

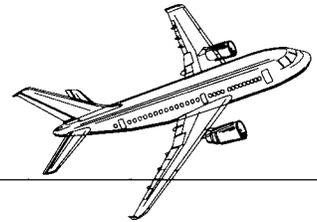
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# Price Movements February 1997

The Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers (CPI-U) increased 0.3 percent before seasonal adjustment in February to a level of 159.6 (1982-84=100). For the 12-month period ended in February, the CPI-U increased 3.0 percent.

The Consumer Price Index for Urban Wage Earners and Clerical Workers (CPI-W) also rose 0.3 percent in February, prior to seasonal adjustment. The February 1997 CPI-W level of 156.8 was 3.0 percent higher than the index in February 1996.

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

On a seasonally adjusted basis, the CPI-U rose 0.3 percent in February, following an increase of 0.1 percent in January. The food index, which declined 0.3 percent in January, advanced 0.3 percent in February. The index for grocery store food prices increased 0.5 percent, reflecting an 8.9-percent rise in the index for fresh vegetables. The energy index—up 0.3 percent in February—continued to increase, but by less than in recent months. The index for petroleum-based energy turned down in February, declining 0.2 percent, while the index for energy services rose 0.7 percent. Excluding food and energy, the CPI-U rose 0.2 percent. This compares with a 0.1-percent rise in January, but was the same as the average monthly increase in all of 1996.

The food and beverage index increased 0.3 percent in

February. The index for grocery store food prices, which fell 0.6 percent in January, increased 0.5 percent in February. The February food advance reflects a sharp upturn in the index for fruits and vegetables, which rose 3.0 percent after declining 2.0 percent in January. The index for fresh vegetables increased 8.9 percent as a result of a late January freeze in the Southeastern part of the country. The index for fresh fruits increased 1.3 percent, while the index for processed fruits and vegetables declined slightly. (Prior to seasonal adjustment, fresh fruit prices fell 3.2 percent.) The index for meats, poultry, fish, and eggs declined for the second consecutive month—down 0.2 percent in February. In this group, prior to seasonal adjustment, price declines were registered for beef, pork, poultry, fish and seafood, and eggs. The 1.1-percent decrease in the index for dairy products was the fourth consecutive month in which the index failed to advance after increases totaling 8.5 percent in the preceding 5-month period. The indexes for cereal and bakery products and for other food at home increased 0.1 and 0.2 percent, respectively. The other two components of the food and beverage index—restaurant meals and alcoholic beverages—each increased 0.2 percent.

The housing component rose 0.3 percent in February. Shelter costs also increased 0.3 percent. Within shelter, renters' costs and homeowners' costs each rose 0.3 percent, and maintenance and repair costs increased 0.6 percent. The rise

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

Expenditure category	Seasonally adjusted							Compound annual rate, 3 months ended February 1997	Unadjusted 12 months ended February 1997
	Changes from preceding month								
	1996					1997			
	August	September	October	November	December	January	February		
All Items .....	0.2	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.1	0.3	2.5	3.0
Food and beverages .....	.4	.5	.5	.4	0	-.2	.3	.5	3.7
Housing .....	.2	.2	.3	.3	.2	.3	.3	3.1	3.0
Apparel and upkeep .....	-.9	.5	.2	.3	.1	.4	.2	2.8	.5
Transportation .....	0	.5	.3	.3	.6	-.2	-.1	1.4	3.1
Medical care .....	.2	.3	.2	.3	.2	.2	.2	2.3	2.9
Entertainment .....	.2	.1	.3	.2	.3	0	.2	2.0	2.2
Other goods and services .....	.4	.1	.3	.4	.1	.4	.5	3.9	3.8
Special Indexes:									
Energy .....	-.2	.2	1.1	1.2	1.5	.8	.3	10.8	7.8
Food .....	.4	.5	.5	.4	0	-.3	.3	.3	3.8
All items less food and energy .....	.1	.3	.2	.2	.2	.1	.2	2.2	2.5

in renters' costs reflected a 0.9-percent increase in the index for other renters' costs; residential rents rose 0.1 percent. The index for fuel and other utilities rose 0.3 percent in February. The index for household fuels increased 0.5 percent, as a 1.6-percent decline in fuel oil prices partially offset increases in charges for natural gas and electricity of 1.2 and 0.5 percent, respectively. For the 12-month period ended in February, charges for natural gas have increased 14.4 percent. In February, the index for other utilities and public services was unchanged. The index for household furnishings and operation, which declined 0.2 percent in January, increased 0.2 percent in February, reflecting a return to regular prices after widespread sales in January.

The transportation component, which declined 0.2 percent in January, fell 0.1 percent in February. Public transportation costs fell sharply for the second consecutive month. The index for airline fares, which increased 2.3 percent in December, fell 3.2 percent in January and 2.6 percent in February. The declines in early 1997 reflect, in part, the lapse of the 10 percent Federal tax on airline fares on January 1; the tax was reimposed effective March 7. The index for gasoline, which had advanced 6.6 percent in the preceding 4 months, was unchanged in February. (Prior to seasonal adjustment, gasoline prices declined 0.5 percent in February.) The index for gasoline prices has risen 13.3 percent in the last 14 months, and as of February was 5.4 percent below its peak level of December 1990. New vehicle purchase costs continued to show little change in February; the index for new vehicle prices was unchanged, while automobile finance charges increased 0.2 percent. The index for used cars increased 0.5 percent in February. (Prior to seasonal adjustment, used car prices fell 0.2 percent.)

The index for apparel and upkeep increased for the sixth consecutive month in February—up 0.2 percent. (Prior to seasonal adjustment, clothing prices rose 1.9 percent in

February, reflecting the introduction of higher-priced spring-summer wear.)

Medical care costs rose 0.2 percent in February to a level 2.9 percent above a year ago. The index for medical care commodities—prescription drugs, nonprescription drugs, and medical supplies—increased 0.3 percent. The index for medical care services rose 0.2 percent. Charges for professional services and hospital and related services each increased 0.1 percent.

Entertainment costs, which were unchanged on average in January, rose 0.2 percent in February, principally as a result of a 0.8-percent increase in the index for admissions to movies, theaters, concerts, and sporting events.

The index for other goods and services rose 0.5 percent in February. Increases in the indexes for tobacco and smoking products and for personal expenses—up 0.6 and 0.8 percent, respectively—were largely responsible for the February rise in this major group.

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

On a seasonally adjusted basis, the CPI for Urban Wage Earners and Clerical Workers rose 0.2 percent in February.

After seasonal adjustment, the level of the CPI-U for All Items was 159.8 in February; the seasonally adjusted CPI-W for All Items was 156.9.

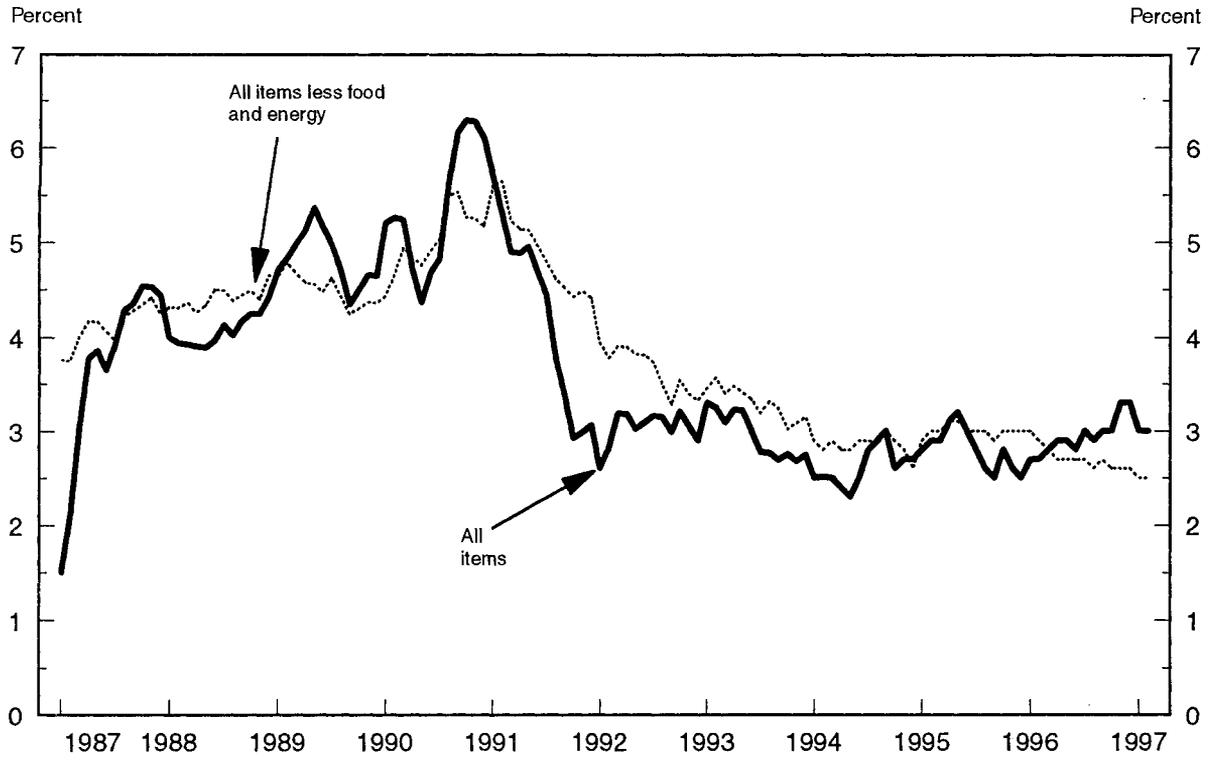
Beginning with January 1997 data, BLS is reporting the level of the seasonally adjusted U.S. City Average All Items CPI-U and CPI-W. Effective with the release of January 1998 data in February 1998, the seasonally adjusted All Items indexes will be fully integrated into the monthly reports.

Like other seasonally adjusted CPI data, the All Items index levels are subject to revision for up to 5 years after their original release. For this reason, BLS advises against the use of these data in escalation agreements.

**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 February 1997	Unadjusted 12 months ended February 1997
	Changes from preceding month								
	1996					1997			
	August	September	October	November	December	January	February		
All Items .....	0.1	0.3	0.4	0.3	0.3	0.1	0.2	2.3	3.0
Food and beverages .....	.4	.4	.5	.4	.1	-.2	.2	.3	3.8
Housing .....	.2	.1	.3	.3	.2	.3	.2	2.9	3.0
Apparel and upkeep .....	-1.0	.5	.2	.3	.1	.4	.4	3.4	.7
Transportation .....	0	.4	.4	.3	.6	0	0	2.5	3.1
Medical care .....	.2	.3	.2	.3	.2	.2	.2	2.3	2.9
Entertainment .....	.3	.1	.3	.3	.3	0	.1	1.8	2.1
Other goods and services .....	.3	.2	.3	.4	0	.6	.4	4.1	3.7
Special Indexes:									
Energy .....	-.3	.1	1.2	1.4	1.5	-.9	.3	11.2	8.2
Food .....	.4	.4	.6	.3	.1	-.3	.3	.3	3.8
All items less food and energy .....	.1	.2	.2	.2	.2	.2	.2	2.2	2.4

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



# Variance Estimates for Changes in the Consumer Price Index, January 1992-December 1996

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This article presents estimates of the sampling error for 1-, 2-, 6-, and 12-month percent changes in the Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers (CPI-U) from January 1992 through December 1996.<sup>1</sup> Sampling error is the variability in the CPI caused by its use of a sample of retail prices instead of the complete universe of retail prices.

The most commonly used measure of sampling error is the *standard error* of the estimate—the square root of its variance. With the standard error of the CPI's change, one can construct confidence intervals to determine whether index changes for a particular CPI series are significantly different from zero. This information should help users determine which index changes are significant and which index series to use.

## Presentation of findings

The targeted monthly changes in the CPI, along with their standard errors, were estimated for all 60 months during the period. The median values of those changes as well as the median values of their standard errors are summarized in tables 1V through 5V. Minimum and maximum values are also shown. Table 1V presents this information for the U.S. City Average for All Items and a number of major groups. Tables 2V-5V show the same information for the Northeast, Midwest, South, and West regions.

From January 1992 through December 1996, the 12-month changes in the U.S. City Average-All Items index had a median value of 2.9 percent. The standard errors of those 60 estimates had a median value of 0.13 percent. Margins of error are usually expressed as a statistic's point estimate plus or minus 2 standard errors, so the margin of error on the CPI's 12-month change is approximately plus or minus 0.26 percent. That means that in a typical 12-month period the true change was probably somewhere between 2.64 percent and 3.16 percent.

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<sup>1</sup> For information on sampling error from January 1978 to December 1986, see the *CPI Detailed Report* for February 1991. For information on sampling error from January 1987 to December 1991, see Sylvia G. Leaver and David C. Swanson, "Estimating variances for the U.S. Consumer Price Index for 1987-1991," *Proceedings of the Survey Research Methods Section*, American Statistical Association, 1992.

At the regional level (Northeast, Midwest, South, and West regions) median values for the 12-month changes for the All Items index ranged between 2.7 percent and 3.0 percent, and the median values of the standard errors ranged between 0.20 percent and 0.26 percent. Regions have larger standard errors than the U.S. City Average because their indexes are computed from a smaller number of retail prices. In general, smaller sample sizes lead to larger standard errors.

## Findings

Analysis of the data reveals three important observations. First, the standard error of index change increases as one moves from the U.S. City Average index to regional indexes, and from the All Items index to major group indexes. Second, the standard error decreases on a relative basis (standard error divided by price change) as the price change interval gets longer. Third, standard errors tend to differ between major groups.

The primary reason standard errors increase as one moves from the U.S. City Average index to regional indexes is the difference in sample sizes. In general, smaller sample sizes lead to larger standard errors. For example, the U.S. City Average-All Items index is computed from approximately 73,000 observations each month, and its median standard error for 12-month changes was 0.13 percent. By contrast, the All Items index for the Northeast is computed from approximately 17,000 observations every month, and its median standard error was 0.21 percent. Regional indexes have a smaller sample size and a larger standard error.

The same thing occurs in the movement from the All Items index to the major group indexes. In the South the All Items index is computed from approximately 22,000 observations every month, and its median standard error was 0.26 percent. By contrast, the shelter index in the South is computed from approximately 800 observations every month, and its median standard error was 0.47 percent, nearly twice as large.

The second observation is that standard errors decrease on a relative basis (standard error divided by price change) as the price change interval gets longer. For the U.S. City Average-All Items index, the median standard error divided by the median percent change was  $0.06/0.2=0.30$  for 1-month changes,  $0.08/0.5=0.16$  for 2-month changes,  $0.12/1.5=0.08$  for 6-month changes, and  $0.13/2.9=0.04$  for 12-month changes. This shows that the relative precision of index changes im-

proves as the length of the interval increases. On an absolute basis the standard errors increase, but they increase at a decreasing rate. This improvement in relative precision is due in part to the high autocorrelation of the indexes at 12-month lags.

The third observation is that standard errors tend to differ between major groups. There are two reasons for this. First, the major groups differ in sample size. For example, the U.S. City Average food and beverages index is computed from approximately 38,000 observations each month, while the entertainment index is computed from approximately 3,000 observations, so it is not surprising that entertainment has larger standard errors. Second, there are real differences in major group price behaviors caused by different selling practices, seasonal influences, and consumer demand. This is especially true for apparel and upkeep, where it is common for the prices of individual items to fluctuate by 50 percent or more each month; standard errors are largest for this index.

The data presented here indicate that users should exercise caution when using CPI estimates to make inferences about index changes for relatively short time periods, for individual goods and services, and for local areas. The standard errors of those estimates may be on the same order of magnitude as the estimates themselves, and thus few inferences about them are reliable.

### Sources of error

One way of analyzing the error in a survey estimate is to divide the total error into two sources: *sampling* and *non-sampling error*. Sampling error is the variability in a statistic caused by the fact that a random sample of data is used to compute the statistic rather than using the complete universe. Non-sampling error is the rest of the error. Nonsampling error can arise during any operation performed to produce the statistic, such as when survey respondents give inaccurate information, when data processing errors occur, and so on. Non-sampling error arises regardless of whether data are collected from a small random sample or from the complete universe.

Another way of looking at error is to divide it into *variance* and *bias*. The variance of a statistic is a measure of how close different estimates of the statistic would be to each other if it were possible to repeat the survey over and over using different samples. Of course it is not feasible constantly to repeat a survey, but statistical methods allow these estimates of the variance of a statistic. A small variance does not necessarily imply small total error, but instead it indicates that repeated sampling would produce values that are consistently very close to each other. *Bias* is a measure of the difference between the statistic's value and the "true" value of the population characteristic that is being estimated. A statistic may have a small bias but have a large variance, or it may have a large bias but a small variance. To be accurate, both small bias and small variance are needed.

The Bureau of Labor Statistics is constantly trying to reduce the error in its survey estimates. Variance and sampling error are reduced by using a sample of retail prices that is as large as possible within resource constraints. The Bureau has developed a model that optimizes sample allocation by indicating the number of prices that should be collected in each area and item category in order to minimize the variance of the U.S. City Average All Items index. Nonsampling error is reduced through a series of computer checks, professional reviews, and continuous survey process improvements. A quality assurance program is also in place in which some of the data is collected independently by different people in order to determine how accurate the collected data are. The Bureau is trying to reduce bias through theoretical research, although that improvement is difficult because nobody knows what the "true" value is.

### Replication and estimation of sampling variance

An important advantage of using probability sampling methods is that a measure of the sampling error of survey estimates can be made directly from the sample data. Starting in 1978, the CPI's sample design has accommodated the estimation of sampling error by using two or more independent samples of items and outlets in each index area and item stratum. This allows two or more statistically independent estimates of the index to be made, and from that an estimate of the sampling error can be produced. The independent samples are called *replicates*, and the set of all observations is called the *full sample*.

Replicate and full-sample indexes are used to calculate expenditure estimates (called *cost weights*) for each index area and item stratum. The percent change of an index is equal to the percent change of its cost weights, hence cost weights can be used instead of index values to compute variances. For technical reasons, cost weights are preferred over indexes for this purpose. The differences between the replicate cost weights and the full-sample cost weight are squared to determine variances. Cost weight variances for index areas are then summed, along with the covariances between index area cost weights, to estimate cost weight variances for higher level geographic areas such as regions or the U.S. City Average.<sup>2</sup>

The variance of an index change between one month and another for an individual index area is calculated by first estimating the cost-weight variances for each month and the covariances between months. Variances of cost weights are estimated by summing the squared differences between replicate and full-sample cost weights, then dividing by the number of replicates times that number minus one:

<sup>2</sup> For a more detailed description of variance calculation methods, refer to: Sylvia G. Leaver, James E. Johnstone, and Kenneth P. Archer, "Estimating Unconditional Variances for the U.S. Consumer Price Index for 1978-1986," *Proceedings of the Survey Research Methods Section*, American Statistical Association, 1991, and Sylvia G. Leaver and David C. Swanson, "Estimating variances for the U.S. Consumer Price Index for 1987-1991," *Proceedings of the Survey Research Methods Section*, American Statistical Association, 1992.

$$\text{Var}[CW(t)] = \frac{1}{R(R-1)} \sum_{r=1}^R [CW_r(t) - CW(t)]^2$$

where,

$CW(t)$  is the full sample cost weight for month  $t$ ,  
 $CW_r(t)$  is the  $r^{\text{th}}$  replicate's cost weight for month  $t$ ,  
 and  
 $R$  is the number of replicates.

The covariance between months is estimated by multiplying the difference between replicate and full-sample cost weights in one month by the difference between replicate and full-sample cost weights in another month, summing the products, and then dividing by the number of replicates times the number of replicates minus one:

$$\text{Cov}[CW(t), CW(t-k)] =$$

$$\frac{1}{R^2(R-1)} \sum_{r=1}^R [CW_r(t) - CW(t)][CW_r(t-k) - CW(t-k)]$$

Then the variance of the percent change between the 2 months' cost weight estimates is estimated by calculating the variance of the linear approximation of their ratio:

$$\text{Var}[PC(t, t-k)] = \left( \frac{CW(t)}{CW(t-k)} \cdot 100 \right)^2 \left\{ \frac{\text{Var}[CW(t)]}{[CW(t)]^2} + \frac{\text{Var}[CW(t-k)]}{[CW(t-k)]^2} - \frac{2\text{Cov}[CW(t), CW(t-k)]}{CW(t)CW(t-k)} \right\}$$

where,

$$PC(t, t-k) = \left( \frac{IX(t)}{IX(t-k)} - 1 \right) \cdot 100 = \left( \frac{CW(t)}{CW(t-k)} - 1 \right) \cdot 100$$

is the percent change in the index between month  $t-k$  and month  $t$ . Finally, the standard error of the percent change is computed by taking the square root of its variance:  $SE[PC(t, t-k)] = \sqrt{\text{Var}[PC(t, t-k)]}$ .

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**Table 1V. U.S. city average, CPI-U: Median price change and standard errors for median, minimum, and maximum price changes by group for 1-, 2-, 6-, and 12-month intervals, 1992-96**

(Percent)

Group	1 month				2 month				6 month				12 month			
	Median price change	Median standard error	Minimum standard error	Maximum standard error	Median price change	Median standard error	Minimum standard error	Maximum standard error	Median price change	Median standard error	Minimum standard error	Maximum standard error	Median price change	Median standard error	Minimum standard error	Maximum standard error
All Items .....	0.2	0.06	0.03	0.13	0.5	0.08	0.04	0.13	1.5	0.12	0.07	0.19	2.9	0.13	0.06	0.20
Food .....	0.2	0.08	0.03	0.13	0.5	0.10	0.04	0.15	1.2	0.12	0.06	0.23	2.4	0.12	0.08	0.21
Housing .....	0.2	0.10	0.04	0.27	0.5	0.14	0.08	0.32	1.4	0.19	0.10	0.35	2.8	0.21	0.11	0.38
Shelter .....	0.3	0.12	0.04	0.38	0.4	0.17	0.08	0.44	1.6	0.26	0.10	0.49	3.2	0.26	0.13	0.52
Fuels & Utilities .....	0.2	0.16	0.04	0.49	0.4	0.24	0.08	0.56	1.1	0.33	0.16	0.64	2.3	0.30	0.17	0.70
Household furnishings and operations .....	0.1	0.23	0.10	0.57	0.2	0.32	0.16	0.62	0.7	0.44	0.27	0.62	1.5	0.54	0.35	0.79
Apparel .....	-0.1	0.63	0.32	1.89	-0.1	0.92	0.41	2.06	0.2	1.24	0.61	2.25	0.3	1.20	0.51	2.45
Transportation .....	0.2	0.07	0.04	0.13	0.5	0.09	0.07	0.16	1.5	0.14	0.08	0.24	2.7	0.18	0.06	0.32
Medical Care .....	0.3	0.07	0.04	0.21	0.7	0.10	0.05	0.26	2.4	0.17	0.11	0.27	4.9	0.21	0.13	0.33
Entertainment .....	0.2	0.18	0.09	0.32	0.5	0.23	0.14	0.49	1.3	0.34	0.21	0.69	2.8	0.41	0.27	0.68
Other goods and services .....	0.3	0.11	0.05	0.27	0.6	0.15	0.08	0.35	2.2	0.25	0.13	0.45	4.4	0.37	0.28	0.58

**Table 2V. Northeastern region, CPI-U: Median price change and standard errors for median, minimum, and maximum price changes by group for 1-, 2-, 6-, and 12-month intervals, 1992-96**

(Percent)

Group	1 month				2 month				6 month				12 month			
	Median price change	Median standard error	Minimum standard error	Maximum standard error	Median price change	Median standard error	Minimum standard error	Maximum standard error	Median price change	Median standard error	Minimum standard error	Maximum standard error	Median price change	Median standard error	Minimum standard error	Maximum standard error
All Items .....	0.2	0.11	0.05	0.49	0.5	0.17	0.04	0.42	1.3	0.20	0.06	0.52	2.7	0.21	0.06	0.47
Food .....	0.2	0.15	0.05	0.38	0.4	0.19	0.04	0.46	1.3	0.23	0.04	0.81	2.4	0.22	0.06	0.64
Housing .....	0.2	0.21	0.08	0.54	0.4	0.29	0.08	0.63	1.3	0.33	0.12	0.96	2.6	0.36	0.13	1.03
Shelter .....	0.3	0.28	0.06	0.76	0.3	0.37	0.10	0.95	1.4	0.46	0.06	1.25	2.8	0.52	0.14	1.34
Fuels & Utilities .....	0.1	0.12	0.02	0.46	0.3	0.16	0.04	0.53	1.1	0.35	0.10	0.61	2.3	0.25	0.10	1.00
Household furnishings and operations .....	0.1	0.38	0.09	1.23	0.2	0.52	0.15	1.35	0.8	0.70	0.07	2.00	1.6	0.82	0.27	2.04
Apparel .....	-0.3	1.17	0.51	5.96	0.5	1.56	0.54	4.96	-0.3	2.02	0.53	6.12	0.7	2.13	0.47	6.76
Transportation .....	0.2	0.12	0.03	0.39	0.5	0.14	0.02	0.65	1.4	0.27	0.05	0.92	3.0	0.43	0.01	1.14
Medical Care .....	0.4	0.14	0.03	0.43	0.7	0.22	0.04	0.46	2.4	0.30	0.08	0.74	4.7	0.39	0.09	0.75
Entertainment .....	0.3	0.33	0.11	1.14	0.5	0.52	0.10	1.04	1.5	0.58	0.19	1.74	3.2	0.77	0.26	1.30
Other goods and services .....	0.2	0.18	0.03	0.54	0.5	0.21	0.06	0.93	1.9	0.44	0.12	1.28	4.3	0.62	0.13	1.51

**Table 3V. North Central region, CPI-U: Median price change and standard errors for median, minimum, and maximum price changes by group for 1-, 2-, 6-, and 12-month intervals, 1992-96**

(Percent)

Group	1 month				2 month				6 month				12 month			
	Median price change	Median standard error	Minimum standard error	Maximum standard error	Median price change	Median standard error	Minimum standard error	Maximum standard error	Median price change	Median standard error	Minimum standard error	Maximum standard error	Median price change	Median standard error	Minimum standard error	Maximum standard error
All Items .....	0.3	0.10	0.03	0.19	0.5	0.14	0.06	0.29	1.4	0.19	0.05	0.49	2.9	0.22	0.06	0.64
Food .....	0.3	0.13	0.01	0.28	0.5	0.14	0.05	0.37	1.2	0.21	0.07	0.55	2.4	0.24	0.05	0.62
Housing .....	0.2	0.18	0.04	0.51	0.5	0.27	0.06	0.59	1.4	0.32	0.13	0.81	2.8	0.30	0.17	0.96
Shelter .....	0.3	0.18	0.03	0.70	0.6	0.30	0.07	0.76	1.8	0.30	0.09	0.90	3.7	0.38	0.12	0.93
Fuels & Utilities .....	0.2	0.28	0.03	1.22	0.4	0.46	0.08	1.29	1.0	0.61	0.11	1.83	1.6	0.56	0.24	1.74
Household furnishings and operations .....	0.1	0.48	0.09	1.32	0.1	0.76	0.21	1.74	0.6	0.96	0.14	2.02	1.2	1.20	0.33	2.05
Apparel .....	-0.3	0.76	0.21	2.83	-0.1	1.27	0.34	3.12	0.1	1.86	0.51	4.88	0.5	2.00	0.50	4.72
Transportation .....	0.3	0.11	0.03	0.25	0.6	0.17	0.04	0.32	1.3	0.18	0.06	0.45	2.6	0.24	0.07	0.58
Medical Care .....	0.3	0.12	0.02	0.52	0.7	0.18	0.05	0.49	2.4	0.28	0.03	0.57	5.6	0.32	0.14	0.77
Entertainment .....	0.3	0.33	0.07	1.08	0.5	0.47	0.17	1.38	1.4	0.69	0.29	1.44	3.0	0.80	0.21	2.02
Other goods and services .....	0.3	0.19	0.05	0.71	0.5	0.24	0.04	0.81	2.0	0.49	0.07	0.98	4.2	0.64	0.23	1.24

**Table 4V. Southern region, CPI-U: Median price change and standard errors for median, minimum, and maximum price changes by group for 1-, 2-, 6-, and 12-month intervals, 1992-96**

(Percent)

Group	1 month				2 month				6 month				12 month			
	Median price change	Median standard error	Minimum standard error	Maximum standard error	Median price change	Median standard error	Minimum standard error	Maximum standard error	Median price change	Median standard error	Minimum standard error	Maximum standard error	Median price change	Median standard error	Minimum standard error	Maximum standard error
All Items .....	0.2	0.11	0.02	0.37	0.5	0.17	0.07	0.41	1.4	0.23	0.08	0.48	3.0	0.26	0.07	0.59
Food .....	0.2	0.13	0.03	0.30	0.5	0.16	0.05	0.35	1.3	0.20	0.05	0.44	2.5	0.23	0.06	0.51
Housing .....	0.2	0.16	0.04	0.52	0.5	0.22	0.04	0.67	1.5	0.33	0.05	0.87	2.9	0.40	0.07	0.87
Shelter .....	0.3	0.21	0.04	0.70	0.5	0.34	0.05	0.93	1.6	0.55	0.06	1.16	3.5	0.47	0.08	0.99
Fuels & Utilities .....	0.0	0.26	0.04	1.44	0.2	0.43	0.08	1.53	1.3	0.71	0.12	1.99	2.3	0.65	0.18	2.02
Household furnishings and operations .....	0.1	0.35	0.08	0.79	0.3	0.53	0.07	0.99	0.8	0.65	0.22	1.50	1.6	0.89	0.26	2.19
Apparel .....	-0.4	1.14	0.21	5.83	-0.1	1.75	0.55	6.27	-0.0	2.21	0.56	6.29	0.5	2.34	0.78	7.03
Transportation .....	0.2	0.11	0.03	0.36	0.5	0.17	0.03	0.41	1.3	0.25	0.09	0.59	2.6	0.29	0.06	0.73
Medical Care .....	0.4	0.11	0.03	0.59	0.7	0.16	0.03	0.67	2.4	0.32	0.12	0.73	5.1	0.43	0.12	0.72
Entertainment .....	0.2	0.22	0.07	0.53	0.6	0.29	0.10	0.91	1.4	0.42	0.08	1.08	3.1	0.52	0.16	1.08
Other goods and services .....	0.3	0.21	0.03	0.67	0.6	0.32	0.09	0.78	2.2	0.51	0.22	1.09	4.5	0.73	0.22	1.35

**Table 5V. Western region, CPI-U: Median price change and standard errors for median, minimum, and maximum price changes by group for 1-, 2-, 6-, and 12-month intervals, 1992-96**

(Percent)

Group	1 month				2 month				6 month				12 month			
	Median price change	Median standard error	Minimum standard error	Maximum standard error	Median price change	Median standard error	Minimum standard error	Maximum standard error	Median price change	Median standard error	Minimum standard error	Maximum standard error	Median price change	Median standard error	Minimum standard error	Maximum standard error
All Items .....	0.3	0.10	0.03	0.35	0.5	0.13	0.03	0.41	1.4	0.19	0.06	0.38	2.7	0.20	0.05	0.45
Food .....	0.2	0.17	0.05	0.47	0.5	0.19	0.05	0.54	1.3	0.21	0.07	0.59	2.4	0.25	0.08	0.53
Housing .....	0.2	0.20	0.03	0.71	0.5	0.23	0.05	1.01	1.3	0.34	0.15	0.81	2.5	0.34	0.10	1.05
Shelter .....	0.3	0.20	0.04	1.09	0.5	0.24	0.05	1.37	1.4	0.35	0.09	1.09	2.9	0.44	0.08	1.34
Fuels & Utilities .....	0.1	0.18	0.01	2.67	0.4	0.28	0.03	2.60	1.4	0.54	0.29	2.69	2.5	0.39	0.10	2.28
Household furnishings and operations .....	0.1	0.48	0.13	2.02	0.3	0.62	0.25	2.08	0.8	0.86	0.19	1.60	1.4	0.92	0.17	1.95
Apparel .....	-0.2	1.17	0.26	3.23	0.3	1.42	0.48	4.41	-0.1	2.59	0.82	4.63	0.2	1.47	0.51	3.40
Transportation .....	0.2	0.16	0.03	0.40	0.5	0.21	0.06	0.58	1.6	0.27	0.09	0.76	3.0	0.35	0.13	0.80
Medical Care .....	0.3	0.14	0.02	0.59	0.7	0.18	0.02	0.49	2.1	0.33	0.08	0.74	4.0	0.44	0.17	1.07
Entertainment .....	0.1	0.26	0.06	0.98	0.4	0.39	0.13	1.62	0.8	0.67	0.13	2.32	2.1	0.97	0.27	2.44
Other goods and services .....	0.3	0.23	0.06	0.84	0.6	0.29	0.07	1.19	2.5	0.43	0.12	1.15	4.8	0.66	0.26	1.54

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Over the next 6 months, articles on the 1998 revision of the Consumer Price Index, which were first published in the December 1996 issue of the *Monthly Labor Review*, will be reprinted in the *CPI Detailed Report* in the months indicated

<i>Month to be reprinted</i>	<i>Article title</i>
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March	“The Redesign of the CPI Geographic Sample”
April	“Changing the Item Structure of the Consumer Price Index”
May	“Publication Strategy for the 1998 Revised Consumer Price Index”
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July	“Revision of the CPI Hospital Services Component”
August	“New Methodology for Selecting Outlet Samples”

## Overview of the 1998 revision of the Consumer Price Index

*The current revision of the Consumer Price Index encompasses changes ranging from reselecting areas, items, and outlets, to new systems for data collecting and processing*

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The Consumer Price Index (CPI) is the principal source of information concerning trends in consumer prices and inflation in the United States, and is one of the Nation's most important economic indicators. The measure is used extensively for economic analysis and policy formulation in both the public and private sectors, and for escalation of contract amounts and other payments among individuals and organizations. The CPI also has a significant impact on the finances of the Federal Government. It is used to adjust payments to Social Security recipients, to Federal and military retirees, and for a number of entitlement programs such as food stamps and school lunches. An increase in the CPI increases Federal statutory obligations for these payments and programs. In addition, individual income tax brackets and personal exemptions are adjusted for inflation using the CPI. In this case, an increase in the CPI results in lower tax revenues. It is estimated, for example, that in fiscal year 1996, each 1-percent increase in the index produced a \$5.7 billion increase in outlays and a \$2.5 billion decline in revenues.<sup>1</sup>

To maintain the accuracy of the CPI, an updating of the index is undertaken approximately every 10 years. The most fundamental and visible activity in each of these CPI revisions is the introduction of a new "market basket," or set of expenditure weights attached to the categories of goods and services comprising the CPI. Because the next market basket introduction

will occur in January 1998, the current revision effort is usually identified as the 1998 CPI revision. Revisions of the CPI are comprehensive, multiyear efforts, however, and the current revision is planned to be completed over a 6-year period ending in 2000. The projects and changes encompassed in the current revision—the sixth major revision in the CPI's history—range from the reselection and reclassification of areas, items, and outlets, to the development of new systems for data collection and processing. This article provides a general description of those projects and changes, and directs the reader to additional articles in this issue for more in-depth treatment of several topics.

### About revisions

*Context.* The CPI is a measure of price change for a fixed market basket of goods and services of constant quantity and quality purchased for consumption.<sup>2</sup> Consumers change their purchasing patterns in response to a myriad of factors, including relative price changes, real income changes, the introduction of new product distribution patterns and marketing techniques, population and other demographic changes, and changes in consumer preferences. The CPI samples and weights are updated during revisions to reflect these marketplace changes, because without such updates the index would cease to be an accurate measure of current price inflation. The technological improvements under-

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taken during CPI revisions also contribute to improved accuracy by making possible more and faster data collection, with fewer errors.

It is important to note, however, that numerous methodological improvements in the CPI have taken place outside the revision framework. Among the most prominent examples of these are the annual adjustment for changes in the quality of new cars after model change-overs introduced in 1967, the shift to flow-of-services measures of the cost of owner-occupied housing in the early 1980s, and the implementation of regression-based methods for quality adjustment of apparel prices starting in 1991. Exhibit 1 presents a chronology of some of these changes. Also outside the context of decennial revisions, the CPI program develops experimental indexes of consumer prices corresponding to population subgroups or using alternative aggregation formulas. One example of such an experimental index is the CPI-E, an index based on the expenditure patterns of consumer units with reference persons aged 62 or older.<sup>3</sup> Another index, currently under development, uses a geometric mean formula to average the prices of items within CPI product categories.<sup>4</sup> Recently, the Bureau has begun an evaluation effort to determine whether this geometric mean formula should be adopted, in full or in part, in the official CPI.

This current revision occurs at a time of heightened public scrutiny of the CPI. As mentioned above, CPI movements have a major influence on Federal revenues and expenditures. Largely for this reason, issues relating to the accuracy of the CPI have gained the attention of observers both inside and outside of government.<sup>5</sup> Most notably, following hearings in the spring of 1995, the Senate Finance Committee appointed an advisory commission to study the CPI and make recommendations for methodological improvements.<sup>6</sup>

One source of upward bias that has been of particular concern since its discovery by BLS researchers was a technical problem that tied the weight of a CPI sample item to its expected price change. This flaw was effectively eliminated by the 1995 and 1996 changes to CPI sample rotation and substitution procedures and to the functional form used to calculate changes in the cost of shelter for homeowners.<sup>7</sup> Numerous issues remain, however, all generally resulting from the dynamic nature of U.S. consumer markets—new goods, new types of outlets, increases or decreases in product quality, and consumer substitution behavior—and the difficulty of completely reflecting such changes in the CPI. It is generally recognized that the identification of solutions to most of these issues will require much additional research. The 1998 revision, therefore, is not designed to be a solution to, or even BLS response to, issues of potential bias. Nevertheless, some components of the revision are relevant to those issues.

Substitution bias, for example, should be mitigated by the updating of CPI weights and samples. The CPI, as a fixed-weighted index, generally overstates changes in what economists call a true cost-of-living index, because consumers can substitute toward categories of goods and services whose relative prices have fallen. Elimination of this bias would require the use of an alternative formula for aggregating individual item indexes. The BLS produces experimental U.S.-level indexes using such “superlative” formulas,<sup>8</sup> and research to enhance the accuracy of these indexes is continuing. The data requirements of superlative formulas limit the potential for their use in the official monthly CPI. It is reasonable to expect, however, that the incorporation of more up-to-date expenditure weights in 1998 will reduce the potential gap between the official CPI and an index that fully reflects current consumer spending patterns and responses. The updating of the CPI geographic and housing samples should work in the same direction.

The process of incorporating new goods and new outlets into the CPI will be enhanced by several aspects of the revision. First, the redefinition of item categories is designed to facilitate the introduction of wholly new types of goods and services that might not have fit neatly into the existing CPI item structure. Second, new item and outlet samples will be introduced in the geographic areas that are new to the CPI, and in several item categories that have been extensively redefined. The most important of the latter categories is the hospital services component of the CPI, where a new structuring of the index is specifically designed to better reflect rapidly changing technology and treatment patterns. Third, as part of the revision, the CPI’s sample rotation procedures are being redesigned to permit the accelerated introduction of new items and outlets in those product markets characterized by the most rapid change.

*History.* The CPI was developed during World War I to meet the need of the Federal Government in establishing cost-of-living adjustments for workers in shipbuilding centers. Rapid increases in prices made such an index essential for calculating these cost-of-living adjustments. Regular publication of a national index began in 1921, based on the prices of 145 selected items in 32 industrial cities and expenditure patterns corresponding to the 1917–19 period.<sup>9</sup> Since that time, the Bureau has updated, or revised, the CPI five times. Exhibit 2 shows the dates for each of the past revisions, and the period of time during which expenditure patterns were collected to provide the weights for the goods and services that comprise the market basket. Consumer spending patterns during 1982–84, for example, have formed the basis for the CPI weighting structure since January 1987. Effective with publication of CPI data for January 1998, movements in the index will be based on 1993–95 consumer expenditures.

## Exhibit 1. Improvements to the Consumer Price Index

Change	Date implemented	Description
New construction	1966	Rent samples augmented with units built after 1960.
Quality adjustment of new automobile prices	1967	New automobile prices adjusted for quality differences after model changeovers.
Sample rotation	1981	Introduced a systematic replacement of outlets between major revisions.
Rental equivalence	1983	Changed homeowners' component from cost of purchase to value of rental services for CPI-U.
Return from sale price imputation	1984	Introduced procedure to eliminate downward bias for items discontinued by outlets that went out of index with discounted prices.
Rental equivalence	1985	Changed CPI-W homeowners' component to value of services.
Enhanced seasonal products methodology	1987	Enhanced methodology used for seasonal items by expanding the number of price quotations to select products from alternate seasons and eliminate under-representation of such items.
Quality adjustment of used car prices	1987	Prices of used cars adjusted for differences in quality after model changeovers.
Aging bias correction	1988	Rental values adjusted for aging of the housing stock.
Imputation procedures for new cars and trucks	1989	Price changes for noncomparable new models are imputed using only the constant-quality price changes for comparable model changeovers.
Quality adjustment of apparel prices	1991	Regression models used to adjust apparel prices for changes in quality when new clothing lines are introduced, and eliminate bias due to linking product substitutions into the CPI.
Discount air fares	1991	Substitution rules modified to expand pricing of discount airline fares.
Sample augmentation	1992	Increase in the number of outlets from which prices are collected to replace sample lost through sample attrition.
New models imputation	1992	Refined imputation methods used when introducing products into the CPI.
Hotels and motels	1992	Samples for hotels and motels quadrupled to reduce variances related to seasonal pricing.
Seasonal adjustment	1994	Procedures for seasonal adjustment revised to eliminate residual seasonality effects.
Quality adjustment for gasoline	1994	Treat "reformulated" gasoline as a quality change and adjust the price to reflect quality difference. Impact of the change estimated.
Generic drugs	1995	Introduced new procedures that allow generic drugs to be priced when a brand drug loses its patent.
Food-at-home base period prices	1995	Introduced seasoning procedures to eliminate upward bias in setting of base period prices of newly initiated items.
Rental equivalence	1995	Modified imputation of homeowners' implicit rent to eliminate the upward drift property of the current estimator.
Composite estimator used in housing	1995	Replaced current composite estimator with a 6-month chain estimator. Under-reporting of 1-month rent changes had resulted in missing price change in residential rent and homeowners' equivalent rent. Old estimator also produced higher variances.
Commodities and services base period prices	1996	Extended food-at-home seasoning procedures to remainder of commodities and services series. Base period prices left unchanged in most noncomparable substitutions.

Although reselecting and reweighting the items in the CPI sample is fundamental to the revision process, each historical revision has brought important methodological innovations that improved the accuracy and representativeness of the index. The 1940 revision, for example, in addition to updating expenditure weights because people's buying patterns had changed substantially since the 1917-19 period, introduced the concept of a sample of cities and items as well as the principle that the priced items could be used to impute the price movement of similar non-priced items. Based on this, the Bureau was able to publish price indexes for categories of items, rather than for separate distinguished items.

During World War II, when many commodities were scarce and goods were rationed, the index weights were adjusted temporarily to reflect those shortages. The first comprehensive postwar revision was completed in January 1953, using weights from an expenditure survey conducted in 1950. Both medium-sized and small cities were added to the city sample to make the index representative of prices paid by all urban wage earner and clerical worker families.<sup>10</sup>

After the 1953 revision, it became apparent that the CPI needed to be revised every decade.<sup>11</sup> As a result, the next revision was completed in 1964. For the first time, the expenditure weights included single persons as well as families. In addition, computer processing was used for the first time in the 1964 revision.<sup>12</sup>

The 1978 CPI revision implemented a variety of fundamental changes, many of which were stimulated by the 1961 report of the Price Statistics Review Committee headed by future Nobel Prize winner George J. Stigler.<sup>13</sup> The revision introduced a quarterly survey approach to the collection of consumer expenditures as well as numerous improvements and innovations in pricing for the CPI. Additionally, 1978

saw the introduction of a second index of consumer prices, a more broadly-based CPI for All Urban Consumers, or CPI-U. This index differed from the CPI for Wage and Clerical Workers (CPI-W) by including the buying patterns of all urban households regardless of the consumer units' occupational status.

The sampling process of the CPI also moved to a more comprehensive and sophisticated statistical basis in 1978. A new store-specific approach to the item selection process, called disaggregation, was introduced. Perhaps the most significant innovation in the 1978 revision was the introduction of the Point-of-Purchase Survey (POPS). In the POPS, consumer units were interviewed in each geographic area covered in the CPI. Respondents identified the actual stores and other retail outlets in which they shopped and specified the amount they spent for a category of items.

The most recent revision was completed in 1987 and updated the CPI to 1982-84 expenditure patterns. Unlike previous revisions in which all new areas and items were replaced at the same time, the 1987 revision introduced the concept of "rolling-in." New areas, items, and outlet samples were gradually introduced over a period of years using existing updating procedures.<sup>14</sup> The use of systematic sample rotation was also broadened.<sup>15</sup> Finally, the 1987 revision introduced the use of an advanced model for CPI sample allocation. The model uses nonlinear programming techniques to determine the distributions of item and outlet selections across all item and geographic strata and to minimize overall price change sampling variance subject to certain budgetary and operational constraints.

### The 1998 revision

The most basic aspect of this revision will be the incorporation of a new set of expenditure weights. Consumer Expendi-

**Exhibit 2. Previous CPI revisions**

Release of revised CPI	Expenditure base period	Notable innovations
1940	1934-36	Introduced the concept of a sample of cities and items, and the principle of imputation
1953	1950	Expanded population coverage to represent all urban wage earner and clerical worker families
1964	1960-61	Expanded population coverage to represent individuals as well as families; introduced computer processing
1978	1972-73	Expanded population coverage to represent all urban consumers; improved methodology for construction of outlet sample frame; introduced probability sampling techniques into the selection of the item and outlet samples
1987	1982-84	Expanded scope of systematic outlet rotation; introduced advanced sample allocation model

ture Survey data from 1993–95 will be used to calculate a new expenditure weight for each item strata category in every CPI index area. These new market baskets—new geographic area samples, new item structure, and new expenditure weights—will take effect with the index for January 1998. At the same time, many of the samples underlying the CPI will be replaced. These samples include geographic areas, items selected for pricing, and outlets in which items are priced.

*Geographic sample.* The geographic sample selection process uses stratified sampling to represent the U.S. urban population. Eighty-seven geographic areas, known as primary sampling units, were selected for the revised CPI based on the 1990 decennial census. These units replace the current primary sampling units, which are representative of the 1980 U.S. population distribution. Thirty primary sampling units where prices are currently collected, including Anchorage and Honolulu, were selected with certainty. Another 21 units in the current design were also selected again. Thirty-six new primary sampling units were selected to replace units in the current CPI geographic sample. These 36 new areas will have new outlet and item pricing samples introduced into the revised index for January 1998. As part of the reselection process, the present three metropolitan-area size categories will be consolidated into two. Details on the redesigned CPI geographic sample and the procedures used to select that sample are in “The redesign of the CPI geographic sample,” pages 10–17.

*Item structure.* As the geographic sample must reflect today’s population, the CPI market basket needs to be updated to represent current consumption patterns. The item strata (the groupings of items into homogeneous categories for publication) will be redefined and the way in which they are aggregated will change based on shifts taking place in the marketplace. For example, the present seven major groups of goods and services will be restructured into eight major groups with the creation of the ‘education and communications’ group. That new group includes components previously included in the ‘recreation’ and ‘housing’ groups. The new item structure, along with a summary of the assumptions underlying the development of the new structure, are in “Changing the item structure in the Consumer Price Index,” pages 18–25.

The selection of commodities and services samples during the revision will benefit from the results of an expanded and re-estimated CPI sample optimization model. As compared with the models used in earlier years, the new design will lead to the selection of relatively fewer outlets and more items per outlet. Also, there will be a broad shift in relative sample size away from the food and beverages category and toward the other major groups. These changes occur largely because

updated and improved variance estimates were used in the estimation of the optimization model, and additional sample share constraints were imposed.<sup>16</sup>

*Publication strategy.* The selection of new geographic areas and modernization of the item structure will necessarily result in changes in the number and mix of published CPI series. In addition, during the revision, the publication criteria and procedures have been reviewed extensively. BLS will develop a variance-based publication strategy in which the level of detail published is based on the variance surrounding its item index estimates.

As in the past, the Bureau will publish overlap indexes based on both the new and the old item structure and expenditure weight for several months beginning in February 1998. These overlap indexes will permit users to see first-hand the revision’s effect on the published rate of inflation. Also, effective with the index for January 1999, the CPI will change from a 1982–84 = 100 to a 1993–95 = 100 reference base. Details on the new CPI publication system and structure are in “Publication strategy for the 1998 revised Consumer Price Index,” pages 26–30.

*Housing.* The housing portion of the CPI revision has two fundamental components, both of which will be implemented with the index for January 1999: the shift to an improved estimation method for homeowner shelter costs, and the selection of a new housing unit sample using the 1990 decennial census. The new estimator for owners’ equivalent rent will be based on the reweighting of the same rental observations that are used for the residential rent index. In the current CPI estimator, implicit rents for a sample of owner-occupied units are estimated by matching those units to specific rental units. The new method will not require selection of an owner-occupied sample.

This new sample will provide a current set of rental housing units that, as noted above, will be priced to calculate indexes for both residential rent and owners’ equivalent rent. The decennial census provides information that will be used to select the ‘housing’ segments within geographic areas. This selection process utilizes stratification criteria to locate segments that represent the housing stock throughout the geographic area, and also determines the sampling rates that will be used to derive the appropriate total sample of housing units. Samples will be selected to support the initial revised sample, as well as the shadow samples that will be rotated into the CPI in later years to reduce respondent burden and refresh the sample. In addition, new housing units constructed since the decennial census will be brought into the CPI housing sample through an augmentation process. Additional information on the changes to the housing component of the CPI is in “Revision of the CPI housing sample and estimators,” pages 31–39.

*Hospital services.* The medical care component of the CPI also will be extensively revised to reflect the dramatic changes taking place in this sector of the economy, particularly in the delivery of hospital services. Effective with the index for January 1997, the three item strata within the hospital and related services category will be consolidated into two, with only a single hospital services stratum. Pricing procedures are also being fundamentally revised, from pricing individual items (such as a unit of blood or a hospital inpatient day) to pricing the combined sets of goods and services provided on selected patient bills. These changes support the collection of transaction prices and facilitate the measurement of price change in an area where the products and services available are undergoing significant change. A full description of these revisions is in "Revision of the CPI hospital services component," pages 40–48.

*Other enhancements.* Several technological enhancements are planned for the CPI revision as well. We will modernize the processing systems for both the Consumer Expenditure Survey and the housing sample of rental prices. Each of these complex computer processing systems has reached the end of its current life-cycle, and will be modernized to stay current with technology. This revision will also build on the Point-of-Purchase Survey and significantly improve it by utilizing computer-assisted telephone data collection. Utilization of a shorter interview and edits at the point of collection should lead to faster data turnaround and consequently more up-to-date information on the distribution of consumer spending across outlets. Based on the improved survey methodology, BLS can introduce new outlets and items into the CPI more rapidly and efficiently. Moreover, the new Point-of-Purchase Survey sample design will permit a shift to sample rotation by category rather than by geographic area, and thereby facilitate accelerated sample rotation in product areas where markets are most dynamic. The article, "New methodology for selecting outlet samples," pages 49–61, describes this new methodology and its implementation.

A final, crucial element in the current revision is the conversion to electronic systems of all commodities-and-services and housing data collection and transmission. A fully-implemented computer-assisted data collection (CADC) system for the CPI will significantly improve the overall quality of CPI data. While quality improvement is the primary justification for CADC, electronic data collection and transmission will probably provide long-term savings through a reduction of mail, paper and printing costs, and a transfer of some edit and review functions from the BLS National Office to the local data collector.

CADC instruments will help to assure consistent application of survey rules and data review decisions at the point of collection. The results will be increased accuracy of collected data, greater conformance with collection procedures, a higher percentage of successfully completed collection schedules, and an increase in the yield of usable quotes per release of the index. Electronic data transmission also will allow collection of prices closer to the end of the month, improving coverage of price changes during the reference period.

The initial CADC system implementation, Version I, will be a fully reliable system that meets current data collection standards and will be a foundation upon which future enhancements can be built with confidence. This version will include all functionality necessary for housing. There will be basic edits and checks for collected data. In addition, a survey information and control system will be developed that will provide up-to-date information on the status and location of all housing data collection activities. Implementation of Version I will begin in 1997 and will be completed in 1998.

Strategically, we will build on our computer data collection experience with the housing data before undertaking the pricing and initiation of commodities and services in retail establishments. In Version II, there will be more functionality for initiation, and edits and checks will be expanded. The survey information and control system will likewise expand to control the larger volume of data collected for commodities and services. After Version II is operating smoothly, a part of the commodity analyst review will be incorporated into the CADC system at the point of collection. This will provide automatic checks for the comparability of item substitutions and transfer more functions from the national office staff to the regional staff.

THE MOST SIGNIFICANT MILESTONES in the overall revision schedule are presented in exhibit 3. The conclusion of the revision in 2000 does not mean the end of the CPI improvement process. BLS will continue to enhance its program of experimental indexes and research on CPI measurement issues. It is also reasonable to expect that the recommendations of the Senate Finance Committee's Advisory Commission, as well as the results of other studies of the CPI by outside researchers, will lead to additions in the list of CPI improvements outside the revision context. Nevertheless, the decennial revision process remains the central method by which the BLS maintains the quality of the CPI and thereby ensures the index's status as the most accurate and timely measure of changes in consumer prices. □

### Exhibit 3. Major milestones in the 1998 CPI revision

Milestone	Date
Introduce revised hospital services item structure and sample	February 1997 (index for January 1997)
Introduce new geographic sample and item structure and update expenditure weights to 1993-95	February 1998 (index for January 1998)
Begin pricing of new housing sample using computer-assisted data collection	June 1998
Introduce new housing sample and estimator into CPI	February 1999 (index for January 1999)
Rebase CPI to 1993-95 =100	February 1999 (index for January 1999)
Introduce computer-assisted data collection for commodities and services sample	Summer 1999
Begin shift from area sample rotation to item category rotation using telephone Point-of-Purchase Survey	Early 1999
Enter redesigned Consumer Expenditure Survey processing system into full production	October 1999

### Footnotes

<sup>1</sup> Office of Management and Budget estimate, as reported in BLS budget documents.

<sup>2</sup> *Handbook of Methods*, Bulletin 2285 (Bureau of Labor Statistics, 1988) "Chapter 19. The Consumer Price Index."

<sup>3</sup> For a description of the construction of, and recent movements in, the CPI-E, see Kenneth Stewart and Joseph Pavalone, "Experimental CPI for Americans 62 years of age and older," *CPI Detailed Report*, April 1996.

<sup>4</sup> Theoretical and empirical comparisons of the geometric mean formula to the arithmetic mean formula used in the CPI are presented in Brent Moulton and Karin Smedley, "A Comparison of Estimators for Elementary Aggregates of the CPI," Bureau of Labor Statistics Working Paper, June 1995.

<sup>5</sup> For general reviews of these issues see, for example, Dennis Fixler, "The Consumer Price Index: underlying concepts and caveats," *Monthly Labor Review*, December 1993, pp. 3-12; *Is the Growth of the CPI a Biased Measure of Changes in the Cost of Living?* (Congressional Budget Office, October 1994); Report for the House Budget Committee (Bureau of Labor Statistics, 1995); Matthew Shapiro and David Wilcox, "Mismeasurement in the Consumer Price Index: An Evaluation," *NBER Macroeconomics Annual 1996* (Cambridge, MA, National Bureau of Economic Research, forthcoming); and Brent R. Moulton, "Bias in the Consumer Price Index: What is the Evidence?" *Journal of Economic Perspectives*, Fall 1996, pp. 159-77.

<sup>6</sup> See *Consumer Price Index*, Hearings before the Committee on Finance, U.S. Senate, U.S. Government Printing Office, 1995; and *Toward a More Accurate Measure of the Cost of Living*, Final Report to the Senate Finance Committee from the Advisory Commission to Study the Consumer Price Index, December 4, 1996.

<sup>7</sup> For details on these changes, see Steve Henderson and Karin Smedley, "Improvements in estimating the shelter indexes in the CPI," *CPI Detailed Report*, October 1994, pp. 5-6; Ken Stewart, "Improving CPI sample rotation procedures," *CPI Detailed Report*, October 1994, pp. 7-8; Ken Stewart,

"Extending the improvement in CPI sample rotation procedures," *CPI Detailed Report*, June 1996, pp. 9-10; and Kenneth J. Stewart, "Improving CPI item substitution procedures," *CPI Detailed Report*, July 1996, pp. 8-9.

<sup>8</sup> See, for example, Ana Aizcorbe and Patrick Jackman, "The commodity substitution effect in CPI data, 1982-91," *Monthly Labor Review*, December 1993, pp. 25-33.

<sup>9</sup> *The Consumer Price Index: History and Techniques*, Bulletin 1517 (Bureau of Labor Statistics), p. 2; and *The First Hundred Years of the Bureau of Labor Statistics* (Bureau of Labor Statistics, September 1985) pp. 94-97.

<sup>10</sup> *Handbook of Methods*, Bulletin 2285 (Bureau of Labor Statistics, 1992), p. 154.

<sup>11</sup> Sidney Jaffe, "The Consumer Price Index—Technical Questions and Practical Answers," Paper presented to the American Statistical Association, Dec. 30, 1959.

<sup>12</sup> John Marcoot, "Revision of Consumer Price Index is now underway," *Monthly Labor Review*, April 1985, p. 28.

<sup>13</sup> *Government Price Statistics*, U.S. Congress, Joint Economic Committee, 87th Cong., 1st Sess., January 24, 1961.

<sup>14</sup> The rolling-in approach effected significant cost and time savings. Rolling-in the new areas into the CPI allowed more time to train field representatives. More importantly, using the existing procedures for introducing new outlet samples on a systematic basis precluded the need to maintain dual operations, one for the current CPI and one for the revised index.

<sup>15</sup> Marcoot, "Revision of Consumer Price Index."

<sup>16</sup> S.G. Leaver, W. H. Johnson, R.M. Baskin, S. Scarlett, and R. Morse, "Commodities and Services Sample Redesign for the 1998 Consumer Price Index Revision," *Proceedings of the Survey Research Methods Section*, American Statistical Association, forthcoming.

# Planned CPI Publication Changes

Beginning in 1998, the Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS) will introduce a new geographic area sample, a revised item structure and updated expenditure weights into the Consumer Price Index (CPI). Approximately every 10 years BLS undertakes this type of revision in order to keep the index up-to-date. Since World War II, revisions of the CPI have been introduced in 1953, 1964, 1978, and 1987.

Because the changes the CPI undergoes during each revision can have a major impact on our users, special steps are taken in order to ameliorate the effects of these changes. Beginning with the release of the January, 1997 index, data series that are changing or being dropped from publication will be footnoted in all BLS published tables. This provides an early warning to users to reconsider their use of those indexes and provides time for them to make changes in their use. The 1998 CPI Revision contains substantial changes in both the items being presented and the frequency of local area index publication.

## Changes to the item structure

Effective in 1998, there will be considerable changes to both the items being priced and the manner in which they are being aggregated in the CPI. The most notable change in presentation is a reconstruction of several major groups with a resulting change from the currently available seven major groups to the new total of eight.

Currently the major groups are: Food and beverages, housing, apparel and upkeep, transportation, medical care, entertainment and other goods and services. Three of these groups—food and beverages, transportation, and medical care will remain the same. The apparel group was modified to exclude apparel upkeep products and services. The entertainment group has been slightly redefined into a major group called *recreation* and a new major group, *education and communication*, has been formed from past subelements of the housing, entertainment and other goods, and services groups.

Other important changes in the item structure at lower levels are an expansion of the food away from home index, a reorientation of the car and truck indexes to a vehicle index, and the expansion of the information processing equipment index.

For a complete listing of the new CPI publication structure see table X.

## Changes to the geographic structure

In each revision, the CPI geographic sample is selected to

be representative of the current demographics of the United States. The current revision uses the 1990 Census of Population. The CPI develops an updated area sample design, decides on new local area indexes, and changes the frequency of publication for local area indexes to better reflect these new demographics.

In addition to the national index, BLS currently publishes indexes for 29 metropolitan areas. In 1998, it will continue to publish indexes for all but two of these areas—Buffalo-Niagara Falls, NY, and New Orleans, LA. Due to the revised metropolitan area (MA) definitions issued by the Office of Management and Budget (OMB), two other areas, Washington, DC and Baltimore, MD, which BLS currently publishes separately, constitute a new consolidated metropolitan statistical area. A single index will be published for this consolidated area.

The new publication plan for local area indexes, to begin with the index for January 1998, is summarized below:

- Monthly indexes will be published for the three largest metropolitan areas. Because of sample design considerations, indexes for the Philadelphia and San Francisco areas, both currently published monthly, will be published every other month following the release of the December, 1997 index.
- Bimonthly indexes will be published for the next 11 largest areas, including Atlanta and Seattle, which currently have semiannual average indexes.
- Semiannual average indexes will be published for 12 additional areas, including Pittsburgh and St. Louis, which currently have bimonthly indexes.
- BLS will continue to publish separate indexes for the four census regions of the United States. However, beginning in 1998, there will only be two area size classes for metropolitan areas, instead of the current three: size A—areas with a population greater than 1.5 million; and size B/C—areas with less than 1.5 million population. This cutoff of 1.5 million in population reflects a rise from the current cutoff of 1.2 million and is important because cities in size class A are those for which the Bureau publishes city level indexes. The B/C size class is a combination of the old size B and size C metropolitan areas. In addition to the two metropolitan area size indexes for each region, separate size D indexes for urban non-metropolitan areas will continue to be published for both the Midwest and the South. Separate indexes for Northeast and West urban nonmetropolitan areas were discontinued in 1987.

The following list shows the areas for which indexes will be published beginning in January, 1998:

• **Metropolitan areas for which a local index will be published monthly:**

New York-Northern New Jersey-Long Island, NY-NJ-CT-PA  
Chicago-Gary-Kenosha, IL-IN-WI  
Los Angeles-Riverside-Orange County, CA

• **Metropolitan areas for which a local index will be published bimonthly:**

**In odd months (i.e., January, March, etc.)**

Boston-Brockton-Nashua, MA-NH-ME-CT  
Washington-Baltimore, DC-MD-VA-WV  
Cleveland-Akron, OH  
Atlanta, GA  
Dallas-Fort Worth, TX

**In even months (i.e., February, April, etc.)**

Philadelphia-Wilmington-Atlantic City, PA-NJ-DE-MD

San Francisco-Oakland-San Jose, CA  
Houston-Galveston-Brazoria, TX  
Detroit-Ann Arbor-Flint, MI  
Miami-Fort Lauderdale, FL  
Seattle-Tacoma-Bremerton, WA

• **Metropolitan areas for which a local index will be published semiannually (In January and July)**

Pittsburgh, PA  
Kansas City, MO-KS  
Minneapolis-St. Paul, MN-WI  
Tampa-St. Petersburg-Clearwater, FL  
Denver-Boulder-Greeley, CO  
Portland-Salem, OR-WA  
Cincinnati-Hamilton, OH-KY-IN  
Milwaukee-Racine, WI  
St. Louis, MO-IL  
Anchorage, AK  
Honolulu, HI  
San Diego, CA

**New tables**

Beginning with the release of the January, 1997 index, a new transitional step has been taken: the publication of underlap indexes. Underlap indexes are indexes that are produced for new index areas using old weights and structures with a specially developed aggregation tree for a period before the introduction of these areas. These indexes will be developed to handle two specific situations occurring in the 1998 revision: the combination of Washington and Balti-

more into a single MA and the combination of two separate population size classes for MA's. These underlap indexes will be published for all of 1997; they will allow the user to prepare for the change to these new geographic indexes, which will be completed with the release of January 1998 data.

See table NS1 for the underlap Washington-Baltimore indexes and table NS2 for the underlap B/C city size class All Items indexes.

**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 1996	Unadjusted indexes		Unadjusted percent change to Feb. 1997 from—		Seasonally adjusted percent change from—		
		Jan. 1997	Feb. 1997	Feb. 1996	Jan. 1997	Nov. to Dec.	Dec. to Jan.	Jan. to Feb.
<b>Expenditure category</b>								
All items .....	100.000	159.1	159.6	3.0	0.3	0.3	0.1	0.3
All items (1967=100) .....	-	476.7	478.2	-	-	-	-	-
Food and beverages .....	17.484	156.9	156.9	3.7	.0	.0	-.2	.3
Food .....	15.913	156.5	156.5	3.8	.0	.0	-.3	.3
Food at home .....	10.040	157.9	157.7	4.2	-.1	-.1	-.6	.5
Cereals and bakery products .....	1.479	176.5	176.7	2.7	.1	.2	-.2	.1
Meats, poultry, fish, and eggs .....	3.002	149.6	148.8	4.5	-.5	.6	-.4	-.2
Dairy products <sup>1</sup> .....	1.245	147.8	146.2	6.6	-1.1	-.5	-.5	-1.1
Fruits and vegetables <sup>2</sup> .....	1.974	187.4	187.4	5.5	.1	-1.5	-2.0	3.0
Other food at home .....	2.340	144.8	145.4	2.5	.4	.3	.1	.2
Sugar and sweets .....	.331	146.9	147.2	4.0	.2	.6	.6	.0
Fats and oils .....	.246	142.3	142.7	2.1	.3	.1	-.1	.1
Nonalcoholic beverages .....	.724	128.3	128.5	-1.1	.2	.2	.2	-.5
Other prepared food .....	1.039	159.4	160.6	4.7	.8	.3	-.1	.8
Food away from home .....	5.873	155.3	155.6	3.1	.2	.2	.3	.2
Alcoholic beverages .....	1.571	161.1	161.8	3.3	.4	.3	.2	.2
Housing <sup>2</sup> .....	41.203	155.1	155.8	3.0	.5	.2	.3	.3
Shelter .....	28.194	173.6	174.6	3.1	.6	.2	.3	.3
Renters' costs <sup>3 4</sup> .....	7.994	182.7	185.3	3.6	1.4	.1	.6	.3
Rent, residential .....	5.731	164.4	164.8	2.7	.2	.2	.2	.1
Other renters' costs <sup>4</sup> .....	2.263	217.3	226.4	5.7	4.2	-.2	1.4	.9
Homeowners' costs <sup>3 4</sup> .....	20.000	179.1	179.5	2.8	.2	.2	.2	.3
Owners' equivalent rent <sup>3</sup> .....	19.616	179.5	179.9	2.8	.2	.2	.2	.3
Household insurance <sup>3 4</sup> .....	.383	162.6	163.8	3.3	.7	-1.2	.2	.9
Maintenance and repairs <sup>1 4</sup> .....	.200	141.5	142.3	3.9	.6	.3	.0	.6
Maintenance and repair services <sup>1 4</sup> .....	.123	148.2	148.4	3.8	.1	.3	.1	.1
Maintenance and repair commodities <sup>1 4</sup> .....	.077	132.5	133.9	4.0	1.1	.2	-.1	1.1
Fuel and other utilities <sup>2</sup> .....	7.102	130.8	131.0	4.8	.2	.5	.7	.3
Fuels .....	3.878	119.1	119.2	6.0	.1	.8	1.0	.5
Fuel oil and other household fuel commodities .....	.424	111.5	109.6	12.2	-1.7	2.9	-1.2	-1.9
Gas (piped) and electricity (energy services) .....	3.453	124.9	125.3	5.2	.3	.4	1.4	.7
Other utilities and public services <sup>4</sup> .....	3.224	159.7	160.2	3.4	.3	.3	.3	.0
Household furnishings and operation <sup>2</sup> .....	5.908	124.9	125.2	.7	.2	.2	-.2	.2
Housefurnishings <sup>4</sup> .....	3.332	110.8	111.2	-.2	.4	.2	-.4	.2
Housekeeping supplies .....	1.093	142.3	142.5	1.5	.1	.0	.4	.1
Housekeeping services <sup>4</sup> .....	1.482	149.6	149.9	2.5	.2	.3	-.5	.1
Apparel and upkeep .....	5.330	129.6	131.9	.5	1.8	.1	.4	.2
Apparel commodities <sup>4</sup> .....	4.786	125.8	128.2	.3	1.9	.0	.5	.2
Men's and boys' apparel .....	1.280	127.0	127.3	.7	.2	-.5	1.0	-.9
Women's and girls' apparel .....	2.102	121.5	126.1	1.2	3.8	.7	.6	.7
Infants' and toddlers' apparel <sup>1</sup> .....	.186	127.9	127.2	-5.4	-.5	.2	.8	-.5
Footwear .....	.718	125.0	126.3	.4	1.0	.3	-.8	.2
Other apparel commodities <sup>4</sup> .....	.500	145.6	146.9	-1.9	.9	-1.9	.1	.7
Apparel services <sup>1 4</sup> .....	.545	161.7	162.2	2.3	.3	.4	.1	.3
Transportation .....	17.140	145.0	144.8	3.1	-.1	.6	-.2	-.1
Private transportation .....	15.499	141.8	141.9	3.2	.1	.6	.1	.2
New vehicles .....	4.955	145.4	145.4	1.3	.0	.1	-.2	.0
New cars .....	3.952	143.0	142.9	1.1	-.1	.1	-.2	.0
Used cars .....	1.278	154.7	154.4	-2.0	-.2	-.4	.1	.5
Motor fuel .....	3.171	108.6	108.1	10.1	-.5	2.5	.6	.0
Gasoline .....	-	107.9	107.4	9.8	-.5	2.5	.7	.0
Maintenance and repairs .....	1.533	161.1	161.2	2.9	.1	.2	.4	-.1
Other private transportation <sup>4</sup> .....	4.562	176.2	177.1	2.3	.5	.0	-.1	.5
Other private transportation commodities <sup>4</sup> .....	.589	105.2	105.4	.0	.2	-.1	-.2	.3
Other private transportation services <sup>4</sup> .....	3.973	193.0	194.1	2.6	.6	.0	-.1	.6
Public transportation .....	1.642	185.8	182.4	2.8	-1.8	1.4	-2.9	-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 1996	Unadjusted indexes		Unadjusted percent change to Feb. 1997 from—		Seasonally adjusted percent change from—		
		Jan. 1997	Feb. 1997	Feb. 1996	Jan. 1997	Nov. to Dec.	Dec. to Jan.	Jan. to Feb.
<b>Expenditure category</b>								
Medical care .....	7.346	231.8	232.7	2.9	0.4	0.2	0.2	0.2
Medical care commodities .....	1.273	212.8	213.9	2.6	.5	.1	.2	.3
Medical care services .....	6.073	236.3	237.1	3.0	.3	.2	.2	.2
Professional medical services .....	3.472	212.2	213.2	3.4	.5	.2	.4	.1
Entertainment <sup>4</sup> .....	4.352	161.3	161.8	2.2	.3	.3	.0	.2
Entertainment commodities <sup>4</sup> .....	1.957	144.2	144.3	1.3	.1	.3	-.3	.1
Entertainment services <sup>4</sup> .....	2.395	181.3	182.1	2.9	.4	.3	.2	.3
Other goods and services <sup>2</sup> .....	7.145	220.0	220.7	3.8	.3	.1	.4	.5
Tobacco and smoking products .....	1.601	236.4	237.4	3.3	.4	-.3	.4	.6
Personal care <sup>1</sup> .....	1.145	151.6	151.5	1.5	-.1	-.5	.7	-.1
Toilet goods and personal care appliances <sup>1</sup> .....	.588	143.6	143.3	-.6	-.2	-.3	.6	-.2
Personal care services <sup>1</sup> .....	.557	160.7	160.7	3.5	.0	.4	.9	.0
Personal and educational expenses <sup>4</sup> .....	4.398	254.0	255.0	4.6	.4	.4	.3	.6
School books and supplies .....	.264	234.5	235.3	4.7	.3	.4	-.1	.4
Personal and educational services <sup>4</sup> .....	4.134	255.8	256.7	4.6	.4	.4	.4	.6
<b>Commodity and service group</b>								
All items .....	100.000	159.1	159.6	3.0	.3	.3	.1	.3
Commodities .....	42.873	141.5	141.8	2.8	.2	.2	.0	.2
Food and beverages .....	17.484	156.9	156.9	3.7	.0	.0	-.2	.3
Commodities less food and beverages .....	25.389	132.1	132.6	2.1	.4	.3	.2	.1
Nondurables less food and beverages .....	15.147	133.8	134.6	3.3	.6	.7	.1	.3
Apparel commodities <sup>4</sup> .....	4.786	125.8	128.2	.3	1.9	.0	.5	.2
Nondurables less food, beverages, and apparel .....	10.362	141.0	141.0	4.8	.0	1.1	.3	.1
Durables .....	10.242	129.7	129.8	.3	.1	.1	-.2	.1
Services .....	57.127	177.0	177.7	3.2	.4	.3	.2	.2
Rent of shelter <sup>3</sup> .....	27.577	180.6	181.6	3.0	.6	.2	.3	.3
Household services less rent of shelter <sup>3 4</sup> .....	8.698	144.6	145.0	3.9	.3	.2	.6	.4
Transportation services .....	7.148	183.5	183.4	2.7	-.1	.4	-.7	-.1
Medical care services .....	6.073	236.3	237.1	3.0	.3	.2	.2	.2
Other services .....	7.631	205.9	206.7	3.9	.4	.3	.3	.4
<b>Special indexes</b>								
All items less food .....	84.087	159.6	160.2	2.9	.4	.3	.2	.2
All items less shelter .....	71.806	155.0	155.3	3.0	.2	.3	.1	.2
All items less homeowners' costs <sup>3 4</sup> .....	80.000	160.2	160.8	3.1	.4	.3	.1	.2
All items less medical care .....	92.654	155.0	155.5	3.0	.3	.3	.1	.3
Commodities less food .....	26.960	133.3	133.8	2.1	.4	.4	.1	.1
Nondurables less food .....	16.718	135.4	136.2	3.3	.6	.7	.1	.2
Nondurables less food and apparel .....	11.932	142.0	142.1	4.6	.1	.7	.1	.1
Nondurables .....	32.631	145.5	145.9	3.5	.3	.3	.1	.3
Services less rent of shelter <sup>3 4</sup> .....	29.550	185.9	186.4	3.4	.3	.3	.1	.2
Services less medical care services .....	51.054	171.5	172.2	3.2	.4	.3	.2	.2
Energy .....	7.049	113.3	113.1	7.8	-.2	1.5	.8	.3
All items less energy .....	92.951	165.3	165.9	2.7	.4	.1	.1	.2
All items less food and energy .....	77.038	167.5	168.3	2.5	.5	.2	.1	.2
Commodities less food and energy commodities .....	23.364	141.5	142.2	1.0	.5	.1	.1	.1
Energy commodities .....	3.596	109.2	108.6	10.5	-.5	2.6	.4	-.2
Services less energy services .....	53.674	182.4	183.1	3.1	.4	.3	.1	.3
Purchasing power of the consumer dollar:								
1982-84=\$1.00 <sup>1</sup> .....	-	\$.628	\$.626	-2.9	-.3	.0	-.5	-.3
1967=\$1.00 <sup>1</sup> .....	-	.210	.209	-	-	-	-	-

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

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(1982-84 = 100, unless otherwise noted)

Group	Seasonally adjusted indexes				Seasonally adjusted annual rate percent change for					
	Nov. 1996	Dec. 1996	Jan. 1997	Feb. 1997	3 months ended—				6 months ended—	
					May 1996	Aug. 1996	Nov. 1996	Feb. 1997	Aug. 1996	Feb. 1997
<b>Expenditure category</b>										
All items .....	-	-	-	-	3.7	2.3	3.6	2.5	3.0	3.1
Food and beverages .....	156.6	156.6	156.3	156.8	3.2	5.9	5.3	.5	4.5	2.9
Food .....	156.4	156.4	156.0	156.5	3.2	6.2	5.3	.3	4.7	2.7
Food at home .....	157.8	157.7	156.7	157.5	3.5	8.4	6.0	-8	5.9	2.6
Cereals and bakery products .....	176.3	176.6	176.3	176.4	4.3	2.1	4.4	.2	3.2	2.3
Meats, poultry, fish, and eggs .....	148.4	149.3	148.7	148.4	.0	11.4	7.0	.0	5.6	3.5
Dairy products <sup>1</sup> .....	149.3	148.6	147.8	146.2	1.2	22.0	13.6	-8.1	11.1	2.2
Fruits and vegetables <sup>2</sup> .....	188.7	185.9	182.2	187.7	10.0	7.7	6.4	-2.1	8.8	2.1
Other food at home .....	144.0	144.4	144.5	144.8	3.1	1.7	2.5	2.2	2.4	2.4
Sugar and sweets .....	145.2	146.0	146.9	146.9	4.6	4.0	2.2	4.8	4.3	3.5
Fats and oils .....	141.8	142.0	141.9	142.1	2.0	3.5	2.3	.8	2.8	1.6
Nonalcoholic beverages .....	127.5	127.7	127.9	127.3	.9	-6	-4.3	-6	.2	-2.5
Other prepared food .....	159.1	159.6	159.4	160.6	5.0	2.3	7.6	3.8	3.7	5.7
Food away from home .....	154.6	154.9	155.3	155.6	2.7	2.9	4.0	2.6	2.8	3.3
Alcoholic beverages .....	160.6	161.1	161.4	161.8	3.4	3.1	3.8	3.0	3.2	3.4
Housing <sup>2</sup> .....	154.4	154.7	155.2	155.6	2.9	2.7	3.2	3.1	2.8	3.2
Shelter .....	172.6	172.9	173.4	174.0	2.9	3.1	2.8	3.3	3.0	3.1
Renters' costs <sup>3 4</sup> .....	181.5	181.7	182.8	183.4	3.0	3.9	3.1	4.3	3.4	3.7
Rent, residential .....	163.6	164.0	164.4	164.6	2.8	2.8	2.7	2.5	2.8	2.6
Other renters' costs <sup>4</sup> .....	218.4	218.0	221.1	223.1	3.7	6.7	3.9	8.9	5.2	6.4
Homeowners' costs <sup>3 4</sup> .....	178.3	178.6	179.0	179.5	2.8	2.8	2.7	2.7	2.8	2.7
Owners' equivalent rent <sup>3</sup> .....	178.6	179.0	179.3	179.9	2.8	2.8	2.7	2.9	2.8	2.8
Household insurance <sup>3 4</sup> .....	164.5	162.5	162.9	164.3	2.3	4.6	7.1	-5	3.4	3.2
Maintenance and repairs <sup>1 4</sup> .....	141.1	141.5	141.5	142.3	5.4	2.6	4.1	3.4	4.0	3.8
Maintenance and repair services <sup>1 4</sup> .....	147.6	148.0	148.2	148.4	4.8	6.8	1.4	2.2	5.8	1.8
Maintenance and repair commodities <sup>1 4</sup> .....	132.3	132.6	132.5	133.9	6.7	-3.9	8.6	4.9	1.2	6.7
Fuel and other utilities <sup>2</sup> .....	129.6	130.3	131.2	131.6	4.9	2.9	5.1	6.3	3.9	5.7
Fuels .....	116.7	117.6	118.8	119.4	4.3	2.1	7.2	9.6	3.2	8.4
Fuel oil and other household fuel commodities .....	106.4	109.5	108.2	106.1	20.9	-14.5	54.7	-1.1	1.7	23.7
Gas (piped) and electricity (energy services) .....	123.1	123.6	125.3	126.2	3.0	4.0	3.0	10.5	3.5	6.7
Other utilities and public services <sup>4</sup> .....	159.2	159.6	160.0	160.0	5.0	3.4	3.3	2.0	4.2	2.7
Household furnishings and operation <sup>2</sup> .....	125.0	125.2	124.9	125.1	.6	1.3	1.0	.3	1.0	.6
Housefurnishings <sup>4</sup> .....	111.2	111.4	111.0	111.2	-7	.0	.0	.0	-4	.0
Housekeeping supplies .....	141.7	141.7	142.3	142.5	1.4	.9	1.4	2.3	1.1	1.8
Housekeeping services <sup>4</sup> .....	149.9	150.3	149.6	149.7	3.3	3.9	3.3	-5	3.6	1.3
Apparel and upkeep .....	131.7	131.8	132.3	132.6	.6	-5.3	4.4	2.8	-2.4	3.6
Apparel commodities <sup>4</sup> .....	128.0	128.0	128.6	128.8	.3	-6.1	4.8	2.5	-2.9	3.7
Men's and boys' apparel .....	128.8	128.2	129.5	128.3	1.6	-6	3.5	-1.5	.5	.9
Women's and girls' apparel .....	124.0	124.9	125.7	126.6	1.0	-10.4	6.7	8.7	-4.9	7.7
Infants' and toddlers' apparel <sup>1</sup> .....	126.7	126.9	127.9	127.2	-11.4	-15.3	5.2	1.6	-13.4	3.4
Footwear .....	127.0	127.4	126.4	126.7	1.0	.0	1.6	-9	.5	.3
Other apparel commodities <sup>4</sup> .....	149.5	146.7	146.8	147.9	1.3	-6.5	2.2	-4.2	-2.6	-1.1
Apparel services <sup>1 4</sup> .....	160.9	161.5	161.7	162.2	2.3	2.3	1.5	3.3	2.3	2.4
Transportation .....	144.8	145.7	145.4	145.3	7.9	-1.4	4.8	1.4	3.1	3.1
Private transportation .....	141.5	142.3	142.4	142.7	8.0	-2.0	3.8	3.4	2.9	3.6
New vehicles .....	144.6	144.7	144.4	144.4	2.0	2.5	1.4	-6	2.3	.4
New cars .....	142.1	142.2	141.9	141.9	1.7	3.2	.3	-6	2.4	-1
Used cars .....	155.6	155.0	155.1	155.8	-3.7	-3.3	-1.3	.5	-3.5	-4
Motor fuel .....	108.4	111.1	111.8	111.8	38.4	-17.6	13.6	13.1	6.8	13.4
Gasoline .....	107.8	110.5	111.3	111.3	37.0	-17.3	12.8	13.6	6.4	13.2
Maintenance and repairs .....	160.3	160.7	161.3	161.2	2.6	3.1	4.1	2.3	2.8	3.2
Other private transportation <sup>4</sup> .....	175.3	175.3	175.2	176.1	1.6	4.0	1.4	1.8	2.8	1.6
Other private transportation commodities <sup>4</sup> .....	105.1	105.0	104.8	105.1	-4	.0	.4	.0	-2	.2
Other private transportation services <sup>4</sup> .....	192.1	192.1	192.0	193.1	1.9	4.5	1.7	2.1	3.2	1.9
Public transportation .....	188.5	191.2	185.6	181.9	8.4	4.5	13.8	-13.3	6.4	-7

See footnotes at end of table.

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

(1982-84=100, unless otherwise noted)

Group	Seasonally adjusted indexes				Seasonally adjusted annual rate percent change for					
	Nov. 1996	Dec. 1996	Jan. 1997	Feb. 1997	3 months ended—				6 months ended—	
					May 1996	Aug. 1996	Nov. 1996	Feb. 1997	Aug. 1996	Feb. 1997
<b>Expenditure category</b>										
Medical care .....	231.0	231.5	231.9	232.3	3.2	2.8	3.0	2.3	3.0	2.6
Medical care commodities .....	212.1	212.4	212.8	213.5	3.1	2.5	1.9	2.7	2.8	2.3
Medical care services .....	235.1	235.6	236.0	236.4	3.3	3.0	3.1	2.2	3.2	2.7
Professional medical services .....	211.2	211.6	212.4	212.7	3.3	3.5	3.9	2.9	3.4	3.4
Entertainment <sup>4</sup> .....	160.6	161.1	161.1	161.4	1.8	2.3	2.5	2.0	2.0	2.3
Entertainment commodities <sup>4</sup> .....	144.0	144.4	144.0	144.2	.8	2.0	1.7	.6	1.4	1.1
Entertainment services <sup>4</sup> .....	180.2	180.8	181.1	181.6	2.3	2.7	3.4	3.1	2.5	3.3
Other goods and services <sup>2</sup> .....	219.2	219.4	220.3	221.3	4.4	3.6	3.4	3.9	4.0	3.6
Tobacco and smoking products .....	236.0	235.3	236.2	237.6	3.9	1.6	5.1	2.7	2.7	3.9
Personal care <sup>1</sup> .....	151.2	150.5	151.6	151.5	2.7	.5	1.9	.8	1.6	1.3
Toilet goods and personal care appliances <sup>1</sup> .....	144.7	142.8	143.6	143.3	3.4	-.8	-.8	-3.8	1.3	-2.3
Personal care services <sup>1</sup> .....	158.6	159.2	160.7	160.7	1.6	1.8	5.5	5.4	1.7	5.4
Personal and educational expenses <sup>4</sup> .....	251.7	252.7	253.5	255.0	5.0	5.1	3.2	5.3	5.1	4.3
School books and supplies .....	231.5	232.5	232.2	233.2	5.1	6.0	5.0	3.0	5.6	4.0
Personal and educational services <sup>4</sup> .....	253.1	254.1	255.0	256.5	5.0	5.1	3.1	5.5	5.0	4.3
<b>Commodity and service group</b>										
All items .....	-	-	-	-	3.7	2.3	3.6	2.5	3.0	3.1
Commodities .....	141.5	141.8	141.8	142.1	4.4	.3	4.7	1.7	2.3	3.2
Food and beverages .....	156.6	156.6	156.3	156.8	3.2	5.9	5.3	.5	4.5	2.9
Commodities less food and beverages .....	132.4	132.8	133.0	133.1	5.3	-3.3	4.3	2.1	.9	3.2
Nondurables less food and beverages .....	134.3	135.2	135.3	135.7	8.8	-5.8	6.8	4.2	1.2	5.5
Apparel commodities <sup>4</sup> .....	128.0	128.0	128.6	128.8	.3	-6.1	4.8	2.5	-2.9	3.7
Nondurables less food, beverages, and apparel .....	140.2	141.8	142.2	142.3	13.6	-6.4	6.5	6.1	3.1	6.3
Durables .....	129.6	129.7	129.5	129.6	.3	.6	.6	.0	.5	.3
Services .....	176.3	176.8	177.2	177.6	3.3	3.3	3.2	3.0	3.3	3.1
Rent of shelter <sup>3</sup> .....	179.9	180.3	180.8	181.3	3.0	3.2	2.7	3.1	3.1	2.9
Household services less rent of shelter <sup>3 4</sup> .....	144.0	144.3	145.1	145.7	4.4	3.4	3.4	4.8	3.9	4.1
Transportation services .....	183.4	184.1	182.9	182.7	3.6	4.1	4.9	-1.5	3.9	1.7
Medical care services .....	235.1	235.6	236.0	236.4	3.3	3.0	3.1	2.2	3.2	2.7
Other services .....	204.7	205.4	206.1	206.9	3.7	3.8	3.4	4.4	3.7	3.9
<b>Special Indexes</b>										
All items less food .....	159.1	159.6	159.9	160.2	3.9	1.5	3.3	2.8	2.7	3.1
All items less shelter .....	154.7	155.1	155.2	155.5	4.0	1.8	4.0	2.1	2.9	3.0
All items less homeowners' costs <sup>3 4</sup> .....	159.9	160.3	160.5	160.8	4.2	2.0	3.8	2.3	3.1	3.1
All items less medical care .....	154.5	154.9	155.1	155.5	3.8	2.1	3.7	2.6	2.9	3.2
Commodities less food .....	133.6	134.1	134.2	134.4	5.0	-2.7	4.0	2.4	1.1	3.2
Nondurables less food .....	135.8	136.7	136.8	137.1	8.4	-5.2	6.8	3.9	1.4	5.3
Nondurables less food and apparel .....	141.8	142.8	142.9	143.1	10.6	-2.8	7.1	3.7	3.7	5.4
Nondurables .....	145.5	146.0	146.1	146.5	4.9	1.1	5.4	2.8	3.0	4.1
Services less rent of shelter <sup>3</sup> .....	185.1	185.7	185.9	186.2	3.8	3.6	3.8	2.4	3.7	3.1
Services less medical care services .....	170.8	171.3	171.7	172.0	3.4	3.4	3.3	2.8	3.4	3.1
Energy .....	112.0	113.7	114.6	114.9	18.4	-7.3	10.3	10.8	4.7	10.5
All items less energy .....	165.2	165.4	165.5	165.9	2.8	2.7	3.5	1.7	2.7	2.6
All items less food and energy .....	167.4	167.7	167.9	168.3	2.7	2.2	2.9	2.2	2.5	2.5
Commodities less food and energy commodities .....	141.8	141.9	142.0	142.2	1.1	-.3	2.0	1.1	.4	1.6
Energy commodities .....	108.3	111.1	111.5	111.3	36.7	-17.4	17.6	11.5	6.2	14.5
Services less energy services .....	181.7	182.2	182.4	182.9	3.2	3.4	3.1	2.7	3.3	2.9

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**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 Feb. 1997 from—		Seasonally adjusted percent change from—		
	Jan. 1997	Feb. 1997	Feb. 1996	Jan. 1997	Nov. to Dec.	Dec. to Jan.	Jan. to Feb.
<b>Expenditure category</b>							
Food and beverages .....	156.9	156.9	3.7	0.0	0.0	-0.2	0.3
Food .....	156.5	156.5	3.8	.0	.0	-.3	.3
Food at home .....	157.9	157.7	4.2	-.1	-.1	-.6	.5
Cereals and bakery products .....	176.5	176.7	2.7	.1	.2	-.2	.1
Cereals and cereal products .....	169.0	167.7	-1.2	-.8	-.3	.7	-.8
Flour and prepared flour mixes .....	158.7	156.6	7.0	-1.3	.2	1.2	-.9
Cereal .....	186.3	184.8	-4.9	-.8	-.1	.0	-.8
Rice, pasta, and commmeal .....	147.3	147.0	3.2	-.2	-.9	1.6	-.2
Bakery products .....	179.8	180.7	4.5	.5	.4	-.3	.2
White bread <sup>1</sup> .....	181.4	183.8	6.3	1.3	.3	-1.1	1.3
Fresh other bread, biscuits, rolls, and muffins <sup>1</sup> .....	180.9	180.9	4.3	.0	-.3	.9	.0
Cookies, fresh cakes, and cupcakes <sup>1</sup> .....	179.1	178.5	3.9	-.3	.4	.2	-.3
Other bakery products .....	178.2	180.1	3.7	1.1	.4	-.1	-.6
Meats, poultry, fish, and eggs .....	149.6	148.8	4.5	-.5	.6	-.4	-.2
Meats, poultry, and fish .....	149.5	148.7	4.5	-.5	.3	.1	-.3
Meats .....	144.5	144.0	4.7	-.3	.2	-.1	-.3
Beef and veal .....	137.5	136.6	1.3	-.7	.4	-.5	-.8
Ground beef other than canned .....	116.9	117.1	1.6	.2	.0	-.3	-.6
Chuck roast <sup>2</sup> .....	144.9	142.1	1.8	-1.9	-.7	.3	-2.8
Round roast <sup>2</sup> .....	128.5	129.5	1.2	.8	2.7	-4.6	1.5
Round steak <sup>2</sup> .....	130.3	130.9	.3	.5	1.8	-4.1	1.5
Sirloin steak <sup>2</sup> .....	137.9	135.0	-.4	-2.1	1.4	-.9	-3.2
Other beef and veal <sup>1 2</sup> .....	161.3	159.0	1.5	-1.4	-.1	1.3	-1.4
Pork .....	155.7	155.2	10.9	-.3	.8	.3	.1
Bacon .....	161.7	161.5	23.4	-.1	.1	.2	.8
Chops .....	155.3	156.3	5.8	.6	1.6	-1.8	2.2
Ham .....	156.1	155.7	8.6	-.3	.3	.6	-.8
Other pork, including sausage <sup>2</sup> .....	152.3	150.5	9.7	-1.2	.2	1.3	-1.1
Other meats <sup>1</sup> .....	147.0	147.8	4.2	.5	-1.2	.5	.5
Poultry <sup>1</sup> .....	158.2	157.9	5.7	-.2	.3	.3	-.2
Fresh whole chicken <sup>1</sup> .....	160.8	159.2	8.6	-1.0	-.1	1.6	-1.0
Fresh and frozen chicken parts <sup>1</sup> .....	159.3	160.0	4.0	.4	.1	-1.4	.4
Other poultry <sup>2</sup> .....	155.4	154.7	5.1	-.5	.7	.5	-.8
Fish and seafood .....	178.6	175.3	1.9	-1.8	.7	.2	-.6
Canned fish and seafood <sup>1</sup> .....	128.2	127.1	1.6	-.9	.2	1.3	-.9
Fresh and frozen fish and seafood <sup>2</sup> .....	202.9	198.6	1.9	-2.1	.7	-.1	-.7
Eggs .....	149.0	147.7	4.6	-.9	6.3	-6.7	1.3
Dairy products <sup>1</sup> .....	147.8	146.2	6.6	-1.1	-.5	-.5	-1.1
Fresh milk and cream <sup>1 2</sup> .....	148.9	146.1	6.4	-1.9	-.4	-.7	-1.9
Fresh whole milk <sup>1</sup> .....	146.7	144.0	5.6	-1.8	-.5	-1.1	-1.8
Other fresh milk and cream <sup>1 2</sup> .....	151.8	148.9	7.5	-1.9	-.3	.0	-1.9
Processed dairy products <sup>2</sup> .....	147.4	147.0	6.8	-.3	-.1	-.9	-.2
Cheese <sup>1 2</sup> .....	149.3	148.8	5.5	-.3	-.5	-.5	-.3
Ice cream and related products .....	151.9	151.5	7.5	-.3	.6	.6	-.2
Other dairy products, including butter <sup>2</sup> .....	133.4	133.5	10.2	.1	-1.9	-2.6	1.0
Fruits and vegetables <sup>3</sup> .....	187.3	187.4	5.5	.1	-1.5	-2.0	3.0
Fresh fruits and vegetables .....	214.8	215.0	5.6	.1	-2.2	-3.1	4.6
Fresh fruits .....	239.1	231.5	5.8	-3.2	.7	-5.3	1.3
Apples .....	198.5	198.1	.9	-.2	-.6	-.1	-2.2
Bananas .....	161.9	170.2	4.7	5.1	-.2	.4	-3.0
Oranges, including tangerines <sup>2</sup> .....	187.4	194.3	-.3	3.7	-2.8	-4.4	4.9
Other fresh fruits <sup>2</sup> .....	290.2	271.5	8.7	-6.4	2.1	-7.8	2.1
Fresh vegetables .....	190.6	198.6	5.4	4.2	-5.8	-.1	8.9
Potatoes .....	164.2	162.8	-9.1	-.9	-1.6	.2	-.9
Lettuce <sup>1</sup> .....	195.9	184.5	11.4	-5.8	-11.7	6.1	-5.8
Tomatoes <sup>1</sup> .....	193.6	211.7	18.9	9.3	.7	.1	9.3
Other fresh vegetables .....	199.3	211.8	5.5	6.3	-5.9	.4	8.4
Processed fruits and vegetables <sup>2</sup> .....	148.3	148.3	5.0	.0	.1	.3	-.1
Processed fruits <sup>1 2</sup> .....	148.6	149.8	5.6	.8	-.1	.9	.8
Fruit juices and frozen fruit <sup>1 2</sup> .....	148.1	149.8	5.9	1.1	-.1	.5	1.1
Canned and dried fruits <sup>2</sup> .....	148.1	147.6	4.7	-.3	.0	1.3	-.1
Processed vegetables <sup>2</sup> .....	148.4	146.6	4.2	-1.2	.2	.3	-.9
Frozen vegetables <sup>2</sup> .....	148.3	147.7	3.6	-.4	.0	1.2	.1
Processed vegetables excluding frozen <sup>2</sup> .....	149.1	146.8	4.5	-1.5	.3	-.1	-1.6

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**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 Feb. 1997 from—		Seasonally adjusted percent change from—		
	Jan. 1997	Feb. 1997	Feb. 1996	Jan. 1997	Nov. to Dec.	Dec. to Jan.	Jan. to Feb.
<b>Expenditure category</b>							
Other food at home .....	144.8	145.4	2.5	0.4	0.3	0.1	0.2
Sugar and sweets .....	146.9	147.2	4.0	.2	.6	.6	.0
Sugar and artificial sweeteners .....	135.0	135.4	3.7	.3	1.1	.4	.3
Sweets, including candy <sup>2</sup> .....	151.8	152.0	4.0	.1	.3	.7	-.1
Fats and oils .....	142.3	142.7	2.1	.3	.1	-.1	.1
Nonalcoholic beverages .....	128.3	128.5	-1.1	.2	.2	.2	-.5
Carbonated drinks .....	120.4	120.2	-.6	-.2	.0	.2	-1.3
Coffee <sup>1</sup> .....	145.9	146.6	-4.1	.5	.2	.2	.5
Other noncarbonated drinks <sup>2</sup> .....	139.6	140.2	2.9	.4	.6	-.9	1.0
Other prepared food .....	159.4	160.6	4.7	.8	.3	-.1	.8
Canned and packaged soup .....	184.6	184.9	4.7	.2	.1	-.1	-.1
Frozen prepared food <sup>1</sup> .....	143.9	146.0	3.9	1.5	1.2	-1.6	1.5
Snacks <sup>1</sup> .....	151.9	154.1	5.1	1.4	-.2	.1	1.4
Seasonings, condiments, sauces, and spices .....	167.5	167.7	5.3	.1	.1	.8	.0
Miscellaneous prepared food, including baby food <sup>2</sup> .....	160.7	161.6	4.1	.6	.4	-.1	.9
Food away from home .....	155.3	155.6	3.1	.2	.2	.3	.2
Lunch <sup>2</sup> .....	156.0	156.3	3.1	.2	.2	.3	.2
Dinner <sup>2</sup> .....	153.1	153.3	2.8	.1	.2	.3	.1
Other meals and snacks <sup>1 2</sup> .....	159.0	159.4	3.7	.3	.4	.2	.3
Alcoholic beverages .....	161.1	161.8	3.3	.4	.3	.2	.2
Alcoholic beverages at home .....	148.5	149.4	2.7	.6	.5	.0	.1
Beer and ale .....	148.6	149.1	1.7	.3	.6	-.1	-.1
Wine .....	142.7	144.3	5.2	1.1	1.2	.0	.3
Distilled spirits .....	148.8	149.7	2.4	.6	.1	-.1	.6
Alcoholic beverages away from home .....	186.5	187.0	3.9	.3	.3	.5	.3
Housing <sup>3</sup> .....	155.1	155.8	3.0	.5	.2	.3	.3
Shelter .....	173.6	174.6	3.1	.6	.2	.3	.3
Renters' costs <sup>2 4</sup> .....	182.7	185.3	3.6	1.4	.1	.6	.3
Rent, residential .....	164.4	164.8	2.7	.2	.2	.2	.1
Other renters' costs <sup>2</sup> .....	217.3	226.4	5.7	4.2	-.2	1.4	.9
Lodging while out of town .....	216.0	226.1	6.0	4.7	-.2	1.6	.8
Lodging while at school <sup>4</sup> .....	219.0	220.5	4.7	.7	.3	.3	1.0
Tenants' insurance <sup>1 2</sup> .....	156.4	157.5	3.3	.7	-1.4	.4	.7
Homeowners' costs <sup>2 4</sup> .....	179.1	179.5	2.8	.2	.2	.2	.3
Owners' equivalent rent <sup>4</sup> .....	179.5	179.9	2.8	.2	.2	.2	.3
Household insurance <sup>2 4</sup> .....	162.6	163.8	3.3	.7	-1.2	.2	.9
Maintenance and repairs <sup>1 2</sup> .....	141.5	142.3	3.9	.6	.3	.0	.6
Maintenance and repair services <sup>1 2</sup> .....	148.2	148.4	3.8	.1	.3	.1	.1
Maintenance and repair commodities <sup>1 2</sup> .....	132.5	133.9	4.0	1.1	.2	-.1	1.1
Materials, supplies, and equipment for home repairs <sup>1 2 5</sup> .....	127.5	127.5	6.2	.0	.5	.8	.0
Other maintenance and repair commodities <sup>1 2</sup> .....	125.7	128.2	2.2	2.0	-.1	-.8	2.0
Fuel and other utilities <sup>3</sup> .....	130.8	131.0	4.8	.2	.5	.7	.3
Fuels .....	119.1	119.2	6.0	.1	.8	1.0	.5
Fuel oil and other household fuel commodities .....	111.5	109.6	12.2	-1.7	2.9	-1.2	-1.9
Fuel oil .....	107.9	107.0	12.4	-.8	1.6	-.6	-1.6
Other household fuel commodities <sup>1 5</sup> .....	147.6	142.0	11.7	-3.8	9.0	.5	-3.8
Gas (piped) and electricity (energy services) .....	124.9	125.3	5.2	.3	.4	1.4	.7
Electricity .....	128.9	129.3	1.1	.3	.0	-.2	.5
Utility (piped) gas .....	120.8	121.0	14.4	.2	1.4	4.8	1.2
Other utilities and public services <sup>2</sup> .....	159.7	160.2	3.4	.3	.3	.3	.0
Telephone services <sup>1 2</sup> .....	127.6	127.6	2.3	.0	.2	.3	.0
Local charges <sup>1 2</sup> .....	161.7	162.3	1.0	.4	.1	-.2	.4
Interstate toll calls <sup>1</sup> .....	80.4	78.8	4.0	-2.0	.0	2.3	-2.0
Intrastate toll calls <sup>1</sup> .....	91.9	93.6	7.3	1.8	.9	-.2	1.8
Water and sewerage maintenance .....	206.4	206.7	3.0	.1	.3	.2	.0
Cable television <sup>6</sup> .....	220.3	223.8	8.2	1.6	.3	.5	.9
Refuse collection <sup>1 6</sup> .....	248.0	248.1	1.7	.0	-.1	.1	.0

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

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Item and group	Unadjusted indexes		Unadjusted percent change to Feb. 1997 from—		Seasonally adjusted percent change from—		
	Jan. 1997	Feb. 1997	Feb. 1996	Jan. 1997	Nov. to Dec.	Dec. to Jan.	Jan. to Feb.
<b>Expenditure category</b>							
Household furnishings and operation <sup>3</sup> .....	124.9	125.2	0.7	0.2	0.2	-0.2	0.2
Housefurnishings <sup>2</sup> .....	110.8	111.2	-2	.4	.2	-.4	.2
Textile housefurnishings <sup>1 2</sup> .....	120.2	120.8	-1.4	.5	.1	.4	.5
Furniture and bedding <sup>1</sup> .....	133.3	133.2	.4	-.1	-.1	-.9	-.1
Bedroom furniture <sup>1</sup> .....	139.7	139.2	1.8	-.4	.4	-1.3	-.4
Sofas <sup>1 2</sup> .....	140.7	140.9	2.7	.1	.6	-1.6	.1
Living room chairs and tables <sup>1 2</sup> .....	135.2	135.4	-1.7	.1	-.5	-.9	.1
Other furniture <sup>2</sup> .....	121.4	121.6	-1.3	.2	-.6	-.7	.5
Appliances, including electronic equipment <sup>1 2</sup> .....	76.9	77.0	-2.2	.1	.1	-.3	.1
Video and audio products <sup>1 2</sup> .....	70.5	70.6	-2.1	.1	.3	-.1	.1
Televisions <sup>1</sup> .....	63.1	63.1	-4.4	.0	.5	.3	.0
Video products other than televisions <sup>1 2 7</sup> .....	66.5	65.9	-1.3	-.9	-.4	-.3	-.9
Audio products <sup>1 2</sup> .....	89.8	90.3	-.9	.6	.3	-.4	.6
Major household appliances <sup>1 2 5</sup> .....	103.4	103.8	1.3	.4	.3	-.3	.4
Refrigerators and home freezers <sup>1 2</sup> .....	110.9	111.7	3.4	.7	.9	-.4	.7
Laundry equipment <sup>1</sup> .....	112.9	113.4	2.3	.4	-.3	-.3	.4
Stoves, ovens, dishwashers, and air conditioners <sup>1 2 5</sup> .....	93.6	93.8	-1.4	.2	.3	-.2	.2
Information processing equipment <sup>1 7</sup> .....	53.5	53.2	-12.8	-.6	-.9	-.7	-.6
Other housefurnishings <sup>1 2 5</sup> .....	115.7	116.6	.8	.8	.6	.3	.8
Floor and window coverings, infants', laundry, cleaning, and outdoor equipment <sup>1 2</sup> .....	143.8	145.3	3.9	1.0	1.0	1.1	1.0
Clocks, lamps, and decor items <sup>1</sup> .....	117.4	120.1	-1.2	2.3	-.6	.3	2.3
Tableware, serving pieces, and nonelectric kitchenware <sup>1 2</sup> .....	123.8	124.9	1.7	.9	-2.0	2.8	.9
Lawn equipment, power tools, and other hardware <sup>1 2</sup> .....	110.7	110.6	2.9	-.1	.5	.3	-.1
Sewing, floor cleaning, small kitchen, and portable heating appliances <sup>1 2 5</sup> .....	90.2	91.1	1.7	1.0	1.1	.6	1.0
Indoor plants and fresh cut flowers <sup>1 8</sup> .....	112.7	111.5	-3.8	-1.1	4.8	-3.2	-1.1
Housekeeping supplies .....	142.3	142.5	1.5	.1	.0	.4	.1
Laundry and cleaning products, including soap <sup>1 2</sup> .....	146.3	145.7	2.6	-.4	-.1	.7	-.4
Household paper products and stationery supplies <sup>1 2</sup> .....	145.5	145.7	.2	.1	.0	.1	.1
Other household, lawn, and garden supplies <sup>1 2</sup> .....	134.4	135.6	1.8	.9	-.7	1.0	.9
Housekeeping services <sup>2</sup> .....	149.6	149.9	2.5	.2	.3	-.5	.1
Postage <sup>1</sup> .....	160.3	160.3	.0	.0	.0	.0	.0
Appliance and furniture repair <sup>1 2</sup> .....	158.5	158.5	2.7	.0	.1	-.3	.0
Gardening and other household services <sup>2 5</sup> .....	136.6	136.7	2.4	.1	1.1	-1.4	-.2
<b>Apparel and upkeep</b> .....	129.6	131.9	.5	1.8	.1	.4	.2
Apparel commodities <sup>2</sup> .....	125.8	128.2	.3	1.9	.0	.5	.2
Apparel commodities less footwear .....	125.9	128.6	.4	2.1	.0	.6	.2
Men's and boys' <sup>1</sup> .....	127.0	127.3	.7	.2	-.5	1.0	-.9
Men's .....	130.0	130.8	1.5	.6	-.1	1.4	-.2
Suits, sport coats, coats, and jackets .....	130.6	130.7	-1.4	.1	-1.0	.8	-1.1
Furnishings and special clothing .....	123.4	123.6	3.9	.2	1.0	2.4	.5
Shirts <sup>2</sup> .....	135.2	136.9	3.2	1.3	-1.0	1.2	-.1
Dungarees, jeans, and trousers .....	131.7	133.0	.8	1.0	.2	2.2	-.7
Boys' .....	114.5	112.6	-2.8	-1.7	.1	-.8	-2.7
Women's and girls' <sup>1</sup> .....	121.5	126.1	1.2	3.8	.7	.6	.7
Women's .....	121.2	126.2	1.9	4.1	.8	.6	1.0
Coats and jackets .....	118.9	117.7	.0	-1.0	.2	-2.2	-.8
Dresses .....	106.9	116.2	5.6	8.7	5.7	1.2	2.5
Separates and sportswear <sup>2</sup> .....	124.4	127.6	1.7	2.6	-.2	2.5	-.9
Underwear, nightwear, hosiery, and accessories <sup>2</sup> .....	131.5	133.4	.4	1.4	.0	-.8	1.4
Suits <sup>2</sup> .....	132.2	153.4	1.8	16.0	.9	-4.1	10.0
Girls' .....	123.1	125.7	-2.8	2.1	.2	.2	-.4
Infants' and toddlers' <sup>1</sup> .....	127.9	127.2	-5.4	-.5	.2	.8	-.5
Other apparel commodities <sup>2</sup> .....	145.6	146.9	-1.9	.9	-1.9	.1	.7
Sewing materials, notions, and luggage <sup>1 5</sup> .....	129.2	128.5	-2.4	-.5	-3.1	1.1	-.5
Watches and jewelry <sup>5</sup> .....	144.8	146.5	-1.7	1.2	-1.8	.1	.7
Watches <sup>1 5</sup> .....	126.9	126.2	-3.4	-.6	-2.9	3.5	-.6
Jewelry <sup>5</sup> .....	150.0	152.2	-1.4	1.5	-1.9	-.7	1.1
Footwear .....	125.0	126.3	.4	1.0	.3	-.8	.2
Men's .....	131.7	132.6	.9	.7	.2	.2	.4
Boys' and girls' .....	128.7	131.4	5.0	2.1	.2	.2	1.7
Women's .....	118.0	118.9	-2.0	.8	.2	-1.6	-.7
Apparel services <sup>1 2</sup> .....	161.7	162.2	2.3	.3	.4	.1	.3
Laundry and dry cleaning other than coin operated <sup>1 2</sup> .....	164.9	165.8	3.6	.5	.6	.1	.5
Other apparel services <sup>1 2</sup> .....	158.5	158.7	1.0	.1	.1	.2	.1

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

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Item and group	Unadjusted indexes		Unadjusted percent change to Feb. 1997 from—		Seasonally adjusted percent change from—		
	Jan. 1997	Feb. 1997	Feb. 1996	Jan. 1997	Nov. to Dec.	Dec. to Jan.	Jan. to Feb.
<b>Expenditure category</b>							
Transportation .....	145.0	144.8	3.1	-0.1	0.6	-0.2	-0.1
Private .....	141.8	141.9	3.2	.1	.6	.1	.2
New vehicles .....	145.4	145.4	1.3	.0	.1	-.2	.0
New cars .....	143.0	142.9	1.1	-.1	.1	-.2	.0
Subcompact new cars <sup>2 5</sup> .....	124.1	123.7	.4	-.3	-.1	-.2	-.1
Compact new cars <sup>2 5</sup> .....	123.8	123.8	2.2	.0	.2	-.5	.2
Intermediate new cars <sup>2 5</sup> .....	122.3	122.2	.3	-.1	.1	-.3	.1
Full-size new cars <sup>2 5</sup> .....	126.1	126.3	2.4	.2	.3	-.4	.2
Luxury new cars <sup>2 5</sup> .....	134.5	134.2	1.3	-.2	.2	.0	-.5
New trucks <sup>6</sup> .....	152.0	152.7	2.4	.5	-.3	.1	.4
New motorcycles <sup>5</sup> .....	163.4	163.3	2.6	-.1	.2	.9	-.5
Used cars .....	154.7	154.4	-2.0	-.2	-.4	.1	.5
Motor fuel .....	108.6	108.1	10.1	-5	2.5	.6	.0
Gasoline .....	107.9	107.4	9.8	-5	2.5	.7	.0
Gasoline, unleaded regular .....	106.1	105.5	10.4	-6	2.9	.6	-.2
Gasoline, unleaded midgrade <sup>1 9</sup> .....	112.5	112.0	9.4	-4	.8	.1	-.4
Gasoline, unleaded premium .....	109.3	108.6	8.6	-6	2.2	.6	.1
Automobile maintenance and repair .....	161.1	161.2	2.9	.1	.2	.4	-.1
Body work <sup>1</sup> .....	169.2	170.0	4.4	.5	.4	.4	.5
Automobile drive train, brake, and miscellaneous mechanical repair <sup>1 2</sup> .....	168.8	169.0	3.0	.1	-.3	.7	.1
Maintenance and servicing <sup>1</sup> .....	148.4	148.1	2.3	-.2	-.1	.1	-.2
Power plant repair <sup>2</sup> .....	166.8	167.0	3.0	.1	.3	.2	-.1
Other private transportation <sup>2</sup> .....	176.2	177.1	2.3	.5	.0	-.1	.5
Other private transportation commodities <sup>2</sup> .....	105.2	105.4	.0	.2	-.1	-.2	.3
Motor oil, coolant, and other products <sup>1</sup> .....	131.1	130.5	-1.4	-5	.0	-.7	-.5
Automobile parts and equipment .....	102.4	102.6	.1	.2	-.1	-.1	.3
Tires .....	101.9	101.9	.2	.0	.2	.1	.0
Other parts and equipment <sup>1 2</sup> .....	107.1	107.6	.2	.5	.0	.1	.5
Other private transportation services <sup>2</sup> .....	193.0	194.1	2.6	.6	.0	-.1	.6
Automobile insurance .....	249.5	249.9	3.7	.2	.1	.1	.5
Automobile finance charges <sup>2</sup> .....	95.1	95.3	1.4	.2	-1.1	.1	.2
Automobile fees <sup>1 2</sup> .....	179.9	183.9	-3	2.2	-.3	.3	2.2
Automobile registration, licensing, and inspection fees <sup>1 2</sup> .....	183.7	183.7	.1	.0	-.1	-.1	.0
Other automobile-related fees <sup>1 2</sup> .....	177.3	185.3	-7	4.5	-5	.7	4.0
Public transportation .....	185.8	182.4	2.8	-1.8	1.4	-2.9	-2.5
Airline fares <sup>1</sup> .....	198.1	192.9	2.4	-2.6	2.3	-3.2	-2.6
Other intercity transportation <sup>1</sup> .....	156.1	154.2	-.1	-1.2	.1	.6	-1.2
Intracity public transportation <sup>1</sup> .....	174.5	174.8	5.1	.2	-.6	-.1	.2
Medical care .....	231.8	232.7	2.9	.4	.2	.2	.2
Medical care commodities .....	212.8	213.9	2.6	.5	.1	.2	.3
Prescription drugs .....	246.5	247.6	3.1	.4	.3	.3	.2
Nonprescription drugs and medical supplies <sup>1 5</sup> .....	143.6	144.7	1.5	.8	-.1	.2	.8
Internal and respiratory over-the-counter drugs <sup>1</sup> .....	171.0	172.8	2.1	1.1	.2	-.1	1.1
Nonprescription medical equipment and supplies <sup>1</sup> .....	169.3	169.7	.5	.2	-.5	.8	.2
Medical care services .....	236.3	237.1	3.0	.3	.2	.2	.2
Professional medical services .....	212.2	213.2	3.4	.5	.2	.4	.1
Physicians' services .....	219.8	220.7	2.9	.4	.0	.5	.0
Dental services <sup>1</sup> .....	222.3	223.5	5.0	.5	.2	.5	.5
Eye care <sup>1 5</sup> .....	140.2	140.8	1.2	.4	.0	.2	.4
Services by other medical professionals <sup>5</sup> .....	149.1	150.6	3.7	1.0	.1	.3	.7
Hospital and related services .....	275.7	276.6	3.8	.3	.4	.3	.1
Hospital services <sup>10</sup> .....	100.8	101.0	-	.2	-	.8	.2
Inpatient hospital services <sup>10</sup> .....	100.6	100.8	-	.2	-	.6	.2
Outpatient hospital services <sup>5</sup> .....	221.5	223.2	5.4	.8	.8	.8	.5
Nursing home services <sup>10</sup> .....	100.4	101.3	-	.9	-	.4	.9

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	Jan. 1997	Feb. 1997	Feb. 1996	Jan. 1997	Nov. to Dec.	Dec. to Jan.	Jan. to Feb.
<b>Expenditure category</b>							
Entertainment <sup>2</sup> .....	161.3	161.8	2.2	0.3	0.3	0.0	0.2
Entertainment commodities <sup>2</sup> .....	144.2	144.3	1.3	.1	.3	-.3	.1
Reading materials <sup>1</sup> .....	178.4	178.4	1.6	.0	.2	.1	.0
Newspapers <sup>1 2</sup> .....	191.0	191.2	1.9	.1	.2	.1	.1
Magazines, periodicals, and books <sup>1 2</sup> .....	166.8	166.6	1.2	-.1	.2	.1	-.1
Sporting goods and equipment <sup>1</sup> .....	123.3	123.3	-1.0	.0	.5	.2	.0
Sport vehicles, including bicycles <sup>1</sup> .....	124.6	125.4	-1.3	.6	1.5	-.2	.6
Other sporting goods <sup>1</sup> .....	119.3	118.7	-.8	-.5	-.3	.8	-.5
Toys, hobbies, and other entertainment <sup>1 2</sup> .....	133.3	133.6	2.3	.2	-.3	.1	.2
Toys, hobbies, and music equipment <sup>2</sup> .....	126.0	126.7	1.1	.6	-.2	-1.0	.6
Photographic supplies and equipment <sup>1</sup> .....	133.6	134.2	.6	.4	-.2	.5	.4
Pet supplies and expense <sup>1</sup> .....	143.0	142.7	4.2	-.2	.6	.3	-.2
Entertainment services <sup>2</sup> .....	181.3	182.1	2.9	.4	.3	.2	.3
Club memberships <sup>2 5</sup> .....	131.9	132.9	-1.2	.8	-.8	-.4	.0
Fees for participant sports, excluding club memberships <sup>2 5</sup> .....	169.9	170.4	4.0	.3	.7	1.1	-.1
Admissions <sup>1</sup> .....	194.1	195.6	3.3	.8	-.1	.2	.8
Fees for lessons or instructions <sup>5</sup> .....	165.5	166.8	6.1	.8	.5	.1	.4
Other entertainment services <sup>1 2 5</sup> .....	141.5	141.5	2.9	.0	1.1	.1	.0
Other goods and services <sup>3</sup> .....	220.0	220.7	3.8	.3	.1	.4	.5
Tobacco and smoking products .....	236.4	237.4	3.3	.4	-.3	.4	.6
Personal care <sup>1</sup> .....	151.6	151.5	1.5	-.1	-.5	.7	-.1
Toilet goods and personal care appliances <sup>1</sup> .....	143.6	143.3	-.6	-.2	-1.3	.6	-.2
Cosmetics, bath and nail preparations, manicure and eye makeup implements <sup>1</sup> .....	151.2	152.3	3.9	.7	.3	.4	.7
Other toilet goods and small personal care appliances, including hair and dental products <sup>1</sup> .....	138.2	137.0	-3.8	-.9	-2.6	.7	-.9
Personal care services <sup>1</sup> .....	160.7	160.7	3.5	.0	.4	.9	.0
Beauty parlor services for females <sup>1 2</sup> .....	159.6	159.8	3.2	.1	.4	.9	.1
Haircuts and other barber shop services for males <sup>2</sup> .....	164.3	163.6	5.1	-.4	.2	.9	-.4
Personal and educational expenses <sup>2</sup> .....	254.0	255.0	4.6	.4	.4	.3	.6
School books and supplies .....	234.5	235.3	4.7	.3	.4	-.1	.4
Personal and educational services <sup>2</sup> .....	255.8	256.7	4.6	.4	.4	.4	.6
Tuition and other school fees .....	275.1	275.3	4.9	.1	.4	.5	.4
College tuition .....	289.3	289.3	5.4	.0	.5	.6	.4
Elementary and high school tuition .....	280.5	280.5	4.6	.0	.5	.4	.3
Day care and nursery school <sup>8</sup> .....	132.2	132.7	3.9	.4	.3	.4	.3
Personal expenses .....	219.4	221.8	4.2	1.1	.4	.2	.8
Legal service fees <sup>1 5</sup> .....	159.7	160.1	4.2	.3	.0	.3	.3
Personal financial services <sup>1 5</sup> .....	185.0	188.4	3.4	1.8	.1	.8	1.8
Funeral expenses <sup>5</sup> .....	164.9	166.8	4.8	1.2	.4	.2	1.0
<b>Special Indexes</b>							
Domestically produced farm food .....	160.0	159.7	4.7	-.2	-.1	-.9	.6
Selected beef cuts .....	129.8	129.3	1.2	-.4	.5	-1.2	-.8
Motor fuel, motor oil, coolant, and other products <sup>2</sup> .....	109.0	108.5	9.9	-.5	2.3	.7	.0
Utilities and public transportation .....	145.0	144.9	4.1	-.1	.5	.1	.1
Housekeeping and home maintenance services <sup>1 2</sup> .....	149.7	149.9	2.5	.1	.3	-.3	.1

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

<sup>2</sup> This index series will no longer appear in its present form after December, 1997. See Table X for a comparable index series.

<sup>3</sup> This index series will undergo a change in composition in January, 1998.

<sup>4</sup> Indexes on a December 1982=100 base.

<sup>5</sup> Indexes on a December 1986=100 base.

<sup>6</sup> Indexes on a December 1983=100 base.

<sup>7</sup> Indexes on a December 1988=100 base.

<sup>8</sup> Indexes on a December 1990=100 base.

<sup>9</sup> Indexes on a December 1993=100 base.

<sup>10</sup> Indexes on a December 1996=100 base.

- Data not available.

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					
	Jan. 1997	Feb. 1997	3 months ended—				6 months ended—	
			May 1996	Aug. 1996	Nov. 1996	Feb. 1997	Aug. 1996	Feb. 1997
<b>Expenditure category</b>								
Food and beverages .....	156.3	156.8	3.2	5.9	5.3	0.5	4.5	2.9
Food .....	156.0	156.5	3.2	6.2	5.3	.3	4.7	2.7
Food at home .....	156.7	157.5	3.5	8.4	6.0	-8	5.9	2.6
Cereals and bakery products .....	176.3	176.4	4.3	2.1	4.4	.2	3.2	2.3
Cereals and cereal products .....	169.0	167.7	-9	-2.8	.5	-1.4	-1.9	-5
Flour and prepared flour mixes .....	157.7	156.3	6.7	24.0	-2.5	1.8	15.0	-4
Cereal .....	186.5	185.0	-4.6	-10.6	-4	-3.6	-7.7	-2.0
Rice, pasta, and cornmeal .....	147.3	147.0	.8	7.8	2.8	1.9	4.3	2.4
Bakery products .....	179.8	180.2	6.7	4.4	5.8	1.3	5.5	3.5
White bread <sup>1</sup> .....	181.4	183.8	5.7	13.7	4.0	2.2	9.6	3.1
Fresh other bread, biscuits, rolls, and muffins <sup>1</sup> .....	180.9	180.9	3.3	7.8	3.9	2.5	5.5	3.2
Cookies, fresh cakes, and cupcakes <sup>1</sup> .....	179.1	178.5	5.7	-4.1	13.6	1.1	.7	7.2
Other bakery products .....	180.3	179.2	7.1	3.2	5.8	-1.1	5.2	2.3
Meats, poultry, fish, and eggs .....	148.7	148.4	.0	11.4	7.0	.0	5.6	3.5
Meats, poultry, and fish .....	149.1	148.6	-3	12.7	6.1	.0	6.0	3.0
Meats .....	144.2	143.8	-1.4	15.8	6.1	-6	6.8	2.7
Beef and veal .....	136.7	135.6	-7.3	13.4	4.2	-3.7	2.6	.1
Ground beef other than canned .....	116.2	115.5	-7.9	18.4	1.7	-3.7	4.4	-1.0
Chuck roast <sup>2</sup> .....	144.0	139.9	-1.4	22.1	1.4	-12.1	9.7	-5.6
Round roast <sup>2</sup> .....	125.2	127.1	-13.9	13.2	10.0	-2.5	-1.3	3.6
Round steak <sup>2</sup> .....	127.9	129.8	-5.1	-5.2	16.5	-3.6	-5.2	6.0
Sirloin steak <sup>2</sup> .....	140.6	136.1	-7.7	12.8	5.6	-10.7	2.1	-2.9
Other beef and veal <sup>1 2</sup> .....	161.3	159.0	-7.7	11.4	3.9	-8	1.4	1.5
Pork .....	156.3	156.4	7.3	25.2	7.6	4.5	15.9	6.0
Bacon .....	161.7	163.0	29.8	70.4	.0	4.8	48.7	2.4
Chops .....	154.5	157.9	4.4	10.5	.8	8.3	7.4	4.4
Ham .....	158.0	156.8	2.0	17.0	16.0	.5	9.2	8.0
Other pork, including sausage <sup>2</sup> .....	152.8	151.1	3.5	22.4	12.3	1.6	12.6	6.8
Other meats <sup>1</sup> .....	147.0	147.8	1.4	7.2	9.1	-5	4.3	4.2
Poultry <sup>1</sup> .....	158.2	157.9	.5	13.8	7.4	1.5	6.9	4.4
Fresh whole chicken <sup>1</sup> .....	160.8	159.2	6.1	23.0	4.1	2.3	14.3	3.2
Fresh and frozen chicken parts <sup>1</sup> .....	159.3	160.0	-3.3	7.8	16.4	-3.4	2.1	6.0
Other poultry <sup>2</sup> .....	155.3	154.1	3.9	9.2	5.7	1.8	6.5	3.7
Fish and seafood .....	175.8	174.8	4.0	-2.1	4.5	1.2	.9	2.8
Canned fish and seafood <sup>1</sup> .....	128.2	127.1	2.3	1.0	.3	2.9	1.6	1.6
Fresh and frozen fish and seafood <sup>2</sup> .....	198.9	197.6	5.0	-2.6	5.2	.0	1.1	2.6
Eggs .....	142.6	144.5	4.1	-2.6	15.5	2.0	.7	8.5
Dairy products <sup>1</sup> .....	147.8	146.2	1.2	22.0	13.6	-8.1	11.1	2.2
Fresh milk and cream <sup>1 2</sup> .....	148.9	146.1	1.2	20.9	18.0	-11.2	10.6	2.4
Fresh whole milk <sup>1</sup> .....	146.7	144.0	.6	19.8	18.5	-12.8	9.8	1.7
Other fresh milk and cream <sup>1 2</sup> .....	151.8	148.9	2.0	22.7	16.8	-8.6	11.9	3.3
Processed dairy products <sup>2</sup> .....	146.8	146.5	4.4	18.8	10.0	-5.0	11.4	2.2
Cheese <sup>1 2</sup> .....	149.3	148.8	2.0	14.6	12.0	-5.5	8.1	2.9
Ice cream and related products .....	151.1	150.8	6.1	10.8	9.1	4.1	8.4	6.5
Other dairy products, including butter <sup>2</sup> .....	132.8	134.1	1.0	60.4	5.0	-13.4	27.3	-4.6
Fruits and vegetables <sup>3</sup> .....	182.2	187.7	10.0	7.7	6.4	-2.1	8.8	2.1
Fresh fruits and vegetables .....	205.6	215.1	10.4	8.5	7.1	-3.3	9.4	1.8
Fresh fruits .....	232.4	235.4	15.6	4.9	18.4	-13.1	10.1	1.5
Apples .....	204.4	199.9	10.0	-4.6	11.2	-11.3	2.4	-7
Bananas .....	166.3	161.3	20.6	-19.2	38.5	-11.1	-1.3	11.0
Oranges, including tangerines <sup>2</sup> .....	215.9	226.5	27.4	22.0	-29.6	-9.8	24.7	-20.3
Other fresh fruits <sup>2</sup> .....	265.5	271.2	13.3	8.5	33.4	-14.7	10.9	6.7
Fresh vegetables .....	180.3	196.4	4.6	12.9	-5.2	10.4	8.7	2.3
Potatoes .....	171.4	169.9	-6.5	-9.4	-11.9	-8.5	-8.0	-10.2
Lettuce <sup>1</sup> .....	195.9	184.5	28.5	-1.4	100.2	-39.3	12.6	10.3
Tomatoes <sup>1</sup> .....	193.6	211.7	166.8	-68.3	60.4	47.5	-8.0	53.8
Other fresh vegetables .....	184.9	200.4	-4.6	27.3	-7.4	10.0	10.3	.9
Processed fruits and vegetables <sup>2</sup> .....	148.3	148.1	9.1	6.0	4.2	1.1	7.5	2.6
Processed fruits <sup>1 2</sup> .....	148.6	149.8	11.1	4.2	.8	6.4	7.6	3.6
Fruit juices and frozen fruit <sup>1 2</sup> .....	148.1	149.8	12.4	3.6	1.6	6.1	7.9	3.8
Canned and dried fruits <sup>2</sup> .....	147.8	147.6	5.8	3.7	4.5	4.7	4.7	4.6
Processed vegetables <sup>2</sup> .....	147.9	146.5	6.4	8.7	4.2	-1.9	7.5	1.1
Frozen vegetables <sup>2</sup> .....	147.4	147.6	3.4	5.4	.6	5.6	4.4	3.0
Processed vegetables excluding frozen <sup>2</sup> .....	149.0	146.6	8.5	9.8	5.6	-5.3	9.2	.0

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**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					
	Jan. 1997	Feb. 1997	3 months ended—				6 months ended—	
			May 1996	Aug. 1996	Nov. 1996	Feb. 1997	Aug. 1996	Feb. 1997
<b>Expenditure category</b>								
Other food at home .....	144.5	144.8	3.1	1.7	2.5	2.2	2.4	2.4
Sugar and sweets .....	146.9	146.9	4.6	4.0	2.2	4.8	4.3	3.5
Sugar and artificial sweeteners .....	134.6	135.0	7.3	4.9	-4.4	7.4	6.1	1.3
Sweets, including candy <sup>2</sup> .....	151.8	151.7	4.2	3.9	4.7	3.5	4.0	4.1
Fats and oils .....	141.9	142.1	2.0	3.5	2.3	.8	2.8	1.6
Nonalcoholic beverages .....	127.9	127.3	.9	-6	-4.3	-6	.2	-2.5
Carbonated drinks .....	119.9	118.3	4.8	2.3	-4.5	-4.6	3.6	-4.6
Coffee <sup>1</sup> .....	145.9	146.6	-5.4	-7.0	-7.4	3.6	-6.2	-2.0
Other noncarbonated drinks <sup>2</sup> .....	138.4	139.8	2.7	5.1	.9	2.9	3.9	1.9
Other prepared food .....	159.4	160.6	5.0	2.3	7.6	3.8	3.7	5.7
Canned and packaged soup .....	186.2	186.0	6.9	7.7	4.9	-6	7.3	2.1
Frozen prepared food <sup>1</sup> .....	143.9	146.0	6.4	1.7	3.4	4.2	4.0	3.8
Snacks <sup>1</sup> .....	151.9	154.1	-8	6.7	9.2	5.6	2.9	7.4
Seasonings, condiments, sauces, and spices .....	167.2	167.2	9.4	1.2	7.1	3.7	5.2	5.3
Miscellaneous prepared food, including baby food <sup>2</sup> .....	160.2	161.6	3.9	.0	8.2	4.6	1.9	6.4
Food away from home .....	155.3	155.6	2.7	2.9	4.0	2.6	2.8	3.3
Lunch <sup>2</sup> .....	156.0	156.3	2.1	3.5	3.7	2.9	2.8	3.3
Dinner <sup>2</sup> .....	153.1	153.3	2.7	2.7	3.5	2.4	2.7	2.9
Other meals and snacks <sup>1 2</sup> .....	159.0	159.4	4.0	1.8	5.8	3.3	2.9	4.5
Alcoholic beverages .....	161.4	161.8	3.4	3.1	3.8	3.0	3.2	3.4
Alcoholic beverages at home .....	148.9	149.1	2.8	3.0	2.2	2.7	2.9	2.5
Beer and ale .....	149.0	148.8	2.5	2.5	.8	1.4	2.5	1.1
Wine .....	143.2	143.6	5.1	4.1	5.3	6.1	4.6	5.7
Distilled spirits .....	148.9	149.8	1.7	3.0	2.5	2.4	2.3	2.4
Alcoholic beverages away from home .....	186.8	187.4	3.6	2.9	4.9	4.4	3.2	4.6
Housing <sup>3</sup> .....	155.2	155.6	2.9	2.7	3.2	3.1	2.8	3.2
Shelter .....	173.4	174.0	2.9	3.1	2.8	3.3	3.0	3.1
Renters' costs <sup>2 4</sup> .....	182.8	183.4	3.0	3.9	3.1	4.3	3.4	3.7
Rent, residential .....	164.4	164.6	2.8	2.8	2.7	2.5	2.8	2.6
Other renters' costs <sup>2</sup> .....	221.1	223.1	3.7	6.7	3.9	8.9	5.2	6.4
Lodging while out of town .....	220.5	222.3	3.9	6.8	4.2	9.1	5.3	6.6
Lodging while at school <sup>4</sup> .....	218.4	220.5	4.2	4.6	3.2	6.6	4.4	4.9
Tenants' insurance <sup>1 2</sup> .....	156.4	157.5	2.4	7.2	5.2	-1.3	4.8	1.9
Homeowners' costs <sup>2 4</sup> .....	179.0	179.5	2.8	2.8	2.7	2.7	2.8	2.7
Owners' equivalent rent <sup>4</sup> .....	179.3	179.9	2.8	2.8	2.7	2.9	2.8	2.8
Household insurance <sup>2 4</sup> .....	162.9	164.3	2.3	4.6	7.1	-5	3.4	3.2
Maintenance and repairs <sup>1 2</sup> .....	141.5	142.3	5.4	2.6	4.1	3.4	4.0	3.8
Maintenance and repair services <sup>1 2</sup> .....	148.2	148.4	4.8	6.8	1.4	2.2	5.8	1.8
Maintenance and repair commodities <sup>1 2</sup> .....	132.5	133.9	6.7	-3.9	8.6	4.9	1.2	6.7
Materials, supplies, and equipment for home repairs <sup>1 2 5</sup> .....	127.5	127.5	9.3	-2.9	13.8	5.2	3.0	9.4
Other maintenance and repair commodities <sup>1 2</sup> .....	125.7	128.2	4.5	-4.3	4.5	4.5	.0	4.5
Fuel and other utilities <sup>3</sup> .....	131.2	131.6	4.9	2.9	5.1	6.3	3.9	5.7
Fuels .....	118.8	119.4	4.3	2.1	7.2	9.6	3.2	8.4
Fuel oil and other household fuel commodities .....	108.2	106.1	20.9	-14.5	54.7	-1.1	1.7	23.7
Fuel oil .....	105.2	103.5	27.7	-20.3	60.4	-2.3	.9	25.2
Other household fuel commodities <sup>1 5</sup> .....	147.6	142.0	-4.3	-11.8	49.6	23.5	-8.2	35.9
Gas (piped) and electricity (energy services) .....	125.3	126.2	3.0	4.0	3.0	10.5	3.5	6.7
Electricity .....	131.8	132.5	1.2	3.1	-1.2	1.2	2.1	.0
Utility (piped) gas .....	118.6	120.0	7.0	6.5	12.3	33.7	6.8	22.5
Other utilities and public services <sup>2</sup> .....	160.0	160.0	5.0	3.4	3.3	2.0	4.2	2.7
Telephone services <sup>1 2</sup> .....	127.6	127.6	2.3	3.6	1.6	1.9	2.9	1.7
Local charges <sup>1 2</sup> .....	161.7	162.3	-1.0	2.5	1.5	1.0	.7	1.2
Interstate toll calls <sup>1</sup> .....	80.4	78.8	12.1	2.1	1.0	1.0	7.0	1.0
Intrastate toll calls <sup>1</sup> .....	91.9	93.6	6.6	10.8	1.8	10.5	8.7	6.0
Water and sewerage maintenance .....	206.6	206.5	13.2	-6.2	3.8	2.2	3.0	3.0
Cable television <sup>6</sup> .....	221.4	223.3	5.3	12.8	7.6	7.1	9.0	7.4
Refuse collection <sup>1 6</sup> .....	248.0	248.1	.3	4.8	1.8	.0	2.6	.9

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	Jan. 1997	Feb. 1997	3 months ended—				6 months ended—	
			May 1996	Aug. 1996	Nov. 1996	Feb. 1997	Aug. 1996	Feb. 1997
<b>Expenditure category</b>								
Household furnishings and operation <sup>3</sup> .....	124.9	125.1	0.6	1.3	1.0	0.3	1.0	0.6
Housefurnishings <sup>2</sup> .....	111.0	111.2	-.7	.0	.0	.0	-.4	.0
Textile housefurnishings <sup>1 2</sup> .....	120.2	120.8	-3.9	1.0	-6.4	4.1	-1.5	-1.3
Furniture and bedding <sup>1</sup> .....	133.3	133.2	2.7	2.7	.3	-4.1	2.7	-1.9
Bedroom furniture <sup>1</sup> .....	139.7	139.2	5.4	2.9	3.8	-4.7	4.1	-.6
Sofas <sup>1 2</sup> .....	140.7	140.9	10.3	10.3	-5.4	-3.3	10.3	-4.4
Living room chairs and tables <sup>1 2</sup> .....	135.2	135.4	-7.3	2.7	3.3	-4.9	-2.5	-.9
Other furniture <sup>2</sup> .....	121.1	121.7	.3	-.3	-2.2	-3.2	.0	-2.7
Appliances, including electronic equipment <sup>1 2</sup> .....	76.9	77.0	-4.0	-2.5	-2.1	.0	-3.3	-1.0
Video and audio products <sup>1 2</sup> .....	70.5	70.6	-3.3	-2.2	-3.9	1.1	-2.8	-1.4
Televisions <sup>1</sup> .....	63.1	63.1	-5.3	-6.6	-8.5	3.2	-6.0	-2.8
Video products other than televisions <sup>1 2 7</sup> .....	66.5	65.9	-2.4	1.2	2.4	-6.4	-.6	-2.1
Audio products <sup>1 2</sup> .....	89.8	90.3	-2.2	-.9	-2.2	1.8	-1.5	-.2
Major household appliances <sup>1 2 5</sup> .....	103.4	103.8	-.4	3.6	.4	1.6	1.6	1.0
Refrigerators and home freezers <sup>1 2</sup> .....	110.9	111.7	4.5	4.5	-.4	5.2	4.5	2.4
Laundry equipment <sup>1</sup> .....	112.9	113.4	.4	12.1	-2.1	-.4	6.0	-1.2
Stoves, ovens, dishwashers, and air conditioners <sup>1 2 5</sup> .....	93.6	93.8	-5.8	-3.4	2.6	1.3	-4.6	1.9
Information processing equipment <sup>1 7</sup> .....	53.5	53.2	-18.3	-19.1	-4.3	-8.5	-18.7	-6.4
Other housefurnishings <sup>1 2 5</sup> .....	115.7	116.6	-.3	-.7	-2.7	7.2	-.5	2.1
Floor and window coverings, infants', laundry, cleaning, and outdoor equipment <sup>1 2</sup> .....	143.8	145.3	-4.5	8.4	-.6	13.4	1.7	6.2
Clocks, lamps, and decor items <sup>1</sup> .....	117.4	120.1	1.7	-13.1	-.7	8.4	-6.0	3.8
Tableware, serving pieces, and nonelectric kitchenware <sup>1 2</sup> .....	123.8	124.9	-2.6	7.1	-4.1	7.0	2.1	1.3
Lawn equipment, power tools, and other hardware <sup>1 2</sup> .....	110.7	110.6	2.6	4.5	1.5	2.9	3.6	2.2
Sewing, floor cleaning, small kitchen, and portable heating appliances <sup>1 2 5</sup> .....	90.2	91.1	-9.5	10.5	-4.0	11.3	.0	3.4
Indoor plants and fresh cut flowers <sup>1 9</sup> .....	112.7	111.5	6.4	-12.6	-9.2	1.4	-3.6	-4.0
Housekeeping supplies .....	142.3	142.5	1.4	.9	1.4	2.3	1.1	1.8
Laundry and cleaning products, including soap <sup>1 2</sup> .....	146.3	145.7	1.7	3.7	4.2	.8	2.7	2.5
Household paper products and stationery supplies <sup>1 2</sup> .....	145.5	145.7	2.8	-4.3	1.4	1.1	-.8	1.2
Other household, lawn, and garden supplies <sup>1 2</sup> .....	134.4	135.6	.6	2.1	.0	4.5	1.4	2.2
Housekeeping services <sup>2</sup> .....	149.6	149.7	3.3	3.9	3.3	-.5	3.6	1.3
Postage <sup>1</sup> .....	160.3	160.3	.0	.0	.0	.0	.0	.0
Appliance and furniture repair <sup>1 2</sup> .....	158.5	158.5	3.1	1.0	7.6	-1.0	2.1	3.2
Gardening and other household services <sup>2 5</sup> .....	137.0	136.7	6.4	1.8	3.9	-2.3	4.1	.7
Apparel and upkeep .....	132.3	132.6	.6	-5.3	4.4	2.8	-2.4	3.6
Apparel commodities <sup>2</sup> .....	128.6	128.8	.3	-6.1	4.8	2.5	-2.9	3.7
Apparel commodities less footwear .....	128.9	129.1	.3	-7.0	5.2	3.2	-3.4	4.2
Men's and boys' .....	129.5	128.3	1.6	-.6	3.5	-1.5	.5	.9
Men's .....	132.7	132.4	1.9	-1.8	1.9	4.3	.0	3.1
Suits, sport coats, coats, and jackets .....	134.5	133.0	-1.5	.9	.6	-5.2	-.3	-2.4
Furnishings and special clothing .....	125.4	126.0	5.7	-2.3	-3.2	16.4	1.7	6.1
Shirts <sup>2</sup> .....	138.1	137.9	2.4	2.1	8.6	.0	2.3	4.2
Dungarees, jeans, and trousers .....	132.9	132.0	1.2	-2.7	-1.8	6.6	-.8	2.3
Boys' .....	116.5	113.3	-2.7	-1.4	6.8	-13.0	-2.0	-3.6
Women's and girls' .....	125.7	126.6	1.0	-10.4	6.7	8.7	-4.9	7.7
Women's .....	125.6	126.9	.6	-8.4	6.0	10.4	-4.0	8.2
Coats and jackets .....	119.4	118.5	8.0	-15.8	22.4	-10.4	-4.7	4.7
Dresses .....	114.0	116.8	14.5	-9.1	-17.1	44.7	2.0	9.5
Separates and sportswear <sup>2</sup> .....	130.2	129.0	-3.7	-7.1	12.9	5.8	-5.4	9.3
Underwear, nightwear, hosiery, and accessories <sup>2</sup> .....	132.0	133.8	2.1	-3.0	.3	2.1	-.4	1.2
Suits <sup>2</sup> .....	137.0	150.7	-9.6	-10.6	3.5	28.7	-10.1	15.4
Girls' .....	126.4	125.9	1.2	-22.0	13.4	.0	-11.1	6.5
Infants' and toddlers' <sup>1</sup> .....	127.9	127.2	-11.4	-15.3	5.2	1.6	-13.4	3.4
Other apparel commodities <sup>2</sup> .....	146.8	147.9	1.3	-6.5	2.2	-4.2	-2.6	-1.1
Sewing materials, notions, and luggage <sup>1 5</sup> .....	129.2	128.5	10.1	-.3	-8.3	-9.9	4.8	-9.1
Watches and jewelry <sup>5</sup> .....	146.2	147.2	.5	-6.8	3.9	-4.2	-3.2	-.3
Watches <sup>1 5</sup> .....	126.9	126.2	1.5	-5.7	-9.3	.0	-2.1	-4.7
Jewelry <sup>5</sup> .....	151.2	152.9	.8	-6.3	6.4	-5.8	-2.8	.1
Footwear .....	126.4	126.7	1.0	.0	1.6	-.9	.5	.3
Men's .....	132.5	133.0	1.8	-1.2	.3	3.1	.3	1.7
Boys' and girls' .....	131.0	133.2	5.5	4.1	1.9	8.5	4.8	5.1
Women's .....	119.6	118.8	-1.0	-1.6	2.7	-7.7	-1.3	-2.6
Apparel services <sup>1 2</sup> .....	161.7	162.2	2.3	2.3	1.5	3.3	2.3	2.4
Laundry and dry cleaning other than coin operated <sup>1 2</sup> .....	164.9	165.8	2.0	4.3	3.0	5.0	3.1	4.0
Other apparel services <sup>1 2</sup> .....	158.5	158.7	2.6	.3	-.3	1.5	1.4	.6

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					
	Jan. 1997	Feb. 1997	3 months ended—				6 months ended—	
			May 1996	Aug. 1996	Nov. 1996	Feb. 1997	Aug. 1996	Feb. 1997
<b>Expenditure category</b>								
Transportation .....	145.4	145.3	7.9	-1.4	4.8	1.4	3.1	3.1
Private .....	142.4	142.7	8.0	-2.0	3.8	3.4	2.9	3.6
New vehicles .....	144.4	144.4	2.0	2.5	1.4	-6	2.3	.4
New cars .....	141.9	141.9	1.7	3.2	.3	-6	2.4	-1
Subcompact new cars <sup>2 5</sup> .....	123.3	123.2	.0	2.0	1.0	-1.3	1.0	-2
Compact new cars <sup>2 5</sup> .....	122.9	123.1	4.4	3.7	1.6	-3	4.0	.7
Intermediate new cars <sup>2 5</sup> .....	121.3	121.4	.7	3.7	-1.9	-7	2.2	-1.3
Full-size new cars <sup>2 5</sup> .....	125.1	125.3	4.0	3.3	2.3	.3	3.6	1.3
Luxury new cars <sup>2 5</sup> .....	133.4	132.7	2.2	2.5	1.8	-1.5	2.3	.2
New trucks <sup>6</sup> .....	151.2	151.8	2.2	2.4	4.1	1.1	2.3	2.6
New motorcycles <sup>5</sup> .....	163.4	162.6	7.3	.2	.5	2.5	3.7	1.5
Used cars .....	155.1	155.8	-3.7	-3.3	-1.3	.5	-3.5	-4
Motor fuel .....	111.8	111.8	38.4	-17.6	13.6	13.1	6.8	13.4
Gasoline .....	111.3	111.3	37.0	-17.3	12.8	13.6	6.4	13.2
Gasoline, unleaded regular .....	109.6	109.4	40.5	-18.5	13.1	14.3	7.0	13.7
Gasoline, unleaded midgrade <sup>1 9</sup> .....	112.5	112.0	74.0	-21.2	2.6	1.8	17.1	2.2
Gasoline, unleaded premium .....	111.8	111.9	34.4	-17.5	11.4	12.3	5.3	11.9
Automobile maintenance and repair .....	161.3	161.2	.2	3.1	4.1	2.3	2.8	3.2
Body work <sup>1</sup> .....	169.2	170.0	8.6	1.7	2.2	5.1	5.1	3.6
Automobile drive train, brake, and miscellaneous mechanical repair <sup>1 2</sup> .....	168.8	169.0	1.5	2.9	5.7	2.2	2.2	3.9
Maintenance and servicing <sup>1</sup> .....	148.4	148.1	2.8	4.5	2.5	-5	3.6	1.0
Power plant repair <sup>2</sup> .....	166.7	166.5	1.0	3.2	6.0	1.5	2.1	3.7
Other private transportation <sup>2</sup> .....	175.2	176.1	1.6	4.0	1.4	1.8	2.8	1.6
Other private transportation commodities <sup>2</sup> .....	104.8	105.1	-4	.0	.4	.0	-2	.2
Motor oil, coolant, and other products <sup>1</sup> .....	131.1	130.5	-2.7	1.5	.3	-4.5	-6	-2.1
Automobile parts and equipment .....	102.0	102.3	-8	.4	.4	.4	-2	.4
Tires .....	101.6	101.6	-2.0	.4	1.2	1.2	-8	1.2
Other parts and equipment <sup>1 2</sup> .....	107.1	107.6	1.5	-2.2	-7	2.3	-4	.7
Other private transportation services <sup>2</sup> .....	192.0	193.1	1.9	4.5	1.7	2.1	3.2	1.9
Automobile insurance .....	248.0	249.2	4.6	4.4	3.3	2.9	4.5	3.1
Automobile finance charges <sup>2</sup> .....	94.0	94.2	1.7	11.6	-4.1	-2.9	6.6	-3.5
Automobile fees <sup>1 2</sup> .....	179.9	183.9	-8.2	4.3	-5.6	9.2	-2.2	1.5
Automobile registration, licensing, and inspection fees <sup>1 2</sup> .....	183.7	183.7	.9	-2	.2	-7	.3	-2
Other automobile-related fees <sup>1 2</sup> .....	177.3	185.3	-16.6	9.0	-11.3	20.4	-4.7	3.3
Public transportation .....	185.6	181.9	8.4	4.5	13.8	-13.3	6.4	-7
Airline fares <sup>1</sup> .....	198.1	192.9	1.7	3.6	20.7	-13.6	2.7	2.1
Other intercity transportation <sup>1</sup> .....	156.1	154.2	10.2	-5.5	-2.3	-2.0	2.1	-2.2
Intracity public transportation <sup>1</sup> .....	174.5	174.8	19.8	2.6	1.4	-2.0	10.9	-3
Medical care .....	231.9	232.3	3.2	2.8	3.0	2.3	3.0	2.6
Medical care commodities .....	212.8	213.5	3.1	2.5	1.9	2.7	2.8	2.3
Prescription drugs .....	246.7	247.1	3.7	3.7	1.8	3.1	3.7	2.5
Nonprescription drugs and medical supplies <sup>1 5</sup> .....	143.6	144.7	.6	1.7	.0	3.7	1.1	1.8
Internal and respiratory over-the-counter drugs <sup>1</sup> .....	171.0	172.8	.0	1.9	1.9	4.5	.9	3.2
Nonprescription medical equipment and supplies <sup>1</sup> .....	169.3	169.7	1.7	1.4	-3.0	2.1	1.5	-5
Medical care services .....	236.0	236.4	3.3	3.0	3.1	2.2	3.2	2.7
Professional medical services .....	212.4	212.7	3.3	3.5	3.9	2.9	3.4	3.4
Physicians' services .....	220.3	220.3	2.6	3.0	4.1	2.0	2.8	3.1
Dental services <sup>1</sup> .....	222.3	223.5	5.2	5.3	4.5	5.2	5.2	4.8
Eye care <sup>1 5</sup> .....	140.2	140.8	-6	1.2	1.7	2.6	.3	2.2
Services by other medical professionals <sup>5</sup> .....	149.3	150.3	1.9	3.6	4.7	4.4	2.8	4.5
Hospital and related services .....	275.1	275.5	4.6	4.4	3.1	3.4	4.5	3.3
Hospital services <sup>10</sup> .....	100.8	101.0	-	-	-	-	-	-
Inpatient hospital services <sup>10</sup> .....	100.6	100.8	-	-	-	-	-	-
Outpatient hospital services <sup>5</sup> .....	221.1	222.1	6.8	4.4	2.0	8.5	5.6	5.2
Nursing home services <sup>10</sup> .....	100.4	101.3	-	-	-	-	-	-

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					
	Jan. 1997	Feb. 1997	3 months ended—				6 months ended—	
			May 1996	Aug. 1996	Nov. 1996	Feb. 1997	Aug. 1996	Feb. 1997
<b>Expenditure category</b>								
Entertainment <sup>2</sup> .....	161.1	161.4	1.8	2.3	2.5	2.0	2.0	2.3
Entertainment commodities <sup>2</sup> .....	144.0	144.2	.8	2.0	1.7	.6	1.4	1.1
Reading materials <sup>1</sup> .....	178.4	178.4	.0	3.7	1.6	1.1	1.8	1.4
Newspapers <sup>1 2</sup> .....	191.0	191.2	2.8	.6	2.8	1.5	1.7	2.1
Magazines, periodicals, and books <sup>1 2</sup> .....	166.8	166.6	-3.4	7.0	.7	.5	1.7	.6
Sporting goods and equipment <sup>1</sup> .....	123.3	123.3	-1.9	-3.2	-1.9	3.0	-2.6	.5
Sport vehicles, including bicycles <sup>1</sup> .....	124.6	125.4	-9	-2.2	-8.9	7.7	-1.6	-1.0
Other sporting goods <sup>1</sup> .....	119.3	118.7	-3.0	-4.3	4.5	-3	-3.6	2.1
Toys, hobbies, and other entertainment <sup>1 2</sup> .....	133.3	133.6	3.4	.9	4.9	.0	2.2	2.4
Toys, hobbies, and music equipment <sup>2</sup> .....	126.3	127.1	1.9	.3	4.5	-2.2	1.1	1.1
Photographic supplies and equipment <sup>1</sup> .....	133.6	134.2	1.2	.6	-2.7	3.3	.9	.3
Pet supplies and expense <sup>1</sup> .....	143.0	142.7	2.1	2.9	9.2	2.6	2.5	5.9
Entertainment services <sup>2</sup> .....	181.1	181.6	2.3	2.7	3.4	3.1	2.5	3.3
Club memberships <sup>2 5</sup> .....	132.1	132.1	-1.8	.6	1.5	-4.7	-6	-1.6
Fees for participant sports, excluding club memberships <sup>2 5</sup> .....	167.9	167.8	1.2	5.8	2.0	7.2	3.5	4.6
Admissions <sup>1</sup> .....	194.1	195.6	6.9	3.2	-.4	3.6	5.0	1.6
Fees for lessons or instructions <sup>5</sup> .....	165.5	166.1	6.5	5.4	8.4	3.9	6.0	6.2
Other entertainment services <sup>1 2 5</sup> .....	141.5	141.5	1.5	2.6	2.6	5.0	2.0	3.8
Other goods and services <sup>3</sup> .....	220.3	221.3	4.4	3.6	3.4	3.9	4.0	3.6
Tobacco and smoking products .....	236.2	237.6	3.9	1.6	5.1	2.7	2.7	3.9
Personal care <sup>1</sup> .....	151.6	151.5	2.7	.5	1.9	.8	1.6	1.3
Toilet goods and personal care appliances <sup>1</sup> .....	143.6	143.3	3.4	-.8	-.8	-3.8	1.3	-2.3
Cosmetics, bath and nail preparations, manicure and eye makeup implements <sup>1</sup> .....	151.2	152.3	5.9	-2.4	6.7	5.7	1.6	6.2
Other toilet goods and small personal care appliances, including hair and dental products <sup>1</sup> .....	138.2	137.0	1.7	.6	-6.5	-10.4	1.1	-8.5
Personal care services <sup>1</sup> .....	160.7	160.7	1.6	1.8	5.5	5.4	1.7	5.4
Beauty parlor services for females <sup>1 2</sup> .....	159.6	159.8	1.0	.8	5.2	5.7	.9	5.5
Haircuts and other barber shop services for males <sup>2</sup> .....	163.8	163.2	5.0	6.2	5.9	3.0	5.6	4.4
Personal and educational expenses <sup>2</sup> .....	253.5	255.0	5.0	5.1	3.2	5.3	5.1	4.3
School books and supplies .....	232.2	233.2	5.1	6.0	5.0	3.0	5.6	4.0
Personal and educational services <sup>2</sup> .....	255.0	256.5	5.0	5.1	3.1	5.5	5.0	4.3
Tuition and other school fees .....	274.0	275.0	5.6	5.8	2.8	5.3	5.7	4.0
College tuition .....	287.9	289.0	6.1	7.2	2.3	6.0	6.7	4.1
Elementary and high school tuition .....	279.6	280.5	5.5	3.0	4.9	5.0	4.2	5.0
Day care and nursery school <sup>6</sup> .....	131.9	132.3	4.5	5.1	1.9	4.0	4.8	2.9
Personal expenses .....	219.6	221.3	4.0	4.6	2.8	5.4	4.3	4.1
Legal service fees <sup>1 5</sup> .....	159.7	160.1	9.7	2.6	2.6	2.0	6.1	2.3
Personal financial services <sup>1 5</sup> .....	185.0	188.4	.2	.7	2.0	11.1	.4	6.5
Funeral expenses <sup>5</sup> .....	164.7	166.3	3.6	5.6	3.7	6.2	4.6	5.0
<b>Special Indexes</b>								
Domestically produced farm food .....	158.6	159.6	4.0	9.4	7.0	-1.2	6.7	2.8
Selected beef cuts .....	128.9	127.9	-7.7	14.3	5.1	-5.4	2.7	-3
Motor fuel, motor oil, coolant, and other products <sup>2</sup> .....	112.2	112.2	38.2	-17.8	14.0	12.7	6.6	13.3
Utilities and public transportation .....	145.5	145.6	5.8	2.3	5.7	2.5	4.0	4.1
Housekeeping and home maintenance services <sup>1 2</sup> .....	149.7	149.9	2.8	3.9	2.7	.8	3.3	1.8

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

<sup>2</sup> This index series will no longer appear in its present form after December, 1997. See Table X for a comparable index series.

<sup>3</sup> This index series will undergo a change in composition in January, 1998.

<sup>4</sup> Indexes on a December 1982=100 base.

<sup>5</sup> Indexes on a December 1986=100 base.

<sup>6</sup> Indexes on a December 1983=100 base.

<sup>7</sup> Indexes on a December 1988=100 base.

<sup>8</sup> Indexes on a December 1990=100 base.

<sup>9</sup> Indexes on a December 1993=100 base.

<sup>10</sup> Indexes on a December 1996=100 base.

- Data not available.

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

**Table 5. Consumer Price Index for 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 Feb. 1997 from—
	Nov. 1996	Dec. 1996	Jan. 1997	Feb. 1997	Nov. 1996	Dec. 1996	Jan. 1997	Feb. 1997	Feb. 1996
<b>Food and beverages</b>									
Other breads .....	180.8	180.7	181.3	181.5	-0.9	-0.1	0.3	0.1	3.4
Fresh biscuits, rolls, and muffins <sup>2</sup> .....	167.0	165.7	168.4	168.3	-2	-8	1.6	-1	4.2
Fresh cakes and cupcakes .....	176.3	175.6	177.1	177.2	.9	-4	.9	.1	2.7
Cookies .....	178.6	180.5	179.7	179.6	1.4	1.1	-4	-1	4.1
Crackers, bread, and cracker products .....	203.2	206.9	206.4	213.2	-2.5	1.8	-2	3.3	9.1
Fresh sweetrolls, coffee cake, and donuts .....	171.8	173.8	174.3	174.1	-1.5	1.2	.3	-1	2.5
Frozen and refrigerated bakery products and fresh pies, tarts, and turnovers .....	172.2	174.9	175.9	178.0	-1.9	1.6	.6	1.2	2.2
Ham other than canned .....	172.8	168.3	166.4	165.5	.2	-2.6	-1.1	-5	9.2
Pork sausage <sup>2</sup> .....	146.8	145.4	148.1	147.1	2.0	-1.0	1.9	-7	9.3
Other pork <sup>2</sup> .....	154.1	153.8	155.7	153.0	.9	-2	1.2	-1.7	10.0
Frankfurters .....	144.5	143.8	145.3	145.5	.8	-5	1.0	.1	.6
Bologna, liverwurst, and salami <sup>2</sup> .....	147.9	146.0	146.0	148.2	.7	-1.3	.0	1.5	4.1
Other lunchmeats <sup>2</sup> .....	139.2	138.7	138.1	138.7	.4	-4	-4	.4	4.0
Lamb and organ meats .....	160.8	160.7	159.0	160.8	1.6	-1	-1.1	1.1	6.6
Butter .....	119.4	113.9	110.2	108.7	-7.7	-4.6	-3.2	-1.4	17.3
Other dairy products <sup>2</sup> .....	156.5	157.2	155.4	157.1	.6	.4	-1.1	1.1	5.0
Frozen fruit and fruit juices <sup>2</sup> .....	137.3	136.4	137.1	137.9	1.3	-7	.5	.6	6.9
Other fruit juices <sup>2</sup> .....	149.4	150.7	151.1	152.2	-1	.9	.3	.7	4.2
Cut corn, canned beans except lima <sup>2</sup> .....	148.4	149.4	153.4	151.3	-1.0	.7	2.7	-1.4	7.5
Other processed vegetables <sup>2</sup> .....	150.5	150.0	150.1	149.0	-5	-3	.1	-7	3.0
Candy and chewing gum <sup>2</sup> .....	151.0	151.0	152.0	152.0	-1	.0	.7	.0	4.1
Other sweets <sup>2</sup> .....	141.6	141.5	153.2	153.5	-6.1	-1	8.3	.2	5.1
Margarine .....	143.1	145.5	146.6	147.3	-1.2	1.7	.8	.5	3.4
Other fats, oils, and salad dressing <sup>2</sup> .....	143.8	144.3	145.3	146.0	-5	.3	.7	.5	2.9
Nondairy substitutes and peanut butter <sup>2</sup> .....	137.4	135.6	138.1	137.8	-6	-1.3	1.8	-2	.1
Roasted coffee .....	144.8	145.7	146.9	146.7	-9	.6	.8	-1	-4.9
Instant and freeze-dried coffee .....	146.1	145.3	145.4	146.7	.6	-5	.1	.9	-1.6
Seasonings, olives, pickles, and relish <sup>2</sup> .....	171.0	172.8	176.4	175.8	-8	1.1	2.1	-3	6.4
Other condiments .....	155.4	154.5	157.5	159.3	-3	-6	1.9	1.1	5.6
Miscellaneous prepared foods and baby foods <sup>2</sup> .....	176.0	176.1	176.3	177.8	.2	.1	.1	.9	4.6
Other canned and packaged prepared foods <sup>2</sup> .....	138.5	141.0	140.5	141.4	-4	1.8	-4	.6	3.4
Whiskey at home .....	148.7	147.9	148.3	148.9	-5	-5	.3	.4	2.1
Other alcoholic beverages at home .....	148.3	147.9	148.6	149.7	.3	-3	.5	.7	2.2
<b>Housing</b>									
Household linens <sup>2</sup> .....	110.5	109.7	108.6	109.6	-1.5	-7	-1.0	.9	-3.2
Curtains, drapes, slipcovers, and sewing materials <sup>2</sup> .....	131.1	132.0	134.6	135.3	-2.2	.7	2.0	.5	-1
Soaps and detergents <sup>2</sup> .....	142.7	142.2	142.6	142.6	.6	-4	.3	.0	1.6
Other laundry and cleaning products <sup>2</sup> .....	146.2	146.3	147.7	146.6	.0	.1	1.0	-7	3.3
Cleansing and toilet tissue, paper towels, and napkins <sup>2</sup> .....	142.8	142.4	142.8	143.0	.0	-3	.3	.1	-1.4
Stationery, stationery supplies, and gift wrap <sup>2</sup> .....	151.1	151.8	151.8	152.3	.9	.5	.0	.3	3.4
<b>Apparel and upkeep</b>									
Men's suits, sport coats, and jackets <sup>2</sup> .....	136.7	131.8	129.2	129.5	.6	-3.6	-2.0	.2	-2.5
Men's coats and jackets <sup>2</sup> .....	148.2	142.5	140.1	141.3	2.3	-3.8	-1.7	.9	1.7
Boys' coats, jackets, sweaters, and shirts <sup>2</sup> .....	121.7	116.3	112.4	110.2	1.7	-4.4	-3.4	-2.0	-1.4
Boys' trousers, sport coats, and jackets <sup>2</sup> .....	118.2	114.7	115.7	115.8	1.9	-3.0	.9	.1	-1.9
Girls' coats, jackets, dresses, and suits <sup>2</sup> .....	125.9	124.1	124.0	123.7	-1.8	-1.4	-1	-2	1.4
Girls' separates and sportswear <sup>2</sup> .....	117.3	114.0	111.1	113.9	1.6	-2.8	-2.5	2.5	-5.2
<b>Transportation</b>									
State automobile registration <sup>2</sup> .....	205.4	205.4	205.8	205.8	.0	.0	.2	.0	.0
<b>Other goods and services</b>									
Products for hair, hair pieces, and wigs <sup>2</sup> .....	131.9	127.8	128.3	126.8	-8	-3.1	.4	-1.2	-4.4

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

<sup>2</sup> This index series will no longer appear in its present form after

December, 1997. See Table X for a comparable index series.

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 1996	Unadjusted indexes		Unadjusted percent change to Feb. 1997 from—		Seasonally adjusted percent change from—		
		Jan. 1997	Feb. 1997	Feb. 1996	Jan. 1997	Nov. to Dec.	Dec. to Jan.	Jan. to Feb.
<b>Expenditure category</b>								
All items .....	100.000	156.3	156.8	3.0	0.3	0.3	0.1	0.2
All items (1967=100) .....	-	465.7	467.0	-	-	-	-	-
Food and beverages .....	19.436	156.4	156.4	3.8	.0	.1	-.2	.2
Food .....	17.749	156.1	156.0	3.8	-.1	.1	-.3	.3
Food at home .....	11.387	157.1	156.8	4.2	-.2	-.1	-.6	.3
Cereals and bakery products .....	1.688	176.2	176.4	2.7	.1	.2	-.1	-.1
Meats, poultry, fish, and eggs .....	3.535	149.3	148.4	4.4	-.6	.7	-.5	-.3
Dairy products <sup>1</sup> .....	1.387	147.6	146.0	6.6	-1.1	-.5	-.6	-1.1
Fruits and vegetables <sup>2</sup> .....	2.086	186.1	186.1	5.4	.0	-1.6	-1.7	2.7
Other food at home .....	2.691	144.4	145.0	2.5	.4	.3	.0	.2
Sugar and sweets .....	.373	146.8	147.2	4.0	.3	.6	.5	.2
Fats and oils .....	.282	141.9	142.3	1.9	.3	.2	-.3	.1
Nonalcoholic beverages .....	.841	127.9	128.0	-1.1	.1	.2	.0	-.4
Other prepared food .....	1.194	159.3	160.4	4.7	.7	.3	-.1	.7
Food away from home .....	6.362	155.4	155.7	3.2	.2	.2	.3	.2
Alcoholic beverages .....	1.687	160.4	161.1	3.2	.4	.4	.1	.1
Housing <sup>2</sup> .....	38.747	151.8	152.4	3.0	.4	.2	.3	.2
Shelter .....	25.867	168.6	169.4	2.9	.5	.2	.2	.3
Renters' costs <sup>3 4</sup> .....	8.079	159.4	160.9	3.1	.9	.1	.4	.3
Rent, residential .....	6.580	164.1	164.4	2.7	.2	.2	.2	.1
Other renters' costs <sup>4</sup> .....	1.499	216.3	224.9	5.1	4.0	-1	1.3	.6
Homeowners' costs <sup>3 4</sup> .....	17.599	163.3	163.7	2.8	.2	.2	.2	.3
Owners' equivalent rent <sup>3</sup> .....	17.277	163.7	164.0	2.8	.2	.2	.2	.3
Household insurance <sup>3 4</sup> .....	.322	147.4	148.5	2.0	.7	-1.7	.4	.7
Maintenance and repairs <sup>1 4</sup> .....	.189	140.1	140.7	3.7	.4	.1	.0	.4
Maintenance and repair services <sup>1 4</sup> .....	.105	150.0	150.3	3.7	.2	.1	-.1	.2
Maintenance and repair commodities <sup>1 4</sup> .....	.084	127.3	128.3	3.6	.8	.0	.2	.8
Fuel and other utilities <sup>2</sup> .....	7.344	130.5	130.7	4.9	.2	.4	.8	.3
Fuels .....	3.979	118.5	118.5	6.0	.0	.6	1.1	.5
Fuel oil and other household fuel commodities .....	.391	111.6	109.4	12.1	-2.0	3.1	-1.2	-2.0
Gas (piped) and electricity (energy services) .....	3.588	124.5	124.8	5.4	.2	.3	1.4	.7
Other utilities and public services <sup>4</sup> .....	3.365	160.3	160.9	3.5	.4	.1	.3	.1
Household furnishings and operation <sup>2</sup> .....	5.536	123.4	123.7	.7	.2	.2	-.2	.1
Housefurnishings <sup>4</sup> .....	3.261	109.5	109.8	-.2	.3	.4	-.5	.1
Housekeeping supplies .....	1.129	142.8	143.1	1.7	.2	.0	.4	.1
Housekeeping services <sup>4</sup> .....	1.145	152.6	152.9	2.3	.2	.3	-.3	.1
Apparel and upkeep .....	5.348	128.7	131.1	.7	1.9	.1	.4	.4
Apparel commodities <sup>4</sup> .....	4.838	125.1	127.6	.5	2.0	.0	.5	.4
Men's and boys' apparel .....	1.286	127.0	127.2	.7	.2	-.4	.9	-.9
Women's and girls' apparel .....	2.053	119.9	124.8	1.2	4.1	.8	.6	1.1
Infants' and toddlers' apparel <sup>1</sup> .....	.240	128.5	128.1	-5.3	-.3	.3	.3	-.3
Footwear .....	.799	126.0	127.2	.7	1.0	.2	-.7	.1
Other apparel commodities <sup>4</sup> .....	.461	144.6	145.7	-.8	.8	-2.6	.4	1.0
Apparel services <sup>1 4</sup> .....	.510	160.8	161.3	2.2	.3	.3	.2	.3
Transportation .....	19.190	144.6	144.4	3.1	-.1	.6	.0	.0
Private transportation .....	17.934	142.4	142.4	3.2	.0	.6	.1	.1
New vehicles .....	4.893	146.6	146.7	1.5	.1	.0	-.1	-.1
New cars .....	3.533	142.7	142.5	1.1	-.1	.1	-.2	-.1
Used cars .....	2.320	155.9	155.7	-1.8	-.1	-.3	.1	.4
Motor fuel .....	3.921	108.8	108.2	10.3	-.6	2.6	.6	-.1
Gasoline .....	-	108.2	107.5	9.9	-.6	2.8	.5	-.2
Maintenance and repairs .....	1.616	162.0	162.1	2.9	.1	.1	.4	-.2
Other private transportation <sup>4</sup> .....	5.185	171.9	172.6	2.3	.4	-.2	.1	.4
Other private transportation commodities <sup>4</sup> .....	.742	104.2	104.3	-.3	.1	-.1	-.2	.1
Other private transportation services <sup>4</sup> .....	4.442	189.0	190.0	2.7	.5	-.2	.2	.5
Public transportation .....	1.256	183.6	180.3	3.3	-1.8	1.8	-2.7	-2.2

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 1996	Unadjusted indexes		Unadjusted percent change to Feb. 1997 from—		Seasonally adjusted percent change from—		
		Jan. 1997	Feb. 1997	Feb. 1996	Jan. 1997	Nov. to Dec.	Dec. to Jan.	Jan. to Feb.
<b>Expenditure category</b>								
Medical care .....	6.251	231.1	232.1	2.9	0.4	0.2	0.2	0.2
Medical care commodities .....	1.047	210.1	211.4	2.6	.6	.2	.1	.4
Medical care services .....	5.204	235.9	236.8	2.9	.4	.3	.2	.0
Professional medical services .....	2.973	213.3	214.3	3.4	.5	.3	.2	.2
Entertainment <sup>4</sup> .....	4.015	158.8	159.2	2.1	.3	.3	.0	.1
Entertainment commodities <sup>4</sup> .....	2.036	142.9	143.1	1.2	.1	.3	-.3	.1
Entertainment services <sup>4</sup> .....	1.979	181.4	182.2	3.0	.4	.3	.2	.1
Other goods and services <sup>2</sup> .....	7.012	216.7	217.4	3.7	.3	.0	.6	.4
Tobacco and smoking products .....	2.117	236.1	237.0	3.1	.4	-.3	.6	.5
Personal care <sup>1</sup> .....	1.107	151.6	151.4	1.5	-.1	-.6	.8	-.1
Toilet goods and personal care appliances <sup>1</sup> .....	.610	144.4	144.2	-.3	-.1	-.1.3	.6	-.1
Personal care services <sup>1</sup> .....	.497	160.8	160.8	3.7	.0	.4	.9	.0
Personal and educational expenses <sup>4</sup> .....	3.788	249.7	250.8	4.8	.4	.4	.5	.6
School books and supplies .....	.232	236.2	236.9	4.9	.3	.5	-.1	.3
Personal and educational services <sup>4</sup> .....	3.556	251.1	252.3	4.8	.5	.4	.6	.6
<b>Commodity and service group</b>								
All items .....	100.000	156.3	156.8	3.0	.3	.3	.1	.2
Commodities .....	47.057	141.5	141.8	2.8	.2	.3	.0	.2
Food and beverages .....	19.436	156.4	156.4	3.8	.0	.1	-.2	.2
Commodities less food and beverages .....	27.621	132.4	132.9	2.2	.4	.5	.2	.2
Nondurables less food and beverages .....	16.215	133.7	134.5	3.7	.6	.7	.1	.2
Apparel commodities <sup>4</sup> .....	4.838	125.1	127.6	.5	2.0	.0	.5	.4
Nondurables less food, beverages, and apparel .....	11.377	140.9	140.8	5.1	-.1	1.2	.3	.1
Durables .....	11.407	129.5	129.5	.2	.0	.0	-.1	.1
Services .....	52.943	174.2	174.9	3.2	.4	.3	.2	.2
Rent of shelter <sup>3</sup> .....	25.329	162.3	163.0	2.9	.4	.2	.4	.2
Household services less rent of shelter <sup>3 4</sup> .....	8.553	132.9	133.3	4.1	.3	.2	.7	.4
Transportation services .....	7.314	181.3	181.3	2.8	.0	.3	-.3	-.1
Medical care services .....	5.204	235.9	236.8	2.9	.4	.3	.2	.0
Other services .....	6.542	202.7	203.5	3.9	.4	.4	.4	.3
<b>Special indexes</b>								
All items less food .....	82.251	156.3	156.8	2.9	.3	.3	.2	.2
All items less shelter .....	74.133	153.2	153.5	3.1	.2	.3	.1	.1
All items less homeowners' costs <sup>3 4</sup> .....	82.401	146.8	147.3	3.2	.3	.3	.1	.2
All items less medical care .....	93.749	152.8	153.2	3.0	.3	.3	.1	.2
Commodities less food .....	29.308	133.5	134.0	2.3	.4	.4	.1	.1
Nondurables less food .....	17.901	135.3	136.0	3.6	.5	.7	.1	.3
Nondurables less food and apparel .....	13.064	141.8	141.8	4.8	.0	.8	.1	.2
Nondurables .....	35.651	145.4	145.7	3.7	.2	.3	.1	.2
Services less rent of shelter <sup>3 4</sup> .....	27.613	165.7	166.2	3.6	.3	.2	.2	.3
Services less medical care services .....	47.738	169.0	169.6	3.3	.4	.2	.3	.2
Energy .....	7.901	113.0	112.7	8.2	-.3	1.5	.9	.3
All items less energy .....	92.099	162.5	163.0	2.6	.3	.1	.1	.2
All items less food and energy .....	74.350	164.1	164.8	2.4	.4	.2	.2	.2
Commodities less food and energy commodities .....	24.996	141.0	141.7	.9	.5	.0	.1	.2
Energy commodities .....	4.312	109.4	108.6	10.4	-.7	2.7	.4	-.3
Services less energy services .....	49.354	179.8	180.4	3.1	.3	.2	.2	.2
Purchasing power of the consumer dollar:								
1982-84=\$1.00 <sup>1</sup> .....	-	\$.640	\$.638	-2.9	-.3	-.2	-.2	-.3
1967=\$1.00 <sup>1</sup> .....	-	.215	.214	-	-	-	-	-

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

<sup>2</sup> This index series will undergo a change in composition in January, 1998.

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

<sup>4</sup> This index series will no longer appear in its present form after December, 1997. See Table X for a comparable index series.

- 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					
	Nov. 1996	Dec. 1996	Jan. 1997	Feb. 1997	3 months ended—				6 months ended—	
					May 1996	Aug. 1996	Nov. 1996	Feb. 1997	Aug. 1996	Feb. 1997
<b>Expenditure category</b>										
All items .....	-	-	-	-	4.0	1.8	3.9	2.3	2.9	3.1
Food and beverages .....	156.2	156.3	156.0	156.3	3.5	5.9	5.3	.3	4.7	2.7
Food .....	155.8	155.9	155.5	155.9	3.2	6.2	5.3	.3	4.7	2.7
Food at home .....	157.0	156.9	156.0	156.5	3.8	7.9	6.4	-1.3	5.8	2.5
Cereals and bakery products .....	176.0	176.3	176.2	176.0	4.3	2.3	4.2	.0	3.3	2.1
Meats, poultry, fish, and eggs .....	148.0	149.1	148.3	147.9	.0	11.8	6.8	-.3	5.7	3.2
Dairy products <sup>1</sup> .....	149.2	148.5	147.6	146.0	1.5	21.7	14.3	-8.3	11.1	2.4
Fruits and vegetables <sup>2</sup> .....	188.0	185.0	181.8	186.7	12.0	6.7	6.0	-2.7	9.4	1.5
Other food at home .....	143.6	144.1	144.1	144.4	3.2	2.0	2.3	2.2	2.6	2.3
Sugar and sweets .....	145.0	145.9	146.6	146.9	4.9	3.7	2.0	5.3	4.3	3.6
Fats and oils .....	141.5	141.8	141.4	141.6	1.4	3.5	2.3	.3	2.5	1.3
Nonalcoholic beverages .....	127.1	127.4	127.4	126.9	.9	-6	-4.0	-6	.2	-2.3
Other prepared food .....	159.0	159.5	159.3	160.4	5.1	2.6	7.6	3.6	3.8	5.6
Food away from home .....	154.6	154.9	155.4	155.7	2.9	3.2	3.7	2.9	3.1	3.3
Alcoholic beverages .....	160.0	160.6	160.8	160.9	3.1	3.1	4.1	2.3	3.1	3.2
Housing <sup>2</sup> .....	151.1	151.4	151.9	152.2	3.3	2.7	3.0	2.9	3.0	3.0
Shelter .....	167.8	168.2	168.6	169.1	3.2	2.9	2.7	1.8	3.1	2.9
Renters' costs <sup>3 4</sup> .....	158.7	158.9	159.6	160.0	2.9	3.6	2.8	3.3	3.2	3.1
Rent, residential .....	163.3	163.7	164.1	164.3	2.5	3.0	2.7	2.5	2.8	2.6
Other renters' costs <sup>4</sup> .....	217.9	217.6	220.5	221.8	4.4	6.5	2.4	7.4	5.5	4.9
Homeowners' costs <sup>3 4</sup> .....	162.5	162.9	163.2	163.7	3.3	2.8	2.5	3.0	3.0	2.7
Owners' equivalent rent <sup>3</sup> .....	162.8	163.2	163.5	164.0	3.3	2.8	2.5	3.0	3.0	2.7
Household insurance <sup>3 4</sup> .....	149.8	147.3	147.9	148.9	1.4	2.5	6.7	-2.4	1.9	2.0
Maintenance and repairs <sup>1 4</sup> .....	139.9	140.1	140.1	140.7	5.4	1.5	5.6	2.3	3.4	4.0
Maintenance and repair services <sup>1 4</sup> .....	149.9	150.1	150.0	150.3	5.1	6.1	2.4	1.1	5.6	1.8
Maintenance and repair commodities <sup>1 4</sup> .....	127.1	127.1	127.3	128.3	5.6	-4.4	10.0	3.8	.5	6.9
Fuel and other utilities <sup>2</sup> .....	129.3	129.8	130.8	131.2	4.5	3.2	5.4	6.0	3.9	5.7
Fuels .....	116.1	116.8	118.1	118.7	4.7	2.9	7.2	9.3	3.8	8.2
Fuel oil and other household fuel commodities .....	106.2	109.5	108.2	106.0	19.0	-13.1	54.2	-8	1.7	23.7
Gas (piped) and electricity (energy services) .....	122.7	123.1	124.8	125.7	3.4	4.7	3.3	10.1	4.1	6.7
Other utilities and public services <sup>4</sup> .....	159.9	160.1	160.6	160.7	5.0	3.1	3.8	2.0	4.0	2.9
Household furnishings and operation <sup>2</sup> .....	123.5	123.8	123.5	123.6	.7	1.3	.7	.3	1.0	.5
Housefurnishings <sup>4</sup> .....	109.8	110.2	109.7	109.8	-7	.4	-4	.0	-2	-2
Housekeeping supplies .....	142.3	142.3	142.9	143.1	1.4	2.0	1.1	2.3	1.7	1.7
Housekeeping services <sup>4</sup> .....	152.6	153.0	152.5	152.6	3.0	3.8	2.9	.0	3.4	1.5
Apparel and upkeep .....	130.7	130.8	131.3	131.8	1.2	-6.0	4.1	3.4	-2.4	3.7
Apparel commodities <sup>4</sup> .....	127.4	127.4	128.0	128.5	1.3	-6.7	4.2	3.5	-2.8	3.8
Men's and boys' apparel .....	128.5	128.0	129.2	128.1	1.3	-1.2	4.2	-1.2	.0	1.4
Women's and girls' apparel .....	122.7	123.7	124.5	125.9	1.6	-11.0	4.7	10.8	-4.9	7.7
Infants' and toddlers' apparel <sup>1</sup> .....	127.7	128.1	128.5	128.1	-10.8	-13.8	3.2	1.3	-12.3	2.2
Footwear .....	128.2	128.5	127.6	127.7	1.9	.9	1.3	-1.6	1.4	-2
Other apparel commodities <sup>4</sup> .....	149.6	145.7	146.3	147.7	4.1	-9.5	8.1	-5.0	-2.9	1.4
Apparel services <sup>1 4</sup> .....	160.0	160.5	160.8	161.3	2.3	2.0	1.0	3.3	2.2	2.1
Transportation .....	144.3	145.2	145.2	145.2	8.2	-1.9	4.6	2.5	3.0	3.5
Private transportation .....	142.0	142.8	143.0	143.2	8.0	-2.5	4.0	3.4	2.6	3.7
New vehicles .....	145.8	145.8	145.7	145.6	2.0	2.5	1.7	-.5	2.2	.6
New cars .....	141.7	141.9	141.6	141.5	1.4	3.2	.3	-6	2.3	-1
Used cars .....	156.7	156.3	156.4	157.1	-3.7	-3.0	-1.5	1.0	-3.3	-3
Motor fuel .....	108.6	111.4	112.1	112.0	38.4	-17.6	14.9	13.1	6.8	14.0
Gasoline .....	108.0	111.0	111.6	111.4	37.0	-17.4	14.1	13.2	6.4	13.6
Maintenance and repairs .....	161.3	161.5	162.2	161.9	2.3	3.3	4.1	1.5	2.8	2.8
Other private transportation <sup>4</sup> .....	171.2	170.9	171.1	171.8	1.9	4.1	1.4	1.4	3.0	1.4
Other private transportation commodities <sup>4</sup> .....	104.2	104.1	103.9	104.0	-.8	.4	.0	-.8	-.2	-.4
Other private transportation services <sup>4</sup> .....	188.1	187.8	188.1	189.0	2.4	4.8	1.5	1.9	3.6	1.7
Public transportation .....	185.8	189.1	184.0	179.9	9.5	4.6	13.0	-12.1	7.0	-3

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					
	Nov. 1996	Dec. 1996	Jan. 1997	Feb. 1997	3 months ended—				6 months ended—	
					May 1996	Aug. 1996	Nov. 1996	Feb. 1997	Aug. 1996	Feb. 1997
<b>Expenditure category</b>										
Medical care .....	230.3	230.8	231.2	231.6	3.4	2.8	3.0	2.3	3.1	2.6
Medical care commodities .....	209.5	209.9	210.1	211.0	2.9	2.3	2.1	2.9	2.6	2.5
Medical care services .....	234.8	235.4	235.9	236.0	3.5	3.0	3.1	2.1	3.3	2.6
Professional medical services .....	212.4	213.0	213.5	213.9	3.3	3.5	4.1	2.9	3.4	3.5
Entertainment <sup>4</sup> .....	158.3	158.8	158.8	159.0	2.1	2.6	2.3	1.8	2.3	2.0
Entertainment commodities <sup>4</sup> .....	142.9	143.3	142.9	143.1	1.1	1.7	1.7	.6	1.4	1.1
Entertainment services <sup>4</sup> .....	180.4	181.0	181.4	181.6	3.0	3.2	3.2	2.7	3.1	2.9
Other goods and services <sup>2</sup> .....	215.5	215.6	216.8	217.7	4.3	3.1	3.6	4.1	3.7	3.9
Tobacco and smoking products .....	235.5	234.8	236.1	237.2	3.9	.9	4.9	2.9	2.4	3.9
Personal care <sup>1</sup> .....	151.3	150.4	151.6	151.4	3.0	.3	2.4	.3	1.6	1.3
Toilet goods and personal care appliances <sup>1</sup> .....	145.4	143.5	144.4	144.2	3.9	-1.1	-5	-3.3	1.4	-1.9
Personal care services <sup>1</sup> .....	158.7	159.4	160.8	160.8	1.8	1.8	5.7	5.4	1.8	5.6
Personal and educational expenses <sup>4</sup> .....	246.9	247.9	249.2	250.6	4.8	5.1	3.5	6.1	4.9	4.8
School books and supplies .....	233.1	234.2	234.0	234.8	4.5	6.3	5.7	2.9	5.4	4.3
Personal and educational services <sup>4</sup> .....	248.2	249.2	250.6	252.0	4.7	5.0	3.3	6.3	4.9	4.8
<b>Commodity and service group</b>										
All items .....	-	-	-	-	4.0	1.8	3.9	2.3	2.9	3.1
Commodities .....	141.5	141.9	141.9	142.2	5.0	.3	4.4	2.0	2.6	3.2
Food and beverages .....	156.2	156.3	156.0	156.3	3.5	5.9	5.3	.3	4.7	2.7
Commodities less food and beverages .....	132.5	133.1	133.3	133.5	6.0	-3.6	4.0	3.1	1.1	3.5
Nondurables less food and beverages .....	134.3	135.2	135.4	135.7	10.1	-6.1	7.2	4.2	1.7	5.7
Apparel commodities <sup>4</sup> .....	127.4	127.4	128.0	128.5	1.3	-6.7	4.2	3.5	-2.8	3.8
Nondurables less food, beverages, and apparel .....	140.1	141.8	142.2	142.4	14.6	-7.2	7.5	6.7	3.1	7.1
Durables .....	129.4	129.4	129.3	129.4	-.3	.3	.6	.0	.0	.3
Services .....	173.4	173.9	174.3	174.7	3.6	3.3	3.1	3.0	3.5	3.0
Rent of shelter <sup>3</sup> .....	161.6	161.9	162.5	162.9	3.1	3.0	2.5	3.3	3.1	2.9
Household services less rent of shelter <sup>3 4</sup> .....	132.3	132.6	133.5	134.0	4.7	3.1	3.4	5.2	3.9	4.3
Transportation services .....	180.9	181.4	180.8	180.6	3.7	4.4	3.8	-.7	4.0	1.6
Medical care services .....	234.8	235.4	235.9	236.0	3.5	3.0	3.1	2.1	3.3	2.6
Other services .....	201.3	202.1	203.0	203.7	3.7	4.1	3.2	4.9	3.9	4.0
<b>Special indexes</b>										
All items less food .....	155.7	156.2	156.5	156.8	4.3	1.0	3.4	2.9	2.6	3.1
All items less shelter .....	152.9	153.3	153.5	153.7	4.4	1.6	4.3	2.1	3.0	3.2
All items less homeowners' costs <sup>3 4</sup> .....	146.5	146.9	147.1	147.4	4.3	1.7	3.9	2.5	3.0	3.2
All items less medical care .....	152.4	152.8	153.0	153.3	4.1	2.1	3.8	2.4	3.1	3.1
Commodities less food .....	133.8	134.4	134.6	134.8	5.6	-3.0	4.0	3.0	1.2	3.5
Nondurables less food .....	135.8	136.7	136.9	137.3	8.4	-5.2	7.4	4.5	1.4	5.9
Nondurables less food and apparel .....	141.5	142.6	142.8	143.1	11.3	-3.4	7.4	4.6	3.7	6.0
Nondurables .....	145.4	145.9	146.0	146.3	5.8	1.1	5.4	2.5	3.4	3.9
Services less rent of shelter <sup>3</sup> .....	165.0	165.4	165.7	166.2	4.1	3.5	4.0	2.9	3.8	3.5
Services less medical care services .....	168.2	168.6	169.1	169.4	3.5	3.4	3.2	2.9	3.4	3.0
Energy .....	111.9	113.6	114.6	114.9	20.2	-8.0	11.1	11.2	5.1	11.1
All items less energy .....	162.3	162.5	162.6	162.9	2.8	2.8	3.3	1.5	2.8	2.4
All items less food and energy .....	164.0	164.3	164.6	164.9	2.5	2.2	2.5	2.2	2.4	2.3
Commodities less food and energy commodities .....	141.5	141.5	141.6	141.9	1.1	-.3	2.0	1.1	.4	1.6
Energy commodities .....	108.6	111.5	112.0	111.7	36.6	-17.1	17.5	11.9	6.4	14.7
Services less energy services .....	179.2	179.6	180.0	180.3	3.5	3.4	3.0	2.5	3.5	2.7

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

<sup>2</sup> This index series will undergo a change in composition in January, 1998.

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

<sup>4</sup> This index series will no longer appear in its present form after December, 1997. See Table X for a comparable index series.

- 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 Feb. 1997 from—		Seasonally adjusted percent change from—		
	Jan. 1997	Feb. 1997	Feb. 1996	Jan. 1997	Nov. to Dec.	Dec. to Jan.	Jan. to Feb.
<b>Expenditure category</b>							
Food and beverages .....	156.4	156.4	3.8	0.0	0.1	-0.2	0.2
Food .....	156.1	156.0	3.8	-1	.1	-3	.3
Food at home .....	157.1	156.8	4.2	-2	-1	-6	.3
Cereals and bakery products .....	176.2	176.4	2.7	.1	.2	-1	-1
Cereals and cereal products .....	168.2	166.9	-1.1	-8	-4	.8	-8
Flour and prepared flour mixes .....	158.2	156.1	7.1	-1.3	.2	1.2	-1.0
Cereal .....	185.8	184.3	-4.9	-8	-2	.1	-8
Rice, pasta, and cornmeal .....	147.4	147.2	3.2	-1	-1.0	1.4	-1
Bakery products .....	179.7	180.5	4.5	.4	.4	-3	.2
White bread <sup>1</sup> .....	181.5	183.7	6.3	1.2	.4	-1.1	1.2
Fresh other bread, biscuits, rolls, and muffins <sup>1</sup> .....	181.1	180.9	4.0	-1	-3	1.0	-1
Cookies, fresh cakes, and cupcakes <sup>1</sup> .....	178.2	177.3	3.7	-5	.5	.2	-5
Other bakery products .....	178.4	180.5	3.8	1.2	.4	-2	-4
Meats, poultry, fish, and eggs .....	149.3	148.4	4.4	-6	.7	-5	-3
Meats, poultry, and fish .....	149.3	148.4	4.4	-6	.4	-1	-4
Meats .....	144.5	144.0	4.7	-3	.3	-2	-3
Beef and veal .....	137.4	136.4	1.3	-7	.5	-6	-1.0
Ground beef other than canned .....	116.8	117.1	1.7	.3	-2	-4	-3
Chuck roast <sup>2</sup> .....	145.7	142.9	1.8	-1.9	-5	.1	-2.9
Round roast <sup>2</sup> .....	132.5	133.1	-5	.5	1.7	-4.2	1.7
Round steak <sup>2</sup> .....	130.3	130.9	.2	.5	2.1	-4.7	1.5
Sirloin steak <sup>2</sup> .....	140.5	137.1	-1	-2.4	1.5	-1.2	-3.2
Other beef and veal <sup>1 2</sup> .....	161.7	159.2	1.6	-1.5	-1	1.4	-1.5
Pork .....	155.7	155.1	10.5	-4	.9	.1	.0
Bacon .....	161.6	161.3	23.2	-2	.1	.3	.7
Chops .....	156.1	157.1	5.9	.6	1.7	-1.3	1.6
Ham .....	155.3	155.2	8.0	-1	.3	.1	-6
Other pork, including sausage <sup>2</sup> .....	152.6	150.6	9.6	-1.3	.1	1.4	-1.2
Other meats <sup>1</sup> .....	146.6	147.5	4.2	.6	-1.3	.4	.6
Poultry <sup>1</sup> .....	158.1	157.5	5.6	-4	.3	.4	-4
Fresh whole chicken <sup>1</sup> .....	161.3	159.7	8.6	-1.0	.1	1.5	-1.0
Fresh and frozen chicken parts <sup>1</sup> .....	159.1	159.3	3.8	.1	.1	-1.1	.1
Other poultry <sup>2</sup> .....	154.1	153.4	5.0	-5	.7	.3	-8
Fish and seafood .....	179.5	176.1	1.9	-1.9	1.3	-2	-8
Canned fish and seafood <sup>1</sup> .....	128.3	127.0	1.4	-1.0	.3	1.2	-1.0
Fresh and frozen fish and seafood <sup>2</sup> .....	205.2	200.7	2.0	-2.2	1.5	-4	-8
Eggs .....	148.2	146.7	4.6	-1.0	6.1	-6.7	1.4
Dairy products <sup>1</sup> .....	147.6	146.0	6.6	-1.1	-5	-6	-1.1
Fresh milk and cream <sup>1 2</sup> .....	148.7	146.0	6.6	-1.8	-5	-7	-1.8
Fresh whole milk <sup>1</sup> .....	146.6	143.9	5.7	-1.8	-5	-1.1	-1.8
Other fresh milk and cream <sup>1 2</sup> .....	152.1	149.2	7.8	-1.9	-3	.1	-1.9
Processed dairy products <sup>2</sup> .....	147.0	146.6	6.8	-3	-1	-1.0	-2
Cheese <sup>1 2</sup> .....	148.8	148.2	5.4	-4	-5	-7	-4
Ice cream and related products .....	152.0	151.6	7.5	-3	.6	.8	-3
Other dairy products, including butter <sup>2</sup> .....	132.7	132.8	10.0	.1	-2.4	-2.4	1.1
Fruits and vegetables <sup>3</sup> .....	186.1	186.1	5.4	.0	-1.6	-1.7	2.7
Fresh fruits and vegetables .....	213.1	213.3	5.6	.1	-2.4	-2.6	4.2
Fresh fruits .....	238.1	228.9	5.6	-3.0	.5	-4.9	1.1
Apples .....	199.2	199.3	1.2	.1	-7	-4	-2.0
Bananas .....	161.5	169.3	4.1	4.8	-2	.2	-3.3
Oranges, including tangerines <sup>2</sup> .....	186.3	193.3	-2	3.8	-3.4	-4.0	4.6
Other fresh fruits <sup>2</sup> .....	289.6	270.2	8.9	-6.7	2.1	-7.5	1.9
Fresh vegetables .....	190.7	198.2	5.7	3.9	-6.1	.5	8.2
Potatoes .....	164.5	163.6	-8.6	-5	-1.3	.2	-5
Lettuce <sup>1</sup> .....	194.6	181.8	10.9	-6.6	-11.6	6.3	-6.6
Tomatoes <sup>1</sup> .....	191.2	208.2	19.2	8.9	.7	.4	8.9
Other fresh vegetables .....	201.2	213.5	5.9	6.1	-5.8	.7	8.3
Processed fruits and vegetables <sup>2</sup> .....	148.1	147.9	5.0	-1	.2	.1	-3
Processed fruits <sup>1 2</sup> .....	147.8	149.1	5.7	.9	-1	.7	.9
Fruit juices and frozen fruit <sup>1 2</sup> .....	147.5	149.3	6.0	1.2	-1	.3	1.2
Canned and dried fruits <sup>2</sup> .....	147.3	146.8	4.9	-3	-1	1.3	.1
Processed vegetables <sup>2</sup> .....	148.7	146.8	4.2	-1.3	.3	.1	-9
Frozen vegetables <sup>2</sup> .....	148.3	147.9	3.6	-3	.1	1.0	.3
Processed vegetables excluding frozen <sup>2</sup> .....	149.6	147.0	4.5	-1.7	.4	-1	-1.6

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 Feb. 1997 from—		Seasonally adjusted percent change from—		
	Jan. 1997	Feb. 1997	Feb. 1996	Jan. 1997	Nov. to Dec.	Dec. to Jan.	Jan. to Feb.
<b>Expenditure category</b>							
Other food at home .....	144.4	145.0	2.5	0.4	0.3	0.0	0.2
Sugar and sweets .....	146.8	147.2	4.0	.3	.6	.5	.2
Sugar and artificial sweeteners .....	135.5	135.8	3.7	.2	1.1	.4	.2
Sweets, including candy <sup>2</sup> .....	151.6	151.9	4.0	.2	.3	.6	-.1
Fats and oils .....	141.9	142.3	1.9	.3	.2	-.3	.1
Nonalcoholic beverages .....	127.9	128.0	-1.1	.1	.2	.0	-.4
Carbonated drinks .....	120.9	120.7	-.6	-.2	.2	.1	-1.2
Coffee <sup>1</sup> .....	145.2	145.8	-4.2	.4	.2	.2	.4
Other noncarbonated drinks <sup>2</sup> .....	139.4	140.1	2.9	.5	.6	-.9	1.0
Other prepared food .....	159.3	160.4	4.7	.7	.3	-.1	.7
Canned and packaged soup .....	185.2	185.5	4.7	.2	.2	-.2	-.1
Frozen prepared food <sup>1</sup> .....	143.3	144.8	3.9	1.0	1.0	-1.4	1.0
Snacks <sup>1</sup> .....	151.7	153.9	5.2	1.5	-.3	.1	1.5
Seasonings, condiments, sauces, and spices .....	167.7	167.8	5.4	.1	.0	.9	.0
Miscellaneous prepared food, including baby food <sup>2</sup> .....	160.4	161.3	4.1	.6	.3	-.1	.9
Food away from home .....	155.4	155.7	3.2	.2	.2	.3	.2
Lunch <sup>2</sup> .....	155.8	156.1	3.2	.2	.3	.3	.3
Dinner <sup>2</sup> .....	153.3	153.5	2.9	.1	.1	.3	.1
Other meals and snacks <sup>1 2</sup> .....	158.6	158.9	3.7	.2	.4	.3	.2
Alcoholic beverages .....	160.4	161.1	3.2	.4	.4	.1	.1
Alcoholic beverages at home .....	148.1	148.9	2.5	.5	.5	.0	.1
Beer and ale .....	148.5	148.9	1.6	.3	.4	.1	-.3
Wine .....	140.8	142.4	5.2	1.1	1.1	-.1	.4
Distilled spirits .....	148.2	149.1	2.4	.6	.2	-.1	.5
Alcoholic beverages away from home .....	185.9	186.4	4.1	.3	.3	.4	.3
Housing <sup>3</sup> .....	151.8	152.4	3.0	.4	.2	.3	.2
Shelter .....	168.6	169.4	2.9	.5	.2	.2	.3
Renters' costs <sup>4</sup> .....	159.4	160.9	3.1	.9	.1	.4	.3
Rent, residential .....	164.1	164.4	2.7	.2	.2	.2	.1
Other renters' costs <sup>2</sup> .....	216.3	224.9	5.1	4.0	-.1	1.3	.6
Lodging while out of town .....	215.1	224.4	5.2	4.3	-.2	1.5	.3
Lodging while at school <sup>5</sup> .....	219.4	222.1	4.8	1.2	.3	.4	1.5
Tenants' insurance <sup>1 2</sup> .....	151.9	153.3	1.9	.9	-2.2	.3	.9
Homeowners' costs <sup>4</sup> .....	163.3	163.7	2.8	.2	.2	.2	.3
Owners' equivalent rent <sup>4</sup> .....	163.7	164.0	2.8	.2	.2	.2	.3
Household insurance <sup>2 4</sup> .....	147.4	148.5	2.0	.7	-1.7	.4	.7
Maintenance and repairs <sup>1 2</sup> .....	140.1	140.7	3.7	.4	.1	.0	.4
Maintenance and repair services <sup>1 2</sup> .....	150.0	150.3	3.7	.2	.1	-.1	.2
Maintenance and repair commodities <sup>1 2</sup> .....	127.3	128.3	3.6	.8	.0	.2	.8
Materials, supplies, and equipment for home repairs <sup>1 2 6</sup> .....	125.4	125.3	6.3	-.1	.6	.8	-.1
Other maintenance and repair commodities <sup>1 2</sup> .....	121.9	123.7	1.6	1.5	-.5	-.3	1.5
Fuel and other utilities <sup>3</sup> .....	130.5	130.7	4.9	.2	.4	.8	.3
Fuels .....	118.5	118.5	6.0	.0	.6	1.1	.5
Fuel oil and other household fuel commodities .....	111.6	109.4	12.1	-2.0	3.1	-1.2	-2.0
Fuel oil .....	108.3	107.4	12.3	-.8	1.7	-.6	-1.7
Other household fuel commodities <sup>1 6</sup> .....	148.3	142.2	11.6	-4.1	9.5	.3	-4.1
Gas (piped) and electricity (energy services) .....	124.5	124.8	5.4	.2	.3	1.4	.7
Electricity .....	128.4	128.7	1.1	.2	-.2	-.3	.6
Utility (piped) gas .....	120.8	121.0	15.0	.2	1.4	4.7	1.1
Other utilities and public services <sup>2</sup> .....	160.3	160.9	3.5	.4	.1	.3	.1
Telephone services <sup>1 2</sup> .....	127.4	127.5	2.4	.1	.2	.3	.1
Local charges <sup>1 2</sup> .....	161.0	161.5	1.0	.3	.1	-.2	.3
Interstate toll calls <sup>1</sup> .....	80.5	78.8	3.8	-2.1	.0	2.3	-2.1
Intrastate toll calls <sup>1</sup> .....	92.3	94.1	7.5	2.0	.9	-.2	2.0
Water and sewerage maintenance .....	203.5	203.8	2.9	.1	.3	.2	.0
Cable television <sup>7</sup> .....	221.2	224.7	8.2	1.6	.3	.6	.9
Refuse collection <sup>1 7</sup> .....	248.1	248.2	1.8	.0	-.1	.1	.0

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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 Feb. 1997 from—		Seasonally adjusted percent change from—		
	Jan. 1997	Feb. 1997	Feb. 1996	Jan. 1997	Nov. to Dec.	Dec. to Jan.	Jan. to Feb.
<b>Expenditure category</b>							
Household furnishings and operation <sup>3</sup> .....	123.4	123.7	0.7	0.2	0.2	-0.2	0.1
Housefurnishings <sup>2</sup> .....	109.5	109.8	-2	.3	.4	-.5	.1
Textile housefurnishings <sup>1 2</sup> .....	120.2	121.0	-2.1	.7	.1	.3	.7
Furniture and bedding <sup>1</sup> .....	130.6	130.5	.5	-1	.0	-1.0	-1
Bedroom furniture <sup>1</sup> .....	137.7	137.4	1.9	-2	.5	-1.4	-2
Sofas <sup>1 2</sup> .....	136.4	136.5	2.7	.1	.5	-1.6	.1
Living room chairs and tables <sup>1 2</sup> .....	131.6	131.4	-2.1	-2	-.5	-.9	-2
Other furniture <sup>2</sup> .....	117.9	118.1	-1.7	.2	-.3	-1.0	.5
Appliances, including electronic equipment <sup>1 2</sup> .....	79.0	79.2	-1.6	.3	.1	-.3	.3
Video and audio products <sup>1 2</sup> .....	70.4	70.5	-2.4	.1	.3	-.3	.1
Televisions <sup>1</sup> .....	62.0	62.1	-4.6	.2	.2	.5	.2
Video products other than televisions <sup>1 2 6</sup> .....	67.0	66.4	-1.0	-.9	-.4	-.4	-.9
Audio products <sup>1 2</sup> .....	89.7	90.1	-1.2	.4	.3	-.6	.4
Major household appliances <sup>1 2 6</sup> .....	103.7	104.0	1.3	.3	.3	-.2	.3
Refrigerators and home freezers <sup>1 2</sup> .....	111.4	111.8	2.8	.4	.8	-.4	.4
Laundry equipment <sup>1</sup> .....	112.9	113.1	2.5	.2	-.3	-.2	.2
Stoves, ovens, dishwashers, and air conditioners <sup>1 2 6</sup> .....	93.4	93.6	-1.3	.2	.1	.1	.2
Information processing equipment <sup>1 6</sup> .....	54.3	54.0	-11.2	-.6	-.9	-1.1	-.6
Other housefurnishings <sup>1 2 6</sup> .....	115.1	115.7	.8	.5	.6	.3	.5
Floor and window coverings, infants', laundry, cleaning, and outdoor equipment <sup>1 2</sup> .....	140.7	142.3	2.4	1.1	1.1	.9	1.1
Clocks, lamps, and decor items <sup>1</sup> .....	114.6	117.3	-.8	2.4	-.6	.4	2.4
Tableware, serving pieces, and nonelectric kitchenware <sup>1 2</sup> .....	125.9	126.2	1.5	.2	-1.9	2.4	.2
Lawn equipment, power tools, and other hardware <sup>1 2</sup> .....	111.0	110.9	3.1	-.1	.5	.4	-.1
Sewing, floor cleaning, small kitchen, and portable heating appliances <sup>1 2 6</sup> .....	90.6	91.5	2.0	1.0	1.0	.8	1.0
Indoor plants and fresh cut flowers <sup>1 9</sup> .....	113.4	111.7	-4.9	-1.5	4.9	-3.1	-1.5
Housekeeping supplies .....	142.8	143.1	1.7	.2	.0	.4	.1
Laundry and cleaning products, including soap <sup>1 2</sup> .....	146.1	145.5	2.6	-.4	.0	.7	-.4
Household paper products and stationery supplies <sup>1 2</sup> .....	145.7	145.9	.4	.1	.0	.2	.1
Other household, lawn, and garden supplies <sup>1 2</sup> .....	135.3	137.0	2.2	1.3	-.9	.7	1.3
Housekeeping services <sup>2</sup> .....	152.6	152.9	2.3	.2	.3	-.3	.1
Postage <sup>1</sup> .....	160.8	160.8	.0	.0	.0	.0	.0
Appliance and furniture repair <sup>1 2</sup> .....	156.0	156.0	2.4	.0	.1	-.3	.0
Gardening and other household services <sup>2 6</sup> .....	135.2	135.3	2.3	.1	1.2	-1.6	-.1
<b>Apparel and upkeep</b> .....	<b>128.7</b>	<b>131.1</b>	<b>.7</b>	<b>1.9</b>	<b>.1</b>	<b>.4</b>	<b>.4</b>
Apparel commodities <sup>2</sup> .....	125.1	127.6	.5	2.0	.0	.5	.4
Apparel commodities less footwear .....	124.9	127.6	.4	2.2	.0	.6	.5
Men's and boys' <sup>1</sup> .....	127.0	127.2	.7	.2	-.4	.9	-.9
Men's .....	130.8	131.8	1.7	.8	-.2	1.4	-.1
Suits, sport coats, coats, and jackets .....	132.2	132.9	-1.9	.5	-1.4	.5	-1.0
Furnishings and special clothing .....	124.9	125.3	5.0	.3	.9	3.2	.2
Shirts <sup>2</sup> .....	136.1	137.8	3.5	1.2	-1.5	1.1	.1
Dungarees, jeans, and trousers .....	131.3	132.4	.5	.8	.2	1.9	-.7
Boys' <sup>1</sup> .....	114.6	112.7	-2.7	-1.7	.1	-.6	-2.7
Women's and girls' <sup>1</sup> .....	119.9	124.8	1.2	4.1	.8	.6	1.1
Women's .....	119.1	124.3	1.9	4.4	.9	.8	1.3
Coats and jackets .....	118.0	122.3	4.0	3.6	.1	-2.5	2.9
Dresses .....	104.1	113.8	2.9	9.3	6.9	.5	3.9
Separates and sportswear <sup>2</sup> .....	123.9	127.1	1.8	2.6	-.2	2.7	-.8
Underwear, nightwear, hosiery, and accessories <sup>2</sup> .....	130.8	133.0	.4	1.7	.0	-.8	1.6
Suits <sup>2</sup> .....	122.5	141.6	1.7	15.6	.5	-3.7	8.7
Girls' <sup>1</sup> .....	123.7	127.5	-1.7	3.1	.1	-1.1	.4
Infants' and toddlers' <sup>1</sup> .....	128.5	128.1	-5.3	-.3	.3	.3	-.3
Other apparel commodities <sup>2</sup> .....	144.6	145.7	-.8	.8	-2.6	.4	1.0
Sewing materials, notions, and luggage <sup>1 6</sup> .....	128.4	127.8	-2.0	-.5	-3.0	1.2	-.5
Watches and jewelry <sup>6</sup> .....	143.9	145.3	-.5	1.0	-2.7	.5	.8
Watches <sup>1 6</sup> .....	125.9	124.9	-2.7	-.8	-2.7	4.1	-.8
Jewelry <sup>6</sup> .....	149.0	151.1	-.1	1.4	-3.1	-.3	1.5
Footwear .....	126.0	127.2	.7	1.0	.2	-.7	.1
Men's .....	132.0	133.0	.4	.8	-.1	.0	.3
Boys' and girls' <sup>1</sup> .....	129.2	131.7	5.1	1.9	.5	.0	1.8
Women's .....	118.4	119.1	-1.6	.6	.2	-1.5	-.7
Apparel services <sup>1 2</sup> .....	160.8	161.3	2.2	.3	.3	.2	.3
Laundry and dry cleaning other than coin operated <sup>1 2</sup> .....	164.6	165.5	3.6	.5	.6	.1	.5
Other apparel services <sup>1 2</sup> .....	158.3	158.5	1.0	.1	.1	.2	.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 Feb. 1997 from—		Seasonally adjusted percent change from—		
	Jan. 1997	Feb. 1997	Feb. 1996	Jan. 1997	Nov. to Dec.	Dec. to Jan.	Jan. to Feb.
<b>Expenditure category</b>							
Transportation .....	144.6	144.4	3.1	-0.1	0.6	0.0	0.0
Private .....	142.4	142.4	3.2	.0	.6	.1	.1
New vehicles .....	146.6	146.7	1.5	.1	.0	-.1	-.1
New cars .....	142.7	142.5	1.1	-.1	.1	-.2	-.1
Subcompact new cars <sup>2 6</sup> .....	123.8	123.4	.2	-.3	-.1	-.1	-.3
Compact new cars <sup>2 6</sup> .....	123.8	123.7	2.2	-.1	.3	-.3	-.1
Intermediate new cars <sup>2 6</sup> .....	122.5	122.4	.3	-.1	.0	-.2	-.1
Full-size new cars <sup>2 6</sup> .....	125.6	125.7	2.4	.1	.1	-.3	.1
Luxury new cars <sup>2 6</sup> .....	135.3	134.9	1.5	-.3	.1	.3	-.7
New trucks <sup>7</sup> .....	153.4	154.2	2.7	.5	-.3	.1	.5
New motorcycles <sup>8</sup> .....	163.8	163.7	2.8	-.1	.3	.7	-.4
Used cars .....	155.9	155.7	-1.8	-.1	-.3	.1	.4
Motor fuel .....	108.8	108.2	10.3	-6	2.6	.6	-.1
Gasoline .....	108.2	107.5	9.9	-6	2.8	.5	-.2
Gasoline, unleaded regular .....	106.4	105.6	10.6	-8	2.9	.5	-.4
Gasoline, unleaded midgrade <sup>1 10</sup> .....	112.5	112.0	9.4	-4	.8	.1	-.4
Gasoline, unleaded premium .....	109.4	108.6	8.7	-.7	2.2	.8	-.2
Automobile maintenance and repair .....	162.0	162.1	2.9	.1	.1	.4	-.2
Body work <sup>1</sup> .....	169.1	170.2	4.4	.7	.1	.3	.7
Automobile drive train, brake, and miscellaneous mechanical repair <sup>1 2</sup> .....	169.9	170.1	2.9	.1	-.2	.7	.1
Maintenance and servicing <sup>1</sup> .....	148.8	148.5	2.4	-.2	.0	.1	-.2
Power plant repair <sup>2</sup> .....	166.8	166.9	2.7	.1	.3	.2	-.2
Other private transportation <sup>2</sup> .....	171.9	172.6	2.3	.4	-.2	.1	.4
Other private transportation commodities <sup>2</sup> .....	104.2	104.3	-.3	.1	-.1	-.2	.1
Motor oil, coolant, and other products <sup>1</sup> .....	129.5	128.8	-1.3	-.5	.0	-.8	-.5
Automobile parts and equipment .....	101.4	101.6	-.1	.2	-.1	-.1	.2
Tires .....	101.1	101.1	-.1	.0	.1	.0	.0
Other parts and equipment <sup>1 2</sup> .....	106.1	106.5	-.1	.4	-.2	.1	.4
Other private transportation services <sup>2</sup> .....	189.0	190.0	2.7	.5	-.2	.2	.5
Automobile insurance .....	249.2	249.6	3.9	.2	.2	.1	.4
Automobile finance charges <sup>2</sup> .....	94.4	94.8	1.3	.4	-1.3	.3	.4
Automobile fees <sup>1 2</sup> .....	178.7	182.7	-.4	2.2	-.3	.2	2.2
Automobile registration, licensing, and inspection fees <sup>1 2</sup> .....	181.3	181.3	.1	.0	-.1	-.1	.0
Other automobile-related fees <sup>1 2</sup> .....	176.6	185.7	-1.1	5.2	-.6	.7	5.2
Public transportation .....	183.6	180.3	3.3	-1.8	1.8	-2.7	-2.2
Airline fares <sup>1</sup> .....	198.0	191.6	2.5	-3.2	2.6	-3.2	-3.2
Other intercity transportation <sup>1</sup> .....	158.5	156.4	-.1	-1.3	.3	.4	-1.3
Intracity public transportation <sup>1</sup> .....	174.1	174.4	5.1	.2	-.5	.0	.2
Medical care .....	231.1	232.1	2.9	.4	.2	.2	.2
Medical care commodities .....	210.1	211.4	2.6	.6	.2	.1	.4
Prescription drugs .....	246.1	247.2	3.0	.4	.3	.4	.2
Nonprescription drugs and medical supplies <sup>1 6</sup> .....	142.6	143.8	1.6	.8	.1	.1	.8
Internal and respiratory over-the-counter drugs <sup>1</sup> .....	168.8	170.8	2.0	1.2	.2	-.1	1.2
Nonprescription medical equipment and supplies <sup>1</sup> .....	173.1	173.0	.9	-.1	-.2	.9	-.1
Medical care services .....	235.9	236.8	2.9	.4	.3	.2	.0
Professional medical services .....	213.3	214.3	3.4	.5	.3	.2	.2
Physicians' services .....	220.3	221.3	2.9	.5	.1	.4	.0
Dental services <sup>1</sup> .....	221.9	223.1	4.9	.5	.2	.5	.5
Eye care <sup>1 6</sup> .....	140.5	141.1	1.3	.4	.0	.1	.4
Services by other medical professionals <sup>8</sup> .....	152.4	154.1	4.0	1.1	.1	.3	1.0
Hospital and related services .....	271.9	272.8	3.5	.3	.4	.1	.1
Hospital services <sup>11</sup> .....	100.6	100.9	-	.3	-	.6	.3
Inpatient hospital services <sup>11</sup> .....	100.5	100.6	-	.1	-	.5	.1
Outpatient hospital services <sup>6</sup> .....	221.6	223.3	5.3	.8	.8	.6	.5
Nursing home services <sup>11</sup> .....	100.5	101.4	-	.9	-	.5	.9

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 Feb. 1997 from—		Seasonally adjusted percent change from—		
	Jan. 1997	Feb. 1997	Feb. 1996	Jan. 1997	Nov. to Dec.	Dec. to Jan.	Jan. to Feb.
<b>Expenditure category</b>							
Entertainment <sup>2</sup> .....	158.8	159.2	2.1	0.3	0.3	0.0	0.1
Entertainment commodities <sup>2</sup> .....	142.9	143.1	1.2	.1	.3	-.3	.1
Reading materials <sup>1</sup> .....	179.4	179.5	1.7	.1	.2	.1	.1
Newspapers <sup>1 2</sup> .....	192.1	192.5	2.1	.2	.2	.1	.2
Magazines, periodicals, and books <sup>1 2</sup> .....	166.6	166.6	1.3	.0	.2	.0	.0
Sporting goods and equipment <sup>1</sup> .....	124.8	124.7	-1.7	-.1	.5	.2	-.1
Sport vehicles, including bicycles <sup>1</sup> .....	127.1	127.1	-2.5	.0	1.0	-.2	.0
Other sporting goods <sup>1</sup> .....	118.9	118.6	-.6	-.3	-.3	.8	-.3
Toys, hobbies, and other entertainment <sup>1 2</sup> .....	133.8	134.2	2.4	.3	-.3	.0	.3
Toys, hobbies, and music equipment <sup>2</sup> .....	127.0	127.7	1.3	.6	-.2	-1.0	.6
Photographic supplies and equipment <sup>1</sup> .....	134.7	135.3	1.2	.4	-.2	.6	.4
Pet supplies and expense <sup>1</sup> .....	142.7	142.4	4.1	-.2	.6	.2	-.2
Entertainment services <sup>2</sup> .....	181.4	182.2	3.0	.4	.3	.2	.1
Club memberships <sup>2 6</sup> .....	134.0	135.6	-1.4	1.2	-1.3	-.6	.3
Fees for participant sports, excluding club memberships <sup>2 6</sup> .....	168.3	168.9	3.9	.4	.5	.8	.5
Admissions <sup>1</sup> .....	193.7	195.1	3.5	.7	-.1	.2	.7
Fees for lessons or instructions <sup>6</sup> .....	167.3	168.5	5.6	.7	.5	-.1	.6
Other entertainment services <sup>1 2 6</sup> .....	140.5	140.3	2.7	-.1	.9	.1	-.1
Other goods and services <sup>3</sup> .....	216.7	217.4	3.7	.3	.0	.6	.4
Tobacco and smoking products .....	236.1	237.0	3.1	.4	-.3	.6	.5
Personal care <sup>1</sup> .....	151.6	151.4	1.5	-.1	-.6	.8	-.1
Toilet goods and personal care appliances <sup>1</sup> .....	144.4	144.2	-3	-.1	-1.3	.6	-.1
Cosmetics, bath and nail preparations, manicure and eye makeup implements <sup>1</sup> .....	153.9	155.1	4.6	.8	.3	.5	.8
Other toilet goods and small personal care appliances, including hair and dental products <sup>1</sup> .....	138.7	137.6	-3.4	-.8	-2.4	.7	-.8
Personal care services <sup>1</sup> .....	160.8	160.8	3.7	.0	.4	.9	.0
Beauty parlor services for females <sup>1 2</sup> .....	159.8	159.9	3.4	.1	.4	.9	.1
Haircuts and other barber shop services for males <sup>2</sup> .....	164.1	163.6	5.0	-.3	.2	.9	-.2
Personal and educational expenses <sup>2</sup> .....	249.7	250.8	4.8	.4	.4	.5	.6
School books and supplies .....	236.2	236.9	4.9	.3	.5	-.1	.3
Personal and educational services <sup>2</sup> .....	251.1	252.3	4.8	.5	.4	.6	.6
Tuition and other school fees .....	269.3	269.5	5.0	.1	.4	.8	.3
College tuition .....	288.1	288.1	5.9	.0	.5	1.0	.4
Elementary and high school tuition .....	279.3	279.3	4.6	.0	.5	.4	.4
Day care and nursery school <sup>9</sup> .....	132.7	133.2	3.8	.4	.4	.4	.3
Personal expenses .....	219.1	221.5	4.5	1.1	.4	.4	.7
Legal service fees <sup>1 6</sup> .....	160.0	160.4	4.6	.3	.1	.2	.3
Personal financial services <sup>1 6</sup> .....	184.7	188.3	3.0	1.9	.1	.8	1.9
Funeral expenses <sup>6</sup> .....	166.9	168.9	5.2	1.2	.4	.5	.8
<b>Special indexes</b>							
Domestically produced farm food .....	159.2	158.8	4.7	-.3	.0	-.8	.5
Selected beef cuts .....	130.1	129.6	1.1	-.4	.6	-1.5	-.6
Motor fuel, motor oil, coolant, and other products <sup>2</sup> .....	109.2	108.6	10.0	-.5	2.6	.5	-.1
Utilities and public transportation .....	143.3	143.3	4.4	.0	.6	.1	.1
Housekeeping and home maintenance services <sup>1 2</sup> .....	154.0	154.3	2.5	.2	.3	-.2	.2

<sup>1</sup> Not seasonally adjusted.  
<sup>2</sup> This index series will no longer appear in its present form after December, 1997. See Table X for a comparable index series.  
<sup>3</sup> This index series will undergo a change in composition in January, 1998.  
<sup>4</sup> Indexes on a December 1984=100 base  
<sup>5</sup> Indexes on a December 1982=100 base.  
<sup>6</sup> Indexes on a December 1986=100 base.

<sup>7</sup> Indexes on a December 1983=100 base.  
<sup>8</sup> Indexes on a December 1988=100 base.  
<sup>9</sup> Indexes on a December 1990=100 base.  
<sup>10</sup> Indexes on a December 1993=100 base.  
<sup>11</sup> Indexes on a December 1996=100 base.  
 - Data not available.  
 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					
	Jan. 1997	Feb. 1997	3 months ended—				6 months ended—	
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<b>Expenditure category</b>								
Food and beverages .....	156.0	156.3	3.5	5.9	5.3	0.3	4.7	2.7
Food .....	155.5	155.9	3.2	6.2	5.3	.3	4.7	2.7
Food at home .....	156.0	156.5	3.8	7.9	6.4	-1.3	5.8	2.5
Cereals and bakery products .....	176.2	176.0	4.3	2.3	4.2	.0	3.3	2.1
Cereals and cereal products .....	168.2	166.9	-.9	-2.4	.5	-1.7	-1.7	-6
Flour and prepared flour mixes .....	157.3	155.7	6.5	25.1	-3.0	1.6	15.4	-8
Cereal .....	186.0	184.5	-5.1	-11.0	.2	-3.6	-8.1	-1.7
Rice, pasta, and cornmeal .....	147.4	147.2	.6	8.1	3.1	1.4	4.3	2.2
Bakery products .....	179.7	180.0	6.7	4.9	5.3	1.1	5.8	3.2
White bread <sup>1</sup> .....	181.5	183.7	6.4	13.9	3.1	2.2	10.1	2.7
Fresh other bread, biscuits, rolls, and muffins <sup>1</sup> .....	181.1	180.9	3.3	8.0	2.5	2.5	5.6	2.5
Cookies, fresh cakes, and cupcakes <sup>1</sup> .....	178.2	177.3	5.7	-4.1	13.5	.7	.7	6.9
Other bakery products .....	180.4	179.6	6.6	3.5	6.2	-1.1	5.0	2.5
Meats, poultry, fish, and eggs .....	148.3	147.9	.0	11.8	6.8	-.3	5.7	3.2
Meats, poultry, and fish .....	148.7	148.1	-.3	12.7	6.2	-.3	6.0	2.9
Meats .....	144.1	143.7	-1.4	15.4	6.4	-.8	6.7	2.7
Beef and veal .....	136.6	135.3	-7.3	13.1	4.5	-4.0	2.4	.1
Ground beef other than canned .....	116.0	115.6	-8.2	18.0	2.8	-3.7	4.1	-.5
Chuck roast <sup>2</sup> .....	144.7	140.5	-1.7	21.3	2.5	-12.3	9.2	-5.2
Round roast <sup>2</sup> .....	129.0	131.2	-17.3	11.3	10.3	-3.6	-4.1	3.1
Round steak <sup>2</sup> .....	127.7	129.6	-4.6	-5.2	16.4	-4.8	-4.9	5.3
Sirloin steak <sup>2</sup> .....	142.8	138.2	-7.3	12.6	7.3	-11.0	2.2	-2.3
Other beef and veal <sup>1 2</sup> .....	161.7	159.2	-7.4	11.1	4.9	-1.2	1.4	1.8
Pork .....	156.2	156.2	7.0	25.2	7.0	3.9	15.7	5.5
Bacon .....	161.7	162.8	29.4	67.9	1.5	4.5	47.4	3.0
Chops .....	156.0	158.5	4.9	11.6	-.5	8.2	8.2	3.8
Ham .....	156.8	155.9	2.5	16.0	15.1	-.8	9.1	6.9
Other pork, including sausage <sup>2</sup> .....	153.1	151.2	3.5	22.4	12.9	1.1	12.6	6.8
Other meats <sup>1</sup> .....	146.6	147.5	1.7	6.9	9.4	-1.1	4.3	4.1
Poultry <sup>1</sup> .....	158.1	157.5	-.3	14.4	7.7	1.3	6.8	4.5
Fresh whole chicken <sup>1</sup> .....	161.3	159.7	5.3	23.9	4.1	2.3	14.2	3.2
Fresh and frozen chicken parts <sup>1</sup> .....	159.1	159.3	-4.1	7.9	16.2	-3.2	1.7	6.0
Other poultry <sup>2</sup> .....	153.8	152.6	3.6	8.4	7.1	.8	6.0	3.9
Fish and seafood .....	176.4	175.0	5.2	-2.5	3.8	1.2	1.3	2.4
Canned fish and seafood <sup>1</sup> .....	128.3	127.0	2.3	1.3	.0	1.9	1.8	1.0
Fresh and frozen fish and seafood <sup>2</sup> .....	200.8	199.1	5.9	-3.0	4.6	.6	1.3	2.6
Eggs .....	141.6	143.6	3.8	-2.9	17.0	1.4	.4	8.9
Dairy products <sup>1</sup> .....	147.6	146.0	1.5	21.7	14.3	-8.3	11.1	2.4
Fresh milk and cream <sup>1 2</sup> .....	148.7	146.0	1.5	21.0	18.3	-11.2	10.8	2.5
Fresh whole milk <sup>1</sup> .....	146.6	143.9	.9	19.8	18.9	-13.0	9.9	1.7
Other fresh milk and cream <sup>1 2</sup> .....	152.1	149.2	2.3	23.4	16.8	-8.4	12.4	3.4
Processed dairy products <sup>2</sup> .....	146.4	146.1	4.8	18.5	10.3	-5.3	11.4	2.2
Cheese <sup>1 2</sup> .....	148.8	148.2	1.7	14.9	12.3	-6.0	8.1	2.8
Ice cream and related products .....	151.3	150.8	6.1	11.1	8.2	4.4	8.6	6.2
Other dairy products, including butter <sup>2</sup> .....	132.0	133.5	.3	60.3	5.7	-13.7	26.8	-4.5
Fruits and vegetables <sup>3</sup> .....	181.8	186.7	12.0	6.7	6.0	-2.7	9.4	1.5
Fresh fruits and vegetables .....	206.8	215.5	13.4	7.0	6.7	-4.0	10.1	1.2
Fresh fruits .....	230.6	233.1	15.3	4.6	18.2	-13.1	9.8	1.4
Apples .....	205.1	201.1	10.4	-4.2	11.8	-11.4	2.8	-.5
Bananas .....	165.8	160.3	20.1	-19.7	39.0	-12.4	-1.8	10.3
Oranges, including tangerines <sup>2</sup> .....	214.7	224.5	26.0	18.6	-25.1	-11.4	22.3	-18.5
Other fresh fruits <sup>2</sup> .....	265.5	270.5	12.8	8.4	34.3	-14.3	10.6	7.3
Fresh vegetables .....	180.2	194.9	11.1	9.8	-5.8	8.4	10.4	1.0
Potatoes .....	171.7	170.8	-6.1	-9.6	-11.9	-6.5	-7.9	-9.3
Lettuce <sup>1</sup> .....	194.6	181.8	32.4	-2.5	97.9	-40.7	13.6	8.3
Tomatoes <sup>1</sup> .....	191.2	208.2	169.3	-68.8	64.0	46.6	-8.4	55.1
Other fresh vegetables .....	186.7	202.2	-4.1	28.7	-8.3	11.2	11.1	1.0
Processed fruits and vegetables <sup>2</sup> .....	148.1	147.6	8.8	6.3	5.0	.0	7.5	2.5
Processed fruits <sup>1 2</sup> .....	147.8	149.1	11.2	4.2	1.1	6.4	7.7	3.7
Fruit juices and frozen fruit <sup>1 2</sup> .....	147.5	149.3	12.2	4.2	1.6	6.1	8.1	3.9
Canned and dried fruits <sup>2</sup> .....	147.0	147.1	6.1	3.1	5.1	5.3	4.6	5.2
Processed vegetables <sup>2</sup> .....	148.1	146.7	6.4	8.7	4.2	-2.2	7.5	1.0
Frozen vegetables <sup>2</sup> .....	147.3	147.7	3.4	5.1	.3	5.3	4.2	2.8
Processed vegetables excluding frozen <sup>2</sup> .....	149.3	146.9	8.8	9.8	5.3	-5.3	9.3	-.1

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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					
	Jan. 1997	Feb. 1997	3 months ended—				6 months ended—	
			May 1996	Aug. 1996	Nov. 1996	Feb. 1997	Aug. 1996	Feb. 1997
<b>Expenditure category</b>								
Other food at home .....	144.1	144.4	3.2	2.0	2.3	2.2	2.6	2.3
Sugar and sweets .....	146.6	146.9	4.9	3.7	2.0	5.3	4.3	3.6
Sugar and artificial sweeteners .....	135.1	135.4	7.2	4.9	-4.1	7.1	6.1	1.3
Sweets, including candy <sup>2</sup> .....	151.6	151.5	4.8	3.3	4.7	3.5	4.0	4.1
Fats and oils .....	141.4	141.6	1.4	3.5	2.3	.3	2.5	1.3
Nonalcoholic beverages .....	127.4	126.9	.9	-6	-4.0	-6	.2	-2.3
Carbonated drinks .....	120.3	118.8	4.8	2.3	-5.2	-3.9	3.5	-4.6
Coffee <sup>1</sup> .....	145.2	145.8	-5.4	-7.0	-7.4	3.4	-6.2	-2.2
Other noncarbonated drinks <sup>2</sup> .....	138.3	139.7	3.0	4.8	1.5	2.6	3.9	2.0
Other prepared food .....	159.3	160.4	5.1	2.6	7.6	3.6	3.8	5.6
Canned and packaged soup .....	186.8	186.6	6.9	7.2	4.9	-4	7.1	2.2
Frozen prepared food <sup>1</sup> .....	143.3	144.8	6.8	2.0	4.3	2.8	4.4	3.5
Snacks <sup>1</sup> .....	151.7	153.9	-3	6.7	9.2	5.4	3.2	7.3
Seasonings, condiments, sauces, and spices .....	167.3	167.3	9.7	1.5	7.1	3.7	5.5	5.3
Miscellaneous prepared food, including baby food <sup>2</sup> .....	159.8	161.3	3.9	1.3	7.1	4.3	2.6	5.7
Food away from home .....	155.4	155.7	2.9	3.2	3.7	2.9	3.1	3.3
Lunch <sup>2</sup> .....	155.8	156.3	2.4	3.2	3.7	3.7	2.8	3.7
Dinner <sup>2</sup> .....	153.3	153.5	2.7	3.0	3.5	2.4	2.8	2.9
Other meals and snacks <sup>1 2</sup> .....	158.6	158.9	4.0	2.1	5.5	3.3	3.0	4.4
Alcoholic beverages .....	180.8	180.9	3.1	3.1	4.1	2.3	3.1	3.2
Alcoholic beverages at home .....	148.5	148.6	2.5	3.3	1.6	2.5	2.9	2.0
Beer and ale .....	148.9	148.5	2.2	2.8	.8	.8	2.5	.8
Wine .....	141.2	141.7	5.4	4.8	4.4	5.9	5.1	5.1
Distilled spirits .....	148.4	149.2	1.4	3.0	2.5	2.4	2.2	2.5
Alcoholic beverages away from home .....	186.1	186.6	3.8	3.6	4.9	4.0	3.7	4.4
Housing <sup>3</sup> .....	151.9	152.2	3.3	2.7	3.0	2.9	3.0	3.0
Shelter .....	168.6	169.1	3.2	2.9	2.7	3.1	3.1	2.9
Renters' costs <sup>4</sup> .....	159.6	160.0	2.9	3.6	2.8	3.3	3.2	3.1
Rent, residential .....	164.1	164.3	2.5	3.0	2.7	2.5	2.8	2.6
Other renters' costs <sup>2</sup> .....	220.5	221.8	4.4	6.5	2.4	7.4	5.5	4.9
Lodging while out of town .....	219.9	220.6	4.7	6.6	2.8	6.6	5.8	4.7
Lodging while at school <sup>5</sup> .....	218.8	222.1	3.6	4.8	1.5	9.3	4.2	5.3
Tenants' insurance <sup>1 2</sup> .....	151.9	153.3	1.9	6.5	3.7	-4.1	4.2	-3
Homeowners' costs <sup>4</sup> .....	163.2	163.7	3.3	2.8	2.5	3.0	3.0	2.7
Owners' equivalent rent <sup>4</sup> .....	163.5	164.0	3.3	2.8	2.5	3.0	3.0	2.7
Household insurance <sup>2 5</sup> .....	147.9	148.9	1.4	2.5	6.7	-2.4	1.9	2.0
Maintenance and repairs <sup>1 2</sup> .....	140.1	140.7	5.4	1.5	5.6	2.3	3.4	4.0
Maintenance and repair services <sup>1 2</sup> .....	150.0	150.3	5.1	6.1	2.4	1.1	5.6	1.8
Maintenance and repair commodities <sup>1 2</sup> .....	127.3	128.3	5.6	-4.4	10.0	3.8	.5	6.9
Materials, supplies, and equipment for home repairs <sup>1 2 6</sup> .....	125.4	125.3	7.7	-3.6	16.8	5.3	1.9	10.9
Other maintenance and repair commodities <sup>1 2</sup> .....	121.9	123.7	4.3	-5.1	5.0	2.6	-5	3.8
Fuel and other utilities <sup>3</sup> .....	130.8	131.2	4.5	3.2	5.4	6.0	3.9	5.7
Fuels .....	118.1	118.7	4.7	2.9	7.2	9.3	3.8	8.2
Fuel oil and other household fuel commodities .....	108.2	106.0	19.0	-13.1	54.2	-8	1.7	23.7
Fuel oil .....	105.7	103.9	26.0	-19.6	60.8	-2.3	.6	25.4
Other household fuel commodities <sup>1 6</sup> .....	148.3	142.2	-5.5	-12.1	52.4	22.7	-8.9	36.8
Gas (piped) and electricity (energy services) .....	124.8	125.7	3.4	4.7	3.3	10.1	4.1	6.7
Electricity .....	131.2	132.0	1.2	3.1	-6	.6	2.2	.0
Utility (piped) gas .....	118.5	119.8	7.9	8.1	12.8	32.8	8.0	22.4
Other utilities and public services <sup>2</sup> .....	160.6	160.7	5.0	3.1	3.8	2.0	4.0	2.9
Telephone services <sup>1 2</sup> .....	127.4	127.5	2.3	3.6	1.6	2.2	2.9	1.9
Local charges <sup>1 2</sup> .....	161.0	161.5	-1.0	2.5	1.8	.7	.8	1.2
Interstate toll calls <sup>1</sup> .....	80.5	78.8	11.5	2.1	1.5	.5	6.7	1.0
Intrastate toll calls <sup>1</sup> .....	92.3	94.1	6.1	12.2	1.3	10.9	9.1	6.0
Water and sewerage maintenance .....	203.7	203.6	14.9	-7.6	3.8	2.0	3.1	2.9
Cable television <sup>7</sup> .....	222.3	224.3	5.3	12.6	7.8	7.3	8.9	7.5
Refuse collection <sup>1 7</sup> .....	248.1	248.2	.5	4.7	1.8	.2	2.6	1.0

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<b>Expenditure category</b>								
Household furnishings and operation <sup>3</sup> .....	123.5	123.6	0.7	1.3	0.7	0.3	1.0	0.5
Housefurnishings <sup>2</sup> .....	109.7	109.8	-.7	.4	-.4	.0	-.2	-.2
Textile housefurnishings <sup>1 2</sup> .....	120.2	121.0	-6.3	2.0	-7.6	4.1	-2.3	-2.0
Furniture and bedding <sup>1</sup> .....	130.6	130.5	2.5	2.5	1.2	-4.2	2.5	-1.5
Bedroom furniture <sup>1</sup> .....	137.7	137.4	4.8	2.4	4.7	-4.3	3.6	.1
Sofas <sup>1 2</sup> .....	136.4	136.5	10.3	8.8	-3.4	-4.0	9.5	-3.7
Living room chairs and tables <sup>1 2</sup> .....	131.6	131.4	-8.9	3.4	4.0	-6.1	-3.0	-1.2
Other furniture <sup>2</sup> .....	117.6	118.2	-.3	.0	-3.0	-3.3	-.2	-3.1
Appliances, including electronic equipment <sup>1 2</sup> .....	79.0	79.2	-3.4	-1.5	-2.0	.5	-2.5	-.8
Video and audio products <sup>1 2</sup> .....	70.4	70.5	-3.3	-2.8	-3.9	.6	-3.0	-1.7
Televisions <sup>1</sup> .....	62.0	62.1	-5.4	-6.7	-9.2	3.3	-6.1	-3.1
Video products other than televisions <sup>1 2 6</sup> .....	67.0	66.4	-1.8	-.6	5.5	-6.9	-1.2	-.9
Audio products <sup>1 2</sup> .....	89.7	90.1	-2.6	-.9	-2.2	.9	-1.7	-.7
Major household appliances <sup>1 2 6</sup> .....	103.7	104.0	-1.5	4.4	.8	1.6	1.4	1.2
Refrigerators and home freezers <sup>1 2</sup> .....	111.4	111.8	3.0	4.1	.7	3.3	3.5	2.0
Laundry equipment <sup>1</sup> .....	112.9	113.1	.7	12.5	-1.4	-1.1	6.4	-1.2
Stoves, ovens, dishwashers, and air conditioners <sup>1 2 6</sup> .....	93.4	93.6	-7.0	-3.4	4.0	1.7	-5.2	2.8
Information processing equipment <sup>1 6</sup> .....	54.3	54.0	-16.0	-13.7	-4.9	-9.7	-14.9	-7.3
Other housefurnishings <sup>1 2 6</sup> .....	115.1	115.7	-.3	.3	-2.8	6.1	.0	1.6
Floor and window coverings, infants', laundry, cleaning, and outdoor equipment <sup>1 2</sup> .....	140.7	142.3	-4.5	6.0	-3.7	13.1	.6	4.4
Clocks, lamps, and decor items <sup>1</sup> .....	114.6	117.3	2.4	-12.8	-.3	9.0	-5.5	4.2
Tableware, serving pieces, and nonelectric kitchenware <sup>1 2</sup> .....	125.9	126.2	-.6	6.9	-2.8	2.9	3.1	.0
Lawn equipment, power tools, and other hardware <sup>1 2</sup> .....	111.0	110.9	2.6	5.3	1.5	2.9	3.9	2.2
Sewing, floor cleaning, small kitchen, and portable heating appliances <sup>1 2 6</sup> .....	90.6	91.5	-9.0	10.4	-3.5	11.7	.2	3.8
Indoor plants and fresh cut flowers <sup>1 9</sup> .....	113.4	111.7	4.9	-13.4	-10.7	.7	-4.7	-5.2
Housekeeping supplies .....	142.9	143.1	1.4	2.0	1.1	2.3	1.7	1.7
Laundry and cleaning products, including soap <sup>1 2</sup> .....	146.1	145.5	1.7	3.7	4.0	1.1	2.7	2.5
Household paper products and stationery supplies <sup>1 2</sup> .....	145.7	145.9	3.1	-3.2	.6	1.4	-.1	1.0
Other household, lawn, and garden supplies <sup>1 2</sup> .....	135.3	137.0	.6	3.6	.0	4.5	2.1	2.2
Housekeeping services <sup>2</sup> .....	152.5	152.6	3.0	3.8	2.9	.0	3.4	1.5
Postage <sup>1</sup> .....	160.8	160.8	.0	.0	.0	.0	.0	.0
Appliance and furniture repair <sup>1 2</sup> .....	156.0	156.0	2.4	.5	7.8	-.8	1.4	3.4
Gardening and other household services <sup>2 6</sup> .....	135.5	135.3	5.9	2.1	4.2	-2.3	4.0	.9
Apparel and upkeep .....	131.3	131.8	1.2	-6.0	4.1	3.4	-2.4	3.7
Apparel commodities <sup>2</sup> .....	128.0	128.5	1.3	-6.7	4.2	3.5	-2.8	3.8
Apparel commodities less footwear .....	127.9	128.5	1.3	-8.2	4.9	4.5	-3.6	4.7
Men's and boys' .....	129.2	128.1	1.3	-1.2	4.2	-1.2	.0	1.4
Men's .....	133.1	133.0	3.1	-3.3	2.8	4.3	-.2	3.6
Suits, sport coats, coats, and jackets .....	135.8	134.5	-1.2	-1.5	2.1	-7.1	-1.3	-2.6
Furnishings and special clothing .....	127.2	127.5	7.4	-3.8	-.7	18.5	1.7	8.5
Shirts <sup>2</sup> .....	138.9	139.0	3.9	1.8	10.0	-1.4	2.8	4.2
Dungarees, jeans, and trousers .....	132.4	131.5	.9	-3.3	-1.2	5.7	-1.2	2.2
Boys' .....	116.6	113.5	-2.0	-2.7	7.1	-12.0	-2.4	-2.9
Women's and girls' .....	124.5	125.9	1.6	-11.0	4.7	10.8	-4.9	7.7
Women's .....	123.9	125.5	1.6	-8.4	2.7	12.7	-3.5	7.6
Coats and jackets .....	119.3	122.8	14.6	-11.3	12.7	2.0	.8	7.2
Dresses .....	110.8	115.1	17.1	-15.2	-27.2	55.3	-.4	6.4
Separates and sportswear <sup>2</sup> .....	130.0	129.0	-3.1	-7.7	12.6	7.1	-5.5	9.8
Underwear, nightwear, hosiery, and accessories <sup>2</sup> .....	131.3	133.4	1.8	-1.8	-1.5	3.1	.0	.8
Suits <sup>2</sup> .....	127.2	138.3	-13.7	-7.7	9.3	22.7	-10.7	15.8
Girls' .....	127.2	127.7	3.1	-22.5	14.7	1.6	-10.6	8.0
Infants' and toddlers' <sup>1</sup> .....	128.5	128.1	-10.8	-13.8	3.2	1.3	-12.3	2.2
Other apparel commodities <sup>2</sup> .....	146.3	147.7	4.1	-9.5	8.1	-5.0	-2.9	1.4
Sewing materials, notions, and luggage <sup>1 6</sup> .....	128.4	127.8	10.5	-.9	-7.6	-8.9	4.7	-8.2
Watches and jewelry <sup>6</sup> .....	145.8	146.9	5.2	-10.8	10.9	-6.0	-3.1	2.1
Watches <sup>1 6</sup> .....	125.9	124.9	3.8	-4.3	-11.6	2.3	-.3	-4.9
Jewelry <sup>6</sup> .....	150.9	153.1	4.8	-9.7	14.2	-7.7	-2.7	2.7
Footwear .....	127.6	127.7	1.9	.9	1.3	-1.6	1.4	-.2
Men's .....	132.8	133.2	1.5	-.3	-.3	.9	.6	.3
Boys' and girls' .....	131.4	133.7	5.8	6.0	-.3	9.2	5.9	4.3
Women's .....	120.2	119.4	.0	-.7	2.3	-7.7	-.3	-2.8
Apparel services <sup>1 2</sup> .....	160.8	161.3	2.3	2.0	1.0	3.3	2.2	2.1
Laundry and dry cleaning other than coin operated <sup>1 2</sup> .....	164.6	165.5	2.0	4.0	3.5	5.0	3.0	4.2
Other apparel services <sup>1 2</sup> .....	158.3	158.5	2.6	.3	-.5	1.8	1.4	.6

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					
	Jan. 1997	Feb. 1997	3 months ended—				6 months ended—	
			May 1996	Aug. 1996	Nov. 1996	Feb. 1997	Aug. 1996	Feb. 1997
<b>Expenditure category</b>								
Transportation .....	145.2	145.2	8.2	-1.9	4.6	2.5	3.0	3.5
Private .....	143.0	143.2	8.0	-2.5	4.0	3.4	2.6	3.7
New vehicles .....	145.7	145.6	2.0	2.5	1.7	-5	2.2	.6
New cars .....	141.6	141.5	1.4	3.2	.3	-6	2.3	-1
Subcompact new cars <sup>2 6</sup> .....	123.1	122.7	-3	2.0	1.0	-1.9	.8	-5
Compact new cars <sup>2 6</sup> .....	122.9	122.8	3.7	3.7	1.6	-3	3.7	.7
Intermediate new cars <sup>2 6</sup> .....	121.5	121.4	.7	3.7	-1.9	-1.3	2.2	-1.6
Full-size new cars <sup>2 6</sup> .....	124.6	124.7	4.0	3.3	2.9	-6	3.6	1.1
Luxury new cars <sup>2 6</sup> .....	134.4	133.5	2.1	2.8	2.1	-9	2.4	.6
New trucks <sup>7</sup> .....	152.6	153.4	3.0	2.4	4.3	1.0	2.7	2.7
New motorcycles <sup>6</sup> .....	163.8	163.1	8.6	-2	1.0	2.2	4.1	1.6
Used cars .....	156.4	157.1	-3.7	-3.0	-1.5	1.0	-3.3	-3
Motor fuel .....	112.1	112.0	38.4	-17.6	14.9	13.1	6.8	14.0
Gasoline .....	111.6	111.4	37.0	-17.4	14.1	13.2	6.4	13.6
Gasoline, unleaded regular .....	109.9	109.5	39.5	-18.0	15.2	13.0	7.0	14.1
Gasoline, unleaded midgrade <sup>1 10</sup> .....	112.5	112.0	74.0	-21.2	2.6	1.8	17.1	2.2
Gasoline, unleaded premium .....	112.1	111.9	34.4	-17.5	12.3	11.9	5.3	12.1
Automobile maintenance and repair .....	162.2	161.9	2.3	3.3	4.1	1.5	2.8	2.8
Body work <sup>1</sup> .....	169.1	170.2	10.4	1.4	1.7	4.3	5.9	3.0
Automobile drive train, brake, and miscellaneous mechanical repair <sup>1 2</sup> .....	169.9	170.1	1.2	2.4	5.6	2.4	1.8	4.0
Maintenance and servicing <sup>1</sup> .....	148.8	148.5	3.4	4.4	2.2	-3	3.9	.9
Power plant repair <sup>2</sup> .....	166.7	166.4	.7	3.2	5.7	1.2	2.0	3.5
Other private transportation <sup>2</sup> .....	171.1	171.8	1.9	4.1	1.4	1.4	3.0	1.4
Other private transportation commodities <sup>2</sup> .....	103.9	104.0	-8	.4	.0	-8	-2	-4
Motor oil, coolant, and other products <sup>1</sup> .....	129.5	128.8	-2.7	2.5	.6	-5.4	-2	-2.4
Automobile parts and equipment .....	101.1	101.3	-8	.0	.4	.0	-4	.2
Tires .....	100.7	100.7	-2.0	.4	.8	.4	-8	.6
Other parts and equipment <sup>1 2</sup> .....	106.1	106.5	.8	-1.5	-7	1.1	-4	.2
Other private transportation services <sup>2</sup> .....	188.1	189.0	2.4	4.8	1.5	1.9	3.6	1.7
Automobile insurance .....	247.7	248.8	4.8	4.2	3.5	2.9	4.5	3.2
Automobile finance charges <sup>2</sup> .....	93.4	93.8	.9	11.2	-4.5	-2.1	5.9	-3.3
Automobile fees <sup>1 2</sup> .....	178.7	182.7	-9.0	3.8	-4.3	8.8	-2.8	2.0
Automobile registration, licensing, and inspection fees <sup>1 2</sup> .....	181.3	181.3	.7	.0	.2	-7	.3	-2
Other automobile-related fees <sup>1 2</sup> .....	176.6	185.7	-20.4	9.3	-10.4	22.8	-6.7	4.9
Public transportation .....	184.0	179.9	9.5	4.6	13.0	-12.1	7.0	-3
Airline fares <sup>1</sup> .....	198.0	191.6	2.8	2.8	22.3	-14.6	2.8	2.2
Other intercity transportation <sup>1</sup> .....	158.5	156.4	11.2	-4.6	-3.2	-2.8	3.0	-3.0
Intracity public transportation <sup>1</sup> .....	174.1	174.4	19.9	1.9	1.2	-1.4	10.5	-1
Medical care .....	231.2	231.6	3.4	2.8	3.0	2.3	3.1	2.6
Medical care commodities .....	210.1	211.0	2.9	2.3	2.1	2.9	2.6	2.5
Prescription drugs .....	246.3	246.8	3.7	3.5	1.3	3.5	3.6	2.4
Nonprescription drugs and medical supplies <sup>1 6</sup> .....	142.6	143.8	-6	1.7	1.1	4.3	.6	2.7
Internal and respiratory over-the-counter drugs <sup>1</sup> .....	168.8	170.8	-1.0	1.4	2.2	5.3	.2	3.7
Nonprescription medical equipment and supplies <sup>1</sup> .....	173.1	173.0	1.4	1.6	-1.6	2.3	1.5	.3
Medical care services .....	235.9	236.0	3.5	3.0	3.1	2.1	3.3	2.6
Professional medical services .....	213.5	213.9	3.3	3.5	4.1	2.9	3.4	3.5
Physicians' services .....	220.8	220.9	2.6	3.0	4.1	2.2	2.8	3.2
Dental services <sup>1</sup> .....	221.9	223.1	5.2	5.1	4.7	4.8	5.1	4.7
Eye care <sup>1 6</sup> .....	140.5	141.1	-3	1.7	1.7	2.0	.7	1.9
Services by other medical professionals <sup>6</sup> .....	152.5	154.0	1.9	3.8	4.3	5.9	2.9	5.1
Hospital and related services .....	271.4	271.7	4.5	3.8	3.3	2.4	4.2	2.9
Hospital services <sup>11</sup> .....	100.6	100.9	-	-	-	-	-	-
Inpatient hospital services <sup>11</sup> .....	100.5	100.6	-	-	-	-	-	-
Outpatient hospital services <sup>6</sup> .....	221.2	222.4	6.6	4.2	2.2	8.3	5.4	5.2
Nursing home services <sup>11</sup> .....	100.5	101.4	-	-	-	-	-	-

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					
	Jan. 1997	Feb. 1997	3 months ended—				6 months ended—	
			May 1996	Aug. 1996	Nov. 1996	Feb. 1997	Aug. 1996	Feb. 1997
<b>Expenditure category</b>								
Entertainment <sup>2</sup> .....	158.8	159.0	2.1	2.6	2.3	1.8	2.3	2.0
Entertainment commodities <sup>2</sup> .....	142.9	143.1	1.1	1.7	1.7	.6	1.4	1.1
Reading materials <sup>1</sup> .....	179.4	179.5	.0	3.7	2.0	1.1	1.8	1.6
Newspapers <sup>1 2</sup> .....	192.1	192.5	2.8	.8	2.8	1.9	1.8	2.3
Magazines, periodicals, and books <sup>1 2</sup> .....	166.6	166.6	-3.4	7.3	1.0	.7	1.8	.8
Sporting goods and equipment <sup>1</sup> .....	124.8	124.7	-1.9	-2.5	-4.7	2.3	-2.2	-1.3
Sport vehicles, including bicycles <sup>1</sup> .....	127.1	127.1	-.6	-.6	-11.5	3.2	-.6	-4.4
Other sporting goods <sup>1</sup> .....	118.9	118.6	-3.3	-5.0	5.6	.7	-4.1	3.1
Toys, hobbies, and other entertainment <sup>1 2</sup> .....	133.8	134.2	3.7	.6	5.5	.0	2.1	2.7
Toys, hobbies, and music equipment <sup>2</sup> .....	127.3	128.1	1.6	.6	5.1	-2.2	1.1	1.4
Photographic supplies and equipment <sup>1</sup> .....	134.7	135.3	3.3	1.2	-2.9	3.3	2.3	.1
Pet supplies and expense <sup>1</sup> .....	142.7	142.4	2.4	2.3	9.6	2.3	2.4	5.9
Entertainment services <sup>2</sup> .....	181.4	181.6	3.0	3.2	3.2	2.7	3.1	2.9
Club memberships <sup>2 6</sup> .....	134.1	134.5	-1.7	.3	2.4	-6.3	-.7	-2.0
Fees for participant sports, excluding club memberships <sup>2 6</sup> .....	166.1	166.9	1.0	5.8	1.7	7.5	3.4	4.6
Admissions <sup>1</sup> .....	193.7	195.1	7.4	3.8	-.4	3.3	5.6	1.5
Fees for lessons or instructions <sup>6</sup> .....	167.0	168.0	5.7	5.1	7.8	4.2	5.4	6.0
Other entertainment services <sup>1 2 6</sup> .....	140.5	140.3	1.5	3.2	2.3	3.8	2.4	3.1
Other goods and services <sup>3</sup> .....	216.8	217.7	4.3	3.1	3.6	4.1	3.7	3.9
Tobacco and smoking products .....	236.1	237.2	3.9	.9	4.9	2.9	2.4	3.9
Personal care <sup>1</sup> .....	151.6	151.4	3.0	.3	2.4	.3	1.6	1.3
Toilet goods and personal care appliances <sup>1</sup> .....	144.4	144.2	3.9	-1.1	-.5	-3.3	1.4	-1.9
Cosmetics, bath and nail preparations, manicure and eye makeup implements <sup>1</sup> .....	153.9	155.1	6.6	-3.1	8.8	6.4	1.6	7.6
Other toilet goods and small personal care appliances, including hair and dental products <sup>1</sup> .....	138.7	137.6	2.3	.6	-6.5	-9.6	1.4	-8.1
Personal care services <sup>1</sup> .....	160.8	160.8	1.8	1.8	5.7	5.4	1.8	5.6
Beauty parlor services for females <sup>1 2</sup> .....	159.8	159.9	1.3	.8	5.8	5.7	1.0	5.7
Haircuts and other barber shop services for males <sup>2</sup> .....	163.6	163.2	4.4	6.3	6.2	3.3	5.3	4.7
Personal and educational expenses <sup>2</sup> .....	249.2	250.6	4.8	5.1	3.5	6.1	4.9	4.8
School books and supplies .....	234.0	234.8	4.5	6.3	5.7	2.9	5.4	4.3
Personal and educational services <sup>2</sup> .....	250.6	252.0	4.7	5.0	3.3	6.3	4.9	4.8
Tuition and other school fees .....	268.5	269.2	5.4	4.5	4.0	6.0	5.0	5.0
College tuition .....	266.6	267.8	6.2	6.4	3.3	7.6	6.3	5.4
Elementary and high school tuition .....	278.2	279.3	5.3	2.8	5.4	5.0	4.1	5.2
Day care and nursery school <sup>9</sup> .....	132.4	132.8	4.1	4.1	2.5	4.3	4.1	3.4
Personal expenses .....	219.5	221.0	3.8	5.2	3.0	6.0	4.4	4.5
Legal service fees <sup>1 6</sup> .....	160.0	160.4	10.0	3.9	2.8	2.0	6.9	2.4
Personal financial services <sup>1 6</sup> .....	184.7	188.3	-2.8	1.1	2.2	11.9	-.9	6.9
Funeral expenses <sup>6</sup> .....	167.1	168.4	3.8	6.3	3.7	6.9	5.1	5.3
<b>Special Indexes</b>								
Domestically produced farm food .....	157.9	158.7	4.0	9.5	6.8	-1.3	6.7	2.7
Selected beef cuts .....	129.0	128.2	-7.7	13.5	6.4	-6.0	2.4	.0
Motor fuel, motor oil, coolant, and other products <sup>2</sup> .....	112.4	112.3	36.7	-17.2	14.8	12.7	6.4	13.7
Utilities and public transportation .....	143.8	144.0	5.9	2.6	5.2	3.4	4.2	4.3
Housekeeping and home maintenance services <sup>1 2</sup> .....	154.0	154.3	2.1	3.2	3.2	1.3	2.7	2.2

<sup>1</sup> Not seasonally adjusted.  
<sup>2</sup> This index series will no longer appear in its present form after December, 1997. See Table X for a comparable index series.  
<sup>3</sup> This index series will undergo a change in composition in January, 1998.  
<sup>4</sup> Indexes on a December 1984=100 base  
<sup>5</sup> Indexes on a December 1982=100 base.  
<sup>6</sup> Indexes on a December 1986=100 base.

<sup>7</sup> Indexes on a December 1983=100 base.  
<sup>8</sup> Indexes on a December 1988=100 base.  
<sup>9</sup> Indexes on a December 1990=100 base.  
<sup>10</sup> Indexes on a December 1993=100 base.  
<sup>11</sup> Indexes on a December 1996=100 base.  
 - Data not available.  
 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 Feb. 1997 from—			Percent change to Jan. 1997 from—		
		Nov. 1996	Dec. 1996	Jan. 1997	Feb. 1997	Feb. 1996	Dec. 1996	Jan. 1997	Jan. 1996	Nov. 1996	Dec. 1996
U.S. city average .....	M	158.6	158.6	159.1	159.6	3.0	0.6	0.3	3.0	0.3	0.3
<b>Region and area size <sup>2</sup></b>											
Northeast urban .....	M	165.4	165.7	166.2	166.9	2.9	.7	.4	3.0	.5	.3
Size A - More than 1,200,000 .....	M	166.0	166.2	166.8	167.7	2.9	.9	.5	2.8	.5	.4
Size B - 500,000 to 1,200,000 <sup>3</sup> .....	M	163.1	164.3	164.2	164.2	3.1	-.1	.0	3.5	.7	-.1
Size C - 50,000 to 500,000 <sup>3</sup> .....	M	164.3	164.6	164.7	165.3	2.9	.4	.4	3.1	.2	.1
North Central urban .....	M	155.0	155.3	155.5	155.9	3.4	.4	.3	3.5	.3	.1
Size A - More than 1,200,000 .....	M	155.3	155.5	156.0	156.5	3.2	.6	.3	3.3	.5	.3
Size B - 360,000 to 1,200,000 <sup>3</sup> .....	M	154.5	154.5	154.3	154.4	3.3	-.1	.1	3.8	-.1	-.1
Size C - 50,000 to 360,000 <sup>3</sup> .....	M	157.1	157.7	157.8	158.3	3.9	.4	.3	3.7	.4	.1
Size D - Nonmetropolitan (less than 50,000) .....	M	151.9	151.9	152.2	152.1	3.5	.1	-.1	3.9	.2	.2
South urban .....	M	155.1	155.1	155.7	156.1	3.0	.6	.3	3.0	.4	.4
Size A - More than 1,200,000 .....	M	153.8	154.0	154.9	155.2	3.1	.8	.2	3.0	.7	.6
Size B - 450,000 to 1,200,000 <sup>3</sup> .....	M	158.2	158.2	158.5	158.9	3.1	.4	.3	3.5	.2	.2
Size C - 50,000 to 450,000 <sup>3</sup> .....	M	154.7	154.4	155.0	155.6	2.8	.8	.4	2.6	.2	.4
Size D - Nonmetropolitan (less than 50,000) .....	M	154.6	154.4	154.8	155.5	3.6	.7	.5	3.3	.1	.3
West urban .....	M	159.2	158.7	159.6	160.1	2.8	.9	.3	2.8	.3	.6
Size A - More than 1,250,000 .....	M	159.1	158.7	159.6	160.1	2.7	.9	.3	2.7	.3	.6
Size C - 50,000 to 330,000 <sup>3</sup> .....	M	163.9	163.9	164.9	165.4	2.9	.9	.3	3.2	.6	.6
<b>Size classes</b>											
A <sup>4</sup> .....	M	142.9	142.9	143.6	144.1	2.9	.8	.3	2.9	.5	.5
B <sup>3</sup> .....	M	158.9	159.0	159.2	159.5	3.1	.3	.2	3.4	.2	.1
C <sup>3</sup> .....	M	158.5	158.6	159.1	159.6	3.1	.6	.3	3.0	.4	.3
D .....	M	155.8	155.5	155.9	156.2	3.4	.5	.2	3.3	.1	.3
<b>Selected local areas <sup>5</sup></b>											
Chicago-Gary-Lake County, IL-IN-WI .....	M	159.4	159.7	160.4	161.1	3.8	.9	.4	3.8	.6	.4
Los Angeles-Anaheim-Riverside, CA .....	M	158.4	158.3	159.1	159.2	1.9	.6	.1	2.2	.4	.5
N.Y.-Northern N.J.-Long Island, NY-NJ-CT .....	M	168.4	168.5	169.1	170.1	2.7	.9	.6	2.6	.4	.4
Phil.-Wilmington-Trenton, PA-NJ-DE-MD <sup>6</sup> .....	M	164.3	164.3	165.1	165.8	2.9	.9	.4	3.0	.5	.5
San Francisco-Oakland-San Jose, CA <sup>6</sup> .....	M	158.9	158.0	157.0	157.9	3.1	1.2	.6	2.7	.1	.6
Baltimore, MD <sup>7</sup> .....	1	154.8	-	155.8	-	-	-	-	2.8	.6	-
Boston-Lawrence-Salem, MA-NH .....	1	166.3	-	167.7	-	-	-	-	3.4	.8	-
Cleveland-Akron-Lorain, OH .....	1	153.8	-	153.8	-	-	-	-	3.2	.0	-
Miami-Fort Lauderdale, FL .....	1	156.4	-	158.1	-	-	-	-	4.0	1.1	-
St. Louis-East St. Louis, MO-IL <sup>8</sup> .....	1	151.4	-	151.5	-	-	-	-	2.9	.1	-
Washington, DC-MD-VA <sup>7</sup> .....	1	161.2	-	161.6	-	-	-	-	3.1	.2	-
Dallas-Fort Worth, TX .....	2	-	150.0	-	150.7	3.1	.5	-	-	-	-
Detroit-Ann Arbor, MI .....	2	-	154.3	-	155.4	2.7	.7	-	-	-	-
Houston-Galveston-Brazoria, TX .....	2	-	143.6	-	144.5	2.1	.6	-	-	-	-
Pittsburgh-Beaver Valley, PA <sup>8</sup> .....	2	-	155.4	-	156.2	3.4	.5	-	-	-	-

<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> Starting in January, 1998, a new Size Class B/C will be introduced, composed of current Size Class B and Size Class C cities. There will be no individual Size Class B or Size Class C.

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

<sup>5</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.

<sup>6</sup> Indexes for the cities of Philadelphia and San Francisco will no longer be published on a monthly basis starting in January, 1998. Beginning in February, 1998 they will be published on a bi-monthly basis.

<sup>7</sup> Indexes for the cities of Washington and Baltimore will no longer be published separately after December, 1997. Beginning in January, 1998 the two cities will be published as a Washington-Baltimore combined metropolitan area.

<sup>8</sup> Indexes for the cities of Pittsburgh and St. Louis will no longer be published on a bi-monthly basis after December, 1997. Beginning in July, 1998 they will be published semi-annually, each January and July.

- 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—		
		Feb. 1997	Feb. 1996		Jan. 1997	Feb. 1997		Feb. 1996	Jan. 1997		Feb. 1997	Feb. 1996	Jan. 1997
<b>Expenditure category</b>													
All items .....	166.9	2.9	0.4	155.9	3.4	0.3	156.1	3.0	0.3	160.1	2.8	0.3	
All items (December 1977=100) .....	262.9	-	-	253.6	-	-	253.3	-	-	258.7	-	-	
<b>Food and beverages</b> .....	159.7	2.7	.1	153.9	4.0	-.1	155.4	3.9	.1	158.5	4.3	-.2	
<b>Food</b> .....	159.1	2.6	.1	153.3	4.1	-.1	155.4	4.0	.1	158.0	4.5	-.3	
<b>Food at home</b> .....	161.0	2.7	.1	153.6	4.5	-.3	154.7	4.5	.0	162.0	5.3	-.6	
Cereals and bakery products <sup>2</sup> .....	182.3	2.1	.6	175.3	2.2	-.6	171.7	3.1	.0	177.8	3.9	.6	
Meats, poultry, fish, and eggs <sup>2</sup> .....	153.1	2.9	-.6	145.9	4.7	-.5	145.0	4.7	-.8	151.3	6.3	-.3	
Dairy products <sup>2</sup> .....	138.7	5.6	-.3	147.5	7.7	-.4	145.1	7.5	-.1	155.3	5.4	-.2	
Fruits and vegetables <sup>2</sup> .....	188.0	3.0	.5	176.5	6.9	-.9	186.6	5.1	1.4	198.3	7.2	-.1	
Other food at home <sup>2</sup> .....	152.3	1.1	.5	141.2	2.5	.7	143.3	2.9	.6	145.7	3.3	-.1	
Sugar and sweets <sup>2</sup> .....	156.8	5.0	.3	144.5	3.5	.8	142.4	3.2	.1	147.6	4.2	-.4	
Fats and oils <sup>2</sup> .....	148.1	-.6	.1	137.0	2.5	.9	141.0	2.5	.1	145.6	4.2	.0	
Nonalcoholic beverages <sup>2</sup> .....	137.9	-.2	.5	123.5	-.1	.0	124.4	.4	1.0	128.4	-.1	-.1	
Other prepared food <sup>2</sup> .....	165.9	2.9	.6	156.4	4.9	1.2	161.2	4.6	.4	160.0	6.1	.7	
<b>Food away from home</b> .....	158.1	2.5	.3	153.2	3.4	.1	158.1	3.3	.1	152.2	3.3	.3	
<b>Alcoholic beverages</b> .....	166.5	3.7	.5	161.2	3.0	.2	155.8	3.2	.7	164.3	3.3	.4	
<b>Housing</b> <sup>3</sup> .....	167.8	2.8	.8	150.9	3.5	.3	147.4	3.2	.5	157.9	2.6	.3	
<b>Shelter</b> .....	194.7	2.7	.8	171.0	3.1	.5	159.0	3.3	.6	172.9	3.1	.2	
Renters' costs <sup>2 4</sup> .....	204.9	3.2	1.7	177.2	4.0	1.5	171.8	4.0	1.8	183.9	3.5	.5	
Rent, residential .....	177.3	2.7	.3	161.6	2.9	.2	153.3	2.8	.1	164.8	2.6	.2	
Other renters' costs <sup>2</sup> .....	257.9	4.3	4.8	200.0	6.2	4.2	217.9	6.6	5.8	228.7	6.6	1.7	
Homeowners' costs <sup>2 4</sup> .....	201.2	2.4	.3	174.6	2.8	.2	160.2	3.0	.2	183.0	3.0	.1	
Owners' equivalent rent <sup>4</sup> .....	202.3	2.4	.4	175.0	2.9	.2	159.9	3.1	.2	182.9	2.8	.1	
Maintenance and repairs <sup>2</sup> .....	139.2	-	.9	143.0	3.5	.4	141.0	7.4	.5	143.0	1.4	.1	
Maintenance and repair services <sup>2</sup> .....	147.4	-	.2	155.2	4.7	.1	140.6	6.6	.3	149.2	.2	.0	
Maintenance and repair commodities <sup>2</sup> .....	127.6	1.2	2.1	131.6	2.0	.6	141.5	8.9	1.1	135.2	3.8	.3	
<b>Fuel and other utilities</b> <sup>5</sup> .....	128.4	4.9	.7	127.7	7.4	-.2	135.0	4.2	.1	136.8	2.1	.1	
<b>Fuels</b> .....	121.1	6.2	1.2	114.2	9.3	-.1	120.4	5.4	.1	125.3	1.0	-.2	
Fuel oil and other household fuel commodities <sup>2</sup> .....	107.7	12.0	-.8	105.5	14.1	-.5	116.1	11.2	-.2	115.2	16.0	.5	
Fuel oil <sup>2</sup> .....	107.6	12.1	-.9	100.7	15.1	-.3	102.0	11.2	-.6	128.7	21.1	2.2	
Other household fuel commodities <sup>2 5</sup> .....	132.9	11.1	-.7	144.3	12.9	-.9	152.7	11.1	-.3	129.6	13.4	-.5	
Gas (piped) and electricity (energy services) .....	134.2	4.7	1.7	119.4	9.0	-.8	122.5	5.1	.4	127.7	.6	-.2	
Electricity .....	137.4	1.0	1.6	122.1	.5	-.5	121.6	2.5	.2	145.5	-.3	.0	
Utility (piped) gas .....	130.0	12.0	2.0	118.5	20.5	-.2	128.6	16.1	1.3	105.5	3.0	-.8	
Other utilities and public services <sup>2</sup> .....	160.8	2.7	.1	159.8	5.1	.9	162.5	3.0	.1	157.5	2.9	.4	
Household furnishings and operation <sup>3</sup> .....	126.5	.2	.6	122.2	.7	-.1	127.6	1.4	.3	124.4	.6	.2	
Housefurnishings <sup>2</sup> .....	108.4	-.1	.9	108.1	.1	-.4	116.1	.3	.2	111.2	-.6	.6	
Housekeeping supplies <sup>2</sup> .....	152.6	1.9	.3	141.1	1.0	.3	136.1	1.9	.7	141.3	1.3	-.8	
Housekeeping services <sup>2</sup> .....	153.2	1.9	.4	145.1	1.5	.1	155.0	3.5	.2	145.1	2.8	.0	
<b>Apparel and upkeep</b> .....	129.8	2.2	2.3	130.7	1.1	2.9	141.9	.2	.8	122.8	-.1	1.5	
<b>Apparel commodities</b> <sup>2</sup> .....	125.6	2.3	2.5	128.3	.9	3.1	137.9	.0	.8	118.3	-.2	1.6	
Men's and boys' apparel <sup>2</sup> .....	126.1	1.9	-.3	127.2	.2	-.1	134.2	-.1	.3	120.1	3.7	1.1	
Women's and girls' apparel <sup>2</sup> .....	120.9	4.0	5.6	128.9	2.3	7.4	138.7	1.5	.9	112.3	-.4	2.1	
Infants' and toddlers' apparel <sup>2</sup> .....	138.4	-.3	2.6	123.1	-.7	-.5	133.9	-.3	.5	114.8	-.1	-.5	
Footwear <sup>2</sup> .....	129.2	1.3	2.4	127.0	-.7	-.1	128.4	1.0	-.1	117.9	-.8	4.2	
Other apparel commodities <sup>2</sup> .....	148.7	-.8	-.3	138.9	4.1	1.2	157.0	-.2	2.6	136.0	-.5	1.3	
<b>Apparel services</b> <sup>2</sup> .....	166.4	1.5	.0	152.6	2.9	.4	171.4	1.8	.5	157.1	3.6	.4	
<b>Transportation</b> .....	147.6	3.6	-.3	143.2	3.6	-.5	143.6	3.2	-.2	145.2	2.2	.6	
<b>Private transportation</b> .....	143.2	3.5	-.1	139.8	3.5	-.3	142.6	3.3	-.1	141.8	2.2	.7	
<b>New vehicles</b> .....	144.2	1.4	-.1	142.3	1.0	.0	148.9	1.1	-.2	145.6	2.1	.3	
New cars .....	142.4	1.2	-.1	138.4	.7	.0	148.0	1.0	-.3	141.6	1.4	.1	
Used cars .....	157.6	-.2	-.2	154.5	-.2	-.2	154.6	-.2	-.3	152.3	-.1	-.2	
<b>Motor fuel</b> .....	108.7	11.3	-.8	109.2	11.8	-.2	107.7	12.8	-.5	106.6	3.9	2.3	
Gasoline .....	108.1	11.3	-.8	108.7	11.6	-.2	107.1	12.7	-.4	105.3	2.9	2.2	
Gasoline, unleaded regular .....	107.4	12.5	-.8	107.3	11.9	-.2	104.5	14.0	-.4	102.3	2.5	2.3	
Gasoline, unleaded midgrade <sup>6</sup> .....	111.6	10.3	-.8	119.8	10.6	-.2	113.7	11.9	-.4	102.5	3.0	2.4	
Gasoline, unleaded premium .....	107.6	8.8	-.1	111.8	10.1	-.2	109.8	11.1	-.4	106.0	1.2	2.0	
Maintenance and repairs .....	169.3	3.2	.1	151.9	3.1	.2	159.7	2.5	.0	164.1	3.0	.0	
Other private transportation .....	179.0	2.7	.1	171.1	2.5	1.0	184.7	2.0	.4	174.5	1.9	.6	
Other private transportation commodities <sup>2</sup> .....	106.3	.9	.2	106.2	.3	.3	103.9	-.1	.0	104.6	.2	.2	
Other private transportation services <sup>2</sup> .....	193.4	2.9	.1	185.6	2.8	1.1	207.1	2.4	.5	191.3	2.2	.7	
<b>Public transportation</b> <sup>2</sup> .....	184.1	3.6	-.1	197.8	4.4	-.3	162.1	1.3	-.2	185.8	2.0	-.4	

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—	
		Feb. 1997	Feb. 1996		Jan. 1997	Feb. 1997		Feb. 1996	Jan. 1997		Feb. 1997	Feb. 1996
<b>Expenditure category</b>												
Medical care .....	243.4	3.9	0.2	225.3	2.0	0.5	230.9	2.6	0.3	232.6	3.3	0.6
Medical care commodities .....	217.6	2.2	.3	210.1	1.4	1.1	209.0	3.1	.5	223.0	3.6	.3
Medical care services .....	249.0	4.2	.2	229.1	2.1	.4	236.4	2.5	.3	234.9	3.2	.6
Professional medical services .....	223.7	3.9	.2	208.5	3.3	.6	217.6	3.6	.6	201.6	3.0	.6
Entertainment <sup>7</sup> .....	168.9	1.8	-.1	161.4	3.7	.4	159.1	2.4	.6	157.7	.7	.3
Entertainment commodities <sup>2</sup> .....	147.3	1.5	-.3	147.1	2.8	.3	143.4	2.1	.1	139.1	-1.3	.2
Entertainment services <sup>2</sup> .....	192.6	2.1	.1	178.7	4.6	.4	178.9	2.8	1.0	178.4	2.4	.3
Other goods and services <sup>3</sup> .....	230.4	3.9	.1	214.4	3.4	.3	212.0	3.6	.4	227.0	4.4	.4
Tobacco and smoking products <sup>2</sup> .....	229.4	3.8	.3	246.6	3.1	.1	221.8	1.4	.1	262.7	5.8	1.5
Personal care <sup>2</sup> .....	162.7	.9	-.1	145.5	2.1	.3	144.4	1.7	-.1	155.2	1.0	-.4
Personal and educational expenses <sup>2</sup> .....	264.3	4.6	.1	243.1	3.9	.4	252.2	5.0	.7	262.5	4.8	.3
<b>Commodity and service group</b>												
All items .....	166.9	2.9	.4	155.9	3.4	.3	156.1	3.0	.3	160.1	2.8	.3
Commodities .....	142.7	2.7	.4	140.8	3.0	.1	142.3	2.9	.1	141.2	2.3	.4
Food and beverages .....	159.7	2.7	.1	153.9	4.0	-.1	155.4	3.9	.1	158.5	4.3	-.2
Commodities less food and beverages .....	131.4	2.7	.5	133.1	2.4	.2	134.7	2.2	.1	130.6	.8	.8
Nondurables less food and beverages .....	133.4	4.3	.8	135.7	3.9	.4	136.9	3.6	.2	131.8	1.2	1.2
Apparel commodities <sup>2</sup> .....	125.6	2.3	2.5	128.3	.9	3.1	137.9	.0	.8	118.3	-2.2	1.6
Nondurables less food, beverages, and apparel .....	141.5	5.4	-.1	141.7	5.2	-.7	139.9	5.4	-.1	141.2	2.6	.9
Durables .....	128.6	.3	.2	128.8	.2	.0	132.1	.4	.0	129.1	.5	.3
Services .....	191.3	3.1	.5	172.1	3.6	.3	170.7	3.3	.4	177.3	3.0	.3
Rent of shelter <sup>4</sup> .....	203.1	2.7	.8	175.8	3.2	.6	163.4	3.3	.6	183.4	3.0	.2
Household services less rent of shelter <sup>4 7</sup> .....	148.7	3.4	.8	139.5	6.0	.0	144.6	3.7	.3	149.0	2.5	.1
Transportation services .....	185.5	3.2	-.3	179.6	3.2	.0	186.0	2.3	-.2	183.9	2.3	.3
Medical care services .....	249.0	4.2	.2	229.1	2.1	.4	236.4	2.5	.3	234.9	3.2	.6
Other services .....	220.0	3.5	.1	196.9	4.1	.4	203.1	4.0	.7	205.8	3.8	.3
<b>Special indexes</b>												
All items less food .....	168.5	3.0	.5	156.3	3.2	.3	156.2	2.9	.3	160.5	2.4	.4
All items less shelter .....	158.2	3.1	.3	151.8	3.5	.1	155.6	3.0	.1	156.2	2.6	.4
All items less homeowners' costs <sup>4 7</sup> .....	165.5	3.1	.5	156.0	3.5	.3	159.7	3.1	.3	162.4	2.7	.4
All items less medical care .....	163.1	2.8	.4	152.1	3.5	.2	151.3	3.1	.3	156.1	2.7	.3
Commodities less food .....	132.9	2.8	.5	134.2	2.4	.2	135.5	2.3	.1	132.2	1.0	.8
Nondurables less food .....	135.3	4.2	.7	137.1	3.8	.4	137.7	3.5	.2	134.2	1.4	1.1
Nondurables less food and apparel .....	142.8	5.2	-.1	142.7	4.9	-.6	140.3	5.1	.0	142.9	2.7	.8
Nondurables .....	146.9	3.4	.4	144.9	3.9	.2	146.2	3.8	.2	145.5	2.9	.3
Services less rent of shelter <sup>4</sup> .....	194.7	3.5	.2	177.7	4.1	.2	185.0	3.2	.3	189.1	3.0	.3
Services less medical care services .....	186.6	3.0	.5	166.8	3.9	.4	163.5	3.4	.4	172.4	3.0	.2
Energy .....	115.7	8.0	.4	111.3	10.3	-1.8	112.1	8.6	-.1	113.8	2.5	1.1
All items less energy .....	174.0	2.6	.5	162.5	2.8	.4	162.1	2.6	.3	165.4	2.7	.3
All items less food and energy .....	177.9	2.6	.5	164.7	2.5	.5	163.8	2.4	.4	167.2	2.4	.4
Commodities less food and energy commodities .....	142.4	1.5	.7	142.1	1.1	.7	144.0	.9	.3	139.9	.6	.6
Energy commodities .....	108.3	11.4	-.9	109.2	11.9	-2.6	108.7	12.6	-.5	107.9	4.4	2.4
Services less energy services .....	196.8	3.0	.4	178.8	3.2	.4	176.0	3.1	.5	181.0	3.1	.3

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

<sup>2</sup> This index series will no longer appear after December, 1997.

<sup>3</sup> This index series will undergo a change in composition in January, 1998.

<sup>4</sup> Indexes on a December 1982=100 base.

<sup>5</sup> Indexes on a December 1986=100 base.

<sup>6</sup> Indexes on a December 1993=100 base.

<sup>7</sup> This index series will no longer appear in its present form after December, 1997. See Table X for a comparable index series.

- 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 <sup>3</sup>			Size class C <sup>3</sup>			Size class D		
	Index	Percent change from—		Index	Percent change from—		Index	Percent change from—		Index	Percent change from—	
		Feb.	Jan.		Feb.	Jan.		Feb.	Jan.		Feb.	Jan.
		1997	1997		1997	1997		1997	1997		1997	1997
<b>Expenditure category</b>												
All items .....	144.1	2.9	0.3	159.5	3.1	0.2	159.6	3.1	0.3	156.2	3.4	0.2
All items (December 1977=100) .....	144.1	-	-	259.0	-	-	256.7	-	-	251.9	-	-
<b>Food and beverages .....</b>	<b>141.7</b>	<b>3.7</b>	<b>.0</b>	<b>156.5</b>	<b>3.7</b>	<b>-2</b>	<b>155.9</b>	<b>3.6</b>	<b>.2</b>	<b>153.2</b>	<b>4.9</b>	<b>.2</b>
Food .....	141.2	3.6	-1	156.5	3.7	-2	155.4	3.6	.2	152.7	5.0	.1
Food at home .....	145.7	4.1	-3	159.4	4.2	-4	154.0	3.8	.3	151.0	5.5	.1
Cereals and bakery products <sup>4</sup> .....	158.5	2.7	.1	175.1	3.2	.7	171.6	2.1	-1	179.6	3.0	.2
Meats, poultry, fish, and eggs <sup>4</sup> .....	137.6	4.4	-6	150.9	4.5	-1.0	143.1	3.9	-1	140.8	6.3	-1
Dairy products <sup>4</sup> .....	141.4	6.4	-1.5	150.3	8.1	-3	137.4	4.6	-9	140.3	9.2	.1
Fruits and vegetables <sup>4</sup> .....	172.2	5.3	.1	192.1	4.7	-1.4	185.4	5.9	1.2	172.3	6.6	.0
Other food at home <sup>4</sup> .....	133.2	2.2	.3	146.3	2.1	.5	147.5	2.7	.8	140.7	3.8	.1
Sugar and sweets <sup>4</sup> .....	137.1	4.7	.4	145.8	3.1	-4	143.8	3.0	.6	138.2	3.4	-3
Fats and oils <sup>4</sup> .....	134.0	1.7	-3	139.4	.0	.3	144.4	4.3	1.0	140.7	3.8	1.7
Nonalcoholic beverages <sup>4</sup> .....	119.5	-1.1	.3	125.5	-1.7	.3	133.6	-1	.8	118.5	-1.7	-1.6
Other prepared food <sup>4</sup> .....	143.9	4.2	.6	167.1	4.9	1.0	161.2	4.2	.8	159.8	7.8	1.1
Food away from home .....	134.6	3.1	.2	152.8	2.9	.1	158.9	3.2	-1	156.5	3.8	.3
Alcoholic beverages .....	145.7	3.0	.4	158.0	4.6	.6	162.7	3.1	.5	159.6	3.1	.3
<b>Housing <sup>5</sup> .....</b>	<b>139.5</b>	<b>2.9</b>	<b>.5</b>	<b>157.2</b>	<b>3.0</b>	<b>.3</b>	<b>154.2</b>	<b>3.3</b>	<b>.4</b>	<b>149.8</b>	<b>3.5</b>	<b>.5</b>
Shelter .....	146.7	2.9	.5	176.2	3.0	.3	172.9	3.3	.7	168.8	3.5	.8
Renters' costs <sup>4 6</sup> .....	148.9	3.5	1.2	194.6	2.4	.9	175.3	4.3	2.0	174.6	5.1	2.6
Rent, residential .....	136.8	2.8	.2	164.0	2.6	.2	159.3	2.6	.2	157.2	2.5	.1
Other renters' costs <sup>4</sup> .....	193.1	5.7	3.9	255.3	2.1	2.3	203.5	8.2	6.0	205.9	10.7	7.9
Homeowners' costs <sup>4 6</sup> .....	145.9	2.6	.3	179.5	3.2	.1	179.9	3.0	.3	174.5	2.9	.1
Owners' equivalent rent <sup>6</sup> .....	146.1	2.5	.2	180.0	3.3	.1	180.6	3.1	.3	174.1	2.9	.1
Maintenance and repairs <sup>4</sup> .....	126.9	4.1	.5	139.0	5.4	.7	155.5	2.1	.6	136.6	3.1	.6
Maintenance and repair services <sup>4</sup> .....	129.3	4.4	.1	NA	-	-	168.3	1.4	.6	148.5	4.1	.1
Maintenance and repair commodities <sup>4</sup> .....	123.0	3.7	1.2	139.8	7.0	1.2	140.6	3.0	.4	118.3	.9	1.5
Fuel and other utilities <sup>5</sup> .....	131.4	5.2	.5	134.5	4.2	.1	133.9	4.4	-4	129.0	4.5	-2
Fuels .....	131.7	6.4	.5	115.2	4.6	-4	121.3	5.8	-7	112.6	5.9	-2
Fuel oil and other household fuel commodities <sup>4</sup> .....	156.4	10.6	-1.5	106.0	13.0	-2.2	111.3	14.2	-1.9	104.4	14.7	-1.2
Fuel oil <sup>4</sup> .....	159.6	11.1	-1.1	106.2	14.3	-7	104.3	13.7	-1	100.8	15.6	-6
Other household fuel commodities <sup>2 4</sup> .....	143.7	8.7	-3.4	140.2	11.3	-4.2	143.4	14.4	-4.8	138.9	13.7	-1.8
Gas (piped) and electricity (energy services) .....	129.5	6.0	.8	121.0	3.5	-2	127.2	4.6	-5	120.6	5.1	.0
Electricity .....	128.6	.9	.8	127.7	1.2	-2	132.3	1.5	-6	123.2	1.7	1.1
Utility (piped) gas .....	131.0	15.4	.8	110.3	10.9	-3	122.7	13.8	-4	121.1	13.8	-2.5
Other utilities and public services <sup>4</sup> .....	131.0	3.6	.4	175.4	3.8	.7	160.6	2.7	.2	163.2	3.3	-2
Household furnishings and operation <sup>5</sup> .....	117.9	.3	.3	126.2	1.3	.2	124.3	1.5	.1	125.1	1.5	.4
Housefurnishings <sup>4</sup> .....	107.4	-9	.5	115.1	.4	.0	108.4	.6	.0	110.8	1.1	.5
Housekeeping supplies <sup>4</sup> .....	134.6	.4	-1	135.5	3.7	1.0	141.8	3.4	.3	134.7	1.1	.1
Housekeeping services <sup>4</sup> .....	133.3	2.6	.2	152.6	1.7	.2	156.0	2.2	.2	155.5	2.8	.3
<b>Apparel and upkeep .....</b>	<b>122.2</b>	<b>.9</b>	<b>2.2</b>	<b>129.9</b>	<b>.5</b>	<b>1.3</b>	<b>140.9</b>	<b>.6</b>	<b>1.9</b>	<b>129.8</b>	<b>-1.7</b>	<b>-2</b>
Apparel commodities <sup>4</sup> .....	120.6	.7	2.4	125.6	.3	1.5	138.2	.5	2.0	126.4	-2.2	-3
Men's and boys' apparel <sup>4</sup> .....	116.7	.3	-3	130.7	1.0	.0	138.4	2.3	2.1	121.5	-2	.2
Women's and girls' apparel <sup>4</sup> .....	117.5	3.1	5.5	126.7	-2.4	2.8	138.0	1.0	2.0	127.3	-3.7	-1.2
Infants' and toddlers' apparel <sup>4</sup> .....	106.9	-10.5	-2.3	135.8	11.1	3.7	147.1	-2.4	2.5	124.3	-5.3	-4.5
Footwear <sup>4</sup> .....	125.6	-2	1.0	113.6	4.7	.4	130.8	-5	2.6	124.3	-1.1	-2
Other apparel commodities <sup>4</sup> .....	144.9	-2.5	.6	125.0	2.0	.1	155.3	-2.1	1.0	143.9	-1.8	4.0
Apparel services <sup>4</sup> .....	136.6	2.7	.4	166.9	1.7	.1	168.6	1.0	.4	163.6	2.9	.1
<b>Transportation .....</b>	<b>142.5</b>	<b>3.0</b>	<b>-1</b>	<b>143.9</b>	<b>3.5</b>	<b>-1</b>	<b>144.9</b>	<b>3.1</b>	<b>-3</b>	<b>143.5</b>	<b>3.1</b>	<b>-1</b>
Private transportation .....	142.2	3.0	.1	140.7	3.4	.1	141.8	3.1	-1	139.8	3.6	.1
New vehicles .....	127.8	1.5	-1	143.4	.6	.1	146.2	1.6	.0	145.9	1.5	.1
New cars .....	126.0	1.2	-1	138.4	.2	.0	144.3	1.3	-2	142.4	1.4	.0
Used cars .....	145.8	-1.8	-2	154.1	-2.2	-2	155.0	-1.8	-1	150.1	-2.7	-3
Motor fuel .....	156.9	8.8	-5	108.0	11.7	-4	108.4	11.4	-6	107.1	12.9	-2
Gasoline .....	155.8	8.3	-6	107.5	11.5	-5	108.0	11.1	-6	106.4	13.0	-2
Gasoline, unleaded regular .....	156.4	8.9	-7	105.2	12.8	-5	105.5	11.4	-7	102.9	13.8	-1
Gasoline, unleaded midgrade <sup>7</sup> .....	108.5	7.3	-5	113.6	11.6	-7	117.8	11.1	.0	117.7	12.5	-3
Gasoline, unleaded premium .....	146.2	7.4	-9	109.7	9.8	-3	111.0	10.0	-5	109.5	11.5	-2
Maintenance and repairs .....	143.8	3.3	.2	165.8	2.3	-4	158.2	2.0	-1	147.1	3.2	.3
Other private transportation <sup>4</sup> .....	149.3	2.1	.6	174.6	3.4	.5	180.2	1.7	.3	175.1	2.8	.6
Other private transportation commodities <sup>4</sup> .....	109.0	.2	.2	101.0	1.3	.0	105.1	-8	-1	120.1	-1.5	.5
Other private transportation services <sup>8</sup> .....	157.4	2.3	.6	192.2	3.7	.5	201.0	2.1	.4	190.4	3.5	.5
Public transportation <sup>4</sup> .....	144.7	3.0	-1.0	201.9	5.2	-2.7	205.1	2.2	-3.7	214.1	-2.7	-4.0

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 <sup>3</sup>			Size class C <sup>3</sup>			Size class D		
	Index	Percent change from—		Index	Percent change from—		Index	Percent change from—		Index	Percent change from—	
		Feb. 1997	Feb. 1996		Jan. 1997	Feb. 1997		Feb. 1996	Jan. 1997		Feb. 1997	Feb. 1996
<b>Expenditure category</b>												
Medical care .....	184.7	3.0	0.4	230.2	2.4	0.3	237.0	3.0	0.6	227.1	2.9	0.2
Medical care commodities .....	172.7	2.4	.6	214.8	3.9	.7	205.9	2.8	.3	212.7	1.7	.4
Medical care services .....	187.3	3.1	.3	233.9	2.1	.3	244.4	3.1	.6	231.1	3.3	.2
Professional medical services .....	169.2	3.4	.5	206.0	3.3	.4	222.4	3.1	.4	221.4	4.5	.5
Entertainment <sup>8</sup> .....	144.2	2.3	.1	158.4	1.5	.9	164.7	2.1	.9	147.4	3.0	-.9
Entertainment commodities <sup>4</sup> .....	133.4	1.5	.1	141.2	-.1	.5	147.3	.8	.4	139.1	3.8	-.6
Entertainment services <sup>4</sup> .....	153.1	2.9	.3	181.2	3.0	1.2	187.6	3.3	1.2	159.2	2.1	-1.3
Other goods and services <sup>5</sup> .....	177.8	3.5	.3	221.0	4.8	.3	217.1	3.6	.5	214.7	4.5	.1
Tobacco and smoking products <sup>4</sup> .....	185.4	2.1	1.1	245.5	5.4	-.6	240.9	3.6	.1	228.1	5.4	-.3
Personal care <sup>4</sup> .....	135.8	1.6	-.4	150.6	1.3	.3	149.2	.5	.6	136.5	2.2	-.1
Personal and educational expenses <sup>4</sup> .....	190.2	4.4	.3	256.1	5.5	.7	250.9	4.6	.6	255.1	4.7	.3
<b>Commodity and service group</b>												
All items .....	144.1	2.9	.3	159.5	3.1	.2	159.6	3.1	.3	156.2	3.4	.2
Commodities .....	135.7	2.5	.2	140.7	3.0	.1	142.4	2.9	.2	139.6	3.3	.1
Food and beverages .....	141.7	3.7	.0	156.5	3.7	-.2	155.9	3.6	.2	153.2	4.9	.2
Commodities less food and beverages .....	131.7	1.8	.5	131.6	2.4	.3	134.7	2.5	.3	132.0	2.2	-.1
Nondurables less food and beverages .....	139.7	2.8	.8	133.4	4.2	.4	138.4	3.8	.5	132.9	3.6	-.3
Apparel commodities <sup>4</sup> .....	120.6	.7	2.4	125.6	.3	1.5	138.2	.5	2.0	126.4	-.2	-.3
Nondurables less food, beverages, and apparel .....	151.8	3.9	.1	140.2	6.1	-.1	141.3	5.4	-.1	137.7	6.0	-.2
Durables .....	121.0	.3	.1	129.4	.0	.2	130.0	.6	.0	131.0	.5	.2
Services .....	150.7	3.2	.4	179.2	3.2	.3	178.4	3.2	.5	174.4	3.4	.3
Rent of shelter <sup>6</sup> .....	147.0	2.9	.5	184.1	3.0	.3	179.4	3.4	.7	174.5	3.5	.8
Household services less rent of shelter <sup>6 8</sup> .....	131.0	4.5	.5	146.9	3.3	.2	146.2	3.3	-.1	144.4	3.7	-.1
Transportation services .....	151.1	2.7	.1	186.9	3.7	-.3	189.3	2.1	-.5	183.6	2.3	-.4
Medical care services .....	187.3	3.1	.3	233.9	2.1	.3	244.4	3.1	.6	231.1	3.3	.2
Other services .....	168.4	3.8	.2	207.3	4.3	.8	204.8	3.8	.8	200.9	3.9	-.1
<b>Special indexes</b>												
All items less food .....	144.6	2.8	.4	160.1	3.0	.3	160.5	3.0	.4	156.8	3.1	.2
All items less shelter .....	143.0	3.0	.3	154.8	3.1	.2	156.2	3.0	.3	153.2	3.3	.0
All items less homeowners' costs <sup>6 8</sup> .....	143.6	3.0	.3	160.4	3.1	.3	160.0	3.1	.4	157.4	3.5	.2
All items less medical care .....	141.8	2.9	.4	155.4	3.1	.2	155.0	3.1	.4	151.1	3.4	.2
Commodities less food .....	132.6	1.9	.5	132.6	2.6	.3	135.7	2.6	.3	132.9	2.4	.0
Nondurables less food .....	140.3	2.8	.7	134.7	4.3	.4	139.7	3.9	.6	134.2	3.5	-.2
Nondurables less food and apparel .....	150.8	3.7	.1	140.8	5.9	.0	142.3	5.1	.0	138.8	5.7	-.2
Nondurables .....	140.8	3.2	.4	144.9	4.0	.1	147.0	3.7	.3	143.0	4.2	-.1
Services less rent of shelter <sup>6</sup> .....	154.6	3.5	.3	186.3	3.4	.3	187.5	3.1	.2	183.7	3.4	-.1
Services less medical care services .....	147.7	3.2	.5	173.8	3.3	.3	171.6	3.2	.4	167.3	3.5	.3
Energy .....	142.0	7.5	.1	110.2	7.6	-.4	113.9	8.1	-.7	108.6	8.8	-.2
All items less energy .....	144.2	2.6	.3	166.3	2.7	.2	166.2	2.7	.4	163.0	2.9	.2
All items less food and energy .....	144.9	2.4	.5	168.7	2.6	.4	168.9	2.5	.5	165.5	2.5	.2
Commodities less food and energy commodities .....	129.6	.9	.7	140.9	1.2	.4	144.4	1.3	.5	141.6	.9	.0
Energy commodities .....	156.8	9.0	-.7	107.8	11.8	-.6	109.1	11.7	-.7	107.0	13.1	-.4
Services less energy services .....	152.2	3.0	.4	185.4	3.2	.3	184.2	3.1	.5	180.7	3.3	.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> Starting in January, 1998, a new Size Class B/C will be introduced, composed of current Size Class B and Size Class C cities. There will be no individual Size Class B or Size Class C.

<sup>4</sup> This index series will no longer appear after December, 1997.

<sup>5</sup> This index series will undergo a change in composition in January,

1998.

<sup>6</sup> Indexes on a December 1982=100 base.

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

<sup>8</sup> This index series will no longer appear in its present form after December, 1997. See Table X for a comparable index series.

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

- 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 <sup>2</sup>			Size class C <sup>2</sup>		
	Index	Percent change from—		Index	Percent change from—		Index	Percent change from—	
		Feb. 1997	Feb. 1996		Jan. 1997	Feb. 1997		Feb. 1996	Jan. 1997
<b>Expenditure category</b>									
All items .....	167.7	2.9	0.5	164.2	3.1	0.0	165.3	2.9	0.4
All items (December 1977=100) .....	259.2	-	-	264.2	-	-	274.4	-	-
Food and beverages .....	159.4	2.4	.3	163.1	3.6	-.9	158.2	2.5	.1
Food .....	158.8	2.4	.3	162.9	3.4	-1.0	157.7	2.7	.2
Food at home .....	161.1	2.4	.3	165.2	3.4	-1.5	155.5	2.8	.3
Cereals and bakery products <sup>3</sup> .....	183.5	2.0	.4	171.6	1.8	.7	183.5	2.7	1.4
Meats, poultry, fish, and eggs <sup>3</sup> .....	152.7	2.8	-.2	161.0	4.7	-2.8	150.3	.7	-.9
Dairy products <sup>3</sup> .....	140.1	5.7	-.2	144.0	6.0	-.7	119.9	1.4	-.6
Fruits and vegetables <sup>3</sup> .....	187.8	1.9	1.2	188.1	3.9	-5.0	188.0	7.3	1.8
Other food at home <sup>3</sup> .....	151.3	.7	.5	164.1	1.0	1.1	145.1	2.5	.0
Food away from home .....	157.3	2.3	.3	161.1	3.5	.0	163.0	2.3	-.1
Alcoholic beverages .....	166.8	3.9	.7	168.4	4.9	.3	164.8	1.5	-.1
Housing <sup>4</sup> .....	168.2	2.9	.9	165.8	2.4	.2	165.6	2.5	.6
Shelter .....	193.7	3.0	.9	194.6	2.2	.4	196.2	1.8	.7
Renters' costs <sup>3 5</sup> .....	205.9	4.0	1.9	205.5	-1.5	1.0	188.3	1.5	.8
Rent, residential .....	177.9	3.0	.4	169.3	1.9	.3	171.9	1.2	.1
Other renters' costs <sup>3</sup> .....	266.3	6.2	5.2	252.2	-5.9	2.0	203.6	2.4	2.4
Homeowners' costs <sup>3 5</sup> .....	197.1	2.5	.4	205.0	3.7	.1	211.2	1.9	.6
Owners' equivalent rent <sup>5</sup> .....	197.8	2.4	.4	206.7	3.9	.0	212.2	1.8	.6
Fuel and other utilities <sup>4</sup> .....	127.5	4.6	1.0	136.0	4.6	-.2	123.0	5.8	.4
Fuels .....	123.9	5.7	1.6	121.9	6.0	-.6	106.8	8.6	.4
Fuel oil and other household fuel commodities <sup>3</sup> .....	112.5	10.7	-.1	103.6	13.8	-.8	99.3	13.4	.1
Fuel oil <sup>3</sup> .....	111.1	11.1	-.1	105.4	14.9	-.8	101.2	12.8	.1
Other household fuel commodities <sup>3 6</sup> .....	148.1	-	-.1	128.7	10.1	-.3	113.0	15.1	.0
Gas (piped) and electricity (energy services) .....	134.3	4.6	2.4	142.2	3.6	-.5	117.4	6.1	.6
Electricity .....	135.9	1.0	2.6	148.1	-.1	-.5	120.2	.9	-.2
Utility (piped) gas .....	132.5	10.4	1.9	131.6	14.1	-.5	115.2	25.6	3.0
Household furnishings and operation <sup>4</sup> .....	127.8	-.4	.7	120.9	.7	.7	122.0	2.8	.7
Apparel and upkeep .....	127.4	2.2	2.8	127.1	1.8	.6	144.2	3.4	1.1
Apparel commodities <sup>3</sup> .....	122.5	2.5	3.3	123.6	1.5	.6	141.3	3.6	1.2
Men's and boys' apparel <sup>3</sup> .....	117.4	.3	-.9	148.3	6.4	.1	155.3	8.2	3.0
Women's and girls' apparel <sup>3</sup> .....	118.5	6.2	7.6	111.9	-5.3	.7	136.0	.9	-.9
Footwear <sup>3</sup> .....	129.3	1.3	2.9	123.4	7.7	3.0	144.1	-.6	1.5
Transportation .....	149.9	3.2	-.3	143.3	5.3	-.2	143.9	2.9	-.8
Private transportation .....	145.4	3.3	-.2	140.8	4.8	-.1	137.2	3.3	-.1
Motor fuel .....	107.3	10.7	-.9	111.1	13.4	-.5	108.6	11.2	-.9
Gasoline .....	106.6	10.7	-.9	110.9	13.4	-.5	108.1	11.2	-.7
Gasoline, unleaded regular .....	105.9	12.1	-.9	108.7	14.2	-.5	108.2	12.4	-.6
Gasoline, unleaded midgrade <sup>7</sup> .....	109.1	9.6	-.7	116.9	12.4	-.8	115.9	10.9	-.8
Gasoline, unleaded premium .....	105.6	7.9	-.1	111.1	11.4	-.6	111.2	10.4	-.9
Public transportation <sup>3</sup> .....	176.3	3.0	-.5	187.9	11.1	-1.6	241.1	.1	-6.2
Medical care .....	246.6	4.6	.2	239.0	1.3	.3	229.2	2.3	.4
Entertainment <sup>8</sup> .....	171.4	1.2	-.5	156.3	1.6	.4	173.0	4.9	1.6
Other goods and services <sup>4</sup> .....	227.3	3.4	.0	228.0	5.5	.4	237.6	4.7	.2
Personal care <sup>3</sup> .....	167.1	1.1	-.2	149.8	-1.1	1.3	148.8	.4	-.1
<b>Commodity and service group</b>									
All items .....	167.7	2.9	.5	164.2	3.1	.0	165.3	2.9	.4
Commodities .....	143.6	2.4	.5	141.2	3.7	-.1	141.3	3.1	.2
Food and beverages .....	159.4	2.4	.3	163.1	3.6	-.9	158.2	2.5	.1
Commodities less food and beverages .....	132.2	2.4	.7	128.2	3.9	.4	131.3	3.5	.2
Nondurables less food and beverages .....	133.8	3.8	1.1	129.4	6.2	.5	136.8	5.2	.1
Durables .....	130.4	.1	.1	124.9	.3	.0	123.2	.8	.5
Services .....	190.5	3.2	.6	191.3	2.7	.2	192.0	2.7	.4
Medical care services .....	252.8	5.2	.2	243.7	.9	.2	234.1	2.6	.4
<b>Special indexes</b>									
All items less shelter .....	159.0	2.8	.4	155.8	3.5	-.1	156.2	3.4	.2
All items less medical care .....	163.9	2.8	.6	160.4	3.3	.0	162.0	2.9	.3
All items less energy .....	174.1	2.6	.5	172.2	2.7	.1	173.7	2.4	.3
All items less food and energy .....	178.0	2.6	.6	174.8	2.5	.3	178.0	2.4	.5
Energy .....	117.2	7.4	.8	117.3	8.7	-.6	106.3	9.6	-.1
Commodities less food .....	133.7	2.5	.7	129.8	4.0	.3	132.7	3.4	.3
Nondurables less food .....	135.8	3.8	1.0	131.4	6.0	.5	138.3	4.9	.1
Nondurables .....	147.5	3.1	.7	145.7	4.7	-.2	147.2	3.7	.1
Services less rent of shelter <sup>5</sup> .....	194.3	3.5	.3	194.6	3.0	.0	193.5	4.0	.2
Services less medical care services .....	185.5	3.0	.6	186.3	2.9	.2	188.4	2.7	.4

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 <sup>2</sup>			Size class C <sup>2</sup>			Size class D		
	Index	Percent change from—		Index	Percent change from—		Index	Percent change from—		Index	Percent change from—	
	Feb. 1997	Feb. 1996	Jan. 1997	Feb. 1997	Feb. 1996	Jan. 1997	Feb. 1997	Feb. 1996	Jan. 1997	Feb. 1997	Feb. 1996	Jan. 1997
<b>Expenditure category</b>												
All items .....	156.5	3.2	0.3	154.4	3.3	0.1	158.3	3.9	0.3	152.1	3.5	-0.1
All items (December 1977=100) .....	258.4	-	-	249.5	-	-	252.0	-	-	243.8	-	-
<b>Food and beverages</b> .....	155.9	3.8	-.3	150.3	3.7	.3	154.1	4.5	.3	148.0	4.2	-.1
Food .....	155.3	3.9	-.4	150.5	3.6	.3	153.2	4.6	.3	147.2	4.4	-.1
Food at home .....	156.3	4.2	-.6	152.9	4.2	.4	152.3	5.0	.4	145.2	5.1	-.3
Cereals and bakery products <sup>3</sup> .....	175.6	2.0	-1.1	180.4	1.3	1.2	172.0	3.2	-.5	174.2	1.9	-.3
Meats, poultry, fish, and eggs <sup>3</sup> .....	152.4	4.9	-.7	140.1	3.8	1.4	137.5	5.2	.1	135.5	3.7	-2.1
Dairy products <sup>3</sup> .....	151.2	8.5	-1.0	153.0	7.0	-.8	142.0	6.0	.6	137.9	8.2	1.0
Fruits and vegetables <sup>3</sup> .....	179.1	6.2	-1.2	168.7	9.3	-.3	182.1	6.7	-.4	164.4	8.4	-.7
Other food at home <sup>3</sup> .....	139.9	1.3	.4	144.8	2.3	.0	147.2	4.2	1.7	133.4	4.7	1.1
Food away from home .....	154.1	3.4	.1	146.3	2.5	.1	155.4	4.1	.0	151.0	2.9	.2
Alcoholic beverages .....	162.3	2.9	.2	147.5	4.9	.0	165.9	3.0	.2	160.2	1.6	-.1
<b>Housing</b> <sup>4</sup> .....	150.9	3.1	.3	151.9	3.8	.3	155.3	4.1	.4	144.8	3.9	.1
Shelter .....	171.6	2.4	.4	178.6	3.6	.5	174.5	4.4	1.0	157.9	4.3	.3
Renters' costs <sup>3,5</sup> .....	175.3	2.4	.8	196.9	4.6	2.2	183.2	7.4	3.1	159.6	5.9	1.3
Rent, residential .....	164.5	2.9	.3	167.7	3.4	.2	158.8	3.1	.2	147.1	2.7	-.1
Other renters' costs <sup>3</sup> .....	184.6	1.4	2.3	234.0	5.8	4.4	228.9	15.1	8.2	181.5	14.7	5.2
Homeowners' costs <sup>3,5</sup> .....	175.9	2.4	.3	178.5	3.4	.1	177.0	3.2	.2	165.3	3.8	-.1
Owners' equivalent rent <sup>5</sup> .....	176.0	2.4	.3	179.7	3.5	.1	177.9	3.3	.2	165.5	3.9	.0
Fuel and other utilities <sup>4</sup> .....	127.1	9.8	.2	118.5	5.1	.4	131.9	5.1	-1.1	133.6	5.3	-1.0
Fuels .....	116.9	12.2	-.8	103.5	6.2	.0	119.6	6.3	-1.9	108.7	6.9	-1.8
Fuel oil and other household fuel commodities <sup>3</sup> .....	106.6	14.7	-5.9	105.2	13.2	-5.8	109.4	13.8	-7.5	97.5	13.5	-1.3
Fuel oil <sup>3</sup> .....	102.0	14.0	-1.6	104.0	15.4	-1.3	98.3	14.6	-1.6	99.6	19.0	.0
Other household fuel commodities <sup>3,6</sup> .....	139.4	15.6	-10.3	147.1	11.5	-9.3	154.7	13.3	-13.0	135.7	8.0	-2.8
Gas (piped) and electricity (energy services) .....	120.1	12.1	-.6	108.5	5.6	.4	128.4	5.9	-1.5	116.8	6.4	-1.9
Electricity .....	120.5	.3	-.9	126.8	2.0	-.3	132.7	-.2	-.4	107.5	.7	.7
Utility (piped) gas .....	120.1	26.2	-.4	91.8	12.0	1.5	126.8	16.0	-3.1	130.9	12.7	-4.2
Household furnishings and operation <sup>4</sup> .....	117.2	-.6	-.1	123.0	3.1	-.8	133.6	2.2	.1	124.1	-.1	.7
<b>Apparel and upkeep</b> .....	128.0	.4	4.7	131.6	1.0	-.1	131.3	.9	1.2	143.1	5.1	.6
Apparel commodities <sup>3</sup> .....	126.0	.2	5.1	128.4	.7	-.2	127.3	.9	1.3	142.3	5.2	.7
Men's and boys' apparel <sup>3</sup> .....	124.2	-3.3	-.2	129.4	5.6	-3.1	127.9	2.7	2.3	143.0	11.5	.8
Women's and girls' apparel <sup>3</sup> .....	122.8	3.5	13.4	138.7	-2.9	1.7	131.5	1.8	1.5	140.1	4.6	-.4
Footwear <sup>3</sup> .....	126.8	-.2	-2.3	103.5	3.3	-3.5	119.7	-4.2	-.1	161.1	-.4	2.5
<b>Transportation</b> .....	144.4	3.7	-.5	142.4	3.3	-.6	143.2	4.0	-.4	139.2	2.5	-.7
Private transportation .....	141.9	3.4	-.4	138.7	3.5	-.2	140.0	4.0	-.2	132.5	3.3	-.2
Motor fuel .....	110.4	11.6	-2.8	109.8	11.9	-3.4	107.8	11.2	-1.5	106.0	13.1	-.7
Gasoline .....	109.7	11.3	-3.0	110.1	12.0	-3.5	107.5	11.1	-1.6	105.2	13.4	-.8
Gasoline, unleaded regular .....	108.7	11.6	-3.1	107.2	12.8	-3.9	105.8	10.9	-1.5	102.7	13.7	-.6
Gasoline, unleaded midgrade <sup>7</sup> .....	118.7	9.9	-2.9	119.5	11.5	-2.8	121.3	10.7	-1.1	122.2	12.9	-1.5
Gasoline, unleaded premium .....	111.0	9.9	-2.8	115.5	10.3	-3.2	108.5	10.8	-2.0	107.4	12.7	-.6
Public transportation <sup>3</sup> .....	176.0	7.3	-2.1	229.9	.9	-5.5	216.0	4.8	-2.5	299.3	-6.1	-7.5
Medical care .....	223.4	1.5	.5	221.9	1.4	.5	241.0	3.8	.8	217.3	2.0	.4
Entertainment <sup>8</sup> .....	164.1	4.1	.7	151.1	2.5	-.1	168.5	4.3	.4	151.8	2.4	-.3
<b>Other goods and services</b> <sup>4</sup> .....	219.3	3.6	.6	212.2	2.8	-.4	207.4	2.3	.2	205.0	5.3	-.4
Personal care <sup>3</sup> .....	140.3	2.6	.4	163.7	4.4	.4	156.7	-1.1	1.0	133.8	3.0	-.8
<b>Commodity and service group</b>												
All items .....	156.5	3.2	.3	154.4	3.3	.1	158.3	3.9	.3	152.1	3.5	-.1
Commodities .....	141.7	2.6	.2	136.5	2.9	-.4	142.2	3.8	.1	139.9	3.5	-.1
Food and beverages .....	155.9	3.8	-.3	150.3	3.7	.3	154.1	4.5	.3	148.0	4.2	-.1
Commodities less food and beverages .....	132.9	1.8	.6	129.6	2.5	-.8	135.6	3.4	.1	135.1	3.1	.1
Nondurables less food and beverages .....	136.4	3.3	1.0	131.3	3.9	-1.4	136.1	4.7	.2	138.8	5.5	-.1
Durables .....	126.5	-.5	-.2	128.4	.8	-.1	134.2	1.4	-.3	130.2	.1	.5
Services .....	172.0	3.7	.4	173.4	3.5	.4	176.7	3.9	.4	165.3	3.6	-.2
Medical care services .....	226.3	1.7	.3	223.1	1.3	.5	249.6	3.4	.8	220.5	2.7	.4
<b>Special indexes</b>												
All items less shelter .....	152.3	3.5	.3	147.8	3.1	-.1	153.9	3.7	.1	150.8	3.3	-.2
All items less medical care .....	153.0	3.3	.3	150.8	3.4	.0	154.0	3.8	.3	147.3	3.7	-.1
All items less energy .....	162.6	2.5	.6	162.5	2.8	.2	165.4	3.4	.5	158.6	3.1	.1
All items less food and energy .....	164.4	2.2	.7	165.3	2.7	.2	168.6	3.2	.5	161.2	2.8	.1
Energy .....	114.1	12.0	-1.8	104.0	8.7	-1.5	113.1	8.4	-1.7	106.1	9.4	-1.4
Commodities less food .....	134.2	1.9	.6	130.1	2.6	-.7	136.6	3.3	.0	135.9	3.0	.1
Nondurables less food .....	138.0	3.2	1.0	132.0	4.0	-1.3	137.6	4.6	.2	140.1	5.3	.0
Nondurables .....	146.5	3.6	.3	140.3	3.8	-.6	144.7	4.6	.3	144.1	4.9	-.1
Services less rent of shelter <sup>5</sup> .....	178.2	4.8	.4	171.6	3.3	.2	182.6	3.5	.0	175.2	3.0	-.6
Services less medical care services .....	167.1	3.8	.4	169.1	3.7	.4	170.2	4.0	.4	158.2	3.7	-.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 <sup>2</sup>			Size class C <sup>2</sup>			Size class D		
	Index	Percent change from—		Index	Percent change from—		Index	Percent change from—		Index	Percent change from—	
	Feb. 1997	Feb. 1996	Jan. 1997	Feb. 1997	Feb. 1996	Jan. 1997	Feb. 1997	Feb. 1996	Jan. 1997	Feb. 1997	Feb. 1996	Jan. 1997
<b>Expenditure category</b>												
All items .....	155.2	3.1	0.2	158.9	3.1	0.3	155.6	2.8	0.4	155.5	3.6	0.5
All items (December 1977=100) .....	250.5	-	-	259.4	-	-	251.9	-	-	252.4	-	-
<b>Food and beverages</b> .....	155.7	3.9	-3	156.4	4.0	.2	156.0	3.2	.5	152.2	5.5	.3
Food .....	155.7	3.9	-4	156.4	4.1	.1	155.7	3.2	.5	152.4	5.7	.4
Food at home .....	155.0	4.1	-8	157.8	5.1	.2	154.5	3.3	.7	149.2	6.0	.3
Cereals and bakery products <sup>3</sup> .....	171.0	3.8	.2	172.2	3.9	-3	167.2	.9	-1	181.2	3.6	.1
Meats, poultry, fish, and eggs <sup>3</sup> .....	144.1	4.0	-2.1	147.4	4.5	-8	143.2	4.7	.4	145.9	6.9	.6
Dairy products <sup>3</sup> .....	150.8	6.2	-2.5	147.8	10.7	-2	142.4	5.3	-1.1	134.2	10.0	-1.0
Fruits and vegetables <sup>3</sup> .....	189.3	5.2	.5	203.4	6.2	1.7	180.9	3.3	3.1	163.7	6.6	.6
Other food at home <sup>3</sup> .....	141.4	2.6	.3	140.5	3.0	.6	152.2	2.4	.7	136.2	4.5	.5
Food away from home .....	158.3	3.7	.2	156.0	2.6	.0	159.9	3.0	-1	160.4	4.8	.6
Alcoholic beverages .....	154.9	3.1	.3	156.2	2.8	1.1	159.6	3.8	1.3	149.0	2.1	-1
<b>Housing</b> <sup>4</sup> .....	145.3	2.8	.4	154.5	3.5	.4	143.2	2.9	.4	148.1	3.9	1.0
Shelter .....	157.5	2.7	.6	164.5	3.9	.4	152.6	3.2	.7	167.8	4.1	1.1
Renters' costs <sup>3,5</sup> .....	167.8	3.8	1.8	191.1	3.9	.9	157.4	3.6	2.4	176.1	6.0	3.2
Rent, residential .....	154.1	2.3	.0	155.9	3.9	.3	147.1	2.4	.1	156.9	3.7	.5
Other renters' costs <sup>3</sup> .....	206.9	7.9	7.4	277.9	3.9	1.9	183.1	6.5	7.8	201.6	9.7	7.7
Homeowners' costs <sup>3,5</sup> .....	158.8	2.2	.1	164.0	3.9	.2	154.8	3.0	.1	169.9	3.5	.5
Owners' equivalent rent <sup>5</sup> .....	158.9	2.4	.1	163.7	3.8	.2	154.5	3.1	.1	168.2	3.6	.5
Fuel and other utilities <sup>4</sup> .....	122.3	5.0	.2	146.3	4.3	.1	141.9	3.6	-4	127.6	4.2	.7
Fuels .....	111.1	7.0	.6	120.4	4.3	-7	134.2	4.9	-5	114.2	5.3	2.0
Fuel oil and other household fuel commodities <sup>3</sup> .....	105.6	4.0	-2.5	118.2	11.9	-2.7	134.4	15.5	-3.7	108.9	14.0	-3
Fuel oil <sup>3</sup> .....	101.8	3.8	-2.6	105.7	12.3	-2	92.6	23.0	.0	102.2	16.9	1.8
Other household fuel commodities <sup>3,6</sup> .....	142.5	4.5	-2.3	154.3	11.6	-4.4	170.7	13.6	-4.6	129.8	11.3	-2.2
Gas (piped) and electricity (energy services) .....	114.3	7.2	.9	119.5	3.4	-6	135.2	4.2	-3	118.1	4.4	2.2
Electricity .....	109.2	3.2	.4	117.4	1.3	-1	137.6	2.6	-9	120.0	2.9	2.0
Utility (piped) gas .....	125.6	18.9	2.1	133.8	14.1	-2.5	135.8	12.9	2.9	121.8	16.4	3.3
Household furnishings and operation <sup>4</sup> .....	131.2	1.5	-2	133.8	.8	.6	118.6	1.2	.7	122.4	2.3	.7
Apparel and upkeep .....	148.7	1.6	.2	132.4	-1.5	1.0	148.5	1.9	2.6	125.0	-5.5	-1.2
Apparel commodities <sup>3</sup> .....	143.9	1.4	.1	127.1	-1.6	1.2	146.7	2.0	2.8	119.9	-6.7	-1.4
Men's and boys' apparel <sup>3</sup> .....	142.4	-2	-1	127.2	-4.6	.7	135.0	-1	1.5	119.0	-4.9	-1.3
Women's and girls' apparel <sup>3</sup> .....	142.1	5.3	-4	129.2	-2.5	2.1	150.1	4.8	3.5	124.1	-10.8	-3.3
Footwear <sup>3</sup> .....	135.5	-9	-1.2	120.7	4.6	-1.9	134.3	1.4	3.9	106.2	1.1	.5
Transportation .....	142.9	3.3	-2	142.8	3.0	-5	145.5	3.0	-3	143.6	3.8	.3
Private transportation .....	143.2	3.5	-1	140.7	3.2	-2	143.7	3.1	-1	142.2	3.7	.4
Motor fuel .....	109.7	12.3	-5	107.5	12.4	-2	108.6	13.5	-5	101.2	14.0	.1
Gasoline .....	108.7	12.2	-5	106.8	12.3	-2	108.9	13.4	-5	100.0	13.9	.2
Gasoline, unleaded regular .....	106.8	13.6	-5	104.6	13.9	-1	104.6	13.9	-6	95.8	15.1	.2
Gasoline, unleaded midgrade <sup>7</sup> .....	110.2	10.9	-6	112.6	12.2	-4	117.9	12.4	-4	118.5	13.3	.2
Gasoline, unleaded premium .....	110.1	10.5	-6	108.8	10.7	-1	113.1	13.0	-3	106.5	11.6	-1
Public transportation <sup>3</sup> .....	141.8	-1	-2.5	185.4	2.3	-4.1	190.3	2.1	-2.9	174.5	4.2	-1.0
Medical care .....	231.9	2.2	.6	225.9	3.2	.2	233.6	1.8	.0	232.7	3.6	.2
Entertainment <sup>8</sup> .....	166.8	3.5	.5	160.0	.9	1.6	153.8	.3	.5	151.2	6.4	-1.5
Other goods and services <sup>4</sup> .....	206.6	3.4	.2	227.2	4.2	.6	210.4	3.7	.9	203.4	2.9	.0
Personal care <sup>3</sup> .....	150.6	4.1	-1.0	150.7	.0	.1	139.3	.2	.7	125.2	.2	.7
<b>Commodity and service group</b>												
All items .....	155.2	3.1	.2	158.9	3.1	.3	155.6	2.8	.4	155.5	3.6	.5
Commodities .....	142.7	3.0	-1	142.4	2.6	.1	143.5	2.8	.5	138.2	3.0	.0
Food and beverages .....	155.7	3.9	-3	156.4	4.0	.2	156.0	3.2	.5	152.2	5.5	.3
Commodities less food and beverages .....	135.2	2.4	-1	134.2	1.7	.1	136.2	2.6	.5	130.5	1.6	-2
Nondurables less food and beverages .....	136.4	3.8	.1	136.2	3.0	.2	140.7	4.1	.7	130.5	2.3	-5
Durables .....	134.3	.5	-3	131.3	.0	.2	131.0	.4	.2	130.8	.7	.3
Services .....	167.8	3.0	.4	175.9	3.6	.4	169.0	2.8	.4	173.9	4.0	.7
Medical care services .....	236.6	1.9	.5	231.1	2.9	.1	240.8	1.8	.0	236.6	4.2	.1
<b>Special indexes</b>												
All items less shelter .....	154.7	3.1	.0	157.5	2.9	.3	156.9	2.7	.4	152.5	3.5	.2
All items less medical care .....	150.9	3.1	.1	154.6	3.1	.3	150.2	2.9	.5	149.2	3.6	.5
All items less energy .....	161.7	2.6	.2	165.0	2.8	.4	160.9	2.4	.6	162.6	3.2	.4
All items less food and energy .....	163.1	2.3	.2	167.0	2.5	.4	162.2	2.1	.6	165.0	2.7	.3
Energy .....	109.0	9.5	.0	110.6	7.8	-5	119.9	8.4	-6	105.6	8.8	1.1
Commodities less food .....	136.0	2.5	-1	135.0	1.7	.2	137.0	2.6	.6	131.0	1.6	-2
Nondurables less food .....	137.4	3.8	.1	137.1	3.0	.3	141.7	4.2	.9	131.1	2.3	-5
Nondurables .....	146.0	3.8	-1	146.5	3.5	.2	148.4	3.7	.6	141.1	3.9	-1
Services less rent of shelter <sup>5</sup> .....	183.1	3.3	.3	189.3	3.3	.3	185.4	2.4	.2	183.6	4.0	.4
Services less medical care services .....	161.5	3.2	.4	169.9	3.7	.4	160.3	3.0	.4	164.9	4.0	.8

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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	West					
	Size class A			Size class C <sup>2</sup>		
	Index	Percent change from—		Index	Percent change from—	
		Feb. 1997	Feb. 1996		Jan. 1997	Feb. 1997
<b>Expenditure category</b>						
All items .....	160.1	2.7	0.3	165.4	2.9	0.3
All items (December 1977=100) .....	261.0	-	-	256.5	-	-
<b>Food and beverages</b> .....	159.5	4.5	-1	155.4	3.9	-6
Food .....	159.0	4.8	-1	155.1	3.9	-7
Food at home .....	163.5	5.8	-4	153.5	4.1	-1.2
Cereals and bakery products <sup>3</sup> .....	179.7	3.8	.5	166.4	2.6	-1.6
Meats, poultry, fish, and eggs <sup>3</sup> .....	152.9	6.6	.0	143.1	3.8	-9
Dairy products <sup>3</sup> .....	158.8	5.4	-2.6	140.9	4.4	-3.8
Fruits and vegetables <sup>3</sup> .....	197.7	8.5	-5	199.4	10.0	-1.4
Other food at home <sup>3</sup> .....	146.7	4.2	-1	137.5	.4	.4
Food away from home .....	152.7	3.1	.3	158.3	3.6	.1
Alcoholic beverages .....	164.5	2.2	.4	159.8	3.8	-2
<b>Housing</b> <sup>4</sup> .....	159.5	2.6	.3	165.0	3.5	.1
Shelter .....	173.0	3.2	.2	187.2	4.3	.4
Renters' costs <sup>3 5</sup> .....	188.0	3.6	.4	184.1	4.3	.8
Rent, residential .....	167.6	2.8	.2	165.8	3.5	.3
Other renters' costs <sup>3</sup> .....	229.2	6.7	1.2	217.3	6.8	2.1
Homeowners' costs <sup>3 5</sup> .....	183.7	3.0	.1	204.1	4.5	.2
Owners' equivalent rent <sup>5</sup> .....	183.5	2.8	.1	205.5	4.5	.2
Fuel and other utilities <sup>4</sup> .....	141.1	1.8	.4	131.4	3.3	.5
Fuels .....	130.8	.8	.1	111.9	2.0	-2
Fuel oil and other household fuel commodities <sup>3 9</sup> .....	110.4	13.9	1.7	302.1	20.2	-3
Fuel oil <sup>3 9</sup> .....	111.4	21.4	2.4	359.0	16.7	3.0
Other household fuel commodities <sup>3 9</sup> .....	141.8	7.6	1.1	137.0	20.6	-6
Gas (piped) and electricity (energy services) .....	132.8	.4	.1	110.1	1.3	-2
Electricity .....	153.2	-6	.0	122.8	1.7	-2
Utility (piped) gas .....	108.8	3.2	.3	96.5	.6	-3
Household furnishings and operation <sup>4</sup> .....	126.1	.6	.6	124.2	-6	-1.7
<b>Apparel and upkeep</b> .....	120.0	-1.3	.8	134.1	-6.2	1.7
Apparel commodities <sup>3</sup> .....	114.7	-2.1	1.0	132.3	-6.5	1.8
Men's and boys' apparel <sup>3</sup> .....	118.4	4.9	.3	145.2	1.2	2.5
Women's and girls' apparel <sup>3</sup> .....	105.4	-4.0	1.0	122.1	-10.2	1.4
Footwear <sup>3</sup> .....	122.2	-1.7	4.0	128.6	1.3	5.3
<b>Transportation</b> .....	143.8	1.9	.6	146.2	2.2	.2
Private transportation .....	140.5	2.0	.8	144.5	2.2	.4
Motor fuel .....	104.9	2.0	2.4	108.2	6.4	1.8
Gasoline .....	103.5	.9	2.3	106.4	5.6	1.5
Gasoline, unleaded regular .....	100.8	.5	2.4	103.0	5.4	1.3
Gasoline, unleaded midgrade <sup>7</sup> .....	99.6	.7	2.2	114.2	9.2	4.1
Gasoline, unleaded premium .....	105.6	-1	2.2	106.2	2.6	.0
Public transportation <sup>3</sup> .....	184.8	2.0	-3	173.5	2.7	-3.0
Medical care .....	229.4	3.0	.3	249.0	6.1	1.8
Entertainment <sup>8</sup> .....	157.3	1.2	.1	170.4	-1.4	1.2
<b>Other goods and services</b> <sup>4</sup> .....	233.2	3.6	.5	227.3	4.4	.2
Personal care <sup>3</sup> .....	159.9	-1	-7	160.4	4.8	.4

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 <sup>2</sup>		
	Index	Percent change from—		Index	Percent change from—	
		Feb. 1997	Feb. 1996		Jan. 1997	Feb. 1997
<b>Commodity and service group</b>						
All items .....	160.1	2.7	0.3	165.4	2.9	0.3
Commodities .....	141.0	2.3	.4	141.6	1.3	.0
Food and beverages .....	159.5	4.5	-.1	155.4	3.9	-.6
Commodities less food and beverages .....	129.2	.5	.7	133.8	-.1	.3
Nondurables less food and beverages .....	129.7	.3	.9	139.5	-.1	1.1
Durables .....	128.2	1.1	.5	127.4	-.3	-.8
Services .....	177.0	3.0	.3	188.0	3.9	.5
Medical care services .....	230.4	2.9	.4	258.2	6.7	2.0
<b>Special indexes</b>						
All items less shelter .....	156.2	2.5	.4	158.2	2.1	.3
All items less medical care .....	156.5	2.7	.3	160.2	2.6	.2
All items less energy .....	165.2	2.8	.3	171.9	2.7	.2
All items less food and energy .....	166.8	2.4	.4	175.4	2.5	.4
Energy .....	113.6	1.5	1.3	109.7	4.3	.8
Commodities less food .....	131.1	.8	.7	134.9	.0	.2
Nondurables less food .....	132.5	.5	.8	140.8	.3	.9
Nondurables .....	145.2	2.6	.3	147.8	1.9	.2
Services less rent of shelter <sup>5</sup> .....	190.0	2.9	.4	194.4	3.3	.7
Services less medical care services .....	172.7	3.0	.2	180.8	3.6	.3

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

<sup>2</sup> Starting in January, 1998, a new Size Class B/C will be introduced, composed of current Size Class B and Size Class C cities. There will be no individual Size Class B or Size Class C.

<sup>3</sup> This index series will no longer appear after December, 1997.

<sup>4</sup> This index series will undergo a change in composition in January, 1998.

<sup>5</sup> Indexes on a December 1982=100 base.

<sup>6</sup> Indexes on a December 1986=100 base.

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

<sup>8</sup> This index series will no longer appear in its present form after December, 1997. See Table X for a comparable index series.

<sup>9</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 <sup>1</sup>	Meats, poultry, fish, and eggs <sup>1</sup>	Dairy products <sup>1</sup>	Fruits and vegetables <sup>1 2</sup>	Other food at home <sup>1</sup>
Indexes, February 1997						
U.S. city average .....	157.7	176.7	148.8	146.2	187.4	145.4
<b>Region and area size <sup>3</sup></b>						
Northeast urban .....	161.0	182.3	153.1	138.7	188.0	152.3
Size A - More than 1,200,000 .....	161.1	183.5	152.7	140.1	187.8	151.3
Size B - 500,000 to 1,200,000 <sup>4</sup> .....	165.2	171.6	161.0	144.0	188.1	164.1
Size C - 50,000 to 500,000 <sup>4</sup> .....	155.5	183.5	150.3	119.9	188.0	145.1
North Central urban .....	153.6	175.3	145.9	147.5	176.5	141.2
Size A - More than 1,200,000 .....	156.3	175.6	152.4	151.2	179.1	139.9
Size B - 360,000 to 1,200,000 <sup>4</sup> .....	152.9	180.4	140.1	153.0	168.7	144.8
Size C - 50,000 to 360,000 <sup>4</sup> .....	152.3	172.0	137.5	142.0	182.1	147.2
Size D - Nonmetropolitan (less than 50,000) .....	145.2	174.2	135.5	137.9	164.4	133.4
South urban .....	154.7	171.7	145.0	145.1	186.6	143.3
Size A - More than 1,200,000 .....	155.0	171.0	144.1	150.8	189.3	141.4
Size B - 450,000 to 1,200,000 <sup>4</sup> .....	157.8	172.2	147.4	147.8	203.4	140.5
Size C - 50,000 to 450,000 <sup>4</sup> .....	154.5	167.2	143.2	142.4	180.9	152.2
Size D - Nonmetropolitan (less than 50,000) .....	149.2	181.2	145.9	134.2	163.7	136.2
West urban .....	162.0	177.8	151.3	155.3	198.3	145.7
Size A - More than 1,200,000 .....	163.5	179.7	152.9	158.8	197.7	146.7
Size C - 50,000 to 330,000 <sup>4</sup> .....	153.5	166.4	143.1	140.9	199.4	137.5
<b>Size classes</b>						
A <sup>5</sup> .....	145.7	158.5	137.6	141.4	172.2	133.2
B <sup>4</sup> .....	159.4	175.1	150.9	150.3	192.1	146.3
C <sup>4</sup> .....	154.0	171.6	143.1	137.4	185.4	147.5
D .....	151.0	179.6	140.8	140.3	172.3	140.7
<b>Selected local areas</b>						
Baltimore, MD <sup>6</sup> .....	163.9	199.6	144.6	153.6	200.9	154.2
Boston-Lawrence-Salem, MA-NH .....	157.2	171.7	150.4	142.0	198.5	136.7
Chicago-Gary-Lake County, IL-IN-WI .....	165.9	179.2	168.1	160.8	193.7	141.4
Cleveland-Akron-Lorain, OH .....	154.3	175.6	152.2	151.9	180.8	129.5
Dallas-Fort Worth, TX .....	146.8	159.5	138.4	150.8	158.6	140.8
Detroit-Ann Arbor, MI .....	150.4	170.6	145.9	136.4	181.4	135.3
Houston-Galveston-Brazoria, TX .....	155.3	169.1	145.7	142.1	185.9	149.5
Los Angeles-Anaheim-Riverside, CA .....	168.8	177.2	159.6	168.8	208.2	148.7
Miami-Fort Lauderdale, FL .....	160.4	169.1	142.2	147.1	234.0	133.0
N.Y.-Northern N.J.-Long Island, NY-NJ-CT .....	163.5	186.1	155.9	139.6	190.2	152.9
Phil.-Wilmington-Trenton, PA-NJ-DE-MD <sup>7</sup> .....	161.7	188.3	149.6	139.4	189.2	155.6
Pittsburgh-Beaver Valley, PA <sup>8</sup> .....	148.4	161.7	141.2	145.6	147.3	152.8
St. Louis-East St. Louis, MO-IL <sup>8</sup> .....	146.0	154.9	133.1	149.4	162.6	145.3
San Francisco-Oakland-San Jose, CA <sup>7</sup> .....	165.3	183.6	155.0	146.5	200.0	151.0
Washington, DC-MD-VA <sup>6</sup> .....	160.4	184.3	148.8	157.7	184.5	147.7

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 <sup>1</sup>	Meats, poultry, fish, and eggs <sup>1</sup>	Dairy products <sup>1</sup>	Fruits and vegetables <sup>1 2</sup>	Other food at home <sup>1</sup>
Percent change, January 1997 to February 1997						
U.S. city average .....	-0.1	0.1	-0.5	-1.1	0.1	0.4
<b>Region and area size <sup>3</sup></b>						
Northeast urban .....	.1	.6	-.6	-.3	.5	.5
Size A - More than 1,200,000 .....	.3	.4	-.2	-.2	1.2	.5
Size B - 500,000 to 1,200,000 <sup>4</sup> .....	-1.5	.7	-2.8	-.7	-5.0	1.1
Size C - 50,000 to 500,000 <sup>4</sup> .....	.3	1.4	-.9	-.6	1.8	.0
North Central urban .....	-.3	-.6	-.5	-.4	-.9	.7
Size A - More than 1,200,000 .....	-.6	-1.1	-.7	-1.0	-1.2	.4
Size B - 360,000 to 1,200,000 <sup>4</sup> .....	.4	1.2	1.4	-.8	-.3	.0
Size C - 50,000 to 360,000 <sup>4</sup> .....	.4	-.5	.1	.6	-.4	1.7
Size D - Nonmetropolitan (less than 50,000) .....	-.3	-.3	-2.1	1.0	-.7	1.1
South urban .....	.0	.0	-.8	-1.4	1.4	.6
Size A - More than 1,200,000 .....	-.8	.2	-2.1	-2.5	.5	.3
Size B - 450,000 to 1,200,000 <sup>4</sup> .....	.2	-.3	-.8	-.2	1.7	.6
Size C - 50,000 to 450,000 <sup>4</sup> .....	.7	-.1	.4	-1.1	3.1	.7
Size D - Nonmetropolitan (less than 50,000) .....	.3	.1	.6	-1.0	.6	.5
West urban .....	-.6	.6	-.3	-2.1	-1.2	-.1
Size A - More than 1,200,000 .....	-.4	.5	.0	-2.6	-.5	-.1
Size C - 50,000 to 330,000 <sup>4</sup> .....	-1.2	-1.6	-.9	-3.8	-1.4	.4
<b>Size classes</b>						
A .....	-.3	.1	-.6	-1.5	.1	.3
B <sup>4</sup> .....	-.4	.7	-1.0	-.3	-1.4	.5
C <sup>4</sup> .....	.3	-.1	-.1	-.9	1.2	.8
D .....	.1	.2	-.1	.1	.0	.1
<b>Selected local areas</b>						
Baltimore, MD <sup>6</sup> .....	.4	1.5	1.3	-3.0	-2.0	1.9
Boston-Lawrence-Salem, MA-NH .....	.1	.6	-1.0	1.2	-.7	1.9
Chicago-Gary-Lake County, IL-IN-WI .....	-.9	-.9	-.8	.0	-2.5	-.3
Cleveland-Akron-Lorain, OH .....	-.2	.2	-1.2	.1	-.8	1.6
Dallas-Fort Worth, TX .....	-1.7	-1.5	-2.8	-1.1	-2.3	-.4
Detroit-Ann Arbor, MI .....	-.4	-.4	.0	-1.4	.0	-.9
Houston-Galveston-Brazoria, TX .....	-1.5	1.9	-3.4	-2.7	-1.5	-.5
Los Angeles-Anaheim-Riverside, CA .....	-1.5	-.9	-1.0	-3.9	-3.9	1.2
Miami-Fort Lauderdale, FL .....	-.8	-.8	-4.4	-.9	2.9	.2
N.Y.-Northern N.J.-Long Island, NY-NJ-CT .....	.5	-.2	.0	-1.1	2.3	.9
Phil.-Wilmington-Trenton, PA-NJ-DE-MD <sup>7</sup> .....	-.4	1.1	-1.3	2.2	-1.9	-.1
Pittsburgh-Beaver Valley, PA <sup>8</sup> .....	1.5	3.1	3.5	.4	-.1	.1
St. Louis-East St. Louis, MO-IL <sup>8</sup> .....	-1.2	-1.3	-1.1	-2.3	-4.5	2.0
San Francisco-Oakland-San Jose, CA <sup>7</sup> .....	1.4	3.7	.8	-2.1	7.4	-2.6
Washington, DC-MD-VA <sup>6</sup> .....	.9	.2	1.0	-1.4	3.4	.4

<sup>1</sup> This index series will no longer appear after December, 1997 below the U.S. city average level.

<sup>2</sup> This index series will undergo a change in composition in January, 1998.

<sup>3</sup> Regions defined as the four Census regions. See map in technical notes.

<sup>4</sup> Starting in January, 1998, a new Size Class B/C will be introduced, composed of current Size Class B and Size Class C cities. There will be no individual Size Class B or Size Class C.

<sup>5</sup> Indexes on a December 1986=100 base.

<sup>6</sup> Indexes for the cities of Washington and Baltimore will no longer be published separately after December, 1997. Beginning in January, 1998 the two cities will be published as a Washington-Baltimore combined metropolitan area.

<sup>7</sup> Indexes for the cities of Philadelphia and San Francisco will no longer be published on a monthly basis starting in January, 1998. Beginning in February, 1998 they will be published on a bi-monthly basis.

<sup>8</sup> Indexes for the cities of Pittsburgh and St. Louis will no longer be published on a bi-monthly basis after December, 1997. Beginning in July, 1998 they will be published semi-annually, each January and July.

**Table 15. Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers (CPI-U): Areas priced monthly, by expenditure category and commodity and service group, percent change, January 1997 to February 1997**

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 <sup>1</sup>	San Francisco-Oakland-San Jose, CA <sup>1</sup>
<b>Expenditure category</b>						
All items .....	0.3	0.4	0.1	0.6	0.4	0.6
Food and beverages .....	.0	-.4	-.9	.4	-.1	1.0
Food .....	.0	-.6	-.9	.4	-.3	1.0
Food at home .....	-.1	-.9	-1.5	.5	-.4	1.4
Cereals and bakery products <sup>2</sup> .....	.1	-.9	-.9	-.2	1.1	3.7
Meats, poultry, fish, and eggs <sup>2</sup> .....	-.5	-.8	-1.0	.0	-1.3	.8
Meats, poultry, and fish .....	-.5	-.5	-1.4	.1	-1.3	.9
Dairy products <sup>2</sup> .....	-1.1	.0	-3.9	-1.1	2.2	-2.1
Fruits and vegetables <sup>2,3</sup> .....	.1	-2.5	-3.9	2.3	-1.9	7.4
Other food at home <sup>2</sup> .....	.4	-.3	1.2	.9	-.1	-2.6
Food away from home .....	.2	.1	.2	.3	.0	.3
Alcoholic beverages .....	.4	.8	.0	.4	.9	1.2
Housing <sup>3</sup> .....	.5	.4	.1	.6	1.5	.3
Shelter .....	.6	.6	.2	.7	1.7	-.1
Renters' costs <sup>2,4</sup> .....	1.4	.8	1.0	1.2	4.4	-.5
Rent, residential .....	.2	.4	.2	.4	.3	.1
Other renters' costs <sup>2,4</sup> .....	4.2	2.2	3.8	3.4	9.9	-2.4
Homeowners' costs <sup>2,4</sup> .....	.2	.5	-.1	.4	.5	.2
Owners' equivalent rent .....	.2	.5	-.1	.4	.5	.2
Fuel and other utilities <sup>3</sup> .....	.2	.6	.2	1.0	.6	.4
Fuels .....	.1	-1.6	-.1	1.4	1.3	.1
Fuel oil and other household fuel commodities <sup>2</sup> .....	-1.7	-3.1	2.7	-1.0	-2.5	2.6
Fuel oil <sup>2</sup> .....	-.8	-.2	-	-1.0	-2.5	22.0
Other household fuel commodities <sup>2,5</sup> .....	-3.8	-6.4	2.7	-1.7	-	.9
Gas (piped) and electricity (energy services) .....	.3	-1.5	.0	2.2	2.0	.0
Electricity .....	.3	-2.5	-.1	3.2	3.2	.0
Utility (piped) gas .....	.2	-.7	.0	.9	-.1	.0
Household furnishings and operation <sup>3</sup> .....	.2	-1.2	-.4	.2	2.2	2.5
Apparel and upkeep .....	1.8	6.1	-.1	4.5	.0	1.1
Apparel commodities <sup>2,4</sup> .....	1.9	6.6	-.1	5.0	.0	1.2
Men's and boys' apparel <sup>2</sup> .....	.2	1.4	.3	-.9	-4.1	-5.0
Women's and girls' apparel <sup>2</sup> .....	3.8	19.7	-2.0	11.1	4.4	6.2
Footwear <sup>2</sup> .....	1.0	-5.7	6.5	3.4	.7	6.1
Transportation .....	-.1	.1	.5	.0	-.6	1.4
Private transportation .....	.1	-.3	.6	.0	-.9	1.5
Motor fuel .....	-.5	-2.7	1.6	-1.1	-.6	4.7
Gasoline .....	-.5	-2.8	1.5	-1.1	-.5	4.8
Gasoline, unleaded regular .....	-.6	-3.0	1.3	-1.1	-.6	5.0
Gasoline, unleaded midgrade <sup>6</sup> .....	-.4	-2.7	1.7	-.8	-.9	4.3
Gasoline, unleaded premium .....	-.6	-2.7	1.7	-1.7	-1.0	4.3
Public transportation <sup>2</sup> .....	-1.8	1.7	.0	-.1	2.1	1.3
Medical care .....	.4	.3	.0	.2	.2	.1
Entertainment <sup>7</sup> .....	.3	.3	-.1	-.5	-1.0	.0
Other goods and services <sup>3</sup> .....	.3	.9	.6	.0	-.5	-.2
Personal care <sup>2</sup> .....	-.1	1.4	.4	.1	-2.1	-3.3

**Table 15. Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers (CPI-U): Areas priced monthly, by expenditure category and commodity and service group, percent change, January 1997 to February 1997 —Continued**

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 <sup>1</sup>	San Francisco-Oakland-San Jose, CA <sup>1</sup>
<b>Commodity and service group</b>						
All items .....	0.3	0.4	0.1	0.6	0.4	0.6
Commodities .....	.2	.2	-.4	.8	-.2	1.3
Food and beverages .....	.0	-.4	-.9	.4	-.1	1.0
Commodities less food and beverages .....	.4	.8	.0	1.2	-.3	1.6
Nondurables less food and beverages .....	.6	1.5	.0	1.8	-.5	1.7
Durables .....	.1	-.5	.0	.1	-.1	1.6
Services .....	.4	.7	.3	.5	.9	.2
Medical care services .....	.3	.1	.2	.2	.0	.0
<b>Special indexes</b>						
All items less shelter .....	.2	.4	-.1	.6	-.1	.9
All items less medical care .....	.3	.4	.1	.7	.4	.6
All items less energy .....	.4	.7	.0	.6	.4	.5
All items less food and energy .....	.5	1.0	.2	.7	.5	.4
Energy .....	-.2	-2.1	.8	.6	.7	2.3
Commodities less food .....	.4	.7	.0	1.1	-.2	1.6
Nondurables less food .....	.6	1.4	.0	1.7	-.3	1.6
Nondurables .....	.3	.4	-.5	1.0	-.3	1.3
Services less rent of shelter .....	.3	.7	.4	.3	.1	.3
Services less medical care services .....	.4	.7	.4	.5	.9	.1

<sup>1</sup> Indexes for the cities of Philadelphia and San Francisco will no longer be published on a monthly basis starting in January, 1998. Beginning in February, 1998 they will be published on a bi-monthly basis.

<sup>2</sup> This index series will no longer appear after December, 1997 below the U.S. city average level.

<sup>3</sup> This index series will undergo a change in composition in January, 1998.

<sup>4</sup> This index series will no longer appear in its present form after

December, 1997 for the U.S. city average. See Table X for a comparable index series.

<sup>5</sup> Indexes on a December 1986=100 base.

<sup>6</sup> Indexes on a December 1993=100 base.

<sup>7</sup> This index series will no longer appear in its present form after December, 1997. See Table X for a comparable index series.

- 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 2 <sup>1</sup>											
	U.S. city average			Chicago-Gary-Lake County, IL-IN-WI			Dallas-Fort Worth, TX			Detroit-Ann Arbor, MI		
	Index	Percent change from—		Index	Percent change from—		Index	Percent change from—		Index	Percent change from—	
	Feb. 1997	Feb. 1996	Dec. 1996	Feb. 1997	Feb. 1996	Dec. 1996	Feb. 1997	Feb. 1996	Dec. 1996	Feb. 1997	Feb. 1996	Dec. 1996
<b>Expenditure category</b>												
All items .....	159.6	3.0	0.6	161.1	3.8	0.9	150.7	3.1	0.5	155.4	2.7	0.7
All items (1967=100) .....	478.2	-	-	481.4	-	-	472.7	-	-	462.0	-	-
Food and beverages .....	156.9	3.7	.2	159.5	4.2	-.4	155.7	3.9	-.2	150.9	3.6	-.2
Food .....	156.5	3.8	.1	158.3	4.3	-.5	153.5	3.7	-.5	150.3	3.7	-.3
Food at home .....	157.7	4.2	.0	165.9	5.1	-.9	146.8	2.9	-1.1	150.4	4.2	-.5
Cereals and bakery products <sup>2</sup> .....	176.7	2.7	.6	179.2	.3	1.1	159.5	-2.1	-.8	170.6	1.5	-.1
Meats, poultry, fish, and eggs <sup>2</sup> .....	148.8	4.5	-.8	168.1	4.8	-.7	138.4	-.6	-5.9	145.9	6.4	.7
Meats, poultry, and fish .....	148.7	4.5	-.2	170.6	4.9	.0	138.7	-.3	-5.1	146.3	5.9	1.0
Dairy products <sup>2</sup> .....	146.2	6.6	-1.6	160.8	8.6	-2.4	150.8	4.9	-1.3	136.4	8.2	-.4
Fruits and vegetables <sup>2,3</sup> .....	187.4	5.5	.1	193.7	11.4	-2.9	158.6	8.3	-2.6	181.4	5.0	-5.8
Other food at home <sup>2</sup> .....	145.4	2.5	1.3	141.4	1.9	.0	140.8	5.0	6.2	135.3	.4	1.5
Food away from home .....	155.6	3.1	.4	145.2	2.8	.3	164.7	5.0	.4	151.1	2.7	.1
Alcoholic beverages .....	161.8	3.3	.8	171.9	2.7	-.2	178.8	5.4	2.6	158.4	3.2	1.0
Housing <sup>3</sup> .....	155.8	3.0	1.2	159.2	4.1	1.5	137.9	4.3	1.3	148.8	3.2	1.2
Shelter .....	174.6	3.1	1.3	183.7	3.1	1.0	142.4	3.3	1.1	169.3	3.0	1.2
Renters' costs <sup>4,2,5</sup> .....	185.3	3.6	3.5	184.1	3.5	1.7	149.9	4.5	2.1	167.7	3.6	3.6
Rent, residential .....	164.8	2.7	.5	180.1	3.7	.7	140.5	3.1	.3	155.1	2.6	.3
Other renters' costs <sup>2,4</sup> .....	226.4	5.7	11.1	168.7	2.6	5.2	162.8	9.4	9.0	177.4	5.1	9.1
Homeowners' costs <sup>4,2,5</sup> .....	179.5	2.8	.4	190.4	2.9	.8	148.2	2.8	.7	173.1	2.7	.5
Owners' equivalent rent <sup>5</sup> .....	179.9	2.8	.4	189.1	3.0	.8	150.5	3.0	.3	174.0	2.8	.6
Fuel and other utilities <sup>3</sup> .....	131.0	4.8	1.2	132.3	15.3	6.8	131.7	11.3	4.5	127.7	7.3	2.7
Fuels .....	119.2	6.0	1.8	124.2	18.7	8.7	129.2	20.4	9.0	110.8	5.4	4.5
Fuel oil and other household fuel commodities <sup>2</sup> .....	109.6	12.2	-.6	105.3	12.4	-3.0	129.5	21.9	-3.1	104.6	8.3	-6.4
Fuel oil <sup>2</sup> .....	107.0	12.4	.5	100.2	9.6	-.2	NA	-	-	111.7	10.6	-2.4
Other household fuel commodities <sup>2,6</sup> .....	142.0	11.7	-3.3	142.6	15.6	-6.2	135.7	22.0	-3.1	118.5	5.8	-10.8
Gas (piped) and electricity (energy services) .....	125.3	5.2	2.0	127.6	18.9	8.9	128.6	20.5	9.3	113.8	5.3	5.1
Electricity .....	129.3	1.1	.5	120.8	2.6	-1.5	114.6	16.0	.4	130.5	-2.0	1.5
Utility (piped) gas .....	121.0	14.4	5.2	134.1	37.5	19.6	159.0	27.8	25.9	102.1	13.7	9.0
Household furnishings and operation <sup>3</sup> .....	125.2	.7	.2	113.3	-3.7	-2.8	134.9	2.0	-.9	113.4	-1.2	-.8
Apparel and upkeep .....	131.9	.5	1.2	124.0	-.4	7.5	135.9	-4.2	-7	137.8	1.2	9.7
Apparel commodities <sup>2,4</sup> .....	128.2	.3	1.3	123.5	-.8	8.1	127.8	-5.3	-1.2	136.6	1.3	10.3
Men's and boys' apparel <sup>2</sup> .....	127.3	.7	-.4	119.1	.4	2.9	110.4	-9.4	-5.3	119.6	-11.3	-3.8
Women's and girls' apparel <sup>2</sup> .....	126.1	1.2	2.3	119.2	-.1	19.1	110.2	-5.3	-6.3	154.2	14.6	27.5
Footwear <sup>2</sup> .....	126.3	.4	.3	139.9	3.1	-4.9	152.9	-13.1	-1.5	130.0	-13.5	-4.8
Transportation .....	144.8	3.1	-.3	142.0	4.1	-.6	144.1	3.2	-.6	148.4	2.3	-2.7
Private transportation .....	141.9	3.2	.1	139.8	3.8	-.3	145.6	4.0	.0	146.6	2.4	-2.0
Motor fuel .....	108.1	10.1	-.5	110.2	10.9	-3.2	107.5	11.2	.0	106.6	10.7	-6.7
Gasoline .....	107.4	9.8	-.5	109.5	10.5	-3.5	106.8	11.3	.0	106.0	10.4	-7.2
Gasoline, unleaded regular .....	105.5	10.4	-.6	107.9	11.5	-3.9	104.0	12.9	-.1	105.7	10.4	-7.8
Gasoline, unleaded midgrade <sup>7</sup> .....	112.0	9.4	-.4	116.1	8.9	-3.3	108.1	8.4	-.3	120.7	9.4	-7.1
Gasoline, unleaded premium .....	108.6	8.6	-.5	110.4	9.4	-2.7	108.1	9.7	.6	109.2	9.6	-5.3
Public transportation <sup>2</sup> .....	182.4	2.8	-3.9	158.7	6.2	-3.5	130.3	-7.3	-10.0	184.6	.1	-13.0
Medical care .....	232.7	2.9	.9	234.2	2.8	1.1	222.6	-1.0	.0	213.9	-1.2	1.0
Entertainment <sup>8</sup> .....	161.8	2.2	.6	172.5	5.4	-.1	168.0	4.3	.5	159.6	4.0	1.7
Other goods and services <sup>3</sup> .....	220.7	3.8	.9	229.0	4.4	1.1	202.8	5.5	2.1	222.2	3.3	1.6
Personal care <sup>2</sup> .....	151.5	1.5	.7	158.0	6.0	1.7	172.6	7.8	2.3	134.4	1.2	.1
<b>Commodity and service group</b>												
All items .....	159.6	3.0	.6	161.1	3.8	.9	150.7	3.1	.5	155.4	2.7	.7
Commodities .....	141.8	2.8	.3	143.1	2.4	.1	140.1	1.5	-.3	139.6	2.3	.6
Food and beverages .....	156.9	3.7	.2	159.5	4.2	-.4	155.7	3.9	-.2	150.9	3.6	-.2
Commodities less food and beverages .....	132.6	2.1	.4	132.3	1.0	.5	131.6	.5	-.3	133.0	1.4	1.1
Nondurables less food and beverages .....	134.6	3.3	.7	136.2	2.9	2.0	130.1	.1	-.2	138.1	3.4	2.1
Durables .....	129.8	.3	-.1	125.3	-2.0	-2.1	135.0	1.0	-.8	122.4	-1.8	-.6
Services .....	177.7	3.2	.9	178.8	5.0	1.6	160.8	4.3	1.1	172.6	3.0	.9
Medical care services .....	237.1	3.0	.9	234.3	2.9	.8	234.7	-1.4	-.2	222.1	-1.7	1.0
<b>Special indexes</b>												
All items less shelter .....	155.3	3.0	.4	154.2	4.1	.9	154.3	3.0	.3	151.9	2.6	.5
All items less medical care .....	155.5	3.0	.6	157.4	3.9	.9	146.7	3.4	.5	152.5	3.0	.7
All items less energy .....	165.9	2.7	.7	167.1	3.0	.8	157.1	2.3	.2	161.8	2.3	.9
All items less food and energy .....	168.3	2.5	.8	169.4	2.7	1.1	158.0	2.1	.3	164.6	2.0	1.2
Energy .....	113.1	7.8	.8	116.9	15.2	3.0	117.4	15.9	4.6	110.2	7.9	-1.3
Commodities less food .....	133.8	2.1	.4	134.2	1.1	.3	133.2	.8	-.1	134.1	1.6	1.1
Nondurables less food .....	136.2	3.3	.7	138.7	2.8	1.7	132.7	.5	-.3	139.3	3.3	2.0
Nondurables .....	145.9	3.5	.4	148.2	3.6	.6	142.7	1.8	-.1	144.7	3.4	.9
Services less rent of shelter <sup>5</sup> .....	186.4	3.4	.6	181.9	6.9	2.2	186.8	5.1	1.4	180.8	3.1	.6
Services less medical care services .....	172.2	3.2	.9	174.2	5.2	1.7	154.6	5.0	1.2	168.3	3.6	.8

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 2 <sup>1</sup>								
	Houston-Galveston-Brazoria, TX			Los Angeles-Anaheim-Riverside, CA			N.Y.-Northern N.J.-Long Island, NY-NJ-CT		
	Index	Percent change from—		Index	Percent change from—		Index	Percent change from—	
		Feb. 1997	Feb. 1996		Dec. 1996	Feb. 1997		Feb. 1996	Dec. 1996
<b>Expenditure category</b>									
All items .....	144.5	2.1	0.6	159.2	1.9	0.6	170.1	2.7	0.9
All items (1987=100) .....	463.4	-	-	470.3	-	-	491.9	-	-
<b>Food and beverages</b> .....	146.8	4.4	.6	162.4	4.5	.2	162.3	2.4	.5
Food .....	146.8	4.9	.8	160.8	5.0	.2	161.7	2.1	.5
Food at home .....	155.3	6.2	1.0	168.8	6.2	.2	163.5	2.1	.6
Cereals and bakery products <sup>2</sup> .....	169.1	5.0	5.4	177.2	2.8	1.6	186.1	1.8	-.4
Meats, poultry, fish, and eggs <sup>2</sup> .....	145.7	8.8	-1.7	159.6	6.7	-2	155.9	2.6	1.7
Meats, poultry, and fish .....	148.9	10.3	-.3	156.1	6.6	.3	156.4	2.6	2.0
Dairy products <sup>2</sup> .....	142.1	8.1	-2.1	168.8	4.7	-2.3	139.6	4.4	-.8
Fruits and vegetables <sup>2,3</sup> .....	185.9	7.2	6.9	208.2	9.1	.5	190.2	2.2	-.5
Other food at home <sup>2</sup> .....	149.5	2.3	-.5	148.7	5.4	1.1	152.9	.3	1.8
Food away from home .....	133.2	2.8	.6	149.4	3.0	.3	162.6	2.0	.2
Alcoholic beverages .....	144.9	-.2	-1.1	178.2	1.0	.9	169.3	5.8	.8
<b>Housing</b> <sup>3</sup> .....	124.9	1.7	1.5	155.6	1.4	.5	170.9	2.4	1.2
Shelter .....	140.3	2.9	2.3	166.4	2.1	.9	197.4	2.8	1.5
Renters' costs <sup>4,2,5</sup> .....	149.0	4.4	6.7	177.0	2.2	2.8	205.9	3.7	3.6
Rent, residential .....	133.7	2.0	-.2	158.7	1.3	.4	182.0	3.2	.6
Other renters' costs <sup>2,4</sup> .....	271.0	10.7	27.1	228.9	5.0	12.0	267.0	5.0	12.8
Homeowners' costs <sup>4,2,5</sup> .....	133.7	2.0	-.1	175.2	2.0	.0	203.0	2.4	.4
Owners' equivalent rent <sup>5</sup> .....	129.7	3.3	-.1	174.8	1.9	.0	203.9	2.3	.4
Fuel and other utilities <sup>3</sup> .....	100.9	-.4	.1	149.2	.5	-.2	121.4	3.8	1.4
Fuels .....	90.2	-1.6	-.1	144.2	-.7	-.3	121.0	3.9	1.9
Fuel oil and other household fuel commodities <sup>2</sup> .....	NA	-	-	129.3	10.1	3.3	115.0	10.8	.0
Fuel oil <sup>2</sup> .....	NA	-	-	NA	-	-	114.4	10.9	.2
Other household fuel commodities <sup>2,6</sup> .....	121.7	5.2	.9	129.4	10.2	3.4	134.8	10.0	-3.0
Gas (piped) and electricity (energy services) .....	89.7	-2.0	-.1	144.5	-.8	-.3	128.1	1.9	2.5
Electricity .....	90.5	-5.2	-.2	166.9	-.9	-.1	127.6	-.2	1.3
Utility (piped) gas .....	89.1	11.0	.0	119.7	-.5	-1.1	129.2	5.9	4.5
Household furnishings and operation <sup>3</sup> .....	110.0	-.4	.3	120.5	-1.4	-1.6	131.1	-1.5	-1.0
<b>Apparel and upkeep</b> .....	140.4	1.7	-3.2	122.2	-4.1	3.0	131.1	2.4	4.7
Apparel commodities <sup>2,4</sup> .....	140.4	2.1	-3.5	117.0	-5.4	3.2	126.9	2.7	5.4
Men's and boys' apparel <sup>2</sup> .....	166.8	-2.6	3.5	124.1	2.6	1.3	116.7	1.7	1.0
Women's and girls' apparel <sup>2</sup> .....	143.5	15.3	-8.8	112.5	-3.2	3.0	129.5	6.8	11.0
Footwear <sup>2</sup> .....	122.6	-1.5	-3.5	107.2	-7.1	1.9	132.6	.7	-.4
<b>Transportation</b> .....	142.2	3.3	-.6	143.8	1.1	.3	154.6	3.8	-.8
Private transportation .....	142.5	4.1	-.3	139.7	.9	1.3	147.5	3.9	-.3
Motor fuel .....	105.8	8.6	-1.2	99.2	-.3	5.1	104.0	9.2	-1.3
Gasoline .....	105.4	8.3	-1.3	96.7	-2.4	5.5	103.7	9.3	-1.4
Gasoline, unleaded regular .....	105.3	9.2	-1.1	94.4	-3.4	5.7	103.2	10.7	-1.4
Gasoline, unleaded midgrade <sup>7</sup> .....	108.5	7.9	-1.5	94.7	-2.4	5.3	106.7	8.8	-.8
Gasoline, unleaded premium .....	102.2	6.9	-1.4	97.8	-3.4	4.6	104.3	7.0	-1.7
Public transportation <sup>2</sup> .....	171.3	-5.2	-4.5	199.4	2.6	-6.7	185.6	3.3	-2.3
Medical care .....	226.0	2.0	2.5	231.8	2.3	.6	243.1	5.0	1.6
<b>Entertainment</b> <sup>8</sup> .....	160.9	-1.2	.7	148.4	1.6	.3	166.3	.0	.2
<b>Other goods and services</b> <sup>3</sup> .....	195.4	-2.5	1.3	239.7	4.3	1.2	225.8	2.8	.9
Personal care <sup>2</sup> .....	122.1	5.2	-.9	162.4	-.2	.7	166.7	-.2	-.1
<b>Commodity and service group</b>									
All items .....	144.5	2.1	.6	159.2	1.9	.6	170.1	2.7	.9
Commodities .....	137.1	2.2	-.1	141.0	1.4	.7	146.6	2.1	.7
Food and beverages .....	146.8	4.4	.6	162.4	4.5	.2	162.3	2.4	.5
Commodities less food and beverages .....	131.1	1.0	-.5	127.2	-.9	1.0	134.2	1.8	.9
Nondurables less food and beverages .....	131.4	1.5	-.2	129.5	-1.8	2.0	135.7	3.1	2.0
Durables .....	130.2	.1	-1.1	123.6	.3	-.2	131.5	-.5	-1.1
Services .....	152.7	2.0	1.4	175.4	2.3	.5	191.0	3.1	1.1
Medical care services .....	225.4	2.2	-	233.9	2.1	.7	249.8	5.8	1.9
<b>Special indexes</b>									
All items less shelter .....	145.4	1.9	.1	157.3	1.8	.4	160.1	2.6	.7
All items less medical care .....	139.6	2.1	.5	155.3	1.9	.6	166.6	2.5	.9
All items less energy .....	151.9	1.9	.7	164.0	2.1	.4	176.4	2.5	1.0
All items less food and energy .....	153.0	1.3	.7	165.0	1.5	.5	180.2	2.6	1.1
Energy .....	98.8	4.1	-.8	114.7	-.4	2.4	114.5	5.5	.9
Commodities less food .....	131.6	.8	-.6	129.9	-.8	1.0	135.7	2.1	.9
Nondurables less food .....	132.0	1.4	-.3	133.7	-1.4	1.8	137.7	3.4	1.9
Nondurables .....	139.4	3.0	.2	146.8	1.7	1.0	150.3	2.7	1.1
Services less rent of shelter <sup>5</sup> .....	163.9	.7	.6	194.6	2.5	.0	191.7	3.4	.7
Services less medical care services .....	144.3	1.9	1.1	170.5	2.3	.5	186.5	2.9	1.0

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 2 <sup>1</sup>								
	Phil.- Wilmington- Trenton, PA-NJ-DE-MD <sup>9</sup>			Pittsburgh- Beaver Valley, PA <sup>10</sup>			San Francisco- Oakland- San Jose, CA <sup>9</sup>		
	Index	Percent change from—		Index	Percent change from—		Index	Percent change from—	
		Feb. 1997	Feb. 1996		Dec. 1996	Feb. 1997		Feb. 1996	Dec. 1996
<b>Expenditure category</b>									
All items .....	165.8	2.9	0.9	156.2	3.4	0.5	157.9	3.1	1.2
All items (1967=100) .....	479.0	-	-	476.6	-	-	485.3	-	-
<b>Food and beverages</b> .....	153.7	2.0	.1	150.8	2.9	-2	159.5	4.8	1.5
Food .....	152.8	2.2	.0	149.6	2.8	-6	160.2	5.1	1.5
Food at home .....	161.7	2.5	.0	148.4	2.0	-1.8	165.3	5.7	2.0
Cereals and bakery products <sup>2</sup> .....	188.3	2.1	-7	161.7	2.6	-1.0	183.6	7.3	4.1
Meats, poultry, fish, and eggs <sup>2</sup> .....	149.6	2.8	1.9	141.2	2.4	-1.7	155.0	7.0	1.4
Meats, poultry, and fish .....	149.6	2.7	2.0	143.0	2.4	-9	149.2	6.8	1.9
Dairy products <sup>2</sup> .....	139.4	4.6	-1.3	145.6	8.8	-2.2	146.5	.1	-2.8
Fruits and vegetables <sup>2,3</sup> .....	189.2	2.3	-3.5	147.3	-6.7	-6.9	200.0	10.0	7.9
Other food at home <sup>2,3</sup> .....	155.6	1.9	1.8	152.8	4.5	1.7	151.0	2.3	-1.2
Food away from home .....	137.5	1.4	-1	152.4	4.5	1.9	154.2	4.3	.7
Alcoholic beverages .....	165.3	.1	.7	165.9	4.4	4.4	154.3	2.5	1.2
<b>Housing</b> <sup>3</sup> .....	166.7	3.3	2.3	155.1	2.4	1.2	161.7	3.7	1.2
Shelter .....	195.1	3.2	3.0	168.8	.8	.9	177.1	4.5	1.3
Renters' costs <sup>4,2,5</sup> .....	223.3	5.7	8.1	168.1	2.2	3.3	202.4	5.3	2.1
Rent, residential .....	174.3	2.2	.6	149.5	.9	.3	179.5	4.5	.6
Other renters' costs <sup>2,4</sup> .....	313.2	10.4	18.9	200.8	4.4	8.5	213.1	7.7	7.5
Homeowners' costs <sup>4,2,5</sup> .....	195.8	2.2	.8	168.3	.3	.1	190.8	4.1	.8
Owners' equivalent rent <sup>5</sup> .....	196.6	2.1	.7	168.7	.3	.1	191.0	3.6	.8
Fuel and other utilities <sup>3</sup> .....	130.8	5.1	.0	146.1	7.7	1.9	146.1	1.7	.6
Fuels .....	121.7	7.3	-1	141.2	11.9	3.1	144.0	.2	.1
Fuel oil and other household fuel commodities <sup>2</sup> .....	113.5	7.7	-2.9	119.4	-1.3	1.4	152.8	3.2	.4
Fuel oil <sup>2</sup> .....	106.5	7.7	-2.9	92.2	3.9	-2.5	132.0	40.3	22.3
Other household fuel commodities <sup>2,6</sup> .....	NA	-	-	151.8	-4.8	4.5	172.1	.5	-1.4
Gas (piped) and electricity (energy services) .....	136.2	7.2	.4	143.4	12.4	3.1	143.9	.1	.0
Electricity .....	148.6	1.8	.3	137.7	-1.0	.0	175.0	.2	.0
Utility (piped) gas .....	120.2	20.8	.8	147.8	24.8	5.6	107.8	.1	.0
Household furnishings and operation <sup>3</sup> .....	123.0	1.1	2.2	128.3	1.8	1.7	118.5	.8	1.5
Apparel and upkeep .....	101.2	.0	-2.4	140.7	4.2	2.3	113.4	.1	4.2
Apparel commodities <sup>2,4</sup> .....	95.8	-1	-2.6	137.8	4.3	2.5	107.9	-3	4.8
Men's and boys' apparel <sup>2</sup> .....	111.2	-6.4	-8	119.7	2.3	5.8	107.4	6.7	-7.7
Women's and girls' apparel <sup>2</sup> .....	71.3	5.0	-4.7	147.6	1.2	1.0	87.0	-12.7	9.2
Footwear <sup>2</sup> .....	113.3	2.3	-3.7	127.4	16.0	7.7	145.3	-8	7.2
Transportation .....	153.6	2.2	-5	133.1	4.7	-3	133.1	1.1	1.4
Private transportation .....	151.4	2.0	-3	132.8	5.4	.4	127.5	1.0	2.2
Motor fuel .....	111.5	11.9	.5	109.0	11.2	-5	108.9	.6	9.8
Gasoline .....	109.6	12.1	.6	109.4	11.7	-3	107.1	.0	10.3
Gasoline, unleaded regular .....	109.7	13.3	.5	107.2	13.0	-7	104.7	.5	11.1
Gasoline, unleaded midgrade <sup>7</sup> .....	108.3	10.4	.3	118.6	11.4	.5	102.3	-1.1	9.2
Gasoline, unleaded premium .....	104.0	10.2	.3	109.5	10.2	.6	107.5	-9	8.6
Public transportation <sup>2</sup> .....	176.6	4.7	-2.8	123.1	-9.6	-14.0	180.3	1.1	-2.6
Medical care .....	246.2	3.8	.6	226.8	1.5	.0	218.6	3.0	.3
<b>Entertainment</b> <sup>8</sup> .....	182.0	3.5	-5	164.2	1.9	-1.0	168.2	.2	-3
<b>Other goods and services</b> <sup>3</sup> .....	238.4	3.7	1.5	212.1	8.2	.5	231.4	2.5	-2
Personal care <sup>2</sup> .....	191.3	1.7	2.5	128.6	6.1	.0	156.2	-3.2	-9
<b>Commodity and service group</b>									
All items .....	165.8	2.9	.9	156.2	3.4	.5	157.9	3.1	1.2
Commodities .....	136.7	1.9	-2	142.4	3.6	.4	139.5	2.6	2.0
Food and beverages .....	153.7	2.0	.1	150.8	2.9	-2	159.5	4.8	1.5
Commodities less food and beverages .....	126.0	1.9	-3	136.8	4.0	.9	125.8	.6	2.5
Nondurables less food and beverages .....	125.8	3.0	-5	139.6	5.4	.9	127.1	.6	3.6
Durables .....	127.6	.1	-2	132.1	1.9	.8	123.3	.4	.9
Services .....	196.4	3.4	1.7	171.7	3.2	.7	173.5	3.4	.7
Medical care services .....	252.5	4.5	.5	225.5	1.0	.2	218.8	2.5	.2
<b>Special indexes</b>									
All items less shelter .....	157.3	2.6	.1	152.9	4.2	.4	152.0	2.3	1.1
All items less medical care .....	161.9	2.8	.9	152.1	3.5	.5	155.1	3.1	1.2
All items less energy .....	172.5	2.4	1.0	160.2	2.6	.4	162.2	3.2	1.0
All items less food and energy .....	177.8	2.4	1.1	163.3	2.6	.7	162.9	2.8	.9
Energy .....	117.3	9.0	.2	127.5	11.6	1.5	121.7	.4	4.6
Commodities less food .....	127.6	1.8	-2	138.1	4.1	1.1	127.5	.7	2.4
Nondurables less food .....	128.4	2.9	-3	141.2	5.2	1.1	129.3	.9	3.3
Nondurables .....	140.2	2.6	-1	145.6	4.1	.3	144.2	3.1	2.3
Services less rent of shelter <sup>5</sup> .....	203.2	3.6	.4	179.4	5.2	.6	177.7	2.4	-1
Services less medical care services .....	191.9	3.3	1.7	166.6	3.4	.7	170.5	3.4	.7

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

<sup>2</sup> This index series will no longer appear after December, 1997 below the U.S. city average level.

<sup>3</sup> This index series will undergo a change in composition in January, 1998.

<sup>4</sup> This index series will no longer appear in its present form after December, 1997 for the U.S. city average. See Table X for a comparable index series.

<sup>5</sup> Indexes on a December 1982=100 base.

<sup>6</sup> Indexes on a December 1986=100 base.

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

<sup>8</sup> This index series will no longer appear in its present form after December, 1997. See Table X for a comparable index series.

<sup>9</sup> Indexes for the cities of Philadelphia and San Francisco will no longer be published on a monthly basis starting in January, 1998. Beginning in February, 1998 they will be published on a bi-monthly basis.

<sup>10</sup> Indexes for the cities of Pittsburgh and St. Louis will no longer be published on a bi-monthly basis after December, 1997. Beginning in July, 1998 they will be published semi-annually, each January and July.

<sup>NA</sup> 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 Feb. 1997 from—			Percent change to Jan. 1997 from—		
		Nov. 1996	Dec. 1996	Jan. 1997	Feb. 1997	Feb. 1996	Dec. 1996	Jan. 1997	Jan. 1996	Nov. 1996	Dec. 1996
U.S. city average .....	M	155.9	155.9	156.3	156.8	3.0	0.6	0.3	3.0	0.3	0.3
<b>Region and area size <sup>2</sup></b>											
Northeast urban .....	M	163.0	163.2	163.5	164.2	3.0	.6	.4	3.0	.3	.2
Size A - More than 1,200,000 .....	M	162.6	162.6	163.1	163.9	3.0	.8	.5	2.9	.3	.3
Size B - 500,000 to 1,200,000 <sup>3</sup> .....	M	160.7	162.0	162.0	161.9	3.2	-.1	-.1	3.5	.8	.0
Size C - 50,000 to 500,000 <sup>3</sup> .....	M	166.0	166.3	166.3	166.8	3.0	.3	.3	3.0	.2	.0
North Central urban .....	M	151.7	151.9	152.1	152.4	3.3	.3	.2	3.5	.3	.1
Size A - More than 1,200,000 .....	M	151.3	151.5	151.9	152.3	3.1	.5	.3	3.3	.4	.3
Size B - 360,000 to 1,200,000 <sup>3</sup> .....	M	150.8	150.7	150.5	150.5	3.3	-.1	.0	3.8	-.2	-.1
Size C - 50,000 to 360,000 <sup>3</sup> .....	M	154.5	155.1	155.2	155.6	3.9	.3	.3	3.7	.5	.1
Size D - Nonmetropolitan (less than 50,000) .....	M	150.1	150.3	150.5	150.3	3.7	.0	-.1	4.0	.3	.1
South urban .....	M	153.7	153.7	154.2	154.5	3.0	.5	.2	3.0	.3	.3
Size A - More than 1,200,000 .....	M	152.0	152.3	153.1	153.2	3.0	.6	.1	3.0	.7	.5
Size B - 450,000 to 1,200,000 <sup>3</sup> .....	M	154.5	154.5	154.7	155.0	3.1	.3	.2	3.4	.1	.1
Size C - 50,000 to 450,000 <sup>3</sup> .....	M	154.7	154.5	154.9	155.5	2.8	.6	.4	2.5	.1	.3
Size D - Nonmetropolitan (less than 50,000) .....	M	155.1	155.0	155.3	155.8	3.6	.5	.3	3.3	.1	.2
West urban .....	M	155.9	155.4	156.3	156.8	2.7	.9	.3	2.7	.3	.6
Size A - More than 1,250,000 .....	M	154.3	153.8	154.7	155.2	2.6	.9	.3	2.5	.3	.6
Size C - 50,000 to 330,000 <sup>3</sup> .....	M	160.8	160.7	161.7	162.1	2.9	.9	.2	3.3	.6	.6
<b>Size classes</b>											
A <sup>4</sup> .....	M	142.0	141.9	142.5	143.0	3.0	.8	.4	2.9	.4	.4
B <sup>3</sup> .....	M	156.0	156.2	156.3	156.5	3.1	.2	.1	3.4	.2	.1
C <sup>3</sup> .....	M	157.7	157.9	158.2	158.7	3.1	.5	.3	3.1	.3	.2
D .....	M	155.1	154.9	155.3	155.4	3.4	.3	.1	3.4	.1	.3
<b>Selected local areas <sup>5</sup></b>											
Chicago-Gary-Lake County, IL-IN-WI .....	M	154.4	154.6	155.3	155.9	3.8	.8	.4	3.7	.6	.5
Los Angeles-Anaheim-Riverside, CA .....	M	152.9	152.7	153.6	153.6	1.8	.6	.0	2.1	.5	.6
N.Y.-Northern N.J.-Long Island, NY-NJ-CT .....	M	164.7	164.7	165.1	166.2	2.8	.9	.7	2.6	.2	.2
Phil.-Wilmington-Trenton, PA-NJ-DE-MD <sup>6</sup> .....	M	164.0	163.6	164.4	164.9	2.7	.8	.3	2.9	.2	.5
San Francisco-Oakland-San Jose, CA <sup>6</sup> .....	M	154.2	153.1	154.1	155.0	3.0	1.2	.6	2.4	-.1	.7
Baltimore, MD <sup>7</sup> .....	1	153.6	-	154.6	-	-	-	-	2.9	.7	-
Boston-Lawrence-Salem, MA-NH .....	1	165.4	-	166.6	-	-	-	-	3.4	.7	-
Cleveland-Akron-Lorain, OH .....	1	146.2	-	146.2	-	-	-	-	3.3	.0	-
Miami-Fort Lauderdale, FL .....	1	154.6	-	156.0	-	-	-	-	4.0	.9	-
St. Louis-East St. Louis, MO-IL <sup>8</sup> .....	1	150.5	-	150.6	-	-	-	-	2.8	.1	-
Washington, DC-MD-VA <sup>7</sup> .....	1	158.7	-	158.9	-	-	-	-	3.2	.1	-
Dallas-Fort Worth, TX .....	2	-	150.2	-	150.8	3.4	.4	-	-	-	-
Detroit-Ann Arbor, MI .....	2	-	149.4	-	150.3	2.6	.6	-	-	-	-
Houston-Galveston-Brazoria, TX .....	2	-	143.0	-	143.6	2.0	.4	-	-	-	-
Pittsburgh-Beaver Valley, PA <sup>8</sup> .....	2	-	148.8	-	149.6	3.4	.5	-	-	-	-

<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> Starting in January, 1998, a new Size Class B/C will be introduced, composed of current Size Class B and Size Class C cities. There will be no individual Size Class B or Size Class C.

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

<sup>5</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.

<sup>6</sup> Indexes for the cities of Philadelphia and San Francisco will no longer be published on a monthly basis starting in January, 1998. Beginning in February, 1998 they will be published on a bi-monthly basis.

<sup>7</sup> Indexes for the cities of Washington and Baltimore will no longer be published separately after December, 1997. Beginning in January, 1998 the two cities will be published as a Washington-Baltimore combined metropolitan area.

<sup>8</sup> Indexes for the cities of Pittsburgh and St. Louis will no longer be published on a bi-monthly basis after December, 1997. Beginning in July, 1998 they will be published semi-annually, each January and July.

- 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—	
		Feb. 1997	Feb. 1996		Jan. 1997	Feb. 1997		Feb. 1996	Jan. 1997		Feb. 1997	Feb. 1996
<b>Expenditure category</b>												
All items .....	164.2	3.0	0.4	152.4	3.3	0.2	154.5	3.0	0.2	156.8	2.7	0.3
All items (December 1977=100) .....	256.5	-	-	246.5	-	-	250.3	-	-	252.2	-	-
Food and beverages .....	159.3	2.7	.1	153.7	3.9	-.1	154.5	4.0	.1	158.2	4.4	-.2
Food .....	158.8	2.7	.1	153.1	4.1	-.1	154.7	4.1	.1	157.6	4.5	-.3
Food at home .....	160.2	2.6	.0	153.2	4.4	-.3	153.7	4.5	-.1	161.0	5.2	-.6
Cereals and bakery products <sup>2</sup> .....	181.9	2.2	.6	175.0	2.0	-.7	171.4	3.1	.0	177.1	3.8	.6
Meats, poultry, fish, and eggs <sup>2</sup> .....	152.9	2.7	-.8	145.5	4.7	-.5	144.7	4.9	-.7	151.1	6.3	-.2
Dairy products <sup>2</sup> .....	138.1	5.4	-.4	147.4	7.7	-.5	144.9	7.7	-1.5	155.8	5.3	-2.3
Fruits and vegetables <sup>2</sup> .....	186.6	2.9	.7	177.2	6.9	-.9	185.9	5.3	1.4	196.4	7.0	-1.2
Other food at home <sup>2</sup> .....	152.4	1.1	.5	141.1	2.4	.7	142.5	2.9	.5	145.5	3.5	-.2
Sugar and sweets <sup>2</sup> .....	156.0	4.6	.2	144.6	3.5	.8	143.2	3.4	.3	147.7	4.4	-.4
Fats and oils <sup>2</sup> .....	147.7	-1.1	-.1	137.4	2.6	.9	139.9	2.3	-.1	145.5	4.2	.0
Nonalcoholic beverages <sup>2</sup> .....	137.7	-2.1	.5	123.8	-1.4	.0	124.0	.4	.9	127.4	-1.1	-1.2
Other prepared food <sup>2</sup> .....	167.2	3.1	.6	156.2	4.9	1.2	160.6	4.7	.4	159.7	6.1	.4
Food away from home .....	158.5	2.7	.2	153.2	3.4	.1	157.6	3.3	.1	152.5	3.2	.3
Alcoholic beverages .....	165.1	3.4	.5	161.6	3.0	.1	153.0	3.3	.7	164.2	3.1	.4
Housing <sup>3</sup> .....	164.5	2.7	.6	146.4	3.5	.3	146.3	3.1	.4	154.4	2.5	.2
Shelter .....	190.2	2.5	.6	163.2	3.0	.5	157.4	3.1	.4	167.4	3.0	.2
Renters' costs <sup>2,4</sup> .....	175.4	2.8	1.3	159.5	3.6	1.1	150.3	3.4	.9	157.9	3.1	.5
Rent, residential .....	176.6	2.6	.3	161.9	2.9	.2	153.0	2.8	.1	165.0	2.6	.2
Other renters' costs <sup>2</sup> .....	256.2	3.1	4.5	200.9	5.6	4.1	217.9	6.4	5.3	226.5	6.0	2.0
Homeowners' costs <sup>2,4</sup> .....	177.8	2.5	.4	162.7	2.8	.2	149.6	3.0	.2	163.7	2.8	.1
Owners' equivalent rent <sup>4</sup> .....	178.5	2.5	.3	163.1	2.8	.2	149.5	3.1	.1	163.6	2.8	.1
Maintenance and repairs <sup>2</sup> .....	137.0	-	.7	138.8	2.7	.3	143.6	6.9	.6	142.8	2.7	.2
Maintenance and repair services <sup>2</sup> .....	148.8	-	.3	154.2	4.8	.1	145.1	5.3	.3	145.6	.8	.0
Maintenance and repair commodities <sup>2</sup> .....	119.4	1.8	1.5	121.3	.2	.4	141.5	9.1	.9	136.2	4.4	.4
Fuel and other utilities <sup>3</sup> .....	128.1	4.9	.8	128.2	7.6	-.2	135.2	4.2	.1	136.2	2.0	.1
Fuels .....	120.6	6.3	1.1	114.5	9.5	-1.0	119.9	5.4	.2	125.3	.9	-.2
Fuel oil and other household fuel commodities <sup>2</sup> .....	107.5	11.7	-.9	106.0	14.1	-6.2	116.3	10.9	-2.7	117.0	14.8	.5
Fuel oil <sup>2</sup> .....	107.9	11.9	-.9	101.0	15.3	-1.4	102.9	10.4	-.6	130.3	21.0	1.9
Other household fuel commodities <sup>2,5</sup> .....	133.2	11.0	-.7	144.1	13.0	-10.2	151.7	11.1	-3.7	132.2	12.0	-.1
Gas (piped) and electricity (energy services) .....	133.9	4.9	1.7	119.5	9.1	-.8	122.1	5.0	.3	127.5	.5	-.3
Electricity .....	137.3	1.0	1.6	121.9	.4	-.5	121.0	2.5	.1	145.5	-.4	.0
Utility (piped) gas .....	129.5	12.5	1.9	118.6	20.9	-1.1	128.7	16.1	1.3	105.1	2.7	-.8
Other utilities and public services <sup>2</sup> .....	160.8	2.7	.1	160.8	5.1	.9	164.7	3.1	.1	156.2	3.1	.5
Household furnishings and operation <sup>3</sup> .....	124.2	.1	.6	120.8	.7	-.1	126.0	1.3	.3	124.3	.5	.2
Housefurnishings <sup>2</sup> .....	105.7	-1.5	.8	106.8	.1	-.3	114.6	.4	.2	111.5	-.5	.5
Housekeeping supplies <sup>2</sup> .....	152.6	2.2	.5	142.6	1.1	.3	136.5	2.3	.9	142.3	1.4	-.9
Housekeeping services <sup>2</sup> .....	158.7	1.7	.3	146.0	1.7	.1	159.3	3.0	.3	148.2	2.8	.1
Apparel and upkeep .....	127.7	2.4	2.9	129.8	.9	2.9	140.8	.3	.5	123.9	-1.1	1.3
Apparel commodities <sup>2</sup> .....	123.8	2.5	3.2	127.8	.7	3.2	136.7	.1	.4	119.7	-1.6	1.4
Men's and boys' apparel <sup>2</sup> .....	127.4	2.3	.0	125.2	.3	-.2	133.4	-1.8	.5	122.7	3.2	.7
Women's and girls' apparel <sup>2</sup> .....	116.6	3.9	6.8	128.2	1.8	7.6	138.1	1.6	.1	112.7	-3.7	1.8
Infants' and toddlers' apparel <sup>2</sup> .....	131.1	-5.0	2.5	125.9	-7.4	-.3	134.3	-.9	.4	116.1	-10.8	-5.5
Footwear <sup>2</sup> .....	129.1	2.4	2.4	128.4	-.7	-1.1	127.7	1.5	.1	121.5	-.5	4.2
Other apparel commodities <sup>2</sup> .....	153.1	.0	-3.5	140.3	4.4	1.4	155.2	-2.3	2.0	134.4	-2.7	1.4
Apparel services <sup>2</sup> .....	165.8	1.6	.0	149.9	2.3	.3	171.6	1.6	.5	158.1	3.3	.4
Transportation .....	148.0	3.8	-.3	142.8	3.6	-.5	143.7	3.2	-.1	143.9	2.2	.6
Private transportation .....	144.6	3.7	-.1	140.7	3.5	-.4	143.0	3.2	-.1	141.8	2.2	.6
New vehicles .....	145.6	1.6	.1	145.0	1.2	-.1	148.6	1.2	-.1	147.7	2.4	.3
New cars .....	141.9	1.1	-.1	139.4	.8	-.1	147.0	1.0	-.3	141.5	1.4	-.1
Used cars .....	157.6	-2.2	-.1	156.6	-2.3	-.1	156.1	-1.9	-.3	152.8	-.9	-.2
Motor fuel .....	108.5	11.2	-.9	109.4	11.7	-2.4	107.7	12.7	-.4	106.5	4.1	2.3
Gasoline .....	108.0	11.3	-.8	108.9	11.6	-2.6	107.1	12.6	-.4	105.2	3.0	2.2
Gasoline, unleaded regular .....	107.2	12.5	-.8	107.4	11.8	-2.7	104.4	13.6	-.4	102.2	2.7	2.3
Gasoline, unleaded midgrade <sup>6</sup> .....	111.6	10.3	-.8	119.8	10.6	-2.4	113.7	11.9	-.4	102.5	3.0	2.4
Gasoline, unleaded premium .....	107.2	8.7	-1.2	111.7	10.2	-2.7	109.7	11.1	-.3	106.0	1.3	2.0
Maintenance and repairs .....	170.9	3.1	.0	152.5	3.0	.3	161.0	2.4	.0	165.3	2.9	.0
Other private transportation <sup>2</sup> .....	177.1	2.9	.0	167.3	2.3	1.0	179.8	1.9	.3	169.1	2.1	.5
Other private transportation commodities .....	106.9	.8	.3	104.8	.1	.0	102.3	-1.1	.0	102.9	-.1	.2
Other private transportation services <sup>7</sup> .....	191.0	3.2	-.1	181.7	2.7	1.1	202.7	2.4	.4	187.5	2.6	.5
Public transportation <sup>2</sup> .....	182.5	4.8	-1.4	188.9	4.2	-3.2	163.5	1.7	-2.3	182.6	1.5	-.6

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—	
		Feb. 1997	Feb. 1996		Jan. 1997	Feb. 1997		Feb. 1996	Jan. 1997		Feb. 1997	Feb. 1996
<b>Expenditure category</b>												
Medical care .....	241.5	3.8	0.3	226.0	2.1	0.5	231.3	2.6	0.3	231.2	3.4	0.6
Medical care commodities .....	214.7	1.9	.2	209.2	1.3	1.2	208.6	3.4	.5	217.3	3.4	.3
Medical care services .....	247.3	4.1	.3	229.8	2.3	.4	236.7	2.5	.3	234.4	3.3	.7
Professional medical services .....	224.7	4.1	.3	209.2	3.3	.5	218.2	3.5	.6	204.0	2.9	.6
Entertainment <sup>7</sup> .....	167.6	1.8	-.1	158.9	3.7	.3	156.1	2.3	.6	154.0	.3	.2
Entertainment commodities <sup>2</sup> .....	147.6	1.8	-.2	145.4	2.8	.3	141.6	1.8	.2	137.3	-1.9	.1
Entertainment services <sup>2</sup> .....	194.6	1.8	.0	176.9	4.6	.3	180.5	2.9	1.1	177.5	2.5	.3
Other goods and services <sup>3</sup> .....	229.0	4.3	.1	211.3	3.3	.3	208.8	3.3	.4	222.9	4.5	.5
Tobacco and smoking products <sup>2</sup> .....	230.7	4.2	.3	245.5	3.2	.1	221.2	.8	.0	262.1	5.6	1.6
Personal care <sup>2</sup> .....	162.8	1.1	-.1	145.6	1.9	.4	143.9	1.8	-.2	155.3	1.0	-.6
Personal and educational expenses <sup>2</sup> .....	264.9	5.1	.1	234.8	3.9	.4	247.5	5.0	.7	258.8	5.1	.5
<b>Commodity and service group</b>												
All items .....	164.2	3.0	.4	152.4	3.3	.2	154.5	3.0	.2	156.8	2.7	.3
Commodities .....	143.8	2.9	.4	139.8	3.1	.0	142.2	3.0	.1	141.4	2.3	.4
Food and beverages .....	159.3	2.7	.1	153.7	3.9	-.1	154.5	4.0	.1	158.2	4.4	-.2
Commodities less food and beverages .....	132.9	2.9	.6	131.9	2.5	.2	135.0	2.2	.0	131.2	1.0	.8
Nondurables less food and beverages .....	133.1	4.6	.8	135.5	4.2	.4	136.5	3.8	.1	131.8	1.3	1.2
Apparel commodities <sup>2</sup> .....	123.8	2.5	3.2	127.8	.7	3.2	136.7	.1	.4	119.7	-1.6	1.4
Nondurables less food, beverages, and apparel .....	141.4	5.7	-.1	141.6	5.6	-.8	139.4	5.6	-.1	140.6	2.6	1.0
Durables .....	129.9	.0	.2	126.0	.1	-.1	131.9	.1	.0	130.2	.5	.2
Services .....	188.7	3.2	.4	168.3	3.6	.4	169.9	3.2	.4	173.5	2.9	.3
Rent of shelter <sup>4</sup> .....	177.6	2.5	.6	162.1	3.1	.4	149.8	3.2	.4	161.2	2.9	.2
Household services less rent of shelter <sup>4</sup> .....	135.9	3.6	.9	128.7	6.3	-.1	134.9	3.7	.3	135.6	2.3	.1
Transportation services .....	184.5	3.5	-.3	175.6	3.0	.2	186.1	2.3	-.1	180.9	2.4	.2
Medical care services .....	247.3	4.1	.3	229.8	2.3	.4	236.7	2.5	.3	234.4	3.3	.7
Other services .....	221.7	3.8	.0	190.0	4.1	.4	201.4	4.1	.8	200.2	3.9	.4
<b>Special Indexes</b>												
All items less food .....	165.4	3.1	.5	152.2	3.2	.3	154.4	2.9	.3	156.6	2.3	.4
All items less shelter .....	156.7	3.2	.3	150.1	3.4	.1	154.1	3.1	.2	153.7	2.5	.3
All items less homeowners' costs <sup>4 7</sup> .....	151.4	3.1	.4	144.6	3.4	.1	146.3	3.1	.2	147.2	2.6	.4
All items less medical care .....	161.0	2.9	.4	149.1	3.5	.2	150.2	3.1	.2	153.4	2.6	.3
Commodities less food .....	134.3	3.0	.6	133.1	2.5	.2	135.6	2.3	.1	132.8	1.1	.7
Nondurables less food .....	135.0	4.6	.8	137.0	4.0	.3	137.2	3.8	.1	134.3	1.6	1.1
Nondurables less food and apparel .....	142.8	5.4	.0	142.8	5.4	-.6	139.7	5.4	.0	142.1	2.7	.9
Nondurables .....	146.8	3.5	.4	144.7	4.0	.1	145.6	3.9	.1	145.6	3.0	.3
Services less rent of shelter <sup>4</sup> .....	171.7	3.7	.2	159.5	4.1	.2	167.0	3.2	.3	168.1	2.9	.3
Services less medical care services .....	184.3	3.1	.4	163.0	3.8	.3	162.9	3.3	.4	168.8	2.9	.2
Energy .....	114.7	8.2	.3	111.5	10.6	-1.7	111.8	8.9	-.1	113.8	2.7	1.2
All items less energy .....	171.3	2.6	.5	158.6	2.7	.4	160.7	2.6	.2	161.9	2.7	.2
All items less food and energy .....	174.9	2.6	.5	160.1	2.4	.6	162.3	2.2	.3	163.0	2.3	.3
Commodities less food and energy commodities .....	143.2	1.6	.8	140.0	1.0	.6	143.3	.7	.1	140.3	.7	.5
Energy commodities .....	108.3	11.4	-.8	109.5	11.8	-2.6	108.6	12.5	-.5	107.7	4.4	2.3
Services less energy services .....	194.4	3.0	.3	174.7	3.1	.4	175.8	3.0	.4	177.1	3.1	.3

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

<sup>2</sup> This index series will no longer appear after December, 1997.

<sup>3</sup> This index series will undergo a change in composition in January, 1998.

<sup>4</sup> Indexes on a December 1984=100 base.

<sup>5</sup> Indexes on a December 1986=100 base.

<sup>6</sup> Indexes on a December 1993=100 base.

<sup>7</sup> This index series will no longer appear in its present form after December, 1997. See Table X for a comparable index series.

- 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 <sup>3</sup>			Size class C <sup>3</sup>			Size class D			
	Index	Percent change from—		Index	Percent change from—		Index	Percent change from—		Index	Percent change from—		
		Feb. 1997	Feb. 1996		Jan. 1997	Feb. 1997		Feb. 1996	Jan. 1997		Feb. 1997	Feb. 1996	Jan. 1997
<b>Expenditure category</b>													
All items .....	143.0	3.0	0.4	156.5	3.1	0.1	158.7	3.1	0.3	155.4	3.4	0.1	
All items (December 1977=100) .....	143.0	-	-	252.7	-	-	254.3	-	-	251.2	-	-	
<b>Food and beverages</b> .....	141.5	3.6	-1	155.9	3.8	-1	155.2	3.6	.3	152.2	4.8	.1	
Food .....	141.1	3.7	-1	155.9	3.7	-2	154.7	3.7	.2	151.7	4.9	.1	
Food at home .....	145.2	4.1	-3	158.2	4.2	-3	153.1	3.9	.3	149.7	5.4	.1	
Cereals and bakery products <sup>4</sup> .....	158.1	2.7	-1	175.2	3.3	.6	171.2	2.1	-2	178.7	3.1	.2	
Meats, poultry, fish, and eggs <sup>4</sup> .....	137.8	4.3	-7	150.0	4.5	-1.1	142.3	4.0	.0	139.6	6.1	-1	
Dairy products <sup>4</sup> .....	141.3	6.4	-1.7	149.5	8.1	-3	137.4	4.7	-9	140.4	9.1	.2	
Fruits and vegetables <sup>4</sup> .....	171.4	5.4	.1	190.0	4.8	-1.1	184.8	5.8	1.1	169.0	6.2	-1	
Other food at home <sup>4</sup> .....	132.8	2.2	.2	146.2	2.1	.5	147.0	2.8	.8	141.2	4.1	.3	
Sugar and sweets <sup>4</sup> .....	137.2	4.6	.4	145.5	3.0	-.4	143.3	3.1	.6	138.3	3.5	-3	
Fats and oils <sup>4</sup> .....	133.8	1.3	-.4	138.8	-.1	.2	143.9	4.4	1.0	140.0	3.9	1.8	
Nonalcoholic beverages <sup>4</sup> .....	119.3	-1.1	.1	124.9	-1.7	.2	133.2	.0	.9	117.4	-1.6	-1.4	
Other prepared food <sup>4</sup> .....	143.1	4.1	.4	168.6	5.0	1.0	161.2	4.4	.8	160.6	7.9	1.1	
Food away from home .....	134.7	3.1	.3	153.3	3.0	.1	158.8	3.3	.0	156.0	3.7	.3	
Alcoholic beverages .....	145.0	2.8	.3	157.0	4.7	.5	161.7	3.2	.5	159.2	3.4	.3	
<b>Housing</b> <sup>5</sup> .....	138.0	2.8	.4	153.3	3.0	.3	155.6	3.3	.3	150.8	3.2	.3	
Shelter .....	145.1	2.8	.4	169.5	3.0	.3	176.1	3.3	.6	171.0	3.1	.5	
Renters' costs <sup>4,6</sup> .....	143.7	3.2	.8	168.7	2.2	.8	155.6	3.8	1.3	154.4	3.7	1.4	
Rent, residential .....	136.6	2.9	.2	164.1	2.7	.2	159.4	2.5	.2	157.4	2.5	.1	
Other renters' costs <sup>4</sup> .....	188.1	5.3	3.7	251.9	1.0	2.4	206.2	9.5	6.5	207.5	9.6	7.8	
Homeowners' costs <sup>4,6</sup> .....	146.1	2.5	.3	164.2	3.3	.1	167.9	3.0	.2	162.1	2.9	.1	
Owners' equivalent rent <sup>6</sup> .....	146.3	2.5	.2	164.6	3.3	.1	168.5	3.1	.3	162.0	2.9	.1	
Maintenance and repairs <sup>4</sup> .....	125.4	3.9	.5	136.9	4.7	.5	155.2	3.0	.4	139.3	2.0	.7	
Maintenance and repair services <sup>4</sup> .....	129.3	3.9	.1	NA	-	-	168.8	3.2	.7	155.9	2.6	.1	
Maintenance and repair commodities <sup>4</sup> .....	120.7	3.8	.9	129.9	4.9	.8	137.7	2.8	.1	119.0	1.2	1.5	
Fuel and other utilities <sup>6</sup> .....	130.9	5.4	.5	135.7	4.3	.1	133.8	4.3	-.4	129.9	4.7	-2	
Fuels .....	131.1	6.8	.5	115.6	4.7	-.4	121.0	5.7	-.7	112.2	5.7	-3	
Fuel oil and other household fuel commodities <sup>4</sup> .....	155.2	10.5	-1.8	107.4	12.8	-2.3	111.2	13.8	-2.5	102.3	14.7	-1.3	
Fuel oil <sup>4</sup> .....	159.1	10.9	-1.2	106.6	14.3	-.7	104.7	13.4	-.2	101.6	15.8	-.8	
Other household fuel commodities <sup>2,4</sup> .....	143.0	9.0	-3.9	141.2	11.3	-4.1	144.4	14.2	-5.4	137.9	13.4	-1.9	
Gas (piped) and electricity (energy services) .....	129.2	6.4	.8	120.7	3.8	-.2	128.0	4.8	-.5	119.8	4.9	-.2	
Electricity .....	128.0	.9	.7	127.7	1.2	-.2	132.9	1.5	-.6	122.3	1.5	1.1	
Utility (piped) gas .....	131.0	16.2	.8	110.8	11.4	-.4	123.5	14.5	-.4	120.8	13.6	-2.9	
Other utilities and public services <sup>4</sup> .....	130.8	3.7	.5	178.2	3.9	.7	161.4	2.7	.2	166.4	3.6	-.2	
Household furnishings and operation <sup>5</sup> .....	116.4	.0	.3	125.3	1.5	.2	123.0	1.5	.2	124.6	1.7	.3	
Housefurnishings <sup>4</sup> .....	105.8	-1.1	.4	113.1	.5	-.1	108.9	.6	.1	110.8	1.5	.4	
Housekeeping supplies <sup>4</sup> .....	134.8	.7	.1	136.8	4.0	1.0	142.2	3.3	.3	134.7	1.1	.1	
Housekeeping services <sup>4</sup> .....	135.0	2.4	.1	158.0	1.7	.2	156.0	2.3	.2	160.6	2.9	.4	
<b>Apparel and upkeep</b> .....	120.5	.8	2.3	129.9	.6	1.2	141.4	.5	1.9	131.0	-1.1	-.3	
Apparel commodities <sup>4</sup> .....	119.0	.7	2.5	125.9	.5	1.3	139.1	.5	2.1	127.7	-1.5	-.3	
Men's and boys' apparel <sup>4</sup> .....	116.5	.3	-.2	130.4	.9	-.3	138.8	2.0	2.1	121.8	.5	.2	
Women's and girls' apparel <sup>4</sup> .....	115.6	3.0	6.1	127.1	-2.5	2.6	137.0	.8	1.9	127.9	-2.8	-1.5	
Infants' and toddlers' apparel <sup>4</sup> .....	104.5	-12.1	-2.5	134.7	10.6	3.9	149.6	-2.1	2.5	113.3	-4.9	-4.6	
Footwear <sup>4</sup> .....	124.5	.0	.9	115.8	5.7	.0	131.3	-.5	2.3	134.9	.4	.7	
Other apparel commodities <sup>4</sup> .....	142.2	-.8	.4	122.3	1.0	-.1	164.9	-1.6	1.2	146.0	-1.6	4.3	
Apparel services <sup>4</sup> .....	136.1	2.7	.4	165.9	1.5	.1	167.8	.3	.4	163.3	2.8	.1	
<b>Transportation</b> .....	143.5	3.0	-1	144.2	3.7	-1	143.2	3.2	-.2	144.0	3.2	-1	
Private transportation .....	143.4	2.9	.0	142.5	3.6	.1	141.4	3.3	-.1	141.8	3.5	.1	
New vehicles .....	128.8	1.7	.0	145.6	.8	.2	147.1	1.8	.0	148.5	1.1	.0	
New cars .....	125.7	1.2	-.2	138.6	.1	-.1	143.5	1.3	-.2	144.0	1.1	-.1	
Used cars .....	146.9	-1.7	-.2	155.8	-2.0	-.2	155.5	-1.7	-.1	150.2	-2.7	-.3	
Motor fuel .....	156.9	9.0	-.7	108.2	11.8	-.5	108.4	11.4	-.6	107.3	12.8	-.2	
Gasoline .....	155.9	8.5	-.8	107.8	11.7	-.5	108.2	11.4	-.6	106.6	12.9	-.2	
Gasoline, unleaded regular .....	156.5	9.1	-.9	105.4	12.8	-.7	105.7	11.6	-.7	103.1	13.8	-.1	
Gasoline, unleaded midgrade <sup>7</sup> .....	108.5	7.3	-.5	113.6	11.6	-.7	117.8	11.1	.0	117.7	12.5	-.3	
Gasoline, unleaded premium .....	146.0	7.5	-.9	110.1	10.0	-.4	111.1	10.3	-.6	109.0	11.6	-.2	
Maintenance and repairs .....	144.5	3.2	.2	164.9	2.2	-.4	159.3	2.2	-.1	149.1	3.1	.3	
Other private transportation <sup>4</sup> .....	147.5	2.1	.5	172.3	3.4	.5	173.1	1.6	.3	170.9	2.7	.4	
Other private transportation commodities .....	107.3	-.2	.3	100.9	1.3	.0	104.8	-.9	-.1	121.2	-1.5	.3	
Other private transportation services <sup>6</sup> .....	157.0	2.4	.6	190.7	3.8	.6	192.7	2.1	.3	184.1	3.5	.4	
Public transportation <sup>4</sup> .....	145.0	3.5	-1.3	194.9	5.4	-2.5	201.7	2.3	-3.2	206.6	-1.9	-3.6	

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 <sup>3</sup>			Size class C <sup>3</sup>			Size class D		
	Index	Percent change from—		Index	Percent change from—		Index	Percent change from—		Index	Percent change from—	
		Feb. 1997	Feb. 1996		Jan. 1997	Feb. 1997		Feb. 1996	Jan. 1997		Feb. 1997	Feb. 1996
	<b>Expenditure category</b>											
Medical care .....	184.1	2.8	0.4	229.4	2.5	0.3	237.0	3.1	0.6	225.6	3.1	0.3
Medical care commodities .....	171.4	2.2	.6	209.8	3.8	.8	205.5	2.9	.3	211.9	2.0	.4
Medical care services .....	186.9	3.0	.4	233.7	2.2	.3	243.7	3.1	.6	229.0	3.3	.2
Professional medical services .....	170.3	3.5	.6	207.6	3.2	.4	223.7	3.2	.4	220.8	4.4	.5
Entertainment <sup>8</sup> .....	142.4	2.2	.2	154.5	1.3	.6	163.4	2.3	.6	145.2	3.1	-.6
Entertainment commodities <sup>4</sup> .....	132.2	1.3	.1	138.8	.1	.3	147.2	1.0	.3	136.0	3.5	-.3
Entertainment services <sup>4</sup> .....	153.5	2.9	.3	179.7	2.8	1.0	189.9	3.8	1.1	159.8	2.7	-1.0
Other goods and services <sup>5</sup> .....	175.8	3.4	.4	217.9	4.4	.2	214.9	4.0	.5	215.1	4.3	.0
Tobacco and smoking products <sup>4</sup> .....	185.1	1.9	1.0	242.6	5.0	-.7	240.7	3.6	.1	228.3	5.6	-.3
Personal care <sup>4</sup> .....	135.7	1.7	-.4	148.8	1.2	.5	149.8	.5	.7	137.8	2.1	-.3
Personal and educational expenses <sup>4</sup> .....	187.6	4.7	.3	251.6	5.0	.8	244.4	5.3	.6	258.0	4.2	.3
<b>Commodity and service group</b>												
All items .....	143.0	3.0	.4	156.5	3.1	.1	158.7	3.1	.3	155.4	3.4	.1
Commodities .....	136.3	2.6	.2	140.8	3.1	.0	143.3	3.0	.3	140.9	3.5	.0
Food and beverages .....	141.5	3.6	-.1	155.9	3.8	-.1	155.2	3.6	.3	152.2	4.8	.1
Commodities less food and beverages .....	132.8	1.8	.5	132.2	2.6	.2	136.2	2.6	.3	134.2	2.6	-.1
Nondurables less food and beverages .....	140.4	3.0	.8	133.7	4.7	.2	138.2	4.1	.4	134.2	4.4	-.2
Apparel commodities <sup>4</sup> .....	119.0	.7	2.5	125.9	.5	1.3	139.1	.5	2.1	127.7	-1.5	-.3
Nondurables less food, beverages, and apparel .....	152.9	4.1	.0	139.9	6.4	-.2	140.7	5.7	-.1	138.0	6.6	-.3
Durables .....	122.9	.2	.1	128.7	.0	.2	131.9	.6	.0	131.8	.2	.2
Services .....	149.1	3.2	.3	175.6	3.2	.3	179.0	3.3	.4	174.7	3.3	.2
Rent of shelter <sup>6</sup> .....	145.4	2.8	.4	165.9	3.0	.3	164.7	3.3	.5	159.8	3.1	.4
Household services less rent of shelter <sup>6</sup> .....	130.7	4.6	.5	137.2	3.5	.2	133.7	3.6	-.1	133.0	3.8	-.1
Transportation services .....	151.6	2.8	.1	184.2	3.6	-.1	184.0	2.1	-.2	178.4	2.8	-.1
Medical care services .....	186.9	3.0	.4	233.7	2.2	.3	243.7	3.1	.6	229.0	3.3	.2
Other services .....	166.9	3.9	.2	204.3	3.9	.7	202.8	4.3	.7	199.5	3.7	-.1
<b>Special indexes</b>												
All items less food .....	143.4	2.8	.4	156.6	3.0	.3	159.5	3.0	.4	156.1	3.1	.1
All items less shelter .....	142.2	3.0	.3	153.4	3.2	.1	154.1	3.1	.2	151.8	3.5	.0
All items less homeowners' costs <sup>6 8</sup> .....	142.3	3.0	.4	147.5	3.1	.2	147.2	3.2	.3	144.8	3.5	.1
All items less medical care .....	141.0	2.9	.3	153.0	3.2	.2	154.8	3.2	.3	151.2	3.4	.1
Commodities less food .....	133.5	1.9	.5	133.0	2.7	.2	137.1	2.6	.3	135.0	2.6	-.1
Nondurables less food .....	140.9	3.1	.8	134.9	4.7	.2	139.4	4.0	.5	135.4	4.3	-.2
Nondurables less food and apparel .....	151.8	4.0	.1	140.5	6.2	-.1	141.7	5.4	-.1	139.2	6.3	-.1
Nondurables .....	141.0	3.4	.3	144.9	4.2	.0	146.7	3.9	.3	143.5	4.7	.0
Services less rent of shelter <sup>6</sup> .....	153.0	3.6	.3	168.0	3.4	.3	167.4	3.3	.2	164.0	3.5	.0
Services less medical care services .....	146.3	3.2	.4	170.3	3.3	.3	172.8	3.3	.3	168.4	3.3	.2
Energy .....	142.8	7.9	-.1	110.7	8.1	-.4	113.2	8.3	-.7	108.9	9.1	-.3
All items less energy .....	143.0	2.6	.4	163.0	2.7	.2	165.5	2.7	.4	162.1	2.9	.1
All items less food and energy .....	143.4	2.3	.4	164.9	2.5	.4	168.3	2.4	.4	164.9	2.4	.1
Commodities less food and energy commodities .....	130.3	.8	.7	140.2	1.3	.4	145.6	1.3	.5	142.6	.9	-.1
Energy commodities .....	156.8	9.1	-.8	108.2	11.9	-.6	109.1	11.7	-.8	106.9	13.1	-.3
Services less energy services .....	150.7	3.0	.3	182.0	3.2	.3	185.4	3.2	.5	181.6	3.2	.2

<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> Starting in January, 1998, a new Size Class B/C will be introduced, composed of current Size Class B and Size Class C cities. There will be no individual Size Class B or Size Class C.

<sup>4</sup> This index series will no longer appear after December, 1997.

<sup>5</sup> This index series will undergo a change in composition in January,

1998.

<sup>6</sup> Indexes on a December 1984=100 base.

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

<sup>8</sup> This index series will no longer appear in its present form after December, 1997. See Table X for a comparable index series.

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

- 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 <sup>2</sup>			Size class C <sup>2</sup>		
	Index	Percent change from—		Index	Percent change from—		Index	Percent change from—	
		Feb. 1997	Feb. 1996		Jan. 1997	Feb. 1997		Feb. 1996	Jan. 1997
<b>Expenditure category</b>									
All items .....	163.9	3.0	0.5	161.9	3.2	-0.1	166.8	3.0	0.3
All items (December 1977=100) .....	250.5	-	-	258.4	-	-	277.4	-	-
Food and beverages .....	158.9	2.5	.4	162.2	3.5	-.9	157.2	2.3	.0
Food .....	158.4	2.3	.4	162.0	3.4	-1.0	156.6	2.5	.1
Food at home .....	160.1	2.2	.3	165.1	3.4	-1.6	154.2	2.6	.1
Cereals and bakery products <sup>3</sup> .....	183.5	2.1	.4	171.1	2.0	.7	183.8	2.6	1.3
Meats, poultry, fish, and eggs <sup>3</sup> .....	152.4	2.6	-.3	160.7	4.6	-3.2	149.2	.7	-.9
Dairy products <sup>3</sup> .....	139.1	5.4	-.4	143.4	5.9	-.7	120.1	1.1	-.6
Fruits and vegetables <sup>3</sup> .....	186.5	1.9	1.7	187.3	3.7	-4.7	186.4	7.2	1.7
Other food at home <sup>3</sup> .....	150.5	.6	.4	165.5	1.2	1.3	144.5	2.3	-.1
Food away from home .....	157.1	2.5	.3	160.5	3.5	.0	162.9	2.3	-.1
Alcoholic beverages .....	165.6	3.5	.8	166.9	4.8	.4	163.6	1.6	-.1
Housing <sup>4</sup> .....	162.5	2.8	.7	162.7	2.3	.2	172.3	2.6	.6
Shelter .....	185.4	2.9	.7	187.3	2.0	.4	209.4	1.7	.6
Renters' costs <sup>3 5</sup> .....	176.0	3.8	1.4	184.1	-1.6	1.0	160.5	1.3	.4
Rent, residential .....	178.0	3.1	.4	169.4	1.9	.3	171.9	1.2	.1
Other renters' costs <sup>3</sup> .....	264.3	6.9	5.5	253.0	-6.1	2.0	201.4	2.6	2.1
Homeowners' costs <sup>3 5</sup> .....	174.0	2.5	.4	179.3	3.8	.1	190.1	1.8	.6
Owners' equivalent rent <sup>5</sup> .....	174.6	2.5	.3	180.2	3.9	.1	190.8	1.8	.6
Fuel and other utilities <sup>4</sup> .....	126.3	4.6	1.0	138.5	4.6	-.2	122.2	5.8	.5
Fuels .....	123.0	5.9	1.7	123.7	5.8	-.5	105.1	8.7	.5
Fuel oil and other household fuel commodities <sup>3</sup> .....	112.4	10.4	-1.1	103.5	13.6	-.8	98.1	13.3	.1
Fuel oil <sup>3</sup> .....	111.1	10.9	-1.2	105.3	15.0	-.9	101.2	12.8	.1
Other household fuel commodities <sup>3 6</sup> .....	148.2	-	-1.3	128.7	10.1	-.3	113.0	15.1	.0
Gas (piped) and electricity (energy services) .....	134.2	4.8	2.3	141.8	3.8	-.4	118.1	6.7	.7
Electricity .....	135.9	1.0	2.6	148.1	-.1	-.5	121.0	.9	-.2
Utility (piped) gas .....	132.2	10.8	1.9	131.6	14.1	-.4	115.3	25.6	2.9
Household furnishings and operation <sup>4</sup> .....	125.8	-.7	.6	119.6	.7	.5	119.0	2.3	.8
Apparel and upkeep .....	124.3	2.5	3.8	125.5	1.5	.3	147.2	4.4	1.5
Apparel commodities <sup>3</sup> .....	119.6	2.7	4.2	122.4	1.2	.3	144.7	4.7	1.6
Men's and boys' apparel <sup>3</sup> .....	117.5	.6	-.5	147.4	7.2	-.5	158.1	7.8	3.0
Women's and girls' apparel <sup>3</sup> .....	113.1	6.9	9.5	110.9	-6.6	.5	134.3	.8	-.2
Footwear <sup>3</sup> .....	128.7	2.1	3.0	125.5	9.4	3.0	143.6	1.1	.9
Transportation .....	150.9	3.6	-.3	144.4	5.0	-.1	140.9	3.2	-.4
Private transportation .....	147.0	3.6	-.2	142.6	4.6	.0	137.7	3.5	-.1
Motor fuel .....	107.2	10.7	-.9	111.1	13.4	-.5	108.6	11.2	-.9
Gasoline .....	106.5	10.7	-.9	110.9	13.4	-.5	108.1	11.2	-.7
Gasoline, unleaded regular .....	105.8	12.0	-.9	108.7	14.3	-.5	108.2	12.4	-.6
Gasoline, unleaded midgrade <sup>7</sup> .....	109.1	9.6	-.7	116.9	12.4	-.8	115.9	10.9	-.8
Gasoline, unleaded premium .....	105.5	7.9	-1.4	111.2	11.4	-.5	111.2	10.4	-.9
Public transportation <sup>3</sup> .....	177.0	4.1	-.9	187.8	11.3	-1.7	227.3	-.7	-5.7
Medical care .....	244.3	4.5	.2	237.0	1.5	.3	231.3	2.6	.4
Entertainment <sup>8</sup> .....	169.5	1.0	-.5	157.8	2.0	.5	171.5	5.0	1.2
Other goods and services <sup>4</sup> .....	227.0	3.9	.1	225.8	5.7	.3	233.7	4.7	.1
Personal care <sup>3</sup> .....	167.7	1.5	-.3	148.0	-1.2	1.4	149.8	.3	-.1
<b>Commodity and service group</b>									
All items .....	163.9	3.0	.5	161.9	3.2	-.1	166.8	3.0	.3
Commodities .....	143.6	2.5	.6	142.4	3.7	-.3	145.4	3.0	.1
Food and beverages .....	158.9	2.5	.4	162.2	3.5	-.9	157.2	2.3	.0
Commodities less food and beverages .....	132.2	2.6	.8	129.8	3.8	.2	137.5	3.6	.3
Nondurables less food and beverages .....	132.0	4.0	1.2	131.6	6.6	.4	139.2	5.5	.2
Durables .....	130.2	-.2	.1	125.2	.1	.1	131.1	.7	.5
Services .....	186.6	3.3	.4	188.6	2.8	.2	195.7	2.9	.5
Medical care services .....	250.6	5.1	.2	242.0	1.0	.2	236.7	3.0	.6
<b>Special indexes</b>									
All items less shelter .....	157.3	3.0	.5	155.3	3.7	-.1	154.6	3.5	.3
All items less medical care .....	160.6	2.9	.6	158.9	3.3	-.1	163.9	3.0	.3
All items less energy .....	170.4	2.6	.5	168.9	2.7	.0	175.9	2.4	.4
All items less food and energy .....	173.9	2.7	.6	171.0	2.6	.3	181.2	2.4	.4
Energy .....	115.8	7.6	.6	117.6	8.8	-.6	105.0	9.6	-.1
Commodities less food .....	133.7	2.7	.9	131.3	4.0	.3	138.8	3.4	.3
Nondurables less food .....	134.1	4.0	1.2	133.5	6.4	.4	140.6	5.1	.1
Nondurables .....	146.4	3.1	.8	147.2	4.8	-.3	148.1	3.8	.1
Services less rent of shelter <sup>5</sup> .....	171.0	3.8	.2	173.2	3.3	-.1	171.1	4.2	.4
Services less medical care services .....	182.0	3.1	.5	184.3	2.9	.2	192.3	2.9	.4

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 <sup>2</sup>			Size class C <sup>2</sup>			Size class D		
	Index	Percent change from—		Index	Percent change from—		Index	Percent change from—		Index	Percent change from—	
	Feb. 1997	Feb. 1996	Jan. 1997	Feb. 1997	Feb. 1996	Jan. 1997	Feb. 1997	Feb. 1996	Jan. 1997	Feb. 1997	Feb. 1996	Jan. 1997
<b>Expenditure category</b>												
All items .....	152.3	3.1	0.3	150.5	3.3	0.0	155.6	3.9	0.3	150.3	3.7	-0.1
All items (December 1977=100) .....	249.0	-	-	242.5	-	-	244.6	-	-	243.5	-	-
Food and beverages .....	155.8	3.8	-3	150.0	3.6	.2	153.7	4.5	.2	147.2	4.1	-1
Food .....	155.2	4.0	-4	150.1	3.4	.3	152.7	4.7	.3	146.4	4.3	-1
Food at home .....	156.1	4.2	-6	152.2	4.0	.4	151.6	4.9	.4	144.0	5.0	-3
Cereals and bakery products <sup>3</sup> .....	175.3	1.7	-1.2	180.1	1.4	1.2	171.6	3.2	-5	174.1	2.3	-3
Meats, poultry, fish, and eggs <sup>3</sup> .....	152.1	5.0	-7	139.3	3.6	1.3	137.1	5.1	.1	134.5	3.6	-2.0
Dairy products <sup>3</sup> .....	151.0	8.5	-1.0	153.0	6.8	-8	141.8	6.0	.6	137.5	8.0	1.0
Fruits and vegetables <sup>3</sup> .....	181.0	6.5	-1.1	166.5	9.0	-3	181.8	6.6	-5	162.0	7.8	-6
Other food at home <sup>3</sup> .....	139.5	1.2	.4	145.2	2.2	-1	147.0	4.3	1.6	133.9	4.9	1.2
Food away from home .....	154.0	3.4	.1	146.8	2.5	.1	155.6	4.1	-1	151.0	2.9	.2
Alcoholic beverages .....	162.8	2.9	.2	148.4	5.2	-1	166.9	3.0	.2	159.6	1.5	-1
Housing <sup>4</sup> .....	144.8	3.2	.3	145.5	3.9	.3	152.9	4.0	.3	144.6	3.6	-1
Shelter .....	161.1	2.4	.4	166.4	3.5	.5	170.6	4.1	.8	158.3	3.8	.1
Renters' costs <sup>3,5</sup> .....	157.4	2.5	.7	171.9	4.3	1.7	166.9	7.0	2.9	146.3	4.1	.5
Rent, residential .....	164.5	2.8	.2	167.7	3.4	.2	158.8	3.1	.2	147.1	2.7	-1
Other renters' costs <sup>3</sup> .....	185.1	1.1	2.2	233.9	5.9	4.5	229.0	16.3	9.1	184.4	13.5	4.7
Homeowners' costs <sup>3,5</sup> .....	161.1	2.4	.3	166.1	3.4	.1	169.3	3.2	.2	157.0	3.8	-1
Owners' equivalent rent <sup>5</sup> .....	161.2	2.4	.2	166.9	3.4	.1	170.3	3.3	.2	157.5	3.9	-1
Fuel and other utilities <sup>4</sup> .....	127.5	9.7	.2	117.9	5.3	.4	133.3	5.2	-1.0	135.0	5.5	-9
Fuels .....	116.8	12.3	-8	103.2	6.4	.1	120.5	6.2	-2.0	109.2	6.8	-1.8
Fuel oil and other household fuel commodities <sup>3</sup> .....	106.1	14.7	-6.4	105.2	13.0	-6.5	110.6	13.9	-7.8	98.5	14.1	-1.1
Fuel oil <sup>3</sup> .....	101.6	14.7	-1.6	104.1	15.5	-1.2	98.2	14.6	-1.6	99.7	19.0	.0
Other household fuel commodities <sup>3,6</sup> .....	138.2	14.8	-10.2	147.1	11.5	-9.3	154.7	13.3	-13.0	135.7	8.0	-2.8
Gas (piped) and electricity (energy services) .....	120.1	12.2	-6	108.1	6.0	.5	129.3	5.7	-1.5	116.8	6.4	-1.8
Electricity .....	119.9	.3	-8	126.9	2.0	-3	132.6	-2	-4	107.5	.6	.7
Utility (piped) gas .....	120.8	26.4	-3	91.8	12.1	1.7	126.8	16.0	-3.1	130.8	12.8	-4.2
Household furnishings and operation <sup>4</sup> .....	115.3	-6	-1	123.8	3.5	-9	132.0	2.0	.1	124.7	.2	.6
Apparel and upkeep .....	127.3	-2	4.5	130.1	.4	-2	131.2	.4	1.5	142.3	5.7	1.0
Apparel commodities <sup>3</sup> .....	125.8	.0	4.8	127.1	.2	-2	127.9	.6	1.6	141.5	5.8	1.0
Men's and boys' apparel <sup>3</sup> .....	121.9	-2.6	-5	124.4	4.4	-3.9	126.2	1.4	2.4	143.8	11.7	1.1
Women's and girls' apparel <sup>3</sup> .....	122.9	2.4	12.8	140.6	-3.4	1.9	133.2	2.7	2.3	132.2	4.1	-5
Footwear <sup>3</sup> .....	126.7	-2	-1.9	101.0	2.3	-3.3	120.6	-6.1	-6	174.3	2.9	3.9
Transportation .....	143.0	3.2	-6	143.4	4.1	-3	142.9	4.1	-3	140.5	3.2	-6
Private transportation .....	141.3	3.1	-4	141.3	4.1	-1	141.0	4.1	-3	136.5	3.7	-1
Motor fuel .....	110.6	11.7	-2.8	109.8	11.9	-3.4	107.8	11.2	-1.5	106.0	13.1	-7
Gasoline .....	109.9	11.3	-3.0	110.1	12.0	-3.5	107.5	11.1	-1.6	105.2	13.4	-8
Gasoline, unleaded regular .....	108.8	11.6	-3.2	107.2	12.8	-3.9	105.8	10.9	-1.5	102.7	13.7	-6
Gasoline, unleaded midgrade <sup>7</sup> .....	118.7	9.9	-2.9	119.5	11.5	-2.8	121.3	10.7	-1.1	122.2	12.9	-1.5
Gasoline, unleaded premium .....	110.7	9.8	-2.9	115.5	10.3	-3.2	108.5	10.7	-2.0	107.4	12.7	-6
Public transportation <sup>3</sup> .....	171.4	5.7	-2.5	234.8	1.0	-5.3	216.1	4.9	-2.5	291.1	-5.8	-7.3
Medical care .....	225.1	1.7	.5	222.7	1.4	.5	240.2	4.0	.8	215.2	2.2	.4
Entertainment <sup>8</sup> .....	161.7	3.9	.7	146.1	2.2	-5	167.8	4.6	.2	146.9	2.4	-5
Other goods and services <sup>4</sup> .....	215.7	3.3	.7	208.6	2.1	-7	205.1	2.8	.3	203.8	5.8	-5
Personal care <sup>3</sup> .....	140.3	2.3	.3	163.5	4.1	.5	157.5	-8	1.3	133.9	2.8	-1.0
<b>Commodity and service group</b>												
All items .....	152.3	3.1	.3	150.5	3.3	.0	155.6	3.9	.3	150.3	3.7	-1
Commodities .....	139.9	2.7	.1	136.4	3.1	-5	141.7	3.9	.1	140.5	3.9	.1
Food and beverages .....	155.8	3.8	-3	150.0	3.6	.2	153.7	4.5	.2	147.2	4.1	-1
Commodities less food and beverages .....	130.6	1.9	.5	129.2	2.7	-1.0	135.2	3.4	.1	136.8	3.8	.1
Nondurables less food and beverages .....	135.8	3.6	.9	131.1	4.0	-1.6	136.3	4.8	.2	139.1	6.5	.0
Durables .....	123.5	-5	-1	125.7	1.0	-2	131.3	1.4	-2	129.3	-2	.3
Services .....	167.4	3.6	.4	167.6	3.5	.5	174.3	3.9	.3	163.4	3.5	-3
Medical care services .....	228.5	1.9	.3	224.0	1.3	.5	247.7	3.6	.8	217.7	2.9	.4
<b>Special indexes</b>												
All items less shelter .....	150.5	3.4	.2	147.1	3.2	-1	152.0	3.8	.1	148.8	3.6	-2
All items less medical care .....	149.0	3.2	.2	147.1	3.4	.0	152.1	3.9	.2	146.7	3.8	-2
All items less energy .....	158.1	2.4	.4	158.1	2.8	.2	162.2	3.4	.4	156.2	3.1	.0
All items less food and energy .....	158.8	2.0	.6	160.2	2.7	.2	164.8	3.1	.5	158.7	2.8	.0
Energy .....	113.6	11.9	-1.9	104.7	9.1	-1.7	112.9	8.6	-1.7	107.6	9.8	-1.3
Commodities less food .....	131.9	1.9	.5	129.8	2.8	-1.0	136.3	3.4	.1	137.5	3.6	.1
Nondurables less food .....	137.5	3.5	.8	131.9	4.1	-1.5	138.0	4.7	.2	140.4	6.1	-1
Nondurables .....	146.1	3.7	.2	140.3	3.8	-7	144.8	4.7	.2	143.7	5.2	-1
Services less rent of shelter <sup>5</sup> .....	161.0	4.7	.4	157.5	3.5	.6	160.0	3.6	-1	153.9	3.3	-6
Services less medical care services .....	162.3	3.7	.4	162.8	3.8	.6	168.5	3.9	.3	157.6	3.7	-4

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 <sup>2</sup>			Size class C <sup>2</sup>			Size class D		
	Index	Percent change from—		Index	Percent change from—		Index	Percent change from—		Index	Percent change from—	
	Feb. 1997	Feb. 1996	Jan. 1997	Feb. 1997	Feb. 1996	Jan. 1997	Feb. 1997	Feb. 1996	Jan. 1997	Feb. 1997	Feb. 1996	Jan. 1997
<b>Expenditure category</b>												
All items .....	153.2	3.0	0.1	155.0	3.1	0.2	155.5	2.8	0.4	155.8	3.6	0.3
All items (December 1977=100) .....	248.1	-	-	251.3	-	-	251.8	-	-	252.2	-	-
<b>Food and beverages</b> .....	154.7	4.1	-4	155.6	4.0	.3	155.2	3.3	.5	151.5	5.5	.3
Food .....	154.9	4.2	-5	155.7	4.1	.1	155.1	3.3	.5	151.6	5.6	.3
Food at home .....	154.4	4.4	-1.0	156.0	5.1	.3	153.5	3.4	.7	148.4	6.0	.3
Cereals and bakery products <sup>3</sup> .....	169.5	3.8	.2	173.3	4.3	-.3	166.5	.8	-.2	180.8	3.6	.1
Meats, poultry, fish, and eggs <sup>3</sup> .....	144.6	4.5	-2.2	146.2	4.4	-.6	143.0	4.8	.6	144.4	6.6	.7
Dairy products <sup>3</sup> .....	150.2	6.4	-2.7	147.5	11.2	-.1	142.9	5.6	-1.0	134.2	10.0	-.9
Fruits and vegetables <sup>3</sup> .....	187.7	5.7	-.2	201.9	6.2	2.2	180.1	3.3	3.2	163.9	6.8	.2
Other food at home <sup>3</sup> .....	141.3	2.5	.3	139.3	2.9	.6	151.1	2.4	.7	135.8	4.5	.4
Food away from home .....	157.2	3.8	.3	156.4	2.6	.0	159.4	3.0	-.1	160.2	4.7	.6
Alcoholic beverages .....	151.7	3.5	.1	153.2	2.3	1.0	158.2	4.0	1.7	148.8	3.0	-.1
<b>Housing</b> <sup>4</sup> .....	142.8	2.8	.4	148.9	3.5	.3	146.0	2.9	.3	150.8	3.7	.7
Shelter .....	154.4	2.6	.4	155.5	3.9	.3	157.2	3.0	.4	174.6	3.8	.8
Renters' costs <sup>3,5</sup> .....	147.3	3.2	.9	162.0	3.9	.6	142.4	3.0	1.3	152.8	4.7	1.7
Rent, residential .....	153.2	2.3	.0	155.9	3.9	.3	147.1	2.4	.1	156.9	3.7	.5
Other renters' costs <sup>3</sup> .....	205.0	8.6	7.3	275.1	3.9	1.8	183.0	6.3	7.3	201.6	9.1	7.0
Homeowners' costs <sup>3,5</sup> .....	148.0	2.2	.1	151.8	3.8	.2	146.1	3.0	.1	160.2	3.6	.5
Owners' equivalent rent <sup>5</sup> .....	148.2	2.5	.1	151.9	3.8	.2	145.7	3.1	.1	158.9	3.6	.4
Fuel and other utilities <sup>4</sup> .....	121.8	4.9	.3	147.6	4.3	.1	142.0	3.4	-.3	128.9	4.4	.7
Fuels .....	110.9	7.0	.8	120.0	4.3	-.8	134.3	4.8	-.4	113.8	5.0	1.8
Fuel oil and other household fuel commodities <sup>3</sup> .....	104.9	3.5	-2.4	121.2	11.9	-2.8	141.4	14.3	-4.3	104.0	13.3	-.8
Fuel oil <sup>3</sup> .....	100.8	2.5	-2.5	105.8	12.3	-.3	92.7	23.1	.0	102.2	16.9	1.8
Other household fuel commodities <sup>3,5</sup> .....	141.1	4.5	-2.3	154.3	11.6	-4.4	170.7	13.6	-4.6	129.8	11.3	-2.2
Gas (piped) and electricity (energy services) .....	114.2	7.2	1.0	119.1	3.5	-.5	135.3	4.2	-.3	118.1	4.2	2.1
Electricity .....	109.3	3.0	.5	117.3	1.3	-.1	137.7	2.6	-.9	120.1	3.0	2.0
Utility (piped) gas .....	125.1	18.8	2.3	133.2	14.0	-2.6	135.9	12.9	2.9	121.9	16.4	3.3
Household furnishings and operation <sup>4</sup> .....	129.1	1.3	-.1	132.2	.8	.5	118.2	1.3	.6	119.9	2.2	.6
Apparel and upkeep .....	145.8	1.7	-.6	133.5	-.9	1.1	149.4	1.4	2.3	123.8	-.5	-1.7
Apparel commodities <sup>3</sup> .....	141.1	1.7	-.7	128.6	-.1	1.2	147.6	1.3	2.6	118.0	-.8	-2.0
Men's and boys' apparel <sup>3</sup> .....	142.3	.5	.6	127.9	-.4	.6	134.5	-.5	1.2	112.0	-.6	-1.9
Women's and girls' apparel <sup>3</sup> .....	140.7	5.6	-.1	130.8	-.1	2.3	148.6	3.7	2.9	125.7	-.9	-4.0
Footwear <sup>3</sup> .....	133.4	-.1	-.1	121.3	5.5	-2.2	135.2	1.9	4.3	106.4	.7	.6
Transportation .....	144.3	3.2	-.2	143.2	3.1	-.3	143.5	3.0	-.1	144.2	3.6	.3
Private transportation .....	144.2	3.4	-.1	142.3	3.1	-.2	142.1	3.0	-.1	143.3	3.5	.4
Motor fuel .....	109.7	11.8	-.5	107.5	12.4	-.2	108.6	13.5	-.5	101.2	14.0	.1
Gasoline .....	108.7	11.7	-.5	106.8	12.3	-.2	108.9	13.4	-.5	100.0	13.9	.2
Gasoline, unleaded regular .....	107.0	13.1	-.6	104.6	13.9	-.1	104.6	13.9	-.6	95.8	15.1	.3
Gasoline, unleaded midgrade <sup>7</sup> .....	110.2	10.9	-.6	112.6	12.2	-.4	117.9	12.4	-.4	118.5	13.3	.2
Gasoline, unleaded premium .....	109.8	10.1	-.6	108.8	10.7	-.1	113.1	13.0	-.3	106.5	11.6	-.1
Public transportation <sup>3</sup> .....	144.2	.6	-.2	175.2	2.5	-3.2	193.4	1.8	-2.8	172.6	4.4	-.6
Medical care .....	232.6	2.3	.8	226.3	3.2	.2	234.7	1.9	.1	231.4	3.6	.2
Entertainment <sup>8</sup> .....	165.9	3.6	.7	153.6	.7	1.3	151.0	.4	.5	149.1	6.7	-.9
Other goods and services <sup>4</sup> .....	200.4	2.5	.2	221.8	3.6	.4	208.8	4.1	.8	206.5	2.9	.0
Personal care <sup>3</sup> .....	149.4	4.1	-.1	149.1	.1	.2	138.7	.0	.7	125.6	.1	.6
<b>Commodity and service group</b>												
All items .....	153.2	3.0	.1	155.0	3.1	.2	155.5	2.8	.4	155.8	3.6	.3
Commodities .....	142.5	3.1	-.3	141.6	2.7	.1	144.1	2.8	.5	138.6	3.2	.0
Food and beverages .....	154.7	4.1	-.4	155.6	4.0	.3	155.2	3.3	.5	151.5	5.5	.3
Commodities less food and beverages .....	135.4	2.4	-.2	134.0	2.0	.1	137.3	2.5	.4	131.2	1.7	-.2
Nondurables less food and beverages .....	137.2	4.0	-.1	136.0	3.6	.1	139.5	4.3	.6	129.9	2.9	-.6
Durables .....	132.8	.3	-.3	129.6	-.2	.1	134.0	.1	.1	130.8	.3	.2
Services .....	166.1	3.0	.3	171.0	3.5	.4	170.4	2.8	-.3	178.4	4.0	.6
Medical care services .....	236.9	1.8	.6	232.1	2.9	.1	241.2	1.9	.1	235.2	4.2	.1
<b>Special indexes</b>												
All items less shelter .....	153.3	3.2	-.1	155.6	2.9	.2	155.1	2.8	.4	151.5	3.6	.2
All items less medical care .....	149.2	3.1	.0	151.1	3.1	.2	150.8	2.9	.4	150.3	3.6	.3
All items less energy .....	159.7	2.6	.1	160.8	2.7	.3	161.5	2.3	.5	163.2	3.1	.2
All items less food and energy .....	160.9	2.2	.2	162.1	2.3	.3	163.1	2.0	.4	166.2	2.5	.2
Energy .....	109.5	9.5	.0	111.0	8.3	-.4	118.7	8.6	-.5	105.0	8.9	1.0
Commodities less food .....	136.0	2.5	-.1	134.5	1.9	.1	137.9	2.5	.4	131.6	1.8	-.3
Nondurables less food .....	137.8	4.0	-.1	136.7	3.5	.2	140.3	4.3	.7	130.5	2.8	-.6
Nondurables .....	146.0	4.1	-.3	145.9	3.8	.2	147.4	3.8	.5	140.6	4.2	-.1
Services less rent of shelter <sup>5</sup> .....	163.2	3.2	.4	169.8	3.3	.3	169.0	2.6	.2	168.1	4.0	.5
Services less medical care services .....	159.8	3.2	.3	164.8	3.6	.4	162.3	2.9	.3	170.2	3.9	.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 <sup>2</sup>		
	Index	Percent change from—		Index	Percent change from—	
		Feb. 1997	Feb. 1996		Jan. 1997	Feb. 1997
<b>Expenditure category</b>						
All items .....	155.2	2.6	0.3	162.1	2.9	0.2
All items (December 1977 = 100) .....	251.2	-	-	250.1	-	-
Food and beverages .....	159.3	4.4	-1	155.3	3.9	-6
Food .....	158.7	4.8	-2	155.2	4.0	-6
Food at home .....	162.6	5.7	-5	153.3	4.1	-1.2
Cereals and bakery products <sup>3</sup> .....	179.6	3.6	.5	165.6	2.6	-1.3
Meats, poultry, fish, and eggs <sup>3</sup> .....	152.4	6.4	.1	142.1	4.1	-1.0
Dairy products <sup>3</sup> .....	159.4	5.4	-2.8	140.8	4.4	-3.8
Fruits and vegetables <sup>3</sup> .....	196.5	8.3	-4	201.7	9.9	-1.5
Other food at home <sup>3</sup> .....	146.5	4.4	-3	137.7	.5	.4
Food away from home .....	152.8	3.0	.3	158.7	3.6	.1
Alcoholic beverages .....	165.0	1.8	.4	160.0	4.0	-1
Housing <sup>4</sup> .....	152.8	2.5	.3	162.4	3.6	.2
Shelter .....	162.9	3.0	.2	184.0	4.4	.4
Renters' costs <sup>3 5</sup> .....	159.0	3.2	.4	160.6	4.1	.7
Rent, residential .....	168.0	2.8	.2	166.3	3.5	.3
Other renters' costs <sup>3</sup> .....	225.3	5.8	1.4	219.1	7.1	2.6
Homeowners' costs <sup>3 5</sup> .....	160.9	2.9	.1	185.2	4.5	.2
Owners' equivalent rent <sup>5</sup> .....	160.5	2.8	.1	186.3	4.5	.3
Fuel and other utilities <sup>4</sup> .....	140.3	1.7	.3	131.6	3.4	.6
Fuels .....	131.6	.5	.1	111.8	1.8	-2
Fuel oil and other household fuel commodities <sup>3 9</sup> .....	110.5	12.3	1.7	308.1	19.9	.1
Fuel oil <sup>3 9</sup> .....	110.3	20.9	2.4	362.9	16.9	3.0
Other household fuel commodities <sup>3 6</sup> .....	143.0	7.2	1.2	136.7	20.7	-6
Gas (piped) and electricity (energy services) .....	133.3	.2	.1	110.1	1.3	-3
Electricity .....	153.8	-8	.0	122.8	1.7	-2
Utility (piped) gas .....	108.2	2.7	.3	96.4	.6	-3
Household furnishings and operation <sup>4</sup> .....	126.4	.3	.6	120.2	-.2	-1.6
Apparel and upkeep .....	121.3	-1.1	.8	134.4	-5.4	1.7
Apparel commodities <sup>3</sup> .....	116.1	-1.9	.8	133.3	-5.5	1.8
Men's and boys' apparel <sup>3</sup> .....	119.7	3.6	-3	148.9	2.7	2.5
Women's and girls' apparel <sup>3</sup> .....	106.0	-3.6	1.0	120.8	-10.1	.8
Footwear <sup>3</sup> .....	123.7	-1.9	4.2	131.1	3.6	5.1
Transportation .....	142.7	2.0	.6	142.8	2.4	.2
Private transportation .....	140.4	2.0	.6	141.7	2.4	.4
Motor fuel .....	104.8	2.3	2.3	108.1	6.4	1.8
Gasoline .....	103.5	1.1	2.3	106.4	5.7	1.6
Gasoline, unleaded regular .....	100.6	.7	2.3	102.9	5.4	1.3
Gasoline, unleaded midgrade <sup>7</sup> .....	99.6	.7	2.2	114.2	9.2	4.1
Gasoline, unleaded premium .....	105.7	.2	2.2	106.1	2.6	.0
Public transportation <sup>3</sup> .....	185.1	1.6	-3	168.8	2.6	-2.5
Medical care .....	227.9	2.9	.4	247.9	5.9	1.8
Entertainment <sup>8</sup> .....	152.3	.7	-1	170.2	-1.4	1.4
Other goods and services <sup>4</sup> .....	224.5	3.6	.6	228.7	5.4	.2
Personal care <sup>3</sup> .....	160.8	-2	-8	160.2	5.0	.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	West					
	Size class A			Size class C <sup>2</sup>		
	Index	Percent change from—		Index	Percent change from—	
		Feb. 1997	Feb. 1996		Jan. 1997	Feb. 1997
<b>Commodity and service group</b>						
All items .....	155.2	2.6	0.3	162.1	2.9	0.2
Commodities .....	140.4	2.2	.4	141.2	1.7	.0
Food and beverages .....	159.3	4.4	-.1	155.3	3.9	-.6
Commodities less food and beverages .....	128.7	.5	.6	133.3	.4	.4
Nondurables less food and beverages .....	129.2	.5	.9	138.6	.3	1.2
Durables .....	128.6	.8	.3	126.8	.4	-.5
Services .....	170.7	3.0	.3	187.2	4.0	.5
Medical care services .....	230.4	2.9	.4	255.6	6.4	1.9
<b>Special indexes</b>						
All items less shelter .....	153.4	2.4	.3	155.7	2.4	.3
All items less medical care .....	152.1	2.6	.3	157.6	2.7	.2
All items less energy .....	160.1	2.7	.3	168.4	2.8	.2
All items less food and energy .....	160.6	2.2	.3	171.4	2.6	.4
Energy .....	113.4	1.5	1.3	109.7	4.4	.9
Commodities less food .....	130.6	.7	.6	134.4	.6	.4
Nondurables less food .....	132.0	.6	.8	139.4	.9	1.0
Nondurables .....	145.0	2.7	.3	147.4	2.2	.2
Services less rent of shelter <sup>5</sup> .....	167.4	2.9	.4	173.3	3.6	.6
Services less medical care services .....	166.6	2.9	.2	180.3	3.7	.3

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

<sup>2</sup> Starting in January, 1998, a new Size Class B/C will be introduced, composed of current Size Class B and Size Class C cities. There will be no individual Size Class B or Size Class C.

<sup>3</sup> This index series will no longer appear after December, 1997.

<sup>4</sup> This index series will undergo a change in composition in January, 1998.

<sup>5</sup> Indexes on a December 1984=100 base.

<sup>6</sup> Indexes on a December 1986=100 base.

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

<sup>8</sup> This index series will no longer appear in its present form after December, 1997. See Table X for a comparable index series.

<sup>9</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 <sup>1</sup>	Meats, poultry, fish, and eggs <sup>1</sup>	Dairy products <sup>1</sup>	Fruits and vegetables <sup>1 2</sup>	Other food at home <sup>1</sup>
Indexes, February 1997						
U.S. city average .....	156.8	176.4	148.4	146.0	186.1	145.0
<b>Region and area size <sup>3</sup></b>						
Northeast urban .....	160.2	181.9	152.9	138.1	186.6	152.4
Size A - More than 1,200,000 .....	160.1	183.5	152.4	139.1	186.5	150.5
Size B - 500,000 to 1,200,000 <sup>4</sup> .....	165.1	171.1	160.7	143.4	187.3	165.5
Size C - 50,000 to 500,000 <sup>4</sup> .....	154.2	183.8	149.2	120.1	186.4	144.5
North Central urban .....	153.2	175.0	145.5	147.4	177.2	141.1
Size A - More than 1,200,000 .....	156.1	175.3	152.1	151.0	181.0	139.5
Size B - 360,000 to 1,200,000 <sup>4</sup> .....	152.2	180.1	139.3	153.0	166.5	145.2
Size C - 50,000 to 360,000 <sup>4</sup> .....	151.6	171.6	137.1	141.8	181.8	147.0
Size D - Nonmetropolitan (less than 50,000) .....	144.0	174.1	134.5	137.5	162.0	133.9
South urban .....	153.7	171.4	144.7	144.9	185.9	142.5
Size A - More than 1,200,000 .....	154.4	169.5	144.6	150.2	187.7	141.3
Size B - 450,000 to 1,200,000 <sup>4</sup> .....	156.0	173.3	146.2	147.5	201.9	139.3
Size C - 50,000 to 450,000 <sup>4</sup> .....	153.5	166.5	143.0	142.9	180.1	151.1
Size D - Nonmetropolitan (less than 50,000) .....	148.4	180.8	144.4	134.2	163.9	135.8
West urban .....	161.0	177.1	151.1	155.8	196.4	145.5
Size A - More than 1,200,000 .....	162.6	179.6	152.4	159.4	196.5	146.5
Size C - 50,000 to 330,000 <sup>4</sup> .....	153.3	165.6	142.1	140.8	201.7	137.7
<b>Size classes</b>						
A <sup>5</sup> .....	145.2	158.1	137.8	141.3	171.4	132.8
B <sup>4</sup> .....	158.2	175.2	150.0	149.5	190.0	146.2
C <sup>4</sup> .....	153.1	171.2	142.3	137.4	184.8	147.0
D .....	149.7	178.7	139.6	140.4	169.0	141.2
<b>Selected local areas</b>						
Baltimore, MD <sup>6</sup> .....	164.2	198.9	143.8	152.2	198.8	155.1
Boston-Lawrence-Salem, MA-NH .....	155.2	171.8	149.2	141.3	196.4	135.1
Chicago-Gary-Lake County, IL-IN-WI .....	165.4	178.5	167.3	160.9	196.1	141.1
Cleveland-Akron-Lorain, OH .....	153.3	174.5	151.0	151.8	180.3	129.2
Dallas-Fort Worth, TX .....	146.5	160.4	138.5	151.7	158.8	139.8
Detroit-Ann Arbor, MI .....	150.2	171.0	145.7	136.6	182.2	133.3
Houston-Galveston-Brazoria, TX .....	155.8	169.7	146.9	142.4	185.4	149.5
Los Angeles-Anaheim-Riverside, CA .....	167.9	177.6	159.4	169.3	205.6	148.3
Miami-Fort Lauderdale, FL .....	158.8	165.5	142.5	148.3	232.5	133.7
N.Y.-Northern N.J.-Long Island, NY-NJ-CT .....	162.5	186.0	155.5	138.1	189.8	151.7
Phil.-Wilmington-Trenton, PA-NJ-DE-MD <sup>7</sup> .....	161.1	188.2	150.7	139.0	188.3	154.8
Pittsburgh-Beaver Valley, PA <sup>8</sup> .....	147.4	161.5	140.6	144.5	143.4	152.8
St. Louis-East St. Louis, MO-IL <sup>8</sup> .....	145.6	154.5	133.1	149.8	158.1	147.3
San Francisco-Oakland-San Jose, CA <sup>7</sup> .....	164.6	182.8	154.1	148.2	199.9	151.3
Washington, DC-MD-VA <sup>6</sup> .....	159.4	184.0	147.0	156.4	184.8	146.8

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 <sup>1</sup>	Meats, poultry, fish, and eggs <sup>1</sup>	Dairy products <sup>1</sup>	Fruits and vegetables <sup>1 2</sup>	Other food at home <sup>1</sup>
Percent change, January 1997 to February 1997						
U.S. city average .....	-0.2	0.1	-0.6	-1.1	0.0	0.4
<b>Region and area size <sup>3</sup></b>						
Northeast urban .....	.0	.6	-.8	-.4	.7	.5
Size A - More than 1,200,000 .....	.3	.4	-.3	-.4	1.7	.4
Size B - 500,000 to 1,200,000 <sup>4</sup> .....	-1.6	.7	-3.2	-.7	-4.7	1.3
Size C - 50,000 to 500,000 <sup>4</sup> .....	.1	1.3	-.9	-.6	1.7	-.1
North Central urban .....	-.3	-.7	-.5	-.5	-.9	.7
Size A - More than 1,200,000 .....	-.6	-1.2	-.7	-1.0	-1.1	.4
Size B - 360,000 to 1,200,000 <sup>4</sup> .....	.4	1.2	1.3	-.8	-.3	-.1
Size C - 50,000 to 360,000 <sup>4</sup> .....	.4	-.5	.1	.6	-.5	1.6
Size D - Nonmetropolitan (less than 50,000) .....	-.3	-.3	-2.0	1.0	-.6	1.2
South urban .....	-.1	.0	-.7	-1.5	1.4	.5
Size A - More than 1,200,000 .....	-1.0	.2	-2.2	-2.7	-.2	.3
Size B - 450,000 to 1,200,000 <sup>4</sup> .....	.3	-.3	-.6	-.1	2.2	.6
Size C - 50,000 to 450,000 <sup>4</sup> .....	.7	-.2	.6	-1.0	3.2	.7
Size D - Nonmetropolitan (less than 50,000) .....	.3	.1	.7	-.9	.2	.4
West urban .....	-.6	.6	-.2	-2.3	-1.2	-.2
Size A - More than 1,200,000 .....	-.5	.5	.1	-2.8	-.4	-.3
Size C - 50,000 to 330,000 <sup>4</sup> .....	-1.2	-1.3	-1.0	-3.8	-1.5	.4
<b>Size classes</b>						
A .....	-.3	-.1	-.7	-1.7	.1	.2
B <sup>4</sup> .....	-.3	.6	-1.1	-.3	-1.1	.5
C <sup>4</sup> .....	.3	-.2	.0	-.9	1.1	.8
D .....	.1	.2	-.1	.2	-.1	.3
<b>Selected local areas</b>						
Baltimore, MD <sup>6</sup> .....	.5	1.6	1.4	-3.0	-1.9	2.0
Boston-Lawrence-Salem, MA-NH .....	.1	.6	-1.1	1.1	-.4	1.8
Chicago-Gary-Lake County, IL-IN-WI .....	-1.0	-.9	-.8	.1	-2.6	-.4
Cleveland-Akron-Lorain, OH .....	-.3	.1	-1.4	.1	-.9	1.7
Dallas-Fort Worth, TX .....	-1.9	-1.5	-2.8	-1.2	-2.7	-.4
Detroit-Ann Arbor, MI .....	-.4	-.2	.1	-1.5	-.1	-.9
Houston-Galveston-Brazoria, TX .....	-1.6	1.7	-3.2	-2.7	-1.5	-.7
Los Angeles-Anaheim-Riverside, CA .....	-1.5	-.9	-.9	-4.0	-3.5	1.0
Miami-Fort Lauderdale, FL .....	-.9	-1.1	-3.9	-.7	2.4	.1
N.Y.-Northern N.J.-Long Island, NY-NJ-CT .....	.5	-.1	-.1	-1.2	2.7	.7
Phil.-Wilmington-Trenton, PA-NJ-DE-MD <sup>7</sup> .....	-.2	1.0	-1.3	2.1	-.8	-.3
Pittsburgh-Beaver Valley, PA <sup>8</sup> .....	1.4	2.9	3.0	.2	-.3	.1
St. Louis-East St. Louis, MO-IL <sup>8</sup> .....	-1.2	-1.5	-1.3	-2.3	-4.8	1.9
San Francisco-Oakland-San Jose, CA <sup>7</sup> .....	1.2	3.5	.7	-2.3	7.1	-2.6
Washington, DC-MD-VA <sup>6</sup> .....	.7	.4	.6	-2.0	2.9	.7

<sup>1</sup> This index series will no longer appear after December, 1997 below the U.S. city average level.

<sup>2</sup> This index series will undergo a change in composition in January, 1998.

<sup>3</sup> Regions defined as the four Census regions. See map in technical notes.

<sup>4</sup> Starting in January, 1998, a new Size Class B/C will be introduced, composed of current Size Class B and Size Class C cities. There will be no individual Size Class B or Size Class C.

<sup>5</sup> Indexes on a December 1986=100 base.

<sup>6</sup> Indexes for the cities of Washington and Baltimore will no longer be published separately after December, 1997. Beginning in January, 1998 the two cities will be published as a Washington-Baltimore combined metropolitan area.

<sup>7</sup> Indexes for the cities of Philadelphia and San Francisco will no longer be published on a monthly basis starting in January, 1998. Beginning in February, 1998 they will be published on a bi-monthly basis.

<sup>8</sup> Indexes for the cities of Pittsburgh and St. Louis will no longer be published on a bi-monthly basis after December, 1997. Beginning in July, 1998 they will be published semi-annually, each January and July.

**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, January 1997 to February 1997**

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 <sup>1</sup>	San Francisco-Oakland-San Jose, CA <sup>1</sup>
<b>Expenditure category</b>						
All items .....	0.3	0.4	0.0	0.7	0.3	0.6
Food and beverages .....	.0	-.5	-.8	.4	-.1	.9
Food .....	-.1	-.6	-.9	.5	-.2	.9
Food at home .....	-.2	-1.0	-1.5	.5	-.2	1.2
Cereals and bakery products <sup>2</sup> .....	.1	-.9	-.9	-.1	1.0	3.5
Meats, poultry, fish, and eggs <sup>2</sup> .....	-.6	-.8	-.9	-.1	-1.3	.7
Meats, poultry, and fish .....	-.6	-.5	-1.3	-.1	-1.3	.8
Dairy products <sup>2</sup> .....	-1.1	.1	-4.0	-1.2	2.1	-2.3
Fruits and vegetables <sup>2 3</sup> .....	.0	-2.6	-3.5	2.7	-.8	7.1
Other food at home <sup>2</sup> .....	.4	-.4	1.0	.7	-.3	-2.6
Food away from home .....	.2	.1	.2	.4	.0	.4
Alcoholic beverages .....	.4	.7	-.2	.2	1.0	1.5
Housing <sup>3</sup> .....	.4	.3	.1	.6	1.3	.4
Shelter .....	.5	.5	.2	.5	1.4	.0
Renters' costs <sup>2 4</sup> .....	.9	.6	.8	.8	3.9	-.3
Rent, residential .....	.2	.4	.3	.4	.3	.1
Other renters' costs <sup>2 4</sup> .....	4.0	2.2	3.9	3.3	9.5	-2.5
Homeowners' costs <sup>2 4</sup> .....	.2	.5	-.1	.4	.5	.2
Owners' equivalent rent .....	.2	.5	-.1	.4	.5	.2
Fuel and other utilities <sup>3</sup> .....	.2	.7	.2	1.0	.5	.5
Fuels .....	.0	-1.6	.0	1.5	1.4	.1
Fuel oil and other household fuel commodities <sup>2</sup> .....	-2.0	-2.5	2.6	-1.0	-2.5	2.0
Fuel oil <sup>2</sup> .....	-.8	-.2	-	-1.0	-2.5	22.0
Other household fuel commodities <sup>2 5</sup> .....	-4.1	-6.4	2.6	-1.6	-	.9
Gas (piped) and electricity (energy services) .....	.2	-1.5	-.1	2.3	2.0	.0
Electricity .....	.2	-2.5	-.1	3.2	3.2	.0
Utility (piped) gas .....	.2	-.7	.0	.7	-.1	.0
Household furnishings and operation <sup>3</sup> .....	.2	-1.1	-.5	.5	1.7	2.6
Apparel and upkeep .....	1.9	5.2	.2	5.5	.7	.3
Apparel commodities <sup>2 4</sup> .....	2.0	5.6	.2	6.0	.7	.4
Men's and boys' apparel <sup>2</sup> .....	.2	1.0	.6	-.5	-3.5	-8.1
Women's and girls' apparel <sup>2</sup> .....	4.1	18.7	-1.6	12.9	4.6	5.4
Footwear <sup>2</sup> .....	1.0	-5.5	6.0	3.6	.8	7.4
Transportation .....	-.1	-.2	.4	-.1	-.8	1.5
Private transportation .....	.0	-.4	.4	-.1	-1.0	1.5
Motor fuel .....	-.6	-2.7	1.6	-1.1	-.6	4.7
Gasoline .....	-.6	-2.8	1.4	-1.2	-.5	4.8
Gasoline, unleaded regular .....	-.8	-3.0	1.3	-1.1	-.6	5.0
Gasoline, unleaded midgrade <sup>6</sup> .....	-.4	-2.7	1.7	-.8	-.9	4.3
Gasoline, unleaded premium .....	-.7	-2.7	1.6	-1.8	-1.0	4.3
Public transportation <sup>2</sup> .....	-1.8	1.2	.1	.0	.7	1.3
Medical care .....	.4	.3	.1	.3	.1	.1
Entertainment <sup>7</sup> .....	.3	.4	-.5	-.7	-.7	-.2
Other goods and services <sup>3</sup> .....	.3	.9	.8	.0	-.4	-.4
Personal care <sup>2</sup> .....	-.1	1.4	.7	.2	-2.1	-4.3

**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, January 1997 to February 1997 —Continued**

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 <sup>1</sup>	San Francisco-Oakland-San Jose, CA <sup>1</sup>
<b>Commodity and service group</b>						
All items .....	0.3	0.4	0.0	0.7	0.3	0.6
Commodities .....	.2	.1	-.4	1.0	-.1	1.2
Food and beverages .....	.0	-.5	-.8	.4	-.1	.9
Commodities less food and beverages .....	.4	.4	.1	1.4	-.2	1.3
Nondurables less food and beverages .....	.6	1.0	.2	2.1	-.2	1.4
Durables .....	.0	-.3	-.1	.1	.0	1.1
Services .....	.4	.6	.3	.5	.7	.1
Medical care services .....	.4	.1	.2	.3	.0	.1
<b>Special indexes</b>						
All items less shelter .....	.2	.3	-.1	.7	-.1	.9
All items less medical care .....	.3	.3	.1	.7	.3	.6
All items less energy .....	.3	.6	.0	.7	.3	.4
All items less food and energy .....	.4	.9	.1	.7	.4	.3
Energy .....	-.3	-2.1	1.0	.4	.6	2.6
Commodities less food .....	.4	.5	.0	1.4	-.2	1.3
Nondurables less food .....	.5	.9	.2	2.0	-.2	1.4
Nondurables .....	.2	.1	-.3	1.2	-.1	1.1
Services less rent of shelter .....	.3	.7	.4	.3	-.1	.3
Services less medical care services .....	.4	.7	.3	.4	.7	.1

<sup>1</sup> Indexes for the cities of Philadelphia and San Francisco will no longer be published on a monthly basis starting in January, 1998. Beginning in February, 1998 they will be published on a bi-monthly basis.

<sup>2</sup> This index series will no longer appear after December, 1997 below the U.S. city average level.

<sup>3</sup> This index series will undergo a change in composition in January, 1998.

<sup>4</sup> This index series will no longer appear in its present form after

December, 1997 for the U.S. city average. See Table X for a comparable index series.

<sup>5</sup> Indexes on a December 1986=100 base.

<sup>6</sup> Indexes on a December 1993=100 base.

<sup>7</sup> This index series will no longer appear in its present form after December, 1997. See Table X for a comparable index series.

- 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 2 <sup>1</sup>											
	U.S. city average			Chicago-Gary-Lake County, IL-IN-WI			Dallas-Fort Worth, TX			Detroit-Ann Arbor, MI		
	Index	Percent change from—		Index	Percent change from—		Index	Percent change from—		Index	Percent change from—	
	Feb. 1997	Feb. 1996	Dec. 1996	Feb. 1997	Feb. 1996	Dec. 1996	Feb. 1997	Feb. 1996	Dec. 1996	Feb. 1997	Feb. 1996	Dec. 1996
<b>Expenditure category</b>												
All items .....	156.8	3.0	0.6	155.9	3.8	0.8	150.8	3.4	0.4	150.3	2.6	0.6
All items (1967=100) .....	467.0	-	-	457.7	-	-	465.1	-	-	442.7	-	-
<b>Food and beverages</b> .....	156.4	3.8	.2	159.7	4.2	-.6	154.5	3.8	-.3	150.6	3.5	-.3
<b>Food</b> .....	156.0	3.8	.1	158.5	4.4	-.6	152.9	3.8	-.6	150.1	3.6	-.4
Food at home .....	156.8	4.2	-.1	165.4	5.1	-1.1	146.5	2.7	-1.3	150.2	4.0	-.7
Cereals and bakery products <sup>2</sup> .....	176.4	2.7	.6	178.5	.3	1.1	160.4	-1.9	-.7	171.0	1.6	-.1
Meats, poultry, fish, and eggs <sup>2</sup> .....	148.4	4.4	-.9	167.3	5.0	-.8	138.5	-.4	-5.8	145.7	6.5	.4
Meats, poultry, and fish .....	148.4	4.4	-.3	169.8	5.1	-.1	138.8	-.1	-5.1	146.0	6.0	.8
Dairy products <sup>2</sup> .....	146.0	6.6	-1.7	160.9	8.7	-2.5	151.7	4.6	-1.3	136.6	8.2	-.5
Fruits and vegetables <sup>2,3</sup> .....	186.1	5.4	.1	196.1	11.5	-3.2	158.8	8.4	-2.8	182.2	4.8	-6.0
Other food at home <sup>2</sup> .....	145.0	2.5	1.3	141.1	1.9	-.1	139.8	5.2	6.4	133.3	.0	1.5
Food away from home .....	155.7	3.2	.5	145.4	2.8	.3	164.1	5.2	.2	150.8	2.7	.2
Alcoholic beverages .....	161.1	3.2	.8	174.9	2.6	-.3	174.8	4.8	2.9	156.7	2.8	1.0
<b>Housing</b> <sup>3</sup> .....	152.4	3.0	.9	149.7	4.2	1.4	137.1	4.7	1.3	141.2	3.0	1.1
Shelter .....	169.4	2.9	1.0	168.8	3.1	1.0	142.1	3.2	.9	156.9	2.9	1.0
Renters' costs <sup>4,2,5</sup> .....	160.9	3.1	2.3	165.0	3.6	1.3	133.7	3.6	1.1	152.3	3.3	2.6
Rent, residential .....	164.4	2.7	.4	180.1	3.7	.7	140.5	3.1	.3	155.1	2.6	.3
Other renters' costs <sup>2,4</sup> .....	224.9	5.1	10.4	169.5	2.5	5.2	160.3	9.1	9.6	170.7	4.9	9.2
Homeowners' costs <sup>4,2,5</sup> .....	163.7	2.8	.4	170.1	3.0	.8	136.0	2.9	.8	165.8	2.7	.5
Owners' equivalent rent <sup>5</sup> .....	164.0	2.8	.4	169.2	3.0	.8	136.7	3.1	.4	166.6	2.8	.5
Fuel and other utilities <sup>3</sup> .....	130.7	4.9	1.3	130.2	15.4	7.0	130.5	11.4	4.6	128.0	7.2	2.9
Fuels .....	118.5	6.0	1.7	123.7	19.2	8.9	129.0	20.4	9.0	110.7	5.5	4.6
Fuel oil and other household fuel commodities <sup>2</sup> .....	109.4	12.1	-1.1	104.2	11.7	-2.4	129.5	21.9	-3.1	102.0	7.3	-8.4
Fuel oil <sup>2</sup> .....	107.4	12.3	.5	100.2	9.6	-.2	NA	-	-	111.7	10.6	-2.4
Other household fuel commodities <sup>2,6</sup> .....	142.2	11.6	-3.9	142.6	15.6	-6.2	135.7	22.0	-3.1	118.5	5.8	-10.8
Gas (piped) and electricity (energy services) .....	124.8	5.4	2.0	127.7	19.2	9.1	127.9	20.4	9.2	113.6	5.5	5.2
Electricity .....	128.7	1.1	.5	120.8	2.6	-1.5	114.6	16.0	.4	130.5	-2.0	1.5
Utility (piped) gas .....	121.0	15.0	5.3	134.1	37.5	19.6	159.0	27.8	25.9	102.1	13.7	9.0
Household furnishings and operation <sup>3</sup> .....	123.7	.7	.2	110.1	-3.7	-2.6	129.6	2.5	-1.1	109.9	-2.2	-1.3
Apparel and upkeep .....	131.1	.7	1.4	121.8	-.8	6.8	130.8	-4.7	-1.7	140.3	1.1	9.9
Apparel commodities <sup>2,4</sup> .....	127.6	.5	1.5	121.5	-1.1	7.3	123.6	-6.2	-2.4	140.0	1.1	10.3
Men's and boys' apparel <sup>2</sup> .....	127.2	.7	-.2	115.2	1.1	3.6	102.9	-4.6	-3.5	119.2	-10.2	-4.6
Women's and girls' apparel <sup>2</sup> .....	124.8	1.2	2.5	113.6	-1.5	17.6	120.0	-6.8	-7.6	160.4	12.3	27.4
Footwear <sup>2</sup> .....	127.2	.7	.2	140.1	3.2	-4.0	148.5	-17.2	-1.3	128.6	-12.2	-3.5
Transportation .....	144.4	3.1	-.3	139.5	3.6	-.7	149.0	3.5	-.3	148.5	2.3	-2.8
Private transportation .....	142.4	3.2	.0	137.3	3.4	-.6	150.0	3.9	-.1	147.0	2.4	-2.1
Motor fuel .....	108.2	10.3	-.6	110.2	11.0	-3.2	107.5	11.2	.0	106.6	10.7	-6.7
Gasoline .....	107.5	9.9	-.7	109.5	10.5	-3.5	106.8	11.3	.0	106.0	10.4	-7.2
Gasoline, unleaded regular .....	105.6	10.6	-.8	107.9	11.5	-3.9	104.0	12.9	-.1	105.7	10.4	-7.8
Gasoline, unleaded midgrade <sup>7</sup> .....	112.0	9.4	-.4	116.1	8.9	-3.3	108.1	8.4	-.3	120.7	9.4	-7.1
Gasoline, unleaded premium .....	108.6	8.7	-.5	110.4	9.4	-2.7	108.1	9.7	.6	109.2	9.6	-5.3
Public transportation <sup>2</sup> .....	180.3	3.3	-3.5	159.6	5.1	-2.5	125.3	-6.5	-9.1	180.6	.1	-12.3
Medical care .....	232.1	2.9	.9	239.0	2.9	1.0	227.7	-.6	-.1	211.9	-1.3	1.0
<b>Entertainment</b> <sup>8</sup> .....	159.2	2.1	.5	171.1	5.2	-.2	165.5	4.2	.5	159.2	3.4	1.3
<b>Other goods and services</b> <sup>3</sup> .....	217.4	3.7	1.0	227.8	4.3	1.3	198.7	5.2	2.4	212.8	2.9	1.7
Personal care <sup>2</sup> .....	151.4	1.5	.7	157.2	5.8	1.7	172.2	7.6	2.3	134.5	1.3	.1
<b>Commodity and service group</b>												
All items .....	156.8	3.0	.6	155.9	3.8	.8	150.8	3.4	.4	150.3	2.6	.6
Commodities .....	141.8	2.8	.3	140.8	2.5	-.1	141.7	2.2	-.4	137.1	2.2	.4
Food and beverages .....	156.4	3.8	.2	159.7	4.2	-.6	154.5	3.8	-.3	150.6	3.5	-.3
Commodities less food and beverages .....	132.9	2.2	.4	128.9	1.1	.2	133.9	1.1	-.4	130.0	1.3	1.1
Nondurables less food and beverages .....	134.5	3.7	.7	136.3	3.2	1.6	130.3	1.2	-.1	137.5	3.2	2.2
Durables .....	129.5	.2	-.1	120.3	-1.8	-1.7	139.1	1.1	-.9	116.1	-2.4	-1.0
Services .....	174.9	3.2	.9	172.9	5.0	1.6	161.3	4.6	1.3	167.0	3.0	.7
Medical care services .....	236.8	2.9	.9	240.4	3.0	.7	239.4	-1.7	-.2	220.8	-1.7	.8
<b>Special indexes</b>												
All items less shelter .....	153.5	3.1	.5	152.5	4.0	.7	154.2	3.4	.3	149.9	2.5	.4
All items less medical care .....	153.2	3.0	.5	151.8	3.8	.8	146.8	3.6	.4	147.8	2.8	.5
All items less energy .....	163.0	2.6	.6	161.7	2.9	.7	157.3	2.4	.1	156.2	2.2	.8
All items less food and energy .....	164.8	2.4	.7	162.4	2.5	.9	158.4	2.1	.3	157.9	1.7	1.1
Energy .....	112.7	8.2	.6	116.0	15.0	2.7	116.7	15.5	4.2	109.5	8.1	-1.7
Commodities less food .....	134.0	2.3	.4	131.0	1.2	.2	135.3	1.3	-.3	131.1	1.4	1.1
Nondurables less food .....	136.0	3.6	.6	139.0	3.1	1.3	132.8	1.6	-.2	138.7	3.2	2.1
Nondurables .....	145.7	3.7	.3	148.4	3.7	.3	142.5	2.6	-.2	144.1	3.4	.8
Services less rent of shelter <sup>5</sup> .....	166.2	3.6	.7	165.6	6.9	2.3	168.9	5.6	1.7	160.9	2.9	.4
Services less medical care services .....	169.6	3.3	.9	166.9	5.2	1.7	154.7	5.2	1.4	162.9	3.4	.7

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**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 2 <sup>1</sup>								
	Houston-Galveston-Brazoria, TX			Los Angeles-Anaheim-Riverside, CA			N.Y.-Northern N.J.-Long Island, NY-NJ-CT		
	Index	Percent change from—		Index	Percent change from—		Index	Percent change from—	
		Feb. 1997	Feb. 1996		Dec. 1996	Feb. 1997		Feb. 1996	Dec. 1996
<b>Expenditure category</b>									
All items .....	143.6	2.0	0.4	153.6	1.8	0.6	166.2	2.8	0.9
All items (1967=100) .....	458.2	-	-	453.9	-	-	473.2	-	-
<b>Food and beverages</b> .....	147.1	4.5	.5	162.5	4.4	.2	161.5	2.3	.5
Food .....	147.3	5.1	.8	160.6	5.0	.2	161.2	2.1	.6
Food at home .....	155.8	6.3	.8	167.9	6.1	.1	162.5	2.0	.6
Cereals and bakery products <sup>2</sup> .....	169.7	5.3	5.2	177.6	2.8	1.5	186.0	2.0	-.5
Meats, poultry, fish, and eggs <sup>2</sup> .....	146.9	9.2	-1.6	159.4	6.8	-.3	155.5	2.3	1.6
Meats, poultry, and fish .....	150.2	10.7	-.3	155.6	6.6	.2	155.9	2.2	1.8
Dairy products <sup>2</sup> .....	142.4	8.2	-2.2	169.3	4.5	-2.6	138.1	4.0	-1.4
Fruits and vegetables <sup>2,3</sup> .....	185.4	7.5	7.0	205.6	9.1	.9	189.8	2.4	.1
Other food at home <sup>2</sup> .....	149.5	1.8	-.7	148.3	5.4	1.0	151.7	.1	1.7
Food away from home .....	133.9	2.8	.6	149.5	3.0	.3	162.2	2.2	.3
Alcoholic beverages .....	143.5	-.1	-1.5	178.7	.2	.6	165.6	4.9	.0
<b>Housing</b> <sup>3</sup> .....	124.3	1.3	.9	149.5	1.4	.3	165.2	2.5	.9
Shelter .....	136.4	2.1	1.2	157.0	2.0	.8	190.2	2.9	1.0
Renters' costs <sup>4,2,5</sup> .....	143.9	3.1	3.1	152.0	1.9	2.2	175.5	3.6	2.2
Rent, residential .....	133.7	2.0	-.2	158.8	1.4	.4	181.8	3.2	.6
Other renters' costs <sup>2,4</sup> .....	260.8	9.5	26.2	228.2	5.1	12.4	265.4	5.9	13.0
Homeowners' costs <sup>4,2,5</sup> .....	135.8	1.5	.0	156.1	2.0	.0	180.5	2.5	.4
Owners' equivalent rent <sup>5</sup> .....	135.8	3.2	-.1	155.6	1.9	.1	181.3	2.5	.4
Fuel and other utilities <sup>3</sup> .....	101.6	-.5	-.1	148.6	.5	-.1	119.2	3.7	1.4
Fuels .....	90.0	-1.9	-.1	144.4	-.6	-.3	120.0	3.8	1.8
Fuel oil and other household fuel commodities <sup>2</sup> .....	NA	-	-	129.5	10.1	3.4	114.7	10.7	.0
Fuel oil <sup>2</sup> .....	NA	-	-	NA	-	-	114.4	10.7	.2
Other household fuel commodities <sup>2,9</sup> .....	121.7	5.2	.9	129.6	10.1	3.3	133.7	10.2	-2.8
Gas (piped) and electricity (energy services) .....	89.6	-2.1	-.1	144.7	-.8	-.3	127.9	2.0	2.4
Electricity .....	90.5	-5.2	-.2	167.0	-.9	-.1	127.2	-.2	1.2
Utility (piped) gas .....	89.1	11.0	.0	119.6	-.5	-1.1	129.0	5.8	4.4
Household furnishings and operation <sup>9</sup> .....	115.8	.3	.8	122.3	-1.3	-1.4	128.0	-1.7	-1.1
<b>Apparel and upkeep</b> .....	139.3	.7	-3.1	122.3	-.4	3.5	127.4	2.6	5.6
Apparel commodities <sup>2,4</sup> .....	138.5	.8	-3.3	117.0	-5.6	3.6	123.6	2.7	6.2
Men's and boys' apparel <sup>2</sup> .....	177.0	-3.2	3.8	125.3	1.4	1.4	114.5	1.2	2.0
Women's and girls' apparel <sup>2</sup> .....	136.6	15.5	-8.2	112.1	-2.0	4.1	124.7	7.6	12.5
Footwear <sup>2</sup> .....	120.6	-1.6	-2.3	105.9	-8.2	.8	132.4	1.5	-.3
<b>Transportation</b> .....	144.0	3.5	-.6	140.1	1.1	.5	155.6	4.1	-.6
Private transportation .....	143.8	4.0	-.3	137.3	1.0	1.0	149.1	3.9	-.5
Motor fuel .....	105.8	8.6	-1.2	99.1	-.2	5.1	103.9	9.3	-1.3
Gasoline .....	105.4	8.3	-1.3	96.5	-2.5	5.3	103.5	9.2	-1.5
Gasoline, unleaded regular .....	105.3	9.2	-1.1	94.3	-3.4	5.7	103.1	10.7	-1.4
Gasoline, unleaded midgrade <sup>7</sup> .....	108.5	7.9	-1.5	94.7	-2.4	5.3	106.7	8.8	-.8
Gasoline, unleaded premium .....	102.2	6.9	-1.5	97.7	-3.5	4.6	104.1	6.9	-1.8
Public transportation <sup>2</sup> .....	172.7	-4.4	-3.8	200.9	2.4	-6.2	185.5	5.7	-1.4
Medical care .....	227.9	2.1	2.4	229.4	2.5	.5	243.5	4.9	1.4
<b>Entertainment</b> <sup>6</sup> .....	165.5	-1.0	.9	147.1	.8	-.3	164.6	-.4	.1
<b>Other goods and services</b> <sup>3</sup> .....	184.6	-5.0	1.7	227.0	4.1	1.5	226.4	3.2	1.5
Personal care <sup>2</sup> .....	121.7	4.7	-.9	166.4	.3	1.0	169.1	.4	.0
<b>Commodity and service group</b>									
All items .....	143.6	2.0	.4	153.6	1.8	.6	166.2	2.8	.9
Commodities .....	138.3	2.2	.0	139.5	1.3	.6	145.8	2.1	.8
Food and beverages .....	147.1	4.5	.5	162.5	4.4	.2	161.5	2.3	.5
Commodities less food and beverages .....	133.1	.7	-.4	125.7	-.8	1.0	133.5	2.0	1.1
Nondurables less food and beverages .....	136.4	1.1	-.1	128.1	-1.9	2.2	133.5	3.4	2.3
Durables .....	127.4	.1	-.9	124.0	.5	-.5	130.5	-1.0	-1.4
Services .....	150.1	1.6	.8	168.3	2.1	.5	188.1	3.3	1.0
Medical care services .....	228.2	2.1	-	233.1	2.2	.8	250.3	5.6	1.6
<b>Special indexes</b>									
All items less shelter .....	146.0	1.9	.1	153.4	1.7	.5	158.2	2.8	.8
All items less medical care .....	138.9	2.0	.3	150.5	1.8	.6	163.1	2.7	.9
All items less energy .....	150.2	1.7	.5	158.3	1.9	.4	172.8	2.6	.9
All items less food and energy .....	151.0	.9	.3	158.0	1.2	.4	176.1	2.7	1.0
Energy .....	101.0	4.6	-.9	113.2	-.4	2.7	113.3	5.8	.6
Commodities less food .....	133.4	.6	-.5	128.5	-.7	.9	134.8	2.1	1.0
Nondurables less food .....	136.3	.9	-.3	132.7	-1.6	2.0	135.4	3.5	2.1
Nondurables .....	142.0	2.9	.2	146.3	1.7	1.0	148.8	2.8	1.3
Services less rent of shelter <sup>5</sup> .....	150.7	.5	.7	170.0	2.4	.1	169.1	3.8	.8
Services less medical care services .....	141.3	1.6	.6	164.1	2.1	.5	183.7	3.1	.9

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**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 2 <sup>1</sup>								
	Phil.- Wilmington- Trenton, PA-NJ-DE-MD <sup>9</sup>			Pittsburgh- Beaver Valley, PA <sup>10</sup>			San Francisco- Oakland- San Jose, CA <sup>9</sup>		
	Index	Percent change from—		Index	Percent change from—		Index	Percent change from—	
		Feb. 1997	Feb. 1996		Dec. 1996	Feb. 1997		Feb. 1996	Dec. 1996
<b>Expenditure category</b>									
All items .....	164.9	2.7	0.8	149.6	3.4	0.5	155.0	3.0	1.2
All items (1967=100) .....	479.1	-	-	444.8	-	-	472.0	-	-
Food and beverages .....	154.8	1.8	.2	150.8	3.1	-.1	159.8	4.9	1.5
Food .....	153.9	1.9	.2	149.1	2.9	-.6	160.6	5.1	1.4
Food at home .....	161.1	2.2	.2	147.4	2.1	-1.7	164.6	5.6	1.8
Cereals and bakery products <sup>2</sup> .....	188.2	2.0	-1.0	161.5	3.1	-1.1	182.8	7.2	4.0
Meats, poultry, fish, and eggs <sup>2</sup> .....	150.7	2.2	1.7	140.6	2.6	-1.8	154.1	6.6	1.4
Meats, poultry, and fish .....	150.8	2.0	1.8	142.3	2.6	-1.1	148.6	6.4	1.9
Dairy products <sup>2</sup> .....	139.0	4.5	-1.4	144.5	8.3	-2.3	148.2	.8	-2.8
Fruits and vegetables <sup>2,3</sup> .....	188.3	2.1	-1.6	143.4	-7.2	-6.7	199.9	9.5	7.5
Other food at home <sup>2</sup> .....	154.8	1.4	1.6	152.8	4.4	1.7	151.3	2.6	-1.3
Food away from home .....	137.9	1.3	-.1	153.5	4.7	2.0	154.1	4.3	-.7
Alcoholic beverages .....	169.1	.2	.8	168.8	5.0	4.5	153.3	2.8	1.6
Housing <sup>3</sup> .....	168.1	3.1	1.9	143.0	2.4	1.1	157.9	3.6	1.2
Shelter .....	198.0	3.0	2.5	149.1	.7	.9	170.8	4.4	1.1
Renters' costs <sup>4,2,5</sup> .....	192.7	5.2	7.0	152.8	2.1	3.2	165.4	4.9	1.5
Rent, residential .....	174.3	2.2	.6	149.5	.9	.3	179.5	4.5	.6
Other renters' costs <sup>4,2</sup> .....	312.4	10.1	18.2	200.8	4.4	8.4	218.5	7.8	8.0
Homeowners' costs <sup>4,2,5</sup> .....	174.1	2.2	.8	156.3	.3	.1	160.6	4.0	.8
Owners' equivalent rent <sup>5</sup> .....	174.9	2.2	.7	156.7	.3	.1	160.4	3.6	.8
Fuel and other utilities <sup>3</sup> .....	131.1	5.3	.0	145.0	7.5	1.9	143.9	1.9	.6
Fuels .....	121.3	7.6	.0	139.3	11.9	3.1	145.7	.2	.0
Fuel oil and other household fuel commodities <sup>2</sup> .....	113.5	7.7	-2.9	115.9	-2.4	2.3	160.6	2.4	-.2
Fuel oil <sup>2</sup> .....	106.5	7.7	-2.9	92.2	3.9	-2.5	132.0	40.3	22.3
Other household fuel commodities <sup>2,6</sup> .....	NA	-	-	151.8	-4.8	4.5	172.1	.5	-1.4
Gas (piped) and electricity (energy services) .....	136.1	7.6	.4	143.8	12.3	3.1	145.3	.1	.0
Electricity .....	148.6	1.8	.3	137.7	-1.0	.0	175.0	.2	.0
Utility (piped) gas .....	120.2	20.8	.8	147.8	24.8	5.6	107.8	.1	.0
Household furnishings and operation <sup>3</sup> .....	123.0	.0	1.6	125.2	1.7	.9	119.2	.3	1.6
Apparel and upkeep .....	98.1	1.4	-2.3	135.4	4.2	3.8	118.3	.9	4.9
Apparel commodities <sup>2,4</sup> .....	92.2	1.4	-2.6	131.4	4.3	4.1	113.7	.8	5.4
Men's and boys' apparel <sup>2</sup> .....	117.2	-5.4	1.4	121.0	4.0	6.1	110.9	5.0	-10.5
Women's and girls' apparel <sup>2</sup> .....	65.7	6.0	-5.6	142.8	.6	3.6	90.0	-12.5	9.2
Footwear <sup>2</sup> .....	115.9	3.1	-4.0	124.9	17.3	8.0	155.6	.8	8.3
Transportation .....	154.2	2.5	-.3	133.6	4.2	-.4	135.7	1.0	1.9
Private transportation .....	152.6	2.6	-.2	134.3	4.9	.4	131.9	1.1	2.4
Motor fuel .....	111.5	11.9	.5	109.0	11.2	-.5	108.9	.6	9.8
Gasoline .....	109.6	12.1	.6	109.4	11.7	-.3	107.1	.0	10.3
Gasoline, unleaded regular .....	109.7	13.3	.5	107.2	13.0	-.7	104.7	.5	11.1
Gasoline, unleaded midgrade <sup>7</sup> .....	108.3	10.4	.3	118.6	11.4	.5	102.3	-1.1	9.2
Gasoline, unleaded premium .....	104.0	10.2	.3	109.5	10.2	.6	107.5	-.9	8.6
Public transportation <sup>2</sup> .....	177.5	2.0	-1.2	119.1	-9.7	-14.3	188.0	1.1	-2.1
Medical care .....	241.8	3.8	.5	221.1	1.3	.1	216.1	3.0	.4
Entertainment <sup>8</sup> .....	177.4	3.7	-.2	161.7	1.7	-1.2	156.3	-.4	-.4
Other goods and services <sup>3</sup> .....	232.6	3.5	1.5	216.6	8.6	.5	223.3	2.1	-.5
Personal care <sup>2</sup> .....	190.6	1.8	2.6	127.5	5.8	.0	150.9	-5.0	-1.4
<b>Commodity and service group</b>									
All items .....	164.9	2.7	.8	149.6	3.4	.5	155.0	3.0	1.2
Commodities .....	139.0	2.1	.0	138.8	3.6	.5	140.7	2.4	2.0
Food and beverages .....	154.8	1.8	.2	150.8	3.1	-.1	159.8	4.9	1.5
Commodities less food and beverages .....	127.4	2.3	-.3	130.8	3.9	.9	128.0	.2	2.6
Nondurables less food and beverages .....	123.6	3.8	-.3	136.4	5.9	1.2	126.5	.7	4.0
Durables .....	131.4	-.1	-.2	124.8	1.2	.6	128.3	-.4	.6
Services .....	196.0	3.3	1.4	162.9	3.2	.6	169.7	3.4	.7
Medical care services .....	249.3	4.7	.5	217.4	.6	.2	219.4	2.7	.3
<b>Special indexes</b>									
All items less shelter .....	156.2	2.7	.2	150.1	4.2	.4	150.0	2.3	1.4
All items less medical care .....	161.6	2.7	.8	146.7	3.5	.5	152.7	3.0	1.3
All items less energy .....	172.1	2.3	.9	153.4	2.6	.4	159.5	3.1	1.0
All items less food and energy .....	177.8	2.3	1.0	154.6	2.6	.7	159.3	2.6	1.0
Energy .....	115.7	9.4	.2	123.1	11.6	1.4	122.1	.5	5.3
Commodities less food .....	129.1	2.2	-.2	132.6	4.0	1.1	129.2	.5	2.5
Nondurables less food .....	126.3	3.4	-.2	138.6	5.7	1.5	128.1	.9	3.7
Nondurables .....	140.1	2.7	.0	143.8	4.3	.4	144.0	3.2	2.4
Services less rent of shelter <sup>5</sup> .....	176.6	3.5	.5	156.5	5.4	.4	156.3	2.5	.1
Services less medical care services .....	192.0	3.1	1.5	159.2	3.4	.6	166.9	3.4	.7

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

<sup>2</sup> This index series will no longer appear after December, 1997 below the U.S. city average level.

<sup>3</sup> This index series will undergo a change in composition in January, 1998.

<sup>4</sup> This index series will no longer appear in its present form after December, 1997 for the U.S. city average. See Table X for a comparable index series.

<sup>5</sup> Indexes on a December 1984=100 base.

<sup>6</sup> Indexes on a December 1986=100 base.

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

<sup>8</sup> This index series will no longer appear in its present form after December, 1997. See Table X for a comparable index series.

<sup>9</sup> Indexes for the cities of Philadelphia and San Francisco will no longer be published on a monthly basis starting in January, 1998. Beginning in February, 1998 they will be published on a bi-monthly basis.

<sup>10</sup> Indexes for the cities of Pittsburgh and St. Louis will no longer be published on a bi-monthly basis after December, 1997. Beginning in July, 1998 they will be published semi-annually, each January and July.

<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	14.0	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	31.7	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	158.3	158.6	158.6	155.8	157.9	156.9	3.3	3.0
1997	159.1	159.6	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

- 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										Feb.
	1987	1988	1989	1990	1991	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997
<b>Commodity and service group</b>											
All items .....	115.4	120.5	126.1	133.8	137.9	141.9	145.8	149.7	153.5	158.6	159.6
Commodities .....	109.3	113.5	118.2	126.0	127.5	130.1	132.0	135.1	137.0	141.4	141.8
Food and beverages .....	114.8	120.6	127.2	133.9	137.3	139.5	143.3	147.2	150.3	156.6	156.9
Commodities less food and beverages .....	105.7	109.0	112.6	121.1	121.5	124.3	125.1	127.6	128.9	132.1	132.6
Nondurables less food and beverages .....	103.1	106.9	112.0	125.8	124.5	127.4	126.5	128.1	128.8	133.7	134.6
Apparel commodities <sup>1</sup> .....	111.0	116.3	117.1	123.0	127.2	128.7	129.7	127.2	127.1	126.5	128.2
Nondurables less food, beverages, and apparel .....	101.5	104.5	112.0	130.1	126.0	129.6	127.7	131.5	132.7	140.5	141.0
Durables .....	109.5	112.2	113.5	114.5	117.2	120.1	123.3	126.9	129.0	129.9	129.8
Services .....	122.2	128.1	134.6	142.3	148.8	154.2	160.0	164.7	170.4	176.1	177.7
Rent of shelter <sup>2</sup> .....	128.5	134.3	140.9	148.4	154.2	158.7	163.5	168.3	174.2	179.3	181.6
Household services less rent of shelter <sup>1 2</sup> .....	112.3	116.2	119.0	122.2	127.8	131.4	134.9	135.9	138.6	143.4	145.0
Transportation services .....	124.6	132.1	138.6	150.0	153.7	159.2	166.9	171.1	176.3	184.1	183.4
Medical care services .....	132.7	141.9	154.1	169.3	182.8	195.6	207.1	218.2	227.8	235.0	237.1
Other services .....	129.0	136.2	145.1	154.5	164.1	172.8	181.6	188.9	197.3	205.0	206.7
<b>Special indexes</b>											
All items less food .....	115.5	120.4	125.8	133.7	138.1	142.5	146.4	150.2	154.2	159.0	160.2
All items less shelter .....	113.2	118.1	123.5	131.5	135.0	139.1	142.7	146.3	149.6	154.7	155.3
All items less homeowners' costs <sup>1 2</sup> .....	116.6	121.6	127.1	135.5	139.3	143.4	147.2	150.8	154.3	159.6	160.8
All items less medical care .....	114.3	119.1	124.4	131.8	135.3	138.9	142.5	146.0	149.6	154.5	155.5
Commodities less food .....	106.0	109.4	113.0	121.4	122.4	125.3	126.1	128.5	129.9	133.3	133.8
Nondurables less food .....	103.7	107.5	112.6	125.7	125.5	128.5	127.8	129.5	130.4	135.3	136.2
Nondurables less food and apparel .....	102.1	105.3	112.5	129.0	126.9	130.5	129.1	132.6	134.0	141.5	142.1
Nondurables .....	109.1	113.9	119.8	130.0	131.1	133.6	135.1	137.8	139.7	145.3	145.9
Services less rent of shelter <sup>2</sup> .....	124.6	131.1	137.8	146.4	153.9	160.7	167.8	172.7	178.5	185.2	186.4
Services less medical care services .....	121.0	126.6	132.6	139.7	145.5	150.3	155.6	159.7	165.0	170.6	172.2
Energy .....	88.3	88.7	93.2	110.1	101.9	103.9	102.4	104.7	103.3	112.2	113.1
All items less energy .....	119.2	124.8	130.6	137.4	142.8	147.1	151.7	155.7	160.2	164.8	165.9
All items less food and energy .....	120.4	126.0	131.5	138.3	144.4	149.2	153.9	157.9	162.7	167.0	168.3
Commodities less food and energy commodities .....	113.5	118.0	121.2	125.3	130.3	133.6	135.7	137.6	140.0	141.5	142.2
Energy commodities .....	82.0	80.1	86.4	117.0	98.2	99.4	94.3	99.2	95.9	109.1	108.6
Services less energy services .....	124.4	130.6	137.5	145.8	152.5	158.2	164.3	169.6	175.7	181.5	183.1
<b>Expenditure category</b>											
Food and beverages .....	114.8	120.6	127.2	133.9	137.3	139.5	143.3	147.2	150.3	156.6	156.9
Food .....	114.7	120.7	127.4	134.2	136.7	138.7	142.7	146.8	149.9	156.3	156.5
Food at home .....	112.8	119.1	126.5	133.8	135.5	137.5	142.3	147.3	150.3	157.7	157.7
Cereals and bakery products .....	116.8	126.6	136.1	142.4	147.4	153.3	158.9	164.2	169.5	175.7	176.7
Cereals and cereal products .....	116.1	127.2	136.5	143.7	148.8	154.4	159.6	164.5	168.6	166.6	167.7
Flour and prepared flour mixes .....	105.8	113.1	121.2	124.0	123.5	130.2	129.9	132.3	140.6	151.2	156.6
Cereal .....	126.7	138.8	152.4	163.5	171.4	178.1	186.5	191.0	194.1	186.0	184.8
Rice, pasta, and cornmeal .....	106.3	118.4	120.1	122.7	126.3	128.9	131.7	139.5	142.8	144.0	147.0
Bakery products .....	117.0	126.1	135.6	141.5	146.4	152.5	158.2	163.8	169.6	179.8	180.7
White bread .....	113.1	125.5	133.2	138.3	140.4	146.1	156.2	160.4	169.3	183.4	183.8
Fresh other bread, biscuits, rolls, and muffins .....	113.2	124.1	132.7	139.0	143.7	151.2	155.8	163.0	170.3	179.3	180.9
Cookies, fresh cakes, and cupcakes .....	121.1	128.7	139.0	147.2	154.2	157.7	163.2	169.2	171.6	178.8	178.5
Other bakery products .....	120.3	126.3	137.5	141.8	147.6	154.9	158.0	163.1	168.0	178.1	180.1
Meats, poultry, fish, and eggs .....	110.3	116.1	123.8	133.6	131.6	132.1	137.1	136.4	142.0	150.0	148.8
Meats, poultry, and fish .....	111.9	117.1	123.0	133.8	132.0	133.0	138.4	137.6	141.7	149.0	148.7
Meats .....	110.4	112.7	120.0	133.6	130.8	131.1	135.9	133.7	137.2	144.4	144.0
Beef and veal .....	108.5	114.6	122.1	133.0	131.7	132.8	137.7	134.7	134.6	137.8	136.6
Ground beef other than canned .....	102.0	104.5	112.2	120.8	119.1	118.4	123.0	117.7	115.7	117.6	117.1
Chuck roast <sup>1</sup> .....	105.0	112.4	123.4	136.1	137.7	139.2	142.7	140.3	141.7	146.3	142.1
Round roast <sup>1</sup> .....	101.8	107.0	113.9	124.9	124.1	126.5	127.2	126.9	124.4	131.6	129.5
Round steak <sup>1</sup> .....	108.1	111.9	118.8	130.2	129.9	129.9	133.3	131.7	129.1	133.9	130.9
Sirloin steak <sup>1</sup> .....	112.9	120.8	123.4	131.5	127.5	129.1	137.6	135.8	133.4	139.1	135.0
Other beef and veal <sup>1</sup> .....	115.1	125.4	133.3	146.6	145.3	148.6	154.3	153.0	156.5	159.2	159.0
Pork .....	113.1	109.6	117.2	136.8	128.5	127.4	133.1	130.1	139.6	155.4	155.2
Bacon .....	108.2	96.9	105.0	122.9	108.6	104.8	117.1	114.8	130.2	161.5	161.5
Chops .....	114.3	114.7	123.7	142.5	136.1	139.5	145.8	138.8	146.2	156.0	156.3
Ham .....	118.1	115.9	121.9	144.4	137.3	134.9	137.1	134.8	144.2	157.4	155.7
Other pork, including sausage <sup>1</sup> .....	111.4	108.5	115.9	134.9	127.7	125.8	129.9	128.8	136.8	150.3	150.5
Other meats .....	112.1	113.1	119.5	131.6	132.7	133.0	136.4	137.3	141.4	146.2	147.8
Poultry .....	107.8	127.1	127.8	129.7	130.2	133.7	141.1	140.4	146.3	157.8	157.9
Fresh whole chicken .....	107.7	131.0	130.4	130.6	129.9	135.4	141.3	139.4	144.8	158.2	159.2
Fresh and frozen chicken parts .....	110.8	131.5	130.2	133.2	134.8	136.9	146.8	143.2	150.2	161.5	160.0
Other poultry <sup>1</sup> .....	103.8	113.3	121.1	123.0	122.8	126.6	130.9	138.9	143.1	152.3	154.7
Fish and seafood .....	133.3	138.9	143.0	148.5	150.4	152.0	158.7	166.9	172.1	175.1	175.3
Canned fish and seafood .....	110.0	124.8	119.4	118.8	118.2	119.9	122.8	124.5	125.5	126.5	127.1
Fresh and frozen fish and seafood <sup>1</sup> .....	146.2	148.5	156.3	164.1	167.0	168.7	177.0	187.9	194.8	198.6	198.6
Eggs .....	85.5	99.6	134.9	128.7	123.5	117.7	116.0	116.4	145.5	162.9	147.7

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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										Feb.
	1987	1988	1989	1990	1991	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997
<b>Expenditure category</b>											
Dairy products .....	106.7	111.4	122.9	126.7	127.4	129.1	130.2	131.6	135.0	148.6	146.2
Fresh milk and cream <sup>1</sup> .....	105.0	109.9	122.6	125.6	125.3	128.4	131.1	132.0	134.5	149.9	146.1
Fresh whole milk .....	104.8	110.1	123.0	126.0	125.5	127.8	130.6	131.1	133.7	148.3	144.0
Other fresh milk and cream <sup>1</sup> .....	105.3	109.5	122.0	124.9	124.9	129.1	131.8	133.2	135.4	151.8	148.9
Processed dairy products <sup>1</sup> .....	108.8	113.3	123.7	128.4	130.2	130.4	129.8	131.8	136.2	147.9	147.0
Cheese <sup>1</sup> .....	107.0	112.6	126.9	132.7	135.1	135.4	134.6	136.0	139.0	150.1	148.8
Ice cream and related products .....	111.0	114.8	123.1	128.5	130.1	130.6	131.5	136.1	139.7	150.5	151.5
Other dairy products, including butter <sup>1</sup> .....	109.9	112.1	113.4	113.4	113.7	113.5	111.4	111.9	121.4	136.2	133.5
Fruits and vegetables <sup>3</sup> .....	123.4	131.0	136.7	146.5	152.9	156.2	166.5	180.3	177.9	187.2	187.4
Fresh fruits and vegetables .....	133.2	138.1	145.6	157.6	169.6	173.9	190.1	212.8	206.3	216.2	215.0
Fresh fruits .....	126.3	143.2	154.8	171.2	188.6	181.8	205.4	213.1	224.2	251.1	231.5
Apples .....	103.6	132.4	124.7	151.6	169.9	154.1	166.9	163.2	187.6	194.1	198.1
Bananas .....	107.4	115.9	122.6	128.3	128.3	124.3	127.6	143.1	146.5	157.5	170.2
Oranges, including tangerines <sup>1</sup> .....	126.3	144.4	138.5	152.7	186.8	156.7	177.4	178.7	206.7	199.6	194.3
Other fresh fruits <sup>1</sup> .....	140.4	154.8	179.7	195.7	213.1	215.3	249.3	260.8	264.5	312.9	271.5
Fresh vegetables .....	140.2	133.0	136.5	144.0	150.7	166.1	174.9	212.7	188.4	181.2	198.6
Potatoes .....	103.8	128.5	140.0	133.9	129.0	137.2	165.0	154.2	175.3	160.2	162.8
Lettuce .....	272.7	174.3	135.8	152.0	170.1	183.0	152.1	273.4	172.2	184.6	184.5
Tomatoes .....	139.3	124.3	140.3	129.5	124.5	193.4	197.2	233.6	242.6	193.4	211.7
Other fresh vegetables .....	126.3	129.4	135.6	151.0	162.3	166.4	178.5	216.1	183.2	185.9	211.8
Processed fruits and vegetables <sup>1</sup> .....	110.0	121.9	124.9	131.6	129.7	131.4	133.2	133.8	137.5	146.2	148.3
Processed fruits <sup>1</sup> .....	112.3	124.4	125.2	134.6	131.5	134.8	133.7	133.3	138.1	147.3	149.8
Fruit juices and frozen fruit <sup>1</sup> .....	112.1	126.2	126.3	137.4	131.8	135.3	133.4	132.6	137.2	147.4	149.8
Canned and dried fruits <sup>1</sup> .....	111.5	115.9	119.6	122.5	128.5	130.7	132.9	133.8	139.0	144.8	147.6
Processed vegetables <sup>1</sup> .....	107.3	118.9	124.8	128.1	127.6	127.3	132.8	134.7	137.1	145.1	146.6
Frozen vegetables <sup>1</sup> .....	111.5	116.3	124.6	128.5	129.3	130.2	135.4	136.5	140.4	143.7	147.7
Processed vegetables excluding frozen <sup>1</sup> .....	105.7	120.7	125.4	128.5	127.3	126.6	132.1	134.4	136.2	146.5	146.8
Other food at home .....	110.0	115.3	120.1	125.2	127.1	128.3	130.9	138.8	140.5	143.6	145.4
Sugar and sweets .....	111.0	116.7	121.1	126.4	130.9	132.1	133.3	134.5	138.5	144.7	147.2
Sugar and artificial sweeteners .....	102.0	110.0	114.8	118.1	118.1	119.3	120.6	122.8	127.9	132.2	135.4
Sweets, including candy <sup>1</sup> .....	114.7	119.4	123.6	129.8	136.0	137.3	138.4	139.1	142.7	149.7	152.0
Fats and oils .....	107.7	118.5	121.6	131.0	129.3	128.4	129.4	134.2	137.5	140.7	142.7
Nonalcoholic beverages .....	104.8	107.8	111.0	113.1	112.5	112.3	114.8	131.7	129.5	126.9	128.5
Carbonated drinks .....	103.3	104.6	109.8	110.8	111.9	113.7	115.6	115.2	118.5	118.0	120.2
Coffee .....	110.5	116.9	115.7	117.4	111.3	105.4	111.1	172.7	156.1	145.6	146.6
Other noncarbonated drinks <sup>1</sup> .....	112.4	115.5	120.2	126.5	129.7	132.3	131.6	132.8	135.9	139.6	140.2
Other prepared food .....	115.0	120.7	127.6	134.2	138.2	141.2	144.9	148.1	152.1	158.9	160.6
Canned and packaged soup .....	118.9	123.2	132.4	140.2	148.6	157.0	163.9	170.7	176.5	184.9	184.9
Frozen prepared food .....	119.0	124.6	131.3	135.8	138.0	138.7	138.6	138.9	139.8	146.2	146.0
Snacks .....	115.7	121.2	126.2	131.1	132.8	132.5	136.3	138.7	143.4	151.7	154.1
Seasonings, condiments, sauces, and spices .....	113.2	118.3	124.9	132.6	137.9	143.6	147.4	150.9	156.8	163.9	167.7
Miscellaneous prepared food, including baby food <sup>1</sup> .....	112.9	119.8	127.9	135.6	140.2	142.9	147.9	152.4	155.4	160.9	161.6
Food away from home .....	118.9	124.1	129.8	135.7	139.6	141.6	144.3	147.1	150.4	155.0	155.6
Lunch <sup>1</sup> .....	118.6	124.0	130.2	136.1	140.2	142.3	145.1	147.7	151.1	155.6	156.3
Dinner <sup>1</sup> .....	118.7	123.9	129.1	134.3	137.9	139.9	142.4	145.3	148.5	152.7	153.3
Other meals and snacks <sup>1</sup> .....	119.4	124.6	130.6	137.8	142.0	144.1	146.7	149.6	153.0	158.7	159.4
Alcoholic beverages .....	115.4	119.9	125.6	130.9	143.9	148.1	150.3	151.8	154.9	160.5	161.8
Alcoholic beverages at home .....	112.0	114.6	119.5	124.0	138.4	141.3	142.0	141.8	143.1	148.0	149.4
Beer and ale .....	111.5	114.6	120.0	124.3	139.0	142.9	143.3	143.2	144.1	148.3	149.1
Wine .....	106.1	107.8	111.6	114.5	130.5	132.4	133.1	131.3	133.4	141.7	144.3
Distilled spirits .....	114.8	117.0	122.1	128.1	139.9	141.8	143.1	144.2	145.5	148.5	149.7
Alcoholic beverages away from home .....	125.8	133.3	140.3	146.9	158.9	165.0	169.3	173.3	178.8	185.6	187.0

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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										Feb.
	1987	1988	1989	1990	1991	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997
<b>Expenditure category</b>											
Housing <sup>3</sup>	115.6	120.2	124.9	130.5	135.0	138.5	142.3	145.4	149.7	154.0	155.8
Shelter	123.7	129.3	135.6	142.7	148.2	152.5	157.1	161.8	167.4	172.3	174.6
Renters' costs <sup>1,2</sup>	129.1	134.1	140.1	149.5	155.8	160.2	164.4	168.2	173.2	179.1	185.3
Rent, residential	125.6	130.1	135.5	141.1	145.2	148.6	151.9	155.7	159.6	164.0	164.8
Other renters' costs <sup>1</sup>	124.1	130.0	137.2	157.0	169.7	176.7	183.3	186.2	194.2	203.8	226.4
Lodging while out of town	121.5	127.0	133.8	154.9	168.0	174.3	181.0	183.3	191.2	201.0	226.1
Lodging while at school <sup>2</sup>	136.5	145.5	156.3	166.1	175.8	188.6	193.8	201.9	210.6	219.0	220.5
Tenants' insurance <sup>1</sup>	122.5	126.6	129.7	131.6	134.4	138.3	142.8	148.7	152.0	155.8	157.5
Homeowners' costs <sup>1,2</sup>	128.0	134.0	140.9	147.5	153.0	157.5	162.5	167.8	174.0	178.8	179.5
Owners' equivalent rent <sup>2</sup>	128.0	134.1	141.0	147.7	153.2	157.8	162.8	168.1	174.3	179.1	179.9
Household insurance <sup>1,2</sup>	126.2	130.6	134.0	136.5	140.0	144.3	149.0	155.4	158.3	162.4	163.8
Maintenance and repairs <sup>1</sup>	113.3	115.8	119.5	123.8	128.1	129.3	127.6	132.7	136.6	141.5	142.3
Maintenance and repair services <sup>1</sup>	116.6	118.4	122.2	128.9	131.4	135.2	130.8	137.0	142.1	148.0	148.4
Maintenance and repair commodities <sup>1</sup>	109.1	112.4	115.8	116.8	123.7	121.3	123.5	126.8	129.1	132.6	133.9
Materials, supplies, and equipment for home repairs <sup>1,4</sup>	102.2	104.8	109.4	111.7	116.3	117.5	119.1	121.1	120.6	126.5	127.5
Other maintenance and repair commodities <sup>1</sup>	105.7	109.5	111.7	111.5	119.7	114.5	117.0	121.1	125.6	126.7	128.2
Fuel and other utilities <sup>3</sup>	102.0	105.0	108.4	112.7	116.0	118.7	121.7	122.0	123.7	129.4	131.0
Fuels	95.1	97.4	101.2	105.6	106.5	108.9	110.7	110.1	110.9	117.1	119.2
Fuel oil and other household fuel commodities	80.5	76.8	88.7	114.1	94.7	91.8	88.3	88.4	89.6	110.3	109.6
Fuel oil	79.2	74.2	88.7	115.2	92.3	89.2	85.1	85.1	86.4	106.5	107.0
Other household fuel commodities <sup>4</sup>	102.6	102.3	108.3	136.4	123.3	120.4	118.0	118.5	119.4	146.8	142.0
Gas (piped) and electricity (energy services)	100.9	104.1	107.0	108.6	112.4	115.6	118.1	117.4	118.3	122.8	125.3
Electricity	107.3	110.3	113.4	115.0	120.8	122.9	123.6	124.4	127.8	128.7	129.3
Utility (piped) gas	91.9	95.2	97.8	99.6	99.9	105.0	111.1	107.5	103.6	115.0	121.0
Other utilities and public services <sup>1</sup>	120.9	125.5	128.2	132.7	140.2	143.6	148.8	150.6	153.9	159.1	160.2
Telephone services <sup>1</sup>	115.7	117.2	116.9	116.4	120.5	120.1	122.3	123.1	124.6	127.2	127.6
Local charges <sup>1</sup>	138.9	145.2	146.0	147.5	155.0	155.7	157.2	156.7	160.7	162.1	162.3
Interstate toll calls	74.0	70.9	70.0	67.4	68.3	67.4	71.8	75.7	75.8	78.6	78.8
Intrastate toll calls	103.6	99.2	96.6	94.5	93.1	90.9	91.1	90.2	86.8	92.1	93.6
Water and sewerage maintenance	128.0	135.8	144.7	153.7	165.7	176.7	185.2	193.0	198.6	205.5	206.7
Cable television <sup>5</sup>	127.9	141.4	146.8	166.1	180.4	187.0	200.1	194.9	202.8	218.6	223.8
Refuse collection <sup>5</sup>	136.1	146.9	161.1	176.9	197.3	214.0	225.2	236.4	243.3	247.8	248.1
Household furnishings and operation <sup>3</sup>	107.3	110.6	111.7	113.7	116.3	118.2	120.3	120.8	123.8	125.0	125.2
Housefurnishings <sup>1</sup>	103.3	105.9	105.5	106.1	107.1	108.7	110.3	110.3	111.1	111.0	111.2
Textile housefurnishings <sup>1</sup>	108.0	114.3	113.9	116.7	118.9	116.7	124.4	119.9	120.5	119.7	120.8
Furniture and bedding	111.5	115.4	113.8	115.1	116.2	121.4	125.8	127.8	133.2	134.5	133.2
Bedroom furniture	115.8	121.3	118.8	117.2	122.0	129.5	136.3	133.7	136.8	141.5	139.2
Sofas <sup>1</sup>	116.0	116.9	116.1	116.6	117.3	121.3	119.5	127.4	140.5	143.0	140.9
Living room chairs and tables <sup>1</sup>	109.4	113.0	112.5	118.7	116.1	120.3	129.6	130.2	137.9	136.4	135.4
Other furniture <sup>1</sup>	105.5	109.7	107.9	110.0	109.7	113.9	117.4	120.8	122.7	121.6	121.6
Appliances, including electronic equipment <sup>1</sup>	89.5	90.1	88.5	86.4	84.9	83.5	82.8	81.8	78.6	77.1	77.0
Video and audio products <sup>1</sup>	83.9	82.7	82.3	79.3	78.7	77.3	76.7	75.1	72.2	70.6	70.6
Televisions	77.9	76.8	75.8	73.1	72.3	71.4	70.2	69.2	66.4	62.9	63.1
Video products other than televisions <sup>1,6</sup>	-	100.0	95.1	86.1	81.4	78.6	77.0	71.9	67.1	66.7	65.9
Audio products <sup>1</sup>	92.3	91.9	94.3	93.3	95.0	93.6	94.0	93.1	90.7	90.2	90.3
Major household appliances <sup>1,4</sup>	98.8	102.4	101.0	100.7	98.6	99.1	100.6	104.2	102.3	103.7	103.8
Refrigerators and home freezers <sup>1</sup>	100.4	102.0	103.3	102.3	100.6	101.3	105.8	111.0	108.9	111.3	111.7
Laundry equipment	102.7	107.0	105.9	107.2	105.6	106.3	107.1	110.6	109.8	113.2	113.4
Stoves, ovens, dishwashers, and air conditioners <sup>1,4</sup>	97.2	101.9	98.5	97.4	94.5	94.7	94.8	97.1	94.5	93.8	93.8
Information processing equipment <sup>6</sup>	-	100.0	92.7	90.3	86.6	81.3	75.1	68.3	61.0	53.9	53.2
Other housefurnishings <sup>1,2</sup>	116.6	121.6	127.1	135.5	139.3	143.4	147.2	150.8	154.3	159.6	160.8
Floor and window coverings, infants', laundry, cleaning, and outdoor equipment <sup>1</sup>	115.3	114.6	119.8	128.6	126.2	128.8	132.1	132.6	138.8	142.2	145.3
Clocks, lamps, and decor items	102.8	105.9	112.8	112.6	117.8	120.3	118.2	117.8	122.1	117.0	120.1
Tableware, serving pieces, and nonelectric kitchenware <sup>1</sup>	106.2	109.0	111.0	112.4	120.2	121.9	122.9	123.5	119.3	120.4	124.9
Lawn equipment, power tools, and other hardware <sup>1</sup>	104.2	103.9	100.7	102.6	102.6	102.7	106.5	107.0	107.8	110.4	110.6
Sewing, floor cleaning, small kitchen, and portable heating appliances <sup>1,4</sup>	98.4	100.0	97.2	96.3	95.9	96.9	93.6	91.6	88.3	89.7	91.1
Indoor plants and fresh cut flowers <sup>7</sup>	-	-	-	100.0	107.0	113.0	110.0	114.1	115.6	116.4	111.5
Housekeeping supplies	112.5	117.0	123.6	127.5	129.8	129.5	131.9	132.9	139.8	141.4	142.5
Laundry and cleaning products, including soap <sup>1</sup>	116.8	121.7	127.3	132.4	138.0	137.4	137.2	139.3	141.4	145.3	145.7
Household paper products and stationery supplies <sup>1</sup>	109.4	115.7	122.1	126.7	127.1	127.3	130.2	130.5	144.3	145.3	145.7
Other household, lawn, and garden supplies <sup>1</sup>	110.6	113.0	120.9	122.8	123.7	123.0	127.6	128.3	133.3	133.1	135.6
Housekeeping services <sup>1</sup>	111.4	115.9	117.6	122.3	129.4	134.3	137.2	139.1	145.3	150.1	149.9
Postage	110.2	125.1	125.1	125.1	145.3	145.3	145.3	145.3	160.3	160.3	160.3
Appliance and furniture repair <sup>1</sup>	117.6	120.8	123.1	127.3	132.8	142.0	145.6	147.1	153.6	159.0	158.5
Gardening and other household services <sup>1,4</sup>	104.9	109.2	113.2	117.7	120.2	126.1	128.4	129.2	131.6	138.4	136.7

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										Feb.
	1987	1988	1989	1990	1991	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997
<b>Expenditure category</b>											
Apparel and upkeep .....	112.7	118.0	119.2	125.3	129.6	131.4	132.6	130.5	130.6	130.3	131.9
Apparel commodities <sup>1</sup> .....	111.0	116.3	117.1	123.0	127.2	128.7	129.7	127.2	127.1	126.5	128.2
Apparel commodities less footwear .....	111.7	116.8	117.6	123.8	128.2	129.4	130.3	127.9	127.7	126.6	128.6
Men's and boys' .....	110.7	117.3	118.8	122.3	125.9	127.1	127.5	125.3	126.0	127.8	127.3
Men's .....	111.6	118.4	120.6	124.5	128.3	130.0	130.0	128.2	128.3	130.4	130.8
Suits, sport coats, coats, and jackets .....	111.7	122.0	124.7	128.2	131.3	132.8	137.4	136.0	133.7	133.3	130.7
Furnishings and special clothing .....	110.1	113.7	117.4	119.8	122.2	123.6	123.0	122.7	120.0	124.6	123.6
Shirts <sup>1</sup> .....	115.3	122.6	122.9	127.9	133.1	134.6	130.8	127.3	132.0	134.5	136.9
Dungarees, jeans, and trousers .....	109.4	114.6	116.7	121.9	126.1	129.2	127.8	125.8	127.0	129.2	133.0
Boys' .....	107.2	112.5	111.4	113.0	116.2	115.0	117.1	113.2	116.2	116.8	112.6
Women's and girls' .....	112.6	116.5	116.4	123.5	128.4	129.1	130.6	125.7	124.7	123.3	126.1
Women's .....	113.0	116.3	116.5	124.2	128.0	128.4	131.0	125.3	124.1	123.0	126.2
Coats and jackets .....	104.0	104.5	108.9	117.2	121.1	126.2	131.8	119.0	123.5	126.1	117.7
Dresses .....	119.9	123.5	122.5	131.1	128.0	130.7	127.2	113.1	114.7	108.1	116.2
Separates and sportswear <sup>1</sup> .....	116.8	119.3	118.7	126.0	131.2	129.5	133.3	128.6	124.9	124.7	127.6
Underwear, nightwear, hosiery, and accessories <sup>1</sup> .....	108.0	114.3	116.3	121.3	124.1	125.0	126.8	128.2	130.7	132.6	133.4
Suits <sup>1</sup> .....	114.1	120.1	117.4	131.2	144.5	145.8	152.1	152.5	144.8	139.1	153.4
Girls' .....	110.2	117.3	116.1	120.2	130.8	133.5	129.1	128.2	128.7	125.0	125.7
Infants' and toddlers' .....	114.5	117.3	115.3	125.6	129.2	130.7	127.1	131.3	128.7	126.9	127.2
Other apparel commodities <sup>1</sup> .....	111.3	119.1	122.8	130.8	135.4	138.9	140.5	146.5	148.6	141.6	146.9
Sewing materials, notions, and luggage <sup>4</sup> .....	102.7	109.2	111.2	118.8	121.2	122.9	121.3	121.3	132.3	127.8	128.5
Watches and jewelry <sup>4</sup> .....	109.7	117.6	121.5	129.4	134.4	138.2	140.6	147.7	147.7	140.3	146.5
Watches <sup>4</sup> .....	103.4	107.9	107.7	110.4	114.1	112.7	118.7	124.6	130.6	122.6	126.2
Jewelry <sup>4</sup> .....	111.5	120.3	125.5	134.9	140.2	145.5	146.8	154.3	152.6	145.4	152.2
Footwear .....	107.2	113.5	114.7	118.4	121.8	125.1	125.8	123.6	124.1	125.9	126.3
Men's .....	111.4	119.2	122.0	125.6	129.4	132.9	133.2	132.6	131.6	131.1	132.6
Boys' and girls' .....	110.0	114.7	118.5	122.9	122.7	121.5	122.1	123.3	125.2	130.4	131.4
Women's .....	102.4	108.3	107.5	110.9	115.5	120.6	121.5	117.1	117.8	119.6	118.9
Apparel services <sup>1</sup> .....	121.4	126.7	131.3	140.2	144.9	149.7	153.8	156.4	157.7	161.5	162.2
Laundry and dry cleaning other than coin operated <sup>1</sup> .....	122.5	129.1	134.1	141.3	145.5	150.2	155.0	157.8	159.1	164.8	165.8
Other apparel services <sup>1</sup> .....	120.4	124.4	128.6	139.5	144.5	149.5	152.9	155.1	156.6	158.2	158.7
Transportation .....	107.6	110.8	115.2	127.2	125.3	129.0	132.1	137.1	139.1	145.2	144.8
Private .....	106.5	109.6	113.9	125.1	123.4	126.7	128.6	134.9	136.6	141.7	141.9
New vehicles .....	116.4	119.0	121.9	124.3	128.3	131.3	135.6	140.1	142.8	145.4	145.4
New cars .....	116.6	119.1	121.8	123.5	127.6	130.5	134.2	138.5	140.7	143.0	142.9
Subcompact new cars <sup>1 4</sup> .....	101.9	104.1	105.1	105.5	109.8	112.8	116.7	120.6	122.9	124.0	123.7
Compact new cars <sup>1 4</sup> .....	101.4	102.5	104.7	106.5	109.0	109.8	113.3	118.2	120.1	124.0	123.8
Intermediate new cars <sup>1 4</sup> .....	100.5	101.9	105.6	107.3	111.2	113.5	115.9	119.8	121.5	122.5	122.2
Full-size new cars <sup>1 4</sup> .....	103.2	105.8	109.0	110.6	114.7	116.6	120.1	122.4	123.9	126.4	126.3
Luxury new cars <sup>1 4</sup> .....	104.1	109.5	111.7	114.5	117.6	121.8	124.0	127.5	130.2	133.6	134.2
New trucks <sup>5</sup> .....	114.3	116.8	120.7	125.8	129.6	132.9	139.0	144.1	148.2	151.5	152.7
New motorcycles <sup>4</sup> .....	104.1	109.6	114.2	117.4	123.7	128.7	138.0	148.9	156.6	162.4	163.3
Used cars .....	116.3	120.2	119.7	117.1	120.1	129.0	139.3	151.5	158.2	155.6	154.4
Motor fuel .....	82.0	80.3	85.8	117.1	98.4	100.2	94.8	100.4	96.4	108.6	108.1
Gasoline .....	81.8	80.3	85.5	117.0	98.1	100.1	94.2	100.2	96.0	107.9	107.4
Gasoline, unleaded regular .....	80.8	78.8	83.1	115.4	96.1	97.9	91.3	97.9	93.6	106.1	105.5
Gasoline, unleaded midgrade <sup>8</sup> .....	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.0	105.3	100.6	112.4	112.0
Gasoline, unleaded premium .....	85.3	84.7	89.9	118.7	101.4	103.2	98.3	103.4	98.4	109.1	108.6
Automobile maintenance and repair .....	116.9	121.5	126.9	132.5	138.4	143.2	147.7	151.9	155.7	160.6	161.2
Body work .....	120.7	126.3	133.9	138.5	141.9	145.8	150.0	155.7	161.2	168.6	170.0
Automobile drive train, brake, and miscellaneous mechanical repair <sup>1</sup> .....	118.3	123.4	129.6	136.7	142.1	148.3	154.1	159.8	163.0	167.6	169.0
Maintenance and servicing .....	115.0	118.8	122.5	127.0	133.8	136.6	139.4	141.3	144.2	148.2	148.1
Power plant repair <sup>1</sup> .....	116.8	121.4	127.3	133.1	139.5	145.7	151.2	156.2	161.2	166.6	167.0
Other private transportation <sup>1</sup> .....	123.8	132.5	139.0	146.7	152.0	155.5	159.0	167.6	172.4	176.0	177.1
Other private transportation commodities <sup>1</sup> .....	97.5	100.3	102.3	103.8	105.3	104.7	103.3	104.3	105.2	105.2	105.4
Motor oil, coolant, and other products .....	100.5	110.1	109.8	117.5	118.4	118.1	118.8	126.0	130.0	132.0	130.5
Automobile parts and equipment .....	96.7	98.9	101.1	102.0	103.6	103.0	101.4	101.9	102.4	102.3	102.6
Tires .....	93.2	96.9	99.1	99.0	101.3	100.8	99.4	101.6	101.8	101.8	101.9
Other parts and equipment <sup>1</sup> .....	104.3	105.1	107.3	109.4	110.2	109.5	107.7	106.3	107.3	107.0	107.6
Other private transportation services <sup>1</sup> .....	129.2	139.3	146.9	156.3	162.5	167.1	171.8	182.4	188.3	192.7	194.1
Automobile insurance .....	149.4	162.0	171.5	184.4	199.1	212.2	222.8	230.4	240.2	249.3	249.9
Automobile finance charges <sup>1</sup> .....	90.3	97.8	102.0	102.0	94.8	81.6	77.0	94.7	96.6	94.7	95.3
Automobile fees <sup>1</sup> .....	124.4	131.3	138.8	152.6	156.9	166.7	170.3	176.5	177.6	179.3	183.9
Automobile registration, licensing, and inspection fees <sup>1</sup> .....	119.9	127.2	135.4	158.7	165.4	175.6	179.8	180.6	183.7	183.9	183.7
Other automobile-related fees <sup>1</sup> .....	129.6	136.2	143.1	147.4	149.5	158.9	162.0	173.7	172.8	176.0	185.3
Public transportation .....	122.1	126.5	131.7	154.4	149.8	158.2	176.5	165.6	170.7	189.9	182.4
Airline fares .....	123.9	128.0	134.8	165.4	155.4	165.7	193.8	175.3	178.4	204.7	192.9
Other intercity transportation .....	127.8	136.9	139.2	148.4	152.0	152.2	148.0	151.4	152.6	155.2	154.2
Intracity public transportation .....	119.8	123.3	125.9	135.6	140.8	147.8	152.0	153.5	165.2	174.7	174.8

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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										Feb.	
	1987	1988	1989	1990	1991	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997	
<b>Expenditure category</b>												
Medical care .....	133.1	142.3	154.4	169.2	182.6	194.7	205.2	215.3	223.8	230.6	232.7	
Medical care commodities .....	134.9	144.2	156.0	169.1	181.7	191.1	197.0	202.9	206.6	212.0	213.9	
Prescription drugs .....	145.7	157.1	172.0	189.0	206.7	218.5	225.7	233.2	237.8	245.4	247.6	
Nonprescription drugs and medical supplies <sup>4</sup> .....	105.4	110.7	117.1	123.5	127.9	132.9	136.5	139.6	141.5	143.3	144.7	
Internal and respiratory over-the-counter drugs .....	127.2	134.0	141.5	150.0	153.7	160.5	164.9	166.3	167.6	171.2	172.8	
Nonprescription medical equipment and supplies .....	121.1	126.7	134.4	140.4	148.4	152.7	156.6	164.3	168.2	168.0	169.7	
Medical care services .....	132.7	141.9	154.1	169.3	182.8	195.6	207.1	218.2	227.8	235.0	237.1	
Professional medical services .....	131.8	140.8	149.9	160.0	169.8	179.4	187.4	196.0	203.9	211.0	213.2	
Physicians' services .....	133.4	143.4	153.7	165.1	174.2	185.1	194.5	203.1	212.1	218.5	220.7	
Dental services .....	132.1	140.9	149.9	159.9	173.0	183.1	191.1	201.4	210.4	221.1	223.5	
Eye care <sup>4</sup> .....	105.3	110.3	114.1	119.2	123.5	128.1	130.7	135.0	138.3	139.9	140.8	
Services by other medical professionals <sup>4</sup> .....	104.5	110.3	116.6	122.5	129.2	133.2	137.5	143.0	144.1	148.4	150.6	
Hospital and related services .....	135.9	150.8	167.9	186.9	203.5	221.4	238.2	251.3	262.8	273.7	276.6	
Hospital services <sup>9</sup> .....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.0	101.0	
Inpatient hospital services <sup>9</sup> .....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.0	100.8	
Outpatient hospital services <sup>4</sup> .....	107.1	117.0	130.7	145.4	159.7	175.4	189.2	199.7	209.2	219.2	223.2	
Nursing home services <sup>9</sup> .....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.0	101.3	
Entertainment <sup>1</sup> .....	117.4	122.8	129.1	134.6	139.9	143.8	147.8	151.2	156.2	160.8	161.8	
Entertainment commodities <sup>1</sup> .....	112.6	117.5	121.6	125.2	129.6	131.9	134.4	136.8	140.7	144.1	144.3	
Reading materials .....	121.4	126.5	132.4	138.5	147.3	152.8	158.2	163.9	173.6	178.2	178.4	
Newspapers <sup>1</sup> .....	120.8	126.6	131.6	137.8	151.1	157.2	164.0	172.2	185.3	190.8	191.2	
Magazines, periodicals, and books <sup>1</sup> .....	122.1	126.6	133.3	139.4	144.0	149.0	153.1	156.4	162.8	166.7	166.6	
Sporting goods and equipment .....	106.3	111.0	113.3	115.3	119.6	119.7	120.0	123.8	123.1	123.0	123.3	
Sport vehicles, including bicycles .....	106.8	111.1	113.6	115.9	117.6	120.1	120.0	124.7	124.8	124.9	125.4	
Other sporting goods .....	103.4	108.3	110.4	112.0	118.3	116.5	117.1	120.0	118.7	118.4	118.7	
Toys, hobbies, and other entertainment <sup>1</sup> .....	110.6	115.6	119.5	122.3	123.9	125.2	126.9	126.3	128.9	133.2	133.6	
Toys, hobbies, and music equipment <sup>1</sup> .....	108.0	112.4	115.1	116.8	118.1	121.1	122.9	121.8	123.0	126.4	126.7	
Photographic supplies and equipment .....	116.3	123.0	127.2	129.0	130.1	132.9	135.2	130.9	133.4	132.9	134.2	
Pet supplies and expense .....	112.5	117.7	122.9	127.4	129.6	128.3	129.5	130.8	135.4	142.6	142.7	
Entertainment services <sup>1</sup> .....	124.3	130.0	138.8	146.3	152.7	158.3	163.9	168.3	174.6	180.5	182.1	
Club memberships <sup>1 4</sup> .....	101.7	109.1	113.5	119.1	123.2	126.0	130.1	129.3	132.3	131.4	132.9	
Fees for participant sports, excluding club memberships <sup>1 4</sup> .....	107.0	113.2	121.9	128.6	134.9	141.5	152.8	156.7	160.4	167.1	170.4	
Admissions .....	128.4	133.3	146.0	153.6	161.0	167.3	170.3	177.1	186.4	193.8	195.6	
Fees for lessons or instructions <sup>4</sup> .....	105.0	109.8	119.6	125.4	132.4	139.2	144.7	151.8	156.3	165.5	166.8	
Other entertainment services <sup>1 4</sup> .....	101.7	105.1	109.6	116.2	120.6	124.3	127.9	131.2	136.3	141.3	141.5	
Other goods and services <sup>3</sup> .....	132.1	141.3	152.9	164.5	177.6	189.1	194.2	202.4	211.1	218.7	220.7	
Tobacco and smoking products .....	137.0	149.9	171.9	190.5	211.7	228.9	215.5	222.0	228.1	234.3	237.4	
Personal care .....	116.5	122.4	127.1	132.4	135.7	139.6	143.1	145.8	148.9	150.5	151.5	
Toilet goods and personal care appliances .....	115.0	121.6	124.7	129.9	133.4	137.8	140.1	142.6	144.1	142.8	143.3	
Cosmetics, bath and nail preparations, manicure and eye makeup implements .....	115.5	121.6	123.9	131.2	135.1	137.0	143.4	144.8	146.9	150.6	152.3	
Other toilet goods and small personal care appliances, including hair and dental products .....	114.8	121.7	125.4	129.1	132.3	138.6	137.9	141.1	142.2	137.2	137.0	
Personal care services .....	117.9	123.1	129.7	135.0	138.0	141.3	146.1	149.2	154.3	159.2	160.7	
Beauty parlor services for females <sup>1</sup> .....	117.7	122.7	129.7	135.2	137.9	140.9	146.0	149.0	153.9	158.2	159.8	
Haircuts and other barber shop services for males <sup>1</sup> .....	118.6	124.0	129.2	133.7	137.6	142.4	145.9	149.7	155.2	162.4	163.6	
Personal and educational expenses <sup>1</sup> .....	143.4	153.0	164.0	176.3	191.1	204.2	217.5	229.2	241.8	252.9	255.0	
School books and supplies .....	142.4	152.2	164.0	174.7	184.7	193.8	200.4	207.4	219.0	231.1	235.3	
Personal and educational services <sup>1</sup> .....	143.6	153.2	164.2	176.6	191.8	205.3	219.0	231.1	243.7	254.8	256.7	
Tuition and other school fees .....	146.5	157.6	170.0	183.5	201.4	218.5	234.0	247.8	261.6	274.3	275.3	
College tuition .....	145.3	156.5	169.1	183.0	205.1	225.7	243.5	258.9	273.7	288.3	289.3	
Elementary and high school tuition .....	150.3	163.0	177.4	192.8	207.3	223.7	237.0	251.6	268.2	280.5	280.5	
Day care and nursery school <sup>7</sup> .....	-	-	-	100.0	106.3	111.0	116.7	122.2	126.9	131.6	132.7	
Personal expenses .....	136.2	143.1	151.4	162.0	172.4	179.8	190.3	199.4	210.0	218.3	221.8	
Legal service fees <sup>4</sup> .....	105.2	109.9	116.8	124.8	131.9	137.2	145.1	147.9	153.5	159.3	160.1	
Personal financial services <sup>4</sup> .....	104.1	111.3	117.9	127.0	137.5	144.4	153.9	165.9	177.6	183.6	188.4	
Funeral expenses <sup>4</sup> .....	103.9	108.2	113.4	120.9	128.0	133.2	140.4	148.6	156.6	164.0	166.8	
<b>Special indexes</b>												
Domestically produced farm food .....	112.7	119.4	127.4	135.4	137.2	139.6	144.5	148.1	151.5	160.1	159.7	
Selected beef cuts .....	107.6	112.0	119.6	129.5	128.2	128.4	133.0	129.2	127.6	131.1	129.3	
Motor fuel, motor oil, coolant, and other products <sup>1</sup> .....	82.3	80.8	86.2	117.2	98.7	100.5	95.2	100.8	97.0	109.0	108.5	
Utilities and public transportation .....	110.1	113.9	117.1	122.9	126.7	130.7	136.5	135.1	137.5	144.4	144.9	
Housekeeping and home maintenance services <sup>1</sup> .....	111.9	116.2	118.1	123.0	129.7	134.5	136.9	139.1	145.3	150.1	149.9	

<sup>1</sup> This index series will no longer appear in its present form after December, 1997. See Table X for a comparable index series.

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

<sup>3</sup> This index series will undergo a change in composition in January, 1998.

<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.

<sup>9</sup> Indexes on a December 1996=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										Feb.
	1987	1988	1989	1990	1991	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997
<b>Commodity and service group</b>											
All items .....	4.4	4.4	4.6	6.1	3.1	2.9	2.7	2.7	2.5	3.3	0.6
Commodities .....	4.6	3.8	4.1	6.6	1.2	2.0	1.5	2.3	1.4	3.2	.3
Food and beverages .....	3.5	5.1	5.5	5.3	2.5	1.6	2.7	2.7	2.1	4.2	.2
Commodities less food and beverages .....	5.2	3.1	3.3	7.5	.3	2.3	.6	2.0	1.0	2.5	.4
Nondurables less food and beverages .....	7.5	3.7	4.8	12.3	-1.0	2.3	-.7	1.3	.5	3.8	.7
Apparel commodities <sup>1</sup> .....	4.9	4.8	.7	5.0	3.4	1.2	.8	-1.9	-1	-5	1.3
Nondurables less food, beverages, and apparel .....	9.1	3.0	7.2	16.2	-3.2	2.9	-1.5	3.0	.9	5.9	.4
Durables .....	2.1	2.5	1.2	.9	2.4	2.5	2.7	2.9	1.7	.7	-1
Services .....	4.3	4.8	5.1	5.7	4.6	3.6	3.8	2.9	3.5	3.3	.9
Rent of shelter .....	4.9	4.5	4.9	5.3	3.9	2.9	3.0	2.9	3.5	2.9	1.3
Household services less rent of shelter <sup>1</sup> .....	1.4	3.5	2.4	2.7	4.6	2.8	2.7	.7	2.0	3.5	1.1
Transportation services .....	4.3	6.0	4.9	8.2	2.5	3.6	4.8	2.5	3.0	4.4	-4
Medical care services .....	5.6	6.9	8.6	9.9	8.0	7.0	5.9	5.4	4.4	3.2	.9
Other services .....	5.2	5.6	6.5	6.5	6.2	5.3	5.1	4.0	4.4	3.9	.8
<b>Special indexes</b>											
All items less food .....	4.6	4.2	4.5	6.3	3.3	3.2	2.7	2.6	2.7	3.1	.8
All items less shelter .....	4.2	4.3	4.6	6.5	2.7	3.0	2.6	2.5	2.3	3.4	.4
All items less homeowners' costs <sup>1</sup> .....	4.2	4.3	4.5	6.6	2.8	2.9	2.6	2.4	2.3	3.4	.8
All items less medical care .....	4.3	4.2	4.5	5.9	2.7	2.7	2.6	2.5	2.5	3.3	.6
Commodities less food .....	5.1	3.2	3.3	7.4	.8	2.4	.6	1.9	1.1	2.6	.4
Nondurables less food .....	7.2	3.7	4.7	11.6	-2	2.4	-5	1.3	.7	3.8	.7
Nondurables less food and apparel .....	8.3	3.1	6.8	14.7	-1.6	2.8	-1.1	2.7	1.1	5.6	.4
Nondurables .....	5.4	4.4	5.2	8.5	.8	1.9	1.1	2.0	1.4	4.0	.4
Services less rent of shelter .....	3.7	5.2	5.1	6.2	5.1	4.4	4.4	2.9	3.4	3.8	.6
Services less medical care services .....	4.1	4.6	4.7	5.4	4.2	3.3	3.5	2.6	3.3	3.4	.9
Energy .....	8.2	.5	5.1	18.1	-7.4	2.0	-1.4	2.2	-1.3	8.6	.8
All items less energy .....	4.1	4.7	4.6	5.2	3.9	3.0	3.1	2.6	2.9	2.9	.7
All items less food and energy .....	4.2	4.7	4.4	5.2	4.4	3.3	3.2	2.6	3.0	2.6	.8
Commodities less food and energy commodities .....	3.5	4.0	2.7	3.4	4.0	2.5	1.6	1.4	1.7	1.1	.5
Energy commodities .....	17.8	-2.3	7.9	35.4	-16.1	1.2	-5.1	5.2	-3.3	13.8	-5
Services less energy services .....	4.5	5.0	5.3	6.0	4.6	3.7	3.9	3.2	3.6	3.3	.9
<b>Expenditure category</b>											
Food and beverages .....	3.5	5.1	5.5	5.3	2.5	1.6	2.7	2.7	2.1	4.2	.2
Food .....	3.5	5.2	5.6	5.3	1.9	1.5	2.9	2.9	2.1	4.3	.1
Food at home .....	3.5	5.6	6.2	5.8	1.3	1.5	3.5	3.5	2.0	4.9	.0
Cereals and bakery products .....	4.1	8.4	7.5	4.6	3.5	4.0	3.7	3.3	3.2	3.7	.6
Cereals and cereal products .....	4.9	9.6	7.3	5.3	3.5	3.8	3.4	3.1	2.5	-1.2	.7
Flour and prepared flour mixes .....	1.3	6.9	7.2	2.3	-.4	5.4	-.2	1.8	6.3	7.5	3.6
Cereal .....	6.0	9.6	9.8	7.3	4.8	3.9	4.7	2.4	1.6	-4.2	-6
Rice, pasta, and cornmeal .....	4.7	11.4	1.4	2.2	2.9	2.1	2.2	5.9	2.4	.8	2.1
Bakery products .....	3.8	7.8	7.5	4.4	3.5	4.2	3.7	3.5	3.5	6.0	.5
White bread .....	4.4	11.0	6.1	3.8	1.5	4.1	6.9	2.7	5.5	8.3	.2
Fresh other bread, biscuits, rolls, and muffins .....	3.4	9.6	6.9	4.7	3.4	5.2	3.0	4.6	4.5	5.3	.9
Cookies, fresh cakes, and cupcakes .....	4.1	6.3	8.0	5.9	4.8	2.3	3.5	3.7	1.4	4.2	-2
Other bakery products .....	3.4	5.0	8.9	3.1	4.1	4.9	2.0	3.2	3.0	6.0	1.1
Meats, poultry, fish, and eggs .....	1.1	5.3	6.6	7.9	-1.5	.4	3.8	-.5	4.1	5.6	-.8
Meats, poultry, and fish .....	2.3	4.6	5.0	8.8	-1.3	.8	4.1	-.6	3.0	5.2	-.2
Meats .....	3.6	2.1	6.5	11.3	-2.1	.2	3.7	-1.6	2.6	5.2	-.3
Beef and veal .....	6.7	5.6	6.5	8.9	-1.0	.8	3.7	-2.2	-.1	2.4	-.9
Ground beef other than canned .....	5.8	2.5	7.4	7.7	-1.4	-.6	3.9	-4.3	-1.7	1.6	-.4
Chuck roast <sup>1</sup> .....	5.1	7.0	9.8	10.3	1.2	1.1	2.5	-1.7	1.0	3.2	-2.9
Round roast <sup>1</sup> .....	6.0	5.1	6.4	9.7	-.6	1.9	.6	-.2	-2.0	5.8	-1.6
Round steak <sup>1</sup> .....	6.9	3.5	6.2	9.6	-.2	.0	2.6	-1.2	-2.0	3.7	-2.2
Sirloin steak <sup>1</sup> .....	9.5	7.0	2.2	6.6	-3.0	1.3	6.6	-1.3	-1.8	4.3	-2.9
Other beef and veal <sup>1</sup> .....	7.5	8.9	6.3	10.0	-.9	2.3	3.8	-.8	2.3	1.7	-.1
Pork .....	-1.8	-3.1	6.9	16.7	-6.1	-.9	4.5	-2.3	7.3	11.3	-.1
Bacon .....	-4.3	-10.4	8.4	17.0	-11.6	-3.5	11.7	-2.0	13.4	24.0	.0
Chops .....	-1.8	.3	7.8	15.2	-.4	2.5	4.5	-4.8	5.3	6.7	.2
Ham .....	-2.6	-1.9	5.2	18.5	-4.9	-1.7	1.6	-1.7	7.0	9.2	-1.1
Other pork, including sausage <sup>1</sup> .....	.1	-2.6	6.8	16.4	-5.3	-1.5	3.3	-.8	6.2	9.9	.1
Other meats .....	4.2	.9	5.7	10.1	.8	.2	2.6	.7	3.0	3.4	1.1
Poultry .....	-9.3	17.9	.6	1.5	.4	2.7	5.5	-.5	4.2	7.9	.1
Fresh whole chicken .....	-11.0	21.6	-.5	.2	-.5	4.2	4.4	-1.3	3.9	9.3	.6
Fresh and frozen chicken parts .....	-8.5	18.7	-1.0	2.3	1.2	1.6	7.2	-2.5	4.9	7.5	-.9
Other poultry <sup>1</sup> .....	-7.6	9.2	6.9	1.6	-.2	3.1	3.4	6.1	3.0	6.4	1.6
Fish and seafood .....	10.0	4.2	3.0	3.8	1.3	1.1	4.4	5.2	3.1	1.7	.1
Canned fish and seafood .....	10.2	13.5	-4.3	-.5	-.5	1.4	2.4	1.4	.8	.8	.5
Fresh and frozen fish and seafood <sup>1</sup> .....	9.9	1.6	5.3	5.0	1.8	1.0	4.9	6.2	3.7	2.0	.0
Eggs .....	-17.6	16.5	35.4	-4.6	-4.0	-4.7	-1.4	.3	25.0	12.0	-9.3

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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										Feb.
	1987	1988	1989	1990	1991	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997
<b>Expenditure category</b>											
Dairy products .....	1.7	4.4	10.3	3.1	0.6	1.3	0.9	1.1	2.6	10.1	-1.6
Fresh milk and cream <sup>1</sup> .....	1.6	4.7	11.6	2.4	-2	2.5	2.1	.7	1.9	11.4	-2.5
Fresh whole milk .....	1.4	5.1	11.7	2.4	-4	1.8	2.2	.4	2.0	10.9	-2.9
Other fresh milk and cream <sup>1</sup> .....	2.2	4.0	11.4	2.4	.0	3.4	2.1	1.1	1.7	12.1	-1.9
Processed dairy products <sup>1</sup> .....	1.8	4.1	9.2	3.8	1.4	.2	-5	1.5	3.3	8.6	-6
Cheese <sup>1</sup> .....	2.4	5.2	12.7	4.6	1.8	.2	-6	1.0	2.2	8.0	-9
Ice cream and related products .....	1.4	3.4	7.2	4.4	1.2	.4	.7	3.5	2.6	7.7	.7
Other dairy products, including butter <sup>1</sup> .....	.7	2.0	1.2	.0	.3	-2	-1.9	.4	8.5	12.2	-2.0
Fruits and vegetables <sup>2</sup> .....	12.8	6.2	4.4	7.2	4.4	2.2	6.6	8.3	-1.3	5.2	.1
Fresh fruits and vegetables .....	17.9	3.7	5.4	8.2	7.6	2.5	9.3	11.9	-3.1	4.8	-6
Fresh fruits .....	10.5	13.4	8.1	10.6	10.2	-3.6	13.0	3.7	5.2	12.0	-7.8
Apples .....	-11.4	27.8	-5.8	21.6	12.1	-9.3	8.3	-2.2	15.0	3.5	2.1
Bananas .....	17.0	7.9	5.8	4.6	.0	-3.1	2.7	12.1	2.4	7.5	8.1
Oranges, including tangerines <sup>1</sup> .....	14.4	14.3	-4.1	10.3	22.3	-16.1	13.2	.7	15.7	-3.4	-2.7
Other fresh fruits <sup>1</sup> .....	16.0	10.3	16.1	8.9	8.9	1.0	15.8	4.6	1.4	18.3	-13.2
Fresh vegetables .....	25.5	-5.1	2.6	5.5	4.7	10.2	5.3	21.6	-11.4	-3.8	9.6
Potatoes .....	-.1	23.8	8.9	-4.4	-3.7	6.4	20.3	-6.5	13.7	-8.6	1.6
Lettuce .....	-	-36.1	-22.1	11.9	11.9	7.6	-16.9	79.8	-37.0	7.2	-1
Tomatoes .....	10.4	-10.8	12.9	-7.7	-3.9	55.3	2.0	18.5	3.9	-20.3	9.5
Other fresh vegetables .....	14.1	2.5	4.8	11.4	7.5	2.5	7.3	21.1	-15.2	1.5	13.9
Processed fruits and vegetables <sup>1</sup> .....	4.6	10.8	2.5	5.4	-1.4	1.3	1.4	.5	2.8	6.3	1.4
Processed fruits <sup>1</sup> .....	5.8	10.8	.6	7.5	-2.3	2.5	-8	-3	3.6	6.7	1.7
Fruit juices and frozen fruit <sup>1</sup> .....	6.7	12.6	.1	8.8	-4.1	2.7	-1.4	-6	3.5	7.4	1.6
Canned and dried fruits <sup>1</sup> .....	3.0	3.9	3.2	2.4	4.9	1.7	1.7	.7	3.9	4.2	1.9
Processed vegetables <sup>1</sup> .....	3.0	10.8	5.0	2.6	-4	-2	4.3	1.4	1.8	5.8	1.0
Frozen vegetables <sup>1</sup> .....	3.0	4.3	7.1	3.1	.6	.7	4.0	.8	2.9	2.4	2.8
Processed vegetables excluding frozen <sup>1</sup> .....	2.9	14.2	3.9	2.5	-9	-5	4.3	1.7	1.3	7.6	.2
Other food at home .....	.9	4.8	4.2	4.2	1.5	.9	2.0	6.0	1.2	2.2	1.3
Sugar and sweets .....	1.6	5.1	3.8	4.4	3.6	.9	.9	.9	3.0	4.5	1.7
Sugar and artificial sweeteners .....	1.2	7.8	4.4	2.9	.0	1.0	1.1	1.8	4.2	3.4	2.4
Sweets, including candy <sup>1</sup> .....	1.9	4.1	3.5	5.0	4.8	1.0	.8	.5	2.6	4.9	1.5
Fats and oils .....	1.7	10.0	2.6	7.7	-1.3	-7	.8	3.7	2.5	2.3	1.4
Nonalcoholic beverages .....	-3.5	2.9	3.0	1.9	-5	-2	2.2	14.7	-1.7	-2.0	1.3
Carbonated drinks .....	1.6	1.3	5.0	.9	1.0	1.6	1.7	-3	2.9	-4	1.9
Coffee .....	-14.3	5.8	-1.0	1.5	-5.2	-5.3	5.4	55.4	-9.6	-6.7	.7
Other noncarbonated drinks <sup>1</sup> .....	2.3	2.8	4.1	5.2	2.5	2.0	-5	.9	2.3	2.7	.4
Other prepared food .....	4.2	5.0	5.7	5.2	3.0	2.2	2.6	2.2	2.7	4.5	1.1
Canned and packaged soup .....	6.1	3.6	7.5	5.9	6.0	5.7	4.4	4.1	3.4	4.8	.0
Frozen prepared food .....	5.8	4.7	5.4	3.4	1.6	.5	-1	.2	.6	4.6	-1
Snacks .....	3.1	4.8	4.1	3.9	1.3	-2	2.9	1.8	3.4	5.8	1.6
Seasonings, condiments, sauces, and spices .....	2.8	4.5	5.6	6.2	4.0	4.1	2.6	2.4	3.9	4.5	2.3
Miscellaneous prepared food, including baby food <sup>1</sup> .....	4.7	6.1	6.8	6.0	3.4	1.9	3.5	3.0	2.0	3.5	.4
Food away from home .....	3.7	4.4	4.6	4.5	2.9	1.4	1.9	1.9	2.2	3.1	.4
Lunch <sup>1</sup> .....	3.9	4.6	5.0	4.5	3.0	1.5	2.0	1.8	2.3	3.0	.4
Dinner <sup>1</sup> .....	3.5	4.4	4.2	4.0	2.7	1.5	1.8	2.0	2.2	2.8	.4
Other meals and snacks <sup>1</sup> .....	3.3	4.4	4.8	5.5	3.0	1.5	1.8	2.0	2.3	3.7	.4
Alcoholic beverages .....	3.3	3.9	4.8	4.2	9.9	2.9	1.5	1.0	2.0	3.6	.8
Alcoholic beverages at home .....	2.3	2.3	4.3	3.8	11.6	2.1	.5	-1	.9	3.4	.9
Beer and ale .....	2.1	2.8	4.7	3.6	11.8	2.8	.3	-1	.6	2.9	.5
Wine .....	3.8	1.6	3.5	2.6	14.0	1.5	.5	-1.4	1.6	6.2	1.8
Distilled spirits .....	1.2	1.9	4.4	4.9	9.2	1.4	.9	.8	.9	2.1	.8
Alcoholic beverages away from home .....	4.6	6.0	5.3	4.7	8.2	3.8	2.6	2.4	3.2	3.8	.8

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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**

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<b>Expenditure category</b>											
Housing <sup>2</sup> .....	3.7	4.0	3.9	4.5	3.4	2.6	2.7	2.2	3.0	2.9	1.2
Shelter .....	4.8	4.5	4.9	5.2	3.9	2.9	3.0	3.0	3.5	2.9	1.3
Renters' costs <sup>1</sup> .....	3.9	3.9	4.5	6.7	4.2	2.8	2.6	2.3	3.0	3.4	3.5
Rent, residential .....	4.0	3.6	4.2	4.1	2.9	2.3	2.2	2.5	2.5	2.8	.5
Other renters' costs <sup>1</sup> .....	4.1	4.8	5.5	14.4	8.1	4.1	3.7	1.6	4.3	4.9	11.1
Lodging while out of town .....	3.9	4.5	5.4	15.8	8.5	3.8	3.8	1.3	4.3	5.1	12.5
Lodging while at school .....	6.2	6.6	7.4	6.3	5.8	7.3	2.8	4.2	4.3	4.0	.7
Tenants' insurance <sup>1</sup> .....	3.6	3.3	2.4	1.5	2.1	2.9	3.3	4.1	2.2	2.5	1.1
Homeowners' costs <sup>1</sup> .....	5.3	4.7	5.1	4.7	3.7	2.9	3.2	3.3	3.7	2.8	.4
Owners' equivalent rent .....	5.3	4.8	5.1	4.8	3.7	3.0	3.2	3.3	3.7	2.8	.4
Household insurance <sup>1</sup> .....	3.8	3.5	2.6	1.9	2.6	3.1	3.3	4.3	1.9	2.6	.9
Maintenance and repairs <sup>1</sup> .....	3.3	2.2	3.2	3.6	3.5	.9	-1.3	4.0	2.9	3.6	.6
Maintenance and repair services <sup>1</sup> .....	4.3	1.5	3.2	5.5	1.9	2.9	-3.3	4.7	3.7	4.2	.3
Maintenance and repair commodities <sup>1</sup> .....	2.0	3.0	3.0	.9	5.9	-1.9	1.8	2.7	1.8	2.7	1.0
Materials, supplies, and equipment for home repairs <sup>1</sup> .....	2.2	2.5	4.4	2.1	4.1	1.0	1.4	1.7	-4	4.9	.8
Other maintenance and repair commodities <sup>1</sup> .....	1.6	3.6	2.0	-2	7.4	-4.3	2.2	3.5	3.7	.9	1.2
Fuel and other utilities <sup>2</sup> .....	1.6	2.9	3.2	4.0	2.9	2.3	2.5	.2	1.4	4.6	1.2
Fuels .....	1.4	2.4	3.9	4.3	.9	2.3	1.7	-5	.7	5.6	1.8
Fuel oil and other household fuel commodities .....	12.9	-4.6	15.5	28.6	-17.0	-3.1	-3.8	.1	1.4	23.1	-6
Fuel oil .....	17.9	-6.3	19.5	29.9	-19.9	-3.4	-4.6	.0	1.5	23.3	.5
Other household fuel commodities .....	2.6	-3	5.9	25.9	-9.6	-2.4	-2.0	.4	.8	22.9	-3.3
Gas (piped) and electricity (energy services) .....	.2	3.2	2.8	1.5	3.5	2.8	2.2	-6	.8	3.8	2.0
Electricity .....	1.8	2.8	2.8	1.4	5.0	1.7	.6	.6	2.7	.7	.5
Utility (piped) gas .....	-2.9	3.6	2.7	1.8	.3	5.1	5.8	-3.2	-3.6	11.0	5.2
Other utilities and public services <sup>1</sup> .....	1.9	3.8	2.2	3.5	5.7	2.4	3.6	1.2	2.2	3.4	.7
Telephone services <sup>1</sup> .....	-1.3	1.3	-3	-4	3.5	-3	1.8	.7	1.2	2.1	.3
Local charges <sup>1</sup> .....	3.3	4.5	.6	1.0	5.1	.5	1.0	-3	2.6	.9	.1
Interstate toll calls .....	-12.4	-4.2	-1.3	-3.7	1.3	-1.3	6.5	5.4	.1	3.7	.3
Intrastate toll calls .....	-3.0	-4.2	-2.6	-2.2	-1.5	-2.4	.2	-1.0	-3.8	6.1	1.6
Water and sewerage maintenance .....	5.2	6.1	6.6	6.2	7.8	6.6	4.8	4.2	2.9	3.5	.6
Cable television .....	9.5	10.6	3.8	13.1	8.6	3.7	7.0	-2.6	4.1	7.8	2.4
Refuse collection .....	10.2	7.9	9.7	9.8	11.5	8.5	5.2	5.0	2.9	1.8	.1
Household furnishings and operation <sup>2</sup> .....	1.1	3.1	1.0	1.8	2.3	1.6	1.8	.4	2.5	1.0	.2
Housefurnishings <sup>1</sup> .....	.4	2.5	-.4	.6	.9	1.5	1.5	.0	.7	-.1	.2
Textile housefurnishings <sup>1</sup> .....	.2	5.8	-.3	2.5	1.9	-1.9	6.6	-3.6	.5	-.7	.9
Furniture and bedding .....	2.1	3.5	-1.4	1.1	1.0	4.5	3.6	1.6	4.2	1.0	-1.0
Bedroom furniture .....	.2	4.7	-2.1	-1.3	4.1	6.1	5.3	-1.9	2.3	3.4	-1.6
Sofas <sup>1</sup> .....	4.5	.8	-.7	.4	.6	3.4	-1.5	6.6	10.3	1.8	-1.5
Living room chairs and tables <sup>1</sup> .....	2.2	3.3	-.4	5.5	-2.2	3.6	7.7	.5	5.9	-1.1	-.7
Other furniture <sup>1</sup> .....	2.4	4.0	-1.6	1.9	-.3	3.8	3.1	2.9	1.6	-.9	.0
Appliances, including electronic equipment <sup>1</sup> .....	-2.7	.7	-1.8	-2.4	-1.7	-1.6	-.8	-1.2	-3.9	-1.9	-.1
Video and audio products <sup>1</sup> .....	-3.7	-1.4	-.5	-3.6	-.8	-1.8	-.8	-2.1	-3.9	-2.2	.0
Televisions .....	-4.4	-1.4	-1.3	-3.6	-1.1	-1.2	-1.7	-1.4	-4.0	-5.3	.3
Video products other than televisions <sup>1</sup> .....	-	-	-4.9	-9.5	-5.5	-3.4	-2.0	-6.6	-6.7	-.6	-1.2
Audio products <sup>1</sup> .....	1.0	-.4	2.6	-1.1	1.8	-1.5	.4	-1.0	-2.6	-.6	.1
Major household appliances <sup>1</sup> .....	-1.2	3.6	-1.4	-.3	-2.1	.5	1.5	3.6	-1.8	1.4	.1
Refrigerators and home freezers <sup>1</sup> .....	.9	1.6	1.3	-1.0	-1.7	.7	4.4	4.9	-1.9	2.2	.4
Laundry equipment .....	-1.3	4.2	-1.0	1.2	-1.5	.7	.8	3.3	-.7	3.1	.2
Stoves, ovens, dishwashers, and air conditioners <sup>1</sup> .....	-2.8	4.8	-3.3	-1.1	-3.0	.2	.1	2.4	-2.7	-.7	.0
Information processing equipment .....	-	-	-7.3	-2.6	-4.1	-6.1	-7.6	-9.1	-10.7	-11.6	-1.3
Other housefurnishings <sup>1</sup> .....	1.8	2.2	1.8	2.0	3.0	2.1	.0	.4	.8	.3	1.1
Floor and window coverings, infants', laundry, cleaning, and outdoor equipment <sup>1</sup> .....	5.5	-.6	4.5	7.3	-1.9	2.1	2.6	.4	4.7	2.4	2.2
Clocks, lamps, and decor items .....	1.7	3.0	6.5	-.2	4.6	2.1	-1.7	-.3	3.7	-4.2	2.6
Tableware, serving pieces, and nonelectric kitchenware <sup>1</sup> .....	1.3	2.6	1.8	1.3	6.9	1.4	.8	.5	-3.4	.9	3.7
Lawn equipment, power tools, and other hardware <sup>1</sup> .....	1.3	-.3	-3.1	1.9	.0	.1	3.7	.5	.7	2.4	.2
Sewing, floor cleaning, small kitchen, and portable heating appliances <sup>1</sup> .....	-1.6	1.6	-2.8	-.9	-.4	1.0	-3.4	-2.1	-3.6	1.6	1.6
Indoor plants and fresh cut flowers .....	-	-	-	-	7.0	5.6	-2.7	3.7	1.3	.7	-4.2
Housekeeping supplies .....	2.9	4.0	5.6	3.2	1.8	-.2	1.9	.8	5.2	1.1	.8
Laundry and cleaning products, including soap <sup>1</sup> .....	4.6	4.2	4.6	4.0	4.2	-.4	-.1	1.5	1.5	2.8	.3
Household paper products and stationery supplies .....	.7	5.8	5.5	3.8	.3	.2	2.3	.2	10.6	.7	.3
Other household, lawn, and garden supplies <sup>1</sup> .....	3.2	2.2	7.0	1.6	.7	-.6	3.7	.5	3.9	-.2	1.9
Housekeeping services <sup>1</sup> .....	1.8	4.0	1.5	4.0	5.8	3.8	2.2	1.4	4.5	3.3	-.1
Postage .....	.0	13.5	.0	.0	16.1	.0	.0	.0	10.3	.0	.0
Appliance and furniture repair <sup>1</sup> .....	3.1	2.7	1.9	3.4	4.3	6.9	2.5	1.0	4.4	3.5	-.3
Gardening and other household services <sup>1</sup> .....	4.9	4.1	3.7	4.0	2.1	4.9	1.8	.6	1.9	5.2	-1.2

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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										Feb.
	1987	1988	1989	1990	1991	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997
<b>Expenditure category</b>											
Apparel and upkeep .....	4.8	4.7	1.0	5.1	3.4	1.4	0.9	-1.6	0.1	-0.2	1.2
Apparel commodities <sup>1</sup> .....	4.9	4.8	.7	5.0	3.4	1.2	.8	-1.9	-.1	-5	1.3
Apparel commodities less footwear .....	5.1	4.6	.7	5.3	3.6	.9	.7	-1.8	-.2	-9	1.6
Men's and boys' .....	3.1	6.0	1.3	2.9	2.9	1.0	.3	-1.7	.6	1.4	-4
Men's .....	4.0	6.1	1.9	3.2	3.1	1.3	.0	-1.4	.1	1.6	.3
Suits, sport coats, coats, and jackets .....	3.4	9.2	2.2	2.8	2.4	1.1	3.5	-1.0	-1.7	-3	-2.0
Furnishings and special clothing .....	.6	3.3	3.3	2.0	2.0	1.1	-.5	-.2	-2.2	3.8	-.8
Shirts <sup>1</sup> .....	6.4	6.3	.2	4.1	4.1	1.1	-2.8	-2.7	3.7	1.9	1.8
Dungarees, jeans, and trousers .....	5.8	4.8	1.8	4.5	3.4	2.5	-1.1	-1.6	1.0	1.7	2.9
Boys' .....	-5	4.9	-1.0	1.4	2.8	-1.0	1.8	-3.3	2.7	.5	-3.6
Women's and girls' .....	5.9	3.5	-.1	6.1	4.0	.5	1.2	-3.8	-.8	-1.1	2.3
Women's .....	6.0	2.9	.2	6.6	3.1	.3	2.0	-4.4	-1.0	-.9	2.6
Coats and jackets .....	4.5	.5	4.2	7.6	3.3	4.2	4.4	-9.7	3.8	2.1	-6.7
Dresses .....	13.3	3.0	-.8	7.0	-2.4	2.1	-2.7	-11.1	1.4	-5.8	7.5
Separates and sportswear <sup>1</sup> .....	5.1	2.1	-.5	6.1	4.1	-1.3	2.9	-3.5	-2.9	-.2	2.3
Underwear, nightwear, hosiery, and accessories <sup>1</sup> .....	.5	5.8	1.7	4.3	2.3	.7	1.4	1.1	2.0	1.5	.6
Suits <sup>1</sup> .....	10.2	5.3	-2.2	11.8	10.1	.9	4.3	.3	-5.0	-3.9	10.3
Girls' .....	4.8	6.4	-1.0	3.5	8.8	2.1	-3.3	-.7	.4	-2.9	.6
Infants' and toddlers' .....	2.4	2.4	-1.7	8.9	2.9	1.2	-2.8	3.3	-2.0	-1.4	.2
Other apparel commodities <sup>1</sup> .....	8.4	7.0	3.1	6.5	3.5	2.6	1.2	4.3	1.4	-4.7	3.7
Sewing materials, notions, and luggage .....	2.7	6.3	1.8	6.8	2.0	1.4	-1.3	.0	9.1	-3.4	.5
Watches and jewelry .....	9.7	7.2	3.3	6.5	3.9	2.8	1.7	5.0	.0	-5.0	4.4
Watches .....	3.4	4.4	-.2	2.5	3.4	-1.2	5.3	5.0	4.8	-6.1	2.9
Jewelry .....	11.5	7.9	4.3	7.5	3.9	3.8	.9	5.1	-1.1	-4.7	4.7
Footwear .....	3.8	5.9	1.1	3.2	2.9	2.7	.6	-1.7	.4	1.5	.3
Men's .....	2.6	7.0	2.3	3.0	3.0	2.7	.2	-.8	-.5	-.4	1.1
Boys' and girls' .....	7.0	4.3	3.3	3.7	-.2	-1.0	.5	1.0	1.5	4.2	.8
Women's .....	3.3	5.8	-.7	3.2	4.1	4.4	.7	-3.6	.6	1.5	-.6
Apparel services <sup>1</sup> .....	3.9	4.4	3.6	6.8	3.4	3.3	2.7	1.7	.8	2.4	.4
Laundry and dry cleaning other than coin operated <sup>1</sup> .....	5.2	5.4	3.9	5.4	3.0	3.2	3.2	1.8	.8	3.6	.6
Other apparel services <sup>1</sup> .....	2.6	3.3	3.4	8.5	3.6	3.5	2.3	1.4	1.0	1.0	.3
Transportation .....	6.1	3.0	4.0	10.4	-1.5	3.0	2.4	3.8	1.5	4.4	-.3
Private .....	6.5	2.9	3.9	9.8	-1.4	2.7	1.5	4.9	1.3	3.7	.1
New vehicles .....	1.8	2.2	2.4	2.0	3.2	2.3	3.3	3.3	1.9	1.8	.0
New cars .....	1.8	2.1	2.3	1.4	3.3	2.3	2.8	3.2	1.6	1.6	-.1
Subcompact new cars <sup>1</sup> .....	1.9	2.2	1.0	.4	4.1	2.7	3.5	3.3	1.9	.9	-.2
Compact new cars <sup>1</sup> .....	1.4	1.1	2.1	1.7	2.3	.7	3.2	4.3	1.6	3.2	-.2
Intermediate new cars <sup>1</sup> .....	.5	1.4	3.6	1.6	3.6	2.1	2.1	3.4	1.4	.8	-.2
Full-size new cars <sup>1</sup> .....	3.2	2.5	3.0	1.5	3.7	1.7	3.0	1.9	1.2	2.0	-.1
Luxury new cars <sup>1</sup> .....	4.1	5.2	2.0	2.5	2.7	3.6	1.8	2.8	2.1	2.6	.4
New trucks .....	1.3	2.2	3.3	4.2	3.0	2.5	4.6	3.7	2.8	2.2	.8
New motorcycles .....	4.1	5.3	4.2	2.8	5.4	4.0	7.2	7.9	5.1	3.8	.6
Used cars .....	8.9	3.4	-.4	-2.2	2.6	7.4	8.0	8.8	4.4	-1.6	-.8
Motor fuel .....	18.7	-2.1	6.8	36.5	-16.0	1.8	-5.4	5.9	-4.0	12.7	-.5
Gasoline .....	18.6	-1.8	6.5	36.8	-16.2	2.0	-5.9	6.4	-4.2	12.4	-.5
Gasoline, unleaded regular .....	18.5	-2.5	5.5	38.9	-16.7	1.9	-6.7	7.2	-4.4	13.4	-.6
Gasoline, unleaded midgrade .....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	5.3	-4.5	11.7	-.4
Gasoline, unleaded premium .....	15.6	-.7	6.1	32.0	-14.6	1.8	-4.7	5.2	-4.8	10.9	-.5
Automobile maintenance and repair .....	3.8	3.9	4.4	4.4	4.5	3.5	3.1	2.8	2.5	3.1	.4
Body work .....	5.5	4.6	6.0	3.4	2.5	2.7	2.9	3.8	3.5	4.6	.8
Automobile drive train, brake, and miscellaneous mechanical repair <sup>1</sup> .....	3.1	4.3	5.0	5.5	4.0	4.4	3.9	3.7	2.0	2.8	.8
Maintenance and servicing .....	4.0	3.3	3.1	3.7	5.4	2.1	2.0	1.4	2.1	2.8	-.1
Power plant repair <sup>1</sup> .....	3.6	3.9	4.9	4.6	4.8	4.4	3.8	3.3	3.2	3.3	.2
Other private transportation <sup>1</sup> .....	4.7	7.0	4.9	5.5	3.6	2.3	2.3	5.4	2.9	2.1	.6
Other private transportation commodities <sup>1</sup> .....	1.8	2.9	2.0	1.5	1.4	-.6	-1.3	1.0	.9	.0	.2
Motor oil, coolant, and other products .....	-2.0	9.6	-.3	7.0	.8	-.3	.6	6.1	3.2	1.5	-1.1
Automobile parts and equipment .....	2.1	2.3	2.2	.9	1.6	-.6	-1.6	.5	.5	-.1	.3
Tires .....	1.4	4.0	2.3	-.1	2.3	-.5	-1.4	2.2	.2	.0	.1
Other parts and equipment <sup>1</sup> .....	2.7	.8	2.1	2.0	.7	-.6	-1.6	-1.3	.9	-.3	.6
Other private transportation services <sup>1</sup> .....	5.4	7.8	5.5	6.4	4.0	2.8	2.8	6.2	3.2	2.3	.7
Automobile insurance .....	5.8	8.4	5.9	7.5	8.0	6.6	5.0	3.4	4.3	3.8	.2
Automobile finance charges <sup>1</sup> .....	5.9	8.3	4.3	.0	-7.1	-13.9	-5.6	23.0	2.0	-2.0	.6
Automobile fees <sup>1</sup> .....	3.5	5.5	5.7	9.9	2.8	6.2	2.2	3.6	.6	1.0	2.6
Automobile registration, licensing, and inspection fees <sup>1</sup> .....	1.7	6.1	6.4	17.2	4.2	6.2	2.4	.4	1.7	.1	-.1
Other automobile-related fees <sup>1</sup> .....	5.2	5.1	5.1	3.0	1.4	6.3	2.0	7.2	-.5	1.9	5.3
Public transportation .....	1.8	3.6	4.1	17.2	-3.0	5.6	11.6	-6.2	3.1	11.2	-3.9
Airline fares .....	1.6	3.3	5.3	22.7	-6.0	6.6	17.0	-9.5	1.8	14.7	-5.8
Other intercity transportation .....	2.0	7.1	1.7	6.6	2.4	.1	-2.8	2.3	.8	1.7	-.6
Intracity public transportation .....	2.4	2.9	2.1	7.7	3.8	5.0	2.8	1.0	7.6	5.8	.1

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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										Feb.
	1987	1988	1989	1990	1991	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997
<b>Expenditure category</b>											
Medical care .....	5.8	6.9	8.5	9.6	7.9	6.6	5.4	4.9	3.9	3.0	0.9
Medical care commodities .....	7.1	6.9	8.2	8.4	7.5	5.2	3.1	3.0	1.8	2.6	.9
Prescription drugs .....	8.0	7.8	9.5	9.9	9.4	5.7	3.3	3.3	2.0	3.2	.9
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	1.0
Internal and respiratory over-the-counter drugs .....	6.1	5.3	5.6	6.0	2.5	4.4	2.7	.8	.8	2.1	.9
Nonprescription medical equipment and supplies .....	3.9	4.6	6.1	4.5	5.7	2.9	2.6	4.9	2.4	-1.1	1.0
Medical care services .....	5.6	6.9	8.6	9.9	8.0	7.0	5.9	5.4	4.4	3.2	.9
Professional medical services .....	6.3	6.8	6.5	6.7	6.1	5.7	4.5	4.6	4.0	3.5	1.0
Physicians' services .....	6.3	7.5	7.2	7.4	5.5	6.3	5.1	4.4	4.4	3.0	1.0
Dental services .....	7.2	6.7	6.4	6.7	8.2	5.8	4.4	5.4	4.5	5.1	1.1
Eye care .....	5.3	4.7	3.4	4.5	3.6	3.7	2.0	3.3	2.4	1.2	.6
Services by other medical professionals .....	4.5	5.6	5.7	5.1	5.5	3.1	3.2	4.0	.8	3.0	1.5
Hospital and related services .....	7.0	11.0	11.3	11.3	8.9	8.8	7.6	5.5	4.6	4.1	1.1
Hospital services .....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1.0
Inpatient hospital services .....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	.8
Outpatient hospital services .....	7.1	9.2	11.7	11.2	9.8	9.8	7.9	5.5	4.8	4.8	1.8
Nursing home services .....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1.3
Entertainment <sup>1</sup> .....	4.0	4.6	5.1	4.3	3.9	2.8	2.8	2.3	3.3	2.9	.6
Entertainment commodities <sup>1</sup> .....	3.8	4.4	3.5	3.0	3.5	1.8	1.9	1.8	2.9	2.4	.1
Reading materials .....	3.7	4.2	4.7	4.6	6.4	3.7	3.5	3.6	5.9	2.6	.1
Newspapers <sup>1</sup> .....	4.6	4.8	3.9	4.7	9.7	4.0	4.3	5.0	7.6	3.0	2.2
Magazines, periodicals, and books <sup>1</sup> .....	2.7	3.7	5.3	4.6	3.3	3.5	2.8	2.2	4.1	2.4	-1.1
Sporting goods and equipment .....	3.6	4.4	2.1	1.8	3.7	.1	.3	3.2	-6	-1	2
Sport vehicles, including bicycles .....	3.0	4.0	2.3	2.0	1.5	2.1	-1	3.9	.1	1	4
Other sporting goods .....	4.2	4.7	1.9	1.4	5.6	-1.5	.5	2.5	-1.1	-3	.3
Toys, hobbies, and other entertainment <sup>1</sup> .....	3.8	4.5	3.4	2.3	1.3	1.0	1.4	-5	2.1	3.3	.3
Toys, hobbies, and music equipment <sup>1</sup> .....	4.5	4.1	2.4	1.5	1.1	2.5	1.5	-9	1.0	2.8	2
Photographic supplies and equipment .....	6.3	5.8	3.4	1.4	.9	2.2	1.7	-3.2	1.9	-4	1.0
Pet supplies and expense .....	2.2	4.6	4.4	3.7	1.7	-1.0	.9	1.0	3.5	5.3	.1
Entertainment services <sup>1</sup> .....	4.3	4.6	6.8	5.4	4.4	3.7	3.5	2.7	3.7	3.4	.9
Club memberships <sup>1</sup> .....	1.7	7.3	4.0	4.9	3.4	2.3	3.3	-6	2.3	-7	1.1
Fees for participant sports, excluding club memberships <sup>1</sup> .....	7.0	5.8	7.7	5.5	4.9	4.9	8.0	2.6	2.4	4.2	2.0
Admissions .....	6.8	3.8	9.5	5.2	4.8	3.9	1.8	4.0	5.3	4.0	.9
Fees for lessons or instructions .....	5.0	4.6	8.9	4.8	5.6	5.1	4.0	4.9	3.0	5.9	.8
Other entertainment services <sup>1</sup> .....	1.7	3.3	4.3	6.0	3.8	3.1	2.9	2.6	3.9	3.7	.1
Other goods and services <sup>2</sup> .....	6.1	7.0	8.2	7.6	8.0	6.5	2.7	4.2	4.3	3.6	.9
Tobacco and smoking products .....	7.9	9.4	14.7	10.8	11.1	8.1	-5.9	3.0	2.7	2.7	1.3
Personal care .....	3.3	5.1	3.8	4.2	2.5	2.9	2.5	1.9	2.1	1.1	.7
Toilet goods and personal care appliances .....	2.8	5.7	2.5	4.2	2.7	3.3	1.7	1.8	1.1	-9	.4
Cosmetics, bath and nail preparations, manicure and eye makeup implements .....	2.8	5.3	1.9	5.9	3.0	1.4	4.7	1.0	1.5	2.5	1.1
Other toilet goods and small personal care appliances, including hair and dental products .....	2.7	6.0	3.0	3.0	2.5	4.8	-5	2.3	.8	-3.5	-1
Personal care services .....	3.8	4.4	5.4	4.1	2.2	2.4	3.4	2.1	3.4	3.2	.9
Beauty parlor services for females <sup>1</sup> .....	3.9	4.2	5.7	4.2	2.0	2.2	3.6	2.1	3.3	2.8	1.0
Haircuts and other barber shop services for males <sup>1</sup> .....	3.9	4.6	4.2	3.5	2.9	3.5	2.5	2.6	3.7	4.6	.7
Personal and educational expenses <sup>1</sup> .....	6.5	6.7	7.2	7.5	8.4	6.9	6.5	5.4	5.5	4.6	.8
School books and supplies .....	7.6	6.9	7.8	6.5	5.7	4.9	3.4	3.5	5.6	5.5	1.8
Personal and educational services <sup>1</sup> .....	6.4	6.7	7.2	7.6	8.6	7.0	6.7	5.5	5.5	4.6	.7
Tuition and other school fees .....	7.6	7.6	7.9	7.9	9.8	8.5	7.1	5.9	5.6	4.9	.4
College tuition .....	7.0	7.7	8.1	8.2	12.1	10.0	7.9	6.3	5.7	5.3	.3
Elementary and high school tuition .....	9.8	8.4	8.8	8.7	7.5	7.9	5.9	6.2	6.6	4.6	.0
Day care and nursery school .....	-	-	-	-	6.3	4.4	5.1	4.7	3.8	3.7	.8
Personal expenses .....	4.4	5.1	5.8	7.0	6.4	4.3	5.8	4.8	5.3	4.0	1.6
Legal service fees .....	5.2	4.5	6.3	6.8	5.7	4.0	5.8	1.9	3.8	3.8	.5
Personal financial services .....	4.1	6.9	5.9	7.7	8.3	5.0	6.6	7.8	7.1	3.4	2.6
Funeral expenses .....	3.9	4.1	4.8	6.6	5.9	4.1	5.4	5.8	5.4	4.7	1.7
<b>Special indexes</b>											
Domestically produced farm food .....	3.8	5.9	6.7	6.3	1.3	1.7	3.5	2.5	2.3	5.7	-2
Selected beef cuts .....	6.3	4.1	6.8	8.3	-1.0	.2	3.6	-2.9	-1.2	2.7	-1.4
Motor fuel, motor oil, coolant, and other products <sup>1</sup> .....	18.1	-1.8	6.7	36.0	-15.8	1.8	-5.3	5.9	-3.8	12.4	-5
Utilities and public transportation .....	1.1	3.5	2.8	5.0	3.1	3.2	4.4	-1.0	1.8	5.0	.3
Housekeeping and home maintenance services <sup>1</sup> .....	2.0	3.8	1.6	4.1	5.4	3.7	1.8	1.6	4.5	3.3	-1

<sup>1</sup> This index series will no longer appear in its present form after December, 1997. See Table X for a comparable index series.

<sup>2</sup> This index series will undergo a change in composition in January,

1998.

- 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	17.6	17.7	17.8	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	13.7	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	18.9	20.3	20.5	20.9	21.5	21.6	-	-	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	155.5	155.9	155.9	153.1	155.2	154.1	3.3	2.9
1997	156.3	156.8	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

- 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										Feb.
	1987	1988	1989	1990	1991	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997
<b>Commodity and service group</b>											
All items .....	114.2	119.2	124.6	132.2	135.9	139.8	143.3	147.2	150.9	155.9	156.8
Commodities .....	108.9	113.0	117.8	125.8	127.0	129.8	131.6	134.8	136.9	141.4	141.8
Food and beverages .....	114.5	120.3	126.9	133.6	136.9	139.1	142.9	146.6	149.8	156.1	156.4
Commodities less food and beverages .....	105.4	108.6	112.1	121.0	120.9	124.1	124.7	127.6	129.0	132.4	132.9
Nondurables less food and beverages .....	102.8	106.3	111.6	126.2	124.2	127.3	125.7	127.7	128.3	133.6	134.5
Apparel commodities <sup>1</sup> .....	111.1	116.0	116.6	122.3	126.1	127.8	128.5	126.1	126.2	125.7	127.6
Nondurables less food, beverages, and apparel .....	101.2	104.1	111.7	131.0	126.2	129.9	127.2	131.3	132.1	140.4	140.8
Durables .....	108.0	110.7	112.0	112.6	115.3	118.7	122.3	126.5	128.9	129.6	129.5
Services .....	121.3	127.2	133.4	140.7	147.0	152.1	157.6	162.4	167.9	173.4	174.9
Rent of shelter <sup>2</sup> .....	116.4	121.5	127.5	133.9	139.1	143.0	147.3	151.7	156.9	161.4	163.0
Household services less rent of shelter <sup>1 2</sup> .....	103.1	106.8	109.3	112.2	117.6	120.8	124.2	124.9	127.2	131.7	133.3
Transportation services .....	123.6	131.2	137.8	147.9	152.5	157.2	163.3	169.2	174.9	181.5	181.3
Medical care services .....	133.2	142.7	154.7	169.0	182.4	195.4	206.6	217.7	227.4	234.7	236.8
Other services .....	127.9	135.0	143.8	152.8	162.0	169.9	178.5	185.9	194.0	201.7	203.5
<b>Special indexes</b>											
All items less food .....	114.1	118.8	124.0	131.7	135.7	140.0	143.4	147.4	151.1	155.8	156.8
All items less shelter .....	112.5	117.4	122.6	130.6	133.7	137.6	140.8	144.6	147.8	152.8	153.5
All items less homeowners' costs <sup>1 2</sup> .....	107.8	112.4	117.4	124.9	128.1	131.8	134.9	138.4	141.5	146.4	147.3
All items less medical care .....	113.2	117.9	123.1	130.4	133.6	137.2	140.4	144.0	147.5	152.4	153.2
Commodities less food .....	105.6	108.9	112.6	121.2	121.8	125.0	125.7	128.5	130.0	133.5	134.0
Nondurables less food .....	103.3	106.9	112.2	126.0	125.3	128.4	127.1	129.0	129.8	135.2	136.0
Nondurables less food and apparel .....	101.8	104.9	112.2	129.7	127.0	130.7	128.6	132.4	133.4	141.3	141.8
Nondurables .....	108.8	113.5	119.5	130.1	130.8	133.4	134.5	137.4	139.3	145.2	145.7
Services less rent of shelter <sup>2</sup> .....	112.2	118.1	123.9	131.1	137.9	143.5	149.5	154.0	159.2	165.0	166.2
Services less medical care services .....	120.1	125.6	131.4	138.1	143.9	148.4	153.4	157.6	162.8	168.1	169.6
Energy .....	87.8	88.1	92.7	110.5	101.6	103.5	101.7	104.2	102.6	112.0	112.7
All items less energy .....	118.0	123.6	129.1	135.5	140.8	144.9	149.1	153.3	157.6	162.1	163.0
All items less food and energy .....	119.0	124.4	129.7	136.0	142.0	146.6	150.9	155.1	159.7	163.7	164.8
Commodities less food and energy commodities .....	112.6	117.0	120.2	124.0	128.9	132.7	134.7	137.1	139.6	141.0	141.7
Energy commodities .....	82.1	80.3	86.4	117.1	98.4	99.5	94.3	99.4	96.0	109.4	108.6
Services less energy services .....	123.7	129.8	136.4	144.3	151.0	156.3	162.1	167.5	173.4	179.0	180.4
<b>Expenditure category</b>											
Food and beverages .....	114.5	120.3	126.9	133.6	136.9	139.1	142.9	146.6	149.8	156.1	156.4
Food .....	114.5	120.4	127.1	133.9	136.3	138.3	142.2	146.2	149.4	155.8	156.0
Food at home .....	112.5	118.8	126.2	133.5	135.0	137.0	141.7	146.3	149.5	156.9	156.8
Cereals and bakery products .....	116.9	126.7	136.0	142.3	147.2	153.0	158.6	163.9	169.2	175.4	176.4
Cereals and cereal products .....	115.8	126.8	136.1	143.1	148.2	153.5	158.7	163.6	167.8	165.7	166.9
Flour and prepared flour mixes .....	105.5	112.6	120.8	123.5	123.3	129.5	129.3	131.5	140.0	150.6	156.1
Cereal .....	126.7	138.9	152.4	163.3	171.1	177.7	186.1	190.5	193.6	185.4	184.3
Rice, pasta, and cornmeal .....	106.6	118.7	120.4	122.9	126.4	128.9	131.7	139.6	143.1	144.2	147.2
Bakery products .....	117.2	126.4	135.7	141.6	146.4	152.5	158.2	163.8	169.5	179.7	180.5
White bread .....	113.1	125.7	133.3	138.2	140.2	145.9	155.9	160.2	169.4	183.5	183.7
Fresh other bread, biscuits, rolls, and muffins .....	113.4	124.3	132.7	139.1	144.1	151.6	155.8	163.2	170.7	179.3	180.9
Cookies, fresh cakes, and cupcakes .....	121.3	128.7	138.8	146.7	153.7	157.3	162.5	168.5	170.7	177.8	177.3
Other bakery products .....	120.7	126.7	137.8	142.4	147.9	155.5	158.4	163.6	168.0	178.4	180.5
Meats, poultry, fish, and eggs .....	110.1	115.8	123.8	133.6	131.5	132.1	136.9	136.0	141.7	149.8	148.4
Meats, poultry, and fish .....	111.7	116.9	123.0	133.9	132.0	133.1	138.2	137.3	141.4	148.9	148.4
Meats .....	110.4	112.7	120.1	133.8	130.8	131.2	136.0	133.7	137.3	144.5	144.0
Beef and veal .....	108.6	114.6	122.3	133.2	131.7	132.8	137.7	134.7	134.4	137.8	136.4
Ground beef other than canned .....	102.2	104.7	112.6	121.2	119.5	118.8	123.2	117.7	115.7	117.6	117.1
Chuck roast <sup>1</sup> .....	105.5	112.9	123.9	136.6	138.5	140.1	143.5	141.2	142.2	147.2	142.9
Round roast <sup>1</sup> .....	101.9	108.1	116.2	128.0	125.9	129.1	130.1	132.3	128.6	135.9	133.1
Round steak <sup>1</sup> .....	108.5	112.0	118.9	130.3	130.1	129.8	133.3	131.5	128.9	134.1	130.9
Sirloin steak <sup>1</sup> .....	113.4	121.3	124.6	131.9	128.5	130.4	138.8	137.2	134.9	141.8	137.1
Other beef and veal <sup>1</sup> .....	115.2	125.7	133.4	147.0	145.4	148.6	154.5	153.0	156.7	159.5	159.2
Pork .....	112.9	109.6	117.3	136.8	128.6	127.7	133.4	130.3	140.0	155.5	155.1
Bacon .....	107.9	96.7	105.0	123.0	108.5	104.8	117.1	114.8	130.0	161.4	161.3
Chops .....	114.5	114.7	124.1	142.6	136.4	140.0	146.5	139.3	146.9	156.9	157.1
Ham .....	117.5	115.7	121.6	143.7	136.8	134.9	136.9	134.9	144.6	156.9	155.2
Other pork, including sausage <sup>1</sup> .....	111.3	108.5	115.8	135.1	127.8	126.0	130.2	128.8	137.2	150.5	150.6
Other meats .....	111.8	112.7	119.0	131.3	132.3	132.6	136.1	136.9	141.2	146.0	147.5
Poultry .....	107.4	126.9	127.4	129.2	129.8	133.4	140.7	140.2	146.0	157.5	157.5
Fresh whole chicken .....	107.4	131.0	130.0	130.3	129.8	135.4	141.3	139.7	145.2	158.9	159.7
Fresh and frozen chicken parts .....	110.2	131.1	129.7	132.7	134.3	136.5	146.4	143.0	150.0	160.8	159.3
Other poultry <sup>1</sup> .....	103.6	112.5	120.1	121.8	122.2	125.7	129.7	138.2	141.8	151.2	153.4
Fish and seafood .....	133.6	139.7	144.8	148.8	151.2	153.8	158.8	167.1	172.3	176.5	176.1
Canned fish and seafood .....	110.2	124.8	119.4	119.1	118.4	119.8	122.8	124.5	125.7	126.8	127.0
Fresh and frozen fish and seafood <sup>1</sup> .....	147.0	150.0	159.3	165.2	168.7	172.0	177.8	189.0	195.9	201.4	200.7
Eggs .....	84.9	99.0	134.3	128.0	122.7	117.0	114.8	115.3	144.8	162.3	146.7

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										Feb.
	1987	1988	1989	1990	1991	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997
<b>Expenditure category</b>											
Dairy products .....	106.4	111.2	122.8	126.5	127.2	128.9	130.0	131.4	134.7	148.5	146.0
Fresh milk and cream <sup>1</sup> .....	104.9	109.9	122.5	125.6	125.3	128.2	131.0	131.9	134.3	149.7	146.0
Fresh whole milk .....	104.7	110.0	122.7	125.8	125.3	127.6	130.3	130.8	133.6	148.3	143.9
Other fresh milk and cream <sup>1</sup> .....	105.3	109.7	122.1	125.0	125.1	129.2	132.1	133.5	135.3	152.0	149.2
Processed dairy products <sup>1</sup> .....	108.5	113.1	123.5	128.1	129.8	130.1	129.3	131.3	135.8	147.6	146.6
Cheese <sup>1</sup> .....	106.7	112.3	126.8	132.7	134.9	135.1	134.0	135.2	138.4	149.8	148.2
Ice cream and related products .....	110.8	114.9	123.1	128.5	129.9	130.5	131.2	136.0	139.7	150.4	151.6
Other dairy products, including butter <sup>1</sup> .....	109.3	111.5	113.0	112.8	113.0	112.8	111.0	111.5	120.9	135.5	132.8
Fruits and vegetables <sup>3</sup> .....	123.0	130.8	135.8	145.7	152.1	155.3	165.4	178.8	177.0	186.0	186.1
Fresh fruits and vegetables .....	132.7	137.6	144.0	156.1	168.5	172.8	188.6	210.8	205.2	214.3	213.3
Fresh fruits .....	126.0	143.1	152.3	169.5	188.1	180.0	202.6	209.8	222.0	248.1	228.9
Apples .....	104.3	133.0	124.6	151.9	170.4	154.2	167.2	163.5	188.0	195.2	199.3
Bananas .....	107.4	115.9	122.7	128.1	127.6	124.0	127.2	142.7	146.4	157.2	169.3
Oranges, including tangerines <sup>1</sup> .....	126.4	144.2	137.8	151.9	187.0	156.8	177.0	178.1	204.2	198.1	193.3
Other fresh fruits <sup>1</sup> .....	139.9	154.5	176.9	194.4	213.1	214.5	247.8	259.1	263.8	313.2	270.2
Fresh vegetables .....	139.5	132.3	135.9	143.1	149.3	166.0	175.1	212.0	189.0	181.2	198.2
Potatoes .....	102.7	127.7	139.3	133.5	128.2	136.8	164.9	154.1	175.2	160.2	163.6
Lettuce .....	272.4	173.6	135.3	151.3	169.6	180.7	151.4	269.0	171.1	183.1	181.8
Tomatoes .....	137.9	123.0	139.2	128.2	123.1	190.9	194.6	229.9	239.2	190.5	208.2
Other fresh vegetables .....	126.1	129.2	135.0	150.8	162.4	167.4	179.6	217.6	184.1	187.5	213.5
Processed fruits and vegetables <sup>1</sup> .....	109.9	122.0	125.0	131.7	129.6	131.0	132.9	133.6	137.2	146.0	147.9
Processed fruits <sup>1</sup> .....	112.4	124.5	125.2	134.9	131.4	134.3	133.1	132.6	137.4	146.7	149.1
Fruit juices and frozen fruit <sup>1</sup> .....	112.5	126.6	126.4	137.9	132.0	135.0	133.1	132.1	136.8	147.0	149.3
Canned and dried fruits <sup>1</sup> .....	111.0	115.4	119.0	122.0	127.9	130.0	131.9	133.2	138.2	144.0	146.8
Processed vegetables <sup>1</sup> .....	107.3	119.3	125.1	128.4	127.7	127.6	132.9	135.0	137.4	145.6	146.8
Frozen vegetables <sup>1</sup> .....	111.7	116.6	124.9	128.6	129.6	130.7	135.5	136.6	140.6	144.0	147.9
Processed vegetables excluding frozen <sup>1</sup> .....	105.8	121.1	125.8	129.0	127.4	126.8	132.3	134.9	136.5	147.0	147.0
Other food at home .....	109.8	115.1	120.1	125.1	127.0	128.2	130.8	138.3	140.1	143.2	145.0
Sugar and sweets .....	110.9	116.7	121.1	126.3	130.6	131.9	133.1	134.4	138.4	144.5	147.2
Sugar and artificial sweeteners .....	102.1	110.3	115.2	118.4	118.4	119.6	120.8	123.2	128.3	132.7	135.8
Sweets, including candy <sup>1</sup> .....	114.6	119.2	123.5	129.6	135.8	137.2	138.3	139.1	142.6	149.5	151.9
Fats and oils .....	107.6	118.3	121.5	130.8	129.1	128.3	129.3	134.1	137.3	140.4	142.3
Nonalcoholic beverages .....	104.9	107.8	111.2	113.3	112.9	112.7	115.1	130.6	128.8	126.5	128.0
Carbonated drinks .....	103.6	105.2	110.4	111.3	112.3	114.0	116.0	115.7	119.1	118.5	120.7
Coffee .....	110.3	116.6	115.2	117.0	111.0	104.9	110.5	172.3	155.6	144.9	145.8
Other noncarbonated drinks <sup>1</sup> .....	112.6	115.5	120.1	126.5	129.9	132.4	131.5	132.6	135.7	139.5	140.1
Other prepared food .....	114.8	120.5	127.4	134.0	138.1	141.0	144.7	148.0	151.9	158.8	160.4
Canned and packaged soup .....	119.0	123.4	132.6	140.7	149.0	157.5	164.3	171.3	177.4	185.6	185.5
Frozen prepared food .....	118.7	124.0	130.8	135.3	137.4	138.1	137.5	137.9	138.4	145.3	144.8
Snacks .....	115.6	121.4	126.1	131.1	132.6	132.1	136.0	138.5	143.3	151.5	153.9
Seasonings, condiments, sauces, and spices .....	113.1	118.1	124.7	132.5	137.8	143.5	147.3	150.8	156.8	163.9	167.8
Miscellaneous prepared food, including baby food <sup>1</sup> .....	112.5	119.4	127.7	135.2	140.2	142.8	147.9	152.5	155.1	160.6	161.3
Food away from home .....	118.8	124.0	129.7	135.6	139.4	141.6	144.1	147.0	150.3	155.0	155.7
Lunch <sup>1</sup> .....	118.3	123.7	129.9	135.7	139.7	141.9	144.6	147.4	150.8	155.4	156.1
Dinner <sup>1</sup> .....	118.7	123.8	129.1	134.3	137.9	140.0	142.5	145.4	148.7	152.9	153.5
Other meals and snacks <sup>1</sup> .....	119.3	124.4	130.3	137.5	141.6	143.7	146.1	149.1	152.5	158.2	158.9
Alcoholic beverages .....	115.1	119.5	125.2	130.5	143.5	147.7	150.0	151.4	154.3	159.9	161.1
Alcoholic beverages at home .....	111.8	114.4	119.4	123.9	138.2	141.3	142.0	141.7	143.0	147.7	148.9
Beer and ale .....	111.3	114.3	119.7	124.1	138.9	142.8	143.2	142.9	144.1	148.1	148.9
Wine .....	105.6	107.5	110.8	114.0	129.3	131.3	131.6	130.0	131.7	139.9	142.4
Distilled spirits .....	114.6	116.7	121.9	127.9	139.3	141.3	142.8	143.8	145.0	147.9	149.1
Alcoholic beverages away from home .....	125.4	132.6	139.5	146.3	158.0	164.0	168.8	172.5	178.0	185.2	186.4

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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										Feb.
	1987	1988	1989	1990	1991	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997
<b>Expenditure category</b>											
Housing <sup>3</sup> .....	114.1	118.5	123.1	128.3	132.7	136.1	139.7	142.7	146.7	151.0	152.4
Shelter .....	121.2	126.5	132.6	139.3	144.6	148.7	153.1	157.7	163.1	167.7	169.4
Renters' costs <sup>1 2</sup> .....	115.9	120.0	125.4	132.6	137.7	141.4	144.9	148.5	152.5	157.3	160.9
Rent, residential .....	125.3	129.7	135.0	140.6	144.8	148.2	151.6	155.4	159.3	163.7	164.4
Other renters' costs <sup>1</sup> .....	124.5	129.2	137.6	157.2	170.2	176.9	183.3	187.2	194.1	203.7	224.9
Lodging while out of town .....	121.8	126.2	134.4	155.2	168.6	174.5	181.2	184.4	191.1	201.1	224.4
Lodging while at school <sup>4</sup> .....	136.9	144.9	155.5	165.0	175.7	189.7	193.8	202.9	211.8	219.2	222.1
Tenants' insurance <sup>1</sup> .....	122.6	126.0	128.9	130.4	133.6	137.0	141.2	147.9	150.8	151.5	153.3
Homeowners' costs <sup>1 2</sup> .....	116.6	122.2	128.3	134.3	139.5	143.5	148.2	153.1	158.7	163.0	163.7
Owners' equivalent rent <sup>2</sup> .....	116.6	122.2	128.5	134.5	139.7	143.8	148.4	153.3	159.0	163.4	164.0
Household insurance <sup>1 2</sup> .....	116.1	119.6	122.7	124.9	128.4	132.0	136.4	142.9	145.6	147.2	148.5
Maintenance and repairs <sup>1</sup> .....	112.5	115.2	119.0	123.6	130.6	129.8	127.7	132.4	135.8	140.1	140.7
Maintenance and repair services <sup>1</sup> .....	115.9	117.8	122.4	129.8	135.7	139.0	134.0	140.3	144.7	150.1	150.3
Maintenance and repair commodities <sup>1</sup> .....	107.1	110.6	113.6	115.2	123.1	118.0	119.0	121.9	124.2	127.1	128.3
Materials, supplies, and equipment for home repairs <sup>1 5</sup> .....	101.9	104.0	109.4	112.3	117.1	116.3	116.4	117.5	118.3	124.4	125.3
Other maintenance and repair commodities <sup>1</sup> .....	105.4	109.8	110.8	111.1	121.2	112.9	114.5	117.8	122.1	122.3	123.7
Fuel and other utilities <sup>3</sup> .....	101.7	104.8	108.0	112.1	115.7	118.4	121.5	121.6	123.3	129.0	130.7
Fuels .....	94.8	97.2	100.7	104.7	105.9	108.4	110.2	109.5	110.2	116.5	118.5
Fuel oil and other household fuel commodities .....	80.2	76.7	88.1	113.4	94.4	91.7	88.2	88.3	89.5	110.6	109.4
Fuel oil .....	79.5	74.4	89.0	115.6	92.5	89.5	85.4	85.4	86.8	106.9	107.4
Other household fuel commodities <sup>5</sup> .....	102.4	102.2	108.3	136.6	123.2	120.3	117.8	118.2	119.2	147.9	142.2
Gas (piped) and electricity (energy services) .....	100.7	103.9	106.7	108.2	111.9	115.1	117.7	116.8	117.5	122.3	124.8
Electricity .....	107.0	110.2	113.1	114.5	120.4	122.4	123.0	123.8	127.2	128.1	128.7
Utility (piped) gas .....	91.8	95.2	97.7	99.4	99.3	104.7	110.9	107.0	102.8	114.9	121.0
Other utilities and public services <sup>1</sup> .....	120.9	125.6	128.4	133.2	140.7	144.2	149.6	151.1	154.3	159.6	160.9
Telephone services <sup>1</sup> .....	115.6	117.1	116.7	116.4	120.4	120.1	122.3	123.1	124.4	127.0	127.5
Local charges <sup>1</sup> .....	138.5	144.8	145.5	147.0	154.7	155.3	156.9	156.3	159.9	161.3	161.5
Interstate toll calls .....	74.0	70.9	70.0	67.4	68.3	67.4	71.8	75.7	75.8	78.7	78.8
Intrastate toll calls .....	103.5	99.2	96.7	94.6	93.2	91.0	91.1	90.3	87.1	92.5	94.1
Water and sewerage maintenance .....	127.9	135.1	144.1	152.6	163.8	174.3	182.9	190.5	195.9	202.6	203.8
Cable television <sup>6</sup> .....	127.9	141.6	147.1	166.9	181.2	188.4	201.7	195.8	203.5	219.5	224.7
Refuse collection <sup>6</sup> .....	136.1	146.7	161.0	177.1	197.6	214.6	225.7	236.8	243.3	247.9	248.2
Household furnishings and operation <sup>3</sup> .....	106.9	110.2	111.1	113.0	115.4	117.2	119.0	119.7	122.4	123.5	123.7
Housefurnishings <sup>1</sup> .....	102.9	105.4	104.7	105.2	106.0	107.7	109.1	109.1	109.7	109.8	109.8
Textile housefurnishings <sup>1</sup> .....	108.6	115.5	114.7	117.6	119.2	117.6	124.8	121.0	121.1	119.9	121.0
Furniture and bedding .....	111.5	115.0	113.0	114.2	115.5	120.5	123.9	125.4	130.7	131.9	130.5
Bedroom furniture .....	115.5	121.6	118.8	117.1	122.0	128.3	134.6	132.2	134.8	139.6	137.4
Sofas <sup>1</sup> .....	115.7	114.7	113.5	113.7	113.6	117.7	116.3	123.5	136.9	138.6	136.5
Living room chairs and tables <sup>1</sup> .....	109.3	112.7	111.4	117.4	115.6	119.9	125.7	126.7	134.6	132.8	131.4
Other furniture <sup>1</sup> .....	105.5	109.1	107.1	109.8	109.2	114.0	115.8	118.3	119.9	118.2	118.1
Appliances, including electronic equipment <sup>1</sup> .....	90.1	90.8	89.2	87.1	85.9	84.8	84.4	83.6	80.5	79.2	79.2
Video and audio products <sup>1</sup> .....	83.8	82.8	82.1	79.1	78.6	77.5	77.1	75.2	72.3	70.6	70.5
Televisions .....	77.3	76.4	74.8	72.2	71.4	70.9	69.4	68.2	65.2	61.7	62.1
Video products other than televisions <sup>1 7</sup> .....	-	100.0	94.9	85.8	80.9	79.2	78.1	72.8	67.8	67.3	66.4
Audio products <sup>1</sup> .....	91.9	91.9	94.0	93.1	94.9	93.5	94.2	93.2	90.8	90.2	90.1
Major household appliances <sup>1 5</sup> .....	98.8	102.2	101.0	101.0	98.9	99.3	101.1	104.4	102.3	103.9	104.0
Refrigerators and home freezers <sup>1</sup> .....	100.6	102.4	103.6	102.7	101.0	101.7	106.5	111.9	109.5	111.8	111.8
Laundry equipment .....	102.9	106.6	106.0	107.9	105.8	106.3	106.9	109.9	109.5	113.1	113.1
Stoves, ovens, dishwashers, and air conditioners <sup>1 5</sup> .....	97.1	101.5	97.9	96.9	94.6	94.6	95.3	97.3	93.8	93.3	93.6
Information processing equipment <sup>7</sup> .....	-	100.0	92.7	89.7	86.9	80.6	74.2	68.2	61.4	54.9	54.0
Other housefurnishings <sup>1 2</sup> .....	107.8	112.4	117.4	124.9	128.1	131.8	134.9	138.4	141.5	146.4	147.3
Floor and window coverings, infants', laundry, cleaning, and outdoor equipment <sup>1</sup> .....	113.7	112.6	117.8	126.6	124.1	128.2	129.1	131.7	137.3	139.5	142.3
Clocks, lamps, and decor items .....	102.5	105.8	112.2	112.3	116.2	119.0	115.0	114.5	118.7	114.1	117.3
Tableware, serving pieces, and nonelectric kitchenware <sup>1</sup> .....	106.3	109.5	111.9	113.5	120.6	122.5	123.8	124.6	120.7	122.9	126.2
Lawn equipment, power tools, and other hardware <sup>1</sup> .....	102.9	103.0	100.3	102.1	101.5	102.6	106.6	107.2	108.0	110.6	110.9
Sewing, floor cleaning, small kitchen, and portable heating appliances <sup>1 5</sup> .....	98.3	100.1	97.1	96.3	95.8	97.1	93.5	91.6	88.2	89.9	91.5
Indoor plants and fresh cut flowers <sup>8</sup> .....	-	-	-	100.0	107.3	113.2	110.4	114.7	116.3	117.0	111.7
Housekeeping supplies .....	112.9	117.4	123.8	127.8	130.4	130.0	131.9	133.3	139.9	142.0	143.1
Laundry and cleaning products, including soap <sup>1</sup> .....	116.9	121.8	127.3	132.3	137.9	137.3	136.9	139.2	141.2	145.1	145.5
Household paper products and stationery supplies <sup>1</sup> .....	109.5	115.6	121.8	126.8	127.2	127.1	129.8	130.6	144.3	145.4	145.9
Other household, lawn, and garden supplies <sup>1</sup> .....	111.2	113.6	121.3	123.1	124.0	123.7	127.4	128.4	133.4	134.3	137.0
Housekeeping services <sup>1</sup> .....	111.6	116.5	117.8	122.7	131.3	135.9	139.1	141.5	148.6	152.9	152.9
Postage .....	110.4	125.4	125.4	125.4	145.7	145.7	145.7	145.7	160.8	160.8	160.8
Appliance and furniture repair <sup>1</sup> .....	117.3	120.0	122.1	126.9	132.3	140.1	143.8	144.6	151.6	156.5	156.0
Gardening and other household services <sup>1 5</sup> .....	104.7	109.0	112.1	116.4	119.0	124.9	127.0	127.7	130.2	137.1	135.3

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										Feb.
	1987	1988	1989	1990	1991	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997
<b>Expenditure category</b>											
Apparel and upkeep .....	112.6	117.6	118.5	124.5	128.4	130.4	131.3	129.3	129.5	129.3	131.1
Apparel commodities <sup>1</sup> .....	111.1	116.0	116.6	122.3	126.1	127.8	128.5	126.1	126.2	125.7	127.6
Apparel commodities less footwear .....	111.7	116.4	116.9	122.9	126.8	128.3	128.9	126.5	126.5	125.5	127.6
Men's and boys' .....	110.4	116.5	118.0	121.4	124.9	126.4	127.0	124.5	125.8	127.5	127.2
Men's .....	111.5	117.8	120.1	123.9	127.7	129.9	130.3	128.2	128.7	130.9	131.8
Suits, sport coats, coats, and jackets .....	111.3	121.5	124.6	127.8	131.0	133.6	140.4	137.3	135.5	134.7	132.9
Furnishings and special clothing .....	110.0	113.4	116.8	119.5	122.1	123.2	123.1	123.9	120.5	125.7	125.3
Shirts <sup>1</sup> .....	116.1	123.3	123.7	129.0	133.8	135.8	132.1	127.8	133.4	135.7	137.8
Dungarees, jeans, and trousers .....	109.3	113.8	116.3	120.7	124.9	128.2	127.2	125.6	127.1	129.0	132.4
Boys' .....	107.1	112.4	111.5	113.3	116.3	115.3	116.6	112.9	116.4	116.7	112.7
Women's and girls' .....	112.6	116.2	115.5	122.6	126.7	127.6	128.4	124.0	123.3	121.7	124.8
Women's .....	112.7	115.8	115.1	122.8	125.7	126.1	128.1	123.2	122.2	120.8	124.3
Coats and jackets .....	105.0	102.7	104.0	115.2	118.4	121.9	128.9	118.6	121.3	126.1	122.3
Dresses .....	122.5	126.2	123.0	132.7	128.4	132.4	128.8	114.2	116.7	105.9	113.8
Separates and sportswear <sup>1</sup> .....	116.7	119.2	118.3	125.3	129.9	128.6	131.6	127.7	124.3	124.1	127.1
Underwear, nightwear, hosiery, and accessories <sup>1</sup> .....	107.6	113.7	115.8	120.9	123.7	124.4	125.8	128.1	130.2	131.9	133.0
Suits <sup>1</sup> .....	107.2	113.4	110.3	122.0	132.8	131.1	136.9	138.6	131.5	128.7	141.6
Girls' .....	112.0	117.9	117.4	121.6	131.7	135.1	130.0	127.6	128.6	126.2	127.5
Infants' and toddlers' .....	116.4	120.3	119.3	127.9	131.8	133.1	128.1	132.9	129.8	128.1	128.1
Other apparel commodities <sup>1</sup> .....	110.6	117.8	121.5	128.8	132.6	137.3	140.1	144.1	145.3	139.7	145.7
Sewing materials, notions, and luggage <sup>5</sup> .....	102.7	109.1	110.8	118.2	120.6	122.1	120.9	120.9	130.8	126.9	127.8
Watches and jewelry <sup>5</sup> .....	109.0	116.2	120.3	127.3	131.3	136.6	140.1	144.9	144.2	138.4	145.3
Watches <sup>5</sup> .....	103.6	107.8	107.5	110.7	113.6	111.9	118.6	122.9	129.3	120.9	124.9
Jewelry <sup>5</sup> .....	110.6	118.6	124.0	132.0	136.4	143.6	146.3	151.2	148.5	143.4	151.1
Footwear .....	108.0	114.0	115.4	119.3	122.5	125.6	126.6	124.2	125.0	127.0	127.2
Men's .....	111.9	119.8	122.2	125.6	129.6	132.6	134.1	132.1	132.3	131.4	133.0
Boys' and girls' .....	110.6	114.7	118.6	123.5	123.0	122.7	122.7	123.9	125.8	131.2	131.7
Women's .....	102.6	108.3	107.4	111.0	115.8	120.7	121.9	117.3	118.0	120.2	119.1
Apparel services <sup>1</sup> .....	120.9	125.8	130.6	139.6	144.4	149.2	153.4	155.9	157.1	160.5	161.5
Laundry and dry cleaning other than coin operated <sup>1</sup> .....	122.3	128.8	133.8	140.8	145.2	149.9	154.8	157.6	158.7	164.4	165.5
Other apparel services <sup>1</sup> .....	120.2	124.0	128.4	139.0	144.1	149.1	152.8	155.0	156.4	158.0	158.5
Transportation .....	107.3	110.4	114.8	126.7	124.5	128.2	130.8	136.7	138.9	144.8	144.4
Private .....	106.4	109.5	113.8	125.3	123.2	126.6	128.5	135.2	137.2	142.4	142.4
New vehicles .....	116.1	118.8	122.0	124.4	128.5	131.7	136.2	140.9	143.7	146.5	146.7
New cars .....	116.3	118.9	121.7	123.3	127.2	130.1	133.9	138.1	140.4	142.7	142.5
Subcompact new cars <sup>1 5</sup> .....	101.8	104.2	105.4	105.6	109.6	112.6	116.5	120.5	122.7	123.7	123.4
Compact new cars <sup>1 5</sup> .....	101.2	102.5	104.9	106.6	109.2	109.8	113.2	117.8	119.9	123.8	123.7
Intermediate new cars <sup>1 5</sup> .....	100.4	101.9	105.9	107.6	111.3	113.7	116.2	120.1	121.7	122.6	122.4
Full-size new cars <sup>1 5</sup> .....	103.1	105.6	109.1	110.5	114.3	116.0	119.7	122.0	123.4	125.9	125.7
Luxury new cars <sup>1 5</sup> .....	103.8	109.2	111.6	114.6	117.2	121.7	124.3	128.1	130.5	134.2	134.8
New trucks <sup>6</sup> .....	114.3	116.9	121.0	125.9	130.3	133.8	140.0	145.1	149.3	153.0	154.2
New motorcycles <sup>5</sup> .....	104.0	109.4	114.1	117.4	123.7	128.9	138.3	149.4	156.5	163.1	163.7
Used cars .....	116.2	120.1	119.5	116.9	120.2	129.7	140.2	152.1	159.1	156.8	155.7
Motor fuel .....	82.0	80.4	85.9	117.1	98.5	99.9	94.6	100.2	96.4	108.9	108.2
Gasoline .....	81.9	80.4	85.6	117.0	98.3	99.9	94.0	100.0	95.9	108.3	107.5
Gasoline, unleaded regular .....	80.8	78.8	83.2	115.4	96.2	97.6	91.1	97.6	93.5	106.5	105.6
Gasoline, unleaded midgrade <sup>9</sup> .....	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.0	105.3	100.6	112.4	112.0
Gasoline, unleaded premium .....	85.3	84.7	90.0	118.7	101.5	103.0	98.1	103.2	98.3	109.2	108.6
Automobile maintenance and repair .....	117.0	121.5	126.9	132.8	138.8	143.9	148.3	152.6	156.6	161.4	162.1
Body work .....	121.3	126.5	134.0	139.5	142.9	147.0	150.8	155.7	161.4	168.6	170.2
Automobile drive train, brake, and miscellaneous mechanical repair <sup>1</sup> .....	118.6	123.8	129.9	137.1	143.0	149.3	155.2	160.8	164.2	168.7	170.1
Maintenance and servicing .....	114.7	118.3	122.0	126.8	133.7	136.5	139.3	141.4	144.4	148.6	148.5
Power plant repair <sup>1</sup> .....	116.8	121.6	127.4	133.3	139.4	145.9	151.2	156.3	161.4	166.5	166.9
Other private transportation <sup>1</sup> .....	122.0	130.4	136.8	144.2	149.2	151.9	154.9	163.4	168.4	171.6	172.6
Other private transportation commodities <sup>1</sup> .....	97.4	99.9	101.9	103.2	104.8	104.0	102.6	103.5	104.4	104.3	104.3
Motor oil, coolant, and other products .....	100.6	109.4	109.1	116.7	117.9	117.4	117.7	125.0	129.0	130.6	128.8
Automobile parts and equipment .....	96.5	98.4	100.6	101.5	103.0	102.2	100.7	101.0	101.6	101.4	101.6
Tires .....	93.3	96.8	98.8	98.6	100.8	100.4	98.9	101.1	101.2	101.2	101.1
Other parts and equipment <sup>1</sup> .....	103.9	104.4	106.8	108.6	109.7	108.5	106.8	105.3	106.4	106.0	106.5
Other private transportation services <sup>1</sup> .....	127.1	137.1	144.7	153.8	159.8	163.5	167.6	178.4	184.5	188.6	190.0
Automobile insurance .....	148.8	160.9	170.6	183.7	198.6	211.5	221.9	229.5	239.6	249.0	249.6
Automobile finance charges <sup>1</sup> .....	90.4	98.1	102.3	102.5	95.3	81.9	76.7	94.4	96.5	93.9	94.8
Automobile fees <sup>1</sup> .....	123.3	130.5	137.9	151.4	156.8	166.4	170.1	175.2	177.0	178.3	182.7
Automobile registration, licensing, and inspection fees <sup>1</sup> .....	119.3	126.6	134.5	156.0	163.4	173.0	177.4	178.1	181.3	181.4	181.3
Other automobile-related fees <sup>1</sup> .....	129.3	136.5	143.2	146.2	149.1	158.6	161.4	172.3	172.2	175.4	185.7
Public transportation .....	121.3	125.4	130.1	150.3	147.8	155.5	171.1	162.5	169.0	186.9	180.3
Airline fares .....	122.7	126.5	133.1	163.4	154.0	163.6	191.8	173.5	177.2	204.5	191.6
Other intercity transportation .....	128.0	136.8	140.5	149.3	154.2	155.4	149.6	152.3	154.9	157.9	156.4
Intracity public transportation .....	120.2	123.5	125.9	135.7	140.7	147.6	152.0	153.3	164.9	174.1	174.4

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										Feb.
	1987	1988	1989	1990	1991	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997
<b>Expenditure category</b>											
Medical care .....	133.4	142.8	154.7	168.8	182.0	194.3	204.5	214.6	223.1	230.1	232.1
Medical care commodities .....	134.1	143.1	154.8	168.0	180.3	189.4	195.1	200.8	204.2	209.4	211.4
Prescription drugs .....	145.7	156.9	171.8	189.0	206.8	218.3	225.2	233.2	237.8	244.9	247.2
Nonprescription drugs and medical supplies <sup>5</sup> .....	105.3	110.4	116.8	123.6	127.7	133.0	136.5	138.7	140.4	142.5	143.8
Internal and respiratory over-the-counter drugs .....	126.9	133.2	140.3	148.9	152.7	159.2	163.3	164.7	165.9	169.0	170.8
Nonprescription medical equipment and supplies .....	120.9	126.6	135.7	142.4	150.5	156.1	160.4	167.0	171.2	171.6	173.0
Medical care services .....	133.2	142.7	154.7	169.0	182.4	195.4	206.6	217.7	227.4	234.7	236.8
Professional medical services .....	132.0	141.0	150.2	160.3	170.2	180.0	188.0	196.9	204.9	212.3	214.3
Physicians' services .....	133.6	143.6	154.0	165.4	174.5	185.5	194.8	203.6	212.5	219.1	221.3
Dental services .....	132.0	140.8	150.0	159.7	172.9	182.8	190.9	201.3	210.1	220.9	223.1
Eye care <sup>5</sup> .....	105.3	109.8	113.8	119.0	123.2	127.8	130.5	135.2	138.5	140.4	141.1
Services by other medical professionals <sup>5</sup> .....	105.0	110.8	117.2	122.8	129.2	133.9	138.1	144.3	146.8	151.5	154.1
Hospital and related services .....	135.4	150.0	166.8	184.4	201.2	218.9	235.1	248.5	260.0	270.4	272.8
Hospital services <sup>10</sup> .....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.0	100.9
Inpatient hospital services <sup>10</sup> .....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.0	100.6
Outpatient hospital services <sup>5</sup> .....	107.2	117.1	131.1	145.9	160.4	176.0	189.3	200.2	209.4	219.5	223.3
Nursing home services <sup>10</sup> .....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.0	101.4
Entertainment <sup>1</sup> .....	116.9	122.2	128.4	133.3	138.4	142.2	146.1	149.2	153.8	158.4	159.2
Entertainment commodities <sup>1</sup> .....	112.6	117.6	121.7	124.8	129.0	131.5	133.9	136.1	139.4	142.9	143.1
Reading materials .....	121.4	126.7	132.5	138.6	147.8	153.4	159.0	164.8	174.5	179.3	179.5
Newspapers <sup>1</sup> .....	120.9	126.8	131.8	138.2	151.4	157.9	164.8	173.2	186.5	191.9	192.5
Magazines, periodicals, and books <sup>1</sup> .....	122.3	127.0	133.6	139.5	144.4	149.1	153.4	156.5	162.5	166.6	166.6
Sporting goods and equipment .....	107.8	112.5	115.9	116.5	120.5	121.6	122.6	126.1	124.5	124.6	124.7
Sport vehicles, including bicycles .....	108.9	113.2	117.7	117.8	120.4	123.5	124.9	128.8	127.3	127.4	127.1
Other sporting goods .....	103.9	109.0	110.8	112.1	118.0	116.3	116.7	119.7	118.0	118.0	118.6
Toys, hobbies, and other entertainment <sup>1</sup> .....	110.5	115.6	119.2	122.1	123.8	125.4	126.9	126.4	129.2	133.8	134.2
Toys, hobbies, and music equipment <sup>1</sup> .....	107.8	112.3	114.8	116.6	117.9	121.3	123.2	122.2	123.5	127.4	127.7
Photographic supplies and equipment .....	116.3	123.5	127.8	129.7	131.1	134.1	136.5	131.4	133.8	133.9	135.3
Pet supplies and expense .....	112.6	117.7	122.8	127.3	129.5	128.5	129.3	130.7	135.4	142.4	142.4
Entertainment services <sup>1</sup> .....	124.0	129.7	138.7	146.1	152.5	158.1	163.8	168.3	174.6	180.7	182.2
Club memberships <sup>1 5</sup> .....	102.0	110.5	115.3	120.7	125.3	128.0	132.6	131.8	134.8	133.5	135.6
Fees for participant sports, excluding club memberships <sup>1 5</sup> .....	106.9	113.2	121.9	128.6	134.2	140.6	152.1	155.6	159.3	165.9	168.9
Admissions .....	128.1	132.8	145.8	153.1	160.5	166.6	169.9	176.2	185.7	193.3	195.1
Fees for lessons or instructions <sup>5</sup> .....	105.3	110.6	119.6	126.1	133.6	140.7	146.3	154.0	158.6	167.3	168.5
Other entertainment services <sup>1 5</sup> .....	101.6	105.2	109.9	116.3	120.8	124.4	127.6	130.9	135.7	140.3	140.3
Other goods and services <sup>3</sup> .....	131.3	140.6	152.7	164.4	177.7	189.0	192.0	200.0	208.1	215.2	217.4
Tobacco and smoking products .....	137.2	150.2	171.8	190.1	211.5	229.0	215.4	222.2	228.4	233.9	237.0
Personal care .....	116.4	122.3	126.9	132.2	135.7	139.9	143.2	146.1	148.9	150.4	151.4
Toilet goods and personal care appliances .....	115.1	121.5	124.7	130.0	133.7	138.6	140.7	143.5	144.7	143.5	144.2
Cosmetics, bath and nail preparations, manicure and eye makeup implements .....	116.1	122.2	124.8	132.0	136.0	138.5	144.7	146.8	148.9	153.1	155.1
Other toilet goods and small personal care appliances, including hair and dental products .....	114.6	121.3	124.9	128.9	132.5	138.9	138.3	141.7	142.3	137.7	137.6
Personal care services .....	117.8	123.0	129.4	134.9	137.9	141.3	146.2	149.2	154.2	159.4	160.8
Beauty parlor services for females <sup>1</sup> .....	117.5	122.7	129.4	135.2	137.9	140.8	146.1	148.9	153.7	158.4	159.9
Haircuts and other barber shop services for males <sup>1</sup> .....	118.4	123.8	128.7	133.2	137.4	142.5	145.6	149.6	155.3	162.3	163.6
Personal and educational expenses <sup>1</sup> .....	143.0	152.3	163.1	174.7	188.7	200.5	213.3	224.9	237.3	248.3	250.8
School books and supplies .....	141.9	151.1	162.9	173.9	184.4	194.9	202.3	208.5	220.3	232.9	236.9
Personal and educational services <sup>1</sup> .....	143.3	152.7	163.4	175.0	189.3	201.2	214.5	226.5	238.9	249.8	252.3
Tuition and other school fees .....	146.3	157.1	169.6	182.7	199.4	214.4	228.7	242.0	255.8	267.9	269.5
College tuition .....	145.4	156.2	169.3	183.6	205.0	223.8	240.3	255.3	271.2	286.1	288.1
Elementary and high school tuition .....	149.3	161.9	176.2	191.4	206.2	222.7	235.4	250.2	266.9	279.3	279.3
Day care and nursery school <sup>8</sup> .....	-	-	-	100.0	106.3	110.8	116.7	122.7	127.5	132.1	133.2
Personal expenses .....	136.0	143.0	151.0	160.1	170.5	177.6	188.9	198.8	208.9	217.8	221.5
Legal service fees <sup>5</sup> .....	105.2	109.8	116.4	121.7	129.2	133.6	144.0	147.2	153.1	159.7	160.4
Personal financial services <sup>5</sup> .....	104.5	111.7	117.9	127.1	136.8	143.9	153.3	166.5	177.7	183.2	188.3
Funeral expenses <sup>5</sup> .....	104.6	109.6	115.1	122.6	130.1	135.1	142.1	150.6	158.1	165.9	168.9
<b>Special indexes</b>											
Domestically produced farm food .....	112.4	119.1	127.0	135.0	136.7	139.0	143.9	147.1	150.7	159.3	158.8
Selected beef cuts .....	107.8	112.1	120.0	129.9	128.5	128.8	133.3	129.7	127.8	131.6	129.6
Motor fuel, motor oil, coolant, and other products <sup>1</sup> .....	82.3	80.9	86.3	117.1	98.8	100.3	95.0	100.6	96.9	109.3	108.6
Utilities and public transportation .....	109.6	113.4	116.3	121.2	125.6	129.4	134.4	133.6	135.9	142.4	143.3
Housekeeping and home maintenance services <sup>1</sup> .....	113.1	117.9	119.4	124.6	133.1	137.6	140.1	142.9	149.9	154.3	154.3

<sup>1</sup> This index series will no longer appear in its present form after December, 1997. See Table X for a comparable index series.

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

<sup>3</sup> This index series will undergo a change in composition in January, 1998.

<sup>4</sup> Indexes on a December 1982=100 base.

<sup>5</sup> Indexes on a December 1986=100 base.

<sup>6</sup> Indexes on a December 1983=100 base.

<sup>7</sup> Indexes on a December 1988=100 base.

<sup>8</sup> Indexes on a December 1990=100 base.

<sup>9</sup> Indexes on a December 1993=100 base.

<sup>10</sup> Indexes on a December 1996=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										Feb.
	1987	1988	1989	1990	1991	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997
<b>Commodity and service group</b>											
All items .....	4.5	4.4	4.5	6.1	2.8	2.9	2.5	2.7	2.5	3.3	0.6
Commodities .....	4.7	3.8	4.2	6.8	1.0	2.2	1.4	2.4	1.6	3.3	.3
Food and beverages .....	3.4	5.1	5.5	5.3	2.5	1.6	2.7	2.6	2.2	4.2	.2
Commodities less food and beverages .....	5.6	3.0	3.2	7.9	-1	2.6	.5	2.3	1.1	2.6	.4
Nondurables less food and beverages .....	8.0	3.4	5.0	13.1	-1.6	2.5	-1.3	1.6	.5	4.1	.7
Apparel commodities <sup>1</sup> .....	5.0	4.4	.5	4.9	3.1	1.3	.5	-1.9	.1	-4	1.5
Nondurables less food, beverages, and apparel .....	9.6	2.9	7.3	17.3	-3.7	2.9	-2.1	3.2	.6	6.3	.3
Durables .....	2.6	2.5	1.2	.5	2.4	2.9	3.0	3.4	1.9	.5	-1
Services .....	4.2	4.9	4.9	5.5	4.5	3.5	3.6	3.0	3.4	3.3	.9
Rent of shelter .....	4.8	4.4	4.9	5.0	3.9	2.8	3.0	3.0	3.4	2.9	1.0
Household services less rent of shelter <sup>1</sup> .....	1.3	3.6	2.3	2.7	4.8	2.7	2.8	.6	1.8	3.5	1.2
Transportation services .....	4.3	6.1	5.0	7.3	3.1	3.1	3.9	3.6	3.4	3.8	-1
Medical care services .....	6.0	7.1	8.4	9.2	7.9	7.1	5.7	5.4	4.5	3.2	.9
Other services .....	5.2	5.6	6.5	6.3	6.0	4.9	5.1	4.1	4.4	4.0	.9
<b>Special indexes</b>											
All items less food .....	4.7	4.1	4.4	6.2	3.0	3.2	2.4	2.8	2.5	3.1	.6
All items less shelter .....	4.4	4.4	4.4	6.5	2.4	2.9	2.3	2.7	2.2	3.4	.5
All items less homeowners' costs <sup>1</sup> .....	4.3	4.3	4.4	6.4	2.6	2.9	2.4	2.6	2.2	3.5	.6
All items less medical care .....	4.4	4.2	4.4	5.9	2.5	2.7	2.3	2.6	2.4	3.3	.5
Commodities less food .....	5.4	3.1	3.4	7.6	.5	2.6	.6	2.2	1.2	2.7	.4
Nondurables less food .....	7.5	3.5	5.0	12.3	-6	2.5	-1.0	1.5	.6	4.2	.6
Nondurables less food and apparel .....	8.8	3.0	7.0	15.6	-2.1	2.9	-1.6	3.0	.8	5.9	.4
Nondurables .....	5.4	4.3	5.3	8.9	.5	2.0	.8	2.2	1.4	4.2	.3
Services less rent of shelter .....	3.6	5.3	4.9	5.8	5.2	4.1	4.2	3.0	3.4	3.6	.7
Services less medical care services .....	4.1	4.6	4.6	5.1	4.2	3.1	3.4	2.7	3.3	3.3	.9
Energy .....	8.8	.3	5.2	19.2	-8.1	1.9	-1.7	2.5	-1.5	9.2	.6
All items less energy .....	4.1	4.7	4.4	5.0	3.9	2.9	2.9	2.8	2.8	2.9	.6
All items less food and energy .....	4.3	4.5	4.3	4.9	4.4	3.2	2.9	2.8	3.0	2.5	.7
Commodities less food and energy commodities .....	3.7	3.9	2.7	3.2	4.0	2.9	1.5	1.8	1.8	1.0	.5
Energy commodities .....	18.0	-2.2	7.6	35.5	-16.0	1.1	-5.2	5.4	-3.4	14.0	-7
Services less energy services .....	4.7	4.9	5.1	5.8	4.6	3.5	3.7	3.3	3.5	3.2	.8
<b>Expenditure category</b>											
Food and beverages .....	3.4	5.1	5.5	5.3	2.5	1.6	2.7	2.6	2.2	4.2	.2
Food .....	3.4	5.2	5.6	5.4	1.8	1.5	2.8	2.8	2.2	4.3	.1
Food at home .....	3.3	5.6	6.2	5.8	1.1	1.5	3.4	3.2	2.2	4.9	-1
Cereals and bakery products .....	4.2	8.4	7.3	4.6	3.4	3.9	3.7	3.3	3.2	3.7	.6
Cereals and cereal products .....	4.9	9.5	7.3	5.1	3.6	3.6	3.4	3.1	2.6	-1.3	.7
Flour and prepared flour mixes .....	1.2	6.7	7.3	2.2	-2	5.0	-2	1.7	6.5	7.6	3.7
Cereal .....	5.9	9.6	9.7	7.2	4.8	3.9	4.7	2.4	1.6	-4.2	-6
Rice, pasta, and cornmeal .....	4.9	11.4	1.4	2.1	2.8	2.0	2.2	6.0	2.5	.8	2.1
Bakery products .....	3.9	7.8	7.4	4.3	3.4	4.2	3.7	3.5	3.5	6.0	.4
White bread .....	4.3	11.1	6.0	3.7	1.4	4.1	6.9	2.8	5.7	8.3	.1
Fresh other bread, biscuits, rolls, and muffins .....	3.6	9.6	6.8	4.8	3.6	5.2	2.8	4.7	4.6	5.0	.9
Cookies, fresh cakes, and cupcakes .....	4.2	6.1	7.8	5.7	4.8	2.3	3.3	3.7	1.3	4.2	-3
Other bakery products .....	3.4	5.0	8.8	3.3	3.9	5.1	1.9	3.3	2.7	6.2	1.2
Meats, poultry, fish, and eggs .....	1.0	5.2	6.9	7.9	-1.6	.5	3.6	-7	4.2	5.7	-9
Meats, poultry, and fish .....	2.2	4.7	5.2	8.9	-1.4	.8	3.8	-7	3.0	5.3	-3
Meats .....	3.5	2.1	6.6	11.4	-2.2	.3	3.7	-1.7	2.7	5.2	-3
Beef and veal .....	6.7	5.5	6.7	8.9	-1.1	.8	3.7	-2.2	-2	2.5	-1.0
Ground beef other than canned .....	5.9	2.4	7.5	7.6	-1.4	-6	3.7	-4.5	-1.7	1.6	-4
Chuck roast <sup>1</sup> .....	5.1	7.0	9.7	10.3	1.4	1.2	2.4	-1.6	.7	3.5	-2.9
Round roast <sup>1</sup> .....	6.1	6.1	7.5	10.2	-1.6	2.5	.8	1.7	-2.8	5.7	-2.1
Round steak <sup>1</sup> .....	7.0	3.2	6.2	9.6	-2	-2	2.7	-1.4	-2.0	4.0	-2.4
Sirloin steak <sup>1</sup> .....	9.8	7.0	2.7	5.9	-2.6	1.5	6.4	-1.2	-1.7	5.1	-3.3
Other beef and veal <sup>1</sup> .....	7.5	9.1	6.1	10.2	-1.1	2.2	4.0	-1.0	2.4	1.8	-2
Pork .....	-1.8	-2.9	7.0	16.6	-6.0	-7	4.5	-2.3	7.4	11.1	-3
Bacon .....	-4.3	-10.4	8.6	17.1	-11.8	-3.4	11.7	-2.0	13.2	24.2	-1
Chops .....	-1.5	.2	8.2	14.9	-4.3	2.6	4.6	-4.9	5.5	6.8	.1
Ham .....	-3.0	-1.5	5.1	18.2	-4.8	-1.4	1.5	-1.5	7.2	8.5	-1.1
Other pork, including sausage <sup>1</sup> .....	.1	-2.5	6.7	16.7	-5.4	-1.4	3.3	-1.1	6.5	9.7	.1
Other meats .....	4.0	.8	5.6	10.3	.8	.2	2.6	.6	3.1	3.4	1.0
Poultry .....	-9.4	18.2	.4	1.4	.5	2.8	5.5	-4	4.1	7.9	.0
Fresh whole chicken .....	-11.4	22.0	-.8	.2	-.4	4.3	4.4	-1.1	3.9	9.4	.5
Fresh and frozen chicken parts .....	-8.8	19.0	-1.1	2.3	1.2	1.6	7.3	-2.3	4.9	7.2	-.9
Other poultry <sup>1</sup> .....	-7.3	8.6	6.8	1.4	.3	2.9	3.2	6.6	2.6	6.6	1.5
Fish and seafood .....	10.0	4.6	3.7	2.8	1.6	1.7	3.3	5.2	3.1	2.4	-.2
Canned fish and seafood .....	10.4	13.2	-4.3	-.3	-.6	1.2	2.5	1.4	1.0	.9	-.2
Fresh and frozen fish and seafood <sup>1</sup> .....	9.9	2.0	6.2	3.7	2.1	2.0	3.4	6.3	3.7	2.8	-.3
Eggs .....	-17.9	16.6	35.7	-4.7	-4.1	-4.6	-1.9	.4	25.6	12.1	-9.6

See footnotes at end of table.

**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										Feb.
	1987	1988	1989	1990	1991	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997
<b>Expenditure category</b>											
Dairy products .....	1.6	4.5	10.4	3.0	0.6	1.3	0.9	1.1	2.5	10.2	-1.7
Fresh milk and cream <sup>1</sup> .....	1.6	4.8	11.5	2.5	-2	2.3	2.2	.7	1.8	11.5	-2.5
Fresh whole milk .....	1.4	5.1	11.5	2.5	-4	1.8	2.1	.4	2.1	11.0	-3.0
Other fresh milk and cream <sup>1</sup> .....	2.2	4.2	11.3	2.4	.1	3.3	2.2	1.1	1.3	12.3	-1.8
Processed dairy products <sup>1</sup> .....	1.6	4.2	9.2	3.7	1.3	.2	-6	1.5	3.4	8.7	-.7
Cheese <sup>1</sup> .....	2.1	5.2	12.9	4.7	1.7	.1	-8	.9	2.4	8.2	-1.1
Ice cream and related products .....	1.4	3.7	7.1	4.4	1.1	.5	.5	3.7	2.7	7.7	.8
Other dairy products, including butter <sup>1</sup> .....	.6	2.0	1.3	-2	.2	-2	-1.6	.5	8.4	12.1	-2.0
Fruits and vegetables <sup>2</sup> .....	12.5	6.3	3.8	7.3	4.4	2.1	6.5	8.1	-1.0	5.1	.1
Fresh fruits and vegetables .....	17.6	3.7	4.7	8.4	7.9	2.6	9.1	11.8	-2.7	4.4	-5
Fresh fruits .....	10.3	13.6	6.4	11.3	11.0	-4.3	12.6	3.6	5.8	11.8	-7.7
Apples .....	-11.0	27.5	-6.3	21.9	12.2	-9.5	8.4	-2.2	15.0	3.8	2.1
Bananas .....	17.4	7.9	5.9	4.4	-4	-2.8	2.6	12.2	2.6	7.4	7.7
Oranges, including tangerines <sup>1</sup> .....	14.7	14.1	-4.4	10.2	23.1	-16.1	12.9	.6	14.7	-3.0	-2.4
Other fresh fruits <sup>1</sup> .....	15.9	10.4	14.5	9.9	9.6	.7	15.5	4.6	1.8	18.7	-13.7
Fresh vegetables .....	25.1	-5.2	2.7	5.3	4.3	11.2	5.5	21.1	-10.8	-4.1	9.4
Potatoes .....	-.3	24.3	9.1	-4.2	-4.0	6.7	20.5	-6.5	13.7	-8.6	2.1
Lettuce .....	-	-36.3	-22.1	11.8	12.1	6.5	-16.2	77.7	-36.4	7.0	-7
Tomatoes .....	10.3	-10.8	13.2	-7.9	-4.0	55.1	1.9	18.1	4.0	-20.4	9.3
Other fresh vegetables .....	14.2	2.5	4.5	11.7	7.7	3.1	7.3	21.2	-15.4	1.8	13.9
Processed fruits and vegetables <sup>1</sup> .....	4.5	11.0	2.5	5.4	-1.6	1.1	1.5	.5	2.7	6.4	1.3
Processed fruits <sup>1</sup> .....	5.7	10.8	.6	7.7	-2.6	2.2	-9	-4	3.6	6.8	1.6
Fruit juices and frozen fruit <sup>1</sup> .....	6.6	12.5	-.2	9.1	-4.3	2.3	-1.4	-.8	3.6	7.5	1.6
Canned and dried fruits <sup>1</sup> .....	2.9	4.0	3.1	2.5	4.8	1.6	1.5	1.0	3.8	4.2	1.9
Processed vegetables <sup>1</sup> .....	3.0	11.2	4.9	2.6	-5	-.1	4.2	1.6	1.8	6.0	.8
Frozen vegetables <sup>1</sup> .....	2.9	4.4	7.1	3.0	.8	.8	3.7	.8	2.9	2.4	2.7
Processed vegetables excluding frozen <sup>1</sup> .....	3.0	14.5	3.9	2.5	-1.2	-.5	4.3	2.0	1.2	7.7	.0
Other food at home .....	.9	4.8	4.3	4.2	1.5	.9	2.0	5.7	1.3	2.2	1.3
Sugar and sweets .....	1.6	5.2	3.8	4.3	3.4	1.0	.9	1.0	3.0	4.4	1.9
Sugar and artificial sweeteners .....	1.3	8.0	4.4	2.8	.0	1.0	1.0	2.0	4.1	3.4	2.3
Sweets, including candy <sup>1</sup> .....	1.7	4.0	3.6	4.9	4.8	1.0	.8	.6	2.5	4.8	1.6
Fats and oils .....	1.8	9.9	2.7	7.7	-1.3	-.6	.8	3.7	2.4	2.3	1.4
Nonalcoholic beverages .....	-3.0	2.8	3.2	1.9	-.4	-.2	2.1	13.5	-1.4	-1.8	1.2
Carbonated drinks .....	1.7	1.5	4.9	.8	.9	1.5	1.8	-.3	2.9	-.5	1.9
Coffee .....	-14.4	5.7	-1.2	1.6	-5.1	-5.5	5.3	55.9	-9.7	-6.9	.6
Other noncarbonated drinks <sup>1</sup> .....	2.3	2.6	4.0	5.3	2.7	1.9	-.7	.8	2.3	2.8	.4
Other prepared food .....	4.1	5.0	5.7	5.2	3.1	2.1	2.6	2.3	2.6	4.5	1.0
Canned and packaged soup .....	6.2	3.7	7.5	6.1	5.9	5.7	4.3	4.3	3.6	4.6	-.1
Frozen prepared food .....	5.7	4.5	5.5	3.4	1.6	.5	-.4	.3	.4	5.0	-.3
Snacks .....	3.1	5.0	3.9	4.0	1.1	-.4	3.0	1.8	3.5	5.7	1.6
Seasonings, condiments, sauces, and spices .....	2.7	4.4	5.6	6.3	4.0	4.1	2.6	2.4	4.0	4.5	2.4
Miscellaneous prepared food, including baby food <sup>1</sup> .....	4.6	6.1	7.0	5.9	3.7	1.9	3.6	3.1	1.7	3.5	.4
Food away from home .....	3.7	4.4	4.6	4.5	2.8	1.6	1.8	2.0	2.2	3.1	.5
Lunch <sup>1</sup> .....	3.8	4.6	5.0	4.5	2.9	1.6	1.9	1.9	2.3	3.1	.5
Dinner <sup>1</sup> .....	3.5	4.3	4.3	4.0	2.7	1.5	1.8	2.0	2.3	2.8	.4
Other meals and snacks <sup>1</sup> .....	3.3	4.3	4.7	5.5	3.0	1.5	1.7	2.1	2.3	3.7	.4
Alcoholic beverages .....	3.0	3.8	4.8	4.2	10.0	2.9	1.6	.9	1.9	3.6	.8
Alcoholic beverages at home .....	2.2	2.3	4.4	3.8	11.5	2.2	.5	-.2	.9	3.3	.8
Beer and ale .....	2.1	2.7	4.7	3.7	11.9	2.8	.3	-.2	.8	2.8	.5
Wine .....	3.4	1.8	3.1	2.9	13.4	1.5	.2	-1.2	1.3	6.2	1.8
Distilled spirits .....	1.1	1.8	4.5	4.9	8.9	1.4	1.1	.7	.8	2.0	.8
Alcoholic beverages away from home .....	4.2	5.7	5.2	4.9	8.0	3.8	2.9	2.2	3.2	4.0	.6

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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										Feb.
	1987	1988	1989	1990	1991	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997
<b>Expenditure category</b>											
Housing <sup>2</sup> .....	3.5	3.9	3.9	4.2	3.4	2.6	2.6	2.1	2.8	2.9	0.9
Shelter .....	4.8	4.4	4.8	5.1	3.8	2.8	3.0	3.0	3.4	2.8	1.0
Renters' costs <sup>1</sup> .....	3.9	3.5	4.5	5.7	3.8	2.7	2.5	2.5	2.7	3.1	2.3
Rent, residential .....	3.7	3.5	4.1	4.1	3.0	2.3	2.3	2.5	2.5	2.8	.4
Other renters' costs <sup>1</sup> .....	4.3	3.8	6.5	14.2	8.3	3.9	3.6	2.1	3.7	4.9	10.4
Lodging while out of town .....	4.1	3.6	6.5	15.5	8.6	3.5	3.8	1.8	3.6	5.2	11.6
Lodging while at school .....	5.9	5.8	7.3	6.1	6.5	8.0	2.2	4.7	4.4	3.5	1.3
Tenants' insurance <sup>1</sup> .....	3.5	2.8	2.3	1.2	2.5	2.5	3.1	4.7	2.0	.5	1.2
Homeowners' costs <sup>1</sup> .....	5.2	4.8	5.0	4.7	3.9	2.9	3.3	3.3	3.7	2.7	.4
Owners' equivalent rent .....	5.2	4.8	5.2	4.7	3.9	2.9	3.2	3.3	3.7	2.8	.4
Household insurance <sup>1</sup> .....	3.9	3.0	2.6	1.8	2.8	2.8	3.3	4.8	1.9	1.1	.9
Maintenance and repairs <sup>1</sup> .....	3.0	2.4	3.3	3.9	5.7	-.6	-.16	3.7	2.6	3.2	.4
Maintenance and repair services <sup>1</sup> .....	4.2	1.6	3.9	6.0	4.5	2.4	-.36	4.7	3.1	3.7	.1
Maintenance and repair commodities <sup>1</sup> .....	1.7	3.3	2.7	1.4	6.9	-.4	.8	2.4	1.9	2.3	.9
Materials, supplies, and equipment for home repairs <sup>1</sup> .....	1.9	2.1	5.2	2.7	4.3	-.7	.1	.9	.7	5.2	.7
Other maintenance and repair commodities <sup>1</sup> .....	1.5	4.2	.9	.3	9.1	-.68	1.4	3.7	2.9	.2	1.1
Fuel and other utilities <sup>2</sup> .....	1.6	3.0	3.1	3.8	3.2	2.3	2.6	.1	1.4	4.6	1.3
Fuels .....	1.2	2.5	3.6	4.0	1.1	2.4	1.7	-.6	.6	5.7	1.7
Fuel oil and other household fuel commodities .....	12.2	-.44	14.9	28.7	-.168	-.29	-.38	.1	1.4	23.6	-1.1
Fuel oil .....	18.0	-.64	19.6	29.9	-.200	-.32	-.46	.0	1.6	23.2	.5
Other household fuel commodities .....	2.4	-.2	6.0	26.1	-.98	-.24	-.21	.3	.8	24.1	-.39
Gas (piped) and electricity (energy services) .....	.2	3.2	2.7	1.4	3.4	2.9	2.3	-.8	.6	4.1	2.0
Electricity .....	1.7	3.0	2.6	1.2	5.2	1.7	.5	.7	2.7	.7	.5
Utility (piped) gas .....	-.29	3.7	2.6	1.7	-.1	5.4	5.9	-.35	-.39	11.8	5.3
Other utilities and public services <sup>1</sup> .....	2.0	3.9	2.2	3.7	5.6	2.5	3.7	1.0	2.1	3.4	.8
Telephone services <sup>1</sup> .....	-.10	1.3	-.3	-.3	3.4	-.2	1.8	.7	1.1	2.1	.4
Local charges <sup>1</sup> .....	3.6	4.5	.5	1.0	5.2	.4	1.0	-.4	2.3	.9	.1
Interstate toll calls .....	-.124	-.42	-.13	-.37	1.3	-.13	6.5	5.4	.1	3.8	.1
Intrastate toll calls .....	-.30	-.42	-.25	-.22	-.15	-.24	.1	-.9	-.35	6.2	1.7
Water and sewerage maintenance .....	5.2	5.6	6.7	5.9	7.3	6.4	4.9	4.2	2.8	3.4	.6
Cable television .....	9.7	10.7	3.9	13.5	8.6	4.0	7.1	-.29	3.9	7.9	2.4
Refuse collection .....	9.9	7.8	9.7	10.0	11.6	8.6	5.2	4.9	2.7	1.9	.1
Household furnishings and operation <sup>2</sup> .....	1.0	3.1	.8	1.7	2.1	1.6	1.5	.6	2.3	.9	.2
Housefurnishings <sup>1</sup> .....	.4	2.4	-.7	.5	.8	1.6	1.3	.0	.5	.1	.0
Textile housefurnishings <sup>1</sup> .....	.9	6.4	-.7	2.5	1.4	-.13	6.1	-.30	.1	-.10	.9
Furniture and bedding .....	2.0	3.1	-.17	1.1	1.1	4.3	2.8	1.2	4.2	.9	-.11
Bedroom furniture .....	.3	5.3	-.23	-.14	4.2	5.2	4.9	-.18	2.0	3.6	-.16
Sofas <sup>1</sup> .....	5.0	-.9	-.10	.2	-.1	3.6	-.12	6.2	10.9	1.2	-.15
Living room chairs and tables <sup>1</sup> .....	1.9	3.1	-.12	5.4	-.15	3.7	4.8	.8	6.2	-.13	-.11
Other furniture <sup>1</sup> .....	2.5	3.4	-.18	2.5	-.5	4.4	1.6	2.2	1.4	-.14	-.1
Appliances, including electronic equipment <sup>1</sup> .....	-.27	.8	-.18	-.24	-.14	-.13	-.5	-.9	-.37	-.16	.0
Video and audio products <sup>1</sup> .....	-.37	-.12	-.8	-.37	-.6	-.14	-.5	-.25	-.39	-.24	-.1
Televisions .....	-.49	-.12	-.21	-.35	-.11	-.7	-.21	-.17	-.44	-.54	.6
Video products other than televisions <sup>1</sup> .....	-	-	-.51	-.96	-.57	-.21	-.14	-.68	-.69	-.7	-.13
Audio products <sup>1</sup> .....	.9	.0	2.3	-.10	1.9	-.15	.7	-.11	-.26	-.7	-.1
Major household appliances <sup>1</sup> .....	-.12	3.4	-.12	.0	-.21	.4	1.8	3.3	-.20	1.6	.1
Refrigerators and home freezers <sup>1</sup> .....	1.1	1.8	1.2	-.9	-.17	.7	4.7	5.1	-.21	2.1	.0
Laundry equipment .....	-.11	3.6	-.6	1.8	-.19	.5	.6	2.8	-.4	3.3	.0
Stoves, ovens, dishwashers, and air conditioners <sup>1</sup> .....	-.29	4.5	-.35	-.10	-.24	.0	.7	2.1	-.36	-.5	.3
Information processing equipment .....	-	-	-.73	-.32	-.31	-.72	-.79	-.81	-.100	-.106	-.16
Other housefurnishings <sup>1</sup> .....	1.7	2.2	1.3	2.2	2.2	2.5	-.3	.7	.6	.7	.9
Floor and window coverings, infants', laundry, cleaning, and outdoor equipment <sup>1</sup> .....	6.2	-.10	4.6	7.5	-.20	3.3	.7	2.0	4.3	1.6	2.0
Clocks, lamps, and decor items .....	1.4	3.2	6.0	.1	3.5	2.4	-.34	-.4	3.7	-.39	2.8
Tableware, serving pieces, and nonelectric kitchenware <sup>1</sup> .....	1.4	3.0	2.2	1.4	6.3	1.6	1.1	.6	-.31	1.8	2.7
Lawn equipment, power tools, and other hardware <sup>1</sup> .....	.9	.1	-.26	1.8	-.6	1.1	3.9	.6	.7	2.4	.3
Sewing, floor cleaning, small kitchen, and portable heating appliances <sup>1</sup> .....	-.17	1.8	-.30	-.8	-.5	1.4	-.37	-.20	-.37	1.9	1.8
Indoor plants and fresh cut flowers .....	-	-	-	-	7.3	5.5	-.25	3.9	1.4	.6	-.45
Housekeeping supplies .....	2.9	4.0	5.5	3.2	2.0	-.3	1.5	1.1	5.0	1.5	.8
Laundry and cleaning products, including soap <sup>1</sup> .....	4.6	4.2	4.5	3.9	4.2	-.4	-.3	1.7	1.4	2.8	.3
Household paper products and stationery supplies <sup>1</sup> .....	.9	5.6	5.4	4.1	.3	-.1	2.1	.6	10.5	.8	.3
Other household, lawn, and garden supplies <sup>1</sup> .....	2.8	2.2	6.8	1.5	.7	-.2	3.0	.8	3.9	.7	2.0
Housekeeping services <sup>1</sup> .....	1.5	4.4	1.1	4.2	7.0	3.5	2.4	1.7	5.0	2.9	.0
Postage .....	.0	13.6	.0	.0	16.2	.0	.0	.0	10.4	.0	.0
Appliance and furniture repair <sup>1</sup> .....	2.9	2.3	1.8	3.9	4.3	5.9	2.6	.6	4.8	3.2	-.3
Gardening and other household services <sup>1</sup> .....	4.7	4.1	2.8	3.8	2.2	5.0	1.7	.6	2.0	5.3	-.13

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Group	Percent change from previous December										
	December										Feb.
	1987	1988	1989	1990	1991	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997
<b>Expenditure category</b>											
Apparel and upkeep	4.8	4.4	0.8	5.1	3.1	1.6	0.7	-1.5	0.2	-0.2	1.4
Apparel commodities <sup>1</sup>	5.0	4.4	.5	4.9	3.1	1.3	.5	-1.9	.1	-.4	1.5
Apparel commodities less footwear	5.2	4.2	.4	5.1	3.2	1.2	.5	-1.9	.0	-.8	1.7
Men's and boys'	3.1	5.5	1.3	2.9	2.9	1.2	.5	-2.0	1.0	1.4	-.2
Men's	4.3	5.7	2.0	3.2	3.1	1.7	.3	-1.6	.4	1.7	.7
Suits, sport coats, coats, and jackets	3.4	9.2	2.6	2.6	2.5	2.0	5.1	-2.2	-1.3	-.6	-1.3
Furnishings and special clothing	.9	3.1	3.0	2.3	2.2	.9	-.1	.6	-2.7	4.3	-.3
Shirts <sup>1</sup>	6.6	6.2	.3	4.3	3.7	1.5	-2.7	-3.3	4.4	1.7	1.5
Dungarees, jeans, and trousers	5.9	4.1	2.2	3.8	3.5	2.6	-.8	-1.3	1.2	1.5	2.6
Boys'	-.7	4.9	-.8	1.6	2.6	-.9	1.1	-3.2	3.1	.3	-3.4
Women's and girls'	6.1	3.2	-.6	6.1	3.3	.7	.6	-3.4	-.6	-1.3	2.5
Women's	6.3	2.8	-.6	6.7	2.4	.3	1.6	-3.8	-.8	-1.1	2.9
Coats and jackets	4.9	-2.2	1.3	10.8	2.8	3.0	5.7	-8.0	2.3	4.0	-3.0
Dresses	15.3	3.0	-2.5	7.9	-3.2	3.1	-2.7	-11.3	2.2	-9.3	7.5
Separates and sportswear <sup>1</sup>	5.4	2.1	-.8	5.9	3.7	-1.0	2.3	-3.0	-2.7	-.2	2.4
Underwear, nightwear, hosiery, and accessories <sup>1</sup>	.4	5.7	1.8	4.4	2.3	.6	1.1	1.8	1.6	1.3	.8
Suits <sup>1</sup>	8.8	5.8	-2.7	10.6	8.9	-1.3	4.4	1.2	-5.1	-2.1	10.0
Girls'	5.2	5.3	-.4	3.6	8.3	2.6	-3.8	-1.8	.8	-1.9	1.0
Infants' and toddlers'	2.6	3.4	-.8	7.2	3.0	1.0	-3.8	3.7	-2.3	-1.3	.0
Other apparel commodities <sup>1</sup>	7.9	6.5	3.1	6.0	3.0	3.5	2.0	2.9	.8	-3.9	4.3
Sewing materials, notions, and luggage	2.7	6.2	1.6	6.7	2.0	1.2	-1.0	.0	8.2	-3.0	.7
Watches and jewelry	9.0	6.6	3.5	5.8	3.1	4.0	2.6	3.4	-.5	-4.0	5.0
Watches	3.6	4.1	-.3	3.0	2.6	-1.5	6.0	3.6	5.2	-6.5	3.3
Jewelry	10.6	7.2	4.6	6.5	3.3	5.3	1.9	3.3	-1.8	-3.4	5.4
Footwear	4.2	5.6	1.2	3.4	2.7	2.5	.8	-1.9	.6	1.6	.2
Men's	2.9	7.1	2.0	2.8	3.2	2.3	1.1	-1.5	.2	-.7	1.2
Boys' and girls'	7.4	3.7	3.4	4.1	-.4	-.2	.0	1.0	1.5	4.3	.4
Women's	3.4	5.6	-.8	3.4	4.3	4.2	1.0	-3.8	.6	1.9	-.9
Apparel services <sup>1</sup>	3.7	4.1	3.8	6.9	3.4	3.3	2.8	1.6	.8	2.2	.5
Laundry and dry cleaning other than coin operated <sup>1</sup>	5.2	5.3	3.9	5.2	3.1	3.2	3.3	1.8	.7	3.6	.7
Other apparel services <sup>1</sup>	2.6	3.2	3.5	8.3	3.7	3.5	2.5	1.4	.9	1.0	.3
Transportation	6.7	2.9	4.0	10.4	-1.7	3.0	2.0	4.5	1.6	4.2	-.3
Private	6.9	2.9	3.9	10.1	-1.7	2.8	1.5	5.2	1.5	3.8	.0
New vehicles	1.8	2.3	2.7	2.0	3.9	2.5	3.4	3.5	2.0	1.9	-.1
New cars	1.7	2.2	2.4	1.3	3.2	2.3	2.9	3.1	1.7	1.6	-.1
Subcompact new cars <sup>1</sup>	1.8	2.4	1.2	.2	3.8	2.7	3.5	3.4	1.8	.8	-.2
Compact new cars <sup>1</sup>	1.2	1.3	2.3	1.6	2.4	.5	3.1	4.1	1.8	3.3	-.1
Intermediate new cars <sup>1</sup>	.4	1.5	3.9	1.6	3.4	2.2	2.2	3.4	1.3	.7	-.2
Full-size new cars <sup>1</sup>	3.1	2.4	3.3	1.3	3.4	1.5	3.2	1.9	1.1	2.0	-.2
Luxury new cars <sup>1</sup>	3.8	5.2	2.2	2.7	2.3	3.8	2.1	3.1	1.9	2.8	.5
New trucks	1.3	2.3	3.5	4.0	3.5	2.7	4.6	3.6	2.9	2.5	.8
New motorcycles	4.0	5.2	4.3	2.9	5.4	4.2	7.3	8.0	4.8	4.2	.4
Used cars	8.8	3.4	-.5	-2.2	2.8	7.9	8.1	8.5	4.6	-1.4	-.7
Motor fuel	18.5	-2.0	6.8	36.3	-15.9	1.4	-5.3	5.9	-3.8	13.0	-.6
Gasoline	18.7	-1.8	6.5	36.7	-16.0	1.6	-5.9	6.4	-4.1	12.9	-.7
Gasoline, unleaded regular	18.5	-2.5	5.6	38.7	-16.6	1.5	-6.7	7.1	-4.2	13.9	-.8
Gasoline, unleaded midgrade	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	5.3	-4.5	11.7	-.4
Gasoline, unleaded premium	15.6	-.7	6.3	31.9	-14.5	1.5	-4.8	5.2	-4.7	11.1	-.5
Automobile maintenance and repair	3.6	3.8	4.4	4.6	4.5	3.7	3.1	2.9	2.6	3.1	.4
Body work	5.5	4.3	5.9	4.1	2.4	2.9	2.6	3.2	3.7	4.5	.9
Automobile drive train, brake, and miscellaneous mechanical repair <sup>1</sup>	3.1	4.4	4.9	5.5	4.3	4.4	4.0	3.6	2.1	2.7	.8
Maintenance and servicing	3.7	3.1	3.1	3.9	5.4	2.1	2.1	1.5	2.1	2.9	-.1
Power plant repair <sup>1</sup>	3.5	4.1	4.8	4.6	4.6	4.7	3.6	3.4	3.3	3.2	.2
Other private transportation <sup>1</sup>	4.5	6.9	4.9	5.4	3.5	1.8	2.0	5.5	3.1	1.9	.6
Other private transportation commodities <sup>1</sup>	1.7	2.6	2.0	1.3	1.6	-.8	-1.3	.9	.9	-.1	.0
Motor oil, coolant, and other products	-2.0	8.7	-.3	7.0	1.0	-.4	.3	6.2	3.2	1.2	-1.4
Automobile parts and equipment	1.9	2.0	2.2	.9	1.5	-.8	-1.5	.3	.6	-.2	.2
Tires	1.5	3.8	2.1	-.2	2.2	-.4	-1.5	2.2	.1	.0	-.1
Other parts and equipment <sup>1</sup>	2.5	.5	2.3	1.7	1.0	-1.1	-1.6	-1.4	1.0	-.4	.5
Other private transportation services <sup>1</sup>	5.3	7.9	5.5	6.3	3.9	2.3	2.5	6.4	3.4	2.2	.7
Automobile insurance	5.6	8.1	6.0	7.7	8.1	6.5	4.9	3.4	4.4	3.9	.2
Automobile finance charges <sup>1</sup>	6.0	8.5	4.3	.2	-7.0	-14.1	-6.3	23.1	2.2	-2.7	1.0
Automobile fees <sup>1</sup>	3.3	5.8	5.7	9.8	3.6	6.1	2.2	3.0	1.0	.7	2.5
Automobile registration, licensing, and inspection fees <sup>1</sup>	1.6	6.1	6.2	16.0	4.7	5.9	2.5	.4	1.8	.1	-.1
Other automobile-related fees <sup>1</sup>	5.5	5.6	4.9	2.1	2.0	6.4	1.8	6.8	-.1	1.9	5.9
Public transportation	1.6	3.4	3.7	15.5	-1.7	5.2	10.0	-5.0	4.0	10.6	-3.5
Airline fares	1.1	3.1	5.2	22.8	-5.8	6.2	17.2	-9.5	2.1	15.4	-6.3
Other intercity transportation	2.1	6.9	2.7	6.3	3.3	.8	-3.7	1.8	1.7	1.9	-.9
Intracity public transportation	2.2	2.7	1.9	7.8	3.7	4.9	3.0	.9	7.6	5.6	.2

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	1987	1988	1989	1990	1991	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997
<b>Expenditure category</b>											
Medical care .....	6.1	7.0	8.3	9.1	7.8	6.8	5.2	4.9	4.0	3.1	0.9
Medical care commodities .....	7.0	6.7	8.2	8.5	7.3	5.0	3.0	2.9	1.7	2.5	1.0
Prescription drugs .....	8.1	7.7	9.5	10.0	9.4	5.6	3.2	3.6	2.0	3.0	.9
Nonprescription drugs and medical supplies .....	5.3	4.8	5.8	5.8	3.3	4.2	2.6	1.6	1.2	1.5	.9
Internal and respiratory over-the-counter drugs .....	6.0	5.0	5.3	6.1	2.6	4.3	2.6	.9	.7	1.9	1.1
Nonprescription medical equipment and supplies .....	2.9	4.7	7.2	4.9	5.7	3.7	2.8	4.1	2.5	.2	.8
Medical care services .....	6.0	7.1	8.4	9.2	7.9	7.1	5.7	5.4	4.5	3.2	.9
Professional medical services .....	6.5	6.8	6.5	6.7	6.2	5.8	4.4	4.7	4.1	3.6	.9
Physicians' services .....	6.5	7.5	7.2	7.4	5.5	6.3	5.0	4.5	4.4	3.1	1.0
Dental services .....	7.2	6.7	6.5	6.5	8.3	5.7	4.4	5.4	4.4	5.1	1.0
Eye care .....	5.3	4.3	3.6	4.6	3.5	3.7	2.1	3.6	2.4	1.4	.5
Services by other medical professionals .....	5.0	5.5	5.8	4.8	5.2	3.6	3.1	4.5	1.7	3.2	1.7
Hospital and related services .....	7.0	10.8	11.2	10.6	9.1	8.8	7.4	5.7	4.6	4.0	.9
Hospital services .....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	.9
Inpatient hospital services .....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	.6
Outpatient hospital services .....	7.2	9.2	12.0	11.3	9.9	9.7	7.6	5.8	4.6	4.8	1.7
Nursing home services .....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1.4
Entertainment <sup>1</sup> .....	3.9	4.5	5.1	3.8	3.8	2.7	2.7	2.1	3.1	3.0	.5
Entertainment commodities <sup>1</sup> .....	3.6	4.4	3.5	2.5	3.4	1.9	1.8	1.6	2.4	2.5	.1
Reading materials .....	3.8	4.4	4.6	4.6	6.6	3.8	3.7	3.6	5.9	2.8	.1
Newspapers <sup>1</sup> .....	4.6	4.9	3.9	4.9	9.6	4.3	4.4	5.1	7.7	2.9	.3
Magazines, periodicals, and books <sup>1</sup> .....	2.9	3.8	5.2	4.4	3.5	3.3	2.9	2.0	3.8	2.5	.0
Sporting goods and equipment .....	3.5	4.4	3.0	.5	3.4	.9	.8	2.9	-1.3	.1	.1
Sport vehicles, including bicycles .....	2.9	3.9	4.0	.1	2.2	2.6	1.1	3.1	-1.2	.1	-2.2
Other sporting goods .....	4.2	4.9	1.7	1.2	5.3	-1.4	.3	2.6	-1.4	.0	.5
Toys, hobbies, and other entertainment <sup>1</sup> .....	3.4	4.6	3.1	2.4	1.4	1.3	1.2	-4	2.2	3.6	.3
Toys, hobbies, and music equipment <sup>1</sup> .....	3.8	4.2	2.2	1.6	1.1	2.9	1.6	-8	1.1	3.2	.2
Photographic supplies and equipment .....	6.4	6.2	3.5	1.5	1.1	2.3	1.8	-3.7	1.8	.1	1.0
Pet supplies and expense .....	2.2	4.5	4.3	3.7	1.7	-8	.6	1.1	3.6	5.2	.0
Entertainment services <sup>1</sup> .....	4.3	4.6	6.9	5.3	4.4	3.7	3.6	2.7	3.7	3.5	.8
Club memberships <sup>1</sup> .....	2.0	8.3	4.3	4.7	3.8	2.2	3.6	-6	2.3	-1.0	1.6
Fees for participant sports, excluding club memberships <sup>1</sup> .....	6.9	5.9	7.7	5.5	4.4	4.8	8.2	2.3	2.4	4.1	1.8
Admissions .....	6.4	3.7	9.8	5.0	4.8	3.8	2.0	3.7	5.4	4.1	.9
Fees for lessons or instructions .....	5.3	5.0	8.1	5.4	5.9	5.3	4.0	5.3	3.0	5.5	.7
Other entertainment services <sup>1</sup> .....	1.6	3.5	4.5	5.8	3.9	3.0	2.6	2.6	3.7	3.4	.0
Other goods and services <sup>2</sup> .....	6.2	7.1	8.6	7.7	8.1	6.4	1.6	4.2	4.1	3.4	1.0
Tobacco and smoking products .....	7.9	9.5	14.4	10.7	11.3	8.3	-5.9	3.2	2.8	2.4	1.3
Personal care .....	3.2	5.1	3.8	4.2	2.6	3.1	2.4	2.0	1.9	1.0	.7
Toilet goods and personal care appliances .....	2.9	5.6	2.6	4.3	2.8	3.7	1.5	2.0	.8	-8	.5
Cosmetics, bath and nail preparations, manicure and eye makeup implements .....	2.9	5.3	2.1	5.8	3.0	1.8	4.5	1.5	1.4	2.8	1.3
Other toilet goods and small personal care appliances, including hair and dental products .....	2.8	5.8	3.0	3.2	2.8	4.8	-4	2.5	.4	-3.2	-1
Personal care services .....	3.6	4.4	5.2	4.3	2.2	2.5	3.5	2.1	3.4	3.4	.9
Beauty parlor services for females <sup>1</sup> .....	3.6	4.4	5.5	4.5	2.0	2.1	3.8	1.9	3.2	3.1	.9
Haircuts and other barber shop services for males <sup>1</sup> .....	3.7	4.6	4.0	3.5	3.2	3.7	2.2	2.7	3.8	4.5	.8
Personal and educational expenses <sup>1</sup> .....	6.6	6.5	7.1	7.1	8.0	6.3	6.4	5.4	5.5	4.6	1.0
School books and supplies .....	7.6	6.5	7.8	6.8	6.0	5.7	3.8	3.1	5.7	5.7	1.7
Personal and educational services <sup>1</sup> .....	6.5	6.6	7.0	7.1	8.2	6.3	6.6	5.6	5.5	4.6	1.0
Tuition and other school fees .....	7.5	7.4	8.0	7.7	9.1	7.5	6.7	5.8	5.7	4.7	.6
College tuition .....	7.0	7.4	8.4	8.4	11.7	9.2	7.4	6.2	6.2	5.5	.7
Elementary and high school tuition .....	9.5	8.4	8.8	8.6	7.7	8.0	5.7	6.3	6.7	4.6	.0
Day care and nursery school .....	-	-	-	-	6.3	4.2	5.3	5.1	3.9	3.6	.8
Personal expenses .....	4.7	5.1	5.6	6.0	6.5	4.2	6.4	5.2	5.1	4.3	1.7
Legal service fees .....	5.2	4.4	6.0	4.6	6.2	3.4	7.8	2.2	4.0	4.3	.4
Personal financial services .....	4.5	6.9	5.6	7.8	7.6	5.2	6.5	8.6	6.7	3.1	2.8
Funeral expenses .....	4.6	4.8	5.0	6.5	6.1	3.8	5.2	6.0	5.0	4.9	1.8
<b>Special indexes</b>											
Domestically produced farm food .....	3.6	6.0	6.6	6.3	1.3	1.7	3.5	2.2	2.4	5.7	-3
Selected beef cuts .....	6.4	4.0	7.0	8.3	-1.1	.2	3.5	-2.7	-1.5	3.0	-1.5
Motor fuel, motor oil, coolant, and other products <sup>1</sup> .....	17.9	-1.7	6.7	35.7	-15.6	1.5	-5.3	5.9	-3.7	12.8	-6
Utilities and public transportation .....	1.2	3.5	2.6	4.2	3.6	3.0	3.9	-6	1.7	4.8	.6
Housekeeping and home maintenance services <sup>1</sup> .....	1.7	4.2	1.3	4.4	6.8	3.4	1.8	2.0	4.9	2.9	.0

<sup>1</sup> This index series will no longer appear in its present form after December, 1997. See Table X for a comparable index series.

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- Data not available.

<sup>2</sup> This index series will undergo a change in composition in January,

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)	
	Jan. 1997	Feb. 1997	Jan. 1997	Feb. 1997	Jan. 1997	Feb. 1997	Jan. 1997	Feb. 1997
U.S. city average .....	\$32.904	\$32.974	\$72.440	\$72.626	\$49.245	\$49.434	\$1.136	\$1.127
<b>Region and area size <sup>1</sup></b>								
Northeast urban .....	41.965	42.467	88.544	89.501	63.917	65.082	1.143	1.133
Size A - More than 1,200,000 .....	42.325	42.852	89.295	90.302	66.659	68.194	1.193	1.180
Size B - 500,000 to 1,200,000 .....	42.077	41.758	86.562	86.047	56.390	56.455	1.050	1.041
Size C - 50,000 to 500,000 .....	38.324	39.368	84.156	85.317	50.801	50.663	1.109	1.111
North Central urban .....	31.690	31.458	67.042	66.588	45.705	45.426	1.064	1.048
Size A - More than 1,200,000 .....	32.031	31.807	67.685	67.335	47.356	46.962	1.068	1.051
Size B - 360,000 to 1,200,000 .....	28.126	28.759	54.967	55.031	48.599	48.474	1.090	1.077
Size C - 50,000 to 360,000 .....	31.907	30.946	70.033	68.575	41.832	41.625	1.047	1.030
Size D - Nonmetropolitan (less than 50,000) .....	31.052	30.903	67.531	66.897	37.076	37.308	NA	NA
South urban .....	34.576	34.926	73.034	73.989	42.367	42.394	1.138	1.130
Size A - More than 1,200,000 .....	35.265	35.827	72.663	74.002	44.480	44.513	1.270	1.232
Size B - 450,000 to 1,200,000 .....	38.327	37.462	81.434	79.051	42.257	42.195	1.069	1.066
Size C - 50,000 to 450,000 .....	30.979	31.713	68.571	71.137	41.805	41.517	NA	NA
Size D - Nonmetropolitan (less than 50,000) .....	30.464	30.327	69.817	69.618	36.337	37.078	1.101	1.120
West urban .....	24.475	24.422	61.983	61.782	50.446	50.463	1.149	1.222
Size A - More than 1,250,000 .....	24.184	24.244	62.436	62.599	50.905	50.916	1.158	1.246
Size C - 50,000 to 330,000 .....	22.271	22.178	51.440	51.293	37.366	37.301	1.133	1.182
<b>Size classes</b>								
A .....	33.356	33.492	73.632	73.997	52.488	52.798	1.188	1.176
B .....	33.326	33.200	71.389	70.545	47.713	47.686	1.058	1.050
C .....	30.113	30.090	67.079	67.512	42.566	42.337	1.105	1.106
D .....	30.995	30.515	67.664	66.305	39.408	39.880	1.085	1.071
<b>Selected local areas</b>								
Chicago-Gary-Lake County, IL-IN-WI .....	34.903	34.593	72.291	71.910	59.045	57.725	NA	NA
Los Angeles-Anaheim-Riverside, CA .....	25.835	25.835	66.916	66.916	63.948	63.948	NA	NA
N.Y.-Northern N.J.-Long Island, NY-NJ-CT .....	44.819	44.802	93.329	92.440	72.055	74.043	1.240	1.229
Phil.-Wilmington-Trenton, PA-NJ-DE-MD .....	37.713	37.676	83.538	83.600	61.089	62.809	1.077	1.050
San Francisco-Oakland-San Jose, CA .....	21.100	21.100	62.164	62.164	61.080	61.080	NA	NA
Baltimore, MD .....	36.200	39.820	75.500	84.540	47.870	47.870	1.287	1.252
Boston-Lawrence-Salem, MA-NH .....	46.117	46.277	101.607	102.042	62.728	63.894	1.174	1.168
Cleveland-Akron-Lorain, OH .....	27.698	28.256	62.046	64.718	60.556	60.556	NA	NA
Miami-Fort Lauderdale, FL .....	46.261	46.794	102.744	104.359	45.791	45.791	NA	NA
St. Louis-East St. Louis, MO-IL .....	37.522	38.498	73.298	75.885	37.393	37.393	NA	NA
Washington, DC-MD-VA .....	46.662	43.938	96.075	89.529	40.729	40.755	1.255	1.213
Dallas-Fort Worth, TX .....	30.503	32.493	68.600	73.409	45.470	45.470	NA	NA
Detroit-Ann Arbor, MI .....	27.798	27.798	55.733	55.517	47.323	47.323	NA	NA
Houston-Galveston-Brazoria, TX .....	25.837	25.837	49.674	49.674	39.853	39.853	NA	NA
Pittsburgh-Beaver Valley, PA .....	39.172	40.058	79.831	82.343	52.891	52.891	.981	.955

<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 Feb. 1997		Average price per KWH of electricity		Range of KWH consumption for Feb. 1997	
	Jan. 1997	Feb. 1997	Low	High	Jan. 1997	Feb. 1997	Low	High
U.S. city average .....	\$0.727	\$0.730	1	2,800	\$0.092	\$0.092	5	6,301
<b>Region and area size <sup>1</sup></b>								
Northeast urban .....	.891	.907	1	2,800	.121	.123	110	5,069
Size A - More than 1,200,000 .....	.905	.922	5	862	.126	.129	110	3,750
Size B - 500,000 to 1,200,000 .....	.858	.854	1	505	.108	.108	173	5,069
Size C - 50,000 to 500,000 .....	.767	.790	19	328	.092	.092	227	2,865
North Central urban .....	.650	.644	6	1,124	.086	.086	5	4,517
Size A - More than 1,200,000 .....	.652	.649	6	1,124	.091	.090	5	3,785
Size B - 360,000 to 1,200,000 .....	.573	.582	20	380	.087	.087	220	4,517
Size C - 50,000 to 360,000 .....	.674	.653	12	623	.077	.076	39	3,404
Size D - Nonmetropolitan (less than 50,000) .....	.666	.638	22	668	.066	.066	252	2,397
South urban .....	.814	.826	1	1,230	.076	.076	32	6,301
Size A - More than 1,200,000 .....	.814	.830	7	394	.078	.078	148	6,301
Size B - 450,000 to 1,200,000 .....	.905	.882	1	1,230	.077	.077	112	6,229
Size C - 50,000 to 450,000 .....	.781	.804	3	278	.075	.074	94	4,249
Size D - Nonmetropolitan (less than 50,000) .....	.725	.748	5	283	.071	.072	32	5,536
West urban .....	.608	.606	5	1,557	.099	.099	101	5,033
Size A - More than 1,250,000 .....	.610	.611	15	1,557	.100	.100	103	5,033
Size C - 50,000 to 330,000 .....	.505	.504	24	606	.078	.078	101	3,146
<b>Size classes</b>								
A .....	.735	.741	5	1,557	.098	.099	5	6,301
B .....	.743	.739	1	1,230	.088	.088	112	6,229
C .....	.679	.680	3	623	.078	.077	39	4,249
D .....	.679	.659	5	2,800	.075	.076	32	5,536
<b>Selected local areas</b>								
Chicago-Gary-Lake County, IL-IN-WI .....	.643	.639	24	1,124	.118	.115	100	2,700
Los Angeles-Anaheim-Riverside, CA .....	.655	.655	17	447	.126	.126	164	2,454
N.Y.-Northern N.J.-Long Island, NY-NJ-CT .....	.953	.961	5	579	.138	.142	125	3,750
Phil.-Wilmington-Trenton, PA-NJ-DE-MD .....	.848	.847	19	862	.116	.119	110	2,451
San Francisco-Oakland-San Jose, CA .....	.598	.598	15	293	.127	.127	200	1,746
Baltimore, MD .....	.806	.897	34	125	.076	.076	541	4,252
Boston-Lawrence-Salem, MA-NH .....	1.076	1.078	16	232	.120	.122	279	1,533
Cleveland-Akron-Lorain, OH .....	.607	.627	41	561	.107	.107	298	2,259
Miami-Fort Lauderdale, FL .....	1.794	1.806	7	13	.089	.089	380	2,607
St. Louis-East St. Louis, MO-IL .....	.681	.700	73	314	.069	.069	5	2,608
Washington, DC-MD-VA .....	1.200	1.135	20	68	.070	.071	415	3,401
Dallas-Fort Worth, TX .....	.707	.754	20	394	.072	.072	242	6,250
Detroit-Ann Arbor, MI .....	.568	.571	10	1,016	.097	.097	27	1,534
Houston-Galveston-Brazoria, TX .....	.608	.608	18	209	.072	.072	312	6,301
Pittsburgh-Beaver Valley, PA .....	.746	.769	72	632	.092	.092	245	2,808

<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	
	Jan. 1997	Feb. 1997	Jan. 1997	Feb. 1997	Jan. 1997	Feb. 1997	Jan. 1997	Feb. 1997
U.S. city average .....	\$1.318	\$1.312	\$1.261	\$1.255	\$1.353	\$1.348	\$1.441	\$1.434
<b>Region and area size <sup>2</sup></b>								
Northeast urban .....	1.392	1.381	1.327	1.316	1.430	1.419	1.513	1.496
Size A - More than 1,200,000 .....	1.391	1.378	1.322	1.309	1.425	1.414	1.507	1.487
Size B - 500,000 to 1,200,000 .....	1.430	1.422	1.374	1.366	1.482	1.470	1.552	1.543
Size C - 50,000 to 500,000 .....	1.361	1.351	1.297	1.289	1.396	1.386	1.493	1.479
North Central urban .....	1.298	1.266	1.257	1.224	1.331	1.300	1.418	1.384
Size A - More than 1,200,000 .....	1.325	1.287	1.282	1.243	1.378	1.337	1.449	1.410
Size B - 360,000 to 1,200,000 .....	1.286	1.237	1.236	1.183	1.330	1.291	1.413	1.364
Size C - 50,000 to 360,000 .....	1.263	1.244	1.223	1.205	1.280	1.265	1.381	1.354
Size D - Nonmetropolitan (less than 50,000) .....	1.247	1.237	1.216	1.210	1.257	1.239	1.343	1.335
South urban .....	1.279	1.275	1.216	1.212	1.316	1.311	1.397	1.393
Size A - More than 1,200,000 .....	1.277	1.270	1.213	1.206	1.324	1.316	1.399	1.391
Size B - 450,000 to 1,200,000 .....	1.312	1.309	1.236	1.233	1.328	1.322	1.405	1.404
Size C - 50,000 to 450,000 .....	1.249	1.243	1.200	1.194	1.297	1.291	1.380	1.376
Size D - Nonmetropolitan (less than 50,000) .....	1.277	1.278	1.221	1.224	1.311	1.312	1.407	1.405
West urban .....	1.328	1.359	1.274	1.305	1.371	1.404	1.460	1.490
Size A - More than 1,250,000 .....	1.332	1.363	1.274	1.304	1.368	1.398	1.464	1.497
Size C - 50,000 to 330,000 .....	1.301	1.322	1.257	1.272	1.309	1.364	1.453	1.455
<b>Size classes</b>								
A .....	1.334	1.327	1.274	1.267	1.373	1.367	1.457	1.450
B .....	1.335	1.333	1.270	1.269	1.373	1.366	1.438	1.435
C .....	1.278	1.272	1.228	1.222	1.310	1.310	1.413	1.402
D .....	1.280	1.278	1.238	1.238	1.300	1.293	1.404	1.401
<b>Selected local areas</b>								
Chicago-Gary-Lake County, IL-IN-WI .....	1.434	1.392	1.375	1.333	1.485	1.445	1.568	1.524
Los Angeles-Anaheim-Riverside, CA .....	1.307	1.325	1.253	1.268	1.327	1.350	1.421	1.443
N.Y.-Northern N.J.-Long Island, NY-NJ-CT .....	1.417	1.400	1.346	1.331	1.464	1.451	1.540	1.514
Phil.-Wilmington-Trenton, PA-NJ-DE-MD .....	1.375	1.368	1.253	1.245	1.370	1.358	1.443	1.430
San Francisco-Oakland-San Jose, CA .....	1.357	1.421	1.293	1.358	1.415	1.476	1.509	1.574
Baltimore, MD .....	1.340	1.335	1.291	1.286	1.382	1.378	1.421	1.416
Boston-Lawrence-Salem, MA-NH .....	1.361	1.350	1.319	1.303	1.393	1.388	1.479	1.464
Cleveland-Akron-Lorain, OH .....	1.294	1.238	1.245	1.189	1.330	1.271	1.432	1.374
Miami-Fort Lauderdale, FL .....	1.377	1.368	1.307	1.297	1.423	1.417	1.491	1.480
St. Louis-East St. Louis, MO-IL .....	1.255	1.198	1.209	1.149	1.289	1.234	1.392	1.344
Washington, DC-MD-VA .....	1.340	1.331	1.277	1.269	1.373	1.365	1.456	1.445
Dallas-Fort Worth, TX .....	1.226	1.229	1.172	1.172	1.276	1.276	1.342	1.356
Detroit-Ann Arbor, MI .....	1.293	1.242	1.249	1.197	1.351	1.301	1.446	1.396
Houston-Galveston-Brazoria, TX .....	1.243	1.232	1.185	1.174	1.294	1.285	1.347	1.333
Pittsburgh-Beaver Valley, PA .....	1.339	1.330	1.287	1.276	1.385	1.377	1.467	1.462

<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	
	Jan. 1997	Feb. 1997	Jan. 1997	Feb. 1997	Jan. 1997	Feb. 1997	Jan. 1997	Feb. 1997	Jan. 1997	Feb. 1997
<b>Cereals and bakery products:</b>										
Flour, white, all purpose, per lb. (453.6 gm) .....	\$0.309	\$0.308	\$0.348	\$0.343	\$0.297	\$0.300	\$0.303	\$0.303	NA	NA
Rice, white, long grain, uncooked, per lb. (453.6 gm) .....	.560	.565	.535	.553	NA	NA	.548	.554	0.622	0.618
Spaghetti and macaroni, per lb. (453.6 gm) .....	.874	.849	.792	.795	.853	.855	.846	.786	1.053	.994
Bread, white, pan, per lb. (453.6 gm) .....	.862	.858	.890	.897	.874	.883	.814	.823	.906	.851
Bread, French, per lb. (453.6 gm) .....	1.492	1.519	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	1.560	1.622
Bread, whole wheat, pan, per lb. (453.6 gm) .....	1.323	1.271	NA	NA	NA	NA	1.219	1.126	NA	NA
Cookies, chocolate chip, per lb. (453.6 gm) .....	2.553	2.636	NA	NA	2.325	2.419	NA	NA	NA	NA
Crackers, soda, salted, per lb. (453.6 gm) .....	1.509	1.560	NA	NA	NA	NA	1.441	1.550	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) .....	1.850	1.857	1.799	1.801	1.831	1.842	1.893	1.892	NA	NA
Ground beef, 100% beef, per lb. (453.6 gm) .....	1.409	1.398	NA	NA	1.315	1.300	1.492	1.489	NA	NA
Ground beef, lean and extra lean, per lb. (453.6 gm) .....	2.060	2.073	2.214	2.160	1.865	1.899	2.095	2.139	1.994	2.018
Chuck roast, USDA Choice, bone-in, per lb. (453.6 gm) .....	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Chuck roast, graded and ungraded, excluding USDA Prime and Choice, per lb. (453.6 gm) .....	2.211	2.169	NA	NA	2.340	2.307	2.179	2.087	2.124	2.202
Chuck roast, USDA Choice, boneless, per lb. (453.6 gm) .....	2.440	2.441	2.720	2.667	2.288	2.236	2.347	2.423	2.311	2.495
Round roast, USDA Choice, boneless, per lb. (453.6 gm) .....	2.880	2.907	2.778	2.856	2.790	2.940	2.982	2.923	3.190	2.950
Round roast, graded and ungraded, excluding USDA Prime and Choice, per lb. (453.6 gm) .....	2.685	2.653	NA	NA	2.496	2.609	2.644	2.576	2.844	2.745
Rib roast, USDA Choice, bone-in, per lb. (453.6 gm) .....	5.296	5.121	NA	NA	NA	NA	5.527	5.073	NA	NA
Steak, T-Bone, USDA Choice, bone-in, per lb. (453.6 gm) .....	5.981	5.879	NA	NA	5.776	5.487	5.822	5.918	NA	NA
Steak, rib eye, USDA Choice, boneless, per lb. (453.6 gm) .....	5.828	5.534	NA	NA	6.269	5.987	6.115	5.848	NA	NA
Steak, round, USDA Choice, boneless, per lb. (453.6 gm) .....	3.132	3.139	3.466	3.380	2.830	2.973	3.071	3.088	3.100	2.999
Steak, round, graded and ungraded, excluding USDA Prime and Choice, per lb. (453.6 gm) .....	2.978	2.977	NA	NA	2.702	2.781	2.998	3.017	3.068	3.025
Steak, sirloin, USDA Choice, bone-in, per lb. (453.6 gm) .....	NA	NA	3.242	3.184	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Steak, sirloin, graded and ungraded, excluding USDA Prime and Choice, per lb. (453.6 gm) .....	3.566	3.591	NA	NA	3.183	3.231	3.511	3.603	3.585	3.583
Steak, sirloin, USDA Choice, boneless, per lb. (453.6 gm) .....	4.172	4.030	4.109	3.909	4.118	4.098	4.073	3.827	4.827	4.866
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) .....	2.541	2.505	NA	NA	2.608	2.510	NA	NA	NA	NA
<b>Pork:</b>										
Bacon, sliced, per lb. (453.6 gm) .....	2.664	2.651	2.854	2.891	2.595	2.571	2.599	2.544	2.585	2.570
Chops, center cut, bone-in, per lb. (453.6 gm) .....	3.465	3.485	3.275	3.270	3.223	3.284	3.506	3.592	3.988	3.886
Chops, boneless, per lb. (453.6 gm) .....	4.171	4.123	4.209	3.991	4.244	4.348	4.399	4.287	3.796	3.868
Ham, rump or shank half, bone-in, smoked, per lb. (453.6 gm) .....	1.973	1.949	NA	NA	NA	NA	1.888	1.727	NA	NA
Ham, boneless, excluding canned, per lb. (453.6 gm) .....	2.846	2.794	NA	NA	2.667	2.603	2.930	2.916	2.752	2.680
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) .....	1.339	1.306	NA	NA	NA	NA	1.306	1.284	NA	NA
Sausage, fresh, loose, per lb. (453.6 gm) .....	2.150	2.130	NA	NA	NA	NA	2.211	2.175	NA	NA
<b>Other meats:</b>										
Frankfurters, all meat or all beef, per lb. (453.6 gm) .....	2.242	2.262	NA	NA	NA	NA	2.128	2.133	NA	NA
Bologna, all beef or mixed, per lb. (453.6 gm) .....	2.334	2.349	NA	NA	2.146	2.199	2.434	2.437	NA	NA
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	
	Jan. 1997	Feb. 1997	Jan. 1997	Feb. 1997	Jan. 1997	Feb. 1997	Jan. 1997	Feb. 1997	Jan. 1997	Feb. 1997
<b>Poultry:</b>										
Chicken, fresh, whole, per lb. (453.6 gm) .....	1.016	1.008	1.074	1.058	1.000	1.011	0.936	0.926	1.104	1.087
Chicken breast, bone-in, per lb. (453.6 gm) .....	2.028	2.076	2.151	2.149	1.953	1.966	1.882	1.969	2.169	2.269
Chicken legs, bone-in, per lb. (453.6 gm) .....	1.265	1.239	1.266	1.302	1.188	1.163	1.206	1.181	1.475	1.329
Turkey, frozen, whole, per lb. (453.6 gm) .....	1.063	1.067	NA	NA	1.085	1.099	1.027	1.045	NA	1.063
<b>Fish and seafood:</b>										
Tuna, light, chunk, per lb. (453.6 gm) .....	2.037	2.017	2.087	2.135	2.090	2.034	1.911	1.893	2.165	2.106
<b>Eggs:</b>										
Grade A, large, per doz. ....	1.148	1.132	1.312	1.315	1.052	1.028	1.138	1.111	NA	NA
Grade AA, large, per doz. ....	1.312	1.334	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	1.401	1.431
<b>Dairy products:</b>										
Milk, fresh, whole, fortified, per 1/2 gal. (1.9 lit) .....	1.632	1.597	1.441	1.399	NA	NA	NA	NA	1.790	1.733
Milk, fresh, whole, fortified, per gal. (3.8 lit) .....	2.677	2.632	2.660	2.607	2.564	2.552	2.623	2.598	2.920	2.811
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) .....	2.517	2.481	NA	NA	2.516	2.482	2.541	2.591	NA	NA
Butter, salted, grade AA, stick, per lb. (453.6 gm) .....	2.092	2.056	NA	NA	NA	NA	1.959	1.944	NA	NA
American processed cheese, per lb. (453.6 gm) .....	3.536	3.471	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Cheddar cheese, natural, per lb. (453.6 gm) .....	3.102	3.500	NA	NA	NA	NA	3.584	3.508	NA	NA
Ice cream, prepackaged, bulk, regular, per 1/2 gal. (1.9 lit) .....	2.947	2.928	3.031	2.989	2.663	2.704	2.848	2.740	3.337	3.367
Yogurt, natural, fruit flavored, per 8 oz. (226.8 gm) .....	.639	.664	.592	.643	NA	NA	.664	.667	NA	NA
<b>Fruits and vegetables:</b>										
<b>Fresh fruits and vegetables:</b>										
Apples, Red Delicious, per lb. (453.6 gm) .....	.907	.912	.948	.929	.876	.933	.944	.916	.864	.876
Bananas, per lb. (453.6 gm) .....	.497	.518	.543	.570	.469	.475	.466	.483	.532	.568
Oranges, Navel, per lb. (453.6 gm) .....	.555	.554	.578	.571	.567	.581	.523	.571	.553	.498
Oranges, Valencia, per lb. (453.6 gm) .....	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Cherries, per lb. (453.6 gm) .....	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Grapefruit, per lb. (453.6 gm) .....	.515	.489	.498	.476	.498	.470	.535	.460	.522	.553
Grapes, Thompson Seedless, per lb. (453.6 gm) .....	1.981	1.508	1.760	1.527	2.141	1.561	2.093	1.452	1.854	1.492
Lemons, per lb. (453.6 gm) .....	1.115	1.084	1.167	1.121	1.022	1.021	1.175	1.098	1.075	1.083
Peaches, per lb. (453.6 gm) .....	NA	NA	NA	1.421	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Pears, Anjou, per lb. (453.6 gm) .....	1.017	1.001	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Strawberries, dry pint, per 12 oz. (340.2 gm) .....	NA	1.514	NA	1.592	1.942	1.508	NA	1.687	NA	1.292
Potatoes, white, per lb. (453.6 gm) .....	.335	.331	.370	.367	.296	.283	.321	.334	.361	.345
Lettuce, iceberg, per lb. (453.6 gm) .....	.651	.594	.672	.670	.574	.563	.706	.599	.637	.545
Tomatoes, field grown, per lb. (453.6 gm) .....	1.213	1.314	1.383	1.556	1.257	1.234	1.110	1.273	1.125	1.188
Broccoli, per lb. (453.6 gm) .....	1.098	1.156	1.080	1.114	1.044	1.113	1.261	1.383	NA	NA
Cabbage, per lb. (453.6 gm) .....	.401	.422	.418	.438	.399	.428	.383	.390	NA	NA
Carrots, short trimmed and topped, per lb. (453.6 gm) .....	.526	.524	NA	NA	.518	.505	NA	NA	NA	.449
Celery, per lb. (453.6 gm) .....	.569	.609	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) .....	.688	.738	NA	NA	NA	NA	.705	.767	NA	NA
Onions, dry yellow, per lb. (453.6 gm) .....	.463	.447	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Peppers, sweet, per lb. (453.6 gm) .....	1.191	1.437	NA	NA	NA	NA	1.069	1.364	NA	NA
<b>Processed fruits and vegetables:</b>										
Apple Sauce, any variety, all sizes, per lb. (453.6 gm) .....	.829	.820	NA	NA	NA	NA	.800	.807	NA	NA
Orange juice, frozen concentrate, 12 oz. can, per 16 oz. (473.2 ml) .....	1.737	1.768	2.019	1.981	1.558	1.593	1.674	1.763	1.817	1.812
Peaches, any variety, all sizes, per lb. (453.6 gm) .....	.941	.941	NA	NA	.902	.918	.932	.927	NA	NA
Beans, dried, any type, all sizes, per lb. (453.6 gm) .....	.717	.721	NA	NA	.686	.698	.677	.673	NA	NA
Corn, canned, any style, all sizes, per lb. (453.6 gm) .....	.761	.723	.851	.779	NA	NA	.713	.703	NA	NA
Potatoes, frozen, French fried, per lb. (453.6 gm) .....	.924	.926	NA	NA	.883	.912	.933	.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) .....	.688	.672	.663	.645	NA	NA	.722	.705	.746	.728

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	
	Jan. 1997	Feb. 1997	Jan. 1997	Feb. 1997	Jan. 1997	Feb. 1997	Jan. 1997	Feb. 1997	Jan. 1997	Feb. 1997
<b>Other foods at home:</b>										
<b>Sugar and sweets:</b>										
Sugar, white, all sizes, per lb. (453.6 gm) .....	0.434	0.429	0.452	0.443	0.437	0.434	0.429	0.427	0.422	0.417
Sugar, white, 33-80 oz. pkg, per lb. (453.6 gm) .....	.422	.418	.434	.424	.422	.418	.411	.405	NA	NA
<b>Fats and oils:</b>										
Margarine, stick, per lb. (453.6 gm) .....	.844	.831	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) .....	.864	.871	1.046	1.037	.773	.787	.830	.836	.866	.881
Peanut butter, creamy, all sizes, per lb. (453.6 gm) .....	1.810	1.819	1.801	1.850	1.703	1.707	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) .....	1.023	1.024	NA	NA	NA	NA	.955	1.009	NA	NA
Coffee, 100%, ground roast, all sizes, per lb. (453.6 gm) .....	3.300	3.316	3.661	3.683	3.135	3.142	NA	NA	3.204	3.218
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) .....	9.695	9.907	NA	NA	9.716	9.820	9.140	9.254	NA	NA
<b>Other prepared foods:</b>										
Potato chips, per 16 oz. (453.6 gm) .....	3.125	3.099	2.834	2.916	3.269	3.289	3.238	3.169	3.081	2.962
<b>Alcoholic Beverages at Home:</b>										
Malt Beverages, all types, all sizes, any origin, per 16 oz. (473.2 ml) .....	.854	.842	.921	.842	.791	.792	.834	.860	.891	.869
Vodka, all types, all sizes, any origin, per 1 liter (33.8 oz) .....	9.403	9.385	11.838	NA	9.408	NA	NA	NA	NA	8.369
Wine, red and white table, all sizes, any origin, per 1 liter (33.8 oz) .....	5.266	4.933	5.843	4.550	4.975	4.964	5.000	6.032	5.224	4.488

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

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

NA Data not adequate for publication.

**Table NS1. New Series Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers (CPI-U) and for Urban Wage Earners and Clerical Workers (CPI-W), Washington-Baltimore CMSA**

(Nov. 1996=100)

Washington-Baltimore	Pricing schedule <sup>1</sup>	Indexes				Percent Change to Current Month		
		Nov. 1996	Dec. 1996	Jan. 1997	Feb. 1997	Nov. 1996	Dec. 1996	Jan. 1997
<b>CPI-U</b>								
All items .....	1	100.0	-	100.4	-	-	-	-
Food and beverages .....	1	100.0	-	99.9	-	-	-	-
Housing .....	1	100.0	-	100.4	-	-	-	-
Residential rent .....	M	100.0	99.6	99.6	99.6	-0.4	0.0	0.0
Apparel .....	1	100.0	-	99.0	-	-	-	-
Transportation .....	1	100.0	-	100.4	-	-	-	-
Medical care .....	1	100.0	-	102.3	-	-	-	-
Entertainment .....	1	100.0	-	100.6	-	-	-	-
Other goods and services .....	1	100.0	-	100.5	-	-	-	-
All items less food and energy .....	1	100.0	-	100.3	-	-	-	-
All items less medical care .....	1	100.0	-	100.2	-	-	-	-
Food .....	1	100.0	-	99.7	-	-	-	-
Energy .....	M	100.0	102.5	103.1	102.7	2.7	.2	-4
<b>CPI-W</b>								
All items .....	1	100.0	-	100.4	-	-	-	-
Food and beverages .....	1	100.0	-	99.9	-	-	-	-
Housing .....	1	100.0	-	100.4	-	-	-	-
Residential rent .....	M	100.0	99.7	99.7	99.6	-4	-1	-1
Apparel .....	1	100.0	-	98.7	-	-	-	-
Transportation .....	1	100.0	-	100.6	-	-	-	-
Medical care .....	1	100.0	-	101.7	-	-	-	-
Entertainment .....	1	100.0	-	100.7	-	-	-	-
Other goods and services .....	1	100.0	-	100.6	-	-	-	-
All items less food and energy .....	1	100.0	-	100.2	-	-	-	-
All items less medical care .....	1	100.0	-	100.3	-	-	-	-
Food .....	1	100.0	-	99.7	-	-	-	-
Energy .....	M	100.0	102.5	103.2	103.0	3.0	.5	-2

<sup>1</sup> Residential rent and Energy are priced monthly in Washington-Baltimore as indicated:  
M - Every month.  
1 - January, March, May, July, September, and November.  
- Data not available.

**Table NS2. New Series Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers (CPI-U) and for Urban Wage Earners and Clerical Workers (CPI-W), Selected Areas, All Items Index**

(Dec. 1996=100)

Region and Population Size Class	Indexes				Percent Change to Current Month		
	Nov. 1996	Dec. 1996	Jan. 1997	Feb. 1997	Nov. 1996	Dec. 1996	Jan. 1997
<b>CPI-U All Items</b>							
<b>Population Size Class</b>							
B/C .....		100.0	100.2	100.5		0.5	0.3
<b>Region/Population Size Cross - Classifications</b>							
Northeast B/C .....	-	100.0	100.0	100.2	-	.2	.2
North Central B/C .....	-	100.0	100.0	100.2	-	.2	.2
South B/C .....	-	100.0	100.3	100.6	-	.6	.3
West B/C .....	-	100.0	100.4	100.8	-	.8	.4
<b>CPI-W All Items</b>							
<b>Population Size Class</b>							
B/C .....		100.0	100.1	100.4		.4	.3
<b>Region/Population Size Cross - Classifications</b>							
Northeast B/C .....	-	100.0	100.0	100.1	-	.1	.1
North Central B/C .....	-	100.0	100.0	100.1	-	.1	.1
South B/C .....	-	100.0	100.2	100.5	-	.5	.3
West B/C .....	-	100.0	100.5	100.9	-	.9	.4

- Data not available.

**Table X. New Consumer Price Index Publication Structure**

Expenditure Category	
All items	Citrus fruits
All items - old base	<i>Oranges</i>
Food and beverages	Other fresh fruits
Food	Fresh vegetables
Food at home	Potatoes
Cereals and bakery products	Lettuce
Cereals and cereal products	Tomatoes
Flour and prepared flour mixes	Other fresh vegetables
Breakfast cereal	Processed fruits and vegetables
Rice, pasta, commmeal	Canned fruits and vegetables
<i>Rice</i>	<i>Canned fruits</i>
Bakery products	<i>Canned vegetables</i>
Bread	Frozen fruits and vegetables
<i>White bread</i>	<i>Frozen vegetables</i>
<i>Other breads</i>	Other processed fruits and vegetables including dried
Fresh biscuits, rolls, muffins	<i>Dried beans</i>
Cakes, cupcakes, and cookies	Nonalcoholic beverages and beverage materials
<i>Fresh cakes and cupcakes</i>	Juices and nonalcoholic drinks
Other bakery products	Carbonated drinks
<i>Cookies</i>	Frozen noncarbonated juices and drinks
<i>Fresh sweetrolls, coffeecakes, and doughnuts</i>	Nonfrozen noncarbonated juices and drinks
<i>Crackers, bread, and cracker products</i>	Beverage materials including coffee and tea
<i>Frozen and refrigerated bakery products, pies, tarts, turnovers</i>	Coffee
Meats, poultry, fish, and eggs	<i>Roasted coffee</i>
Meats, poultry, and fish	<i>Instant and freeze dried coffee</i>
Meats	Other beverage materials including tea
Beef and veal	Other food at home
Uncooked Ground beef	Sugar and sweets
Uncooked Beef roasts	Sugar and artificial sweeteners
Uncooked Beef steaks	Candy and chewing gum
Other uncooked beef and veal	Other sweets
Pork	Fats and oils
Bacon, breakfast sausage, and related products	Butter and margarine
<i>Bacon</i>	<i>Butter</i>
<i>Breakfast sausage</i>	<i>Margarine</i>
Ham	Salad dressings
<i>Ham, excluding canned</i>	Other fats and oils including peanut butter
Pork chops	<i>Peanut butter</i>
Other pork including roasts and picnics	Other foods
Other meats	Soups
<i>Frankfurters</i>	Frozen and freeze dried prepared foods
<i>Lunchmeats</i>	Snacks
<i>Lamb and organ meats</i>	Spices, seasonings, condiments, sauces
<i>Lamb</i>	<i>Salt and other seasonings and spices</i>
Poultry	<i>Olives, pickles, relishes</i>
Chicken	<i>Sauces and gravies</i>
<i>Fresh whole chicken</i>	<i>Other condiments</i>
<i>Fresh and frozen chicken parts</i>	Baby food
Other poultry including turkey	Other miscellaneous foods
Fish and seafood	<i>Prepared salads</i>
Fresh fish and seafood	Food away from home
Processed fish and seafood	Full service meals and snacks
<i>Canned fish and seafood</i>	Limited service meals and snacks
<i>Frozen fish and seafood</i>	Food at employee sites and schools
Eggs	Food from vending machines and snack bars
Dairy and related products	Other food away from home
Milk	Alcoholic beverages
<i>Fresh whole milk</i>	Alcoholic beverages at home
<i>Other fresh milk</i>	Beer, ale, and malt beverages at home
Cheese and related products	Distilled spirits at home
Ice cream and related products	<i>Whiskey at home</i>
Other dairy and related products	<i>Distilled spirits excluding whiskey at home</i>
Fruits and vegetables	Wine at home
Fresh fruits and vegetables	Alcoholic beverages away from home
Fresh fruits	<i>Beer, ale, and other malt beverages away from home</i>
Apples	<i>Wine away from home</i>
Bananas	<i>Distilled spirits away from home</i>

See note at end of table.

**Table X. New Consumer Price Index Publication Structure—Continued**

**Expenditure Category**

Housing	Transportation
Shelter	Private transportation
Rent of primary residence	New and used motor vehicles
Lodging away from home	New vehicles
Housing at school, excluding board	<i>New cars and trucks</i>
Other lodging away from home including hotels and motels	<i>New cars</i>
Owners' equivalent rent of primary residence	<i>New trucks</i>
Tenants' and household insurance	<i>New motorcycles</i>
	Used cars and trucks
Fuels and utilities	Leased cars and trucks
Fuels	Car and truck rental
Fuel oil and other fuels	Motor fuel
Fuel oil	Gasoline
Other household fuels	<i>Regular unleaded gasoline</i>
Gas (piped) and electricity	<i>Midgrade unleaded gasoline</i>
Electricity	<i>Premium unleaded gasoline</i>
Utility natural gas service	Other motor fuels
Water and sewer and trash collection services	Motor vehicle parts and equipment
Water and sewerage maintenance	Tires
Garbage and trash collection	Vehicle accessories other than tires
	<i>Vehicle parts and equipment other than tires</i>
Household furnishings and operations	<i>Motor oil, coolant, and fluids</i>
Window and floor coverings and other linens	Motor vehicle maintenance and repair
Floor coverings	Motor vehicle body work
Window coverings	Motor vehicle maintenance and servicing
Other linens	Motor vehicle repair
Furniture and bedding	Motor vehicle insurance
Bedroom furniture	Motor vehicle fees
Living room, kitchen, and dining room furniture	State and local registration and license
Other furniture	Motor vehicle property tax
Appliances	Parking and other fees
Major appliances	<i>Parking fees and tolls</i>
<i>Laundry equipment</i>	<i>Automobile service clubs</i>
Other appliances	Public transportation
Other household equipment and furnishings	Airline fare
Clocks, lamps, and decorator items	Other intercity transportation
Indoor plants and flowers	<i>Intercity bus fare</i>
Dishes and flatware	<i>Intercity train fare</i>
Nonelectric cookware and tableware	<i>Ship fares</i>
Tools/hardware and outdoor equipment and supplies	Intracity transportation
Tools, hardware and supplies	<i>Taxi fare</i>
Outdoor equipment and supplies	<i>Car and van pools</i>
Housekeeping supplies	
Household cleaning products	Medical care
Household paper products	Medical care commodities
Miscellaneous household products	Prescription drugs and medical supplies
Household operations	Nonprescription drugs and medical supplies
Housekeeping services	Internal and respiratory over-the-counter drugs
Gardening and lawn care services	Nonprescription medical equipment and supplies
Moving, storage, freight expense	Medical care services
Repair of household items	Professional services
	Physicians' services
Apparel	Dental services
Men's and boy's apparel	Eyeglasses and eye care
Men's apparel	Services by other medical professionals
Men's suits, sport coats, and outerwear	Hospital and related services
Men's furnishings	Hospital services
Men's shirts and sweaters	<i>Hospital inpatient services</i>
Men's pants and shorts	<i>Hospital outpatient services</i>
Boy's apparel	Nursing homes and adult daycare
Women's and girls' apparel	
Women's apparel	Recreation
Women's outerwear	Video and audio
Women's dresses	Television sets
Women's suits and separates	Cable television
Women's underwear, nightwear, sportswear and accessories	Other video equipment
Girls' apparel	Video cassettes and discs, and other media including rentals
Footwear	<i>Video cassettes and discs, blank and prerecorded</i>
Men's footwear	<i>Rental of video tapes and discs</i>
Boys' and girls' footwear	Audio equipment
Women's footwear	Audio discs and tapes and other media
Infants' and toddlers' apparel	Pets, pet products and services
Jewelry and watches	Pets and pet products
Watches	<i>Pet food</i>
Jewelry	

**Table X. New Consumer Price Index Publication Structure—Continued**

**Expenditure Category**

<i>Purchase of pets, pet supplies, accessories</i>	Other goods and services
Pet services including veterinary services	Tobacco and smoking products
<i>Pet services</i>	Cigarettes
<i>Veterinarian services</i>	Tobacco products other than cigarettes
Sporting goods	Personal care
Sports vehicles including bicycles	Personal care products
Sports equipment	Hair, dental, shaving, and miscellaneous personal c
Photography	Cosmetics/perfume/bath/nail preparations and impl
Photographic supplies and equipment	Personal care services
<i>Film and photographic supplies</i>	Haircuts and other personal care services
<i>Photographic equipment</i>	Miscellaneous personal services
Photographers and film processing	Legal services
<i>Photographer fees</i>	Funeral expenses
<i>Film processing</i>	Laundry and dry cleaning services
Other recreational goods	Apparel services other than laundry and dry cleanin
Toys and games	Financial services
<i>Toys, games, hobbies and playground equipment</i>	<i>Checking account and other bank services</i>
<i>Video game hardware, software and accessories</i>	<i>Tax return preparation and other accounting</i>
Sewing machines, fabric, and supplies	Care of invalids and elderly at home
Music instruments and accessories	Miscellaneous personal goods
Recreation services	<i>Stationery, stationery supplies, gift wrap</i>
Club membership dues and fees for participant sports	<i>Luggage</i>
Admissions	<b>SPECIAL AGGREGATE INDEXES</b>
<i>Admission to movies, theaters, concerts</i>	Commodities
<i>Admission to sporting events</i>	Commodities less food and beverages
Fees for lessons or instructions	Nondurables less food and beverages
Recreational reading materials	Nondurables less food, beverages, and apparel
Newspapers and magazines	Durables
Recreational books	Services
Education and communication	Rent of Shelter
Education	Transportation services
Educational books and supplies	Other services
Tuition, other school fees, and childcare	All items less food
College tuition and fees	All items less shelter
Elementary and high school tuition and fees	All items less medical care
Child care and nursery school	Commodities less food
Technical and business school tuition and fees	Nondurables less food
Communication	Nondurables less food and apparel
Postage and delivery services	Nondurables
Postage	Apparel less footwear
Delivery services	Services less rent of shelter
Information and information processing	Services less medical care services
Telephone services	Energy
Telephone services, local charges	All items less energy
Telephone services, long distance charges	All items less food and energy
<i>Interstate toll calls</i>	Commodities less food and energy commodities
<i>Intrastate toll calls</i>	Energy commodities
Cellular telephone services	Services less energy services
Information and information processing other than telephone services	Domestically produced farm food
Personal computers, peripheral equipment	Selected beef cuts
Computer software and accessories	Utilities and public transportation
Computer information processing services	Purchasing power of the consumer dollar
Other information processing equipment	Purchasing power of the consumer dollar - old base

Italics denote substratum indexes.

# 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

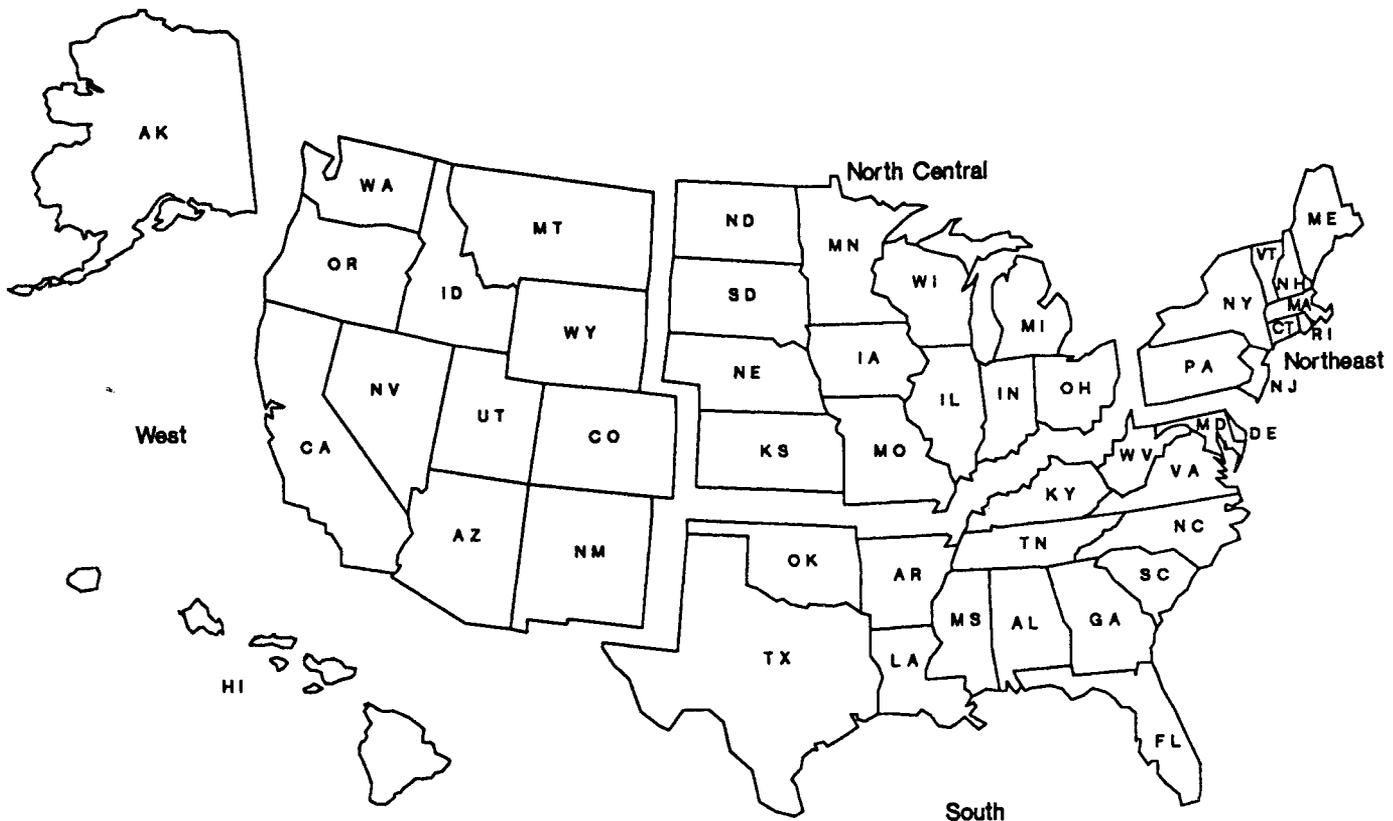
Prices are usually available for the U.S. city average, 15 large metropolitan areas, the four census regions, four size classifications, and 13 areas reflecting the four Census regions cross-classified by the four population sizes. However, not all energy commodities and services are used in every area 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, as 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.