2.3	1.3	
Other food at home .....	151.2	1.5	.5	139.8	2.2	.4	140.9	2.1	.0	143.4	1.3	.4	
Sugar and sweets .....	155.7	7.2	1.6	143.1	5.2	.5	141.1	5.1	.4	144.0	3.0	-.1	
Fats and oils .....	149.7	2.4	.0	136.3	2.1	1.0	138.5	3.5	.0	142.8	3.7	.8	
Nonalcoholic beverages .....	138.5	-1.9	.3	123.9	-2.0	.1	121.8	-4.3	-1.3	128.1	-3.1	-1.7	
Other prepared food .....	162.3	2.2	.2	153.3	4.3	.4	158.6	5.5	.7	156.7	3.4	1.3	
Food away from home .....	156.5	2.2	.1	151.3	3.1	.3	155.8	2.8	.5	149.3	2.1	.1	
Alcoholic beverages .....	164.4	2.6	.4	159.4	2.8	.6	153.7	3.5	.2	161.1	3.9	.4	
<b>Housing .....</b>	<b>164.9</b>	<b>2.7</b>	<b>-2</b>	<b>149.0</b>	<b>3.1</b>	<b>.0</b>	<b>146.3</b>	<b>3.6</b>	<b>-1</b>	<b>156.5</b>	<b>2.4</b>	<b>.3</b>	
Shelter .....	191.5	2.6	-.5	168.5	3.1	-.1	156.5	3.6	-.3	170.9	3.1	.2	
Renters' costs <sup>2</sup> .....	198.9	3.1	-2.3	173.3	3.0	-1.4	166.8	3.6	-1.9	181.6	3.7	.1	
Rent, residential .....	175.1	2.7	.2	159.7	2.8	.3	152.0	3.5	.3	163.0	2.3	.2	
Other renters' costs .....	241.4	3.8	-7.0	191.5	3.3	-4.9	202.0	4.0	-6.6	224.7	8.2	.0	
Homeowners' costs <sup>2</sup> .....	199.1	2.4	.3	172.5	3.2	.3	158.5	3.7	.4	180.9	2.8	.2	
Owners' equivalent rent <sup>2</sup> .....	200.1	2.4	.3	172.9	3.2	.3	158.2	3.7	.4	180.9	2.7	.2	
Maintenance and repairs .....	137.3	.8	-.2	141.5	3.4	-.2	138.2	4.5	.7	139.8	4.8	.0	
Maintenance and repair services .....	NA	-	-	153.8	5.3	.0	139.6	5.8	.7	150.0	8.1	.0	
Maintenance and repair commodities .....	126.0	-.7	-.6	130.0	1.2	-.5	135.3	2.3	.7	124.9	-1.9	.0	
Fuel and other utilities .....	123.5	4.0	.5	125.1	4.9	.2	137.1	5.2	.3	137.3	.4	.1	
Fuels .....	114.3	4.6	.6	112.1	6.1	.2	125.2	6.6	.4	127.7	-1.9	.2	
Fuel oil and other household fuel commodities .....	93.3	11.6	3.9	92.5	10.4	4.2	102.3	7.7	2.4	104.4	8.0	5.0	
Fuel oil .....	93.2	12.8	5.0	91.6	12.5	5.0	90.5	9.6	2.4	122.7	17.2	11.4	
Other household fuel commodities <sup>3</sup> .....	115.3	4.9	-1.7	121.7	8.4	3.2	134.0	6.5	2.4	114.3	3.3	1.7	
Gas (piped) and electricity (energy services) .....	129.8	2.9	-.2	117.8	5.8	.0	128.9	6.5	.2	130.6	-2.2	.0	
Electricity .....	142.5	2.2	.1	134.6	.4	-.5	133.5	6.5	.5	147.7	-.3	.1	
Utility (piped) gas .....	109.7	4.6	-.8	101.5	14.6	.8	112.5	6.4	-.9	109.8	-6.5	-.1	
Other utilities and public services .....	159.4	2.8	.2	156.2	3.4	.2	161.0	3.8	.2	156.0	2.8	.1	
Household furnishings and operation .....	127.1	1.5	.0	122.6	1.0	.1	127.0	1.3	.2	123.8	.5	.8	
Housefurnishings .....	109.8	-.5	.0	108.9	.7	.0	115.9	-.3	.0	111.0	-.8	.7	
Housekeeping supplies .....	152.0	4.0	-.3	140.8	-.1	.0	133.3	2.8	.1	140.0	2.3	.7	
Housekeeping services .....	152.2	4.0	.2	145.0	2.7	.4	155.0	4.2	.5	144.3	2.5	1.1	
<b>Apparel and upkeep .....</b>	<b>130.3</b>	<b>1.0</b>	<b>4.3</b>	<b>129.1</b>	<b>-2.8</b>	<b>2.5</b>	<b>139.8</b>	<b>-2.6</b>	<b>1.9</b>	<b>124.5</b>	<b>1.4</b>	<b>1.9</b>	
Apparel commodities .....	126.2	1.0	4.7	126.7	-3.2	2.7	135.9	-2.9	2.1	120.4	1.2	2.1	
Men's and boys' apparel .....	127.5	.3	1.0	127.0	-.5	2.4	132.9	-1.6	.0	121.2	5.5	.7	
Women's and girls' apparel .....	120.0	1.8	7.6	123.4	-7.2	4.8	135.0	-3.8	3.8	113.1	.0	2.3	
Infants' and toddlers' apparel .....	146.6	11.8	14.6	126.1	-9.0	4.4	133.4	-4.0	-.8	122.3	4.8	2.8	
Footwear .....	128.4	-1.8	2.7	130.1	.3	-1.1	127.6	.6	2.9	119.1	1.4	2.1	
Other apparel commodities .....	155.5	-.8	2.0	146.3	10.9	-.1	158.3	-5.5	.8	143.7	-4.6	4.1	
Apparel services .....	166.0	1.5	.4	150.8	2.3	.3	168.9	1.0	-.1	154.8	3.5	-.4	
<b>Transportation .....</b>	<b>145.4</b>	<b>3.3</b>	<b>.6</b>	<b>141.2</b>	<b>3.6</b>	<b>.6</b>	<b>141.6</b>	<b>2.5</b>	<b>-1</b>	<b>145.4</b>	<b>3.5</b>	<b>-1</b>	
Private transportation .....	140.5	2.8	.2	137.8	3.5	.6	140.4	2.5	-.1	141.5	3.3	-.3	
New vehicles .....	142.6	3.3	.6	140.6	2.3	.3	146.3	1.3	-.2	142.7	2.7	.2	
New cars .....	141.0	3.1	.6	136.9	2.4	.4	145.6	1.6	-.2	139.1	2.4	-.1	
Used cars .....	160.4	.3	.2	157.2	-.2	.3	157.1	-.1	.3	155.0	1.5	.3	
Motor fuel .....	103.3	2.9	-.5	107.3	8.9	2.1	104.6	6.6	-.3	109.3	6.0	-2.5	
Gasoline .....	102.9	2.6	-.5	107.2	8.8	2.1	104.2	6.4	-.6	108.2	5.3	-2.8	
Gasoline, unleaded regular .....	101.5	2.7	-.7	105.6	9.0	1.9	101.4	7.0	-.6	105.0	4.9	-3.2	
Gasoline, unleaded midgrade <sup>4</sup> .....	106.4	1.9	-.7	118.7	8.9	2.2	110.6	6.1	-.8	105.1	5.5	-2.6	
Gasoline, unleaded premium .....	103.9	2.5	-.3	110.0	7.3	1.5	107.6	6.1	-.4	109.0	4.0	-2.5	
Maintenance and repairs .....	168.7	3.5	1.0	149.7	3.7	.5	158.1	2.7	.3	163.9	2.9	1.7	
Other private transportation .....	175.7	2.4	.1	166.7	2.3	-.1	182.0	2.0	.2	172.6	2.6	-.2	
Other private transportation commodities .....	105.8	1.3	.7	105.4	-.8	.3	103.7	-.6	-.2	104.4	1.0	.2	
Other private transportation services .....	189.6	2.6	.0	180.3	2.8	-.1	203.6	2.4	.2	188.9	2.9	-.3	
Public transportation .....	186.0	6.8	2.3	196.6	4.2	1.0	163.1	1.9	1.7	191.6	5.3	1.8	

See footnotes at end of table.

**Table 11. Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers (CPI-U): Regions <sup>1</sup>, by expenditure category and commodity and service group—Continued**

(1982-84=100, unless otherwise noted)

Group	Northeast			North Central			South			West		
	Index	Percent change from—		Index	Percent change from—		Index	Percent change from—		Index	Percent change from—	
		Sept. 1996	Sept. 1995		Aug. 1996	Sept. 1996		Sept. 1995	Aug. 1996		Sept. 1996	Sept. 1995
<b>Expenditure category</b>												
Medical care .....	239.4	4.0	0.1	222.9	3.0	0.1	227.7	3.0	0.1	228.6	3.3	0.0
Medical care commodities .....	216.4	4.2	-.5	207.9	1.8	.0	205.6	2.4	.2	219.2	4.6	.4
Medical care services .....	244.4	4.0	.2	226.6	3.2	.1	233.3	3.1	.1	230.8	3.1	-.1
Professional medical services .....	219.5	3.5	.0	205.2	3.5	.4	213.7	3.9	.2	198.7	3.3	.0
Entertainment .....	166.6	3.2	.5	159.4	3.3	.1	157.0	3.6	.3	156.2	2.3	.5
Entertainment commodities .....	146.6	2.9	.4	144.5	2.6	.0	142.1	4.0	.1	139.8	2.0	-.1
Entertainment services .....	188.8	3.5	.7	177.3	4.0	.3	175.8	3.4	.6	174.9	2.6	1.0
Other goods and services .....	227.5	3.4	.7	212.4	3.4	1.0	210.2	4.2	1.0	223.8	4.4	1.1
Tobacco and smoking products .....	225.1	2.1	-.1	243.0	2.1	.7	222.1	2.5	.0	255.0	4.0	.7
Personal care .....	162.0	1.1	.6	144.7	3.1	-.1	143.6	1.8	.8	154.8	3.0	-.5
Personal and educational expenses .....	261.1	4.3	1.0	241.2	4.1	1.4	248.8	5.5	1.4	259.3	4.9	1.6
<b>Commodity and service group</b>												
All items .....	164.6	2.9	.4	154.0	3.1	.4	154.5	3.1	.3	158.6	2.9	.4
Commodities .....	141.0	2.5	.9	139.4	2.6	.7	140.6	2.4	.4	140.1	2.9	.4
Food and beverages .....	158.0	2.6	.6	152.1	4.0	.3	154.0	4.5	.5	155.5	3.7	.6
Commodities less food and beverages .....	129.8	2.4	1.2	131.9	1.6	.8	132.9	1.1	.4	130.6	2.3	.3
Nondurables less food and beverages .....	130.8	2.7	1.7	133.9	1.9	1.4	134.4	1.5	.7	132.7	3.2	.3
Apparel commodities .....	126.2	1.0	4.7	126.7	-3.2	2.7	135.9	-2.9	2.1	120.4	1.2	2.1
Nondurables less food, beverages, and apparel .....	137.0	3.6	.1	139.7	4.2	.8	137.2	4.0	.0	141.5	4.1	-.5
Durables .....	128.4	1.7	.5	128.6	1.3	.2	131.2	.7	.0	128.0	1.1	.3
Services .....	188.3	3.1	-.1	169.6	3.4	.1	169.1	3.7	.1	175.7	3.0	.4
Rent of shelter <sup>2</sup> .....	199.7	2.6	-.5	173.2	3.2	-.1	160.8	3.7	-.3	181.3	3.0	.2
Household services less rent of shelter <sup>2</sup> .....	146.0	3.0	.1	137.4	4.2	.1	147.0	4.9	.3	149.2	1.4	.3
Transportation services .....	184.0	3.9	.9	175.8	3.3	.2	183.8	2.4	.5	184.1	3.5	.7
Medical care services .....	244.4	4.0	.2	226.6	3.2	.1	233.3	3.1	.1	230.8	3.1	-.1
Other services .....	216.8	3.6	.7	195.1	3.8	.9	200.1	4.2	1.0	202.7	4.0	1.2
<b>Special indexes</b>												
All items less food .....	166.0	2.9	.3	154.4	2.9	.4	154.6	2.9	.3	159.4	2.8	.3
All items less shelter .....	156.1	3.0	.8	150.0	3.0	.5	154.3	2.9	.5	155.0	2.9	.5
All items less homeowners' costs <sup>3</sup> .....	163.0	3.0	.4	154.0	3.0	.3	158.1	3.1	.3	161.1	3.0	.4
All items less medical care .....	160.9	2.7	.4	150.2	3.1	.4	149.8	3.2	.3	154.8	2.9	.5
Commodities less food .....	131.2	2.3	1.2	133.0	1.7	.9	133.7	1.3	.4	132.1	2.4	.3
Nondurables less food .....	132.8	2.8	1.6	135.3	2.0	1.3	135.4	1.7	.7	134.7	3.3	.3
Nondurables less food and apparel .....	138.7	3.6	.2	140.7	4.0	.7	137.7	3.9	.0	142.7	4.1	-.3
Nondurables .....	144.8	2.7	1.0	143.0	3.0	.8	144.2	3.1	.6	144.4	3.4	.4
Services less rent of shelter <sup>2</sup> .....	191.8	3.6	.5	175.2	3.7	.3	184.3	3.8	.5	187.7	3.0	.5
Services less medical care services .....	183.7	3.0	-.1	164.3	3.5	.1	162.1	3.8	.1	170.9	3.0	.4
Energy .....	109.5	4.0	.3	109.3	7.3	1.0	113.0	6.6	.1	116.4	2.1	-.1.2
All items less energy .....	172.0	2.7	.4	160.5	2.7	.3	160.2	2.8	.3	163.6	3.0	.5
All items less food and energy .....	175.9	2.8	.3	162.8	2.4	.3	161.8	2.5	.2	165.7	2.9	.5
Commodities less food and energy commodities .....	142.1	1.9	1.3	141.1	.6	.7	142.6	.6	.5	139.2	1.9	.7
Energy commodities .....	100.3	5.1	.7	106.7	9.0	2.2	104.7	6.7	-.1	110.2	6.1	-.2.3
Services less energy services .....	194.0	3.1	.0	176.3	3.3	.2	173.6	3.5	.2	179.0	3.2	.4

<sup>1</sup> Regions defined as the four Census regions. See map in technical notes.

<sup>2</sup> Indexes on a December 1982=100 base.

<sup>3</sup> Indexes on a December 1986=100 base.

<sup>4</sup> Indexes on a December 1993=100 base.

NA Data not adequate for publication.

- Data not available.

**Table 12. Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers (CPI-U): Population size classes <sup>1</sup>, by expenditure category and commodity and service group**

(1982-84=100, unless otherwise noted)

Group	Size class A <sup>2</sup>			Size class B			Size class C			Size class D		
	Index	Percent change from—		Index	Percent change from—		Index	Percent change from—		Index	Percent change from—	
		Sept. 1996	Sept. 1995		Aug. 1996	Sept. 1996		Sept. 1995	Aug. 1996		Sept. 1996	Sept. 1995
	<b>Expenditure category</b>											
All items .....	142.4	2.8	0.4	157.9	3.1	0.2	157.4	3.1	0.3	154.7	3.4	0.5
All items (December 1977=100) .....	142.4	-	-	256.4	-	-	253.2	-	-	249.5	-	-
<b>Food and beverages</b> .....	139.8	3.5	.4	154.8	3.8	.8	154.0	4.0	.4	151.4	5.0	.5
<b>Food</b> .....	139.4	3.5	.5	154.8	3.7	.8	153.5	4.1	.5	150.9	5.1	.5
Food at home .....	143.9	4.3	.6	157.9	4.2	1.2	152.3	4.7	.5	149.5	5.7	.4
Cereals and bakery products .....	156.5	3.4	-.3	172.6	2.5	.2	169.5	4.6	-.5	179.0	6.0	.0
Meats, poultry, fish, and eggs .....	136.3	5.4	1.2	148.9	5.0	1.3	141.7	5.7	.6	138.6	6.5	.7
Dairy products .....	141.5	10.1	1.4	150.1	12.4	2.0	139.9	10.9	1.7	140.3	12.8	.9
Fruits and vegetables .....	167.9	3.1	.4	191.7	2.7	2.5	180.3	3.4	.9	171.7	3.6	-.1
Other food at home .....	131.7	1.5	.3	144.5	1.8	-.1	145.4	2.0	.2	138.3	3.0	.6
Sugar and sweets .....	134.9	5.3	.8	145.0	4.2	-.3	143.3	6.3	.4	135.4	3.0	1.1
Fats and oils .....	133.8	3.5	.3	138.5	.4	.0	141.4	2.8	.5	137.3	4.6	1.3
Nonalcoholic beverages .....	119.3	-.3	-.4	125.0	-.3	-.5	131.2	-.2	.0	119.3	-.1	-.9
Other prepared food .....	141.1	3.4	.8	163.7	5.4	.3	159.1	3.4	.3	155.2	5.7	1.2
Food away from home .....	132.7	2.3	.2	150.9	2.8	.3	156.9	2.9	.3	153.8	3.4	.4
Alcoholic beverages .....	143.6	2.9	.3	155.4	4.4	.6	160.3	3.0	.3	158.9	4.0	.6
<b>Housing</b> .....	137.8	2.7	.0	155.6	3.0	-.4	152.0	3.2	.1	148.5	3.8	.3
Shelter .....	144.4	2.8	-.1	173.8	3.1	-.9	170.1	3.3	.1	167.1	4.4	.1
Renters' costs <sup>3</sup> .....	145.2	3.3	-.9	191.1	2.9	-.4	170.9	3.1	-.1	171.3	5.1	-.6
Rent, residential .....	135.2	2.7	.2	162.3	2.9	.3	157.5	3.0	.4	156.2	3.0	.3
Other renters' costs .....	181.8	5.0	-.3	247.6	3.0	-.1	192.5	3.6	-.4	196.7	9.5	-.2
Homeowners' costs <sup>3</sup> .....	144.3	2.6	.2	177.3	3.3	.3	177.5	3.4	.5	173.4	4.1	.4
Owners' equivalent rent <sup>3</sup> .....	144.5	2.6	.2	177.8	3.4	.3	178.2	3.4	.5	173.1	4.2	.4
Maintenance and repairs .....	123.9	2.0	.0	136.6	3.0	-.2	155.5	5.1	.9	136.1	8.2	.1
Maintenance and repair services .....	127.9	3.5	.0	137.5	4.0	.3	169.9	7.1	1.1	147.1	11.8	.0
Maintenance and repair commodities .....	117.1	-.8	-.2	136.1	2.0	-.7	138.7	2.4	.6	119.4	.6	.3
Fuel and other utilities .....	130.2	4.0	.2	133.3	3.7	.4	132.2	4.1	.0	128.4	3.5	1.0
Fuels .....	130.9	4.5	.2	115.1	3.8	.6	119.4	5.4	-.2	112.3	3.2	1.6
Fuel oil and other household fuel commodities .....	138.8	10.4	4.4	91.7	11.2	4.0	93.3	9.0	1.6	92.7	12.5	4.0
Fuel oil .....	141.4	11.4	4.8	91.9	14.4	5.5	87.6	13.0	4.0	89.6	15.6	4.4
Other household fuel commodities <sup>2</sup> .....	128.3	6.3	2.4	121.3	7.0	1.9	120.1	3.4	-.1	122.9	8.6	3.4
Gas (piped) and electricity (energy services) .....	130.1	3.9	-.2	123.1	3.0	.2	127.8	4.9	-.4	121.7	2.4	1.4
Electricity .....	138.5	2.4	.0	133.6	1.4	.3	139.7	5.4	-.6	135.4	3.0	1.5
Utility (piped) gas .....	116.3	7.0	-.5	103.4	8.5	.4	106.9	3.6	.3	97.2	.9	1.4
Other utilities and public services .....	129.4	3.4	.2	172.4	3.5	.2	159.1	2.6	.2	162.0	3.9	.3
Household furnishings and operation .....	118.0	.5	.3	127.1	2.1	.5	123.2	1.4	.1	124.0	2.2	.2
Housefurnishings .....	107.9	-.6	-.1	117.1	1.1	.9	107.5	-.4	-.1	109.9	.5	-.3
Housekeeping supplies .....	134.3	1.4	.1	133.1	3.1	-.7	139.0	3.6	.4	133.5	2.7	.5
Housekeeping services .....	133.0	2.6	.7	152.4	4.2	.3	156.0	4.1	.3	153.9	5.6	1.1
<b>Apparel and upkeep</b> .....	121.9	-.1	3.0	129.7	-.5	3.1	138.8	.4	1.6	130.5	-.3	1.9
Apparel commodities .....	120.6	-.1	3.3	125.5	-.8	3.5	135.9	.1	1.6	127.3	-.3	1.9
Men's and boys' apparel .....	117.6	.6	.4	130.5	.2	1.9	136.3	1.0	2.1	120.1	-.1	.8
Women's and girls' apparel .....	113.8	-.3	5.4	127.1	-.1	5.2	134.7	-.7	2.4	131.3	-.4	4.1
Infants' and toddlers' apparel .....	115.4	2.6	7.5	120.2	-.4	4.2	148.9	1.1	.7	134.8	-.8	.3
Footwear .....	127.1	.2	1.6	114.5	-.4	3.9	128.8	.6	.6	121.6	-.2	.0
Other apparel commodities .....	152.9	-.3	3.2	128.3	3.6	-.1	154.8	.8	-.1	139.1	-.8	-.6
Apparel services .....	134.6	1.7	.1	165.4	1.8	-.1	169.0	2.2	.1	161.8	3.2	.5
<b>Transportation</b> .....	141.1	3.4	.2	142.0	3.0	.3	143.1	2.7	.4	142.0	3.0	.2
Private transportation .....	140.4	3.2	.1	138.7	3.0	.2	140.0	2.6	.2	138.2	3.1	.2
New vehicles .....	125.8	2.6	.4	141.4	1.9	-.1	144.1	2.2	.1	143.3	1.6	.0
New cars .....	124.3	2.6	.4	136.9	1.6	-.3	142.4	2.3	.2	140.2	2.0	.1
Used cars .....	148.5	.8	.3	156.6	-.2	.3	157.1	.1	.1	153.2	-.2	.2
Motor fuel .....	154.6	5.9	-.8	104.8	6.6	.0	105.9	6.5	.7	106.1	7.8	.8
Gasoline .....	154.0	5.6	-.9	104.5	6.4	-.1	105.8	6.1	.4	105.5	7.5	.4
Gasoline, unleaded regular .....	154.1	5.8	-.1	102.0	7.0	-.1	103.1	6.3	.5	101.4	7.5	.3
Gasoline, unleaded midgrade <sup>4</sup> .....	107.1	4.8	-.1	109.9	6.2	-.1	115.6	6.5	.4	117.3	7.8	.6
Gasoline, unleaded premium .....	144.7	4.8	-.5	106.8	5.3	-.1	108.8	5.2	-.3	107.5	4.9	.2
Maintenance and repairs .....	142.8	3.3	1.1	165.1	3.1	1.2	156.3	1.9	.1	146.0	3.8	.0
Other private transportation .....	146.7	2.4	-.1	171.7	2.6	.3	177.5	1.5	.1	171.0	2.8	-.1
Other private transportation commodities .....	108.5	.5	.0	99.9	-.7	.6	105.5	-.2	.5	119.7	-.1	-.3
Other private transportation services .....	154.4	2.7	-.1	188.9	3.1	.3	197.5	1.8	.1	185.2	3.3	-.1
Public transportation .....	147.3	5.7	1.7	201.2	4.4	1.6	205.1	2.5	2.9	216.3	1.9	1.4

See footnotes at end of table.

**Table 12. Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers (CPI-U): Population size classes <sup>1</sup>, by expenditure category and commodity and service group—Continued**

(1982-84=100, unless otherwise noted)

Group	Size class A <sup>2</sup>			Size class B			Size class C			Size class D		
	Index	Percent change from—		Index	Percent change from—		Index	Percent change from—		Index	Percent change from—	
		Sept. 1996	Sept. 1995		Aug. 1996	Sept. 1996		Sept. 1995	Aug. 1996		Sept. 1996	Sept. 1995
	<b>Expenditure category</b>											
Medical care .....	182.1	3.6	0.1	227.8	3.3	0.0	232.4	2.8	0.1	223.6	2.8	0.0
Medical care commodities .....	170.7	3.5	-.2	212.7	4.5	.4	202.2	1.8	-.2	209.4	1.5	.0
Medical care services .....	184.6	3.6	.2	231.4	3.0	.0	239.6	3.0	.0	227.6	3.2	.0
Professional medical services .....	166.4	3.5	.2	202.9	3.4	.1	219.2	3.7	.1	215.8	3.5	.1
Entertainment .....	142.0	3.3	.6	157.5	2.9	.1	163.0	2.9	-.2	146.2	3.4	.4
Entertainment commodities .....	131.8	3.0	.2	141.7	2.6	.1	146.5	2.6	-.2	138.7	3.8	.1
Entertainment services .....	150.4	3.5	.8	178.6	3.1	.2	184.8	3.2	.4	156.7	2.8	.7
Other goods and services .....	175.7	3.2	.9	219.7	5.5	1.1	214.1	4.1	.5	212.4	4.5	1.6
Tobacco and smoking products .....	181.6	.2	.4	247.1	7.3	.1	236.8	3.8	-.3	225.6	4.6	1.4
Personal care .....	135.0	2.4	.3	150.8	3.0	.2	149.4	1.4	.0	134.6	1.5	.4
Personal and educational expenses .....	188.2	4.4	1.2	252.7	5.4	1.8	246.8	5.1	1.1	252.8	5.2	2.0
<b>Commodity and service group</b>												
All items .....	142.4	2.8	.4	157.9	3.1	.2	157.4	3.1	.3	154.7	3.4	.5
Commodities .....	134.3	2.3	.6	139.5	3.0	.8	140.5	2.9	.5	138.3	2.8	.5
Food and beverages .....	139.8	3.5	.4	154.8	3.8	.8	154.0	4.0	.4	151.4	5.0	.5
Commodities less food and beverages .....	130.6	1.5	.7	130.8	2.4	.8	132.6	2.1	.4	131.1	1.7	.6
Nondurables less food and beverages .....	138.3	1.7	1.1	131.9	3.4	1.2	135.5	2.9	.7	132.0	2.2	1.0
Apparel commodities .....	120.6	-1.4	3.3	125.5	-.8	3.5	135.9	.1	1.6	127.3	-3.6	1.9
Nondurables less food, beverages, and apparel .....	149.5	3.4	.1	138.0	5.3	.2	138.1	4.2	.2	136.0	4.8	.7
Durables .....	120.3	1.2	.3	129.5	1.2	.3	129.1	1.0	.2	130.0	.9	-.1
Services .....	148.9	3.3	.2	177.3	3.4	-.2	176.0	3.3	.2	172.6	3.9	.4
Rent of shelter <sup>3</sup> .....	144.8	2.8	-.1	181.5	3.2	-.9	176.5	3.4	.1	172.8	4.3	.1
Household services less rent of shelter <sup>3</sup> .....	130.5	3.6	.1	146.8	3.2	.2	145.9	3.8	.0	144.1	3.5	.8
Transportation services .....	150.0	3.6	.6	184.7	3.3	.7	186.8	2.0	.5	180.6	3.2	.2
Medical care services .....	184.6	3.6	.2	231.4	3.0	.0	239.6	3.0	.0	227.6	3.2	.0
Other services .....	166.1	3.8	.9	204.5	4.2	1.0	201.9	4.0	.8	198.6	4.2	1.5
<b>Special indexes</b>												
All items less food .....	143.0	2.7	.4	158.5	3.1	.1	158.2	2.9	.3	155.3	3.1	.5
All items less shelter .....	141.6	2.8	.6	153.5	3.2	.7	154.1	3.0	.4	151.8	3.1	.6
All items less homeowners' costs <sup>3</sup> .....	142.0	2.9	.4	158.9	3.1	.2	157.8	3.0	.3	155.8	3.3	.5
All items less medical care .....	140.2	2.8	.4	153.9	3.2	.3	152.9	3.1	.3	149.7	3.5	.5
Commodities less food .....	131.4	1.6	.7	131.7	2.6	.8	133.7	2.2	.5	131.9	1.8	.5
Nondurables less food .....	138.8	1.8	1.0	133.1	3.4	1.1	136.8	2.9	.6	133.3	2.4	1.0
Nondurables less food and apparel .....	148.6	3.3	.1	138.6	5.2	.2	139.2	4.0	.2	137.2	4.7	.7
Nondurables .....	139.1	2.7	.7	143.3	3.6	1.0	144.7	3.5	.6	141.7	3.6	.7
Services less rent of shelter <sup>3</sup> .....	153.2	3.7	.5	184.7	3.4	.4	185.4	3.3	.3	181.8	3.5	.7
Services less medical care services .....	145.9	3.2	.2	171.9	3.4	-.2	169.4	3.4	.2	165.8	4.0	.5
Energy .....	140.5	5.1	-.2	108.7	5.0	.4	111.9	6.0	.3	108.0	5.2	1.3
All items less energy .....	142.6	2.7	.4	164.8	3.1	.2	164.0	2.9	.3	161.4	3.3	.4
All items less food and energy .....	143.2	2.5	.4	167.2	2.9	.1	166.6	2.6	.3	164.0	3.0	.4
Commodities less food and energy commodities .....	128.8	.9	.9	140.7	1.9	.8	142.8	1.5	.4	140.9	.9	.5
Energy commodities .....	152.9	6.3	-.3	103.1	7.1	.4	104.6	6.8	.8	104.7	8.3	1.1
Services less energy services .....	150.2	3.2	.2	183.1	3.4	-.2	181.4	3.2	.2	178.6	4.0	.3

<sup>1</sup> See region and area size on table 10 for information about population size classes.

<sup>2</sup> Indexes on a December 1986=100 base.

<sup>3</sup> Indexes on a December 1982=100 base.

<sup>4</sup> Indexes on a December 1993=100 base.

- Data not available.

**Table 13. Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers (CPI-U): Cross classification of regions and population size classes <sup>1</sup>, by expenditure category and commodity and service group**

(1982-84=100, unless otherwise noted)

Group	Northeast								
	Size class A			Size class B			Size class C		
	Index	Percent change from—		Index	Percent change from—		Index	Percent change from—	
		Sept. 1996	Sept. 1995		Aug. 1996	Sept. 1996		Sept. 1995	Aug. 1996
<b>Expenditure category</b>									
All items .....	165.4	2.9	0.4	162.2	2.7	0.0	162.2	2.3	0.2
All items (December 1977=100) .....	255.6	-	-	260.9	-	-	269.3	-	-
<b>Food and beverages</b> .....	158.1	2.7	.8	160.8	2.1	.4	155.8	2.8	-.1
<b>Food</b> .....	157.6	2.7	.8	160.6	2.0	.4	155.0	2.9	-.1
Food at home .....	160.1	3.2	1.3	162.9	1.2	.6	152.2	3.2	-.1
Cereals and bakery products .....	183.1	3.6	1.5	167.6	-.5	-.8	176.4	1.8	-1.0
Meats, poultry, fish, and eggs .....	151.3	3.6	1.3	153.9	-.6	-.4	147.3	1.6	-1.0
Dairy products .....	138.1	7.7	2.1	142.4	8.6	3.1	124.7	9.8	3.4
Fruits and vegetables .....	186.7	1.0	1.1	198.4	4.3	4.1	178.7	4.0	-1.4
Other food at home .....	151.0	1.9	.7	161.1	-.9	-.9	142.9	2.3	.8
Food away from home .....	155.9	1.9	.1	158.6	3.3	.2	161.6	2.3	-.1
Alcoholic beverages .....	164.0	2.2	.5	166.5	3.9	.4	165.3	3.1	.2
<b>Housing</b> .....	164.9	2.7	-.3	164.2	2.8	.7	162.7	2.5	-.1
Shelter .....	189.9	2.9	-.4	193.1	2.1	-1.7	194.4	2.2	-.4
Renters' costs <sup>2</sup> .....	198.1	3.4	-1.7	209.0	1.5	-6.0	184.9	2.0	-2.7
Rent, residential .....	175.5	3.1	.2	166.7	1.3	.1	171.4	2.0	.1
Other renters' costs .....	242.6	4.3	-5.7	267.8	1.7	-12.9	193.2	2.2	-8.7
Homeowners' costs <sup>2</sup> .....	194.9	2.6	.3	201.4	2.4	.1	209.7	2.2	.3
Owners' equivalent rent <sup>2</sup> .....	195.7	2.6	.3	202.8	2.4	.1	210.8	2.1	.3
Fuel and other utilities .....	123.3	3.5	.3	130.1	5.2	1.2	116.4	4.0	.5
Fuels .....	117.9	4.0	.4	114.1	6.3	2.0	97.7	5.2	.6
Fuel oil and other household fuel commodities .....	98.9	10.8	4.2	90.5	17.2	5.8	81.5	9.7	1.6
Fuel oil .....	97.6	11.2	4.6	90.5	17.8	7.6	84.1	14.4	4.6
Other household fuel commodities <sup>3</sup> .....	132.0	7.5	2.0	119.4	14.6	.0	88.4	-7.2	-9.3
Gas (piped) and electricity (energy services) .....	130.2	2.6	-.4	135.9	3.4	.7	113.9	3.2	.1
Electricity .....	143.1	2.1	.1	149.8	2.7	.7	119.8	2.0	.1
Utility (piped) gas .....	111.6	3.6	-1.2	107.7	5.6	1.0	102.3	7.5	.5
Household furnishings and operation .....	128.3	.6	-.5	124.2	3.5	2.1	120.2	2.5	.4
Apparel and upkeep .....	128.2	1.3	4.9	126.3	-.9	2.2	139.0	-.8	2.1
Apparel commodities .....	123.4	1.4	5.6	123.2	-1.1	2.5	135.9	-1.2	2.3
Men's and boys' apparel .....	120.7	1.3	.7	143.0	-3.8	.4	147.5	-2.3	2.0
Women's and girls' apparel .....	116.8	3.4	9.0	116.7	1.0	3.5	126.2	-8.0	2.4
Footwear .....	127.6	-3.9	2.8	117.8	-6.6	5.2	148.3	14.4	1.3
Transportation .....	148.0	3.6	.5	140.1	2.9	.4	141.7	1.8	.6
Private transportation .....	143.0	3.0	.3	137.7	2.7	.2	134.5	1.7	.3
Motor fuel .....	102.5	3.1	-.8	104.1	2.8	.4	102.5	1.9	-.2
Gasoline .....	102.0	2.9	-.8	103.9	2.5	.3	102.2	1.4	-.4
Gasoline, unleaded regular .....	100.4	3.1	-1.1	101.8	3.0	.4	101.8	1.5	-.4
Gasoline, unleaded midgrade <sup>4</sup> .....	104.6	2.2	-1.0	109.9	2.3	-.1	109.7	1.0	-.5
Gasoline, unleaded premium .....	102.9	2.9	-.3	104.4	1.1	-.1	105.9	1.8	-.5
Public transportation .....	179.2	7.5	2.3	182.1	5.1	1.4	247.5	3.1	4.0
Medical care .....	242.2	4.7	.1	237.4	2.3	-.1	225.3	2.2	.2
Entertainment .....	169.5	3.6	.8	155.0	2.9	.1	167.0	1.7	-.4
Other goods and services .....	225.2	3.1	.5	224.1	4.8	.8	233.2	3.6	1.6
Personal care .....	166.5	1.9	.8	151.4	-1.4	.0	147.6	-.5	.5
<b>Commodity and service group</b>									
All items .....	165.4	2.9	.4	162.2	2.7	.0	162.2	2.3	.2
Commodities .....	142.3	2.4	1.1	139.1	2.6	.9	137.8	1.9	.3
Food and beverages .....	158.1	2.7	.8	160.8	2.1	.4	155.8	2.8	-.1
Commodities less food and beverages .....	130.9	2.3	1.3	126.2	2.9	1.3	127.2	1.2	.6
Nondurables less food and beverages .....	131.7	2.6	1.9	125.9	3.7	1.0	130.6	1.3	.7
Durables .....	130.3	1.8	.2	125.5	1.6	1.8	122.2	1.0	.4
Services .....	187.3	3.3	.0	189.2	2.7	-.7	189.3	2.6	.2
Medical care services .....	247.8	4.8	.3	241.2	1.3	-.2	230.0	2.6	.2
<b>Special indexes</b>									
All items less shelter .....	157.3	3.0	.8	153.5	2.8	.7	152.6	2.3	.5
All items less medical care .....	161.7	2.9	.5	158.3	2.7	.0	159.0	2.3	.2
All items less energy .....	172.1	2.9	.5	170.8	2.5	-.1	171.3	2.2	.2
All items less food and energy .....	175.9	2.9	.4	173.6	2.5	-.2	175.5	2.0	.3
Energy .....	111.7	3.7	.0	109.8	4.9	1.3	98.5	4.0	.4
Commodities less food .....	132.3	2.2	1.2	127.8	2.9	1.2	128.8	1.3	.5
Nondurables less food .....	133.7	2.6	1.8	128.1	3.7	.9	132.7	1.5	.6
Nondurables .....	145.8	2.7	1.3	142.8	2.8	.7	142.9	2.1	.2
Services less rent of shelter <sup>2</sup> .....	191.7	3.7	.5	192.0	3.2	.4	189.7	3.2	.8
Services less medical care services .....	182.5	3.1	.0	184.3	2.8	-.8	185.8	2.6	.2

See footnotes at end of table.

**Table 13. Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers (CPI-U): Cross classification of regions and population size classes<sup>1</sup>, by expenditure category and commodity and service group—Continued**

(1982-84=100, unless otherwise noted)

Group	North Central											
	Size class A			Size class B			Size class C			Size class D		
	Index	Percent change from—		Index	Percent change from—		Index	Percent change from—		Index	Percent change from—	
	Sept. 1996	Sept. 1995	Aug. 1996	Sept. 1996	Sept. 1995	Aug. 1996	Sept. 1996	Sept. 1995	Aug. 1996	Sept. 1996	Sept. 1995	Aug. 1996
<b>Expenditure category</b>												
All items .....	154.5	2.8	0.3	153.3	3.7	0.3	155.4	3.2	0.5	151.0	3.2	0.4
All items (December 1977=100) .....	255.1	-	-	247.8	-	-	247.4	-	-	242.1	-	-
<b>Food and beverages</b> .....	153.9	3.9	.1	149.4	4.5	1.2	152.0	4.0	.6	146.7	4.2	.4
Food .....	153.3	4.0	.1	149.7	4.4	1.1	151.1	4.2	.5	145.8	4.3	.3
Food at home .....	154.3	4.6	-.1	152.2	5.3	1.6	150.3	4.6	.7	144.0	5.0	.5
Cereals and bakery products .....	174.4	3.3	-1.2	183.2	4.3	1.4	169.0	3.4	-1.2	173.3	6.5	-.4
Meats, poultry, fish, and eggs .....	150.7	5.8	.7	139.9	4.2	1.8	136.5	4.6	.7	135.5	4.1	.6
Dairy products .....	149.9	9.6	.8	152.8	12.2	1.2	139.9	10.2	.4	138.7	12.4	1.5
Fruits and vegetables .....	173.3	4.6	-1.6	162.6	5.0	2.9	180.2	5.1	3.3	159.7	4.4	-.1
Other food at home .....	139.1	1.8	.4	144.3	4.2	.8	144.3	2.3	-.1	131.5	1.8	.5
Food away from home .....	152.0	3.1	.3	145.4	2.8	.1	153.2	3.5	.3	149.4	2.8	.2
Alcoholic beverages .....	160.4	2.8	.3	145.4	5.1	2.5	163.9	2.1	.7	160.0	2.2	.6
Housing .....	149.0	2.8	-.1	150.0	3.7	-.6	152.1	2.9	.2	144.1	3.7	.2
Shelter .....	169.3	2.5	-.1	175.4	3.6	-1.0	171.2	3.3	.4	156.4	5.3	.0
Renters' costs <sup>2</sup> .....	172.6	2.3	-.9	186.9	3.3	-6.2	177.6	3.0	-.4	158.4	6.8	-.2
Rent, residential .....	162.5	2.8	.2	165.9	3.3	.6	156.2	2.5	.7	146.0	3.1	.0
Other renters' costs .....	180.1	.8	-3.5	212.5	3.4	-12.8	216.5	3.8	-2.3	180.1	17.1	-.6
Homeowners' costs <sup>2</sup> .....	173.7	2.6	.2	176.9	3.7	.5	174.4	3.4	.6	163.4	4.7	.0
Owners' equivalent rent <sup>2</sup> .....	173.8	2.6	.2	178.0	3.8	.5	175.4	3.5	.7	163.8	5.0	.0
Fuel and other utilities .....	124.1	6.5	.0	117.6	4.6	.3	126.1	2.9	-.1	134.9	2.0	.8
Fuels .....	115.1	8.8	.0	103.7	6.6	.1	111.7	2.9	-.1	111.5	.2	1.6
Fuel oil and other household fuel commodities .....	93.9	11.4	4.8	88.5	8.9	4.1	94.8	11.5	4.5	90.5	8.0	1.9
Fuel oil .....	93.5	13.1	6.1	92.3	9.6	4.1	88.6	11.7	5.4	92.7	15.2	2.8
Other household fuel commodities <sup>3</sup> .....	117.2	9.5	3.4	118.6	8.3	4.2	128.3	11.3	3.8	125.9	1.1	1.0
Gas (piped) and electricity (energy services) .....	118.7	8.8	-.2	109.8	6.5	-.1	120.5	2.5	-.4	120.5	-.2	1.5
Electricity .....	136.0	-.2	-.6	130.0	2.1	.0	134.7	-.4	-1.5	139.0	2.6	.9
Utility (piped) gas .....	102.9	22.2	.3	90.9	14.2	-.3	105.0	7.9	1.5	101.7	-4.5	2.6
Household furnishings and operation .....	117.9	.3	-.1	123.5	3.2	.3	133.6	1.5	.1	123.6	.2	.3
Apparel and upkeep .....	126.1	-4.8	2.3	137.3	3.8	5.1	126.5	-1.8	1.5	139.5	-2.4	2.0
Apparel commodities .....	124.2	-5.3	2.4	135.0	4.0	5.8	122.1	-2.2	1.8	138.8	-2.6	2.2
Men's and boys' apparel .....	125.2	-2.3	.8	138.6	11.3	6.7	121.0	-3.0	2.8	134.0	-.7	5.6
Women's and girls' apparel .....	113.7	-11.6	5.3	145.4	1.1	6.8	123.8	-4.5	1.3	141.9	-2.0	5.1
Footwear .....	132.4	1.8	-1.1	109.7	3.1	1.1	121.9	.7	1.3	150.5	-7.3	-6.2
Transportation .....	142.2	3.7	.6	140.6	3.0	.7	141.0	4.0	.9	138.5	3.3	.5
Private transportation .....	139.8	3.7	.6	136.7	2.9	.7	137.7	3.8	.8	131.7	3.5	.4
Motor fuel .....	108.5	8.9	1.9	107.9	7.5	2.8	105.0	8.4	2.3	106.2	11.9	1.9
Gasoline .....	108.3	8.7	1.8	108.1	7.2	3.0	104.9	8.3	2.4	105.3	11.9	1.5
Gasoline, unleaded regular .....	107.2	8.9	1.7	105.2	7.8	3.1	103.3	8.6	2.4	101.6	11.6	.8
Gasoline, unleaded midgrade <sup>4</sup> .....	117.2	7.8	1.2	117.5	7.3	2.9	119.3	9.3	3.5	124.5	13.2	2.6
Gasoline, unleaded premium .....	109.6	7.5	1.4	113.4	5.9	2.2	104.6	7.2	1.2	108.5	12.1	2.2
Public transportation .....	173.8	4.3	.3	232.8	5.2	.6	214.3	6.1	3.6	301.7	.2	1.6
Medical care .....	221.4	2.7	.2	220.3	4.7	.0	235.4	3.2	.0	216.1	2.1	.0
Entertainment .....	161.3	3.3	.3	151.1	2.0	-.1	166.0	4.1	-.2	151.5	3.4	.3
Other goods and services .....	216.9	3.1	1.2	212.8	3.2	.7	205.7	4.0	.5	201.6	4.9	1.2
Personal care .....	138.1	1.9	-.4	162.8	7.7	.0	160.7	3.1	.6	132.8	4.2	.4
<b>Commodity and service group</b>												
All items .....	154.5	2.8	.3	153.3	3.7	.3	155.4	3.2	.5	151.0	3.2	.4
Commodities .....	140.2	2.1	.6	136.9	3.6	1.3	139.9	3.2	.7	138.6	2.5	.7
Food and beverages .....	153.9	3.9	.1	149.4	4.5	1.2	152.0	4.0	.6	146.7	4.2	.4
Commodities less food and beverages .....	131.7	.9	.8	130.5	3.1	1.4	133.0	2.7	.7	133.8	1.5	.8
Nondurables less food and beverages .....	134.5	.6	1.2	132.9	4.5	2.5	131.9	3.1	1.1	137.3	2.8	1.4
Durables .....	126.3	1.4	.3	128.7	1.4	.0	134.3	2.1	.2	129.2	.0	.1
Services .....	169.5	3.4	.2	171.0	3.7	-.3	173.2	3.2	.3	164.5	3.9	.2
Medical care services .....	224.4	2.9	.2	221.4	4.5	.0	243.7	3.3	.0	219.1	3.0	.2
<b>Special indexes</b>												
All items less shelter .....	150.3	2.9	.5	147.5	3.7	.9	151.1	3.1	.5	149.9	2.7	.6
All items less medical care .....	151.0	2.8	.3	149.8	3.6	.3	151.3	3.2	.5	146.3	3.4	.5
All items less energy .....	160.5	2.3	.2	161.3	3.3	.2	162.9	3.0	.4	157.2	3.1	.3
All items less food and energy .....	162.3	1.9	.3	164.1	3.2	.1	165.9	2.7	.4	159.7	2.9	.3
Energy .....	112.2	8.8	.9	103.3	6.9	1.3	107.6	5.3	.9	107.8	4.9	1.8
Commodities less food .....	132.9	1.0	.8	130.9	3.2	1.4	134.1	2.7	.8	134.7	1.6	.8
Nondurables less food .....	136.1	.7	1.1	133.3	4.5	2.5	133.6	3.1	1.1	138.6	2.7	1.3
Nondurables .....	144.5	2.3	.6	140.7	4.5	1.8	141.5	3.6	.9	142.6	3.4	.8
Services less rent of shelter <sup>2</sup> .....	175.4	4.1	.4	170.0	3.7	.3	178.8	3.0	.2	174.8	2.7	.5
Services less medical care services .....	164.6	3.4	.2	166.7	3.6	-.4	166.9	3.2	.4	157.5	4.1	.3

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**Table 13. Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers (CPI-U): Cross classification of regions and population size classes<sup>1</sup>, by expenditure category and commodity and service group—Continued**

(1982-84=100, unless otherwise noted)

Group	South											
	Size class A			Size class B			Size class C			Size class D		
	Index	Percent change from—		Index	Percent change from—		Index	Percent change from—		Index	Percent change from—	
	Sept. 1996	Sept. 1995	Aug. 1996	Sept. 1996	Sept. 1995	Aug. 1996	Sept. 1996	Sept. 1995	Aug. 1996	Sept. 1996	Sept. 1995	Aug. 1996
<b>Expenditure category</b>												
All items .....	153.5	2.9	0.3	157.3	3.3	0.3	154.4	3.3	0.3	153.2	3.2	0.4
All items (December 1977=100) .....	247.8	-	-	256.9	-	-	249.9	-	-	248.8	-	-
<b>Food and beverages</b> .....	154.2	4.0	.5	155.0	4.6	.6	154.8	4.5	.4	150.4	6.0	.7
Food .....	154.2	4.0	.5	155.1	4.7	.7	154.8	4.7	.5	150.5	6.1	.7
Food at home .....	154.2	5.0	.5	156.6	6.0	1.0	154.2	5.8	.5	148.2	7.1	.9
Cereals and bakery products .....	166.2	3.0	-1.1	170.5	4.0	-3	167.0	5.6	-.8	182.9	7.9	.2
Meats, poultry, fish, and eggs .....	144.6	7.1	1.8	146.6	7.4	1.5	143.2	9.0	.9	143.8	8.6	1.1
Dairy products .....	153.7	12.3	.9	149.2	14.6	2.1	147.0	12.3	1.5	135.0	13.1	.2
Fruits and vegetables .....	189.8	5.1	.8	200.4	3.2	1.2	178.5	2.8	.6	163.8	2.8	1.4
Other food at home .....	138.3	.0	-.4	139.0	3.7	.1	150.3	1.9	-.1	133.3	5.0	.9
Food away from home .....	155.7	2.6	.5	154.3	2.7	.3	157.9	2.7	.6	156.5	3.7	.4
Alcoholic beverages .....	153.9	3.6	.2	154.3	3.6	.3	155.0	2.5	.0	148.5	5.2	.6
Housing .....	144.6	3.1	.0	152.9	3.8	-.5	142.3	3.5	.0	146.5	4.6	.3
Shelter .....	155.0	3.1	-.1	161.6	4.3	-.8	150.3	3.3	.0	165.9	5.1	.0
Renters' costs <sup>2</sup> .....	162.2	3.0	-.9	186.1	4.3	-3.9	153.2	3.1	-1.2	172.3	5.3	-1.9
Rent, residential .....	153.1	2.9	.2	153.8	4.3	.5	146.1	3.3	.3	155.2	4.4	.5
Other renters' costs .....	184.3	3.5	-4.3	265.0	4.3	-10.5	170.4	2.6	-4.6	193.7	6.7	-5.7
Homeowners' costs <sup>2</sup> .....	157.6	3.0	.3	161.7	4.3	.4	153.1	3.4	.4	168.5	5.0	.6
Owners' equivalent rent <sup>2</sup> .....	157.5	3.0	.3	161.5	4.3	.4	152.8	3.5	.4	166.8	5.1	.6
Fuel and other utilities .....	126.3	6.1	.2	145.9	3.8	.3	145.8	5.8	-.2	126.8	5.0	1.4
Fuels .....	118.2	7.9	.3	122.5	3.1	.7	141.6	8.8	-.5	113.2	5.2	2.1
Fuel oil and other household fuel commodities .....	96.4	8.3	2.2	102.1	6.0	2.3	116.2	6.2	-.5	97.8	12.9	6.9
Fuel oil .....	93.0	10.2	2.8	92.6	8.7	1.4	75.3	1.5	-3.5	92.6	14.7	7.2
Other household fuel commodities <sup>3</sup> .....	130.1	5.3	1.6	132.2	4.4	3.0	149.9	7.4	.3	115.7	11.3	6.6
Gas (piped) and electricity (energy services) .....	122.6	8.0	.2	123.9	2.7	.4	144.4	8.9	-.5	118.2	4.5	1.6
Electricity .....	125.8	8.8	.6	125.6	1.0	.3	151.8	10.2	-.3	123.4	4.0	2.1
Utility (piped) gas .....	109.3	5.2	-1.2	118.9	13.6	1.2	122.0	1.9	-1.4	97.2	9.6	-2.5
Household furnishings and operation .....	131.3	.9	.0	135.0	2.1	.1	116.1	.9	.4	120.2	2.0	.2
Apparel and upkeep .....	145.0	-3.3	1.5	132.2	-3.9	2.3	147.7	2.9	2.9	122.9	-7.7	.9
Apparel commodities .....	140.5	-3.6	1.7	126.7	-4.6	2.5	145.9	3.0	3.2	117.8	-9.2	.9
Men's and boys' apparel .....	140.0	-1.6	-.4	127.5	-3.7	1.3	135.8	2.1	1.3	114.2	-4.4	-4.0
Women's and girls' apparel .....	133.4	-6.3	2.6	128.3	-6.9	4.2	149.4	7.6	6.0	125.7	-11.1	2.9
Footwear .....	136.1	3.2	3.3	125.1	1.7	4.1	128.1	-3.5	-.1	99.8	-3.9	5.8
Transportation .....	141.0	3.1	.0	141.1	2.4	.4	143.4	1.8	.0	140.8	1.7	.0
Private transportation .....	140.9	3.2	-.1	138.9	2.4	.1	141.6	1.9	-.1	139.3	1.7	-.1
Motor fuel .....	107.0	7.5	-.7	103.9	7.6	-.4	104.8	5.1	.0	98.3	5.1	.0
Gasoline .....	106.4	7.6	-.7	103.6	7.7	-.4	105.3	4.7	-.4	97.3	4.4	-.4
Gasoline, unleaded regular .....	104.0	8.0	-.9	101.1	8.4	-.7	101.1	4.9	-.3	92.9	4.3	-.4
Gasoline, unleaded midgrade <sup>4</sup> .....	108.3	6.8	-1.1	109.0	7.4	-.5	113.7	4.6	-1.0	115.6	4.6	-.4
Gasoline, unleaded premium .....	108.7	7.3	-.6	106.1	7.1	-.1	109.6	4.0	-.2	104.4	4.6	-.1
Public transportation .....	145.8	2.9	.8	183.1	1.0	3.2	187.6	.8	2.1	172.7	1.9	2.3
Medical care .....	228.7	3.0	.1	223.1	3.5	.3	231.5	2.8	.2	227.2	2.4	.0
Entertainment .....	163.0	4.2	.4	157.9	2.6	.2	155.4	3.2	.2	147.9	5.0	1.0
Other goods and services .....	204.4	3.7	.8	226.5	5.9	1.7	207.6	3.7	-.1	202.4	2.8	1.3
Personal care .....	148.1	3.4	1.7	151.9	1.7	.2	139.5	.4	.2	124.3	-.6	.2
<b>Commodity and service group</b>												
All items .....	153.5	2.9	.3	157.3	3.3	.3	154.4	3.3	.3	153.2	3.2	.4
Commodities .....	140.9	2.1	.4	141.5	2.7	.6	141.7	2.9	.5	136.2	2.1	.4
Food and beverages .....	154.2	4.0	.5	155.0	4.6	.6	154.8	4.5	.4	150.4	6.0	.7
Commodities less food and beverages .....	133.1	.9	.3	133.6	1.4	.5	134.1	2.0	.5	128.5	.0	.2
Nondurables less food and beverages .....	133.3	1.0	.5	134.8	1.7	.8	138.5	3.2	.9	127.9	-.3	.5
Durables .....	133.6	.8	.0	131.5	1.0	.1	129.1	.4	.0	129.4	.3	-.3
Services .....	166.4	3.5	.2	173.7	3.9	.0	168.2	3.6	-.1	171.5	4.2	.5
Medical care services .....	233.4	3.0	.1	228.4	3.4	.3	239.1	3.1	.1	230.9	3.0	-.1
<b>Special indexes</b>												
All items less shelter .....	153.3	2.8	.3	156.4	3.0	.6	156.0	3.3	.4	150.1	2.7	.5
All items less medical care .....	149.4	2.9	.3	153.1	3.3	.3	149.0	3.3	.3	147.2	3.4	.5
All items less energy .....	159.6	2.6	.3	163.3	3.2	.2	159.2	2.9	.3	160.3	3.2	.4
All items less food and energy .....	161.0	2.3	.2	165.3	2.9	.2	160.4	2.6	.3	162.6	2.5	.2
Energy .....	111.3	7.8	-.2	110.1	5.1	.2	121.9	7.2	-.3	103.8	5.2	1.3
Commodities less food .....	134.0	1.1	.3	134.3	1.6	.5	134.8	2.0	.5	129.0	.2	.2
Nondurables less food .....	134.5	1.3	.5	135.7	1.9	.8	139.2	3.1	.9	128.6	-.1	.5
Nondurables .....	143.7	2.6	.5	145.1	3.2	.8	146.7	3.9	.7	138.9	2.8	.7
Services less rent of shelter <sup>2</sup> .....	182.8	4.1	.4	187.8	3.5	.7	186.0	3.7	.2	180.6	3.5	.8
Services less medical care services .....	160.3	3.7	.2	167.8	3.9	-.1	159.6	3.6	.1	162.9	4.4	.6

See footnotes at end of table.

**Table 13. Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers (CPI-U): Cross classification of regions and population size classes <sup>1</sup>, by expenditure category and commodity and service group—Continued**

(1982-84=100, unless otherwise noted)

Group	West					
	Size class A			Size class C		
	Index	Percent change from—		Index	Percent change from—	
		Sept. 1996	Sept. 1995		Aug. 1996	Sept. 1995
<b>Expenditure category</b>						
All items .....	158.7	2.7	0.4	163.0	3.4	0.2
All items (December 1977=100) .....	258.8	-	-	252.8	-	-
Food and beverages .....	156.2	3.6	.5	152.6	3.7	.9
Food .....	155.6	3.7	.5	152.1	3.5	.9
Food at home .....	159.8	4.9	.7	150.2	3.9	1.3
Cereals and bakery products .....	175.9	3.6	-1.0	168.0	8.4	2.6
Meats, poultry, fish, and eggs .....	150.4	6.7	1.1	138.5	3.7	1.4
Dairy products .....	160.7	11.6	1.3	143.0	10.2	2.1
Fruits and vegetables .....	186.4	3.0	1.1	185.6	.7	.3
Other food at home .....	144.2	1.9	.6	136.8	1.0	.7
Food away from home .....	149.8	1.8	.0	155.7	2.9	.3
Alcoholic beverages .....	161.3	3.3	.3	159.1	5.3	1.2
Housing .....	158.2	2.3	.3	162.1	4.0	.2
Shelter .....	171.1	3.0	.1	183.2	5.1	.5
Renters' costs <sup>2</sup> .....	186.0	3.9	.1	180.5	4.8	.6
Rent, residential .....	165.6	2.3	.2	162.6	4.0	.6
Other renters' costs .....	227.6	9.5	-2	213.1	7.1	.7
Homeowners' costs <sup>2</sup> .....	181.8	2.7	.2	199.4	5.2	.6
Owners' equivalent rent <sup>2</sup> .....	181.7	2.4	.2	200.8	5.2	.6
Fuel and other utilities .....	141.9	.4	.1	128.0	.5	-1
Fuels .....	133.6	-2.3	.1	109.0	-1.7	-2
Fuel oil and other household fuel commodities <sup>5</sup> .....	105.0	8.8	7.5	256.3	7.2	2.8
Fuel oil <sup>5</sup> .....	106.8	17.8	12.4	348.0	14.5	1.9
Other household fuel commodities <sup>3</sup> .....	133.7	1.3	3.1	114.3	6.3	3.0
Gas (piped) and electricity (energy services) .....	135.9	-2.6	-1	107.9	-2.0	-3
Electricity .....	153.6	-5	.0	122.5	.9	-4
Utility (piped) gas .....	117.0	-7.6	-3	91.7	-6.8	.0
Household furnishings and operation .....	125.3	.2	1.3	125.7	1.8	-9
Apparel and upkeep .....	122.8	1.6	2.4	136.3	-1.9	-2.4
Apparel commodities .....	118.1	1.2	2.9	134.5	-2.2	-2.7
Men's and boys' apparel .....	119.4	5.5	.6	150.4	8.7	3.1
Women's and girls' apparel .....	107.6	.4	3.2	126.7	-7.5	-5.0
Footwear .....	125.5	2.2	1.4	123.2	-3.7	.7
Transportation .....	144.1	3.1	-1	146.4	3.2	.2
Private transportation .....	140.1	2.7	-4	144.8	3.6	.1
Motor fuel .....	107.5	4.4	-3.2	113.8	11.7	.2
Gasoline .....	106.3	3.5	-3.5	112.4	11.1	-7
Gasoline, unleaded regular .....	103.3	3.3	-3.8	109.0	11.1	-6
Gasoline, unleaded midgrade <sup>4</sup> .....	101.6	3.4	-3.4	120.8	13.0	-1
Gasoline, unleaded premium .....	108.5	2.0	-2.7	111.4	9.9	-1.4
Public transportation .....	190.9	5.8	2.1	172.6	-5	1.1
Medical care .....	226.2	3.6	.0	237.7	2.7	-3
Entertainment .....	155.3	2.2	.5	168.1	1.8	1.3
Other goods and services .....	229.6	3.2	1.2	223.2	6.4	.5
Personal care .....	161.0	2.6	-5	153.9	2.7	-2.3
<b>Commodity and service group</b>						
All items .....	158.7	2.7	.4	163.0	3.4	.2
Commodities .....	139.8	2.6	.4	141.5	3.0	.0
Food and beverages .....	156.2	3.6	.5	152.6	3.7	.9
Commodities less food and beverages .....	129.3	1.7	.4	135.1	2.6	-5
Nondurables less food and beverages .....	130.9	2.3	.4	141.6	3.7	-8
Durables .....	126.5	.8	.5	127.6	.9	-2
Services .....	175.5	2.9	.4	183.5	3.8	.4
Medical care services .....	227.2	3.2	.0	245.3	2.8	-3
<b>Special indexes</b>						
All items less shelter .....	155.1	2.7	.6	156.3	2.7	.1
All items less medical care .....	155.2	2.7	.4	158.3	3.5	.3
All items less energy .....	163.5	2.9	.6	169.0	3.2	.2
All items less food and energy .....	165.5	2.7	.5	172.6	3.3	.1
Energy .....	116.1	1.0	-1.7	111.6	5.5	.0
Commodities less food .....	131.0	1.9	.5	136.1	2.7	-4
Nondurables less food .....	133.3	2.5	.4	142.6	3.8	-7
Nondurables .....	144.1	3.1	.4	147.6	3.7	.1
Services less rent of shelter <sup>2</sup> .....	188.9	2.9	.6	189.2	2.4	.2
Services less medical care services .....	171.4	2.9	.4	177.0	3.9	.5

<sup>1</sup> See region and area size on table 10 for information about cross classifications.

<sup>2</sup> Indexes on a December 1982=100 base.

<sup>3</sup> Indexes on a December 1986=100 base.

<sup>4</sup> Indexes on a December 1993=100 base.

<sup>5</sup> Indexes on a June 1978=100 base in West size class C.

- Data not available.

**Table 14. Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers (CPI-U): Food at home expenditure categories, selected areas**

(1982-84=100, unless otherwise noted)

Area	Total food at home	Cereals and bakery products	Meats, poultry, fish, and eggs	Dairy products	Fruits and vegetables	Other food at home
Indexes, September 1996						
U.S. city average .....	155.9	174.7	147.2	146.7	183.6	143.6
<b>Region and area size <sup>1</sup></b>						
Northeast urban .....	159.3	180.5	150.5	137.5	186.8	151.2
Size A - More than 1,200,000 .....	160.1	183.1	151.3	138.1	186.7	151.0
Size B - 500,000 to 1,200,000 .....	162.9	167.6	153.9	142.4	198.4	161.1
Size C - 50,000 to 500,000 .....	152.2	176.4	147.3	124.7	178.7	142.9
North Central urban .....	151.8	174.2	144.7	146.5	171.6	139.8
Size A - More than 1,200,000 .....	154.3	174.4	150.7	149.9	173.3	139.1
Size B - 360,000 to 1,200,000 .....	152.2	183.2	139.9	152.8	162.6	144.3
Size C - 50,000 to 360,000 .....	150.3	169.0	136.5	139.9	180.2	144.3
Size D - Nonmetropolitan (less than 50,000) .....	144.0	173.3	135.5	138.7	159.7	131.5
South urban .....	153.9	169.8	144.7	147.8	185.5	140.9
Size A - More than 1,200,000 .....	154.2	166.2	144.6	153.7	189.8	138.3
Size B - 450,000 to 1,200,000 .....	156.6	170.5	146.6	149.2	200.4	139.0
Size C - 50,000 to 450,000 .....	154.2	167.0	143.2	147.0	178.5	150.3
Size D - Nonmetropolitan (less than 50,000) .....	148.2	182.9	143.8	135.0	163.8	133.3
West urban .....	158.8	173.8	148.7	156.6	189.6	143.4
Size A - More than 1,200,000 .....	159.8	175.9	150.4	160.7	186.4	144.2
Size C - 50,000 to 330,000 .....	150.2	168.0	138.5	143.0	185.6	136.8
<b>Size classes</b>						
A <sup>2</sup> .....	143.9	156.5	136.3	141.5	167.9	131.7
B .....	157.9	172.6	148.9	150.1	191.7	144.5
C .....	152.3	169.5	141.7	139.9	180.3	145.4
D .....	149.5	179.0	138.6	140.3	171.7	138.3
<b>Selected local areas</b>						
Baltimore, MD .....	160.7	185.2	142.2	161.9	200.7	148.8
Boston-Lawrence-Salem, MA-NH .....	155.8	174.9	149.7	141.1	187.1	138.9
Chicago-Gary-Lake County, IL-IN-WI .....	163.8	180.2	168.5	161.9	179.7	140.9
Cleveland-Akron-Lorain, OH .....	152.6	173.5	153.7	149.1	170.6	129.8
Dallas-Fort Worth, TX .....	146.3	155.8	141.0	150.1	161.1	136.4
Detroit-Ann Arbor, MI .....	148.5	170.4	143.3	129.6	180.4	135.4
Houston-Galveston-Brazoria, TX .....	152.3	165.1	144.5	143.6	178.3	145.3
Los Angeles-Anaheim-Riverside, CA .....	164.5	173.6	157.0	169.7	194.8	145.8
Miami-Fort Lauderdale, FL .....	162.9	166.0	142.5	153.1	243.3	134.2
N.Y.-Northern N.J.-Long Island, NY-NJ-CT .....	162.4	186.1	153.8	138.4	189.7	152.3
Phil.-Wilmington-Trenton, PA-NJ-DE-MD .....	161.1	187.5	149.4	136.1	187.1	156.8
Pittsburgh-Beaver Valley, PA .....	149.2	158.6	143.0	140.1	163.4	146.6
St. Louis-East St. Louis, MO-IL .....	146.7	153.5	131.5	151.7	171.4	144.3
San Francisco-Oakland-San Jose, CA .....	161.5	171.3	152.4	160.5	183.4	150.1
Washington, DC-MD-VA .....	159.0	179.7	149.6	161.2	180.7	144.5

See footnotes at end of table.

**Table 14. Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers (CPI-U): Food at home expenditure categories, selected areas—Continued**

Area	Total food at home	Cereals and bakery products	Meats, poultry, fish, and eggs	Dairy products	Fruits and vegetables	Other food at home
Percent change, August 1996 to September 1996						
U.S. city average .....	0.7	-0.2	1.1	1.5	0.8	0.3
<b>Region and area size <sup>1</sup></b>						
Northeast urban .....	.9	.8	.7	2.3	.9	.5
Size A - More than 1,200,000 .....	1.3	1.5	1.3	2.1	1.1	.7
Size B - 500,000 to 1,200,000 .....	.6	-.8	-.4	3.1	4.1	-.9
Size C - 50,000 to 500,000 .....	-.1	-1.0	-1.0	3.4	-1.4	.8
North Central urban .....	.3	-.8	.8	.9	.1	.4
Size A - More than 1,200,000 .....	-.1	-1.2	.7	.8	-1.6	.4
Size B - 360,000 to 1,200,000 .....	1.6	1.4	1.8	1.2	2.9	.8
Size C - 50,000 to 360,000 .....	.7	-1.2	.7	.4	3.3	.1
Size D - Nonmetropolitan (less than 50,000) .....	.5	-.4	.6	1.5	-.1	.5
South urban .....	.7	-.6	1.4	1.3	.9	.0
Size A - More than 1,200,000 .....	.5	-1.1	1.8	.9	.8	-.4
Size B - 450,000 to 1,200,000 .....	1.0	-.3	1.5	2.1	1.2	.1
Size C - 50,000 to 450,000 .....	.5	-.8	.9	1.5	.6	-.1
Size D - Nonmetropolitan (less than 50,000) .....	.9	.2	1.1	.2	1.4	.9
West urban .....	.9	-.3	1.5	1.4	1.3	.4
Size A - More than 1,200,000 .....	.7	-1.0	1.1	1.3	1.1	.6
Size C - 50,000 to 330,000 .....	1.3	2.6	1.4	2.1	.3	.7
<b>Size classes</b>						
A .....	.6	-.3	1.2	1.4	.4	.3
B .....	1.2	.2	1.3	2.0	2.5	-.1
C .....	.5	-.5	.6	1.7	.9	.2
D .....	.4	.0	.7	.9	-.1	.6
<b>Selected local areas</b>						
Baltimore, MD .....	1.5	-5.1	4.4	.9	8.4	-2.4
Boston-Lawrence-Salem, MA-NH .....	.4	1.2	-.9	3.3	1.9	-1.5
Chicago-Gary-Lake County, IL-IN-WI .....	.9	-.8	3.0	1.6	-1.4	.4
Cleveland-Akron-Lorain, OH .....	.7	-.5	2.3	-.1	-2.0	2.0
Dallas-Fort Worth, TX .....	1.5	-3.2	2.8	2.7	4.0	-.1
Detroit-Ann Arbor, MI .....	-.3	-3.1	1.3	-2.6	-.1	-.1
Houston-Galveston-Brazoria, TX .....	-.3	.9	.6	.1	-1.6	-1.3
Los Angeles-Anaheim-Riverside, CA .....	1.0	-.7	1.7	.4	2.0	.8
Miami-Fort Lauderdale, FL .....	1.6	2.7	1.8	.9	3.2	-1.1
N.Y.-Northern N.J.-Long Island, NY-NJ-CT .....	1.9	2.8	2.0	2.4	1.7	.8
Phil.-Wilmington-Trenton, PA-NJ-DE-MD .....	.2	-.5	.6	.4	-.4	1.0
Pittsburgh-Beaver Valley, PA .....	.1	-.5	1.4	.7	-1.7	-.4
St. Louis-East St. Louis, MO-IL .....	1.2	-.5	2.3	4.8	-2.4	2.0
San Francisco-Oakland-San Jose, CA .....	.4	-2.4	-.1	2.1	1.8	.2
Washington, DC-MD-VA .....	1.0	.2	.7	-.1	2.3	1.7

<sup>1</sup> Regions defined as the four Census regions. See map in technical notes.

<sup>2</sup> Indexes on a December 1986=100 base.

**Table 15. Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers (CPI-U): Areas priced monthly, by expenditure category and commodity and service group, percent change, August 1996 to September 1996**

Group	U.S. city average	Chicago-Gary-Lake County, IL-IN-WI	Los Angeles-Anaheim-Riverside, CA	N.Y.-Northern N.J.-Long Island, NY-NJ-CT	Phil.-Wilmington-Trenton, PA-NJ-DE-MD	San Francisco-Oakland-San Jose, CA
<b>Expenditure category</b>						
All items .....	0.3	0.1	0.6	0.6	0.6	0.4
Food and beverages .....	.5	.6	.7	1.1	.1	.3
Food .....	.6	.6	.7	1.1	.1	.3
Food at home .....	.7	.9	1.0	1.9	.2	.4
Cereals and bakery products .....	-.2	-.8	-.7	2.8	-.5	-2.4
Meats, poultry, fish, and eggs .....	1.1	3.0	1.7	2.0	.6	-.1
Meats, poultry, and fish .....	.9	2.9	1.7	2.0	.4	-.1
Dairy products .....	1.5	1.6	.4	2.4	.4	2.1
Fruits and vegetables .....	.8	-1.4	2.0	1.7	-.4	1.8
Other food at home .....	.3	.4	.8	.8	1.0	.2
Food away from home .....	.3	.3	.1	.0	-.2	.1
Alcoholic beverages .....	.4	.4	.3	.5	.1	.6
Housing .....	-.1	-.4	.5	-.4	.6	.2
Shelter .....	-.2	-.3	.2	-.5	.8	.1
Renters' costs .....	-1.4	-1.5	-.1	-2.0	2.5	.5
Rent, residential .....	.2	.3	.1	.2	.2	.3
Other renters' costs .....	-4.9	-7.4	-.6	-8.2	5.5	1.2
Homeowners' costs .....	.3	.2	.3	.2	.2	-.1
Owners' equivalent rent .....	.3	.2	.3	.2	.1	-.1
Fuel and other utilities .....	.3	-.2	.1	.5	.3	.0
Fuels .....	.4	-.7	.0	.7	.4	.1
Fuel oil and other household fuel commodities .....	3.7	2.5	.7	4.5	3.9	7.3
Fuel oil .....	4.8	4.2	-	4.8	3.9	5.5
Other household fuel commodities .....	1.2	.0	.7	1.2	-	7.5
Gas (piped) and electricity (energy services) .....	.1	-.7	.0	-.3	.0	.0
Electricity .....	.1	-2.0	.0	.1	.0	.0
Utility (piped) gas .....	-.1	.7	.0	-1.2	.1	.0
Household furnishings and operation .....	.2	-1.0	2.3	-.3	-.6	1.0
Apparel and upkeep .....	2.7	.3	2.5	6.2	2.9	4.6
Apparel commodities .....	2.9	.3	2.9	7.1	3.2	5.3
Men's and boys' apparel .....	1.0	-1.0	-.2	.0	.0	3.5
Women's and girls' apparel .....	4.7	1.8	6.0	10.8	9.5	-3.2
Footwear .....	1.6	-2.9	3.3	4.8	.8	3.8
Transportation .....	.3	.0	-.3	.7	.5	-.1
Private transportation .....	.1	.3	-.6	.3	.1	-.8
Motor fuel .....	-.2	.7	-4.1	-.5	-1.4	-3.8
Gasoline .....	-.4	.8	-4.8	-.5	-1.5	-3.9
Gasoline, unleaded regular .....	-.5	.9	-5.2	-.7	-2.4	-3.9
Gasoline, unleaded midgrade <sup>1</sup> .....	-.5	.7	-5.5	-.4	-2.1	-4.2
Gasoline, unleaded premium .....	-.4	.6	-3.2	.0	-1.1	-3.9
Public transportation .....	1.8	-2.3	1.8	2.4	4.2	3.5
Medical care .....	.1	.2	.0	.1	-.3	-.1
Entertainment .....	.4	-.1	.6	.9	.6	1.2
Other goods and services .....	.9	1.5	1.9	.5	.8	1.0
Personal care .....	.2	-1.6	.6	.1	2.7	-2.0
<b>Commodity and service group</b>						
All items .....	.3	.1	.6	.6	.6	.4
Commodities .....	.6	.4	.7	1.5	.4	.4
Food and beverages .....	.5	.6	.7	1.1	.1	.3
Commodities less food and beverages .....	.7	.2	.8	1.8	.7	.5
Nondurables less food and beverages .....	1.1	.3	.7	2.6	1.3	.5
Durables .....	.2	-.1	.8	.4	-.2	.4
Services .....	.2	-.1	.5	.0	.6	.5
Medical care services .....	.1	.3	.0	.2	-.1	.1
<b>Special indexes</b>						
All items less shelter .....	.6	.3	.7	1.1	.4	.6
All items less medical care .....	.4	.1	.5	.6	.6	.5
All items less energy .....	.4	.1	.7	.6	.6	.6
All items less food and energy .....	.4	.0	.7	.5	.7	.6
Energy .....	.1	.0	-2.2	.3	-.2	-1.8
Commodities less food .....	.6	.2	.7	1.7	.6	.6
Nondurables less food .....	1.0	.3	.6	2.4	1.3	.5
Nondurables .....	.7	.5	.7	1.8	.6	.4
Services less rent of shelter .....	.5	.1	.7	.5	.4	.9
Services less medical care services .....	.2	-.1	.5	.0	.7	.5

<sup>1</sup> Indexes on a December 1993=100 base.

- Data not available.

**Table 16. Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers (CPI-U): Selected areas, by expenditure category and commodity and service group**

(1982-84 = 100, unless otherwise noted)

Group	Monthly cities and pricing schedule 1 <sup>1</sup>											
	U.S. city average			Baltimore, MD			Boston-Lawrence-Salem, MA-NH			Chicago-Gary-Lake County, IL-IN-WI		
	Index	Percent change from—		Index	Percent change from—		Index	Percent change from—		Index	Percent change from—	
	Sept. 1996	Sept. 1995	July 1996	Sept. 1996	Sept. 1995	July 1996	Sept. 1996	Sept. 1995	July 1996	Sept. 1996	Sept. 1995	July 1996
<b>Expenditure category</b>												
All items .....	157.8	3.0	0.5	155.4	2.4	-0.2	163.5	3.1	0.9	158.3	2.8	0.4
All items (1967=100) .....	472.7	-	-	464.8	-	-	475.1	-	-	472.9	-	-
<b>Food and beverages</b> .....	155.0	3.7	.9	159.1	.8	-1.0	158.4	3.3	.6	157.5	4.6	.9
Food .....	154.6	3.8	.9	159.7	.5	-1.1	158.1	3.3	.6	156.4	4.6	.9
Food at home .....	155.9	4.5	1.2	160.7	.8	-1.2	155.8	3.5	.4	163.8	5.7	1.2
Cereals and bakery products .....	174.7	3.7	-1	185.2	-5.3	-4.5	174.9	1.7	2.1	180.2	3.7	-8
Meats, poultry, fish, and eggs .....	147.2	5.5	2.3	142.2	-3	-4	149.7	6.4	-2	168.5	6.9	3.1
Meats, poultry, and fish .....	147.3	4.8	1.9	143.7	-1.3	-8	150.3	5.9	-4	171.3	6.7	2.7
Dairy products .....	146.7	10.9	3.3	161.9	11.3	3.1	141.1	10.0	5.7	161.9	11.1	1.8
Fruits and vegetables .....	183.6	3.1	-2	200.7	6.1	1.7	187.1	1.4	-2.6	179.7	6.3	-3
Other food at home .....	143.6	1.8	.5	148.8	-2.1	-4.0	138.9	-8	.1	140.9	2.0	.5
Food away from home .....	153.5	2.6	.5	156.6	-1	-8	163.0	2.8	.8	143.6	2.6	.6
Alcoholic beverages .....	159.5	3.2	.6	150.8	4.8	-5	162.4	3.5	1.4	169.0	3.7	.1
<b>Housing</b> .....	153.9	2.9	.2	145.5	1.7	-4	156.3	3.5	.5	156.2	3.2	.2
Shelter .....	172.0	3.1	.1	160.2	1.4	-5	182.7	4.3	.7	180.9	2.6	-1
Renters' costs <sup>2</sup> .....	180.9	3.3	-1.1	161.8	1.3	-3.2	191.0	3.0	-6	182.2	2.4	-1.5
Rent, residential .....	162.9	2.8	.4	159.9	1.3	.5	171.0	4.5	.5	176.9	3.0	.6
Other renters' costs .....	214.8	4.7	-4.7	146.6	1.2	-12.9	216.6	.1	-2.9	171.6	.2	-8.4
Homeowners' costs <sup>2</sup> .....	177.5	3.0	.5	166.9	1.3	.5	187.5	5.1	1.5	187.2	2.6	.4
Owners' equivalent rent <sup>2</sup> .....	177.9	3.0	.6	167.9	1.3	.5	187.8	5.0	1.5	185.9	2.6	.4
Fuel and other utilities .....	129.8	3.9	.6	127.6	5.4	.6	116.3	2.2	.8	125.7	11.5	1.9
Fuels .....	118.4	4.4	.9	125.1	5.2	.6	95.7	3.2	1.1	118.1	16.0	-6
Fuel oil and other household fuel commodities .....	95.6	10.4	3.6	91.3	14.3	5.7	91.3	10.7	2.8	95.1	4.2	2.0
Fuel oil .....	93.6	12.5	4.8	93.3	14.2	5.5	92.2	11.4	3.0	96.7	6.1	4.2
Other household fuel commodities <sup>3</sup> .....	123.3	6.0	1.1	NA	-	-	101.0	.0	.0	118.5	1.4	-9
Gas (piped) and electricity (energy services) .....	126.2	3.8	.5	146.3	4.0	.0	111.1	.5	.3	121.4	16.3	-6
Electricity .....	138.3	2.9	.9	163.1	.2	-2	138.6	.7	.4	132.1	1.5	-2.6
Utility (piped) gas .....	107.0	6.2	-4	109.3	18.4	.2	75.9	.1	.0	111.3	38.6	1.7
Household furnishings and operation .....	125.1	1.1	.3	126.5	-2	-1.0	116.2	-4	-1.7	113.9	-2.2	-3
Apparel and upkeep .....	131.5	-9	2.5	132.9	7.1	.0	145.2	-4	5.1	119.2	-9.0	.7
Apparel commodities .....	127.8	-1.3	2.7	126.9	7.5	-1	135.2	-4	5.6	118.6	-9.8	.7
Men's and boys' apparel .....	127.4	.5	1.8	127.7	5.5	.6	134.4	7.6	5.9	116.5	-3.5	-1.7
Women's and girls' apparel .....	123.6	-2.6	4.3	115.3	6.5	1.6	116.1	-6.3	6.1	105.7	-17.7	3.0
Footwear .....	126.7	-1	.9	142.6	8.4	-12.0	142.2	1.8	-4.6	148.9	3.2	-1.8
Transportation .....	143.2	3.2	-2	140.0	2.4	-5	140.2	2.8	.8	139.6	3.6	-4
Private transportation .....	140.0	3.0	-4	139.4	2.4	-6	140.9	3.1	.8	137.6	3.5	-4
Motor fuel .....	106.2	6.4	-2.5	107.1	8.4	-4.2	106.7	4.5	-2.2	107.5	6.6	-2.3
Gasoline .....	105.7	6.0	-2.8	104.8	8.0	-4.5	105.7	4.2	-2.3	107.3	6.7	-2.5
Gasoline, unleaded regular .....	103.5	6.3	-3.2	104.8	8.2	-5.2	103.6	3.5	-2.6	105.5	6.9	-2.6
Gasoline, unleaded midgrade <sup>4</sup> .....	110.2	5.8	-2.7	105.7	8.1	-3.8	109.2	2.3	-2.2	114.2	6.3	-2.1
Gasoline, unleaded premium .....	106.9	4.9	-2.5	103.4	8.2	-3.5	109.3	2.4	-1.8	108.4	6.4	-2.3
Public transportation .....	184.6	4.8	1.0	144.9	.8	1.3	135.2	.1	4	155.1	3.6	-8
Medical care .....	229.4	3.3	.3	240.2	4.4	.8	282.3	6.2	.9	230.0	2.4	-3
Entertainment .....	159.8	3.2	.5	169.5	3.6	1.4	171.2	2.5	1.8	170.3	4.7	1.4
Other goods and services .....	218.3	3.9	1.7	217.1	3.8	1.6	221.0	1.5	1.1	225.0	2.6	1.4
Personal care .....	150.8	2.2	.5	132.9	3.2	1.4	148.7	3.8	-5	150.9	2.2	-7
<b>Commodity and service group</b>												
All items .....	157.8	3.0	.5	155.4	2.4	-2	163.5	3.1	.9	158.3	2.8	.4
Commodities .....	140.3	2.6	.6	140.7	2.4	-7	139.2	3.0	1.2	140.8	1.1	.3
Food and beverages .....	155.0	3.7	.9	159.1	.8	-1.0	158.4	3.3	.6	157.5	4.6	.9
Commodities less food and beverages .....	131.4	1.8	.4	130.7	3.4	-5	127.3	2.7	1.6	129.9	-1.4	-1
Nondurables less food and beverages .....	133.0	2.3	.5	134.5	5.5	-3	131.1	1.8	1.9	132.3	-2.1	-5
Durables .....	129.2	1.1	.1	127.7	.8	-7	126.0	4.2	1.0	125.2	-2	.7
Services .....	175.6	3.3	.5	173.0	2.4	.2	187.0	3.2	.8	175.4	4.1	.4
Medical care services .....	233.6	3.3	.3	240.8	3.4	.9	291.8	6.3	1.2	231.4	3.1	.3
<b>Special Indexes</b>												
All items less shelter .....	153.8	2.9	.7	154.9	2.7	-1	158.0	2.5	1.0	151.3	2.9	.5
All items less medical care .....	153.8	2.9	.5	151.3	2.2	-3	157.8	2.9	1.0	154.6	2.8	.4
All items less energy .....	164.0	2.8	.6	161.5	2.0	-1	172.8	3.0	1.0	164.4	2.1	.5
All items less food and energy .....	166.4	2.7	.5	162.1	2.4	.2	176.3	3.0	1.1	166.5	1.6	.4
Energy .....	111.7	5.2	-7	116.1	6.6	-1.4	99.0	3.7	-3	112.4	11.5	-1.3
Commodities less food .....	132.5	1.8	.4	131.5	3.5	-5	128.9	2.8	1.6	131.8	-1.1	-1
Nondurables less food .....	134.5	2.4	.5	135.5	5.4	-3	132.9	1.9	1.8	135.0	-1.5	-4
Nondurables .....	144.1	3.0	.7	146.1	3.0	-7	144.5	2.6	1.2	145.3	1.5	.2
Services less rent of shelter <sup>2</sup> .....	184.6	3.5	.8	192.6	3.3	.8	199.9	2.1	.8	177.6	5.7	.9
Services less medical care services .....	170.2	3.3	.5	167.5	2.2	.2	178.7	2.8	.7	170.7	4.1	.4

See footnotes at end of table.

**Table 16. Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers (CPI-U): Selected areas, by expenditure category and commodity and service group—Continued**

(1982-84=100, unless otherwise noted)

Group	Monthly cities and pricing schedule 1 <sup>1</sup>											
	Cleveland-Akron-Lorain, OH			Los Angeles-Anaheim-Riverside, CA			Miami-Fort Lauderdale, FL			N.Y.-Northern N.J.-Long Island, NY-NJ-CT		
	Index	Percent change from—		Index	Percent change from—		Index	Percent change from—		Index	Percent change from—	
	Sept. 1996	Sept. 1995	July 1996	Sept. 1996	Sept. 1995	July 1996	Sept. 1996	Sept. 1995	July 1996	Sept. 1996	Sept. 1995	July 1996
<b>Expenditure category</b>												
All items .....	153.5	3.0	0.9	158.2	2.3	0.4	154.6	3.8	1.4	168.2	3.1	0.9
All items (1967=100) <sup>5</sup> .....	492.0	-	-	467.4	-	-	249.1	-	-	486.2	-	-
Food and beverages .....	156.3	4.5	1.6	158.7	3.6	1.0	163.6	3.8	1.2	160.9	2.6	.9
Food .....	157.3	4.7	1.6	157.1	3.6	1.0	163.8	3.9	1.3	160.5	2.6	.9
Food at home .....	152.6	5.4	1.8	164.5	4.6	1.6	162.9	5.8	1.7	162.4	2.9	1.4
Cereals and bakery products .....	173.5	4.6	3.0	173.6	1.6	-1.5	166.0	9.7	1.9	186.1	3.6	1.1
Meats, poultry, fish, and eggs .....	153.7	10.1	4.6	157.0	7.1	3.8	142.5	3.2	.6	153.8	2.5	3.0
Meats, poultry, and fish .....	154.9	9.4	4.1	153.7	6.8	3.3	144.1	2.9	.1	154.6	1.9	3.0
Dairy products .....	149.1	14.3	.9	169.7	9.5	3.7	153.1	12.8	2.1	138.4	7.0	2.5
Fruits and vegetables .....	170.6	-2.8	-4.2	194.8	3.3	.8	243.3	6.0	3.0	189.7	2.5	-1.7
Other food at home .....	129.8	2.0	2.4	145.8	2.0	.5	134.2	2.5	1.2	152.3	1.3	1.8
Food away from home .....	167.2	3.6	1.3	146.4	1.7	.1	167.7	1.9	.9	161.3	1.9	.1
Alcoholic beverages .....	147.0	2.4	.5	174.2	3.7	.3	160.0	3.7	.9	164.7	2.9	1.1
Housing .....	150.1	2.1	.1	155.4	1.8	.6	145.7	3.6	.8	168.3	2.6	-.1
Shelter .....	166.6	2.6	-.7	165.1	2.2	.4	153.1	2.3	.5	193.3	2.3	-.3
Renters' costs <sup>2</sup> .....	177.5	2.8	-.7	174.7	3.6	-.1	154.6	2.3	.5	197.9	2.4	-1.6
Rent, residential .....	157.4	1.6	-.4	157.8	1.4	.2	146.2	3.0	.5	179.4	3.0	.3
Other renters' costs .....	212.7	5.5	-1.3	220.4	12.0	-.9	198.9	-.4	.5	238.9	.9	-6.8
Homeowners' costs <sup>2</sup> .....	163.5	2.4	-.6	174.4	1.6	.7	158.1	2.3	.6	200.6	2.3	.3
Owners' equivalent rent <sup>2</sup> .....	164.3	2.4	-.6	174.1	1.4	.8	155.9	2.2	.6	201.6	2.3	.3
Fuel and other utilities .....	132.0	6.8	2.6	151.5	.0	.2	117.9	5.5	-.1	119.2	4.5	.8
Fuels .....	132.3	12.3	5.9	149.2	-2.8	.1	108.6	4.3	.0	118.1	5.4	1.4
Fuel oil and other household fuel commodities .....	96.2	3.1	2.6	117.9	2.9	6.1	156.1	.2	.0	101.9	10.6	5.3
Fuel oil .....	90.9	14.5	3.2	NA	-	-	NA	-	-	101.4	10.9	5.5
Other household fuel commodities <sup>3</sup> .....	112.1	-7.5	1.9	118.0	2.9	6.2	140.9	.1	.0	120.4	7.5	1.5
Gas (piped) and electricity (energy services) .....	134.8	12.6	6.0	149.7	-2.8	.0	107.8	4.5	.0	128.4	4.1	.3
Electricity .....	157.3	5.6	-.1	166.7	-1.3	.0	106.0	4.1	.0	134.6	3.2	.7
Utility (piped) gas .....	116.3	21.9	13.9	135.4	-6.0	.0	154.3	12.7	.0	117.9	5.9	-.4
Household furnishings and operation .....	125.6	-3.6	.3	122.7	.8	1.9	146.3	7.9	2.7	134.0	1.2	.1
Apparel and upkeep .....	133.2	5.5	7.3	125.0	.2	2.0	146.8	3.3	11.5	132.4	2.6	8.5
Apparel commodities .....	130.9	5.3	7.7	120.5	-.5	1.9	138.6	3.2	13.4	128.3	2.8	9.8
Men's and boys' apparel .....	139.2	7.7	.0	127.5	8.9	-1.9	132.8	-6.9	-2.8	119.8	.5	6.0
Women's and girls' apparel .....	140.4	3.2	18.3	112.5	-2.8	9.9	145.4	10.0	26.0	128.1	6.9	14.7
Footwear .....	85.7	.8	-3.8	113.4	-4.0	-1.6	154.0	8.4	27.3	129.5	-7.0	3.5
Transportation .....	138.7	3.7	.4	144.0	2.2	-1.3	144.0	4.3	-.2	153.3	5.1	.3
Private transportation .....	138.3	3.3	.1	139.3	1.8	-2.0	143.6	4.4	-.3	145.5	4.1	.1
Motor fuel .....	114.6	8.2	.1	100.2	1.1	-10.2	116.2	10.6	-.9	100.2	3.9	-2.3
Gasoline .....	114.0	8.0	.1	97.7	-.5	-11.3	115.9	10.7	-1.0	100.1	3.9	-2.3
Gasoline, unleaded regular .....	113.4	8.5	.1	95.6	-.7	-11.9	114.0	12.0	-.7	98.6	4.1	-2.7
Gasoline, unleaded midgrade <sup>4</sup> .....	116.4	7.2	.0	95.4	-.3	-11.2	110.0	9.9	-2.1	103.6	3.7	-2.1
Gasoline, unleaded premium .....	115.3	6.2	.0	98.7	-2.9	-10.1	117.3	9.1	-.8	102.5	3.7	-1.9
Public transportation .....	147.1	9.0	3.9	206.3	4.8	3.4	146.7	2.9	1.5	188.2	9.7	1.2
Medical care .....	209.6	3.6	-.2	229.4	3.2	.0	216.3	5.6	.8	237.6	4.2	1.1
Entertainment .....	157.1	1.2	1.5	145.4	3.7	.1	145.4	3.0	1.1	163.6	2.7	.9
Other goods and services .....	193.8	1.1	1.5	235.4	3.2	1.4	177.8	2.7	1.9	224.7	3.4	1.9
Personal care .....	138.6	.3	-.2	164.2	2.0	.7	101.8	-1.9	3.7	167.3	1.9	.3
<b>Commodity and service group</b>												
All items .....	153.5	3.0	.9	158.2	2.3	.4	154.6	3.8	1.4	168.2	3.1	.9
Commodities .....	142.9	2.7	1.7	140.0	2.3	-.1	148.7	4.1	2.1	145.9	2.7	1.7
Food and beverages .....	156.3	4.5	1.6	158.7	3.6	1.0	163.6	3.8	1.2	160.9	2.6	.9
Commodities less food and beverages .....	134.1	1.4	1.8	127.9	1.2	-.9	138.2	4.4	2.9	134.0	2.8	2.4
Nondurables less food and beverages .....	137.5	1.8	2.2	131.0	1.5	-1.7	132.6	5.2	5.3	134.4	3.2	3.5
Durables .....	124.1	.9	1.1	123.1	.7	.3	146.8	3.4	.1	133.3	2.1	.5
Services .....	165.5	3.3	.3	174.4	2.4	.7	160.1	3.6	.8	188.0	3.3	.4
Medical care services .....	206.6	3.7	.0	231.4	2.6	-.1	221.9	5.9	1.0	243.0	4.2	1.4
<b>Special indexes</b>												
All items less shelter .....	149.4	3.2	1.6	156.4	2.4	.4	155.1	4.4	1.8	159.0	3.4	1.5
All items less medical care .....	150.8	3.0	1.1	154.3	2.3	.4	151.0	3.7	1.5	164.8	3.0	.9
All items less energy .....	158.0	2.4	.8	162.7	2.5	.7	159.4	3.6	1.5	174.6	2.9	.9
All items less food and energy .....	157.9	1.9	.6	164.3	2.4	.7	158.3	3.5	1.6	178.2	3.0	1.0
Energy .....	125.0	10.3	3.0	117.2	-.8	-5.6	110.8	7.7	-.4	111.2	4.9	.1
Commodities less food .....	134.6	1.5	1.7	130.3	1.3	-.8	139.6	4.3	2.7	135.3	2.8	2.3
Nondurables less food .....	137.6	1.9	2.1	134.6	1.7	-1.5	135.1	4.9	4.6	136.2	3.2	3.3
Nondurables .....	147.3	3.2	1.9	145.6	2.6	-.2	149.4	4.3	2.8	149.0	2.9	2.1
Services less rent of shelter <sup>2</sup> .....	167.6	4.0	1.2	193.9	2.8	1.0	172.9	5.0	1.1	189.8	4.4	1.2
Services less medical care services .....	161.9	3.3	.3	169.6	2.4	.8	154.2	3.4	.8	183.8	3.3	.3

See footnotes at end of table.

**Table 16. Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers (CPI-U): Selected areas, by expenditure category and commodity and service group—Continued**

(1982-84=100, unless otherwise noted)

Group	Monthly cities and pricing schedule 1 <sup>1</sup>											
	Phil.- Wilmington- Trenton, PA-NJ-DE-MD			St. Louis- East St. Louis, MO-IL			San Francisco- Oakland- San Jose, CA			Washington, DC-MD-VA		
	Index	Percent change from—		Index	Percent change from—		Index	Percent change from—		Index	Percent change from—	
	Sept. 1996	Sept. 1995	July 1996	Sept. 1996	Sept. 1995	July 1996	Sept. 1996	Sept. 1995	July 1996	Sept. 1996	Sept. 1995	July 1996
<b>Expenditure category</b>												
All items .....	164.5	2.6	1.0	151.0	2.7	0.7	156.3	2.6	0.3	160.8	2.9	0.4
All items (1967=100) .....	475.3	-	-	448.4	-	-	480.5	-	-	474.8	-	-
<b>Food and beverages</b> .....	153.1	2.1	.3	151.3	2.8	-1	156.3	3.2	.8	154.0	4.8	1.3
Food .....	152.1	2.4	.3	150.0	2.7	-1	156.7	3.3	.8	154.7	5.2	1.5
Food at home .....	161.1	3.0	.4	146.7	2.6	-1	161.5	3.6	1.1	159.0	6.4	1.4
Cereals and bakery products .....	187.5	3.5	.3	153.5	-1.2	-1.1	171.3	4.3	-1.4	179.7	1.4	2.6
Meats, poultry, fish, and eggs .....	149.4	3.7	1.6	131.5	5.3	3.5	152.4	4.5	1.7	149.6	12.3	3.5
Meats, poultry, and fish .....	149.9	3.2	1.8	133.2	5.5	3.2	146.3	3.0	1.2	150.5	12.3	3.2
Dairy products .....	136.1	5.8	4.1	151.7	10.3	3.3	160.5	17.2	5.0	161.2	10.0	4.4
Fruits and vegetables .....	187.1	-1.3	-2.1	171.4	-7	-5.3	183.4	-2.3	.5	180.7	4.6	-2.0
Other food at home .....	156.8	4.3	-5	144.3	1.0	-1.0	150.1	1.4	.2	144.5	2.5	-6
Food away from home .....	136.5	.8	-1	156.2	3.0	.1	151.2	2.8	.4	150.8	3.5	1.5
Alcoholic beverages .....	166.4	-1	-1	159.1	2.4	-3	153.2	2.2	.7	149.5	2.2	.2
Housing .....	164.6	2.7	1.0	144.9	2.0	.3	159.2	2.2	.3	157.4	1.7	-1
Shelter .....	192.4	3.3	1.8	159.7	1.2	.8	173.6	3.3	.5	171.3	2.6	.1
Renters' costs <sup>2</sup> .....	218.5	7.9	4.4	165.1	.2	.5	198.3	3.8	1.2	185.0	2.1	-1
Rent, residential .....	172.9	2.4	.6	144.8	2.3	.6	176.1	3.2	.8	169.5	2.4	.1
Other renters' costs .....	301.2	15.6	9.5	197.8	-3.7	.4	207.9	6.2	2.6	191.7	1.2	-8
Homeowners' costs <sup>2</sup> .....	193.8	1.5	.7	167.2	1.6	.8	187.1	3.1	.2	173.2	2.9	.3
Owners' equivalent rent <sup>2</sup> .....	194.6	1.4	.7	168.5	1.7	.9	187.5	3.0	.2	173.7	2.8	.3
Fuel and other utilities .....	130.7	1.8	.5	132.4	6.7	.3	147.9	-1.3	-1	134.5	4.6	-1
Fuels .....	122.3	1.6	.7	128.9	9.2	.5	149.6	-5.0	.1	124.8	7.8	-3
Fuel oil and other household fuel commodities .....	98.2	12.1	6.0	91.9	16.2	3.4	150.8	-2.1	6.8	99.1	7.4	1.6
Fuel oil .....	92.2	12.0	6.1	85.8	10.0	.0	113.9	16.1	-4	93.2	8.9	2.1
Other household fuel commodities <sup>3</sup> .....	NA	-	-	113.1	21.0	6.0	172.0	-3.5	7.5	161.0	2.8	.0
Gas (piped) and electricity (energy services) .....	140.1	.3	.0	134.2	8.8	.4	149.7	-5.1	.0	135.3	7.8	-5
Electricity .....	164.8	.7	.0	174.0	-1	-1	176.0	-2.7	.0	156.7	13.7	1.2
Utility (piped) gas .....	103.7	-9	.0	96.8	28.0	1.1	120.5	-9.6	.0	103.1	-3.6	-3.9
Household furnishings and operation .....	119.9	-2	-2.8	120.3	-3	-1.2	116.8	-4	-2	132.0	-4.6	-1.0
Apparel and upkeep .....	105.2	1.0	7.2	127.6	3.7	6.6	117.9	4.0	1.0	139.6	-2.0	3.5
Apparel commodities .....	100.0	.9	8.1	125.6	4.1	7.4	113.1	4.3	1.3	134.8	-2.5	3.9
Men's and boys' apparel .....	116.1	.3	1.3	138.2	11.9	2.1	111.9	1.0	8.0	153.2	-9	1.5
Women's and girls' apparel .....	75.9	1.1	24.0	117.0	4.3	23.3	88.0	4.6	-5.5	129.4	4.9	5.2
Footwear .....	119.2	2.6	2.3	95.9	6.3	-3.5	149.4	13.1	3.8	123.3	-9.9	3.6
Transportation .....	151.9	2.0	.5	141.0	3.0	.0	134.1	3.3	-8	145.6	4.3	-5
Private transportation .....	149.3	1.8	.2	141.5	3.0	-2	127.4	2.4	-1.1	146.0	3.6	-7
Motor fuel .....	105.5	2.0	-3.3	108.6	11.4	-1.1	112.4	4.9	-6.6	112.1	9.9	-4.4
Gasoline .....	103.9	1.6	-3.6	107.1	10.3	-2.5	110.7	4.4	-6.9	111.6	10.3	-4.7
Gasoline, unleaded regular .....	102.3	1.3	-4.9	103.3	11.1	-2.7	108.1	5.2	-7.2	109.8	11.5	-5.2
Gasoline, unleaded midgrade <sup>4</sup> .....	102.2	.5	-4.6	123.0	9.8	-1.9	106.7	4.1	-6.6	106.4	10.3	-4.4
Gasoline, unleaded premium .....	99.1	1.4	-3.6	108.0	8.0	-2.5	110.8	2.7	-6.4	110.0	8.1	-4.2
Public transportation .....	180.6	3.7	3.7	146.2	3.2	2.8	188.8	7.8	.6	149.1	9.3	1.3
Medical care .....	246.9	5.1	1.0	218.7	3.8	-1	214.3	2.1	.0	220.4	3.2	-2
Entertainment .....	179.9	5.5	1.2	162.3	2.1	2.3	166.3	-2	-4	171.5	5.0	.8
Other goods and services .....	235.6	2.4	1.4	189.2	3.4	2.3	230.1	3.1	1.0	231.0	5.5	1.8
Personal care .....	191.2	1.1	-2	105.0	-5.4	.0	159.0	2.6	-2.0	168.4	6.4	.6
<b>Commodity and service group</b>												
All items .....	164.5	2.6	1.0	151.0	2.7	.7	156.3	2.6	.3	160.8	2.9	.4
Commodities .....	135.7	1.7	.3	138.5	3.2	.9	138.4	2.3	-1	142.2	2.4	.9
Food and beverages .....	153.1	2.1	.3	151.3	2.8	-1	156.3	3.2	.8	154.0	4.8	1.3
Commodities less food and beverages .....	124.8	1.5	.4	130.5	3.4	1.6	126.2	1.5	-9	135.8	1.0	.6
Nondurables less food and beverages .....	125.1	2.4	2.0	132.9	5.3	2.0	128.8	2.2	-1.6	135.0	2.7	.7
Durables .....	125.6	.0	-1.9	125.8	.6	.9	121.8	.5	.5	138.1	-1.6	.4
Services .....	194.8	3.2	1.6	164.9	2.2	.5	171.6	2.8	.5	177.9	3.4	.2
Medical care services .....	254.2	6.1	1.3	223.3	4.1	-3	216.2	2.9	.4	221.9	3.1	-6
<b>Special indexes</b>												
All items less shelter .....	156.5	2.3	.8	149.2	3.2	.7	151.3	2.2	.1	157.2	3.1	.6
All items less medical care .....	160.5	2.4	1.1	147.1	2.6	.8	153.6	2.6	.3	157.7	2.9	.5
All items less energy .....	171.3	2.7	1.2	155.8	2.0	.8	160.2	2.8	.5	166.4	2.6	.7
All items less food and energy .....	176.5	2.7	1.4	157.2	1.8	1.0	161.2	2.7	.4	169.2	2.2	.5
Energy .....	115.4	1.8	-7	119.2	10.2	-2	126.0	-4	-3.3	117.7	8.8	-2.3
Commodities less food .....	126.5	1.4	.4	131.9	3.4	1.5	127.8	1.6	-7	136.4	1.0	.5
Nondurables less food .....	127.8	2.2	1.9	134.6	5.0	1.7	130.6	2.2	-1.4	135.8	2.7	.7
Nondurables .....	139.5	2.3	1.1	142.7	3.9	.9	143.2	2.8	-2	144.2	3.7	1.0
Services less rent of shelter <sup>5</sup> .....	202.6	3.1	1.4	174.0	3.1	.3	177.5	2.2	.5	192.0	4.1	.3
Services less medical care services .....	190.1	3.0	1.6	159.2	2.0	.7	168.7	2.8	.5	174.2	3.4	.3

<sup>1</sup> Areas on pricing schedule 2 (see table 10) will appear next month.

<sup>2</sup> Indexes are on a November 1982=100 base in Baltimore, Boston, Miami, St. Louis, Washington. Indexes are on a December 1982=100 base in the U.S., Chicago, Cleveland, Los Angeles, New York, Philadelphia, San Francisco.

<sup>3</sup> Indexes on a November 1986=100 base in Baltimore, Boston,

Cleveland, Miami, St. Louis, and Washington. Indexes on a December 1986=100 base in U.S., Chicago, Los Angeles, New York, Philadelphia, San Francisco.

<sup>4</sup> Indexes on a December 1993=100 base.

<sup>5</sup> Index on a November 1977=100 base in Miami.

NA Data not adequate for publication.

- Data not available.

**Table 17. Consumer Price Index for Urban Wage Earners and Clerical Workers (CPI-W) Selected areas, all items Index**

(1982-84=100, unless otherwise noted)

Area	Pricing schedule <sup>1</sup>	Indexes				Percent change to Sept. 1996 from—			Percent change to Aug. 1996 from—		
		June 1996	July 1996	Aug. 1996	Sept. 1996	Sept. 1995	July 1996	Aug. 1996	Aug. 1995	June 1996	July 1996
U.S. city average .....	M	154.1	154.3	154.5	155.1	3.0	0.5	0.4	2.9	0.3	0.1
<b>Region and area size <sup>2</sup></b>											
Northeast urban .....	M	160.6	160.9	161.4	162.0	2.8	.7	.4	2.7	.5	.3
Size A - More than 1,200,000 .....	M	160.4	160.5	161.0	161.8	2.9	.8	.5	2.7	.4	.3
Size B - 500,000 to 1,200,000 .....	M	158.7	159.7	160.0	159.8	2.5	.1	-.1	2.8	.8	.2
Size C - 50,000 to 500,000 .....	M	162.5	162.9	163.2	163.7	2.2	.5	.3	2.1	.4	.2
North Central urban .....	M	149.5	149.8	149.9	150.6	3.1	.5	.5	3.0	.3	.1
Size A - More than 1,200,000 .....	M	149.6	149.7	149.9	150.4	2.8	.5	.3	2.8	.2	.1
Size B - 360,000 to 1,200,000 .....	M	148.0	148.3	148.7	149.5	3.7	.8	.5	3.3	.5	.3
Size C - 50,000 to 360,000 .....	M	151.5	151.9	151.9	152.6	3.2	.5	.5	3.1	.3	.0
Size D - Nonmetropolitan (less than 50,000) .....	M	148.0	148.5	148.5	149.1	3.2	.4	.4	3.1	.3	.0
South urban .....	M	152.6	152.6	152.7	153.1	3.2	.3	.3	3.0	.1	.1
Size A - More than 1,200,000 .....	M	151.6	151.6	151.4	151.7	3.0	.1	.2	2.6	-.1	-.1
Size B - 450,000 to 1,200,000 .....	M	152.6	152.9	153.1	153.6	3.3	.5	.3	3.2	.3	.1
Size C - 50,000 to 450,000 .....	M	153.7	153.6	153.9	154.4	3.3	.5	.3	3.0	.1	.2
Size D - Nonmetropolitan (less than 50,000) .....	M	153.6	152.8	153.1	153.9	3.4	.7	.5	3.2	-.3	.2
West urban .....	M	154.5	154.9	154.9	155.5	3.0	.4	.4	2.8	.3	.0
Size A - More than 1,250,000 .....	M	152.9	153.4	153.4	154.0	2.7	.4	.4	2.5	.3	.0
Size C - 50,000 to 330,000 .....	M	159.2	159.3	159.5	159.9	3.5	.4	.3	3.6	.2	.1
<b>Size classes</b>											
A <sup>3</sup> .....	M	140.6	140.8	140.9	141.4	2.8	.4	.4	2.7	.2	.1
B .....	M	154.0	154.4	154.6	155.0	3.1	.4	.3	3.1	.4	.1
C .....	M	155.7	155.8	156.0	156.6	3.1	.5	.4	3.0	.2	.1
D .....	M	153.1	153.0	153.3	154.0	3.4	.7	.5	3.4	.1	.2
<b>Selected local areas <sup>4</sup></b>											
Chicago-Gary-Lake County, IL-IN-WI .....	M	152.6	152.7	152.9	153.2	2.8	.3	.2	2.8	.2	.1
Los Angeles-Anaheim-Riverside, CA .....	M	151.5	152.3	151.9	152.7	2.3	.3	.5	1.8	.3	-.3
N.Y.-Northern N.J.-Long Island, NY-NJ-CT .....	M	162.8	162.8	163.3	164.4	3.1	1.0	.7	2.8	.3	.3
Phil.-Wilmington-Trenton, PA-NJ-DE-MD .....	M	161.7	162.1	163.0	163.7	2.4	1.0	.4	2.4	.8	.6
San Francisco-Oakland-San Jose, CA .....	M	152.9	153.4	153.0	153.8	2.5	.3	.5	2.5	.1	-.3
Baltimore, MD .....	1	-	154.6	-	154.4	2.4	-.1	-	-	-	-
Boston-Lawrence-Salem, MA-NH .....	1	-	160.9	-	162.1	3.0	.7	-	-	-	-
Cleveland-Akron-Lorain, OH .....	1	-	144.3	-	145.8	3.2	1.0	-	-	-	-
Miami-Fort Lauderdale, FL .....	1	-	150.8	-	152.6	3.9	1.2	-	-	-	-
St. Louis-East St. Louis, MO-IL .....	1	-	149.0	-	150.1	2.5	.7	-	-	-	-
Washington, DC-MD-VA .....	1	-	157.6	-	158.2	3.1	.4	-	-	-	-
Dallas-Fort Worth, TX .....	2	149.6	-	149.5	-	-	-	-	3.2	-.1	-
Detroit-Ann Arbor, MI .....	2	147.1	-	148.0	-	-	-	-	2.8	.6	-
Houston-Galveston-Brazoria, TX .....	2	142.2	-	142.2	-	-	-	-	1.7	.0	-
Pittsburgh-Beaver Valley, PA .....	2	146.9	-	147.2	-	-	-	-	2.4	.2	-

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

M - Every month.

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

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

<sup>2</sup> Regions defined as the four Census regions. See map in technical notes.

<sup>3</sup> Indexes on a December 1986=100 base.

<sup>4</sup> 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; Atlanta, GA; Buffalo-Niagara Falls, NY; Cincinnati-Hamilton, OH-KY-IN; Denver-Boulder, CO; Honolulu, HI;

Kansas City, MO-KS; Milwaukee, WI; Minneapolis-St. Paul, MN-WI; Portland-Vancouver, OR-WA; San Diego, CA; and Seattle-Tacoma, WA.

The following metropolitan areas are published annually and appear in tables 16A and 23A of the January issue of the CPI Detailed Report: New Orleans, LA and Tampa-St. Petersburg-Clearwater, FL.

- Data not available.

NOTE: Local area CPI 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.

**Table 18. Consumer Price Index for Urban Wage Earners and Clerical Workers (CPI-W): Regions <sup>1</sup>, by expenditure category and commodity and service group**

(1982-84=100, unless otherwise noted)

Group	Northeast			North Central			South			West			
	Index	Percent change from—		Index	Percent change from—		Index	Percent change from—		Index	Percent change from—		
		Sept. 1996	Sept. 1995		Aug. 1996	Sept. 1996		Sept. 1995	Aug. 1996		Sept. 1996	Sept. 1995	Aug. 1996
<b>Expenditure category</b>													
All items .....	162.0	2.8	0.4	150.6	3.1	0.5	153.1	3.2	0.3	155.5	3.0	0.4	
All items (December 1977=100) .....	253.0	-	-	243.5	-	-	248.0	-	-	250.1	-	-	
<b>Food and beverages</b> .....	157.7	2.7	.6	152.0	4.0	.4	153.0	4.6	.5	155.2	3.7	.6	
<b>Food</b> .....	157.2	2.6	.6	151.4	4.2	.3	153.2	4.6	.5	154.6	3.6	.6	
Food at home .....	158.7	2.8	.9	151.6	4.8	.3	152.8	5.7	.6	158.0	4.6	.9	
Cereals and bakery products .....	179.9	2.7	.8	174.0	3.6	-.9	169.5	4.8	-.6	173.2	3.3	-.3	
Meats, poultry, fish, and eggs .....	150.5	2.5	.7	144.4	5.3	.9	144.0	7.9	1.3	148.4	6.8	1.4	
Dairy products .....	137.3	8.5	2.4	146.3	10.2	.8	147.3	13.0	1.2	157.0	11.4	1.3	
Fruits and vegetables .....	186.3	1.9	1.0	173.2	5.2	.2	185.3	3.4	.8	188.8	2.3	1.1	
Other food at home .....	151.2	1.5	.3	139.7	2.1	.3	140.0	1.9	-.1	143.2	1.5	.5	
Sugar and sweets .....	154.9	7.0	1.6	143.2	5.2	.5	141.6	5.0	.3	144.3	3.3	.0	
Fats and oils .....	149.7	2.3	.0	136.7	2.1	1.0	137.5	3.3	.1	142.6	3.8	.8	
Nonalcoholic beverages .....	138.2	-1.8	.2	124.2	-1.9	.1	121.4	-4.5	-1.5	127.0	-3.1	-.5	
Other prepared food .....	163.6	2.4	.2	153.1	4.2	.3	157.9	5.5	.6	156.3	3.4	1.2	
Food away from home .....	156.8	2.3	.1	151.3	3.1	.3	155.1	2.7	.3	149.7	2.1	.2	
Alcoholic beverages .....	163.4	2.5	.4	159.7	2.8	.6	151.0	3.9	.2	161.3	4.2	.4	
<b>Housing</b> .....	162.0	2.7	-.2	144.5	3.1	.1	145.5	3.6	.1	153.2	2.3	.3	
Shelter .....	187.7	2.6	-.4	160.8	3.0	-.1	155.4	3.7	.1	165.4	2.9	.2	
Renters' costs <sup>2</sup> .....	172.1	3.0	-1.7	156.2	2.8	-1.1	147.4	3.5	-.9	155.8	3.1	.1	
Rent, residential .....	174.6	2.7	.2	160.0	2.9	.3	151.7	3.4	.3	163.1	2.3	.2	
Other renters' costs .....	245.7	4.3	-7.4	191.7	2.8	-5.0	202.1	4.0	-6.7	222.0	7.7	-.4	
Homeowners' costs <sup>2</sup> .....	175.9	2.4	.3	160.7	3.1	.3	148.1	3.7	.4	162.0	2.7	.2	
Owners' equivalent rent <sup>2</sup> .....	176.6	2.4	.2	161.1	3.1	.3	147.9	3.7	.4	161.9	2.7	.2	
Maintenance and repairs .....	135.1	.5	-.2	137.7	2.3	-.6	140.8	3.6	.8	136.3	2.7	.0	
Maintenance and repair services .....	NA	-	-	153.1	5.4	.0	145.1	5.1	1.0	145.5	8.3	.0	
Maintenance and repair commodities .....	117.4	-1.1	-.6	120.4	-.9	-1.1	134.9	1.5	.4	124.9	-2.0	.0	
Fuel and other utilities .....	123.3	3.9	.4	125.5	4.9	.2	137.5	5.3	.3	136.7	.5	.1	
Fuels .....	114.0	4.4	.6	112.3	6.2	.2	125.0	6.7	.3	127.7	-1.9	.1	
Fuel oil and other household fuel commodities .....	93.3	11.7	3.9	92.4	10.4	4.3	102.4	7.7	2.6	106.2	6.8	4.3	
Fuel oil .....	93.5	12.9	5.1	91.7	12.1	5.0	91.5	9.8	2.7	122.3	16.3	9.8	
Other household fuel commodities <sup>3</sup> .....	116.1	5.6	-1.4	121.0	8.8	3.6	132.9	6.5	2.6	118.0	2.5	1.8	
Gas (piped) and electricity (energy services) .....	129.3	2.9	-.1	117.9	6.0	.0	128.7	6.6	.2	130.4	-2.1	.0	
Electricity .....	142.3	2.2	.2	134.3	.4	-.5	133.2	6.6	.5	147.7	-.2	.1	
Utility (piped) gas .....	109.5	4.4	-.7	101.9	15.1	.8	112.9	6.7	-.7	109.5	-6.3	-.1	
Other utilities and public services .....	159.3	3.0	.2	157.2	3.5	.2	163.1	3.8	.2	154.6	2.9	.1	
Household furnishings and operation .....	124.8	1.2	-.2	121.1	.8	.1	125.2	.7	.2	124.0	.8	.9	
Housefurnishings .....	107.2	-.6	-.1	107.3	.5	.0	114.3	-.7	.0	111.6	-.4	.8	
Housekeeping supplies .....	151.7	4.0	-.5	142.5	.5	.0	133.5	2.9	.2	140.9	2.5	.6	
Housekeeping services .....	157.5	3.4	.2	146.0	2.7	.8	158.7	3.4	.5	147.0	2.5	1.2	
<b>Apparel and upkeep</b> .....	127.5	.7	3.9	128.1	-3.0	2.2	139.2	-1.6	1.5	126.0	1.7	2.3	
Apparel commodities .....	123.6	.6	4.2	126.1	-3.3	2.4	135.2	-1.9	1.7	122.2	1.5	2.7	
Men's and boys' apparel .....	126.9	-.3	1.0	125.0	-.3	2.5	132.0	-1.2	-.1	124.1	5.0	.7	
Women's and girls' apparel .....	115.0	.9	6.2	121.9	-7.7	4.4	135.6	-2.2	3.2	113.7	1.2	2.3	
Infants' and toddlers' apparel .....	142.4	12.9	16.0	128.5	-9.4	3.8	133.7	-3.7	-1.4	123.1	6.0	3.2	
Footwear .....	128.0	-1.5	2.3	131.3	.5	-1.2	126.7	.5	2.3	123.6	1.9	2.7	
Other apparel commodities .....	160.4	.1	2.8	151.0	11.6	-.7	155.5	-4.5	.8	142.6	-5.2	6.9	
Apparel services .....	165.2	1.5	.4	148.4	1.9	.3	169.4	.9	.0	156.3	3.7	-.3	
<b>Transportation</b> .....	145.6	3.3	.3	141.0	3.7	.7	141.9	2.5	.1	144.0	3.4	-.1	
Private transportation .....	141.9	2.7	.2	138.9	3.7	.7	141.1	2.5	.0	141.6	3.4	-.2	
New vehicles .....	143.7	3.2	.6	143.2	2.4	.3	145.9	1.5	-.1	144.7	3.1	.3	
New cars .....	140.5	2.8	.5	137.9	2.5	.5	144.6	1.7	-.1	139.3	2.6	.1	
Used cars .....	160.1	.3	.2	159.3	-.1	.3	158.7	.2	.3	155.2	1.9	.3	
Motor fuel .....	103.1	2.8	-.5	107.5	8.9	2.1	104.5	6.5	-.3	109.1	6.0	-2.4	
Gasoline .....	102.8	2.6	-.5	107.3	8.7	2.0	104.2	6.3	-.5	108.1	5.4	-2.8	
Gasoline, unleaded regular .....	101.3	2.7	-.7	105.7	9.0	1.9	101.3	6.7	-.6	104.9	5.1	-3.0	
Gasoline, unleaded midgrade <sup>4</sup> .....	106.4	1.9	-.7	118.7	8.9	2.2	110.6	6.1	-.8	105.1	5.5	-2.6	
Gasoline, unleaded premium .....	103.5	2.4	-.3	109.9	7.3	1.5	107.4	6.0	-.3	109.0	4.0	-2.4	
Maintenance and repairs .....	170.2	3.5	.9	150.4	3.7	.5	159.5	2.6	.4	164.9	2.9	1.5	
Other private transportation .....	174.0	2.5	.1	163.3	2.3	.1	177.3	1.9	.1	167.3	2.6	-.1	
Other private transportation commodities .....	106.3	1.1	.8	104.3	-.5	.3	102.2	-1.0	-.2	103.1	1.0	.2	
Other private transportation services .....	187.4	2.6	.1	176.8	2.7	.1	199.4	2.4	.2	184.9	3.0	-.2	
Public transportation .....	183.6	8.9	1.4	188.1	4.4	.9	164.0	2.5	1.7	188.1	4.7	1.4	

See footnotes at end of table.

**Table 18. Consumer Price Index for Urban Wage Earners and Clerical Workers (CPI-W): Regions <sup>1</sup>, by expenditure category and commodity and service group—Continued**

(1982-84=100, unless otherwise noted)

Group	Northeast			North Central			South			West		
	Index	Percent change from—		Index	Percent change from—		Index	Percent change from—		Index	Percent change from—	
		Sept. 1996	Sept. 1995		Aug. 1996	Sept. 1996		Sept. 1995	Aug. 1996		Sept. 1996	Sept. 1995
<b>Expenditure category</b>												
Medical care .....	237.7	3.9	0.1	223.4	3.1	0.1	228.1	2.9	0.2	227.1	3.5	0.0
Medical care commodities .....	213.9	4.1	-.5	206.8	1.8	.0	204.5	2.1	.2	213.8	4.7	.1
Medical care services .....	242.8	3.8	.2	227.1	3.4	.2	233.7	3.1	.2	230.2	3.2	-.1
Professional medical services .....	220.4	3.5	.0	206.0	3.6	.4	214.5	3.8	.3	201.1	3.4	.0
Entertainment .....	165.4	3.1	.4	156.8	3.2	.1	154.1	3.6	.3	153.2	2.3	.3
Entertainment commodities .....	146.6	2.8	.4	142.8	2.6	.0	140.8	3.9	.1	138.5	1.7	-.2
Entertainment services .....	191.0	3.4	.5	175.7	4.0	.2	176.7	3.3	.5	174.2	2.8	.9
Other goods and services .....	225.5	3.4	.7	209.1	3.2	1.0	207.1	3.9	.7	218.9	4.1	.9
Tobacco and smoking products .....	226.0	2.4	.0	241.8	2.1	.8	221.8	2.1	.0	254.3	4.0	.6
Personal care .....	162.2	1.1	.7	144.9	3.0	-.1	143.2	1.8	.7	154.9	2.8	-.4
Personal and educational expenses .....	260.7	4.4	1.0	232.8	4.2	1.6	244.0	5.4	1.2	254.3	4.6	1.5
<b>Commodity and service group</b>												
All items .....	162.0	2.8	.4	150.6	3.1	.5	153.1	3.2	.3	155.5	3.0	.4
Commodities .....	142.0	2.4	.9	138.4	2.7	.7	140.7	2.6	.4	140.5	3.0	.5
Food and beverages .....	157.7	2.7	.6	152.0	4.0	.4	153.0	4.6	.5	155.2	3.7	.6
Commodities less food and beverages .....	131.0	2.2	1.1	130.7	1.7	.8	133.5	1.4	.2	131.5	2.6	.4
Nondurables less food and beverages .....	130.1	2.5	1.3	133.5	2.1	1.4	134.3	2.1	.5	132.9	3.3	.3
Apparel commodities .....	123.6	.6	4.2	126.1	-3.3	2.4	135.2	-1.9	1.7	122.2	1.5	2.7
Nondurables less food, beverages, and apparel .....	136.9	3.5	.1	139.5	4.5	.9	136.8	4.0	.0	141.1	4.2	-.6
Durables .....	129.9	1.5	.5	125.9	1.3	.2	131.4	.5	.0	129.5	1.5	.4
Services .....	185.9	3.1	.0	165.8	3.4	.2	168.6	3.7	.2	171.8	2.8	.3
Rent of shelter <sup>2</sup> .....	175.2	2.6	-.4	159.8	3.1	-.1	147.8	3.6	.0	159.4	2.8	.2
Household services less rent of shelter <sup>2</sup> .....	133.1	2.9	.0	126.8	4.4	.2	137.3	4.9	.3	135.8	1.2	.2
Transportation services .....	182.6	4.2	.6	172.0	3.2	.4	183.8	2.5	.4	180.4	3.3	.5
Medical care services .....	242.8	3.8	.2	227.1	3.4	.2	233.7	3.1	.2	230.2	3.2	-.1
Other services .....	218.2	3.7	.8	188.2	3.8	.9	198.2	4.2	.9	196.7	3.9	1.0
<b>Special Indexes</b>												
All items less food .....	163.0	2.8	.3	150.3	2.8	.5	153.0	2.9	.3	155.6	2.8	.3
All items less shelter .....	154.5	2.9	.7	148.4	3.1	.6	152.9	3.1	.4	152.6	2.9	.5
All items less homeowners' costs <sup>2</sup> .....	149.2	2.8	.4	142.8	3.0	.4	145.0	3.1	.3	146.0	3.0	.4
All items less medical care .....	158.9	2.8	.4	147.3	3.1	.5	148.9	3.3	.3	152.2	2.9	.4
Commodities less food .....	132.4	2.2	1.0	131.8	1.8	.8	134.0	1.5	.2	132.9	2.7	.4
Nondurables less food .....	132.1	2.5	1.2	135.0	2.1	1.3	135.0	2.3	.5	134.9	3.5	.4
Nondurables less food and apparel .....	138.6	3.4	.1	140.6	4.2	.9	137.1	3.9	.0	142.0	4.3	-.4
Nondurables .....	144.5	2.6	.9	142.9	3.1	.8	143.7	3.4	.5	144.6	3.6	.5
Services less rent of shelter <sup>2</sup> .....	169.0	3.6	.4	157.2	3.8	.4	166.5	3.8	.4	166.7	2.8	.4
Services less medical care services .....	181.7	3.1	.0	160.6	3.4	.1	161.8	3.9	.2	167.3	2.8	.4
Energy .....	108.7	3.7	.2	109.4	7.5	1.1	112.5	6.6	.0	116.4	2.6	-1.4
All items less energy .....	169.5	2.7	.4	156.8	2.6	.4	159.0	2.8	.3	160.2	3.0	.5
All items less food and energy .....	173.1	2.7	.3	158.2	2.3	.4	160.5	2.5	.2	161.7	2.8	.5
Commodities less food and energy commodities .....	142.6	1.7	1.1	139.0	.7	.7	142.3	.7	.4	139.9	2.1	.8
Energy commodities .....	100.7	4.6	.4	107.0	9.0	2.1	104.8	6.6	-.1	110.1	6.1	-2.3
Services less energy services .....	191.9	3.2	.1	172.2	3.2	.2	173.5	3.5	.2	175.0	3.1	.3

<sup>1</sup> Regions defined as the four Census regions. See map in technical notes.

<sup>2</sup> Indexes on a December 1984=100 base.

<sup>3</sup> Indexes on a December 1986=100 base.

<sup>4</sup> Indexes on a December 1993=100 base.

NA Data not adequate for publication.

- Data not available.

**Table 19. Consumer Price Index for Urban Wage Earners and Clerical Workers (CPI-W): Population size classes <sup>1</sup>, by expenditure category and commodity and service group**

(1982-84=100, unless otherwise noted)

Group	Size class A <sup>2</sup>			Size class B			Size class C			Size class D		
	Index	Percent change from—		Index	Percent change from—		Index	Percent change from—		Index	Percent change from—	
	Sept. 1996	Sept. 1995	Aug. 1996	Sept. 1996	Sept. 1995	Aug. 1996	Sept. 1996	Sept. 1995	Aug. 1996	Sept. 1996	Sept. 1995	Aug. 1996
<b>Expenditure category</b>												
All items .....	141.4	2.8	0.4	155.0	3.1	0.3	156.6	3.1	0.4	154.0	3.4	0.5
All items (December 1977=100) .....	141.4	-	-	250.3	-	-	250.9	-	-	248.9	-	-
Food and beverages .....	139.6	3.5	.4	154.2	3.7	.7	153.4	4.1	.5	150.6	5.0	.5
Food .....	139.3	3.6	.4	154.3	3.7	.7	153.0	4.2	.5	150.1	5.1	.5
Food at home .....	143.4	4.2	.6	156.8	4.2	1.1	151.5	4.8	.5	148.5	5.8	.5
Cereals and bakery products .....	156.1	3.2	-.4	172.9	2.6	.1	169.2	4.5	-.6	178.1	6.1	.0
Meats, poultry, fish, and eggs .....	136.5	5.5	1.2	147.9	4.7	1.2	141.0	5.9	.6	137.4	6.4	.6
Dairy products .....	141.4	10.1	1.3	149.3	12.3	2.1	139.7	10.9	1.6	140.3	12.8	.9
Fruits and vegetables .....	167.4	3.1	.3	190.6	2.9	2.4	181.2	3.7	1.0	170.8	3.8	.2
Other food at home .....	131.3	1.4	.3	144.5	1.8	-.1	144.9	2.0	.3	138.7	3.2	.7
Sugar and sweets .....	134.9	5.2	.7	144.9	4.3	-.1	142.7	6.3	.4	135.5	3.1	1.2
Fats and oils .....	133.9	3.5	.4	138.2	.4	.1	140.9	2.5	.5	136.6	4.5	1.3
Nonalcoholic beverages .....	119.1	-3.0	-.5	124.4	-3.8	-.6	130.7	-2.0	.0	118.1	-1.4	-1.0
Other prepared food .....	140.3	3.2	.6	165.2	5.6	.3	159.0	3.5	.3	155.8	5.6	1.2
Food away from home .....	132.7	2.4	.2	151.4	2.9	.3	156.8	3.0	.3	153.4	3.4	.4
Alcoholic beverages .....	143.1	3.0	.4	154.4	4.5	.6	159.5	3.2	.5	158.5	4.2	.7
Housing .....	136.5	2.6	.0	151.9	3.1	-.3	153.5	3.2	.2	149.7	3.7	.4
Shelter .....	143.2	2.8	.1	167.4	3.1	-.8	173.5	3.3	.2	169.5	4.1	.2
Renters' costs <sup>3</sup> .....	141.0	3.1	-.4	166.5	2.9	-3.1	152.7	3.1	-.4	152.2	4.1	-.1
Rent, residential .....	135.0	2.7	.2	162.4	2.9	.3	157.7	3.0	.4	156.5	3.1	.3
Other renters' costs .....	178.6	5.1	-3.1	247.1	2.7	-11.0	195.1	3.7	-3.5	196.7	9.2	-1.5
Homeowners' costs <sup>3</sup> .....	144.5	2.6	.2	162.2	3.3	.3	165.7	3.4	.5	161.1	4.0	.4
Owners' equivalent rent <sup>3</sup> .....	144.8	2.6	.3	162.5	3.3	.3	166.3	3.4	.5	161.0	4.1	.3
Maintenance and repairs .....	121.9	1.2	-.2	134.8	1.6	-.4	154.0	3.5	.9	139.2	6.7	.1
Maintenance and repair services .....	128.7	3.7	.1	144.3	3.7	.3	168.0	4.4	1.2	154.8	11.3	.0
Maintenance and repair commodities .....	113.9	-1.8	-.5	127.2	.1	-1.0	135.9	2.2	.5	120.1	.4	.3
Fuel and other utilities .....	129.8	4.2	.2	134.4	3.9	.4	132.3	4.1	.0	129.4	3.7	1.0
Fuels .....	130.4	4.7	.2	115.3	4.0	.7	119.4	5.4	-.2	112.3	3.1	1.7
Fuel oil and other household fuel commodities .....	137.5	10.2	4.3	93.1	11.2	3.9	93.5	9.2	1.7	90.8	12.2	4.0
Fuel oil .....	141.0	11.4	4.8	92.2	14.4	5.5	88.3	13.5	4.5	90.3	15.6	4.2
Other household fuel commodities <sup>2</sup> .....	126.8	6.4	2.6	122.5	7.6	2.0	120.9	3.9	-1.5	122.3	9.0	3.8
Gas (piped) and electricity (energy services) .....	129.9	4.4	-.1	122.4	3.2	.3	128.4	5.1	-.4	121.4	2.4	1.5
Electricity .....	138.7	2.5	.0	133.6	1.4	.3	140.2	5.3	-.6	134.9	2.9	1.5
Utility (piped) gas .....	116.0	8.0	-.4	103.0	9.1	.5	107.3	4.2	.4	96.9	.4	1.5
Other utilities and public services .....	129.0	3.4	.2	175.0	3.7	.2	159.9	2.7	.2	165.2	4.3	.4
Household furnishings and operation .....	116.7	.4	.3	126.0	1.8	.5	121.6	1.0	.2	123.5	2.2	.2
Housefurnishings .....	106.5	-.7	.1	114.9	.9	.8	107.7	-.6	-.2	110.0	1.1	-.2
Housekeeping supplies .....	134.4	1.8	.1	134.3	3.1	-.7	139.3	3.5	.4	133.4	2.4	.5
Housekeeping services .....	134.5	2.4	.7	157.5	3.1	.4	155.5	3.7	.6	158.5	5.1	1.0
Apparel and upkeep .....	120.6	-.7	2.8	129.1	-.8	2.7	139.1	.2	1.6	130.8	-3.5	1.0
Apparel commodities .....	119.3	-1.0	3.1	125.3	-1.0	3.0	136.5	.1	1.7	127.6	-4.1	1.0
Men's and boys' apparel .....	116.8	.4	.3	130.1	.1	1.9	137.0	1.3	2.3	120.5	-.2	1.6
Women's and girls' apparel .....	112.1	-2.9	4.9	127.2	-2.1	4.4	133.1	-1.1	2.1	130.2	-4.7	2.4
Infants' and toddlers' apparel .....	114.9	2.7	7.3	119.1	-4.5	3.5	151.2	.7	.5	123.4	-9.3	.2
Footwear .....	126.5	.7	1.1	116.7	.0	4.1	129.2	.4	.9	129.5	-3.3	-1.5
Other apparel commodities .....	151.8	-1.5	4.3	124.4	1.6	-2.0	163.8	1.2	.7	140.6	-9.2	-1.1
Apparel services .....	134.3	1.9	.1	164.4	1.5	-.1	168.8	1.9	.1	161.3	3.1	.4
Transportation .....	142.2	3.4	.1	142.3	3.0	.4	141.3	2.6	.3	142.8	3.1	.3
Private transportation .....	141.8	3.1	.1	140.6	3.0	.3	139.5	2.6	.2	140.5	3.2	.2
New vehicles .....	126.7	2.8	.4	143.5	2.2	.0	144.8	2.2	.0	146.2	1.6	.1
New cars .....	123.9	2.6	.4	137.2	1.6	-.3	141.6	2.4	.2	142.2	2.2	.1
Used cars .....	149.5	1.0	.3	158.2	-.1	.3	157.4	.1	.1	153.5	-.1	.3
Motor fuel .....	154.6	6.0	-.6	104.9	6.6	.0	105.8	6.5	.8	106.4	8.0	.8
Gasoline .....	154.1	5.7	-.7	104.6	6.4	-.1	105.7	6.1	.5	105.8	7.7	.5
Gasoline, unleaded regular .....	154.2	6.0	-.8	102.2	7.0	.0	103.1	6.4	.6	101.7	7.7	.3
Gasoline, unleaded midgrade <sup>4</sup> .....	107.1	4.8	-1.3	109.9	6.2	-.1	115.6	6.5	.4	117.3	7.8	.6
Gasoline, unleaded premium .....	144.5	4.8	-.4	107.1	5.3	-.1	108.6	5.0	-.3	107.0	5.0	.2
Maintenance and repairs .....	143.5	3.5	1.1	164.2	2.9	.9	157.1	2.1	.0	147.9	3.8	.1
Other private transportation .....	144.9	2.3	-.1	169.9	2.7	.5	170.7	1.4	.2	167.0	2.8	-.1
Other private transportation commodities .....	107.0	.3	-.1	99.9	-.6	.6	105.4	.1	.7	121.0	-.1	-.2
Other private transportation services .....	153.9	2.7	-.1	187.8	3.1	.5	189.3	1.7	.1	179.2	3.3	-.1
Public transportation .....	147.0	6.7	1.2	193.7	4.3	1.6	201.1	2.5	2.5	208.2	2.3	1.2

See footnotes at end of table.

**Table 19. Consumer Price Index for Urban Wage Earners and Clerical Workers (CPI-W): Population size classes <sup>1</sup>, by expenditure category and commodity and service group—Continued**

(1982-84 = 100, unless otherwise noted)

Group	Size class A <sup>2</sup>			Size class B			Size class C			Size class D		
	Index	Percent change from—		Index	Percent change from—		Index	Percent change from—		Index	Percent change from—	
		Sept. 1996	Sept. 1995		Aug. 1996	Sept. 1996		Sept. 1995	Aug. 1996		Sept. 1996	Sept. 1995
<b>Expenditure category</b>												
Medical care .....	181.6	3.5	0.1	227.0	3.4	0.1	232.4	2.9	0.1	222.1	3.0	0.0
Medical care commodities .....	169.2	3.1	-.2	208.0	4.6	.4	201.7	1.8	.2	208.4	1.6	.0
Medical care services .....	184.4	3.5	.2	231.2	3.1	.0	238.9	3.1	.1	225.4	3.2	.0
Professional medical services .....	167.4	3.5	.2	204.5	3.4	.2	220.4	3.8	.2	215.4	3.6	.1
Entertainment .....	140.4	3.1	.4	154.0	2.9	.1	161.7	3.1	.1	143.7	3.2	.3
Entertainment commodities .....	130.9	2.7	.2	139.3	2.8	.1	146.2	2.7	-.3	135.5	3.4	.0
Entertainment services .....	150.9	3.6	.7	177.6	2.9	.1	186.9	3.5	.5	156.8	3.0	.8
Other goods and services .....	173.3	2.8	.8	216.9	5.2	.8	211.5	4.3	.4	212.4	4.2	1.5
Tobacco and smoking products .....	181.4	-.1	.4	244.2	6.8	.1	236.3	3.9	-.3	225.4	4.8	1.5
Personal care .....	134.8	2.2	.2	149.2	2.8	.2	150.1	1.4	.1	136.1	1.8	.4
Personal and educational expenses .....	185.1	4.5	1.2	248.1	4.9	1.5	239.8	5.5	1.0	254.8	4.5	1.8
<b>Commodity and service group</b>												
All items .....	141.4	2.8	.4	155.0	3.1	.3	156.6	3.1	.4	154.0	3.4	.5
Commodities .....	135.0	2.4	.5	139.6	2.9	.7	141.3	2.8	.4	139.7	3.0	.4
Food and beverages .....	139.6	3.5	.4	154.2	3.7	.7	153.4	4.1	.5	150.6	5.0	.5
Commodities less food and beverages .....	131.9	1.6	.7	131.2	2.4	.7	134.1	2.1	.4	133.2	1.8	.5
Nondurables less food and beverages .....	139.0	1.9	.9	131.9	3.5	1.0	135.2	3.0	.7	132.9	2.5	.8
Apparel commodities .....	119.3	-1.0	3.1	125.3	-1.0	3.0	136.5	.1	1.7	127.6	-4.1	1.0
Nondurables less food, beverages, and apparel .....	150.6	3.4	.1	137.7	5.4	.2	137.5	4.3	.2	136.4	5.1	.7
Durables .....	122.6	1.2	.2	128.8	1.2	.4	131.0	.9	.1	131.3	.9	.0
Services .....	147.4	3.2	.2	173.8	3.3	-.1	176.6	3.3	.2	172.9	3.7	.5
Rent of shelter <sup>3</sup> .....	143.5	2.8	.0	163.8	3.2	-.7	162.3	3.3	.2	158.4	4.1	.2
Household services less rent of shelter <sup>3</sup> .....	130.3	3.7	.2	136.9	3.3	.3	133.2	3.7	.0	132.9	3.6	.8
Transportation services .....	150.1	3.7	.4	182.1	3.2	.7	181.3	1.9	.3	175.1	3.3	.2
Medical care services .....	184.4	3.5	.2	231.2	3.1	.0	238.9	3.1	.1	225.4	3.2	.0
Other services .....	164.4	3.8	.9	201.7	3.9	.8	199.7	4.3	.8	196.6	3.7	1.4
<b>Special indexes</b>												
All items less food .....	141.9	2.7	.4	155.1	3.0	.2	157.2	2.9	.3	154.7	3.1	.5
All items less shelter .....	140.8	2.8	.5	152.1	3.2	.7	152.1	3.0	.4	150.4	3.2	.5
All items less homeowners' costs <sup>3</sup> .....	140.8	2.9	.4	146.2	3.2	.3	145.2	3.1	.3	143.4	3.3	.5
All items less medical care .....	139.6	2.9	.4	151.5	3.1	.3	152.7	3.1	.3	149.9	3.5	.5
Commodities less food .....	132.5	1.7	.6	132.0	2.6	.7	135.0	2.1	.4	134.1	2.0	.5
Nondurables less food .....	139.4	2.0	.9	133.1	3.6	1.0	136.5	3.0	.7	134.2	2.6	.8
Nondurables less food and apparel .....	149.5	3.3	.1	138.2	5.3	.2	138.6	4.1	.3	137.6	5.0	.7
Nondurables .....	139.4	2.8	.7	143.2	3.6	.8	144.3	3.5	.6	142.0	3.8	.6
Services less rent of shelter <sup>3</sup> .....	151.5	3.7	.4	166.5	3.4	.5	165.4	3.3	.3	162.2	3.4	.6
Services less medical care services .....	144.6	3.2	.2	168.5	3.3	-.1	170.6	3.3	.2	166.9	3.8	.5
Energy .....	141.4	5.4	-.1	108.9	5.2	.4	111.1	5.9	.3	108.5	5.4	1.3
All items less energy .....	141.4	2.6	.4	161.5	2.9	.2	163.4	2.9	.4	160.6	3.2	.4
All items less food and energy .....	142.0	2.5	.4	163.4	2.8	.1	166.1	2.6	.4	163.4	2.8	.4
Commodities less food and energy commodities .....	129.7	1.0	.9	139.9	1.8	.8	143.9	1.4	.3	141.9	.9	.4
Energy commodities .....	153.2	6.3	-.2	103.7	7.0	.4	105.0	6.8	.9	104.9	8.3	1.1
Services less energy services .....	148.8	3.2	.3	179.7	3.3	-.2	182.6	3.2	.3	179.4	3.8	.3

<sup>1</sup> See region and area size on table 10 for information about population size classes.

<sup>2</sup> Indexes on a December 1986=100 base.

<sup>3</sup> Indexes on a December 1984=100 base.

<sup>4</sup> Indexes on a December 1993=100 base.

- Data not available.

**Table 20. Consumer Price Index for Urban Wage Earners and Clerical Workers (CPI-W): Cross classification of regions and population size classes,<sup>1</sup> by expenditure category and commodity and service group**

(1982-84=100, unless otherwise noted)

Group	Northeast								
	Size class A			Size class B			Size class C		
	Index	Percent change from—		Index	Percent change from—		Index	Percent change from—	
		Sept. 1996	Sept. 1995		Aug. 1996	Sept. 1996		Sept. 1995	Aug. 1996
<b>Expenditure category</b>									
All items .....	161.8	2.9	0.5	159.8	2.5	-0.1	163.7	2.2	0.3
All items (December 1977=100) .....	247.3	-	-	255.0	-	-	272.3	-	-
<b>Food and beverages</b> .....	157.7	2.7	.8	159.9	2.2	.4	155.1	2.9	-1
<b>Food</b> .....	157.2	2.7	.8	159.7	2.0	.4	154.3	2.9	-1
Food at home .....	159.2	3.0	1.2	162.7	1.1	.6	151.3	3.2	-1
Cereals and bakery products .....	183.0	3.6	1.6	167.0	-5	-8	176.7	1.9	-1.0
Meats, poultry, fish, and eggs .....	151.2	3.4	1.3	153.9	-8	-4	146.4	1.7	-7
Dairy products .....	137.4	7.6	2.1	142.1	8.9	3.2	125.2	9.8	3.3
Fruits and vegetables .....	185.8	.9	1.1	197.1	4.0	3.8	178.2	4.3	-1.4
Other food at home .....	150.3	2.0	.7	162.3	-7	-9	142.4	2.2	.8
Food away from home .....	155.5	2.0	.0	158.1	3.3	.1	161.5	2.3	-1
Alcoholic beverages .....	163.2	2.0	.5	165.2	3.8	.3	164.1	3.3	.2
<b>Housing</b> .....	159.7	2.7	-1	161.2	2.7	-9	169.5	2.4	.1
Shelter .....	182.4	2.9	-1	186.1	2.1	-1.9	207.8	2.1	.0
Renters' costs <sup>2</sup> .....	171.1	3.5	-9	187.4	1.5	-6.2	159.1	2.0	-9
Rent, residential .....	175.6	3.1	.2	166.8	1.3	.1	171.4	2.0	.1
Other renters' costs .....	242.8	5.6	-4.8	268.9	1.7	-13.1	192.5	2.4	-7.5
Homeowners' costs <sup>2</sup> .....	172.1	2.6	.2	176.1	2.4	.1	188.8	2.2	.3
Owners' equivalent rent <sup>2</sup> .....	172.8	2.6	.2	176.7	2.4	.1	189.5	2.1	.3
Fuel and other utilities .....	122.2	3.4	.2	132.6	5.2	1.2	116.2	3.8	.4
Fuels .....	117.1	3.7	.3	115.8	5.9	1.7	96.8	4.9	.5
Fuel oil and other household fuel commodities .....	98.9	10.6	4.2	90.7	16.9	5.3	80.5	9.2	1.4
Fuel oil .....	97.7	11.1	4.6	90.4	17.9	7.5	84.1	14.4	4.6
Other household fuel commodities <sup>3</sup> .....	131.4	7.4	1.9	119.4	14.6	.0	88.4	-7.2	-9.3
Gas (piped) and electricity (energy services) .....	130.0	2.5	-4	135.2	3.5	.8	114.2	3.3	.2
Electricity .....	143.2	2.0	.1	149.9	2.7	.7	120.6	2.0	.1
Utility (piped) gas .....	111.7	3.4	-1.2	107.7	5.7	1.0	102.5	7.4	.6
Household furnishings and operation .....	126.3	.5	-8	122.7	2.4	1.7	117.3	2.1	.4
Apparel and upkeep .....	124.4	1.1	4.9	125.5	-9	1.1	141.4	-5	2.2
Apparel commodities .....	119.7	1.2	5.4	122.7	-1.3	1.2	136.6	-8	2.4
Men's and boys' apparel .....	118.5	.4	.6	141.1	-3.1	.4	151.0	-2.4	2.4
Women's and girls' apparel .....	110.5	2.9	8.3	117.8	-1	.7	124.2	-8.9	2.2
Footwear .....	126.9	-3.4	2.2	120.3	-6.4	5.8	145.5	13.7	1.5
Transportation .....	148.9	3.8	.3	141.4	2.8	.4	138.4	1.8	.4
Private transportation .....	144.4	2.8	.2	139.7	2.6	.3	134.9	1.7	.3
Motor fuel .....	102.3	3.0	-9	104.1	2.8	.4	102.5	1.9	-2
Gasoline .....	101.9	2.9	-9	103.9	2.5	.3	102.2	1.4	-4
Gasoline, unleaded regular .....	100.3	3.1	-1.1	101.8	3.0	.5	101.8	1.5	-4
Gasoline, unleaded midgrade <sup>4</sup> .....	104.6	2.2	-1.0	109.9	2.3	-1	109.7	1.0	-5
Gasoline, unleaded premium .....	102.7	2.8	-3	104.5	1.1	.0	105.9	1.8	-5
Public transportation .....	179.3	10.2	1.3	181.9	5.1	1.5	233.5	2.7	3.4
Medical care .....	240.3	4.6	.1	235.3	2.3	-1	227.1	2.3	.3
Entertainment .....	168.1	3.6	.7	156.2	3.1	.3	165.1	1.2	-4
Other goods and services .....	224.0	3.0	.5	221.3	4.7	.6	228.9	3.3	1.2
Personal care .....	166.9	2.0	.9	149.8	-1.6	.0	148.4	-7	.5
<b>Commodity and service group</b>									
All items .....	161.8	2.9	.5	159.8	2.5	-1	163.7	2.2	.3
Commodities .....	142.1	2.3	1.0	140.3	2.5	.6	142.2	2.0	.3
Food and beverages .....	157.7	2.7	.8	159.9	2.2	.4	155.1	2.9	-1
Commodities less food and beverages .....	130.6	2.0	1.2	127.9	2.8	.9	133.5	1.3	.5
Nondurables less food and beverages .....	129.6	2.4	1.7	128.0	3.8	.6	133.2	1.4	.7
Durables .....	130.4	1.6	.2	125.7	1.5	1.5	130.2	1.1	.5
Services .....	183.8	3.4	.1	186.4	2.6	-8	192.7	2.6	.3
Medical care services .....	245.9	4.7	.2	239.2	1.3	-2	232.2	2.8	.3
<b>Special indexes</b>									
All items less shelter .....	155.5	3.0	.8	152.9	2.7	.6	151.0	2.4	.4
All items less medical care .....	158.6	2.9	.6	156.8	2.6	-1	160.9	2.3	.3
All items less energy .....	168.7	2.9	.5	167.5	2.4	-2	173.4	2.2	.3
All items less food and energy .....	172.0	2.9	.5	169.8	2.5	-4	178.7	2.0	.4
Energy .....	110.4	3.5	-2	110.2	4.7	1.2	97.8	3.6	.2
Commodities less food .....	132.0	2.0	1.1	129.4	2.9	.9	135.0	1.4	.5
Nondurables less food .....	131.7	2.3	1.6	130.1	3.7	.6	135.2	1.7	.6
Nondurables .....	144.6	2.6	1.2	144.3	2.9	.5	144.1	2.3	.3
Services less rent of shelter <sup>2</sup> .....	168.5	3.8	.4	170.6	3.0	.4	167.1	3.1	.7
Services less medical care services .....	179.3	3.2	.1	182.2	2.7	-9	189.5	2.5	.3

See footnotes at end of table.

**Table 20. Consumer Price Index for Urban Wage Earners and Clerical Workers (CPI-W): Cross classification of regions and population size classes,<sup>1</sup> by expenditure category and commodity and service group—Continued**

(1982-84 = 100, unless otherwise noted)

Group	North Central											
	Size class A			Size class B			Size class C			Size class D		
	Index	Percent change from—		Index	Percent change from—		Index	Percent change from—		Index	Percent change from—	
	Sept. 1996	Sept. 1995	Aug. 1996	Sept. 1996	Sept. 1995	Aug. 1996	Sept. 1996	Sept. 1995	Aug. 1996	Sept. 1996	Sept. 1995	Aug. 1996
<b>Expenditure category</b>												
All items .....	150.4	2.8	0.3	149.5	3.7	0.5	152.6	3.2	0.5	149.1	3.2	0.4
All items (December 1977 = 100) .....	245.9	-	-	240.8	-	-	240.0	-	-	241.6	-	-
Food and beverages .....	153.8	3.9	.1	149.4	4.6	1.2	151.8	4.1	.6	146.1	4.2	.4
Food .....	153.2	4.1	.1	149.6	4.5	1.1	150.7	4.2	.6	145.2	4.3	.3
Food at home .....	154.2	4.7	-.1	151.9	5.5	1.6	149.8	4.7	.8	143.0	5.1	.4
Cereals and bakery products .....	174.3	3.0	-1.3	182.8	4.2	1.3	168.6	3.4	-1.2	173.0	6.7	-.3
Meats, poultry, fish, and eggs .....	150.4	5.9	.8	139.7	4.6	2.0	136.2	4.7	.9	134.6	4.0	.7
Dairy products .....	149.6	9.4	.7	152.7	12.0	1.2	139.7	10.1	.4	138.4	12.4	1.6
Fruits and vegetables .....	175.5	5.1	-1.5	162.2	5.6	3.1	181.5	5.6	3.4	159.1	4.7	-.1
Other food at home .....	138.6	1.6	.3	144.7	4.2	.8	144.1	2.3	.1	131.9	1.9	.5
Food away from home .....	152.0	3.1	.3	145.8	2.7	.1	153.5	3.6	.3	149.4	2.8	.2
Alcoholic beverages .....	160.7	2.6	.3	146.4	5.5	2.7	164.9	2.1	.7	159.4	2.2	.6
Housing .....	143.1	2.9	.1	143.6	3.7	-.4	149.7	2.8	.3	144.1	3.3	.3
Shelter .....	159.0	2.5	0	163.6	3.6	-.8	167.5	3.3	.4	156.8	4.7	.0
Renters' costs <sup>2</sup> .....	155.0	2.4	-.5	164.9	3.3	-4.5	161.9	2.9	-.4	145.3	4.8	-.1
Rent, residential .....	162.6	2.8	.2	165.9	3.3	.6	156.2	2.5	.7	146.0	3.1	.0
Other renters' costs .....	180.3	1.0	-3.0	211.8	3.4	-13.2	215.4	3.7	-2.9	183.0	15.7	-.3
Homeowners' costs <sup>2</sup> .....	159.1	2.6	.2	164.6	3.7	.5	166.9	3.4	.7	155.3	4.7	.0
Owners' equivalent rent <sup>2</sup> .....	159.2	2.6	.2	165.4	3.8	.5	167.8	3.5	.7	155.9	5.0	.0
Fuel and other utilities .....	124.7	6.6	.1	116.9	4.8	.3	127.5	3.0	-.1	136.4	2.2	.8
Fuels .....	115.2	8.9	.1	103.2	6.8	.1	112.7	2.8	-.2	112.2	.2	1.6
Fuel oil and other household fuel commodities .....	92.7	10.8	4.9	87.9	8.8	4.1	95.6	11.6	4.6	91.5	8.8	2.0
Fuel oil .....	92.5	12.1	6.1	92.3	9.6	4.1	88.5	11.7	5.2	92.7	15.0	2.8
Other household fuel commodities <sup>3</sup> .....	116.3	9.5	3.7	118.6	8.3	4.2	128.3	11.3	3.8	125.9	1.1	1.0
Gas (piped) and electricity (energy services) .....	119.0	8.9	-.1	109.2	6.7	-.2	121.6	2.4	-.4	120.8	-.2	1.6
Electricity .....	135.8	-.2	-.5	130.1	2.2	.0	134.5	-.4	-1.5	139.0	2.6	.9
Utility (piped) gas .....	103.7	22.4	.4	90.9	14.3	-.2	105.0	7.9	1.5	101.7	-.4	2.6
Household furnishings and operation .....	116.1	.5	.1	123.7	2.7	.3	131.8	1.1	.2	124.1	.2	.5
Apparel and upkeep .....	126.5	-.4	2.2	133.2	1.5	5.0	125.9	-2.3	1.5	136.7	-2.6	1.0
Apparel commodities .....	125.0	-.4	2.3	130.8	1.6	5.7	122.0	-2.7	1.6	135.9	-2.9	1.1
Men's and boys' apparel .....	123.0	-.1	.8	135.6	11.9	7.9	119.3	-3.6	2.8	134.0	-.2	5.8
Women's and girls' apparel .....	115.5	-10.5	5.5	141.1	-2.8	6.1	123.1	-5.5	.6	132.4	-2.4	3.8
Footwear .....	131.7	1.6	-1.1	107.3	3.1	1.0	125.0	1.8	2.0	157.2	-8.1	-7.7
Transportation .....	141.2	3.6	.6	141.6	3.5	1.1	140.6	3.8	.8	139.8	3.8	.6
Private transportation .....	139.4	3.6	.6	139.4	3.4	1.1	138.7	3.7	.7	135.7	4.0	.5
Motor fuel .....	108.6	8.8	1.8	107.9	7.5	2.8	105.0	8.4	2.3	106.2	11.9	1.9
Gasoline .....	108.5	8.8	1.8	108.1	7.2	3.0	104.9	8.3	2.4	105.3	11.9	1.5
Gasoline, unleaded regular .....	107.4	9.0	1.8	105.2	7.8	3.1	103.3	8.6	2.4	101.6	11.6	.8
Gasoline, unleaded midgrade <sup>4</sup> .....	117.2	7.8	1.2	117.5	7.3	2.9	119.3	9.3	3.5	124.5	13.2	2.6
Gasoline, unleaded premium .....	109.3	7.4	1.4	113.4	5.8	2.2	104.6	7.2	1.2	108.5	12.1	2.2
Public transportation .....	170.3	4.5	.4	237.5	5.2	.5	214.3	6.2	3.7	292.6	.0	1.5
Medical care .....	223.0	2.9	.2	221.0	4.6	.1	234.4	3.2	.1	213.8	2.3	.0
Entertainment .....	158.9	3.0	.3	146.4	2.4	-.3	165.1	4.4	-.2	146.7	3.4	.3
Other goods and services .....	213.1	2.7	1.2	210.5	2.4	.5	202.3	4.4	.4	200.0	5.1	1.3
Personal care .....	138.1	1.8	-.6	162.5	7.1	-.1	161.1	2.9	.6	133.1	4.5	.4
<b>Commodity and service group</b>												
All items .....	150.4	2.8	.3	149.5	3.7	.5	152.6	3.2	.5	149.1	3.2	.4
Commodities .....	138.5	2.2	.5	136.4	3.4	1.3	139.2	3.2	.7	139.0	2.8	.7
Food and beverages .....	153.8	3.9	.1	149.4	4.6	1.2	151.8	4.1	.6	146.1	4.2	.4
Commodities less food and beverages .....	129.6	1.1	.9	129.6	2.8	1.3	132.3	2.6	.6	135.0	1.9	.7
Nondurables less food and beverages .....	134.2	1.1	1.3	131.6	3.6	2.3	131.7	3.1	1.1	136.8	3.4	1.3
Durables .....	123.4	1.1	.2	125.9	1.5	-.1	131.1	1.9	.1	128.4	-.2	.2
Services .....	164.9	3.4	.2	165.4	3.8	-.2	170.8	3.1	.3	162.6	3.7	.2
Medical care services .....	226.5	3.2	.2	222.2	4.5	.0	241.5	3.2	.0	216.1	3.2	.3
<b>Special indexes</b>												
All items less shelter .....	148.8	3.0	.5	146.6	3.6	1.0	149.0	3.1	.5	147.8	2.9	.6
All items less medical care .....	147.2	2.8	.3	146.1	3.5	.6	149.2	3.1	.5	145.6	3.3	.5
All items less energy .....	156.2	2.3	.3	157.0	3.3	.4	159.6	2.9	.4	154.6	3.0	.3
All items less food and energy .....	157.0	1.9	.4	158.9	3.0	.3	162.0	2.6	.3	157.0	2.7	.3
Energy .....	111.8	8.9	1.0	103.8	7.1	1.4	107.7	5.5	1.1	109.2	5.5	1.8
Commodities less food .....	130.9	1.2	.8	130.1	2.8	1.4	133.5	2.6	.7	135.8	1.9	.7
Nondurables less food .....	135.9	1.3	1.1	132.3	3.8	2.4	133.5	3.0	1.1	138.2	3.3	1.2
Nondurables .....	144.3	2.6	.6	140.3	4.2	1.7	141.5	3.7	.9	142.0	3.8	.8
Services less rent of shelter <sup>2</sup> .....	158.5	4.2	.4	156.0	3.8	.5	156.5	3.0	.2	153.6	2.9	.5
Services less medical care services .....	159.9	3.4	.2	160.5	3.6	-.2	165.2	3.1	.3	156.8	3.8	.3

See footnotes at end of table.

**Table 20. Consumer Price Index for Urban Wage Earners and Clerical Workers (CPI-W): Cross classification of regions and population size classes,<sup>1</sup> by expenditure category and commodity and service group—Continued**

(1982-84=100, unless otherwise noted)

Group	South											
	Size class A			Size class B			Size class C			Size class D		
	Index	Percent change from—		Index	Percent change from—		Index	Percent change from—		Index	Percent change from—	
	Sept. 1996	Sept. 1995	Aug. 1996	Sept. 1996	Sept. 1995	Aug. 1996	Sept. 1996	Sept. 1995	Aug. 1996	Sept. 1996	Sept. 1995	Aug. 1996
<b>Expenditure category</b>												
All items .....	151.7	3.0	0.2	153.6	3.3	0.3	154.4	3.3	0.3	153.9	3.4	0.5
All items (December 1977 = 100) .....	245.8	-	-	249.0	-	-	249.9	-	-	249.1	-	-
<b>Food and beverages</b> .....	152.8	4.0	.3	154.2	4.5	.7	154.2	4.8	.5	150.1	6.3	.8
Food .....	152.9	3.9	.3	154.4	4.7	.7	154.3	4.9	.5	150.1	6.2	.7
Food at home .....	153.1	4.9	.4	154.8	5.9	.8	153.3	5.9	.4	147.7	7.3	.8
Cereals and bakery products .....	164.4	3.0	-1.3	171.7	4.3	-.3	166.3	5.5	-.8	182.5	7.8	.2
Meats, poultry, fish, and eggs .....	144.5	7.7	1.8	145.2	7.2	1.3	142.8	9.1	.9	142.1	8.4	.9
Dairy products .....	152.5	12.4	.8	148.7	14.8	2.1	147.2	12.3	1.5	135.1	13.2	.2
Fruits and vegetables .....	186.9	4.1	.4	199.6	3.0	1.2	179.4	2.9	.6	167.6	3.4	1.9
Other food at home .....	137.9	-.7	-.9	137.7	3.5	.1	149.1	1.9	-.1	133.0	5.4	.9
Food away from home .....	154.3	2.7	.3	154.7	2.7	.3	157.5	2.7	.6	156.3	3.7	.5
Alcoholic beverages .....	150.7	4.3	.2	151.5	3.6	.3	152.9	2.4	-.1	148.0	5.6	.8
Housing .....	142.5	3.1	.1	147.4	3.7	-.1	145.3	3.4	.1	149.4	4.5	.6
Shelter .....	152.5	3.0	.0	153.0	4.3	-.3	155.2	3.3	.2	172.9	5.0	.3
Renters' costs <sup>2</sup> .....	144.3	3.0	-.4	158.7	4.3	-2.0	140.0	3.2	-.4	150.5	4.8	-.5
Rent, residential .....	152.1	2.8	.2	153.8	4.3	.5	146.1	3.3	.3	155.2	4.4	.5
Other renters' costs .....	181.9	3.9	-5.2	262.9	4.3	-10.0	171.0	2.6	-4.3	194.4	6.4	-4.9
Homeowners' costs <sup>2</sup> .....	146.9	3.1	.3	149.7	4.3	.5	144.4	3.4	.3	158.9	5.1	.6
Owners' equivalent rent <sup>2</sup> .....	146.8	2.9	.3	149.8	4.3	.4	144.1	3.5	.4	157.7	5.1	.6
Fuel and other utilities .....	126.1	6.3	.2	147.1	3.8	.3	146.1	5.8	-.1	128.1	5.1	1.3
Fuels .....	118.6	8.5	.3	122.2	3.1	.6	142.1	8.8	-.4	113.1	5.1	2.1
Fuel oil and other household fuel commodities .....	95.5	7.9	2.4	104.7	6.0	2.3	123.6	7.0	.1	93.2	12.4	6.8
Fuel oil .....	91.9	10.3	3.0	92.7	8.5	1.4	75.4	1.6	-3.5	92.6	14.7	7.2
Other household fuel commodities <sup>3</sup> .....	128.2	5.3	1.7	132.2	4.4	3.0	149.9	7.4	.3	115.7	11.3	6.6
Gas (piped) and electricity (energy services) .....	122.9	8.5	.2	123.4	2.8	.5	144.4	8.8	-.5	118.6	4.5	1.7
Electricity .....	126.8	9.2	.6	125.5	1.0	.3	151.9	10.2	-.3	123.5	4.0	2.1
Utility (piped) gas .....	109.0	5.9	-1.0	118.4	13.6	1.2	122.1	1.9	-1.4	97.2	9.5	-2.6
Household furnishings and operation .....	129.1	.0	.1	133.0	1.8	.1	115.1	.1	.3	117.9	2.1	.0
Apparel and upkeep .....	143.0	-1.5	.6	132.5	-3.5	1.9	148.5	2.4	2.6	123.2	-7.3	.7
Apparel commodities .....	138.5	-1.6	.7	127.6	-4.0	2.2	146.7	2.4	2.9	117.5	-8.8	.9
Men's and boys' apparel .....	139.1	-.7	-.8	128.2	-3.8	1.1	135.4	2.4	1.3	108.4	-4.8	-3.8
Women's and girls' apparel .....	134.5	-3.7	.9	129.6	-5.9	4.0	148.1	7.6	6.2	129.4	-8.6	2.8
Footwear .....	133.8	3.2	2.1	124.4	2.0	3.9	128.8	-4.0	-.1	100.5	-4.0	6.2
Transportation .....	142.6	3.3	.0	141.6	2.5	.2	141.6	1.9	.0	141.8	1.6	.0
Private transportation .....	142.2	3.3	-.1	140.8	2.5	.1	140.3	1.9	-.1	140.8	1.7	-.1
Motor fuel .....	107.1	7.1	-.6	103.9	7.6	-.4	104.8	5.1	.0	98.3	5.1	.0
Gasoline .....	106.4	7.0	-.7	103.6	7.7	-.4	105.3	4.7	-.4	97.3	4.4	-.4
Gasoline, unleaded regular .....	104.3	7.4	-.8	101.1	8.4	-.7	101.1	4.9	-.3	92.9	4.3	-.4
Gasoline, unleaded midgrade <sup>4</sup> .....	108.3	6.8	-1.1	109.0	7.4	-.5	113.7	4.6	-1.0	115.6	4.6	-.4
Gasoline, unleaded premium .....	108.4	6.9	-.6	106.1	7.1	-.1	109.6	4.0	-.2	104.4	4.6	-.1
Public transportation .....	147.6	3.8	1.0	172.8	1.5	2.7	190.9	1.0	2.0	170.5	2.5	2.0
Medical care .....	229.2	2.6	.1	223.5	3.5	.2	232.4	2.8	.2	226.0	2.5	.0
Entertainment .....	161.8	4.5	.3	152.0	2.6	.2	152.1	2.8	.0	145.4	4.8	1.0
Other goods and services .....	198.1	2.6	.8	221.8	5.8	1.2	206.2	4.0	.0	205.4	2.8	1.1
Personal care .....	147.0	3.1	1.4	150.3	1.8	.2	139.1	.2	.2	124.9	-.6	.2
<b>Commodity and service group</b>												
All items .....	151.7	3.0	.2	153.6	3.3	.3	154.4	3.3	.3	153.9	3.4	.5
Commodities .....	140.7	2.4	.2	140.7	2.8	.6	142.4	2.8	.4	137.1	2.5	.4
Food and beverages .....	152.8	4.0	.3	154.2	4.5	.7	154.2	4.8	.5	150.1	6.3	.8
Commodities less food and beverages .....	133.7	1.4	.1	133.2	1.6	.4	135.4	1.8	.4	129.7	.3	.2
Nondurables less food and beverages .....	134.4	1.8	.1	134.4	2.3	.7	137.2	3.1	.8	127.7	.1	.4
Durables .....	132.4	.7	-.1	130.0	.8	.2	132.5	.2	.0	130.1	.5	-.3
Services .....	165.1	3.6	.2	169.1	3.9	.2	169.8	3.7	.2	175.9	4.1	.6
Medical care services .....	234.0	2.8	.2	229.4	3.4	.3	239.3	3.1	.2	229.7	3.1	.0
<b>Special indexes</b>												
All items less shelter .....	152.0	3.0	.3	154.5	3.0	.5	154.2	3.3	.3	149.5	3.0	.5
All items less medical care .....	147.8	3.0	.1	149.8	3.3	.3	149.7	3.2	.3	148.6	3.5	.5
All items less energy .....	157.8	2.6	.3	159.4	3.2	.4	159.9	2.8	.3	161.2	3.2	.4
All items less food and energy .....	159.0	2.3	.2	160.6	2.8	.3	161.4	2.4	.3	164.2	2.5	.4
Energy .....	111.7	7.8	-.2	110.1	5.3	-.1	120.4	7.1	-.2	103.3	5.1	1.2
Commodities less food .....	134.3	1.5	.1	133.8	1.7	.5	135.9	1.8	.4	130.1	.5	.1
Nondurables less food .....	135.2	2.1	.2	135.1	2.3	.7	137.9	3.1	.8	128.4	.5	.4
Nondurables .....	143.6	2.9	.2	144.4	3.4	.6	145.7	3.9	.6	138.9	3.3	.7
Services less rent of shelter <sup>2</sup> .....	163.2	4.1	.3	168.5	3.4	.6	169.5	3.8	.2	165.3	3.5	.8
Services less medical care services .....	158.9	3.7	.3	163.0	3.9	.2	161.9	3.7	.2	168.1	4.3	.7

See footnotes at end of table.

**Table 20. Consumer Price Index for Urban Wage Earners and Clerical Workers (CPI-W): Cross classification of regions and population size classes,<sup>1</sup> by expenditure category and commodity and service group—Continued**

(1982-84=100, unless otherwise noted)

Group	West					
	Size class A			Size class C		
	Index	Percent change from—		Index	Percent change from—	
		Sept. 1996	Sept. 1995		Aug. 1996	Sept. 1996
<b>Expenditure category</b>						
All items .....	154.0	2.7	0.4	159.9	3.5	0.3
All items (December 1977=100) .....	249.2	-	-	246.6	-	-
Food and beverages .....	156.2	3.7	.5	152.6	3.8	.9
Food .....	155.5	3.7	.4	152.2	3.5	.9
Food at home .....	159.2	4.9	.6	150.0	3.9	1.2
Cereals and bakery products .....	175.7	3.3	-1.1	167.3	8.3	2.4
Meats, poultry, fish, and eggs .....	149.9	6.7	1.1	137.4	4.0	1.3
Dairy products .....	161.3	11.6	1.3	142.8	10.2	1.9
Fruits and vegetables .....	186.5	3.2	1.0	187.8	.4	.3
Other food at home .....	143.9	2.1	.6	136.9	1.0	.7
Food away from home .....	150.0	1.8	.1	156.2	2.9	.4
Alcoholic beverages .....	162.0	3.3	.3	159.4	5.9	1.5
Housing .....	151.7	2.2	.3	159.4	3.8	.2
Shelter .....	161.1	2.7	.1	180.0	5.0	.5
Renters' costs <sup>2</sup> .....	157.2	3.3	.1	157.4	4.5	.4
Rent, residential .....	166.0	2.3	.2	163.1	4.0	.6
Other renters' costs .....	223.7	8.9	-.7	213.8	7.2	.1
Homeowners' costs <sup>2</sup> .....	159.2	2.5	.2	181.0	5.2	.6
Owners' equivalent rent <sup>2</sup> .....	159.0	2.4	.3	182.0	5.2	.6
Fuel and other utilities .....	141.1	.5	.1	128.2	.6	-.1
Fuels .....	134.4	-2.3	.1	109.3	-1.5	-.2
Fuel oil and other household fuel commodities <sup>5</sup> .....	104.9	6.9	6.5	265.0	7.8	2.6
Fuel oil <sup>5</sup> .....	105.7	17.3	12.1	350.1	14.2	1.9
Other household fuel commodities <sup>3</sup> .....	134.8	.7	3.1	114.0	6.0	2.8
Gas (piped) and electricity (energy services) .....	136.4	-2.5	-.1	108.1	-1.8	-.2
Electricity .....	154.2	-.3	.0	122.5	.9	-.3
Utility (piped) gas .....	116.5	-7.5	-.3	91.6	-6.8	-.1
Household furnishings and operation .....	126.1	.6	1.4	121.3	1.8	-.1
Apparel and upkeep .....	124.4	1.6	2.8	137.7	-.4	-.1
Apparel commodities .....	119.8	1.3	3.3	136.6	-.4	-.1
Men's and boys' apparel .....	121.3	4.2	.4	154.5	10.3	3.3
Women's and girls' apparel .....	107.7	1.4	3.1	127.6	-6.3	-5.0
Footwear .....	128.6	3.1	2.1	121.6	-4.7	1.2
Transportation .....	142.9	3.1	-.2	142.7	3.3	.2
Private transportation .....	140.3	2.9	-.4	141.6	3.5	.1
Motor fuel .....	107.3	4.5	-3.1	113.7	11.7	.2
Gasoline .....	106.2	3.7	-3.4	112.3	11.1	-.7
Gasoline, unleaded regular .....	103.1	3.4	-3.6	108.8	11.0	-.7
Gasoline, unleaded midgrade <sup>4</sup> .....	101.6	3.4	-3.4	120.8	13.0	-.1
Gasoline, unleaded premium .....	108.5	2.1	-2.7	111.3	9.9	-.1
Public transportation .....	190.8	5.1	1.7	168.1	-.2	1.0
Medical care .....	224.7	3.6	.0	237.1	2.9	-.3
Entertainment .....	151.1	2.1	.4	168.5	2.6	1.3
Other goods and services .....	220.3	2.8	.9	223.7	6.8	.4
Personal care .....	161.8	2.1	-.6	153.9	2.9	-2.2
<b>Commodity and service group</b>						
All items .....	154.0	2.7	.4	159.9	3.5	.3
Commodities .....	139.4	2.7	.4	141.1	3.3	.1
Food and beverages .....	156.2	3.7	.5	152.6	3.8	.9
Commodities less food and beverages .....	129.2	2.0	.5	134.5	3.1	-.3
Nondurables less food and beverages .....	130.6	2.5	.5	141.2	4.4	-.6
Durables .....	127.8	1.3	.5	126.5	1.5	.1
Services .....	169.2	2.7	.3	182.5	3.8	.3
Medical care services .....	227.1	3.3	.0	243.4	2.8	-.3
<b>Special indexes</b>						
All items less shelter .....	152.4	2.7	.5	154.0	3.0	.2
All items less medical care .....	151.0	2.7	.4	155.8	3.6	.3
All items less energy .....	158.5	2.8	.5	165.7	3.4	.3
All items less food and energy .....	159.4	2.6	.6	168.7	3.3	.1
Energy .....	116.0	1.5	-1.8	112.0	6.0	.0
Commodities less food .....	130.8	2.1	.5	135.5	3.3	-.1
Nondurables less food .....	132.9	2.5	.4	141.5	4.5	-.3
Nondurables .....	144.0	3.2	.4	147.3	4.0	.2
Services less rent of shelter <sup>2</sup> .....	166.3	2.7	.5	168.5	2.5	.2
Services less medical care services .....	165.3	2.7	.4	176.4	3.9	.5

<sup>1</sup> See region and area size on table 10 for information about cross classifications.

<sup>2</sup> Indexes on a December 1984=100 base.

<sup>3</sup> Indexes on a December 1986=100 base.

<sup>4</sup> Indexes on a December 1993=100 base.

<sup>5</sup> Indexes on a June 1978=100 base in West size class C.

- Data not available.

**Table 21. Consumer Price Index for Urban Wage Earners and Clerical Workers (CPI-W): Food at home expenditure categories, selected areas**

(1982-84=100, unless otherwise noted)

Area	Total food at home	Cereals and bakery products	Meats, poultry, fish, and eggs	Dairy products	Fruits and vegetables	Other food at home
Indexes, September 1996						
U.S. city average .....	155.1	174.3	146.8	146.4	183.2	143.2
<b>Region and area size <sup>1</sup></b>						
Northeast urban .....	158.7	179.9	150.5	137.3	186.3	151.2
Size A - More than 1,200,000 .....	159.2	183.0	151.2	137.4	185.8	150.3
Size B - 500,000 to 1,200,000 .....	162.7	167.0	153.9	142.1	197.1	162.3
Size C - 50,000 to 500,000 .....	151.3	176.7	146.4	125.2	178.2	142.4
North Central urban .....	151.6	174.0	144.4	146.3	173.2	139.7
Size A - More than 1,200,000 .....	154.2	174.3	150.4	149.6	175.5	138.6
Size B - 360,000 to 1,200,000 .....	151.9	182.8	139.7	152.7	162.2	144.7
Size C - 50,000 to 360,000 .....	149.8	168.6	136.2	139.7	181.5	144.1
Size D - Nonmetropolitan (less than 50,000) .....	143.0	173.0	134.6	138.4	159.1	131.9
South urban .....	152.8	169.5	144.0	147.3	185.3	140.0
Size A - More than 1,200,000 .....	153.1	164.4	144.5	152.5	186.9	137.9
Size B - 450,000 to 1,200,000 .....	154.8	171.7	145.2	148.7	199.6	137.7
Size C - 50,000 to 450,000 .....	153.3	166.3	142.8	147.2	179.4	149.1
Size D - Nonmetropolitan (less than 50,000) .....	147.7	182.5	142.1	135.1	167.6	133.0
West urban .....	158.0	173.2	148.4	157.0	188.8	143.2
Size A - More than 1,200,000 .....	159.2	175.7	149.9	161.3	186.5	143.9
Size C - 50,000 to 330,000 .....	150.0	167.3	137.4	142.8	187.8	136.9
<b>Size classes</b>						
A <sup>2</sup> .....	143.4	156.1	136.5	141.4	167.4	131.3
B .....	156.8	172.9	147.9	149.3	190.6	144.5
C .....	151.5	169.2	141.0	139.7	181.2	144.9
D .....	148.5	178.1	137.4	140.3	170.8	138.7
<b>Selected local areas</b>						
Baltimore, MD .....	160.8	184.3	141.4	160.0	199.8	149.4
Boston-Lawrence-Salem, MA-NH .....	153.9	174.5	148.8	139.6	184.7	137.4
Chicago-Gary-Lake County, IL-IN-WI .....	163.4	179.3	167.5	161.7	182.0	140.7
Cleveland-Akron-Lorain, OH .....	151.9	172.8	152.7	148.9	170.4	129.5
Dallas-Fort Worth, TX .....	145.9	156.9	140.9	151.0	159.7	135.5
Detroit-Ann Arbor, MI .....	148.4	170.3	143.3	130.0	181.8	133.4
Houston-Galveston-Brazoria, TX .....	152.7	165.2	145.6	143.9	177.4	145.3
Los Angeles-Anaheim-Riverside, CA .....	164.0	174.0	156.8	170.7	193.1	145.4
Miami-Fort Lauderdale, FL .....	161.5	162.1	142.5	153.9	244.7	135.1
N.Y.-Northern N.J.-Long Island, NY-NJ-CT .....	161.7	185.9	153.7	137.7	189.3	151.4
Phil.-Wilmington-Trenton, PA-NJ-DE-MD .....	160.6	187.4	150.5	136.0	186.6	156.1
Pittsburgh-Beaver Valley, PA .....	148.2	157.5	142.6	139.6	160.2	146.8
St. Louis-East St. Louis, MO-IL .....	146.3	153.2	131.4	152.3	167.8	146.4
San Francisco-Oakland-San Jose, CA .....	161.1	170.7	151.7	160.8	185.0	150.4
Washington, DC-MD-VA .....	157.7	179.4	146.9	159.4	181.5	143.3

See footnotes at end of table.

**Table 21. Consumer Price Index for Urban Wage Earners and Clerical Workers (CPI-W): Food at home expenditure categories, selected areas—Continued**

Area	Total food at home	Cereals and bakery products	Meats, poultry, fish, and eggs	Dairy products	Fruits and vegetables	Other food at home
Percent change, August 1996 to September 1996						
U.S. city average .....	0.6	-0.3	1.0	1.5	0.8	0.3
<b>Region and area size <sup>1</sup></b>						
Northeast urban .....	.9	.8	.7	2.4	1.0	.3
Size A - More than 1,200,000 .....	1.2	1.6	1.3	2.1	1.1	.7
Size B - 500,000 to 1,200,000 .....	.6	-.8	-.4	3.2	3.8	-.9
Size C - 50,000 to 500,000 .....	-.1	-1.0	-.7	3.3	-1.4	.8
North Central urban .....	.3	-.9	.9	.8	.2	.3
Size A - More than 1,200,000 .....	-.1	-1.3	.8	.7	-1.5	.3
Size B - 360,000 to 1,200,000 .....	1.6	1.3	2.0	1.2	3.1	.8
Size C - 50,000 to 360,000 .....	.8	-1.2	.9	.4	3.4	.1
Size D - Nonmetropolitan (less than 50,000) .....	.4	-.3	.7	1.6	-.1	.5
South urban .....	.6	-.6	1.3	1.2	.8	-.1
Size A - More than 1,200,000 .....	.4	-1.3	1.8	.8	.4	-.9
Size B - 450,000 to 1,200,000 .....	.8	-.3	1.3	2.1	1.2	.1
Size C - 50,000 to 450,000 .....	.4	-.8	.9	1.5	.6	-.1
Size D - Nonmetropolitan (less than 50,000) .....	.8	.2	.9	.2	1.9	.9
West urban .....	.9	-.3	1.4	1.3	1.1	.5
Size A - More than 1,200,000 .....	.6	-1.1	1.1	1.3	1.0	.6
Size C - 50,000 to 330,000 .....	1.2	2.4	1.3	1.9	.3	.7
<b>Size classes</b>						
A .....	.6	-.4	1.2	1.3	.3	.3
B .....	1.1	.1	1.2	2.1	2.4	-.1
C .....	.5	-.6	.6	1.6	1.0	.3
D .....	.5	.0	.6	.9	.2	.7
<b>Selected local areas</b>						
Baltimore, MD .....	1.3	-5.3	4.4	.8	8.9	-2.4
Boston-Lawrence-Salem, MA-NH .....	.3	.6	-.5	2.6	1.9	-1.4
Chicago-Gary-Lake County, IL-IN-WI .....	.9	-.9	3.0	1.4	-1.4	.4
Cleveland-Akron-Lorain, OH .....	.8	-.4	2.1	-.1	-1.8	2.2
Dallas-Fort Worth, TX .....	1.4	-3.2	2.8	2.5	3.8	-.1
Detroit-Ann Arbor, MI .....	-.5	-3.6	1.4	-2.5	.1	-.1
Houston-Galveston-Brazoria, TX .....	-.4	1.0	.7	.2	-1.7	-1.7
Los Angeles-Anaheim-Riverside, CA .....	1.1	-.8	2.0	.4	2.0	.8
Miami-Fort Lauderdale, FL .....	1.3	2.3	1.7	.7	2.8	-1.2
N.Y.-Northern N.J.-Long Island, NY-NJ-CT .....	1.9	2.9	1.9	2.8	1.8	.7
Phil.-Wilmington-Trenton, PA-NJ-DE-MD .....	.2	-.4	.4	.6	-.6	1.1
Pittsburgh-Beaver Valley, PA .....	.1	-.4	1.4	.8	-1.4	-.4
St. Louis-East St. Louis, MO-IL .....	1.2	-.6	2.0	4.9	-2.6	1.9
San Francisco-Oakland-San Jose, CA .....	.3	-2.5	-.1	1.8	1.8	.2
Washington, DC-MD-VA .....	.6	.2	.5	-.3	2.0	.6

<sup>1</sup> Regions defined as the four Census regions. See map in technical notes.

<sup>2</sup> Indexes on a December 1986=100 base.

**Table 22. Consumer Price Index for Urban Wage Earners and Clerical Workers (CPI-W): Areas priced monthly, by expenditure category and commodity and service group, percent change, August 1996 to September 1996**

Group	U.S. city average	Chicago-Gary-Lake County, IL-IN-WI	Los Angeles-Anaheim-Riverside, CA	N.Y.-Northern N.J.-Long Island, NY-NJ-CT	Phil.-Wilmington-Trenton, PA-NJ-DE-MD	San Francisco-Oakland-San Jose, CA
<b>Expenditure category</b>						
All items .....	0.4	0.2	0.5	0.7	0.4	0.5
Food and beverages .....	.5	.6	.6	1.2	.1	.3
Food .....	.5	.7	.7	1.2	.1	.2
Food at home .....	.6	.9	1.1	1.9	.2	.3
Cereals and bakery products .....	-.3	-.9	-.8	2.9	-.4	-2.5
Meats, poultry, fish, and eggs .....	1.0	3.0	2.0	1.9	.4	-.1
Meats, poultry, and fish .....	.9	3.0	1.9	1.9	.2	-.2
Dairy products .....	1.5	1.4	.4	2.8	.6	1.8
Fruits and vegetables .....	.8	-1.4	2.0	1.8	-.6	1.8
Other food at home .....	.3	.4	.8	.7	1.1	.2
Food away from home .....	.2	.3	.1	.0	-.2	.1
Alcoholic beverages .....	.4	.5	.2	.6	.1	.8
Housing .....	.1	-.2	.5	-.1	.5	.2
Shelter .....	-.1	-.1	.3	-.1	.7	.1
Renters' costs .....	-.8	-.7	.0	-.9	2.2	.4
Rent, residential .....	.2	.3	.1	.2	.2	.3
Other renters' costs .....	-5.1	-7.5	-.5	-8.0	5.3	1.0
Homeowners' costs .....	.3	.2	.3	.3	.1	-.1
Owners' equivalent rent .....	.3	.2	.3	.3	.1	-.1
Fuel and other utilities .....	.2	-.1	.1	.5	.3	.0
Fuels .....	.3	-.6	.0	.7	.5	.1
Fuel oil and other household fuel commodities .....	3.6	2.8	.7	4.5	3.8	7.4
Fuel oil .....	4.8	4.2	-	4.9	3.9	5.5
Other household fuel commodities .....	1.5	.0	.7	1.0	-	7.5
Gas (piped) and electricity (energy services) .....	.0	-.7	.0	-.3	.0	.0
Electricity .....	.1	-2.0	.0	.1	.0	.0
Utility (piped) gas .....	.0	.7	.0	-1.2	.1	.0
Household furnishings and operation .....	.2	-.9	2.4	-.8	-.5	.9
Apparel and upkeep .....	2.4	.5	2.4	6.6	1.8	6.6
Apparel commodities .....	2.7	.5	2.9	7.3	2.0	7.4
Men's and boys' apparel .....	1.0	-.7	-.3	1.0	-.9	4.3
Women's and girls' apparel .....	4.1	2.5	5.7	10.3	7.3	-2.9
Footwear .....	1.3	-2.9	3.7	4.3	-.7	4.6
Transportation .....	.2	.1	-.4	.5	.3	-.3
Private transportation .....	.1	.4	-.6	.3	.2	-.7
Motor fuel .....	-.1	.7	-4.1	-.5	-1.4	-3.8
Gasoline .....	-.2	.8	-4.8	-.5	-1.5	-3.9
Gasoline, unleaded regular .....	-.3	.9	-5.3	-.7	-2.4	-3.9
Gasoline, unleaded midgrade <sup>1</sup> .....	-.5	.7	-5.5	-.4	-2.1	-4.2
Gasoline, unleaded premium .....	-.3	.6	-3.1	.0	-1.1	-3.9
Public transportation .....	1.3	-1.9	1.8	1.5	1.6	3.0
Medical care .....	.1	.3	.0	.1	-.2	-.3
Entertainment .....	.3	-.4	.5	.8	.6	1.0
Other goods and services .....	.8	1.6	1.4	.5	.9	.8
Personal care .....	.3	-1.8	.7	.2	3.4	-2.8
<b>Commodity and service group</b>						
All items .....	.4	.2	.5	.7	.4	.5
Commodities .....	.6	.4	.6	1.5	.4	.6
Food and beverages .....	.5	.6	.6	1.2	.1	.3
Commodities less food and beverages .....	.6	.3	.6	1.8	.5	.9
Nondurables less food and beverages .....	.9	.5	.5	2.6	.9	1.1
Durables .....	.2	.0	.7	.3	-.2	.5
Services .....	.2	.0	.4	.2	.5	.4
Medical care services .....	.1	.3	.0	.2	-.1	.1
<b>Special indexes</b>						
All items less shelter .....	.5	.3	.6	1.1	.3	.7
All items less medical care .....	.4	.2	.5	.7	.5	.5
All items less energy .....	.4	.3	.7	.8	.5	.6
All items less food and energy .....	.4	.1	.6	.6	.6	.8
Energy .....	.2	.1	-2.4	.3	-.3	-2.1
Commodities less food .....	.6	.4	.5	1.7	.5	.9
Nondurables less food .....	.9	.5	.5	2.4	.8	1.1
Nondurables .....	.6	.6	.6	1.7	.4	.6
Services less rent of shelter .....	.4	.1	.5	.4	.3	.8
Services less medical care services .....	.2	-.1	.4	.2	.6	.5

<sup>1</sup> Indexes on a December 1993=100 base.

- Data not available.

**Table 23. Consumer Price Index for Urban Wage Earners and Clerical Workers (CPI-W): Selected areas, by expenditure category and commodity and service group**

(1982-84=100, unless otherwise noted)

Group	Monthly cities and pricing schedule 1											
	U.S. city average			Baltimore, MD			Boston-Lawrence-Salem, MA-NH			Chicago-Gary-Lake County, IL-IN-WI		
	Index	Percent change from—		Index	Percent change from—		Index	Percent change from—		Index	Percent change from—	
	Sept. 1996	Sept. 1995	July 1996	Sept. 1996	Sept. 1995	July 1996	Sept. 1996	Sept. 1995	July 1996	Sept. 1996	Sept. 1995	July 1996
<b>Expenditure category</b>												
All items .....	155.1	3.0	0.5	154.4	2.4	-0.1	162.1	3.0	0.7	153.2	2.8	0.3
All items (1967=100) .....	461.9	-	-	460.3	-	-	468.6	-	-	449.9	-	-
<b>Food and beverages</b> .....	154.5	3.8	.9	158.4	1.0	-9	157.0	3.3	.6	157.7	4.5	.9
Food .....	154.1	3.8	.9	159.1	.6	-1.0	156.7	3.2	.4	156.6	4.7	1.0
Food at home .....	155.1	4.5	1.2	160.8	.9	-1.2	153.9	3.5	.3	163.4	5.6	1.2
Cereals and bakery products .....	174.3	3.6	-1	184.3	-5.2	-4.5	174.5	1.5	1.4	179.3	3.5	-9
Meats, poultry, fish, and eggs .....	146.8	5.5	2.2	141.4	.1	-2	148.8	6.8	.0	167.5	6.8	3.2
Meats, poultry, and fish .....	147.0	4.9	1.9	142.9	-1.0	-8	149.4	6.4	-1	170.4	6.5	2.8
Dairy products .....	146.4	10.8	3.2	160.0	11.0	2.9	139.6	9.0	5.0	161.7	11.0	1.6
Fruits and vegetables .....	183.2	3.2	-1	199.8	6.8	2.6	184.7	.6	-2.5	182.0	6.5	-3
Other food at home .....	143.2	1.8	.4	149.4	-2.4	-4.3	137.4	-8	.1	140.7	2.1	.4
Food away from home .....	153.4	2.6	.5	155.9	-1	-8	163.5	2.8	.9	143.7	2.6	.6
Alcoholic beverages .....	158.9	3.3	.7	149.8	5.4	-3	161.5	3.6	1.4	171.9	3.5	.1
<b>Housing</b> .....	150.8	2.9	.3	144.7	1.7	-3	154.5	3.5	.5	146.8	3.4	.3
Shelter .....	167.2	3.0	.2	159.8	1.3	-2	180.8	4.5	.9	166.1	2.6	.1
Renters' costs 2 .....	158.1	3.1	-6	144.6	1.2	-1.6	163.8	3.5	-3	162.8	2.7	-6
Rent, residential .....	162.6	2.8	.4	159.9	1.3	.5	171.0	4.5	.5	176.9	3.0	.6
Other renters' costs .....	215.0	4.6	-4.9	131.0	.4	-16.4	215.3	-4	-3.8	172.6	.2	-8.4
Homeowners' costs 2 .....	161.9	3.0	.6	151.2	1.3	.5	165.2	5.1	1.5	167.2	2.6	.4
Owners' equivalent rent 2 .....	162.2	3.0	.6	152.3	1.3	.5	165.1	5.1	1.5	166.4	2.7	.4
<b>Fuel and other utilities</b> .....	129.5	4.0	.6	126.9	5.0	.4	117.2	1.8	.7	125.4	11.7	2.0
Fuels .....	117.9	4.6	.8	123.4	4.8	.4	94.5	2.5	.9	117.4	16.5	-5
Fuel oil and other household fuel commodities .....	95.4	10.3	3.6	90.2	14.3	5.6	90.4	10.4	2.7	95.5	4.6	2.5
Fuel oil .....	93.9	12.6	4.9	93.3	14.2	5.5	92.2	11.4	3.1	96.7	6.1	4.2
Other household fuel commodities 3 .....	123.4	6.4	1.3	NA	-	-	101.0	.0	.0	118.5	1.4	-9
Gas (piped) and electricity (energy services) .....	125.7	4.1	.5	146.0	4.0	-1	111.4	.5	.3	121.2	16.5	-6
Electricity .....	137.9	2.9	.8	163.1	.2	-2	138.6	.7	.4	132.1	1.5	-2.6
Utility (piped) gas .....	106.8	7.0	-3	109.3	18.4	.2	75.9	.1	.0	111.3	38.6	1.7
Household furnishings and operation .....	123.6	.9	.3	125.3	-3	-9	113.9	-1.1	-2.4	110.5	-2.4	-4
<b>Apparel and upkeep</b> .....	130.6	-8	2.1	128.8	6.5	.5	151.8	-5	4.0	118.4	-8.6	-2
Apparel commodities .....	127.2	-1.0	2.3	123.0	6.9	.4	142.1	-4	4.3	118.1	-9.3	-3
Men's and boys' apparel .....	127.0	.5	1.8	125.7	5.8	1.5	136.2	5.2	1.8	112.8	-2.8	-7
Women's and girls' apparel .....	122.2	-2.6	3.5	108.9	4.6	1.4	115.4	-7.6	3.9	103.2	-17.5	.4
Footwear .....	127.8	.2	.8	148.6	7.3	-10.8	143.3	4.4	-5.0	146.6	2.5	-2.5
<b>Transportation</b> .....	142.9	3.2	-3	141.3	2.3	-6	143.5	2.6	.4	137.7	3.4	-5
Private transportation .....	140.7	3.0	-3	141.0	2.2	-8	143.8	2.6	.4	135.7	3.3	-4
Motor fuel .....	106.2	6.4	-2.4	107.1	8.4	-4.2	106.7	4.5	-2.2	107.5	6.6	-2.3
Gasoline .....	105.8	6.1	-2.7	104.8	8.0	-4.5	105.7	4.2	-2.3	107.3	6.7	-2.5
Gasoline, unleaded regular .....	103.6	6.4	-2.9	104.8	8.2	-5.2	103.6	3.5	-2.6	105.5	6.9	-2.6
Gasoline, unleaded midgrade 4 .....	110.2	5.8	-2.7	105.7	8.1	-3.8	109.2	2.3	-2.2	114.2	6.3	-2.1
Gasoline, unleaded premium .....	106.8	4.9	-2.5	103.4	8.2	-3.5	109.3	2.4	-1.8	108.4	6.4	-2.3
Public transportation .....	181.8	5.6	.7	148.3	3.7	.9	138.8	3.4	.1	157.1	4.4	-9
Medical care .....	228.8	3.3	.3	235.3	4.4	.7	275.2	5.8	.7	234.8	2.8	-2
Entertainment .....	157.4	3.1	.4	174.1	3.9	1.5	172.5	2.2	1.2	168.7	4.3	1.5
Other goods and services .....	214.7	3.6	1.5	217.3	4.1	1.5	218.2	1.1	1.2	223.3	2.0	1.0
Personal care .....	150.8	2.2	.5	133.0	3.3	1.4	143.9	3.4	-6	150.3	2.0	-7
<b>Commodity and service group</b>												
All items .....	155.1	3.0	.5	154.4	2.4	-1	162.1	3.0	.7	153.2	2.8	.3
Commodities .....	140.4	2.7	.5	140.9	2.2	-6	141.4	2.7	.7	138.8	1.3	.2
Food and beverages .....	154.5	3.8	.9	158.4	1.0	-9	157.0	3.3	.6	157.7	4.5	.9
Commodities less food and beverages .....	131.7	1.9	.2	131.6	3.1	-4	131.8	2.2	.8	127.1	-9	-2
Nondurables less food and beverages .....	132.8	2.5	.3	134.4	5.2	-3	134.1	1.2	1.0	132.9	-1.5	-8
Durables .....	129.2	1.2	.2	126.0	.2	-6	128.1	4.0	.7	120.4	-1	.6
Services .....	172.8	3.3	.5	173.4	2.5	.3	185.8	3.2	.8	169.4	4.2	.4
Medical care services .....	233.3	3.3	.3	235.8	3.6	.8	286.3	6.0	1.0	237.3	3.5	.3
<b>Special indexes</b>												
All items less shelter .....	151.9	3.0	.6	153.7	2.7	-1	157.5	2.3	.7	149.8	2.9	.4
All items less medical care .....	151.6	3.0	.5	150.7	2.2	-2	157.1	2.8	.8	149.2	2.8	.4
All items less energy .....	161.2	2.8	.6	160.8	2.0	.0	171.9	3.0	.9	159.2	2.2	.5
All items less food and energy .....	163.1	2.6	.6	161.2	2.3	.2	176.0	2.9	1.0	159.8	1.6	.4
Energy .....	111.3	5.5	-8	114.9	6.5	-1.7	98.9	3.2	-5	111.6	11.4	-1.3
Commodities less food .....	132.8	2.0	.3	132.2	3.3	-4	133.0	2.3	1.0	129.1	-6	-2
Nondurables less food .....	134.3	2.5	.4	135.3	5.3	-2	135.2	1.5	1.0	135.7	-9	-7
Nondurables .....	143.9	3.2	.6	145.8	3.0	-6	144.9	2.3	.8	145.8	1.8	.1
Services less rent of shelter 2 .....	164.5	3.6	.7	170.3	3.6	.8	179.5	1.9	.7	161.6	5.8	.7
Services less medical care services .....	167.6	3.3	.5	168.3	2.4	.2	178.0	2.9	.8	163.4	4.3	.4

See footnotes at end of table.

**Table 23. Consumer Price Index for Urban Wage Earners and Clerical Workers (CPI-W): Selected areas, by expenditure category and commodity and service group—Continued**

(1982-84=100, unless otherwise noted)

Group	Monthly cities and pricing schedule 1 <sup>1</sup>											
	Cleveland-Akron-Lorain, OH			Los Angeles-Anaheim-Riverside, CA			Miami-Fort Lauderdale, FL			N.Y.-Northern N.J.-Long Island, NY-NJ-CT		
	Index	Percent change from—		Index	Percent change from—		Index	Percent change from—		Index	Percent change from—	
	Sept. 1996	Sept. 1995	July 1996	Sept. 1996	Sept. 1995	July 1996	Sept. 1996	Sept. 1995	July 1996	Sept. 1996	Sept. 1995	July 1996
<b>Expenditure category</b>												
All items .....	145.8	3.2	1.0	152.7	2.3	0.3	152.6	3.9	1.2	164.4	3.1	1.0
All items (1967=100) <sup>5</sup> .....	455.5	-	-	451.2	-	-	248.0	-	-	468.2	-	-
<b>Food and beverages</b> .....	155.8	4.6	1.6	159.0	3.7	1.0	163.1	4.6	1.4	160.3	2.6	1.0
<b>Food</b> .....	156.6	4.9	1.6	157.0	3.7	1.1	164.0	4.5	1.4	160.1	2.5	.9
<b>Food at home</b> .....	151.9	5.6	1.8	164.0	4.9	1.8	161.5	6.2	1.6	161.7	2.8	1.5
Cereals and bakery products .....	172.8	4.7	3.2	174.0	1.3	-1.5	162.1	10.7	1.4	185.9	3.5	1.2
Meats, poultry, fish, and eggs .....	152.7	10.3	4.4	156.8	7.4	4.1	142.5	3.4	.7	153.7	2.3	2.9
Meats, poultry, and fish .....	153.7	9.6	3.9	153.2	7.1	3.6	144.0	3.0	.2	154.4	1.7	2.8
Dairy products .....	148.9	14.4	.9	170.7	9.7	3.7	153.9	14.4	1.9	137.7	6.8	2.7
Fruits and vegetables .....	170.4	-2.7	-4.3	193.1	3.4	.8	244.7	5.9	2.9	189.3	2.4	-1.5
Other food at home .....	129.5	2.0	2.5	145.4	2.4	.5	135.1	2.7	1.3	151.4	1.5	1.8
<b>Food away from home</b> .....	166.5	3.7	1.4	146.6	1.8	.1	169.9	2.0	1.0	160.7	2.0	.1
Alcoholic beverages .....	148.5	2.0	.5	175.7	3.7	.2	149.5	4.8	1.6	162.2	2.7	1.1
<b>Housing</b> .....	138.7	2.7	.2	149.4	1.6	.6	145.0	3.6	.6	163.1	2.7	.2
Shelter .....	147.8	2.4	-6	155.8	2.1	.5	153.2	2.3	.5	187.0	2.6	.1
Renters' costs <sup>2</sup> .....	158.4	2.5	-4	150.3	2.9	.0	147.1	2.5	.5	170.6	2.8	-.5
Rent, residential .....	157.4	1.6	-4	157.8	1.3	.1	146.2	3.0	.5	179.2	3.0	.3
Other renters' costs .....	196.8	4.6	-3	219.4	12.3	-9	195.2	-5	.4	236.1	1.3	-5.5
Homeowners' costs <sup>2</sup> .....	152.0	2.4	-6	155.4	1.6	.7	152.2	2.3	.6	178.4	2.5	.3
Owners' equivalent rent <sup>2</sup> .....	152.7	2.5	-7	154.9	1.4	.7	149.9	2.2	.6	179.3	2.5	.4
Fuel and other utilities .....	132.6	6.8	2.7	150.9	.0	.2	118.1	5.4	-1	117.1	4.4	.9
Fuels .....	131.5	12.4	6.1	149.6	-2.7	.1	108.8	4.3	.0	117.2	5.3	1.3
Fuel oil and other household fuel commodities .....	94.3	.0	2.4	118.2	2.8	6.3	162.0	.2	.0	101.6	10.7	5.3
Fuel oil .....	90.9	14.5	3.2	NA	-	-	NA	-	-	101.4	10.9	5.6
Other household fuel commodities <sup>3</sup> .....	112.1	-7.5	1.9	118.3	2.8	6.3	140.9	.1	.0	118.5	7.1	1.4
Gas (piped) and electricity (energy services) .....	134.1	13.0	6.3	150.2	-2.8	.0	107.9	4.6	.0	128.2	3.9	.3
Electricity .....	157.3	5.6	-1	166.8	-1.3	.0	106.0	4.1	.0	134.6	3.1	.7
Utility (piped) gas .....	116.3	21.8	13.9	135.3	-6.0	.0	154.3	12.7	.0	117.9	5.6	-.4
Household furnishings and operation .....	123.0	-1.0	.9	125.0	1.5	2.0	146.4	7.6	1.7	131.1	.9	-.2
Apparel and upkeep .....	130.1	4.2	6.8	125.1	.5	1.5	148.8	2.5	11.3	127.9	1.9	8.1
Apparel commodities .....	128.1	4.1	7.1	120.5	-2	1.4	140.0	2.3	13.6	124.1	2.0	9.0
Men's and boys' apparel .....	131.3	8.0	-3	128.5	7.5	-2.4	135.9	-9.5	-2.0	115.6	-8	5.0
Women's and girls' apparel .....	143.1	2.0	16.5	111.4	-1.2	10.0	140.3	7.9	23.7	122.1	5.7	13.0
Footwear .....	85.5	.6	-3.6	113.8	-3.2	-1.6	161.9	7.6	27.3	128.7	-7.4	3.7
Transportation .....	134.7	3.4	.4	140.1	2.0	-1.5	143.1	4.1	-1	154.1	5.5	.3
Private transportation .....	134.1	3.1	.1	136.9	1.9	-1.9	142.9	4.2	-2	147.2	4.0	.2
Motor fuel .....	114.6	8.2	.1	100.1	1.2	-10.2	116.2	10.6	-9	100.1	3.9	-2.3
Gasoline .....	114.0	8.0	.1	97.6	-5	-11.4	115.9	10.6	-1.0	100.0	4.0	-2.3
Gasoline, unleaded regular .....	113.4	8.5	.1	95.5	-7	-12.0	114.0	12.0	-7	98.6	4.1	-2.7
Gasoline, unleaded midgrade <sup>4</sup> .....	116.4	7.2	.0	95.4	-3	-11.2	110.0	9.9	-2.1	103.6	3.7	-2.1
Gasoline, unleaded premium .....	115.3	6.2	.0	98.7	-2.9	-10.1	117.3	9.1	-8	102.4	3.7	-1.8
Public transportation .....	145.3	7.9	3.0	207.5	4.6	3.3	143.8	2.7	1.2	187.0	13.5	.8
Medical care .....	206.9	3.9	-1	227.0	3.4	.0	213.5	5.6	.8	238.2	4.2	1.1
Entertainment .....	153.2	1.9	1.9	145.2	3.0	-2	147.7	3.2	1.2	162.2	2.3	.8
Other goods and services .....	193.8	.6	1.8	221.5	2.4	.5	170.2	2.2	1.7	224.3	3.2	2.0
Personal care .....	139.9	.3	-3	166.7	1.4	.7	101.0	-3.2	3.5	169.4	2.4	.4
<b>Commodity and service group</b>												
All items .....	145.8	3.2	1.0	152.7	2.3	.3	152.6	3.9	1.2	164.4	3.1	1.0
Commodities .....	137.6	3.1	1.7	138.6	2.3	-2	148.0	4.2	1.9	145.0	2.5	1.6
Food and beverages .....	155.8	4.6	1.6	159.0	3.7	1.0	163.1	4.6	1.4	160.3	2.6	1.0
Commodities less food and beverages .....	127.3	2.1	1.8	126.2	1.3	-1.0	138.6	4.0	2.1	133.0	2.5	2.2
Nondurables less food and beverages .....	136.6	2.8	2.2	129.4	1.3	-2.1	131.7	4.9	4.7	131.8	2.8	3.0
Durables .....	116.5	1.2	1.2	123.7	1.2	.2	147.4	3.2	-1	132.6	1.9	.4
Services .....	155.8	3.3	.4	167.4	2.2	.6	158.3	3.6	.6	185.4	3.6	.6
Medical care services .....	203.4	4.0	.1	230.5	2.6	-1	215.6	6.1	.9	243.9	4.3	1.4
<b>Special indexes</b>												
All items less shelter .....	147.1	3.4	1.6	152.6	2.3	.2	152.6	4.4	1.5	157.0	3.4	1.4
All items less medical care .....	143.2	3.2	1.1	149.6	2.2	.3	149.5	3.7	1.3	161.5	3.1	1.1
All items less energy .....	149.3	2.5	.9	157.1	2.5	.7	158.2	3.5	1.3	171.2	3.0	1.1
All items less food and energy .....	147.8	1.9	.7	157.3	2.1	.5	157.1	3.4	1.4	174.4	3.1	1.2
Energy .....	124.4	10.1	2.8	115.5	-6	-6.0	109.2	7.8	-5	110.1	4.8	-.1
Commodities less food .....	128.1	2.1	1.7	128.8	1.4	-9	139.0	4.0	2.2	134.2	2.5	2.1
Nondurables less food .....	137.1	2.7	2.1	133.5	1.7	-1.8	132.7	4.9	4.5	133.5	2.7	2.9
Nondurables .....	146.8	3.8	1.9	145.1	2.7	-3	148.6	4.7	2.8	147.3	2.6	1.9
Services less rent of shelter <sup>2</sup> .....	153.5	4.1	1.3	169.4	2.5	.8	152.6	4.9	.8	187.2	4.8	1.1
Services less medical care services .....	151.8	3.2	.4	163.3	2.3	.7	153.1	3.2	.6	181.3	3.5	.6

See footnotes at end of table.

**Table 23. Consumer Price Index for Urban Wage Earners and Clerical Workers (CPI-W): Selected areas, by expenditure category and commodity and service group—Continued**

(1982-84=100, unless otherwise noted)

Group	Monthly cities and pricing schedule 1 <sup>1</sup>											
	Phil.- Wilmington- Trenton, PA-NJ-DE-MD			St. Louis- East St. Louis, MO-IL			San Francisco- Oakland- San Jose, CA			Washington, DC-MD-VA		
	Index	Percent change from—		Index	Percent change from—		Index	Percent change from—		Index	Percent change from—	
		Sept. 1996	Sept. 1995		July 1996	Sept. 1996		Sept. 1995	July 1996		Sept. 1996	Sept. 1995
<b>Expenditure category</b>												
All items .....	163.7	2.4	1.0	150.1	2.5	0.7	153.8	2.5	0.3	158.2	3.1	0.4
All items (1967=100) .....	475.6	-	-	441.5	-	-	468.2	-	-	473.8	-	-
<b>Food and beverages</b> .....	154.3	2.3	.4	151.2	2.7	.0	156.7	3.2	.8	154.0	4.8	1.3
Food .....	153.3	2.5	.4	150.0	2.8	.1	157.3	3.3	.8	154.5	5.0	1.4
Food at home .....	160.6	3.1	.6	146.3	2.7	.0	161.1	3.6	1.1	157.7	6.0	1.2
Cereals and bakery products .....	187.4	3.4	.3	153.2	-1.5	-1.2	170.7	4.1	-1.4	179.4	1.5	2.5
Meats, poultry, fish, and eggs .....	150.5	3.4	1.6	131.4	5.2	3.4	151.7	4.2	1.6	146.9	10.5	3.1
Meats, poultry, and fish .....	151.1	3.1	1.7	133.0	5.4	3.1	145.9	2.8	1.1	147.8	10.3	2.7
Dairy products .....	136.0	6.2	4.1	152.3	10.4	3.3	160.8	17.0	4.9	159.4	8.7	3.8
Fruits and vegetables .....	186.6	-1.0	-1.7	167.8	-9	-5.3	185.0	-2.0	.9	181.5	5.0	-2.2
Other food at home .....	156.1	4.3	-.6	146.4	1.1	-.9	150.4	1.3	.1	143.3	2.4	-.8
Food away from home .....	137.1	.9	.0	156.2	3.0	.1	151.0	2.7	.4	151.7	3.5	1.7
Alcoholic beverages .....	170.1	-.2	.0	155.3	2.2	-.4	151.9	2.3	.9	149.6	1.9	.1
<b>Housing</b> .....	166.1	2.4	.8	147.4	2.2	.5	155.4	2.1	.3	154.5	1.6	-.1
Shelter .....	195.4	3.0	1.6	160.2	1.2	.8	167.5	3.3	.5	167.8	2.6	.2
Renters' costs <sup>2</sup> .....	188.9	7.1	3.8	149.3	.1	.5	162.1	3.5	1.0	156.8	2.2	.0
Rent, residential .....	172.9	2.4	.6	144.8	2.3	.6	176.1	3.2	.8	169.5	2.4	.1
Other renters' costs .....	300.7	15.2	9.2	201.9	-3.9	.1	212.9	6.2	2.4	194.1	.6	-1.5
Homeowners' costs <sup>2</sup> .....	172.3	1.5	.6	153.6	1.6	.9	157.5	3.1	.1	157.8	2.9	.3
Owners' equivalent rent <sup>2</sup> .....	173.1	1.5	.7	154.3	1.6	.8	157.5	2.9	.1	158.3	2.8	.3
<b>Fuel and other utilities</b> .....	130.7	1.8	.4	132.6	6.3	.3	145.2	-1.0	-.1	135.5	4.2	-.3
Fuels .....	121.5	1.5	.7	128.5	8.8	.5	151.0	-4.9	.1	124.7	7.2	-.6
Fuel oil and other household fuel commodities .....	98.2	12.0	6.0	91.5	16.7	3.7	159.2	-2.6	7.1	100.7	6.8	1.4
Fuel oil .....	92.2	12.0	6.1	85.8	10.0	.0	113.9	16.1	-.5	93.2	8.9	2.1
Other household fuel commodities <sup>3</sup> .....	NA	-	-	113.1	21.0	6.0	172.0	-3.5	7.5	161.0	2.8	.0
Gas (piped) and electricity (energy services) .....	139.3	.2	.0	134.2	8.2	.3	150.8	-5.0	.0	133.4	7.2	-.7
Electricity .....	164.8	.7	.0	174.0	-.1	-.1	176.0	-2.7	.0	156.7	13.7	1.2
Utility (piped) gas .....	103.7	-.9	.0	96.8	28.0	1.1	120.5	-9.6	.0	103.1	-3.6	-3.9
Household furnishings and operation .....	120.5	-.2	-3.2	124.4	.7	-.5	117.0	-1.3	-.3	129.6	-5.1	-.7
<b>Apparel and upkeep</b> .....	101.6	1.1	7.9	127.7	3.0	6.5	124.3	3.6	1.7	140.3	-1.3	2.8
Apparel commodities .....	96.0	1.1	8.8	126.2	3.3	7.1	120.4	3.9	2.0	135.8	-1.7	3.2
Men's and boys' apparel .....	119.5	.9	-.1	143.1	13.1	2.7	117.7	-1.9	9.6	145.8	-2.9	.0
Women's and girls' apparel .....	70.6	.1	27.7	119.6	3.2	22.7	91.2	5.2	-5.6	128.6	3.5	4.6
Footwear .....	121.5	5.0	.5	98.5	8.8	-3.6	160.7	16.0	5.2	124.9	-6.2	3.7
<b>Transportation</b> .....	152.5	1.9	.4	142.1	2.3	-.1	136.7	3.2	-1.2	150.1	4.7	-.6
Private transportation .....	150.7	2.0	.3	141.9	2.3	-.2	132.4	2.9	-1.1	149.0	3.9	-.9
Motor fuel .....	105.5	2.0	-3.3	108.6	11.4	-1.1	112.4	4.9	-6.6	112.1	9.9	-4.4
Gasoline .....	103.9	1.6	-3.6	107.1	10.3	-2.5	110.7	4.4	-6.9	111.6	10.3	-4.7
Gasoline, unleaded regular .....	102.3	1.3	-4.9	103.3	11.1	-2.7	108.1	5.2	-7.2	109.8	11.5	-5.2
Gasoline, unleaded midgrade <sup>4</sup> .....	102.2	.5	-4.6	123.0	9.8	-1.9	106.7	4.1	-6.6	106.4	10.3	-4.4
Gasoline, unleaded premium .....	99.1	1.4	-3.7	108.0	8.0	-2.5	110.8	2.7	-6.3	110.0	8.1	-4.2
Public transportation .....	179.3	1.5	1.4	147.4	2.8	2.4	195.4	6.7	-1.6	165.3	15.0	2.5
<b>Medical care</b> .....	242.6	5.2	.9	216.9	3.9	-.1	212.0	2.1	-.1	220.6	3.3	-.1
Entertainment .....	175.4	5.9	1.2	155.5	.9	2.1	156.0	.5	.2	165.4	5.9	.7
Other goods and services .....	229.8	2.2	1.1	182.1	2.5	1.7	222.5	2.4	.5	218.4	5.7	1.7
Personal care .....	190.8	1.0	-.2	105.7	-5.2	-.1	155.9	2.0	-2.8	168.2	6.3	.7
<b>Commodity and service group</b>												
All items .....	163.7	2.4	1.0	150.1	2.5	.7	153.8	2.5	.3	158.2	3.1	.4
Commodities .....	138.0	1.8	.4	139.7	2.6	.8	140.3	2.4	.1	142.7	2.7	.8
Food and beverages .....	154.3	2.3	.4	151.2	2.7	.0	156.7	3.2	.8	154.0	4.8	1.3
Commodities less food and beverages .....	126.1	1.4	.4	132.9	2.6	1.4	129.6	1.8	-.5	136.4	1.4	.4
Nondurables less food and beverages .....	122.6	2.3	1.9	130.2	5.0	2.0	129.0	2.1	-1.6	137.1	3.4	.4
Durables .....	129.6	-.2	-2.1	134.3	-.4	.5	128.4	1.1	1.1	133.4	-1.5	.3
Services .....	194.5	2.9	1.4	163.6	2.2	.6	167.7	2.6	.4	175.0	3.4	.2
Medical care services .....	250.8	6.2	1.2	221.8	4.0	-.3	216.6	3.0	.3	224.2	3.2	-.5
<b>Special indexes</b>												
All items less shelter .....	155.4	2.3	.8	147.7	2.8	.6	149.6	-2.2	.1	155.4	3.3	.5
All items less medical care .....	160.4	2.4	1.0	146.8	2.4	.8	151.5	2.5	.3	155.3	3.1	.5
All items less energy .....	171.1	2.6	1.2	155.3	1.7	.8	157.8	2.7	.5	163.5	2.6	.6
All items less food and energy .....	176.7	2.6	1.3	156.5	1.4	.9	158.0	2.5	.5	165.8	2.2	.5
Energy .....	113.4	1.7	-.8	117.1	10.0	-.3	126.2	.2	-3.7	117.4	8.5	-2.5
Commodities less food .....	127.9	1.3	.4	134.1	2.6	1.3	130.5	1.8	-.5	136.9	1.4	.4
Nondurables less food .....	125.4	2.0	1.7	132.1	4.8	1.8	130.1	2.2	-1.3	137.6	3.3	.4
Nondurables .....	139.3	2.3	1.0	141.1	3.8	.9	143.4	2.7	-.2	145.3	4.1	.8
Services less rent of shelter <sup>2</sup> .....	176.1	2.9	1.2	159.7	3.0	.3	155.8	1.8	.2	165.5	4.2	.2
Services less medical care services .....	190.4	2.7	1.4	158.1	1.9	.6	165.0	2.6	.4	171.0	3.4	.2

<sup>1</sup> Areas on pricing schedule 2 (see table 10) will appear next month.  
<sup>2</sup> Indexes are on a November 1984=100 base in Baltimore, Boston, Miami, St. Louis, Washington. Indexes are on a December 1984=100 base in the U.S., Chicago, Cleveland, Los Angeles, New York, Philadelphia, San Francisco.  
<sup>3</sup> Indexes on a November 1986=100 base in Baltimore, Boston,

Cleveland, Miami, St. Louis, and Washington. Indexes on a December 1986=100 base in U.S., Chicago, Los Angeles, New York, Philadelphia, San Francisco.  
<sup>4</sup> Indexes on a December 1993=100 base.  
<sup>5</sup> Index on a November 1977=100 base in Miami.  
<sup>NA</sup> Data not adequate for publication.  
 - Data not available.

**Table 24. Historical Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers (CPI-U): U. S. city average, all items**

(1982-84=100, unless otherwise noted)

Year	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	June	July	Aug.	Sep.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Semiannual averages		Annual avg.	Percent change from previous	
													1st half	2nd half		Dec.	Annual avg.
1913	9.8	9.8	9.8	9.8	9.7	9.8	9.9	9.9	10.0	10.0	10.1	10.0	-	-	9.9	-	-
1914	10.0	9.9	9.9	9.8	9.9	9.9	10.0	10.2	10.2	10.1	10.2	10.1	-	-	10.0	1.0	1.0
1915	10.1	10.0	9.9	10.0	10.1	10.1	10.1	10.1	10.1	10.2	10.3	10.3	-	-	10.1	2.0	1.0
1916	10.4	10.4	10.5	10.6	10.7	10.8	10.8	10.9	11.1	11.3	11.5	11.6	-	-	10.9	12.6	7.9
1917	11.7	12.0	12.0	12.6	12.8	13.0	12.8	13.0	13.3	13.5	13.5	13.7	-	-	12.8	18.1	17.4
1918	14.0	14.1	14.0	14.2	14.5	14.7	15.1	15.4	15.7	16.0	16.3	16.5	-	-	15.1	20.4	18.0
1919	16.5	16.2	16.4	16.7	16.9	16.9	17.4	17.7	17.8	18.1	18.5	18.9	-	-	17.3	14.5	14.6
1920	19.3	19.5	19.7	20.3	20.6	20.9	20.8	20.3	20.0	19.9	19.8	19.4	-	-	20.0	2.6	15.6
1921	19.0	18.4	18.3	18.1	17.7	17.6	17.7	17.7	17.5	17.5	17.4	17.3	-	-	17.9	-10.8	-10.5
1922	16.9	16.9	16.7	16.7	16.7	16.7	16.8	16.6	16.6	16.7	16.8	16.9	-	-	16.8	-2.3	-6.1
1923	16.8	16.8	16.8	16.9	16.9	17.0	17.2	17.1	17.2	17.3	17.3	17.3	-	-	17.1	2.4	1.8
1924	17.3	17.2	17.1	17.0	17.0	17.0	17.1	17.0	17.1	17.2	17.2	17.3	-	-	17.1	.0	.0
1925	17.3	17.2	17.3	17.2	17.3	17.5	17.7	17.7	17.7	17.7	18.0	17.9	-	-	17.5	3.5	2.3
1926	17.9	17.9	17.8	17.9	17.8	17.7	17.5	17.4	17.5	17.6	17.7	17.7	-	-	17.7	-1.1	1.1
1927	17.5	17.4	17.3	17.3	17.4	17.6	17.3	17.2	17.3	17.4	17.3	17.3	-	-	17.4	-2.3	-1.7
1928	17.3	17.1	17.1	17.1	17.2	17.1	17.1	17.1	17.3	17.2	17.2	17.1	-	-	17.1	-1.2	-1.7
1929	17.1	17.1	17.0	16.9	17.0	17.1	17.3	17.3	17.3	17.3	17.3	17.2	-	-	17.1	.6	.0
1930	17.1	17.0	16.9	17.0	16.9	16.8	16.6	16.5	16.6	16.5	16.4	16.1	-	-	16.7	-6.4	-2.3
1931	15.9	15.7	15.6	15.5	15.3	15.1	15.1	15.1	15.0	14.9	14.7	14.6	-	-	15.2	-9.3	-9.0
1932	14.3	14.1	14.0	13.9	13.7	13.6	13.6	13.5	13.4	13.3	13.2	13.1	-	-	13.7	-10.3	-9.9
1933	12.9	12.7	12.6	12.6	12.6	12.7	13.1	13.2	13.2	13.2	13.2	13.2	-	-	13.0	.8	-5.1
1934	13.2	13.3	13.3	13.3	13.3	13.4	13.4	13.4	13.6	13.5	13.5	13.4	-	-	13.4	1.5	3.1
1935	13.6	13.7	13.7	13.8	13.8	13.7	13.7	13.7	13.7	13.7	13.8	13.8	-	-	13.7	3.0	2.2
1936	13.8	13.8	13.7	13.7	13.7	13.8	13.9	14.0	14.0	14.0	14.0	14.0	-	-	13.9	1.4	1.5
1937	14.1	14.1	14.2	14.3	14.4	14.4	14.5	14.5	14.6	14.6	14.5	14.4	-	-	14.4	2.9	3.6
1938	14.2	14.1	14.1	14.2	14.1	14.1	14.1	14.1	14.1	14.1	14.0	14.0	-	-	14.1	-2.8	-2.1
1939	14.0	13.9	13.9	13.8	13.8	13.8	13.8	13.8	14.1	14.0	14.0	14.0	-	-	13.9	.0	-1.4
1940	13.9	14.0	14.0	14.0	14.0	14.1	14.0	14.0	14.0	14.0	14.0	14.1	-	-	14.0	.7	.7
1941	14.1	14.1	14.2	14.3	14.4	14.7	14.7	14.9	15.1	15.3	15.4	15.5	-	-	14.7	9.9	5.0
1942	15.7	15.8	16.0	16.1	16.3	16.3	16.4	16.5	16.5	16.7	16.8	16.9	-	-	16.3	9.0	10.9
1943	16.9	16.9	17.2	17.4	17.5	17.5	17.4	17.3	17.4	17.4	17.4	17.4	-	-	17.3	3.0	6.1
1944	17.4	17.4	17.4	17.5	17.5	17.6	17.7	17.7	17.7	17.7	17.7	17.8	-	-	17.6	2.3	1.7
1945	17.8	17.8	17.8	17.8	17.9	18.1	18.1	18.1	18.1	18.1	18.1	18.2	-	-	18.0	2.2	2.3
1946	18.2	18.1	18.3	18.4	18.5	18.7	19.8	20.2	20.4	20.8	21.3	21.5	-	-	19.5	18.1	8.3
1947	21.5	21.5	21.9	21.9	21.9	22.0	22.2	22.5	23.0	23.0	23.1	23.4	-	-	22.3	8.8	14.4
1948	23.7	23.5	23.4	23.8	23.9	24.1	24.4	24.5	24.5	24.4	24.2	24.1	-	-	24.1	3.0	8.1
1949	24.0	23.8	23.8	23.9	23.8	23.9	23.7	23.8	23.9	23.7	23.8	23.6	-	-	23.8	-2.1	-1.2
1950	23.5	23.5	23.6	23.6	23.7	23.8	24.1	24.3	24.4	24.6	24.7	25.0	-	-	24.1	5.9	1.3
1951	25.4	25.7	25.8	25.8	25.9	25.9	25.9	25.9	26.1	26.2	26.4	26.5	-	-	26.0	6.0	7.9
1952	26.5	26.3	26.3	26.4	26.4	26.5	26.7	26.7	26.7	26.7	26.7	26.7	-	-	26.5	.8	1.9
1953	26.6	26.5	26.6	26.6	26.7	26.8	26.8	26.9	26.9	27.0	26.9	26.9	-	-	26.7	.7	.8
1954	26.9	26.9	26.9	26.8	26.9	26.9	26.9	26.9	26.8	26.8	26.8	26.7	-	-	26.9	-.7	.7
1955	26.7	26.7	26.7	26.7	26.7	26.7	26.8	26.8	26.9	26.9	26.9	26.8	-	-	26.8	.4	-.4
1956	26.8	26.8	26.8	26.9	27.0	27.2	27.4	27.3	27.4	27.5	27.5	27.6	-	-	27.2	3.0	1.5
1957	27.6	27.7	27.8	27.9	28.0	28.1	28.3	28.3	28.3	28.3	28.4	28.4	-	-	28.1	2.9	3.3
1958	28.6	28.6	28.8	28.9	28.9	28.9	29.0	28.9	28.9	28.9	29.0	28.9	-	-	28.9	1.8	2.8
1959	29.0	28.9	28.9	29.0	29.0	29.1	29.2	29.2	29.3	29.4	29.4	29.4	-	-	29.1	1.7	.7

**Table 24. Historical Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers (CPI-U): U. S. city average, all Items—Continued**

(1982-84=100, unless otherwise noted)

Year	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	June	July	Aug.	Sep.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Semiannual averages		Annual avg.	Percent change from previous	
													1st half	2nd half		Dec.	Annual avg.
1960	29.3	29.4	29.4	29.5	29.5	29.6	29.6	29.6	29.6	29.8	29.8	29.8	-	-	29.6	1.4	1.7
1961	29.8	29.8	29.8	29.8	29.8	29.8	30.0	29.9	30.0	30.0	30.0	30.0	-	-	29.9	.7	1.0
1962	30.0	30.1	30.1	30.2	30.2	30.2	30.3	30.3	30.4	30.4	30.4	30.4	-	-	30.2	1.3	1.0
1963	30.4	30.4	30.5	30.5	30.5	30.6	30.7	30.7	30.7	30.8	30.8	30.9	-	-	30.6	1.6	1.3
1964	30.9	30.9	30.9	30.9	30.9	31.0	31.1	31.0	31.1	31.1	31.2	31.2	-	-	31.0	1.0	1.3
1965	31.2	31.2	31.3	31.4	31.4	31.6	31.6	31.6	31.6	31.7	31.7	31.8	-	-	31.5	1.9	1.6
1966	31.8	32.0	32.1	32.3	32.3	32.4	32.5	32.7	32.7	32.9	32.9	32.9	-	-	32.4	3.5	2.9
1967	32.9	32.9	33.0	33.1	33.2	33.3	33.4	33.5	33.6	33.7	33.8	33.9	-	-	33.4	3.0	3.1
1968	34.1	34.2	34.3	34.4	34.5	34.7	34.9	35.0	35.1	35.3	35.4	35.5	-	-	34.8	4.7	4.2
1969	35.6	35.8	36.1	36.3	36.4	36.6	36.8	37.0	37.1	37.3	37.5	37.7	-	-	36.7	6.2	5.5
1970	37.8	38.0	38.2	38.5	38.6	38.8	39.0	39.0	39.2	39.4	39.6	39.8	-	-	38.8	5.6	5.7
1971	39.8	39.9	40.0	40.1	40.3	40.6	40.7	40.8	40.8	40.9	40.9	41.1	-	-	40.5	3.3	4.4
1972	41.1	41.3	41.4	41.5	41.6	41.7	41.9	42.0	42.1	42.3	42.4	42.5	-	-	41.8	3.4	3.2
1973	42.6	42.9	43.3	43.6	43.9	44.2	44.3	45.1	45.2	45.6	45.9	46.2	-	-	44.4	8.7	6.2
1974	46.6	47.2	47.8	48.0	48.6	49.0	49.4	50.0	50.6	51.1	51.5	51.9	-	-	49.3	12.3	11.0
1975	52.1	52.5	52.7	52.9	53.2	53.6	54.2	54.3	54.6	54.9	55.3	55.5	-	-	53.8	6.9	9.1
1976	55.6	55.8	55.9	56.1	56.5	56.8	57.1	57.4	57.6	57.9	58.0	58.2	-	-	56.9	4.9	5.8
1977	58.5	59.1	59.5	60.0	60.3	60.7	61.0	61.2	61.4	61.6	61.9	62.1	-	-	60.6	6.7	6.5
1978	62.5	62.9	63.4	63.9	64.5	65.2	65.7	66.0	66.5	67.1	67.4	67.7	-	-	65.2	9.0	7.6
1979	68.3	69.1	69.8	70.6	71.5	72.3	73.1	73.8	74.6	75.2	75.9	76.7	-	-	72.6	13.3	11.3
1980	77.8	78.9	80.1	81.0	81.8	82.7	82.7	83.3	84.0	84.8	85.5	86.3	-	-	82.4	12.5	13.5
1981	87.0	87.9	88.5	89.1	89.8	90.6	91.6	92.3	93.2	93.4	93.7	94.0	-	-	90.9	8.9	10.3
1982	94.3	94.6	94.5	94.9	95.8	97.0	97.5	97.7	97.9	98.2	98.0	97.6	-	-	96.5	3.8	6.2
1983	97.8	97.9	97.9	98.6	99.2	99.5	99.9	100.2	100.7	101.0	101.2	101.3	-	-	99.6	3.8	3.2
1984	101.9	102.4	102.6	103.1	103.4	103.7	104.1	104.5	105.0	105.3	105.3	105.3	102.9	104.9	103.9	3.9	4.3
1985	105.5	106.0	106.4	106.9	107.3	107.6	107.8	108.0	108.3	108.7	109.0	109.3	106.6	108.5	107.6	3.8	3.6
1986	109.6	109.3	108.8	108.6	108.9	109.5	109.5	109.7	110.2	110.3	110.4	110.5	109.1	110.1	109.6	1.1	1.9
1987	111.2	111.6	112.1	112.7	113.1	113.5	113.8	114.4	115.0	115.3	115.4	115.4	112.4	114.9	113.6	4.4	3.6
1988	115.7	116.0	116.5	117.1	117.5	118.0	118.5	119.0	119.8	120.2	120.3	120.5	116.8	119.7	118.3	4.4	4.1
1989	121.1	121.6	122.3	123.1	123.8	124.1	124.4	124.6	125.0	125.6	125.9	126.1	122.7	125.3	124.0	4.6	4.8
1990	127.4	128.0	128.7	128.9	129.2	129.9	130.4	131.6	132.7	133.5	133.8	133.8	128.7	132.6	130.7	6.1	5.4
1991	134.6	134.8	135.0	135.2	135.6	136.0	136.2	136.6	137.2	137.4	137.8	137.9	135.2	137.2	136.2	3.1	4.2
1992	138.1	138.6	139.3	139.5	139.7	140.2	140.5	140.9	141.3	141.8	142.0	141.9	139.2	141.4	140.3	2.9	3.0
1993	142.6	143.1	143.6	144.0	144.2	144.4	144.4	144.8	145.1	145.7	145.8	145.8	143.7	145.3	144.5	2.7	3.0
1994	146.2	146.7	147.2	147.4	147.5	148.0	148.4	149.0	149.4	149.5	149.7	149.7	147.2	149.3	148.2	2.7	2.6
1995	150.3	150.9	151.4	151.9	152.2	152.5	152.5	152.9	153.2	153.7	153.6	153.5	151.5	153.2	152.4	2.5	2.8
1996	154.4	154.9	155.7	156.3	156.6	156.7	157.0	157.3	157.8	-	-	-	155.8	-	-	-	-

- Data not available.

**Table 25. Historical Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers (CPI-U): U.S. city average, by commodity and service group and detailed expenditure categories**

(1982-84=100, unless otherwise noted)

Group	Unadjusted indexes										
	December										Sept.
	1986	1987	1988	1989	1990	1991	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996
<b>Commodity and service group</b>											
All items .....	110.5	115.4	120.5	126.1	133.8	137.9	141.9	145.8	149.7	153.5	157.8
Commodities .....	104.5	109.3	113.5	118.2	126.0	127.5	130.1	132.0	135.1	137.0	140.3
Food and beverages .....	110.9	114.8	120.6	127.2	133.9	137.3	139.5	143.3	147.2	150.3	155.0
Commodities less food and beverages .....	100.5	105.7	109.0	112.6	121.1	121.5	124.3	125.1	127.6	128.9	131.4
Nondurables less food and beverages .....	95.9	103.1	106.9	112.0	125.8	124.5	127.4	126.5	128.1	128.8	133.0
Apparel commodities .....	105.8	111.0	116.3	117.1	123.0	127.2	128.7	129.7	127.2	127.1	127.8
Nondurables less food, beverages, and apparel .....	93.0	101.5	104.5	112.0	130.1	126.0	129.6	127.7	131.5	132.7	138.7
Durables .....	107.2	109.5	112.2	113.5	114.5	117.2	120.1	123.3	126.9	129.0	129.2
Services .....	117.2	122.2	128.1	134.6	142.3	148.8	154.2	160.0	164.7	170.4	175.6
Rent of shelter <sup>1</sup> .....	122.5	128.5	134.3	140.9	148.4	154.2	158.7	163.5	168.3	174.2	179.0
Household services less rent of shelter <sup>1</sup> .....	110.8	112.3	116.2	119.0	122.2	127.8	131.4	134.9	135.9	138.6	144.6
Transportation services .....	119.5	124.6	132.1	138.6	150.0	153.7	159.2	166.9	171.1	176.3	181.6
Medical care services .....	125.7	132.7	141.9	154.1	169.3	182.8	195.6	207.1	218.2	227.8	233.6
Other services .....	122.6	129.0	136.2	145.1	154.5	164.1	172.8	181.6	188.9	197.3	203.9
<b>Special indexes</b>											
All items less food .....	110.4	115.5	120.4	125.8	133.7	138.1	142.5	146.4	150.2	154.2	158.4
All items less shelter .....	108.6	113.2	118.1	123.5	131.5	135.0	139.1	142.7	146.3	149.6	153.8
All items less homeowners' costs <sup>1</sup> .....	111.9	116.6	121.6	127.1	135.5	139.3	143.4	147.2	150.8	154.3	158.9
All items less medical care .....	109.6	114.3	119.1	124.4	131.8	135.3	138.9	142.5	146.0	149.6	153.8
Commodities less food .....	100.9	106.0	109.4	113.0	121.4	122.4	125.3	126.1	128.5	129.9	132.5
Nondurables less food .....	96.7	103.7	107.5	112.6	125.7	125.5	128.5	127.8	129.5	130.4	134.5
Nondurables less food and apparel .....	94.3	102.1	105.3	112.5	129.0	126.9	130.5	129.1	132.6	134.0	139.8
Nondurables .....	103.5	109.1	113.9	119.8	130.0	131.1	133.6	135.1	137.8	139.7	144.1
Services less rent of shelter <sup>1</sup> .....	120.2	124.6	131.1	137.8	146.4	153.9	160.7	167.8	172.7	178.5	184.6
Services less medical care services .....	116.2	121.0	126.6	132.6	139.7	145.5	150.3	155.6	159.7	165.0	170.2
Energy .....	81.6	88.3	88.7	93.2	110.1	101.9	103.9	102.4	104.7	103.3	111.7
All items less energy .....	114.5	119.2	124.8	130.6	137.4	142.8	147.1	151.7	155.7	160.2	164.0
All items less food and energy .....	115.5	120.4	126.0	131.5	138.3	144.4	149.2	153.9	157.9	162.7	166.4
Commodities less food and energy commodities .....	109.7	113.5	118.0	121.2	125.3	130.3	133.6	135.7	137.6	140.0	141.4
Energy commodities .....	69.6	82.0	80.1	86.4	117.0	98.2	99.4	94.3	99.2	95.9	105.2
Services less energy services .....	119.0	124.4	130.6	137.5	145.8	152.5	158.2	164.3	169.6	175.7	180.7
<b>Expenditure category</b>											
Food and beverages .....	110.9	114.8	120.6	127.2	133.9	137.3	139.5	143.3	147.2	150.3	155.0
Food .....	110.8	114.7	120.7	127.4	134.2	136.7	138.7	142.7	146.8	149.9	154.6
Food at home .....	109.0	112.8	119.1	126.5	133.8	135.5	137.5	142.3	147.3	150.3	155.9
Cereals and bakery products .....	112.2	116.8	126.6	136.1	142.4	147.4	153.3	158.9	164.2	169.5	174.7
Cereals and cereal products .....	110.7	116.1	127.2	136.5	143.7	148.8	154.4	159.6	164.5	168.6	166.9
Flour and prepared flour mixes .....	104.4	105.8	113.1	121.2	124.0	123.5	130.2	129.9	132.3	140.6	156.2
Cereal .....	119.5	126.7	138.8	152.4	163.5	171.4	178.1	186.5	191.0	194.1	184.3
Rice, pasta, and cornmeal .....	101.5	106.3	118.4	120.1	122.7	126.3	128.9	131.7	139.5	142.8	145.1
Bakery products .....	112.7	117.0	126.1	135.6	141.5	146.4	152.5	158.2	163.8	169.6	178.1
White bread .....	108.3	113.1	125.5	133.2	138.3	140.4	146.1	156.2	160.4	169.3	180.1
Fresh other bread, biscuits, rolls, and muffins .....	109.5	113.2	124.1	132.7	139.0	143.7	151.2	155.8	163.0	170.3	180.2
Cookies, fresh cakes, and cupcakes .....	116.3	121.1	128.7	139.0	147.2	154.2	157.7	163.2	169.2	171.6	173.5
Other bakery products .....	116.3	120.3	126.3	137.5	141.8	147.6	154.9	158.0	163.1	168.0	178.9
Meats, poultry, fish, and eggs .....	109.1	110.3	116.1	123.8	133.6	131.6	132.1	137.1	136.4	142.0	147.2
Meats, poultry, and fish .....	109.4	111.9	117.1	123.0	133.8	132.0	133.0	138.4	137.6	141.7	147.3
Meats .....	106.6	110.4	112.7	120.0	133.6	130.8	131.1	135.9	133.7	137.2	143.0
Beef and veal .....	101.7	108.5	114.6	122.1	133.0	131.7	132.8	137.7	134.7	134.6	134.7
Ground beef other than canned .....	96.4	102.0	104.5	112.2	120.8	119.1	118.4	123.0	117.7	115.7	114.0
Chuck roast .....	99.9	105.0	112.4	123.4	136.1	137.7	139.2	142.7	140.3	141.7	141.4
Round roast .....	96.0	101.8	107.0	113.9	124.9	124.1	126.5	127.2	126.9	124.4	126.3
Round steak .....	101.1	108.1	111.9	118.8	130.2	129.9	129.9	133.3	131.7	129.1	129.9
Sirloin steak .....	103.1	112.9	120.8	123.4	131.5	127.5	129.1	137.6	135.8	133.4	137.8
Other beef and veal .....	107.1	115.1	125.4	133.3	146.6	145.3	148.6	154.3	153.0	156.5	157.4
Pork .....	115.2	113.1	109.6	117.2	136.8	128.5	127.4	133.1	130.1	139.6	156.3
Bacon .....	113.1	108.2	96.9	105.0	122.9	108.6	104.8	117.1	114.8	130.2	169.1
Chops .....	116.4	114.3	114.7	123.7	142.5	136.1	139.5	145.8	138.8	146.2	155.7
Ham .....	121.3	118.1	115.9	121.9	144.4	137.3	134.9	137.1	134.8	144.2	156.7
Other pork, including sausage .....	111.3	111.4	108.5	115.9	134.9	127.7	125.8	129.9	128.8	136.8	149.7
Other meats .....	107.6	112.1	113.1	119.5	131.6	132.7	133.0	136.4	137.3	141.4	146.0
Poultry .....	118.8	107.8	127.1	127.8	129.7	130.2	133.7	141.1	140.4	146.3	155.8
Fresh whole chicken .....	121.0	107.7	131.0	130.4	130.6	129.9	135.4	141.3	139.4	144.8	157.2
Fresh and frozen chicken parts .....	121.1	110.8	131.5	130.2	133.2	134.8	136.9	146.8	143.2	150.2	157.5
Other poultry .....	112.3	103.8	113.3	121.1	123.0	122.8	126.6	130.9	138.9	143.1	153.3
Fish and seafood .....	121.2	133.3	138.9	143.0	148.5	150.4	152.0	158.7	166.9	172.1	171.9
Canned fish and seafood .....	99.8	110.0	124.8	119.4	118.8	118.2	119.9	122.8	124.5	125.5	125.2
Fresh and frozen fish and seafood .....	133.0	146.2	148.5	156.3	164.1	167.0	168.7	177.0	187.9	194.8	194.5
Eggs .....	103.7	85.5	99.6	134.9	128.7	123.5	117.7	116.0	116.4	145.5	143.5

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**Table 25. Historical Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers (CPI-U): U.S. city average, by commodity and service group and detailed expenditure categories—Continued**

(1982-84=100, unless otherwise noted)

Group	Unadjusted indexes										
	December										Sept.
	1986	1987	1988	1989	1990	1991	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996
<b>Expenditure category</b>											
Dairy products .....	104.9	106.7	111.4	122.9	126.7	127.4	129.1	130.2	131.6	135.0	146.7
Fresh milk and cream .....	103.3	105.0	109.9	122.6	125.6	125.3	128.4	131.1	132.0	134.5	145.6
Fresh whole milk .....	103.4	104.8	110.1	123.0	126.0	125.5	127.8	130.6	131.1	133.7	143.7
Other fresh milk and cream .....	103.0	105.3	109.5	122.0	124.9	124.9	129.1	131.8	133.2	135.4	148.0
Processed dairy products .....	106.9	108.8	113.3	123.7	128.4	130.2	130.4	129.8	131.8	136.2	148.5
Cheese .....	104.5	107.0	112.6	126.9	132.7	135.1	135.4	134.6	136.0	139.0	149.4
Ice cream and related products .....	109.5	111.0	114.8	123.1	128.5	130.1	130.6	131.5	136.1	139.7	148.8
Other dairy products, including butter .....	109.1	109.9	112.1	113.4	113.4	113.7	113.5	111.4	111.9	121.4	143.4
Fruits and vegetables .....	109.4	123.4	131.0	136.7	146.5	152.9	156.2	166.5	180.3	177.9	183.6
Fresh fruits and vegetables .....	113.0	133.2	138.1	145.6	157.6	169.6	173.9	190.1	212.8	206.3	209.4
Fresh fruits .....	114.3	126.3	143.2	154.8	171.2	188.6	181.8	205.4	213.1	224.2	243.7
Apples .....	116.9	103.6	132.4	124.7	151.6	169.9	154.1	166.9	163.2	187.6	209.0
Bananas .....	91.8	107.4	115.9	122.6	128.3	128.3	124.3	127.6	143.1	146.5	148.6
Oranges, including tangerines .....	110.4	126.3	144.4	138.5	152.7	186.8	156.7	177.4	178.7	206.7	332.1
Other fresh fruits .....	121.0	140.4	154.8	179.7	195.7	213.1	215.3	249.3	260.8	264.5	258.8
Fresh vegetables .....	111.7	140.2	133.0	136.5	144.0	150.7	166.1	174.9	212.7	188.4	175.1
Potatoes .....	103.9	103.8	128.5	140.0	133.9	129.0	137.2	165.0	154.2	175.3	180.9
Lettuce .....	115.1	272.7	174.3	135.8	152.0	170.1	183.0	152.1	273.4	172.2	174.5
Tomatoes .....	126.2	139.3	124.3	140.3	129.5	124.5	193.4	197.2	233.6	242.6	164.4
Other fresh vegetables .....	110.7	126.3	129.4	135.6	151.0	162.3	166.4	178.5	216.1	183.2	177.6
Processed fruits and vegetables .....	105.2	110.0	121.9	124.9	131.6	129.7	131.4	133.2	133.8	137.5	147.2
Processed fruits .....	106.1	112.3	124.4	125.2	134.6	131.5	134.8	133.7	133.3	138.1	147.6
Fruit juices and frozen fruit .....	105.1	112.1	126.2	126.3	137.4	131.8	135.3	133.4	132.6	137.2	147.6
Canned and dried fruits .....	108.2	111.5	115.9	119.6	122.5	128.5	130.7	132.9	133.8	139.0	145.3
Processed vegetables .....	104.2	107.3	118.9	124.8	128.1	127.6	127.3	132.8	134.7	137.1	147.0
Frozen vegetables .....	108.2	111.5	116.3	124.6	128.5	129.3	130.2	135.4	136.5	140.4	144.9
Processed vegetables excluding frozen .....	102.7	105.7	120.7	125.4	128.5	127.3	126.6	132.1	134.4	136.2	148.8
Other food at home .....	109.0	110.0	115.3	120.1	125.2	127.1	128.3	130.9	138.8	140.5	143.6
Sugar and sweets .....	109.2	111.0	116.7	121.1	126.4	130.9	132.1	133.3	134.5	138.5	145.4
Sugar and artificial sweeteners .....	100.8	102.0	110.0	114.8	118.1	118.1	119.3	120.6	122.8	127.9	134.5
Sweets, including candy .....	112.6	114.7	119.4	123.6	129.8	136.0	137.3	138.4	139.1	142.7	149.8
Fats and oils .....	105.9	107.7	118.5	121.6	131.0	129.3	128.4	129.4	134.2	137.5	141.5
Nonalcoholic beverages .....	108.6	104.8	107.8	111.0	113.1	112.5	112.3	114.8	131.7	129.5	127.9
Carbonated drinks .....	101.7	103.3	104.6	109.8	110.8	111.9	113.7	115.6	115.2	118.5	119.0
Coffee .....	128.9	110.5	116.9	115.7	117.4	111.3	105.4	111.1	172.7	156.1	147.5
Other noncarbonated drinks .....	109.9	112.4	115.5	120.2	126.5	129.7	132.3	131.6	132.8	135.9	139.2
Other prepared food .....	110.4	115.0	120.7	127.6	134.2	138.2	141.2	144.9	148.1	152.1	157.5
Canned and packaged soup .....	112.1	118.9	123.2	132.4	140.2	148.6	157.0	163.9	170.7	176.5	185.4
Frozen prepared food .....	112.5	119.0	124.6	131.3	135.8	138.0	138.7	138.6	138.9	139.8	143.6
Snacks .....	112.2	115.7	121.2	126.2	131.1	132.8	132.5	136.3	138.7	143.4	150.0
Seasonings, condiments, sauces, and spices .....	110.1	113.2	118.3	124.9	132.6	137.9	143.6	147.4	150.9	156.8	164.5
Miscellaneous prepared food, including baby food .....	107.8	112.9	119.8	127.9	135.6	140.2	142.9	147.9	152.4	155.4	157.8
Food away from home .....	114.7	118.9	124.1	129.8	135.7	139.6	141.6	144.3	147.1	150.4	153.5
Lunch .....	114.2	118.6	124.0	130.2	136.1	140.2	142.3	145.1	147.7	151.1	154.1
Dinner .....	114.7	118.7	123.9	129.1	134.3	137.9	139.9	142.4	145.3	148.5	151.4
Other meals and snacks .....	115.6	119.4	124.6	130.6	137.8	142.0	144.1	146.7	149.6	153.0	156.4
Alcoholic beverages .....	111.7	115.4	119.9	125.6	130.9	143.9	148.1	150.3	151.8	154.9	159.5
Alcoholic beverages at home .....	109.5	112.0	114.6	119.5	124.0	138.4	141.3	142.0	141.8	143.1	147.6
Beer and ale .....	109.2	111.5	114.6	120.0	124.3	139.0	142.9	143.3	143.2	144.1	148.1
Wine .....	102.2	106.1	107.8	111.6	114.5	130.5	132.4	133.1	131.3	133.4	140.6
Distilled spirits .....	113.4	114.8	117.0	122.1	128.1	139.9	141.8	143.1	144.2	145.5	148.4
Alcoholic beverages away from home .....	120.3	125.8	133.3	140.3	146.9	158.9	165.0	169.3	173.3	178.8	183.9

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**Table 25. Historical Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers (CPI-U): U.S. city average, by commodity and service group and detailed expenditure categories—Continued**

(1982-84=100, unless otherwise noted)

Group	Unadjusted indexes											
	December										Sept.	
	1986	1987	1988	1989	1990	1991	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996	
<b>Expenditure category</b>												
Housing .....	111.5	115.6	120.2	124.9	130.5	135.0	138.5	142.3	145.4	149.7	153.9	
Shelter .....	118.0	123.7	129.3	135.6	142.7	148.2	152.5	157.1	161.8	167.4	172.0	
Renters' costs <sup>1</sup> .....	124.2	129.1	134.1	140.1	149.5	155.8	160.2	164.4	168.2	173.2	180.9	
Rent, residential .....	120.8	125.6	130.1	135.5	141.1	145.2	148.6	151.9	155.7	159.6	162.9	
Other renters' costs .....	119.2	124.1	130.0	137.2	157.0	169.7	176.7	183.3	186.2	194.2	214.8	
Lodging while out of town .....	116.9	121.5	127.0	133.8	154.9	168.0	174.3	181.0	183.3	191.2	213.2	
Lodging while at school <sup>1</sup> .....	128.5	136.5	145.5	156.3	166.1	175.8	188.6	193.8	201.9	210.6	219.0	
Tenants' insurance .....	118.2	122.5	126.6	129.7	131.6	134.4	138.3	142.8	148.7	152.0	156.0	
Homeowners' costs <sup>1</sup> .....	121.6	128.0	134.0	140.9	147.5	153.0	157.5	162.5	167.8	174.0	177.5	
Owners' equivalent rent <sup>1</sup> .....	121.6	128.0	134.1	141.0	147.7	153.2	157.8	162.8	168.1	174.3	177.9	
Household insurance <sup>1</sup> .....	121.6	126.2	130.6	134.0	136.5	140.0	144.3	149.0	155.4	158.3	162.3	
Maintenance and repairs .....	109.7	113.3	115.8	119.5	123.8	128.1	129.3	127.6	132.7	136.6	139.9	
Maintenance and repair services .....	111.8	116.6	118.4	122.2	128.9	131.4	135.2	130.8	137.0	142.1	147.4	
Maintenance and repair commodities .....	107.0	109.1	112.4	115.8	116.8	123.7	121.3	123.5	126.8	129.1	129.5	
Materials, supplies, and equipment for home repairs <sup>2</sup> .....	100.0	102.2	104.8	109.4	111.7	116.3	117.5	119.1	121.1	120.6	122.4	
Other maintenance and repair commodities .....	104.0	105.7	109.5	111.7	111.5	119.7	114.5	117.0	121.1	125.6	124.7	
Fuel and other utilities .....	100.4	102.0	105.0	108.4	112.7	116.0	118.7	121.7	122.0	123.7	129.8	
Fuels .....	93.8	95.1	97.4	101.2	105.6	106.5	108.9	110.7	110.1	110.9	118.4	
Fuel oil and other household fuel commodities .....	71.3	80.5	76.8	88.7	114.1	94.7	91.8	88.3	88.4	89.6	95.6	
Fuel oil .....	67.2	79.2	74.2	88.7	115.2	92.3	89.2	85.1	85.1	86.4	93.6	
Other household fuel commodities <sup>2</sup> .....	100.0	102.6	102.3	108.3	136.4	123.3	120.4	118.0	118.5	119.4	123.3	
Gas (piped) and electricity (energy services) .....	100.7	100.9	104.1	107.0	108.6	112.4	115.6	118.1	117.4	118.3	126.2	
Electricity .....	105.4	107.3	110.3	113.4	115.0	120.8	122.9	123.6	124.4	127.8	138.3	
Utility (piped) gas .....	94.6	91.9	95.2	97.8	99.6	99.9	105.0	111.1	107.5	103.6	107.0	
Other utilities and public services .....	118.7	120.9	125.5	128.2	132.7	140.2	143.6	148.8	150.6	153.9	158.3	
Telephone services .....	117.2	115.7	117.2	116.9	116.4	120.5	120.1	122.3	123.1	124.6	126.7	
Local charges .....	134.4	138.9	145.2	146.0	147.5	155.0	155.7	157.2	156.7	160.7	161.4	
Interstate toll calls .....	84.5	74.0	70.9	70.0	67.4	68.3	67.4	71.8	75.7	75.8	78.6	
Intrastate toll calls .....	106.8	103.6	99.2	96.6	94.5	93.1	90.9	91.1	90.2	86.8	91.0	
Water and sewerage maintenance .....	121.7	128.0	135.8	144.7	153.7	165.7	176.7	185.2	193.0	198.6	204.5	
Cable television <sup>3</sup> .....	116.8	127.9	141.4	146.8	166.1	180.4	187.0	200.1	194.9	202.8	216.6	
Refuse collection <sup>3</sup> .....	123.5	136.1	146.9	161.1	176.9	197.3	214.0	225.2	236.4	243.3	247.7	
Household furnishings and operation .....	106.1	107.3	110.6	111.7	113.7	116.3	118.2	120.3	120.8	123.8	125.1	
Housefurnishings .....	102.9	103.3	105.9	105.5	106.1	107.1	108.7	110.3	110.3	111.1	111.5	
Textile housefurnishings .....	107.8	108.0	114.3	113.9	116.7	118.9	116.7	124.4	119.9	120.5	121.0	
Furniture and bedding .....	109.2	111.5	115.4	113.8	115.1	116.2	121.4	125.8	127.8	133.2	135.4	
Bedroom furniture .....	115.6	115.8	121.3	118.8	117.2	122.0	129.5	136.3	133.7	136.8	141.0	
Sofas .....	111.0	116.0	116.9	116.1	116.6	117.3	121.3	119.5	127.4	140.5	145.3	
Living room chairs and tables .....	107.0	109.4	113.0	112.5	118.7	116.1	120.3	129.6	130.2	137.9	136.9	
Other furniture .....	103.0	105.5	109.7	107.9	110.0	109.7	113.9	117.4	120.8	122.7	123.0	
Appliances, including electronic equipment .....	92.0	89.5	90.1	88.5	86.4	84.9	83.5	82.8	81.8	78.6	77.1	
Video and audio products .....	87.1	83.9	82.7	82.3	79.3	78.7	77.3	76.7	75.1	72.2	70.4	
Televisions .....	81.5	77.9	76.8	75.8	73.1	72.3	71.4	70.2	69.2	66.4	63.3	
Video products other than televisions <sup>4</sup> .....	-	-	100.0	95.1	86.1	81.4	78.6	77.0	71.9	67.1	65.0	
Audio products .....	91.4	92.3	91.9	94.3	93.3	95.0	93.6	94.0	93.1	90.7	90.1	
Major household appliances <sup>2</sup> .....	100.0	98.8	102.4	101.0	100.7	98.6	99.1	100.6	104.2	102.3	103.3	
Refrigerators and home freezers .....	99.5	100.4	102.0	103.3	102.3	100.6	101.3	105.8	111.0	108.9	109.8	
Laundry equipment .....	104.0	102.7	107.0	105.9	107.2	105.6	106.3	107.1	110.6	109.8	113.9	
Stoves, ovens, dishwashers, and air conditioners <sup>2</sup> .....	100.0	97.2	101.9	98.5	97.4	94.5	94.7	94.8	97.1	94.5	93.4	
Information processing equipment <sup>4</sup> .....	-	-	100.0	92.7	90.3	86.6	81.3	75.1	68.3	61.0	55.3	
Other housefurnishings <sup>2</sup> .....	100.0	101.8	104.0	105.9	108.0	111.2	113.5	113.5	114.0	114.9	115.8	
Floor and window coverings, infants', laundry, cleaning, and outdoor equipment .....	109.3	115.3	114.6	119.8	128.6	126.2	128.8	132.1	132.6	138.8	141.4	
Clocks, lamps, and decor items .....	101.1	102.8	105.9	112.8	112.6	117.8	120.3	118.2	117.8	122.1	119.5	
Tableware, serving pieces, and nonelectric kitchenware .....	104.8	106.2	109.0	111.0	112.4	120.2	121.9	122.9	123.5	119.3	123.4	
Lawn equipment, power tools, and other hardware .....	102.9	104.2	103.9	100.7	102.6	102.6	102.7	106.5	107.0	107.8	109.2	
Sewing, floor cleaning, small kitchen, and portable heating appliances <sup>2</sup> .....	100.0	98.4	100.0	97.2	96.3	95.9	96.9	93.6	91.6	88.3	88.5	
Indoor plants and fresh cut flowers <sup>5</sup> .....	-	-	-	-	100.0	107.0	113.0	110.0	114.1	115.6	116.0	
Housekeeping supplies .....	109.3	112.5	117.0	123.6	127.5	129.8	129.5	131.9	132.9	139.8	141.2	
Laundry and cleaning products, including soap .....	111.7	116.8	121.7	127.3	132.4	138.0	137.4	137.2	139.3	141.4	144.5	
Household paper products and stationery supplies .....	108.6	109.4	115.7	122.1	126.7	127.1	127.3	130.2	130.5	144.3	144.1	
Other household, lawn, and garden supplies .....	107.2	110.6	113.0	120.9	122.8	123.7	123.0	127.6	128.3	133.3	134.6	
Housekeeping services .....	109.4	111.4	115.9	117.6	122.3	129.4	134.3	137.2	139.1	145.3	149.4	
Postage .....	110.2	110.2	125.1	125.1	125.1	145.3	145.3	145.3	145.3	160.3	160.3	
Appliance and furniture repair .....	114.1	117.6	120.8	123.1	127.3	132.8	142.0	145.6	147.1	153.6	157.9	
Gardening and other household services <sup>2</sup> .....	100.0	104.9	109.2	113.2	117.7	120.2	126.1	128.4	129.2	131.6	137.3	

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**Table 25. Historical Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers (CPI-U): U.S. city average, by commodity and service group and detailed expenditure categories—Continued**

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Group	Unadjusted indexes											
	December										Sept.	
	1986	1987	1988	1989	1990	1991	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996	
<b>Expenditure category</b>												
Apparel and upkeep .....	107.5	112.7	118.0	119.2	125.3	129.6	131.4	132.6	130.5	130.6	131.5	
Apparel commodities .....	105.8	111.0	116.3	117.1	123.0	127.2	128.7	129.7	127.2	127.1	127.8	
Apparel commodities less footwear .....	106.3	111.7	116.8	117.6	123.8	128.2	129.4	130.3	127.9	127.7	128.1	
Men's and boys' .....	107.4	110.7	117.3	118.8	122.3	125.9	127.1	127.5	125.3	126.0	127.4	
Men's .....	107.3	111.6	118.4	120.6	124.5	128.3	130.0	130.0	128.2	128.3	130.2	
Suits, sport coats, coats, and jackets .....	108.0	111.7	122.0	124.7	128.2	131.3	132.8	137.4	136.0	133.7	135.1	
Furnishings and special clothing .....	109.4	110.1	113.7	117.4	119.8	122.2	123.6	123.0	122.7	120.0	121.6	
Shirts .....	108.4	115.3	122.6	122.9	127.9	133.1	134.6	130.8	127.3	132.0	135.2	
Dungarees, jeans, and trousers .....	103.4	109.4	114.6	116.7	121.9	126.1	129.2	127.8	125.8	127.0	128.3	
Boys' .....	107.7	107.2	112.5	111.4	113.0	116.2	115.0	117.1	113.2	116.2	116.0	
Women's and girls' .....	106.3	112.6	116.5	116.4	123.5	128.4	129.1	130.6	125.7	124.7	123.6	
Women's .....	106.6	113.0	116.3	116.5	124.2	128.0	128.4	131.0	125.3	124.1	123.7	
Coats and jackets .....	99.5	104.0	104.5	108.9	117.2	121.1	126.2	131.8	119.0	123.5	119.7	
Dresses .....	105.8	119.9	123.5	122.5	131.1	128.0	130.7	127.2	113.1	114.7	114.6	
Separates and sportswear .....	111.1	116.8	119.3	118.7	126.0	131.2	129.5	133.3	128.6	124.9	123.0	
Underwear, nightwear, hosiery, and accessories .....	107.5	108.0	114.3	116.3	121.3	124.1	125.0	126.8	128.2	130.7	133.9	
Suits .....	103.5	114.1	120.1	117.4	131.2	144.5	145.8	152.1	152.5	144.8	149.0	
Girls' .....	105.2	110.2	117.3	116.1	120.2	130.8	133.5	129.1	128.2	128.7	123.7	
Infants' and toddlers' .....	111.8	114.5	117.3	115.3	125.6	129.2	130.7	127.1	131.3	128.7	131.4	
Other apparel commodities .....	102.7	111.3	119.1	122.8	130.8	135.4	138.9	140.5	146.5	148.6	151.9	
Sewing materials, notions, and luggage <sup>2</sup> .....	100.0	102.7	109.2	111.2	118.8	121.2	122.9	121.3	121.3	132.3	134.5	
Watches and jewelry <sup>2</sup> .....	100.0	109.7	117.6	121.5	129.4	134.4	138.2	140.6	147.7	147.7	151.1	
Watches <sup>2</sup> .....	100.0	103.4	107.9	107.7	110.4	114.1	112.7	118.7	124.6	130.6	130.7	
Jewelry <sup>2</sup> .....	100.0	111.5	120.3	125.5	134.9	140.2	145.5	146.8	154.3	152.6	156.9	
Footwear .....	103.3	107.2	113.5	114.7	118.4	121.8	125.1	125.8	123.6	124.1	126.7	
Men's .....	108.6	111.4	119.2	122.0	125.6	129.4	132.9	133.2	132.2	131.6	133.2	
Boys' and girls' .....	102.8	110.0	114.7	118.5	122.9	122.7	121.5	122.1	123.3	125.2	128.7	
Women's .....	99.1	102.4	108.3	107.5	110.9	115.5	120.6	121.5	117.1	117.8	120.6	
Apparel services .....	116.8	121.4	126.7	131.3	140.2	144.9	149.7	153.8	156.4	157.7	160.4	
Laundry and dry cleaning other than coin operated .....	116.5	122.5	129.1	134.1	141.3	145.5	150.2	155.0	157.8	159.1	162.6	
Other apparel services .....	117.4	120.4	124.4	128.6	139.5	144.5	149.5	152.9	155.1	156.6	158.4	
Transportation .....	101.4	107.6	110.8	115.2	127.2	125.3	129.0	132.1	137.1	139.1	143.2	
Private .....	100.0	106.5	109.6	113.9	125.1	123.4	126.7	128.6	134.9	136.6	140.0	
New vehicles .....	114.3	116.4	119.0	121.9	124.3	128.3	131.3	135.6	140.1	142.8	143.2	
New cars .....	114.5	116.6	119.1	121.8	123.5	127.6	130.5	134.2	138.5	140.7	141.0	
Subcompact new cars <sup>2</sup> .....	100.0	101.9	104.1	105.1	105.5	109.8	112.8	116.7	120.6	122.9	122.9	
Compact new cars <sup>2</sup> .....	100.0	101.4	102.5	104.7	106.5	109.0	109.8	113.3	118.2	120.1	122.1	
Intermediate new cars <sup>2</sup> .....	100.0	100.5	101.9	105.6	107.3	111.2	113.5	115.9	119.8	121.5	121.1	
Full-size new cars <sup>2</sup> .....	100.0	103.2	105.8	109.0	110.6	114.7	116.6	120.1	122.4	123.9	123.7	
Luxury new cars <sup>2</sup> .....	100.0	104.1	109.5	111.7	114.5	117.6	121.8	124.0	127.5	130.2	130.8	
New trucks <sup>3</sup> .....	112.8	114.3	116.8	120.7	125.8	129.6	132.9	139.0	144.1	148.2	149.1	
New motorcycles <sup>2</sup> .....	100.0	104.1	109.6	114.2	117.4	123.7	128.7	138.0	148.9	156.5	161.1	
Used cars .....	106.8	116.3	120.2	119.7	117.1	120.1	129.0	139.3	151.5	158.2	157.0	
Motor fuel .....	69.1	82.0	80.3	85.8	117.1	98.4	100.2	94.8	100.4	96.4	106.2	
Gasoline .....	69.0	81.8	80.3	85.5	117.0	98.1	100.1	94.2	100.2	96.0	105.7	
Gasoline, unleaded regular .....	68.2	80.8	78.8	83.1	115.4	96.1	97.9	91.3	97.9	93.6	103.5	
Gasoline, unleaded midgrade <sup>6</sup> .....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.0	105.3	100.6	110.2	
Gasoline, unleaded premium .....	73.8	85.3	84.7	89.9	118.7	101.4	103.2	98.3	103.4	98.4	106.9	
Automobile maintenance and repair .....	112.6	116.9	121.5	126.9	132.5	138.4	143.2	147.7	151.9	155.7	160.0	
Body work .....	114.4	120.7	126.3	133.9	138.5	141.9	145.8	150.0	155.7	161.2	167.9	
Automobile drive train, brake, and miscellaneous mechanical repair .....	114.7	118.3	123.4	129.6	136.7	142.1	148.3	154.1	159.8	163.0	166.9	
Maintenance and servicing .....	110.6	115.0	118.8	122.5	127.0	133.8	136.6	139.4	141.3	144.2	148.4	
Power plant repair .....	112.7	116.8	121.4	127.3	133.1	139.5	145.7	151.2	156.2	161.2	165.2	
Other private transportation .....	118.2	123.8	132.5	139.0	146.7	152.0	155.5	159.0	167.6	172.4	174.1	
Other private transportation commodities .....	95.8	97.5	100.3	102.3	103.8	105.3	104.7	103.3	104.3	105.2	105.0	
Motor oil, coolant, and other products .....	102.5	100.5	110.1	109.8	117.5	118.4	118.1	118.8	126.0	130.0	131.7	
Automobile parts and equipment .....	94.7	96.7	98.9	101.1	102.0	103.6	103.0	101.4	101.9	102.4	102.1	
Tires .....	91.9	93.2	96.9	99.1	99.0	101.3	100.8	99.4	101.6	101.8	101.4	
Other parts and equipment .....	101.6	104.3	105.1	107.3	109.4	110.2	109.5	107.7	106.3	107.3	106.9	
Other private transportation services .....	122.6	129.2	139.3	146.9	156.3	162.5	167.1	171.8	182.4	188.3	190.3	
Automobile insurance .....	141.2	149.4	162.0	171.5	184.4	199.1	212.2	222.8	230.4	240.2	244.0	
Automobile finance charges .....	85.3	90.3	97.8	102.0	102.0	94.8	81.6	77.0	94.7	96.6	95.1	
Automobile fees .....	120.2	124.4	131.3	138.8	152.6	156.9	166.7	170.3	176.5	177.6	180.6	
Automobile registration, licensing, and inspection fees .....	117.9	119.9	127.2	135.4	158.7	165.4	175.6	179.8	180.6	183.7	183.9	
Other automobile-related fees .....	123.2	129.6	136.2	143.1	147.4	149.5	158.9	162.0	173.7	172.8	178.5	
Public transportation .....	120.0	122.1	126.5	131.7	154.4	149.8	158.2	176.5	165.6	170.7	184.6	
Airline fares .....	122.0	123.9	128.0	134.8	165.4	155.4	165.7	193.8	175.3	178.4	196.0	
Other intercity transportation .....	125.3	127.8	136.9	139.2	148.4	152.0	152.2	148.0	151.4	152.6	155.0	
Intracity public transportation .....	117.0	119.8	123.3	125.9	135.6	140.8	147.8	152.0	153.5	165.2	175.5	

See footnotes at end of table.

**Table 25. Historical Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers (CPI-U): U.S. city average, by commodity and service group and detailed expenditure categories—Continued**

(1982-84=100, unless otherwise noted)

Group	Unadjusted indexes										
	December										Sept.
	1986	1987	1988	1989	1990	1991	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996
<b>Expenditure category</b>											
Medical care .....	125.8	133.1	142.3	154.4	169.2	182.6	194.7	205.2	215.3	223.8	229.4
Medical care commodities .....	126.0	134.9	144.2	156.0	169.1	181.7	191.1	197.0	202.9	206.6	211.2
Prescription drugs .....	134.9	145.7	157.1	172.0	189.0	206.7	218.5	225.7	233.2	237.8	243.9
Nonprescription drugs and medical supplies <sup>2</sup> .....	100.0	105.4	110.7	117.1	123.5	127.9	132.9	136.5	139.6	141.5	143.4
Internal and respiratory over-the-counter drugs .....	119.9	127.2	134.0	141.5	150.0	153.7	160.5	164.9	166.3	167.6	170.4
Nonprescription medical equipment and supplies .....	116.5	121.1	126.7	134.4	140.4	148.4	152.7	156.6	164.3	168.2	169.7
Medical care services .....	125.7	132.7	141.9	154.1	169.3	182.8	195.6	207.1	218.2	227.8	233.6
Professional medical services .....	124.0	131.8	140.8	149.9	160.0	169.8	179.4	187.4	196.0	203.9	209.6
Physicians' services .....	125.5	133.4	143.4	153.7	165.1	174.2	185.1	194.5	203.1	212.1	217.3
Dental services .....	123.2	132.1	140.9	149.9	159.9	173.0	183.1	191.1	201.4	210.4	219.0
Eye care <sup>2</sup> .....	100.0	105.3	110.3	114.1	119.2	123.5	128.1	130.7	135.0	138.3	139.2
Services by other medical professionals <sup>2</sup> .....	100.0	104.5	110.3	116.6	122.5	129.2	133.2	137.5	143.0	144.1	146.9
Hospital and related services .....	127.0	135.9	150.8	167.9	186.9	203.5	221.4	238.2	251.3	262.8	271.6
Hospital rooms .....	126.6	135.0	149.1	165.5	183.0	198.3	216.0	232.1	244.3	255.7	263.1
Other inpatient services <sup>2</sup> .....	100.0	107.2	120.8	134.7	151.0	164.2	177.7	191.0	201.9	210.8	218.5
Outpatient services <sup>2</sup> .....	100.0	107.1	117.0	130.7	145.4	159.7	175.4	189.2	199.7	209.2	216.6
Entertainment .....	112.9	117.4	122.8	129.1	134.6	139.9	143.8	147.8	151.2	156.2	159.8
Entertainment commodities .....	108.5	112.6	117.5	121.6	125.2	129.6	131.9	134.4	136.8	140.7	143.3
Reading materials .....	117.1	121.4	126.5	132.4	138.5	147.3	152.8	158.2	163.9	173.6	176.9
Newspapers .....	115.5	120.8	126.6	131.6	137.8	151.1	157.2	164.0	172.2	185.3	189.3
Magazines, periodicals, and books .....	118.9	122.1	126.6	133.3	139.4	144.0	149.0	153.1	156.4	162.8	165.5
Sporting goods and equipment .....	102.6	106.3	111.0	113.3	115.3	119.6	119.7	120.0	123.8	123.1	123.2
Sport vehicles, including bicycles .....	103.7	106.8	111.1	113.6	115.9	117.6	120.1	120.0	124.7	124.8	126.2
Other sporting goods .....	99.2	103.4	108.3	110.4	112.0	118.3	116.5	117.1	120.0	118.7	117.7
Toys, hobbies, and other entertainment .....	106.5	110.6	115.6	119.5	122.3	123.9	125.2	126.9	126.3	128.9	132.4
Toys, hobbies, and music equipment .....	103.3	108.0	112.4	115.1	116.8	118.1	121.1	122.9	121.8	123.0	126.6
Photographic supplies and equipment .....	109.4	116.3	123.0	127.2	129.0	130.1	132.9	135.2	130.9	133.4	134.4
Pet supplies and expense .....	110.1	112.5	117.7	122.9	127.4	129.6	128.3	129.5	130.8	135.4	139.6
Entertainment services .....	119.2	124.3	130.0	138.8	146.3	152.7	158.3	163.9	168.3	174.6	179.1
Club memberships <sup>2</sup> .....	100.0	101.7	109.1	113.5	119.1	123.2	126.0	130.1	129.3	132.3	133.2
Fees for participant sports, excluding club memberships <sup>2</sup> .....	100.0	107.0	113.2	121.9	128.6	134.9	141.5	152.8	156.7	160.4	162.8
Admissions .....	120.2	128.4	133.3	146.0	153.6	161.0	167.3	170.3	177.1	186.4	193.9
Fees for lessons or instructions <sup>2</sup> .....	100.0	105.0	109.8	119.6	125.4	132.4	139.2	144.7	151.8	156.3	163.1
Other entertainment services <sup>2</sup> .....	100.0	101.7	105.1	109.6	116.2	120.6	124.3	127.9	131.2	136.3	139.2
Other goods and services .....	124.5	132.1	141.3	152.9	164.5	177.6	189.1	194.2	202.4	211.1	218.3
Tobacco and smoking products .....	127.0	137.0	149.9	171.9	190.5	211.7	228.9	215.5	222.0	228.1	234.1
Personal care .....	112.8	116.5	122.4	127.1	132.4	135.7	139.6	143.1	145.8	148.9	150.8
Toilet goods and personal care appliances .....	111.9	115.0	121.6	124.7	129.9	133.4	137.8	140.1	142.6	144.1	145.1
Cosmetics, bath and nail preparations, manicure and eye makeup implements .....	112.3	115.5	121.6	123.9	131.2	135.1	137.0	143.4	144.8	146.9	149.5
Other toilet goods and small personal care appliances, including hair and dental products .....	111.8	114.8	121.7	125.4	129.1	132.3	138.6	137.9	141.1	142.2	142.1
Personal care services .....	113.6	117.9	123.1	129.7	135.0	138.0	141.3	146.1	149.2	154.3	157.2
Beauty parlor services for females .....	113.3	117.7	122.7	129.7	135.2	137.9	140.9	146.0	149.0	153.9	156.3
Haircuts and other barber shop services for males .....	114.1	118.6	124.0	129.2	133.7	137.6	142.4	145.9	149.7	155.2	160.1
Personal and educational expenses .....	134.6	143.4	153.0	164.0	176.3	191.1	204.2	217.5	229.2	241.8	252.1
School books and supplies .....	132.3	142.4	152.2	164.0	174.7	184.7	193.8	200.4	207.4	219.0	229.9
Personal and educational services .....	135.0	143.6	153.2	164.2	176.6	191.8	205.3	219.0	231.1	243.7	254.0
Tuition and other school fees .....	136.1	146.5	157.6	170.0	183.5	201.4	218.5	234.0	247.8	261.6	273.7
College tuition .....	135.8	145.3	156.5	169.1	183.0	205.1	225.7	243.5	258.9	273.7	287.8
Elementary and high school tuition .....	136.9	150.3	163.0	177.4	192.8	207.3	223.7	237.0	251.6	268.2	279.4
Day care and nursery school <sup>5</sup> .....	-	-	-	-	100.0	106.3	111.0	116.7	122.2	126.9	131.3
Personal expenses .....	130.4	136.2	143.1	151.4	162.0	172.4	179.8	190.3	199.4	210.0	217.0
Legal service fees <sup>2</sup> .....	100.0	105.2	109.9	116.8	124.8	131.9	137.2	145.1	147.9	153.5	158.6
Personal financial services <sup>2</sup> .....	100.0	104.1	111.3	117.9	127.0	137.5	144.4	153.9	165.9	177.6	183.0
Funeral expenses <sup>2</sup> .....	100.0	103.9	108.2	113.4	120.9	128.0	133.2	140.4	148.6	156.6	162.5
<b>Special Indexes</b>											
Domestically produced farm food .....	108.6	112.7	119.4	127.4	135.4	137.2	139.6	144.5	148.1	151.5	158.1
Selected beef cuts .....	101.2	107.6	112.0	119.6	129.5	128.2	128.4	133.0	129.2	127.6	127.4
Motor fuel, motor oil, coolant, and other products .....	69.7	82.3	80.8	86.2	117.2	98.7	100.5	95.2	100.8	97.0	106.6
Utilities and public transportation .....	108.9	110.1	113.9	117.1	122.9	126.7	130.7	136.5	135.1	137.5	145.0
Housekeeping and home maintenance services .....	109.7	111.9	116.2	118.1	123.0	129.7	134.5	136.9	139.1	145.3	149.5

<sup>1</sup> Indexes on a December 1982=100 base.  
<sup>2</sup> Indexes on a December 1986=100 base.  
<sup>3</sup> Indexes on a December 1983=100 base.  
<sup>4</sup> Indexes on a December 1988=100 base.

<sup>5</sup> Indexes on a December 1990=100 base.  
<sup>6</sup> Indexes on a December 1993=100 base.  
 - Data not available.

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

**Table 26. Historical Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers (CPI-U): U.S. city average, by commodity and service group and detailed expenditure categories**

(1982-84=100, unless otherwise noted)

Group	Percent change from previous December										
	December										Sept.
	1986	1987	1988	1989	1990	1991	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996
<b>Commodity and service group</b>											
All items .....	1.1	4.4	4.4	4.6	6.1	3.1	2.9	2.7	2.7	2.5	2.8
Commodities .....	-2.0	4.6	3.8	4.1	6.6	1.2	2.0	1.5	2.3	1.4	2.4
Food and beverages .....	3.7	3.5	5.1	5.5	5.3	2.5	1.6	2.7	2.7	2.1	3.1
Commodities less food and beverages .....	-5.5	5.2	3.1	3.3	7.5	.3	2.3	.6	2.0	1.0	1.9
Nondurables less food and beverages .....	-9.4	7.5	3.7	4.8	12.3	-1.0	2.3	-7	1.3	.5	3.3
Apparel commodities .....	.4	4.9	4.8	.7	5.0	3.4	1.2	.8	-1.9	-1	.6
Nondurables less food, beverages, and apparel .....	-12.1	9.1	3.0	7.2	16.2	-3.2	2.9	-1.5	3.0	.9	4.5
Durables .....	.1	2.1	2.5	1.2	.9	2.4	2.5	2.7	2.9	1.7	.2
Services .....	4.5	4.3	4.8	5.1	5.7	4.6	3.6	3.8	2.9	3.5	3.1
Rent of shelter .....	4.7	4.9	4.5	4.9	5.3	3.9	2.9	3.0	2.9	3.5	2.8
Household services less rent of shelter .....	.0	1.4	3.5	2.4	2.7	4.6	2.8	2.7	.7	2.0	4.3
Transportation services .....	5.8	4.3	6.0	4.9	8.2	2.5	3.6	4.8	2.5	3.0	3.0
Medical care services .....	7.9	5.6	6.9	8.6	9.9	8.0	7.0	5.9	5.4	4.4	2.5
Other services .....	5.5	5.2	5.6	6.5	6.5	6.2	5.3	5.1	4.0	4.4	3.3
<b>Special indexes</b>											
All items less food .....	.5	4.6	4.2	4.5	6.3	3.3	3.2	2.7	2.6	2.7	2.7
All items less shelter .....	.2	4.2	4.3	4.6	6.5	2.7	3.0	2.6	2.5	2.3	2.8
All items less homeowners' costs .....	.5	4.2	4.3	4.5	6.6	2.8	2.9	2.6	2.4	2.3	3.0
All items less medical care .....	.7	4.3	4.2	4.5	5.9	2.7	2.7	2.6	2.5	2.5	2.8
Commodities less food .....	-5.3	5.1	3.2	3.3	7.4	.8	2.4	.6	1.9	1.1	2.0
Nondurables less food .....	-8.7	7.2	3.7	4.7	11.6	-2	2.4	-5	1.3	.7	3.1
Nondurables less food and apparel .....	-11.1	8.3	3.1	6.8	14.7	-1.6	2.8	-1.1	2.7	1.1	4.3
Nondurables .....	-2.6	5.4	4.4	5.2	8.5	.8	1.9	1.1	2.0	1.4	3.1
Services less rent of shelter .....	4.2	3.7	5.2	5.1	6.2	5.1	4.4	4.4	2.9	3.4	3.4
Services less medical care services .....	3.9	4.1	4.6	4.7	5.4	4.2	3.3	3.5	2.6	3.3	3.2
Energy .....	-19.7	8.2	.5	5.1	18.1	-7.4	2.0	-1.4	2.2	-1.3	8.1
All items less energy .....	3.8	4.1	4.7	4.6	5.2	3.9	3.0	3.1	2.6	2.9	2.4
All items less food and energy .....	3.8	4.2	4.7	4.4	5.2	4.4	3.3	3.2	2.6	3.0	2.3
Commodities less food and energy commodities .....	1.4	3.5	4.0	2.7	3.4	4.0	2.5	1.6	1.4	1.7	1.0
Energy commodities .....	-30.5	17.8	-2.3	7.9	35.4	-16.1	1.2	-5.1	5.2	-3.3	9.7
Services less energy services .....	5.2	4.5	5.0	5.3	6.0	4.6	3.7	3.9	3.2	3.6	2.8
<b>Expenditure category</b>											
Food and beverages .....	3.7	3.5	5.1	5.5	5.3	2.5	1.6	2.7	2.7	2.1	3.1
Food .....	3.8	3.5	5.2	5.6	5.3	1.9	1.5	2.9	2.9	2.1	3.1
Food at home .....	3.7	3.5	5.6	6.2	5.8	1.3	1.5	3.5	3.5	2.0	3.7
Cereals and bakery products .....	2.4	4.1	8.4	7.5	4.6	3.5	4.0	3.7	3.3	3.2	3.1
Cereals and cereal products .....	2.2	4.9	9.6	7.3	5.3	3.5	3.8	3.4	3.1	2.5	-1.0
Flour and prepared flour mixes .....	.1	1.3	6.9	7.2	2.3	-4	5.4	-2	1.8	6.3	11.1
Cereal .....	5.0	6.0	9.6	9.8	7.3	4.8	3.9	4.7	2.4	1.6	-5.0
Rice, pasta, and cornmeal .....	-1.0	4.7	11.4	1.4	2.2	2.9	2.1	2.2	5.9	2.4	1.6
Bakery products .....	2.4	3.8	7.8	7.5	4.4	3.5	4.2	3.7	3.5	3.5	5.0
White bread .....	.7	4.4	11.0	6.1	3.8	1.5	4.1	6.9	2.7	5.5	6.4
Fresh other bread, biscuits, rolls, and muffins .....	2.5	3.4	9.6	6.9	4.7	3.4	5.2	3.0	4.6	4.5	5.8
Cookies, fresh cakes, and cupcakes .....	3.7	4.1	6.3	8.0	5.9	4.8	2.3	3.5	3.7	1.4	1.1
Other bakery products .....	2.8	3.4	5.0	8.9	3.1	4.1	4.9	2.0	3.2	3.0	6.5
Meats, poultry, fish, and eggs .....	6.4	1.1	5.3	6.6	7.9	-1.5	.4	3.8	-5	4.1	3.7
Meats, poultry, and fish .....	6.7	2.3	4.6	5.0	8.8	-1.3	.8	4.1	-6	3.0	4.0
Meats .....	6.0	3.6	2.1	6.5	11.3	-2.1	.2	3.7	-1.6	2.6	4.2
Beef and veal .....	.6	6.7	5.6	6.5	8.9	-1.0	.8	3.7	-2.2	-1	.1
Ground beef other than canned .....	-1.3	5.8	2.5	7.4	7.7	-1.4	-6	3.9	-4.3	-1.7	-1.5
Chuck roast .....	-7	5.1	7.0	9.8	10.3	1.2	1.1	2.5	-1.7	1.0	-2
Round roast .....	-2.8	6.0	5.1	6.4	9.7	-6	1.9	.6	-2	-2.0	1.5
Round steak .....	.8	6.9	3.5	6.2	9.6	-2	.0	2.6	-1.2	-2.0	.6
Sirloin steak .....	2.3	9.5	7.0	2.2	6.6	-3.0	1.3	6.6	-1.3	-1.8	3.3
Other beef and veal .....	2.6	7.5	8.9	6.3	10.0	-9	2.3	3.8	-8	2.3	.6
Pork .....	15.5	-1.8	-3.1	6.9	16.7	-6.1	-9	4.5	-2.3	7.3	12.0
Bacon .....	13.7	-4.3	-10.4	8.4	17.0	-11.6	-3.5	11.7	-2.0	13.4	29.9
Chops .....	15.1	-1.8	.3	7.8	15.2	-4.5	2.5	4.5	-4.8	5.3	6.5
Ham .....	18.7	-2.6	-1.9	5.2	18.5	-4.9	-1.7	1.6	-1.7	7.0	8.7
Other pork, including sausage .....	14.4	.1	-2.6	6.8	16.4	-5.3	-1.5	3.3	-8	6.2	9.4
Other meats .....	7.1	4.2	.9	5.7	10.1	.8	.2	2.6	.7	3.0	3.3
Poultry .....	9.8	-9.3	17.9	.6	1.5	.4	2.7	5.5	-5	4.2	6.5
Fresh whole chicken .....	12.1	-11.0	21.6	-.5	.2	-.5	4.2	4.4	-1.3	3.9	8.6
Fresh and frozen chicken parts .....	13.3	-8.5	18.7	-1.0	2.3	1.2	1.6	7.2	-2.5	4.9	4.9
Other poultry .....	2.0	-7.6	9.2	6.9	1.6	-2	3.1	3.4	6.1	3.0	7.1
Fish and seafood .....	8.8	10.0	4.2	3.0	3.8	1.3	1.1	4.4	5.2	3.1	-1
Canned fish and seafood .....	1.6	10.2	13.5	-4.3	-.5	-.5	1.4	2.4	1.4	.8	-2
Fresh and frozen fish and seafood .....	12.1	9.9	1.6	5.3	5.0	1.8	1.0	4.9	6.2	3.7	-2
Eggs .....	1.0	-17.6	16.5	35.4	-4.6	-4.0	-4.7	-1.4	.3	25.0	-1.4

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**Table 26. Historical Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers (CPI-U): U.S. city average, by commodity and service group and detailed expenditure categories—Continued**

(1982-84=100, unless otherwise noted)

Group	Percent change from previous December										
	December										Sept.
	1986	1987	1988	1989	1990	1991	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996
<b>Expenditure category</b>											
Dairy products .....	2.1	1.7	4.4	10.3	3.1	0.6	1.3	0.9	1.1	2.6	8.7
Fresh milk and cream .....	1.9	1.6	4.7	11.6	2.4	-2	2.5	2.1	.7	1.9	8.3
Fresh whole milk .....	2.0	1.4	5.1	11.7	2.4	-4	1.8	2.2	.4	2.0	7.5
Other fresh milk and cream .....	1.6	2.2	4.0	11.4	2.4	.0	3.4	2.1	1.1	1.7	9.3
Processed dairy products .....	2.3	1.8	4.1	9.2	3.8	1.4	.2	-.5	1.5	3.3	9.0
Cheese .....	1.4	2.4	5.2	12.7	4.6	1.8	.2	-.6	1.0	2.2	7.5
Ice cream and related products .....	3.1	1.4	3.4	7.2	4.4	1.2	.4	.7	3.5	2.6	6.5
Other dairy products, including butter .....	3.3	.7	2.0	1.2	.0	.3	-.2	-1.9	.4	8.5	18.1
Fruits and vegetables .....	1.5	12.8	6.2	4.4	7.2	4.4	2.2	6.6	8.3	-1.3	3.2
Fresh fruits and vegetables .....	3.6	17.9	3.7	5.4	8.2	7.6	2.5	9.3	11.9	-3.1	1.5
Fresh fruits .....	5.9	10.5	13.4	8.1	10.6	10.2	-3.6	13.0	3.7	5.2	8.7
Apples .....	5.1	-11.4	27.8	-5.8	21.6	12.1	-9.3	8.3	-2.2	15.0	11.4
Bananas .....	5.4	17.0	7.9	5.8	4.6	.0	-3.1	2.7	12.1	2.4	1.4
Oranges, including tangerines .....	6.1	14.4	14.3	-4.1	10.3	22.3	-16.1	13.2	.7	15.7	60.7
Other fresh fruits .....	6.4	16.0	10.3	16.1	8.9	8.9	1.0	15.8	4.6	1.4	-2.2
Fresh vegetables .....	1.3	25.5	-5.1	2.6	5.5	4.7	10.2	5.3	21.6	-11.4	-7.1
Potatoes .....	27.6	-.1	23.8	8.9	-4.4	-3.7	6.4	20.3	-6.5	13.7	3.2
Lettuce .....	-19.5	-	-36.1	-22.1	11.9	11.9	7.6	-16.9	79.8	-37.0	1.3
Tomatoes .....	1.0	10.4	-10.8	12.9	-7.7	-3.9	55.3	2.0	18.5	3.9	-32.2
Other fresh vegetables .....	1.9	14.1	2.5	4.8	11.4	7.5	2.5	7.3	21.1	-15.2	-3.1
Processed fruits and vegetables .....	-1.1	4.6	10.8	2.5	5.4	-1.4	1.3	1.4	.5	2.8	7.1
Processed fruits .....	-2.4	5.8	10.8	.6	7.5	-2.3	2.5	-.8	-.3	3.6	6.9
Fruit juices and frozen fruit .....	-4.3	6.7	12.6	.1	8.8	-4.1	2.7	-1.4	-.6	3.5	7.6
Canned and dried fruits .....	1.4	3.0	3.9	3.2	2.4	4.9	1.7	1.7	.7	3.9	4.5
Processed vegetables .....	.2	3.0	10.8	5.0	2.6	-.4	-.2	4.3	1.4	1.8	7.2
Frozen vegetables .....	1.3	3.0	4.3	7.1	3.1	.6	.7	4.0	.8	2.9	3.2
Processed vegetables excluding frozen .....	-.2	2.9	14.2	3.9	2.5	-.9	-.5	4.3	1.7	1.3	9.3
Other food at home .....	3.0	.9	4.8	4.2	4.2	1.5	.9	2.0	6.0	1.2	2.2
Sugar and sweets .....	2.3	1.6	5.1	3.8	4.4	3.6	.9	.9	.9	3.0	5.0
Sugar and artificial sweeteners .....	-.5	1.2	7.8	4.4	2.9	.0	1.0	1.1	1.8	4.2	5.2
Sweets, including candy .....	3.4	1.9	4.1	3.5	5.0	4.8	1.0	.8	.5	2.6	5.0
Fats and oils .....	-1.4	1.7	10.0	2.6	7.7	-1.3	-.7	.8	3.7	2.5	2.9
Nonalcoholic beverages .....	4.8	-3.5	2.9	3.0	1.9	-.5	-.2	2.2	14.7	-1.7	-1.2
Carbonated drinks .....	-.1	1.6	1.3	5.0	.9	1.0	1.6	1.7	-.3	2.9	.4
Coffee .....	22.8	-14.3	5.8	-1.0	1.5	-5.2	-5.3	5.4	55.4	-9.6	-5.5
Other noncarbonated drinks .....	1.5	2.3	2.8	4.1	5.2	2.5	2.0	-.5	.9	2.3	2.4
Other prepared food .....	2.7	4.2	5.0	5.7	5.2	3.0	2.2	2.6	2.2	2.7	3.6
Canned and packaged soup .....	2.7	6.1	3.6	7.5	5.9	6.0	5.7	4.4	4.1	3.4	5.0
Frozen prepared food .....	2.3	5.8	4.7	5.4	3.4	1.6	.5	-.1	.2	.6	2.7
Snacks .....	3.1	3.1	4.8	4.1	3.9	1.3	-.2	2.9	1.8	3.4	4.6
Seasonings, condiments, sauces, and spices .....	3.1	2.8	4.5	5.6	6.2	4.0	4.1	2.6	2.4	3.9	4.9
Miscellaneous prepared food, including baby food .....	2.1	4.7	6.1	6.8	6.0	3.4	1.9	3.5	3.0	2.0	1.5
Food away from home .....	4.3	3.7	4.4	4.6	4.5	2.9	1.4	1.9	1.9	2.2	2.1
Lunch .....	4.0	3.9	4.6	5.0	4.5	3.0	1.5	2.0	1.8	2.3	2.0
Dinner .....	3.8	3.5	4.4	4.2	4.0	2.7	1.5	1.8	2.0	2.2	2.0
Other meals and snacks .....	5.6	3.3	4.4	4.8	5.5	3.0	1.5	1.8	2.0	2.3	2.2
Alcoholic beverages .....	2.0	3.3	3.9	4.8	4.2	9.9	2.9	1.5	1.0	2.0	3.0
Alcoholic beverages at home .....	1.4	2.3	2.3	4.3	3.8	11.6	2.1	.5	-.1	.9	3.1
Beer and ale .....	1.8	2.1	2.8	4.7	3.6	11.8	2.8	.3	-.1	.6	2.8
Wine .....	2.2	3.8	1.6	3.5	2.6	14.0	1.5	.5	-1.4	1.6	5.4
Distilled spirits .....	.7	1.2	1.9	4.4	4.9	9.2	1.4	.9	.8	.9	2.0
Alcoholic beverages away from home .....	3.8	4.6	6.0	5.3	4.7	8.2	3.8	2.6	2.4	3.2	2.9

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**Table 26. Historical Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers (CPI-U): U.S. city average, by commodity and service group and detailed expenditure categories—Continued**

(1982-84 = 100, unless otherwise noted)

Group	Percent change from previous December										
	December										Sept.
	1986	1987	1988	1989	1990	1991	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996
<b>Expenditure category</b>											
Housing .....	1.7	3.7	4.0	3.9	4.5	3.4	2.6	2.7	2.2	3.0	2.8
Shelter .....	4.6	4.8	4.5	4.9	5.2	3.9	2.9	3.0	3.0	3.5	2.7
Renters' costs .....	5.0	3.9	3.9	4.5	6.7	4.2	2.8	2.6	2.3	3.0	4.4
Rent, residential .....	5.0	4.0	3.6	4.2	4.1	2.9	2.3	2.2	2.5	2.5	2.1
Other renters' costs .....	5.0	4.1	4.8	5.5	14.4	8.1	4.1	3.7	1.6	4.3	10.6
Lodging while out of town .....	4.4	3.9	4.5	5.4	15.8	8.5	3.8	3.8	1.3	4.3	11.5
Lodging while at school .....	6.4	6.2	6.6	7.4	6.3	5.8	7.3	2.8	4.2	4.3	4.0
Tenants' insurance .....	5.4	3.6	3.3	2.4	1.5	2.1	2.9	3.3	4.1	2.2	2.6
Homeowners' costs .....	4.6	5.3	4.7	5.1	4.7	3.7	2.9	3.2	3.3	3.7	2.0
Owners' equivalent rent .....	4.6	5.3	4.8	5.1	4.8	3.7	3.0	3.2	3.3	3.7	2.1
Household insurance .....	5.7	3.8	3.5	2.6	1.9	2.6	3.1	3.3	4.3	1.9	2.5
Maintenance and repairs .....	1.8	3.3	2.2	3.2	3.6	3.5	.9	-1.3	4.0	2.9	2.4
Maintenance and repair services .....	1.6	4.3	1.5	3.2	5.5	1.9	2.9	-3.3	4.7	3.7	3.7
Maintenance and repair commodities .....	1.8	2.0	3.0	3.0	.9	5.9	-1.9	1.8	2.7	1.8	.3
Materials, supplies, and equipment for home repairs .....	-	2.2	2.5	4.4	2.1	4.1	1.0	1.4	1.7	-.4	1.5
Other maintenance and repair commodities .....	-.3	1.6	3.6	2.0	-.2	7.4	-4.3	2.2	3.5	3.7	-.7
Fuel and other utilities .....	-5.6	1.6	2.9	3.2	4.0	2.9	2.3	2.5	.2	1.4	4.9
Fuels .....	-9.5	1.4	2.4	3.9	4.3	.9	2.3	1.7	-.5	.7	6.8
Fuel oil and other household fuel commodities .....	-30.0	12.9	-4.6	15.5	28.6	-17.0	-3.1	-3.8	.1	1.4	6.7
Fuel oil .....	-33.3	17.9	-6.3	19.5	29.9	-19.9	-3.4	-4.6	.0	1.5	8.3
Other household fuel commodities .....	-	2.6	-.3	5.9	25.9	-9.6	-2.4	-2.0	.4	.8	3.3
Gas (piped) and electricity (energy services) .....	-3.3	.2	3.2	2.8	1.5	3.5	2.8	2.2	-.6	.8	6.7
Electricity .....	-1.5	1.8	2.8	2.8	1.4	5.0	1.7	.6	.6	2.7	8.2
Utility (piped) gas .....	-5.8	-2.9	3.6	2.7	1.8	.3	5.1	5.8	-3.2	-3.6	3.3
Other utilities and public services .....	3.7	1.9	3.8	2.2	3.5	5.7	2.4	3.6	1.2	2.2	2.9
Telephone services .....	2.7	-1.3	1.3	-.3	-.4	3.5	-.3	1.8	.7	1.2	1.7
Local charges .....	7.1	3.3	4.5	.6	1.0	5.1	.5	1.0	-.3	2.6	.4
Interstate toll calls .....	-9.4	-12.4	-4.2	-1.3	-3.7	1.3	-1.3	6.5	5.4	.1	3.7
Intrastate toll calls .....	.3	-3.0	-4.2	-2.6	-2.2	-1.5	-2.4	.2	-1.0	-3.8	4.8
Water and sewerage maintenance .....	5.4	5.2	6.1	6.6	6.2	7.8	6.6	4.8	4.2	2.9	3.0
Cable television .....	3.8	9.5	10.6	3.8	13.1	8.6	3.7	7.0	-2.6	4.1	6.8
Refuse collection .....	9.4	10.2	7.9	9.7	9.8	11.5	8.5	5.2	5.0	2.9	1.8
Household furnishings and operation .....	1.5	1.1	3.1	1.0	1.8	2.3	1.6	1.8	.4	2.5	1.1
Housefurnishings .....	1.2	.4	2.5	-.4	.6	.9	1.5	1.5	.0	.7	.4
Textile housefurnishings .....	2.6	.2	5.8	-.3	2.5	1.9	-1.9	6.6	-3.6	.5	.4
Furniture and bedding .....	2.2	2.1	3.5	-1.4	1.1	1.0	4.5	3.6	1.6	4.2	1.7
Bedroom furniture .....	3.5	.2	4.7	-2.1	-1.3	4.1	6.1	5.3	-1.9	2.3	3.1
Sofas .....	7.2	4.5	.8	-.7	.4	.6	3.4	-1.5	6.6	10.3	3.4
Living room chairs and tables .....	.5	2.2	3.3	-.4	5.5	-2.2	3.6	7.7	.5	5.9	-.7
Other furniture .....	-.8	2.4	4.0	-1.6	1.9	-.3	3.8	3.1	2.9	1.6	.2
Appliances, including electronic equipment .....	-1.0	-2.7	.7	-1.8	-2.4	-1.7	-1.6	-.8	-1.2	-3.9	-1.9
Video and audio products .....	-2.2	-3.7	-1.4	-.5	-3.6	-.8	-1.8	-.8	-2.1	-3.9	-2.5
Televisions .....	-4.3	-4.4	-1.4	-1.3	-3.6	-1.1	-1.2	-1.7	-1.4	-4.0	-4.7
Video products other than televisions .....	-	-	-	-4.9	-9.5	-5.5	-3.4	-2.0	-6.6	-6.7	-3.1
Audio products .....	-.9	1.0	-.4	2.6	-1.1	1.8	-1.5	.4	-1.0	-2.6	-.7
Major household appliances .....	-	-1.2	3.6	-1.4	-.3	-2.1	.5	1.5	3.6	-1.8	1.0
Refrigerators and home freezers .....	-1.2	.9	1.6	1.3	-1.0	-1.7	.7	4.4	4.9	-1.9	.8
Laundry equipment .....	-.5	-1.3	4.2	-1.0	1.2	-1.5	.7	.8	3.3	-.7	3.7
Stoves, ovens, dishwashers, and air conditioners .....	-	-2.8	4.8	-3.3	-1.1	-3.0	.2	.1	2.4	-2.7	-1.2
Information processing equipment .....	-	-	-	-7.3	-2.6	-4.1	-6.1	-7.6	-9.1	-10.7	-9.3
Other housefurnishings .....	-	1.8	2.2	1.8	2.0	3.0	2.1	.0	.4	.8	.8
Floor and window coverings, infants', laundry, cleaning, and outdoor equipment .....	3.7	5.5	-.6	4.5	7.3	-1.9	2.1	2.6	.4	4.7	1.9
Clocks, lamps, and decor items .....	-1.7	1.7	3.0	6.5	-.2	4.6	2.1	-1.7	-.3	3.7	-2.1
Tableware, serving pieces, and nonelectric kitchenware .....	2.9	1.3	2.6	1.8	1.3	6.9	1.4	.8	.5	-3.4	3.4
Lawn equipment, power tools, and other hardware .....	-1.6	1.3	-.3	-3.1	1.9	.0	.1	3.7	.5	.7	1.3
Sewing, floor cleaning, small kitchen, and portable heating appliances .....	-	-1.6	1.6	-2.8	-.9	-.4	1.0	-3.4	-2.1	-3.6	.2
Indoor plants and fresh cut flowers .....	-	-	-	-	-	7.0	5.6	-2.7	3.7	1.3	.3
Housekeeping supplies .....	1.7	2.9	4.0	5.6	3.2	1.8	-.2	1.9	.8	5.2	1.0
Laundry and cleaning products, including soap .....	1.9	4.6	4.2	4.6	4.0	4.2	-.4	-.1	1.5	1.5	2.2
Household paper products and stationery supplies .....	1.1	.7	5.8	5.5	3.8	.3	.2	2.3	.2	10.6	-.1
Other household, lawn, and garden supplies .....	1.8	3.2	2.2	7.0	1.6	.7	-.6	3.7	.5	3.9	1.0
Housekeeping services .....	1.8	1.8	4.0	1.5	4.0	5.8	3.8	2.2	1.4	4.5	2.8
Postage .....	.0	.0	13.5	.0	.0	16.1	.0	.0	.0	10.3	.0
Appliance and furniture repair .....	2.6	3.1	2.7	1.9	3.4	4.3	6.9	2.5	1.0	4.4	2.8
Gardening and other household services .....	-	4.9	4.1	3.7	4.0	2.1	4.9	1.8	.6	1.9	4.3

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(1982-84 = 100, unless otherwise noted)

Group	Percent change from previous December										
	December										Sept.
	1986	1987	1988	1989	1990	1991	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996
<b>Expenditure category</b>											
Apparel and upkeep	0.9	4.8	4.7	1.0	5.1	3.4	1.4	0.9	-1.6	0.1	0.7
Apparel commodities	.4	4.9	4.8	.7	5.0	3.4	1.2	.8	-1.9	-.1	.6
Apparel commodities less footwear	.3	5.1	4.6	.7	5.3	3.6	.9	.7	-1.8	-.2	.3
Men's and boys'	.2	3.1	6.0	1.3	2.9	2.9	1.0	.3	-1.7	.6	1.1
Men's	.1	4.0	6.1	1.9	3.2	3.1	1.3	.0	-1.4	.1	1.5
Suits, sport coats, coats, and jackets	1.6	3.4	9.2	2.2	2.8	2.4	1.1	3.5	-1.0	-1.7	1.0
Furnishings and special clothing	.6	.6	3.3	3.3	2.0	2.0	1.1	-.5	-.2	-2.2	1.3
Shirts	-.7	6.4	6.3	.2	4.1	4.1	1.1	-2.8	-2.7	3.7	2.4
Dungarees, jeans, and trousers	-1.9	5.8	4.8	1.8	4.5	3.4	2.5	-1.1	-1.6	1.0	1.0
Boys'	.4	-.5	4.9	-1.0	1.4	2.8	-1.0	1.8	-3.3	2.7	-.2
Women's and girls'	-.6	5.9	3.5	-.1	6.1	4.0	.5	1.2	-3.8	-.8	-.9
Women's	-.7	6.0	2.9	.2	6.6	3.1	.3	2.0	-4.4	-1.0	-.3
Coats and jackets	-.73	4.5	.5	4.2	7.6	3.3	4.2	4.4	-9.7	3.8	-3.1
Dresses	-.9	13.3	3.0	-.8	7.0	-2.4	2.1	-2.7	-11.1	1.4	-.1
Separates and sportswear	1.0	5.1	2.1	-.5	6.1	4.1	-1.3	2.9	-3.5	-2.9	-1.5
Underwear, nightwear, hosiery, and accessories	.1	.5	5.8	1.7	4.3	2.3	.7	1.4	1.1	2.0	2.4
Suits	.3	10.2	5.3	-2.2	11.8	10.1	.9	4.3	.3	-5.0	2.9
Girls'	1.2	4.8	6.4	-1.0	3.5	8.8	2.1	-3.3	-.7	.4	-3.9
Infants' and toddlers'	2.9	2.4	2.4	-1.7	8.9	2.9	1.2	-2.8	3.3	-2.0	2.1
Other apparel commodities	2.6	8.4	7.0	3.1	6.5	3.5	2.6	1.2	4.3	1.4	2.2
Sewing materials, notions, and luggage	-	2.7	6.3	1.8	6.8	2.0	1.4	-1.3	.0	9.1	1.7
Watches and jewelry	-	9.7	7.2	3.3	6.5	3.9	2.8	1.7	5.0	.0	2.3
Watches	-	3.4	4.4	-.2	2.5	3.4	-1.2	5.3	5.0	4.8	.1
Jewelry	-	11.5	7.9	4.3	7.5	3.9	3.8	.9	5.1	-1.1	2.8
Footwear	.5	3.8	5.9	1.1	3.2	2.9	2.7	.6	-1.7	.4	2.1
Men's	2.7	2.6	7.0	2.3	3.0	3.0	2.7	.2	-.8	-.5	1.2
Boys' and girls'	2.0	7.0	4.3	3.3	3.7	-.2	-1.0	.5	1.0	1.5	2.8
Women's	-2.5	3.3	5.8	-.7	3.2	4.1	4.4	.7	-3.6	.6	2.4
Apparel services	3.8	3.9	4.4	3.6	6.8	3.4	3.3	2.7	1.7	.8	1.7
Laundry and dry cleaning other than coin operated	3.7	5.2	5.4	3.9	5.4	3.0	3.2	3.2	1.8	.8	2.2
Other apparel services	4.0	2.6	3.3	3.4	8.5	3.6	3.5	2.3	1.4	1.0	1.1
Transportation	-5.9	6.1	3.0	4.0	10.4	-1.5	3.0	2.4	3.8	1.5	2.9
Private	-6.9	6.5	2.9	3.9	9.8	-1.4	2.7	1.5	4.9	1.3	2.5
New vehicles	5.6	1.8	2.2	2.4	2.0	3.2	2.3	3.3	3.3	1.9	.3
New cars	5.9	1.8	2.1	2.3	1.4	3.3	2.3	2.8	3.2	1.6	.2
Subcompact new cars	-	1.9	2.2	1.0	.4	4.1	2.7	3.5	3.3	1.9	.0
Compact new cars	-	1.4	1.1	2.1	1.7	2.3	.7	3.2	4.3	1.6	1.7
Intermediate new cars	-	.5	1.4	3.6	1.6	3.6	2.1	2.1	3.4	1.4	-.3
Full-size new cars	-	3.2	2.5	3.0	1.5	3.7	1.7	3.0	1.9	1.2	-.2
Luxury new cars	-	4.1	5.2	2.0	2.5	2.7	3.6	1.8	2.8	2.1	.5
New trucks	4.3	1.3	2.2	3.3	4.2	3.0	2.5	4.6	3.7	2.8	.6
New motorcycles	-	4.1	5.3	4.2	2.8	5.4	4.0	7.2	7.9	5.1	2.9
Used cars	-5.1	8.9	3.4	-.4	-2.2	2.6	7.4	8.0	8.8	4.4	-.8
Motor fuel	-30.7	18.7	-2.1	6.8	36.5	-16.0	1.8	-5.4	5.9	-4.0	10.2
Gasoline	-30.7	18.6	-1.8	6.5	36.8	-16.2	2.0	-5.9	6.4	-4.2	10.1
Gasoline, unleaded regular	-31.6	18.5	-2.5	5.5	38.9	-16.7	1.9	-6.7	7.2	-4.4	10.6
Gasoline, unleaded midgrade	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	5.3	-4.5	9.5
Gasoline, unleaded premium	-26.6	15.6	-.7	6.1	32.0	-14.6	1.8	-4.7	5.2	-4.8	8.6
Automobile maintenance and repair	3.7	3.8	3.9	4.4	4.4	4.5	3.5	3.1	2.8	2.5	2.8
Body work	3.7	5.5	4.6	6.0	3.4	2.5	2.7	2.9	3.8	3.5	4.2
Automobile drive train, brake, and miscellaneous mechanical repair	4.3	3.1	4.3	5.0	5.5	4.0	4.4	3.9	3.7	2.0	2.4
Maintenance and servicing	3.9	4.0	3.3	3.1	3.7	5.4	2.1	2.0	1.4	2.1	2.9
Power plant repair	2.8	3.6	3.9	4.9	4.6	4.8	4.4	3.8	3.3	3.2	2.5
Other private transportation	5.7	4.7	7.0	4.9	5.5	3.6	2.3	2.3	5.4	2.9	1.0
Other private transportation commodities	-.8	1.8	2.9	2.0	1.5	1.4	-.6	-1.3	1.0	.9	-.2
Motor oil, coolant, and other products	-.8	-2.0	9.6	-.3	7.0	.8	-.3	.6	6.1	3.2	1.3
Automobile parts and equipment	-.8	2.1	2.3	2.2	.9	1.6	-.6	-1.6	.5	.5	-.3
Tires	-1.6	1.4	4.0	2.3	-.1	2.3	-.5	-1.4	2.2	.2	-.4
Other parts and equipment	1.1	2.7	.8	2.1	2.0	.7	-.6	-1.6	-1.3	.9	-.4
Other private transportation services	6.8	5.4	7.8	5.5	6.4	4.0	2.8	2.8	6.2	3.2	1.1
Automobile insurance	11.8	5.8	8.4	5.9	7.5	8.0	6.6	5.0	3.4	4.3	1.6
Automobile finance charges	-7.3	5.9	8.3	4.3	.0	-7.1	-13.9	-5.6	23.0	2.0	-1.6
Automobile fees	6.2	3.5	5.5	5.7	9.9	2.8	6.2	2.2	3.6	.6	1.7
Automobile registration, licensing, and inspection fees	3.3	1.7	6.1	6.4	17.2	4.2	6.2	2.4	.4	1.7	.1
Other automobile-related fees	10.0	5.2	5.1	5.1	3.0	1.4	6.3	2.0	7.2	-.5	3.3
Public transportation	6.0	1.8	3.6	4.1	17.2	-3.0	5.6	11.6	-6.2	3.1	8.1
Airline fares	5.3	1.6	3.3	5.3	22.7	-6.0	6.6	17.0	-9.5	1.8	9.9
Other intercity transportation	4.9	2.0	7.1	1.7	6.6	2.4	.1	-2.8	2.3	.8	1.6
Intracity public transportation	6.8	2.4	2.9	2.1	7.7	3.8	5.0	2.8	1.0	7.6	6.2

See footnotes at end of table.

**Table 26. Historical Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers (CPI-U): U.S. city average, by commodity and service group and detailed expenditure categories—Continued**

(1982-84=100, unless otherwise noted)

Group	Percent change from previous December										
	December										Sept.
	1986	1987	1988	1989	1990	1991	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996
<b>Expenditure category</b>											
Medical care .....	7.7	5.8	6.9	8.5	9.6	7.9	6.6	5.4	4.9	3.9	2.5
Medical care commodities .....	6.8	7.1	6.9	8.2	8.4	7.5	5.2	3.1	3.0	1.8	2.2
Prescription drugs .....	9.0	8.0	7.8	9.5	9.9	9.4	5.7	3.3	3.3	2.0	2.6
Nonprescription drugs and medical supplies .....	-	5.4	5.0	5.8	5.5	3.6	3.9	2.7	2.3	1.4	1.3
Internal and respiratory over-the-counter drugs .....	5.0	6.1	5.3	5.6	6.0	2.5	4.4	2.7	.8	.8	1.7
Nonprescription medical equipment and supplies .....	4.1	3.9	4.6	6.1	4.5	5.7	2.9	2.6	4.9	2.4	.9
Medical care services .....	7.9	5.6	6.9	8.6	9.9	8.0	7.0	5.9	5.4	4.4	2.5
Professional medical services .....	6.3	6.3	6.8	6.5	6.7	6.1	5.7	4.5	4.6	4.0	2.8
Physicians' services .....	7.7	6.3	7.5	7.2	7.4	5.5	6.3	5.1	4.4	4.4	2.5
Dental services .....	5.5	7.2	6.7	6.4	6.7	8.2	5.8	4.4	5.4	4.5	4.1
Eye care .....	-	5.3	4.7	3.4	4.5	3.6	3.7	2.0	3.3	2.4	.7
Services by other medical professionals .....	-	4.5	5.6	5.7	5.1	5.5	3.1	3.2	4.0	.8	1.9
Hospital and related services .....	7.2	7.0	11.0	11.3	11.3	8.9	8.8	7.6	5.5	4.6	3.3
Hospital rooms .....	7.7	6.6	10.4	11.0	10.6	8.4	8.9	7.5	5.3	4.7	2.9
Other inpatient services .....	-	7.2	12.7	11.5	12.1	8.7	8.2	7.5	5.7	4.4	3.7
Outpatient services .....	-	7.1	9.2	11.7	11.2	9.8	9.8	7.9	5.5	4.8	3.5
Entertainment .....	3.4	4.0	4.6	5.1	4.3	3.9	2.8	2.8	2.3	3.3	2.3
Entertainment commodities .....	1.8	3.8	4.4	3.5	3.0	3.5	1.8	1.9	1.8	2.9	1.8
Reading materials .....	4.3	3.7	4.2	4.7	4.6	6.4	3.7	3.5	3.6	5.9	1.9
Newspapers .....	3.7	4.6	4.8	3.9	4.7	9.7	4.0	4.3	5.0	7.6	2.2
Magazines, periodicals, and books .....	4.9	2.7	3.7	5.3	4.6	3.3	3.5	2.8	2.2	4.1	1.7
Sporting goods and equipment .....	-2.7	3.6	4.4	2.1	1.8	3.7	.1	.3	3.2	-6	.1
Sport vehicles, including bicycles .....	-3.5	3.0	4.0	2.3	2.0	1.5	2.1	-1	3.9	.1	1.1
Other sporting goods .....	.2	4.2	4.7	1.9	1.4	5.6	-1.5	.5	2.5	-1.1	-8
Toys, hobbies, and other entertainment .....	2.9	3.8	4.5	3.4	2.3	1.3	1.0	1.4	-5	2.1	2.7
Toys, hobbies, and music equipment .....	2.1	4.5	4.1	2.4	1.5	1.1	2.5	1.5	-9	1.0	2.9
Photographic supplies and equipment .....	5.9	6.3	5.8	3.4	1.4	.9	2.2	1.7	-3.2	1.9	.7
Pet supplies and expense .....	2.3	2.2	4.6	4.4	3.7	1.7	-1.0	.9	1.0	3.5	3.1
Entertainment services .....	5.4	4.3	4.6	6.8	5.4	4.4	3.7	3.5	2.7	3.7	2.6
Club memberships .....	-	1.7	7.3	4.0	4.9	3.4	2.3	3.3	-6	2.3	.7
Fees for participant sports, excluding club memberships .....	-	7.0	5.8	7.7	5.5	4.9	4.9	8.0	2.6	2.4	1.5
Admissions .....	5.1	6.8	3.8	9.5	5.2	4.8	3.9	1.8	4.0	5.3	4.0
Fees for lessons or instructions .....	-	5.0	4.6	8.9	4.8	5.6	5.1	4.0	4.9	3.0	4.4
Other entertainment services .....	-	1.7	3.3	4.3	6.0	3.8	3.1	2.9	2.6	3.9	2.1
Other goods and services .....	5.5	6.1	7.0	8.2	7.6	8.0	6.5	2.7	4.2	4.3	3.4
Tobacco and smoking products .....	5.9	7.9	9.4	14.7	10.8	11.1	8.1	-5.9	3.0	2.7	2.6
Personal care .....	2.5	3.3	5.1	3.8	4.2	2.5	2.9	2.5	1.9	2.1	1.3
Toilet goods and personal care appliances .....	2.5	2.8	5.7	2.5	4.2	2.7	3.3	1.7	1.8	1.1	.7
Cosmetics, bath and nail preparations, manicure and eye makeup implements .....	2.7	2.8	5.3	1.9	5.9	3.0	1.4	4.7	1.0	1.5	1.8
Other toilet goods and small personal care appliances, including hair and dental products .....	2.4	2.7	6.0	3.0	3.0	2.5	4.8	-5	2.3	.8	-1
Personal care services .....	2.6	3.8	4.4	5.4	4.1	2.2	2.4	3.4	2.1	3.4	1.9
Beauty parlor services for females .....	2.5	3.9	4.2	5.7	4.2	2.0	2.2	3.6	2.1	3.3	1.6
Haircuts and other barber shop services for males .....	2.8	3.9	4.6	4.2	3.5	2.9	3.5	2.5	2.6	3.7	3.2
Personal and educational expenses .....	8.0	6.5	6.7	7.2	7.5	8.4	6.9	6.5	5.4	5.5	4.3
School books and supplies .....	7.6	7.6	6.9	7.8	6.5	5.7	4.9	3.4	3.5	5.6	5.0
Personal and educational services .....	8.1	6.4	6.7	7.2	7.6	8.6	7.0	6.7	5.5	5.5	4.2
Tuition and other school fees .....	7.8	7.6	7.6	7.9	7.9	9.8	8.5	7.1	5.9	5.6	4.6
College tuition .....	7.4	7.0	7.7	8.1	8.2	12.1	10.0	7.9	6.3	5.7	5.2
Elementary and high school tuition .....	9.2	9.8	8.4	8.8	8.7	7.5	7.9	5.9	6.2	6.6	4.2
Day care and nursery school .....	-	-	-	-	-	6.3	4.4	5.1	4.7	3.8	3.5
Personal expenses .....	8.9	4.4	5.1	5.8	7.0	6.4	4.3	5.8	4.8	5.3	3.3
Legal service fees .....	-	5.2	4.5	6.3	6.8	5.7	4.0	5.8	1.9	3.8	3.3
Personal financial services .....	-	4.1	6.9	5.9	7.7	8.3	5.0	6.6	7.8	7.1	3.0
Funeral expenses .....	-	3.9	4.1	4.8	6.6	5.9	4.1	5.4	5.8	5.4	3.8
<b>Special indexes</b>											
Domestically produced farm food .....	3.3	3.8	5.9	6.7	6.3	1.3	1.7	3.5	2.5	2.3	4.4
Selected beef cuts .....	.2	6.3	4.1	6.8	8.3	-1.0	.2	3.6	-2.9	-1.2	-2
Motor fuel, motor oil, coolant, and other products .....	-30.1	18.1	-1.8	6.7	36.0	-15.8	1.8	-5.3	5.9	-3.8	9.9
Utilities and public transportation .....	.4	1.1	3.5	2.8	5.0	3.1	3.2	4.4	-1.0	1.8	5.5
Housekeeping and home maintenance services .....	1.8	2.0	3.8	1.6	4.1	5.4	3.7	1.8	1.6	4.5	2.9

- Data not available.

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

**Table 27. Historical Consumer Price Index for Urban Wage Earners and Clerical Workers (CPI-W): U. S. City Average, all items**

(1982-84=100, unless otherwise noted)

Year	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	June	July	Aug.	Sep.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Semiannual averages		Annual avg.	Percent change from previous	
													1st half	2nd half		Dec.	Annual avg.
1913	9.9	9.8	9.8	9.9	9.8	9.8	9.9	10.0	10.0	10.1	10.1	10.1	-	-	10.0	-	-
1914	10.1	10.0	10.0	9.9	9.9	10.0	10.1	10.2	10.3	10.2	10.2	10.2	-	-	10.1	1.0	1.0
1915	10.2	10.1	10.0	10.1	10.1	10.2	10.2	10.2	10.2	10.3	10.4	10.4	-	-	10.2	2.0	1.0
1916	10.5	10.5	10.6	10.7	10.7	10.9	10.9	11.0	11.2	11.3	11.5	11.6	-	-	11.0	11.5	7.8
1917	11.8	12.0	12.1	12.6	12.9	13.0	12.9	13.1	13.3	13.6	13.6	13.8	-	-	12.9	19.0	17.3
1918	14.0	14.2	14.1	14.3	14.5	14.8	15.2	15.4	15.8	16.1	16.3	16.6	-	-	15.1	20.3	17.1
1919	16.6	16.2	16.5	16.8	17.0	17.0	17.5	17.8	17.9	18.2	18.6	19.0	-	-	17.4	14.5	15.2
1920	19.4	19.6	19.8	20.4	20.7	21.0	20.9	20.4	20.1	20.0	19.9	19.5	-	-	20.1	2.6	15.5
1921	19.1	18.5	18.4	18.2	17.8	17.7	17.8	17.8	17.6	17.6	17.5	17.4	-	-	18.0	-10.8	-10.4
1922	17.0	17.0	16.8	16.8	16.8	16.8	16.9	16.7	16.7	16.8	16.9	17.0	-	-	16.9	-2.3	-6.1
1923	16.9	16.9	16.9	17.0	17.0	17.1	17.3	17.2	17.3	17.4	17.4	17.4	-	-	17.2	2.4	1.8
1924	17.4	17.3	17.2	17.1	17.1	17.1	17.2	17.1	17.2	17.3	17.3	17.4	-	-	17.2	.0	.0
1925	17.4	17.3	17.4	17.3	17.4	17.6	17.8	17.8	17.8	17.8	18.1	18.0	-	-	17.6	3.4	2.3
1926	18.0	18.0	17.9	18.0	17.9	17.8	17.6	17.5	17.6	17.7	17.8	17.8	-	-	17.8	-1.1	1.1
1927	17.6	17.5	17.4	17.4	17.5	17.7	17.4	17.3	17.4	17.5	17.4	17.4	-	-	17.5	-2.2	-1.7
1928	17.4	17.2	17.2	17.2	17.3	17.2	17.2	17.2	17.4	17.3	17.3	17.2	-	-	17.2	-1.1	-1.7
1929	17.2	17.2	17.1	17.0	17.1	17.2	17.4	17.4	17.4	17.4	17.4	17.3	-	-	17.2	.6	.0
1930	17.2	17.1	17.0	17.1	17.0	16.9	16.7	16.6	16.7	16.6	16.5	16.2	-	-	16.8	-6.4	-2.3
1931	16.0	15.7	15.6	15.5	15.4	15.2	15.2	15.1	15.1	15.0	14.8	14.7	-	-	15.3	-9.3	-8.9
1932	14.4	14.2	14.1	14.0	13.8	13.7	13.7	13.5	13.5	13.4	13.3	13.2	-	-	13.7	-10.2	-10.5
1933	13.0	12.8	12.7	12.6	12.7	12.8	13.2	13.3	13.3	13.3	13.3	13.2	-	-	13.0	.0	-5.1
1934	13.3	13.4	13.4	13.4	13.4	13.4	13.4	13.5	13.7	13.6	13.5	13.5	-	-	13.5	2.3	3.8
1935	13.7	13.8	13.8	13.9	13.8	13.8	13.8	13.7	13.8	13.8	13.9	13.9	-	-	13.8	3.0	2.2
1936	13.9	13.8	13.8	13.8	13.8	13.9	14.0	14.1	14.1	14.1	14.1	14.1	-	-	13.9	1.4	.7
1937	14.2	14.2	14.3	14.4	14.4	14.5	14.5	14.6	14.7	14.6	14.5	14.5	-	-	14.4	2.8	3.6
1938	14.3	14.2	14.2	14.2	14.2	14.2	14.2	14.2	14.2	14.1	14.1	14.1	-	-	14.2	-2.8	-1.4
1939	14.0	14.0	13.9	13.9	13.9	13.9	13.9	13.9	14.2	14.1	14.1	14.0	-	-	14.0	-7	-1.4
1940	14.0	14.1	14.1	14.1	14.1	14.1	14.1	14.1	14.1	14.1	14.1	14.2	-	-	14.1	1.4	.7
1941	14.2	14.2	14.2	14.4	14.5	14.7	14.8	14.9	15.2	15.4	15.5	15.5	-	-	14.8	9.2	5.0
1942	15.7	15.9	16.1	16.2	16.3	16.4	16.5	16.6	16.6	16.8	16.9	17.0	-	-	16.4	9.7	10.8
1943	17.0	17.0	17.3	17.5	17.6	17.6	17.5	17.4	17.5	17.5	17.5	17.5	-	-	17.4	2.9	6.1
1944	17.5	17.5	17.5	17.6	17.6	17.7	17.8	17.8	17.8	17.8	17.8	17.9	-	-	17.7	2.3	1.7
1945	17.9	17.9	17.9	17.9	18.0	18.2	18.2	18.2	18.2	18.2	18.2	18.3	-	-	18.1	2.2	2.3
1946	18.3	18.2	18.4	18.5	18.6	18.8	18.8	19.9	20.3	20.5	20.9	21.5	-	-	19.6	18.0	8.3
1947	21.6	21.6	22.1	22.1	22.0	22.2	22.4	22.6	23.1	23.1	23.3	23.6	-	-	22.5	9.3	14.8
1948	23.8	23.6	23.6	23.9	24.1	24.2	24.5	24.6	24.6	24.5	24.4	24.2	-	-	24.2	2.5	7.6
1949	24.2	23.9	24.0	24.0	24.0	24.0	23.8	23.9	24.0	23.9	23.9	23.8	-	-	24.0	-1.7	-8
1950	23.7	23.6	23.7	23.7	23.8	24.0	24.2	24.4	24.6	24.7	24.8	25.1	-	-	24.2	5.5	.8
1951	25.5	25.9	26.0	26.0	26.1	26.1	26.1	26.1	26.3	26.4	26.5	26.6	-	-	26.1	6.0	7.9
1952	26.6	26.5	26.5	26.6	26.6	26.7	26.9	26.9	26.9	26.9	26.9	26.9	-	-	26.7	1.1	2.3
1953	26.8	26.7	26.7	26.8	26.8	26.9	27.0	27.1	27.1	27.2	27.1	27.0	-	-	26.9	.4	.7
1954	27.1	27.1	27.0	27.0	27.1	27.1	27.1	27.1	27.0	26.9	27.0	26.9	-	-	27.0	-4	.4
1955	26.9	26.9	26.9	26.9	26.9	26.9	27.0	26.9	27.0	27.0	27.1	27.0	-	-	26.9	.4	-4
1956	27.0	27.0	27.0	27.0	27.2	27.3	27.5	27.5	27.5	27.7	27.7	27.8	-	-	27.3	3.0	1.5
1957	27.8	27.9	28.0	28.1	28.1	28.3	28.4	28.5	28.5	28.5	28.6	28.6	-	-	28.3	2.9	3.7
1958	28.8	28.8	29.0	29.1	29.1	29.1	29.1	29.1	29.1	29.1	29.1	29.1	-	-	29.1	1.7	2.8
1959	29.1	29.1	29.1	29.1	29.2	29.3	29.4	29.3	29.4	29.5	29.5	29.5	-	-	29.3	1.4	.7

**Table 27. Historical Consumer Price Index for Urban Wage Earners and Clerical Workers (CPI-W): U. S. City Average, all Items—Continued**

(1982-84=100, unless otherwise noted)

Year	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	June	July	Aug.	Sep.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Semiannual averages		Annual avg.	Percent change from previous	
													1st half	2nd half		Dec.	Annual avg.
1960	29.5	29.5	29.5	29.7	29.7	29.8	29.8	29.8	29.8	29.9	30.0	30.0	-	-	29.8	1.7	1.7
1961	30.0	30.0	30.0	30.0	30.0	30.0	30.1	30.1	30.2	30.2	30.2	30.2	-	-	30.1	.7	1.0
1962	30.2	30.2	30.3	30.4	30.4	30.4	30.4	30.4	30.6	30.6	30.6	30.6	-	-	30.4	1.3	1.0
1963	30.6	30.6	30.7	30.7	30.7	30.8	30.9	30.9	30.9	31.0	31.0	31.1	-	-	30.8	1.6	1.3
1964	31.1	31.1	31.1	31.1	31.1	31.2	31.3	31.2	31.3	31.3	31.4	31.4	-	-	31.2	1.0	1.3
1965	31.4	31.4	31.5	31.6	31.6	31.8	31.8	31.8	31.8	31.9	31.9	32.0	-	-	31.7	1.9	1.6
1966	32.0	32.2	32.3	32.5	32.5	32.6	32.7	32.9	32.9	33.1	33.1	33.1	-	-	32.6	3.4	2.8
1967	33.1	33.1	33.2	33.3	33.4	33.5	33.6	33.7	33.8	33.9	34.0	34.1	-	-	33.6	3.0	3.1
1968	34.2	34.3	34.5	34.6	34.7	34.9	35.1	35.2	35.3	35.5	35.6	35.7	-	-	35.0	4.7	4.2
1969	35.8	36.0	36.3	36.5	36.6	36.8	37.0	37.2	37.3	37.5	37.7	37.9	-	-	36.9	6.2	5.4
1970	38.0	38.2	38.4	38.7	38.8	39.0	39.2	39.2	39.4	39.6	39.8	40.0	-	-	39.0	5.5	5.7
1971	40.0	40.1	40.2	40.4	40.6	40.8	40.9	41.0	41.0	41.1	41.2	41.3	-	-	40.7	3.3	4.4
1972	41.4	41.6	41.6	41.7	41.9	42.0	42.1	42.2	42.4	42.5	42.6	42.7	-	-	42.1	3.4	3.4
1973	42.9	43.2	43.6	43.9	44.1	44.4	44.5	45.4	45.5	45.9	46.2	46.5	-	-	44.7	8.9	6.2
1974	46.9	47.5	48.0	48.3	48.8	49.3	49.7	50.3	50.9	51.4	51.8	52.2	-	-	49.6	12.3	11.0
1975	52.4	52.8	53.0	53.2	53.5	53.9	54.5	54.7	54.9	55.3	55.6	55.8	-	-	54.1	6.9	9.1
1976	56.0	56.1	56.2	56.5	56.8	57.1	57.4	57.7	57.9	58.2	58.3	58.5	-	-	57.2	4.8	5.7
1977	58.9	59.5	59.8	60.3	60.6	61.0	61.3	61.5	61.8	61.9	62.2	62.5	-	-	60.9	6.8	6.5
1978	62.8	63.2	63.7	64.3	64.9	65.6	66.0	66.4	66.8	67.4	67.7	68.1	-	-	65.6	9.0	7.7
1979	68.7	69.5	70.3	71.1	71.9	72.8	73.7	74.4	75.1	75.7	76.4	77.2	-	-	73.1	13.4	11.4
1980	78.3	79.4	80.5	81.4	82.3	83.2	83.3	83.8	84.6	85.3	86.1	86.9	-	-	82.9	12.6	13.4
1981	87.5	88.5	89.0	89.6	90.3	91.1	92.2	92.8	93.7	93.9	94.1	94.4	-	-	91.4	8.6	10.3
1982	94.7	95.0	94.8	95.2	96.2	97.4	98.0	98.2	98.3	98.6	98.4	98.0	-	-	96.9	3.8	6.0
1983	98.1	98.1	98.4	99.0	99.5	99.8	100.1	100.5	101.0	101.2	101.2	101.2	-	-	99.8	3.3	3.0
1984	101.6	101.8	101.8	102.1	102.5	102.8	103.2	104.2	104.8	104.8	104.7	104.8	102.1	104.4	103.3	3.6	3.5
1985	104.9	105.4	105.9	106.3	106.7	107.0	107.1	107.3	107.6	107.9	108.3	108.6	106.0	107.8	106.9	3.6	3.5
1986	108.9	108.5	107.9	107.6	107.9	108.4	108.4	108.6	109.1	109.1	109.2	109.3	108.2	109.0	108.6	.6	1.6
1987	110.0	110.5	111.0	111.6	111.9	112.4	112.7	113.3	113.8	114.1	114.3	114.2	111.2	113.7	112.5	4.5	3.6
1988	114.5	114.7	115.1	115.7	116.2	116.7	117.2	117.7	118.5	118.9	119.0	119.2	115.5	118.4	117.0	4.4	4.0
1989	119.7	120.2	120.8	121.8	122.5	122.8	123.2	123.2	123.6	124.2	124.4	124.6	121.3	123.9	122.6	4.5	4.8
1990	125.9	126.4	127.1	127.3	127.5	128.3	128.7	129.9	131.1	131.9	132.2	132.2	127.1	131.0	129.0	6.1	5.2
1991	132.8	132.8	133.0	133.3	133.8	134.1	134.3	134.6	135.2	135.4	135.8	135.9	133.3	135.2	134.3	2.8	4.1
1992	136.0	136.4	137.0	137.3	137.6	138.1	138.4	138.8	139.1	139.6	139.8	139.8	137.1	139.3	138.2	2.9	2.9
1993	140.3	140.7	141.1	141.6	141.9	142.0	142.1	142.4	142.6	143.3	143.4	143.3	141.3	142.9	142.1	2.5	2.8
1994	143.6	144.0	144.4	144.7	144.9	145.4	145.8	146.5	146.9	147.0	147.3	147.2	144.5	146.8	145.6	2.7	2.5
1995	147.8	148.3	148.7	149.3	149.6	149.9	149.9	150.2	150.6	151.0	150.9	150.9	148.9	150.6	149.8	2.5	2.9
1996	151.7	152.2	152.9	153.6	154.0	154.1	154.3	154.5	155.1	-	-	-	153.1	-	-	-	-

- Data not available.

**Table 28. Historical Consumer Price Index for Urban Wage Earners and Clerical Workers (CPI-W): U.S. city average, by commodity and service group and detailed expenditure categories**

(1982-84=100, unless otherwise noted)

Group	Unadjusted indexes										
	December										Sept.
	1986	1987	1988	1989	1990	1991	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996
<b>Commodity and service group</b>											
All items .....	109.3	114.2	119.2	124.6	132.2	135.9	139.8	143.3	147.2	150.9	155.1
Commodities .....	104.0	108.9	113.0	117.8	125.8	127.0	129.8	131.6	134.8	136.9	140.4
Food and beverages .....	110.7	114.5	120.3	126.9	133.6	136.9	139.1	142.9	146.6	149.8	154.5
Commodities less food and beverages .....	99.8	105.4	108.6	112.1	121.0	120.9	124.1	124.7	127.6	129.0	131.7
Nondurables less food and beverages .....	95.2	102.8	106.3	111.6	126.2	124.2	127.3	125.7	127.7	128.3	132.8
Apparel commodities .....	105.8	111.1	116.0	116.6	122.3	126.1	127.8	128.5	126.1	126.2	127.2
Nondurables less food, beverages, and apparel .....	92.3	101.2	104.1	111.7	131.0	126.2	129.9	127.2	131.3	132.1	138.4
Durables .....	105.3	108.0	110.7	112.0	112.6	115.3	118.7	122.3	126.5	128.9	129.2
Services .....	116.4	121.3	127.2	133.4	140.7	147.0	152.1	157.6	162.4	167.9	172.8
Rent of shelter <sup>1</sup> .....	111.1	116.4	121.5	127.5	133.9	139.1	143.0	147.3	151.7	156.9	160.9
Household services less rent of shelter <sup>1</sup> .....	101.8	103.1	106.8	109.3	112.2	117.6	120.8	124.2	124.9	127.2	133.0
Transportation services .....	118.5	123.6	131.2	137.8	147.9	152.5	157.2	163.3	169.2	174.9	179.2
Medical care services .....	125.7	133.2	142.7	154.7	169.0	182.4	195.4	206.6	217.7	227.4	233.3
Other services .....	121.6	127.9	135.0	143.8	152.8	162.0	169.9	178.5	185.9	194.0	200.5
<b>Special indexes</b>											
All items less food .....	109.0	114.1	118.8	124.0	131.7	135.7	140.0	143.4	147.4	151.1	155.2
All items less shelter .....	107.8	112.5	117.4	122.6	130.6	133.7	137.6	140.8	144.6	147.8	151.9
All items less homeowners' costs <sup>1</sup> .....	103.4	107.8	112.4	117.4	124.9	128.1	131.8	134.9	138.4	141.5	145.7
All items less medical care .....	108.4	113.2	117.9	123.1	130.4	133.6	137.2	140.4	144.0	147.5	151.6
Commodities less food .....	100.2	105.6	108.9	112.6	121.2	121.8	125.0	125.7	128.5	130.0	132.8
Nondurables less food .....	96.1	103.3	106.9	112.2	126.0	125.3	128.4	127.1	129.0	129.8	134.3
Nondurables less food and apparel .....	93.6	101.8	104.9	112.2	129.7	127.0	130.7	128.6	132.4	133.4	139.5
Nondurables .....	103.2	108.8	113.5	119.5	130.1	130.8	133.4	134.5	137.4	139.3	143.9
Services less rent of shelter <sup>1</sup> .....	108.3	112.2	118.1	123.9	131.1	137.9	143.5	149.5	154.0	159.2	164.5
Services less medical care services .....	115.4	120.1	125.6	131.4	138.1	143.9	148.4	153.4	157.6	162.8	167.6
Energy .....	80.7	87.8	88.1	92.7	110.5	101.6	103.5	101.7	104.2	102.6	111.3
All items less energy .....	113.4	118.0	123.6	129.1	135.5	140.8	144.9	149.1	153.3	157.6	161.2
All items less food and energy .....	114.1	119.0	124.4	129.7	136.0	142.0	146.6	150.9	155.1	159.7	163.1
Commodities less food and energy commodities .....	108.6	112.6	117.0	120.2	124.0	128.9	132.7	134.7	137.1	139.6	141.0
Energy commodities .....	69.6	82.1	80.3	86.4	117.1	98.4	99.5	94.3	99.4	96.0	105.5
Services less energy services .....	118.2	123.7	129.8	136.4	144.3	151.0	156.3	162.1	167.5	173.4	178.0
<b>Expenditure category</b>											
Food and beverages .....	110.7	114.5	120.3	126.9	133.6	136.9	139.1	142.9	146.6	149.8	154.5
Food .....	110.7	114.5	120.4	127.1	133.9	136.3	138.3	142.2	146.2	149.4	154.1
Food at home .....	108.9	112.5	118.8	126.2	133.5	135.0	137.0	141.7	146.3	149.5	155.1
Cereals and bakery products .....	112.2	116.9	126.7	136.0	142.3	147.2	153.0	158.6	163.9	169.2	174.3
Cereals and cereal products .....	110.4	115.8	126.8	136.1	143.1	148.2	153.5	158.7	163.6	167.8	166.1
Flour and prepared flour mixes .....	104.3	105.5	112.6	120.8	123.5	123.3	129.5	129.3	131.5	140.0	155.9
Cereal .....	119.6	126.7	138.9	152.4	163.3	171.1	177.7	186.1	190.5	193.6	183.6
Rice, pasta, and cornmeal .....	101.6	106.6	118.7	120.4	122.9	126.4	128.9	131.7	139.6	143.1	145.5
Bakery products .....	112.8	117.2	126.4	135.7	141.6	146.4	152.5	158.2	163.8	169.5	177.9
White bread .....	108.4	113.1	125.7	133.3	138.2	140.2	145.9	155.9	160.2	169.4	180.1
Fresh other bread, biscuits, rolls, and muffins .....	109.5	113.4	124.3	132.7	139.1	144.1	151.6	155.8	162.2	170.7	180.3
Cookies, fresh cakes, and cupcakes .....	116.4	121.3	128.7	138.8	146.7	153.7	157.3	162.5	168.5	170.7	172.4
Other bakery products .....	116.7	120.7	126.7	137.8	142.4	147.9	155.5	158.4	163.6	168.0	179.3
Meats, poultry, fish, and eggs .....	109.0	110.1	115.8	123.8	133.6	131.5	132.1	136.9	136.0	141.7	146.8
Meats, poultry, and fish .....	109.3	111.7	116.9	123.0	133.9	132.0	133.1	138.2	137.3	141.4	147.0
Meats .....	106.7	110.4	112.7	120.1	133.8	130.8	131.2	136.0	133.7	137.3	143.1
Beef and veal .....	101.8	108.6	114.6	122.3	133.2	131.7	132.8	137.7	134.7	134.4	134.5
Ground beef other than canned .....	96.5	102.2	104.7	112.6	121.2	119.5	118.8	123.2	117.7	115.7	113.9
Chuck roast .....	100.4	105.5	112.9	123.9	136.6	138.5	140.1	143.5	141.2	142.2	141.9
Round roast .....	96.0	101.9	108.1	116.2	128.0	125.9	129.1	130.1	132.3	128.6	130.9
Round steak .....	101.4	108.5	112.0	118.9	130.3	130.1	129.8	133.3	131.5	128.9	130.1
Sirloin steak .....	103.3	113.4	121.3	124.6	131.9	128.5	130.4	138.8	137.2	134.9	140.0
Other beef and veal .....	107.2	115.2	125.7	133.4	147.0	145.4	148.6	154.5	153.0	156.7	157.4
Pork .....	115.0	112.9	109.6	117.3	136.8	128.6	127.7	133.4	130.3	140.0	156.3
Bacon .....	112.7	107.9	96.7	105.0	123.0	108.5	104.8	117.1	114.8	130.0	169.0
Chops .....	116.3	114.5	114.7	124.1	142.6	136.4	140.0	146.5	139.3	146.9	156.3
Ham .....	121.1	117.5	115.7	121.6	143.7	136.8	134.9	136.9	134.9	144.6	156.1
Other pork, including sausage .....	111.2	111.3	108.5	115.8	135.1	127.8	126.0	130.2	128.8	137.2	150.0
Other meats .....	107.5	111.8	112.7	119.0	131.3	132.3	132.6	136.1	136.9	141.2	145.8
Poultry .....	118.6	107.4	126.9	127.4	129.2	129.8	133.4	140.7	140.2	146.0	155.1
Fresh whole chicken .....	121.2	107.4	131.0	130.0	130.3	129.8	135.4	141.3	139.7	145.2	157.2
Fresh and frozen chicken parts .....	120.8	110.2	131.1	129.7	132.7	134.3	136.5	146.4	143.0	150.0	156.6
Other poultry .....	111.7	103.6	112.5	120.1	121.8	122.2	125.7	129.7	138.2	141.8	152.0
Fish and seafood .....	121.5	133.6	139.7	144.8	148.8	151.2	153.8	158.8	167.1	172.3	172.1
Canned fish and seafood .....	99.8	110.2	124.8	119.4	119.1	118.4	119.8	122.8	124.5	125.7	125.5
Fresh and frozen fish and seafood .....	133.8	147.0	150.0	159.3	165.2	168.7	172.0	177.8	189.0	195.9	195.7
Eggs .....	103.4	84.9	99.0	134.3	128.0	122.7	117.0	114.8	115.3	144.8	142.8

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**Table 28. Historical Consumer Price Index for Urban Wage Earners and Clerical Workers (CPI-W): U.S. city average, by commodity and service group and detailed expenditure categories—Continued**

(1982-84 = 100, unless otherwise noted)

Group	Unadjusted indexes											
	December										Sept.	
	1986	1987	1988	1989	1990	1991	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996	
<b>Expenditure category</b>												
Dairy products .....	104.7	106.4	111.2	122.8	126.5	127.2	128.9	130.0	131.4	134.7	146.4	
Fresh milk and cream .....	103.2	104.9	109.9	122.5	125.6	125.3	128.2	131.0	131.9	134.3	145.4	
Fresh whole milk .....	103.3	104.7	110.0	122.7	125.8	125.3	127.6	130.3	130.8	133.6	143.6	
Other fresh milk and cream .....	103.0	105.3	109.7	122.1	125.0	125.1	129.2	132.1	133.5	135.3	148.1	
Processed dairy products .....	106.8	108.5	113.1	123.5	128.1	129.8	130.1	129.3	131.3	135.8	148.1	
Cheese .....	104.5	106.7	112.3	126.8	132.7	134.9	135.1	134.0	135.2	138.4	148.8	
Ice cream and related products .....	109.3	110.8	114.9	123.1	128.5	129.9	130.5	131.2	136.0	139.7	149.1	
Other dairy products, including butter .....	108.7	109.3	111.5	113.0	112.8	113.0	112.8	111.0	111.5	120.9	142.7	
Fruits and vegetables .....	109.3	123.0	130.8	135.8	145.7	152.1	155.3	165.4	178.8	177.0	183.2	
Fresh fruits and vegetables .....	112.8	132.7	137.6	144.0	156.1	168.5	172.8	188.6	210.8	205.2	209.0	
Fresh fruits .....	114.2	126.0	143.1	152.3	169.5	188.1	180.0	202.6	209.8	222.0	243.7	
Apples .....	117.2	104.3	133.0	124.6	151.9	170.4	154.2	167.2	163.5	188.0	210.4	
Bananas .....	91.5	107.4	115.9	122.7	128.1	127.6	124.0	127.2	142.7	146.4	148.5	
Oranges, including tangerines .....	110.2	126.4	144.2	137.8	151.9	187.0	156.8	177.0	178.1	204.2	325.9	
Other fresh fruits .....	120.7	139.9	154.5	176.9	194.4	213.1	214.5	247.8	259.1	263.8	256.9	
Fresh vegetables .....	111.5	139.5	132.3	135.9	143.1	149.3	166.0	175.1	212.0	189.0	175.0	
Potatoes .....	103.0	102.7	127.7	139.3	133.5	128.2	136.8	164.9	154.1	175.2	181.0	
Lettuce .....	116.0	272.4	173.6	135.3	151.3	169.6	180.7	151.4	269.0	171.1	173.4	
Tomatoes .....	125.0	137.9	123.0	139.2	128.2	123.1	190.9	194.6	229.9	239.2	161.3	
Other fresh vegetables .....	110.4	126.1	129.2	135.0	150.8	162.4	167.4	179.6	217.6	184.1	179.0	
Processed fruits and vegetables .....	105.2	109.9	122.0	125.0	131.7	129.6	131.0	132.9	133.6	137.2	147.0	
Processed fruits .....	106.3	112.4	124.5	125.2	134.9	131.4	134.3	133.1	132.6	137.4	147.0	
Fruit juices and frozen fruit .....	105.5	112.5	126.6	126.4	137.9	132.0	135.0	133.1	132.1	136.8	147.2	
Canned and dried fruits .....	107.9	111.0	115.4	119.0	122.0	127.9	130.0	131.9	133.2	138.2	144.6	
Processed vegetables .....	104.2	107.3	119.3	125.1	128.4	127.7	127.6	132.9	135.0	137.4	147.4	
Frozen vegetables .....	108.5	111.7	116.6	124.9	128.6	129.6	130.7	135.5	136.6	140.6	144.9	
Processed vegetables excluding frozen .....	102.7	105.8	121.1	125.8	129.0	127.4	126.8	132.3	134.9	136.5	149.2	
Other food at home .....	108.8	109.8	115.1	120.1	125.1	127.0	128.2	130.8	138.3	140.1	143.2	
Sugar and sweets .....	109.1	110.9	116.7	121.1	126.3	130.6	131.9	133.1	134.4	138.4	145.3	
Sugar and artificial sweeteners .....	100.8	102.1	110.3	115.2	118.4	118.4	119.6	120.8	123.2	128.3	134.9	
Sweets, including candy .....	112.7	114.6	119.2	123.5	129.6	135.8	137.2	138.3	139.1	142.6	149.7	
Fats and oils .....	105.7	107.6	118.3	121.5	130.8	129.1	128.3	129.3	134.1	137.3	141.2	
Nonalcoholic beverages .....	108.2	104.9	107.8	111.2	113.3	112.9	112.7	115.1	130.6	128.8	127.4	
Carbonated drinks .....	101.9	103.6	105.2	110.4	111.3	112.3	114.0	116.0	115.7	119.1	119.5	
Coffee .....	128.9	110.3	116.6	115.2	117.0	111.0	104.9	110.5	172.3	155.6	146.8	
Other noncarbonated drinks .....	110.1	112.6	115.5	120.1	126.5	129.9	132.4	131.5	132.6	135.7	139.1	
Other prepared food .....	110.3	114.8	120.5	127.4	134.0	138.1	141.0	144.7	148.0	151.9	157.2	
Canned and packaged soup .....	112.1	119.0	123.4	132.6	140.7	149.0	157.5	164.3	171.3	177.4	185.9	
Frozen prepared food .....	112.3	118.7	124.0	130.8	135.3	137.4	138.1	137.5	137.9	138.4	142.5	
Snacks .....	112.1	115.6	121.4	126.1	131.1	132.6	132.1	136.0	138.5	143.3	149.9	
Seasonings, condiments, sauces, and spices .....	110.1	113.1	118.1	124.7	132.5	137.8	143.5	147.3	150.8	156.8	164.6	
Miscellaneous prepared food, including baby food .....	107.6	112.5	119.4	127.7	135.2	140.2	142.8	147.9	152.5	155.1	157.4	
Food away from home .....	114.6	118.8	124.0	129.7	135.6	139.4	141.6	144.1	147.0	150.3	153.4	
Lunch .....	114.0	118.3	123.7	129.9	135.7	139.7	141.9	144.6	147.4	150.8	153.9	
Dinner .....	114.7	118.7	123.8	129.1	134.3	137.9	140.0	142.5	145.4	148.7	151.6	
Other meals and snacks .....	115.5	119.3	124.4	130.3	137.5	141.6	143.7	146.1	149.1	152.5	156.0	
Alcoholic beverages .....	111.7	115.1	119.5	125.2	130.5	143.5	147.7	150.0	151.4	154.3	158.9	
Alcoholic beverages at home .....	109.4	111.8	114.4	119.4	123.9	138.2	141.3	142.0	141.7	143.0	147.3	
Beer and ale .....	109.0	111.3	114.3	119.7	124.1	138.9	142.8	143.2	142.9	144.1	147.9	
Wine .....	102.1	105.6	107.5	110.8	114.0	129.3	131.3	131.6	130.0	131.7	138.9	
Distilled spirits .....	113.3	114.6	116.7	121.9	127.9	139.3	141.3	142.8	143.8	145.0	147.9	
Alcoholic beverages away from home .....	120.3	125.4	132.6	139.5	146.3	158.0	164.0	168.8	172.5	178.0	183.3	

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**Table 28. Historical Consumer Price Index for Urban Wage Earners and Clerical Workers (CPI-W): U.S. city average, by commodity and service group and detailed expenditure categories—Continued**

(1982-84=100, unless otherwise noted)

Group	Unadjusted indexes										
	December										Sept.
	1986	1987	1988	1989	1990	1991	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996
<b>Expenditure category</b>											
Housing .....	110.2	114.1	118.5	123.1	128.3	132.7	136.1	139.7	142.7	146.7	150.8
Shelter .....	115.7	121.2	126.5	132.6	139.3	144.6	148.7	153.1	157.7	163.1	167.2
Renters' costs <sup>1</sup> .....	111.6	115.9	120.0	125.4	132.6	137.7	141.4	144.9	148.5	152.5	158.1
Rent, residential .....	120.8	125.3	129.7	135.0	140.6	144.8	148.2	151.6	155.4	159.3	162.6
Other renters' costs .....	119.4	124.5	129.2	137.6	157.2	170.2	176.9	183.3	187.2	194.1	215.0
Lodging while out of town .....	117.0	121.8	126.2	134.4	155.2	168.6	174.5	181.2	184.4	191.1	213.7
Lodging while at school <sup>2</sup> .....	129.3	136.9	144.9	155.5	165.0	175.7	189.7	193.8	202.9	211.8	219.2
Tenants' insurance .....	118.4	122.6	126.0	128.9	130.4	133.6	137.0	141.2	147.9	150.8	153.5
Homeowners' costs <sup>1</sup> .....	110.8	116.6	122.2	128.3	134.3	139.5	143.5	148.2	153.1	158.7	161.9
Owners' equivalent rent <sup>1</sup> .....	110.8	116.6	122.2	128.5	134.5	139.7	143.8	148.4	153.3	159.0	162.2
Household insurance <sup>1</sup> .....	111.7	116.1	119.6	122.7	124.9	128.4	132.0	136.4	142.9	145.6	148.0
Maintenance and repairs .....	109.2	112.5	115.2	119.0	123.6	130.6	129.8	127.7	132.4	135.8	138.0
Maintenance and repair services .....	111.2	115.9	117.8	122.4	129.8	135.7	139.0	134.0	140.3	144.7	149.4
Maintenance and repair commodities .....	105.3	107.1	110.6	113.6	115.2	123.1	118.0	119.0	121.9	124.2	123.6
Materials, supplies, and equipment for home repairs <sup>3</sup> .....	100.0	101.9	104.0	109.4	112.3	117.1	116.3	116.4	117.5	118.3	119.3
Other maintenance and repair commodities .....	103.8	105.4	109.8	110.8	111.1	121.2	112.9	114.5	118.7	122.1	120.3
Fuel and other utilities .....	100.1	101.7	104.8	108.0	112.1	115.7	118.4	121.5	121.6	123.3	129.5
Fuels .....	93.7	94.8	97.2	100.7	104.7	105.9	108.4	110.2	109.5	110.2	117.9
Fuel oil and other household fuel commodities .....	71.5	80.2	76.7	88.1	113.4	94.4	91.7	88.2	88.3	89.5	95.4
Fuel oil .....	67.4	79.5	74.4	89.0	115.6	92.5	89.5	85.4	85.4	86.8	93.9
Other household fuel commodities <sup>3</sup> .....	100.0	102.4	102.2	108.3	136.6	123.2	120.3	117.8	118.2	119.2	123.4
Gas (piped) and electricity (energy services) .....	100.5	100.7	103.9	106.7	108.2	111.9	115.1	117.7	116.8	117.5	125.7
Electricity .....	105.2	107.0	110.2	113.1	114.5	120.4	122.4	123.0	123.8	127.2	137.9
Utility (piped) gas .....	94.5	91.8	95.2	97.7	99.4	99.3	104.7	110.9	107.0	102.8	106.8
Other utilities and public services .....	118.5	120.9	125.6	128.4	133.2	140.7	144.2	149.6	151.1	154.3	158.8
Telephone services .....	116.8	115.6	117.1	116.7	116.4	120.4	120.1	122.3	123.1	124.4	126.5
Local charges .....	133.7	138.5	144.8	145.5	147.0	154.7	155.3	156.9	156.3	159.9	160.6
Interstate toll calls .....	84.5	74.0	70.9	70.0	67.4	68.3	67.4	71.8	75.7	75.8	78.6
Intrastate toll calls .....	106.7	103.5	99.2	96.7	94.6	93.2	91.0	91.1	90.3	87.1	91.4
Water and sewerage maintenance .....	121.6	127.9	135.1	144.1	152.6	163.8	174.3	182.9	190.5	195.9	201.7
Cable television <sup>4</sup> .....	116.6	127.9	141.6	147.1	166.9	181.2	188.4	201.7	195.8	203.5	217.5
Refuse collection <sup>4</sup> .....	123.8	136.1	146.7	161.0	177.1	197.6	214.6	225.7	236.8	243.3	247.7
Household furnishings and operation .....	105.8	106.9	110.2	111.1	113.0	115.4	117.2	119.0	119.7	122.4	123.6
Housefurnishings .....	102.5	102.9	105.4	104.7	105.2	106.0	107.7	109.1	109.1	109.7	110.1
Textile housefurnishings .....	107.6	108.6	115.5	114.7	117.6	119.2	117.6	124.8	121.0	121.1	121.4
Furniture and bedding .....	109.3	111.5	115.0	113.0	114.2	115.5	120.5	123.9	125.4	130.7	132.5
Bedroom furniture .....	115.2	115.5	121.6	118.8	117.1	122.0	128.3	134.6	132.2	134.8	138.8
Sofas .....	110.2	115.7	114.7	113.5	113.7	113.6	117.7	116.3	123.5	136.9	140.4
Living room chairs and tables .....	107.3	109.3	112.7	111.4	117.4	115.6	119.9	125.7	126.7	134.6	133.3
Other furniture .....	102.9	105.5	109.1	107.1	109.8	109.2	114.0	115.8	118.3	119.9	119.5
Appliances, including electronic equipment .....	92.6	90.1	90.8	89.2	87.1	85.9	84.8	84.4	83.6	80.5	79.1
Video and audio products .....	87.0	83.8	82.8	82.1	79.1	78.6	77.5	77.1	75.2	72.3	70.4
Televisions .....	81.3	77.3	76.4	74.8	72.2	71.4	70.9	69.4	68.2	65.2	62.4
Video products other than televisions <sup>5</sup> .....	-	-	100.0	94.9	85.8	80.9	79.2	78.1	72.8	67.8	65.2
Audio products .....	91.1	91.9	91.9	94.0	93.1	94.9	93.5	94.2	93.2	90.8	90.1
Major household appliances <sup>3</sup> .....	100.0	98.8	102.2	101.0	101.0	98.9	99.3	101.1	104.4	102.3	103.4
Refrigerators and home freezers .....	99.5	100.6	102.4	103.6	102.7	101.0	101.7	106.5	111.9	109.5	110.1
Laundry equipment .....	104.0	102.9	106.6	106.0	107.9	105.8	106.3	106.9	109.9	109.5	113.5
Stoves, ovens, dishwashers, and air conditioners <sup>3</sup> .....	100.0	97.1	101.5	97.9	96.9	94.6	94.6	95.3	97.3	93.8	93.1
Information processing equipment <sup>5</sup> .....	-	-	100.0	92.7	89.7	86.9	80.6	74.2	68.2	61.4	56.3
Other housefurnishings <sup>3</sup> .....	100.0	101.7	103.9	105.3	107.6	110.0	112.7	112.4	113.2	113.9	115.1
Floor and window coverings, infants', laundry, cleaning, and outdoor equipment .....	107.1	113.7	112.6	117.8	126.6	124.1	128.2	129.1	131.7	137.3	140.1
Clocks, lamps, and decor items .....	101.1	102.5	105.8	112.2	112.3	116.2	119.0	115.0	114.5	118.7	116.4
Tableware, serving pieces, and nonelectric kitchenware .....	104.8	106.3	109.5	111.9	113.5	120.6	122.5	123.8	124.6	120.7	125.6
Lawn equipment, power tools, and other hardware .....	102.0	102.9	103.0	100.3	102.1	101.5	102.6	106.6	107.2	108.0	109.5
Sewing, floor cleaning, small kitchen, and portable heating appliances <sup>3</sup> .....	100.0	98.3	100.1	97.1	96.3	95.8	97.1	93.5	91.6	88.2	88.6
Indoor plants and fresh cut flowers <sup>6</sup> .....	-	-	-	-	100.0	107.3	113.2	110.4	114.7	116.3	117.0
Housekeeping supplies .....	109.7	112.9	117.4	123.8	127.8	130.4	130.0	131.9	133.3	139.9	141.8
Laundry and cleaning products, including soap .....	111.8	116.9	121.8	127.3	132.3	137.9	137.3	136.9	139.2	141.2	144.2
Household paper products and stationery supplies .....	108.5	109.5	115.6	121.8	126.8	127.2	127.1	129.8	130.6	144.3	144.4
Other household, lawn, and garden supplies .....	108.2	111.2	113.6	123.3	123.1	124.0	123.7	127.4	128.4	133.4	135.9
Housekeeping services .....	109.9	111.6	116.5	117.8	122.7	131.3	135.9	139.1	141.5	148.6	152.2
Postage .....	110.4	110.4	125.4	125.4	125.4	145.7	145.7	145.7	145.7	160.8	160.8
Appliance and furniture repair .....	114.0	117.3	120.0	122.1	126.9	132.3	140.1	143.8	144.6	151.6	155.3
Gardening and other household services <sup>3</sup> .....	100.0	104.7	109.0	112.1	116.4	119.0	124.9	127.0	127.7	130.2	135.7

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**Table 28. Historical Consumer Price Index for Urban Wage Earners and Clerical Workers (CPI-W): U.S. city average, by commodity and service group and detailed expenditure categories—Continued**

(1982-84=100, unless otherwise noted)

Group	Unadjusted indexes										
	December										Sept.
	1986	1987	1988	1989	1990	1991	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996
<b>Expenditure category</b>											
Apparel and upkeep .....	107.4	112.6	117.6	118.5	124.5	128.4	130.4	131.3	129.3	129.5	130.6
Apparel commodities .....	105.8	111.1	116.0	116.6	122.3	126.1	127.8	128.5	126.1	126.2	127.2
Apparel commodities less footwear .....	106.2	111.7	116.4	116.9	122.9	126.8	128.3	128.9	126.5	126.5	127.0
Men's and boys' .....	107.1	110.4	116.5	118.0	121.4	124.9	126.4	127.0	124.5	125.8	127.0
Men's .....	106.9	111.5	117.8	120.1	123.9	127.7	129.9	130.3	128.2	128.7	130.5
Suits, sport coats, coats, and jackets .....	107.6	111.3	121.5	124.6	127.8	131.0	133.6	140.4	137.3	135.5	136.1
Furnishings and special clothing .....	109.0	110.0	113.4	116.8	119.5	122.1	123.2	123.1	123.9	120.5	122.2
Shirts .....	108.9	116.1	123.3	123.7	129.0	133.8	135.8	132.1	127.8	133.4	137.1
Dungarees, jeans, and trousers .....	103.2	109.3	113.8	116.3	120.7	124.9	128.2	127.2	125.6	127.1	128.0
Boys' .....	107.9	107.1	112.4	111.5	113.3	116.3	115.3	116.6	112.9	116.4	115.7
Women's and girls' .....	106.1	112.6	116.2	115.5	122.6	126.7	127.6	128.4	124.0	123.3	122.2
Women's .....	106.0	112.7	115.8	115.1	122.8	125.7	126.1	128.1	123.2	122.2	121.8
Coats and jackets .....	100.1	105.0	102.7	104.0	115.2	118.4	121.9	128.9	118.6	121.3	121.6
Dresses .....	106.2	122.5	126.2	123.0	132.7	128.4	132.4	128.8	114.2	116.7	113.7
Separates and sportswear .....	110.7	116.7	119.2	118.3	125.3	129.9	128.6	131.6	127.7	124.3	122.7
Underwear, nightwear, hosiery, and accessories .....	107.2	107.6	113.7	115.8	120.9	123.7	124.4	125.8	128.1	130.2	133.3
Suits .....	98.5	107.2	113.4	110.3	122.0	132.8	131.1	136.9	138.6	131.5	136.6
Girls' .....	106.5	112.0	117.9	117.4	121.6	131.7	135.1	130.0	127.6	128.6	124.1
Infants' and toddlers' .....	113.5	116.4	120.3	119.3	127.9	131.8	133.1	128.1	132.9	129.8	132.4
Other apparel commodities .....	102.5	110.6	117.8	121.5	128.8	132.6	137.3	140.1	144.1	145.3	151.4
Sewing materials, notions, and luggage <sup>3</sup> .....	100.0	102.7	109.1	110.8	118.2	120.6	122.1	120.9	120.9	130.8	133.2
Watches and jewelry <sup>3</sup> .....	100.0	109.0	116.2	120.3	127.3	131.3	136.6	140.1	144.9	144.2	150.9
Watches <sup>3</sup> .....	100.0	103.6	107.8	107.5	110.7	113.6	111.9	118.6	122.9	129.3	128.9
Jewelry <sup>3</sup> .....	100.0	110.6	118.6	124.0	132.0	136.4	143.6	146.3	151.2	148.5	157.2
Footwear .....	103.6	108.0	114.0	115.4	119.3	122.5	125.6	126.6	124.2	125.0	127.8
Men's .....	108.7	111.9	119.8	122.2	125.6	129.6	132.6	134.1	132.1	132.3	134.2
Boys' and girls' .....	103.0	110.6	114.7	118.6	123.5	123.0	122.7	122.7	123.9	125.8	129.3
Women's .....	99.2	102.6	108.3	107.4	111.0	115.8	120.7	121.9	117.3	118.0	121.0
Apparel services .....	116.6	120.9	125.8	130.6	139.6	144.4	149.2	153.4	155.9	157.1	159.7
Laundry and dry cleaning other than coin operated .....	116.3	122.3	128.8	133.8	140.8	145.2	149.9	154.8	157.6	158.7	162.2
Other apparel services .....	117.2	120.2	124.0	128.4	139.0	144.1	149.1	152.8	155.0	156.4	158.2
Transportation .....	100.6	107.3	110.4	114.8	126.7	124.5	128.2	130.8	136.7	138.9	142.9
Private .....	99.5	106.4	109.5	113.8	125.3	123.2	126.6	128.5	135.2	137.2	140.7
New vehicles .....	114.1	116.1	118.8	122.0	124.4	128.5	131.7	136.2	140.9	143.7	144.3
New cars .....	114.3	116.3	118.9	121.7	123.3	127.2	130.1	133.9	138.1	140.4	140.6
Subcompact new cars <sup>3</sup> .....	100.0	101.8	104.2	105.4	105.6	109.6	112.6	116.5	120.5	122.7	122.6
Compact new cars <sup>3</sup> .....	100.0	101.2	102.5	104.9	106.6	109.2	109.8	113.2	117.8	119.9	121.8
Intermediate new cars <sup>3</sup> .....	100.0	100.4	101.9	105.9	107.6	111.3	113.7	116.2	120.1	121.7	121.2
Full-size new cars <sup>3</sup> .....	100.0	103.1	105.6	109.1	110.5	114.3	116.0	119.7	122.0	123.4	123.2
Luxury new cars <sup>3</sup> .....	100.0	103.8	109.2	111.6	114.6	117.2	121.7	124.3	128.1	130.5	131.3
New trucks <sup>4</sup> .....	112.8	114.3	116.9	121.0	125.9	130.3	133.8	140.0	145.1	149.3	150.6
New motorcycles <sup>3</sup> .....	100.0	104.0	109.4	114.1	117.4	123.7	128.9	138.3	149.4	156.5	161.7
Used cars .....	106.8	116.2	120.1	119.5	116.9	120.2	129.7	140.2	152.1	159.1	158.2
Motor fuel .....	69.2	82.0	80.4	85.9	117.1	98.5	99.9	94.6	100.2	96.4	106.2
Gasoline .....	69.0	81.9	80.4	85.6	117.0	98.3	99.9	94.0	100.0	95.9	105.8
Gasoline, unleaded regular .....	68.2	80.8	78.8	83.2	115.4	96.2	97.6	91.1	97.6	93.5	103.6
Gasoline, unleaded midgrade <sup>7</sup> .....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.0	105.3	100.6	110.2
Gasoline, unleaded premium .....	73.8	85.3	84.7	90.0	118.7	101.5	103.0	98.1	103.2	98.3	106.8
Automobile maintenance and repair .....	112.9	117.0	121.5	126.9	132.8	138.8	143.9	148.3	152.6	156.6	160.8
Body work .....	115.0	121.3	126.5	134.0	139.5	142.9	147.0	150.8	155.7	161.4	168.1
Automobile drive train, brake, and miscellaneous mechanical repair .....	115.0	118.6	123.8	129.9	137.1	143.0	149.3	155.2	160.8	164.2	168.0
Maintenance and servicing .....	110.6	114.7	118.3	122.0	126.8	133.7	136.5	139.3	141.4	144.4	148.8
Power plant repair .....	112.9	116.8	121.6	127.4	133.3	139.4	145.9	151.2	156.3	161.4	165.1
Other private transportation .....	116.7	122.0	130.4	136.8	144.2	149.2	151.9	154.9	163.4	168.4	169.8
Other private transportation commodities .....	95.8	97.4	99.9	101.9	103.2	104.8	104.0	102.6	103.5	104.4	104.1
Motor oil, coolant, and other products .....	102.7	100.6	109.4	109.1	116.7	117.9	117.4	117.7	125.0	129.0	130.1
Automobile parts and equipment .....	94.7	96.5	98.4	100.6	101.5	103.0	102.2	100.7	101.0	101.6	101.3
Tires .....	91.9	93.3	96.8	98.8	98.6	100.8	100.4	98.9	101.1	101.2	100.8
Other parts and equipment .....	101.4	103.9	104.4	106.8	108.6	109.7	108.5	106.8	105.3	106.4	106.1
Other private transportation services .....	120.7	127.1	137.1	144.7	153.8	159.8	163.5	167.6	178.4	184.5	186.4
Automobile insurance .....	140.9	148.8	160.9	170.6	183.7	198.6	211.5	221.9	229.5	239.6	243.7
Automobile finance charges .....	85.3	90.4	98.1	102.3	102.5	95.3	81.9	76.7	94.4	96.5	94.7
Automobile fees .....	119.4	123.3	130.5	137.9	151.4	156.8	166.4	170.1	175.2	177.0	179.3
Automobile registration, licensing, and inspection fees .....	117.4	119.3	126.6	134.5	156.0	163.4	173.0	177.4	178.1	181.3	181.5
Other automobile-related fees .....	122.6	129.3	136.5	143.2	146.2	149.1	158.6	161.4	172.3	172.2	177.5
Public transportation .....	119.4	121.3	125.4	130.1	150.3	147.8	155.5	171.1	162.5	169.0	181.8
Airline fares .....	121.4	122.7	126.5	133.1	163.4	154.0	163.6	191.8	173.5	177.2	194.2
Other intercity transportation .....	125.4	128.0	136.8	140.5	149.3	154.2	155.4	149.6	152.3	154.9	157.2
Intracity public transportation .....	117.6	120.2	123.5	125.9	135.7	140.7	147.6	152.0	153.3	164.9	174.9

See footnotes at end of table.

**Table 28. Historical Consumer Price Index for Urban Wage Earners and Clerical Workers (CPI-W): U.S. city average, by commodity and service group and detailed expenditure categories—Continued**

(1982-84=100, unless otherwise noted)

Group	Unadjusted indexes											
	December										Sept.	
	1986	1987	1988	1989	1990	1991	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996	
<b>Expenditure category</b>												
Medical care .....	125.7	133.4	142.8	154.7	168.8	182.0	194.3	204.5	214.6	223.1	228.8	
Medical care commodities .....	125.3	134.1	143.1	154.8	168.0	180.3	189.4	195.1	200.8	204.2	208.5	
Prescription drugs .....	134.8	145.7	156.9	171.8	189.0	206.8	218.3	225.2	233.2	237.8	243.7	
Nonprescription drugs and medical supplies <sup>3</sup> .....	100.0	105.3	110.4	116.8	123.6	127.7	133.0	136.5	138.7	140.4	142.0	
Internal and respiratory over-the-counter drugs .....	119.7	126.9	133.2	140.3	148.9	152.7	159.2	163.3	164.7	165.9	168.1	
Nonprescription medical equipment and supplies .....	117.5	120.9	126.6	135.7	142.4	150.5	156.1	160.4	167.0	171.2	172.0	
Medical care services .....	125.7	133.2	142.7	154.7	169.0	182.4	195.4	206.6	217.7	227.4	233.3	
Professional medical services .....	124.0	132.0	141.0	150.2	160.3	170.2	180.0	188.0	196.9	204.9	210.8	
Physicians' services .....	125.5	133.6	143.6	154.0	165.4	174.5	185.5	194.8	203.6	212.5	217.8	
Dental services .....	123.1	132.0	140.8	150.0	159.7	172.9	182.8	190.9	201.3	210.1	218.8	
Eye care <sup>3</sup> .....	100.0	105.3	109.8	113.8	119.0	123.2	127.8	130.5	135.2	138.5	139.6	
Services by other medical professionals <sup>3</sup> .....	100.0	105.0	110.8	117.2	122.8	129.2	133.9	138.1	144.3	146.8	150.2	
Hospital and related services .....	126.5	135.4	150.0	166.8	184.4	201.2	218.9	235.1	248.5	260.0	268.4	
Hospital rooms .....	125.5	133.7	147.1	162.5	178.3	193.8	210.9	226.2	238.8	250.2	257.2	
Other inpatient services <sup>3</sup> .....	100.0	107.4	121.0	135.0	150.1	163.7	177.2	190.6	201.7	210.7	218.1	
Outpatient services <sup>3</sup> .....	100.0	107.2	117.1	131.1	145.9	160.4	176.0	189.3	200.2	209.4	216.9	
Entertainment .....	112.5	116.9	122.2	128.4	133.3	138.4	142.2	146.1	149.2	153.8	157.4	
Entertainment commodities .....	108.7	112.6	117.6	121.7	124.8	129.0	131.5	133.9	136.1	139.4	142.2	
Reading materials .....	117.0	121.4	126.7	132.5	138.6	147.8	153.4	159.0	164.8	174.5	177.9	
Newspapers .....	115.6	120.9	126.8	131.8	138.2	151.4	157.9	164.8	173.2	186.5	190.3	
Magazines, periodicals, and books .....	118.9	122.3	127.0	133.6	139.5	144.4	149.1	153.4	156.5	162.5	165.3	
Sporting goods and equipment .....	104.2	107.8	112.5	115.9	116.5	120.5	121.6	122.6	126.1	124.5	125.5	
Sport vehicles, including bicycles .....	105.8	108.9	113.2	117.7	117.8	120.4	123.5	124.9	128.8	127.3	129.6	
Other sporting goods .....	99.7	103.9	109.0	110.8	112.1	118.0	116.3	116.7	119.7	118.0	117.1	
Toys, hobbies, and other entertainment .....	106.9	110.5	115.6	119.2	122.1	123.8	125.4	126.9	126.4	129.2	132.8	
Toys, hobbies, and music equipment .....	103.9	107.8	112.3	114.8	116.6	117.9	121.3	123.2	122.2	123.5	127.4	
Photographic supplies and equipment .....	109.3	116.3	123.5	127.8	129.7	131.1	134.1	136.5	131.4	133.8	135.4	
Pet supplies and expense .....	110.2	112.6	117.7	122.8	127.3	129.5	128.5	129.3	130.7	135.4	139.3	
Entertainment services .....	118.9	124.0	129.7	138.7	146.1	152.5	158.1	163.8	168.3	174.6	179.3	
Club memberships <sup>3</sup> .....	100.0	102.0	110.5	115.3	120.7	125.3	128.0	132.6	131.8	134.8	135.7	
Fees for participant sports, excluding club memberships <sup>3</sup> .....	100.0	106.9	113.2	121.9	128.6	134.2	140.6	152.1	155.6	159.3	162.3	
Admissions .....	120.4	128.1	132.8	145.8	153.1	160.5	166.6	169.9	176.2	185.7	193.4	
Fees for lessons or instructions <sup>3</sup> .....	100.0	105.3	110.6	119.6	126.1	133.6	140.7	146.3	150.4	158.6	164.7	
Other entertainment services <sup>3</sup> .....	100.0	101.6	105.2	109.9	116.3	120.8	124.4	127.6	130.9	135.7	138.5	
Other goods and services .....	123.6	131.3	140.6	152.7	164.4	177.7	189.0	192.0	200.0	208.1	214.7	
Tobacco and smoking products .....	127.1	137.2	150.2	171.8	190.1	211.5	229.0	215.4	222.2	228.4	233.7	
Personal care .....	112.8	116.4	122.3	126.9	132.2	135.7	139.9	143.2	146.1	148.9	150.8	
Toilet goods and personal care appliances .....	111.9	115.1	121.5	124.7	130.0	133.7	138.6	140.7	143.5	144.7	145.7	
Cosmetics, bath and nail preparations, manicure and eye makeup implements .....	112.8	116.1	122.2	124.8	132.0	136.0	138.5	144.7	146.8	148.9	151.4	
Other toilet goods and small personal care appliances, including hair and dental products .....	111.5	114.6	121.3	124.9	128.9	132.5	138.9	138.3	141.7	142.3	142.4	
Personal care services .....	113.7	117.8	123.0	129.4	134.9	137.9	141.3	146.2	149.2	154.2	157.2	
Beauty parlor services for females .....	113.4	117.5	122.7	129.4	135.2	137.9	140.8	146.1	148.9	153.7	156.3	
Haircuts and other barber shop services for males .....	114.2	118.4	123.8	128.7	133.2	137.4	142.5	145.6	149.6	155.3	160.0	
Personal and educational expenses .....	134.2	143.0	152.3	163.1	174.7	188.7	200.5	213.3	224.9	237.3	247.3	
School books and supplies .....	131.9	141.9	151.1	162.9	173.9	184.4	194.9	202.3	208.5	220.3	231.5	
Personal and educational services .....	134.6	143.3	152.7	163.4	175.0	189.3	201.2	214.5	226.5	238.9	248.8	
Tuition and other school fees .....	136.1	146.3	157.1	169.6	182.7	199.4	214.4	228.7	242.0	255.8	267.2	
College tuition .....	135.9	145.4	156.2	169.3	183.6	205.0	223.8	240.3	255.3	271.2	285.5	
Elementary and high school tuition .....	136.4	149.3	161.9	176.2	191.4	206.2	222.7	235.4	250.2	266.9	278.1	
Day care and nursery school <sup>6</sup> .....	-	-	-	-	100.0	106.3	110.8	116.7	122.7	127.5	131.7	
Personal expenses .....	129.9	136.0	143.0	151.0	160.1	170.5	177.6	188.9	198.8	208.9	216.4	
Legal service fees <sup>3</sup> .....	100.0	105.2	109.8	116.4	121.7	129.2	133.6	144.0	147.2	153.1	158.6	
Personal financial services <sup>3</sup> .....	100.0	104.5	111.7	117.9	127.1	136.8	143.9	153.3	166.5	177.7	182.6	
Funeral expenses <sup>3</sup> .....	100.0	104.6	109.6	115.1	122.6	130.1	135.1	142.1	150.6	158.1	164.3	
<b>Special indexes</b>												
Domestically produced farm food .....	108.5	112.4	119.1	127.0	135.0	136.7	139.0	143.9	147.1	150.7	157.3	
Selected beef cuts .....	101.3	107.8	112.1	120.0	129.9	128.5	128.8	133.3	129.7	127.8	127.7	
Motor fuel, motor oil, coolant, and other products .....	69.8	82.3	80.9	86.3	117.1	98.8	100.3	95.0	100.6	96.9	106.6	
Utilities and public transportation .....	108.3	109.6	113.4	116.3	121.2	125.6	129.4	134.4	133.6	135.9	143.2	
Housekeeping and home maintenance services .....	111.2	113.1	117.9	119.4	124.6	133.1	137.6	140.1	142.9	149.9	153.6	

<sup>1</sup> Indexes on a December 1984=100 base.

<sup>2</sup> Indexes on a December 1982=100 base.

<sup>3</sup> Indexes on a December 1986=100 base.

<sup>4</sup> Indexes on a December 1983=100 base.

<sup>5</sup> Indexes on a December 1988=100 base.

<sup>6</sup> Indexes on a December 1990=100 base.

<sup>7</sup> Indexes on a December 1993=100 base.

- Data not available.

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

**Table 29. Historical Consumer Price Index for Urban Wage Earners and Clerical Workers (CPI-W): U.S. city average, by commodity and service group and detailed expenditure categories**

(1982-84=100, unless otherwise noted)

Group	Percent change from previous December										
	December										Sept.
	1986	1987	1988	1989	1990	1991	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996
<b>Commodity and service group</b>											
All items .....	0.6	4.5	4.4	4.5	6.1	2.8	2.9	2.5	2.7	2.5	2.8
Commodities .....	-2.2	4.7	3.8	4.2	6.8	1.0	2.2	1.4	2.4	1.6	2.6
Food and beverages .....	3.7	3.4	5.1	5.5	5.3	2.5	1.6	2.7	2.6	2.2	3.1
Commodities less food and beverages .....	-5.9	5.6	3.0	3.2	7.9	-1	2.6	.5	2.3	1.1	2.1
Nondurables less food and beverages .....	-9.9	8.0	3.4	5.0	13.1	-1.6	2.5	-1.3	1.6	.5	3.5
Apparel commodities .....	.2	5.0	4.4	.5	4.9	3.1	1.3	.5	-1.9	.1	.8
Nondurables less food, beverages, and apparel .....	-12.7	9.6	2.9	7.3	17.3	-3.7	2.9	-2.1	3.2	.6	4.8
Durables .....	-2	2.6	2.5	1.2	.5	2.4	2.9	3.0	3.4	1.9	.2
Services .....	4.3	4.2	4.9	4.9	5.5	4.5	3.5	3.6	3.0	3.4	2.9
Rent of shelter .....	4.7	4.8	4.4	4.9	5.0	3.9	2.8	3.0	3.0	3.4	2.5
Household services less rent of shelter .....	-2	1.3	3.6	2.3	2.7	4.8	2.7	2.8	.6	1.8	4.6
Transportation services .....	5.6	4.3	6.1	5.0	7.3	3.1	3.1	3.9	3.6	3.4	2.5
Medical care services .....	7.7	6.0	7.1	8.4	9.2	7.9	7.1	5.7	5.4	4.5	2.6
Other services .....	5.3	5.2	5.6	6.5	6.3	6.0	4.9	5.1	4.1	4.4	3.4
<b>Special Indexes</b>											
All items less food .....	.0	4.7	4.1	4.4	6.2	3.0	3.2	2.4	2.8	2.5	2.7
All items less shelter .....	-4	4.4	4.4	4.4	6.5	2.4	2.9	2.3	2.7	2.2	2.8
All items less homeowners' costs .....	.2	4.3	4.3	4.4	6.4	2.6	2.9	2.4	2.6	2.2	3.0
All items less medical care .....	.3	4.4	4.2	4.4	5.9	2.5	2.7	2.3	2.6	2.4	2.8
Commodities less food .....	-5.6	5.4	3.1	3.4	7.6	.5	2.6	.6	2.2	1.2	2.2
Nondurables less food .....	-9.3	7.5	3.5	5.0	12.3	-6	2.5	-1.0	1.5	.6	3.5
Nondurables less food and apparel .....	-11.7	8.8	3.0	7.0	15.6	-2.1	2.9	-1.6	3.0	.8	4.6
Nondurables .....	-2.8	5.4	4.3	5.3	8.9	.5	2.0	.8	2.2	1.4	3.3
Services less rent of shelter .....	3.9	3.6	5.3	4.9	5.8	5.2	4.1	4.2	3.0	3.4	3.3
Services less medical care services .....	3.9	4.1	4.6	4.6	5.1	4.2	3.1	3.4	2.7	3.3	2.9
Energy .....	-20.5	8.8	.3	5.2	19.2	-8.1	1.9	-1.7	2.5	-1.5	8.5
All items less energy .....	3.6	4.1	4.7	4.4	5.0	3.9	2.9	2.9	2.8	2.8	2.3
All items less food and energy .....	3.4	4.3	4.5	4.3	4.9	4.4	3.2	2.9	2.8	3.0	2.1
Commodities less food and energy commodities .....	1.1	3.7	3.9	2.7	3.2	4.0	2.9	1.5	1.8	1.8	1.0
Energy commodities .....	-30.5	18.0	-2.2	7.6	35.5	-16.0	1.1	-5.2	5.4	-3.4	9.9
Services less energy services .....	5.1	4.7	4.9	5.1	5.8	4.6	3.5	3.7	3.3	3.5	2.7
<b>Expenditure category</b>											
Food and beverages .....	3.7	3.4	5.1	5.5	5.3	2.5	1.6	2.7	2.6	2.2	3.1
Food .....	3.8	3.4	5.2	5.6	5.4	1.8	1.5	2.8	2.8	2.2	3.1
Food at home .....	3.7	3.3	5.6	6.2	5.8	1.1	1.5	3.4	3.2	2.2	3.7
Cereals and bakery products .....	2.4	4.2	8.4	7.3	4.6	3.4	3.9	3.7	3.3	3.2	3.0
Cereals and cereal products .....	2.1	4.9	9.5	7.3	5.1	3.6	3.6	3.4	3.1	2.6	-1.0
Flour and prepared flour mixes .....	.1	1.2	6.7	7.3	2.2	-2	5.0	-2	1.7	6.5	11.4
Cereal .....	5.0	5.9	9.6	9.7	7.2	4.8	3.9	4.7	2.4	1.6	-5.2
Rice, pasta, and cornmeal .....	-9	4.9	11.4	1.4	2.1	2.8	2.0	2.2	6.0	2.5	1.7
Bakery products .....	2.5	3.9	7.8	7.4	4.3	3.4	4.2	3.7	3.5	3.5	5.0
White bread .....	.8	4.3	11.1	6.0	3.7	1.4	4.1	6.9	2.8	5.7	6.3
Fresh other bread, biscuits, rolls, and muffins .....	2.5	3.6	9.6	6.8	4.8	3.6	5.2	2.8	4.7	4.6	5.6
Cookies, fresh cakes, and cupcakes .....	3.8	4.2	6.1	7.8	5.7	4.8	2.3	3.3	3.7	1.3	1.0
Other bakery products .....	2.8	3.4	5.0	8.8	3.3	3.9	5.1	1.9	3.3	2.7	6.7
Meats, poultry, fish, and eggs .....	6.4	1.0	5.2	6.9	7.9	-1.6	.5	3.6	-7	4.2	3.6
Meats, poultry, and fish .....	6.7	2.2	4.7	5.2	8.9	-1.4	.8	3.8	-7	3.0	4.0
Meats .....	6.1	3.5	2.1	6.6	11.4	-2.2	.3	3.7	-1.7	2.7	4.2
Beef and veal .....	.5	6.7	5.5	6.7	8.9	-1.1	.8	3.7	-2.2	-.2	.1
Ground beef other than canned .....	-1.2	5.9	2.4	7.5	7.6	-1.4	-6	3.7	-4.5	-1.7	-1.6
Chuck roast .....	-4	5.1	7.0	9.7	10.3	1.4	1.2	2.4	-1.6	.7	-2
Round roast .....	-3.0	6.1	6.1	7.5	10.2	-1.6	2.5	.8	1.7	-2.8	1.8
Round steak .....	1.4	7.0	3.2	6.2	9.6	-2	-2	2.7	-1.4	-2.0	.9
Sirloin steak .....	1.7	9.8	7.0	2.7	5.9	-2.6	1.5	6.4	-1.2	-1.7	3.8
Other beef and veal .....	2.4	7.5	9.1	6.1	10.2	-1.1	2.2	4.0	-1.0	2.4	.4
Pork .....	15.6	-1.8	-2.9	7.0	16.6	-6.0	-7	4.5	-2.3	7.4	11.6
Bacon .....	13.3	-4.3	-10.4	8.6	17.1	-11.8	-3.4	11.7	-2.0	13.2	30.0
Chops .....	15.3	-1.5	.2	8.2	14.9	-4.3	2.6	4.6	-4.9	5.5	6.4
Ham .....	19.0	-3.0	-1.5	5.1	18.2	-4.8	-1.4	1.5	-1.5	7.2	8.0
Other pork, including sausage .....	14.4	.1	-2.5	6.7	16.7	-5.4	-1.4	3.3	-1.1	6.5	9.3
Other meats .....	7.0	4.0	.8	5.6	10.3	.8	.2	2.6	.6	3.1	3.3
Poultry .....	9.8	-9.4	18.2	.4	1.4	.5	2.8	5.5	-4	4.1	6.2
Fresh whole chicken .....	12.5	-11.4	22.0	-.8	.2	-.4	4.3	4.4	-1.1	3.9	8.3
Fresh and frozen chicken parts .....	13.0	-8.8	19.0	-1.1	2.3	1.2	1.6	7.3	-2.3	4.9	4.4
Other poultry .....	1.5	-7.3	8.6	6.8	1.4	.3	2.9	3.2	6.6	2.6	7.2
Fish and seafood .....	9.1	10.0	4.6	3.7	2.8	1.6	1.7	3.3	5.2	3.1	-.1
Canned fish and seafood .....	1.5	10.4	13.2	-4.3	-.3	-.6	1.2	2.5	1.4	1.0	-.2
Fresh and frozen fish and seafood .....	12.6	9.9	2.0	6.2	3.7	2.1	2.0	3.4	6.3	3.7	-.1
Eggs .....	.9	-17.9	16.6	35.7	-4.7	-4.1	-4.6	-1.9	.4	25.6	-1.4

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**Table 29. Historical Consumer Price Index for Urban Wage Earners and Clerical Workers (CPI-W): U.S. city average, by commodity and service group and detailed expenditure categories—Continued**

(1982-84=100, unless otherwise noted)

Group	Percent change from previous December										
	December										Sept.
	1986	1987	1988	1989	1990	1991	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996
<b>Expenditure category</b>											
Dairy products .....	2.0	1.6	4.5	10.4	3.0	0.6	1.3	0.9	1.1	2.5	8.7
Fresh milk and cream .....	1.9	1.6	4.8	11.5	2.5	-2	2.3	2.2	.7	1.8	8.3
Fresh whole milk .....	2.0	1.4	5.1	11.5	2.5	-4	1.8	2.1	.4	2.1	7.5
Other fresh milk and cream .....	1.7	2.2	4.2	11.3	2.4	.1	3.3	2.2	1.1	1.3	9.5
Processed dairy products .....	2.3	1.6	4.2	9.2	3.7	1.3	.2	-6	1.5	3.4	9.1
Cheese .....	1.5	2.1	5.2	12.9	4.7	1.7	.1	-8	.9	2.4	7.5
Ice cream and related products .....	3.0	1.4	3.7	7.1	4.4	1.1	.5	.5	3.7	2.7	6.7
Other dairy products, including butter .....	3.2	.6	2.0	1.3	-2	.2	-2	-1.6	.5	8.4	18.0
Fruits and vegetables .....	1.3	12.5	6.3	3.8	7.3	4.4	2.1	6.5	8.1	-1.0	3.5
Fresh fruits and vegetables .....	3.1	17.6	3.7	4.7	8.4	7.9	2.6	9.1	11.8	-2.7	1.9
Fresh fruits .....	5.4	10.3	13.6	6.4	11.3	11.0	-4.3	12.6	3.6	5.8	9.8
Apples .....	4.7	-11.0	27.5	-6.3	21.9	12.2	-9.5	8.4	-2.2	15.0	11.9
Bananas .....	5.4	17.4	7.9	5.9	4.4	-4	-2.8	2.6	12.2	2.6	1.4
Oranges, including tangerines .....	5.2	14.7	14.1	-4.4	10.2	23.1	-16.1	12.9	.6	14.7	59.6
Other fresh fruits .....	6.0	15.9	10.4	14.5	9.9	9.6	.7	15.5	4.6	1.8	-2.6
Fresh vegetables .....	1.1	25.1	-5.2	2.7	5.3	4.3	11.2	5.5	21.1	-10.8	-7.4
Potatoes .....	27.8	-3	24.3	9.1	-4.2	-4.0	6.7	20.5	-6.5	13.7	3.3
Lettuce .....	-19.2	-	-36.3	-22.1	11.8	12.1	6.5	-16.2	77.7	-36.4	1.3
Tomatoes .....	.5	10.3	-10.8	13.2	-7.9	-4.0	55.1	1.9	18.1	4.0	-32.6
Other fresh vegetables .....	1.6	14.2	2.5	4.5	11.7	7.7	3.1	7.3	21.2	-15.4	-2.8
Processed fruits and vegetables .....	-9	4.5	11.0	2.5	5.4	-1.6	1.1	1.5	.5	2.7	7.1
Processed fruits .....	-2.2	5.7	10.8	.6	7.7	-2.6	2.2	-9	-4	3.6	7.0
Fruit juices and frozen fruit .....	-4.0	6.6	12.5	-2	9.1	-4.3	2.3	-1.4	-8	3.6	7.6
Canned and dried fruits .....	1.3	2.9	4.0	3.1	2.5	4.8	1.6	1.5	1.0	3.8	4.6
Processed vegetables .....	.3	3.0	11.2	4.9	2.6	-5	-1	4.2	1.6	1.8	7.3
Frozen vegetables .....	1.3	2.9	4.4	7.1	3.0	.8	.8	3.7	.8	2.9	3.1
Processed vegetables excluding frozen .....	-.1	3.0	14.5	3.9	2.5	-1.2	-5	4.3	2.0	1.2	9.3
Other food at home .....	2.9	.9	4.8	4.3	4.2	1.5	.9	2.0	5.7	1.3	2.2
Sugar and sweets .....	2.3	1.6	5.2	3.8	4.3	3.4	1.0	.9	1.0	3.0	5.0
Sugar and artificial sweeteners .....	-4	1.3	8.0	4.4	2.8	.0	1.0	1.0	2.0	4.1	5.1
Sweets, including candy .....	3.5	1.7	4.0	3.6	4.9	4.8	1.0	.8	.6	2.5	5.0
Fats and oils .....	-1.4	1.8	9.9	2.7	7.7	-1.3	-6	.8	3.7	2.4	2.8
Nonalcoholic beverages .....	4.4	-3.0	2.8	3.2	1.9	-4	-2	2.1	13.5	-1.4	-1.1
Carbonated drinks .....	.0	1.7	1.5	4.9	.8	.9	1.5	1.8	-3	2.9	.3
Coffee .....	23.0	-14.4	5.7	-1.2	1.6	-5.1	-5.5	5.3	55.9	-9.7	-5.7
Other noncarbonated drinks .....	1.6	2.3	2.6	4.0	5.3	2.7	1.9	-7	.8	2.3	2.5
Other prepared food .....	2.7	4.1	5.0	5.7	5.2	3.1	2.1	2.6	2.3	2.6	3.5
Canned and packaged soup .....	2.8	6.2	3.7	7.5	6.1	5.9	5.7	4.3	4.3	3.6	4.8
Frozen prepared food .....	2.5	5.7	4.5	5.5	3.4	1.6	.5	-4	.3	.4	3.0
Snacks .....	3.0	3.1	5.0	3.9	4.0	1.1	-4	3.0	1.8	3.5	4.6
Seasonings, condiments, sauces, and spices .....	3.0	2.7	4.4	5.6	6.3	4.0	4.1	2.6	2.4	4.0	5.0
Miscellaneous prepared food, including baby food .....	2.2	4.6	6.1	7.0	5.9	3.7	1.9	3.6	3.1	1.7	1.5
Food away from home .....	4.3	3.7	4.4	4.6	4.5	2.8	1.6	1.8	2.0	2.2	2.1
Lunch .....	4.0	3.8	4.6	5.0	4.5	2.9	1.6	1.9	1.9	2.3	2.1
Dinner .....	3.8	3.5	4.3	4.3	4.0	2.7	1.5	1.8	2.0	2.3	2.0
Other meals and snacks .....	5.6	3.3	4.3	4.7	5.5	3.0	1.5	1.7	2.1	2.3	2.3
Alcoholic beverages .....	2.0	3.0	3.8	4.8	4.2	10.0	2.9	1.6	.9	1.9	3.0
Alcoholic beverages at home .....	1.4	2.2	2.3	4.4	3.8	11.5	2.2	.5	-2	.9	3.0
Beer and ale .....	1.7	2.1	2.7	4.7	3.7	11.9	2.8	.3	-2	.8	2.6
Wine .....	2.0	3.4	1.8	3.1	2.9	13.4	1.5	.2	-1.2	1.3	5.5
Distilled spirits .....	.8	1.1	1.8	4.5	4.9	8.9	1.4	1.1	.7	.8	2.0
Alcoholic beverages away from home .....	4.1	4.2	5.7	5.2	4.9	8.0	3.8	2.9	2.2	3.2	3.0

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**Table 29. Historical Consumer Price Index for Urban Wage Earners and Clerical Workers (CPI-W): U.S. city average, by commodity and service group and detailed expenditure categories—Continued**

(1982-84=100, unless otherwise noted)

Group	Percent change from previous December											
	December										Sept.	
	1986	1987	1988	1989	1990	1991	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996	
<b>Expenditure category</b>												
Housing .....	1.7	3.5	3.9	3.9	4.2	3.4	2.6	2.6	2.1	2.8	2.8	2.8
Shelter .....	4.7	4.8	4.4	4.8	5.1	3.8	2.8	3.0	3.0	3.4	3.4	2.5
Renters' costs .....	5.0	3.9	3.5	4.5	5.7	3.8	2.7	2.5	2.5	2.7	3.7	3.7
Rent, residential .....	5.0	3.7	3.5	4.1	4.1	3.0	2.3	2.3	2.5	2.5	2.1	2.1
Other renters' costs .....	4.9	4.3	3.8	6.5	14.2	8.3	3.9	3.6	2.1	3.7	10.8	10.8
Lodging while out of town .....	4.2	4.1	3.6	6.5	15.5	8.6	3.5	3.8	1.8	3.6	11.8	11.8
Lodging while at school .....	6.8	5.9	5.8	7.3	6.1	6.5	8.0	2.2	4.7	4.4	3.5	3.5
Tenants' insurance .....	5.5	3.5	2.8	2.3	1.2	2.5	2.5	3.1	4.7	2.0	1.8	1.8
Homeowners' costs .....	4.6	5.2	4.8	5.0	4.7	3.9	2.9	3.3	3.3	3.7	2.0	2.0
Owners' equivalent rent .....	4.6	5.2	4.8	5.2	4.7	3.9	2.9	3.2	3.3	3.7	2.0	2.0
Household insurance .....	5.7	3.9	3.0	2.6	1.8	2.8	2.8	3.3	4.8	1.9	1.6	1.6
Maintenance and repairs .....	1.7	3.0	2.4	3.3	3.9	5.7	-6	-1.6	3.7	2.6	1.6	1.6
Maintenance and repair services .....	1.8	4.2	1.6	3.9	6.0	4.5	2.4	-3.6	4.7	3.1	3.2	3.2
Maintenance and repair commodities .....	1.4	1.7	3.3	2.7	1.4	6.9	-4.1	.8	2.4	1.9	-5	-5
Materials, supplies, and equipment for home repairs .....	-	1.9	2.1	5.2	2.7	4.3	-7	.1	.9	.7	.8	.8
Other maintenance and repair commodities .....	.4	1.5	4.2	.9	.3	9.1	-6.8	1.4	3.7	2.9	-1.5	-1.5
Fuel and other utilities .....	-5.8	1.6	3.0	3.1	3.8	3.2	2.3	2.6	.1	1.4	5.0	5.0
Fuels .....	-9.5	1.2	2.5	3.6	4.0	1.1	2.4	1.7	-6	.6	7.0	7.0
Fuel oil and other household fuel commodities .....	-29.8	12.2	-4.4	14.9	28.7	-16.8	-2.9	-3.8	.1	1.4	6.6	6.6
Fuel oil .....	-33.2	18.0	-6.4	19.6	29.9	-20.0	-3.2	-4.6	.0	1.6	8.2	8.2
Other household fuel commodities .....	-	2.4	-2	6.0	26.1	-9.8	-2.4	-2.1	.3	.8	3.5	3.5
Gas (piped) and electricity (energy services) .....	-3.5	.2	3.2	2.7	1.4	3.4	2.9	2.3	-8	.6	7.0	7.0
Electricity .....	-1.5	1.7	3.0	2.6	1.2	5.2	1.7	.5	.7	2.7	8.4	8.4
Utility (piped) gas .....	-6.1	-2.9	3.7	2.6	1.7	-1	5.4	5.9	-3.5	-3.9	3.9	3.9
Other utilities and public services .....	3.5	2.0	3.9	2.2	3.7	5.6	2.5	3.7	1.0	2.1	2.9	2.9
Telephone services .....	2.4	-1.0	1.3	-3	-3	3.4	-2	1.8	.7	1.1	1.7	1.7
Local charges .....	6.6	3.6	4.5	.5	1.0	5.2	.4	1.0	-4	2.3	.4	.4
Interstate toll calls .....	-9.4	-12.4	-4.2	-1.3	-3.7	1.3	-1.3	6.5	5.4	.1	3.7	3.7
Intrastate toll calls .....	.4	-3.0	-4.2	-2.5	-2.2	-1.5	-2.4	.1	-9	-3.5	4.9	4.9
Water and sewerage maintenance .....	5.4	5.2	5.6	6.7	5.9	7.3	6.4	4.9	4.2	2.8	3.0	3.0
Cable television .....	3.9	9.7	10.7	3.9	13.5	8.6	4.0	7.1	-2.9	3.9	6.9	6.9
Refuse collection .....	9.6	9.9	7.8	9.7	10.0	11.6	8.6	5.2	4.9	2.7	1.8	1.8
Household furnishings and operation .....	1.2	1.0	3.1	.8	1.7	2.1	1.6	1.5	.6	2.3	1.0	1.0
Housefurnishings .....	.9	.4	2.4	-7	.5	.8	1.6	1.3	.0	.5	.4	.4
Textile housefurnishings .....	1.9	.9	6.4	-7	2.5	1.4	-1.3	6.1	-3.0	.1	.2	.2
Furniture and bedding .....	2.3	2.0	3.1	-1.7	1.1	1.1	4.3	2.8	1.2	4.2	1.4	1.4
Bedroom furniture .....	3.6	.3	5.3	-2.3	-1.4	4.2	5.2	4.9	-1.8	2.0	3.0	3.0
Sofas .....	7.2	5.0	-9	-1.0	.2	-1	3.6	-1.2	6.2	10.9	2.6	2.6
Living room chairs and tables .....	.4	1.9	3.1	-1.2	5.4	-1.5	3.7	4.8	.8	6.2	-1.0	-1.0
Other furniture .....	-1.2	2.5	3.4	-1.8	2.5	-5	4.4	1.6	2.2	1.4	-3	-3
Appliances, including electronic equipment .....	-1.4	-2.7	.8	-1.8	-2.4	-1.4	-1.3	-5	-9	-3.7	-1.7	-1.7
Video and audio products .....	-2.2	-3.7	-1.2	-8	-3.7	-6	-1.4	-5	-2.5	-3.9	-2.6	-2.6
Televisions .....	-4.2	-4.9	-1.2	-2.1	-3.5	-1.1	-7	-2.1	-1.7	-4.4	-4.3	-4.3
Video products other than televisions .....	-	-	-	-5.1	-9.6	-5.7	-2.1	-1.4	-6.8	-6.9	-3.8	-3.8
Audio products .....	-9	.9	.0	2.3	-1.0	1.9	-1.5	.7	-1.1	-2.6	-8	-8
Major household appliances .....	-	-1.2	3.4	-1.2	.0	-2.1	.4	1.8	3.3	-2.0	1.1	1.1
Refrigerators and home freezers .....	-1.7	1.1	1.8	1.2	-9	-1.7	.7	4.7	5.1	-2.1	.5	.5
Laundry equipment .....	-7	-1.1	3.6	-6	1.8	-1.9	.5	.6	2.8	-4	3.7	3.7
Stoves, ovens, dishwashers, and air conditioners .....	-	-2.9	4.5	-3.5	-1.0	-2.4	.0	.7	2.1	-3.6	-7	-7
Information processing equipment .....	-	-	-	-7.3	-3.2	-3.1	-7.2	-7.9	-8.1	-10.0	-8.3	-8.3
Other housefurnishings .....	-	1.7	2.2	1.3	2.2	2.2	2.5	-3	.7	.6	1.1	1.1
Floor and window coverings, infants', laundry, cleaning, and outdoor equipment .....	3.5	6.2	-1.0	4.6	7.5	-2.0	3.3	.7	2.0	4.3	2.0	2.0
Clocks, lamps, and decor items .....	-2.0	1.4	3.2	6.0	.1	3.5	2.4	-3.4	-4	3.7	-1.9	-1.9
Tableware, serving pieces, and nonelectric kitchenware .....	2.9	1.4	3.0	2.2	1.4	6.3	1.6	1.1	.6	-3.1	4.1	4.1
Lawn equipment, power tools, and other hardware .....	-2.4	.9	.1	-2.6	1.8	-6	1.1	3.9	.6	.7	1.4	1.4
Sewing, floor cleaning, small kitchen, and portable heating appliances .....	-	-1.7	1.8	-3.0	-8	-5	1.4	-3.7	-2.0	-3.7	.5	.5
Indoor plants and fresh cut flowers .....	-	-	-	-	-	7.3	5.5	-2.5	3.9	1.4	.6	.6
Housekeeping supplies .....	1.8	2.9	4.0	5.5	3.2	2.0	-3	1.5	1.1	5.0	1.4	1.4
Laundry and cleaning products, including soap .....	2.1	4.6	4.2	4.5	3.9	4.2	-4	-3	1.7	1.4	2.1	2.1
Household paper products and stationery supplies .....	1.1	.9	5.6	5.4	4.1	.3	-1	2.1	.6	10.5	.1	.1
Other household, lawn, and garden supplies .....	2.2	2.8	2.2	6.8	1.5	.7	-2	3.0	.8	3.9	1.9	1.9
Housekeeping services .....	1.7	1.5	4.4	1.1	4.2	7.0	3.5	2.4	1.7	5.0	2.4	2.4
Postage .....	.0	.0	13.6	.0	.0	16.2	.0	.0	.0	10.4	.0	.0
Appliance and furniture repair .....	2.8	2.9	2.3	1.8	3.9	4.3	5.9	2.6	.6	4.8	2.4	2.4
Gardening and other household services .....	-	4.7	4.1	2.8	3.8	2.2	5.0	1.7	.8	2.0	4.2	4.2

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**Table 29. Historical Consumer Price Index for Urban Wage Earners and Clerical Workers (CPI-W): U.S. city average, by commodity and service group and detailed expenditure categories—Continued**

(1982-84=100, unless otherwise noted)

Group	Percent change from previous December										
	December										Sept.
	1986	1987	1988	1989	1990	1991	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996
<b>Expenditure category</b>											
Apparel and upkeep .....	0.8	4.8	4.4	0.8	5.1	3.1	1.6	0.7	-1.5	0.2	0.8
Apparel commodities .....	.2	5.0	4.4	.5	4.9	3.1	1.3	.5	-1.9	.1	.8
Apparel commodities less footwear .....	.1	5.2	4.2	.4	5.1	3.2	1.2	.5	-1.9	.0	.4
Men's and boys' .....	-1.1	3.1	5.5	1.3	2.9	2.9	1.2	.5	-2.0	1.0	1.0
Men's .....	-2	4.3	5.7	2.0	3.2	3.1	1.7	.3	-1.6	.4	1.4
Suits, sport coats, coats, and jackets .....	1.4	3.4	9.2	2.6	2.6	2.5	2.0	5.1	-2.2	-1.3	.4
Furnishings and special clothing .....	.6	.9	3.1	3.0	2.3	2.2	.9	-1	.6	-2.7	1.4
Shirts .....	-4	6.6	6.2	.3	4.3	3.7	1.5	-2.7	-3.3	4.4	2.8
Dungarees, jeans, and trousers .....	-2.2	5.9	4.1	2.2	3.8	3.5	2.6	-8	-1.3	1.2	.7
Boys' .....	.3	-7	4.9	-8	1.6	2.6	-9	1.1	-3.2	3.1	-6
Women's and girls' .....	-7	6.1	3.2	-6	6.1	3.3	.7	.6	-3.4	-6	-9
Women's .....	-1.2	6.3	2.8	-6	6.7	2.4	.3	1.6	-3.8	-8	-3
Coats and jackets .....	-4.5	4.9	-2.2	1.3	10.8	2.8	3.0	5.7	-8.0	2.3	.2
Dresses .....	-1.8	15.3	3.0	-2.5	7.9	-3.2	3.1	-2.7	-11.3	2.2	-2.6
Separates and sportswear .....	.5	5.4	2.1	-8	5.9	3.7	-1.0	2.3	-3.0	-2.7	-1.3
Underwear, nightwear, hosiery, and accessories .....	.0	.4	5.7	1.8	4.4	2.3	.6	1.1	1.8	1.6	2.4
Suits .....	-4.7	8.8	5.8	-2.7	10.6	8.9	-1.3	4.4	1.2	-5.1	3.9
Girls' .....	1.2	5.2	5.3	-4	3.6	8.3	2.6	-3.8	-1.8	.8	-3.5
Infants' and toddlers' .....	3.8	2.6	3.4	-8	7.2	3.0	1.0	-3.8	3.7	-2.3	2.0
Other apparel commodities .....	2.7	7.9	6.5	3.1	6.0	3.0	3.5	2.0	2.9	.8	4.2
Sewing materials, notions, and luggage .....	-	2.7	6.2	1.6	6.7	2.0	1.2	-1.0	.0	8.2	1.8
Watches and jewelry .....	-	9.0	6.6	3.5	5.8	3.1	4.0	2.6	3.4	-5	4.6
Watches .....	-	3.6	4.1	-3	3.0	2.6	-1.5	6.0	3.6	5.2	-3
Jewelry .....	-	10.6	7.2	4.6	6.5	3.3	5.3	1.9	3.3	-1.8	5.9
Footwear .....	.6	4.2	5.6	1.2	3.4	2.7	2.5	.8	-1.9	.6	2.2
Men's .....	2.7	2.9	7.1	2.0	2.8	3.2	2.3	1.1	-1.5	.2	1.4
Boys' and girls' .....	1.8	7.4	3.7	3.4	4.1	-.4	-2	1.0	1.0	1.5	2.8
Women's .....	-2.5	3.4	5.6	-8	3.4	4.3	4.2	1.0	-3.8	.6	2.5
Apparel services .....	3.7	3.7	4.1	3.8	6.9	3.4	3.3	2.8	1.6	.8	1.7
Laundry and dry cleaning other than coin operated .....	3.7	5.2	5.3	3.9	5.2	3.1	3.2	3.3	1.8	.7	2.2
Other apparel services .....	3.8	2.6	3.2	3.5	8.3	3.7	3.5	2.5	1.4	.9	1.2
Transportation .....	-6.5	6.7	2.9	4.0	10.4	-1.7	3.0	2.0	4.5	1.6	2.9
Private .....	-7.3	6.9	2.9	3.9	10.1	-1.7	2.8	1.5	5.2	1.5	2.6
New vehicles .....	5.6	1.8	2.3	2.7	2.0	3.3	2.5	3.4	3.5	2.0	.4
New cars .....	5.8	1.7	2.2	2.4	1.3	3.2	2.3	2.9	3.1	1.7	.1
Subcompact new cars .....	-	1.8	2.4	1.2	.2	3.8	2.7	3.5	3.4	1.8	-.1
Compact new cars .....	-	1.2	1.3	2.3	1.6	2.4	.5	3.1	4.1	1.8	1.6
Intermediate new cars .....	-	.4	1.5	3.9	1.6	3.4	2.2	2.2	3.4	1.3	-.4
Full-size new cars .....	-	3.1	2.4	3.3	1.3	3.4	1.5	3.2	1.9	1.1	-2
Luxury new cars .....	-	3.8	5.2	2.2	2.7	2.3	3.8	2.1	3.1	1.9	.6
New trucks .....	4.3	1.3	2.3	3.5	4.0	3.5	2.7	4.6	3.6	2.9	.9
New motorcycles .....	-	4.0	5.2	4.3	2.9	5.4	4.2	7.3	8.0	4.8	3.3
Used cars .....	-5.1	8.8	3.4	-5	-2.2	2.8	7.9	8.1	8.5	4.6	-6
Motor fuel .....	-30.7	18.5	-2.0	6.8	36.3	-15.9	1.4	-5.3	5.9	-3.8	10.2
Gasoline .....	-30.8	18.7	-1.8	6.5	36.7	-16.0	1.6	-5.9	6.4	-4.1	10.3
Gasoline, unleaded regular .....	-31.7	18.5	-2.5	5.6	38.7	-16.6	1.5	-6.7	7.1	-4.2	10.8
Gasoline, unleaded midgrade .....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	5.3	-4.5	9.5
Gasoline, unleaded premium .....	-26.7	15.6	-.7	6.3	31.9	-14.5	1.5	-4.8	5.2	-4.7	8.6
Automobile maintenance and repair .....	3.7	3.6	3.8	4.4	4.6	4.5	3.7	3.1	2.9	2.6	2.7
Body work .....	4.0	5.5	4.3	5.9	4.1	2.4	2.9	2.6	3.2	3.7	4.2
Automobile drive train, brake, and miscellaneous mechanical repair .....	4.3	3.1	4.4	4.9	5.5	4.3	4.4	4.0	3.6	2.1	2.3
Maintenance and servicing .....	3.9	3.7	3.1	3.1	3.9	5.4	2.1	2.1	1.5	2.1	3.0
Power plant repair .....	2.7	3.5	4.1	4.8	4.6	4.6	4.7	3.6	3.4	3.3	2.3
Other private transportation .....	5.2	4.5	6.9	4.9	5.4	3.5	1.8	2.0	5.5	3.1	.8
Other private transportation commodities .....	-7	1.7	2.6	2.0	1.3	1.6	-8	-1.3	.9	.9	-3
Motor oil, coolant, and other products .....	-6	-2.0	8.7	-3	7.0	1.0	-.4	.3	6.2	3.2	.9
Automobile parts and equipment .....	-7	1.9	2.0	2.2	.9	1.5	-8	-1.5	.3	.6	-3
Tires .....	-1.7	1.5	3.8	2.1	-2	2.2	-.4	-1.5	2.2	.1	-.4
Other parts and equipment .....	1.2	2.5	.5	2.3	1.7	1.0	-1.1	-1.6	-1.4	1.0	-.3
Other private transportation services .....	6.2	5.3	7.9	5.5	6.3	3.9	2.3	2.5	6.4	3.4	1.0
Automobile insurance .....	11.7	5.6	8.1	6.0	7.7	8.1	6.5	4.9	3.4	4.4	1.7
Automobile finance charges .....	-7.2	6.0	8.5	4.3	-.2	-7.0	-14.1	-6.3	23.1	2.2	-1.9
Automobile fees .....	5.5	3.3	5.8	5.7	9.8	3.6	6.1	2.2	3.0	1.0	1.3
Automobile registration, licensing, and inspection fees .....	3.2	1.6	6.1	6.2	16.0	4.7	5.9	2.5	.4	1.8	.1
Other automobile-related fees .....	9.3	5.5	5.6	4.9	2.1	2.0	6.4	1.8	6.8	-.1	3.1
Public transportation .....	6.4	1.6	3.4	3.7	15.5	-1.7	5.2	10.0	-5.0	4.0	7.6
Airline fares .....	5.4	1.1	3.1	5.2	22.8	-5.8	6.2	17.2	-9.5	2.1	9.6
Other intercity transportation .....	4.9	2.1	6.9	2.7	6.3	3.3	.8	-3.7	1.8	1.7	1.5
Intracity public transportation .....	7.3	2.2	2.7	1.9	7.8	3.7	4.9	3.0	.9	7.6	6.1

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**Table 29. Historical Consumer Price Index for Urban Wage Earners and Clerical Workers (CPI-W): U.S. city average, by commodity and service group and detailed expenditure categories—Continued**

(1982-84=100, unless otherwise noted)

Group	Percent change from previous December										
	December										Sept.
	1986	1987	1988	1989	1990	1991	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996
<b>Expenditure category</b>											
Medical care .....	7.6	6.1	7.0	8.3	9.1	7.8	6.8	5.2	4.9	4.0	2.6
Medical care commodities .....	6.6	7.0	6.7	8.2	8.5	7.3	5.0	3.0	2.9	1.7	2.1
Prescription drugs .....	8.9	8.1	7.7	9.5	10.0	9.4	5.6	3.2	3.6	2.0	2.5
Nonprescription drugs and medical supplies .....	-	5.3	4.8	5.8	5.8	3.3	4.2	2.6	1.6	1.2	1.1
Internal and respiratory over-the-counter drugs .....	5.0	6.0	5.0	5.3	6.1	2.6	4.3	2.6	.9	.7	1.3
Nonprescription medical equipment and supplies .....	4.5	2.9	4.7	7.2	4.9	5.7	3.7	2.8	4.1	2.5	.5
Medical care services .....	7.7	6.0	7.1	8.4	9.2	7.9	7.1	5.7	5.4	4.5	2.6
Professional medical services .....	6.3	6.5	6.8	6.5	6.7	6.2	5.8	4.4	4.7	4.1	2.9
Physicians' services .....	7.6	6.5	7.5	7.2	7.4	5.5	6.3	5.0	4.5	4.4	2.5
Dental services .....	5.4	7.2	6.7	6.5	6.5	8.3	5.7	4.4	5.4	4.4	4.1
Eye care .....	-	5.3	4.3	3.6	4.6	3.5	3.7	2.1	3.6	2.4	.8
Services by other medical professionals .....	-	5.0	5.5	5.8	4.8	5.2	3.6	3.1	4.5	1.7	2.3
Hospital and related services .....	7.1	7.0	10.8	11.2	10.6	9.1	8.8	7.4	5.7	4.6	3.2
Hospital rooms .....	7.2	6.5	10.0	10.5	9.7	8.7	8.8	7.3	5.6	4.8	2.8
Other inpatient services .....	-	7.4	12.7	11.6	11.2	9.1	8.2	7.6	5.8	4.5	3.5
Outpatient services .....	-	7.2	9.2	12.0	11.3	9.9	9.7	7.6	5.8	4.6	3.6
Entertainment .....	3.5	3.9	4.5	5.1	3.8	3.8	2.7	2.7	2.1	3.1	2.3
Entertainment commodities .....	2.4	3.6	4.4	3.5	2.5	3.4	1.9	1.8	1.6	2.4	2.0
Reading materials .....	4.2	3.8	4.4	4.6	4.6	6.6	3.8	3.7	3.6	5.9	1.9
Newspapers .....	3.6	4.6	4.9	3.9	4.9	9.6	4.3	4.4	5.1	7.7	2.0
Magazines, periodicals, and books .....	4.9	2.9	3.8	5.2	4.4	3.5	3.3	2.9	2.0	3.8	1.7
Sporting goods and equipment .....	-9	3.5	4.4	3.0	.5	3.4	.9	.8	2.9	-1.3	.8
Sport vehicles, including bicycles .....	-1.5	2.9	3.9	4.0	.1	2.2	2.6	1.1	3.1	-1.2	1.8
Other sporting goods .....	.6	4.2	4.9	1.7	1.2	5.3	-1.4	.3	2.6	-1.4	-8
Toys, hobbies, and other entertainment .....	3.2	3.4	4.6	3.1	2.4	1.4	1.3	1.2	-.4	2.2	2.8
Toys, hobbies, and music equipment .....	2.6	3.8	4.2	2.2	1.6	1.1	2.9	1.6	-.8	1.1	3.2
Photographic supplies and equipment .....	6.0	6.4	6.2	3.5	1.5	1.1	2.3	1.8	-3.7	1.8	1.2
Pet supplies and expense .....	2.2	2.2	4.5	4.3	3.7	1.7	-.8	.6	1.1	3.6	2.9
Entertainment services .....	5.4	4.3	4.6	6.9	5.3	4.4	3.7	3.6	2.7	3.7	2.7
Club memberships .....	-	2.0	8.3	4.3	4.7	3.8	2.2	3.6	-.6	2.3	.7
Fees for participant sports, excluding club memberships .....	-	6.9	5.9	7.7	5.5	4.4	4.8	8.2	2.3	2.4	1.9
Admissions .....	5.2	6.4	3.7	9.8	5.0	4.8	3.8	2.0	3.7	5.4	4.1
Fees for lessons or instructions .....	-	5.3	5.0	8.1	5.4	5.9	5.3	4.0	5.3	3.0	3.8
Other entertainment services .....	-	1.6	3.5	4.5	5.8	3.9	3.0	2.6	2.6	3.7	2.1
Other goods and services .....	5.3	6.2	7.1	8.6	7.7	8.1	6.4	1.6	4.2	4.1	3.2
Tobacco and smoking products .....	5.9	7.9	9.5	14.4	10.7	11.3	8.3	-5.9	3.2	2.8	2.3
Personal care .....	2.5	3.2	5.1	3.8	4.2	2.6	3.1	2.4	2.0	1.9	1.3
Toilet goods and personal care appliances .....	2.5	2.9	5.6	2.6	4.3	2.8	3.7	1.5	2.0	.8	.7
Cosmetics, bath and nail preparations, manicure and eye makeup implements .....	2.9	2.9	5.3	2.1	5.8	3.0	1.8	4.5	1.5	1.4	1.7
Other toilet goods and small personal care appliances, including hair and dental products .....	2.3	2.8	5.8	3.0	3.2	2.8	4.8	-.4	2.5	.4	.1
Personal care services .....	2.6	3.6	4.4	5.2	4.3	2.2	2.5	3.5	2.1	3.4	1.9
Beauty parlor services for females .....	2.5	3.6	4.4	5.5	4.5	2.0	2.1	3.8	1.9	3.2	1.7
Haircuts and other barber shop services for males .....	2.7	3.7	4.6	4.0	3.5	3.2	3.7	2.2	2.7	3.8	3.0
Personal and educational expenses .....	7.8	6.6	6.5	7.1	7.1	8.0	6.3	6.4	5.4	5.5	4.2
School books and supplies .....	7.5	7.6	6.5	7.8	6.8	6.0	5.7	3.8	3.1	5.7	5.1
Personal and educational services .....	7.9	6.5	6.6	7.0	7.1	8.2	6.3	6.6	5.6	5.5	4.1
Tuition and other school fees .....	7.6	7.5	7.4	8.0	7.7	9.1	7.5	6.7	5.8	5.7	4.5
College tuition .....	7.0	7.0	7.4	8.4	8.4	11.7	9.2	7.4	6.2	6.2	5.3
Elementary and high school tuition .....	8.7	9.5	8.4	8.8	8.6	7.7	8.0	5.7	6.3	6.7	4.2
Day care and nursery school .....	-	-	-	-	-	6.3	4.2	5.3	5.1	3.9	3.3
Personal expenses .....	8.8	4.7	5.1	5.6	6.0	6.5	4.2	6.4	5.2	5.1	3.6
Legal service fees .....	-	5.2	4.4	6.0	4.6	6.2	3.4	7.8	2.2	4.0	3.6
Personal financial services .....	-	4.5	6.9	5.6	7.8	7.6	5.2	6.5	8.6	6.7	2.8
Funeral expenses .....	-	4.6	4.8	5.0	6.5	6.1	3.8	5.2	6.0	5.0	3.9
<b>Special indexes</b>											
Domestically produced farm food .....	3.3	3.6	6.0	6.6	6.3	1.3	1.7	3.5	2.2	2.4	4.4
Selected beef cuts .....	.1	6.4	4.0	7.0	8.3	-1.1	.2	3.5	-2.7	-1.5	-.1
Motor fuel, motor oil, coolant, and other products .....	-30.1	17.9	-1.7	6.7	35.7	-15.6	1.5	-5.3	5.9	-3.7	10.0
Utilities and public transportation .....	.2	1.2	3.5	2.6	4.2	3.6	3.0	3.9	-.6	1.7	5.4
Housekeeping and home maintenance services .....	1.7	1.7	4.2	1.3	4.4	6.8	3.4	1.8	2.0	4.9	2.5

- Data not available.

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

**Table P1. Average residential prices for utility (piped) gas, electricity, and fuel oil, U.S. city average and selected areas**

Area, region and population size class	Utility (piped) gas				Electricity		Fuel oil #2	
	per 40 therms		per 100 therms		per 500 KWH		per gallon (3.785 liters)	
	Aug. 1996	Sept. 1996	Aug. 1996	Sept. 1996	Aug. 1996	Sept. 1996	Aug. 1996	Sept. 1996
U.S. city average .....	\$30.571	\$30.539	\$65.158	\$64.922	\$50.753	\$50.789	\$0.934	\$0.980
<b>Region and area size <sup>1</sup></b>								
Northeast urban .....	37.165	36.849	77.068	76.186	65.281	65.419	.930	.978
Size A - More than 1,200,000 .....	37.732	37.343	77.645	76.614	68.469	68.527	.985	1.032
Size B - 500,000 to 1,200,000 .....	32.807	33.097	73.151	73.469	56.326	57.173	.831	.894
Size C - 50,000 to 500,000 .....	35.435	35.592	77.551	77.746	50.547	50.594	.882	.923
North Central urban .....	28.492	28.750	58.067	58.520	48.887	48.606	.894	.949
Size A - More than 1,200,000 .....	29.394	29.468	59.912	59.781	51.397	51.088	.892	.964
Size B - 360,000 to 1,200,000 .....	28.349	28.178	55.327	55.622	47.904	47.888	.918	.955
Size C - 50,000 to 360,000 .....	26.373	26.683	55.837	56.620	42.782	42.068	.882	.929
Size D - Nonmetropolitan (less than 50,000) .....	22.806	25.068	46.546	51.978	43.871	44.321	NA	NA
South urban .....	31.231	31.000	64.813	63.884	43.479	43.664	.971	.997
Size A - More than 1,200,000 .....	32.031	31.743	64.933	63.541	45.675	45.871	1.086	1.122
Size B - 450,000 to 1,200,000 .....	33.257	33.667	68.457	69.489	42.635	42.785	.921	.934
Size C - 50,000 to 450,000 .....	29.069	28.659	62.604	61.540	43.495	43.330	NA	NA
Size D - Nonmetropolitan (less than 50,000) .....	27.036	26.500	63.223	62.413	37.240	38.078	.922	1.014
West urban .....	26.902	26.822	64.510	64.386	50.805	50.830	1.064	1.129
Size A - More than 1,250,000 .....	27.352	27.242	66.638	66.436	51.083	51.083	1.070	1.164
Size C - 50,000 to 330,000 .....	21.527	21.503	48.741	48.723	36.919	37.010	1.054	1.067
<b>Size classes</b>								
A .....	31.455	31.318	67.014	66.434	54.227	54.220	.985	1.035
B .....	30.807	30.927	65.808	66.285	48.076	48.266	.857	.908
C .....	27.212	27.168	59.039	58.905	43.627	43.378	.895	.930
D .....	24.134	25.525	50.458	53.970	41.735	42.426	.896	.942
<b>Selected local areas</b>								
Chicago-Gary-Lake County, IL-IN-WI .....	35.011	35.148	67.456	67.245	61.235	60.214	1.058	1.098
Los Angeles-Anaheim-Riverside, CA .....	30.099	30.099	72.642	72.642	64.011	64.011	NA	NA
N.Y.-Northern N.J.-Long Island, NY-NJ-CT .....	41.708	41.286	86.104	84.955	75.122	75.216	1.029	1.081
Phil.-Wilmington-Trenton, PA-NJ-DE-MD .....	33.280	33.296	73.564	73.607	62.911	62.911	.875	.909
San Francisco-Oakland-San Jose, CA .....	24.907	24.907	69.446	69.446	61.380	61.380	NA	NA
Baltimore, MD .....	32.640	32.690	66.600	66.730	53.310	53.310	1.059	1.119
Boston-Lawrence-Salem, MA-NH .....	28.549	28.549	53.839	53.839	62.798	62.798	.962	.999
Cleveland-Akron-Lorain, OH .....	25.204	27.831	56.893	62.373	66.371	66.335	NA	NA
Miami-Fort Lauderdale, FL .....	45.500	45.500	101.027	101.027	43.886	43.886	NA	NA
St. Louis-East St. Louis, MO-IL .....	31.608	31.643	59.814	58.645	48.664	48.664	NA	NA
Washington, DC-MD-VA .....	40.210	39.096	84.121	77.855	47.127	47.426	1.112	1.124
Dallas-Fort Worth, TX .....	27.307	27.012	58.977	58.227	47.345	47.345	NA	NA
Detroit-Ann Arbor, MI .....	25.847	25.847	51.867	52.083	48.303	48.203	NA	NA
Houston-Galveston-Brazoria, TX .....	25.440	25.837	49.050	49.674	39.925	39.913	NA	NA
Pittsburgh-Beaver Valley, PA .....	39.123	39.123	76.020	75.932	51.150	51.150	NA	NA

<sup>1</sup> Regions defined as the four Census regions. See map in technical notes.

NA Data not adequate for publication.

**Table P2. Average residential unit prices and consumption ranges for utility (piped) gas and electricity for U.S. city average and selected areas**

Area, region and population size class	Average price per therm of utility (piped) gas		Range of therm consumption for Sept. 1996		Average price per KWH of electricity		Range of KWH consumption for Sept. 1996	
	Aug. 1996	Sept. 1996	Low	High	Aug. 1996	Sept. 1996	Low	High
U.S. city average .....	\$0.648	\$0.646	1	2,800	\$0.099	\$0.099	5	6,301
<b>Region and area size <sup>1</sup></b>								
Northeast urban .....	.777	.770	1	2,800	.129	.129	110	5,069
Size A - More than 1,200,000 .....	.792	.782	5	862	.136	.137	110	3,750
Size B - 500,000 to 1,200,000 .....	.692	.700	1	505	.108	.109	173	5,069
Size C - 50,000 to 500,000 .....	.698	.702	19	328	.092	.092	227	2,865
North Central urban .....	.543	.546	3	1,124	.095	.094	5	4,517
Size A - More than 1,200,000 .....	.548	.549	3	1,124	.102	.101	5	3,785
Size B - 360,000 to 1,200,000 .....	.578	.577	20	380	.089	.089	220	4,517
Size C - 50,000 to 360,000 .....	.532	.540	12	623	.079	.078	39	3,404
Size D - Nonmetropolitan (less than 50,000) .....	.483	.496	22	668	.085	.086	252	2,397
South urban .....	.728	.723	1	1,230	.085	.085	32	6,301
Size A - More than 1,200,000 .....	.725	.720	3	394	.090	.090	142	6,301
Size B - 450,000 to 1,200,000 .....	.774	.784	1	1,230	.082	.082	112	6,229
Size C - 50,000 to 450,000 .....	.743	.733	3	278	.082	.082	94	4,249
Size D - Nonmetropolitan (less than 50,000) .....	.613	.597	5	283	.073	.074	32	5,536
West urban .....	.638	.637	5	1,557	.100	.100	101	5,033
Size A - More than 1,250,000 .....	.658	.656	15	1,557	.100	.100	103	5,033
Size C - 50,000 to 330,000 .....	.478	.478	24	606	.078	.078	101	3,146
<b>Size classes</b>								
A .....	.659	.655	3	1,557	.107	.107	5	6,301
B .....	.684	.688	1	1,230	.092	.092	112	6,229
C .....	.609	.609	3	623	.082	.082	39	4,249
D .....	.521	.526	5	2,800	.082	.083	32	5,536
<b>Selected local areas</b>								
Chicago-Gary-Lake County, IL-IN-WI .....	.512	.516	3	1,124	.126	.123	100	3,563
Los Angeles-Anaheim-Riverside, CA .....	.738	.738	17	447	.126	.126	164	3,125
N.Y.-Northern N.J.-Long Island, NY-NJ-CT .....	.888	.877	5	579	.150	.150	125	3,750
Phil.-Wilmington-Trenton, PA-NJ-DE-MD .....	.731	.731	19	862	.132	.132	110	2,451
San Francisco-Oakland-San Jose, CA .....	.669	.669	15	293	.128	.128	200	1,746
Baltimore, MD .....	.717	.719	34	125	.100	.100	541	4,252
Boston-Lawrence-Salem, MA-NH .....	.582	.582	16	232	.119	.119	279	1,533
Cleveland-Akron-Lorain, OH .....	.550	.610	41	561	.127	.127	298	2,259
Miami-Fort Lauderdale, FL .....	1.179	1.179	3	100	.087	.087	142	3,788
St. Louis-East St. Louis, MO-IL .....	.564	.544	73	314	.099	.099	5	2,608
Washington, DC-MD-VA .....	1.034	.999	20	68	.093	.094	415	3,401
Dallas-Fort Worth, TX .....	.613	.605	20	394	.087	.087	242	6,250
Detroit-Ann Arbor, MI .....	.526	.526	10	1,016	.100	.100	27	1,534
Houston-Galveston-Brazoria, TX .....	.586	.608	18	209	.091	.088	312	6,301
Pittsburgh-Beaver Valley, PA .....	.715	.715	72	597	.094	.094	210	2,690

<sup>1</sup> Regions defined as the four Census regions. See map in technical notes.

**Table P3. Average prices for gasoline, U.S. city average and selected areas**  
(Per gallon/3.785 liters)

Area, region and population size class	Gasoline All types <sup>1</sup>		Gasoline Unleaded regular		Gasoline Unleaded midgrade		Gasoline Unleaded premium	
	Aug. 1996	Sept. 1996	Aug. 1996	Sept. 1996	Aug. 1996	Sept. 1996	Aug. 1996	Sept. 1996
U.S. city average .....	\$1.298	\$1.293	\$1.240	\$1.234	\$1.332	\$1.326	\$1.421	\$1.417
<b>Region and area size <sup>2</sup></b>								
Northeast urban .....	1.332	1.325	1.251	1.244	1.365	1.356	1.444	1.439
Size A - More than 1,200,000 .....	1.337	1.326	1.257	1.244	1.373	1.360	1.451	1.445
Size B - 500,000 to 1,200,000 .....	1.325	1.329	1.267	1.272	1.383	1.382	1.444	1.444
Size C - 50,000 to 500,000 .....	1.329	1.324	1.218	1.213	1.317	1.312	1.415	1.408
North Central urban .....	1.224	1.249	1.184	1.207	1.260	1.289	1.345	1.370
Size A - More than 1,200,000 .....	1.249	1.272	1.207	1.228	1.301	1.320	1.378	1.406
Size B - 360,000 to 1,200,000 .....	1.180	1.217	1.126	1.165	1.232	1.271	1.312	1.342
Size C - 50,000 to 360,000 .....	1.185	1.213	1.151	1.180	1.201	1.244	1.289	1.304
Size D - Nonmetropolitan (less than 50,000) .....	1.220	1.238	1.187	1.196	1.229	1.262	1.320	1.349
South urban .....	1.249	1.242	1.184	1.178	1.286	1.275	1.368	1.364
Size A - More than 1,200,000 .....	1.260	1.249	1.192	1.183	1.308	1.293	1.386	1.377
Size B - 450,000 to 1,200,000 .....	1.275	1.269	1.200	1.193	1.283	1.276	1.369	1.368
Size C - 50,000 to 450,000 .....	1.209	1.204	1.157	1.154	1.258	1.246	1.336	1.334
Size D - Nonmetropolitan (less than 50,000) .....	1.249	1.244	1.192	1.187	1.285	1.280	1.380	1.379
West urban .....	1.431	1.394	1.378	1.338	1.486	1.445	1.567	1.530
Size A - More than 1,250,000 .....	1.436	1.393	1.382	1.334	1.490	1.434	1.575	1.535
Size C - 50,000 to 330,000 .....	1.406	1.397	1.356	1.347	1.444	1.443	1.544	1.523
<b>Size classes</b>								
A .....	1.324	1.313	1.264	1.252	1.366	1.351	1.453	1.445
B .....	1.298	1.293	1.236	1.229	1.328	1.324	1.401	1.398
C .....	1.249	1.252	1.193	1.197	1.282	1.286	1.367	1.366
D .....	1.262	1.267	1.221	1.223	1.281	1.292	1.385	1.393
<b>Selected local areas</b>								
Chicago-Gary-Lake County, IL-IN-WI .....	1.350	1.360	1.293	1.304	1.408	1.417	1.491	1.499
Los Angeles-Anaheim-Riverside, CA .....	1.389	1.328	1.337	1.270	1.437	1.360	1.510	1.460
N.Y.-Northern N.J.-Long Island, NY-NJ-CT .....	1.359	1.352	1.282	1.272	1.414	1.407	1.489	1.488
Phil.-Wilmington-Trenton, PA-NJ-DE-MD .....	1.317	1.296	1.190	1.161	1.308	1.282	1.377	1.362
San Francisco-Oakland-San Jose, CA .....	1.527	1.468	1.457	1.402	1.604	1.537	1.685	1.619
Baltimore, MD .....	1.331	1.304	1.276	1.245	1.371	1.347	1.430	1.410
Boston-Lawrence-Salem, MA-NH .....	1.294	1.288	1.246	1.239	1.345	1.335	1.430	1.425
Cleveland-Akron-Lorain, OH .....	1.198	1.244	1.144	1.191	1.241	1.283	1.344	1.384
Miami-Fort Lauderdale, FL .....	1.361	1.359	1.283	1.285	1.425	1.404	1.473	1.474
St. Louis-East St. Louis, MO-IL .....	1.195	1.190	1.140	1.138	1.236	1.228	1.353	1.341
Washington, DC-MD-VA .....	1.335	1.308	1.263	1.240	1.375	1.348	1.465	1.431
Dallas-Fort Worth, TX .....	1.210	1.214	1.152	1.156	1.262	1.265	1.333	1.341
Detroit-Ann Arbor, MI .....	1.194	1.222	1.149	1.179	1.255	1.277	1.348	1.365
Houston-Galveston-Brazoria, TX .....	1.198	1.207	1.139	1.148	1.250	1.254	1.305	1.314
Pittsburgh-Beaver Valley, PA .....	1.368	1.350	1.244	1.237	1.340	1.328	1.426	1.411

<sup>1</sup> Also includes types of gasoline not shown separately.

<sup>2</sup> Regions defined as the four Census regions. See map in technical notes.

**Table P4. Average retail food prices, U.S. city average and four regions <sup>1</sup>**

Food and unit	U.S. average		Northeast		North Central		South		West	
	Aug. 1996	Sept. 1996	Aug. 1996	Sept. 1996	Aug. 1996	Sept. 1996	Aug. 1996	Sept. 1996	Aug. 1996	Sept. 1996
<b>Cereals and bakery products:</b>										
Flour, white, all purpose, per lb. (453.6 gm) .....	\$0.314	\$0.308	\$0.336	\$0.343	\$0.301	\$0.287	\$0.320	\$0.313	NA	NA
Rice, white, long grain, uncooked, per lb. (453.6 gm) .....	.541	.540	.574	.566	NA	NA	.513	.520	0.591	0.582
Spaghetti and macaroni, per lb. (453.6 gm) .....	.877	.884	.833	.803	.851	.871	.804	.862	1.061	1.034
Bread, white, pan, per lb. (453.6 gm) .....	.915	.886	.918	.917	.962	.923	.877	.825	.924	.918
Bread, French, per lb. (453.6 gm) .....	1.517	1.560	NA	NA	NA	NA	1.458	1.535	1.603	1.638
Bread, whole wheat, pan, per lb. (453.6 gm) .....	1.307	1.303	NA	NA	NA	NA	1.354	1.262	NA	NA
Cookies, chocolate chip, per lb. (453.6 gm) .....	2.464	2.526	NA	NA	2.287	2.416	NA	NA	NA	NA
Crackers, soda, salted, per lb. (453.6 gm) .....	1.558	1.490	NA	NA	NA	NA	1.587	1.408	NA	NA
<b>Meats, poultry, fish and eggs:</b>										
<b>Meats:</b>										
<b>Beef and veal:</b>										
Ground chuck, 100% beef, per lb. (453.6 gm) .....	1.823	1.797	1.755	1.779	1.783	1.763	1.865	1.784	NA	NA
Ground beef, 100% beef, per lb. (453.6 gm) .....	1.391	1.360	NA	NA	1.360	1.284	1.409	1.412	NA	NA
Ground beef, lean and extra lean, per lb. (453.6 gm) .....	2.055	2.046	2.172	2.207	1.864	1.832	2.054	2.008	2.086	2.100
Chuck roast, USDA Choice, bone-in, per lb. (453.6 gm) .....	2.024	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Chuck roast, graded and ungraded, excluding USDA Prime and Choice, per lb. (453.6 gm) .....	2.172	2.146	NA	NA	2.287	2.269	2.086	2.071	2.154	2.136
Chuck roast, USDA Choice, boneless, per lb. (453.6 gm) .....	2.434	2.424	2.563	2.512	2.328	2.383	2.410	2.348	NA	NA
Round roast, USDA Choice, boneless, per lb. (453.6 gm) .....	2.742	2.824	2.697	2.783	2.806	2.780	2.736	2.900	2.724	2.909
Round roast, graded and ungraded, excluding USDA Prime and Choice, per lb. (453.6 gm) .....	2.513	2.701	NA	NA	2.566	2.647	2.576	2.716	2.459	2.721
Rib roast, USDA Choice, bone-in, per lb. (453.6 gm) .....	4.925	5.042	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Steak, T-Bone, USDA Choice, bone-in, per lb. (453.6 gm) .....	5.971	5.801	NA	NA	5.941	5.686	5.829	5.776	NA	NA
Steak, rib eye, USDA Choice, boneless, per lb. (453.6 gm) .....	5.675	5.665	NA	NA	6.175	5.958	6.207	6.398	NA	NA
Steak, round, USDA Choice, boneless, per lb. (453.6 gm) .....	3.029	3.139	3.191	3.319	2.911	2.979	2.923	3.173	3.165	2.904
Steak, round, graded and ungraded, excluding USDA Prime and Choice, per lb. (453.6 gm) .....	2.750	2.939	NA	NA	2.712	2.801	2.717	2.811	2.752	2.997
Steak, sirloin, USDA Choice, bone-in, per lb. (453.6 gm) .....	NA	NA	3.329	3.175	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Steak, sirloin, graded and ungraded, excluding USDA Prime and Choice, per lb. (453.6 gm) .....	3.621	3.633	NA	NA	3.362	3.189	3.732	3.776	3.571	3.588
Steak, sirloin, USDA Choice, boneless, per lb. (453.6 gm) .....	4.274	4.200	4.289	4.088	4.183	4.145	4.092	4.164	4.985	4.753
Short ribs, any primal source, bone-in, per lb. (453.6 gm) .....	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Beef for stew, boneless, per lb. (453.6 gm) .....	2.479	2.408	NA	NA	2.549	2.428	NA	NA	NA	NA
<b>Pork:</b>										
Bacon, sliced, per lb. (453.6 gm) .....	2.682	2.809	2.738	2.907	2.758	2.823	2.574	2.741	2.639	2.748
Chops, center cut, bone-in, per lb. (453.6 gm) .....	3.502	3.505	3.464	3.384	3.334	3.276	3.509	3.592	3.772	3.818
Chops, boneless, per lb. (453.6 gm) .....	4.340	4.256	4.212	4.284	4.439	4.388	4.594	4.422	4.043	3.892
Ham, rump or shank half, bone-in, smoked, per lb. (453.6 gm) .....	1.990	1.975	NA	NA	NA	NA	1.914	1.904	NA	NA
Ham, boneless, excluding canned, per lb. (453.6 gm) .....	2.800	2.925	NA	NA	2.579	2.698	2.913	3.092	2.819	2.896
Ham, canned, 3 or 5 lbs, per lb. (453.6 gm) .....	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Shoulder picnic, bone-in, smoked, per lb. (453.6 gm) .....	1.266	1.274	NA	NA	NA	NA	1.240	1.257	NA	NA
Sausage, fresh, loose, per lb. (453.6 gm) .....	2.054	2.060	NA	NA	NA	NA	2.079	2.057	NA	NA
<b>Other meats:</b>										
Frankfurters, all meat or all beef, per lb. (453.6 gm) .....	2.059	2.175	NA	NA	NA	NA	1.845	1.994	NA	NA
Bologna, all beef or mixed, per lb. (453.6 gm) .....	2.379	2.351	NA	NA	2.261	2.205	2.315	2.291	2.504	2.425
Lamb and mutton, bone-in, per lb. (453.6 gm) .....	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA

See footnotes at end of table.

**Table P4. Average retail food prices, U.S. city average and four regions <sup>1</sup>—Continued**

Food and unit	U.S. average		Northeast		North Central		South		West	
	Aug. 1996	Sept. 1996	Aug. 1996	Sept. 1996	Aug. 1996	Sept. 1996	Aug. 1996	Sept. 1996	Aug. 1996	Sept. 1996
<b>Poultry:</b>										
Chicken, fresh, whole, per lb. (453.6 gm) .....	0.990	1.006	1.015	1.119	0.973	0.950	0.935	0.917	1.064	1.098
Chicken breast, bone-in, per lb. (453.6 gm) .....	2.053	2.135	2.014	2.194	1.862	1.986	2.036	2.041	2.515	2.487
Chicken legs, bone-in, per lb. (453.6 gm) .....	1.252	1.299	1.137	1.153	1.128	1.238	1.190	1.256	1.639	1.643
Turkey, frozen, whole, per lb. (453.6 gm) .....	1.086	1.065	1.147	1.045	1.020	1.088	1.127	1.064	NA	NA
<b>Fish and seafood:</b>										
Tuna, light, chunk, per lb. (453.6 gm) .....	1.951	1.934	2.075	2.091	1.957	1.943	1.829	1.811	2.021	1.947
<b>Eggs:</b>										
Grade A, large, per doz. ....	1.072	1.150	1.249	1.282	.974	1.025	1.058	1.198	NA	NA
Grade AA, large, per doz. ....	1.216	1.278	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	1.367	1.420
<b>Dairy products:</b>										
Milk, fresh, whole, fortified, per 1/2 gal. (1.9 lit) .....	1.569	1.592	1.416	1.437	NA	NA	NA	NA	1.727	1.731
Milk, fresh, whole, fortified, per gal. (3.8 lit) .....	2.666	2.666	2.610	2.661	2.532	2.523	2.668	2.649	2.874	2.865
Milk, fresh, low fat, per 1/2 gal. (1.9 lit) .....	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Milk, fresh, low fat, per gal. (3.8 lit) .....	2.460	2.474	NA	NA	2.456	2.451	2.648	2.655	NA	NA
Butter, salted, grade AA, stick, per lb. (453.6 gm) .....	2.396	2.482	NA	NA	NA	NA	2.395	2.399	NA	NA
American processed cheese, per lb. (453.6 gm) .....	3.363	3.511	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Cheddar cheese, natural, per lb. (453.6 gm) .....	2.932	3.062	NA	NA	NA	NA	3.632	3.704	NA	NA
Ice cream, prepackaged, bulk, regular, per 1/2 gal. (1.9 lit) .....	2.966	3.041	2.844	3.083	2.667	2.807	2.963	2.827	3.522	3.541
Yogurt, natural, fruit flavored, per 8 oz. (226.8 gm) .....	.652	.669	NA	NA	NA	NA	.670	.655	NA	NA
<b>Fruits and vegetables:</b>										
<b>Fresh fruits and vegetables:</b>										
Apples, Red Delicious, per lb. (453.6 gm) .....	.998	1.006	1.010	1.009	.975	1.019	1.010	1.038	.995	.963
Bananas, per lb. (453.6 gm) .....	.478	.458	.523	.490	.449	.434	.450	.438	.506	.484
Oranges, Navel, per lb. (453.6 gm) .....	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Oranges, Valencia, per lb. (453.6 gm) .....	.717	.779	.768	.838	.709	.717	.782	.864	.654	.748
Cherries, per lb. (453.6 gm) .....	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Grapefruit, per lb. (453.6 gm) .....	.670	.775	.723	.779	.648	.794	.648	.782	.659	.748
Grapes, Thompson Seedless, per lb. (453.6 gm) .....	1.167	1.269	1.333	1.359	1.282	1.243	1.117	1.251	.968	1.253
Lemons, per lb. (453.6 gm) .....	1.331	1.352	1.436	1.470	1.153	1.182	1.405	1.447	1.322	1.296
Peaches, per lb. (453.6 gm) .....	1.101	1.244	1.198	1.237	1.081	1.182	1.101	1.226	1.062	1.318
Pears, Anjou, per lb. (453.6 gm) .....	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Strawberries, dry pint, per 12 oz. (340.2 gm) .....	1.164	1.420	1.113	1.305	1.175	1.387	1.250	1.529	1.083	1.438
Potatoes, white, per lb. (453.6 gm) .....	.403	.375	.436	.421	.357	.319	.411	.376	.411	.388
Lettuce, iceberg, per lb. (453.6 gm) .....	.615	.595	.701	.665	.565	.557	.620	.618	.563	.521
Tomatoes, field grown, per lb. (453.6 gm) .....	1.006	.980	1.202	1.173	1.003	.930	.947	.951	.851	.838
Broccoli, per lb. (453.6 gm) .....	.788	.843	.774	.921	.798	.792	.867	.893	.716	.758
Cabbage, per lb. (453.6 gm) .....	.440	.395	NA	NA	.466	.393	.477	.433	NA	NA
Carrots, short trimmed and topped, per lb. (453.6 gm) .....	.514	.505	.651	.604	.475	.449	NA	NA	.439	.451
Celery, per lb. (453.6 gm) .....	.512	.516	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Corn on the cob, per lb. (453.6 gm) .....	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Cucumbers, per lb. (453.6 gm) .....	.545	.516	NA	NA	NA	NA	.489	.505	NA	NA
Onions, dry yellow, per lb. (453.6 gm) .....	.431	.432	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Peppers, sweet, per lb. (453.6 gm) .....	1.195	1.086	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
<b>Processed fruits and vegetables:</b>										
Apple Sauce, any variety, all sizes, per lb. (453.6 gm) .....	.773	.760	NA	NA	NA	NA	.751	NA	NA	NA
Orange juice, frozen concentrate, 12 oz. can, per 16 oz. (473.2 ml) .....	1.765	1.733	2.041	1.958	1.572	1.585	1.659	1.661	1.927	1.838
Peaches, any variety, all sizes, per lb. (453.6 gm) .....	.942	.934	NA	NA	.934	.918	.922	.906	NA	NA
Beans, dried, any type, all sizes, per lb. (453.6 gm) .....	.712	.722	NA	NA	NA	NA	.632	.644	NA	NA
Corn, canned, any style, all sizes, per lb. (453.6 gm) .....	.716	.722	.779	.754	NA	NA	NA	.703	NA	NA
Potatoes, frozen, French fried, per lb. (453.6 gm) .....	.921	.909	1.022	1.041	.893	.852	.922	.918	NA	NA
Tomatoes, canned, whole, per lb. (453.6 gm) .....	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Tomatoes, canned, any type, all sizes, per lb. (453.6 gm) .....	.689	.664	.679	.660	NA	NA	.747	.717	.690	.649

See footnotes at end of table.

**Table P4. Average retail food prices, U.S. city average and four regions <sup>1</sup>—Continued**

Food and unit	U.S. average		Northeast		North Central		South		West	
	Aug. 1996	Sept. 1996	Aug. 1996	Sept. 1996	Aug. 1996	Sept. 1996	Aug. 1996	Sept. 1996	Aug. 1996	Sept. 1996
<b>Other foods at home:</b>										
<b>Sugar and sweets:</b>										
Sugar, white, all sizes, per lb. (453.6 gm) .....	0.428	0.426	0.451	0.437	0.418	0.423	0.423	0.426	0.430	0.425
Sugar, white, 33-80 oz. pkg, per lb. (453.6 gm) .....	.418	.414	.430	.413	.406	.408	.412	.415	NA	NA
<b>Fats and oils:</b>										
Margarine, stick, per lb. (453.6 gm) .....	.817	.814	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Margarine, soft, tubs, per lb. (453.6 gm) .....	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Shortening, vegetable oil blends, per lb. (453.6 gm) .....	.873	.891	1.042	1.045	.817	.808	.813	.846	.865	.901
Peanut butter, creamy, all sizes, per lb. (453.6 gm) .....	1.767	1.828	1.816	1.851	1.708	1.725	NA	NA	NA	NA
<b>Nonalcoholic beverages:</b>										
Cola, nondiet, cans, 72 oz. 6 pk., per 16 oz. (473.2 ml) <sup>2</sup> .....	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Cola, nondiet, per 2 liters (67.6 oz) .....	1.048	1.021	NA	NA	NA	NA	1.009	.963	NA	NA
Coffee, 100%, ground roast, all sizes, per lb. (453.6 gm) .....	3.390	3.333	3.782	3.706	3.189	3.154	NA	NA	3.341	3.267
Coffee, 100%, ground roast, 13.1-20 oz. can, per lb. (453.6 gm) .....	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Coffee, instant, plain, regular, all sizes, per lb. (453.6 gm) .....	9.846	9.721	NA	NA	9.714	9.686	9.315	9.062	NA	NA
<b>Other prepared foods:</b>										
Potato chips, per 16 oz. (453.6 gm) .....	3.086	3.069	2.955	2.848	3.074	3.201	3.276	3.180	2.947	2.946
<b>Alcoholic Beverages at Home:</b>										
Malt Beverages, all types, all sizes, any origin, per 16 oz. (473.2 ml) .....	.834	.847	.871	.933	.795	.809	.812	.789	.873	.880
Vodka, all types, all sizes, any origin, per 1 liter (33.8 oz) .....	8.861	9.427	10.829	11.842	NA	9.234	NA	NA	8.131	NA
Wine, red and white table, all sizes, any origin, per 1 liter (33.8 oz) .....	4.775	5.188	4.380	5.774	4.660	4.733	6.165	5.077	4.268	5.155

<sup>1</sup> Regions defined as the four Census regions. See map in technical notes.

<sup>2</sup> Deposit may be included in price.

<sup>NA</sup> Data not adequate for publication.

# Technical Notes

## Brief Explanation of the CPI

The Consumer Price Index (CPI) is a measure of the average change in prices over time in a fixed market basket of goods and services. The Bureau of Labor Statistics publishes CPI's for two population groups: (1) a CPI for All Urban Consumers (CPI-U) which covers approximately 80 percent of the total population and (2), a CPI for Urban Wage Earners and Clerical Workers (CPI-W) which covers 32 percent of the total population. The CPI-U includes, in addition to wage earners and clerical workers, 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 CPI is based on prices of food, clothing, shelter, fuels, transportation fares, charges for doctors' and dentists' services, medicine, and the other goods that people buy for day-to-day living. Prices are collected in 85 urban areas across the country from about 57,000 housing units and approximately 19,000 retail establishments—department stores, supermarkets, hospitals, gasoline stations and other types of stores and services establishments. All taxes directly associated with the purchase and use of items are included in the index. Prices of food, fuel, and a few other items are obtained every month in all 85 locations. Prices of most other commodities and services are collected every month in the five largest geographic areas and every other month in other areas. Prices of most goods and services are obtained by either personal visits or telephone calls from the Bureau's trained representatives. Some data, such as used car prices, are obtained from secondary sources.

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. Separate indexes are also published by size of city, by region of country, for cross-classifications of regions and population-size classes, and for 29 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.

The indexes measure price change from a designated reference date, usually 1982-84, which equals 100.0. An increase of 7 percent, for example, is shown as 107.0. 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 \$100 in 1982-84 to \$107.

For further details see *BLS Handbook of Methods*, BLS Bulletin 2414, September 1992.

## 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 in the accompanying box 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.

<i>Index point change</i>	
CPI	112.5
Less previous index	108.5
Equals index point change	4.0
<i>Percent change</i>	
Index point difference	4.0
Divided by the previous index	108.5
Equals	0.037
Results multiplied by one hundred	$0.037 \times 100$
Equals percent change	3.7

## Energy Prices

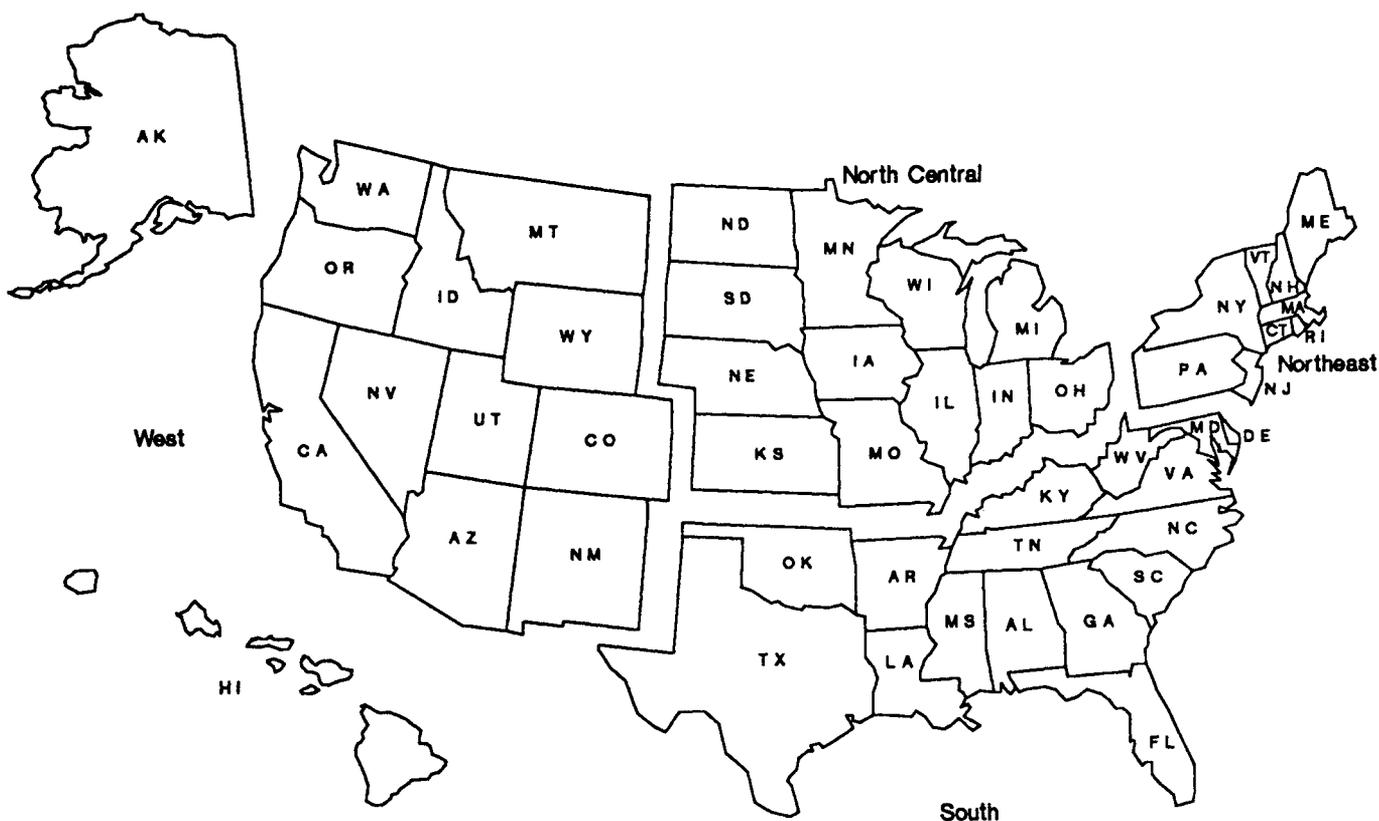
Prices are usually available for the U.S. city average, 15 large metropolitan areas, the four census regions, four size classifications, and 13 areas reflecting the four Census regions cross-classified by the four population sizes. However, not all energy commodities and services are used in every area of the country. Fuel oil, for example, is not a common heating fuel in some urban areas, particularly in the South and West. Where no average prices are available, the designation NA appears. This designation also appears if the data sufficiency criteria have not been met in any given month. For example, if there are fewer than five usable fuel oil prices for a published city or region size class, no fuel oil prices for the area will be published.

All prices are collected monthly by BLS representatives in the urban areas priced for the CPI. Prices for natural gas and electricity include fuel and purchased gas adjustments and all applicable taxes. Fuel oil and gasoline prices include applicable Federal, State, and local taxes.

*Natural gas and electricity.* Natural gas prices are reported in therms, which are a measure of heating value. Electricity prices are given in kilowatt hours (kwh). For both utility services, the consumption ranges specified in table P2 are the upper and lower limits of the bill sizes priced for the Consumer Price Index. The average prices per therm and per kilowatt hour are calculated from bills priced within these ranges. It should be noted that bills priced for the CPI are not only for different consumption amounts, but may also be calculated from different types of residential rate schedules. *The average price per therm and per kilowatt hour are not, therefore, generally suitable for use in place-to-place price comparisons.*

The average prices for 40 and 100 therms of natural gas for 500 kilowatt hours of electricity (table P1) are calculated from a special price collection program. They are not used in the calculation of the CPI. Since heating and air-conditioning requirements vary by geographic location, climate, and weather conditions, it cannot be inferred that these consumption amounts represent those used by a typical residen-

## Census Regions



tial consumer. These bills are used merely to track price changes over time for constant amounts of consumption, and to provide continuity with prices of natural gas and electricity formerly published in conjunction with the unrevised Consumer Price Index.

*Fuel oil.* Only #2 fuel oil (home heating oil) is priced. Prices are collected, in most cases, for quantities greater than one gallon. These prices are converted to a gallon price for this program. Fuel oil prices reflect discounts for quantity and/or quick payment.

*Gasoline.* Gasoline prices are collected at the pump from a sample of full service, mini-service, and self-serve gas stations.

Approximate British Thermal Unit (BTU) values for some energy items are as follows, according to the source indicated:

1 therm = 100,000 BTU's (U.S. Department of Energy).

1 kwh = 3,412 BTU'S (Edison Electric Institute).

1 gallon #2 fuel oil = 140,000 BTU'S (U.S. Department of Energy).

## Food Prices

In the revised CPI, actual weighted average prices are calculated each month at the national level and for the four Census geographic regions. As a result of changes in price collection methodology and sample sizes, average prices for individual cities cannot in general be produced. It is hoped however, that regional average prices will help satisfy the need for local area data. It should be noted that the average prices for food in this report reflect variations in brand, quality, and size among geographic areas. Users of average food prices should be aware that these differences exist.

Because a number of food commodities are not available in all areas on a year-round basis, prices will not appear in some months for some regions or for the U.S. city average. In other instances, sufficient prices may not be available due to temporary disruptions in supplies. Where no average prices are available, the designation NA appears. When a price is not available from an individual store in any month, an estimated price will be calculated for the missing item and used in computing the average price. In cases where the proportion of estimated prices used to calculate the average is considered too high, the average price is not published and NA appears for that item in the table.

Because of space limitations in the table, the description for each item is abbreviated. More detailed specifications are available from the BLS regional offices or from the Washington office upon request.

## Adjustment of Shelter Indexes for Aging Effects

Beginning with January 1988 CPI, the Bureau of Labor Statistics adjusts the monthly CPI shelter indexes for the

change in quality resulting from the effect of aging on rental housing. In January 1987, the Bureau announced its intention to begin making such adjustments, assuming that further research substantiated the need to do so. The decision to implement the adjustment was based on extensive BLS research, in which alternative adjustment methods were explored and tested. Evaluation of the research indicates that an aging effect exists, and that the chosen method is operationally feasible.<sup>1</sup> The adjustment affect CPI shelter indexes, which would have been raised by 0.2 percent for the year 1987 had an aging adjustment been applied.

The quality of housing unit decreases as the unit ages. Existing BLS methods are used to correct for relatively easily measured quality changes such as the addition of an extra bedroom, but such methods are inadequate to correct for deterioration in the condition of housing unit.<sup>2</sup>

The aging adjustment method was specifically designed to correct for quality changes associated with this deterioration. The BLS used hedonic regression methods to estimate the aging effect.

The estimates were then used to correct the CPI rent and rental equivalence indexes. Hedonic regressions are statistical functions that relate the price of a good to its attributes or characteristics. For example, a hedonic regression relates a housing unit's rent to its size, age, location, etc. By using BLS housing survey data from 1987 and Census data from 1980, hedonic regression methods provided estimates of the relationship between a housing unit's rent and age while other housing unit characteristics were held constant. The estimated relationship was then used to construct the aging adjustment. Estimates will be recomputed annually by using the previous year's BLS housing survey data and the most recently available Census data.

## 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.

<sup>1</sup> A complete technical presentation of BLS research on this subject is available in William C. Randolph, "Housing Depreciation and Aging Bias in the Consumer Price Index," BLS Working Paper No. 166, April 1987, and *Journal of Business and Economic Statistics*, Vol. 6, No. 3, July 1988, pp. 359-71 and in William C. Randolph, "Estimation of Housing Depreciation: Short Term Quality Change and Long Term Vintage Effects," BLS Working Paper No. 160, April 1986, and *Journal of Urban Economics*, Vol. 23, March 1988, 162-78. These papers are available from the BLS on request.

<sup>2</sup> For detail on existing quality adjustment methods, see *BLS Handbook of Methods*, chapter 19 (BLS Bulletin 2414).

The unadjusted data are of primary interest to consumers concerned about the prices they actually pay. Unadjusted data also are used extensively for escalation purposes. Many collective bargaining contract agreements and pension plans, for example, tie compensation changes to the Consumer Price Index unadjusted for seasonal variation.

In most cases, seasonal factors used in computing the seasonally adjusted indexes are derived by the X-11-ARIMA Seasonal Adjustment Method. The updated seasonal data at the end of 1977 replaced data from 1967 through 1977. Subsequent annual updates have replaced 5 years of seasonal data, for example, data from 1987 through 1991 were replaced at the end of 1991. The seasonal movement of all items and 47 other aggregations is derived by combining the seasonal movement of 60 selected components. Each year the seasonal status of every series is reevaluated based upon certain statistical criteria. Occasionally, a component changes its seasonal adjustment status from seasonally adjusted to not seasonally adjusted. When this occurs, not seasonally adjusted data are used for the last 5 years, but before that period the seasonally adjusted indexes remain in calculations of higher-level seasonally adjusted indexes.

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 in conjunction with X-11-ARIMA for some CPI series. Intervention analysis allows for better estimates of seasonally adjusted data. Extreme values and/or sharp movements which might distort the seasonal pattern are removed from the data prior to calculation of seasonal factors in X-11-ARIMA.

For the fuel oil and the motor fuels indexes, this procedure was used to offset the effects that extreme price volatility would otherwise have had on the estimates of seasonally adjusted data for those series. For some women's apparel indexes and the girls' apparel index, the procedure was used to offset the effects of changes in pricing methodology; and for new cars, new trucks, and new vehicles, this procedure was used to offset the effects of changes in marketing strategies and the introduction of new models. For the tobacco and smoking products index, this procedure was used to offset the effects of increases in excise taxes and wholesale tobacco prices. For some alcoholic beverage series, intervention was used to offset the effects of excise tax increases.

An alternative to the intervention-adjusted X-11-ARIMA procedure is the state space model-based seasonal adjustment method. This method adjusts simultaneously for interventions and seasonal effects, rather than sequentially as in the X-11-ARIMA methodology, using structural statistical models with explanatory variables. The state space structural model-based method of seasonal adjustment was introduced in 1992 for the adjustment of January 1991-December 1991 indexes for three women's apparel series: Dresses, separates and sportswear, and suits.

A description of intervention analysis, including a list of

events treated as interventions and the seasonal factors for these items may be obtained by writing the Bureau of Labor Statistics, Division of Consumer Prices and Price Indexes, Room 3615, Washington, DC 20212-0001 or by calling Claire McAnaw at (202) 606-6968.

## Metropolitan Areas

BLS publishes five major metropolitan areas monthly:

Chicago-Gary-Lake County, IL-IN-WI  
 Los Angeles-Anaheim-Riverside, CA  
 New York-Northern NJ-Long Island, NY-NJ-CT  
 Philadelphia-Wilmington-Trenton PA-NJ-DE-MD  
 San Francisco-Oakland-San Jose, CA

Data for additional 10 metropolitan areas are published every other month [on an odd (January, March, etc.) or even (February, April etc.) month schedule] for the following areas:

Baltimore, MD	-odd
Boston-Lawrence—Salem, MA-NH	-odd
Cleveland-Akron—Lorain, OH	-odd
Dallas-Fort Worth, TX	-even
Detroit-Ann Arbor, MI	-even
Houston, TX	-even
Miami-Fort Lauderdale, FL	-odd
Pittsburgh-Beaver Valley, PA	-even
St. Louis-East St. Louis, MO-IL	-odd
Washington, DC-MD-VA	-odd

(Note: The designation even or odd refers to the month during which the area's price change is measured. Due to the time needed for processing, data are released 2 to 3 weeks in to the following month.)

Data are published for another group of 12 metropolitan areas on a semiannual basis. These indexes, which refer to the arithmetic average for the 6-month periods from January through June and July through December, are published with release of the CPI for July and January, respectively, in August and February for:

Anchorage, AK	Kansas City, MO-KS
Atlanta, GA	Milwaukee, WI
Buffalo-Niagara Falls, NY	Minneapolis-St. Paul MN-WI
Cincinnati-Hamilton, OH-KY-IN	Portland-Vancouver, OR-WA
Denver-Boulder, CO	San Diego, CA
Honolulu, HI	Seattle-Tacoma, WA

Finally, BLS recently began publication of CPI's for two metropolitan areas on an annual basis. These indexes represent the arithmetic averages for the 12-monthly period from January through December of each year. They are published with the release of the CPI for January, i.e., in February. These areas are:

New Orleans, LA  
 Tampa-St. Petersburg-Clearwater, FL

## How to Obtain Consumer Price Index Information

Consumer Price Index (CPI) information can be obtained from the Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS) electronically, through subscriptions to publications, and via telephone and fax through automated recordings. Information specialists are also available to provide help and to respond to questions.

### Electronic access to CPI data

*BLS on the internet.* Through the internet, the BLS provides free, easy, and continuous access to all published CPI data and press releases. The most recent month's CPI is made available immediately at the time of release. A database, called LABSTAT, containing current and historical data for the CPI is accessible. Data and press releases from other BLS surveys are also available. The site is accessible via World Wide Web (WWW), Gopher, and File Transfer Protocol (FTP), as described below. For help using any of these systems, send e-mail to LABSTAT.HELPDESK@BLS.GOV

*World Wide Web.* BLS maintains a website at <http://stats.bls.gov> The BLS home page provides easy access to LABSTAT, as well as links to program specific home pages. The CPI home page provides other CPI information, including a brief explanation of methodology, frequently asked questions and answers, contacts for further information, and explanations of how the CPI handles special items, like medical care and housing.

*FTP and Gopher.* These tools provide access to CPI LABSTAT data, as well as documentation and press release files organized in hierarchical directories. Using FTP or Gopher, connect to [stats.bls.gov](http://stats.bls.gov) Logon as ANONYMOUS and use your complete internet e-mail address as the password.

### Subscriptions to CPI publications

*Summary Data.* Free, monthly, two-page publication containing 1-month and 12-month percent changes for selected U.S. city average Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers (CPI-U) and Consumer Price Index for Urban Wage Earners and Clerical Workers (CPI-W) index series. The all items index data for each local area are also included. To be added to the mailing list, write to: Office of Publications and Special Studies, Bureau of Labor Statistics, 2 Massachusetts Ave., NE., Room 2860, Washington, DC, 20212-0001 or call (202) 606-7828 or any of the regional offices listed on the inside back cover.

*CPI Detailed Report.* Most comprehensive report of the Consumer Price Index. See inside front cover for details.

*Monthly Labor Review (MLR).* The MLR provides selected CPI data included in a monthly summary of BLS data and occasional articles and methodological descriptions too ex-

tensive for inclusion in the *CPI Detailed Report*. The MLR costs \$29.00 per year or \$7.50 per issue. This publication may be ordered by writing to: New Orders, Superintendent of Documents, P.O. Box 371954, Pittsburgh, PA 15250-7954, or by calling (202) 512-1800.

### Recorded CPI data

Summary CPI data are provided 24-hours a day on recorded messages. Detailed CPI information is available by calling (202) 606-7828. A touch-tone telephone is recommended as this system allows the user to select specific indexes from lists of available data.

Information about the *U.S. city average and the Washington, DC-MD-VA area all items index* and the next release date is available by calling (202) 606-6994. This recording is approximately 2.5 minutes in length, and a touch-tone telephone is not needed.

### Other sources of CPI data

Technical information is available between 8:15 a.m. and 4:45 p.m. Eastern time, Monday through Friday, by calling (202) 606-7000 or any of the regional offices listed on the inside back cover.

*FAXSTAT.* A wide variety of BLS information and data, including the CPI, are available on this fax-on-demand service. It provides the monthly CPI press release, selected regional and metropolitan historical data, and some technical information. It is available 24-hours a day. The latest CPI information is posted during the morning of release day. Call (202) 606-6325. Then, follow the instructions to have the latest catalog sent to you. This catalog will show you the BLS information that is available on FAXSTAT. Each regional office also has the system in place and includes additional regional CPI information.

*Historical tables.* These tables include all of the published indexes for each of the detailed CPI components. They are available via the internet, or by calling (202) 606-7000 or any of the regional offices listed on the inside back cover.

*Descriptive and special publications.* These publications describe the CPI and ways to use it. They include simple fact sheets discussing specific topics about the CPI, a broader, nontechnical overview of the CPI in a question and answer format, and a quite technical and thorough description of the CPI and its methodology. The publications are available upon request by calling (202) 606-7000.

*Special publications.* Various special publications such as the *Relative Importance of Components in the Consumer Price Index* and materials describing the annual revisions of seasonally adjusted CPI data are available. For more information call (202) 606-7000.

Further information may be obtained from the Office of Prices and Living Conditions, Bureau of Labor Statistics, 2 Massachusetts Avenue, NE, Room 3615, Washington, DC, 20212-0001, or by calling (202) 606-7000.